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## PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

### Memories of dad

Got a particularly fond memory of your father? What's the most important lesson your dad ever taught you? What would you like people to know about your dad?

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### Got a question?

The *Plymouth Observer* will soon begin talking to candidates for political office including the state Senate, state House and Wayne County Commission races about the issues facing the state and the county, and we'd like to know what you'd like to know. Anyone who has a question they'd like to have asked can e-mail the question directly to *Plymouth Observer* Editor Brad Kadrich at [bkadrich@hometownlife.com](mailto:bkadrich@hometownlife.com). Questions will be used during the interview process.

### Classic cars

The Knights of Columbus Council #3292 hosts its second annual Classic Car Show on Saturday, June 12.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to the charities the Knights of Columbus supports throughout the year. Anyone with a classic car can bring it by to display at the council's hall, located at 150 Fair Street in Plymouth (off Mill/Lilley between Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail).

The cost to show a car is \$15 (if received by June 7), or \$20 up to show day. The council will hand out 18 car awards. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the show and judging starting at 10 a.m. and awards beginning at 3 p.m.

Car registration can be done by calling the council at (734)-453-3966, by e-mail at [KofC3292@yahoo.com](mailto:KofC3292@yahoo.com) or stopping by the hall.

### Sports sale

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

## District pushes minority hiring plan

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With multiple openings to fill before the 2010-11 school year begins, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials are hoping they can make progress on one of the district's top goals — creating a more diverse teaching staff. As the diversity of the student population — nearly 12 percent of the district's 19,000 students are Asian,

more than 9 percent are African-American — continues to shift, administrators are implementing a plan to widen the candidate pool for prospective teachers.

Using "cues" he said were provided by the Plymouth-Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion, executive director of human resources Ray Bihun said widening the talent pool of minority candidates, while maintaining a "hire the most qualified" mantra, is important to meeting the

district's diversity plan.

"The issue is having an adult population that helps reflect the demographics of the student population," Bihun said. "We're a changing population, and our numbers should reflect that."

Bihun last week issued an e-mail to administrators and other staffers reminding them of the "cues" to be used while researching resumes

### CHANGING CULTURES

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrators are working on building a teaching staff that reflects the changing diversity of its 19,000-student population:

	Students	Teachers
White	76.36%	97.84%
Asian	11.67%	.66%
African-American	.94%	.94%

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## Honoring the sacrifice

### Plymouth pays tribute to fallen men, women during Memorial Day ceremony

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Standing just a few feet from memorial brick pavers honoring his father and two brothers set in the walkway of Veterans Memorial Park, listening to Michael Gross read the poem, "In Flanders Field," the emotion got to Plymouth veteran Richard Kluk.

As Gross, conductor of BeckRidge Chorale, finished the poem, Kluk, who served in the Korean conflict, took a handkerchief to his moistened eyes.

"It's just an emotional thing for me," said Kluk, whose father served in World War I and whose brothers were in World War II. "It means honoring those who died. There needs to be more emphasis on that, because unfortunately I don't think young people are being taught that enough any more. It's very important ... we shouldn't forget that."

Kluk's tears weren't the only ones shed Monday as Plymouth's veterans groups again hosted the annual Memorial Day parade, which made its way down Main Street from Wing to Church, where Veterans Memorial Park sits in front of Central Middle School.

A large crowd gathered to hear the various speeches and patriotic fare that highlights the ceremony following the parade. Master of ceremonies Steve Monaghan lent gentle humor to the proceedings, beseeching youngsters to hit the libraries to research Memorial Day — "See, I'm giving you homework," he said to the young people gathered.

State Rep. Marc Corriveau was the ceremony's keynote speaker, drawing on his experience as a Naval reservist — he served from 1994 to 2001 and earned two letters of commendation — to urge people not to forget the sacrifices Memorial Day is meant to honor.

He recalled a time in 1993, when President Clinton ordered the launch of Tomahawk missiles from the Persian Gulf when a drill instructor told Corriveau's boot camp class, "Gentlemen, we're going to war!"

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Local Vietnam Veterans lead off the 2010 Plymouth Memorial Day Parade.



Twenty month old Mary Dunn waves a flag for the Memorial Day Parade marchers. She's held by her mom, Lori Dunn. Sister Anna, 5, watches the parade.



Jeanette Burman is a member of Post 112 American Legion Auxiliary.

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## Organizers happy with Cup success

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



ANN ESPINOZA

Sheila Johnson of Canton selects Canton Cup T-shirts for her two sons during the weekend soccer tournament, played on a variety of fields around Canton and featuring some 670 teams.

Despite a few soccer player injuries, sporadic reports of heat exhaustion and occasional nerve-rattling traffic and parking congestion, the three-day Canton Cup ended Sunday and garnered favorable reviews from tournament officials and public safety authorities.

"Every year we have a few hiccups and we struggle through them," tournament Director John Vaughn said, "but overall, I would say it was a huge success."

Canton police reported no serious incidents even though tournament officials predicted the event likely drew 35,000 to 40,000 people including soccer players, their families and fans, coaches, referees, vendors and

For more photos, see page A4.

others. "I guess that's a testament to the soccer tournament — with that many people in town, there wasn't a single incident," Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

Vaughn shared a few observations about the 28th annual Canton Cup weekend:

• Among 670 teams, several players sustained injuries, including a broken leg and a neck injury, and some were taken for medical treatment. "We had a few injuries," Vaughn said, "and that's the norm."

• Rising temperatures and sunny skies took a toll on some people.

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**Diaper drive**

Bryn Birchler, an eighth-grade Confirmation candidate at Our Lady of Good Counsel, is organizing a diaper drive to benefit the Detroit Area Diaper Bank as his Confirmation service project. Donors can participate by dropping off their donations of diapers in the Gathering space before any Mass the weekend of June 5-6. Bring diapers and pull-ups in any brand or size, baby through adult. Open packages are acceptable.

The Detroit Area Diaper Bank is a nonprofit charitable organization serving southeast Michigan. They work to meet the need for diapers at partner agencies working with people in crisis. The cost of diapers is not covered by WIC, food stamps and, in most circumstances, Medicare.

**Great Dane rescue**

The 14th annual Great Dane Rescue Run Day in the Park takes place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at Cass Benton in Hines Park in Northville.

The event features food, welcome bags, raffle, games for dogs and their humans, prizes, professional photographer on site, and CGC certification (bring proof of rabies vaccine). Meet our volunteers and foster homes from Alabama, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Canada.

For more information, call (734) 748-5978.

**OUR Camp**

O.U.R. Camp, Inc. (www.ourcampinc.org), a summer day camp for young children with developmental needs, will have an Open House on Saturday, June 5, from 10 a.m. to noon.

At the event, parents can register their children for camp, meet the counselors and take a tour of the camp facilities. This event is free and open to the public.

The event will be held at Northville Christian Academy, located at 41355 Six Mile Road in Northville.

For more information visit www.ourcampinc.org or contact Claudia Pietron, Board President, at (734) 718-5734 or Kim Lowney, Executive Director, at (313) 537-5335.

**Bottle drive**

Save yourself the hassle of

returning those cans and bottles and support the Canton Chieftettes PomPon Team at the same time.

The Canton Chieftettes will be traveling around area neighborhoods in the Plymouth-Canton School District Saturday, June 5, to collect returnable bottles and cans. Supporters may also drop off their returnable bottle and cans to the Canton North Building (also known as Phase 3) between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. You can contact Chieftette parent Brian Mabie at kmabie@comcast.net for further information or to arrange a separate pickup time and date.

**Preschool Summer Camp**

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Early Childhood Department will have Preschool Summer Camp for four weeks beginning on Monday, July 12, and running through Thursday, Aug. 5. Camp will meet in the mornings from 8:30 to 11:30. Two-day and four-day options are available, depending on your preschooler's age.

In the three-year-old and young four's class, the weekly themes will be: I am Special/ a Super Hero, Treasure Island and Exploring Nature, Science Spectacular and Water Works, and Transportation and Space.

In the older four's class and five-year-old class, the weekly themes will be: Digging in the Dirt, Treasure Island,

Exploring Nature, and Playing it Safe.

All classes are taught by certified teachers and experienced paraprofessionals. Call the Early Childhood Office now for more information at (734) 416-6190 or visit the department's website at web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood for a Summer Camp Application.

**Preschool Enrollment**

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Early Childhood Department is enrolling for fall preschool. Classes are taught at various schools throughout the district. We offer classes for two-, three- and four-year-olds. All classes are half days and are taught by credentialed teachers and experienced paraprofessionals. The program focuses on kindergarten readiness with strong ties to the district's kindergarten curriculum.

Call the Early Childhood Office now for more information at 734-416-6190 or visit web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood.

**Chieftette fund-raiser**

Buffalo Wild Wings of Canton sponsors a fund raiser for the Canton High School Chieftettes Pom Pon team 5-9 p.m. June 23. During this time, 20 percent of qualifying purchases will be donated to the squad by BW3 by presenting an event sponsor form.



**Best and brightest**

WXYZ-TV/Channel 7's 31st annual "Brightest & Best" salute to high school seniors proved to be another success this year. On Saturday, May 15, more than 250 high school seniors gathered at WXYZ for the event, including Shan Amar Nikhil Kothari of Plymouth High School (left), Akshay Amin of Salem High School and Nicholas Wasylshyn of Canton High School, here posing with WXYZ anchor/reporter Dave LewAllen (back).

Forms are available at www.cantonchieftettes.com (no forms will be available at the restaurant). Buffalo Wild Wings is located at 41980 Ford Road in the Willow Creek Shopping Center.

**Cheer clinic**

The Canton High School Cheerleading "Summer Kids Cheer Clinic" takes place Monday, June 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.) at Phase III-Canton Gym.

The clinic is open to kids

ages kindergarten through eighth grade. Participants should wear comfortable shorts, gym shoes and sun screen.

Cost is \$50 (\$90 for two family members, \$120 for three), which includes the clinic, lunch, afternoon drink/snack and a Canton Cheer sports bag. Registration deadline is June 11.

For more information, e-mail allik162@gmail.com or visit the website at www.cantoncheerleading.com

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Global Village began in 1992 with an idea - put together a group of musicians who wanted to have a blast doing what they loved, and to play music that would be guaranteed to make anyone groove. A band started to take shape, and word quickly got around town that these guys were a fun show to watch.

Influenced by an eclectic range of musicians and groups, including James Brown, The Blues Brothers, Fishbone, Kiss, The Temptations, Earth Wind and Fire, and Jimi Hendrix, to name a few, the band started to take Lansing by storm with seemingly boundless energy.

Since that time, Global Village has expanded its reach. While they still play local clubs and bars, Global Village now enjoys performing a wide variety of entertainment venues, including weddings, corporate functions, parties, and private engagements. The band's energy and powerful stage show has also allowed it the opportunity to share the stage with some amazing performers, including Smokey Robinson, The Commodores, The Spinners, Journey, and Smashmouth.

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*Be sure to look for this article in the Observer every Thursday to find more information about each week's "Plymouth Music in the Air" performance.*

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# Gas-line break leads to evacuation in Plymouth

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

About two dozen homes on Plymouth's south side were affected by an evacuation order Monday after a high-pressure natural gas main ruptured on Mill Street near Fair Street.

Police officers and Plymouth Community Fire Department firefighters went door to door telling people to leave their homes after the line broke at about 3:30 p.m., said City Manager Paul Sincock. Only one person who was home at the time had nowhere to go, Sincock said, and a relative came and picked up that person shortly.

The order was lifted for most of the affected homes in about three hours, but Mill was closed between the railroad tracks and Hartsough Street while repairs were completed.

Consumers Energy spokeswoman Debra Dodd said it appeared the line, buried three to four feet underground, ruptured when lightning struck a nearby power line and electrical current traveled along a grounding wire that was about three inches from the gas pipe.

"It's a very unusual incident," Dodd said. "We very rarely have things happen like this."

Dodd said it was reported that a witness to the lightning strike contacted authorities.

Consumers responded,

Dodd said, by lowering the line's gas pressure, digging in the area until the line was exposed and patching it. A nearby utility pole, made unsteady by the disruption of the ground, had to be propped up during the work, she said.

The repair was completed by about 2:30 a.m. and site restoration by about 6 a.m., Dodd said. The people in the house nearest the work were unable to return to their home until the repair was complete, she said.

No one was hurt, and neighboring buildings did not lose natural gas service during the incident, Dodd said.

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## CUP

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"We had some heat exhaustion and a lot of sunburns, and we went through a lot of water," Vaughn said.

• Many tournament vendors fared well, but, not surprisingly due to unseasonably warm weather, Vaughn said, "we didn't sell many sweatshirts."

• A few game-time glitches, such as late starts and a computer-malfunctioning scoreboard issue, tested the crowd's patience at times, Vaughn said, but mostly the tournament appeared to run smoothly.

• As expected, a few traffic snarls surfaced, particularly along construction-zone Canton Center Road near the Heritage Park playing fields, and Vaughn confirmed that parking at Independence Park "got to be very, very hectic a few times" as large crowds gathered for games.

"I would say the parking went as smoothly as ever, but



ANN ESPINOZA

Kirsten Vala displays some fancy footwork as she moves the ball upfield in a game Sunday.

there's still room for improvement," he said.

Vaughn credited the Canton Public Safety Department with helping ease what could have been worse traffic situations.

"They did a good job helping us," he said.

Canton police Special Services Lt. Scott Hilden reported "no significant incidents or problems" and, despite the intermittent traffic congestion, he said, "my guys said it was nothing they couldn't manage."

Many of Canton's hotels,

restaurants and shops had brisk business during the soccer tournament. At one point, Outback Steakhouse on Ford Road had a request for a table for 50 customers.

"We sure did make a big effort to try to promote our businesses," said township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin, who chairs the Canton Downtown Development Authority's board of directors.

DDA and Canton Chamber of Commerce volunteers distributed a new community guide with coupons and maps to help visitors find their way around town. The organizations worked alongside the Canton Soccer Club to promote the community.

McLaughlin lauded the soccer club for its efforts to plan — and pull off — a tournament that grows each year.

"This is really a big blowout event, and they do a fantastic job," she said. "It's a wonderful thing that has grown and put Canton on the map."

## HIRING

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of potential teachers. In his e-mail, Bihun pointed out the district's desire to "put this on a fast track, while yet hiring the 'best' applicants. And especially while looking through all the applicants to find the best minority applicants ... one goal is to hire well-qualified teachers of color."

Among the cues Bihun laid out:

- Look for historic black colleges and universities (Central State, Ohio; Florida A&M, Southern University; Grambling).
- Home location (Southfield, Oak Park, Detroit, Hamtramck, Highland Park).
- Black high schools in the Detroit area, such as Cass or Renaissance.
- Historic black sororities and fraternities (Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta).
- Black churches (Greater Baptist, New Hope Baptist, AME, Second Baptist,

Burnette Inspirational Ministries).

• Previous recent teaching experience in a predominantly minority school district.

Bihun said the work is part of the district's diversity plan, the primary goal of which is to "make a focused effort to contact, recruit, hire and retain 'highly qualified personnel with diverse backgrounds.'"

In March, Bihun pointed out during a presentation on the diversity plan to the Board of Education 2.85 percent of the district's teaching staff represents minorities, while 6.8 percent of the administration and better than 11 percent of building-level staffers represents minorities.

Just over 76 percent of the district's students are white, while 11.67 percent are Asian and 9.21 percent are African-American. By contrast, nearly 98 percent of the district's 1,067 teachers are white (.94 percent are African-American, .66 percent are Asian).

Bihun acknowledged those numbers have to get better.

"I think it's important for a

minority child to see a minority teacher," Bihun said. "It helps with cultural awareness and opportunity."

Some, however, see the district's push to hire minorities as discriminatory hiring practices. One district employee, who asked to remain anonymous, said the push "is not fair to all other qualified candidates."

"This policy discriminates against Hispanic, Asian, Arabic, Pacific-Islander and caucasian candidates," the employee said of Bihun's e-mail. "This blatant discrimination shouldn't be happening in the 21st century."

But Bihun dismissed that idea out of hand, pointing out the strategy isn't about "hiring" minorities, it's about "widening the candidate pool" to include minority candidates who may not otherwise have been considered.

"You've also got to look at quality," Bihun said. "If a minority candidate is selected, it'll be because he or she is the most qualified."

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Players from the Michigan Tigers of Ann Arbor get some last minute encouragement from their coach before a game Friday.

# Cup crazy!

## Soccer tourney is biggest, best yet

The annual Canton Cup set some records in its 28th year - 670 teams, 1,100 games and 8,700 players for the three-day event, Michigan's largest club-based soccer tournament.

That's the best yet, according to information on the Canton Cup's official website.

Canton Cup tournament director John Vaughn and his volunteers will give it a few weeks, then go back to the drawing board to start planning next year's event.

This year's tournament attracted teams from near (Plymouth and Canton) and far (Scotland).

The weather may have set a record, too, with high temperatures and high humidity throughout the weekend.

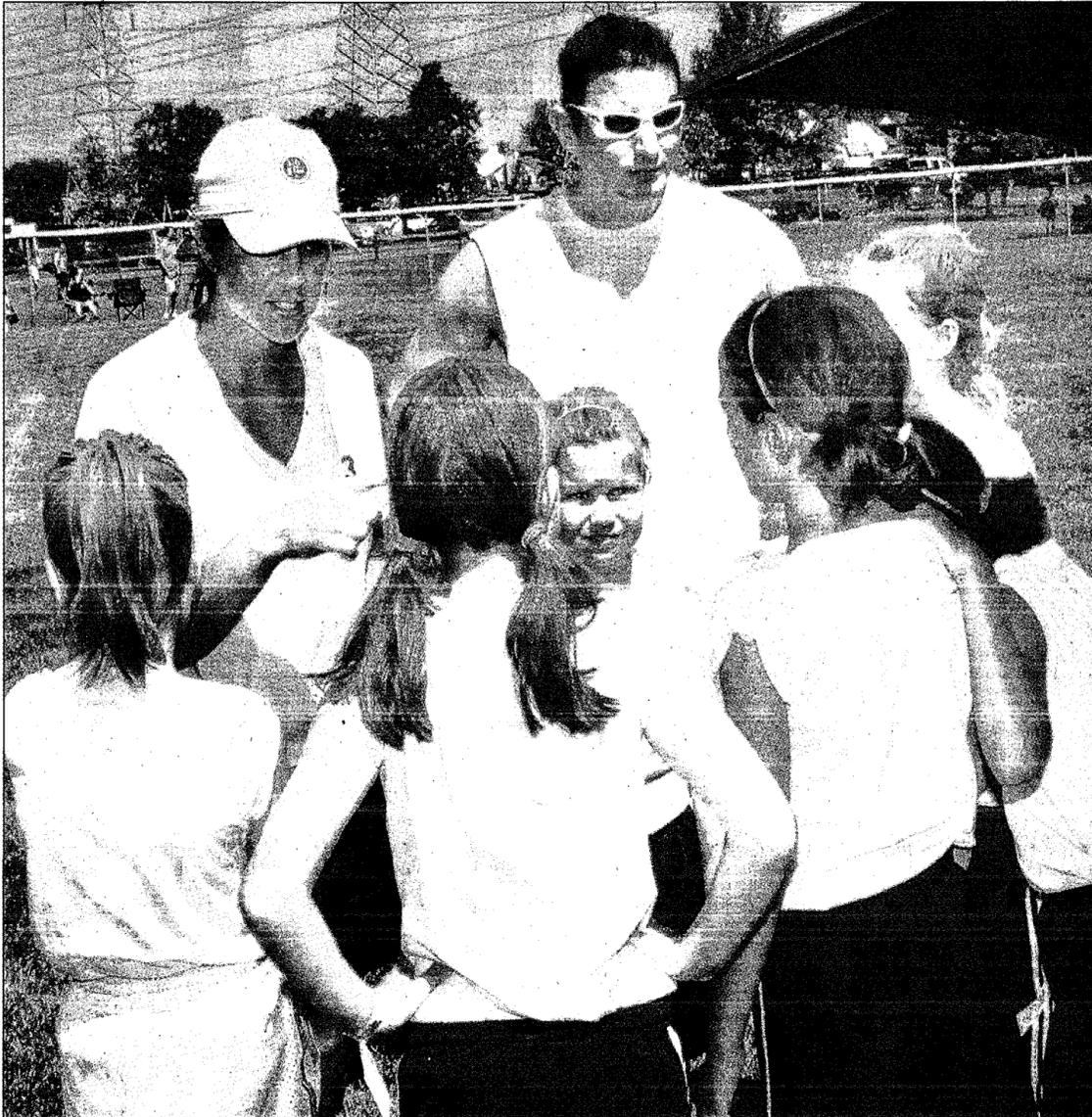
From all reports, players, coaches, parents, spectators and local businesses all enjoyed the three-day event.

This year's event included lots of color and pageantry, including the Plymouth Storm U-9 players and coaches outfitted in pink - from head (sporting pink hair) to toe - to raise money for the Susan G. Koman Race for the Cure.

The local girls house soccer team dedicated its game on Sunday at Griffin Park in support of two players who have moms battling breast cancer.



Tom Johnston and his grandson, Jordan Boice, enjoyed Sunday's soccer game from the sidelines in chairs under an umbrella.

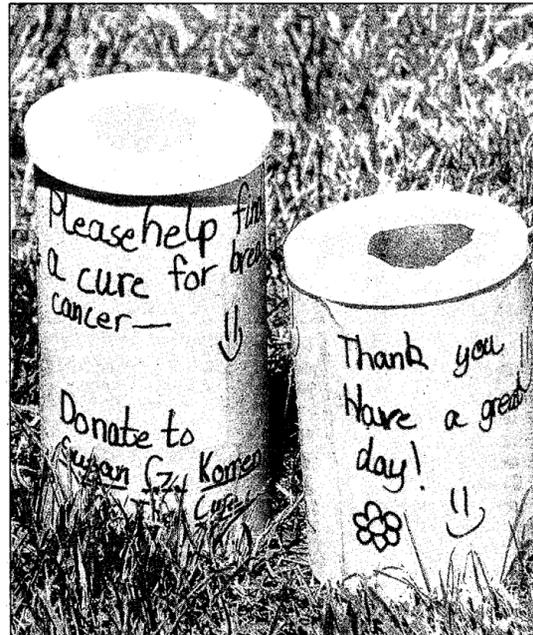


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Before taking the field at Griffin Park, Coach Shelby Courtney of the Plymouth Storm tells her team, "We're not playing for ourselves today, we're here to show support for those who have cancer." Joining Courtney in the pre-game pep talk is assistant coach Jeff Ozanich.



Audrey Kananen of the Plymouth Storm (in pink) and Lani McCarthy of the Rush Downriver Blue Angels battle for the ball in a Canton Cup game Sunday.



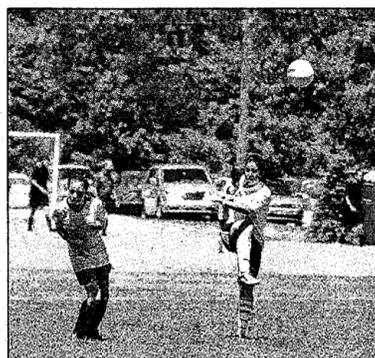
The Plymouth Storm decorated cans and placed them around at Sunday's game. Proceeds will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.



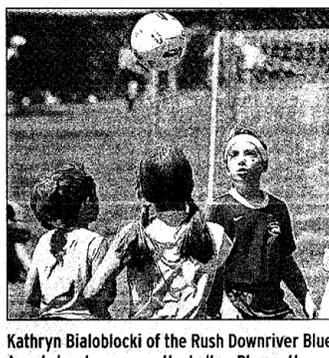
Audrey Kananen of the Plymouth Storm cools off with an ice pack at Sunday's game. Temperatures in the high 80s coupled with high humidity made for a hot tournament.



Canton Cup spectators seek relief from the bright, hot sun that splashed the fields.



Sydney Hutnik of the Plymouth Reign '96 gets in some practice before the game on Sunday.



Kathryn Bialoblocki of the Rush Downriver Blue Angels has her eye on the ball as Plymouth Storm players Sydney Boyce (left) and Rachel Norko move up in an effort to score.



Abbigal Radcliffe and Lauren Lawrence from Waza F.C. Genesee enjoy snow cones after the game on Sunday.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Steve Robb and his son, Joey, took in the various veteran's memorials in Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Plymouth. Both of Joey's grandfathers are veterans.



Anna Weaver, Britney Touchstone and Emma Decker spot some friends in the crowd of spectators lining Main Street. The girls are members of the Brownie troop at Bird Elementary.



Canton's Young Marines march down Main Street during Monday's annual Memorial Day parade through downtown Plymouth.



There was a pretty good turnout for the parade, which started at 8:30 a.m.

## CEREMONY

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The war never came and calm returned to Corriveau's class, but the fear he felt, Corriveau recalled, changed forever his feelings about Memorial Day.

"It was a fear I had not experienced before, nor since," Corriveau said. "We would not go to war, but I had been changed forever. I still feel at times that my service is not that of those who have fought, but in reflection of that day I will forever understand the fear our soldiers face as they sacrifice their futures for our own."

Those words hold more

meaning for Karen Rotondo, whose daughter, Gina, is about to begin her third year at West Point, the U.S. Army's military academy.

"I've got blood in the game now," said Karen Rotondo, the daughter of Richard and Elaine Kluk. "I think (Gina) would be proud of her grandfather (Kluk) today. He's been a big influence on her."

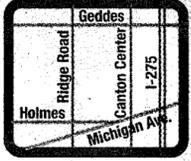
Drawing the biggest applause of the day were the dozen or so World War II veterans seated on the dais. Monaghan asked for a round of applause for them, and got more than he asked for when it turned into a thunderous ovation that lasted more than a

couple of minutes.

Monaghan also thanked the Plymouth Lions Club, which in recent years has rescued the parade with its financial support. But Lions fund-raiser Doug Hincker, after accepting a token of appreciation from Monaghan, said there was never any question of supporting the parade.

"I'm very proud to be here and proud to do this," said Hincker, whose family has seen five generations of military service. "It's not that hard; you'd be surprised at the generosity (in the community). As long as I'm around, we'll be doing this. Just look at what we have. This is something we can't let go of."

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Thefts from vehicles spike with warmer weather

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Along with persistent rains and the resumption of area road construction, an increase in thefts from vehicles is another sign of spring's arrival in Plymouth.

The city had 34 reports of larcenies from automobiles during the first five months of the year, and 27 of those, a large majority, occurred during the last three months, when the weather started to warm, said Plymouth detective Sgt. Jamie Grabowski.

Simple steps — taking valuables from parked vehicles and locking the doors — could have prevented most, if not all of the thefts, Grabowski sug-

gested. In none of the incidents was a vehicle window broken or a door lock popped, he said.

"Vehicles are being left unlocked," Grabowski said. "It's just common."

Even in a community as safe as Plymouth, locking vehicle doors when parking should be standard operating procedure, the sergeant said.

"You never know who's walking through your neighborhood, or who's working in your neighborhood, who's going to be an opportunist," he said. Many people, however, tend to think such crime won't happen to them in Plymouth.

The larcenies from vehicles have been in residential areas around the city, Grabowski said, most notably in

the northwest quadrant. The vehicles have been parked on the streets and in driveways, and the things reported stolen have included i-Pods, satellite navigation devices, coins and other "cash and carry items," he said.

In one case, a Plymouth man was arrested after a stolen Saturn Vue was tracked to Huron Township with the OnStar system. He confessed to having been through unlocked vehicles, finding the Vue's keys inside it, and taking the car, said detective Officer Jeff Jones.

The suspect, in a case investigated by the Western Wayne County Auto Theft Task Force, is being prosecuted for automobile theft and possession of stolen property. "OnStar was fan-

tastic as far as tracking that vehicle down," said Grabowski.

Grabowski said the spring increase — 12 incidents in March, 10 in April — is typical for Plymouth in recent years as warmer weather takes hold. He attributed the decline in May (five incidents) to the arrest of another male whom police suspect of several of the incidents.

Grabowski suspects the perpetrators are local young people out doing what they call "car hopping" rather than nonresidents who come to Plymouth for the purpose of stealing from cars. From what police can determine, Grabowski said, the stolen items are pawned, sold for pennies on the dollar, traded for drugs,

given away to friends or kept by the thief.

"It's very untypical to find someone who comes from out of town to go car-hopping," he said.

In addition to locking parked vehicles and removing valuables from them, police say residents should keep the exteriors of their homes well lighted at night.

And if police officers come knocking at 3 a.m. because they noticed a parked car with a dome light on or a door ajar, don't blame them, Grabowski said — they're investigating a possible crime while it's still fresh.

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### CRIME WATCH

#### Police questioning of trio ends in pot arrests

Two male teenagers were arrested Tuesday night on a variety of charges, including possession of marijuana, after a Plymouth Township officer stopped to ask if they knew anything about recent larcenies in a township neighborhood.

Both were found with suspected marijuana "roaches" that later tested positive for marijuana, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. A 20-year-old Livonia man who was with the suspects was released when no contraband was found on him, police said.

