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### Scouts honor

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan recently recognized five women from the Plymouth-Canton area for their dedication to Girl Scouting.

Susan Emens received the Appreciation Pin from Girl Scouts



Porcari, Emens and Sochow

of the USA. Emens has been instrumental in the high retention rate of older girls in the Plymouth-Canton Area. She advises the Cadette Connection committee on the placement of girls and makes sure that popular events, such as the Summit Lock-In, are a success.

Kathy Sochow was recognized as an "Outstanding Volunteer" for her work as a troop organizer for 20 troops and 50 leaders. The website she created for girls, parents and volunteers keeps the area informed. Tina Porcari, Beverly Swider and Heidi Vacca were honored as "Outstanding Leaders."

### Memorial concert

The BeckRidge Chorale presents "Because of the Brave - a Memorial Day Concert," May 31 at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill in Canton. Ticket proceeds, after expenses, will be divided evenly between the Memorial Day Committees in Canton, Plymouth and Northville. Tickets are available at [www.beckridgechorale.org](http://www.beckridgechorale.org) or at the door.



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Local glass artist Don Schneider shows work he makes at The Glassworks, located on Deer Street in Plymouth.

## Getting better?

### Showcase participants see upswing in local economy

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The local economy is in the midst of a recovery that seems to have started in the past few months, area business people say.

An informal survey of exhibitors at Monday's Plymouth Showcase, which gave nearly 100 businesses and organizations a chance to market their products and services to hundreds of people at the Inn at St. John's, found positive attitudes on the economy that ranged from cautious to enthusiastic.

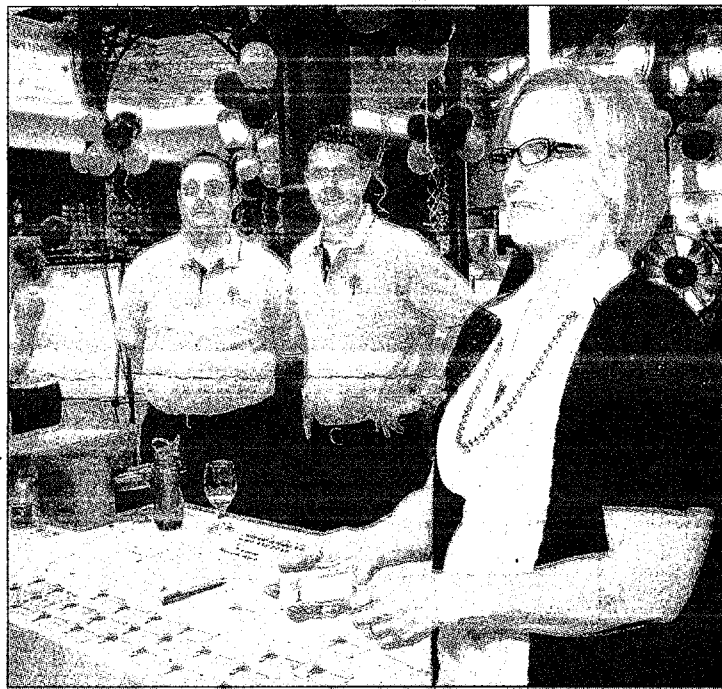
"We've got a lot of people switching over to Ford," said Ryan M. Kolb, operations manager at Hines Park Lincoln Mercury in Plymouth Township. Year-to-date sales are up about 20 percent over the same period last year, Kolb said.

"It's definitely an improvement over a year ago," said James Voepel, the owner of Sun Home Improvement Co., also in the township. Business is up about 30 percent this year compared to the first few months of last year, Voepel said.

"I think people just feel a little bit more comfortable in the economy," he said.

New Hines Park customers, Kolb said, sometimes say they've switched brands because they're impressed with Ford quality, or because they like that fact that Ford didn't take federal assistance, as did its domestic competitors.

Outside the dealership, among people with whom he talks and does business, things also seem to be improving,



Debbie Little, Ryan Delvecchio and Rick Janka from Solid Ground counseling took part in Monday's Showcase Plymouth.

Plymouth Showcase recognizes community service with awards, A6.

"slowly but surely," Kolb said. "I'm definitely optimistic."

Voepel had a similar report: "Everybody I talk to, seems like business is getting better," he said.

At Sun, he said, customers he are showing more confidence in the economy, and also say they're motivated by federal tax credits available for some improvements, such as energy-saving windows.

Customers also mention, Voepel said, that they want to maintain and improve their houses as an alternative to selling them in a depressed real-estate market.

The recovery has also provided room for small business startups.

Lori Sullivan, who left General Motors Corp.'s Saturn division just over a year ago, runs a Plymouth consulting business, One Shade Greener, that helps people and companies reduce their impact on the environment, and has a related business, Fingerprints Marketing.

"With any business, it takes time," she said. But her ventures are starting to gain momentum, she said.

At Showcase, Sullivan was displaying some of the jewelry she makes out of old beer bottle

Please see **SHOWCASE, A6**

## Streetscape should debut for parade

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Streetscape improvements in downtown Plymouth, including new traffic lights and a compass design painted and carved into a new concrete intersection at Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail, should have their debut with Monday's 8:30 a.m. Memorial Day parade.

City officials expect the work, begun in early April, to be wrapped up by this weekend, and definitely in time for the parade, which will travel along Main between Wing and Church streets Monday morning.

"As long as the weather and everything stays as it is, we're hoping by this weekend, we'll have it open for the parade," said John Buzuvis, deputy operations director at the Downtown Development Authority, which is in charge of the project. "We're definitely in the home stretch."

New asphalt pavement — on Main between Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman and on Ann Arbor Trail between Union and Forest — was completed Tuesday evening, Buzuvis said. Officials expected the intersection of Forest and Ann Arbor Trail to be opened late Wednesday or by some time Thursday at the latest, he said.

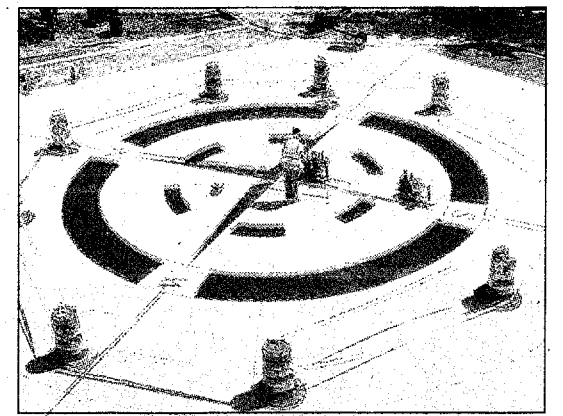
At the Main-Ann Arbor Trail intersection, the compass design was being sealed and new traffic lights were being put up, he said. The latter project required electrical work that was expected to last into Thursday and perhaps Friday.

Striping crews were busy mapping out lane markers and parking spots on Wednesday and were to stripe them on Thursday, Buzuvis said. Five new parking spaces on Penniman between Main and Harvey will bring the total on the block to 82, Buzuvis said.

Other work to finish up included cleaning up the traffic island on Main Street (where a new mid-block crosswalk has been put in) and re-installing benches in the area.

This spring's streetscape work was part of a three-phase, \$2 million DDA improvement project designed to update the downtown look and improve traffic and pedestrian safety. The next phase of the work is scheduled to start in the spring of 2011.

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Crews worked Monday staining the compass that now adorns the intersection of Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail as part of the downtown streetscape project.

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## RESA drops plan for school millage

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Officials at Wayne RESA needed school districts representing 51 percent of the county's public school students to ask for a ballot initiative that would have created a countywide 1.9-mill school enhancement millage to help financially struggling school districts. They didn't get it.

Already facing an uphill battle when three of the county's larger districts — Dearborn, Livonia and Plymouth-Canton — decided not to take part, RESA's initiative was killed last week when officials at Detroit Public Schools, the state's largest district, decided not to take part.

That left 17 school districts, representing just 22 percent of the county's students, in favor of the initiative.

"When Detroit backed out, that left them well short," Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Craig Fiegel said. "It's really too bad they didn't announce that decision sooner. It would have saved a lot of angst."

Plymouth-Canton school officials were a little bothered by the delay in Detroit's decision, figuring a decision not to participate could have come

sooner and saved some headaches.

Without Detroit, Livonia, Plymouth-Canton or Dearborn, the largest district on board with the plan was Wayne-Westland.

RESA officials believed the plan, a five-year millage, would have raised some \$92 million, to be divided among the county's districts: In Plymouth-Canton, the millage would have raised about \$11 million, but under the RESA formula, only about \$7 million would have stayed in the district.

Livonia and Plymouth-Canton officials decided not to support the idea — Livonia school trustees voted against it; the measure died without a vote in Plymouth-Canton — and Dearborn officials were so set against it they didn't even take it to a vote.

Detroit's decision not to support it — despite estimates the state's largest district would get some \$31 million — was the death knell for the proposal.

Plymouth-Canton trustees, who initially seemed supportive of the idea, said they heard no taxpayer support for the measure.

"A month ago, I said unless the community was willing to support it, we shouldn't do it," board Secretary Nancy Eggenberger said. "I didn't hear any support for it."

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

**Going 'Bollywood!'**

Join musicians from the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras along with Indian musicians to "Celebrate Bollywood!" featuring music from "Slumdog Millionaire" and much more. The event takes place Saturday, June 5, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. A pre-concert program on the history of Bollywood and the film music of India by Narendra Sheth starts at 6:30 p.m.; the concert featuring Indian percussion, soloists, orchestra members and more starts at 7 p.m. For tickets and information, call (734) 451-2112 or go online to [www.plymouthsymphony.org](http://www.plymouthsymphony.org)

**Maggie Moo fund-raiser**

If the old saying is true that "Everybody loves ice cream," the Canton Chieftettes have just the thing. The Chieftettes, Canton High School's pom pon team, invite everyone to an evening at Maggie Moo's 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 1. The Chieftettes will be celebrity scoopers for everyone's favorite frozen treats and will also be selling cakes and gift cards. Maggie Moo's will donate 20 percent of all sales during this time to the Chieftettes. They

are located at 47325 Five Mile Road in Plymouth, inside the Gateway Plaza.

**Open house**

PLAV Post #166, located at the corner of Amrhein and Eckles in Livonia hosts an open house for veterans and also the general public 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 30, in remembrance of Memorial Day.

Refreshments and grilled food will be available for a donation to the Post welfare fund.

**Help Miller Woods**

Come join your neighbors to help rid Miller Woods of the invasive garlic mustard plant. Friends of Miller Woods say it's a very easy plant to pull up so the work is not hard. Meet at the entrance to the woods on Powell, just east of Ridge, Saturday, May 29 at 9 a.m. Bring work gloves, a few garbage bags and mosquito repellent. Not a good activity for small children, but children over 10 could help.

Questions? Call Cheryl Bord at 734-459-7666

**Tiny Tots open house**

The Plymouth Salvation Army's in-house preschool program, Tiny Tots, hosts an open house Tuesday, June 1. There will be opportunities to attend, one in the morning (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and the other in the evening (5-7 p.m.). Corps officer Capt. Jolene Hull, Tiny Tots director Sheila



**Barefoot fund-raiser**

Jerry Costanza (left) and Joyce Costanza (right) of La Bistecca are working with Craig Hane of Barefoot Productions on a fund-raiser to benefit the Plymouth theater company, Barefoot Productions and La Bistecca host the fund-raiser 2-5 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at the restaurant, 39405 Plymouth Road in Plymouth. The event includes an afternoon of 'All That Jazz,' featuring complimentary hors d'oeuvres, live jazz, raffles, a cash bar and more. Tickets are \$35 per person. Barefoot Productions, Plymouth's only nonprofit 'theatre for the community,' has a goal of reaching a possible \$20,000 matching grant before a June 20 deadline. For each dollar earmarked for the grant, the Wilcox Foundation will match that amount. Advanced reservations only by June 6. To purchase tickets, visit [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com).

Johnson and Tiny Tots assistant Lisa Spielman will be on hand to answer questions or concerns regarding the play-based curriculum. The open houses provide parents the chance to visit the facility, meet the preschool staff and learn about program philosophy.

The Plymouth Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main, just south of Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth. For more

information, call (734) 453-5464. Preschool information is also available at the website, [www.misalplymouth.org](http://www.misalplymouth.org)

**Garden walk**

The 15th annual "Flowers are Forever" garden walk in Plymouth takes place Tuesday, June 29, from noon until 8 p.m., rain or shine. Tickets are: pre-sale, \$8; and \$10 on the day of the walk. Tickets for children 12 and under are

half-price; there is no charge for babes in arms. Strollers are not permitted.

The Trailwood Garden Club, a branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, is the sponsor. Tickets are available from Garden Club members, Backyard Birds on Main Street and Saxton's Garden Center on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. The ticket includes descriptions of the seven gardens as well as a map to the gardens. Tickets will be available after June 1.

The gardens have a variety of features as well as many ideas that can be adapted to your own garden. Complimentary refreshments, raffle and perennial sale will be at one of the gardens.

Trailwood Garden Club's projects include: plantings in downtown Plymouth, at the new Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park, and at the Plymouth Township offices; plantings and bird-feeder at the Medilodge of Plymouth nursing facility; Plymouth Fall Festival Perennial Exchange; Christmas decorations at the Plymouth Historical Museum; Michigan 4-H; Detroit Agricultural Network; and other related activities.

For additional information, please contact Marilyn Detmer at (734) 454-4625

**'Sister' charity**

Looking for my Sister plans a charity eat-along, "Survivors Helping Survivors One Life at a Time," at Bennisgan's, 40441 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, Thursday, 10 a.m. to midnight June 3.

Looking For My Sisters is a leader in the fight against domestic violence, the only domestic violence organization in Wayne County that provides post-emergency assistance and support programs. The group's website is at [www.lookingformysister.org](http://www.lookingformysister.org).

Bennisgan's will donate 20 percent of your bill (including alcohol) to Looking for my Sister. You will need to present a flyer. While carry out is included, there will also be raffle items inside the restaurant that day.

**New school opportunity**

Plymouth Children's Nursery will be offering a bilingual English/Spanish program for 4-6 year olds this

fall. This popular co-op school has been in business since 1962 and is now working in partnership with the Bilingual Fun Company to offer an enrichment bilingual program.

Contact: [membership@plymouthnursery.org](mailto:membership@plymouthnursery.org) or call (734) 455.6250. Membership applications are available at [www.plymouthnursery.org](http://www.plymouthnursery.org)

**Sports sale**

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department hosts a buy-or-sell All Sports Equipment Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth.

Anyone with new or gently used sporting equipment they'd like to get rid of is welcome to participate. Admission is free. Rental fee for a 10x10 space is \$20.

To reserve your space or for more information contact Michelle or Kim at (734) 455-6620.

**Call for crafters**

The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual juried handmade-only Craft Show on Saturday Oct. 15, at West Middle School in Plymouth from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event draws some 1,500 customers and features food and drawings.

For information on how to take part, call or e-mail Judy Stone at JBSTONE 716@comcast.net or Alice Chrenko, (248) 348-5561 or [dachrenko@hotmail.com](mailto:dachrenko@hotmail.com)

**PLAV recruiting**

PLAV Post #166, located at 39375 Amrhein in Livonia (at the corner of Amrhein and Eckles) is seeking veteran members interested in joining a vibrant post, restructuring itself in the 21st century. The Post goal is to have a significant and meaningful impact within the veteran community.

The post meetings are the second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m., with the exception of July and August, and a light lunch with refreshments follows. Free beverages are provided throughout the meeting's. Those interested in additional information are welcome to call Roger L. Kehrier at (734) 453-2031 or stop in the night of a scheduled meeting.

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# School board approves bus purchase

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton's Board of Education Tuesday approved a plan to purchase some 36 school buses next year to begin replacing an aging fleet.

The unanimous vote means the board signed off the program, the start of a 10-year replacement plan designed to keep the 138-bus fleet modern and cut down on mileage and repair problems.

Under the plan approved Tuesday, the district will spend some \$3.5 million on buses in the 2010-2011 school year. The district will take part in the state bidding process in the fall, and officials said new buses would likely come in the spring of 2011.

Jim Larson-Shidler, the district's assistant superintendent for business services, said the buses would be paid for by selling some \$7.5 million in Qualified School Construction Bonds to finish renovations at Salem High School, which would then free up some \$3.6 million from the 2004 bond issue to be used for buses. Money saved by the district's energy plan would also contribute to the bus purchase, he said.

"This has been a long road, starting with the bus plan ... presented last year," board president Steven Sneiderman said Tuesday. "I'm pleased we're able to do this."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Tuesday approved spending some \$3.4 million to buy more than 30 buses in the 2010-2011 school year.

The plan calls for the ini-

tial infusion of 35 new buses next year, and then an annual replacement of 14 buses in most of the next 10 years. It replaces an initial plan that would replace three buses in each of the next three school years.

"The whole idea of that interjection (of new buses) is to deal with mileage issues, but it doesn't take us out of the woods," said Dean Mileto, the district's transportation director. "I think the (10-year) plan works with the idea that it's consistent and it provides funding for these units."

While district administrators pay close attention to the quality of the bus fleet, mileage issues cropped up in November when Mileto generated a report showing 81.2 percent of the district's fleet would be over 100,000

miles by July 2012; 79 of them already are, and another 15 will be by July 2011.

The problem became more urgent when the Michigan State Police completed their annual safety inspection April 30. The fleet finished with a 95.6 percent passing record — "A real tribute to the garage staff," Mileto pointed out — but left indications the older buses in the current fleet will need "some serious and extensive repairs in the near future."

Trustees see the short-term options as a potential road map to long-range solutions.

"This is a challenge we're going to have to face," board treasurer Judy Mardigian said. "The plan gets us through the early years and gives us a chance to set up a bus replacement fund, which we've known we were going to need."

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# Final preparations get fields ready for Cup

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of people — Canton Soccer Club volunteers, township parks employees, police traffic officers, tournament referees, crowd-doting vendors and others — mobilized this week amid final preparations to greet 670 Canton Cup teams, their coaches and fans for a three-day competition that starts Friday.

Local motorists, meanwhile, should expect traffic bottlenecks in places such as construction-zone Canton Center Road, between Cherry Hill and Palmer, as huge crowds arrive for soccer games on 54 fields at Heritage, Independence, Flodin and Griffin parks and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"Most people know the wave is coming," Abe Vinitiski, township parks supervisor, said Monday morning at Independence Park, as he met to discuss 11th-hour preparations with Canton Soccer Club leaders John Vaughn, Greg Jahn and Greg Sanders.

A record 670 teams — a sharp increase from last year's 577 — are certain to draw throngs of soccer fans to fields organizers say are situated within a three-mile radius of Canton Center and Ford roads. To imagine this year's crowds, think of the summer Liberty Fest on fireworks night.

"Soccer is three days of that intensity," Vinitiski said, calling it "controlled chaos."

Canton Cup — the largest club-based soccer tournament in Michigan — has proved successful largely because Vaughn, the tournament director, and numerous volunteers begin preparing nearly a year in advance. They fine-tune details such as parking, T-shirt sales, trophies, team registration, game schedules, field equipment, seating and vendor-needed generators.

With Vaughn saying the



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A Canton Township employee spreads mulch at Independence Park in preparation for the Canton Cup soccer tournament. The 12 fields at the park are only a fraction of the number that will be in use this weekend.

tournament should draw as many as 40,000 people, preparation is a serious task.

Canton Soccer Club volunteers typically start meeting in July for the next year's Memorial Day weekend tournament. The club works closely with Canton Leisure Services — specifically parks employees — to prepare.

"We've had a great relationship," Vaughn said.

Township employees provide well-groomed fields — without rental fees — and the soccer club brings in all the goals and other equipment.

Township workers could be seen Monday morning getting the fields ready for play.

"We'll be cutting grass until Friday (just before game times)," Vinitiski said. "This is crunch time."

In its 28th year, the Canton Cup has given tournament organizers nearly three decades to tweak their preparations. Vaughn credited township Supervisor Phil LaJoy with initiating the event when LaJoy was a soccer parent, long before his ascent to a political career.

"It's been great to see the

## CUP RUNNETH OVER

**What:** 28th annual Canton Cup soccer tournament

**When:** Friday-Sunday

**Where:** 54 fields at Heritage, Independence, Flodin and Griffin parks and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park

**About it:** Some 670 teams — up from last year's 577 — in Michigan's largest club-based soccer tournament

**Watch out for:** Traffic. Teams and fans converging on fields within a three-mile radius of Canton Center and Ford roads, and Canton Center is a construction zone between Cherry Hill and Palmer.

growth," LaJoy said. "It's great for the kids, and it's tremendous for the community."

Soccer cup organizers cited a wide array of preparations:

- No-parking signs were being posted in subdivisions near soccer fields, in an effort to keep crowds out of residential neighborhoods. As parking lots overflow, organizers will allow vehicles on certain grassy areas of parks. All parking is free.

- As usual, Sanders said, small passenger shuttles will be available to help elderly or disabled spectators get safely from their parking spaces to the game sites.

- An emergency response plan is in place, should rescue personnel need to reach anyone in a large crowd, and township police plan to have a presence.

- In a cooperative effort, the soccer club and the township have split the \$80,000 cost of irrigation and electrical upgrades for the parks, making the amenities even better.

- Though not the most glamorous detail, organizers have arranged for some 70 portable restrooms for tournament sites.

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## CRIME WATCH

### Speeding stop ends in pot bust

A 20-year-old Wixom woman was arrested on a charge of marijuana possession Saturday evening after being stopped for speeding on eastbound M-14.

Police found a grinder with suspected marijuana residue in it in her car, plus a plastic bag with a half-gram of suspected marijuana in it in her purse, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. Both substances later tested positive for marijuana, police said.

The report said the woman, in a car that was not described, was clocked with a laser device traveling at 89 mph on eastbound M-14 near Sheldon Road at around 8 p.m. An officer, upon pulling her over and speaking with her, noticed the strong odor of marijuana, police said.

Asked about marijuana, the woman said, "I swallowed it," police said. When told police could use a drug-sniffing dog, then asked again, the woman replied that it was in the car's center console, police said.

That's where the officer found the grinder. The woman then said the marijuana might be in her purse, which is where the officer found the plastic bag.

The woman was arrested and the car was impounded. She was given a warning about speeding.

### Trespassing at school

A 32-year-old Livonia man was ticketed on a charge of unauthorized entry after police found him and two Livonia boys, ages 9 and 13, playing basketball in the gymnasium at New Morning School Saturday afternoon.

An officer responding to an alarm at the school on Haggerty found the three, a police report said. The suspect told the officer they had been playing basketball outside and, when one of the boys got thirsty, noticed the gym door ajar and went in to get a drink, police said. He said he was not a school employee and that the boys were not students there, police said.

Nothing at the school appeared to be disturbed and nothing appeared to be missing, the principal told police.

### Thefts from vehicles

- Five dollars cash was recently reported stolen from an Ford F-150 truck parked outside a house on Glenmore Court, police said. The victim told police the truck had been locked, but police found no signs of forced entry.

The theft occurred between 10 p.m. on May 18 and about 8 a.m. the next day.

- Two purses and their contents, including debit and credit cards and a digital camera, were reported stolen May 19 from a 2002 Ford Taurus that was parked in the driveway of a house on Waterstone Court. The car had been locked, and a window had been smashed out, police said.

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— By Matt Jachman

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# West eighth-grader wins statewide essay contest

Success came early in life for Marisa Iafano, an eighth-grade student at West Middle School in Plymouth.

Marisa, one of the top 10 winners in the statewide America & Me Essay Contest, received an engraved plaque and a cash award during awards ceremonies in Lansing in early May. Eighth-graders from across the state participated in the 41st annual contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

Marisa's essay, based on the topic "My Personal Michigan Hero," earned first place in the state out of nearly 5,000 essays submitted by students from nearly 500 Michigan schools. Marisa is the daughter of Vince Iafano and Cari Cucksey of Plymouth.

