



CLASSIC CARS,
MOTORCYCLES HIT
OLD VILLAGE, A6

BEDBUG
SNIFFER
COMMUNITY LIFE, B4



SUNDAY
July 25, 2010

The Observer & Eccentric
Newspapers

Volume 124
Number 98

\$1.00

PLYMOUTH OBSERVER

hometownlife .com

PIPELINE

Candidate answers

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's Government Affairs Committee posed five business-oriented questions to the candidates running in the primary for the local state Senate and House seats.

"The answers are interesting," said Wes Graff, the chamber's executive director.

Interesting enough Graff put them on the chamber's website (www.plymouthmich.org). In the upper right-hand corner of the website visitors can click a section that will take them right to the page with all the candidates' responses.

The chamber plans to pose the same questions of candidates running in the November general election. Find the link to the site at www.plymouthmich.org/chamber/2010-Candidate-Forum_1103.html or call (734) 453-1540 for more information.

Street fight

Two men were cut by broken glass when they slammed into a window at the Penn Bar & Grill while fighting on the sidewalk outside.

There were no arrests and the incident, which took place last Saturday on Penniman in downtown Plymouth, remains under investigation, said Lt. Al Cox, the city's acting police chief.

The men, a 23-year-old from Livonia and a 26-year-old from Westland, were not patrons of the Penn, Cox said. They were treated at the scene for cuts on their hands and both refused ambulance transport, he said.

The incident started, Cox said, about 1:35 a.m. when the younger man was refused entry into the Penn. Apparently angered, he exchanged words with the 26-year-old, who was on the sidewalk outside the bar, and the two began to fight, Cox said. They did not know each other.

As they tussled, the pair fell against the window and bounced off it, and the window shattered, Cox said. The combatants slipped on the broken glass, he said. "It looks like all the injuries were from the glass," Cox said.

Witnesses broke up the fight, and police arrived right after that, Cox said.

Pottery painting

New Hope Center for Grief Support, in cooperation with the Plymouth Community United Way, is offering an evening at Creatopia in downtown Plymouth July 27.

This event is for parents with children who are interested in painting a pottery piece in memory of someone who has died. Dinner will be at the downtown Plymouth Subway (on Ann Arbor Trail next to Creatopia) starting at 6:15 p.m. After some brief instructions, painting will begin at 7 p.m. and will conclude at 8:30. The event is free, but space is limited.

Call New Hope at (248) 348-0115 to register.



New Hope Center for Grief Support hosts a pottery painting event Tuesday at Creatopia.

Township officials trade accusations

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A long-simmering feud between Plymouth Township's clerk and treasurer erupted last week, with the two men trading accusations and launching what they say are investigations by outside agencies.

Clerk Joe Bridgman said he and Treasurer Ron Edwards got into a physical altercation Tuesday evening just outside Bridgman's office at township hall. He would not give details, describe the incident as an assault or

say if anyone was hurt.

"I don't want to (jeopardize) the investigation in any way, form or fashion," Bridgman said. The clerk said he spoke with someone from Attorney General Mike Cox's office about the incident Friday. Joy Yearout, a spokeswoman at Cox's office, said she could not confirm or deny such an investigation.

For his part, Edwards said he suspects someone of opening a certified letter addressed to him that was personal in nature but sent to township hall. Bridgman's office handled township mail. "This is very serious when people are

taking mail that doesn't belong to them," Edwards said.

As far as an alleged altercation, Edwards said he and Bridgman have different stories. "That's for the investigator to figure out," he said.

Edwards said the certified letter had been opened before being delivered to him, and that he became aware that it had become public when someone brought him copies of it shortly before Tuesday's Board of Trustees meeting. It was not clear who had signed for the certified letter, he said.

"Somebody stole my mail, so that's

what's going on," he said.

Edwards said he filed a complaint Wednesday with the U.S. Postal Service. Ed Moore, U.S.P.S. spokesman for the Detroit region, could not be reached late Friday.

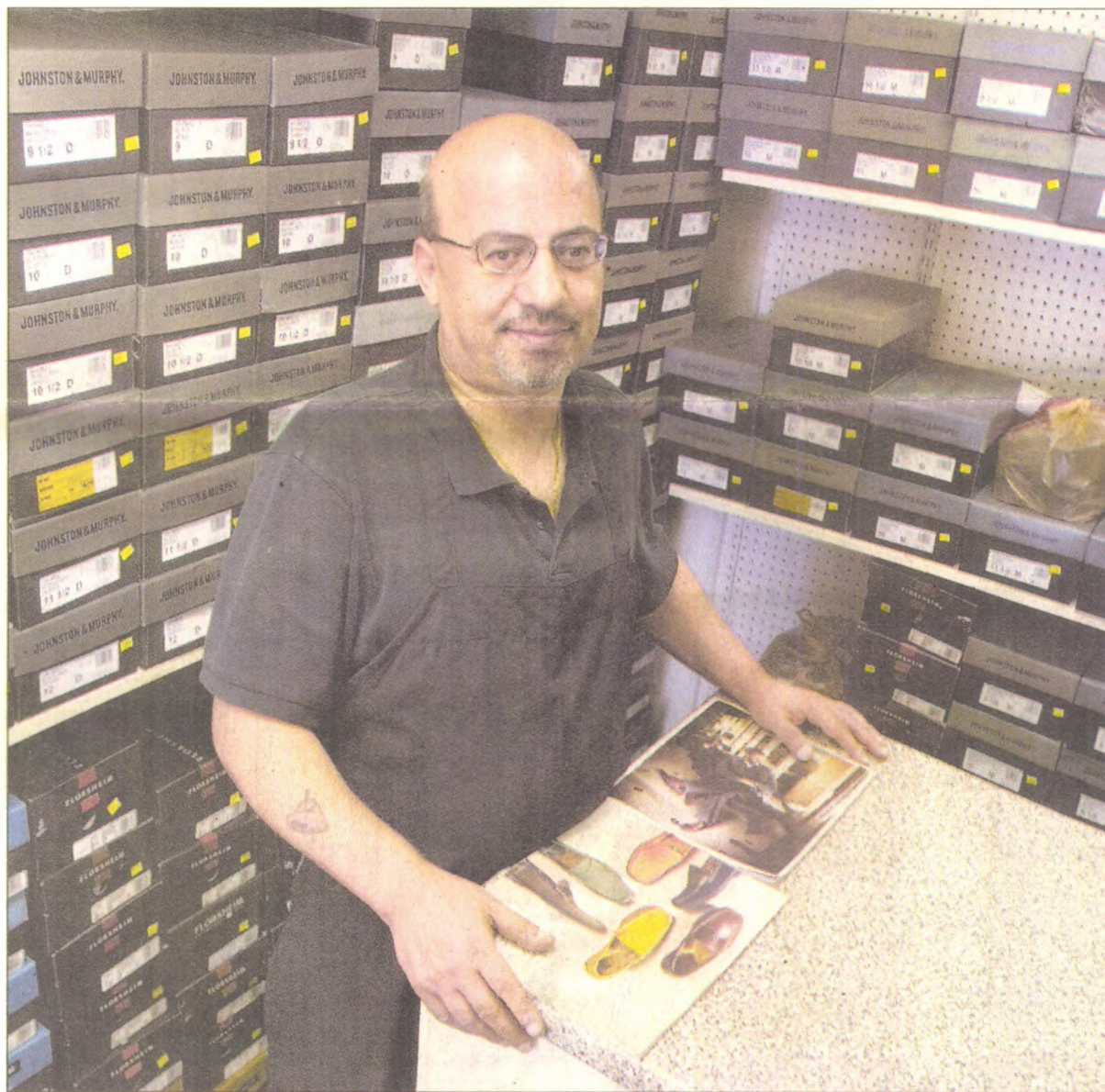
Edwards and Bridgman have quarreled previously at board meetings over staffing levels in the clerk's office, work loads, and over Bridgman's refusal to freeze his pay for 2009 and 2010, as Edwards and Supervisor Richard Reaume agreed to do.