The arrests occurred on Terry Street north of Ann Arbor Road, east of Haggerty, just before midnight. The officer's report said he stopped to talk to the trio about recent thefts in the area, and that they gave him permission to do a pat-down search.

A 17-year-old Westland resident had a suspected "roach," cigarettes and rolling papers in a cigarette box, police said.

He was arrested on charges of marijuana possession, possession of tobacco by a minor, and possessing drug paraphernalia.

The other suspect, 18, of Canton Township, had a suspected "roach" in his cap and cigarette papers in a pocket, police said. He was arrested on charges of marijuana possession and drug paraphernalia possession.

#### Metal swiped

A large copper sprinkler control valve was reported stolen from the sprinkler system at Coffee Express, on Clipper Street west of Beck Road and south of Five Mile, on Friday.

The president of the coffee-roasting company told police he last saw the valve in November and noticed it was gone when he went to turn on the system on Friday.

#### Clipper clipped

A hair clipper was reported stolen from a 2001 Pontiac while it was parked at the Inn at St. John's on Tuesday.

The victim told police she arrived to golf at facility's course at about 3 p.m. and parked near the golf shop. She

left about 8:30 p.m., she said, and later discovered the clippers missing.

The car had been locked, with windows rolled down slightly, the victim said. Police found no signs of forced entry.

#### Plants stolen

Potted plants were reported stolen May 27 from outside a house on Inbrook Drive, near Five Mile and Haggerty, in the township.

The victim said the theft occurred sometime between midnight and 9 a.m. that day.

— By Matt Jachman

### FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following emergencies during the period May 26-June 1:

- Tuesday, June 1 - Rescue run on southbound I-275 at Plymouth Road; residential rescue runs on Parkview, on Ann Arbor Road and on Union; vehicle accident on eastbound M-14 at I-275; rescue run at a public building on Haggerty.
- Monday, May 31 - Rescue

run on Ann Arbor Road; commercial rescue run on Eastside; residential rescue run on Oak; special run at S. Mill and Burroughs; vehicle fire on westbound M-14 west of Beck.

• Sunday, May 30 - Rescue run on Ann Arbor Trail; residential rescue runs on Plymouth Road and on Union; vehicle fire at Beck and M-14.

• Saturday, May 29 - Residential rescue runs on Pointe Crossing, on Clemons, on Tyler and on Marlowe; commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road; rescue runs on Haggerty and at Northville Road and Hines; special run at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty.

• Friday, May 28 - Fire on Governor Bradford; rescue run at a public building on Main; residential rescue run on Russell.

• Thursday, May 27 - Residential rescue runs on Haverhill, on Francis, on Northville Road, on Burning Tree Lane and on High Pointe Court; vehicle accidents with washdown at Beck and Burning Tree and at Lilley and Postiff; downed wires on Byron and on Ann Arbor Road.

#### Fifth Taco Bell suspect faces trial

A former manager at the Taco Bell restaurant on Main Street in Plymouth was sent to Wayne County Circuit Court on a charge of armed robbery after the Friday continuation of a hearing that began May 21.

Jerry L. Townsend, 21, is accused of being in on the April 23 holdup at the eatery, during which about \$3,000 was stolen. Four other suspects were arrested in Livonia minutes after the holdup, and money and two BB pistols were recovered. No one was hurt.

Judge James Plakas of 35th District Court in Plymouth bound Townsend over to the county court after testimony from Plymouth Officer Jeff Jones, a detective, that phone records suggested Townsend had had a conversation with one of the other suspects the day before the robbery.

Plakas had bound over the four other suspects during the May 21 hearing, but delayed making a decision on Townsend, saying the evidence against him at the time could

be circumstantial. Plakas had scheduled Friday as the date upon which he would announce his decision, and, in the meantime, police obtained some phone records, said Jones.

Townsend remains jailed on a \$200,000 cash or surety bond. He and the other four suspects are due for arraignment in circuit court on Friday.

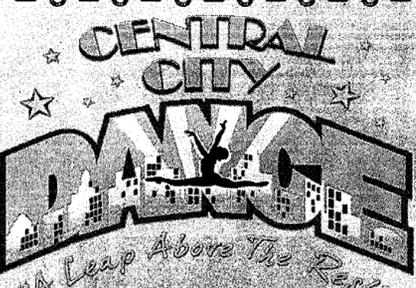
#### Hearing delayed

Meanwhile, a suspect in the May 17 Plymouth Township carjacking on Friday waived his right to have a preliminary hearing within 14 days of being charged. Plakas, citing a request for more time for evidence discovery, rescheduled the hearing for Friday, June 18, before Judge Michael J. Gerou.

Jamar M. McHenry, 19, was arrested a short time after the May 17 carjacking of a 60-year-old man on Lilley Road. The stolen Chrysler 300 crashed along Schoolcraft Road in Detroit, and McHenry was caught after a foot chase; a second man escaped from the car and is still at large.

McHenry is being held on a \$1 million bond.

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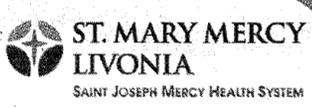
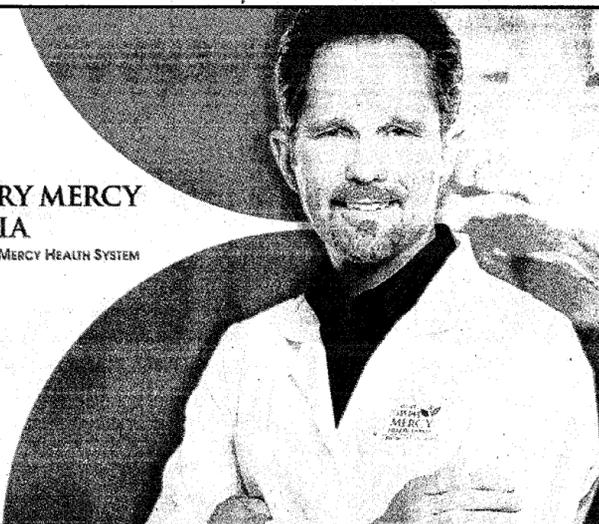
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Spanish camp

Students in preschool through fifth grade are invited to join Bilingual Fun for a week long day camp 9 a.m. to noon July 26-30 at Praise Baptist Church.

Children will learn Spanish through thematic activities, music, movement, hands on activities, cultural crafts, outdoor play, and the week ends with a Fiesta! Registration is now open.

Contact Bilingual Fun at [info@bilingualfun.com](mailto:info@bilingualfun.com) or (877) 686-7399 for more information.

Scottish fun

The Scottish American Society of Michigan will host a fun summer Ceilidh (pronounced kay-lee) 3-7 p.m. Sunday, July 25, at the Commonwealth Club, 30088 Dequindre Road in Warren. Partial proceeds from the second annual fundraising event by the group will go to benefit the Vietnam Veterans Post 154 in Roseville.

The Ceilidh will feature a Scottish meal of steak pie, mushy peas, chips (fries) and cole slaw, plus great entertainment including Detroit Caledonian Pipe Band, solo piping competition, Highland dancers, Celtic fiddler, Raggle Taggle Band, and more. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$15 for kids 10 and under. Kids 4 and under are free. Seating is limited to 150 and the cut off for tickets is Monday, July 21. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more ticket information, please visit [www.scotsofmichigan.com](http://www.scotsofmichigan.com) or send e-mail to [scotsofmi@yahoo.com](mailto:scotsofmi@yahoo.com).

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.

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 more information, call Marilyn Detmer at (734) 454-4625.

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).



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.

# Eatery hosts Barefoot fund-raiser

Barefoot Productions, Plymouth's live theater company, just finished its 2009-2010 season, and already all eyes are turning toward the production company's fifth season in 2010-2011.

Now, officials at Barefoot are teaming with LaBistecca Italian Grille to make that fifth-anniversary season possible.

LaBistecca hosts an afternoon of "All That Jazz," a fund-raiser to benefit Barefoot Productions that will feature complimentary hors d'oeuvres, live jazz, raffles and a cash bar. The event takes place 2-5 p.m. Sunday, June 13.

Barefoot officials say they'd like to see some 180-200 guests for the \$35-per-person event, though ticket sales are lagging at the moment. Deadline for reservations is technically Sunday, June 6, though Barefoot officials say reservations will be able to be made through Wednesday, June 9, on their website at [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com)

Barefoot Productions is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) volunteer-driven "theatre for the community." The fund-raiser's proceeds will be allocated toward the Barefoot/Wilcox matching grant partnership. For each dollar earmarked for the grant, the Wilcox

Foundation will match that amount.

Barefoot's goal is a possible \$20,000 matching grant, with a grant deadline of June 30. A portion of each ticket is tax-deductible and tax receipts will be available.

"Barefoot Productions is proud to now be more established than ever," said Craig Hane, the group's founder and artistic director. "We don't want to miss achieving the full potential of this grant."

To purchase tickets, visit [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com) and click on the LaBistecca/Barefoot event link, which will connect to TicketLeap. A service fee will apply to

all credit card transactions. Those who can't attend the fund-raiser but still wish to support Barefoot can make a tax-deductible donation via the website or by mail to Barefoot Productions, PO Box 6132, Plymouth, MI 48170.

LaBistecca is located at 39405 Plymouth Road in Plymouth.

For more information or to make a reservation by telephone, call Barefoot's box office at (734) 582-9688. Checks may be made payable to Barefoot Productions, noting the Barefoot/Wilcox partnership, and mailed to Barefoot Productions, PO Box 6132, Plymouth, MI 48170.



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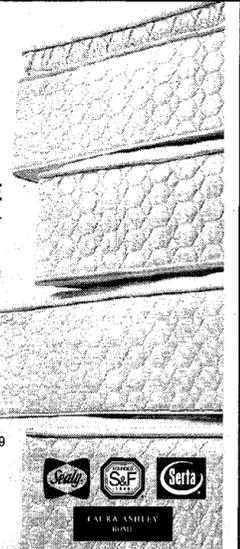
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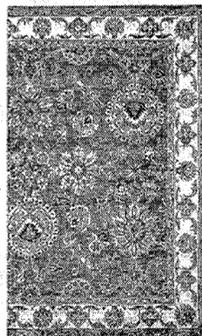
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## OUR VIEWS

### Lions, veterans key to parade

Plymouth residents and visitors spent 90 minutes Monday paying their respects to and thanking those who've given the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country, lining the streets for the annual parade, then listening to speakers, band members and singers pay homage at the ceremony following.

We wanted to make sure, while everyone was at it, to pay respect and say thank you to the folks who made it possible. That would include members of the area's four veterans groups and, particularly, the Plymouth Lions Club.

The parade and ceremony are the result of organizing work done by members of the four veterans groups — American Legion Posts 391 and 112, Veterans of Foreign Wars 6695 and Vietnam Veterans of America 528. Those groups take the lead, find the speakers, organize the event; in short, they do it all.

But they likely wouldn't be doing any of it without the financial backing of the Plymouth Lions Club who, for the last few years, have gone out and found the money to put the parade on. Doug Hincker, fund-raising chair for the Lions, pledged Monday that "as long as there's breath in my body, I'll be doing this." That's good news for the parade.

There are a lot of reasons to treasure the parade. There seem to be a dwindling number of these community events, and Plymouth is proud of its contribution. That's obvious by the throng of people that lines Main Street every year, rain or shine, cool or hot.

It's also obvious by the way the community supports the parade financially. Hincker said Monday, "It's not all that hard. You ask, and people give."

That comes as no surprise in a community that supports any number of charitable organizations and events, from the Salvation Army to the United Way, from veterans groups to Scout troops.

And it all culminates in one of Plymouth's best events. On Monday, Dr. Steve Monaghan led the way with a solid combination of humor and reverence, urging young people to learn more about the holiday, about the sacrifices military men and women have made and about the veterans groups that support the parade. Michael Gross, conductor of the BeckRidge Chorale, performed a dramatic reading of the World War I poem, "In Flanders Field." It was everything a ceremony honoring our fallen military heroes should be, capped by a rousing ovation for the World War II veterans invited to sit on the dais.

As he accepted a token of appreciation for his fund-raising work, Hincker said, "Look at what we have ... we can't let go of it."

Thanks to the veterans and the Lions, we don't have to.

### Dropping plan good

Sometimes, it seems, the best decisions turn out to be the ones that never have to be made. And, in the case of the Wayne County RESA school enhancement millage, it's the taxpayers who will benefit from the no-call.

Local school districts took the decision out of RESA's hands about the 1.9-mill enhancement millage idea RESA was kicking around by not requesting the county's intermediate school district go forward.

RESA officials are quick to point out it wasn't their request; they were simply willing to put the question to voters on behalf of local districts.

In order to make it possible, enough districts had to request the action to represent 51 percent of the county's students. That meant, right from the beginning, RESA was going to need officials from Detroit Public Schools to be in the mix. Fairly early in the process, districts like Northville, Livonia and Plymouth-Canton, the state's third-largest district, either gave an outright thumbs down (as Livonia did) or didn't put the question to a vote (which is what Plymouth-Canton trustees did after carefully considering it).

RESA needed a decision by May 18 in order to move forward; when, at the last minute, Detroit decided not to request the action (despite the fact DPS would have gained some \$31 million under the plan), it left RESA with only about 22 percent of the students represented.

Places like Livonia and Plymouth-Canton were going to be "donor" districts, paying the freight by only getting back a portion of what they'd be paying into the system. In Plymouth-Canton, for instance, taxpayers would have been on the hook for roughly \$11 million in taxes, but only some \$7 million would be coming back to their schools. While Plymouth-Canton, like almost all districts battling tough budget problems, could have used \$7 million, trustees heard absolutely no support (and rightly so) from their constituents and refused to consider the issue.

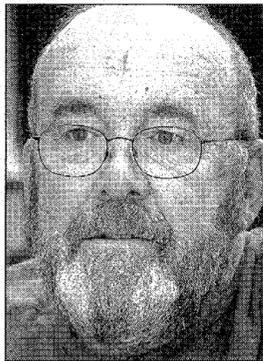
So, while local districts now still must deal with dwindling tax dollars and constricting budgets, they've collectively made the decision to tackle it on their own.

And that's good news for taxpayers.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What would make downtown Plymouth more appealing to you?

We asked this question outside the Plymouth Coffee Bean on Penniman in downtown Plymouth.



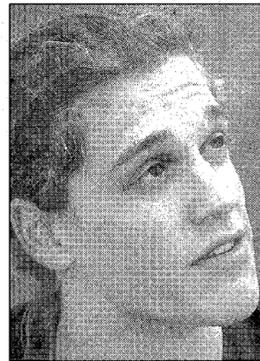
"Less traffic. Not totally gone, just less."

Lee Westerhold  
Northville Township



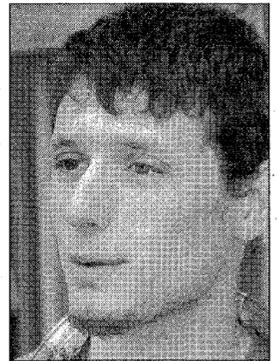
"More coffee shops, or like a little safe haven for teens to hang out. A record store would be sweet."

Diann Bouri  
Livonia



"I guess it would be cool if we had a little bit more of an artistic community."

Stephen Lank  
Livonia



"A place, other than the Plymouth Coffee Bean, that young adults, ages 18 to 25, could hang out."

Kevin Smith  
Plymouth

## LETTERS

### Good decision

I would like to commend the Plymouth-Canton school district for not recommending support of the RESA millage proposal.

RESA needed school districts representing at least 50 percent of total Wayne County student population to add this proposal to the ballot, which they did not receive.

I think we need to find a better answer to supporting our school district funding. Unfortunately, Michigan funding of schools (or lack of funding) will require tough decisions. Perhaps one part of the answer will be to reduce health care and pension costs, which is something that will not be popular.

Dan Devey  
Canton

### Think twice

If Karl Rowe is one of the leading speakers of the Republican Party, they won't get my vote. After reading his remarks in the *Free Press* at the gathering in Troy, I am wondering. Have they forgotten who got us into this fiscal mess? For eight long years all we got was two wars and no regulation. The BP spill in the Gulf is just one example of what happened. Bush and Cheney felt safety regulations should be voluntary. So much for that. Wall Street should be allowed to do as they please. Do we want to go back to business as usual with another meltdown? Things are starting to look better no thanks to the Republicans. They vote no to everything. You may want to blame Obama if your life is not improving, but remember Republicans do not care for anyone except rich people. They just want to pay no taxes but you can bet none of them refuse to give back their Medicare or Social Security. Think twice if you want to go back to the days of the Bush-Cheney years.

Joanne Braund  
Royal Oak

### Questions Tea party

I'm writing in regard to the recent Tea Party event in Milford and their plan to return in July.

I am puzzled as to why the Tea Partiers think it's patriotic to be anti-civic-minded, because that's exactly what it is when you consider only your own civil liberties and not what is beneficial for your neighbors or society at large.

For example, the Tea Partiers worry incessantly about a government takeover of health care, yet they don't seem to mind at all that without reform, a huge portion of our society has no coverage at all, or that the seriously ill are left completely at the mercy of a ruthless health insurance industry that will pull any trick in the book to limit coverage.

They rail against government intrusion and regulation of the financial sector, even as Wall Street bankers and traders are busy laying the groundwork for their next round of high stakes gambling, where they will use what little remains of our retirements' as ante. They claim that a government that makes provisions for the elderly, the sick and the destitute is

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socialist, when in fact it's only what any self-respecting, civilized nation considers common decency.

The Tea Partiers say that they are not in line with either party, that they have their own agenda. Well, maybe they would consider distinguishing themselves from the Republican Party by not appealing to fear, greed, cynicism, division and intolerance. Maybe they would consider taking on the small town, community-minded spirit of Milford for inspiration. Yes, some people complain about the tax money spent, but Milford is a better place for everyone because of our beautiful new fire station, our Pools and Fitness, our spectacular library, our amazing new bike trail and the parades and festivals that always draw far and wide. Every other week we read in our paper about Community Sharing and drives to help families who have fallen on hard times due to illness or misfortune.

Is this community spirit a form of socialism, since so much of what Milford takes pride in revolves around the common good, and by extension, the government entities that made it possible? No, it's just what happens when you appeal to the better part of people's natures — to unity, courage, optimism, generosity and the determination to better the whole of a community or the whole of a society.

And sometimes it's worth a little sacrifice of income, or even ideology, to foster that very important sense of "We, the people of Milford," or "We, the people of the United States."

Sue Evans  
Milford

### A principle

It never ceases to amaze me that people object to the principle of the separation of church and state in America. The words of our Founding Fathers are twisted so out of shape as to give the impression that they were uniform Christians clinging to Bibles as they signed the Constitution and passed the Bill of Rights. Was this indeed the case then our Constitution would mention God and Christ in numerous sections and not just in a customary passing mention in dating the document in the Year of Our Lord.

Assuredly some of the Founding Fathers were indeed very religious, like Patrick Henry. Many of these more religious ones opposed the Constitution because it lacked religious clauses. Nevertheless, most of the Founding

Fathers were more like Adams, Jefferson, Madison, and Franklin who held very unconventional views of religion. They wanted and purposefully constructed a secular form of government that protects all religions by not allowing the state to interfere with the churches and by keeping the churches out of the affairs of the state.

Although we were then and are still now a nation with a majority of Christians, we have a secular form of government that protects the interests of all the Christian denominations, Jews, Moslems, other traditions, and even non-believers. We should not be denying the principle of the separation of church and state but embracing it and encouraging the world to follow it. I for one am very glad for this principle and that the 14th Amendment — not judges — allowed for it to be applied to all the states and not just the federal government.

John P. DuLong  
Berkley

### End is near

Yikes! The end is near! No, not "The End" in the sense of the Second Coming yet, but rather the beginning of the end of American society as we know it. Palpable distress and despair is in the air. The signs are everywhere — I see homes which are flying "Don't Tread On Me" flags, others which fly upside-down "Old Glories." Tea Parties are forming, the American people are being stretched to the breaking point.

The lying economy experts who seek to restore confidence tell us that the recession is over but the truth is, we haven't hit bottom yet, and we're headed for a nightmare scenario which will make the Great Depression look like a cake-walk — a judgment trip to the wood shed where come-uppance will be fully meted out.

Nationally, trade imbalance runs amok and the national debt grows to science fiction proportions. The auto industry is also kidding itself if it believes most people can afford a \$20,000 new car. Unemployment is rising — probably at 20 percent plus now.

Locally, "tent cities" of the homeless are springing up around Detroit, Ann Arbor, etc. Squatters occupy abandoned homes. Businesses keep failing, cities/schools lack operating revenue, foreclosures continue, while some residents are dumping selling prices for a mere fraction of value. Thieves are becoming more desperate and brazen as mankind descends into the abyss where the last vestiges of his humanity will de-evolve down to Conan the Barbarian level.

The feds are preparing for a near future of mass public panic/hysteria wherein they'll implement obscure sections of The Patriot Act to confiscate gold, wealth and belongings, sending the rioting mobs off to detention/incarceration gulags. Get ready soon for a "Mad Max"-type apocalyptic world where homeless hordes feast on garbage Dumpster cuisine, while gangs of hoodlums rule the streets.

Leo Weber  
Livonia

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# Gun range hosts fund-raiser for mom battling cancer

The Firearm Exchange Gun Range in Livonia will host Shoot for a Cure, a fund-raiser to help a Livonia resident in her fight against cancer, from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Fay Remijan, 43, was diagnosed in January with invasive ductal carcinoma, an aggressive form of breast cancer.

Firearm Exchange Gun Range owners Wah and Tammy Wong want to help keep Remijan's future bright by hosting Shoot for the Cure at their 15,000-square-foot gun range. Proceeds will go to Remijan and her family for her medical expenses.

"This event is such a blessing," said Remijan, who is married and has three daughters. "I just can't believe the kindness and thoughtfulness of the Wongs for hosting this event. It brings tears to my eyes."

Sue Policicchio, Fay Remijan's sister, is also thankful to the Wongs. "Shoot for a Cure is an absolute ray of sunshine during this time of darkness."

There will be food, beverages, gift basket raffles, silent auction items, games, a 50/50 and, of course, shooting contests including a 10 Round Program Shoot, Texas Star and Fallen Plate contest. The Wongs encourage people of all levels to come and shoot, even those who have never shot a gun before. There will be two to three winners in each category and prizes for each winner.

"This event is for everyone, even people that aren't interested in guns," said Wah Wong. "We have received dozens of donated gift baskets that we will be giving away; this will be a fun event for everyone to enjoy while supporting a great cause."

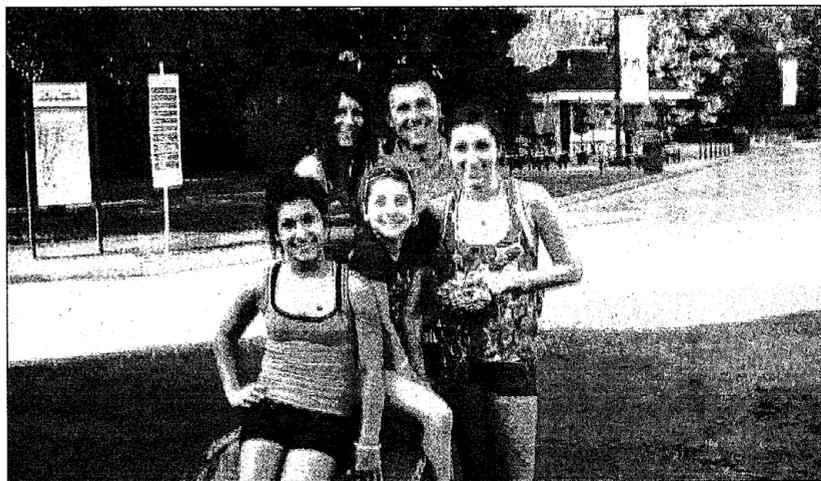
The Firearm Exchange Gun Range is at 30305 Schoolcraft between Middlebelt and Merriman.

For more information on Shoot for a Cure, call (734) 422-4867.

Another Livonia business is also holding a fund-raiser for the Remijans for Fay's medical expenses.

George Murphy's at the Creek will donate a percentage of food and drink purchases made from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday to the family and hold a raffle ticket drawing at 10 p.m. The raffle tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. They can be purchased in advance by e-mailing Colleen Nowak at cnowak13@yahoo.com.

George Murphy's is in the clubhouse at Fox Creek Golf Course at 36000 Seven Mile, which is between Farmington Road and Newburgh.



Shoot for a Cause is a "ray of sunshine" for Fay Remijan (left, back row), who has an aggressive form of breast cancer. She is shown here with her husband, Leo, and their three daughters (from left) Alissa, Lauren and Courtney.

## Walsh: More cuts needed in state budget

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jeff Guilfoyle wasn't talking about something most residents didn't already know.

They just never saw the numbers all lined up like that.

Michigan ranked 51st among the 50 states and Washington D.C. in growth of population, real per capita gross domestic product, employment and real per capita income over the past decade. "We didn't have a poor economic performance; we had a horrible economic performance," Guilfoyle said.

Guilfoyle, president of the Citizens Research Council of Michigan, highlighted the CRC's report on "Michigan's Economic, Revenue and Budget Outlook" at a town hall forum with Rep. John Walsh Tuesday at Schoolcraft College.

Walsh scheduled the event to educate the public on the economic realities facing the state.

Guilfoyle said the state's retirement system changes will save \$98 million in fiscal year 2011, part of \$433 million in cuts including corrections

reforms, private college scholarships, rescinding a nonunion pay bump, community health and human services. Stimulus spending has been supporting state budgets, Guilfoyle said, to the tune of 12 percent in the fiscal year 2010 budget.

Guilfoyle said the economy is starting to grow, but there is no quick recovery from an 18-percent unemployment decline. "Spending, primarily due to health care costs, is poised to grow faster than revenue over the long term," Guilfoyle said.

"Other states and federal government face similar challenges with health care, but Michigan's economic problems accelerate the problem for us."

"Michigan's problems are long-term and structural. We need to start thinking and planning longer term."

Walsh said he hears from residents who call and write him about the budget. Some don't realize that rescinding cuts for certain departments will mean more cuts for another.

Term limits add to the

inexperience in Lansing with a constant turnover of elected officials. "What we have is a perpetually amateur Legislature," Walsh said.

Walsh believes more cuts are needed to address another \$1 billion deficit, the seventh consecutive deficit lawmakers face. "Despite the use of stimulus money and a tax increase in 2007, we still have a deficit because we haven't adjusted spending," Walsh said.

Walsh believes the next governor needs to be willing to take on bargaining units. "It takes a great deal of courage to open up contracts."

Greg Kremer, a Livonia resident and owner of St. Clair Systems in Romeo, agreed with Walsh's take on the budget. "The money just isn't there to support that level of government," Kremer said.

Kremer said Michigan should look at other states to see what incentives they're using to draw business. He would also like to see the state plan its budget like Oakland County does three years ahead of time.

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The first Fusion Festival in 2008 also featured Indian musicians playing with the orchestra performing more classical Indian repertoire. "Celebrate Bollywood" will feature the "pop" music of the Indian film industry.

## 'Bollywood' program celebrates Indian music

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras will "Celebrate Bollywood" and the film music of India along with Indian musicians, percussionists, and soloists on Saturday, June 5, 2010 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Members of the orchestra will join Indian musicians to feature music of the films of India including the award-winning music from "Slumdog Millionaire" which found a huge audience in the U.S. This event is part of the orchestra's annual Fusion Festival which brings together Western Classical Music with music from another cultural tradition.

The event will also feature Detroit Indian Radio Show host Narendra Sheth, a Plymouth resident who is an international expert on the history of Bollywood music. Sheth will give the pre-concert presentation on the films and

the music of Bollywood and how it has grown and changed over the years.

According to PSO Music Director and Conductor, Nan Washburn, the music has been a fun and challenging part of the repertoire for the orchestra.

"One of the biggest challenges the orchestra faces with the project is the method by which Indian musicians perform music," Washburn said. "Classical performers need each note laid out on sheet music, while their Indian counterparts played by ear."

Narendra Sheth will give the pre-concert program on the "History of Bollywood Music" at 6:30 p.m. with the concert following at 7:30 p.m. The program is sponsored by the Canton Partnership for the Arts.

Tickets for the concert are available by calling 734 451-2112 or online at [www.plymouthsymphony.org](http://www.plymouthsymphony.org)

## What's best strategy for sitting out volatile market?

May was a bad month for investors. According to some statistics, this was the worst May in 70 years.

In any market downturn, there are a number of factors, but the main cause of this time is what occurred in Greece and throughout Europe. Other events have also affected the market, however, I believe it is the European debt crisis and how it could impact other economies throughout the world that has been the dominant issue.

I bring this up because who knows what June will bring? Just as fast as the Greek crisis was upon us, something else could happen and suddenly the markets head north again.

It is impossible to know what the controlling issues moving forward will be, and investors shouldn't try to predict them. As

fear and uncertainty continue to plague investors, many individuals will continue to sit on the sidelines or will decide to bail out of the market.

The issue for people who choose to bail out of the market is, what are the alternatives? For most people, it will be to invest in certificates of deposit, government bonds or money market accounts. If that is you, one issue to tackle is how long to lock up your money. For example, do you use a six-month CD or a five-year CD, or do you just leave it in a money market account? What is the best alternative? It's hard to say, but these are some of the facts to consider.