The top 10 winners and their parents and teachers were treated like visiting dignitaries during the awards day in Lansing May 12.



Teacher Marjorie Palmer, contest winner Marisa Iafano, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, and Marisa's parents, Cari Cucksey and Vince Iafano, were all smiles at the award ceremony.

They started out aboard the Michigan Princess Riverboat, where they were welcomed by employees of Farm Bureau Insurance, and then traveled to the Richard

Austin Building in downtown Lansing where each received a congratulatory letter from Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land. Then they proceeded to the State Capital Building where they received honors in the Governor's Ceremonial Room, including congratulatory letters on behalf of Governor Jennifer Granholm.

The top 10 winners were also the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game at Cooley Law School Stadium, where they were honored on

the field in pre-game ceremonies.

The festivities continued at Grand River Park aboard the Michigan Princess Riverboat where the winners attended an awards luncheon. Jim Robinson, Executive Vice President and CEO for Farm Bureau Insurance, presented each winner with a plaque and a cash award of \$1,000.

The final ranking of the top 10 winners was determined by a panel of VIP judges comprised of Farm Bureau Insurance Executive Vice President Jim Robinson

and two teachers who had top-10 statewide winners in the 2008-2009 contest year. Open to any eighth grade student in Michigan, the America & Me Essay Contest was developed in 1968 to encourage Michigan youth to explore their roles in America's future. As sponsor of the contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned 11 national awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

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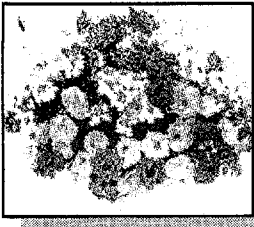
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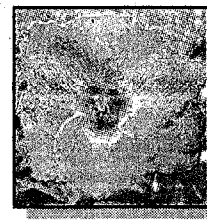
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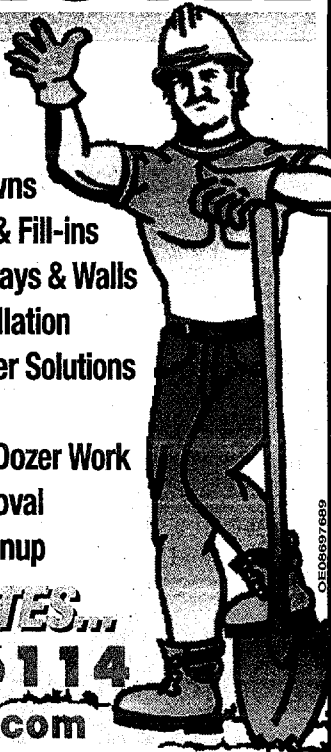
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# Showcase recognizes community service with volunteer, scholarship awards

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Monday's Plymouth Showcase brought 91 exhibitors and more than 700 visitors to the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township.

The annual Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce event is a way for local companies, organizations and nonprofits to market their products and services directly to the public. The event also includes the annual Taste of Plymouth food-sampling event, with 20 participating restaurants and food-

service providers.

Caterer One was the Taste of Plymouth winner; Happy Hounds Dog Day Care was the overall winner for its booth.

Twenty-five local organizations and service clubs recognized volunteers of the year. The winners were: Donald Green, American Legion Post 112; Carolyn Pohlman, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112; James McKeon, Community Foundation of Plymouth; Anita Cowger, German American Club of Plymouth; Kevin Riley, Independent Order of Oddfellows;

Dave Workman, International Order of Odd Fellows; John S. Johnston, Kiwanis Club of Plymouth; Michael L. Merlo, Kiwanis Club of Plymouth and Kiwanis Colonial Plymouth; Rebecca Brodie, Plymouth Area Jaycees; Jeremy Trudelle, Plymouth Community Arts Council; Cindy Ash, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce; Phyllis Hess, Plymouth Community Council on Aging; Howard Behr, Plymouth Community United Way; Penny Irwin, Plymouth Goodfellows; Loretta Olson, Plymouth Historical Society; Dale

Dauderman, Plymouth Lions Club; Tiffany Baker, Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors; John MacGaw, Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council; Eric Joy, Rotary Club of Plymouth; Stewart G. Israel, Benevolent Order of Elks Lodge 1780; Cindy Merrifield, Salvation Army Plymouth Corps; Ann Warne, Trailwood Garden Club; Mike Steffes, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528; Bob Lamoureux, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528; Justina McNamara, Women's National Farm & Garden Association.

The winners of the chamber's 2010 Student Citizenship Scholarships, which are based on community service, were: Adam Harrison of Plymouth High School, BreAnn Martin of Salem High School, Gabrielle Meyer of Ladywood High School, and Samantha Chupa of Canton High School. The scholarships were \$400 each and are still growing, as donations are still coming in, said chamber executive director Wes Graff.

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## SHOWCASE

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caps, wine bottle corks, recycled glass and vintage beads. Just since November, she said, the jewelry has become about 60 percent of One Shade Greener's business.

At the Simply Scrumptious Catering booth, chef Robyn Denzer said things started picking up for the Dexter company in March. "We're going to have a very busy summer," she said.

The University of Michigan is the caterer's biggest client, Denzer said, and U-M's relative stability has helped. Business neighbors, however, are reporting mixed results, she said.

"The economy's still struggling, but I definitely see things looking up," Denzer said.

At Plymouth's Solid Ground Counseling,

clinical therapist Rick Janka said he sees more clients getting interviews and landing jobs.

"Maybe I'm a perpetual optimist, but I'm thinking things are starting to stabilize," he said.

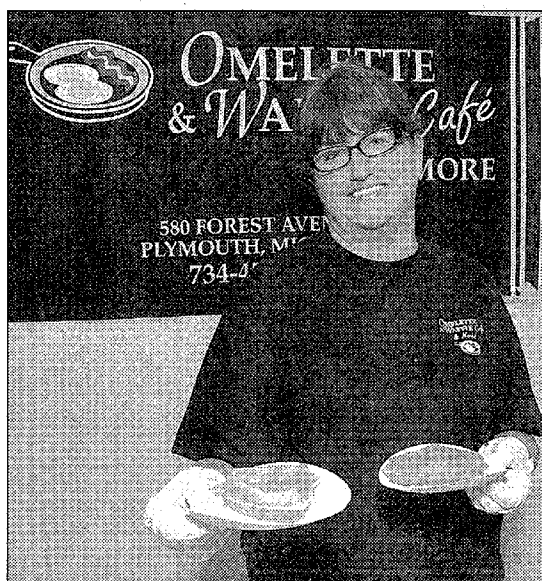
"I think things are headed in the right direction," said Don Schneider, who owns The Glassworks, a glass-blowing studio in Plymouth.

Customers are buying more glass objects, large and small, and more people are taking classes at his studio, Schneider said.

The way he looks at it, Schneider said, Michigan's highest-in-the nation unemployment rate of about 15 percent means 85 percent of workers are still on the job.

"They are not as free-spending as they were when everybody was on a roll," he said.

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Julie Bardelli offered Belgian waffles from the Omelette and Waffle Cafe at Monday's Showcase Plymouth.



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Don and Doris Carter of Plymouth enjoyed the food at Monday's annual Showcase Plymouth, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at the Inn at St. John's.

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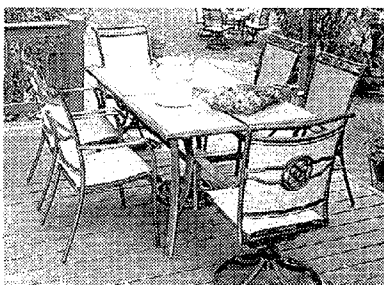
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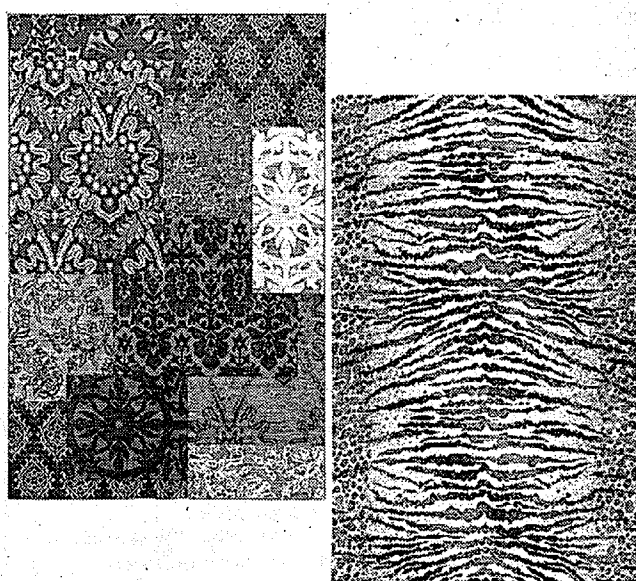
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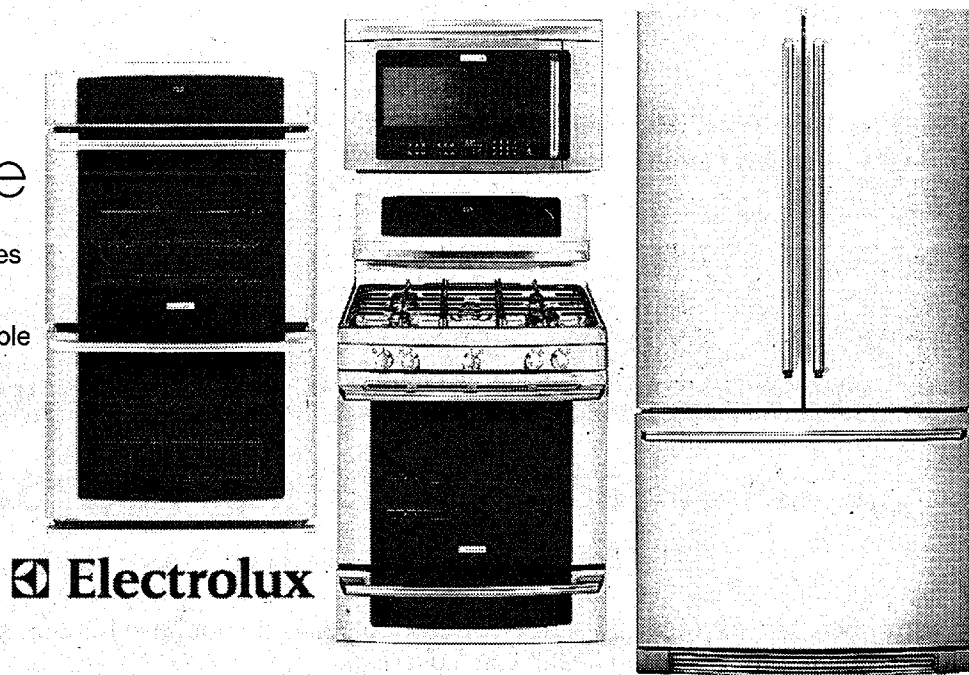
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# Ladywood grads hit \$4 million scholarship mark

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The class of 2010 at Ladywood High School has reached a milestone in more ways than one.

The class is the 60th graduating class at Ladywood, but the 96-member class also will receive \$4.1 million in scholarship money for college. Ladywood also continues an ongoing trend with this class in sending 100 percent of its graduates to college.

Ladywood's seniors graduated Sunday at a baccalaureate Mass and ceremony at St. John Neumann in Canton. The co-valedictorians were Emily Kempa of Novi and Megan Yanik of Plymouth; the co-salutatorians were Meghan Barnaszkas of Livonia and Meredith Houska of Plymouth.

Ladywood alumna Mallory Tomaszewski gave an address along with the co-valedictorians and co-salutatorians. Sister Mary

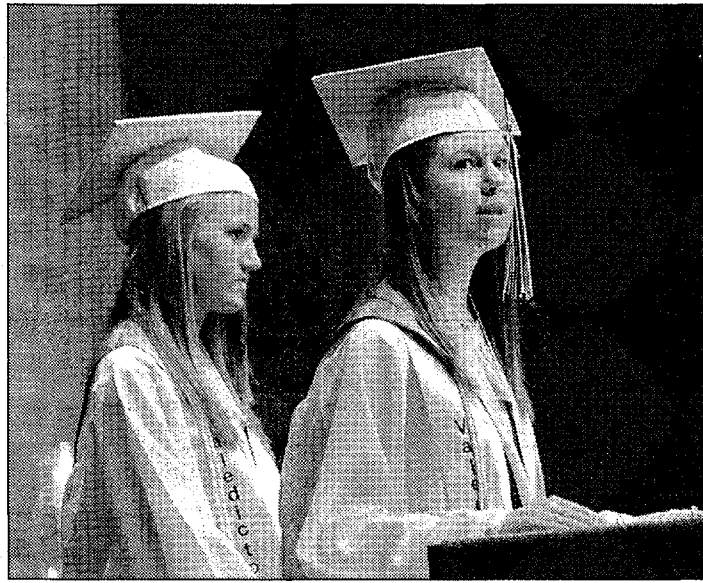
Ann Smith, Ladywood principal, also spoke to the crowd of 1,500.

Smith said school officials were ecstatic when they tallied up the scholarship totals. "The counseling department works diligently with the girls and parents to go after (scholarships) as well as they can," Sister Smith said. That process begins at the end of the students' junior year, she said.

As for the 100 percent rate of sending Ladywood graduates to college, Sister Smith said: "We keep encouraging them, and they keep excelling."

The graduates will attend the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Central Michigan University, Wayne State University and Grand Valley State, among the local Michigan schools, and the University of Notre Dame and St. Mary's College in South Bend, Ind.

The 2010 class motto was, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

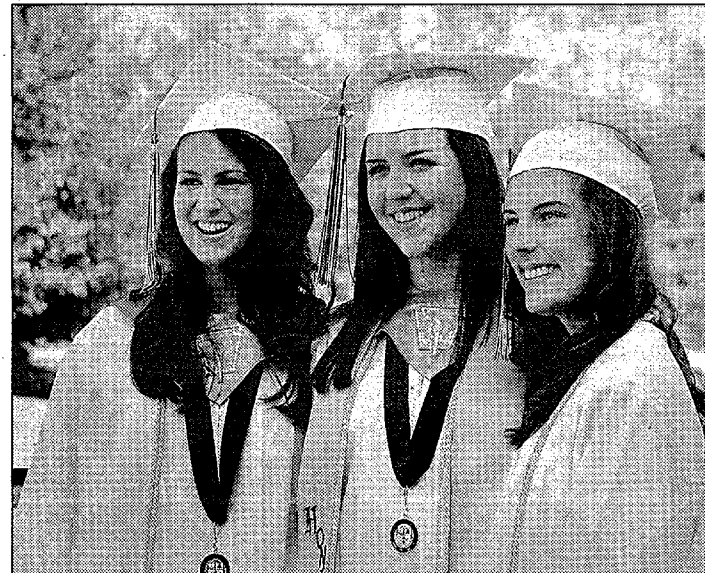


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Co-valedictorians Megan Yanik of Plymouth and Emily Kempa of Novi address the graduates. Both were runners-up in the Observer & Eccentric Academic All-Star program for 2010.



Canice Abro of Canton (left), Kaitlin Gaule of Canton, Val DiMilia of Northville and Dianne Reinell of Plymouth pose for photos after the ceremony. The four graduates have been friends since elementary school.



Shea McParlane, student council president and Livonia resident, Kirsten Salter of Plymouth and Felicia Maura of Dearborn smile after the Mass and baccalaureate for Ladywood High School graduates.

### SUMMONS AND NOTICE

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF OBJECT OF ACTION STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF CHEMUNG ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX NO.: 1022/10 US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, INC. FOR ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-WMC1 Plaintiff, vs. ARLENE HESS, Defendant(s). MORTGAGED PREMISES: 138 EASTVIEW DRIVE HORSEHEADS, NY 14845 SBL #: 59.02-2-14 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Chemung. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. Dated this 20th day of April, 2010, TO: ARLENE HESS, Defendant(s) In this Action. The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. JUDITH F. O'SHEA of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated the 12th day of April, 2010 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Chemung County Clerk, in the City of Elmira. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by ARLENE HESS and EDWIN K. HESS dated the 29th day of July, 2005, to secure the sum of \$116,800.00, and recorded at Instrument No. 200508150022 in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Chemung, on the 15th day of August, 2005; which mortgage was duly assigned by assignment dated the 5th day of January, 2010, and sent for recording in the Office of the Clerk of Chemung County; The property in question is described as follows: 138 EASTVIEW DRIVE, HORSEHEADS, NY 14845 SEE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, situate on the Town of Horseheads, County of Chemung and state of New York being known as Lot No. 10 and shown on a certain map made by Abe L. Oppenheim showing the Cummsiskey Terrace Subdivision and dated June 1954, and recorded in Chemung County Clerk's Office as Case Map No. 1412. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. 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Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT DATED: April 20, 2010 Steven J. Baum, P.C., Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s), 220 Northpointe Parkway Suite G, Amherst, NY 14228 The law firm of Steven J. Baum, P.C. and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose.

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Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience.

In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups.

Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are also highly experienced in assisting him with Social Security Disability cases. And they are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of clients' cases and administrative procedure.

Attorney Bieske welcomes you to call him to determine if you may be eligible for these benefits. He offers free phone or office consultations. If Bieske represents you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. These are not the same as Workers' Compensation benefits. It is possible to receive both benefits at the same time. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/Widower's benefits).

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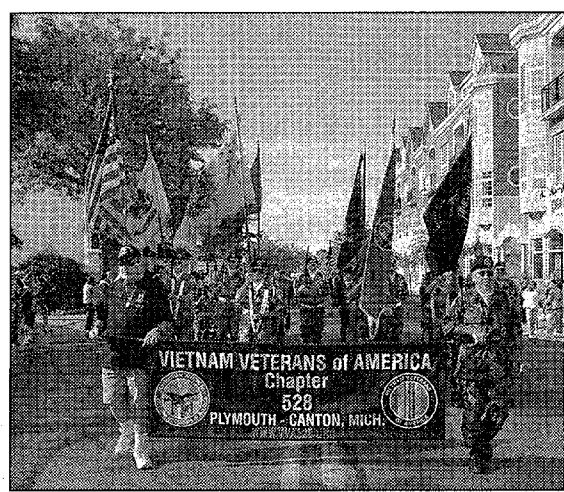
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## OUR VIEWS



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The local chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America led the 2009 Memorial Day Parade along Main Street to the Veterans Memorial Park in front of Central Middle School. This year's parade is set for 8:30 a.m. Monday.

## Memorial Day is time to recall sacrifices made

On Monday, America will pause to remember those who have given their lives in the defense of this country. There will be parades, memorial services and flags fluttering on the graves of the servicemen and women who have given their lives so we can live free.

It's the one day of the year set aside for the nation to get together to remember, reflect and honor those who have given their all in service to their country. In the *Gettysburg Address*, Abraham Lincoln called on Americans to complete the unfinished task of ensuring that liberty "shall not perish from the Earth."

Americans have never wavered in that commitment to freedom, nor to help those who seek to be free. Americans have fought in two World Wars for freedom, in Korea and Vietnam. Americans have fought a Cold War, in Desert Storm and now in Iraq and Afghanistan against tyranny, oppression and terror.

However, the traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country. For many, Memorial Day and the three-day weekend marks the official start of summer. People use the time to open their pools and their cottages and gather for picnics.

Some will take time to observe the parades like the one in Plymouth at 8:30 a.m. Monday. It winds north along Main Street and ends up in Veterans Memorial Park in front of Central Middle School. People will attend many ceremonies but, by and large, Americans will focus on having fun.

To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the National Moment of Remembrance was established in 2000. It asks that at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day all Americans voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to *Taps*.

An e-mail we received sums up best what we should ponder, during that moment of silence. The author is unknown, but the sentiments are on the money:

- It is a veteran, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.
- It is a veteran, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.
- It is a veteran, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.
- It is a veteran, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.
- It is a veteran, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.
- It is a veteran, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.

On this Memorial Day 2010, we urge you to take time to remember what it stand for. Enjoy your barbecues, open the pool, spend a relaxing weekend at the cottage. But take a moment to say thank you to those who have made all that possible.

We cannot afford to forget, nor should we ever forget why there is a Memorial Day.

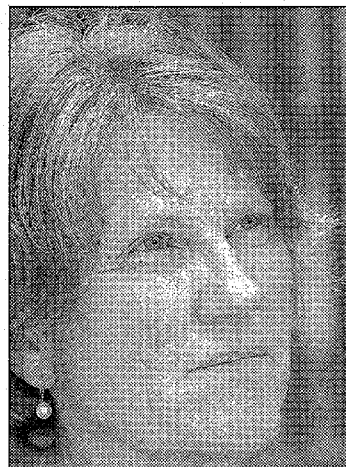
## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What do you think is the top issue in this year's Michigan gubernatorial race?

We asked this question outside the U.S. Postal Service branch office on Penniman in downtown Plymouth.



**"The economy, because the recession has hit Michigan harder than anywhere else."**  
Judy Hudson  
Plymouth



**"The economy."**  
Cindy Reinhart  
Plymouth



**"I would say the education, the teachers."**  
Katie Kratky  
Plymouth



**"The financial. What's going on with the school districts, the school budgets, probably."**  
Paul Langkabel  
Willis, Mich.

## LETTERS

### Thanks to Pursell

On behalf of the Membership of Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 528, I want to express our thanks once again to former Plymouth Mayor Phil Pursell for donating the use of his facility (Main Street Car Wash in Plymouth) on Sunday, May 16.

The proceeds, \$1,378.69, from this fundraiser will be used toward Chapter projects in 2010 and beyond, e.g., defraying the cost of Chapter scholarships, totaling \$1,500, the 15th annual Children's Fishing Derby held in Hines Park in May, the Michigan Veterans Foundation in downtown Detroit plus contributions to other worthwhile projects of Veterans' groups and civic organizations.

It is always a pleasure to be associated with an individual such as Pursell, not for his generosity alone, but for his community concern. Many a business owner would brag about being community-minded, but very few would sacrifice a day's receipts to make such a point.

Thank you again, Mr. Pursell, for your kindness, generosity and friendship to the Vietnam Veterans of Chapter 528 and to the Plymouth community.

Don Dignan

Vietnam Veterans of America  
Plymouth-Canton, Chapter 528

### Proper poppies

Years ago veteran fraternal organizations sold "poppies" near Memorial Day. Now, in pursuit of the almighty dollar, it would appear that everyone wants to be first! The earliest approved collection I am aware of is in the city of Milan May 13-15.

As a veteran, I have been advised that to insure your group collects the most money for veteran welfare causes you have to be in collection mode as early as possible in May. If this "spirit of friendly competition" continues, I fear that we may be collecting for poppy donations when there is still snow on the ground in the future.

I challenge all area veteran organizations to get back to the days of the past, when poppy sale donations were sought near Memorial Day!

Roger Kehring

Plymouth

### Land of the free

In December 2000, Congress passed a resolution titled the National Moment of Remembrance. The objective of the resolution sought to help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day. The resolution asks all Americans to observe a moment of remembrance and respect at 3 p.m. local time. How many of us will find the designated hour passed without pausing to reflect on the significance of Memorial Day?

For many of us, Memorial Day is the kick-off to summer. It is a three-day weekend where we open the pool, clean the cottage or make certain we have enough propane in the gas grill. These tasks are just some of the rewards we have living in a free society. They should not cause us to lose sight of the true significance of Memorial Day.

Admittedly, I have an innate view of the last Monday in May. I am a military brat, born on the Fourth of July. However strong my love of country, Memorial Day is more about remembering and honoring and not

Independence Day-lite. Memorial Day is not about things that divide us — political party affiliations, race or religion. Its foundation is built on reconciliation and reunification surrounded by reverence and solemnity.

