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Bob Jeannotte Buick GMC Truck has joined the list of automobile dealers authorized by General Motors Corp. to service Saturn vehicles, which the post-bankruptcy GM stopped making late last year.

Jeannotte, in business since 1976, is on Sheldon Road south of Five Mile in Plymouth Township. The phone number is (734) 453-2500.

The announcement comes following the closing last month of Saturn of Plymouth, which had been providing vehicle service, despite not having new cars to sell.

Other Saturn authorized service providers in the area include Sellers Buick Pontiac GMC in Farmington Hills, Saturn of Ann Arbor, Serra Chevrolet in Southfield and Dick Genette Chevrolet in Southgate.

For details, visit the website www.saturn.com.

Back to school

The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps is accepting applications for those seeking assistance with backpacks and school supplies through Aug. 12.

Parents with children in grades K-12 in need of supplies are encouraged to call The Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464 to schedule an appointment for assistance. Proof of household income and identification for all students will be required.

Anyone interested in donating school supplies can contact Laurie Aren at the church office or by e-mail at laurie_aren@usc.salvationarmy.org

Sidewalk sales

Shoppers are being urged to "Shop Local! Shop Downtown Plymouth!" as the annual Downtown Plymouth Sidewalk Sales take place July 23-24.

Sale hours are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, July 23, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 24.

Downtown Plymouth's wide variety of shops and galleries will offering discounts and bargains during the sale.

Participating shops include Basket Kreations, Candy Trail, Frameworks, Hands on Leather, Haven, Home Sweet Home, Jill Andra Young Photography, Kemnitz Fine Candies, Maggie & Me, Magnolia, A Fresh Flower Market, Merle Norman, Penniman Gallery, sideways, Sun & Snow, TranquilityTea and Wilcox Consignment.

The Farmers Market also takes place from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 24. The Farmers Market is held in The Gathering, on the north side of Kellogg Park.

For more information, call the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540.

Township to police: Deal or lose jobs

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township's public safety dispatchers will see their pay cut by 5 percent and will pay more out of pocket for health care with a new 18-month contract that gives township officials some of the concessions they sought to help balance falling revenue.

Meanwhile, the township's 21 police officers, who last month rejected a concessionary contract, are scheduled

to vote Monday on a "tweaked" version of that package and could face layoffs if they vote it down.

"Layoffs are automatic. ... If they turn it down there will be layoffs on Tuesday," said township Supervisor Richard Reaume, who reportedly had already sent letters to that effect to the union.

The development comes two months after township officials and the officers' union, the Plymouth Township Police Officers Association, reached

what was called a "handshake agreement" on concessions to avert the planned layoff of up to seven officers.

But the union membership voted down the contract, sending the two sides back to the bargaining table.

Reaume said two changes in the proposal, both involving health care, were made, and that the officers will vote again Monday.

Jerry Radovic, business agent for the PTPOA, did not return multiple calls seeking comment.

Reaume said the concessions proposed for the officers were similar to those accepted by the dispatchers, except that the officers would take days off without pay instead of a straight pay cut. The officers' concessions would save the township about \$130,000 to \$150,000 a year, Reaume said, and the new contract would expire at the end of 2011.

Concessions for the township's 11

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PLYMOUTH ON PARADE



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's annual Fourth of July "Good Morning U.S.A." parade again drew huge crowds lining Main Street from Theodore to Hartough Sunday. More than 150 floats and participants wowed the crowd. After the parade, it was time for the Plymouth Township Picnic, where the splash pad, in photo below, was a good place to be in the oppressive heat. For the story and more photos, please turn to Page A7.



Commission pay cut kicks in next year

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Still in budget-cutting mode a month after approving a 5-percent spending reduction for the new fiscal year, the Plymouth City Commission turned the axe on its own pay Monday.

The commission, with two members absent, voted 5-0 to cut members' pay in half — from \$40 to \$20 per meeting. The mayor, who gets an additional \$500 a year, will instead get \$250.

The move is expected to save \$3,000 to \$4,000 a year once it takes effect.

The catch, however, is that the new pay rates will take effect only with the four new commission terms that begin after the next city election in 2011. The entire commission won't be affected until after the election two years later.

"It's still the right thing to do," Mayor Dan Dwyer said. "It just doesn't save us any money this year."

City attorney Robert Marzano informed the commission that the city charter prevents the cuts from taking effect until new commission terms begin. The provision — that pay runs with the terms of office — is a safeguard to prevent the commission from immediately raising its own pay, and to prevent political reprisals in the form of pay cuts to sitting commissioners.

"We had hopes that we could make it take effect right away, but we can't," Dwyer said.

Commissioner Mike Wright said the move was largely symbolic, but sends the right message at a time when city officials are looking for savings everywhere.

"We're at a time when we continue to make some tough decision on the budget, and looking closely at the entire compensation for all our employees," Wright said. "It's just our way of saying we're sympathetic,

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Visit the Observer at Art in the Park

Visit the *Observer* at Plymouth Art in the Park Friday, Saturday and Sunday for a chance to win prizes and meet Scoop the Newshound. Look for the *Observer* at Booth 143 in Kellogg Park.

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Local pubs cater to World Cup fans

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

If there's a slump in the economy, you wouldn't know it looking at the World Cup fans who have packed many local bars and eateries since the games began June 11.

The World Cup wraps up Sunday when The Netherlands faces Spain in the championship game. Soccer lovers in western Wayne County are filling the seats at area pubs.

An estimated 715.1 million people watched the final match of the 2006 World Cup held in Germany, when Italy won the championship. Some believe that this year's final will be among the most-watched sports events ever.

Kevin Khashan, owner of Sean O'Callaghan's in Plymouth, has opened at 10 a.m. daily during the World Cup games. His customers walk away winners, because they get a deal.

"Every time there is a game on, we have food and drink specials," Khashan said. "We cater to soccer all year long."

"There's a wide variety of Europeans — German, English — and some people from South

Africa," Khashan said. "It's a lot of fun."

World Cup fans also are spending time at Kickers, in Livonia, too, according to Pete Stoyanovich, Kickers owner.

Internationally, soccer is the world's most popular sport, said Stoyanovich, a former kicker for the Miami Dolphins and Indiana University. He was also a member of the under 19 Junior National Soccer Team.

"Obviously, I'm following them," Stoyanovich said. "A lot of dollars, outside of this country, are made in soccer. I think the game here in America has come a long, long way. The professional teams continue to grow and the newer stadiums are being built compared to 20 years ago. Any Saturday or Sunday morning, there are kids playing soccer on every field in the community. There is much more interest than ever."

FANS = BUSINESS

As far as the World Cup bringing him business, Stoyanovich said, when the American team played, business picked up.

It looked like St. Patrick's Day at Claddagh's Irish Pub

in Livonia during the first few World Cup games, according to Kevin Downey, a door man, at the Haggerty Road eatery and pub.

"It was so busy," he said referring to the World Cup fans as "soccer hooligans."

"People painted their faces," Downey said. "They were real rowdy, drinking and having a good time."

The Northville Sports Den has been packed with soccer lovers, especially when the United States went up against England.

"There were some Europeans, some young people who played soccer, families and pretty much anybody," bartender Angie Leonardo said.

Buffalo Wild Wings, with locations in Westland and Livonia, saw a spike in business when the American team played, "but for the other games we really haven't had that much," said Cathy Tallent, a manager in the Livonia eatery. "We got a few tables in to watch a game, but not near what we thought. As we go toward the finals, we expect that it will get busier."

Brian Smith, manager of Doc's Sports Retreat on Victor Parkway in Livonia, says the World Cup

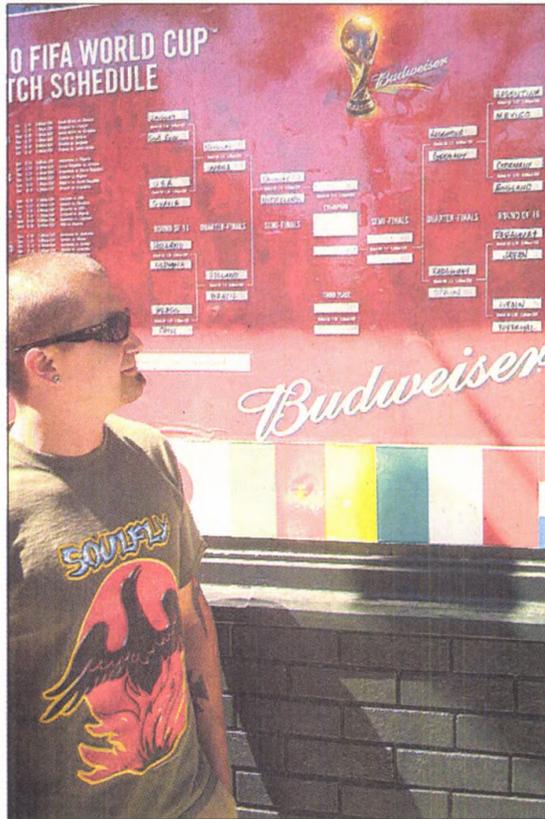
crowds are fun. A lot of customers take it all the way and come dressed with face paint, wigs and costumes. Groups of 20 and 35 came to watch.

"It's a fun environment," Smith said, adding any group of 10 or more watching the World Cup will receive a 10-percent discount off their bill.

"Everyone is happy their teams are in it and continue to be successful," Smith said. "I would definitely say it's almost as close to the Red Wings going for the Stanley Cup."

Known as the FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) World Cup, the championship has been awarded every four years since the first tournament in 1930, except in 1942 and 1946 when it was not contested because of World War II.

Seven national teams have won the title during the 18 previous World Cup tournaments. Brazilian teams have won the World Cup a record five times and is the only team to have played in every tournament. Italy, the defending champion, has won four titles, while Germany is next with three titles. Other former champions are Argentina, England and France.



Chris Williams of Plymouth checks out the FIFA World Cup schedule in front of Sean O'Callaghan's in downtown Plymouth last weekend. Williams is a former soccer player and a fan.

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CUTS

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we're-all-in-this-together kind of thing."

Wright credited Dwyer, who is in his second term as mayor, for the pay-cut initiative.

The mayor proposed halving his and his colleagues' pay earlier this year, then found that the terms of four of the five members of Plymouth's Local Officers Compensation had expired. The LOCC recommends the pay levels of elected officials.

After appointing four LOCC members, the commission asked the group to come up with a recommendation, and the group recommended a pay cut. It was that recommenda-

tion the commission approved Monday.

Dwyer said fellow commissioners were completely supportive of the move, and that some even said they'd work for no pay.

Commissioners Dave Workman and Gerald Sabatini were absent Monday.

"It would've passed unanimously. I'm certain of it," Dwyer said.

Last month, the commission approved a general-fund budget of nearly \$7.15 million for the current fiscal year, which began July 1. That's about \$400,000 — or 5 percent — less than was budgeted for the previous year.

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Business 2 Business

The next Business 2 Business mixer takes place 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, in downtown Plymouth.

There are no fees, no groups to join - just "Business 2 Business" mixing. Participants should bring business cards for exchanging with fellow business owners in the Plymouth, Canton and Northville areas.

For more information, call (734) 455-8722.

Grief workshop

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a one-day grief seminar, "From Grief to New Hope," Saturday, July 17, from 9 a.m. to noon.

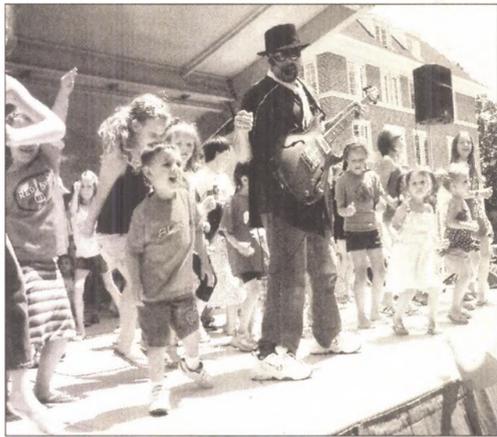
The workshop will be presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. All adults who are learning to cope after the death of a loved one are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the seminar. Ward Church is located in Northville at 6 Mile and Haggerty Roads. Registration is not necessary, but if further information is needed call Barb Brace at Ward Church at (248) 374-5943.

For information about New Hope Center for Grief Support's other age and loss specific groups call (248) 348-0115.

Jewelry evaluation

The Plymouth Historical Museum will be holding a jewelry evaluation day with appraisers from Joseph DuMouchelle International Auctioneers, Appraisers & Estate Buyers in Grosse Pointe Farms on Wednesday, July 14, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The experts will evaluate, as well



Rockin' the park

Guy Louis and Chautauqua Express made a triumphant return to the band shell in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park last week as part of the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Music in the Park concert series. Hundreds of youngsters turned out to see the popular Lewis, who makes a return engagement Aug. 11. The series, aimed at children and sponsored by The Wilcox Foundation, along with Huron Valley Ambulance, Monroe Bank & Trust, the Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club, chiropractor Dr. Brian Brackney and pediatric dentist Dr. Salwa Atwan, resumes Wednesday with Saline Fiddlers. The concert starts at noon.

as purchase, your gold, platinum, diamond, and estate jewelry both antique and modern. In addition, they are also interested in purchasing silver flatware and hollow ware (no silver plate please). Appraisals are by appointment only and time slots fill up quickly. Oral evaluations will be provided for \$10 per item. There is a maximum of four items to be appraised per 15-minute time slot. Call for an appointment, (734) 455-8940 or e-mail secretary@plymouthhistory.org. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, just north of downtown Plymouth.

Old Village crawl

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce pres-

ents the 11th annual Old Village Restaurant Crawl 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. They can be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office, located at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. Tickets can also be purchased over the phone by calling (734) 453-1540.

This year's crawl features six restaurants: Amici Italian Bistro, Crawford's Kitchen, Hermann's Olde Towne Grille, Liberty Street Brewing Co., Plymouth Fish & Seafood and Station 885. Last year's event was sold out, so chamber officials are encouraging people to buy their tickets early.

For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

DEAL

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dispatchers will mean a dispatcher at the top of the pay scale will earn just under \$45,000 a year instead of about \$47,000. In return, the dispatchers gained some job security: the township agreed to void the pay concessions if any dispatchers are laid off.

Reaume said the dispatchers' concessions will save an estimated \$52,000 a year. Dispatchers handle emergency calls for both the police department and the Plymouth Community Fire Department, which serves the township and the city of Plymouth.

Another police union, the Plymouth Township Command Officers Association, which represents the township's six police sergeants, has yet to set a contract. The township is also seeking concessions from them; the sergeants typically pattern their contracts after

the officers' contracts.