The first is that short-term investments such as money market accounts are paying less than 1 percent, while CDs and Treasuries are not paying much better. To get a better rate of return, an investor has to look long term such as a five-year CD. However, the problem with a five-year CD is even though the rate is substantially higher than money markets or short-term

CDs, it is still relatively low.

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Many people think by purchasing a CD, they're not losing any money. If you look at only the dollars involved, that is true, but it is not true when you look at purchasing power. A factor to consider is inflation. Sometime in the future, inflation will come back. When that happens, you don't want to be locked into a 3- or 4-percent return when the going rate may be 7 or 8 percent.

For an investor who doesn't feel comfortable in the market and wants to leave money in cash, what is the best alternative?

For the investor returning to the market over a short period of time, a money market account would be the way to go for excess cash. An investor in a high-income bracket could use a tax-free money market. Fidelity, for example, offers a Michigan tax-free money market. It is tax-free for both state and federal government.

However, for the investor

unsure how long he/she will be out of the market, CDs may come into play. One strategy to consider is a longer term CD (five-year). Then if you decide to get back into the market over a shorter period of time, pay the penalty for early termination.

Too many investors believe all CDs have the same terms when it comes to penalties, but that is not the case. Shop CDs for rates and penalty provisions. With higher interest rates received over the first year or so, even a small penalty may net more. The key is to know what the penalty is on the CD.

It is important to recognize that when it comes to financial products like CDs, it does pay to shop around, not only for the rates which differ dramatically, but also terms.

Good luck!

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# HOMETOWN LIFE



## Be like Mike

Wildcat's approach to baseball one to emulate

### THE NADRATOWSKI FILE

**Who:** Mike Nadratowski, 16, junior at Plymouth High School.

**What:** He is a talented two-sport athlete, starring on the Wildcats varsity both in boys basketball and baseball. This baseball season, he is for excelling on the mound, in centerfield and at the plate - where he is hitting about .420 entering this week's state districts.

**Next:** This summer, Nadratowski will again play travel ball with the Michigan Red Sox. After his senior year at Plymouth, he is eyeing a chance to play baseball for a Division 1 college.

**Miscellaneous:** Mike's parents are John and Kim Nadratowski of Canton. He has two brothers, Dan (a Plymouth alum now at Michigan State) and Andrew, 10. Mike carries a 3.8 grade point average.

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Mike Nadratowski steps between the white lines onto a baseball field, it's worth the price of admission - if they charged for high school games, of course.

As a centerfielder, the 16-year-old Nadratowski glides into the gap to snare drives that look to be trouble for the Wildcats. He scoots toward the infield to get to a ball before it hits the turf.

Nadratoski crushes the ball from the left-handed batter's box, a .420 hitter who gets so many clutch hits they look routine. He's a very talented starting pitcher, too (4-3, 3.00 ERA).

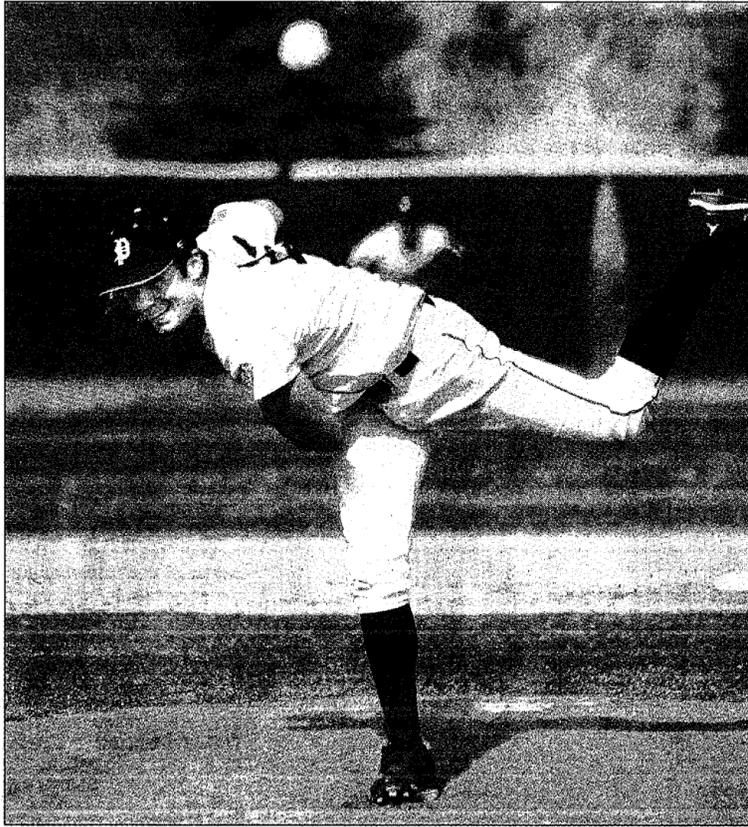
During a recent practice, the ball sizzled through the batting cage every time Nadratowski made contact. It sounded more intimidating.

"Coaches don't like throwing batting practice to him," said first-year Plymouth head coach Bryan Boyd. "They have to duck."

And there's a hard-nosed will to win, a quality that teammates and coaches appreciate.

"You've seen him, he hits home runs

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Wearing a smile even as he fires the ball toward home plate is a pretty clear indication that Plymouth junior Mike Nadratowski loves being on the baseball field.

## 'Cats nip Chargers

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One team was better at "small ball" than the other Tuesday, as Plymouth edged Livonia Churchill 3-0 in a Division 1 pre-district baseball game.

The Wildcats parlayed clutch, two-out hits, defensive gems and the five-hit pitching of junior Harrison Michels into the victory - which sets up a

10 a.m. **BASEBALL DISTRICTS** Saturday show-

down with Canton at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Churchill junior pitcher Troy Bogenschutz also pitched well, giving up just seven hits.

"We didn't hit great by any means," said Wildcats head coach Bryan Boyd. "But we got a couple timely hits, we stole a couple bases."

According to Churchill head coach Ron Targosz, the Chargers (15-19) didn't make Michels work hard enough during the early innings. Michels retired the first 12 batters he faced.

"The difference in the game is they were patient at the plate where we were impatient," Targosz said. "Michels only threw 38 pitches through five innings, we swung at a lot of first-pitch curveballs and things we usually don't do."

Two key performers for the Wildcats (18-14) were Michels and freshman leftfielder Jamarl Eiland, who went 2-for-3 with a run and RBI for good measure.

"Harrison did a heck of a job, no doubt about it," Boyd said. "He kept them off balance all game, he kept his composure and pitched as well as I've seen him pitch all year."

The way Eiland stepped in also brought a smile to Boyd's face.

"He is a very talented young player and we're expecting big things out of him in the future," Boyd said. "He's already starting to show us some big things."

"Not many kids can handle that pressure, but he showed today that he can."

### TURNING POINT

Eiland's first example of that took place in the Churchill fifth with the game scoreless.

Senior catcher Christian Leathley (2-for-3) led off the frame hitting a long fly ball to left that bounced off the tip of Eiland's glove. Leathley motored into second with a double but tried to stretch it into a triple.

Eiland fired the ball to junior shortstop Ben Wohl who in turn relayed it to junior third baseman Zach Yokom for the putout.

"With no outs you're happy at second," Targosz said. "He (Leathley) just got a little over-aggressive."

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## Teams enjoy taste of victory

BY TIM SMITH  
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Canton Cup championships are just as sweet for first-time winners as they are for teams which enjoy repeat success, and there were examples of both throughout Sunday's capper of an exciting three-day soccer tournament.

Playing for the ninth time in the annual Memorial Day invitational, Alex Tramel scored both goals for Canton Soccer Club Celtic '92 Black against Waza East '92 Black to spark his team to a 2-0 win and that elusive title in the Boys College Prep Elite division.

"I've been on this team since U9," said Tramel, who is graduating this year from Salem. "I've been here all nine years. So it's pretty exciting (to win). We haven't won all nine years. It's good to get a win in the finals."

Tramel put Celtic '92 on the board in the first half, finishing a crossing pass from Zach Walega (Saline).

Then with about two minutes left in the match on Field No. 7 at Independence Park, Tramel scored again on a header after getting the setup from 2009 Canton grad Mitch Reinhart.



"I haven't scored in a while, so I guess I've been saving it for the right time," said Tramel, who will play college soccer at Schoolcraft this fall. "It counted today."

Immediately following that game on Field 7 was the title game in the Boys High School Junior Elite Division between CSC Celtic '95 Black and Vardar Black.

Vardar earned the 2-1 win and Canton Cup trophy, scoring shortly after Celtic '95's Mitch Pepper tied the game early in the second half.

Over at Independence's Field No. 6, was a spirited contest in the U13 Girls Blue Division between Garden City Makki Fire and SCOR (Soccer Club of Rockford).

Makki, coached by former European pro-

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ANN ESPINOZA

Audrey Kananen of the Plymouth Storm (in pink) and Lani McCarthy of the Rush Downriver Blue Angels vie for the ball in a Canton Cup game on Sunday.

## Late Bucks goal burns Kings

BY TIM SMITH  
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The broiling sun Saturday afternoon baked Michigan Bucks defender Kevin Cope and his teammates as they tried to get past the Cincinnati Kings at Independence Park in Canton.

Cope - a soccer standout at Salem who graduated in 2009 - found himself in some physical distress as the final minutes of the Bucks' fourth annual appearance at

the Canton Cup Invitational were played.

Each team traded goals early in the second half, but that was all the scoring with under 10 minutes left. And Cope was gassed, until looking over to the sidelines where his parents and Salem buddies were cheering him on.

Cope couldn't let up then, and Bucks forward Stephan St. Louis scored in the final minutes for a 2-1 USL Premier Development League victory.

"The last 10 minutes, I was dying," said Cope, also a college player for Michigan State. "But knowing they were here gave me the extra energy to go through and play that last 10 and end up getting the win, so that was nice."

### KEEPING IT SIMPLE

Cope helped out another *Observer*land product - Livonia Stevenson alum and goalkeeper

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Salem alum Kevin Cope now plays for the minor pro Michigan Bucks soccer team, and Saturday the defender competed at the Canton Cup for the first time.

## 'Plan B' sparks Plymouth to pre-district softball triumph

BY BRAD EMONS  
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Plymouth girls softball coach Val Canfield proved Tuesday that when it's time to make a calculated gamble, she won't hesitate.

After Livonia Churchill scored twice in the top of the second inning to make it 2-all in the Division 1 pre-district opener at Canton Canfield rolled the dice and went to Plan B.

She not only made an outfield change to start the third inning, but also put a new pitcher on the mound.

And freshman Elaine Gerou was nothing less than perfect as she retired the final 15 Charger batters in order en route to a 6-2 Plymouth victory.

"I can always count on Gerou to

come in and close the game," said Canfield, whose team improved to 23-14 overall and earned a spot in Saturday's district semifinal against host Canton. "They (Churchill) just happened to have (Lauren) Smith's timing, and I kind of wanted to change it up a bit because they do throw different speeds and they throw different pitches. I felt real comfortable about that move and that was the perfect time to do it, and I'm glad it paid off."

Gerou struck out four, but more importantly got the Chargers to ground out eight times.

Churchill (18-14) threatened in the top of the first inning, loading the bases thanks to a pair of Plymouth errors, but failed to score.

The Wildcats then scored twice in

the bottom half of the first as lead-off batter Jessica Bondy reached base on a Churchill infield error. She went to second on a sacrifice bunt by Kayla Rebain and scored on Stacey Klonowski's double to right field.

Klonowski then stole third and scored on Amanda Burnard's groundout to first.

Churchill, however, got two back in the second on a single by Missy Sidor, an error, followed by back-to-back doubles by Taylor Kerr and Nikki Salloum.

"There's nothing wrong with starting off the game with a bang," Canfield said. "But then, you gain momentum when you stop them from scoring, too. That was kind of a turning point to hold them."

In the bottom of the third, Plymouth opened up a 5-2 advantage thanks to back-to-back infield singles by Bondy and Kayla Rebain, followed by Klonowski's 2-run triple. Klonowski came home on an overthrow at third, one of four Churchill errors on the afternoon.

"The top four girls in their order are incredible," Churchill coach Lou Kuratko said of the Wildcats.

The Churchill coach was dead-on as Klonowski, the shortstop bound for Northwood University, scored Plymouth's final run in the sixth.

The senior reached base on a Churchill infield error, followed by a steal of third before coming home on Burnard's groundout to short.

Churchill junior left-hander

Natalie Hiser, who took the loss, was charged with three earned runs on six hits. She walked three and struck out two in six innings.

Beginning at noon on Saturday, Plymouth will try and avenge an April 28 double-header loss to the host Chiefs (23-6).

And Canfield said she won't tip her hat as far as to who (Smith or Gerou) will start.

"I usually wait until the start of the game," the Plymouth coach said. "I watch both of them throw and see who's throwing well. With both throwing today, I decided to go with my experience, and everything worked out."

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# Bucks connect with fans through Canton Cup game

BY TIM SMITH  
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Not too far from the end of the Independence Park soccer field where electric Michigan Bucks forward Kenny Uzoigwe scored the tying goal Saturday against Cincinnati, a special fan club of sorts cheered him on.

"Kenny, Kenny," chanted several members of the Waza FC U13 girls soccer team from Grand Blanc, which Uzoigwe scored the tying goal Saturday against Cincinnati, a special fan club of sorts cheered him on.

"We learn speed moves," she said about watching Uzoigwe and the rest of the Bucks, who thrilled about 1,500 spectators at Field No. 7 as the featured attraction of Day 2 of the Canton Soccer Club-hosted extravaganza.

After Uzoigwe put the ball behind the Kings' goalkeeper, early in the second half of the United Soccer Leagues (USL) Premier Development League contest, he ran inside the cage to retrieve the ball.

He might have been getting it for his Waza FC players, or perhaps he was looking to make some new fans.

## CONNECTING

Either way, the link between the Bucks and the soccer community in the *Observer*land area is something team CEO chairman and Livonia resident Dan Duggan knows can only get stronger through appearances at major invitational events such as the Canton Cup.

"We play out of Ultimate Soccer in Pontiac and ... it's tough to get from Plymouth-Canton-Livonia out to Ultimate all the time," Duggan said during a halftime interview. "So they don't get up there to see us as often as they'd probably like."

"We used to play games out here each year and we'd have a big crowd, so this is a fantastic time for us to keep in touch with the western Wayne guys."

For the Michigan-Cincinnati tilt, many young soccer players who either already played their Saturday game or were waiting to compete, stopped by to catch Uzoigwe, Stephan St. Louis, Salem alum Kevin Cope (MSU) and Mitch Hildebrandt (Livonia Stevenson/Oakland U.), among other Bucks on the pitch.

Of course, the kids brought their families with them to

check it out. Drew Posh, 10, of the CSC U11 Wolverines (waiting to play a night game) and his mom Kathy watched the final minutes of the Bucks' 2-1 victory from the sidelines.

"I think it's important that they (kids) saw how they (Bucks) communicated on the field, how they talked and passed really well, to see all that," Kathy Posh said. "It's a good example for them to maybe play like that."

Drew agreed: "I think it's fun watching older people play, and how they communicate and pass it around. It's pretty fast-paced."

## A SUMMER OPTION

That's what Duggan and Bucks head coach Gary Parsons like to hear. One big reason for playing the Canton Cup game is to help young soccer players realize there's another team in town that they can watch this summer besides the Tigers.

"There's a lot of people here for the first time, whether they're seeing the Bucks for the first time or the Canton Cup for the first time," Duggan said. "And all you got to do is watch three minutes of it and you can see this is such a high level that it grabs your attention. And so they watch and watch and watch."

Parsons said playing at the Canton Cup "gives the kids a chance to watch us and know what we're all about."

That might get them interested in going out to Ultimate Soccer Arenas to watch the Bucks this season. Or at least it will "get kids excited and aspire to be players like them," the coach added.

According to Duggan, it's a good thing to have 1,000-1,500 people stopping by during the course of the game. But he hopes that future Canton Cup appearances will literally bring everything else to a two-hour stop.

"We haven't got to the point where we can stop everything, which we're trying to do," Duggan said. "That's very difficult. But if you got everybody around here you could literally have 5,000-8,000 people watching a game here."

Regardless, he is more than happy with how the Bucks have been received over the past several years in Canton.

"It's gathering a life of its own. Like everything, it takes a little bit of time," Duggan said. "But there's more and more interest, the Canton Cup people have been fantastic over the last four or five years and we expect this to grow into something even bigger than this."

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# CUP

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professional player Sam Makki and including players from Plymouth, Livonia, Garden City and other communities, won 2-0 thanks to back-to-back tallies midway through the second half.

Jenna Thom (Livonia) blasted a 15-yarder under the crossbar for the first goal of the game. Within moments, it was 2-0. A shot was blocked by the SCOR netminder, but the ball bounced behind her toward the open net, where Sara Makki pounced on it for the marker.

Holding the fort for the shutout was goalkeeper Dayna Schroeder of Plymouth, winning a trophy in her first season with the Fire.

"This is a great event," said Dayna's dad, Gary Schroeder. "Canton puts on a good tournament, it's first-class, facilities are very nice and you play some of the best teams."

Gary Schroeder said the



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ALEX TRAMEL, CSC Celtic '92 Black

girls also like playing and learning the game in Makki's program.

"Sam used to play professionally in Europe, and he just loves the kids," Schroeder said. "His passion is for soccer and he's really good with the girls."

"His philosophy seems to be he wants them to learn, have fun and it doesn't have to cost an arm and a leg to play."

## ENCORE FOR BLUE JAYS

A couple of miles east at Heritage Park were other decisive Canton Cup matchups, including one in the U9 Girls Yellow Division between two Canton Soccer Club teams.

Going for a back-to-back championship was coach Ed Traub's Blue Jays, with the Sunshines trying to spoil that attempt.

Just like 2009, the Blue Jays got to drink out of the Canton Cup after a 2-1 victory. Unlike last year, the girls did not drink apple juice out of the cup — this time around they settled for bottled water.

The Blue Jays went ahead 2-0 in the first half on goals by Jordan Manley and Cali Murad, but the Sunshines sliced the gap to 2-1 at half-time on a tally by Lucy Ross.

For the second half, Traub put Manley in goal (Taylor Begley started and played well in the first 25 minutes) and the move immediately paid off.

Manley dove to partially stop a hard shot early in the second half, and then scrambled back to keep the ball from

rolling into the net behind her.

She made another diving, desperation save a minute or two later to keep it a 2-1 game and that's how it ended. The Blue Jays played their positions well and showed poise, much of it gained during their 2009 championship run.

"They knew what to expect and they played hard," Traub said.

When the final whistle sounded, the happy youngsters jumped up and down and sprinted to the sidelines to slap hands with their proud moms, dads and grandparents.

But just as proud was their coach.

"I've grown to love it (coaching), personally," Traub said. "It's a lot of fun seeing the girls grow, get better and improve and they're so excited."

"They talk about it every day, it's a great group of girls and they all get along — which makes it special."

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# BUCKS

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Mitch Hildebrandt (Oakland University) — with a couple of rock-solid maneuvers in the final five minutes to keep the Kings in check.

On one of his plays, Cope shut down onrushing Kings forward Branden Selmak. Another time, Cope neatly cleared the ball out of a potentially dangerous area in front of Hildebrandt.

"It's my job," Cope said. "I'm back there, I got three other guys supporting me and I'm supporting them, so it's just work together and we got the job done."

According to Cope, the key for success and self-preservation in such conditions is to keep things as simple as possible. Of course, that's easier said than done when there's heat and high-level soccer going on. "Just keep the ball moving,"

he said. "Let the ball do the work and that's less running for everybody. It just keeps the flow of the game going."

Cope added that it was nice to finally participate in the Canton Cup, something he didn't get to do growing up.

"I actually never did (play in the Canton Cup as a kid)," Cope said. "I was with the Michigan Wolves and for some reason we were never here. This is my first time, and I enjoyed it."

## NOT LIKE HE DREW IT UP

Winning the game made it even more enjoyable for the Bucks, although head coach Gary Parsons wasn't thrilled with the way it unfolded.

"It (the late winning goal) says we didn't score on our chances for 89 minutes," said Parsons, whose team improved to 3-1. "We should have had four or five or six."

"I'm glad we got one in the dying minutes of the game, but we certainly should have put

this game away a lot sooner than that."

One reason for that was the acrobatic goalkeeping of Kings goalkeeper Corey Whisenhunt. With about 25 minutes to go in the first half, Bucks forward Simon Omekanda drilled a hard shot from about 15 yards directly in front of Whisenhunt, but he sprawled and dove to his right to deflect the ball away.

A few minutes later he somehow got in front of a scoring attempt from forward Kenny Uzoigwe, who seemingly had an open net at his disposal.

But it was Cincinnati that finally scored. About two minutes into the second half, Steven Beattie finished a feed from Ross Hopkins.

## GOOD RESPONSE

Michigan only needed a couple of minutes to answer for the tying marker.

Uzoigwe, parked in front of the Kings goal, chipped in

the ball after it was directed his way by midfielder Andrew Lorei.

"You don't want them (Kings) hanging around with a 1-0 lead for long," Parsons said. "That was a good thing" to strike back quickly.

Then some 40 minutes later, the Bucks at last enjoyed a lead. A corner kick from the right of the Cincinnati goal floated into traffic and forward Rubin Bega got to it first.

Bega sent the ball over to St. Louis barreling in from the left of the box for the finishing flourish that gave most of the 1,500 or so in attendance the payoff for two hours of sun — and soccer — worship.

"I've got good players," Parsons said. "We've got good depth and we just kept getting fresh legs in and putting pressure on them."

"Hopefully they'd crack sooner or later and they finally did."

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# Rocks romp past Redford Union to start tourney

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Salem prepared for Tuesday's Division I girls soccer pre-district game against Redford Union figuring it would take high-level pressure to score against the Panthers' outstanding junior goalkeeper, Ryan Elequin.

The Rocks pelted Elequin with shots and eight of them found the back of the net in the first half as Salem won an 8-0 mercy at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park grass soccer field.

Salem (11-5-3) next plays

## GIRLS SOCCER DISTRICTS

at 5 p.m. Thursday at Livonia Stevenson, against Pinckney or Livonia Churchill.

"We've been working on a few things and they all worked tonight," said Salem head coach Joe Nora. "Redford Union's strength is their goalkeeper, the score wouldn't indicate that but she's a really strong goalie."

"We wanted to take quality shots, shots from distance, free kicks and corners and put the ball in that way and we did. So it was a pleasure to see us hit-

ting on all cylinders."

Leading Salem with two goals and an assist was junior midfielder Kristina Klusek.

Adding one goal each were senior midfielders Kaylyn Brzys, Abbi Gaiar, Lindsey Newton, junior midfielder Mackenzie Rogers, sophomore midfielder Katelynn Krause and sophomore forward Tori Quinn.

Dividing the shutout for Salem were senior goalkeeper Tabitha Mann and freshman goalie Ali Eggenberger.

Meanwhile, Nora said he didn't expect the lopsided win to impact how the Rocks gear up for future postseason

matches because the team is getting prepared for each opponent the same way.

"You'll face teams that maybe on paper you should beat and teams you should lose to, and whatever team goes on a seven-game run is going to be the champ," Nora added. "So that's the way we approach it, play every game like it could be our last."

"That way, win or lose we can walk off and we worked as hard as we can and can hold our heads high. That's what it's all about."

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# BASEBALL

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"Things happen and unfortunately he got thrown out on that play. If we score there we get a lot of momentum because then it was a 0-0 game."

Michels said that putout gave him extra confidence

down the stretch.

"It could have been a big inning for Churchill," Michels said. "But Jamarl and those guys rallied on that play and shut them down and that was kind of the big reasons we won."

Then in the bottom of the fifth, Eiland lined a single to left despite a two-strike count.

"I was just trying to put it in play," said Eiland, adding that

he was excited to play in such a big game as a freshman. "Not too many freshman get to play at the varsity level. I just want to come out here and try my best."

Eiland stole second base and scored on a two-out double over the leftfielder's head by sophomore catcher Rich Guglielmi (2-for-3).

"When you watch him (Guglielmi) play, it's hard to

believe he's only a sophomore," Boyd said.

## GETTING INSURANCE

Plymouth also bunted more efficiently than Churchill in sacrifice situations.

The Chargers had a runner on first with one out in the sixth after a single by Bogenschutz, but a sacrifice try by the next better turned into a force-out.

Michels pounced on the bunt to the right of the mound and threw to second to retire courtesy runner Matt Windle.

Plymouth added two insurance runs in the bottom half, working a sacrifice bunt into the mix.

Senior first baseman Matt Priebe rolled a single to left and junior outfielder Phil Emminger bunted in front of the plate. Emminger beat the throw to first for a two-on, no-out situation.

Both runners moved up on a sacrifice bunt by Michels and with the infield drawn in, senior infielder Kevin Lozier contributed an RBI single.

One out later, it was 3-0 after Eiland singled to left for a run. Churchill tried to rally in the seventh, with singles by Leathley and junior Ben Matigan putting Michels into a one-out jam.

But sophomore Brent Ochodnicki (a first baseman up from JV) lined to Wohl at short and senior Steve Hobermale — after hooking a ball just foul down the rightfield line — swung and missed at a low fastball to end the game.

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# NADRATOWSKI

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and makes great defensive plays," Boyd said. "He does great things every time he steps on to the field."

## ALWAYS FULL BLAST

But Boyd said he couldn't have been prouder of him than a recent game where he almost turned a routine ground-ball out to the first baseman into an infield hit. Nadratowski came within a half-step of getting there in time.

"A lot of guys would have jogged down to first and kind of pouted about it," Boyd said. "Mike ran as fast as he could. And the first baseman kind of picked it up and took his time and Mike almost made him look real bad by almost beating it out. "When he does things on the field, he does them at full speed all the time."

That applies to his academics (3.8 grade point average) and other athletic endeavors — namely playing as a high-scoring guard for the Plymouth varsity boys basketball team.

According to Nadratowski,

wrapping up his junior year, it all boils down to a mindset to never give less than 100 percent in anything.

"Just work hard, people notice when you're slacking and so I try to work hard all the time, stay focused and good things will happen," he said. "It's not that I think about doing great things."

"Obviously I think about succeeding, but it's not that I'm pressing to do great plays, I just try to stay focused."

It helps that he has always loved baseball, ever since he was a young boy of maybe 3 or 4 years old getting pitched to in the backyard by his dad, John Nadratowski.

"He's thrown to me in the backyard since like I was 3 years old," Mike said. "He played up until high school and he always preached to me, always work hard, have a good attitude, stay positive all the time. He's a role model for me."

Even today, John and Mike team up for regular sessions at the Wildcats' batting cage during the off-season.

"It was always my passion growing up, I've wanted to play baseball as long as I can and go as far as I can," Mike empha-

sized. "So whenever I step on the field, it's a fun thing."

"I still love basketball but my heart's really set on baseball."

When he's not performing for his high school team, Nadratowski is an outfielder for the Michigan Red Sox summer national travel team.

He is hopeful that Division I college scouts will come out and watch him play so that he can keep his baseball career going after high school.

"I really want to play college, that's definitely a goal for me," Nadratowski said, "to play at the highest possible level."

## MIXING TALENT, EFFORT

Some people compliment him that he's a naturally gifted athlete, but Nadratowski said all the talent in the world won't do much good by itself.

"If you work hard, you're going to be successful in big situations," he said. "That's what I've always thought about. It didn't matter if I was born naturally with it or not, I'm still going to work hard and try to do the best I can."

One key to having success on the baseball diamond is not thinking too much about what he is or isn't doing.

"Baseball is obviously a lot tougher from the mental mindset, it's more of a mental sport," Nadratowski said. "If you make a mistake, it's really tough to forget about things quickly, but you have to."

"Because if you're thinking at the plate or thinking in the field, bad things are going to happen. You just have to stay focused, not think and have fun."

During a game this season against Livonia Churchill, Nadratowski was able to parlay his "just react" philosophy into a home run — his first at the varsity level. He smacked an outside pitch the opposite way, over the

fence in left, helping the Wildcats earn an important KLA South victory.

"I was 0-for-2 in the game and I was getting a little anxious and I just thought if it was close I was going to try to hit the ball," Nadratowski said. "I saw it and kind of went out and got it, that was basically it."

Nadratowski seemed almost embarrassed discussing his smash, the first of six he's hit so far this season.

But his coach isn't shy about talking about Mike Nadratowski. "Mike's a 3.8 student, a kid that gives 100 percent at all times," Boyd said. "When he

makes a bad play he's upset for the team, he's not upset for himself."

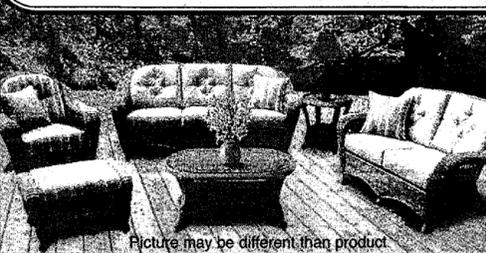
"He wants to do whatever he can to help the team win, so he's been a great role model in that aspect."