Last year, a group of us participated in a local Memorial Day ceremony. As we stood there, between the speeches and songs, we witnessed a number of our more senior veterans struggling with the temperature and duration. Their physical strain found some respite in their need and commitment to honor and remember. These heroes stood in place of those who have fallen. I began wondering — will future generation be as diligent in their commitment to honor and remember the heroes whose names and faces have been lost through time and history?

As for my friends and me, we have started a new tradition this year. We will come together in a concert to remind our friends and ourselves of the true meaning of Memorial Day. Make the last Monday in May 2010 a new beginning for your family and friends. Find a local Memorial Day Ceremony or concert in your local community or in the town you visit. Look into the faces of those brave men and women who have given their all in service to our country then think of those who did not return home to those they loved. Commit those faces to memory. Because of the brave, we live in the land of the free.

Michael Gross

artistic director  
BeckRidge Chorale

### Disappointed in decision

I feel compelled to comment on Mr. Kadrich's article about the dismissal of charges against Elizabeth Kerstens, director of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Kerstens' assertion about somebody filing a "charge against you for any reason" is incredulous. She knows full well the charge against her was neither frivolous nor "for any reason." It was for assault and battery and if the investigating officers and prosecutor had not felt the case warranted prosecution, it would not have gone "this far." The facts remain undisputed. She was justifiably charged and her denial of her behavior strains credibility. She is not an innocent victim.

There was no disagreement over Anna Lopez's job status. Lopez had already volunteered to remain as the coordinator of educational programs until December 2009, without pay. Rather, Lopez merely wanted Kerstens to explain why she had uttered the unfounded and untrue remark that Lopez, I and two other members of the museum community had "an agenda to get rid of (Kerstens)."

Lopez had given Kerstens a list of activities in which she had participated during the summer. She asked how such support equated to an agenda to get rid of her (Kerstens). That is when Kerstens, refusing to discuss the matter, forcefully, angrily and without provocation attacked Lopez. Independent eyewitnesses can confirm this.

With respect to the "employee handbook," I counseled Lopez not to sign it because the Board of Trustees had not approved it or any change in anyone's employment status. Lopez asked to see the Board's resolutions regarding these modifications, but Kerstens said she could not find them, that the board secretary often left out such information in the Board meeting minutes, but that in any case the Board had agreed to the changes. This was

patently untrue.

Kerstens' other comment about being vindicated for doing her job is equally unbelievable. I suggest her job is to create, among other things, a work environment free of verbal and physical harassment, hostility and intimidation, not to escalate violence.

SHAME on Judge Gerou for not recognizing that Kerstens' reaction was excessive given the circumstances, egregious and motivated by anger and animus and that in any work setting it is intolerable misconduct.

SHAME again on Judge Gerou for not defying precedence, to declare that it just is bad law, that there is no room for violence in the workplace under any circumstances and that it ends now.

SHAME on the museum's Board of Trustees for failing to recognize the crisis of leadership the museum faces, and for failing to take timely and appropriate action to remedy the situation.

SHAME on those members and volunteers of the museum who have turned deaf ears and blind eyes to the shortcomings of their "leaders."

As Edmund Burke once said in terms far more eloquent than mine: "All that is needed for evil to succeed is that decent human beings do nothing."

Armando Lopez

former trustee  
Plymouth Historical Society

### Backing Whyman

It is with great excitement and enthusiasm that I fully endorse and support the candidacy of Deb Whyman for 7th District state senator.

With our government and economy in tatters, it is time for bold, independent, and tough leadership. Deb Whyman fills the bill on all counts.

I had the pleasure of serving with Deb in the state House in the mid-1990s. She is a tough, reliable supporter of limited government, and a fervent protector of the taxpayer. She will not raise your taxes to balance the budget, or play games with the numbers. She will reduce the size and scope of government.

Deb Whyman is honest and can be trusted to keep her word, unlike most in politics today. You can count on her. If she tells you where she stands on an issue, you can take that to the bank. We need leaders again in Lansing that have unshakable integrity. We have a chance to send just that leader from the 7th District with Deb Whyman.

For years we have had an out-of-control government in Michigan. Corrupt and purchased by special interests, Granholm and the liberals in Lansing have raised taxes during an almost four-year state depression, and have refused to reform the public sector. They have done nothing but make things worse. It is time for the voters to reject the career politicians and put true independent warriors into office who will govern with us, not against us.

Deb Whyman has a proven record of being a true common sense Reagan conservative. She is what a Republican should be. She is not part of the big government RINO establishment, and she will battle back the liberal Democrats and stand with you, the taxpayer.

Please join me in supporting Deb Whyman in the Aug. 3 primary, and again this November.

Jerry Vorva

Plymouth

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# Veterans should use benefits accorded them

The Memorial Day weekend is here and it is important to remember what it is really

about. It is more than just picnics, barbecues and golf. It is a day to remember those who served our country and make the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Democrat, Republican, independent or other — the one thing all should agree on is that we owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women, past and present, of the United States Armed Forces.

So as we celebrate the Memorial Day Holiday, it is appropriate to remind veterans that there are a wealth of programs and services available to them. Whether it deals with assistance in obtaining an education, prescription drugs or other, many benefits are available to veterans. Unfortunately, many veterans do not take advantage of the opportunities available to them. Many believe that veteran benefits are available only for career military. That is not the

case. In addition, you don't have to serve in a war zone to be eligible for certain benefits. The fact that you are a veteran qualifies you for a variety of benefits.

The key is the government doesn't do a very good job of informing veterans about available benefits. That is something that veterans unfortunately have to discover on their own.

That is where the Internet has become such a great tool. In addition to the Veterans Administration website [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov), there are a number of other websites that veterans can access to help discover benefits available to them.

It is surprising to me that many veterans do not think that they are entitled to benefits. I had a conversation with a World War II veteran who was hurt financially. One of the main causes of his financial condition dealt with prescription drugs that he had to take, however, he had no insurance coverage. I said he would qualify for a prescription drug plan through the Veterans Administration. His initial reaction was that he was a veteran over 60 years ago and only in the military for a few years. In addition, he felt that for some reason he didn't deserve the benefits.

I encouraged him to contact the Veterans Administration and eventually he did. He qualified for benefits. His monthly savings on prescription drugs is substantial and by qualifying for benefits he has an improved quality of life. Veterans should not hesitate to apply for and collect benefits they deserve. I encourage all veterans to be proactive and look for benefits for which they qualify.

There is a caveat. There are companies that will charge veterans a fee to help with their benefits. Some of these companies are legitimate, others should be avoided. If hiring a company, make sure you investigate them independently such as checking them out through the Better Business Bureau.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all the veterans and particularly my father, Mitch Bloom, a World War II Navy veteran, a heartfelt thank you.

Thank you for your sacrifice and thank you for protecting the freedoms that we all have in this great country.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [moneymatters@hometownlife.com](mailto:moneymatters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit his Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).

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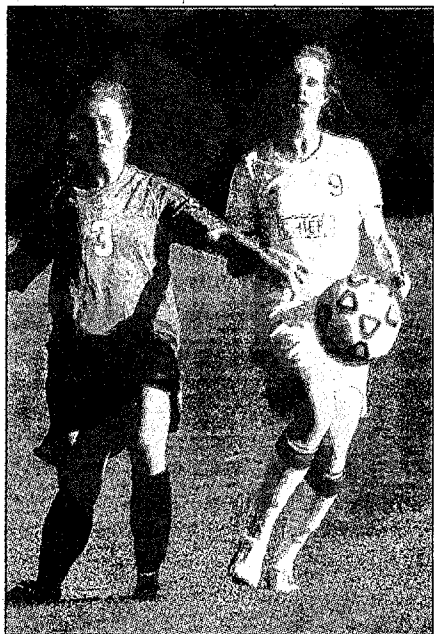
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Both in pursuit of a 50/50 ball during Monday's KLAA Kensington Conference girls soccer title game are Canton junior midfielder Liz Ferrill (No. 9) and Northville's Andrea Stark. Ferrill was one of five Chiefs to score a penalty kick to help Canton win.

## PK payback for Canton kickers

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Once the Northville shooter missed the net, Canton senior Lindsey Winters knew she could clinch the KLAA Kensington Conference girls soccer title for her team Monday with one good penalty kick.

"Once I saw Northville miss, I was like, 'If I score, we win,'" Winters said. "So deep breaths all the way up to the PK spot and then I put it in."

Winters nailed her shot to the left of the Mustangs goalie in the fifth round of penalty kicks to give No. 5 state-ranked Canton a 1-0 victory. The teams played two 15-minute overtime sessions after regulation, but still needed a shootout to decide matters.

Canton (13-1-3) advanced to Wednesday night's KLAA association title matchup against host Grand Blanc (14-1-3), a top-10 ranked team as are the Chiefs and Mustangs (13-2-2). Go to [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) for results.

It was a happy turnaround for Canton and head coach George Tomasso, whose squad lost in a PK shootout scenario in the 2009 conference finals.

### COOL UNDER PRESSURE

Tomasso praised Winters for her poise in such a do-or-die moment.

"It was a very intense, pressure situation, but she handled it beautifully and she finished when we needed her most," Tomasso said. "It's amazing to see how a high school athlete can handle that type of pressure."

Canton goalkeepers Sam McPartlin and Kayla Bridges (who divided time in the 110-minute shootout) also came up big with the conference title on the line.

"Both goalies made huge saves to keep us in it," Tomasso said.

Then, once the teams made it to penalty kicks, Canton answered every time a Northville player scored. Finding the target for the Chiefs during rounds 1-4 were Megan Trapp, Kristi Balewski, Alyssa Cottrell and Liz Ferrill.

Although Winters had a lot of pressure to deal with Monday, she said being part of Canton's recent Final Four girls basketball team continues to have a positive spillover impact.

Other soccer players who joined in

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## The great equalizer

### Massive Canton Cup gives teams of all levels chance to enjoy spotlight

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Thousands of soccer players of all ages and abilities are anxious to kick it around Memorial Day Weekend at the 28th annual Canton Cup — a festival-type event that will shine a serious spotlight on the sport throughout the township.

Elite teams from around the globe also will be in Canton to take part in the concurrent Canton Cup and inaugural Celtic Invitational. One such squad is Scotland's Woodwynd Wolves.

But the bottom line to it all is much closer to home, according to tournament director John Vaughn — noting there will be 11 different brackets for 10-year-old

recreational players at the Canton Soccer Club-hosted tourney (with assistance from Canton Leisure Services).

"That's great to see these little kids walking home, with all these competition levels, walking home with trophies saying 'We won the Canton Cup!'" said Vaughn with a laugh. "And you have 11 teams that walk home with trophies."

"We believe the more winners we

have, the better."

Vaughn emphasized that having that many brackets breaks the talent level down to keep things fair and fun for players and family members who will swoop down on a number of Canton soccer fields.

And make no mistake, quite a few are heading to Canton this week to play or watch on over 45 well-groomed fields from Independence Park in the southeast corner of Canton Township to Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in the northwest quadrant.

### BIG AND FESTIVE

How big is it? Beginning 5 p.m. Friday and continuing through Sunday, some 670 teams will play just under 1,000 games with the

event drawing nearly 40,000 to the vicinity.

"We find competition at all levels and we equal out that competition for all ages," Vaughn said. "So if you come to the tournament, you'll get the tournament atmosphere, the tournament experience."

"But you get to play against teams that are equal competition to you, whether that be at the highest level with our (Celtic) invitational and college-level kids all the way down to 8-year-old recreational players."

Besides recreational and elite teams from the gigantic Canton Soccer Club (2,500 players between ages 5-19), this weekend will draw squads from near (the Plymouth

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Plymouth senior Warren Buzzard (second from left) and other participants in the 1,600-meter run during Friday's Division 1 state regional pick up the pace.

## Wildcats clinch regional in style

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Friday's thunderstorms forced the Division 1 boys regional track & field meet at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to wrap up on Saturday morning.

And it did with a record-busting flourish, as the top-four teams all broke school records in the 1,600-meter relay. Yet the final standings still had Plymouth at the top — right where the Wildcats were when the meet was suspended Friday night.

Plymouth finished the meet in first with 113.5 points and thus qualified for the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association meet. Finishing 2-3 were PCEP neighbors Salem and Canton, with 93 and 78.5 points,

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respectively.

In fourth with 67 points was Livonia Stevenson, followed by Livonia Churchill (57), Livonia Franklin (46) and Westland John Glenn (44). In 10th with 30 points was Redford Union, while other *Observerland* teams included Garden City (15th, 1 point) and Wayne Memorial (16th, 0 points).

### TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

"We came back on Saturday, we knew what we had to do," said Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz. "We set two school records out there and that capped off a great meet."

"I was proud of everyone, everybody came together as a team and we scored all around in almost every

event, and that's what you've got to do to be regional champions."

In the first event Saturday, Plymouth's Joe Porcari and Churchill's Thomas Windle had a fierce fight to the finish line with Porcari's school-record 9-minutes, 42.6-seconds edging out Windle's 9:45.8.

Then with all the athletes fresher than they'd normally be for the meet-closing 1600 relay, Salem's top-rated quartet of Dan Martin, Zach Gaskell, Kenneth Middlebrooks and Scott O'Connor won with a time of 3:22.5.

That broke a 35-year Salem record (3:23.0) and Rocks head coach Kyle Meteyer said it was the team highlight for the meet.

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## 3rd-place showing for 'Cats

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Golfers came and went Tuesday, playing efficiently and quickly at the KLAA Kensington Conference meet held at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton.

### KLAA GOLF

The 12 teams wrapped up by 2 p.m., with

first-place honors going to Northville with a total of 294 strokes. The Mustangs had solid competition in runner-up Novi and Plymouth (302 each).

Also in the running were Livonia Stevenson (314), Salem (316), Canton (324), Livonia Franklin (326) and Livonia Churchill (327). The last four finishers were South Lyon (330), South Lyon East (342), Westland John Glenn (354) and Wayne Memorial (361).

"There were low scores across the board," Plymouth

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Canton senior Brendan Muir, sending the ball toward the cup Tuesday, registered a 76 and made the All-KLAA Kensington Conference squad.

Salem's Jake Peterson (seated) last week made it official that he'll be playing basketball for Spring Arbor University. Also on hand for the ceremony at the high school are (from left) Spring Arbor head coach Ryan Cottingham, Roger Peterson (Jake's father) and Bob Brodie, head varsity basketball coach at Salem.



## Spring Arbor awaits Salem's Peterson

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jake Peterson has the heart of a Cougar, which makes it perfect that he recently committed to play basketball at Spring Arbor University.

The 6-8, 225-pound Salem senior center last week made it official. Flanking Peterson for the signing at his high school were men who represent his past, present and future: his dad, Roger Peterson; Salem varsity coach Bob Brodie and Spring Arbor head coach Ryan Cottingham.

According to Peterson, who also starred on Salem's football team as its quarterback, his upbringing at home and as a two-sport athlete at Salem will go a long way toward making it at the collegiate level.

"Playing both basketball and football have helped me a great deal in my preparation for the next level," Peterson noted. "This is because they have given me a great deal of experience in dealing with situations that life may throw at me and how to stay calm and focused during them."

"Both sports taught me to be a better leader and how you can accomplish a lot through teamwork."

Peterson definitely showed he was all about team. He averaged 15 points and eight rebounds per game for the Rocks in 2009-10, earning him team MVP, all-conference (first team) and All-Observer (second team) honors.

"Jake, we've ridden his shoulders all season long," said Brodie about his team captain.

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### THE PETERSON FILE

**Who:** Jake Peterson, 18-year-old Salem senior two-sport athlete.

**What:** Peterson, a 6-8 center for the Rocks, is going to Michigan's Spring Arbor University on a basketball scholarship. He'll likely start out as a power forward.

**Family:** His parents are Roger and Michele Peterson of Canton and he has a 16-year-old brother, Josh.

**Honors:** For the Rocks, Peterson was team captain and MVP, earning several honors — including being named a Class A All-State honorable mention.

# Kroll's 'high five' sparks Churchill

BY BRAD EMONS  
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It took two days to complete, but there was no doubt who dominated the MHSAA Division 1 girls track and field regional hosted by Canton. Livonia Churchill proved it could weather the storm, repeating as team champion with 133 points followed by runner-up Livonia Franklin (86), Redford Thurston (79), Plymouth (60), Westland Livonia Stevenson (49) and Westland John Glenn (48.5).

Canton (33.5) and Salem (31) finished eighth and ninth, respectively.

Senior Sara Kroll figured in three of Churchill's five first places winning the 800- and 1,600 runs with blistering times of 2:13.6 and 4:55.5 (school record), respectively. She also teamed up with senior Tiffany Raisanen, freshman Kerrigan Riley and sophomore Bethany Pilat for a first in the 3,200 relay (9:40.2).

Churchill also got a first from Senclair McDonnell in the high jump (5 feet, 2 inches) and Megan Kelly in the 400 (1:01.3).

The meet was suspended Friday night with two events to go — the individual 3,200-meter run and the 1,600 relay.

Action resumed at 9 a.m. Saturday and the Chargers added 22 more points to their first-place total with seconds and thirds by Kerrigan Riley and Bethany Pilat in the 3,200, as well as a second in the 1,600 relay.

"Everyone ran their best time they've ever run in the 4 x 4 today," Churchill second-year coach Pat Daugherty said. "And in the two mile we qualified both the girls who maybe didn't do their best in the mile, but came back and ran a P.R. by 20 seconds in the 3,200."

Kroll, a senior headed to Michigan State, scored 20 points individually and was part of 18 other points in two relays.

"I think she's stamped that she's the most dominant runner in the area in the last 20 years probably," Daugherty said. "She'll run, the mile, the 800 and the 4 x 400. We'll give her a chance to get first or second in the mile, and definitely trying to win the 800 is her goal."

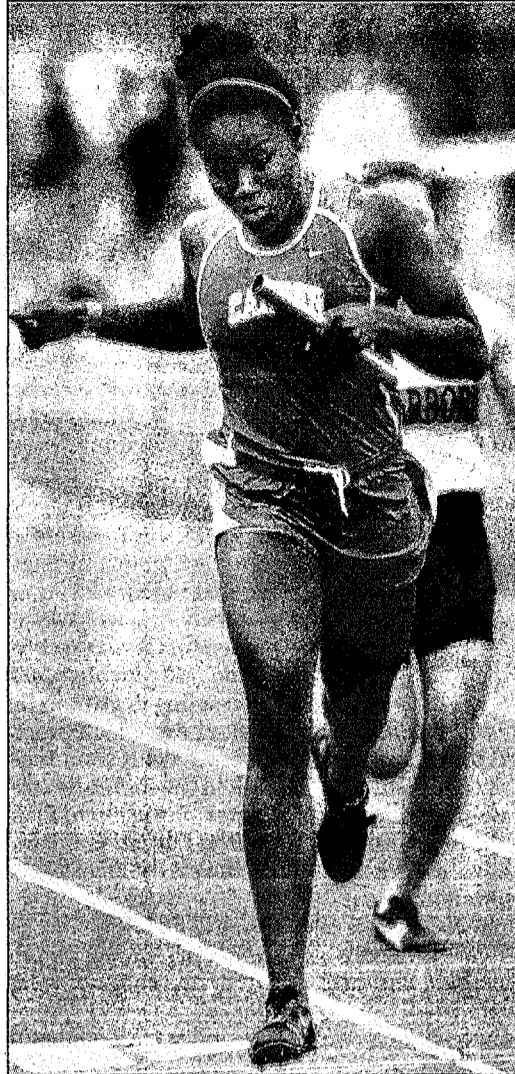
Franklin was runner-up to the Chargers for the second straight year.

On Saturday, McPherson set a school record in the 3,200 with a time of 11:11.7. She also was runner-up to Kroll on Friday in the 1,600 with another Patriot mark of 5:07.4.

Thurston dominated the sprint events winning both the 400- and 800 relays.

Senior Sonya Burks, freshman Brianna Nixon, senior Altemecia Martin and sophomore Dominique Smith clocked a 49.2 in the 4 x 110, while the quartet of Burks, Nixon, freshman Ariele Paris and Smith won the 4 x 200 in 1:45.6.

Nixon also captured the 100 dash (12.6) and teammate Chelsea Carradine, a senior, took the shot put (38-4.5).



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Canton's Christina Bradley competes hard in the 800-meter relay during the Division 1 girls track & field regional.

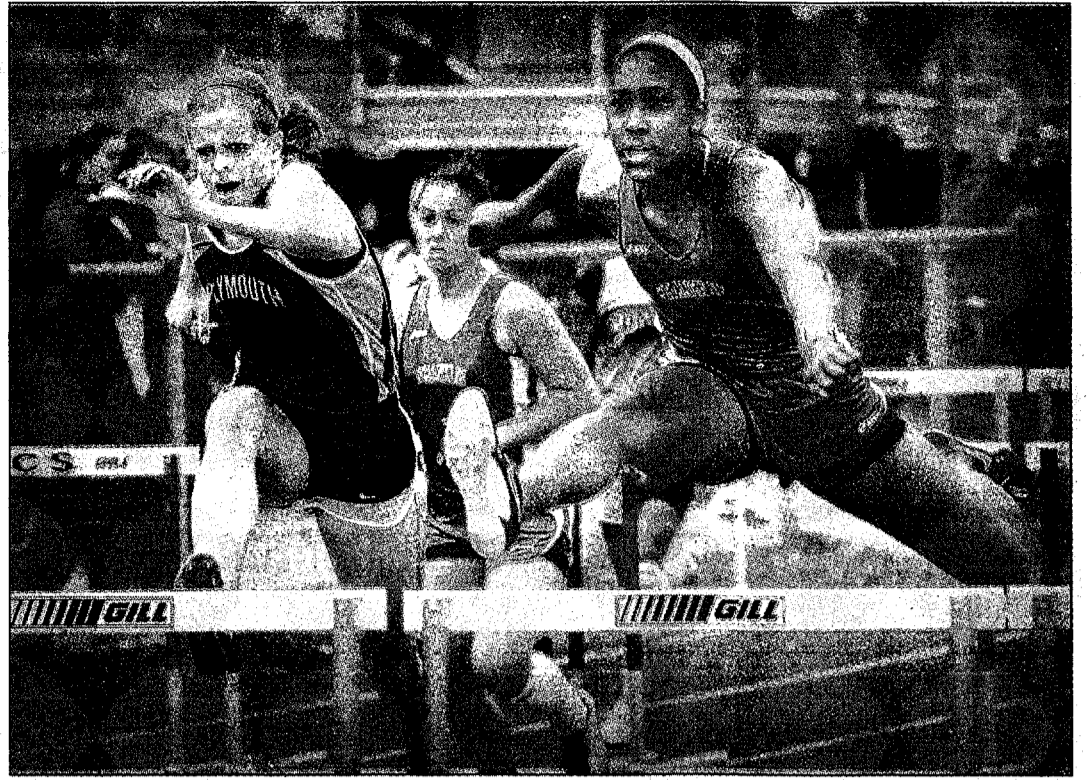
"It's a little bit of a surprise since we moved up to Division 1 this year," Thurston coach Al Chambo said. "We really didn't know what to expect. We felt pretty confident we'd score well, but obviously it's a very pleasant surprise."

Other area first-place finishers included Aubrie Scott (John Glenn), long jump (17-0.5); Reagan Engstrom (Plymouth), pole vault (9-8); Scott (Franklin), 100 hurdles (15.7); Becky Adamcheck (Stevenson), 300 hurdles (46.1); Madi Lewis (Plymouth), 200 (26.1); and Megan McPherson (Franklin), 3,200 (11:11.7).

Plymouth's 1,600 relay team of Lewis, Knox, Carissa Buttermore and Rachael Hille also took first in 4:05.7.