The yearly pay for a police officer at the top of the scale is about \$63,600; for a sergeant, it's about \$73,800.

The township had been seeking a total of \$400,000 in concessions from all three police groups, but it will apparently fall short of that mark, even if officers adopt the latest proposal.

About 30 other unionized employees in the township accepted concessions early this year.

The only exception was in the fire department, which turned down a concession package. Three firefighters were then laid off.

"We're not painting everybody as evil here," said Reaume. "There are less dollars in Michigan and less taxpayer dollars in Plymouth Township."

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Snyder wins over voters at town hall

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jan Schimmel of Livonia dragged her sister to gubernatorial candidate Rick Snyder's town hall meeting Tuesday at the Italian-American Banquet & Conference Center in Livonia.

Her sister, Mary Jane Larson, also of Livonia, liked what she heard.

"I will be taking my Hoekstra sign down," she said after the meeting. "The ethical component is the one that really moves me."

Snyder, an Ann Arbor venture capitalist, is running for the Republican nomination for governor in the Aug. 3 primary against U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox, Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard and state Sen. Tom George.

He was in Livonia for the first time during his campaign Tuesday, said communications coordinator April Aretz, also a Livonia resident. Earlier this year, he also made a campaign appearance in Canton.

Kay Arnold, a member of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, called Snyder "very refreshing."

Jerry Vorva of Plymouth, a Realtor who formerly served on the Plymouth City Commission and in the state House, introduced Snyder as the "reinvented Michigan wizard."

Vorva said he, too, is tired of career politicians. "For years and years I voted for them," Vorva said. "Their promises sounded good, but what about the results? I feel blown up, not blown away."

He said Snyder offers a plan, not promises.

Schimmel has supported Snyder since January, when she first heard him speak on radio station WJR-AM (760) because he is the only candidate who isn't a career politician. She said she wants voters to "kick them all out and start brand new."

"I think people need to per-



Rick Snyder, the only candidate for governor who isn't a career politician, has a 10-point plan for reinventing Michigan.

sonally meet Rick," she said, explaining why she brought her sister and daughter, Mary Lytle, also of Livonia, to the town hall. Lytle was already a Snyder supporter.

Larson said she was impressed with Snyder's plan to restore ethics, accountability and transparency to state and local government. She asked him during the question and answer session of the meeting how he would surround himself with people with an ethical core if elected.

Snyder said his campaign workers carry around a card with a code of ethics printed on it. "If you don't live these, you're not involved in our campaign," he said.

Snyder, former chief operating officer of Gateway computers, highlighted components of his 10-point plan to reinvent Michigan, including reducing the tax burden on businesses that provides a globally diverse economy, a high quality of life and keeps Michigan's young people in the state.

Snyder asked attendees to get involved, not just in his



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Jerry Vorva of Plymouth introduces gubernatorial hopeful Rick Snyder to people gathered at the Italian-American Club in Livonia.

campaign, but in helping to reinvent Michigan during the next few years. "This isn't about me; it's about we," he said.

"I'm here tonight to provoke you. We let this happen. We dropped the bar too far on our government."

He said it's time for a customer-service government that answers to residents and where the annual State of the State address is a report card, not a cheerleading session.

Noreen and Don Maahs of Livonia attended the town hall to start learning about the candidates after returning home from being out of town. They read about the town hall in the *Livonia Observer*.

"I'm very impressed," Noreen Maahs said as she held one of Snyder's yard signs on her way out. She liked how Snyder talked about his plans for Michigan instead of criticizing his opponents. "He wasn't putting people down," she said.

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Canton man shot at Westland festival

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton man is recovering from a gunshot wound to his leg as Westland police search for a man who opened fire at the Westland Summer Festival carnival.

The shooting occurred at approximately 11 p.m. Sunday just as the fireworks, which draw a large crowd, were finishing.

"What we know so far, is that there were large numbers of young people at the carnival at that time," Westland Police Chief Alan Ramsden said. "A fight broke out, possibly more than one. We're still trying to determine that. One man was shot in the leg. It was a fight that escalated."

Police weren't releasing a description of the suspect, who was reported to have fired three shots from a semi-automatic handgun. The victim was apparently the person the gunman was intending to shoot, Ramsden said.

"The victim says he doesn't know anything. He's not the most cooperative witness — he's not talking or really doesn't know anything," Ramsden said. "We've got good leads and we're pursuing them."

With hundreds of people at the carnival, Ramsden said, the shooting incident could have resulted in more injuries. The fireworks display, which traditionally

closes the festival, draws crowds estimated in the hundreds of thousands.

"Most people don't watch the festival fireworks in the carnival area. There is no place to sit," Ramsden said. "The carnival seems to attract people who are not interested in the fireworks."

Following the shooting, Ramsden said the carnival operator cooperated with police by shutting down about 45 minutes earlier than planned.

There hadn't been any earlier problems at the festival, which began Wednesday, Ramsden said. There were no major problems at the festival last year, but there were stabbings incidents in 2007 and 2008, both occurring in the carnival area located in the parking lot between City Hall and the police department.

"Residents should know that every single officer who wasn't working the day shift was ordered in to work and three-quarters of them were there for the fireworks, up to and including the chief — I was there in uniform," Ramsden said.

"I don't think we could do anything different. The fact is, we're there as visible as can be. I was no more than 50 yards from the shooting with hundreds of people around. It's a reactive situation," he said.

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Shielda Burga, long-time RepairClinic employee, and her daughter-in-law, enjoy the online retailer's Family Fun Day.

Online retailer rewards employees

BY LUANNE BERK
CORRESPONDENT

Lively music, a giant inflatable and a delicious picnic meal were on hand on a beautiful June day in Canton as online appliance parts retailer, RepairClinic, celebrated another successful year of business, honoring its employees with a day of food, family and fun.

The outdoor event, dubbed the "Family Fun Day," included awards for employees for years of service in addition to an afternoon of fun for employee families.

The company was founded in 1999 with an overall business philosophy that, according to president Chris Hall included "treating employees the way you would like to be treated." Both Hall and CEO Larry Beach saw this philosophy not only as the right way to do business, but believed it to be an important part of a successful business plan, which has proven to be true, based on the consistent growth of the company over the last eleven years.

Jennifer Petersen, customer care representative at RepairClinic, has experienced this "Golden Rule" business approach firsthand.

"The culture here at RepairClinic is very positive;

overall, most employees are very happy," she said. "The culture that is cultivated is one of respect for and helping others, of treating others as you would want to be treated. When this happens, you naturally have a pleasant work environment."

Distribution supervisor Jayce Ostrowski said she also appreciates the employee-friendly environment at RepairClinic.

"Upper management is family-oriented," Ostrowski said. "If the company has success, the management team makes everyone feel like they played a part — they try to include everyone. If you work hard, you will be taken care of. The Family Fun Day event ... they [management] didn't have to do that, but they wanted the employees to feel appreciated."

Many years ago, RepairClinic established something called the "Heroes Program" which allows individual employees to nominate other employees for something they've done that is more than what was expected. This includes Good Samaritan acts of kindness such as helping another employee change a flat tire, covering a shift for someone who has a special family event, or helping to clean up after a company-wide event. Each year, dozens

of employees are nominated for the Hero award, and a monthly drawing is held for a gift certificate to reward those who take the extra time to look out for others. According to Ryan Huntley, Call Center Supervisor, "Too many businesses these days only focus on the negative things people do and not enough on the positive things which should be rewarded. The Heroes Program is a good way to ensure people are praised for going the extra mile and working hard."

Many of RepairClinic's employees have been with the company from the very beginning. Warehouse picker Shielda Burga is one of the original few from 1999. She said she remembers the very first order that was placed by a customer and the excitement surrounding it.

"We all wanted to be a part of it; everyone touched that order before it went out," she recalled, pointing out that tradition of teamwork has continued over the years. "We are all asked what we think and for our opinion."

Founded in Canton in 1999, RepairClinic.com is a comprehensive online resource for do-it-yourself home appliance repair help, parts and information. Visit www.RepairClinic.com for more information.

Struggling economy can't mask overall optimism

The last few weeks are a reminder that the global economic crisis is far from over. Ongoing problems in the European community and high unemployment here in the United States are symptoms of a troubled economy.

The question I am asked often is when will things get back to normal. I don't know, but I do know that eventually this will be behind us. The U.S. economy will once again flourish.

My confidence in the U.S. economy is not based upon our elected representatives in Washington or Lansing but, rather, the American people. Our country and our economy have been through difficult times in the past and each time we have risen to the challenge and have overcome our difficulties. I have no doubt that will happen once again.

Earlier this week, we celebrated our country's 234th birthday. There is no doubt we are faced with numerous problems and challenges. Whether it is nearly double-digit unemployment, abnormally high foreclosure rates or falling home prices, the economy is struggling. However, we should never forget that despite our difficulties, we are still the largest and strongest economy in the world. No other economy comes close to ours. We are still, despite everything, the envy of the world.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

world. Does anyone have any doubt that if people could choose to move anywhere in the world, there would be a rush to our shores? There is a reason why freedom-loving people throughout the world want to come to the United States.

In this 24/7 news-media world, a focus on the negative may just be human nature. However, take a step back and focus on the positives. If nothing more, focus on the fact that throughout our history, we are still the land of opportunity. Our society is full of people who entered life without certain advantages and have achieved greatness here.

Look at every level of our society, from business, arts and entertainment, sports and politics, and you will see large numbers of people who overcame difficulties to reach unprecedented levels. As Americans, we are the can-do people. We have proven it time and time again and I have no doubt that we will overcome our present difficulties and once again reach new

heights.

I believe that America's best days are still to come.

There is no doubt that we have real problems in this country — high unemployment, high foreclosure rates and, probably worst of all, a lack of confidence in our future. For those who are unemployed or who have lost their homes, a doom and gloom feeling is understandable and nothing anyone says can relieve the anxiety they feel.

However, don't forget that our country has been through numerous turbulent times. Whether it's been world wars, depressions or recessions, this country's resilience is unmatched in the annals of the world.

On the heels of this Independence Day holiday, I believe all citizens deserve a pat on the back for a job well done.

There is no doubt there's plenty of work ahead. However, Americans can and should look forward to the future knowing that there are better days ahead. Never forget how lucky we are to live in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Good luck!

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Business News

• The Chamber will be cutting the ribbon on July 16 at 4:30 p.m. at Eclectic Attic. The new consignment shop is located at 550 Forest Ave. in downtown Plymouth.

• Sun & Snow raised more than \$500 for the Plymouth A.M. Rotary's Field of Dreams, a baseball field designed for children with mental and physical disabilities. The Backyard Decathlon last Saturday in Kellogg Park consisted of games and activities, plus Sun & Snow donated a portion of the day's sales.

• The merchant cost for Kidpalooza! has come down from \$175 to \$125. Thus far, according to Plymouth DDA officials, response has been sparse. Confirmations must be made by Friday, July 9.

• Downtown retailers will be hitting the sidewalks on July 23-24 for the annual Sidewalk Sale. Look for great bargains inside and outside the shops. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

• WDIV's Vote 4 the Best Contest is going on through Labor Day. Many Plymouth businesses have been nominated including Genuine Toy Company- Best Toy Store; Dairy King- Best Ice Cream; Plymouth Historical Museum- Best Museum; Plymouth Yoga Room- Best Yoga Studio; Art in the Park- Best Festival; Plymouth Coffee Bean- Best Coffee Shop; TranquiliTea- Best Tea House; Penn Theatre- Best Theater; Magnolia's- Best Flowers; Fiamma Grill- Best Brunch; Spa Julianna- Best Day Spa; Sideways- Best Gift Shop; and many more. Go to WDIV's website - clickondetroit.com - and search "Plymouth" to find out all the local entries and vote for your favorites.

Board president

The Planned Giving Roundtable of Southeast Michigan held its annual meeting and election on June 17, and elected Plymouth resident Christopher Kelly, Comerica Charitable Services Group, as president.

The purpose of the Planned Giving Roundtable of Southeast Michigan (PGRTSEM) is to increase the use of planned gifts as tools for support of charitable organizations through the dissemination of information regarding the advantages and techniques of planned giving.

Membership is made up of professionals in legal, financial, and allied fields as well as fundraising professionals whose focus is planned giving. Through educational and information exchange opportunities and cooperative



Tom Sweeney, president of the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., Joey Sweeney and volunteer Steve Booher take part in the Backyard Decathlon, sponsored by Sun & Sports to benefit the Miracle League of Plymouth. The event raised more than \$500.

networking, members of PGRTSEM offer an organized voice which raises the consciousness of donors and their advisors about planned gift methods.

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.

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OUR VIEWS

Our picks for primary

Heise, Price get nods in GOP races

Voters in the 20th state House district (Plymouth, Northville, Wayne and a small portion at the eastern end of Canton) will elect a new state representative following the decision by Democrat Marc Corriveau not to seek re-election.

The process starts with the Aug. 3 Republican primary, where Plymouth Township attorney Kurt Heise and political newcomer Steve Booher Jr., a manufacturer's representative from Plymouth Township, vie for the right to face Northville Democrat Joan Wadsworth in the general election this fall.

In the 21st District, which covers Canton, incumbent Democrat Dian Slavens will face a November challenge from long-time political activist Shannon Price or newcomer Lori Levi, a Tea Party supporter from Canton, who will do battle in the Aug. 3 primary.

In the 20th District GOP race, we recommend **Kurt Heise**.

In the 21st District, we believe **Shannon Price** should be the choice for those voting in the Republican primary.

20TH HOUSE DISTRICT

Heise is the clear choice in the Republican primary. While he's not a career politician — his only other run for public office was a failed bid for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education a couple of years ago — he's spent the majority of his adult life dealing with governmental issues. He spent 15 years representing various communities on local ordinances and state laws, and he's been a leader in regional environmental issues.

He's only lived in Plymouth Township for a few years, but he's lived in Wayne County most of his life, and his career path has given him a familiarity with issues facing southeast Michigan that could prove valuable in Lansing.

On the issues, Heise wants to eliminate the Michigan Business Tax, look at privatizing services in areas such as corrections, social services and mental health, and cut legislators' pay in half and limit in-session days to 75 a year.

He is articulate, believes he can work with Democrats across the aisle (Heise worked well with Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano, a Democrat) and appears passionate about the idea of serving.

A race against Wadsworth, a longtime trustee on the Northville school board, could prove to be an interesting, competitive campaign.

21ST HOUSE DISTRICT

The race for the chance to unseat Slavens comes down to an age-old political battle of experience vs. spunk. Price is a longtime political analyst, former chairman of the Wayne County Republicans and a campaign organizer. He ran the campaign of Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo a few years ago, when Abbo lost to Corriveau.

This time, Price — for the first time in his career — is putting his own name on the ballot.