Of course, there's the bonus of Nadratowski also being a pretty good player.

"It's automatic out in center-field," Boyd said. "When the ball gets hit to centerfield, he makes plays look easy."

That kind of assessment might make Nadratowski blush. Still, he must feel pretty good knowing it's the best kind of payoff for years of sweat and sacrifice.

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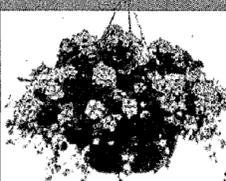
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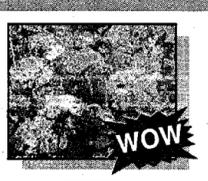
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### BOYS TRYOUTS

AGE	SAT / JUNE 12	SUN / JUNE 13	LOCATION	# OF TEAMS
U8	4:30-5:30 pm	4:30-5:30 pm	Dickinson Center	1 TEAM
U9	6:00-7:15 pm	6:00-7:15 pm	Dickinson Center	3 TEAMS
U10	5:45-7:15 pm	5:45-7:15 pm	Dickinson Center	2 TEAMS
U11	4:30-5:45 pm	4:30-5:45 pm	Dickinson Center	2 TEAMS
U12	5:00-6:30 pm	5:00-6:30 pm	Dickinson Center	2 TEAMS
U13	10:00-11:30 am	10:00-11:30 am	Schoolcraft College	3 TEAMS
U14	6:30-8:00 pm	6:30-8:00 pm	Schoolcraft College	1 TEAM
U15	6:00-8:00 pm	6:30-8:00 pm	Schoolcraft College	2 TEAMS
U16	4:45-6:15 pm	4:45-6:15 pm	Schoolcraft College	3 TEAMS
U17	8:00-9:30 am	8:00-9:30 am	Schoolcraft College	3 TEAMS
U18	6:30-8:00 pm	6:30-8:00 pm	Schoolcraft College	1 TEAM

### GIRLS TRYOUTS

AGE	SAT / JUNE 12	SUN / JUNE 13	LOCATION	# OF TEAMS
U8	4:30-5:30 pm	4:30-5:30 pm	Dickinson Center	1 TEAM
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U10	6:30-7:45 pm	6:30-7:45 pm	Dickinson Center	2 TEAMS
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U18	8:00-9:30 am	8:00-9:30 am	Schoolcraft College	3 TEAMS
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## 2010-2011 TRYOUTS

# Plymouth netters show promise

The three PCEP varsity girls tennis teams finished in the middle of the pack at the May 21 Division 1 state regionals, but as far as Plymouth head coach Rob McLaren was concerned, the performance was something to build on.

The Wildcats finished fifth with nine points, trailing campus rival Salem (fourth, 12 points) but ahead of seventh-place Canton (3 points). Taking the top spot with 26 points each were Ann Arbor Pioneer and Saline, followed by Ann Arbor Huron (12 points).

"Overall, I'm very pleased with our performance," McLaren said. "We'll have a ton of experience next year with 11 girls who will be seniors returning to the team next year."

What McLaren was most enthusiastic about was first-round victories in all flights, the first time that's ever happened for the Wildcats.

Following is the breakdown of how Plymouth, Canton and Salem players fared at the Ann Arbor-hosted tournament:

**No. 1 singles:** Plymouth's Sarah Mitchell defeated Monroe's Hayley Anteau, 7-6 (9), 7-6 (3); Salem's Allie Carpenter defeated Canton's Megan Leung, 6-2, 6-1.

**No. 2 singles:** Plymouth's Priya Joshi got past Canton's Taylor Eppler, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; Anna Norman of Salem won the first round with a bye and then defeated Claudia Rodriguez of Monroe, 6-0, 6-0 but then lost in the final to Saline's Mary Hanna, 6-0, 6-1.

**No. 3 singles:** Lindsey Stemberger of Plymouth defeated Salem's Morgan Spencer in the second round, 7-5, 6-3, but then lost to Ann Arbor Pioneer's Jennifer Liu (6-1, 6-0). For Canton, Jaclyn Hollingsworth won with a bye in the first round before

losing 6-0, 6-0 to Ann Arbor Huron's Monika Rizk.

**No. 4 singles:** Plymouth's Kirthi Duraiswamy defeated Jackson's Paige MacCreedy (6-4, 6-2). Salem's Kerry MacDonald won in Round 2 over Monroe's Emily Sigler, 6-0, 6-0. For the Chiefs, Sydney Liedel got past Belleville's Liz Haver (6-1, 6-3) in Round 1 but fell 6-0, 6-0 to Saline's Shanna Cooper.

**No. 1 doubles:** Plymouth's Lauren Jeong-Allison Santori won 6-3, 6-2 over Pioneer's Paige Munroe-Lauren Wilcox. Salem's tandem of Ashley Davis-Rachel Norman defeated Canton's Kayla Davis-Brittany Vance (6-2, 6-3).

**No. 2 doubles:** The Plymouth duo of Kayla Griffey-Britta Swanson defeated Belleville's Joelle Laginess-Ashley Richardson, 6-1, 6-2. Mallory Rojo-Ashley Walker of Salem defeated Jackson's Bridget Avery-Abby Briggs (6-0, 6-0). Canton's Kelsey Mason-Catherine Sanctorum lost 7-6 (3), 6-1 to Monroe's Alyssa Botz-Amanda Dziana.

**No. 3 doubles:** For Plymouth, Andrea Haidar-Brittany Rose blanked Belleville's Madi Bagley-Tori Zaborowski (6-0, 6-0) in the first round. Salem's Olivia Gonzalez-Alex Lamb defeated Monroe's Rebecca Harwood-Samantha Stalbaum in the second round, 6-3, 6-1. Canton's tandem of Kaitlyn Bunyak-Janani Shanmuga earned a 6-4, 6-1 win in Round 1 over Jackson's Allison Bryan-Priyanka Thitha, 6-4, 6-1.

**No. 4 doubles:** Julia Fratila-Annie MacKenzie made it eight first-round wins for the Wildcats with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Salem's Bansari Patel-Ewa Zajac. Also victorious was Canton's Hayley Cook-Samantha Klott (6-1, 6-3) over Kaylyn Counts-Miriam Krueger of Belleville.

# Regionals big step forward for Eagles harriers

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

You can excuse Jennifer Lemieux for letting it all soak in.

Plymouth Christian Academy's track & field program enjoyed a record-breaking day May 22 at the Division 4 regional hosted by Lutheran High Westland.

Four boys and one girl all qualified for the June 5 state meet in Jenison as the Eagles made plenty of noise, said proud head coach Lemieux — who said this has been the "most exciting year" in PCA track history.

The showing at regionals — the girls finished third overall with 54 points while the boys took fifth with 45 — continues quite a turnaround.

When Lemieux took over a "flagging" program in 2005, there were only seven on the team.

Last year, there were only 20 athletes on the coed team, including 11 boys. With an influx of talent (there are 28 team members now) and new shot/discus coach Mike Rumschlag, PCA's improvement "Ten school records have been broken and five athletes are competing at state finals," Lemieux noted. "I can't even get the record board done because we still have the Larry Steeb Invitational (June 1) and state finals left.

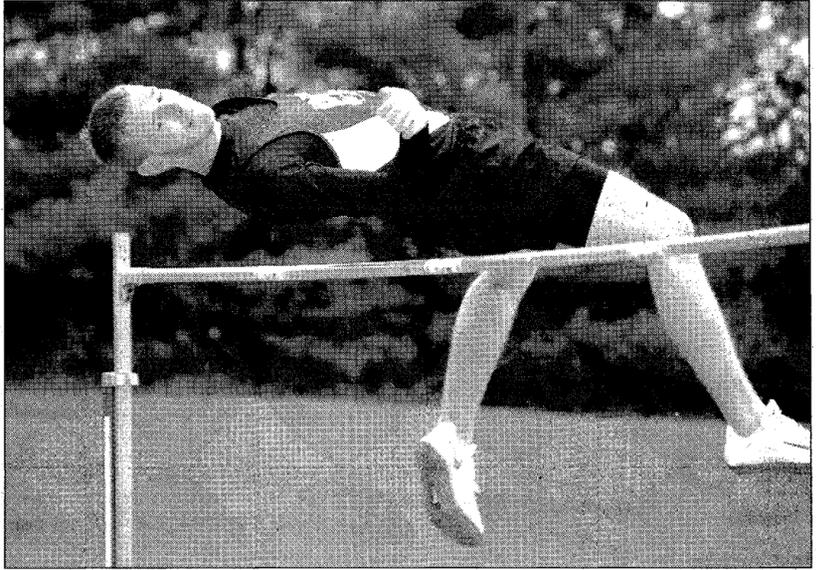
"Who knows what will happen? We still have two records in the 'danger zone,' the long jump and 300 low hurdles."

### FUTURE LOOKS GOOD

Whatever happens next weekend, Lemieux knows PCA's track & field program is in solid shape for next year and beyond.

"We have experienced wonderful growth and success over the last four years," she said. "It is delightful to give back to a sport I have loved for 30-plus years. I love God, running and the kids. It is a perfect fit."

Leading the Eagles were senior state qualifiers Jordan Allen and Jessica Soblesky. Allen took first in the high jump with a 6-foot, 6-inch



Plymouth Christian Academy's Jordan Allen scales the bar for first place in the high jump at the recent Division 4 regionals. Allen qualified for the state meet with a mark of 6-feet, 6-inches.

mark to smash the PCA record he set in 2009.

Meanwhile, Soblesky "had the day of her life," placing first in the 200 dash with a time of 27.10 seconds (also a new PCA mark). Soblesky also won in the 400 with a time of 1:02.23; that missed establishing another school record by just .23 seconds.

The coach said second-year captain Soblesky is a "delightful young woman (who) has worked very hard over four years to earn her school records."

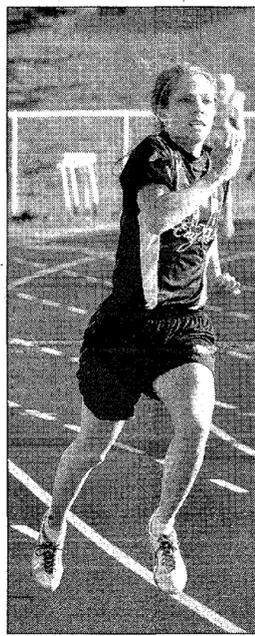
Soblesky really got up to speed, literally, this year. Sprints coach Jim Varney came out of retirement to work with her and other runners and his instruction paid off. "He is a terrific and very knowledgeable guy and deserves (some) credit for Jessica breaking the school records," Lemieux said.

Soblesky qualified in a third event as she anchored the record-busting 1,600-meter relay team. That team, including freshmen Karen Windle, Lindsay Roedding, Sydney Carpenter and Soblesky, took second with a time of 4:34.20 seconds.

"We look for more excitement from these ladies in the next three years," Lemieux said.

Earlier this season, Windle ran the mile in 5:44.7 and completed the 300-meter hurdles in 57.3 seconds. Both of those efforts will land her on the PCA leader board.

Record setters on the boys side of things during 2010 includes Allen (high jump, 6-6), Riley Groenewoud (100 dash, 11.37) and the 800-



Jessica Soblesky of Plymouth Christian won the 200- and 400-dash at the Division 4 regional, thus qualifying for the state meet.

meter relay team of Allen, Chad Ibach, Collin Kieft and Groenewoud (1:38.4).

Unfortunately, Lemieux will lose all four. Three are graduating and Kieft is moving to Grand Rapids.

"We will desperately miss all four of them," the coach said.

### THEY DID WELL

There were other performances of note at regionals, even if those didn't result in making the state finals.

### TRACK AND FIELD

**Boys:** Placing were Jordan Allen (5th, 400 run); Joshua Allen (5th, discus, personal record 100-00); Groenewoud (4th, 100 dash); Jimmy Parks personal-bests fifth-place showings in the mile (5:15.2) and two-mile (11:44.6); 800-meter relay team (Jordan Allen, Groenewoud, Ibach, Kieft), fifth with a 1:38.95; 3,200-meter relay team (Robert Fergan, Ethan Levack, Ian Rose and Jacob Nichols), sixth with a PR of 9:44.86 seconds.

Groenewoud placed with eighth-place finishes in the long jump (18-0) and 200 dash (24.30); Fergan's mark of 12:26.2 earned him seventh place in the 3200 run; the 1,600-meter relay team of Ibach, Jordan Allen, Kieft and Nichols came in sixth (3:56.3).

**Girls:** Placing in discus were Megan Lemieux (7th, 57-8.50) and Erica Smith (8th, 56-4.50); Windle took fourth in the 1600 run (5:56.60) while Roedding's time of 2:53.60 earned her sixth place in the 800 run.

Finishing third in the 3,200-meter relay with a time of 13:36.30 was the quartet of Elizabeth Aitken, Natalie Smith, Erica Smith and Roedding. The third-place PCA entry in the 800-meter relay (Lemieux, Erica Smith, Carpenter, Leah Dotson) clocked in at 2:20.50 while the 400-meter relay unit of Dotson, Rachel Yerke, Erica Smith and Lemieux took sixth with a time of 1:04.80 seconds.

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Cars lined up at Community Financial's Canton Center Road location in Canton for the credit union's community shred day May 22. More than 200 cars dropped off unwanted personal documents.

## CFCU event shreds thousands of papers

A confidential document shredding event sponsored by Community Financial Credit Union May 22 at its Canton branch, located at 6355 N. Canton Center, drew a large response from the community, with thousands of pounds of confidential information destroyed safely and securely.

More than 200 cars dropped off unwanted personal documents for free, confidential shredding which was handled by Iron Mountain.

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Community Financial and Iron Mountain volunteers helped people dump thousands of pounds of unwanted confidential documents for the Plymouth-based credit union's community shred day May 22.

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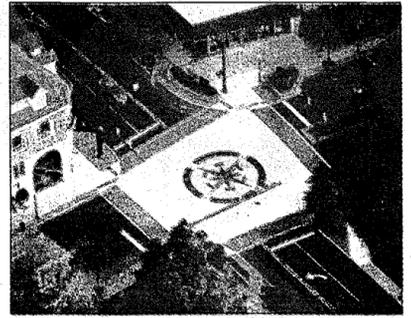
### Business news

- ArtFeast will be held Aug. 27-28. Questions can be directed to Jill Andra Young at (734) 455-7787.
- There will be a special streetscape grand opening celebration on Saturday, June 5. It all starts at 12:30 p.m. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by Mayor Dan Dwyer in Kellogg Park, near the Main St./Ann Arbor Trail intersection. After a short ceremony, the DDA is working with Frank Agostini at E.G. Nicks to have the Burger Spot hot dog cart in Kellogg Park to give out free hot dogs for a couple of hours. There will also be a face painter, balloon artist and a high school band perform around town from noon to 3 p.m.. A majority of downtown merchants will be offering special "Ribbon Cutting Specials" much of the day. Fliers will be given out to stores, there will be an ad in the *Plymouth* and *Canton Observers* next Thursday and we will mention it to the crowd at the "Music in the Air" concert.
- The Plymouth DDA has been working with a company called LunaTech to provide a 3-D look of downtown Plymouth on its website. It should be up and running in a few weeks. Visitors will be able to click a new icon on the home page and "fly" through downtown businesses. Each business that has signed up will have a 3-D mock-up of the establishment and all sorts of information made available, such as store hours, menus, pictures, Web sites and even tours of the business. If you haven't been contacted by LunaTech and are interested contact the DDA office.

### Innovation awards

As part of the second annual entrepreneurial networking event of the region, "MidMichigan Innovators: Heading for the Big Leagues," the MidMichigan Innovation Center, and The Dow Chemical Company, more than 250 entrepreneurs, business and community leaders, and accredited investors came together May 27. Nearly 40 exhibitors showcased ideas and shared resources, and attendees heard insights from keynote speaker Dwight Carlson, Chairman and CEO of Coherix.

Event host, MidMichigan Innovation Center, recognized four individuals with awards, including Diane Durance of Plymouth, executive director of Great Lakes Entrepreneur's Quest. Said MMC CEO Bill Money Penny of the



The Ann Arbor Trail-Main intersection opened for the Memorial Day weekend, and the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority got this aerial view of its \$600,000 project.

awards, "These individuals embody the spirit of entrepreneurship in how they do business, how they support and encourage others, and in how they are an inspiration to our region. We are thrilled to recognize and honor them."

### 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."

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.

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

## CHAMBER CHAT

### Relay for Life

The 2010 Relay for Life of Plymouth will take place on June 12-13 at Central Middle School from 10 a.m. to 10 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](mailto: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, e-mail [wes@plymouthmich.org](mailto:wes@plymouthmich.org) or call (734) 453-1540.

### Times columnist

At the Plymouth Chamber's June Good Morning Plymouth Community Breakfast the Chamber will feature Micheline Maynard, a *New York Times* senior business correspondent who covers the auto and aviation industries. She lives and works for the *Times* in the Detroit area, which gives her an insider's perspective on this region.

Her talk will provide valuable and interesting insights to the industry that drives our local business climate.

She joined *The Times* staff in 2004 as a reporter in Business Day, covering the airline industry. She was named Detroit bureau chief in October 2005, where she covered the automobile industry and national news. She became a business correspondent in 2008, overseeing the paper's coverage of aviation and automobiles. She also contributes regularly to the Culture and Dining sections. Her work has appeared in the *Times* since 2000.

She is the author of *The End of Detroit: How the Big Three Lost Their Grip on the American Car Market*, which was published in 2003. She has written three other books, the most recent of which is *The Selling of the America Economy: How Foreign Companies Are Remaking the American Dream*.

To attend, please RSVP to [teri@plymouthmich.org](mailto:teri@plymouthmich.org) or call (734) 453-1540. The breakfast will be June 23 from 7:30-9 a.m. at Independence Village and the cost is \$12. Cancellations must be received 48 hours prior to the event, since the Chamber is liable for all meals. Independence Village is located at 14707 Northville Road (south of Five Mile Road.)

### Goodie Bag stuffers

Be a goody bag sponsor of the 31st Annual Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run! The YMCA has a few more spaces available to offer to Plymouth businesses. With over 2000 runners and 1000 spectators, this event attracts runners from around the state, with the majority coming from the Plymouth Community! It is a great way to promote your business and show Community support. Promotional items, coupons etc. are options they accept. Please contact Cindy Morency at [cmorency@ymcamedetroit.org](mailto:cmorency@ymcamedetroit.org) or (734) 453-2904.

### Barefoot fund-raiser

Barefoot Productions and La Bistecca Italian Grill are hosting a fund-raiser for Plymouth's live theatre group on June 13 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join them at La Bistecca for an afternoon of "All That Jazz," featuring hors d'oeuvres, live music, raffles, cash bar and much more! Tickets are \$35 per person by advanced reservations only. To purchase tickets, please visit [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com) and click on the La Bistecca/Barefoot event link, which will connect you to TicketLeap. For more information or to make a reservation by telephone, please call Barefoot's box office at 734/582-9688. The event will be held at La Bistecca located at 39405 Plymouth Road, Plymouth.

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# ENTERTAINMENT



HarmonyTown Chorus presents "Adventures in Harmony" Sunday, June 6, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hills, in Canton.

## Barbershop singers take audience on 'Adventure in Harmony'

The HarmonyTown Chorus will sing everything from gospel and blues to the Beatles Sunday, June 6, at its annual barbershop concert.

The concert will start at 3 p.m., at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, in Canton. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors, \$10 for youth, age 18 and under, and \$12 for groups of 15 or more.

Members of the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society have sung in and around the suburban Detroit area for more than 60 years, offering a wide variety

of tunes in four-part harmony. Veteran barbershopper, Scott Casey, will direct their show, titled "Adventures in Harmony." They'll sing gospel and patriotic numbers, doo-wop, love songs, blues, summer tunes and a Beatles composition.

Special guest quartet, Patch Chords, will entertain in its quirky but harmonious style.

Reserved seat tickets are available at the theater box office, by phone at (734) 394-5300 or on-line at [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org) or [www.WeSingBarbershop.com](http://www.WeSingBarbershop.com).



Patch Chords joins the HarmonyTown Chorus in a performance Sunday, June 6, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, in Canton.

## Festival celebrates arts abilities with music, dance

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

If you've never listened to a chime version of Pachelbel's *Canon in D* or heard handmade xylophones play *We Are the World*, you'll get your chance to experience both Friday, June 4, at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. "Celebrate Abilities," the 19th Annual Festival of VSA Michigan - Southeast, will present dance and music performances by more than 100 students with physical and developmental disabilities from schools in Northville, Detroit, Lincoln Park, Monroe and Pontiac.

The program will run from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will include a drumming workshop, mural painting and "Make & Take" art projects in addition to the performances. VSA artists-in-residence will lead the workshops, which will be open to both performers and audience members. The VSA arts of MI 2010 Emerging Artists Touring Exhibit also will be featured. The college is located at 18600 Haggerty, north of Six Mile.

A second day of festival activities and performances will run 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Saturday, June 5 at MSU Community Music School, 3408 Woodward Ave., Detroit. It will feature performers of all ages who take music or dance lessons from therapists, arts organizations such as FAR Conservatory in Birmingham and other agencies.

"We have everything from tap dancers to a classical pianist, vocalists with different genres from pop to country," said Jody Stark, a music therapist and a member of the VSA Michigan Southeast



Members of the Old Village School in Northville perform during a previous VSA Arts Festival in Livonia. Students from the school will perform "We are the World" on handmade xylophones this year.

Committee. "They reach these levels of performance that are quite incredible."

VSA arts enables children and adults with disabilities to experience and grow through the arts. The nonprofit was founded by Jean Kennedy Smith more than 25 years ago as Very Special Arts after her sister Eunice Kennedy Shriver started Special Olympics in 1968.

The local festival gives performers the opportunity to show off their talents and spend the day with friends.

"We hope it's a validating experience for performers. They not only share special moments with each other, but the ability to perform in front of a huge audience and feel success ... there's nothing like it to enhance their self-esteem," Stark said.

Both the performances and workshops help to raise public awareness of physically and developmentally disabled individuals and their ability to participate in the arts.

Although Stark said the performances draw mostly friends and family members, she stressed that the festival is open to the public.

"We really want it to be open to anyone who might be interested in coming and participating in the experiential activities ... not only in seeing the performances."

Percussionist Kevin Collins will lead a session in African drums and Royal Oak artist Daniel Cascardo will be on hand for the mural painting.

Here's the festival schedule for Friday, June 5:  
9:30-10 a.m. — Opening and audience participa-

tion with Stark, Collins and ArtsJam Drumming and Cindy Babcock, dance-movement therapist

10 a.m. — Old Village School, Northville, with musical selections on handmade xylophone

10:15 a.m. — Lafayette School, Lincoln Park

10:30-10:45 a.m. — Mural painting, drumming, Make & Take art projects

10:45 a.m. — Pontiac Schools and choirs, Kennedy Brothers and Sisters and Pontiac High School

11:15 a.m. — White Center High School, Detroit Schools

Noon — Creative Art Therapies, Inc.

12:10 p.m. — MCISD Chimes Choir and Educational Center Vocal Choir  
12:40 p.m. — Closing, art and drumming

Indian musicians play classical repertoire with orchestra members during Fusion Festival 2008. This year's "Celebrate Bollywood" will feature the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras, along with Indian musicians, percussionists and soloists celebrating the pop music of the Indian film industry.



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## Symphony, guest artists play music from Indian films

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras will "Celebrate Bollywood" and the film music of India along with Indian musicians, percussionists, and soloists at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Members of the orchestra will join Indian musicians in performing the pop music of Indian films, including the award-winning music from *Slumdog Millionaire* which found a huge audience in the U.S. This event is part of the orchestra's Annual Fusion Festival which brings together Western classical music with music from another cultural tradition.

The event also will feature Detroit Indian Radio Show Host, Narendra Sheth, a Plymouth resident, who is an international expert on the history of Bollywood music.

Sheth will give the pre-concert presentation on the films and the music of Bollywood and how it has grown and changed over the years. His program will start at 6:30 p.m.

According to Nan Washburn, the orchestras' music director and conductor, the Bollywood tunes have been fun and challenging for the symphony musicians. One of the biggest challenges the orchestra faces is the method by which Indian musicians perform music. She said classical performers need each note laid out on sheet music, while their Indian counterparts play by ear.

Tickets are \$25 and are available by calling (734) 451-2112 or by visiting [www.plymouthsymphony.org](http://www.plymouthsymphony.org). The concert is sponsored by the Canton Partnership for the Arts.

The Village Theatre is located at 50400 Cherry Hill.

# Second annual Kite Festival soars to new heights

Lyon Township's James F. Atchison Park has been a secret haven for experienced kite flyers who find the wind conditions excellent for kite flying.

The 103 unobstructed acres, elevated topography for air movement, open space for concurrent kites and comfortable facilities for spectators continue to make the park an attraction for the sport.

John Bell, a member of the Lyon Township DDA, came up with the idea for the event while driving on I-275 near Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Kites flying above the expressway caught his eye, and he envisioned a festival at James Atchison Park.

The Lyon Township Kite Festival Committee was formed in fall 2008 and its members planned the first annual event in May 2009. To everyone's surprise, including Bell, more than 2,000 people showed up.

"We never thought we would get that many people," Bell said. "A lot of people drove by and saw the kites flying and they turned around."

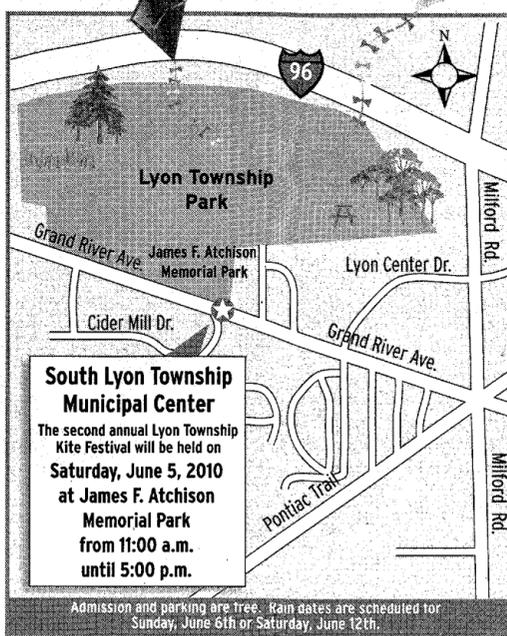
That's not surprising considering, that at times there were as many as 100 kites of various sizes flying simultaneously, some with tails more than 100 feet long.

"Once those kites were in the air, it made quite a backdrop," said Rich Sobota, president of the South Lyon Area Kiwanis Club, one of the co-hosts of this year's event, along with the South Lyon Rotary Club.

The event includes a kite decorating contest with all children receiving a free kite kit, kite demonstrations and kite flying for all, music, a Diaper Derby and Old School Playground, both presented by Oakland County Parks. There also will be several prize giveaways, including two kites built by Peter Ross, a Brighton resident who is on the board of the American Kite Association.

Bell stresses there will

## Lyon Township Kite Festival



**South Lyon Township Municipal Center**  
The second annual Lyon Township Kite Festival will be held on **Saturday, June 5, 2010** at **James F. Atchison Memorial Park** from **11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.**

Admission and parking are free. Rain dates are scheduled for Sunday, June 6th or Saturday, June 12th.

### LYON TOWNSHIP KITE FESTIVAL

**When:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 5 (rain date is June 6)  
**Where:** James Atchison Park, Lyon Township  
**Admission:** Free (there will be free kite kits for all children)  
**More info:** www.lyontwp.org or (248) 437-2240

be plenty for the kids to do, including inflatable moon-walks, face painting, and kite kits. He hopes to draw more than 3,000 people to the event.

"We're excited to welcome residents from surrounding communities to our township."

Located at I-96 and Milford Road behind the township hall, the park will eas-

ily attract passing drivers throughout the day as hundreds of kites soar into the sky.

"Kite festivals are one of the most entertaining and popular events in the world, and they're green!" said Bell. The American Kitefliers Association reports hundreds of scheduled events across the globe.

"Observing hundreds of kites is thrilling," Bell said. "Some of these colorful kites that will be flown during the day measure from as small as 2-3 feet to more than 200 feet."

Expert kite fliers will be on-hand throughout the day, providing tips and tricks of the trade. The fun will last into the early evening, when kites will be illuminated with attachments to their strings if wind conditions are ideal.