mjachman@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-2405

Pete's Shoe Repair is tucked away in a corner off the central parking deck.



Sole man



Rimon Warra sells new shoes and repairs old shoes.

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Stacks of shoe soles are ready for repairs.

City's shoe-repair shop marks 61 years in business

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For many people, getting an old pair of shoes fixed has gone the way of darning socks.

But not at Pete's Shoe Repair & Leather in downtown Plymouth. Pete's, which is marking its 61st anniversary, is sitting pretty as the city's only shoe-repair shop and has a loyal following of people who return regularly to renew their soles.

Rimon Warra, who has owned the shop for 20 years, said his customers tend to buy shoes they want to keep — generally the more expensive ones — which, not coincidentally, are the types of shoes that can be more easily repaired and that are worth repairing.

"Around here, they're still buying good shoes," Warra, of Livonia, said at his shop on a recent Thursday.

"Every shoe we get in here, it's worth it to fix 'em," he said.

Warra, who has two other shops in the Detroit area, comes from a family with a long history in the shoe-repair business. He says he was "born into it" and started doing chores at a relative's shop when he was 9 years old.

"This is a big thing in the family," he said. "We

Please see SHOES, A2

Political uncertainty weighs on manufacturers

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Political uncertainties — about taxes, the outcome of Michigan's 2010 elections and the effect of a new federal health insurance mandate — are putting a damper on what for many was an already slow economic recovery, local business people said Thursday.

Uncertainty was a major theme at Thursday's regional Michigan Manufacturers Association meeting at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township, during which about 16 people from a variety of industries discussed market diversification, lending, manufacturing trends and support programs as well as taxes,



Chuck Hadden, president and CEO of the Michigan Manufacturers Association, said recent changes in the state's tax structure have helped create "instability and questions in people's minds."

health insurance, the gubernatorial race and other issues.

"There's been a stall in the last six or eight weeks. We cer-

tainly see it in our clients," said Dan Luria, an economist with the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center, a Plymouth Township-based support organization for small- and medium-sized manufacturers.

Luria was speaking of the manufacturing climate in general, not just of uncertainties. He added: "I certainly don't think there's a danger of a full second dip."

Wayne Pedlar, general manager at Durcon Inc. in Canton Township, labeled the new federal health insurance law a big uncertainty. The law, signed this spring, will be fully enacted in 2014.

Pedlar said that at his com-

Please see MANUFACTURE, A2



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Wayne Dula of Plymouth's LOC Performance was on hand Thursday for the regional Michigan Manufacturers Association meeting at the Inn at St. John's.



6 53174 10007 8



Home Delivery:
(866) 887-2737

Return Address:
41304 Concept Dr.
Plymouth MI
48170

INDEX

APARTMENTS C3
AUTOMOTIVE C5
CAREER BUILDER C1

COMMUNITY LIFE B4-5
CROSSWORD PUZZLE C4
OBITUARIES B8

HEALTH B9
REAL ESTATE C2
SPORTS B1

WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!
Subscribe to an Observer, Eccentric
or Hometown Newspaper at

www.hometownlife.com
or call 1-866-887-2737



Correction

Actress Alison Brie, shown seated above, was misidentified in a photo caption in Thursday's Plymouth Observer. Brie is in the cast of "Scream 4," scenes for which were being filmed in downtown Plymouth on Monday and Tuesday. Also, the first name of Courtney Cox, another "Scream 4" actress, was misspelled in a story on Thursday, and in another story that appeared in the July 18 issue.

MANUFACTURE

FROM PAGE A1

pany, which pays a premium of about \$10,000 annually per insured person, it might be more cost-effective to drop coverage and pay the fines the new law levies for not providing insurance.

"Those kinds of discussions, I'm sure, are going to go on" at other companies, he said.

Pedlar also listed federal taxes — tax cuts enacted during the administration of President George W. Bush are to expire at the end of the year — and limited competition in Michigan's electricity market as other big factors affecting the outlook for Durcon. The company makes epoxy resin sinks and countertops and other specialty equipment for schools and laboratories.

Melanie West, administrator at Southfield-based Health Care Partners Inc., which provides care for people in their homes, chal-

lenged the idea that health care is recession-proof. Doctors with whom she works, she said, are asking her to find patients for them, saying their business is down by 20 percent.