The top two finishers in each event at the regional automatically qualify for the Division 1 state meet Saturday, June 5 at Rockford.

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Headed for a photo finish at Division 1 regionals in the 110-meter hurdles are Plymouth freshman Madi Lewis (left) and Livonia Franklin's Seneca Scott. Both qualified for the D1 state meet in the event, finishing in a virtual tie.

## Madi-mania

### Plymouth freshman on fast track to state meet

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

#### TRACK AND FIELD

Last weekend's Division 1 girls track & field meet further underscored that a great prep career is just getting started.

Freshman Madi Lewis — who had set new Plymouth High School records during the dual meet season — qualified for the D1 state meet in Rockford in three events.

Lewis won the 200 dash with a mark of 26.1 seconds and finished second in the 110-meter hurdles (15.7) while being part of the victorious 1,600-meter relay team (4:05.7).

Other Wildcats on that unit included Becka Knox, Carissa Buttermore and Rachael Hille. "Obviously, Madi is a very

special athlete," said Plymouth girls head coach Ricky Styes, adding that Lewis' contribution to the relay team victory was her most impressive accomplishment at the regional.

"She helped get our girls in a big lead and helped to get two other girls to the state meet as well," Styes added. "She has been huge for us this year, individually, but has also been a great teammate as well."

Plymouth finished fourth with 60 points at the regionals, which began Friday but needed to be completed Saturday after proceedings were delayed due to bad weather.

"We had a best finish ever, and qualified more athletes in more events than ever before," Styes said. "All of our individual qualifiers rose to the occasion in their events and earned their places in the state meet."

A third regional champion for the Wildcats was Reagan Engstrom in the pole vault with a distance of 9-feet, 8-inches.

Several girls from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams also qualified by placing second. Those included the following:

- Canton: Lindsay Lipa, high jump (2nd, 5-2).
- Plymouth: Knox, long jump (2nd, 15-10).
- Salem: Megan Paruta, pole vault (2nd, 9-4).

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In second was Canton's quartet of Ben Spreitzer, Jordan Wisniewski, Keith Zech and Kevin Buford (3:24.1) followed by the third-place Stevenson team of Pat Smith, Adam Chludzinski, Travis Gosselin and Matt Williams (3:25.5, also good enough to qualify for states).

Plymouth wasn't far behind, with a mark of 3:27.1.

"It's kind of weird, us, Canton and Salem and I think whoever else was in that mix every single one of us broke the school record (in the 1600 relay) because all the guys were fresh," Mikosz said. "We missed qualifying I think by 0.3 seconds in that relay, it was pretty close."

#### POTENTIAL REALIZED

According to Mikosz, the regional championship — the first recorded by any Plymouth High School team — was extra special because of the way the athletes lived up to their collective potential.

"Going into the season, I told the team we had the potential to do great things," said Mikosz about the Wildcats, who unseated Salem

as regional champs. "To see a team that has potential live up to it is, as a coach, is the greatest feeling."

Despite not repeating, Salem's Meteyer also was upbeat about the way his team competed not to mention six athletes advancing to the Michigan High School Athletic Association D1 state meet June 5 in Rockford.

"We were happy, as we were regional champs last year and runners-up this year," Meteyer said. "The state meet is more than just a meet; it's a bonding experience that guys never forget."

Plymouth won't just get to compete at the MITCA meet. Five team members finished in the top-two in their events or eclipsed event standards and also are headed to Rockford.

The 3,200-relay team of Matt Neumann, Justin Heck, Porcari and Buzzard qualified with a winning mark of 8:01.9 — nipping Stevenson (8:03.4).

Junior Kyle Brindza qualified in the shot put with a second-place toss of 51.3.5.

Buzzard will also compete at Rockford in the mile and two-mile runs while Heck also qualified in the 3,200 run.

#### PUSHING EACH OTHER

The other two PCEP schools also will be well-represented at

the D1 state meet. In addition to the 1,600-meter relay team, Salem qualifiers included O'Connor (1st, 300 hurdles, 40.2), Gaskell (1st, 200 dash, 22.6; 2nd, 400, 49.6); and Martin (1st, 800 run, 1:56.2).

Two Salem throwers made the cut in the shot put. Qualifying, despite a third-place finish, was Ed Merhi (51-05). Dana Baltazar (5th, 50-0) also will represent the Rocks.

For the Chiefs, joining the 1,600-meter relay team will be Matt Schacht (2nd, high jump, 6-1), Nick Alaniva (2nd, pole vault, 13-10) and Buford both in the 200 dash (2nd, 23.0) and 400 dash (1st, 49.5).


The success of the PCEP squads did not go unnoticed by Mikosz.

"To be able to pull (off) that, that's what's making us all better as a team. The competitiveness," he said. "To be able to compete with Canton you have to be *this* good, to be able to compete with Salem you have to be *this* good."


"So we need to keep stepping the bar up, and I think that's what's making all the programs that much better."

For full results from the D1 boys and girls track & field regionals, please go to [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

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This scene at Independence Park from the 2009 Canton Cup expects to play out again at this year's event, which begins 5 p.m. Friday and runs through Sunday. Nearly 700 soccer teams of various age and skill levels will compete.

**CUP**

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Soccer Club) and far (from the Midwest, Canada and Scotland, for the boys Elite U15-U19 Celtic Invitational).

**LET'S BE FAIR**

According to Vaughn, the Celtic Invitational is an exciting development that smooths over any competitive wrinkles — by extracting the very best teams and putting them into a separate tourney.

"Ever since I've been doing this, one of the biggest drawbacks of our tournament," Vaughn said, "is that the highest-level teams in our own club, being the Canton Celtic, boys and girls, we would sometimes be too good for the competition that's coming in."

"It wasn't a real competitive tournament for what we call our 'A' teams."

But with the Canton Cup growing by leaps and bounds in recent years, the time was right to begin a "tournament within a tournament" for those ultra-talented squads.

With the Woodwynd Wolves signed up, not to mention the minor professional Michigan Bucks, high-octane soccer is taking over Independence Park on Saturday night (go to www.cantoncup.net for the game schedule) while maintaining parity elsewhere throughout the Canton Cup.

And it's telling that the Wolves went above and beyond to be able to make the trek to Canton.

Vaughn said United

**CUP RUNNETH OVER**

**What:** Canton Soccer Club's 28th Annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament and concurrent first-annual Celtic Invitational.

**Where:** Various locations throughout Canton Township, with 45 fields hosting about 1,000 games involving all ages and skill levels. Twenty-four of those fields are at Independence Park, Denton-Cherry Hill. Other venues (all operated by Canton Leisure Services) include Heritage Park at Heritage Parkway-Canton Center Road and Griffin Park, located at Cherry Hill-Sheldon.

**Admission/parking:** No charge to spectators, and there'll be as many as 40,000 of them from 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

**Why:** The huge event is the best of both worlds for soccer lovers, with low-level recreational boys and girls teams competing for trophies and elite teams doing the same.

**Games:** Youth games will range from 50-minutes (25-minute halves) to 70-minutes (35-minute halves). High school-age and elite games are 90-minutes long, said tournament director John Vaughn.

**Thanks:** More than 100 volunteers and staff are essential to the event taking place. The tourney is sanctioned by Michigan State Youth Soccer Association and the United States Youth Soccer Association.

**Info:** To find out more, including schedules, go to www.cantoncup.net.

Kingdom pro players Jim Fleeting and Jim Stewart (both from Woodwynd, Scotland) donated autographed team memorabilia for raffles to help the Wolves raise travel funds.

Teams in the first-ever Celtic Invite, as well as the higher-level teams in the Canton Cup, will hopefully provide a showcase of talent for any college coaches in attendance.

**IT'S FOR EVERYBODY**

Whether serious programs or fun-first outfits, teams are paying big bucks (\$425-\$625 just for registration fees) to give it a go here.

Vaughn notes recession-free factors such as professionalism and friendliness from an army of volunteers and impeccable Canton Township parks (operated by Canton Leisure

Services) with plenty of "user-friendly" parking and concessions.

But don't forget about that quest to be a destination for any player who has passion for restarts, headers and corner kicks.

"I've been doing this for five years and I think we've grown from just over 400 teams to just under 700 now," Vaughn said. "That's pretty good growth, especially since the economy effects youth sports, too."

"I think it's because our tournament appeals to teams of all levels."

For soccer lovers, so does having a truly memorable holiday weekend filled with their favorite sport from wire-to-wire.

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# Thackaberry Golf Outing scheduled for June 26

BY TIM SMITH  
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For the second straight year since the untimely 2008 passing of former Salem Dugout Club president Milt Thackaberry, folks have the chance to take a swing — a golf swing, that is — to honor his memory and raise some cash to help the current baseball program.

The 2nd Annual Milt Thackaberry Salem Baseball Golf Outing is slated for Saturday, June 26, at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center. A 1 p.m. shotgun start will kick it all off.

For \$110 per golfer (if registered before June 1) or \$125 (payment received after June 1), participants will get 18 holes of golf, a hot dog lunch, clubhouse dinner with open bar, prizes and a raffle.

"Milt Thackaberry had two sons in the (Salem baseball) program," said Steve Gordon, who started the Thackaberry event in 2009. "He was a big supporter of Salem baseball and we want to honor his commitment. ... This golf outing is to raise money to keep the program going."

The first Thackaberry golf outing was an unqualified suc-



Members of Salem's 2009 baseball team are shown during the debut Milt Thackaberry Memorial golf outing. The 2nd Annual Thackaberry event is set for June 26 at Fox Hills.

cess, drawing 90 golfers and raising approximately \$6,000. Money helped make improvements to the sound and water systems on Salem's varsity field.

"We're looking for continued success," Gordon said. "We have a lot of local support from companies."

Thackaberry had two sons who played varsity baseball at Salem, including Mike (2001 graduate) and Andy (2004

grad). Those interested in signing up can go to www.rocksbaseball.com for further information. They also can e-mail Gordon (sgordon88@sbcglobal.net) or Denny Devine (devinev@aol.com), also of the Salem Dugout Club. Fox Hills is located at 8768 North Territorial Road in Plymouth.

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## PETERSON

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"He's a tough player for us offensively and he's very unassuming. He doesn't say much, he just goes ahead and does his job."

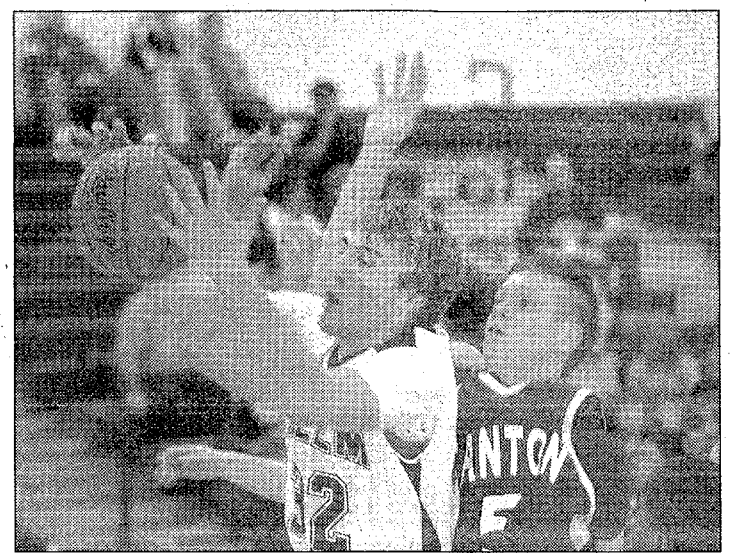
He won't be the only *Observerland* player to join the Cougars. Also in the Spring Arbor Class of 2010 is North Farmington's Rob Hogans.

**THE PLACE FOR HIM**

Meanwhile, Spring Arbor quickly became a perfect fit for Peterson, who had been recruited by eight colleges.

He narrowed his choice to Spring Arbor (a Christian college located near Jackson, Mich.) and Northwood University.

"I went up to the Northwood campus twice for visits," Peterson said. "But they just recently had a whole coaching change and I already really liked Spring Arbor so I felt that it was the right choice for me academically and athletically."



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Showing his penchant for hard-nosed basketball in this file photo is Salem senior Jake Peterson (No. 32), who next year will suit up for Spring Arbor University. Also in the photo is Canton's Paul Baumgart.

He also connected with coach Cottingham's approach to his program.

"I really liked the coach and how everyone on the team was good friends with each other," Peterson said. "I could sense the chemistry and it felt like a family."

Another plus was that the

Cougars made the NAIA Division II Elite Eight in 2009-10.

At Spring Arbor, armed with a full basketball scholarship, Peterson won't just go after putbacks and rebounds as a power forward. He'll pursue a degree in business, also important to him.

**Play Golf America**

Hickory Creek PGA golf pro Tami Bealert is continuing to host 10-minute free golf lessons on Saturdays (2-4 p.m.)

throughout May as part of the Play Golf America program.

The course is located at Ford-Napier roads in Superior Township, just west of Canton.

Participants must make appointments in advance, however. To do so, call Bealert at (734) 927-3265.

**Free golf clinic in June**

Meanwhile, Bealert is hosting another free family golf clinic (following a successful one on May 15). That will take place from 2-3 p.m. Saturday, June 26 at Hickory Creek Golf Course — located at Ford-Napier roads in Superior Township, just west of Canton.

For more information, go to www.TrainWithTami.com.

Golfers coming out that day will be encouraged to donate to the Susan G. Komen 3-Day

**SPORTS ROUNDUP**

Walk campaign to raise money for research to find a cure for breast cancer. "We will be taking donations (June 26) for those who would like to support the cause," Bealert noted.

**Golf for Canton cagers**

The 3rd annual Canton Chiefs Basketball Golf Fundraiser is taking place on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at Salem Hills Golf Club. This fundraiser supports both the boys and girls basketball programs.

The cost is \$100 per golfer for 18 holes w/cart, free range balls, dinner and prizes. Registration begins at 11 a.m. with a putting contest at 12 p.m. and shotgun start at 1 p.m. The registration deadline is May 28, 2010.

If you are interested in golfing, donating or sponsoring our fundraiser to support our basketball program, please contact Jimmy Reddy, Canton Boys Varsity coach at (734) 751-9496.

**'Extreme' Canton hoops fundraiser June 2**

T.G.I. Friday's is partnering with the Canton Boys Basketball program for a

unique fundraiser, starting 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 2.

There will be what is dubbed "an entertaining night of extreme bartending rivaling the performance of Tom Cruise in the film 'Cocktail.' Bartenders will dazzle you with their skills of juggling while you help support Canton Basketball by bidding on drinks."

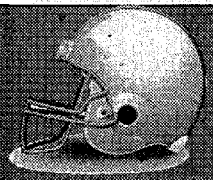
A gift auction will also be part of the fun program, slated for the T.G.I. Friday's at 44250 Ford Road in Canton. For more information, call (734) 254-0442. The program is only open to those age 21 and older.

**CYO fall volleyball**

St. John Neumann Catholic Church of Canton is seeking any 4th-8th grade girls interested in playing CYO volleyball this coming fall. All home games will be played in the new state of the art gym that opened in November, 2009.

Any member of St. Thomas a Becket, Resurrection and St. John Neumann churches are eligible to play. The season begins in August and ends in early October. To register, call athletic director Walt Marek at (734) 455-5910.

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# Strictly Business

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Business News

- ArtFeast will be held Aug. 27-28. Questions can be directed to Jill Andra Young at (734) 455-7787.
- The first sidewalk power washing of the season is scheduled for early June, immediately following the conclusion of the streetscape construction. According to Downtown Development Authority officials, the contractor has agreed to offer reduced pricing to clean dust and debris (bird droppings etc.) off storefronts of those businesses located on the power washing route (Ann Arbor Trail between Harvey and Union, Forest between Wing and Ann Arbor Trail, Main between Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman, Penniman between Harvey and Union).

The cost will be \$25 for the cleaning, which will include a soap and high-pressure hot water rinse. This price will not include any work requiring a ladder, or any scrubbing with brushes etc. Businesses wanting information about other services or more cleaning options can contact Jon at Delta Pressure Washing at (586) 918-2522. Businesses wanting their storefront cleaned should contact the DDA office.

### Concerts begin

The first "Music in the Air" concert is 7 p.m. Friday in Kellogg Park with The Sound Alternative playing favorite hits.

There are still concerts available for sponsorship. The DDA has kept the sponsorships at \$1,000 "despite the fact the concert costs have gone up," officials said. Call the DDA office for more information.

### Resource workshop

In an effort to help communities diversify industry, move the region forward and create jobs, Wayne County, in partnership with the University of Michigan's Community Economic Adjustment Program, is hosting a Community Resource Workshop at Henry Ford Community College to give businesses an edge on economic recovery.

"This workshop will directly link Wayne County's local communities and community agencies with representatives from the state and federal government, which helps the region continue to move forward, diversify and grow," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "Together, participants and businesses will discuss projects, funding opportunities at the state and national level, and subsequent proposals for development."



### Pie champion

Dave Pierce receives congratulations from Detroit Tigers mascot Paws after becoming the first Shepherd's Pie Eating Contest champion by downing four pounds, four ounces of the pie at Sean O'Callaghan's first annual event. Fourteen contestants entered the competition and ate a combined more than 40 pounds of Shepherd's Pie. Contestants had 10 minutes to consume as much pie as possible. Sean O'Callaghan's Irish Pub is located at 821 Penniman in Plymouth. Call them at (734) 459-6666.

ward, diversify and grow," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "Together, participants and businesses will discuss projects, funding opportunities at the state and national level, and subsequent proposals for development."

The workshop will be held on July 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Henry Ford Community College, located at 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn. Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano will give opening remarks.

Since 2006, CEAP has been working with communities in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin greatly impacted by auto manufacturing decline, providing assistance to these communities to access resources helping to address economic recovery. Program assistance is free of charge and is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration.

For more information on Wayne County's Community Resource Workshop and to register, contact Carmen Wells Quigg at (734) 998-7016.

### Healthy eating

Hiller's Markets announces

nutritionist Gail Posner, RD, MS, will lead one-hour tours to educate shoppers on healthy eating strategies. Posner will also address sensible and strategic choices for weight loss and various health conditions.

There is a \$25 registration fee and space is limited; interested parties must call 248-855-4558 to reserve a spot. Posner will conduct these guided tours 7-8 p.m. Thursday, May 27, at Hiller's Plymouth location, 15455 N. Haggerty.

### Dance lessons

Registration is now open at Metro Dance Company for the six-week Summer Dance Session. Classes for all ages, preschool - adult begin the week of July 12 and run through Aug. 20. Wedding choreography and private lessons in any style also available. Register now by phone at (734) 207-8970.

Metro Dance Company is a full-service dance studio offering classes for all ages, 2 1/2 - adult. The studio is located at 541 S Mill (Lilley), just outside downtown Plymouth. All information, including complete class schedules can be found online at www.MetroDanceCompany.com

## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

### Local Realtor promises 'added value'

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

**Bruce Webb:** Residential real estate sales assisting sellers and buyers with their real estate needs. Excellent service provided for relocation, new construction, first time buyers, short sale and foreclosure properties.

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

**Bruce Webb:** I had been looking to get into investment property but a good friend of mine who I played softball

with was the manager of a real estate company. After talking with him I decided this would be a very good way of learning the business.

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

**Bruce Webb:** The Plymouth/Canton community provides a lot of excellent amenities to the public: Very good school district, safe neighborhoods, many recreational choices, shopping, and more for a very good price.

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

**Bruce Webb:** Added value that I bring to every transaction. I network with numerous business people in the Plymouth/Canton community that can assist my clients with more than just real estate. I get to know these professionals to the point where I can trust them and be

### COLDWELL BANKER PREFERRED - BRUCE WEBB

**Business Name and Address:** Coldwell Banker Preferred Realtors-Bruce Webb, 44644 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Your Name and Title:** Bruce Webb, Real Estate consultant

**Your Hometown:** Canton

**Business Opened:** 1991

**Number of Employees:** 1 (independent contractor with the support staff from Coldwell Banker Preferred Realtors)

**E-mail and website:** bruce@brucewebb.com | www.brucewebb.com

comfortable with them enough to refer them to my clients.

**Observer:** How has your business changed?

**Bruce Webb:** It has been a roller coaster ride. Coming out of the 1980's when we had double digit interest, then into the building years where we were writing offers on the hood of cars to get them in as quickly as possible, to today where 30-40 percent of our business is bank owned or short sale transaction plus all the changes in the mortgage industry.

**Observer:** Do you have an anecdote or funny tidbit about your business?

**Bruce Webb:** This was years ago, but it still ranks as one of my best stories. I was working with the buyers on a property and obstacles just kept getting in the way. Their closing was moved back a couple of different times. It got to the point where we had to close on this one particular day or the deal would fall apart and never close.

My client just happened to be pregnant. Sure enough, closing day came and she went into labor. I picked up the closer from the title company and the two of us went to the hospital so the wife could sign the

paperwork before she delivered the baby. We went back to the title company where we met the sellers and the husband whom I was working with to finalize the transaction. We listened to my client, per the husbands' cell phone, give birth to a beautiful baby girl. The Observer even wrote an article "Pushing to Close."

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

**Bruce Webb:** It's not too hard to figure out how the economy has affected our business. The prices of homes across the area have dropped, the mortgage industry has tightened their belts, bank owned and short sale properties have sprung up everywhere, and a lot of agents have left the business.

**Observer:** What does the future hold for your business?

**Bruce Webb:** It is all about jobs! When - and I say when - we get more good paying quality jobs back in the area, real estate and as the whole community will get moving again. Our representatives at the local, state and federal levels need to make it affordable to move in and to start new businesses in Michigan.

### Relay For Life

The 2010 Relay For Life of Plymouth will take place on June 12-13 at Central Middle School from 10:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. For more information on how you can get involved or about the kick-off event, contact Katie Brennan at (248) 663-3436 or e-mail at Kathryn.Brennan@cancer.org.

### 10 Member Connection

10 Member Connection networking events have 10 members from different industries network with each other in an informal setting at the Chamber office.

Each participant will have up to three minutes to talk about their business and pass out information. There will also be time for one-on-one networking and to ask questions of the other participants.

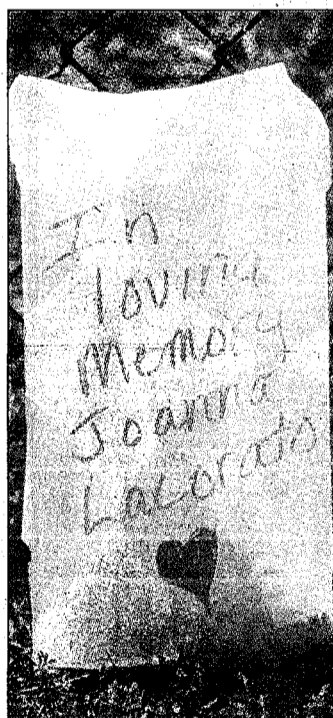
To sign up for the June 10 event, email wes@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540.

### Community garage sale

It is Spring cleaning time! Start gathering up all those items that you no longer need, use, or want. Get and 8'x4' spot inside the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena, don't worry the ice will be out, to sell everything and free up extra space in your house.

For \$20 you can reserve your spot. The Garage Sale will be held June 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., so if you do not

## CHAMBER CHAT



Memorial Luminaria will be a big part of the event when the 2010 Relay For Life of Plymouth takes place June 12-13 at Central Middle School.

need to sell but need to buy come to the Plymouth Cultural Center and pick up a hidden treasure.

For further information contact Lauren at (734) 455-6620, Ext. 309 or via email at lob-sniuk@ci.plymouth.mi.us

### Top ambassador

Each month the Chamber is featuring an active member of our Ambassadors Committee. On this Committee, members do reach out to new and

existing Chamber members, volunteer to help at events and attend ribbon cuttings and other Chamber activities. If you are interested in learning more about the Ambassadors Committee, please call the Chamber at (734) 453-1540.