He supports reducing taxes, the size of government and spending — many things voters want to hear these days.

He supports the idea of the aerropolis — a potential jobs-growth area roughly between Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports — and believes alternative energy could be a factor in turning Michigan around.

He believes the state corrections system has wasteful spending and said money can be saved by privatizing food service and, if necessary, transportation. He also called Democrat Andy Dillon's plan for pooling state employee health care "a great plan."

Price opposes expanding the state sales tax, saying Michigan needs lower — not more — taxes.

Though he's built a career in politics, he's not a career politician in the sense that he's run for office at every turn.

Price knows the issues and has experience in how the legislative process works. He is the better candidate in this GOP primary race.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

• In response to the story, "Parade, picnic help freedom ring:"

"All of the activities were very nice. It was great to see a good showing by the citizens and at all of the events. It was just as nice to see that they were all well protected by the public safety officers of both the city and the township. Too bad that protection is about to end. Seven officers from the township (1/3 of the patrol officers) will be receiving their pink slips, probably this week, now that the holiday is over. Township Supervisor Reaume gave the order to the police chief last Friday."

Gimmeabreak1961

COMMUNITY VOICE

Are you more likely or less likely to visit the Gulf Coast after the BP oil spill?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"We wouldn't go because of the things we see on TV."

Lata Shah
Canton



"Less likely, because I envision the entire area being covered with oil."

Ellen Dedrick
Canton



"Less likely, because of all the oil, and I wouldn't want to get in their way."

Quovadis Askins
Westland



"Less likely, because of the oil spill."

Larry Sendow
Plymouth

LETTERS

Saving Tiger field

On a day when 77 parks were only narrowly saved from closure by Detroit's City Council last week, a group of 12 adults from around Detroit and its suburbs were threatened with arrest by a Detroit police officer for mowing and weeding the playing field at Old Tiger Stadium.

The officer drove his patrol vehicle into shallow center field and herded the would-be grounds crew off the field, warning them through his loudspeaker that if he saw them there again they would be promptly arrested for trespassing. There is no signage around the site expressly prohibiting entry.

It escapes me why the Detroit Police Department finds it objectionable for a group of individuals, who would otherwise have no need to come to Detroit, to cut grass and play baseball where Ty Cobb and Al Kaline once played. Since my first trip to post-demolition Tiger Stadium, following Ernie Harwell's viewing at Comerica Park, the condition of the field has been steadily improving from the previously weed-infested and barely recognizable field, into a respectable urban sandlot.

The individuals at the field June 29 said this was the first time all summer they had been threatened with arrest and that most of their experience with the police had been cordial. Still, there needs to be consistency within the DPD; officers should not be picking off respectable citizens trying to play baseball.

According to those I spoke with at the field, groups as large as 60 have been seen at the corner of Michigan and Trumbull playing ball and maintaining the field. I would think, having any extra people come to Detroit with the prospect that they might spend some money or at least get more comfortable with the city would be a good thing. This is something the city should be interested in taking advantage of, not resisting.

Regardless of whether the city and DPD view

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those playing baseball at Old Tiger Stadium as upstanding citizens or common delinquents, it will not deter myself or the others who play there from doing so as often as we can manage.

For more information on when others are playing baseball at Old Tiger Stadium and what you can do to help, search "spirit of Tiger Stadium" on Facebook.

Andrew Justus
Plymouth

Backing Colbeck

The August primary is quickly approaching and it is important for all of us to vote for strong candidates who have integrity and will take back our government from professional politicians and party insiders. And I know such a candidate.

I am fortunate to have volunteered with District 7's state Senate candidate Patrick Colbeck over the past year on a local school board and respect his principles and integrity. Patrick Colbeck is a small business owner with strong faith in the Michigan state Constitution. He respects our government's constitutionally prescribed boundaries

and will work to rein in the state government.

Patrick Colbeck will work to serve the needs of the people of Michigan and be OUR voice in Lansing. He is committed to restructuring Michigan's government into a smaller, more efficient authority.

Bruce Patterson will be leaving behind some big shoes to fill in Lansing this year. Patrick Colbeck is the perfect fit for those shoes. I encourage all to learn more about Patrick Colbeck and what he is working for before the August primary at www.fixingmichigan.com.

Diana J. Noble
Canton

Taking control

YES, legislators, go, go, go

It's about time we the people took total control of the money and spending of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools board. The school board has been totally irresponsible and unaccountable for their spending. NO step raises are needed; in fact, salaries need to be cut back immediately. Why is it that everyone is taking concessions, and administrators and teachers refuse to take any concessions?

Administrators and teachers have the best pensions period. Like the rest of us, have the administrators and teachers put into their own 401s, why are we funding them? As far as health care costs, administrators and teachers need to pay into their health care and have higher deductibles to lower health care cost.

Yes, total cost will raise; however, if both the administrators and teachers start contributing today, there will be NO shortfall tomorrow. Yes, the Plymouth-Canton school board worked very hard for this budget; however, it was only for their benefit, and will not benefit the citizens or the children in our schools.

Keith Martin
Plymouth

Plymouth celebrates successful Fourth

Emptying out the notebook from another Fourth of July celebration in Plymouth:

- When they arrived, many an hour or more before the 7:30 a.m. start of the annual Good Morning USA parade in downtown Plymouth, people were still raving about Plymouth Township's fireworks display, which had taken place the night before.

Say what you want, but the fireworks display, in its first few years, has proven to be a popular addition to the Independence Day holiday in Plymouth. Sure, there were some hiccups — reportedly some traffic snarls in the Plymouth Township Park area — but you never hear about major problems. In Westland, for instance, someone got shot after a fireworks display. Nothing remotely like that happens here.

- The parade. Once again organized by Fred Hill, the long-running, crack-of-dawn parade drew huge crowds that lined Main Street all the way from Hartsough down to Theodore. Some 150 floats/participants — most of them old faves — included a couple of new acts, among them Shrek the Ogre and a very entertaining acrobatic team bouncing on curved stilts, back-flip-

ping their way south along Main.

- The thing I always notice is how proud the people of Plymouth are to have their very own parade. Not that many towns have their own parade, and even that number is dwindling under the crush of budget issues. Plymouth has always prided itself — and rightly so — on its small-town atmosphere and its family friendly hominess, and nothing makes the people of this town more proud than an event that puts their hometown in a good light.

This one certainly does that. Except for:

- The politics. Or, more accurately, the politicians. I understand the Fourth of July parade is more celebratory than the Memorial Day parade, which is a much more somber occasion, much more reflective of sacrifices made by the men and women who serve our country.

Still, I'd love to see Hill banish politicians from this event. In the first place, I can't imagine there's any statistical data supporting the contention that appearing in these parades helps or hinders a candidate's chances of getting elected. Secondly, I believe most people find their presence — and the seemingly endless stream of political literature, little tiny candies and T-shirts — annoying.

Elected officials certainly have the right to march in the parade and many do. But their minions shouldn't be bothering the

people gathered with their families to watch the parade.

- Speaking of politics, it was difficult not to think of them when the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education marched in the parade. Only four — Treasurer Judy Mardigan and Trustees John Jackson, Dianne Gonzalez and Adrienne Davis — took part.

No word on where the remaining members — President Steven Sneedman, Vice President Barry Simescu and Secretary Nancy Eggenberger — spent their holiday. With his review coming later this month and rumors swirling about his future, the presence of the four who did march and the absence of the three who didn't might have made school Superintendent Craig Fiegel a little nervous.

- The township picnic was, as always, fun. They've made some changes the last couple of years that make moving through that huge line of people waiting to get hot dogs, chips and pop a lot easier. A dozen or so kids signed up for the bike decorating contest, which I had the privilege of judging. The toughest part? Deciding on which was cuter — the bikes or the kids.

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Letting freedom ring Plymouth puts patriotic pride on parade

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jan Kavulich remembers bringing her son, now 22 years old, to the Plymouth Fourth of July parade as a youngster, and she's come every year since.

Jim McKeon figures he hadn't been to the annual parade, a staple of Independence Day fun in downtown Plymouth, since the mid-1970s.

Both were on hand Sunday as spectators once again lined the streets for the Good Morning U.S.A. parade, which featured some 150 entries that included all the standard favorites — marching bands and the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps, Lady Liberty and veterans groups. There were also newer acts, like Shrek the Ogre. And they all added up to one thing: Yet another successful parade.

"I thought it was neat for the kids to see, and it's still neat," said Kavulich. "Everything is just so 'homey' down here, and it's great to support such a community." McKeon's thought echoed the general consensus.

"It's a great parade," he said. Face-painter Shelly Lampshire of Shelly Lampshire Originals was doing brisk business, as usual, from her perch at Ann Arbor Trail and Main.

"Plymouth is my favorite town," said Lampshire, a West Bloomfield resident who bills herself as a "one-woman art show." "There's a vibe here that's awesome."

After the 90-minute parade, which followed the annual fireworks display Saturday night, spectators made their way out to Plymouth Township Park for the annual Fourth of July picnic, where hot

dogs, chips, pop and ice cream were the attractions and family fun was the result.

The annual picnic again drew thousands of people to the park for the annual Independence Day rite. Plymouth Township residents Mario and Michelle DeSantis brought their kids, 9-year-old Alexia and 6-year-old Dylan, and entered them in the bike decorating contest, one of several activities designed to make the picnic fun for the youngsters.

Dylan and Alexia both won prizes in the contest.

"It's fun for everyone, and you bump into friends and neighbors," said Michelle, who was excited at the addition of a concert (Steve King and the Dittilies played). "They have contests and games ... you can do everything here. It's fantastic."

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Michael Pilotto marches with the Special Olympics group.



The American flag is carried by Canton residents.



A big Uncle Sam lost his hat.

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Alexander Stopford and his dad, Rob Stopford, eat their ice cream before it melts at Sunday's Plymouth Township picnic.



The Young Marines of Canton were among more than 150 entries in the Good Morning U.S.A. parade.



Matthew Hirvela is one of the volunteers grilling hot dogs in 90-degree heat.



Allison Doroshevitz, 6, enjoys her hot dog at Plymouth Township's annual Fourth of July picnic.



Eddie Perne watches the parade.



The 24th Michigan fires a volley during their performance at the Plymouth Good Morning U.S.A. parade Sunday.

Kids, adults wallow away the time at County Parks' Mud Day

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What do you get when you mix 20,000 gallons of water with 200 tons of dirt and add hundreds of kids?

The Wayne County Parks' annual Mud Day, which attracted mud aficionados Tuesday from as far away as Grand Blanc to the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park for several hours of glorious, wallow-in-the-mud pleasure.

"You're never too old," said 34-year-old Tracey Risch of Garden City. "The best part is getting down and getting dirty. It's a great exfoliation."

Risch and her children were among newbies like Christopher Salutes of Livonia, who rolled in the mud, crawled in the and coated every square inch of their bodies with mud. For Christopher, being the muddiest kid around came with a crown.

"I just kept piling on the mud. It wasn't that hard," said the 11-year-old Livonia youth, who was named king of Mud Day.

Not one square inch of his body showed through the sticky layer of mud. Even his ears were filled with the brown goo. According to Christopher, the idea of getting so muddy was his mother's.

"It sounded like it would be fun," a mudless Sheryl Salutes said. "I've meant to do it in the past and it worked out this year."

Kids looking for parents and

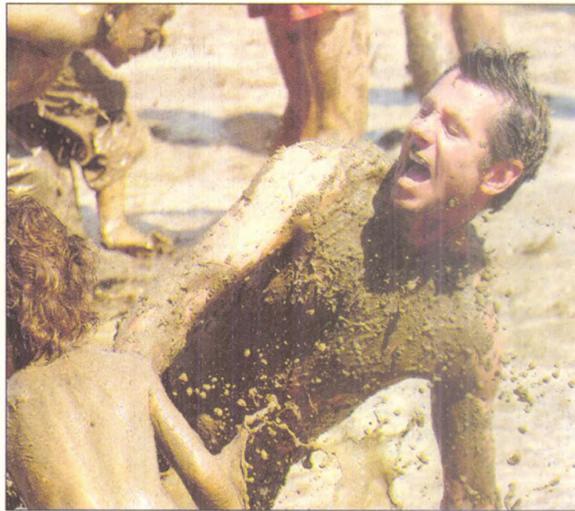


In one of several Mud Day games, youngsters — and a few adults — crawled across the pit on their stomachs.

parents looking for kids made their way to the stage to get help, but counselors for the Livonia Family YMCA had another way of doing buddy checks. They held up signs.

"We came with 100 kids and there's probably 25 of them in the mud and all of the counselors," said camp director Danielle Haase of Westland, who knew the job came with a layer of mud.

Standing beside her was counselor Conor Mahinske of Redford, who proudly



Nick Millen from Plymouth tosses a little mud at his father Larry at Mud Day.

admitted to doing a belly flop in the mud pit.

"I'm going over there to get clean so I don't have to wait in line," he said, nodding toward the rinsing area set up by the Western Wayne County Hazmat Team.

"We have a lot of Homeland Security equipment and this gives us a chance to use it. We have to see if it works," said Farmington Hills Fire Lt. Steve Biebel, who counted the number of children and adults

who came through the area. "We were here last year and did 400 per hour. We were here three hours and did 1,300-1,400 people. If something were to happen at a Detroit Tigers game or at a U-M football game, we have to see what we can handle."

The Hazmat team hosed most of the mud off the participants before sending them to the portable showers.

Harmony Carribeau of Westland made it through the rinse-off without shedding any mud. Her 15-month-old son, Scott David didn't like it.

"It was ice cold, so he didn't want to do it," Carribeau said. "He loved the mud, he sat right down and started playing. He got mommy muddy."

It was about the same reaction Beth Aneed of Garden City got from her 2-year-old granddaughter Izzy.

"She hated it, she cried," Aneed said. "She hates getting muddy, but that's OK, we had fun."

Aneed also had a post-Mud Day game plan. She had brought her three children and a niece and nephew, whom she sent to get hosed off. She planned on wearing her mud home.

"I'm going home and take a nice shower so I can get the mud off," she said, adding that "I'll have the kids clean the car while I'm in the shower."

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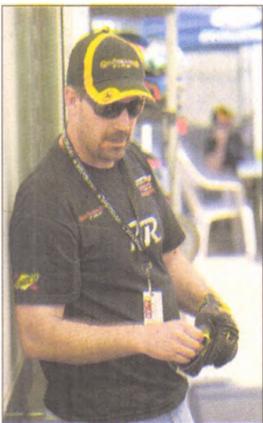
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Horsepower

'Little guy' Rehagen Racing stands tall against the big guys



Westland's Dean Martin is a driver, partner and manager of racing programs for the Livonia-based Rehagen Racing that competes in the Grand-Am and American Iron series.