"A lot of organizations are laying off health-care employees," West said. "I think people are (wary) of spending money on their co-pays and deductibles, so they're not going to the doctor."

There was consensus that recent changes in Michigan's tax structure, and uncertainty about what the next governor might propose to close a persistent budget gap, reflect poorly on the state's business climate.

"We keep changing and keep changing. That creates instability and questions in people's minds," said Chuck Hadden, the MMA president.

Hadden said the MMA wouldn't make endorsements in state elections until after the Tuesday, Aug. 3, primary, and then may not endorse in every race. Without naming names, he said some of the candidates are friendly toward business, while some are not.

The meeting's mood was not completely gloomy, however.

Hadden said things appear to be looking up for Michigan manufacturers involved in the wind energy field. At an MMA meeting on wind energy in September, he said, some 55 companies were represented,

some already involved in the business.

"We're going to be here supporting the manufacturers that make things for the wind energy group," Hadden said.

One such company is Loc Performance Products in Plymouth Township, which recently won a grant to help it start making parts for windmills. "We're very busy trying to market ourselves" in wind energy, Wayne Dula, the company's program manager, said after the meeting.

But the military side of Loc's operation — the company makes parts used in the M-1 Abrams tank and other tracked vehicles — is down dramatically, Dula said, after record sales in 2008 and record profits in 2009.

Hadden said the MMA is also talking about creating a group to provide social and networking opportunities for young people who help run manufacturing businesses.

"If we aren't actually trying to retain this good talent and trying to make it interesting for them, we're going to lose 'em," Hadden said.

The MMA represents about 2,400 manufacturing companies in Michigan. Hadden, formerly the group's chief lobbyist, has been president since September 2008.

Thursday's gathering, he said, was part of a "listening tour" of monthly meetings the MMA is hosting in different parts of the state.

mjachman@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-2405



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The old Singer leather sewing machine used to be powered with a treadle. Rimon Warra added an electric motor when he started to get customer requests to sew torn boat covers.

SHOES

FROM PAGE A1

like to have our own businesses, 'cause it's easier, much easier."

Warra resoles, re-heals, trims and polishes shoes, and makes shoe alterations ordered by orthopedic doctors for their patients, in the back workshop of his store. He also repairs leather jackets, purses and belts.

The workshop includes a mix of older and newer specialty machines, including one that vacuums up dust and trimmings as shoe parts are being ground, and another that creates nails out of a spool of wire and embeds them firmly in shoe soles.

There is also a 90-year-old Singer sewing machines that was originally operated by a foot treadle. Warra recently retrofitted it with an electric motor. "I got tired, my foot," he said.

Pete's was opened in 1949 by Pete Mucci, who sold the business to Warra. Mucci still stops in regularly, Warra said,

and Warra even repairs Mucci's shoes. "I never charge. He's a good man," Warra said.

Warra sells shoes at Pete's too, something he only started doing a few years ago. Buy one pair at full price, he said, and he'll sell you a second pair at half off.

Despite the strength of his own business, Warra mourns the loss of what used to be a much more common trade. When older people close their shops or retire, he said, their offspring are less likely to take up the tradition.

There used to be a shoe-repair joint on every corner, he said — about 1,800 total in Michigan. Now, he said, there are just 62.

"Now you got to go online, go in Yellow Pages and search for it," he said. Even when Warra took over Pete's, he said, there were two other shoe-repair places in town.

"Plymouth has been good to us, so we can't complain," he said.

mjachman@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-2405

The Law Firm of Horwath & Speier, PLLC
 LOW (248) 705-9620 FEES
 Bankruptcy, Criminal, and Family Law Services

OPEN 7 DAYS! HOURS: MON-FRI 9:30-7 PM
 SAT 9:30-5 PM SUN 12-5 PM
 •Newer State of the Art Facility•
A-QUALITY CARE VETERINARY HOSPITAL
 Emergencies Welcome!
LOW COST VACCINE CLINIC EVERY WEDNESDAY 1-5 PM
 Get your pet vaccinated with Vaccination Packages Starting at \$29.00 (No office fee)
 We now offer Grooming & Boarding
 We have Spay, Neuter, & Dental Specials!!!
Free Office Visit (\$29.00 Value) New Clients Only With Coupon
Heartworm Test \$19 with 12 mo. or \$24 with 6 mo. purchase of heartworm preventative With Coupon
 11655 Farmington Rd. (Just N. of Plymouth Rd.) Livonia
734.421.PETS (7387)
 www.aqualitycarevet.com

Vacation Bible School
 July 26 - 28 • 9:30am - 12:00 noon
 Join us as we celebrate "All God's Creatures"
 We will have stories, craft projects, snacks, music, recreation and a petting farm.
 An ice cream social and closing ceremony will be held Thursday evening.
St. John's Episcopal Church
 574 South Sheldon • Plymouth, MI
 For more information and to register please call St. John's Episcopal Church at 734-453-0190 or visit our website at http://www.stjohnsplymouth.org

OBSERVER NEWSPAPERS
 WHERE HOMETOWN STORIES UNFOLD
 GANNETT
HOW TO REACH US
 Home Delivery/Customer Service.....1-866-88-PAPER (866-887-2737)
 Newsroom.....(313) 222-2223 Fax.....(313) 223-3318
 Classified Advertising.....1-800-579-SELL (7355)
 Display Advertising.....(734) 582-8363
 visit us online at hometownlife.com
 615 West Lafayette, Detroit, MI 48226

Independence Village

Independence Village Features Services and Amenities at Half the Price of an Assisted Living Community

Are you a veteran? Ask us about the VA benefits program

Apartments starting at \$1599 per month!

Plymouth's Premier Retirement Community



14707 Northville Road
 Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 453-2600

INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE OF PLYMOUTH
 ENHANCED SERVICE WITH THE ACCENT ON "SERVICE"

www.seniorvillages.com • A Senior Village Managed Community



Republicans square off for county commission seat

Cox: Public safety is county's top priority

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Laura Cox believes the county can look at juvenile justice, court services and privatization of some county services to help balance the budget.

And if her husband, Republican gubernatorial candidate and state Attorney General Mike Cox, wins the gubernatorial race in November, Laura Cox said they aren't moving from Livonia.