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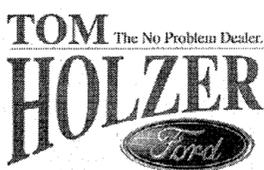
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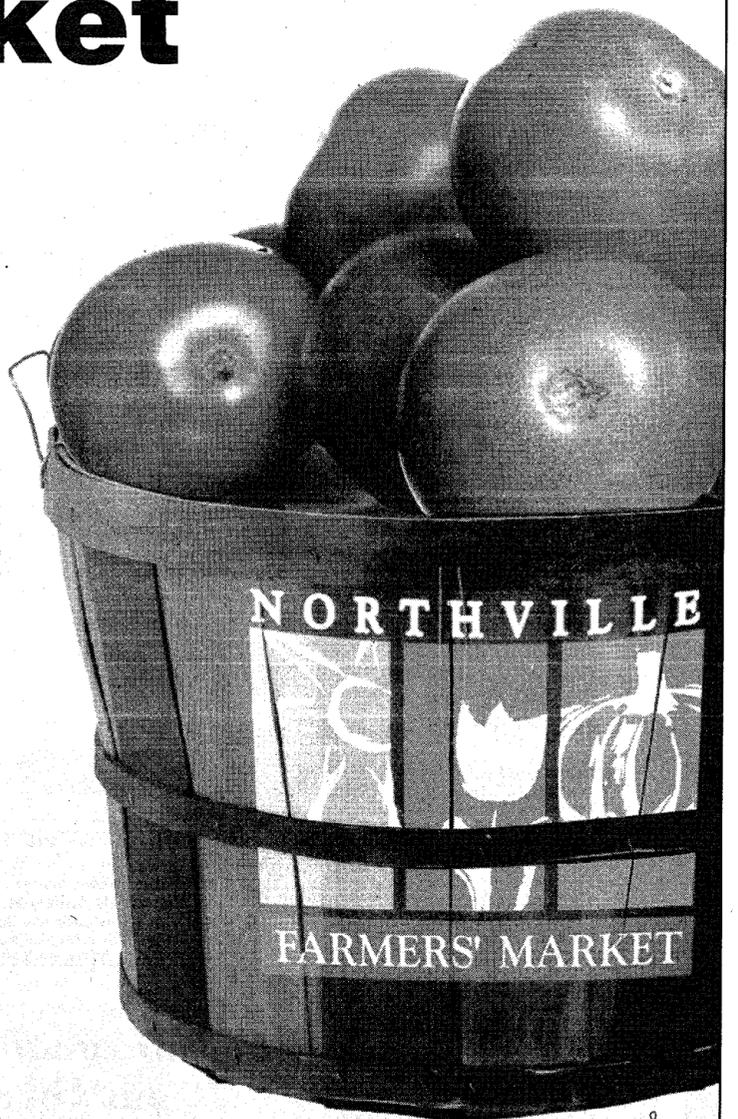
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# Religious congregations roll out the welcome mat

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
CORRESPONDENT

New members especially enjoy one benefit of joining Geneva Presbyterian Church. The fresh baked bread dropped off at their home not only tastes delicious, but develops a bond with established members of the Canton church.

With hundreds of places of worship available to Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus and a variety of denominations, the competition is tough to attract and retain members. Websites have joined word-of-mouth in spreading the news about a particular congregation. The challenge remains to provide a welcome that prevents straying.

Today's congregations use different methods to make new members feel at home in churches, synagogues and temples. Geneva Presbyterian Church recently revamped the way it greet members with a visit from the new Hospitality Team. The congregation of about 200 members goes out of its way to make the experience memorable.

"Sharing food is something that is very welcoming to people," said Cindy Thomas, Geneva church elder. "It shows we are happy that they are here. Sharing food is a traditional human way of connecting with people. It's also a way of getting members involved."

It's Cheri Pelic's responsibility to carry out the plan that goes along with baking the bread.

"We've always had greeters and a warm welcome table," said Pelic of Northville. "When visitors come for services, people greet and meet them. We have a team of people who bake bread and come to their house and say 'thank you' for their visit."

The welcoming committee of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish comes bearing a gift certificate for a loaf of bread from Boule Artisan Bakery in Plymouth. They call ahead of time to meet with the family at home or after Mass to let them know about various ministries and school available to its 2,800 families. A parish directory outlines information about Communion and Confirmation. The Rev. John



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Riccardo, OLGC pastor, writes a letter of welcome.

"One of the symbols of coming into a family is eating around a table," said Deacon Don Leach. "Here we're sharing the Eucharist. The bread is symbolism. It's something you can eat and enjoy but also symbolizes us coming around the table and sharing."

**SMALL GROUPS**

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"We're getting people more connected," said Bergman.

"We try to have a nice synagogue, to make sure religious services are friendly and accessible. We have programs for toddlers to senior citizens, a religious school, a young adult group."

The groups shrink the membership of 1,100.

"I want us to feel like the biggest small synagogue in the area," said Bergman. Small groups help members stay connected at NorthRidge Church. Each of the four weekend services draws more than 3,000 worshippers to the Plymouth Township church. Throughout the week they meet in groups of five to 12 for the camaraderie and to study the Bible.

Starting Point groups help adults connect to the church whether they're new

or returning. Every six to eight weeks a special dinner, Discover NorthRidge, introduces the Rev. Brad Powell, senior pastor, and staff. A children's ministry provides a fun place to learn about God.

"We want to provide the whole family from baby to teenager or adult with an interaction with God" said Steve Yarrow, small groups pastor.

The small groups meet at all times of the day and night. A 6 a.m. Thursday morning group appeals to men. They end up socializing together, as well as studying the Bible, Yarrow said.

"Our goal is to make the large group small," added Jim King, director of business and finance.

Staff and members make people feel welcome at Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills, according to Harriet Maza, a member of the board of trustees and chairwoman of the membership committee.

"The first three people a person might meet provides

the welcome," said Maza. "First of all because we are a small temple nobody goes anonymous here. I find them. I hope to find something they love to do to plug them into."

Social groups like the Out and Abouters offer an opportunity for growth as does a reading circle. The popular Vivace Series of classical music adds another dimension to membership as do groups focusing on drama, memoir writing, Bible study, and Jewish history. Events like the recent potluck/salsa dance make membership fun for new and established members.

"We're Jewish humanists, world citizens. Anything that widens our horizons of all human beings is what we want," Maza said.

**ALL WELCOME**

Muslims, Christians and Hindus are welcome at the Sri Shirdi Saibaba Temple on West Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Members of all denominations worship the saint there. Thursday nights

from 6-9 p.m. everyone is welcome at the vegetarian dinner.

"Anyone regardless of religion or nationality who has a belief in preachings and philosophy of Saibaba is welcome," said temple manager Venkat Gutta.

"There's no restriction to enter or pray in the temple. He's a saint. Our philosophy is we don't try to attract anyone. The person comes to the temple and gets the call."

A large banner at the entrance, greeters and an information table welcome visitors to North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills. "About North Church" sessions are held for anyone seeking knowledge about the 460-member congregation.

"The first thing we do is tell them who and what we are with our mission and values statement," said the Rev. Mark Jensen. "We're a progressive Christian church. We're a church that hopefully serves the needs of people looking for that. We don't feel the need to convert other people."

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the 9:30 & 11:00 Hours  
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Farmington Hills  
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Ministers  
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**JUNE 3-9**

**Canton Christian Fellowship Church**  
**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m., Sunday, June 6  
**Location:** 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton  
**Details:** Annual health assessment screening and education seminar will include screenings for blood sugar levels, blood pressure and cholesterol. Cholesterol test costs \$4  
**Contact:** (734) 404-2480

**St. Robert Bellarmine**  
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m.-midnight  
**Location:** 27201 W. Chicago Road, Redford  
**Details:** Monthly Bethany Suburban West singles dance. Admission is \$10 which includes refreshments and a free "Fox Trot" dance lesson from 7:15-8:15 p.m.  
**Contact:** (734) 261-5716.

**JUNE 10-16**

**Faith Community Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 12  
**Location:** 14560 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** Outdoor sale; spots for rent. The church will supply the area and vendors supply "the stuff" to sell. Cost is \$10 for a 12-foot by 12-foot spot. All proceeds support the Vacation Bible School program at the church  
**Contact:** (313) 541-0396 or (313) 255-9717

**St. Anne Church**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, June 11 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 12  
**Location:** 38100 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Rummage sale  
**Contact:** (734) 462-3200

**St. Dunstan**  
**Time/Date:** Doors open at 6 p.m., silent auction starts at 6:30 p.m., starts at 6 p.m., June 11  
**Location:** 1526 Belton, Garden City  
**Details:** "Slide into summer" silent auction with fellowship, food and fun; tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Ticket price includes buffet dinner  
**Contact:** (734) 425-6720

**Unity of Livonia**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday-Saturday, June 11-12  
**Location:** 28660 5 Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Livonia  
**Details:** Rummage sale  
**Contact:** (734) 421-1760

**JUNE 17-23**

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., June 21-25  
**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, in Livonia  
**Details:** Children completing kindergarten through 6th grade may attend the Good News Day Camp. Games, music, skits, snacks, crafts, nature, Bible stories, water play, and more are planned. Registration fees are \$60 per child and includes a T-shirt. Registration deadline is Monday, June 14.  
**Contact:** Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822 or e-mail judy@emmanuel-livonia.org

**Leon's**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m., June 19  
**Location:** 30149 Ford Road, Garden City  
**Details:** Bethany Suburban West monthly breakfast meeting  
**Contact:** (734) 513-9479

**JUNE 25-30**

**Canton Christian Fellowship**  
**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 a.m., June 26  
**Location:** Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia  
**Details:** Women in the Word ministry annual prayer breakfast with guest speaker Tara Jenkins; \$30 per person. Attire is dressy. The event colors are purple and white.  
**Contact:** www.cantoncf.org or (734) 404-2480

**ONGOING**

**AWANA**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays  
**Location:** Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington

**Hills**  
**Details:** AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade  
**Contact:** (248) 426-0096

**Breakfast**  
**St. Michael the Archangel**  
**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. to noon, third Sunday each month, October through May  
**Location:** 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth, in Livonia  
**Details:** The Ushers' Club presents an "all-you-can-eat" pancake breakfast served in the school cafeteria and featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, 4-11, free for children under 3, and \$15 for a family with two adults and children  
**Contact:** (734) 261-1455

**Career workshops**  
**St. Matthew's United Methodist Church**  
**Time/Date:** First and third Mondays  
**Location:** 30900 Six Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Workshops are designed to help people in employment transition build a network and use their resources to find that next good job. Workshop leaders are available to work one-on-one with anyone looking for work.  
**Contact:** (734) 422-6038

**Classes/study**  
**Detroit First Church of the Nazarene**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday  
**Location:** 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile  
**Details:** Tuesday Ladies Bible Study; \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5  
**Contact:** (248) 348-7600

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month  
**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia  
**Details:** Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.  
**Contact:** Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

**Livonia Unity**  
**Time/Date:** Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions  
**Contact:** (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org.

**Men's Bible study**  
**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.  
**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township  
**Contact:** John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

**New Life Community Church**  
**Time/Date:** Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays  
**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville  
**Contact:** (734) 846-4615

**Our Lady of Loretto**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday  
**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford  
**Details:** Scripture study  
**Contact:** (313) 534-9000

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian**  
**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 26701 Joy  
**Details:** Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey  
**Contact:** (313) 274-3820

**St. Michael the Archangel**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m., second and fourth Thursday of each month  
**Location:** 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia  
**Details:** Led by Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta. The in-depth study of the Gospel of St. Matthew continues, using the Hahn-

Mitch study guide. New students of any faith are welcome  
**Contact:** (734) 261-1455

**Seeds of Mercy Mission Home**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., every Friday  
**Location:** 21819 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Bible study  
**Contact:** Nicole Christ at (313) 531-1234

**Ward Presbyterian**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Mondays  
**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville  
**Details:** Learner's Bible study is held  
**Contact:** (248) 374-5920

**Clothing bank**  
**Canton Christian Fellowship**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday  
**Location:** 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty  
**Details:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need  
**Contact:** (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

**Fellowship dinner**  
**St. James Presbyterian**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month  
**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford  
**Details:** Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals  
**Contact:** (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

**Food Bank**  
**New Hope Church**  
**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only  
**Location:** is 44815 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton  
**Contact:** Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528

**Moms**  
**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers. Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners  
**Contact:** Angie at (248) 427-1020

**Dunning Park Bible Chapel**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays  
**Location:** 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford  
**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope  
**Contact:** Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

**Prayer**  
**Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesday  
**Location:** 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City  
**Details:** Prayer, spiritual healing  
**Contact:** (734) 427-3660

**Nardin Park United Methodist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday  
**Location:** 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests  
**Contact:** (248) 476-8860

**St. Edith Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 15089 Newburgh, Livonia.  
 Enter through the back of the church  
**Details:** Music, singing, prayer  
**Contact:** Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

**St. Michael's Church of Livonia**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday  
**Location:** Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia  
**Details:** Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction service follows. (734) 261-1455

**Singles**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program  
**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville  
**Details:** Single Place Ministry meets; cost is \$5  
**Contact:** (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

**Ward Evangelical Presbyterian**

**Church**  
**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m., Sunday  
**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville  
**Details:** Single Point Ministries, for ages 30 and older, offers fellowship and related topics. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation  
**Contact:** (248) 374-5920

**Song Circle**  
**Congregation Beth Ahm**  
**Time/Date:** Noon to 12:30 p.m., every Shabbat  
**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** Sing zemirot (traditional Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.  
**Contact:** (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net.

**Support**  
**Detroit World Outreach**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202  
**Details:** Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling  
**Contact:** (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244

**Farmington Hills Baptist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August  
**Location:** 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile  
**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group  
**Contact:** (248) 433-1011

**Merriman Road Baptist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m., second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City  
**Details:** Metro Fibro-Myalgia support group meets; no dues, but donations are accepted  
**Contact:** www.metrofibrogroupp.com; or call Lucy with questions at (734) 462-1768

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to noon Saturday morning  
**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** A weekly drop-in Food

**Cupboard (nonperishable items)** is available. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and use if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.  
**Contact:** (734) 421-8451.

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m., the first and third Friday  
**Location:** 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth  
**Details:** St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets. Respite care is provided. The group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association  
**Contact:** Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426

**Thomas a' Becket Church**  
**Time/Date:** Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m., Thursday  
**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton  
**Details:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members to lose weight and keep it off  
**Contact:** Margaret at (734) 838-0322

**Unity of Livonia**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia  
**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous  
**Contact:** (313) 387-9797. www.oa.org

**Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. praise/worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts)  
**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville  
**Details:** Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free  
**Contact:** Child care, call (248) 374-7400. Visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

**Thrift store**

**St. James Presbyterian**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday  
**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford  
**Contact:** (313) 534-7730

**Way of Life Christian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 2:30 p.m., third Saturday from October through May  
**Location:** 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth  
**Details:** Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives  
**Contact:** (734) 637-7618

**WORSHIP**  
**Adat Shalom Synagogue**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., Sunday and 6 p.m., week days  
**Location:** 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills  
**Contact:** (248) 851-5100

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia  
**Contact:** (734) 522-6830

**Congregation Bet Chaverim**  
**Time/Date:** Services are held 7 p.m., the third Friday of the month  
**Location:** At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton  
**Details:** Reformed Jewish Congregation  
**Contact:** Roberta Malkowski, president/treasurer at (248) 231-6280

**Due Season Christian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m., Tuesday Bible study  
**Location:** Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia  
**Details:** Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services  
**Contact:** (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

**Faith Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday; learning hour is at 9 a.m. for all ages  
**Location:** 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia  
**Contact:** Visit www.livonfaith.org

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**MARY ALLEN**  
 Age 84. The Villages, FL. Formerly of Detroit, Livonia and Howell, MI area. Died May 10, 2010. Mrs. Allen was a devoted wife of late husband Frank, mother of deceased son Jim. Mrs. Allen was a Real Estate Agent before retiring to FL. Survivors include sons, Robert, Brian, Frank Jr. and Greg. Daughter Patricia and son-in-law Robert. Also cats Lilli Bell and Nikki, Nikki, who she rescued. A memorial mass will be held this Sat. June 5, 2010 at Orchard Lake of St. Mary's Catholic Church, 11am. Donations to benefit abused animals All Creatures Sanctuary, PO Box 723, Oklawaha, FL 32183. Mrs. Allen was buried at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. Online condolences at: beyersfuneralhome.com



**LORRAINE RHEA JEFFE**  
 84 of Oro Valley, Arizona, and formerly of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, and Scottsdale, Arizona, passed away on May 27, 2010, after a courageous 21-year battle with Parkinson's disease. Lorraine was born on February 24, 1926, in Fargo North Dakota, where she spent her childhood. After graduating in 1947 from Northwestern University, Lorraine became a social worker in Chicago. She moved to the Detroit area in 1950. In the 1980s, she returned to school and earned her master's degree in marriage and family counseling, and found work with underprivileged children to be especially rewarding. In addition to being a devoted wife and mother, Lorraine was very active in a wide variety of organizations. Especially interested in the promotion of local, state and federal government improvements, Lorraine served as a board member of the Bloomfield Hills chapter of the League of Women Voters, and was a leader in advancing the Constitutional Convention that modernized the Michigan state constitution. Lorraine also worked on behalf of a variety of health, educational, and religious organizations, and served at one time as the president of the Birmingham Unitarian Church. During the last 20 years of her life, Lorraine was an indefatigable leader in the fight to find a cure for Parkinson's disease. A long-time board member of the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation, Lorraine received the prestigious Louis J. Fishman award for outstanding advocacy on behalf of Parkinson's. Senator Paul Wellstone and Representative Mark Udall made the presentation in Washington, D.C. Lorraine is survived by her husband of 61 years, Sidney; her son, Robert A. Jaffe of Greenwich, Connecticut and New York City; her daughter, Leslie A. Jaffe of Las Vegas and New York City; her daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Jaffe; and her two grandchildren, Alison Walsh and Peter Jaffe. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial donations be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

**CLARENCE J. LAWRENCE**  
 Age 89, May 31, 2010 of Westland. Beloved husband of Phyllis. Loving father of Linda Schuler, Carol Thomas, Sharon (Glenn) Roberts, Susan Ehrmantraut and the late Cynthia Hendricks. Proud grandfather of 6 grandchildren & 7 great-grandchildren. Family & friends gathering Thursday 2 PM until 4 PM Memorial Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd. (btwn Ford & Cherry Hill), Westland. Memorial Contributions to the Disabled American Vets would be appreciated. To share a memory please visit: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

**FRANCES TOTH**  
 May 26, 2010; Age 69 Of Troy, Mother of Jennifer Howe. Services June 3 at Noon in White Chapel Cemetery. Arrangements by: Simple Funerals, (248) 227-1954 SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com

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Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

# Make your summer sweeter with honey

With the grilling season in full swing, outdoor chefs are looking for creative twists on backyard food favorites. But most cooks often overlook a classic pantry staple that's a great secret ingredient and unlikely ally when entertaining outdoors: 100 percent pure honey.

It's an all-natural sweetener that keeps things simple with only one, pure ingredient: honey. And it's not only limited to desserts and drinks. Savory dishes that call for time on the grill can benefit just as much from incorporating 100 percent pure

honey. It's perfect for homemade, natural-ingredient marinades and in addition to its one-of-a-kind flavor, it aids in caramelization, a key process in grilling. Also working in 100 percent pure honey's favor is its sheer versatility.

You can impress guests by using it in all kinds of cuisine. For a sweet summer lineup from appetizers to dessert, try these distinctive recipes. For even more recipes to make your summer sweeter, visit [www.honey.com](http://www.honey.com).

## GRILLED HONEY GLAZED SHRIMP

- Makes 6 servings
- 1 cup orange juice
  - ¼ cup 100 percent pure honey
  - ½ cup lime juice
  - ½ cup Dijon mustard
  - 2 tablespoons chili powder
  - 2 tablespoons paprika
  - 2 teaspoons black and red pepper blend
  - 2 teaspoons salt
  - 2 teaspoons oregano
  - 1 teaspoon California-style coarse onion powder
  - 30 jumbo shrimp
  - 12 bamboo skewers, soaked in water for at least 30 minutes

Place orange juice, honey, lime juice, mustard and dry seasonings in a blender and blend on high for 1 minute until smooth. Pour into a saucepan and simmer over medium heat for 12 minutes or until thickened and reduced by half. Divide the glaze into 2 plastic containers, seal tightly and refrigerate until ready to use. Thread shrimp onto skewers. Cook shrimp over hot coals for about 3 minutes on each side or until completely pink, basting with one container of the glaze during grilling. Remove from grill and baste with remaining glaze.



Grilled Honey Glazed Shrimp

## HONEY MARINATED CHICKEN

- Makes 4 servings
- 1 cup vegetable oil
  - 2 tablespoons 100 percent pure honey
  - 2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard
  - 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
  - 2 teaspoons salt
  - ½ cup red wine vinegar
  - 2 tablespoons soy sauce
  - 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
  - 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
  - 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
  - ½ cup 100 percent pure honey

Blend all marinade ingredients (exclude the ½ cup honey); pour over chicken breasts. Marinate in refrigerator overnight in plastic bag. Remove chicken from marinade; discard marinade. Grill six to 10 minutes, turning once and basting occasionally with ½ cup honey during last five minutes of grilling.



Honey Marinated Chicken

## STRAWBERRY CHIFFON PIE

- Makes 8 servings
- 2 cups (12 ounces) coarsely chopped strawberries, fresh or frozen
  - ¼ cup 100 percent pure honey, divided
  - 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
  - ½ cup cold water
  - 1 cup light sour cream
  - Prepared 9-inch crumb crust

In small bowl, mash strawberries and ¼ cup honey; set aside. In small saucepan, sprinkle gelatin over cold water; let stand five minutes. Stir in remaining ¼ cup honey. Warm over low heat until gelatin dissolves. Transfer to large bowl; stir in sour cream. Cover and refrigerate 20 to 30 minutes or until mixture mounds on a spoon when tested. Using electric mixer, beat mixture at medium speed until light. Fold in strawberries; mix until well combined. Pour into prepared crust. Cover and refrigerate at least two hours.

## CITRUS SALAD WITH AVOCADO

- Makes 6 servings
- 3 6-inch corn tortillas
  - 4 oranges
  - 4 grapefruits
  - ½ cup 100 percent pure honey
  - ¼ cup raspberry vinegar
  - 2 tablespoons oil
  - ¼ teaspoon salt
  - 1 avocado, sliced

Preheat oven to 255°F. Slice tortillas into very thin strips. Dry strips by placing on a cookie sheet and baking for approximately 15 minutes. Set aside.

Peel oranges and grapefruits, then section, seed and place in large bowl; set aside. In small bowl, whisk together honey, raspberry vinegar, oil and salt. Pour over citrus sections and toss gently. Top with avocado slices and tortilla strips.

## HONEY RASPBERRY ICED TEA

- Makes 4 servings
- 2 cups freshly brewed tea
  - 2 cups cranberry-raspberry juice
  - ¼ cup 100 percent pure honey

In large, heat-proof pitcher, whisk together all ingredients until thoroughly combined and honey is dissolved. Chill until ready to serve. To serve, pour over ice.

- Courtesy of Family Features



Honey Raspberry Iced Tea

## CITY BITES

### Food for a cause

Farmington Hills - Whole Foods Market will donate 5 percent of all in-store purchases at three of its locations today, Thursday, June 3, to the Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus, in Farmington Hills. Participating stores are located at 7350 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield, as well as 2880 West Maple in Troy and 2918 Walton Blvd. in Rochester Hills.

### Spring salads

Livonia - Olga's Kitchen has added two new salads, Pan-Asian Salad and Spring Orchard Salad, to its menu. The Spring Orchard Salad features a bed of fresh seasonal greens with roasted sunflower seeds, sweet juicy strawberries, feta cheese and new house-made Olga croutons, served with a tangy apple vinaigrette. The Pan-Asian Salad is created with crisp chopped seasonal greens, fresh asparagus, sliced carrots, red bell peppers, juicy grape tomatoes and house-made Olga wontons, tossed with a sesame-ginger vinaigrette.

"Our restaurant guests have requested more salad options and we have responded by adding two new salads each under 400 calories" stated Matt Carpenter, president and CEO, Olga's Kitchen. "Our executive chef continues to create new menu items that combine good taste and good health."

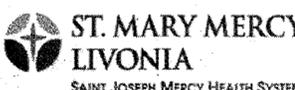
Olga's Kitchen is located in Livonia at Laurel Park Place mall, 37612 Six Mile. Its Westland location is at 35000 W. Warren Road. It also operates restaurants in Dearborn Heights, Novi, Lathrup Village, West Bloomfield, Birmingham, Taylor and Allen Park.

### Fish recipes

Statewide - The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Division of Environmental Health is creating a cookbook of favorite fish recipes from Michigan residents.

The cookbook, *Hooked on Fish: Recipes from the Great Lakes State*, will feature some of Michigan's favorite fish recipes, information about the health benefits of eating fish, as well as tips for avoiding chemicals through trimming and cooking.

Visit [www.michigan.gov/eatsafe-fish](http://www.michigan.gov/eatsafe-fish) or call the MDCH Division of Environmental Health at (800) 648-6942 to submit a recipe or learn more about avoiding chemicals in fish. The deadline for submitting recipes is Aug. 1.



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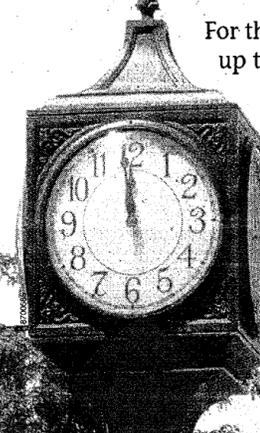
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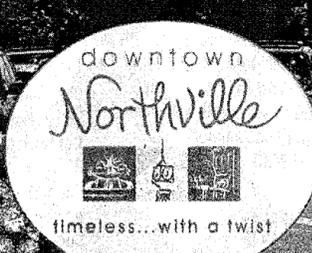


For those in the market for an ideal location to set up their business or office, the opportunity to tour a variety of properties available in the centrally-located setting of **downtown Northville** is taking place.

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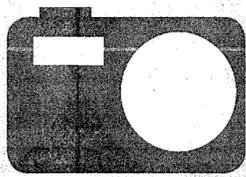
hosted by the Northville Downtown Development Authority will be held on **Tuesday, June 8 from 3-8 p.m.**

Check in for the self-guided tour is at Northville Square located at 133 W. Main Street.



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**Flowers, plants: June busting out all over**

BY JULIE BROWN  
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Frost isn't generally much of a concern for gardeners in southern Michigan past Memorial Day.

"May 15 is our average last frost date. We're clear of that now and good to go," said Andrew Collins, nursery manager for the English Gardens store on Ford Road at Outer Drive in Dearborn Heights.

Local gardeners know we're in Zone 5, which doesn't matter for annuals, he said. The zone's a concern for shrubs, trees and perennials.

He agreed people are staying put and investing in local gardening. "Landscaping is doing well, too," Collins said. "I guess it makes them feel good," he added of warm weather splashes of color. "They're spending more time in their back yard instead of going on vacation."

Collins recommends shallow planting for trees and shrubs, noting they're sometimes planted too deeply. He also recommends use of mulch, good to keep water from evaporating.

Use of a root stimulator to encourage root growth is also a good idea, he added. For bedding plants, English Gardens sells Super Blossom for longer-lasting and more blooms.

Collins recommends gardeners check plants before watering. "Feeling the soil is your only sure way to know" if water's needed.

New this year at English Gardens is the Bloomerang lilac, set to bloom all summer long. There are also new hydrangeas, including the white Incredible with potential for basket-



ball-size blooms and stems to support that. There's also the Invincebell Spirit, similar but pink. Both are in the Annabelle category.

English Gardens has a website at [englishgardens.com](http://englishgardens.com).

Area nurseries are busy these days, but staffers will find time to do their own home gardening eventually. "Once it slows down we do," Collins said. "This time of year it's very busy."

Also busy is the staff at Plymouth Nursery, on Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road at Godfredson. Its website is [plymouthnursery.net](http://plymouthnursery.net). Tim Parker, Plymouth Nursery general manager, said, "We're certainly safe to get rolling" after the frost date. "Full speed

ahead."

At Plymouth Nursery, customers now are putting in flats and vegetables, having earlier in May put in containers that are easier to cover on cool nights. Parker recommends gardeners have well-drained organic matter in their soil and do some fertilizing.

"Herbs are a big thing right now," Parker said. "People want to do more of the culinary stuff. When it's sunny out, it's great business." Landscaping's doing well, he said.

Fewer homes are being built, Parker said, so that makes a difference. "We've always specialized in garden renovations. The jobs aren't as big. That's enough to keep us busy."

Heather Glenday of Bordine's Nursery is also busy, working mostly out of Rochester Hills but also other Bordine's location. Its website is [bordines.com](http://bordines.com).

"It's an excellent time to plant all your annuals," she said. Shrubs, trees and perennials can be planted as well. "It's a great time to plant basically anything now."

Glenday finds more people fixing up landscapes, with trees and shrubs and with containers on decks. Some gardeners grow vegetables as well as fruit trees.

"The main thing is saving you money," she said of homegrown produce. Gardeners also like knowing where produce came from, and can go organic if they want. "It's a great chance to be outdoors."

She agreed more people are gardening, especially on the edible end. "They're looking for routes to save money." The younger generation wants color, often through easy combination containers which are popular.

"This really is our passion," Glenday said of the crew at Bordine's. "We do have gardens" at home. "They may get a little neglected this time of year." She finds walking in her garden and even weeding after work relaxing.

Glenday recommends the Speedzone product for lawn weeds, which is good about not damaging grass. As weather warms, insects will appear. She recommends bringing in a damaged plant specimen to a nursery to get the right products.