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As advertised, driving a Ford Mustang is "anything but the typical go-around."

That slogan holds true for the Rehagen Racing operation, which is housed just off Industrial Road in Livonia.

Its 14,000-square foot warehouse is typically jam-packed with Mustangs being overhauled and prepped for both professional and customer club racing teams, along with performance upgrades for street vehicles. The business also serves as Ford parts distributor for racing teams.

As a Ford Powertrain Specialist, Larry Rehagen is entering his 34th year with the company. And the Livonia



The Livonia-base Rehagen Racing No. 52 car, driven Ken Wilden, enters "the keyhole" during a recent event held at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio.

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shows no signs of retiring - no work or racing - anytime soon.

While Rehagen continues to work at Ford, Dean Martin, whom Rehagen met at Ford, came aboard as the team's manager of the racing program in 2003.

Martin, who oversees five full-time employees and up to

30 team and crew members on racing weekends, directs Rehagen Racing's Grand-Am Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge and NASA American Iron Series teams.

In 2009, Rehagen Racing realized a dream by capturing the Grand-Am Koni Challenge title. Ken Wilden of Oakville, Ontario was also overall driver

points champion.

Not bad for a low budget operation, which competes against the giants such as Roush Racing, which ironically leases its warehouse to Rehagen.

"We're definitely the little guy," said Martin, who resides in Westland and also doubles as a driver. "And we've always

been the little guy. It started out that we were just a bunch of engineers getting together on the weekends and racing. We've put together a good group of guys - all dedicated, all want to win. And they're all really intelligent and talented guys. That's our strength. The

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Woodard steps away quietly as Wayne basketball coach

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne Woodard always displayed a grace and reserved demeanor on the bench as Wayne Memorial boys varsity basketball coach.

And sticking to his personality, Woodard quietly resigned early last month without little fanfare after 10 seasons. He compiled a respectable 127-91 overall record, which included two Western Lakes Activities Association playoff crowns, one WLAA regular season championship and three divisional titles (including his past two seasons in the KLAASouth).

Woodard was named Observer Coach of the Year in 2003-04 after guiding Wayne to a 17-6 record and a WLAA crown. His 2007-08 team finished 19-3 and won the WLAA as well.

Woodard coached several outstanding players during his stint including guard Gary Johnson, who led the University of Central Florida to two NCAA Tournament berths and is still playing professionally in Europe.

Woodard, whose full-time teaching responsibilities for next fall will move him from Wayne to rival Westland



Wayne Woodard

John Glenn as a social studies instructor, thought the timing was right to decline another season as the Zebras' coach.

"I enjoyed my times at Wayne," Woodard said. "We played for five conference championships and in four district finals. I met a lot of great people and I enjoyed kids. It's the kids I'll miss the most."

Woodard, however, has not removed himself entirely from coaching scene.

This fall he'll take over the John Glenn varsity tennis team where he'll be coaching his sons Wayne, Jr., who will be a junior, and Michael, an incoming freshman.

"I'll be able to watch my kids play and I'll still catch (basketball) games here and there," Woodard said.

A replacement his not yet been named for Woodard, who is a former Glenn player.

Recently named Wayne-Westland dual athletic administrator Greg Ambrose, who took over his new duties on Tuesday, could not be reached available for comment.

Former John Glenn boys and girls basketball coach Mike Schuette, who served as Woodard's JV coach, confirmed Tuesday he has applied for the Wayne varsity cage post.

"I hope he gets it," Woodard said. "He did a good job for me."

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CYO champs

Garden City's St. St. Raphaell softball team recently captured the 2010 CYO Softball championship with a 5-2 victory over St. Patrick of White Lake in eight innings. The squad, made up of seventh- and eighth-graders, defeated All Saints of Canton, St. Damian of Westland and St. Edith of Livonia en route to gaining the CYO championship. Pictured above are team members (bottom row, left to right) Lauren Hamann, Halee Warren, Taylor Jones, Taylor Bejma, Stassie Wickett, Rikki Vroom, Abby Warren, Katlyn McIntosh, Rachel Spellman, Haley Merriman, coach Kevin McHugh and Gary Joseph.

Nagengast, Anthony are top FHS athletes

BY DAN O'NEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lynn Nagengast and Charles Anthony were named the top female and male athletes in the Farmington High School Class of 2010.

Nagengast received the John K. Cotton Award and Anthony the Dr. Zae Aschenbrenner Award.

The late "Jack" Cotton was the first Farmington Public Schools athletic director and was instrumental in starting a girls sports program.

The Aschenbrenner Award was established in 1948 in



Anthony



Nagengast

honor of the team doctor who donated his time and medical skills to the school's sports teams.

Senior athletes are nominated by their coaches, and the winners are determined by a vote of the varsity coaches and school administrators.

Nagengast was a four-year standout in volleyball and the field events in track and field. She also played basketball for three years, including two varsity seasons.

In track and field, she received the Bettie Wade Award as the most outstanding athlete as a junior. She was the team MVP this year. As a sophomore, she was named Trackwoman of the Year.

Nagengast was the city and league champion in the discus, shot put and high jump.

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SIDELINES

Dayton bags Bucks

There's a logjam atop the Great Lakes Division of the Premier Development League following the Michigan Bucks' 2-1 men's soccer setback Saturday to the host Dayton (Ohio) Dutch Lions at Miami Valley South Stadium.

Dayton (6-1-5) and the Chicago Fire Premier (7-3-2) each have 23 points to lead the division followed by Forest City London (6-1-4) and the Bucks (6-3-2) with 22 and 20 points, respectively. The four teams are currently fighting for two playoff spots in the Central Conference.

The Bucks took a 1-0 advantage in the 55th minute on Kenny Uziogwe's ninth goal of the season off an assist from Stewart Givens.

It appeared that things might get a bit easier for the Bucks to hold the lead when defender Evan Schwartz was shown his second yellow card of the day, leaving Dayton with only 10 players the final half hour.

But the Dutch Lions countered with a pair of counter-attack efforts against the depleted Bucks' defense starting in the 67th minute on Hans van deHarr's goal followed by Bas Ent's game-winner in the 75th minute.

The Bucks would throw everyone forward the last 10 minutes in an effort for the equalizer. A ball fell to the feet of Uzoigwe from five yards out and his half volley sailed over the bar.

Bucks goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrandt (Livonia Stevenson/Oakland University) made seven saves, while Dutch Lion counterpart Oscar Moens had six stops.

After a date Wednesday in Cincinnati against the host Kings, the Bucks' next home match will be Saturday, July 10, at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac when they play the biggest match of the season against the Chicago.

Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are on sale at Ultimate Soccer or by visiting www.bucksoccer.com.

Falcon car wash

The Farmington High cross country teams will have a car wash fund-raiser noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 10, at the Silver Dairy on Grand River, between Power and Orchard Lake roads. A donation is requested.

Youth grid camp

Powerhouse Gym of Farmington Hills will sponsor a youth football camp Saturday, July 24, at Harrison High School.

The camp is part of an effort to re-establish ties between the Farmington Rockets and Harrison football programs, according to Tim Mumford, manager of Powerhouse Gym and a former Harrison player.

The camp is open to all players in the 7-14 age range. The cost is \$35. Lunch and a Powerhouse Gym T-shirt are included. The camp hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The camp instructors will include the Harrison coaching staff, former Detroit Lion Ron Rice and former MSU and former MCLA player Mill Coleman. There will be a cheerleading camp the same day at Harrison, too. For more information and registration, contact Mumford at 248-875-9962.

Fall ball signup

Registration is continuing for returning teams looking to participate in the Redford Leisure Services fall softball leagues. Registration for new teams wanting to sign up will begin Monday, Aug. 9.

All teams are guaranteed a 12-game (doubleheader) schedule. Fees are \$350 per team, plus all umpires will collect \$14 per team at the field before the start of each game. Each team will need to supply a new ball before each game. Games begin the week of Aug. 30. For more information, contact Redford Leisure Services at (313) 387-2650.

Sinnery hurls no-hitter as Rams win thriller

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Sinnery

The cover of the current edition of Sports Illustrated proclaims: Pitchers Rule. Brandon Sinnery of the Michigan Rams is another example on why the balance of power has shifted to the mound. The 6-foot-4, 160-pound sophomore right-hander from the University of Michigan faced the minimum 21 batters Monday evening and threw a no-hitter as the 20-and-under Rams edged the 22-and-under Blue Knights, 1-0, in a Livonia Michigan Collegiate Baseball League game at steamy Bicentennial Park. The Rams, who improved to 16-4-1 in the Collegiate League, tallied the game-winning run in a bottom of the fourth inning

on RBI single by Sam Ott (Salem/Eastern Michigan) single scoring Alex Pierce, who earlier had singled. Sinnery's bid for a perfect game was dashed when Blue Knights lead-off batter Pat Schlenke reached base on an infield error in the first inning, but the runner was quickly erased when he was caught stealing following one Sinnery's 11 strikeouts on the night. No other Knight runner reached base the rest of the game. "Brandon's got a fastball, curveball, cutter and changeup," Rams manager Rick Berryman said. "He throws highs 80s

(MPH) and mixes speeds on fastball very well." In 21 appearances, including eight starts this spring at U-M, Sinnery went 4-0. The Worcester (Mass.) Academy grad pitched 55 innings with an earned run average of 4.55. In attendance for Sinnery's summer league gem was new U-M pitching coach Matt White. "Brandon's built like a fungo, but he can pitch," Berryman said. "He's a very competitive young man. It was a very dominant pitching performance." So far this summer, Sinnery is 3-1 for the Rams with his only loss a 1-0 setback to the 22-and-under first-place Michigan Bulls. In 27 innings, Sinnery has allowed just two runs (both unearned) on just six hits and five walks.

"He's in unbelievably in good shape," Berryman said. "He's staying in Ann Arbor this summer lifting weights, getting stronger and still maturing." Meanwhile, Blue Knights starter Brady Cooper was sterling in defeat, allowing just the one run on five hits in seven innings He struck out six as the Blue Knights fell to 7-10. Brett Mazmanian, Jeff Sorenson (Livonia Stevenson) and Bobby Thomas collected the other hits for the Rams. The Rams return to Collegiate League action at 8:15 p.m. Friday at Livonia's Ford Field to face Advanced, which was start at six-game set in just four days. "That's really going to test our pitching staff," Berryman said.

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Farmington hosts 4-mile Founders Fest road race

The annual Farmington Founders Festival Road Race will take place Saturday, July 17, on the streets of Farmington. The four-mile run is scheduled for a 9 a.m. start at Shiawassee Park, which is located at the corner of Power and Shiawassee. Awards will be given to the men's and women's overall and master winners, as well as the top three in each age group. The age groups are 12-and-under, 13-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79 and 80-plus. Results will be posted on runmichigan.com. The entry fee is \$16 (no refunds) for those who pre-register by Friday, July 9. The cost is \$25 for race-day registration (cash or check only). The entry fee includes a T-shirt, which is not guaranteed to race-day registrants. Register at the Recreation Office-Costick Center or mail to: Farmington Hills Recreation Division, 28600 Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336. Make checks payable to Farmington Hills Special Services. For more information call 248-473-1800.

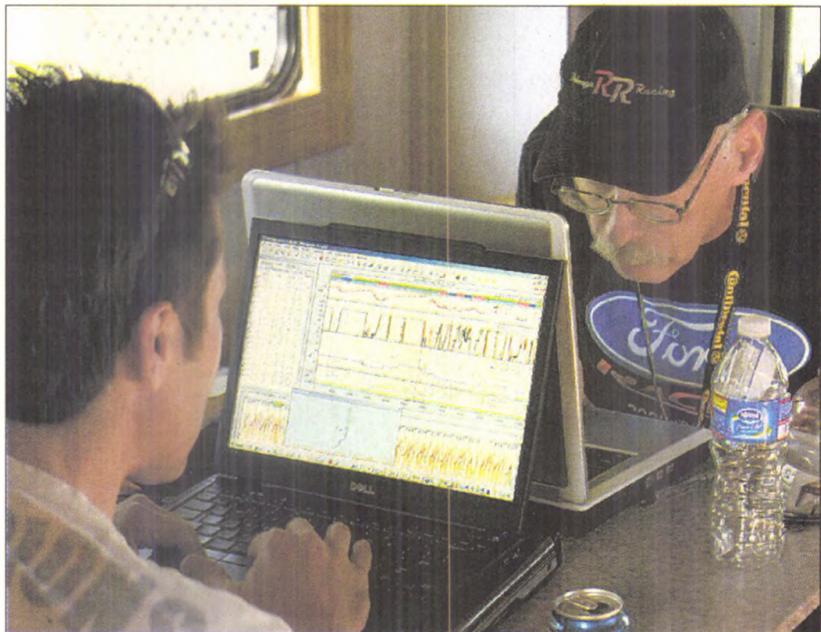
RACING

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financial aspect is what we need some help with. If we had a budget, we'd be pretty unbeatable." Rehagen Racing, fielding three different teams with the FR500C Mustang this season, has recorded 10 top ten finishes in seven different events on the Continental Tire circuit. Two of the Rehagen Racing's major sponsors, Stay-Nu Oil and Bizrate.com, do help defray the operation costs. Rehagen Racing's best result this season came April 10 in the Barber 200 at the Motor Sports Park in Birmingham, Ala. when Martin and co-driver Bob Michaelian (Seal Beach, Calif.) captured the 76-lap event. Meanwhile, Michaelian and Wilden are coming off a sixth-place finish (June 19) at Mid-Ohio averaging 75.389 MPH. Rehagen racing also recorded the best speed during the January Test Days (107.44 MPH) at Daytona, Fla. "Races are typically two-and-a-half hours with a mandatory driver change every 30 minutes," Martin said. "We run on road courses, but also on street courses, too."