Cox

Cox hopes to be re-elected to county commission to serve another two-year term, which would be her fourth term in that office. Her district includes Plymouth. She faces George Hartman of Northville and Timothy Olszewski of Livonia in the Aug. 3 Republican primary.

Wayne County faces a \$226 million deficit this year. As County Executive Robert Ficano and the commission struggle with balancing the budget, Cox believes the commission has already taken steps, but that much more needs to be done. She also wants to continue to push for more transparency in county government.

"We need to look at every part of the budget and look at each piece and see what is mandated and what's not," Cox said. "If it's not, we need to move that money to the mandated services so we actually are providing the services

that are mandated first. And there's not going to be very much left."

Cox believes it will take "courage and strength."

Cox said she and her husband have no plans to move out of Livonia to Lansing should Mike Cox win the gubernatorial race. "We love Livonia, we're very happy here and for seven and a half years, we've commuted to Lansing and it's never been a problem, and that's the way we want it to be."

Cox opposes an increase in gas taxes to provide more state Act 51 monies to communities. She'd rather see the funds more evenly distributed among counties. Wayne County received \$82 million in those funds this year.

"We are a donor district just as Michigan is a donor state," Cox said. "We can try and get the state to look at Act 51 and try to get it changed so that that money comes back to the county," Cox said.

Cox suspected that legislators will not look at the formula now in an election year, but expected the issue would be revisited later. "The state money has dwindled, the federal money has dwindled and those roads are not magically repairing themselves so that is a problem," she said.

Cox believes public safety is the No. 1 priority for the county. "Government's job is to create a safe environment for people to live and work," she said. Funding the prosecutor's office, the courts and mental health services are top priorities. Cox also wants the county to use \$42 million in state revenue

MEET THE CANDIDATE

Name: Laura Cox, incumbent
Age: 45
Spouse: Mike, 15 years
Children: Lindsey, 27, Sinead 14, Conor 12, Rory 10. Grandchildren: Grace 3, Savanna, 6 months
Residency: Livonia 10 years
Related experience: Commissioner 5½ years
Community involvement (within the last two years): Rouge Rescue Cleanup Program sponsor (Bennett Arboretum); Community Opportunity Center board of directors; Infant Mortality Foundation Board member; St. Edith Fun Fair coordinator; MI Troops; Michigan Girls State; March is Reading Month promoter; INFORUM, a professional women's alliance.
Profession: Wayne County Commissioner, 10th District
Education: B.A. in criminal justice, Michigan State University; M.S. in criminal justice research and planning, Michigan State University.
Email: LauraCox2010@hotmail.com

sharing to go toward deficit elimination.

Cox has chaired the commission's Ways and Means committee. It wasn't a problem for the commission and its 14 Democrats to give that chairmanship to Cox, the lone Republican. "If any crazy cuts need to be made, then you can blame it on the crazy Republican," Cox said.

Hartman: Cut all county departments 10 percent

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

George Hartman believes Wayne County government should be cut 10 percent in all departments.

Hartman is running on the Republican ticket for county commissioner representing the 10th District.



Hartman

"We haven't seen the bottom yet," Hartman said. "Properties are being assessed higher rates than what the value of the property is." The county may not see the full impact of those declining assessments for another four or five years, Hartman said.

Commissioners should examine the budget item by item to cut further or to replenish for mandated services, he said.

The private sector is "taking a beating," he said. "People have lost their jobs. They are taking 30-, 40-, 50-percent pay cuts. Taking 10 percent from the county isn't asking for too much."

Hartman believes more savings can come from bidding to private contractors than using county employees.

"A number of contracting services are competitive in their

pricing, and I think that's a good place to start," Hartman said.

That includes road repairs funded by state Act 51 monies.

"Again, it comes down to private bidding," Hartman said. "Things can be done more efficiently. People in private business do this all year long."

Hartman wants to reduce the tax burden on residents by residents getting a "fair and proper" appraisal. "Across the board, properties are taxed at a higher rate than the value of what those properties are," he said. "That's one of the quickest ways to put money back in the pockets of county residents and taxpayers." Cutting the budget by eliminating unnecessary services would be another step, he said.

"It's a matter of persuasion to make your case that something needs to happen for the good of the community," Hartman said. "It's not about one person; it's about the community."

Hartman has never sought elective office, but has always been interested in politics.

"I thought it would be a challenging position," Hartman said of the commission seat. "I considered running for school board, but decided that wasn't for me."

Hartman has 30-plus years of business experience. He said he's spent time "agonizing" over how he can run his business, put food on the table and make his

MEET THE CANDIDATE

Name: George J. Hartman
Age: 52
Spouse: Denise, 21 years
Child: Anastazia, 14
Residency: Northville, 10 years; Wayne County, 49 years
Community involvement: Parent coach for Hillside Middle School Science Olympiad team
Profession: Private family business owner, George J. Hartman Architects, P.C., for more than 18 years
Education: B.S. in architecture, Lawrence Institute of Technology
Website: www.electgeorgehartman.com
E-mail: electgeorgehartman@hotmail.com

customers happy. "I spend time with committees and groups about the design of buildings, but also with local planning commissions and city councils," Hartman said. "I spend a lot of time trying to please a lot of people." Hartman believes courts and prosecutors are important county priorities in the budget. "We need to make sure we aren't detrimentally affecting the families and children in the community," Hartman said. "That's critical in any budget-cutting situation."

EXPERT HEATING & COOLING



FREE Estimates on Replacements

CARRIER COOL CHOICE REBATES

Saving You up to \$1,200 and up to \$1,500 in Tax Credits

Financing Available to Qualified Customers*

EXPERT HEATING & COOLING CALL 734-459-3971

AIR CONDITIONING CLEAN & CHECK

For \$79 Regular Price \$89

- Check Refrigerant Charge
- Check Compressor Amp Draw
- Check Safeties
- Check Calibrate Thermostat
- Check Condensate Drain
- Check Condenser Fan Motor & Drain
- Check Filters
- Lubricate Moving Parts As Needed
- Check Condensate Pump
- Much, Much More

EXPERT HEATING & COOLING CALL 734-459-3971

\$2,600 OFF

INFINITY FURNACE & A/C INSTALLATION

Expires 8-31-10. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

EXPERT HEATING & COOLING CALL 734-459-3971

\$25 OFF

SERVICE REPAIR

Cannot be combined with any other offer.