"As the weather gets warm, they'll come out with a vengeance," Glenday said of insects.

**Boca Raton buyer's market**

**Q: I am wondering whether the real estate market in Boca Raton, Fla., has eased up in the sense of being able to purchase a condominium with financing. Also, any information you may have about the market conditions.**

**A:** On a recent review of the conditions in Boca Raton, Fla., regarding real estate, it



Robert Meisner

appears that the market is almost at the bottom if you talk to Realtors there. On the other hand, the problem for anyone purchasing a condominium,

particularly for investment or as a second home, is that the lenders are not lending any money particularly on units where they have foreclosed and now own the unit. Specifically, you will probably need cash in order to buy a condominium although single family homes may be easier in terms of getting credit. There is still substantial inventory both with respect to property with a water view of the Atlantic and/or the inter-coastal and you are in a buyer's market in terms of offering to purchase the units particularly where the units have been owned by the seller for a number of years and have some built in equity. It is always important, however, to gain access to a knowledgeable Realtor, mortgage lender and condominium lawyer before making any commitments.

**Q: I live in a condominium complex. Recently satellite dishes have been appearing, unfortunately, in front of my condominium. Do I have any rights?**

**A:** It depends upon your condominium documents and where the satellite dishes are located. If they are located on a general common element, the association does have some control over whether or not they belong there. If they are on a unit or a limited common element, the association may not be in a position, nor may you, to restrict the use of that particular area for the installation of a satellite dish. It all depends upon the circumstances and your condominium documents. You are best advised to consult with an attorney to assist you.

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

**HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND**

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 16-19, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>Auburn Hills</b>	105 Cherryland St	\$55,000	2139 Hempstead Rd	\$90,000
<b>Beverly Hills</b>	17977 Buckingham Ave	\$310,000	31179 E Rutland St	\$175,000
<b>Birmingham</b>	499 Catalpa Dr	\$145,000	1480 Fairway Dr	\$199,000
<b>Bloomfield Township</b>	4238 Antique Ln	\$259,000	2451 Beaton Blvd	\$281,000
<b>Clarkston</b>	7828 Brookpines Dr	\$215,000	7199 Deer Lake Ct	\$530,000
<b>Commerce Township</b>	6095 Carroll Lake Rd	\$144,000	8480 Hummingbird	\$255,000
<b>Davisburg</b>	5460 Birch Dr	\$220,000	8942 Wild Iris Ct	\$215,000
<b>Farmington</b>	22129 Hawthorne St	\$48,000	32190 Loomis Dr	\$90,000
<b>Farmington Hills</b>	29539 Omenwood Ave	\$172,000	34555 Ramble Hills Dr	\$480,000
<b>Franklin</b>	25875 Balsam Rd	\$305,000	26815 Captains Ln	\$300,000
<b>Keego Harbor</b>	2142 Willow Beach St	\$32,000		
<b>Lake Orion</b>	2426 Brabant St	\$130,000	2821 Glenwood Ct	\$43,000
<b>Milford</b>	1935 Rowe Rd	\$175,000		
<b>Northville</b>	48030 Bellagio Ct	\$425,000	21000 E Chigwidden St	\$278,000
<b>Novi</b>	24503 Christina Ln	\$220,000	51011 Glades Ct W	\$90,000
<b>Oakland Township</b>	3597 Oakmonte Blvd	\$82,000		
<b>Oxford</b>	3981 Apache Ct	\$240,000	141 East St	\$47,000
<b>Rochester</b>	514 Springview Dr	\$400,000		
<b>Rochester Hills</b>	174 Bellshire Ln	\$203,000	2747 Eastern Ave	\$150,000
<b>South Lyon</b>	61261 Richfield St	\$156,000	60673 S Lyon Trl	\$214,000
<b>Southfield</b>	23925 Lee Baker Dr	\$43,000	24085 Martha Washington Dr	\$88,000
<b>Sylvan Lake</b>	2256 Garland St	\$340,000	2357 Maplewood St	\$100,000
<b>Troy</b>	5157 Collington Dr	\$260,000	2631 Lovington Dr	\$123,000
<b>Walled Lake</b>	2077 Holly Berry Ln	\$192,000	109 Lake Village Dr	\$44,000
<b>Waterford</b>	770 Apopka St	\$166,000	1147 Bamford Dr	\$41,000
<b>West Bloomfield</b>	5225 Cedarhurst Dr	\$166,000	5985 Glen Eagles Dr	\$235,000
<b>White Lake</b>	8168 E Huron Ct	\$155,000	919 Moldavia Dr	\$244,000
<b>Westland</b>	40462 Heatherbrook	\$155,000	41753 Hampshire St	\$341,000
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	24906 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$313,000	25810 Shoreline Dr	\$775,000
	23679 Stonehenge Blvd	\$50,000		
	2280 Flanders Dr	\$143,000		
	2571 Harrison Ave	\$66,000		
	1686 Ridgecrest	\$175,000		
	2814 Walsh Dr	\$125,000		
	749 Woodfield Way	\$175,000		
	447 Griadale Ln	\$72,000		
	1091 Joangay Blvd	\$130,000		
	3957 Lawley Ave	\$163,000		
	5514 Lockwood Dr	\$128,000		
	7615 Woodview Dr	\$40,000		
	6806 High Ridge Rd	\$220,000		
	3875 Lone Pine Rd	\$39,000		
	6306 Orchard Woods Dr	\$475,000		
	5549 Pembroke Crossing Dr	\$340,000		
	7435 Silver Leaf Ln	\$285,000		
	4067 Winterset Ln	\$302,000		
	1001 Delmonte St	\$288,000		
	13102 Egret Ln	\$85,000		
	2276 Mentone St	\$125,000		
	210 Oak Island Dr	\$325,000		

**HOMES SOLD-WAYNE**

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 15-18, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>Canton</b>	1996 Brookfield St	\$105,000	45083 Brunswick Dr	\$178,000
<b>Garden City</b>	7100 Burnly St	\$89,000	30763 Elmwood St	\$61,000
<b>Livonia</b>	14083 Blue Skies St	\$144,000	9611 Brookfield St	\$40,000
<b>Northville</b>	44140 Deep Hollow Cir	\$450,000	17187 Maple Hill Dr	\$239,000
<b>Plymouth</b>	46381 Academy Dr	\$250,000	590 Blunk St	\$190,000
<b>Redford</b>	24531 Elmira	\$80,000	19568 Imperial Hwy	\$19,000
<b>Westland</b>	869 Autumn Ridge Dr	\$150,000	39237 Gloucester St	\$110,000
	44140 Deep Hollow Cir	\$450,000	17187 Maple Hill Dr	\$239,000
	44638 Oak Forest Dr	\$408,000	42223 Old Pond Cir	\$101,000
	46296 Old Bedford Rd	\$253,000		
	46381 Academy Dr	\$250,000	590 Blunk St	\$190,000
	42424 Bradner Ct	\$200,000	9495 Collins Dr	\$405,000
	49276 Fox Dr S	\$327,000	13440 Glenview Dr	\$260,000
	13237 Howland Park Dr	\$368,000	14133 Meadow Hill Ln	\$100,000
	11861 Sycamore Dr	\$113,000		
	19491 Wakenend	\$50,000		
	20528 Lennane	\$39,000		
	26265 Southwestern Hwy	\$25,000		
	19491 Wakenend	\$50,000		
	2970 Roundtree Dr	\$160,000		
	1214 Stonetree Dr	\$145,000		
	2982 Teasdale Dr	\$145,000		
	2526 Wexford Dr	\$137,000		

**REAL ESTATE BRIEFS**

**Career Seminar**

Keller Williams Realty will hold a Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 17, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Call (734) 459-4700 to reserve a free seat.

Looking for people that are: positive-minded, highly ethical, service-based, self-starting, eager to learn and professional in appearance. Candidates would benefit from previous experience or successes in: service industries, account management, retail sales, small business operations, marketing or event planning. Seminar includes: cost vs. income potential, training, company profit share, commission structures.

**RE/MAX kudos**

Three Southeastern Michigan-based RE/MAX brokerages are celebrating after

being named among the largest brokerages in the U.S. by a national survey.

The Real Trends 500 Survey, which ranks the top 500 brokerages in the U.S. on size based on their Closed Transaction Sides Sales for 2009, placed RE/MAX Classic in Farmington Hills as the 135th largest Brokerage in the USA. RE/MAX Acclaim from Roseville was placed 211th and RE/MAX Suburban Inc. in Sterling Heights was at 391.

Carol Boji, owner of RE/MAX Classic, said: "Consistent training and inspiration have our agents striving to be the best. Our agents understand the meaning of Outstanding Agents, Outstanding Results." RE/MAX offers high quality training and inspiration to our brokerage and agents, allowing us to offer the best service to our clients."

Rob Shaffer, owner of RE/

MAX Acclaim, said: "This ranking in the RealTrends survey is a tribute to the professional agents and staff at our company. I am proud of the hard work and professionalism our agents and staff have demonstrated this past year and every year."

David G Tuscany, co-owner of RE/MAX Suburban Inc, along with Dave Kwasny, said: "The power of the RE/MAX Brand is great support for the efforts of our sales team in the field. We are proud and excited to be recognized within this exemplary group of Realtors."

RE/MAX brokerages held 122 spots, or 24 percent, on the list of the top 500 positions, more than any other national brand. RE/MAX also led the rankings in total transaction sides and sales volume, according to the report's top 500 rankings based on transaction sides.

# Challenging fun for ALL ages

## Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

### CROSSWORD PUZZLER

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

### Word Search

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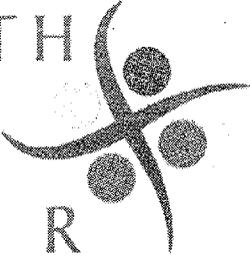
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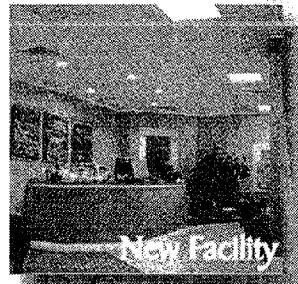
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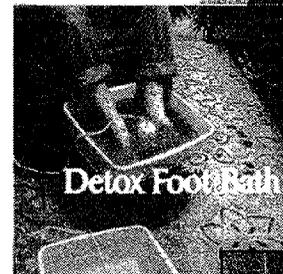
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Dear Readers:

June is a busy time — end of the school year, graduations, weddings and class reunions.

Contributing writer **Wensdy VonBuskirk** writes about “Reunion Ready,” how to get in shape — physically and psychologically — to meet former classmates.



**Susan Rosiek**

Reunions can be a positive experience. This month's story tells you how and why.

And after we've convinced you to attend you class reunion, look at the list of upcoming events and find your special reunion.

The school year ends soon and kids will need something to do. *Hometown Life Woman* provides a list of close-to-home day camps and programs that will help make summer fun for working parents and children of all ages.

*Hometown Life Woman* is ready for summer and everything that means — fun and sun!

Read this month's feature on sunglasses that look great and protect your eyes and don't forget to visit this month's Shop Local featuring swimsuits. Yes, there are swimsuits

for every type of figure and you can find one close to home. I'm going to check out Miracle Suits at Sunny J's Lingerie and Leisure Wear in downtown Plymouth.

June is also National Candy Month and our hometowns are nicely equipped with candy stores.

Contributing writer **Megan Swoyer** writes about **Stephanie Acho-Tartoni** who owns **Chocolates by Renee** in Northville. Acho-Tartoni believes chocolate is the key to happiness, whether in careers, family relationships, love lives, you name it.

A very good reason to eat chocolate daily! The best part is the list of local candy stores! Check out this sweet story.

And what would summer be without garage sales? Contributing writer **Sally Rummel** talks to local women who offer up tips on how to find the best bargains and how to hold the best garage sale. Included are tips on preparing for the sale, and advertising in a trustworthy place (of course, in your local *Observer* or *Hometown Weekly*). Enjoy our feature on how to make a day of garage sale-ing!

Our food page features fruit pies and tarts. Fresh fruit is in abundance and the recipes are easy and delicious.

Also on food — look for a list of area farmers markets which offer locally grown fruits

and vegetables from vendors close to home.

Fans of the TV series *Sex and the City* and the recently released movie (*Sex and the City 2*) won't want to miss Book Corner by **Jillian Essenmacher**, reference librarian at the Salem-South Lyon District Library, a column about **Candace Bushnell's** book, *Sex and the City*.

The book is a collection of essays from **Bushnell's New York Post** column of the same name. Essenmacher's insight into the lives and loves of **Bushnell's** characters (some different from the TV show) are fun reading.

I know you will find something to enjoy in our June edition. And thanks to all the women (and men) who are reading *Hometown Life Woman*. Our goal is to feature local women who live and work in our hometowns and address issues — serious and fun — that matter the them.

I welcome your comments and your ideas for future stories. Just e-mail your story suggestions to me at the address below or to [woman@hometownlife.com](mailto:woman@hometownlife.com)

Happy reading!

**Susan Rosiek**,  
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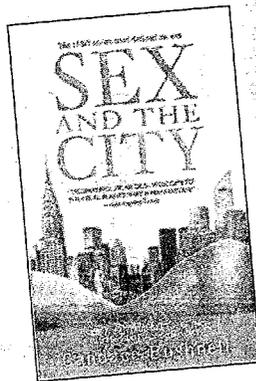
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## PET CARE

# Ick is for tick Protecting your pet from fleas and ticks

Spring has sprung, and with warm weather and sunshine comes a more sinister visitor, the threat of fleas and ticks to your pets and your home. Fleas may cause severe itching which can lead to sores if left untreated and they may carry tapeworms that can be transmitted to your pet. A flea infestation can happen quickly and easily, and once your pet is infested, it is likely your home is as well. And while ticks won't multiply like fleas, they do carry diseases that can harm both pets and humans.

### Prevention

By taking a few simple preventative measures, your pet can have a happier and healthier spring and summer.

- Vacuum your home often, paying close attention to where your pets like to sleep. Be sure to wash their bedding on a regular basis.

- Ticks are most commonly found in grassy or wooded areas, so cut back any tall grass around your house. Check your pet closely for ticks after activity in heavily vegetated areas.

- Groom your dog frequently to check for fleas and ticks.

- Use topical adulticide and insect growth regulators (IGRs) products. Adulticides are compounds that kill and repel adult fleas, ticks and other insects. IGRs mimic a naturally occurring insect hormone that interferes with normal flea development, preventing immature pests from becoming adults. By killing flea larvae, you break the life cycle, helping to prevent infestations.

"This last step is the most effective in ongoing protection against fleas and ticks, and now it's even easier for pet parents to protect their pets because of an increased availability of products," said Dr. Robyn Jaynes, veterinarian and pet care expert for PetSmart. Popular products like Advantage Topical Solution and K9 Advantix used to be available only through a veterinarian, but are now sold at any PetSmart store or online at [petsmart.com](http://petsmart.com).

### Treatment

If your pet has fleas, it's important to treat your pet, your house and your yard.

- Start by bathing your pet with a flea shampoo. These special shampoos contain ingredients that will kill adult fleas in your pet's coat but generally do not keep fleas from coming back.

- Following the bath, apply one of the topical adulticides sold at PetSmart. All pets in the house should be treated with the topical products to ensure fleas do not just



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**Protect your pets against fleas and ticks. Fleas may cause severe itching which can lead to sores if left untreated.**

transfer from one pet to another.

- Clean your pet's favorite hangouts and launder its bed. Consider a professional fogger in each room. Contact your veterinarian or exterminator for professional advice and the best products.

- Use professional, concentrated yard sprays, many of which attach easily to the end of a garden hose for application. It's especially important to spray moist and shaded areas of your yard.

For tick removal, it's best not to remove the tick with your bare fingers. Instead:

- Try using an alcohol swab to irritate the tick, then grab it with tweezers where the mouth enters the skin and with a slow steady pull, remove the whole tick without twisting it as you pull.

- Be sure to deposit the tick in alcohol to kill it.

- Clean the area with a disinfectant, apply a topical antibiotic and wash hands thoroughly.

Whatever prevention measures or treatment you choose, make sure you read all directions carefully. Ask your veterinarian if you need further instruction on the correct way to use a flea and tick product. Never use a dog product on a cat or vice versa. For more information, visit [www.petsmart.com](http://www.petsmart.com).

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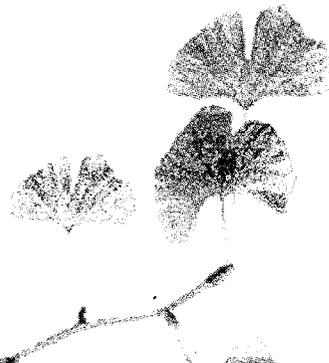
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## SUMMER CAMP



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## Liven up dog days with day camps

By Linda Ann Chomin  
Contributing Writer

Tired of hearing there's nothing to do once school lets out? It's not too late to sign up for half and full-day camps close to home. Most start June 21 and continue through August. Day camps offer affordable, fun and educational alternatives to hanging around the house. Here are several of the options available.

•**Kids on Campus at Schoolcraft College**, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Contact (734) 462-4448 or [www.schoolcraft.edu/koc](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/koc). Students first to ninth grade. Camps held July 12-30. Cost \$199 per week.

New is a camp that allows children to immerse themselves in the cultures of Germany and Japan. Art-Rageous textiles for boys and girls features weaving, painting and creating objects from fiber.

Academic workshops in math, English, keyboarding, word processing, and study skills are designed for students "who might be struggling or just need a little polishing," according to Lauren Murphy.

"We want to keep the minds of children active during summer in a dynamic and diverse environment with hands on tactile learning," said Murphy, communication coordinator, Continuing Education & Professional Development.

Murphy is especially excited about culinary boot camps for students in seventh-ninth grades.

"We have one of the best culinary schools in country with five master chefs including Jeff Gabriel who's teaching three camps this summer," said Murphy.

•**Canton Leisure Services, Summit on the Park**, 46000 Summit Parkway, and various locations. Contact (734) 394-5460 or [cantonfun.org](http://cantonfun.org).

Camps for preschool, sports, art, theater, science, and special needs. Yummy Art Camp, ages 4-6 and 7-12, allows kids to experiment with creating art from food, paint in chocolate syrup and build spaghetti sculptures, July 26-30. Peanuts will not be used.

Circus Camp teaches juggling, unicycle riding, tight wire and stilt walking, magic and trapeze (ages 6-12) Aug. 2, 4 and 6. \$90.

Teens mimic their favorite Guitar Hero and Rock Band or swim, play soccer and take road trips at a camp designed for ages 11-15, \$174 resident, \$228 nonresident.

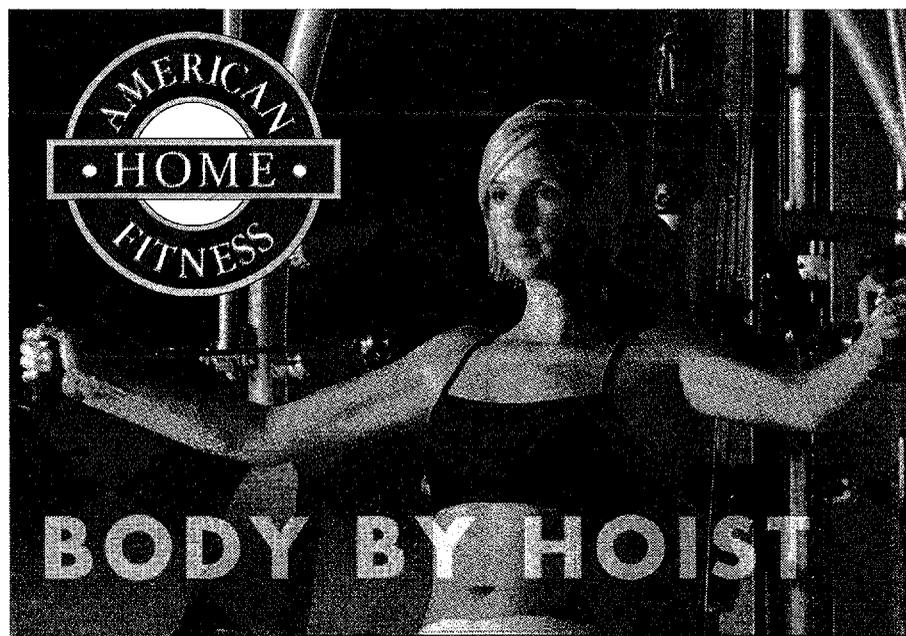
Also available, general day camps. Preschool Stranger Danger Camp (ages 4-6) provides instruction in basic martial arts techniques. Focus is on child safety July 12-16. \$55, \$72.

Camp A.B.L.E. is a therapeutic camp for children (ages 8-14) with disabilities. Variety of activities June 21 to Aug. 13 (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Cost is \$35 per day (Monday, Wednesday and Friday), \$49 Tuesday/Thursday.

•**Farmington Hills Special Services**. Call (248) 473-1800 or visit [www.fhgov.com](http://www.fhgov.com). General day and specialty camps for ages 3-16 at the Costick Center, Heritage Park and Farmington Hills Ice Arena. Hours 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Prices range from \$110 for residents (general day camps) to specialty camps from \$150 to \$200. Extended care programs available.

In addition to general camps with arts and crafts, sports, field trips, swimming and ice skating, and specialties for lacrosse, golf, football, skateboarding, soccer, and

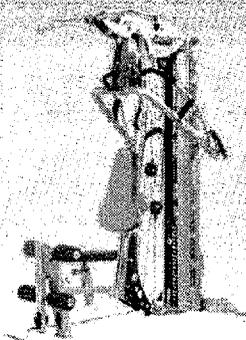
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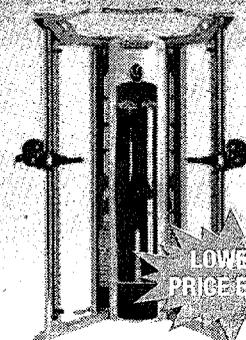
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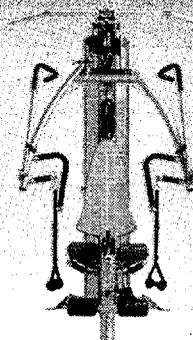
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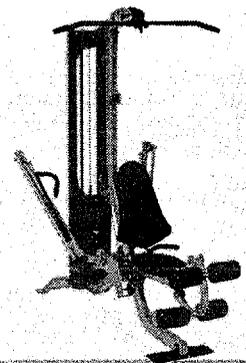


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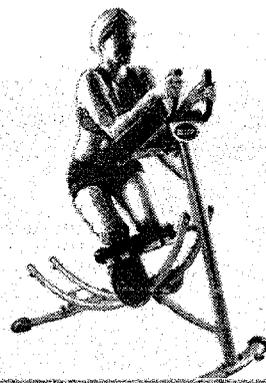


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# CAMPS

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volleyball, Farmington Hills focuses on fitness this year.

•**Farmington Hills Special Services, Cultural Arts Division.** Call (248) 473-1857 or 473-1859, or [www.fhgov.com](http://www.fhgov.com). Art, theater and music camps. Prices range from \$55 for half-day camp to \$425 for two weeks of theater.

"Our three biggest camps are theater at the Farmington Players Barn (grades one-three and four-nine)," said Rachel Timlin, cultural arts coordinator.

Full-day art camps focus on storytelling, visual arts, photography and music. Half-day camps also an option.

"They get to spend a lot of time outside in the park," said Timlin. "It's a lot of fun. They go on trails and photograph different species."

•**Livonia Community Recreation Center,** 15100 Hubbard. Contact (734) 466-2410 or [ci.livonia.mi.us](http://ci.livonia.mi.us). Special rates on Summer Pass for the facility that includes an indoor water playground with sprays, geysers and lazy river.

Half-day youth playground program for ages 5-12. Summer camps focusing on nature, NASA, basic digital filmmaking, Celtic fiddling, Mad Science, and Rock & Roll. Learn the basics of guitar, bass and drums June 21-25, ages 9-18, cost \$125 resident, \$135 nonresident.

•**Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main, Northville.** Contact (248) 349-8110 or [northvillemarquistheatre.com](http://northvillemarquistheatre.com). The theater has been offering camps for over 25 years. Three camps for ages 6-7, 8-13, and 10-15. Cost is \$385 for two-week session. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 12:30-6 p.m. Instruction in singing, dancing, acting, improvisation, preparing for casting calls for films.

•**Camp Mirage, Oasis Golf Center,** 39500 Five Mile, Plymouth. Call (734) 420-4655 or visit [www.campmirage.com](http://www.campmirage.com).

Specialty camps for horseback riding, football, golf, soccer and Art 101. Xtreme Sports Field Trip Camp 9 a.m. to noon, weeks of July 26 and Aug. 9. Cost \$225 a week. Climb a rock wall in Ann Arbor or a high ropes course at Joe Dumar's Field House. Learn circus acrobatics while harnessed into a bungee jump 30-feet in the air.

Hollywood Movie Making 9 a.m. to noon weeks of June 28, July 12 and 26, and Aug. 9 and 23. Cost \$150 per week. For kids interested in being in front of a camera as an actor or behind the scenes as a camera operator, set designer or director. Campers put together a short movie to be shown at the Friday BBQ. Campers are given a copy to take home. Each week is a different script. Space limited to 10 campers per week.

Harry Potter for Muggles 9 a.m. to noon weeks of June 28, July 19, and Aug. 9 and 30. Cost \$150 a week. The magic of Hogwarts come to Camp Mirage where campers will be divided into Houses just like in the books and movies. Learn to play ground Quidditch, make wands, potions, and magical creatures from clay. Camp is part science, part art.

•**Plymouth Community Arts Council,** 774 N. Sheldon. Contact (734) 416-4278 or [www.plymoutharts.com](http://www.plymoutharts.com). Ages for camps range from 5-12 to 8-14 and 8-18. Costs vary. Day and afternoon camps available.

Camps range from pottery, drawing and painting to performing arts, musical theater, guitar, and bass. Children as young as ages 4-6 explore the arts 9-11 a.m. the weeks of July 12 and Aug. 9. Cost \$70 week, \$60 member.

Older children will have fun at science camps where

slimy projects entertain children who don't mind getting a little messy. Camp Earth teaches children to make projects out of recycled materials and items from the back yard. Construction/Destruction Art is a new camp for kids who like to build things. Materials include toothpicks, cardboard, papier mâché.

•**D & M Studios, 8691 N. Lilley, Canton.** Call (734) 453-3710. Camps begin June 14 through week of Aug. 16. Age 3-6, cost is \$84, age 6-10 \$138, and 11-16 \$148.

The theme is American Made and features series on American and Michigan artists. Campers enjoy painting, papier mâché, pastel, and creating a mural. This is the 20th year for the camps.

•**MotorCity Youth Theatre, Grantland Street Playhouse,** 27555 Grantland, Livonia. Contact (313) 535-8962 or [www.mcyt.org](http://www.mcyt.org). Artistic director Nancy Florkowski celebrates the youth theaters 20th anniversary by rolling back prices. Camp runs July 5-30. Cost is \$300 for morning (Broadway & Motown) or afternoon (Shakespeare) session, \$250 students who have participated in one or more major MCYT productions. Full month all-day session is \$600, \$500 returning students.



•**Novi Parks and Recreation.** Call (248) 347-0400 or visit [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org).

The city of Novi offers summer camps for outdoor activities such as canoeing and hiking, sports, fitness, creative arts, and building structures and engineering vehicles and machines with LEGO parts. Sports range from lacrosse to karate, soccer, skateboarding, cheer, pom, baseball, football and golf. Creative arts includes camps with hands-on circus training by CirqueAmongus, theater, voice, improv, painting, and ballet for ages 3-6.

Lakeshore Camps are an adventure with kayaking, hiking and camping. Visit water parks, ropes course, science museums and more. Begin June 21 and continue to week of Aug. 23. Cost \$155-\$186 at Lakeshore Park, 601 South Lake Drive.

•**Carousel Acres Camp** allows children to experience life on the South Lyon farm. Brush, feed and care for miniature horses and donkeys, calves, goats, sheep, bunnies, chickens, ducks and more. Ride ponies, spin wool, make crafts, garden and cook. Observe reindeer, alpacas and llamas.

Riding camps also available at Carousel Acres and Maybury Stables in Northville.

Project Broadway allows ages 9-16 to perform Broadway showstoppers 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, July 27 to Aug. 19, at the Novi Civic Center. Cost is \$325-\$363.

•**Bailey Recreation Center (Westland Parks & Recreation),** 36651 Ford Road. Call (734) 722-7620 or visit [ci.westland.mi.us](http://ci.westland.mi.us).

Kamp Bailey is a supervised play program (ages 6-12) with arts and crafts, activities, games, indoor gym time, swimming and Fun Friday Pizza Party (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 5-9 and July 12-16). Cost \$100 Westland resident, \$125 nonresident.

Hoopstars Basketball Camp for boys and girls, ages 7-15, teaches the fundamentals of basketball (dribbling, passing, shooting, defense) 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 12-16. Cost \$110. Coach Ron is a certified teacher as well, currently teaching fourth grade in Novi. Sign up with a friend and pay \$100.