Rita Maltese and her husband Joe are co-owners of WhiteROCK Specialties, a 30-year old promotional products and advertising company. Their goal is very simple - to provide their customers with the best service, skills and products available in a friendly, professional and prompt manner. They want to service you with "valued promotional products", not just sell you products! Rita can be reached at 734-737-0600.

### Golf outing

Reservations to golf or to be a sponsor at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's annual golf outing are now being taken. The event takes place Monday, July 12, on the Golden Fox course at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center. Tee off is at 10 a.m.

The golfing package includes lunch, refreshments on the course, cocktails/beer and dinner. Foursomes also receive a tee sign, sponsor recognition and one free \$25 raffle ticket.

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# Enjoy farmer's market produce in pasta, soup, salad

Vegetables are an ideal canvas for a vast palette of sunny and internationally-inspired flavors, including fresh citrus juice, spices such as garlic and ginger, fresh herbs, and pantry staples, like soy sauce and Swanson broth and stock. The experts at Campbell's Kitchen have been hard at work creating a variety of versatile recipes that make it deliciously simple to enjoy eating vegetables.

A refreshing change from the standard

salad, Margarita Shrimp Salad features tender shrimp, which are marinated in a mixture of lime juice and garlic, and tossed with crisp bell peppers, onions and romaine lettuce. Zucchini Soup with Herbed Cream is a fresh way to savor squash. To move vegetables to the center of the plate, try Vegetable Stir-Fry which features a sauce made with ginger, garlic and soy sauce, or try Broccoli & Garlic Penne Pasta for a versatile dish that's certain to please.

## BROCCOLI & GARLIC PENNE PASTA

Prep: 20 minutes  
Cook: 10 minutes  
Makes: 4 servings (about 2 cups each)

- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil leaves, crushed
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 cups broccoli florets
- 4 1/2 cups penne pasta, cooked and drained
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Heat broth, basil, black pepper, garlic and broccoli in 10-inch skillet over medium heat to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cover and cook until broccoli is tender-crisp.

Add pasta and lemon juice and toss to coat. Sprinkle pasta mixture with cheese.



Broccoli & Garlic Penne Pasta

## MARGARITA SHRIMP SALAD

Prep: 15 minutes  
Marinate: 30 minutes  
Cook: 10 minutes  
Makes: 4 servings (about 2 cups per serving)

- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 2 teaspoons grated lime zest
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 pound fresh large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 3/4 cup chicken stock
- 1 medium orange or red pepper, cut into 2-inch-long strips (about 1 1/2 cups)
- 1 small onion, sliced (about 1/4 cup)
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro leaves
- 4 cups romaine lettuce or iceberg lettuce torn into bite-sized pieces
- 2 large tomatoes, thickly sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

Stir lime juice, lime zest and garlic in 2-quart shallow, nonmetallic baking dish or gallon-sized resealable plastic bag. Add shrimp and toss to coat. Cover dish or seal bag and refrigerate for 30 minutes, turning shrimp over several times during marinating.

Heat stock in 2-quart saucepan over medium-high heat to a boil. Add pepper and onion, and cook until vegetables are tender-crisp.

Reduce heat to medium. Add shrimp and marinade to saucepan and cook until shrimp are cooked through. Stir in cilantro. Divide lettuce, tomatoes and shrimp mixture among 4 serving plates. Sprinkle with black pepper.

## VEGETABLE STIR-FRY

Prep: 5 minutes  
Cook: 15 minutes  
Makes: 4 servings (1 cup each)

- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 4 cups cut-up vegetables (broccoli florets, cauliflower florets, baby carrots and sliced celery)
- 2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger root or 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- Toasted sesame seeds (optional)

Stir broth, cornstarch and soy sauce in small bowl until mixture is smooth.

Heat oil in 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add vegetables, ginger root and garlic and stir-fry until tender-crisp.

Add broth mixture to skillet. Cook and stir until mixture boils and thickens. Sprinkle with sesame seeds, if desired.

Tip: You can substitute your favorite vegetables in this recipe.



Vegetable Stir-Fry

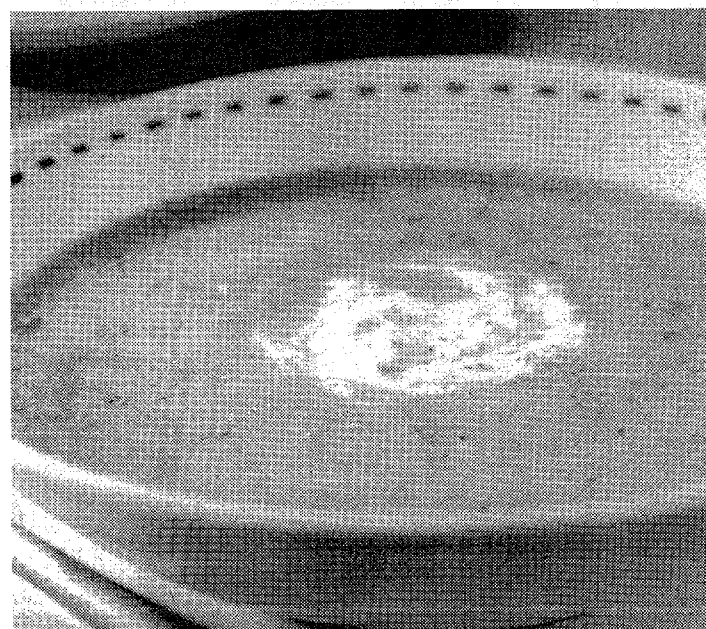
## ZUCCHINI SOUP WITH HERBED CREAM

Prep: 15 minutes  
Cook: 30 minutes  
Makes: 6 servings (1 1/2 cups each)

- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 4 teaspoons chopped fresh basil leaves
- 4 teaspoons chopped fresh oregano leaves
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large onion, finely chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 4 medium zucchini, thinly sliced (about 6 cups)
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 3 cups vegetable broth

Stir sour cream, 1 teaspoon basil and 1 teaspoon oregano in small bowl. Cover and refrigerate.

Heat oil in 4-quart saucepan over medium heat. Add onion and garlic and cook until tender. Add zucchini and black pepper. Cook for 5 minutes or until zucchini is tender.



Zucchini Soup with Herbed Cream

Add broth, remaining basil and remaining oregano. Heat to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cover and cook for 15 minutes.

Place one third of the zucchini mixture into blender or food processor. Cover and blend until smooth. Pour mixture into large bowl. Repeat blending process twice more with remaining zucchini mixture. Return all puréed mixture to saucepan. Cook over medium heat for 5 minutes or until hot.

Divide soup among 6 serving bowls and top with about 1 tablespoon sour cream mixture, using a spoon to swirl cream in a decorative pattern on soup surface.

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Health magazine also has named wild blueberries high on its list of "America's Healthiest Superfoods for Women," singling out their variety of potential health benefits, including preventing memory loss, improving motor skills, lowering blood pressure, and fighting wrinkles.

Wild blueberries are available year-round in supermarkets nationwide. Frozen at the peak of ripeness, all the farm-fresh taste and nutritional benefits are locked-in. Most studies show that frozen fruits and vegetables are higher in vitamins, minerals and phytonutrients because they are frozen near the time of harvest.

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### CHICKEN BREAST WITH SWEET AND SOUR WILD BLUEBERRY SAUCE

Prep Time: Approximately 20 minutes  
Serves 1

- 1 6-ounce skinless, boneless chicken breast
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 teaspoon oil
- 1 small red pepper
- 1 small green pepper
- 2 tablespoons fig jam (or apricot jam)
- 4 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons sweet and sour chili sauce
- 1/2 cup frozen wild blueberries, thawed and drained
- Season chicken breast with salt and pepper.
- Heat oil in small, non-stick frying pan. Fry chicken breast for 12 to 15 minutes. Remove from heat and let cool.
- Wash, seed and cut peppers into bite-sized pieces. Cut cooked chicken breast into bite-sized pieces; combine with peppers. Mix jam with balsamic vinegar, sugar and chili sauce. Gently stir in Wild Blueberries.



Wild Blueberry Ice Cream Pops

### WILD BLUEBERRY GINGERED LEMON MUFFINS

Prep Time: 30 minutes  
Yield: approximately 36 muffins

- 6 cups cake flour
- 2 tablespoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups low-fat buttermilk
- 1 1/2 cups (12 ounces) egg substitute
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 4 cups frozen wild blueberries
- 1/2 cup (3 ounces) crystallized ginger, chopped
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar, for topping
- 2 tablespoons lemon zest

In bowl combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; reserve.

In another bowl beat together buttermilk, egg substitute, 1 1/2 cups sugar and oil; stir into flour mixture just to blend. Fold in Wild Blueberries, ginger and lemon zest.

Scoop 1/2 cup batter into each greased 1/2-cup muffin tin. Sprinkle each muffin with sugar. Bake in 400°F conventional oven or 375°F convection oven 18 to 22 minutes or until firm to the touch. Serve warm.

### WILD BLUEBERRY ICE CREAM POPS

Prep Time: Approximately 15 minutes, plus thaw and freezing time

Yield: 6 Pops

- 1 cup frozen wild blueberries
  - 1 ounce milk chocolate chips
  - 2 cups fat-free vanilla frozen yogurt, softened slightly
- Materials: small wooden or plastic sticks

Thaw Wild blueberries and purée. In a bowl, combine puréed wild blueberries, chocolate and frozen yogurt. Mix thoroughly.

Rinse 6 standard muffin cups with cold water and spoon in Wild Blueberry mixture, dividing it evenly between the cups (silicone muffin cups need not be rinsed first). Place a stick in the center of each "muffin" and freeze until firm, at least 2 hours.

Tip: Mixture can also be frozen with plastic sticks in small glasses or espresso cups.

(Courtesy of Family Features)



### Top ratings

Megan McCarthy, Director of Front Office Operations, with the Townsend Hotel, and Keith Scoffield, director of food and beverage at the Rugby Grill in Birmingham and Megan McCarthy, director of front office operations for the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, show off the Four Diamond Awards their facilities received recently from AAA Michigan. Other local award winners included Cafe Cortina in Farmington Hills and the Westin Hotel in Southfield.



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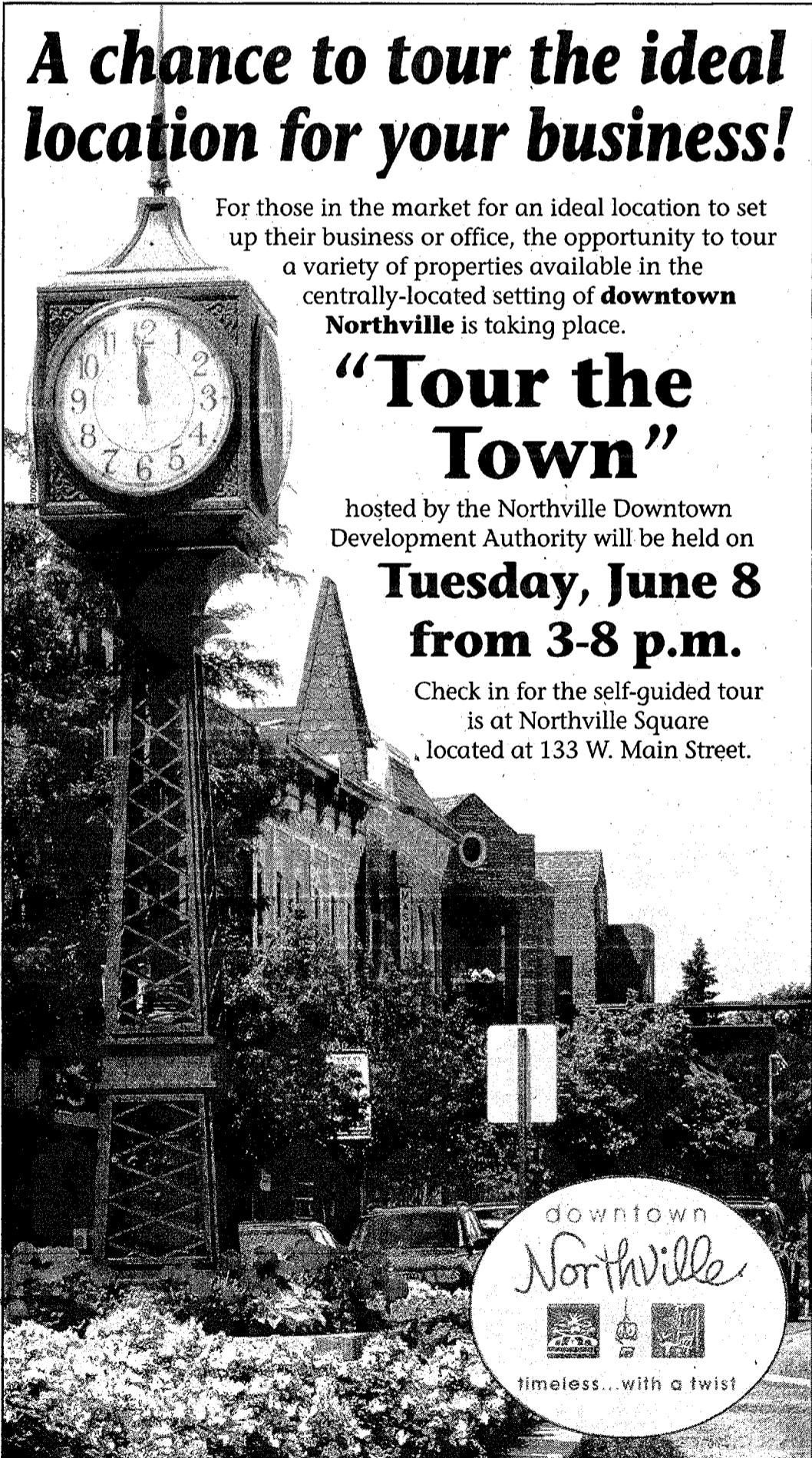
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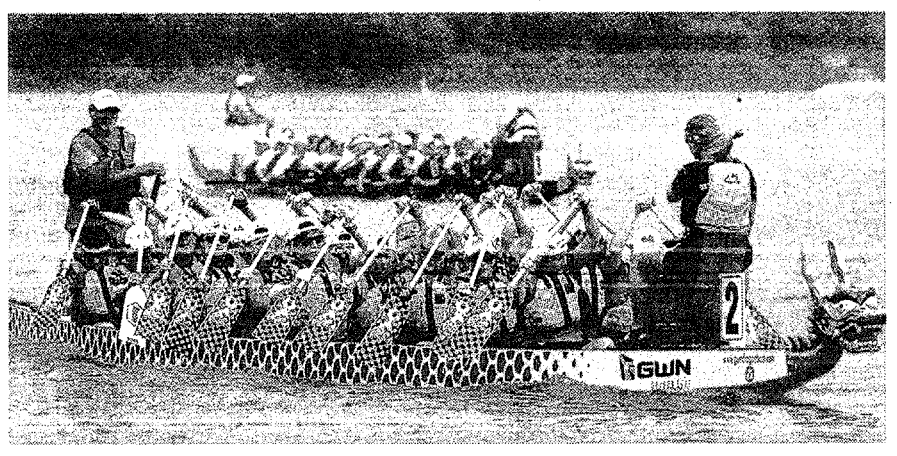
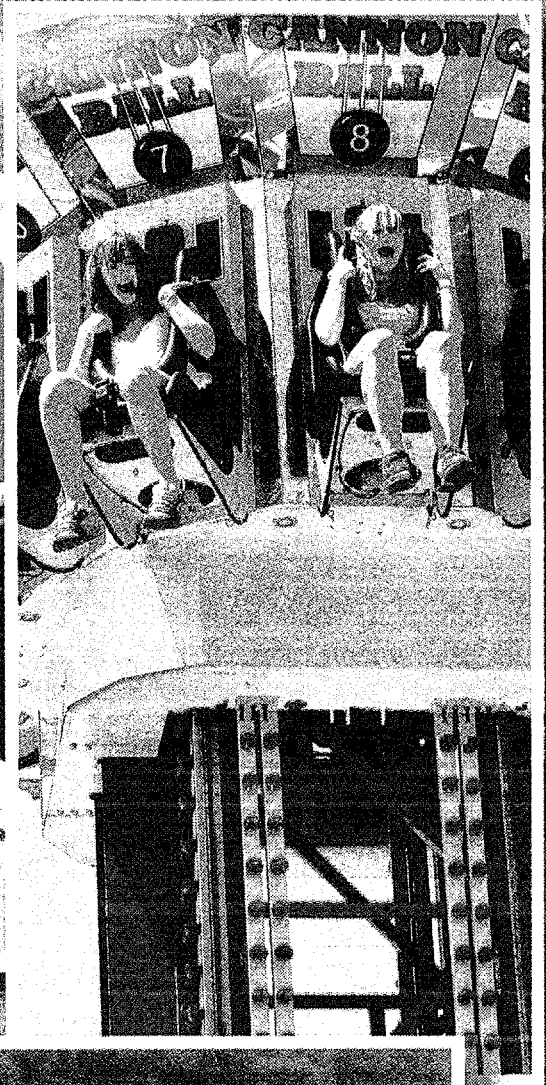
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**Date: June 24, 25, 26, 27 /2010**

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Windsor Symphony Orchestra, June 26, 8pm



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# Festivals among the best in Ontario



Roy Coutinho, president of the Optimist Club of St. Clair Beach, enjoyed a cob or two at last year's Tecumseh Corn Fest. - Star file photo

Local residents have always known that Windsor and Essex County festivals are winners. Now the rest of the province knows too.

The region left its mark on the festival industry at the annual Ontario Festivals and Events Conference held at the Crowne Plaza in Ottawa in early March. Six local festivals received Top 100 Awards and Shores of Erie Wine Festival brought home an Achievement Award for their 2009 Event Poster.

The events were also finalists in categories for Most Innovative Sponsorship, Most Innovative Partnerships, Best Merchandising/Souvenir Idea and Community Involvement.

Multi-year recipients of the Top 100 Awards, sponsored by VIA Rail, went to Essex FunFest, Tecumseh Corn Festival and Shores of Erie International Wine Festival.

Morley Bowman, Canada South Festival Network (CSFN) board chair and chairman of the Essex FunFest, attended the conference with nine other area delegates including Rita Ossington, executive director of the CSFN, and Chris Ryan, executive director of Tourism Windsor Essex and Pelee Island.

"Not all festivals have to be large to have economic impact and it is great to have some of our long-standing community festivals recognized for their achievements at the provincial

level," Bowman says. "It is a great indication that even when times are tough we are able to produce quality festivals."

Windsor International Film Festival, Carrousel of the Nations and Ruthven Apple Festival each received the award for the second time.

Ruthven Apple Festival's Tony DeSantis, manager of community relations and resource development with Community Living Essex, says his group was "extremely proud to receive the award again and our festival organizers saw the impact of the designation on their ability to attract sponsors and guests last year. It is a true testament to the many volunteers of the region who make up the festival industry."

From left, Jacquie Grondin, Ciara Mailloux and Stephanie Mailloux attended the Shores of Erie International Wine Festival in Amherstburg last year. The marquee event returns in September. - Star file photo



## Vintage good times ahead

Windsor and Essex County is ripe – both in quantity and quality – with wine-related events again this summer and fall. Here are some key dates to pencil into your calendar:

**May 20** Windsor Regional Hospital hosts the All Canadian Wine Championship Passport to Canada public tasting at Caboto Club in partnership with the All Canadian Wine Championships (ACWC) with 750 wines showcasing the country's best wines. Proceeds benefit The Cornerstone of Caring - Western Campus Redevelopment. Visit [www.wrhc.on.ca](http://www.wrhc.on.ca).

**June 5-6** Sip into Summer as area wineries hold open houses. Visit [www.swova.ca](http://www.swova.ca) for event details.

**June 26** Colchester Ridge Estate Winery's fourth annual Vintage Release Party and barbecue, 2-7 p.m. Sample selections by chef Jeff Wright with wine and live jazz and blues by The Eccentric Band. Advance tickets \$45; call 519-738-9800 or email [info@colchesterridge.com](mailto:info@colchesterridge.com).

**June 19** Sanson Estate Winery in Amherstburg celebrates the summer

solstice. Call 519-726-9609 or visit [dsanson.mnsi.net](http://dsanson.mnsi.net).

**July 2-3** Riverside Sportsmen's Club Wine and Food festival offers samplings and award winners.

**Aug. 8** The 15th annual Vintage Tasting South Western Ontario Vintners Association for all of its 12 winery members – there are 14 wineries in all in this area, including Viewpointe Estate and Sanson Estate which are not members – takes place at Muscedere Vineyards this year.

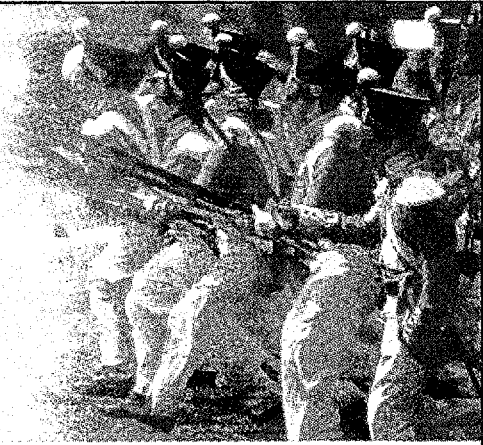
**Sept. 9-12** Shores of Erie International Wine Festival combines the perfect blend of regional wines, fine cuisine and top notch entertainment. Set along the magnificent waterfront grounds of Fort Malden National Historic site of Canada. Visit [www.soewinefestival.com](http://www.soewinefestival.com) for details.

**Sept. 18** Viewpointe Estate Winery holds the first of its Grape to Glass events, offering partial vineyard and facility tours where they follow the life of a grape. Tickets \$15 plus taxes per person. Call 519-738-0690 to reserve.

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### Summer Events



**MAY**  
May 6, 7, 8, 9 All at Centennial Park  
**Lion's Club Carnival Show**  
Call 519 736-7262 for more details

May 8, 9  
**Hillman Marsh Spring Shore & Songbird Celebration**  
9 to 4 pm [www.erca.org](http://www.erca.org)

May 23  
**Victorian Tea** Park House Museum, 214 Dalhousie St. Afternoon Tea and Guided Tour 1 to 4:30 pm Call 736-2511 or visit [www.parkhousemuseum.com](http://www.parkhousemuseum.com)

May 29, 30  
**Amherstburg Garden Tour** Private and Public sites. Horticultural Fair at the Amherstburg Arena. Plant show and sale. 519 736-9430 or 519 945-0255

May 28  
**Beef in the 'Burg**  
By The Amherstburg Rotary Club at Toddy Jones Park 4 pm to 9 pm. 519 736-8212

**JUNE**  
June 5, 6, Boblo Dance Hall & grounds  
**"Let's all go to Boblo!" weekend**  
Chamber of Commerce Mardi Gras Dinner and Dance 519 736-2001; Sunday - Seasons Amherstburg dinner dance 519 736- 7557 or [www.amherstburgchamberofcommerce.ca](http://www.amherstburgchamberofcommerce.ca)

June 12  
**Firefighters "J Wimpy" Volleyball Tournament**  
Centennial Park. Fun, competition and a dance afterwards! Games 9 am - 6 pm. Dance 9 pm - 1 am. Call 519 736-6500

June 12  
**Highland Dance Competition**  
An exciting day of Highland Dancing at Fort Malden NHSC. Admission applies. [www.fortmalden.ca](http://www.fortmalden.ca)

June 13 South Gateway  
**"Powered By Community" Walk, Run, Bike Event**  
Grand opening of Amherstburg's New Trail System and Gateways. Zumba and fun for the entire family.