*CALL FOR DETAILS

www.ExpertHeatCool.com

Register on our website for coupons and savings

7320 Haggerty Rd. • Canton
734-459-3971

turn to the experts

MERCEDES-BENZ OF NOVI

YOUR LOCAL MERCEDES-BENZ DEALER



2010 C300 4MATIC

\$379*

36 MO. LEASE + tax

\$379 First monthly payment
\$2,999 Capitalized cost reduction
\$795 Acquisition fee

\$4,173 Total cash due at signing

*2010 C300 4MATIC advertised 36-month lease payment based on MSRP of \$40,275. Excludes title, taxes, registration, license fees, insurance, dealer prep and additional options. Total monthly payments equal \$13,644. Cash due at signing includes \$3,750 capitalized cost reduction, \$795 acquisition fee and first month's lease payment of \$349. No security deposit required. Total payments equal \$17,438. At lease and lessee pays for excess wear and use plus \$0.25/mile over 30,000 miles and \$595 vehicle turn-in fee. Subject to Tier 1 credit approval. Available only to qualified customers through Mercedes-Benz Financial. Must be taken from dealer inventory. Offer ends 7-31-10.

SPECIAL FINANCING RATES NOW AVAILABLE

GRAND RIVER & HAGGERTY

Come Visit Our Heated 18 Car Showroom

NEW & CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED RATES

STARTING AS LOW AS **1.9%** APR

"Your Metro Detroit Mercedes-Benz Dealer"

Mercedes-Benz of Novi
888.863.6342

Open Saturday 10-3
Relax and enjoy our piano music
www.mercedesbenzofnovi.com



FOLLOW US ON TWITTER
@hometownlife

96% of Parents Say Students Are Satisfied



It's *Amazing* what the right learning environment can do for *Self-esteem.*

We'll bring out the best in your child.

Michigan Connections Academy's full-time, online, home-based public school program for grades K-12 uses personalized plans, one-on-one attention from certified teachers, and leading-edge technology tools. Bring out the best in your child. Find out more today.

Call 800-382-6019, or visit ConnectionsAcademy.com.



Attend a free information session.
Wednesday, August 4, 6:30 PM
Hilton Garden Inn
14600 Sheldon Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Connections Academy is accredited by AdvancED.

Flowers bring smiles to senior faces

The folks at Wedding and Celebration Creations in Canton had never been part of anything like it before, so when the chance to take part in Teleflora's "Make Someone Smile Week" campaign came up, they jumped at it.

Custer, employee Jan Cunningham and other volunteers made the rounds of some of the area's assisted living centers this week, bringing flowers to people - in this case senior citizens - who don't usually receive such gifts.

And the plan worked, because they saw plenty of smiles.

"It was awesome," Cunningham said. "We had a couple of little girls with us, and two older girls who volunteered to help. It was so touching to see the seniors' reaction to receiving flowers. They were just so excited, they couldn't believe we were giving them something."

Make Someone Smile Week is aimed at just that, organizers said: Evoking a bit of happiness in nursing home residents, hospital patients and others who could benefit from a pick-me-up.

According to organizers,



Kaylee Green offers flowers to Mamie Allen as part of 'Make Someone Smile' week.

more than 22,000 florists across the country have donated time over the last decade to assemble and deliver more than 200,000 floral arrangements nationwide, and the program is growing; this year alone, Teleflora donated

50,000 of its "Be Happy" mugs for the project.

Custer, Cunningham and their crew delivered flowers to Waltonwood at Cherry Hill assisted living center on Cherry Hill and to the Crystal Creek nursing home

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Toni Hutton likes the bouquet she got for 'Make Someone Smile' week.

on Lilley.

Organizers chose residents who "don't normally get much," Cunningham said, and the move paid off in smiles.

"One woman started crying, and that really touched the kids," Cunningham said. "It was so heart-warming."

Circus act

The bi-annual circus sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club returns to the community when the Kelly Miller Circus performs twice Tuesday, Aug. 10, at the Activities Field behind Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth.

Performances are scheduled for 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Parents and kids might also be interested in seeing the elephants help raise the big top early in the morning of the shows. Organizers said that process usually starts around 8 a.m. and has been a hit with watchers.

Advance tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 11 and younger. Tickets will cost \$12 and \$8 on the day of the show. Tickets may be obtained at the Plymouth Kroger (Ann Arbor Road and




The Kelly Miller Circus returns to Central Middle School Aug. 10.

Sheldon, Busch's (Sheldon and Five Mile), the Dairy King (Main and Church),

Wiltse's Pharmacy (downtown Plymouth) or from any Plymouth Lions Club member.

Susan Hubbard FOR
WAYNE COUNTY CIRCUIT JUDGE

TOP CHOICE FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE



EXPERIENCE

- Attorney - 19 years practicing in Wayne County's Third Circuit Court
- Legislator - 19 years as elected Dearborn Councilwoman and Wayne County Commissioner
- Mediator - Wayne County Mediation Tribunal helping to resolve cases before the court

INTEGRITY

- Introduced Wayne County's first Ethics and Procurement Laws. "Susan Hubbard has acted as the county's watchdog in pursuit of efficiency and accountability throughout county government." Former Detroit News endorsement for Wayne County Commissioner.