Shoestring Theatre Company presents everything from preschool camps for pantomime and puppetry to a summer drama workshop for ages 6 and up.

Rockers Soccer and Cheer camps return as well.

•**South Lyon Youth Assistance.** Summer Enrichment Program through South Lyon Community Schools. Call office for registration form by June 24 at (248) 573-8189. Program runs June 28 to Aug. 26, at South Lyon High School, 1000 N. Lafayette. South Lyon Area Youth

Assistance is a nonprofit community service organization committed to strengthening youth and families by preventing and reducing juvenile delinquency, child neglect and child abuse.

Students age K-fourth grade participate 10 a.m. to noon Monday-Thursday. Program builds confidence as they learn a play and American Sign Language. Drama production is presented at end of six-week program. Cost \$110.

Program for ages fifth to eighth grade is 1-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Cost \$115.

"We know if children have an increased sense of self-confidence and self-worth when the opportunity to break the law presents itself, there's a greater possibility they will say no," said Donna Weinstein, Youth Assistance caseworker. "The program helps build self-confidence. We have families return every year."

•**Carls Family YMCA, 300 Family Drive, Milford.** Call (248) 685-3020 or visit [www.ymcadetroit.org](http://www.ymcadetroit.org). Contact Jill Hancock. Prices vary. Camps divided by age: 3-5, 6-11, and 12-14.

Children get to choose their summer adventure at the day camp offering archery, canoeing, nature, crafts, fine arts, sports, swimming, paint ball, and field trips 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the weeks of June 14 to Sept. 3. Camps include weeks focusing on wild critters, the wild west, camping, exploring Milford, field trips, the green movement, and fitness.

•**Farmington Family YMCA,** 28100 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 553-4020 or visit [ymcadetroit.org](http://ymcadetroit.org), click on locations then Farmington Y and Day Camp Brochure.

•**Livonia Family YMCA,** 14255 Stark. Call (734) 261-2161 or visit [ymcadetroit.org](http://ymcadetroit.org), click on locations then Livonia Y and Day Camp Brochure. Costs of camps vary and run June 16 to Sept. 3.

Day camps for ages 3-17 offer a week filled with swimming, karate, reading and financial literacy sessions, and fitness activities like yoga and group classes.

Specialty camps focus on a variety of sports and gymnastics. New this summer is a two-week Counselors-in-Training Program for ages 15-17. Teens gain hands-on experience working with children ages 3-8, under the direction of a college-age mentor. Includes opportunity to earn CPR/First Aid Certification.

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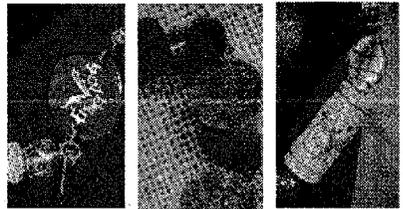
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## FINANCIAL HEALTH

# Role reversal: When should you talk to your parents about money?

By Paula Swain  
Contributing Writer

Regardless of whether you and your parents have talked about money or you have never discussed the subject, there may be important financial issues that you need to raise with them.



Paula C. Swain

When the time is right to discuss financial needs and priorities with your parents, be clear about your intentions, but also let them know that you are not trying to pry and you respect their privacy. An initial conversation should be done one-on-one. Involving too many people can be overwhelming and appear threatening.

Remember throughout the process to be sensitive to your parents' feelings. To some extent, their financial lives can represent their independence. For many, old age is a time of coping with a series of physical and emotional losses. When discussing money, be sensitive to the fears and concerns your parents may harbor about their possible loss of control or independence.

You may need to speak to your parents about their handling of regular household finances. Determine whether they are staying on top of their household finances. Are bills getting paid on time? Are investments being monitored?

Also, ask about their use of banking technologies, such as automatic teller machines, direct deposit and automatic bill paying. These conveniences can simplify money management for older individuals and provide a sense of security and control over day-to-day financial affairs.

Estate planning is the key to making sure that everything they have worked for is passed on according to your wishes. An estate plan can be as simple as maintaining an up-to-date will, or it may include other planning mechanisms such as a trust. Estate plans may also include other documents, such as a power of attorney and health care proxy.

A power of attorney is a legal document that designates an individual to make financial or legal decisions on behalf of another individual. A health care proxy is a legal document in which an individual designates another person to make health care decisions if he or she is rendered incapable of



making wishes known.

One of the biggest worries of elder Americans and their adult children is paying for the cost of long-term care, should it be needed. If your parents are healthy and can look after themselves, they generally are eligible to enter a continuing-care retirement community that allows them to buy or rent an apartment and ensures them lifetime nursing care when it is necessary. Another option for healthy seniors is private long-term care insurance, which can help cover nursing-home costs or the cost of an in-home aide.

Keep in mind that the government provides limited financial assistance for families paying for nursing home care. Medicare will only pay for care on a short-term basis, and Medicaid is reserved for low-income individuals with limited assets.

Working out a financial plan for your parents' elder years should be a gradual process that unfolds over time. Don't wait until a crisis develops to start the dialogue or try to resolve all details in one meeting.

For more information, check a senior services agency or the websites listed below.

The National Council on Aging ([www.ncoa.org](http://www.ncoa.org))

AARP ([www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org))

Administration on Aging ([www.aoa.gov](http://www.aoa.gov))

Elder Web ([www.elderweb.com](http://www.elderweb.com))

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CANDY MONTH

# A DEDICATION TO CHOCOLATE



Some believe chocolate is the key to happiness.

Candy makers find their way to an unexpected career in all things sweet

By Megan Swoyer  
Contributing Writer

Stephanie Acho-Tartoni believes chocolate is the key to happiness, whether in careers, family relationships, love lives, you name it.

"I eat a quarter-pound of chocolate a day," said Acho-Tartoni, who owns Chocolates by Renee in Northville. And that's the sweet truth. "Of course, I have to try everything we make to be sure it's good," adds the candy maker, who grew up in Farmington and now lives in Farmington Hills.

For Acho-Tartoni, the circumstances that sweetened her career were not exactly mapped out like the Candy Land board game. A former employee for an automotive-supplier firm, she was part of a massive layoff. Prior to leaving that job, Acho-Tartoni had spent time in Africa and was working toward opening an import/export company.

One day, the entrepreneur went to Northville to look at a potential site for her import/export business. "Across the street from where I was supposed to look, I saw a chocolate shop for sale," she recalled. "I

never made it to the other appointment. I fell in love with the chocolate shop."

She even met her husband through chocolate. Acho-Tartoni was making candy one day in her shop's window, and a man was walking by and saw her. Today, she and David Tartoni are happily married with three children, ages 6, 8 and 10. "Our kids were literally raised here in the store, crib and all," she said with a laugh.

The shop's previous owner was a woman named Renee (thus the shop's name). That first location was on Center Street, about 500 yards from Acho-Tartoni's current site (she moved the business for additional production space).

Acho-Tartoni makes most of her chocolates and uses a few recipes from Renee that she continues to perfect. Besides hand-crafted chocolates, Acho-Tartoni also sells a wide variety of old-fashioned candy.

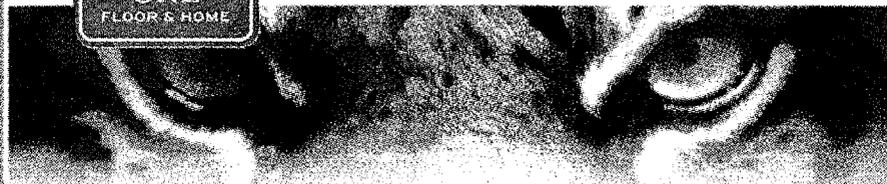
"I'm carrying on the candy tradition in Northville."

It's a family affair for Acho-Tartoni. Her mother, Rita Acho, creates inviting, contemporary packaging, while her aunt, Caramella

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# CHOCOLATE

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Bonnici, makes many of the candies.

The family's chocolate repertoire includes truffles, nut clusters, caramels rolled in wax papers, mammoths (a personal favorite of Acho-Tartoni's, featuring whole pecans with caramel and chocolate on top), and almond butter toffee (drenched in chocolate and rolled in crushed nuts).

"I'm currently addicted to dark chocolate-covered orange peel, which is really good for you." Acho-Tartoni dedicates a lot of her time to creating healthy chocolate combinations, such as dark-chocolate cherry clusters, "which have antioxidants," she said.

Across town at Morley Candy/Sanders, Lori Kellie oversees the production of hundreds of thousands of delectables that make their way to Sanders candy shops in Livonia at Laurel Park Place and in Novi at Twelve Oaks Mall.

Doing a favor for a friend 20 years ago turned into an unexpected career opportunity for the hardworking Kellie.

"A friend needed a ride home from work at Morley Candy (in Clinton Township). I picked her up, but arrived early and went inside to wait. I started talking with a production manager who ended up asking me if I wanted to work there."

For Kellie, it's been chocolate, chocolate, chocolate ever since. She started out working with the machine that folds boxes. She then worked with the chocolate-enrobing machines. After that, Kellie was named a team leader, followed by becoming director of manufacturing.

In 2002, Morley Candy purchased Sanders, and since then, Morley's world has expanded even more with six Sanders stores, including one in Novi and one in Livonia.

## Candy Bites

- Sweet Retreats Chocolate Shoppe in Milford is located in what was once part of Ye Olde Hotel, built in 1865.

- Morley Candy/Sanders' best-selling product is the milk chocolate hot fudge topping, which features an all-natural, original recipe.

- Morley Candy/Sanders is making more candy this year than in any of several past years. This past April, the company has hired additional staff and started a six-day-a-week production schedule.

- Joseph Draps opened the doors to his first Godiva shop on a cobblestone street on Grande Place in 1926. His chocolate was considered a unique formula of rich chocolate with unparalleled smoothness that was named in honor of the legend of Lady Godiva.

- United States chocolate manufacturers use about 3.5 million pounds of whole milk every day to make chocolate, according to the Washington, D.C.-based National Confectioners Association.

- Chocolate production begins in a tropical rainforest where cacao trees grow. They produce cocoa beans/pods, within which are 50 or so seeds that are cultivated.

Customers at those stores find the classic Pecan Torties most tempting, Kellie explained. The Torties blend plump, roasted pecans with copper-kettle caramel and rich milk chocolate. "In addition, we make 6,000 jars of Sanders topping a day, so that's another favorite." Kellie also raves about the nonpareils, cherry cordials, Swiss fudge and caramels. "This summer, our Novi store will feature employees hand-dipping items, which is always fun to watch," Kellie added. As for those unexpected opportunities so many years ago, Kellie notes that working in the candy business has been nothing but sweet. "It's the best job," she said.

Added Acho-Tartoni of Chocolates by Renee: "Candy makes you happy. It's one of those simple things. Like 'Little House on the Prairie' when the children are so excited to go to the general store and get a gumdrop or jaw breaker. Kids — and all of us — are still like that."



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Stephanie Acho-Tartoni owns downtown Northville's Chocolates by Renee. Acho-Tartoni grew up in Farmington and now lives in Farmington Hills.

## GET THE GOODS

Like a box of chocolates, a variety of sweets boutiques lure metro Detroiters. Here's a sampling of choice chocolatiers and candy connoisseurs:

- **Candy Trail**, 942 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, (734) 737-9338.
- **Candylicious**, 424 S. Main St., Plymouth, (734) 451-2263.
- **Chocolates by Renee**, 118 E. Main St., Northville, (248) 349-6362, chocolatesbyrenee.com.
- **Chocolate Drop Shop**, 1203 E. Wayne Road at Cherry Hill, Westland, (734) 729-0466.
- **Godiva Chocolatier**, 37700 W. Six Mile, Laurel Park Place, Livonia, (734) 953-6960, godiva.com.
- **Kemnitz Fine Candies & Gifts**, 896 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, (734) 453-0480.
- **Kilwin's**, 298 S. Main St., Plymouth, (734) 404-6719, kilwins.com.
- **Morley Candy/Sanders**, 27678 Novi Road, Twelve Oaks Mall, (248) 344-2987, morleycandy.com.
- **Morley Candy/Sanders**, Six Mile and Newburgh, Livonia, Laurel Park Place Mall, (734) 591-2147, morleycandy.com.\*
- **Schokolad**, 20450 Haggerty, Northville, (734) 464-7040, schokolad.com.
- **Sweet Retreats Chocolate Shoppe**, 314 Main St., Milford, (248) 685-9201, sweetretreatscandy.com.

\* **Note:** Tours of the Morley/Sanders factory are available. Included — a film about chocolate's origins and a viewing area to watch candy makers. Call ahead for times. 23770 Hall Road, Clinton Township, (586) 468-4300.



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# Approach high school reunion

By **Wensdy Von Buskirk**  
Contributing Writer

When reality show producers contacted Shannon Adams Faunt to find local contestants for High School Reunion, she declined to recommend alumni from Farmington High School for the TVLand series.

"I watched it and I thought oh, my, that's a train wreck ready to happen. I would never put anyone in that situation," said Faunt, who is in the process of organizing the 20-year reunion for FHS's class of 1990. Still, Faunt gleaned a lesson from the show, which brings together a cast of stereotypes — cheerleader,



**Shannon Adams Faunt**

teacher's pet, nerd — to rehash their high school days.

She found many contestants came weighed down with baggage over high school incidents their classmates had long forgotten.

Faunt has gotten calls, e-mails and Facebook messages from alumni who are anxious about the reunion. Some are apprehensive because they weren't popular in high school. Others worry they haven't achieved enough in the

intervening years. Many are concerned about their appearance.

"Some people are divorced, some people have failed. The economy's not that great; some people might not be feeling that good about themselves. Weight's a big issue with women," said Faunt, who now runs her family's business, Zerbo's Health Foods in Livonia.

"You have to remember that everyone else is feeling the same way. Who cares what you were 20 years ago? No one's really going to care what happened in high school. A lot of people don't really remember that."

According to Dr. Donna Rockwell, Psy.D., a clinical psychologist and associate professor at the Michigan School of Professional Psychology in Farmington Hills, insecurity is normal in the face of high school reunions.

"I think the major problem comes with the human tendency to compare," Rockwell said. "There's probably no way that a person can head off to a reunion without having these concerns."

Rockwell recommends letting go of competition and striving to connect with people on an authentic level.

"Instead of being the thinnest person there, be the realest person there," she said.

Whether you're worried about bumping into a

one-time bully or high school crush, Rockwell said a reunion can be your chance to finally lay outdated drama to rest.

"In psychology they call it a corrective emotional experience. You could go into the reunion sort of with the notion of correcting the past, showing up as who you are today and wanting to share that," she said.

"Use it for growth to feel pride in self no matter what you're doing. Share where you're at and share the real bonds of human connection rather than the absurd comparisons."

Jan Ostervik Branton has planned several reunions for Garden City West High School's class of 1970 over the decades. She said time alleviates a lot of reunion anxiety. As Branton serves on the committee to plan the 40th reunion this fall, she said many of her former classmates have died, leaving survivors with valuable perspective.

"At this stage in our lives a lot of us are retired or grandparents and really enjoying life more," she said. "I think in your 20s you want to impress everyone with you've done, your education, family. Later on, your kids are growing and you're busy. Now, it's just a matter of reconnecting with people you've had a history with."

Yet even for Branton, who now works as a counselor at Franklin Middle School, reunion pressure's not entirely off.

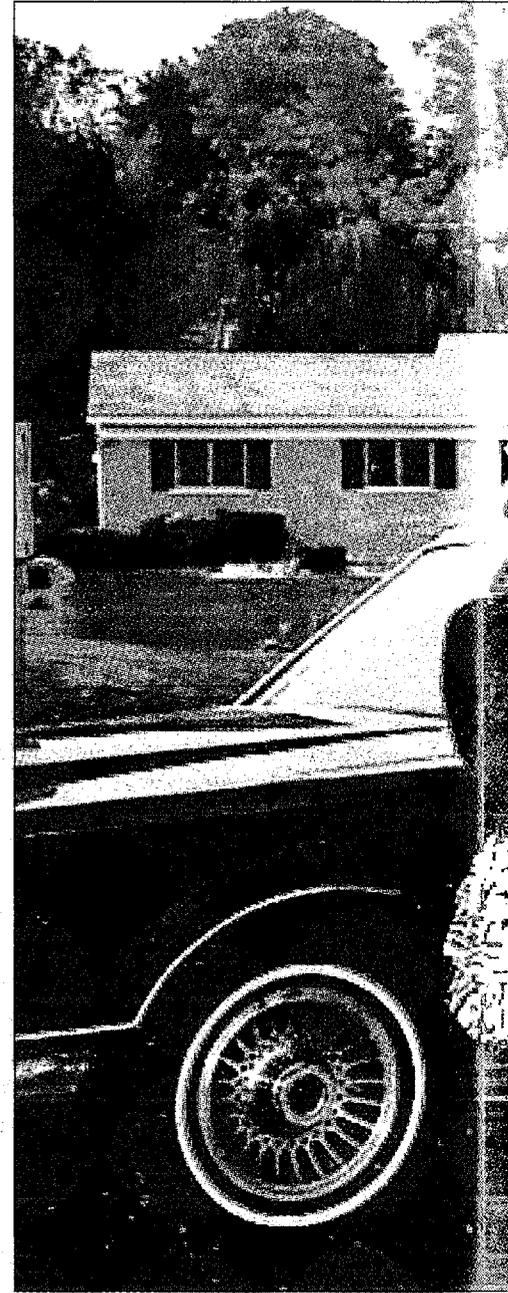
She's already bought a dress in her favorite color and plans to have her hair done the day of the event. She also joined Planet Fitness in Westland.

"Of course I want to always lose the 20 pounds. I think every woman on our committee has said that. We make jokes about it then we come to the realization we're grandmas. We're just glad to be alive," she said.

In the end, it's important to remember the true reason for a reunion. It's a time to recall a younger self and celebrate the common roots you share with people who been carried away by time and distance. Faunt said many people are looking forward to FHS's upcoming class reunion as the only time they can get the whole gang back together.

For reunion goers who are apprehensive, she suggests avoiding sensitive topics, instead focusing on good memories and making new connections with old friends and acquaintances.

"Let things go. Just be yourself," Faunt said. "It's not necessarily about you, it's how you make other people feel," she said.



Shannon Adams Faunt (left) is planning the 20th reunion

## Local reunions

### Garden City High School Class of 1960

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

### Garden City East Class of 1964

Picnic, Aug. 21, in Garden City Park. For more information e-mail Karen Medwid Berry at karber@comcast.net or Teri Friedman at terifriedman@gmail.com

### Garden City West Class of 1970

40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9, at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ for \$50 per person. Classmates from 1968-72 also invited. Reunion weekend also includes fun and refreshments; and Sunday brunch. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

### Farmington High School Class of 1980

30-year reunion, 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 17, Dunleavy's Pub & Grub, 34505 Grand River, Farmington. Contact Kelly McDonald at kelly\_fhs1980@yahoo.com and Farmington

### High School Michigan Class of 1980 on Farmington High School Class of 1990

20-year reunion on Saturday, July 17, at Up Commerce. Free admission; order off the menu. The weekend also includes Friday night beer tent and Founder's Festival. R.S.V.P. on Facebook.

### Lakeland High School Class of 1990

20-year reunion, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 21, in Highland. Buffet dinner, beer, wine, and entertainment. Cost and details pending. E-mail Dana (Dan) Danathibert@yahoo.com.

# Reunions with class

# 12-Week Reunion Ready Plan



Farmington High School's class of 1990.

## BODY

It takes about 12 weeks to get your body in tip-top reunion shape, according to **Lynn Tokoph, personal trainer and owner of Uptown Body Fitness in Northville**. Her 12-week Uptown Countdown Boot Camp requires three classes per week, ranging from cardio kickboxing and circuit training to outdoor workouts.

Even more important than exercise, Tokoph said, is eating right.

"Eighty percent of losing weight is your diet, and that's hard for a lot of people," she said. Boot camps work for many because they include healthy teamwork and competition, along with professional guidance and accountability. If you follow the plan, you can lose about two pounds per week, Tokoph said. "Six weeks is when you're going to start seeing changes. Twelve weeks is when you're going to see a big difference," Tokoph said.

## BEAUTY

In the same time it takes to reshape your body, you can also refresh your face.

**Jan Eldon, owner of Jan's Skin Spa in South Lyon**, said a 12-week series of Glycolic Chemical Peels can take up to 10 years off your appearance, surgery free. The peels remove bacteria and dead skin, plump up collagen and elastin, reduce the appearance of age spots, pores and fine lines, and help makeup go on smoothly. A series of six peels, one every two weeks, is \$250.

You can also book a pre-reunion body wrap (\$80) or professional makeup application (\$60) at the spa.

## BRAIN

To ready yourself mentally for your high school reunion, **Dr. Donna Rockwell, Psy.D.**, says "get real." Focus on being your authentic self, and making real connections with former classmates. To prepare, take time to recall fun times and funny stories you can bring up with long-lost friends. Decide what kinds of positive things you'd like to focus on as you talk about yourself, and go over questions you'd like to ask others.

Rockwell also recommends breaking the ice with old acquaintances on Facebook.

### Livonia Franklin Class of 1980

Reunion planned Friday, July 30. For more information call Ron at (734) 834-2566 or send an email to info@livoniafranklin1980.com

### Livonia Stevenson Class of 1975

35-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz, Canton, Cost, \$30, includes buffet, cash bar and DJ. Call (845) 534-2228 or email stevenson-classof75@yahoo.com.

### Novi High School Class of 1990

20-year reunion, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 26 at Bar Louie in

Novi. Cost, \$55, includes two drink tickets. E-mail tiffdobson@comcast.net.

### Plymouth Canton, Salem Class of 1980

30-year reunion with golf outing Friday, Sept. 3 and evening gathering, Saturday, Sept. 4. For more information and to register on its website visit <http://home.comcast.net/~1980cantonsalem/site/>. Contact the reunion committee at 1980cantonsalem@comcast.net.

### Redford Union Class of 1960

50-year reunion, 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14. For more

information contact Mike and Carol (Gerogeff) Pontius (248) 446-9948 or e-mail to [mikecarol91500@att.net](mailto:mikecarol91500@att.net). Or call Tena (Fear) Keith at (248) 437-6827.

### Westland John Glenn Class of 1985

25-year reunion, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25 at Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia. Tickets \$25 per person before Aug. 1, includes appetizers. Mail payment to JGHS Class of 1985, P.O. Box 871023, Canton, MI 48187 or contact Tracy Dunsmore at [tracy1420@wideopenwest.com](mailto:tracy1420@wideopenwest.com) or (734) 748-8904.

# Sudoku

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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## WOMEN CARING

# Twilight Gatherings



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The Women's Caring Program has raised more than \$2.3 million since 1995, averaging \$250,000 each year.

## Women's Caring Program supports early childhood care, education

By Alison Bergsieker  
Contributing Writer

Milford's most popular garden party will go viral this summer with grassroots events hosted around the state, all aimed at helping Michigan children.

The local nonprofit foundation, Women's Caring Program, has raised more than \$2.3 million since 1995 by hosting its annual Twilight Gathering in Milford, with up to 800 women attending each year. Funds raised are devoted to the group's signature program, ChildCare Commitment, which supplies 100 scholarships each year to working families who are ineligible for state child care assistance but don't make enough to afford quality, licensed child care.

Instead of hosting its regular Milford event in July, the group is encouraging its supporters to host Twilight Gatherings in their own cities and hometowns to raise funds for early childhood care and education.

"We are planning a mix of events statewide on the second Thursday in July," said Maureen McNulty Saxton, WCP board member. "We are encouraging all of the women that have supported us over the years to attend or plan events to expand our efforts and create further awareness of the need."

Events are already scheduled in Battle Creek, Jackson, Lansing and Traverse City. Detroit and Metro Detroit events are currently looking for hosting sites and could be confirmed in the coming weeks.

In an effort to ramp up efforts, the WCP board recently hired its first CEO, Shelly Hendrick, former president and CEO of the Jackson Community Foundation. She holds a master's degree in public health education and has previous nonprofit experience.

"With the hiring of Shelly Hendrick and the national fund-raising component that we've begun, we need our traditional supporters to stay on board with us and support this cause," McNulty Saxton said. "We



Shelly Hendrick.

really want to be a leader in providing an educational setting for children ages 0 to 5."

### A GREAT NEED

For many Oakland and Wayne County families, the cost of safe, quality child care is a major strain.

Out of the 1.2 million residents in Oakland County, more than 102,000 of those people struggle with poverty, according to a 2009 Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency report. These families struggle to work and provide for their children and to meet basic needs including food, shelter, clothing and utilities.

WCP President and founder Carol Walters said there also is great need for assistance in Wayne County, and the Flint and Saginaw areas that are densely populated and have high poverty levels.

"We have a fairly simple screening process for tuition scholarships," Walters said. "A parent has to be working full time, working part time and going to school part time, or going to school full time."

Income requirements range from \$19,200 for a family of two to \$59,900 for a family of seven. An average ChildCare Commitment scholarship funds 40 percent of the average annual cost of childcare per year. In 2009, the average cost of child care in Michigan was \$6,717, and the maximum ChildCare Commitment award was \$2,688.

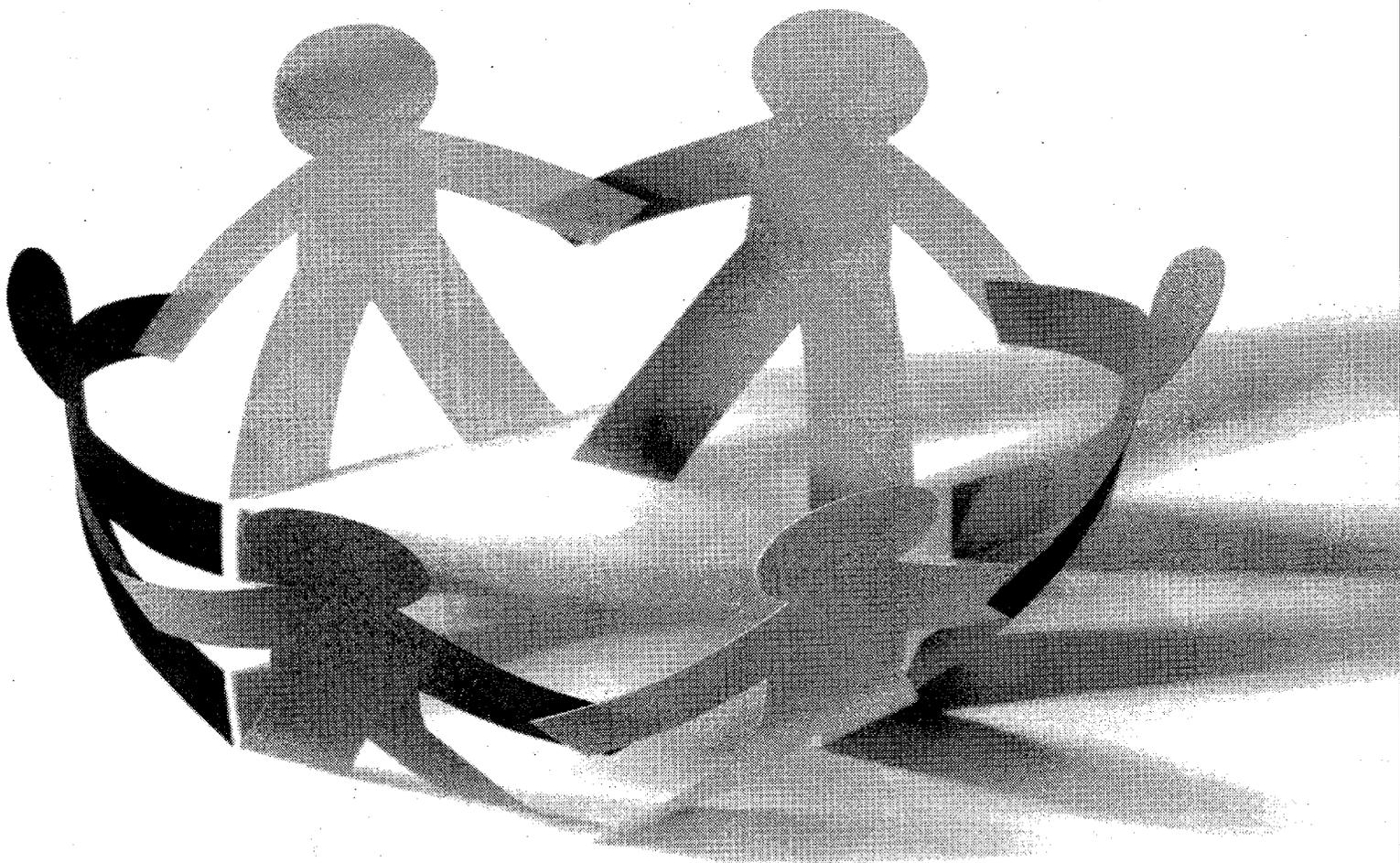
Payments are issued on a monthly basis directly to the licensed care provider and are paid after care has been provided.

"About 98 percent of the families that receive awards are single-parent households, and most all of them are women," Walters said.

To apply for ChildCare Commitment Scholarship, call (800) 875-6751 or visit [www.womenscaringprogram.org](http://www.womenscaringprogram.org) for an application.