**JULY**  
July 1 Fort Malden NHSC  
**Canada Day Celebrations & Ice Cream Festival**  
Fireworks and ice cream! Cake, ice cream, games, pony rides - we have it all! Pancake Breakfast and Citizenship Court ceremony! 519 730-1309

July 3  
**Bob-Lo Historic Lighthouse Park Grand Opening**  
Marina 519.730.0194 (In Season) 1.877.222.2126 or [www.boblomarina.com](http://www.boblomarina.com)

July 24, 25, 26, Verdi Club  
**Verdi Club Community Family Event**  
Call 519 736-4382 for more information.

July 31  
**Tavern by the River** at Fort Malden NHSC Listen to live music while enjoying cold beverages from our tavern and food from our BBQ. 19+ welcome. Admission applies. 7 pm - midnight 519-736-1421 E-mail: [fofm@fortmalden.ca](mailto:fofm@fortmalden.ca)

July 31, August 1  
**Hands on Heritage**  
10 am to 4 pm at The Park House Museum Visit [www.parkhousemuseum.com](http://www.parkhousemuseum.com) or call 519 736-2511

July 31, Aug. 1  
**Military Heritage Days**  
Step back in time! Tactical demonstrations, military bands and encampments! 10 am to 5 pm at Fort Malden NHSC [www.pc.gc.ca](http://www.pc.gc.ca) or call 519 736-5416

**AUGUST**  
August 1  
**Amherstburg Gone Car Crazy Show**  
In Downtown Amherstburg 11 am to 4 pm Call 519 736-4020 for more information.

August 6, 7, 8  
**Amherstburg Heritage Homecoming Festival**  
Crossing to Freedom" re enactment at the mouth of Lake Erie and the Detroit River. Parade festivities and picnic afterwards! Call 519 990-1919 [www.amherstburgheritagehomecoming.com](http://www.amherstburgheritagehomecoming.com)

August 15  
**Windsor Symphony Orchestra in the Park**  
Bring your lawn chairs or blanket for a FREE concert at Kings Navy Yard Park

August 20, 21, 22  
**Rotary Club Rib Fest**  
At Centennial Park - Delicious Ribs, Entertainment and Children's program Contact 519 919-2006 or visit [www.amherstburg.ca](http://www.amherstburg.ca)

August 22, 2009  
**Holiday Beach Conservation Area Hawk Run**  
Join the 5km run or walk starting at 9 am. Proceeds to habitat restoration & visitor facility at Holiday Beach. Visit [www.erca.org](http://www.erca.org) for registration/pledge forms.

August 28, 29  
**Art By the River**  
Fort Malden NHSC 10 am to 5 pm daily Essex County's oldest art and craft show. Over 120 artisans from across Ontario. Admission: Adults \$4.50. Children under 12 FREE! Info a [www.gibsonartgallery.com](http://www.gibsonartgallery.com)

**MAY**

**May 21-24**

**Aladdin**  
Location: Capitol Theatre  
Michelle J. Mainwaring directs this Riverfront Theatre Company production. Call 519-736-9936 or visit [www.riverfronttheatrecompany.ca](http://www.riverfronttheatrecompany.ca).

**May 22-23**

**Sandwich Towne Art Festival**  
Location: Olde Sandwich Towne  
Celebrate art, music and food at this second annual event. Visit the website [www.sandwichtowneartfestival.com](http://www.sandwichtowneartfestival.com).

**May 24**

**118th Civic Celebration & Mayor's Riverfront Walk**  
Locations: Dieppe Gardens, Assumption Park  
Everyone is invited to join in with warm-up at 10:15 a.m. by In Motion as they head from Assumption to Dieppe to join the celebration of live music, children's activities and birthday cake, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit [www.cityofwindsor.ca](http://www.cityofwindsor.ca).

**May 24-29**

**Media City Film Festival**  
The 16th annual event includes 31 new films and videos, representing artists from 12 nations. Call 519-973-9368 or visit [www.houseoftoast.ca](http://www.houseoftoast.ca).



Lobsterfest returns for its 26th year May 28. Jim Fair, who chaired the Windsor Roseland Rotary Club event last year, holds up two lobsters while volunteers prepared more than 2,300 lbs. of lobster to serve to more than 600 people who helped raise more than \$20,000 in 2009. - Star file photo

**May 28**

**Windsor Roseland Rotary Lobsterfest**  
Location: Ciociaro Club  
The 26th annual event supports Windsor Roseland Rotary charities. Visit [www.roselandrotary.com](http://www.roselandrotary.com).

**May 29**

**Tecumseh Spring Fair**  
Hours: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Free for the family, you can walk or ride around town and visit attractions

at different locations. Plan for a day of family fun, eating and shopping. Look for the balloons. Visit the website [www.tecumsehbia.com](http://www.tecumsehbia.com) for information.

**May 29-30**

**BikeTREK**  
Explore the stunning waterfront views of Windsor-Essex and join The Lung Association's Bike TREK participants as they cycle 200 kms from Leamington to Windsor and back over two days. Routes of 100 kms and 25

kms routes also available. Register at [www.biketrek.ca](http://www.biketrek.ca) or call 519-256-3433.

**May 30**

**Motorcycle Ride for Dad Windsor**  
Departing at 10 a.m. from the WFCU Centre in Windsor, the ride tours Windsor and Essex County and finishes at the Ciociaro Club. Lunch, prizes, announcements and entertainment. Visit [www.motocycleridefordad.org/win](http://www.motocycleridefordad.org/win).

**May 29-30**

**Amherstburg Garden Tour**  
See a range of garden styles and plant show and sale at Amherstburg Arena. Call 519 736-9430 or 519 945-0255 for information and tickets.

**May 31**

**"What's Cooking?" with Carrousel**  
Location: Zehrs Parkway Mall  
The Multicultural Council brings together culture and cuisine with a special cookbook celebrating the 35th anniversary of the Carrousel of the Nations. Learn how to make some of these great recipes with the help of a local chef. Register online at [www.pccookingschool.ca](http://www.pccookingschool.ca) (select Zehrs Parkway Mall) or call Christine at 519-974-5763. Cost is \$10 with participants receiving a \$10 store gift certificate.

**Region rich in heritage and history**

Southwestern Ontario Heritage Council is inviting the public to experience history "through the doors of time" at local museums.

Heritage sites include: Park House, Fort Malden National Historic Site of Canada, North American Black Historical Museum, Essex County Steam & Gas Engine Museum Inc., Mackenzie Hall, Duff Baby, Sandwich First Baptist Church, Windsor's Community Museum, Northstar Cultural Community Centre, Windsor Wood Carving Museum, Windsor's Community Archives, Windsor's Historical Society, Canadian Historical

Aircraft Association, John Freeman Walls Historical Site and Underground Railroad Museum, Maidstone & District Historical Society/Maidstone Bicentennial Museum, Essex Railway, Essex & Community Historical Research Society, Canadian Transportation Museum & Heritage Village, Harrow Early Immigrant Research Society, John R. Park Homestead, Kingsville Historical Park, Essex-Kent Mennonite Historical Association, Leamington & Mersea Historical Society and Comber & District Historical Society.



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 15 — 7:00 in Windsor

Visit [windsorsymphony.ca](http://windsorsymphony.ca) for full details

**Leamington TOMATO Festival**



**AUGUST 18-22, 2010**

**Wednesday, August 18**  
Texas Scramble Golf Tournament-  
Erie Shores Golf and Country Club

**Thursday, August 19**  
Talent & Pageant-  
Kinsmen Recreation Complex

**Friday, August 20**  
Festival Opens  
Craft & Food Vendors All Weekend-  
Ongoing Stage Entertainment  
Wine Tasting- Local Vintners

**Saturday, August 20**  
Festival Parade  
Tomato Stomp Competition  
Ongoing Stage Entertainment-  
Wine Tasting- Local Vintners  
Musical Entertainment

All Events at Robson Road Park unless Noted

**Sunday, August 22**  
Pancake Breakfast  
5K Run/Walk-  
Kinsmen Recreation Complex  
Custom and Classic Car Show  
Firefighters' Water Barrel Fight- Leamington Docks

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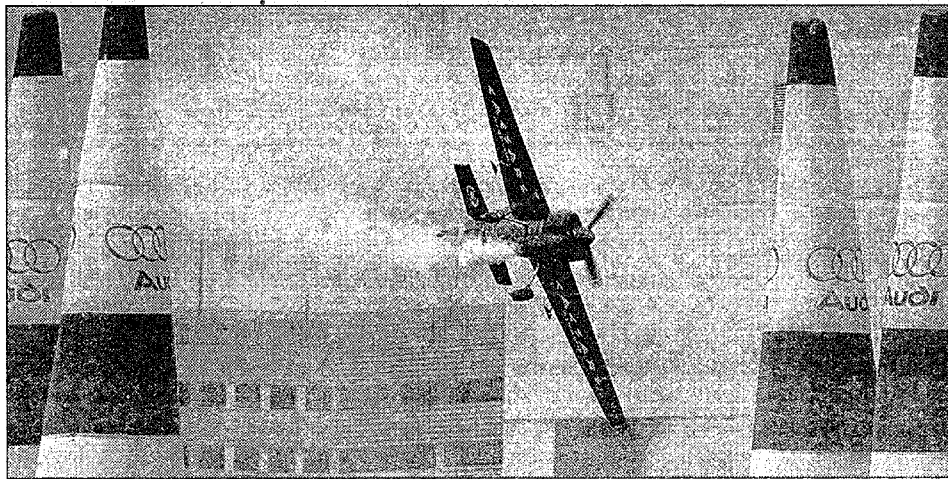
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Phone/Fax: 519-326-2878  
Vendor & Event Applications Online

**JUNE**

**June 3-6**  
**LaSalle Strawberry Festival**  
 Location: Gil Maure Park, LaSalle  
 The 23rd annual fest kicks off with a Miss LaSalle Strawberry Festival pageant and features music by headliners Crystal Gage and Default and other acts Friday and Saturday and fireworks on the river at dusk Friday. Sunday is filled with lots of contests. Events and admission to the park are free except for Saturday evening's entertainment. Call 519-969-5699 or visit [www.lasallestrawberryfestival.com](http://www.lasallestrawberryfestival.com).

**June 4**  
**Red Bull Air Races**  
 Lightweight airplanes reach speeds of 370 km/h as pilots navigate a low-level aerial track on the Detroit River. Visit [www.redbullairrace.com](http://www.redbullairrace.com) for details.

**June 4**  
**Poor Boy Luncheon**  
 Location: Downtown Windsor Armouries  
 Advocis Poor Boy Luncheon for Cystic Fibrosis serves Tunnel Bar-B-Q's famous Memphis Style Pulled Pork Sandwich and Coleslaw, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call Chantelle (519-252-2850) for \$6 advance tickets; also available at the door, \$7. Visit [www.cffwindsor.ca](http://www.cffwindsor.ca)



Red Bull Air Races returns to Windsor as pilots, including Pete McLeod of London, Ontario, compete against one another and navigate pylons on the Detroit River. - Star file photo

**June 4**  
**Music Express Broadway and Gospel Show**  
 Location: St Joseph Church 310 Sherk Street, Leamington  
 Proceeds benefit World Youth Day. Call 519-326-2643 for information.

**June 4-5**  
**The Snow Queen**  
 Location: Capitol Theatre  
 Windsor Dance eXperience presents

the Hans Christian Andersen tale. Call the Chrysler Theatre Box Office, 519-252-6579 or visit [www.wdxtheatre.ca](http://www.wdxtheatre.ca).

**June 4-6**  
**Art in the Park**  
 Location: Willistead Park, Windsor  
 The 32nd annual event is one of Ontario's largest outdoor arts and crafts shows with more than 245 exhibitors from across Ontario, Quebec and Michigan, as well as a

PlaySphere children's area and the popular Spirit Tent. Visit [www.artintheparkwindsor.com](http://www.artintheparkwindsor.com).

**June 11-12**  
**Relay for Life Kingsville**  
 Location: Canadian Transportation Museum and Historical Village, Kingsville  
 A 12-hour overnight, non-competitive relay of teams of approximately 10 people take turns walking, running or strolling around a track. Candlelit ceremony at dusk on the first day and lively entertainment, activities next day. Dinner, a light snack during the night and a hearty breakfast included. Many will even be able to catch a few winks. For more details visit [www.relayforlife.ca/kingsville](http://www.relayforlife.ca/kingsville).

**June 11-13**  
**Carrousel by the River**  
 Location: Riverfront Festival Plaza  
 Carrousel of the Nations celebrates its 35th anniversary with a fusion of world music, dance, art, food and culture. Opening weekend signals world music and non-stop entertainment complemented by dance, fine food, art and other forms of cultural expression. Visit [www.carrouselofnations.ca](http://www.carrouselofnations.ca).

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**June 12**

**Hot Dogs & Hot Rods**  
 Location: Essex Arena & Sports Complex, Essex  
 Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Windsor-Essex Therapeutic Riding Association (WETRA) hosts fundraising classic car show and "Dogs with Jobs" demonstrations. Proceeds help improve the quality of life of persons with physical, mental and emotional challenges through equine-related therapy. Call 519-969-1261 or visit [www.wetra.ca](http://www.wetra.ca).

**June 12**

**Downtown Windsor Farmers' Market**  
 Location: Former bus depot, 44 University Ave. E.  
 Hours: Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., until Oct. 30

The not-for-profit, volunteer-run market features local farmers, prepared foods and artisans. It opens for its second season. Visit [downtownfarmers-market.ca](http://downtownfarmers-market.ca) or the Downtown Windsor Farmers Market Facebook group.

**June 12-13**

**Amherstburg Food & Fellowship Mission Open House**  
 Location: 298 Victoria St. S., Amherstburg  
 See what the mission has accomplished with a Trillium Grant and ongoing support of businesses and individuals. Email [info@aburgmission.ca](mailto:info@aburgmission.ca).

**June 13**

**McGregor Music Festival**  
 Location: CoAn Park, McGregor  
 The music festival is a fundraiser for the Essex Windsor Cancer Foundation Centre. Live bands all day long. LLBO-licensed event. Car show on the same grounds as the music festival. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and costs \$5. For details, call 519-776-6739.

**June 13**

**Spring Fun on Wheels Car Show**  
 Location: Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village, Kingsville  
 About 500 vehicles and 60 vendors will be on hand. Phone 519-776-6909



SummerFest returns to downtown Windsor, highlighted by the spectacular fireworks show June 21 and a new route this year for the Canada Day Parade. - Star file photo

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**June 16-July 4**

**Summer Fest**  
 Location: Downtown Windsor  
 World's Finest Shows Midway at the Riverfront (June 16-July 4 - advance vouchers \$25), Buskers on the Midway (June 18-21), 33rd annual International Tug Boat Race and Shore Party-Dieppe Park (June 19, 1 p.m.), YTV's WOW interactive Show (June 21-24), Summer Fest Riverfront Fireworks (June 21), Summer Fest Uptown at Windsor Armouries (June 24-27), Sultans of String and Serena Ryder (June 24, 7 and 9 p.m.), Michou and The Trews Acoustic (June 25, 7 and 9 p.m.), Windsor Symphony Orchestra and Friends including Jody Raffoul and Sultans of String (June 26), Dancing in the Street-Motown Dance Party (June 27), Buskers on the Midway (June 25-27 and June 30 to July 4), Canada Day Parade along new route, Wyandotte St. E. from Devonshire to Glengarry, and cake-cutting at Fred Thomas Park (July 1) and more. Visit [www.summerfestwindsor.org](http://www.summerfestwindsor.org).

**June 18**

**ZZ Top live in concert**  
 Location: WFCU Centre  
 Hours: 7:30 p.m.  
 The Texan rock trio perform nearly 40 years worth of hits. Visit [www.wfcu-centre.com](http://www.wfcu-centre.com) for information or 1-866-969-WFCU (9328).

**June 18-19**

**Relay for Life**  
 Location: Vollmer Recreation Complex, LaSalle  
 The 12-hour overnight, non-competitive relay returns (See pg. E5), this time to LaSalle. Visit the website [www.relayforlife.ca/windsor](http://www.relayforlife.ca/windsor).

**June 18-20**

**Leamington Fair**  
 Location: Leamington Fairgrounds, Hwy. 77 N., Leamington  
 Live harness racing Friday, children's day Saturday, and the annual Lyndy Wiper Antique Tractor Parade and demolition derby Sunday are highlights.

Also, Carter Shows midway, homecrafts and culinary arts, school exhibits, 4-H displays, petting zoo and more. Tickets \$5 adults; free children under 12. Call 519-326-8082, email [ldasfair@gmail.com](mailto:ldasfair@gmail.com) or visit [www.theleamingtonfair.com](http://www.theleamingtonfair.com).

**June 18-20**

**Windsor Elvis Fest 2010**  
 Location: Capitol Theatre  
 The fifth annual event features four professional shows with perennial Windsor favourite Elvis Tribute Artist Pete Paquette, Stephen Kabakos (left) and past festival champions and finalists, including local performers. Saturday, the Cruisin' Classic Car Show returns with 70-80 beautiful classic cars dating from the 1920s to the '60s in front of the theatre. Featured festival restaurants will serve food. Visit [www.windsorelvisfest.com](http://www.windsorelvisfest.com).



**June 18-20, 25-27**

**Italian Carrousel of Nations**  
 Location: Erie Street  
 Hours: 5 p.m. to close  
 The Erie Street Business Improvement Association presents a festival of food, live music and entertainment over two weekends.

EVENTS GUIDE

**CANADIAN**  
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**Car Club Weekend**  
 Sat. + Sun. July 17+ 18  
 More info. at [www.ctmhv.com](http://www.ctmhv.com)  
 Sat., July 17, **Country Hoedown & Dance**

**Military Muster Show**  
 (Historical Vehicle) Sat. + Sun., Aug. 14 + 15 1812, WWI, WWII & Korea Era, 100 Vehicles, WWII Flyover Sat., Aug. 14, WWII Era Swing Dance. More info. at [www.militarymuster.org](http://www.militarymuster.org)

**Fall Arts & Craft Show**  
 Saturday and Sunday, September 11 + 12

**Murder Mystery**  
 Saturday, October 30th, 5pm - 10pm

**Cruise-Ins at our Diner at 5pm**  
 Every Thursday Night from May 13th until Mid October

**Fun on Wheels Car Show**  
 Spring - Sun., June 13  
 Fall - Sunday, Sept. 5  
**British Car Show -**  
 Sunday, July 11

**Flea Markets**  
 Spring - Sat. + Sun. June 19 + 20  
 Fall - Sat. + Sun., September 25 + 26

**CTMHV Fundraiser Barbeque with Entertainment**  
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**June 18-20, 25-27**

**Carrousel Around the City**  
Carrousel of the Nations Villages present two consecutive weekends of fine food, music, culture and warm hospitality at different ethno-cultural "villages" throughout the city in the area's largest regional multicultural festival. Visit [www.carrouselofnations.ca](http://www.carrouselofnations.ca).

**June 19**

**Ribs & Ragtime**  
Location: North American Black Historical Museum, 277 King St., Amherstburg  
Hours: 4-8 p.m.

Live music by Taslimah Bey Quartet and pianist David Hoy, choice of ribs and chicken or double chicken, catered by Smoke & Spice Southern Barbecue and cash bar. Tickets, \$30, available at the museum (1-5 p.m.) or call 519-736-5433.

**June 19**

**Amherstburg Food & Fellowship Mission Walk-a-Thon**  
Second-annual event is a good chance to shape up for the summer. Email [info@aburgmission.ca](mailto:info@aburgmission.ca) or call the Mission (519-736-9140).

**June 19-20**

**LaSalle Antiques and Nostalgia Fair**  
Location: LaSalle Vollmer Culture and Recreation Complex  
More than 60 vendors and a large assortment of quality items will be on sale. For more information visit [www.lasalleantiquesandnostalgia.com](http://www.lasalleantiquesandnostalgia.com) or call 519-945-0331.

**June 24**

**Learn to Sail**  
Location: South Port Sailing Club, Tecumseh  
South Port Sailing School is accepting applications for youth and adult Learn to Sail programs with instruction available during the summer starting June 24 for adults and June 28 for youth. Evening classes also available for adults as well as a new full one-week Learn to Sail program for adults. Call 519-945-7834 or visit [www.southportsailingclub.com](http://www.southportsailingclub.com).

**JULY****July 1**

**Amherstburg Ice Cream Festival**  
Location: Toddy Jones Park  
The Amherstburg Ice Cream Festival is an economical family-oriented event, providing active games, entertainment and ice cream adventures for everyone. The non-profit festival raises funds for Autism Ontario and stimulates tourism and sales for local business. Free admission. Visit [www.icecreamfest.ca](http://www.icecreamfest.ca).

**July 1**

**Non-profit Discovery Child Care Schools** is offering childcare in Leamington and Kingsville schools through July and August for children 18 months to 12 years. Call 519-733-8202.

**July 6**

**Bootcamp for Teenage Girls**  
The Women's Club for Fitness and Wellness is running an eight-week program for girls ages 11-15 through to August 28, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Cost \$149 plus tax. Eligible for Children's Fitness Tax Credit. Call 519-735-3100 or visit [www.womensclubfitness.com](http://www.womensclubfitness.com).

**July 7**

**Fusion of Culture: Cooking with Carrousel**  
Location: St. Clair College - South Windsor Campus  
Celebrate culture and cuisine in partnership with St. Clair College. A hands-on cooking demonstration by chef Paolo Vasapolli features recipes from the Multicultural Council of Windsor & Essex County's special 35th Anniversary Carrousel Cookbook. Call Laura (519-255-1127) or visit [www.themcc.ca](http://www.themcc.ca).

**July 8-11**

**Essex Fun Fest**  
Location: Essex Fairgrounds  
Enjoy food, carnival rides, games, live entertainment and a pet show. For information, visit the website [www.essexfunfest.ca](http://www.essexfunfest.ca).



Tecumseh is hosting the International Dragon Boat Festival again this year at its Waterfront Park location. Above from left, Becky Lloyd, Kathleen Cabbie and Verna Nasrallah of Tampa, FL were all decked out for the 2008 festival.

- Star file photo

**July 9-11**

**International Dragon Boats for the Cure**  
Location: Waterfront Park, Tecumseh

More than 3,000 paddlers will race in Lake St. Clair to raise money to fight breast cancer. The event will also have entertainment, including a performance by Juno Award-winning Rita Chiarelli Saturday night, food and fireworks. Visit [www.internationaldragonboatsfestival.com](http://www.internationaldragonboatsfestival.com) or call the Dragon Boat hotline (519-739-9588) for more information.

**July 12-16, August 9-13**

**Children's Hand Building Pottery Classes**  
Location: Capricorn Pottery, 559 County Rd. 20 W., Kingsville.  
Hours: 1-2:30 p.m.  
Two sessions of classes are offered this summer with a maximum number of students of eight per class. Registrants should be seven years or older. Children will be taught a variety of hand building techniques including

pinch, coil and slab pots. Creativity will be encouraged and children will "paint" pots of their own creation which will be clear-coated in a fired glaze rendering the pots fully functional. Fee is \$100 per child plus HST. Occasionally spots for daily registration are available. For information or registration, call Gloria 519-733-8991 or email [info@capricornpottery.ca](mailto:info@capricornpottery.ca) to receive an online application.

**July 16-17**

**Art Walkerville**  
Location: Historic Walkerville Street, Windsor  
The eighth annual event brings together a collection of Windsor and Essex County's finest artists with many small businesses in Walkerville. This year, the artists' display area will be expanded to include booths along Devonshire Road and live entertainment will take place both nights. Prizes for visitors who get passports stamped by visiting participating locations Friday, 4-11 p.m., and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Visit [www.walkervilledistrict.com](http://www.walkervilledistrict.com).