The Continental Tire Series has three races remaining with the next stop July 16-17 at the New Jersey Motorsports Park. That is followed by a trip to Trois-Rivieres, Quebec (Aug. 13-14) and the season finale at the Miller Motorsports Park in Tooele, Utah (Sept. 10-11). Rehagen Racing is currently fifth in the manufacturers points standings with Roush Performance in third and Fall-Line Motorsports in the lead. Michaelian is seventh in driver points followed by teammates Ryan Winchester of Mason City, Ia. (15th) and Martin (33rd). "It's tough," Martin said. "This season, the biggest challenge we have is the rules changes. The sanctioning body makes the rules, and our biggest challenge is trying to create parity between the Mustang and like the BMW and the new Porsche. "Right now the BMW really has an advantage on us. They've made a slight rules adjustment recently that will help us, but that's the biggest uphill battle we have is basically the rules package. The rules, to be honest, are just a floating target. They make adjustments through the course of the season to create

parity through between all the different makes because we've got the Porsche 997, the new Porsche Cayman, the new BMW V-8 - actually the old BMW with a straight V-6 is still out there as well. The new Camaro is out there. They've got the new Mustang, and we are now the old Mustangs." Leveling the playing field is always the goal with the circuit's sanctioning body. "They're trying creating a, new rules package that basically gives each make an opportunity to win," Martin said. "We're fighting a little bit, the rules package, and we're also fighting the Roush car. Roush is driving the same year Mustang that we are. With all the development they've done on their car, they've stepped it up a bit and I'll say they're the Mustang to beat, for sure." It's like the small market Kansas City Royals trying to stay up with the huge conglomerate called New York Yankees. "We're a little bit behind in the fact that we don't have the resources that those guys do," Martin said of Roush. "And rumor has it they've thrown a lot of resources at it (this season). We're doing the best we can with what we've got. We're



Rehagen Racing boss and partner Larry Rahagen (right) of Livonia and driver Bob Michaelian analyze car data on their computers during a recent Grand-Am Road Racing Series race in Lexington, Ohio.

looking forward to getting into the new (2011) Mustang and trying to be more competitive with that." Tough economic times have also changed the landscape for all sports car racing teams in general. "The economy, oddly enough, was better last year," Martin said. "It seems like the racing industry trails a little bit behind what a market does. Realistically, this genre of racing is fueled by a more wealthy guys. And those are the guys that got hit the hardest in the past few years. They had their budgets already in place over the last few years, so when last year hit, they've kind of taken a step back this year. You saw a little bit of it last year, but it's really more significant this year. "It targets more the guys that had that \$5 million to \$50 million network that were out there. And throwing \$300,000 to \$400,000 a year to play in racing was O.K. back then. Now we've seen that their perceived wealth has gone down with the market, so they're kind of holding back. When the market comes back and the perceived wealth on paper starts to come back, those guys you'll see will be back and playing a little bit more." But while finances are always a concern, Rehagen Racing has come a long way from its infant stages and first podium victory at Road America in 2000. "We're still doing well," Martin said. "We're beating the factory teams. We're nipping on the heels of the Roush team. It's a significant accomplishment considering the resources."

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ATHLETES

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She was undefeated in the OAA White Division in the throwing events. At the regional, she scored in all three events, qualified for state in the discus and placed 14th at the Division 1 meet. Nagengast led the Falcons to back-to-back OAA and Stafford Relays championships and a first-place finish in the Ambrose Relays. A three-year varsity volleyball player, she holds school records for kills and digs. She was Farmington's Player of the Year as a senior and an all-league selection. Nagengast, who will attend Michigan State University, and Anthony are OAA and FHS scholar athletes. Anthony was a track and field standout, too. A four-time, all-state sprinter, he finished fifth in the state in the 100-meter dash and made the All-Observer first team. He was the school's Trackman of the Year twice and won the Rex Cawley Outstanding Athlete Award the last two years. Anthony, who earned a track scholarship to the University of Detroit Mercy, was a member of Farmington's all-state sprint relay teams, and he also excelled in the long jump. He led the Falcons to three consecutive OAA White championships and helped win a seventh straight city title in May. Anthony played two years of varsity basketball, averaging 8.5 points and six rebounds last season. He is fourth all-time in blocked shots. He won the Trevor Gaines Award for rebounding twice, and he also received the Matt Mikel Award for free throw shooting this year. Anthony also won the team's Falcon Award, which includes athletics, academics and attitude. As a running back, he played four years of football, too.

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Marissa Williams, Jr. GK, Plymouth: The third-year starting goalkeeper brought aggressiveness, brashness and agility to the position, giving up just 0.50 goals per game and nabbing 16 shutouts.

Williams really put on a show during the state tournament, winning three of five games by prevailing in shootouts and carrying the Wildcats to the Division 1 final against Novi (a bitter loss in overtime).

"Her confidence in the pipes, especially when we got to the PK shootouts those three games in the playoffs, she was phenomenal," Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich said. "The first one (a 1-0 district win over top-ranked Northville) might have been the best one, where she stopped the first two PKs against Northville. That was just huge."

She also was a force against defending state champion Portage Central in the D-1 semifinal, prevailing 2-1 in a shootout.

Williams was named All-KLAA, All-District, All-Region and third-team Division 1 All-State.

Kayla Kimble, Sr. Def., Liv. Stevenson: The Division 1 third-team All-State selection and two-time first-team All-Area selection was once again the backbone of the Spartans' defense.

Kimble, headed to NCAA Division II national champion Grand Valley State, also earned All-KLAA, All-Region and All-District honors as a senior.

"Kayla was asked to do a lot for the Spartans this year," Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki said. "We counted on her to organize the backline, mark the other team's best player, and be the catalyst for starting our attack."

"She did all those things and more. Kayla is a great complement to any soccer team. Our returning players are going to realize what a hard game soccer can be, next year, when Kayla is gone."

Kelsey Shapiro, Sr. Def., N. Farmington: An outstanding defense was largely responsible for the Raiders having a 12-5-4 record, and Shapiro was a driving force behind that. A repeat member of the all-area first team, she will continue playing at Ball State University.

With Shapiro in the lineup, North had a goals-against average of less than one per game over four years. With a knack for turning corner kicks into header goals, Shapiro had seven goals and two assists this year. She is an academic all-state player and a D-1 honorable mention.

"She's a tremendous player, but what sets her apart is she works so hard," coach Tim Russell said. "One of her goals this year was to score more goals, and she made a commitment to that. Defensively, she's always been great."

"It's not that easy to defend a good dribbler one-on-one, but she was able to stop people coming in on her, including all-state caliber players. She's been doing that since she was a freshman. If she's not the best defender I've seen in our division, she's one of the best."

Hallee Kansman, Jr. Def., N. Farmington: Kansman, who made a verbal commitment to play at Eastern Michigan University, is another reason North was so good on defense. The Raiders had a 12-game unbeaten streak (9-0-3) the second half of the season with eight shutouts.

Kansman, who had six goals and one assist, also has the ability to score in a crowd on set plays. She rebounded from injuries to both knees early in her high school career to be not just a contributor but a major force for the Raiders.

"It's phenomenal she's as good as she is," coach Russell said. "She struggled through two reconstructive knee surgeries and was an amazing defender this year. If you didn't see her wearing a brace, you wouldn't know there was anything wrong with her knee. I said: 'If anybody can handle that, it's her because she's so intense. When she gets her game face on, watch out!'"

"Sometimes, coaches and teams get lucky and get one very good defender on their side. We've been fortunate to have two. Not only that, but (Kansman and Shapiro) have been terrific role models for the other girls as soccer players, leaders and all-around good people."

Melanie Pickert, Jr. Def., Canton: The state-ranked Chiefs rolled to a 17-2-3 record in 2010 and a major reason was the play of Dream Teamer Pickert in the back.

2010 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SOCCER FIRST TEAM

Marissa Williams, Jr. GK, Plymouth
Kayla Kimble, Sr. Def., Liv. Stevenson
Kelsey Shapiro, Sr. Def., N. Farmington
Hallee Kansman, Jr. Def., N. Farmington

Melanie Pickert, Jr. Def., Canton
Meeghan Hughes, Sr. Def., Plymouth
Kristina Klusek, Jr. Def., Salem
Kelsey Rothermel, Jr. Def., Liv. Churchill

Allyson Krause, Soph., MF, Canton
Kirsten Evans, Jr. MF, Farmington
Paige Brennan, Soph. MF, Liv. Ladywood

Jessica Heck, Sr. MF, Plymouth
Kelly Capoccia, Soph. F, Liv. Ladywood
Alex Johnson, Sr. F, Garden City
Jessikah McClendon, Sr. F, Canton

SECOND TEAM

Maddie Reed, Jr. GK, Liv. Ladywood
Kristen Jolly, Sr. GK, Clarenceville
Kate Moss, Jr. Def., Plymouth
April Messick, Sr. Def., Farm. Mercy
Ali Zarate, Sr. Def., Westland Glenn
Krista Kane, Sr. Def., Liv. Stevenson
Madeleine Vala, Jr. MF, Salem
Sami Roumayah, Soph. MF, N. Farmington

Rachel Szczembara, Sr. MF, Garden City
Lindsey Winters, Sr. MF, Canton
Rachel Blackney, Soph. MF, Liv. Churchill

Alejandra Mesa, Jr. MF, Liv. Franklin
Emily Lundh, Soph. F, Salem
Melissa Nordhoff, Sr. F, Farm. Harrison
Ashley Wheeler, Sr. F, Red. Thurston
McKenzie Hengesh, Jr. F, Plymouth
Renee Boudreau, Sr. F, Liv. Stevenson
Megan Maynor, Sr. F, Wayne

COACH OF THE YEAR

Jeff Neschich, Plymouth
Churchill: Nicole Marlow, Rachel Zukowski, Kaylie Secord, Darcy DeRoo; Franklin: Erin Routier, Lexi Smith; Stevenson: Ashley Welch, Amanda Jenaway, Molly McConnell; John Glenn: Katie Yax, Andee Samborski, Jenna Williams, Ashley Bailey; Wayne: Avalon Felan, Emma Karson, Aimee Papineau; Ladywood: Sydney DeLosh, Domenique Sarnecky, Allison Bielski; Lutheran Westland: Taylor Wiemer, Angella Morrison; Clarenceville: Teresa Parent, Ashley Murphy; Farmington: Laura Bremer, Tasha Ivanac, Melissa Kucukarslan; Harrison: Lisa McFarland, Chelsea Potrykus, Abby Davis, Olivia Jones; Mercy: Kara Weber, Katie Coerdt, Kirstie Racinski, Elaina Weber; North Farmington: Jenna Bachrouche, Morgan Moffatt, Jessie Trimmer, Stephanie Wald, Vicki Yu; Canton: Alyssa Cottrell, Christy Balewski, Robyn Mack, Traci Brietmeyer, Megan Trapp; Plymouth: Katie Krajewski, Jen Babcock, Stephanie Dillon, Zoe Foster, Vittoria Miller, Alyssa Burris; Salem: Megan McCormack, Katelynn Krause, Tori Kaye; Garden City: K.C. Anderson, Becca Collins, Bailey Terrell; Redford Union: Ryan Ellequin, Lindsey Gehlhausen, Courtney Gustaffson, Angela Mancini.

Pickert kept trouble in Canton's end of the pitch to a minimum, making the job easier for goalkeepers Samantha McPartlin and Kayla Bridges.

In 2010, she was a key part of a defense that featured 16 shutouts and a paltry 0.30 goals-against average.

"She has been a solid defender for our program for the last three years," Canton coach George Tomasso said. "She helped maintain over 40 shutouts in her high school career so far."

Pickert was named to the first-team Division 1 All-State, All-KLAA, All-District and All-Region honors.

Meeghan Hughes, Sr. Def., Plymouth: Hughes, like her fellow co-captain Jessica Heck, brought leadership and on-field abilities to the table as the Wildcats went on a 5-0 run in the postseason to reach the D1 final against Novi at Michigan State University (a 2-1 loss on an overtime penalty kick).

"What an incredible season Meeghan had," Neschich said. "She held our back line together all four years of her high school career."

"As the season went on and the games got more intense, and as we got in the playoffs, she just stepped up her game. She was just solid."

She was named to the All-Conference and All-District teams and deservedly earned All-State honorable mention honors.

Kristina Klusek, Jr. Def., Salem: The junior was as reliable as always for the Rocks, who banked on strong defense to compile a solid 11-6-3 record - with shutouts in nine of those 11 wins - and just miss earning a Division 1 district title (losing in OT on an own goal).

Klusek tallied 10 goals and six assists while spending most of the



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Jeff Neschich
Plymouth
Coach of Year

season at center-back. For her contributions, she picked up third-team Division All-State honors and was named to the All-KLAA, All-District and All-Region teams.

"Her work ethic is outstanding and she is one of the most competitive players I've ever coached," Rocks coach Joe Nora said. "Kristina is a big part of why our defense played so well together. Her communication and direction got better all season and ... (she) is always there to make the big play at the perfect time, like her goal against Pinckney in the districts that got us back in the game."

Kelsey Rothermel, Jr. Def., Liv. Churchill: The junior defender earned All-KLAA, All-District and All-Region honors after making third-team Division 1 All-State as a sophomore.

Rothermel had two goals and added three assists.

"Kelsey has started every game for three years," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "She's excellent as far as position sense and great at winning balls on the defensive end. She's a captain, a leader for us on-and-off the field. She's great competitor with a bright future ahead of her."

Allyson Krause, Soph. MF, Canton: Another All-State first-team honoree, Krause showed poise and solid all-around ability in just her sophomore year and was an offensive force with 10 goals and 11 assists for the Chiefs.

In addition to the All-State selection, Krause was named to the All-Conference, All-District and All-Region teams.

"She is a dynamic and a dangerous player," Tomasso said. "Ally is already proven to be one of the most creative players in Canton's history. Her on the ball skills and her off the ball knowledge rates her as one of the state's best as a sophomore."

With two more seasons to go in her high school career, Krause has a chance to be part of a real powerhouse before all is said and done.

Kirsten Evans, Jr. MF, Farmington: A repeat member of the all-area first team, Evans led the Falcons in scoring with 16 goals and 12 assists from her center midfield position. In the last two seasons, she has accounted for 35 goals and 53 points. A three-year varsity player, Evans received a Division 1 all-state honorable mention from the coaches association. She's also a member of the Michigan Hawks club team and the Olympic Development Program.

"Kirsten is a tremendously skilled athlete with a great competitive spirit," coach Matt Gasparotto said. "She has the ability to change a game when she has possession of the ball."

work ethic in training and high level of play in game helped push Ladywood soccer to the next level. I'm thrilled that she'll be running our midfield for the next two seasons."

Jessica Heck, Sr. MF, Plymouth: The senior leadership provided by co-captain Heck was instrumental to the outstanding postseason run for the Wildcats, who came within a whisker of winning the Division 1 state championship.

Heck scored three key goals during the state tournament playoffs, and also was strong and steady in the midfield, earning All-Conference and All-District accolades.

"She was just the vocal leader of our team and really had a fantastic senior season," Neschich said. "She was one of the keys to our success this year."

Heck will continue her soccer career at Grove City College (Pa.), an NCAA Division III Christian school.

Kelly Capoccia, Soph. F, Liv. Ladywood: The sophomore forward enjoyed a breakout season in 2010 with a team-best 16 goals to go along with 10 assists.

Capoccia earned second-team Division 1 All-State honors along with All-Catholic, All-District and All-Region laurels.