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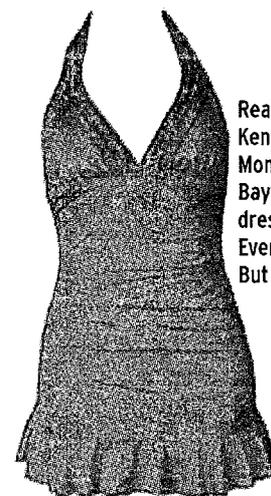
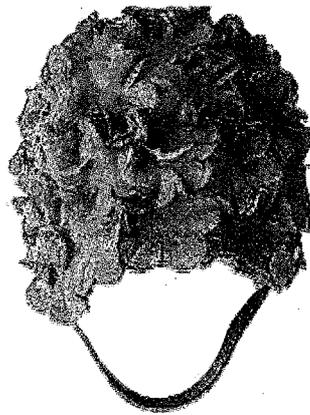
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**RETRO CHIC**

The local outlet of national chain **Everything But Water** proves modesty is making a major comeback for bathing beauties of all ages. The shop has plenty of itsy bitsy teeny weeny bikinis, of course, but racks are also stocked with retro suits that offer coverage and control without sacrificing style. Vintage-inspired suits by Curvallure, Spanx, Betsey Johnson and Juicy are adorned with flattering ruching, ruffles and skirts that make poolside lounging oh-so-glamorous. Accessorize with wide brimmed hats and oversized sunglasses, or a flowered bathing cap by Jantzen, and you're ready for your close-up. **Everything But Water** has locations at **Twelve Oaks Mall** in Novi and **Somerset Collection** in Troy. Call (248) 374-9498 or visit [www.everythingbut-water.com](http://www.everythingbut-water.com).

Compiled by Wensdy Von Buskirk.

# 'Sex and the City' brings in summer reading season

By Jillian Essenmacher  
Contributing Writer

Forget the barbecue, what's really heating up this summer is the big screen.



Jillian Essenmacher

Beginning Memorial Day weekend, "Sex and the City" fans were treated to another glimpse into the glamorous and complicated lives of Carrie, Miranda, Samantha and Charlotte.

The latest installment in the "Sex and the City" franchise promised the same alluring cocktail of fun, fashion and drama that fans have come to expect, served with a healthy dose of reality.

The ladies have grown up and fans of the HBO series can see how their favorite New Yorkers manage to juggle marriage, motherhood, career and friendship.

For many, seeing "Sex and the City 2" was more than a night out at the movies, it was an evening for cute shoes, cosmos and a rehash of the now infamous Aiden vs. Big debate.

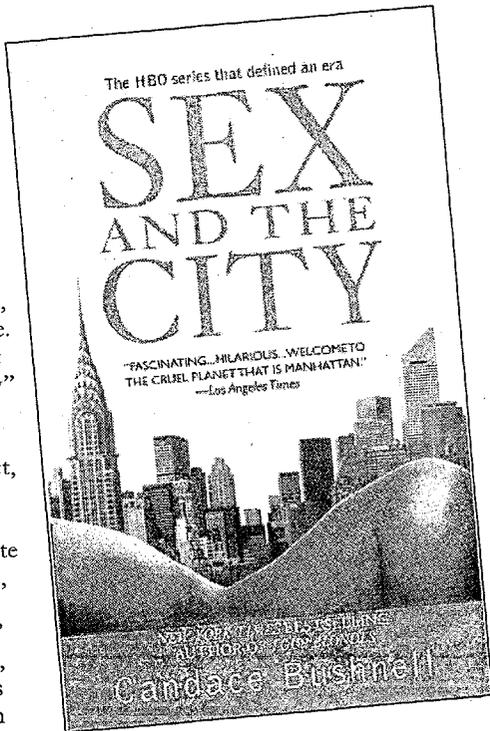
Fans may also be tempted to take a look back at the series that spawned the blockbuster films or, for one fan at least, to go back even further to the book that started it all.

Candace Bushnell described her book, "Sex and the City," as "an unsentimental examination of relationships and mating habits."

Fans of the series who read this raw and revealing collection of essays from Bushnell's New York Post column of the same name, may see it more as an archeological dig.

As I made my way through the pages of this book, it became clear that the ladies I had come to know and love on the screen are really an amalgamation of the ladies Bushnell made famous in print.

Carrie Bradshaw is a combination of both Bushnell, a columnist with all the right connections, and a journalist named Carrie who explores what it means to love like a man, without caution or consequences.



Samantha Jones is part Sarah, a no-nonsense former model turned filmmaker, and Samantha, a forty-something, serial-dating PR executive.

Miranda Hobbes is a hotshot TV producer who is as logical as she is cynical, and Charlotte is a novelist from England who is anything but prim and proper. Fans will also recognize love interests, like Skipper and Mr. Big, and plot lines, modelizers and international party girls, featured in the first season of season of the show.

The loose plot and conversational tone of "Sex and the City" make it a breezy, light summer read perfect for the beach or plane.

Whether you are a fan of the show or new to the love lives of New York's leading ladies, the book's universal themes of love and loss appeals to women of all ages.

Jillian Essenmacher is a reference librarian at the Salem-South Lyon District Library in South Lyon.

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## GARAGE SALES

# Garage sale GOLD

## — how to find your best yard sale bargain!

By Sally Rummel  
Contributing Writer

Kellie Standen, 46, of Canton gets up early in the day and tries to be one of the first shoppers at a garage sale. Her determination has paid off a number of times, leading her to heirlooms and collectibles being “given away” for practically nothing at a garage sale.

“Once I bring an item home that I think is worth something, I have it appraised,” said Standen. “I’ve got a painting by artist Helen Hodge hanging on my wall that I paid just a few dollars for, and it’s worth a couple of hundred dollars.”

For Doreen Bycraft, 48, of Commerce Township, garage sale-ing is more like a treasure hunt than a shopping trip.

“I never go out the door with anything particular in mind, but I usually come home with something, even if it’s just a videogame for the kids,” said Bycraft, who usually hits a subdivision-wide with about four or so different garage sales.

“I just like to go for the fun of it.”

At the young age of 21 and a college student, Lisa Pecorelli of Westland has her own “wish list” when she goes garage sale-ing.

“It’s something to do on weekends for a couple of hours,” she said, often taking her fiancé, Todd Bruhnsen, with her. “I look for exercise equipment and Todd looks for old records,” she said.

“I’ve been lucky and have found a mini-stepper and a punching bag, and Todd almost always finds something he can use for recording music. Todd’s mother, Gayla, used to go all the time with her sisters just for fun and she’d always find clothes for herself plus knitting and crocheting supplies and she’d bring home books for Todd’s dad.”

### GET ORGANIZED

Not everyone “gets lucky” like Standen, Bycraft and Pecorelli but there are a few ways to guarantee more success the next time you venture out for a day of garage sale-ing.

First of all, get organized before you ever leave your house on your “shopping” day. Peruse the classified ads in your local *Observer & Eccentric* or *Hometown Weekly* Newspaper for garage sale locations, dates and times, and jot down a “strategy” so you don’t waste time driving aimlessly. Do leave yourself open, however, for some unexpected stops that look promising.

Identify the sales you want to hit first and map out your route. Jot down notes as to what you’re looking for at each stop.

Next, leave your big, overstuffed purse at home and bring a coin purse, or plan on using your pants pocket or jacket for change. It’s much easier to get through crowded aisles and walls of people without a large handbag getting in your way. You’ll want to bring plenty of small bills and change — quarters and dollar bills will be your main currency of choice.

### BE PREPARED

Come prepared, depending upon what you’re looking for. If furniture is on your “want list,” you may want to take along a packing blanket, bungee cord and large vehicle for hauling. Don’t forget to bring along a tape measure to make sure the furniture will fit.

If you’re looking for clothes, be prepared to slip something on over what you’re already wearing, or bring along shoes you may want to match with a dress. Inspect the clothing carefully, making sure there aren’t any rips, tears or stains you can’t live with.

When searching for children’s toys, make sure that all the pieces are in



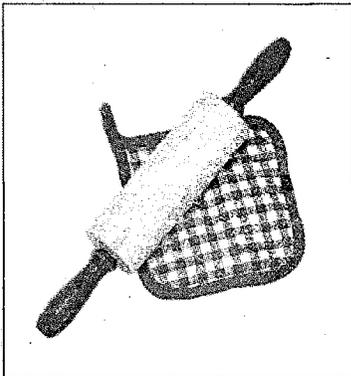
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# Tips for your garage sale

• **Know the rules** in your community for garage sale permits, signs, etc. Contact your city/township offices so that you can comply.

• **Price low**, if you truly want to get rid of your clutter. For pricing guidelines, visit thrift shops or ask your friends what they would pay.

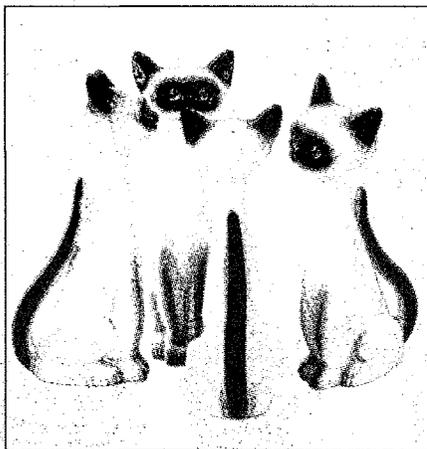
• **Make signs** for every corner where a turn is required. Make sure the address and sale dates are easily visible. Add balloons.



• **Consider combining items** with other sellers so that your garage sale has more to offer. Plus, it's more fun than doing it by yourself. Maybe you can offer to host the sale and your friend can offer to pay for the ad.

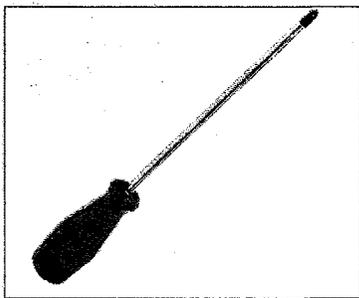
• **Keep it short.** While Thursday, Friday and Saturday are typical garage sale days, if you can only do it one day, pick Thursday or Saturday.

• **Cut prices** on the last day or last few hours of a one-day sale.



• **Advertise!** Be specific in the ad if there are special items that may be of particular interest, such as a couch, snow blower, musical instrument, etc.

• **Be friendly**, but always keep your eye on the sale. Remember, some of your guests are "professional" garage salers who know what they're doing.



get the price lowered. Remember that the items for sale at a garage sale may have sentimental meaning to the owner and negative comments about the quality or selection of items should be left for the car on the way home.

Don't be discouraged if the garage sale host doesn't accept a bid for less than the price listed on the item. Offer to leave your name and phone number in case they change their mind. Remember that prices often go down after 1 p.m., because the busiest time for garage sales is from opening through the lunch hour. After that, the garage sale host may be willing to lower his or her prices. The closer is gets to closing time, the more likely he or she will be willing to accept a low bid.

The most important part about the garage sale experience is to have fun doing it. Let it truly be the "thrill of the hunt."

If you have an open eye for good deals, you can't go wrong by spending some of your summer days on the trail of a good garage sale.

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place and if it's an item with batteries, open the battery case to make sure there's no corrosion. Don't buy cribs, mattresses, car seats or other items that for safety reasons are better off to be purchased new.

The best way to find a good deal on something of value at a garage sale is to not be completely set and focused on what you want to find. This is where keeping an "open mind" can translate into Garage Sale Gold!

If you're looking for antique books and don't find any at a particular sale, take your blinders off and look around for other items of value. Maybe there's a valuable lamp just looking for a new home, or perhaps there are clothes that still have their tags on them.

Be ready to barter. Bartering at a garage sale is expected and often encouraged, but do it with manners and good taste — don't make negative remarks about an item just to

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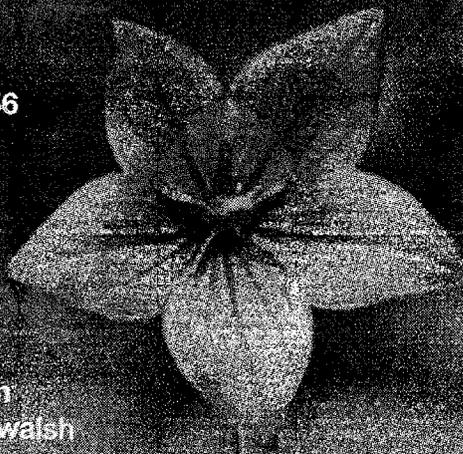
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Go to [michigan.org](http://michigan.org) for a statewide list of markets and farm stands.

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**BIRMINGHAM** — Open Sundays through October 24, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Birmingham Farmers Market City Parking Lot 6. Seasonal fresh flowers and produce are the main attraction all locally grown on family farms in southern Michigan. Honey, syrup and handmade goods available. Each week the Birmingham Farmers Market offers a variety of live entertainment from blues to bluegrass.

**CANTON** — Every Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Oct. 17 (rain or shine) in Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge.

Market offers a variety of home grown foods and hand-made goods.

The local growers, producers and farmers offer vegetable, fruits, herbs, bulbs, grains, meats, plants, and more. New vendors this season with Michigan-made products include The Plymouth Popcorn Company, offering a variety of gourmet flavored popcorn; Farmington Soap Works with natural hand-made cold process soaps and Prochaska Farms from Tecumseh offering annuals, vegetable and herb plants, seasonal produce and organic cheese from the Four Corners Creamery.

For more about the market, visit [Cantonfun.org](http://Cantonfun.org) and click on farmer's market under the community events tab.

**DETROIT** — Eastern Market offers everything from luscious and colorful farm fresh fruits and vegetables to meat products (beef, pork, lamb, poultry, geese, duck and rabbit) to herbs and spices, nuts, candies and a variety of condiments and all are supplied by the retailers and wholesalers spread over this 43-acre area. The public farmers market is open on Saturdays only, but most of the businesses in the area are open six days a week (Monday through Saturday). Closed on Sunday.

**FARMINGTON** — The Farmington

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Farmers & Artisans Market is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., every Saturday through Nov. 20 at Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park, located on Grand River Avenue, east of Farmington Road, in downtown Farmington. Features a wide selection of flowers and plants, seasonal fruits, vegetables and bakery goods. Crafts from selected local artisans also will be on display. For more information, visit [www.downtownfarmington.org](http://www.downtownfarmington.org) and click on farmer's market.

**GARDEN CITY** — The market runs 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., every Wednesday, rain or shine, through Oct. 27 at the northeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt in the Garden City Town Center Plaza. For a list of special activities at the market, go to [www.gardencity.org](http://www.gardencity.org).

**LIVONIA** — Livonia Farmers Market is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays beginning June 19 through Oct. 9 at the Wilson Barn, Middlebelt and West Chicago, Livonia. Call (734) 261-3602.

**NORTHVILLE** — The Northville Farmers Market is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 28 and features over 100 stalls of fresh produce, plants, and flowers. Other finds are honey, bakery goods, fine juried crafters, garden art, soaps, jewelry, furniture, woodworking, and home accessories. The market is located in the Northville Downs parking lot at the corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon roads.

**REDFORD TOWNSHIP** — Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Sunday, June 13 through Oct. 24, at the Marquee, located within the Town Hall complex, 15145 Beech Daly, a block south of the Five Mile and Beech Daly intersection, in the heart of downtown Redford Township. For more information, call Downtown Development Authority at (313) 387-2771.

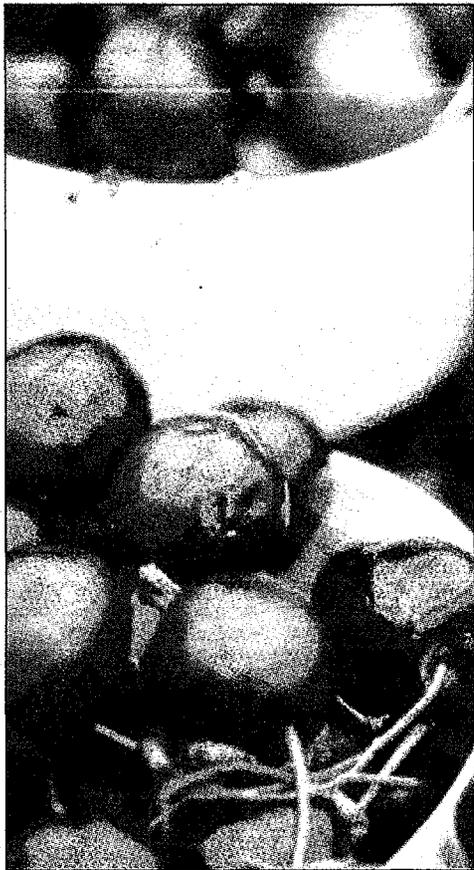
**PLYMOUTH** — Plymouth Farmer's Market is open 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 30 (no market on July 10 (Art in the Park) and Sept. 11 (Fall Festival)). Flowers, produce, bakery items, jams/jellies/sauces, garden decorations and more. In The Gathering near Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

**ROYAL OAK** — Located in the Civic Center at the corner of 11 Mile and Troy Street, across from the library and adjacent to the 44th District Court. The Royal Oak Farmers Market provides one of the premium farm market venues in southeast Michigan. Farm producers sell from an enclosed building, with ample parking, on Friday during the farm season (May through Christmas) and Saturday all year round. During growing season, farmers are only allowed to sell what they grow.

**SOUTH LYON** — The South Lyon Farmers Market is open 2-7 p.m. Wednesday through Sept. 29. Located at the Veteran's Memorial Parking lot on Liberty Street at Pontiac Trail. There is ample on-street parking surrounding the area, as well as a municipal lot across Liberty Street and another on Well Street. Market features a variety of produce, plants, flowers and some hand-made crafts from local artisans. Call (248) 437-1735 for more information.

**WAYNE** — Market is open 3-7 p.m. Wednesdays through September then 3-6 p.m. in October next to the State Wayne Theater, 35310 Michigan Ave. For more information, go to [www.ci.wayne.mi.us](http://www.ci.wayne.mi.us).

**WESTLAND** — The City of Westland and the Westland Shopping Center are now taking applications from vendors for its new Farmers Market. The market will open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Tuesday starting June 15 through Oct. 26.



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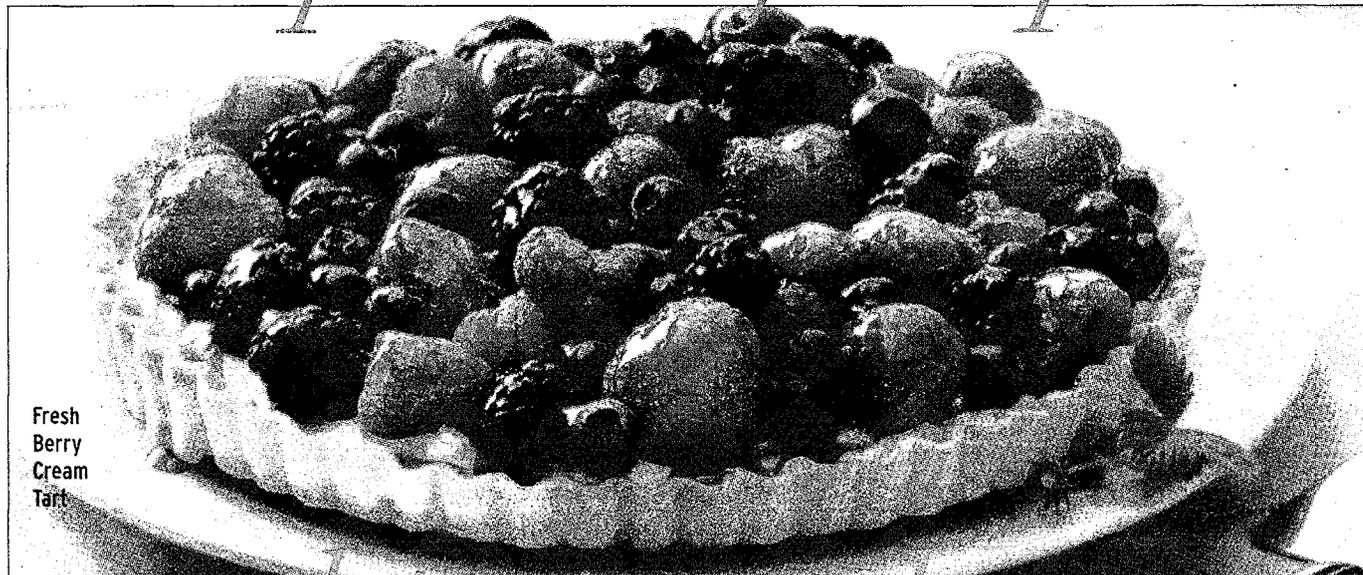
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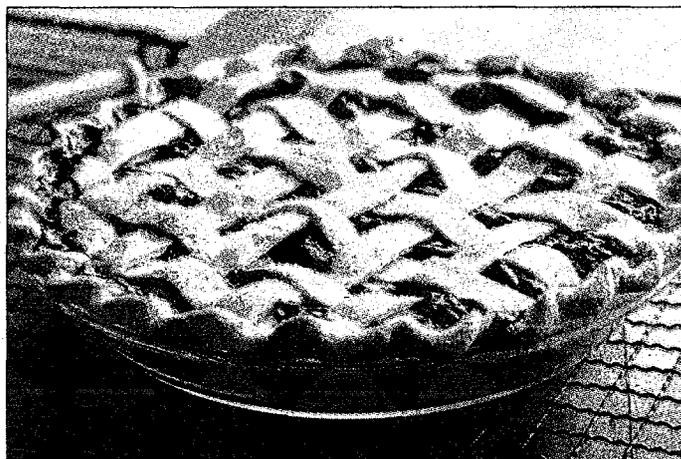
To save time in the kitchen, start with Pillsbury Refrigerated Pie Crusts for a flaky, tender base. Just unroll it into your favorite pie plate or tart pan, spoon in a delicious fruit filling, bake and enjoy. Pillsbury has updated the packaging with a fresh, contemporary look and features a new recipe for Three-Berry Pie. For more delicious recipes, visit [www.pillsbury.com/pie](http://www.pillsbury.com/pie), or become a fan and share your pie-making stories, photos or tips at [www.facebook.com/lovethepie](http://www.facebook.com/lovethepie).

**Make Crusts Extra Special**  
When making a top crust for pies, these tips can help you make them look extra special.

**Glossy Upper Crust:** Brush the dough with slightly beaten egg white (if desired, sprinkle with sugar, too) before baking.

**Sweet Glazed Top:** Brush the top pastry with a small amount of water, and sprinkle with granulated or coarse sugar before baking.

**Pretty Cutouts:** Cut shapes from the top crust with a canapé cutter or a knife before placing the top crust over the filling. With water or beaten egg, moisten the back of each cutout and set the design, moistened side down, on the crust.



Three-Berry Pie

before serving.

In large bowl, stir together  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups sugar, cornstarch, tapioca and salt; gently toss with berries. Let stand 15 minutes. Spoon into crust-lined pan. To make lattice top, cut second crust into  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch-wide strips. Arrange strips in lattice design over filling. Trim and seal edges. Brush crust with milk; sprinkle with 2 teaspoons sugar.

Place pie on middle oven rack; place large cookie sheet on rack below pie pan in case of spillover. Bake pie 15 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to  $375^{\circ}\text{F}$ . Cover edge of crust with strips of foil to prevent excessive browning. Bake about 40 to 45 minutes longer or until crust is golden brown and filling is bubbly. Let stand 2 hours

### THREE-BERRY PIE

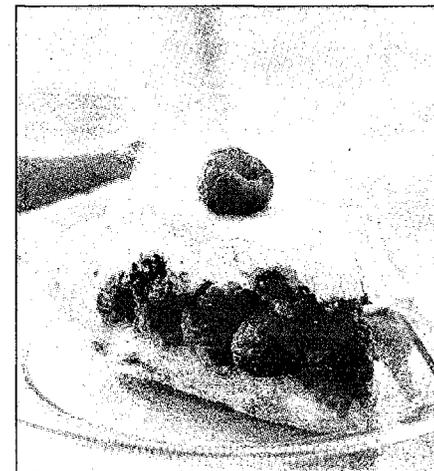
8 servings

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Start to finish: 2 hours 30 minutes  
1 package (14.1 ounces) Pillsbury refrigerated pie crusts, softened as directed on package  
 $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups sugar  
5 tablespoons cornstarch  
2 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon salt  
3 cups fresh or frozen (thawed and drained) blackberries  
2 cups fresh or frozen (thawed and drained) raspberries  
2 cups fresh or frozen (thawed and drained) blueberries  
1 tablespoon milk  
2 teaspoons sugar  
Heat oven to  $450^{\circ}\text{F}$ . Make pie crusts as directed on package for two-crust pie using glass 9-inch pie pan.

### LEMON RASPBERRY PIE

8 servings

Prep time: 45 minutes  
Start to finish: 3 hours 45 minutes  
Crust  
1 Pillsbury refrigerated pie crust (from 14.1-ounce box), softened as directed on box  
1 teaspoon flour  
2 tablespoons finely chopped pecans  
Filling  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar  
2 tablespoons cornstarch  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup water  
2 tablespoons margarine or butter  
1 egg yolk, beaten  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup lemon juice  
Topping  
2 3-ounce packages cream cheese, softened  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup powdered sugar  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon lemon extract



Lemon Raspberry Pie

1 8-ounce carton frozen whipped topping, thawed  
1 tablespoon milk  
3 cups fresh raspberries or frozen raspberries without syrup, thawed, dried on paper towels  
Mint sprigs, if desired

Heat oven to  $450^{\circ}\text{F}$ . Prepare crust according to package directions for unfilled one-crust pie using 9-inch pie pan. Press pecans into bottom of pie crust-lined pan. Generously prick crust with fork. Bake for 9 to 11 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool completely.

In small saucepan, combine sugar and cornstarch; blend well. Stir in water, margarine and egg yolk. Cook over medium heat until mixture boils and thickens, stirring constantly. Boil 1 minute. Remove from heat. Stir in lemon juice. Pour into cooled crust. Refrigerate 1 hour.

In small bowl, beat cream cheese, powdered sugar and lemon extract until smooth. Beat in whipped topping at low speed until well blended. Add milk; mix until smooth and of spreading consistency. Spread thin layer of topping mixture around edge of crust. Reserve 4 raspberries for garnish. Arrange remaining raspberries over top of filling. Spread remaining topping over raspberries. Garnish with mint sprigs and reserved raspberries. Refrigerate 2 hours before serving. Store in refrigerator.

### FRESH BERRY CREAM TART

8 servings

Prep time: 15 minutes  
Start to finish: 2 hours 55 minutes  
Crust  
1 Pillsbury refrigerated pie crust (from 14.1-ounce box), softened as directed on box  
Filling  
1 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar  
1 tablespoon orange-flavored liqueur or orange juice  
4 cups assorted fresh whole berries (small strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, and/or blackberries)  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup red currant jelly, melted  
Heat oven to  $450^{\circ}\text{F}$ . Prepare pie crust as directed on package for one-crust baked shell using 9-inch tart pan with removable bottom. Bake for 9 to 11 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool completely.  
In small bowl, combine cream cheese, sugar and liqueur; beat until smooth and well blended. Spread cream cheese mixture evenly in cooled baked shell. Top with berries; brush berries with melted jelly to glaze. Refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving. Store in refrigerator.

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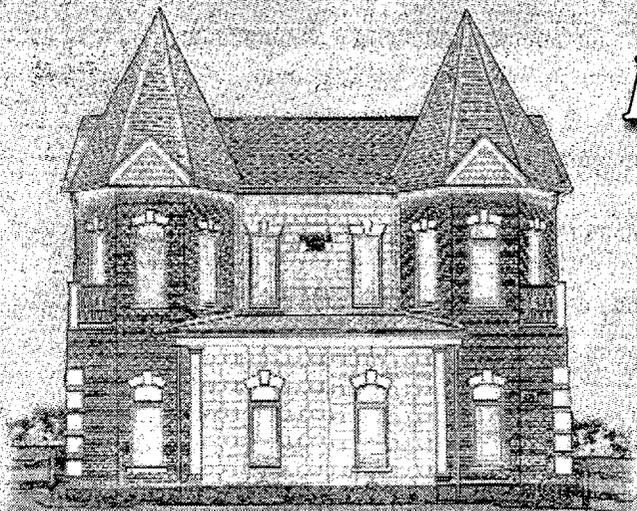
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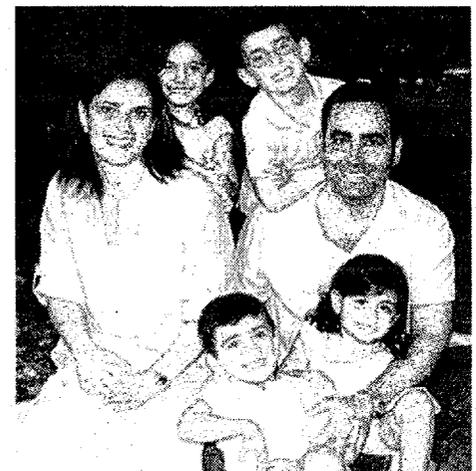
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