VOTE the Non-Partisan Ballot for Circuit Court Judge

HubbardforJudge.com

Paid for by Susan Hubbard for Judge, 4308 Schaefer, Dearborn, MI 48126



Beautiful, Quiet Patio

Monday & Thursday 4-Course Dinner Special for Two... \$40

Includes Appetizer, Salad, Entrée & Dessert
New dinner selections every week
Offer valid through 7-31-10

Saturday Lunch Special - Burger/Burger
Buy One Burger - Get the 2nd One **FREE!**

Monday & Friday All-You-Can-Eat Fish & Chips..... \$12.95

Tuesday & Saturday All-You-Can-Eat Crab Legs..... \$19.95

Wednesday Purchase 2 Entrees, Get Wine Bottles... 1/2 OFF

Short walk to the park & plenty of FREE parking
Serving lunch & dinner



340 N. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
734.455.3700
www.plymouth-crossing.com

FULL SERVICE RESTAURANT & BAR

CENTRAL CITY DANCE

"A Leap Above The Rest"

"Voted Top 3 Dance Studios in MI 2008, 2009" - by cityvoter

"Canton Community Supporter 2006" - recipient

"Business of the Year 2004" - nominee

Join Your Friends at Central City Dance

Classes for the Entire Family ages 3-adult

Fall Registration Dates July 28-29, Aug. 4, 5, 11 & 12 5pm-7pm

*Register before Aug 12th and be entered for a chance to win "FREE" Dance Classes for a Year!

Special Preschool Program

- On-Line Recital Ticket Sales
- Age-Appropriate Music & Costumes

Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Turns & Leaps, All-Boys Hip Hop, Lyrical, Adult Hip Hop
*Classes for Special-Needs Young Adults.





FREE Dance Bag or \$10.00 off Fall Tuition

with paid fall registration and first month's tuition.
Not to be combined with any other offer. May not be duplicated or redeemed for cash.
New customers only. Limit 1 per family. Expires October 1, 2010

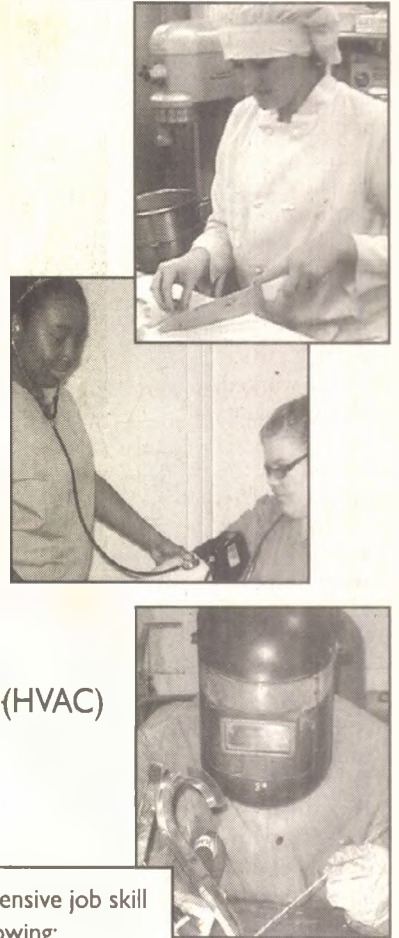
8004 Sheldon Center Road, Canton, MI
For Additional Information Call **734.459.0400**
Or Visit www.CentralCityDance.com

WILLIAM D. FORD
CAREER-TECHNICAL CENTER

Choose from the following

Evening Training Programs

- Alternative Energy Technology
- Automotive Collision Repair
- Automotive Technology
- Business/Computer Technology
- Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)
- Construction Technology
- Culinary Arts/Hospitality
- Desktop Publishing
- Digital Media
- Electronics/Robotics Technology
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Graphic Design
- Graphic/Printing Communications
- Heating/Air Conditioning Refrigeration (HVAC)
- Medical Assisting
- Welding Technology



Open to any adult seriously interested in seeking extensive job skill training. Training is available free of charge to the following:

- FREE** To youth 17-20, under Intra-County Schools of Choice Plan
- FREE** To non-grad adults and those w/G.E.D.
- FREE** To junior and senior high school students in cooperating schools
- FREE** To UAW members and dependent children*
- FREE** To others who qualify at Michigan Works

*Not available as a benefit in all UAW contracts - check your Benefits Office. Some restrictions may apply. Reasonable rates to those not qualifying for free tuition.



Adult Evening Classes
Start September 8th

Call Today to Register!

734-419-2100

William D. Ford Career-Tech Center
36455 Marquette • Westland, MI 48185
Wayne-Westland Community Schools

Providing Adults with Technology & Training

It is the policy of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education to prohibit any acts of unlawful discrimination in all matters dealing with students, employees or applicants for employment. The Wayne-Westland Schools reaffirms its policy of equal educational and employment opportunities for all persons without regard to race, age, color, religion, sex, weight, height, marital status, national origin, or disability and/or handicap which is unrelated to an individual's qualifications for employment or promotion, or which is unrelated to an individual's ability to utilize and benefit from the School District's educational opportunities, programs and facilities. Inquiries concerning the application of Section 504 legislation should be directed to the coordinator (734-419-2645). Inquiries concerning the application of Title VI, Title VII or Title IX legislation should be directed to the Deputy Superintendent/Educational Services (734-419-2015).

ATCHINSON
Ford
presents
14th ARMORED RE-CREATIONS
World War II Vehicles and Equipment

Friday, August 6, 2010
12 Noon-4:00 p.m.

Come and get an up close look at history featuring

World War II "Stuart" tanks, Vintage Military Vehicles & Weapons on display.

During this event, Atchinson Ford will be handing out **250 tickets**

to the **Thunder Over Michigan Air Show**

for either show- August 7th or 8th at Willow Run Airport.