Her game-winning goal in the regional final against Ann Arbor Skyline put the Blazers in the Final Four for the first time since 2003. She also had all four goals in a 4-0 win over Central Division rival Warren Regina.

"Through hard work and determination, Kelly has developed into a premier goal scorer," Shingledecker said. "Every time she steps onto the field, her goal is to improve."

Alex Johnson, Sr. F, Garden City: A mainstay in the Garden City lineup the past four seasons, Johnson registered 18 goals and picked up 10 assists in earning All-District, All-Region and All-State Honorable Mention accolades. Splitting duties at midfield and forward, Johnson was the "go-to girl" much of the season as the Cougars finished 11-6-4 overall.

"She scored most of our goals and was a quarterback back there feeding a lot of people," Garden City coach Bill Tornai said of Johnson, who will continue her soccer playing days at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

"She gained more confidence this year and really took charge being able to score goals."

Jessikah McClendon, Sr. F, Canton: McClendon's playmaking and finishing abilities were key to the Chiefs' KLAA South, KLAA Kensington Conference and overall KLAA titles - as well as a District 1 district championship.

The fourth-year varsity player scored in Canton's 3-0 victory over Garden City in the district title matchup at Dearborn Edsel Ford, showing her ability to come through in the clutch during her career.

Her offensive skills were duly noted, as she was named to the All-KLAA, All-District and All-Region teams. She capped it all off with an All-State honorable mention award and graduated with 52 goals and 29 assists in her career.

"She has been a prolific goals scorer for the Canton soccer program," Tomasso said. "Jess has been an important asset to our program."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Jeff Neschich, Plymouth: Preaching a defensive "break-don't bend" posture, veteran coach Neschich enjoyed the most-successful season of his career as he led the Wildcats to the Division 1 state finals against Novi at Michigan State University.

Plymouth went on a 5-0 tournament run to get there, beating top-ranked teams such as Northville, Canton and Portage Central. The bid for a title came up short only because of a disputed penalty kick in overtime against Novi, but Neschich couldn't have been prouder of the way his team (16-5-4) competed all year long.

"I think it started off with a great group of girls," said Neschich, who praised his senior leaders (Meeghan Hughes, Jessica Heck, Katie Krajewski and Carley McQuiston) for their positive influence on the younger players.

"And I've got to give a lot of credit to our assistant coach, Mario Ramirez. But the girls bought in to what we were telling them to do... and they really had great desire. I think it was fantastic."

Neschich has been a longtime soccer coaching presence at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, going back to 1986-96 when he was coach of Canton's boys and girls junior varsity teams. After a 1997-01 stint as Redford Thurston's head boys coach, he became the first boys varsity coach at new Plymouth High School in 2002 and added girls varsity duties in 2005. He currently is still coaching both the boys and girls teams.

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Art in the Park has something for everyone at every price

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It's called "shabby chic" and you'll see a lot of it at the 31st annual Art in the Park, slated for Friday-Sunday, July 9-11, in downtown Plymouth.

"A trend is definitely re-used and recycled," said Raychel Rork, president of Art In The Park Inc. "It's that shabby chic kind of thing. You'll definitely see it in clothing — jeans with all kinds of crazy things sewn on — and jewelry. Jewelry might incorporate typewriter keys or Scrabble pieces. There's something unique and funky about that. People are going to garage sales and remaking things into art."

More than 80 new artists will join the show that features work from more than 400 painters, potters, photographers, weavers, sculptors, woodworkers and other artists. Thousands of pieces — from folksy to fine art — will be available for sale.

"My mom's philosophy — she's Dianne Quinn — is that we want to have something for everyone. That also means the price," said Rork, who along with Quinn, founded, directs and manages the fair. "We know everyone can't afford a \$2,000 painting for living room, but we want everyone to be able to take something home."

The show is juried, meaning that everyone who wants to exhibit must submit photos of both their art and their booth. Some artists return from year to year, but "just because they got in last year doesn't mean they'll get in this year," Rork said.

"It's pretty strict. It's about quality but we still want it to be affordable."

ART, FOOD

A judging panel votes on the submissions from artists as well as gourmet food exhibitors.

"We have gourmet food. It must be made by the person selling it. We have all kinds of stuff, canned foods, dips, jellies. It's not art, but it adds something different to the fair."

Visitors can browse the art and try homemade fudge or sample a dip, at the same time.

Or they can listen to jazz band Zamar, watch street artists chalk several versions of Andy Warhol's Marilyn Monroe images on concrete and then saunter over to the "living

ART IN THE PARK

What: 31st annual street art fair
When: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, July 9; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 10; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 11.

Where: Main, Forest, Ann Arbor Trail, Penniman and Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

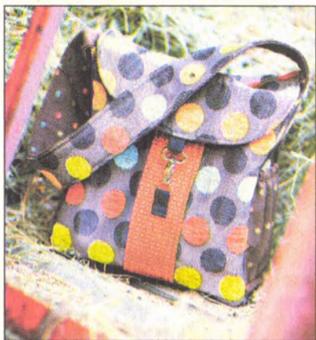
Details: More than 400 artists will exhibit their works, including original pieces of art including paintings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, fiber, fine glass, woodwork, mixed media, photography, and folk art. The show includes a special section of art by youngsters and teens, as well as live entertainment, food, kids' activities, chalk murals and "living" murals.

Shuttle: Visitors may park at the ACH Plant (formerly Visteon Plant) located at 14425 Sheldon, just off of M-14 in Plymouth and take the free round trip shuttle service. The shuttle will run continuously all weekend. The drop off point is Plymouth City Hall, located in the heart of the art fair. Shuttle hours are 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. July 9, 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. July 10 and 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. July 11.

Contact: www.artinthepark.com or call the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540.



A glass piece by Ruth Bolles of Muskegon



Allendale fiber artist Stephanie Stevens, will include handmade purses at her booth during Art in the Park, July 9-11.

mural," which is new to the fair this year.

Kristin Dillenbeck, the daughter

of Canton's D&M Art Studio owner Sharon Dillenbeck, will incorporate human figures into her canvas.

"These are live models in front of the mural. She paints on their bodies or they blend in with the mural."

Local artists will reproduce two of the Warhol images "in vibrant colors" on the street each day.

The fair also will add a butterfly tent and bird aviary to its children's activities this year. Both are interactive and will include live creatures.

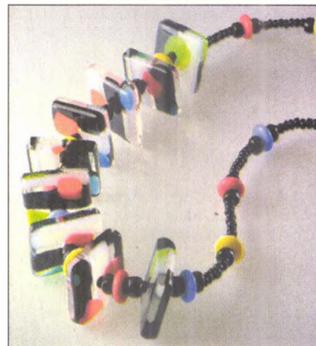
"It's not art, but it's something for the kids to do," Rork said.

She said the variety of activities,

along with quality items that range in price from a few dollars to several hundred, set the fair apart from other outdoor art festivals. Art in the Park is the second largest art fair in Michigan, held a week before the Ann Arbor fairs.

"Some people get overwhelmed by Ann Arbor and they prefer to come to Art in the Park instead," she said, adding that many artists exhibit at the Plymouth show before heading to Ann Arbor.

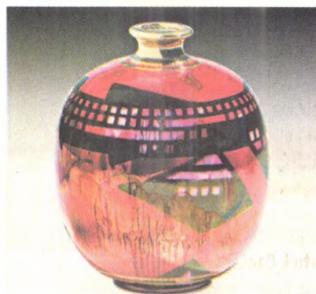
"You could come and spend nothing, spend \$10 or thousands of dollars and have a great day at Art in the Park."



Suzanne Beavis of Perrysburg, Ohio, will show jewelry, like this necklace, at Art in the Park, in downtown Plymouth.



Sooney Kadou's photography includes local landmarks, like this picture of the Ambassador Bridge. The Huntington Woods artist will display work at Art in the Park, in downtown Plymouth.



A ceramic vase by James Johnson of Fulton, Ill. He's one of more than 400 artists who will display their work at Art in the Park in downtown Plymouth.

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8th Wonder Theatre stages musical by Michigan native

The classic tale of Orpheus and Eurydice takes a 20th century twist in *Blackwater Ballad*, performed by the 8th Wonder Theatre July 23-25 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, in Canton.

The new musical, set in the bayous of New Orleans in 1932, is written by award-winning Michigan playwright Joseph Zettelmaier and musician Brian Lillie. It tells the story of traveling musician Orlandus Duval, who arrives in the small town of Blackwater Creek and captures the heart of Euralie, the daughter of the local sheriff. Their plans to wed in secret are dashed by betrayal and murder, forcing Orlandus to make the hardest of choices.

Lillie provides the music for the production. He was one of 15 writers from around the U.S. chosen to attend ASCAP's prestigious Lester Sill Songwriting Workshop in Los Angeles, Calif., and also is a founding member of The Michigan Artists Music Alliance (MAMA), which is the official Folk Alliance affiliate of Michigan. Lillie performs around Michigan and Ohio at such popular venues such as The Ark and the Gypsy Cafe, opening for notable acts.

Joseph Zettelmaier, a playwright and Michigan native, wrote both the book and lyrics. He recently saw his plays *Dr. Seward's Dracula* and *All Childish Things*

produced at the Planet Ant Theatre. *All Childish Things* went on to be nominated for the American Theatre Critics Association Award. Zettelmaier's other plays include: *Language Lessons*, *The Stillness Between Breaths* and *Point of Origin*, all produced at the Performance Network. The *Stillness Between Breaths* also went on to be performed at the National New Play Network's Festival of New Plays in 2005. Zettelmaier also wrote *Night Blooming*, which was performed at the Blackbird Theatre, and *Fever Dreams* at the Treetown Festival. He is an adjunct lecturer at Eastern Michigan University, where he currently teaches dramatic composition, and the playwright mentor for Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor as well as an associate artist at the Performance Network.

Curtain times for *Blackwater Ballad* are 8 p.m. July 23-24 and at 2 p.m. July 24-25. Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, and \$10 for groups of 15 or more. They're available at www.cantonvillageattheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5300.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

For more information about 8th Wonder Theatre, visit www.8thwondertheatre.com or call (734) 394-5300.

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Art & Ideas

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MARGARET M. CALLAHAN

Age 88, July 2, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Clarence L. Dear mother of Sheila (Dan) Arguelles, Susie (Bob) Cytacki, Kathy Hicks, Molly, Michael and Peggy (Gary) Golasa. Survived by a huge and loving family including 11 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. Sister of George (Mickey) Cochran. Funeral Services were Monday July 5 at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., Garden City. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or donors@stjude.com www.santeiufuneralhome.com



LLOYD EDWARD DASHER

Age 82 of Sevierville, TN, passed away on June 15, 2010 at LeConte Medical Center in Sevierville. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Gwen Dasher of Sevierville, TN; sons, Wayne Dasher and wife, Cathy of Novi, Michigan and Dennis Dasher of Detroit, Michigan; sister, Joyce Mate and husband, Joe of South Gate, Michigan; grandchildren, Kim Hamlin and husband, Jim, Michael Dasher and wife, Michelle; great-grandchildren, Ryan and Madison Hamlin, Kylie and Troy Dasher; 13 nieces and nephews. Memorial service will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses, 32070 W. Seven Mile Rd., Livonia, MI at 2pm on Saturday, July 17th. www.rawlingsfuneralhome.com

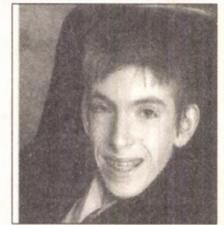
THERESA G. OLEXA
Age 77, July 5, 2010. Loving wife of the late Clarence. Dear mother of Deborah (Wesley Hall) and Michelle (Matthew) Brown. Grandmother of Veronica, Colleen and Annaclara. Beloved sister of Dorothy Selke and Delores Williams. Gerry loved being outdoors and especially working in the yard. She adored all Pomeranians, especially her baby Taffy. Visitation Thursday 4-8 pm with a Rosary service at 7 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. Friday instate 9:30 am until her funeral Mass at 10 am at St. John Bosco Catholic Church, 12100 Beech Daly, Redford. Burial at Holy Sepulchre. www.har-rjwillfuneralhome.com

THOMAS E. PILURAS
A memorial gathering will be held at Nankin Mills Picnic Shelter in Hines Park on July 30th, 2010 to celebrate the life of Thomas E. Piluras, class of 1972, Churchill High school. Please stop by and share any memory you may have of Tom. 6:00pm until Dusk. The family is asking that any donations made will please be sent to: Providence Hospice of Snohomish County, 2731 Wetmore, suite 500, Everett, WA 98201



BETTY AMOROSE RUSSELL

Age 79, July 6, 2010. Dear wife of James J. and the late Savino Amorose. Beloved mother of Vicki (Harvey) Fyke, Scot (Ruth) Amorose and Brian (Angela) Amorose. Grandmother of 13. Great grandmother of 12. Loving sister of Joanne Clark, Joyce Klock, Janice McCullough, Terri Taylor-Pearce, Jack Helmer, Jerry Helmer, Dennis Helmer, Duane Willmore and the late Mary Hillner. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 2-9pm at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd. (bet. Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). In state Saturday 10am at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, (1 block South of Ford Rd) 10:30am Funeral Service. www.santeiufuneralhome.com



ALAN FRANCIS OMIILIAN

Age 22 of Plymouth, July 5, 2010. Beloved son of Robert and Gwen. Loving brother of Andy and Lili. Dear grandson of Marian Omilian and Francis Larkin. In state Friday 12 Noon until the 1 PM funeral mass at Catholic Central High School Chapel, 27225 Wixom Road, Novi, MI 48374. Visitation Wednesday 4 - 9 PM and Thursday 2 - 9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association, or to Angela Hospice. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

LARRY J. NELSON

Age 55, of Tecumseh, passed away unexpectedly July 3, 2010. Larry was born December 25, 1954 in Detroit, Michigan the son of John and Marlene (Schrack) Nelson. On July 1, 1977 he married Birute Theresa Zubrickas in Livonia, MI. He was a graduate of Stevenson High School and Schoolcraft College. He had a passion for buying and selling antiques, and loved the thrill of the hunt. He was involved in the family business for most of his life most recently The Hitching Post in Tecumseh. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and son. His generous heart knew no boundaries and will be sorely missed by his family, friends and the antique community. Larry is survived by his wife, Theresa; children, Christopher, Julia and Andrew; granddaughter, Olivia; parents, John and Marlene, brothers, Eric and Ken; sister, Lori and numerous relatives and friends. Funeral Services will be 1:00 P.M. Thursday, July 8, 2010 at the J. Gilbert Purse Funeral Home, Adrian with the Rev. Fr. Daniel Wheeler officiating. Burial will follow in Brookside Cemetery, Tecumseh. Visitation will be 4-8PM. Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at the funeral home. Condolences to the family may be made online at www.pursefuneralhome.com