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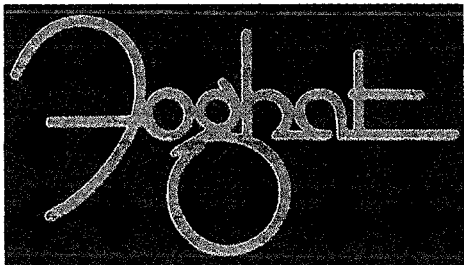
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**July 16-18**  
**Bluesfest International**  
 Location: Riverfront Festival Plaza, Windsor  
 Foghat, Southside Johnny & The Asbury Jukes, Gord Downie & The Country of Miracles and Tab Benoit are headliners. Other features of the event include the 25th Tug Across The River between the U.S. and Canada at Dieppe Park Friday night, Bluesfest Idol, Long & McQuade Music Clinic and Essex County Riders Show & Shine Bike Show. For tickets, call 1-866-WE-GOT-TX (1-866-934-6889). Visit [www.thebluesfest.com](http://www.thebluesfest.com).

**July 16-18**  
**Sunsplash**  
 Location: Belle River  
 The 15th Sunsplash Festival features the Classic Car Cruise with more than 600 classic cars, the Carter Shows Carnival, live entertainment and lots more exciting activities for everyone to enjoy. Visit [www.belleriverbia.com](http://www.belleriverbia.com)

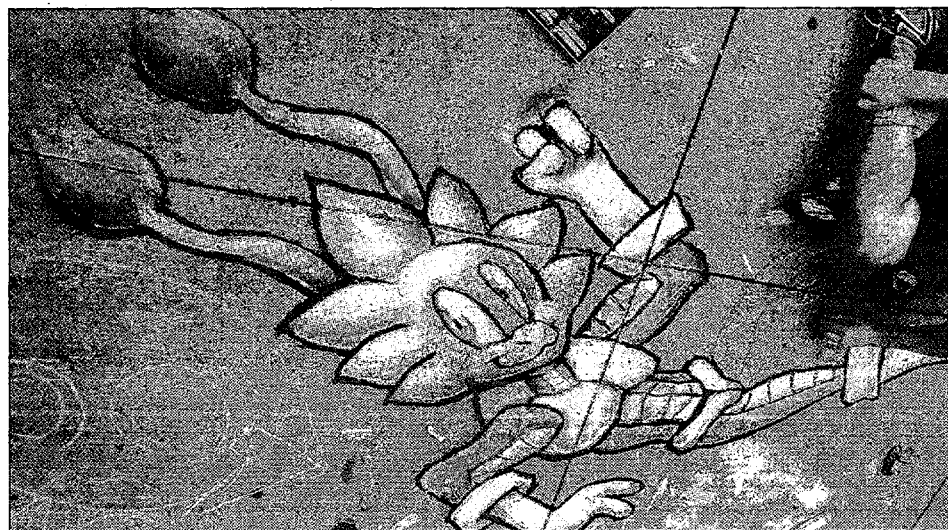
**July 16-18**  
**Erie Street's Festival of Food**  
 Hours: 5 p.m. to close  
 Erie Street is the place for food, live music and entertainment.

**July 16-25**  
**The Windsor Fringe Arts Festival**  
 Location: Downtown Windsor  
 Ten-day performing arts event features live theatre and other performing arts such as music, visual art, chalk artists and more presented in an informal, accessible and low-cost environment. Visit [www.windsorfringe.com](http://www.windsorfringe.com) or call 519-258-9887.



Via Italia bustles with people and food, music and fun at the annual Erie Street Festival of Food in July.

- Star file photo



The sidewalks of downtown Windsor come alive with chalk art during the annual Windsor Fringe Arts Festival. Above, Andrew Blondin created this design at the 2008 festival.

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**July 20**  
**Meat Loaf live in concert**  
 Location: WFCU Centre  
 Rocker tours in support of his 11th studio album and will focus on his classic Bat Out of Hell album. For more information visit the website [www.wfcu-centre.com](http://www.wfcu-centre.com) or call 1-866-969-WFCU (9328).



**July 23-24**  
**Windsor Emancipation Gala**  
 Celebrate and commemorate the 1833 Emancipation Act that made Canada the final stop on the Underground Railroad to freedom. Midway, parade, gospel fest, gala and more. Visit [www.emancipationday.ca](http://www.emancipationday.ca) or call 519-945-0213.

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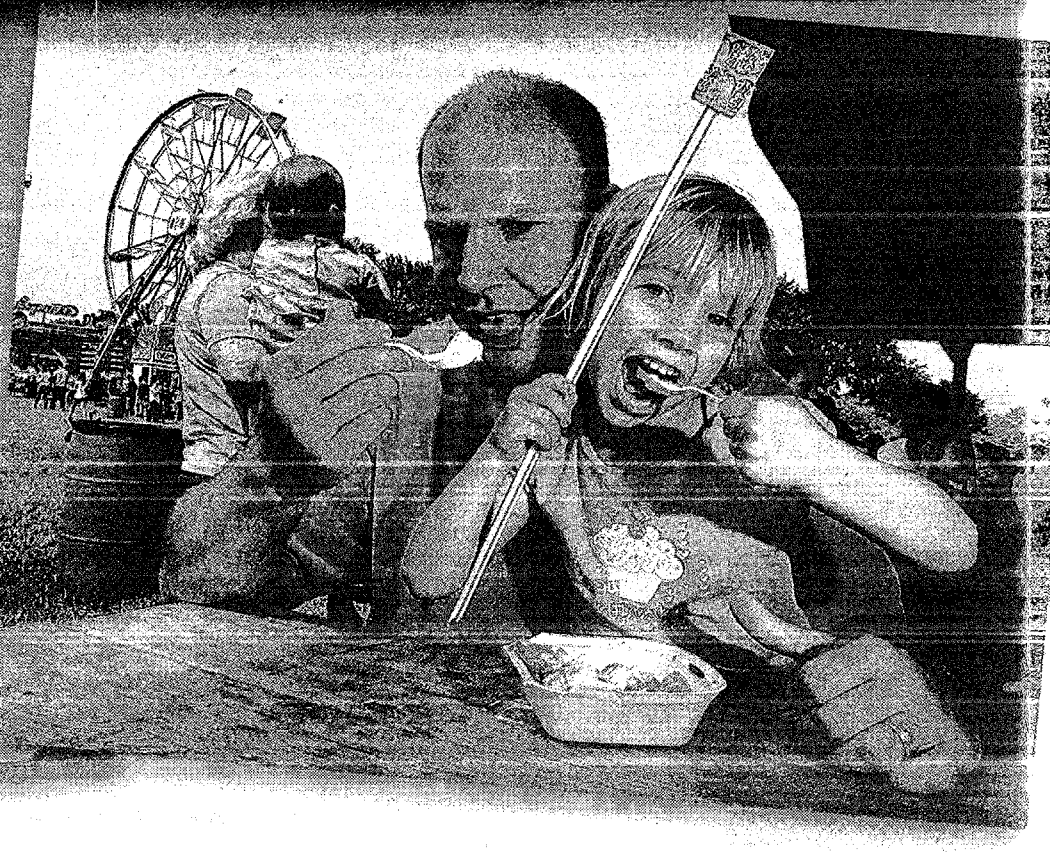
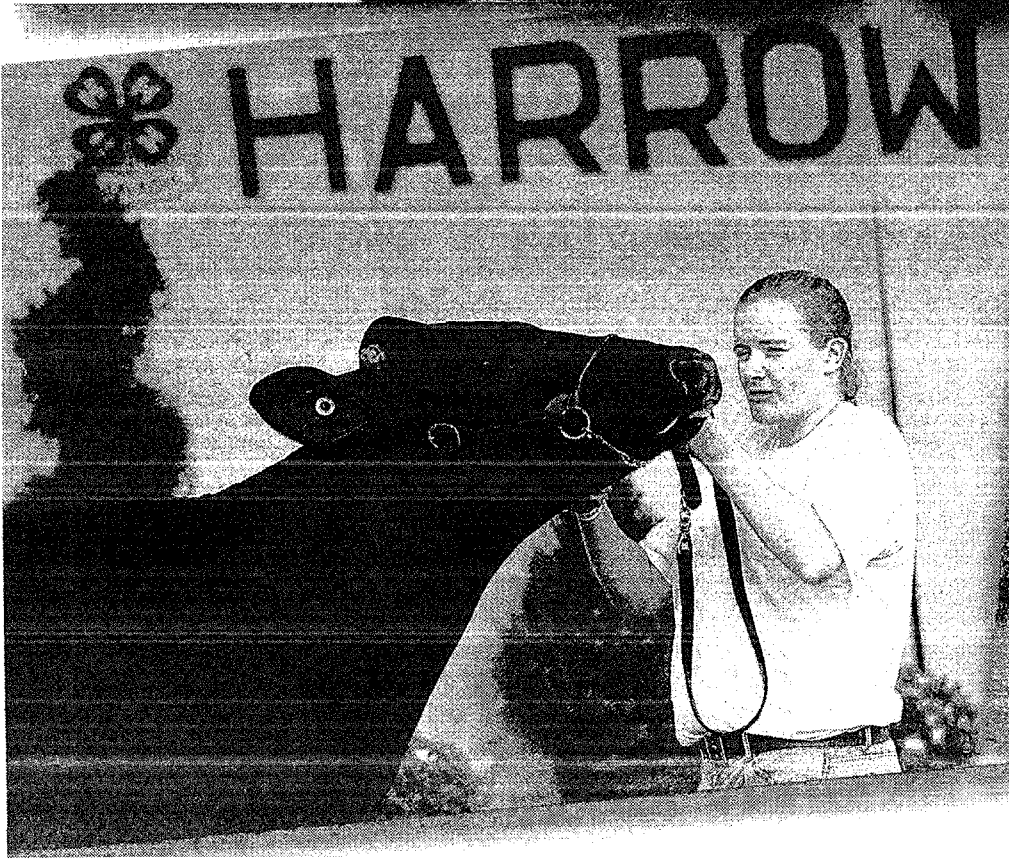
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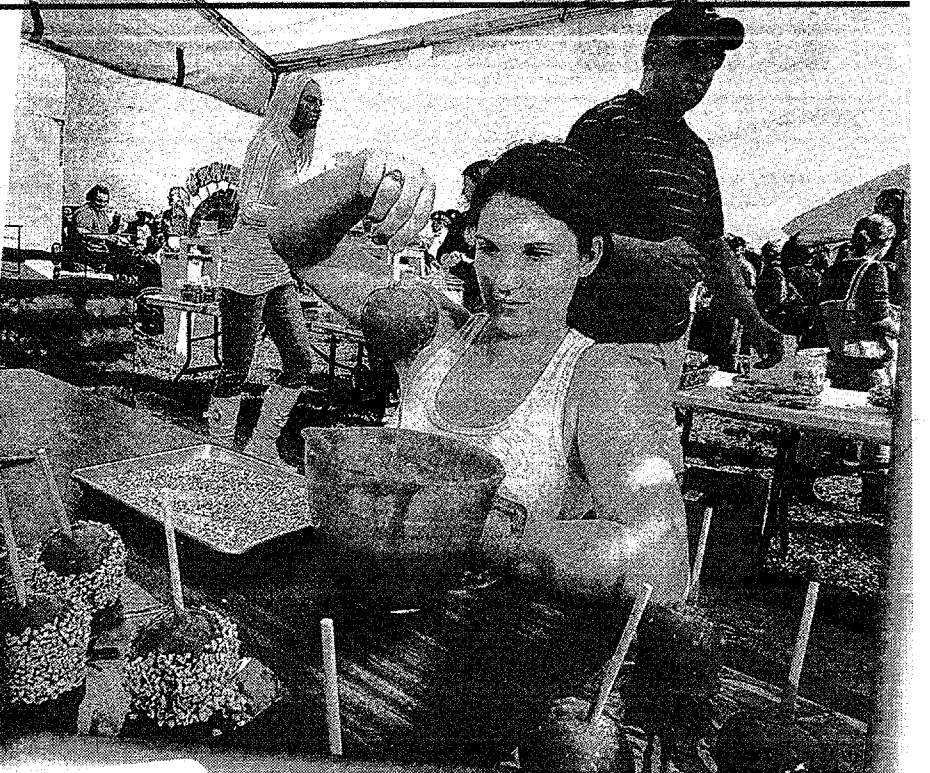
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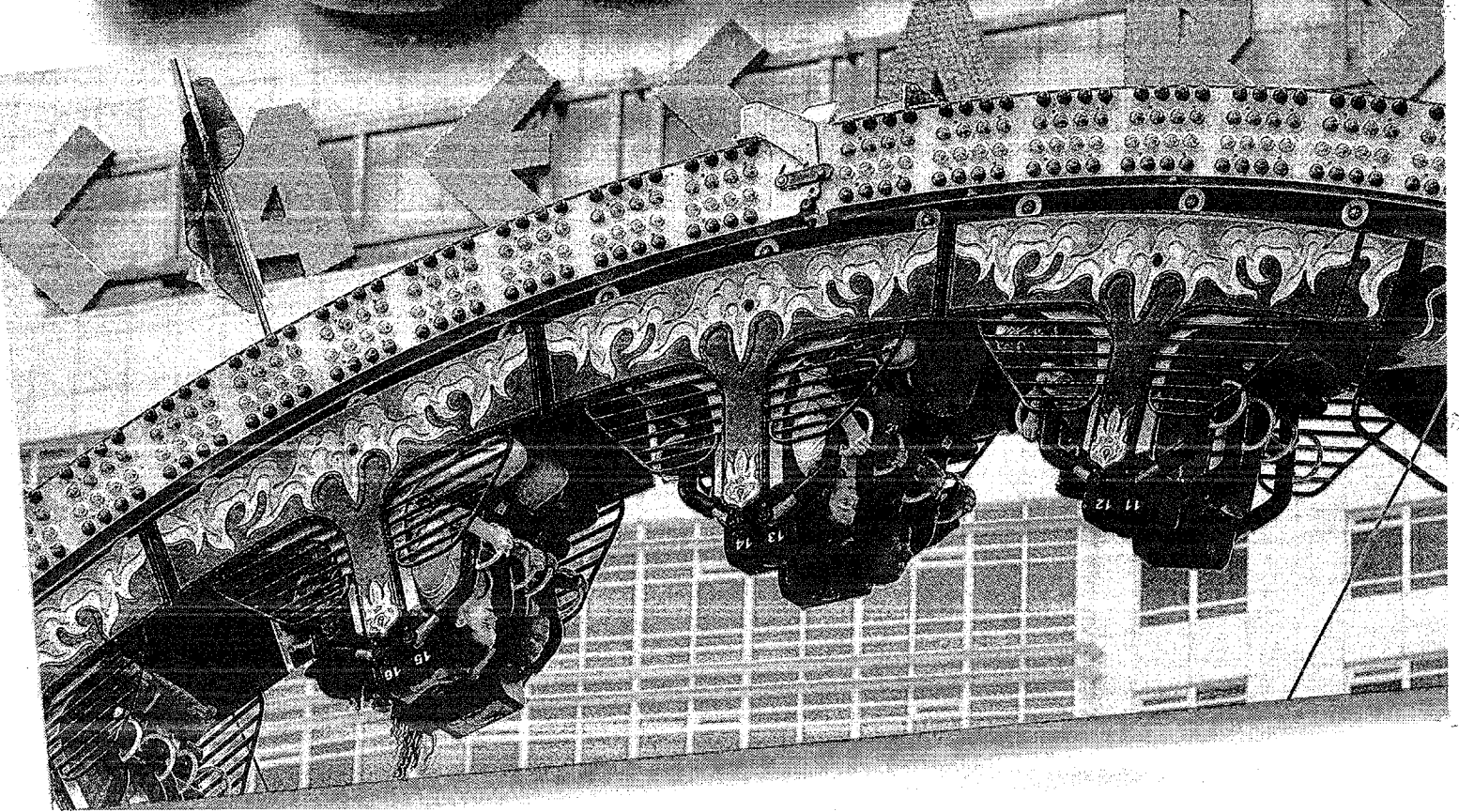


# ARTS & FUN



**CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT:** Lauren St. Louis, 5, and her dad Danny St. Louis, enjoy their strawberries and ice cream during the annual Strawberry Festival in LaSalle; Elisha Nelson parades her Holstein cow for the judge at the Harrow Fair; Nia Robert, 4, checks out her face painting design at the Windsor Emancipation Celebration; Elle McQueen, 3, adds her artistic touch to a public art mural started by the Vincent Franzoi Art Gallery at the International Dragon Boat Festival in Tecumseh; Canada Day cupcakes were handed out by the hundreds at the riverfront festival plaza following the Canada Day parade; hundreds of motorcyclists prepare to participate in the annual Ride for Dad event; Makayla McDonald, 17, dips apples in caramel during the Ruthven Apple Festival; local artist Dan Lys, left, and other Art in the Park visitors, study the works of renowned artist Stephen Gillberry; Canada Day visitors ride the Fire Ball at Worlds Finest Shows on the Riverfront Festival Plaza.

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**AUGUST**



The Windsor Pride Festival is an annual celebration of the local lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and two-spirited community and their friends and relatives. It takes place in August.

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**August 4-8**

**Windsor Pride**

The Windsor Pride Festival is an annual, inclusive celebration of diversity, acting as a venue for the cultural expression of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and two-spirited community, their friends and relatives. Festivities include flag-raising ceremonies and a parade. Visit the website [www.windsorpride.com](http://www.windsorpride.com) for more information.

**August 6-8**

**Pelee Fest**

Location: Pelee Island

Fourth annual community festival for the entire family includes a licensed festival tent with live entertainment, children's inflatable activities, carnival style games, art, craft and food vendors and more. Visit [www.peleefest.com](http://www.peleefest.com).

**August 13-15**

**Dodge Rodeo & Family Round-Up**

Location: WFCU Centre

An entire weekend of family entertainment takes place inside and outside the WFCU centre, including two performances by the Dodge Rodeo Tour, carnival, barbecue and entertainment including a free concert Friday night. For tickets and other details, call 1-866-969-WFCU (9328) or visit [www.wfcu-centre.com](http://www.wfcu-centre.com).

**August 6-8**

**Comber Fair**

Location: Comber Fairgrounds

Fun-filled long-running tradition includes such highlights as a Classic Show and Shine, Miss Comber Fair competition, antique tractor show and many more. Visit [www.comberfair.on.ca](http://www.comberfair.on.ca) for more information.

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**August 14-15**

**Military Muster Show**  
Location: Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village, Kingsville

More than 100 World War II and Korean War vehicles, including tanks and bren gun carriers, as well as helicopter rides, flyovers, re-enactments and a military convoy will be on display. World War II-era Swing Dance with The Entertainment Factor takes place Saturday evening. Visit [www.ctmhv.com](http://www.ctmhv.com) or [www.military-muster.org](http://www.military-muster.org), or call 519 974 9596 or 519 979 5564 for details and tickets.

**August 14-15**

**Windsor Reggae & Reggaeton Fest**  
Location: Riverfront Festival Plaza, Windsor

The inaugural fest features live performances by some of the hottest artists in reggae, dancehall, reggaeton, soca, R&B and hip hop and will incorporate a dancehall queen showcase. Phone 519-956-9360 or email [info@windsorreggaefest.com](mailto:info@windsorreggaefest.com) for details.

**August 18-22**

**Leamington Tomato Festival**  
With most events taking place this year at Robson Road Park, next to Leamington Municipal Marina, this year's festival opens with a Texas Scramble Golf Tournament Wednesday and talent and pageant Thursday. Weekend events include craft and food vendors, entertainment, wine tasting, parade, pancake breakfast, custom and classic car show, firefighters' water barrel fight and, for kids, face painting, games, dunk tank and more. Call 519-326-2878 or visit [www.leamingtontomatofestival.com](http://www.leamingtontomatofestival.com).

**August 20-21**

**Firefest**  
Location: Downtown Windsor  
The hottest two-day, family event of the summer sizzles again in downtown Windsor for the ninth year, featuring corporate and media relay teams stumbling through the combat course Friday night in support of Transition to Betterness with professionals attacking the course Saturday. The

event brings groups of professional firefighters, family and friends to Windsor from across Canada and the U.S. In 2010 Windsor is the final stop on the tour prior to the Canadian Championships taking place in Brampton, Ontario. Visit the website [www.windsorfire.com/firefest](http://www.windsorfire.com/firefest).

**August 20-22**

**The Art of Eating Food & Wine Festival**

Location: Tecumseh  
Three days of mouthwatering, delectable food, wines and magnificent entertainment from some of the area's most exciting, talented performers takes place at a beautiful waterfront setting on Lake St. Clair. Tickets sold at the gate. For details visit the website [www.artofeatingtecumseh.com](http://www.artofeatingtecumseh.com).

**August 20-22**

**Ribfest**  
Location: Centennial Park, Amherstburg  
Amherstburg Rotary Club hosts this astounding rib fest. Delicious ribs, entertainment and children's programs. For more information call Carl Gibb, 519-919-2006.

**August 21-22**

**The Windsor International Air Show**  
Location: Windsor Airport  
The Snowbirds are among the main attraction to this annual event, which also features a 'Wing Off Competition' for the best chicken wings, and helicopter rides. Visit [www.winairshow.com](http://www.winairshow.com) for ticket and other information.

**August 28-29**

Location: Fort Malden National Historic Site, Amherstburg  
Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
More than 130 artists and artisans contribute their works and wares to Art by the River, Essex County's oldest arts and crafts show. Enjoy musical entertainment, paint a picture at the "little artist workshop" in the children's area or take a guided historic tour. Admission is \$4.50, free for children under 12 when accompanied by an adult. No pets. Visit the website [www.gibsonartgallery.com](http://www.gibsonartgallery.com).