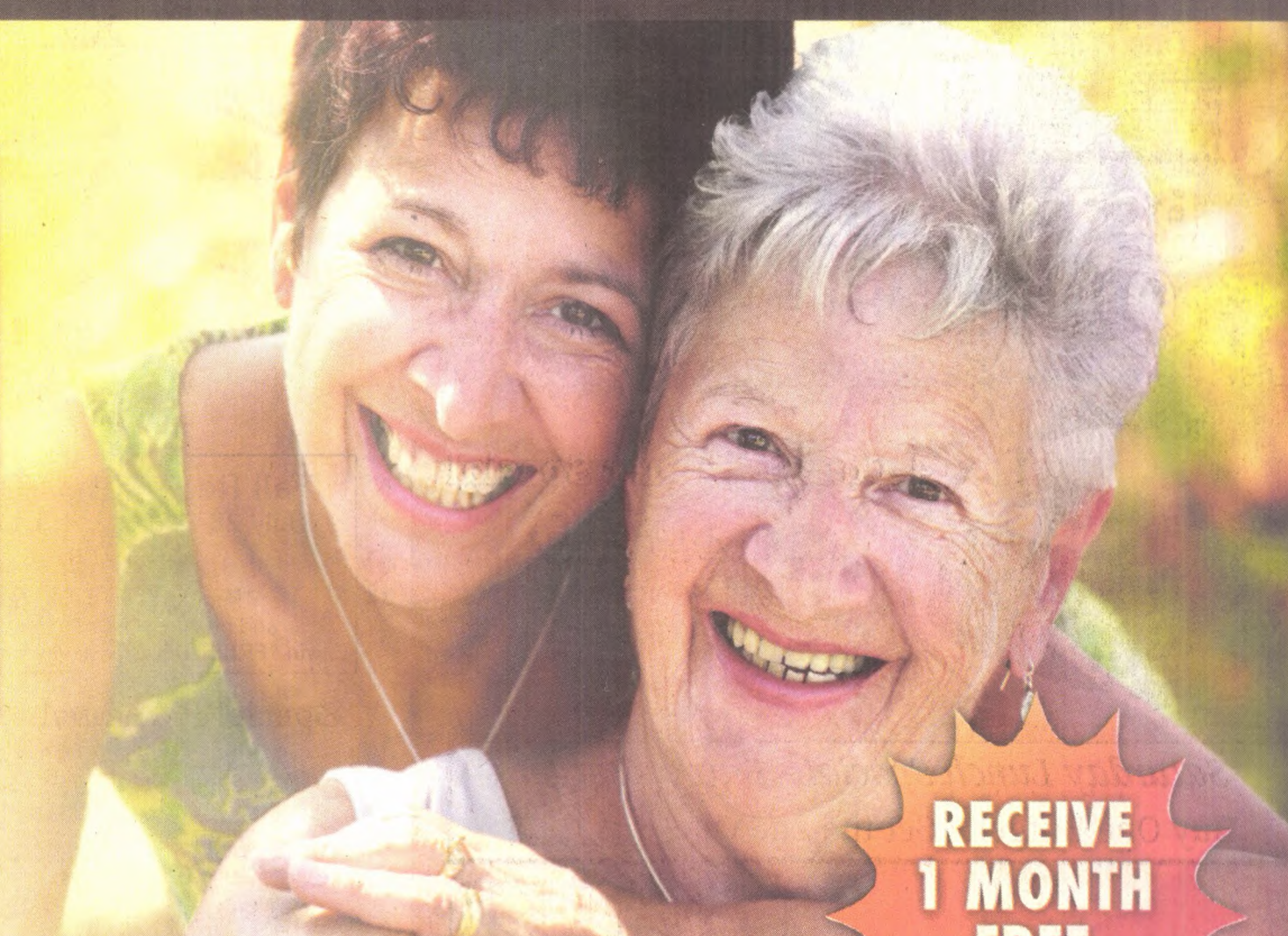
9800 Belleville Rd.
Belleville, MI 48111
734.697.9161
www.atchinsonford.net



0E08708048

Waltonwood at Carriage Park offers exceptional Assisted Living for your family and loved ones

You're Invited
SILENT AUCTION
To Benefit The
alzheimer's association
July 27th, from 4 pm - Close
Silent Auction from 4 - 8 pm
at Tin Fish in Novi
Featuring Jevon Hollywood, Kevin Cermak, Hidden Falls, and a guest DJ
Make plans to join us today!



RECEIVE 1 MONTH FREE RENT!*

When your loved one needs assistance, you can take comfort knowing we're here for you. Our staff is dedicated to exceeding your expectations, and providing services and amenities that make days — and lives — easier.

- Private studio apartments
- Delicious chef-prepared meals 3 times daily
- Housekeeping and personal laundry services weekly
- Community transportation and daily activities
- Conveniently located near shopping, banks, and medical facilities

Reserve your apartment today and receive one month free rent — a savings of up to \$3,795!

Only a handful of apartments are available, call now to schedule your personal tour.

(734) 743-1903



Waltonwood Senior Living
CARRIAGE PARK
2200 North Canton Center Rd, Canton
www.Waltonwood.com

*Limited time offer. See community for complete details.

Licensed Assisted Living



Classic cars, motorcycles hit Old Village streets

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of people visited Plymouth's Old Village on July 18 for Bumpers, Bikes & Bands, the neighborhood's annual festival.

The free event combines a display of classic and antique cars — more than 100 this year — and motorcycles with performances by local bands and a variety of vendors. There was also a silent auction of goods and services donated by Old Villages businesses.

Bumpers, Bikes & Bands is a fund-raiser for the Old Village Association. The festival was on

Starkweather, north of Farmer, and some adjacent streets.

Tony Sebastian, who is active in the OVA, said the event attracted a large crowd, perhaps as much as last year, when attendance swelled over previous years. The festival area was larger this year, he said, so the crowd may have been more spread out.

Bumpers, Bikes & Bands grossed about \$3,500 for the OVA, he said, through vehicle entry fees and fees from participating vendors.

The association plans to direct some of the proceeds toward neighborhood beautification projects.



Eric Washburn poses with a Ford Falcon in Plymouth's Old Village on July 18 during the fourth annual Bumpers, Bikes and Bands.



Crowds flocked to Plymouth's Old Village July 18 for the neighborhood's fourth annual Bumpers, Bikes and Bands.



'Pistol' Pete Midtgard, bassist and lead singer for the Twistin' Tarantulas, performs during Bumpers, Bikes and Bands in Old Village. The annual event is a fund-raiser for the Old Village Association.

Mike's Marketplace

38000 Ann Arbor Rd.
Livonia
(734) 464-0330

Your Meat & Deli Supermarket

Hours:
MON.-SAT. 9-9
SUN. 9-7

FANTASTIC SAVINGS!

SALE VALID JULY 26 - AUG. 1

Fresh Ground Beef
GROUND SIRLOIN \$2.99 lb.
Family Pack

Grade A Fresh
CUT-UP CHICKEN \$1.49 lb.

Boneless
BUTTERFLY PORK CHOPS \$2.99 lb.

Boneless
SIRLOIN STEAK \$4.99 lb.

Fresh Ground Beef
GROUND CHUCK \$2.49 lb.
Family Pack

Boneless
STEW BEEF \$3.99 lb.