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JULY 8-14

- Canton Christian Fellowship**
Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 14
Location: 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty
Details: Clothing Bank will be open. Clothing is free
Contact: (734) 927-6686, (734) 404-2480 or visit CantonCF.org
- Christ the King Lutheran**
Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. July 12-16
Location: 9300 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Vacation Bible School, "Baobab Blast," for preschool through grade six. No registration fee
Contact: (734) 421-0749 or register at www.ChristTheKingLivonia.com
- Concordia Lutheran School**
Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. July 13 and Aug. 11
Location: Grades K-4, 20805 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills; grades 5-8, 9600 Leverage, Redford
Details: Open house for the school, a tuition-based, congregation-supported, association school that offers Christian education. The school is accepting enrollment now for grades K-8
Contact: (313) 937-2233 or (248) 474-2488
- Congregation Beth Ahm**
Time/Date: 12:30-2 p.m. July 10, 17 and 24
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: "Back to the Sources," lunch and study series will explore the world of Rabbinic text, including Torah commentaries, Talmud, Midrash, and Aggadah. Each session will be self-contained and can be attended separately. To help plan for food and seating and ensure enough copies of study materials for Back to the Sources, advance registration is requested. However, walk-ins will be accommodated
Contact: (248) 851-6880 or e-mail director@cbahm.org
- Orchard United Methodist Church**
Time/Date: 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., July 12-16
Location: 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills
Details: Vacation Bible School, "High Seas Expedition," is open to all children, age 4 through those who have completed fifth grade. Each day includes singing, games, yummy snacks, experiencing Bible adventures, crafts and more. The fee before July 1 is \$25 per child (family maximum of \$65) and includes a CD and an iron-on transfer for a solid color T-shirt
Contact: Julie Wright at (248) 626-3620 or (248) 626-3620
- St. James Presbyterian Church**
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., July 8-10
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Details: Thrift store clearance sale; all items, except those marked "firm," that are \$1 or more are half off. Kathy's Bake Sale also will be open during the sale
Contact: (313) 534-7730
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church**
Time/Date: 7 p.m., July 12 and Aug. 16
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.
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Simple, sophisticated snacks and drinks for summer

Summer is the season for entertaining, but there isn't any reason you have to slave away in a hot kitchen in order to throw a sophisticated summer party.

Opt for simplicity, sophistication and seasonality, and it will be easy to host smashing summer soirees with less time and work involved in preparation. Ingredients like fresh fruits and veggies play to the best tastes of summer, while familiar flavors like coffee can lend an air of sophistication to even the easiest summer treats.

"Convenience is key to making the summer months enjoyable - whether you're organizing a fun afternoon for yourself or having an adult gathering at your house," says Robin Miller, a nutritionist and author of "Robin Rescues Dinner" and "Quick Fix Meals," which is also the title of her show that airs on Food Network. "Having healthy fresh snacks that incorporate seasonal fruits and vegetables to keep everyone refreshed, or fruity drinks mixed with coffee to give a sophisticated and adult flavor, will help make your event fantastic and memorable."

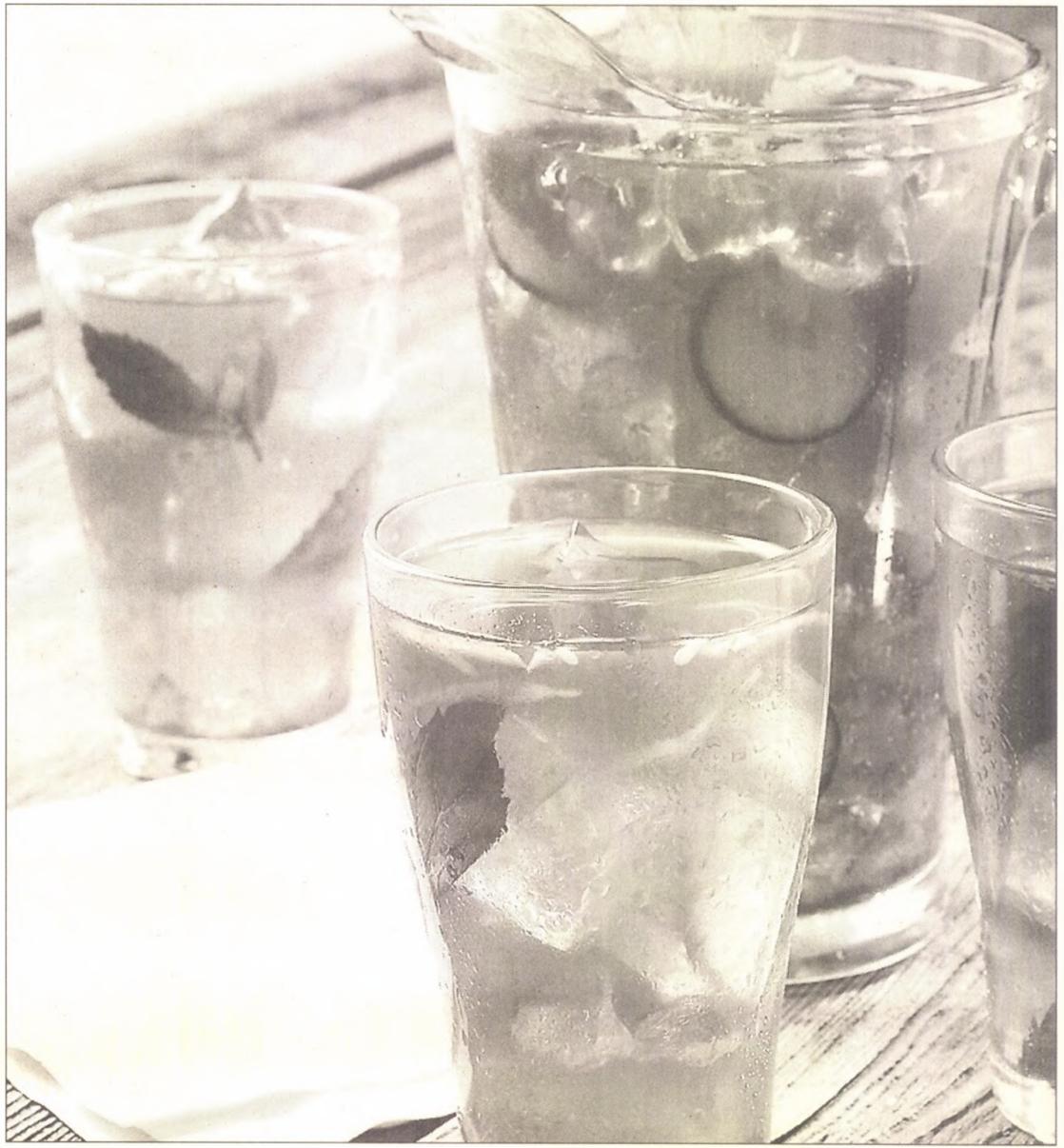
One way to keep things simple is to blend refreshing and tasty, yet convenient, items like Starbucks VIA Ready Brew into your snacks, drinks and even grill rubs for a fresh take on old favorites.

For a quick and delicious start to your next party, here are a couple of recipes for drinks, snacks and great-tasting foods on the grill:

CUCUMBER MINT GIN LEMONADE

Serves about eight

- 1 packet Starbucks VIA(R) Ready Brew
- 4 cups lemonade
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/2 cup cucumber, peeled, seeded and grated
- 1 cup gin
- 1 cup loosely packed mint
- Ice



Cucumber Mint Gin Lemonade

Dissolve coffee with a tablespoon of hot water in a pitcher. Add lemonade, sugar, cucumber, gin and mint. Chill for several hours. Serve over ice.

SPICY COCKTAIL NUTS

- 1 cup cashews
- 1 cup walnuts
- 1 cup almonds
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon red vinegar
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 packet Starbucks VIA Ready Brew
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon Chile powder
- 1/4 cup dried papaya
- 1/4 cup dried mango
- 1/4 cup dried pineapple

Toast nuts on a sheet pan for 10 minutes at 300 F. While nuts are toasting, combine all ingredients together, except dried fruit, in a heat-proof microwave container. Microwave for 20 seconds to melt and combine the mixture. Remove nuts from oven and turn temperature down to 225 F. Add toasted nuts to mixture and stir to coat. Spread in an even layer on a baking sheet. Bake for 45 minutes. Stir nuts to evenly coat and bake on all sides. Spread and press dried fruit onto nuts and place back in the oven for 15 minutes. After cooling, break up the mixture and store in an air-tight container.

HIGH OCTANE APPLE-TINI

Makes two martinis

- 1 packet Starbucks VIA Ready Brew
- 1 cup apple juice
- 3 tablespoons vanilla vodka
- 1/2 cup ice
- 1/2 lime chopped
- 1 apple, sliced into thin wheels for garnish (core is in the center of the wheel)

Dissolve coffee with a tablespoon of hot water in a shaker. Add apple juice, vodka, limes and ice. Place lid on top of the shaker and shake vigorously for 20 seconds. Strain liquid into martini glasses. Place a thin apple wheel on top.

SWEET AND SPICY COFFEE GRILLING RUB

- 2 packets Starbucks VIA Ready Brew
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 2 tablespoons black pepper
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar

Stir coffee, salt, pepper and sugar together. Coat it on the meat and grill. For stronger taste, let the coated meat sit up to an hour in the refrigerator before grilling.

- Courtesy of ARAcontent

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SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

The tragedy is that less than half of those persons who are denied benefits file an appeal. Thus, many thousands of people who deserve benefits never receive them.

Those denied can appeal on their own, but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

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



In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups. Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are also highly experienced in assisting him with Social Security Disability cases. And they are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of clients' cases and administrative procedure.

Attorney Bieske welcomes you to call him to determine if you may be

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

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

Bieske represents clients from all over the state of Michigan. Call him at 1-800-331-3530 for a FREE consultation if you have been denied. Or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits call him for FREE advice.

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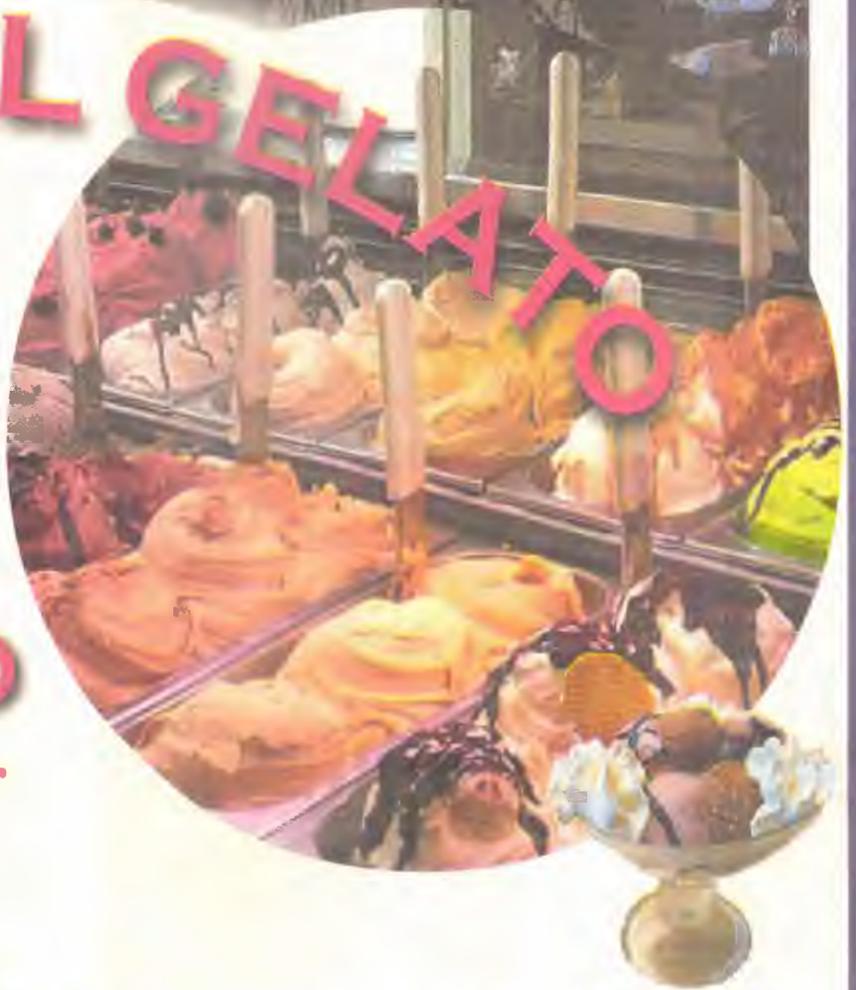


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BBB: Beware of air conditioning scams

As summer temperatures heat up, your local Better Business Bureau is advising consumers not to get burned by air conditioning inspection and repair scams. While most air conditioning service and installation companies are reputable, as the humidity increases there are always a few companies that emerge each season with the goal of taking consumers money for unnecessary repair work or equipment sales. BBB encourages consumers not to give in to high-pressure sales tactics and to always do their homework before committing to spend any money.

"Air conditioners can be one of the more complicated aspects of maintaining your home," said Melanie Duquesnel, president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan. "As such, scam artists will leverage that unfamiliarity of air conditioning to take advantage of the consumer. The best way to defend your pocketbook is by being an educated consumer. Always check out a company with your local Better Business Bureau before accepting any offers and never leave anyone servicing your air conditioning system unattended while at your home."

Advertisements for "free" air conditioner cleanings or tune-ups tend to pop up this time of year. BBB recommends that consumers be cautious of these opportunities. Complaints received by the BBB show a trend in these circumstances regarding recommendations for more costly repairs than are actually required, high-pressure sales pitches to replace existing units with brand new models, or significantly marking up the price for replacement parts. In other situations, dishonest repair people will remove parts or allow coolant to escape causing the air conditioner to not work properly so that the consumer believes a costly repair or the purchase of a new unit is needed.

"If someone is advertising an offer to clean or service your air conditioner for free they are most likely planning on trying to sell you something else while they are in your

home," said Lee Weinstein, general manager for H A Sun Heating & Cooling Inc., a BBB accredited business since 1987. "There is a difference between sending a technician out to provide a free estimate or quote as part of the sales process, which many reputable businesses do, and trying to trick a consumer by allegedly offering a free service with the overall intent of gaining access to their home in order to defraud them or make a high pressure sales pitch. Anytime someone is faced with a pricey repair or new air conditioner purchase, we recommend getting at least three quotes before you make a final decision."