Firefest in downtown Windsor August 20-21 promises some cool fun and hot times while raising funds for Transition to Betterness. Here, Windsor Fire and Rescue firefighter Mike Burke competes in the Firefest team relay competition in 2006. - Star file photo



Windsor Airport will welcome the Snowbirds and a number of other aeronautical wonders during the annual Windsor International Air Show. - Star file photo

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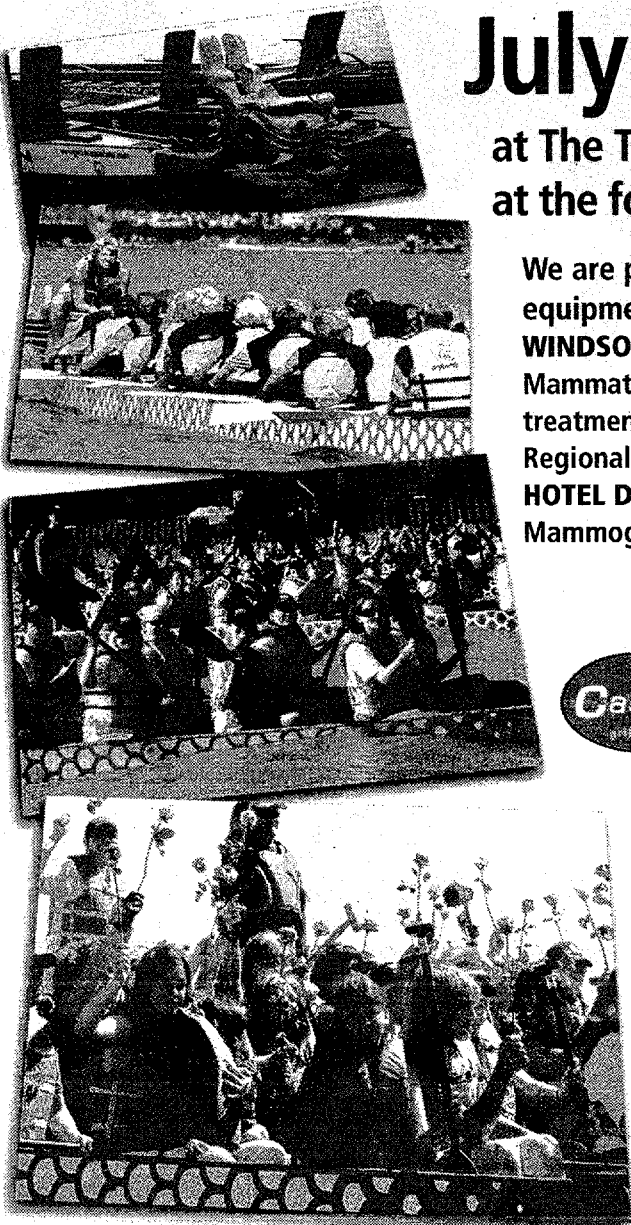
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**EVENT SCHEDULE**

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**Friday, July 9 evening**  
on the Waterfront Park

Opens at 6 pm until 1am Music By Nemesis at 8 pm Great area chefs, refreshments, under the stars Admission \$10.00



**Saturday, July 10**

Breast Cancer Races and Student Challenge Races starting at 8 am until 4pm

Celebrate with us at our Rose Ceremony around 11 am sponsored by NED Insurance / Ives Insurance

Come and enjoy the best spectator sport on the waterfront with a wide variety of great food all day long The Breast Ride Ever motorcycle ride at 11am

Events starting in the evening with our Juno Award-winning Rita Chiarelli on stage at 8pm Watch for special Fireworks display that evening Admission \$10.00 in the evening

**Sunday, July 11**

Come watch and cheer on over 3,000 paddlers as they race in Lake St Clair raising money for Breast Cancer

Day starts at 7am and paddles all day until 5:30pm with our Rose Ceremony around 11am, Music on stage will be the Shaken Hoodoos and British Beats 66. Admission \$10.00 in the evening

ALL Tickets for the weekend are available at Top Drawer Casuals Call 519-739-0224

**August 26-29**

**Tecumseh Corn Festival**



Location: Lacasse Park  
Family entertainment, contests and activities including vendor village, carnival midway, festival tent, senior days and parade make up this festival, renowned for the Corn Booth featuring "Tons and Tons of Hot Buttered Corn on the Cob". Visit the website [www.tecumseh.ca](http://www.tecumseh.ca) for more information.

**August 28-29**

**Art by the River**

Location: Fort Malden National Historic Site, Amherstburg  
Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

More than 130 artists and artisans contribute their works and wares to Art by the River, Essex County's oldest arts and crafts show. Enjoy musical entertainment, paint a picture at the "little artist workshop" in the children's area or take a guided historic tour. Admission is \$4.50, free for children under 12 when accompanied by an adult. No pets. For more information, visit [www.gibsonartgallery.com](http://www.gibsonartgallery.com).

**SEPTEMBER**

**September 2-5**

**Harrow Fair**

Location: Harrow Fairgrounds  
Lots of fun for the family with rides, games, and exhibits under the 2010 theme of "It's All About EWE". Visit [www.harrowfair.com](http://www.harrowfair.com).

**September 4-6**

**Tour di Via Italia**

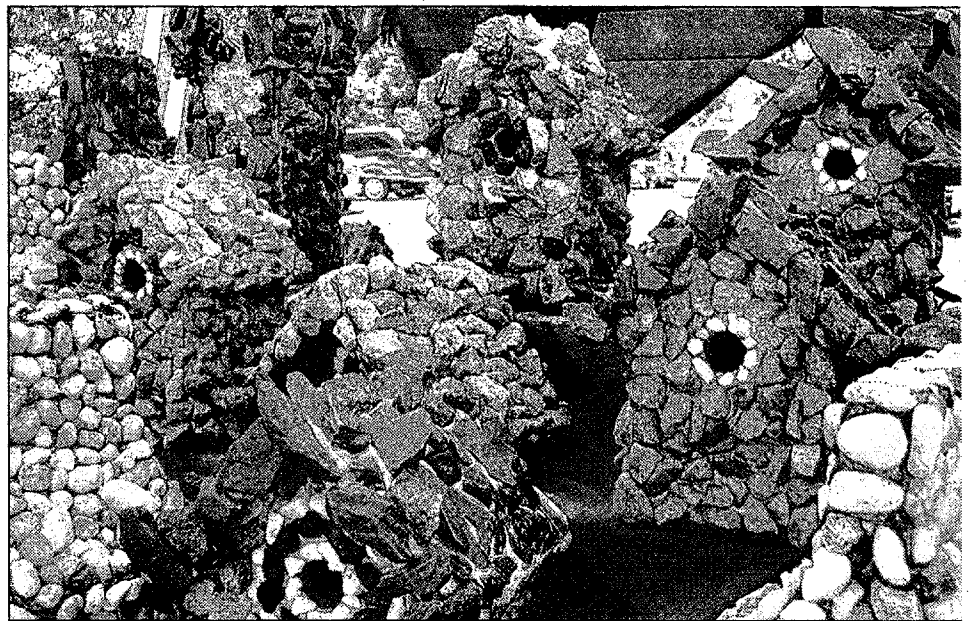
Location: Windsor, Auburn Hills, MI.  
The 52nd annual Labour Day weekend event features two additions this year including some of the best pro cyclists in and around Windsor and Ontario as well as children's races and other non-competitive cycling. The first Windsor Grand Prix takes place in downtown Windsor Saturday while the Tour di Via Italia returns to Erie Street Sunday. Monday, the 46h Debaets-Devos Memorial takes place in Auburn Hills. Visit [www.tourdiviaitalia.com](http://www.tourdiviaitalia.com).

**September 5**

**Fun On Wheels Fall Car Show**

Location: Canadian Transportation Museum 6155 Arner Townline, Kingsville

Enjoy some 500 vehicles and 60 or more vendors. Breakfast buffet and barbecue lunch available. Phone 519-



Art by the River at Fort Malden National Historic Site in Amherstburg features more than 130 artists and artisans with works like George Lemay's stone-made birdhouses, featured at the 2007 event. Art by the River is Essex County's oldest arts and crafts show.

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776-6909 or visit [www.ctmhv.com](http://www.ctmhv.com).

**September 10-12**

**Olde Sandwich Towne Festival**

Location: Sandwich Town  
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**September 17-18**

Rendez-vous Belle Riviere  
Location: Notre-Dame Street, Belle Riviere

Celebrate French culture, cuisine, music, Kids Zone, wine and cheese under the tent, street attractions, draws, rock group Swing (below) and more in this bilingual event. Call 519-528-4624 or visit [www.rendezvousbelleriver.com](http://www.rendezvousbelleriver.com).



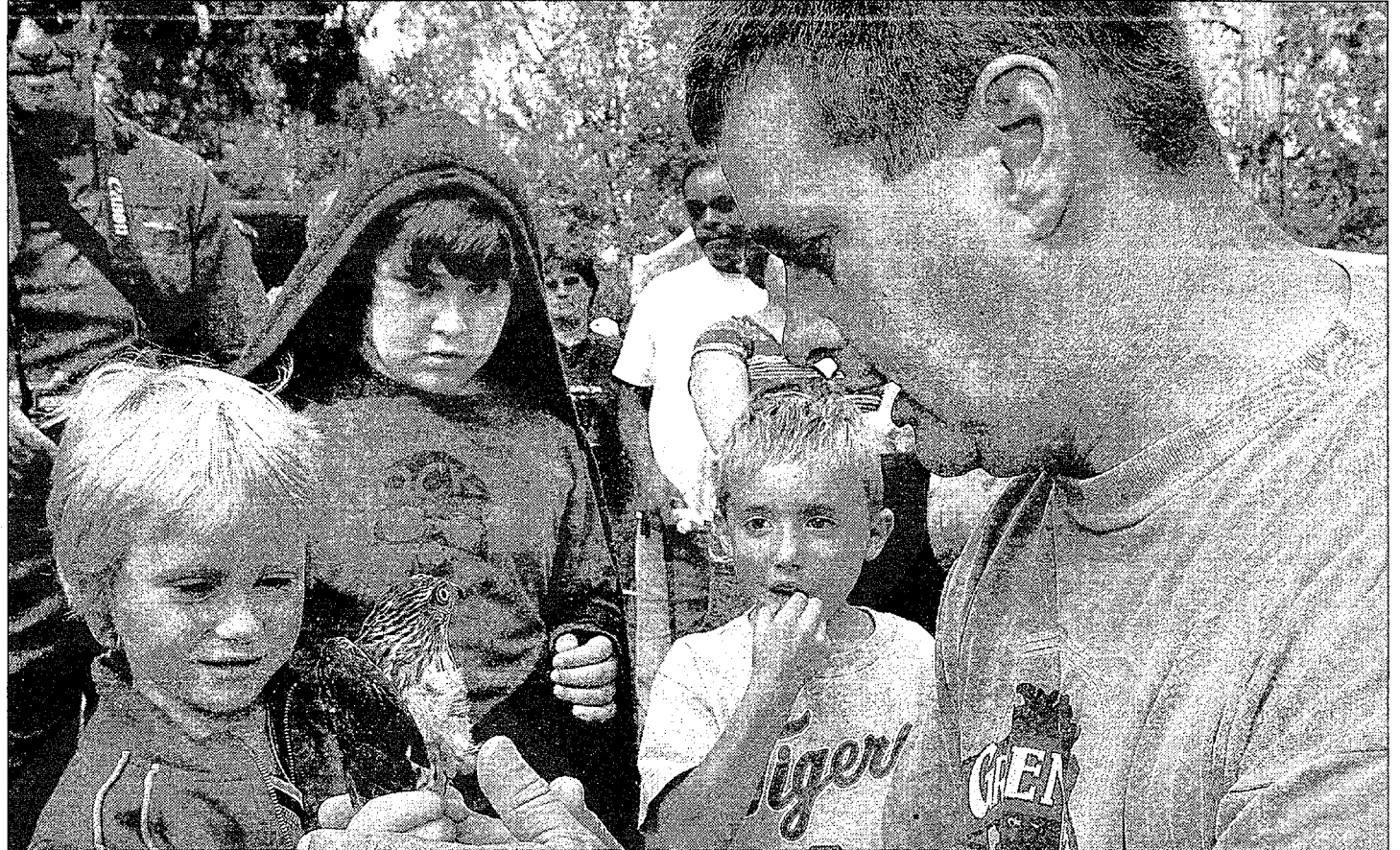
**September 17-18**

Project X 2010  
Location: UMEI Christian High School, Leamington  
The Christian music festival marks its third year. Visit [www.project-x-online.com](http://www.project-x-online.com) or call 519-972-9125.

**September 18-19**

Holiday Beach Festival of Hawks  
Location: Holiday Beach Conservation Area, Amherstburg

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The Holiday Beach Festival of Hawks features fascinating displays of nature like this Sharp-shin hawk that master bander Phil Roberts released back into the wild in 2008. Lukas Gravelisins (left) helped him band the hawk before its release. - Star file photo

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Register by **June 1**  
for earlybird discounts.

- ❁ No charge early drop off, late pickup
- ❁ Full day, morning & afternoon sessions
- ❁ July and August weeks
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**4th Annual Vintage Release and BBQ**  
**Colchester Ridge Estate Winery**

Saturday June 26th 2PM-7PM  
At the Winery  
108 County Rd 50 E, Harrow  
Wine tastings, live jazz and blues  
by the Eccentric Band. BBQ with Chef Jeff.  
Tickets \$45 each Silence auction proceeds to charity. Advance ticket sales only.  
Wine by the glass \$5

New releases 2009 Sauvignon Blanc, 2009 Gewürztraminer, 2009 Chardonnay, 2009 Riesling, 2008 Cab Sauv, 2008 Cab Franc,

For tickets and information  
Call 519-738-9800  
[info@colchesterridge.com](mailto:info@colchesterridge.com)  
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Experts help identify hawks at theCot 40-foot hawk tower and see hawk and songbird banding demonstrations, free kids crafts and scavenger hunt, barbecue with the Essex County Field Naturalists, Dragonfly hike, and Monarch Tagging and hawk ID workshops. Visit [www.erca.org](http://www.erca.org) or call 519-776-5209 ext. 308.

**September 18-19**

**Hooves for Healing**  
Location: Windsor-Essex Therapeutic Riding Association  
This fundraiser is in support of Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital. Call 519-973-4443.

**September 18-19**

**Children's Fest**  
Location: Children's Safety Village  
Children's Fest is a wonderful to spend time with your kids and enjoy lots of great fun and activities. Brought to you by The Rotary Club of Windsor (1918). For more information, visit [www.childrensfest.ca](http://www.childrensfest.ca).

**September 22-23**

**Fall Wedding Event**  
Location: Caboto Club  
More than 100 businesses, five fully decorated wedding reception rooms



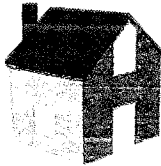
Erin Lehmann, 6, celebrates after matching a rubber duck in the Match Game event during last year's Children's Fest. The Rotary Club of Windsor (1918)-sponsored family festival will take place at the Children's Safety Village in Forest Glade this September. - Star file photo


and two fashion previews, as well as a complimentary Wedding Bells magazine website [www.weddingshows.com](http://www.weddingshows.com) for more information. chance to win a grand prize and com- are part of this annual event. Visit the

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Bring your kids down to The Windsor Star booth at various festivals this summer and they can explore their creativity as they have fun with **BUILDING BUDDIES**.

**BUILDING BUDDIES** is a fun and interactive activity to encourage kids to be creative and help build Windsor's future, brought to you by the [windsorstar.com](http://windsorstar.com), Home Services Directory.

Kids will receive a "Building Buddies" Certificate for their participation in helping to build Windsor's future.

*Believe!*  
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**September 25**

Amherstburg Food & Fellowship Mission Golf Tournament

Location: Fox Glen Golf Course

Second annual tournament includes golf, a cart, dinner and prizes followed by live music for \$99 per person. Email Winston at [aburgmissiongolf@live.ca](mailto:aburgmissiongolf@live.ca) for more details.

Location: Colasanti's Tropical Gardens, Ruthven

A great family event featuring fun, food, crafts, entertainment, a farmer's market, and classic car show. All proceeds from the festival benefit Community Living Essex County. For more information visit the website [www.communitylivingessex.org](http://www.communitylivingessex.org).

**September 27**

World Rock Symphony Orchestra: Britain Rocks

Location: WFCU Centre

Hours: 7:30 p.m.

The World Rock Symphony Orchestra: Britain Rocks features former members of Frank Zappa's Mothers of Invention, The Average White Band, TV's ROCKSTAR INXS, the TransSiberian Orchestra, Broadway's Color Purple, Jesus Christ

Superstar and more. A portion of each ticket sold will go toward supporting the 2010 United Way campaign. Visit the website [www.wfcu-centre.com](http://www.wfcu-centre.com) for information or call 1-866-969-WFCU (9328).



**September 29**

Raise-a-Reader Day

Location: Windsor & Essex County

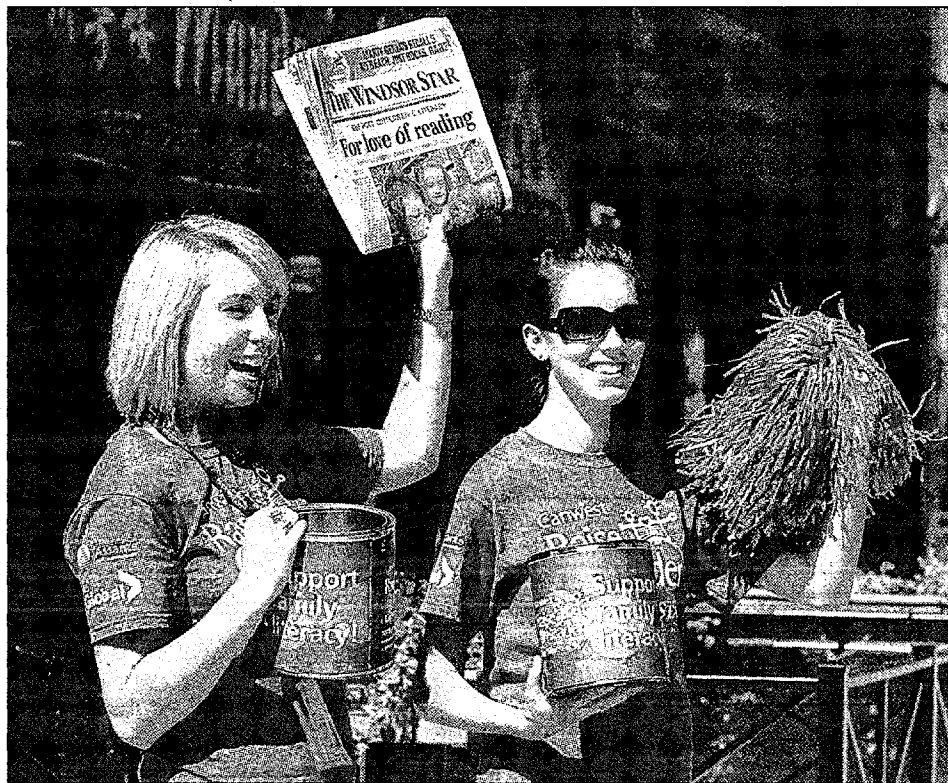
Hours: All day

More than 200 volunteers and local celebrities, elected officials and community leaders join The Windsor Star editorial team and staff at locations through Windsor-Essex to exchange special editions of the paper for donations to support family literacy programs in the city and county. For more information, visit the website [www.raiseareader.com](http://www.raiseareader.com).



**September 25-27**

Ruthven Apple Festival



The Canwest Raise a Reader fundraiser has newspaper hawkers like Sarah Davidson (left) and Lauren McDonald of The Windsor Star's marketing department in 2008 filling the streets to raise money for children's literacy. - Star file photo

August 20 - 22, 2010

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**FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL**

Mark your calendar for a taste of food, wine and great entertainment at the new Tecumseh Waterfront Park, located at Riverside Drive and Manning Road on the shores of Lake St. Clair, Ontario

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**Come join all the fun at the 31st Annual Ruthven Apple Festival!**

**Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 25th & 26th**

... At Colasanti's Tropical Gardens in Ruthven. Parade, Car Show, Non-Stop Entertainment, over 100 craft and food booths a Farmer's Market. Visit [www.communitylivingessex.org](http://www.communitylivingessex.org) for more details.

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June 18, 19, 20, 2010

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**Fri., June 18th, 7:30 p.m. ~ "CELEBRATING THE CHAMPIONS" Part 1**  
Anthony Carbone, John Cigan, Rick Duin, Jay Zanier & PETE PAQUETTE with the EAS Band!

**Sat., June 19th, 1:00 p.m. ~ "LOVING YOU" FINALISTS" (2006-2009)**

**Sat., June 19th, 7:30 p.m. ~ "CELEBRATING THE CHAMPIONS" Part 2**  
Chris Ayotte, Joey Cundari, Brycen Katolinsky, James Gibb & STEPHEN KABAKOS with the EAS Band!

**Sun., June 20th, 10:00 a.m. "GARYELVIS GOSPEL SHOW"**  
GARYELVIS BRITT with the popular Tribute Artist Gospel Choir

**Sat., June 19th "CRUISIN' CLASSIC CAR SHOW"**  
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## JUNE

**EARTH, WIND & FIRE**  
Friday, June 4

**PLAYBOY CLUB  
50TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY**  
Thursday, June 10

**CREEDENCE  
CLEARWATER REVISITED**  
Friday, June 11

**NEW KIDS ON  
THE BLOCK**  
Saturday, June 12

**JETHRO TULL**  
Saturday, June 19

**PAUL ANKA**  
Saturday, June 26

## JULY

**RUSSELL PETERS**  
Saturday, July 3

**COUNTING CROWS'  
TRAVELING CIRCUS  
& MEDICINE SHOW**  
Thursday, July 8

**JOHN MELLENCAMP**  
Thursday, July 15

**RINGO STARR  
& His All-Starr Band**  
Friday, July 23

**AL GREEN**  
Friday, July 30

## AUGUST

**CLAY AIKEN & RUBEN STUDDARD  
THE TIMELESS TOUR**  
Thursday, August 5  
Tickets on sale May 21

**DIVAS LAS VEGAS  
STARRING FRANK MARINO**  
Saturday, August 7  
Tickets on sale May 21

**TONY BENNETT**  
Sunday, August 8  
Tickets on sale May 21

**RANDY TRAVIS**  
Saturday, August 21  
Tickets on sale May 28

**DRINKIN' SINGIN' SWINGIN'...  
A TRIBUTE TO THE RAT PACK**  
Thursday, August 26  
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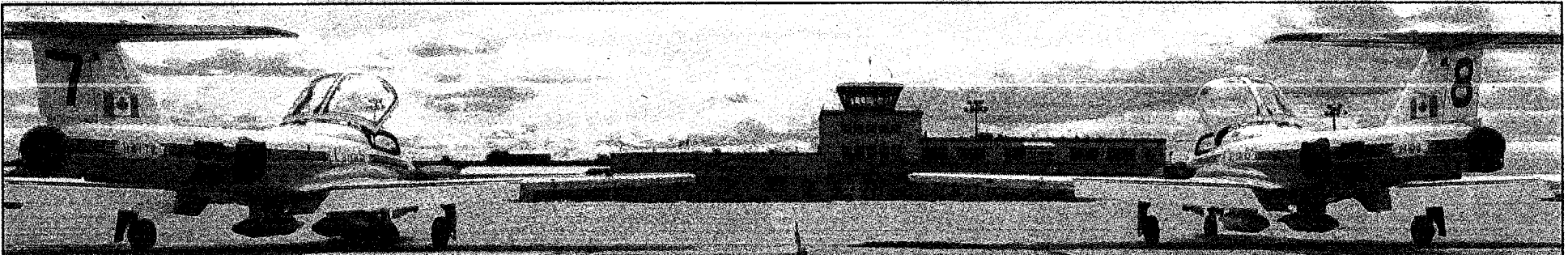
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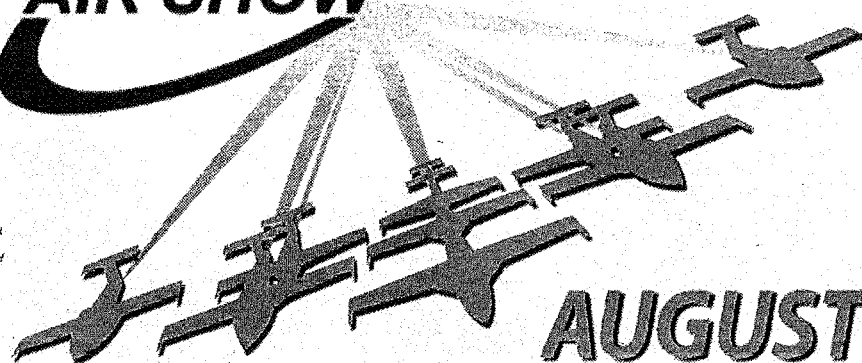
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# 2010 WINDSOR INTERNATIONAL AIR SHOW

 **AIR FORCE**



**AUGUST 21 & 22**

[www.winairshow.com](http://www.winairshow.com)



**GATES OPEN: SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

**9:30am GATES CLOSE: 4:30 pm**

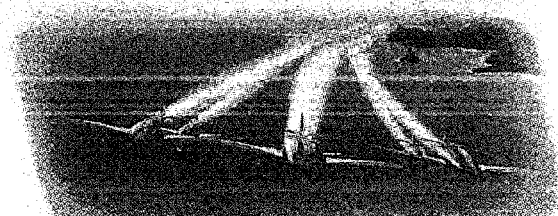
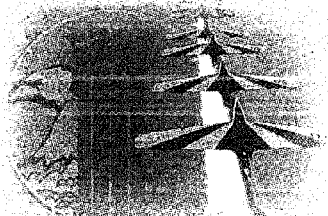
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