BBB recommends consumers take the following steps to ensure they are getting the proper service for their air conditioner problems:

- **Troubleshoot:** Before calling for service, check a few basic things out yourself first. Is your thermostat operating properly? Has the electrical breaker powering the unit tripped? Does your system have a winter power shut off switch that needs to be flipped? Are the air intake screens or filters on your outside unit dirty or blocked and need to be cleaned? Sometimes there are minor, inexpensive things you can do yourself to alleviate a problem and avoid paying for a service call or repair.

- **Air conditioners are complex machinery, don't take them apart or try to repair them on your own or you could end up doing more damage which could result in a more expensive repair.** Leave the servicing of your air conditioner to a licensed professional.

- **Warranty Issues:** Is your air conditioner still under manufacturers' warranty? Sometimes using unauthorized service companies or replacement parts can void your warranty. Be sure to check your owners' manual or warranty for any special conditions to avoid unnecessarily paying for any future repairs that might otherwise be paid for under the warranty.

- **Start With Trust:** Check out service contractors with your local



Better Business Bureau at www.bbb.org or by calling (248) 223-9400. Make sure to use a BBB accredited business or at the very least, one that has a good rating with BBB.

- **Written Estimates:** Don't be satisfied with verbal promises. Demand a written estimate that notes what is wrong with your air conditioner, what the entire cost to repair or replace the unit will be, and the printed and signed name of the repair person. If they are recommending purchasing a new system, also require the estimate include its make, model, serial number, and system capacity.

- **Obtain Multiple Quotes:** Obtain more than one written quote before you allow work to be completed on your air conditioner or purchase a new one. Quotes should include a full description of the services and materials to be used so you can adequately compare them; this includes the air conditioner's size and units of energy (BTU) as well as the calculated cooling capacity of your home. Also compare all available warranties. Not all warranties are the same so they should be included in your evaluation process.

- **Be Vigilant:** Protect your home and your valuables by never leaving unknown workers alone in your home. Keep valuables out of sight and locked up when you have a contractor doing work. Avoid paying cash and write checks out to the name of the business rather than payable to the employee or another individual. Some unethical employees and subcontractors steal from consumers by convincing them to write checks directly to them rather

than the company that was hired. Consumers are then still liable to pay the company they hired to do the work or face a lien against their property. A canceled check is a useful form of evidence to prove you actually paid your bill.

Make sure the business has a mechanical contractor's license with the State of Michigan. You can check to see if someone is licensed online at <http://www7.dleg.state.mi.us/bclicense/> or by calling (517) 241-9288. Additionally, check that the company is insured against claims covering worker's compensation, property damage, and personal liability in case an accident occurs on your property. Call to verify the contractor's insurance coverage after obtaining the name of the carrier and agency. Ask the provider to send you proof of coverage for your records.

- **Annual Inspections:** Paying for an annual inspection with a qualified repair shop to check the compressor, moving parts, coolant levels, filter, and furnace blower can identify and resolve problems before they become expensive. Having work done before the peak summer busy season can be less costly than when air conditioning service technicians are in high demand.

The Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan is a nonprofit organization that fights fraud and promotes ethical business practices in the local marketplace through its business accreditation, consumer education, and dispute resolution programs. Contact your local BBB by calling (248) 223-9400 or by visiting www.bbb.org.

Find an agent you can work with well

Q: Do you have any suggestions on how I can hire the best real estate agent for buying or selling my home?

A: Sometimes it is more difficult to find out about a real estate agent than other professionals. But there are some things you can find out about your agent before you hire him or her.

First, ask the agent to provide a list of what they have listed and



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sold in the last year with contact information. Before you start calling the names, ask the agent if anyone will be "particularly pleased or particularly disappointed." When you contact these past clients, ask what the asking price was and

then ask what the sales price was.

If you are the seller, ask if these past properties are similar to yours in price, location and other salient features. Obviously, you want someone who specializes in exactly what you are trying to sell. Another good question for sellers is "How long has the home been on the market?" Also, check to see whether the person that you are considering is licensed and if there have been any disciplinary actions or complaints. You may also want to check to determine whether they are a "Realtor and/or a member of the National Association of Realtors," and, whether they have received any awards as such. See if they have any additional credentials meaning they have taken additional classes or training such as a CRS (Certified Residential Specialist) or an ABR (Accredited Buyer's Representative). There is also such a thing as an SRES (Seniors Real Estate Specialist) which means that they have completed training aimed at helping buyers and sellers in the 50+ age range. Keep in mind that a "Realtor" means that he/she is a member of the National Association of Realtors and pledges to support its Code of Ethics.

Further, make sure that your real estate agent or broker is not a new boy on the block and has been in the business at least five years. You can check with the state in that regard. Obviously, you are looking for someone who is actively engaged in a particular area and price range, and, you want to know what knowledge of those two factors they can demonstrate and what kind of market presence they have. Check out your proposed agent's listings on line, either at their old site or at realtor.com, and whether they recommend you obtain an attorney.

Finally, make sure you can communicate with your agent and have a rapport.

Q: I am, of course, trying to find out when the bottom will reach in terms of buying property in the Naples area. Do you have any later or additional information?

A: The number of house closings and real estate sales in Naples has increased substantially over last year (2009). However, there are still a number of foreclosed properties that are enticing investors at very cheap prices. Typically, the foreclosed property is not in the best of condition and that, of course, brings down the "comparables" for real estate pricing in the neighborhood and/or the other units of the development. Some brokers speculate that this will be the last summer where bargains can be obtained in Naples and, for that matter, Southeast Florida, but that still is only a prognostication.

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. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 22-26, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

8772 Hunters Creek Dr \$50,000	3864 Kossuth Rd \$238,000	821 Cumberland Rd Ct \$55,000	1446 Hartland Dr \$265,000
8945 Minne Wanna Rd \$155,000	3827 Lakeleaf \$255,000	Rochester Hills	2770 Lenox Dr \$249,000
4105 Newcasttle Dr \$165,000	3133 Sandoval Dr \$150,000	179 Bowdoinhill Ct \$205,000	3602 Old Creek Rd \$105,000
5558 Northwest Village Dr \$135,000	3867 Sequoia Dr \$215,000	1244 E Horseshoe Ct \$230,000	4101 Penrose Dr \$260,000
8416 Peaceful Vly \$315,000	3044 Voorhees Lake Ct \$215,000	1435 Galena \$95,000	2673 Rhodes Dr \$150,000
4715 Pelton Rd \$60,000	3341 Yosemite Dr \$190,000	1506 Galena \$500,000	3339 Upton Dr \$181,000
8713 S Shore Dr \$330,000	Lathrup Village	864 Snowmass Dr \$274,000	3948 Wayfarer Dr \$227,000
Commerce Township	18950 Hampshire St \$59,000	1121 Tienken Ct \$29,000	Walled Lake
4516 Darlene Dr \$205,000	Millford	2148 Wentworth Dr \$266,000	30202 Chesapeake Cir \$122,000
1972 Portlock Ave \$128,000	3151 Central Blvd \$79,000	South Lyon	454 Conway St \$95,000
2455 Trillium Hills Dr \$218,000	Northville	26601 Daria Cir E \$80,000	Waterford
Davisburg	21943 Parkwood Ln \$250,000	342 Hampton Ct \$82,000	3845 Hazelett Dr \$54,000
4968 Ormond Rd \$128,000	Novi	Southfield	2706 N Lake Dr \$237,000
Farmington Hills	40423 Franklin Mill St \$175,000	29590 Bermuda Ln \$145,000	3170 Sashabaw Rd \$79,000
31914 Bella Vista Dr \$128,000	51137 Hallfield St \$240,000	29819 Chelmsford Rd \$39,000	4741 Sherwell Dr \$81,000
37622 Dorchester Dr \$221,000	24455 Olde Orchard St \$67,000	27043 Lincolnshire Dr \$78,000	West Bloomfield
28977 Forest Hill Dr \$237,000	25518 Portico Ln \$125,000	23349 N Chanticleer Dr \$108,000	2015 Bordeaux St \$150,000
28211 Green Castle Rd \$134,000	Oakland Township	21274 Nantucket Dr \$90,000	5132 Chestershire Ct \$170,000
22047 Inkster Rd \$55,000	5119 Belmonte Dr \$217,000	25378 Saint James \$74,000	6951 Long Ave \$272,000
22580 Purdue Ave \$125,000	670 Canyon Rd \$193,000	25275 Southwood Dr \$165,000	7154 Nottingham \$150,000
21965 River Ridge Trl \$130,000	296 Oakbridge Dr \$302,000	20810 Stahelin Rd \$13,000	6655 Pinnock \$312,000
31915 W 14 Mile Rd \$86,000	2975 Shannon Dr \$271,000	15609 Stone Crossing Dr \$39,000	5533 Stanhope St \$150,000
22092 W Brandon St \$127,000	Orchard Lake	27590 Vermont St \$90,000	6620 Tamerlane Dr \$215,000
28751 Wintergreen \$490,000	4358 Pine Tree Ln \$135,000	22400 W 12 Mile Rd \$73,000	2580 Walnut Lake Rd \$113,000
Lake Orion	Oxford	20516 Westhampton Ave \$19,000	White Lake
2402 Brabant St \$145,000	839 Hemlock Dr \$375,000	Troy	8344 Fox Bay Dr \$128,000
88 Franklin Wright Blvd \$210,000	1141 Olympic Ct \$190,000	1127 Beaver Run \$100,000	Wolverine Lake
3687 Hidden Forest Dr \$233,000	Rochester	4945 Carlson Park Dr \$306,000	729 Laguna Dr \$135,000

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 22-26, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

19326 Hillcrest St \$125,000	11667 Jarvis St \$64,000
20169 Merriman Rd \$125,000	18360 N Laurel Park Dr \$95,000
29824 Pickford St # D \$140,000	18581 Westmore St \$85,000
Northville	16406 Mulberry Way \$20,000
50199 Teton Ridge Rd \$717,000	628 W Main St \$326,000
46401 W Main St \$615,000	46551 W Main St \$627,000
Plymouth	1281 Carol Ave \$166,000
40427 Newport Dr \$85,000	50535 W Fellows Creek Ct \$360,000
10088 Wolfriver Dr \$140,000	Redford
17430 Indian \$50,000	9380 Salem \$40,000
23236 W Chicago \$24,000	Westland
35036 Avondale St \$103,000	1026 Edwin St \$68,000
35150 Hazelwood St \$18,000	35713 Joy Rd \$95,000
4911 Julius Blvd \$17,000	7287 Kubis St \$75,000
2565 Muirfield Dr \$150,000	8046 N Merriman Rd \$95,000
37600 N Rhead Cir \$86,000	561 S Wildwood St \$71,000

Canton	1647 Aberdeen St \$177,000
47079 Eastbourne Rd \$305,000	7044 Foxridge Dr \$201,000
50001 Geddes Rd \$119,000	43818 Hanford Rd \$190,000
44679 Heather Ln \$218,000	4142 Kristine Ct \$168,000
42436 Majestic Ct \$155,000	50197 Monroe St \$80,000
5777 N Beck Rd \$251,000	Garden City
28971 Alvin St \$70,000	534 Belton St \$87,000
1232 Helen St \$20,000	29834 Hennepin St \$10,000
29584 Rush St \$73,000	30120 Rush St \$65,000
29146 Sheridan St \$87,000	Livonia
38244 Ann Arbor Trl \$60,000	12121 Cavell St \$35,000
30135 Fairfax St \$82,000	30481 Grandon St \$113,000

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A Career Seminar will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. To reserve a seat, call (734) 459-4700.

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New agents

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel has recently welcomed a number of new agents.

They are: Jacquelyn Hasenfratz, Teresa Stovall and Darla Niewoit-

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ACROSS

- 1 Boy, eventually
- 4 No —, ands or buts
- 7 Woolen caps
- 11 Heroic tale
- 12 Beaded shoe
- 13 Asian nanny
- 14 Latin 101 word
- 15 In favor of
- 16 Unhurried gait
- 17 Swing around
- 19 Extremely small amount
- 21 Fairway gizmo
- 22 Shaman's findings
- 24 Nonvenomous constrictor
- 27 Romantic deity
- 28 Go kaput
- 29 For adults only (hyph.)
- 32 Muss up
- 34 Intuition
- 35 Water pipe
- 36 Potato st.
- 37 Rule

39 Square accounts

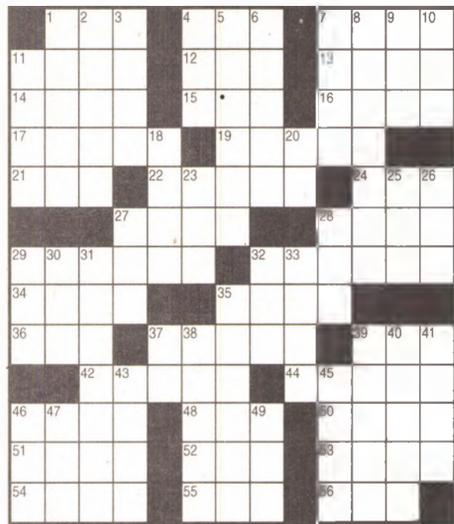
- 42 Reaches across
- 44 Jack, in cards
- 46 Wan
- 48 Bird's beak
- 50 Soon, to a poet
- 51 Bleachers level
- 52 Web addr.
- 53 Hard benches
- 54 "Who — knows?"
- 55 Devotee
- 56 Hairpin curve

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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ONS ANTES ALI
TAT HOE MILD
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PUSHY UPC
OHIO HOMESICK
TOLL ARMS DEF
SHOE YOYO SEC
    
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- 10 Hen or mare
- 11 Fall mo.
- 18 Pulled apart by force
- 20 Rich — Croesus
- 23 In vogue
- 25 Friction easer
- 26 Ginger —
- 27 Summer in Quebec
- 28 Playful activity
- 29 IV squared
- 30 Unburdened
- 31 Embarrasses
- 32 Hold accountable for
- 33 Moo companion
- 35 Penny pinchers
- 37 Nile god
- 38 World-weary feeling
- 39 Window parts
- 40 Swears to
- 41 Urges
- 43 Ceremonial fire
- 45 Ponytail site
- 46 Had a snack
- 47 — vous plait
- 49 Quick lunch

SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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Here's How It Works:

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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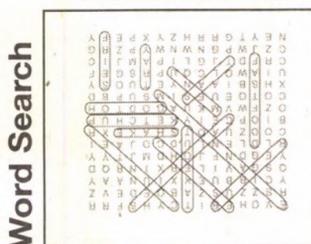
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- burger
- counter
- fries
- mayonnaise
- shake
- calories
- diner
- hot dog
- menu
- takeout
- cheese
- fast food
- ketchup
- salt
- tray

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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