Boneless
CHUCK ROAST \$2.99 lb.

Boneless
BEEF TENDERLOIN FILET MIGNON \$6.99 lb.
4 Steak Value Pack

Grade A Fresh
BBQ HALF FRYER \$1.49 lb.

FRESH SLICED FROM THE DELI

Lipari Lean
ROAST BEEF \$5.99 lb.

Lipari
MUENSTER CHEESE \$3.99 lb.

Check our website for additional specials! Mikes-marketplace.com

shopyourway rewards

Get the most from your membership present your card when you shop Visit www.shopyourwayrewards.com or the great indoors store to enroll. Members earn Rewards on Qualifying Purchases. Rewards earned on purchases before sales tax. Subject to full program terms available at shopyourwayrewards.com.

48 hour SHOPPING SPREE

15% OFF EVERYTHING

Extra 10% off cabinets and countertops. Discounts shown reflect extra savings.

LAST DAY TO SAVE!

SUNDAY JULY 25, 9AM-9PM

SHOP ALL DAY ONLINE

32% OFF installed carpet

after 15% extra savings
Cozy carpet Available in 53 colors. #23471
Excludes labor and carpet pad. For installed sales
retainer must be taken 7/24-7/25/10.
Sale must be completed by 8/7/10.

HOT BUY! bag of 100 tealights sale 3.99

reg. 7.99. Div. 8/8159. While quantities last. Excluded from 15% savings offer.

27% OFF Kenmore® major appliances

after 15% extra savings
plus 23% off all other major appliances
after 15% extra savings
plus free delivery after mail-in rebate
or special financing available See store for details.
Offer good thru 7/25/10.

32% off area rugs

after 15% extra savings
Carmel 5'6"x8'3" area rug #13156
Excludes clearance and liquidation merchandise.

all bedding, decorative bath accessories, bath rugs and towels on sale

plus extra 15% off
Offer ends 7/25/10.

50% off all mattresses plus extra 15% off mattresses and foundations \$499 or more.

Stearns & Foster® 10% off. Offer ends 7/25/10.
plus \$50-100 off before extra savings on select Sealy set purchases. Offer ends 7/25/10.
plus special financing available on all mattress sets \$499 or more with qualifying card. Offer ends 7/25/10.
plus free delivery, setup and removal Free standard local delivery on all mattress sets \$499 or more after mail-in rebate. Outside local delivery area, customer pays an additional charge. Rebate values, local area and additional charges vary. Maximum rebate value \$75. Free removal excludes water beds.

the great indoors®

You dream it. We'll design it, coordinate it and install it.

www.thegreatindoors.com

Novi 44075 12 Mile Rd. 248-679-1000

Offers good thru 7/25/10 unless otherwise stated. Valid only at The Great Indoors stores and at www.thegreatindoors.com. Offers exclude Everyday Price items, Exceptional Values, Great Price Items and special order door and cabinet hardware. Limited offers and special purchases excluded from raincheck option. The Great Indoors shall not be held liable for errors. CONTRACTORS LICENSE NUMBERS: The following license numbers are held on behalf of The Great Indoors: AZ (Gen. Comm. Contr. Lic. ROC #160177B-1 and Gen. Res. Contr. Lic. ROC #160178B); CA (Contr. Lic. #797513); MD (MHIC 321-47); MI (Res. Bldr. #2101175210); NV (B2 #0054532 and C16 #0054531); New York City (Lic. Number 1119508); VA (Class A Contr. 2705 057009). Services and installation performed by The Great Indoors authorized licensed contractors.

IMPORTANT DEFERRED INTEREST DETAILS (WHEN OFFERED): Interest will be charged to your account from the purchase date if the purchase balance is not paid in full within the promotional period or if you make a late payment. With credit approval, for qualifying purchases made on a Sears card (Sears Commercial One® accounts excluded) Sears Home Improvement Account™ valid on installed sales only. Offer is only valid for consumer accounts in good standing and is subject to change without notice. May not be combined with any other promotional offer. Sears Cards: APRs up to 29.99%, but if your account has a variable APR, the APR is up to 29.99% as of 6/7/10 and may vary. Lower rates may apply. Minimum INTEREST CHARGE: up to \$2. An Annual Membership Fee of up to \$59 may apply. See card agreement for details. Sears cards are issued by Citibank (South Dakota), N.A. Sears Solutions cards are issued by HSBC Bank Nevada, N.A. © 2010 Sears Holdings Corporation

'Here we go again' as campaigns gain speed

When Patrick Colbeck walked into the Observer's candidate interview room for his candidate interview — Colbeck is running for the 7th state Senate seat being vacated by Bruce Patterson — one of the first things he said was that his opponents had already started robo-calling people about his voting record.



Brad Kadrich

she paid the price for it. But the venom with which she was attacked was unprecedented, at least in the last 11 years.

The Observer at first endorsed Stewart (over her Republican opponent, Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo), then stood by her after the accusations came out. But the Observer also wrote about the venom, and about the attacks, and then it got nasty.

How dirty did they do? On three separate occasions, someone mailed me envelopes containing *dog feces*.

So you'll have to pardon me if my first thought, upon hearing Colbeck's complaint, was "Yikes." The fighting started early, the negative campaigning is in full swing, and it's likely to stay that way right through the Aug. 3 primary.

The beef against Colbeck is his voting record. His opponents are claiming he's voted in only 12 of the last 21 elections. They've started robo-calls to voters in the district,

The other rumbling that has reared its ugly head is one that comes every campaign season: sign stealing. Personally, I think people who steal campaign signs are doing people a favor. I'm not condoning such behavior, but I think they're a sight blight and I don't personally happen to think they do much good. Of course, never having run for office, maybe I'm not qualified to say one way or another.

pointing out this malfeasance. Never mind that robo-calls do little more than anger people — we've gotten a couple of letters to the editor complaining about them.

For his part, Colbeck said his opponents are obfuscating the issue by connecting it with the Great Lakes Tea Party ("It has nothing to do with them, so they're using the name of the Great Lakes Tea Party falsely," Colbeck said) and by making it look like he's an incumbent who misses scheduled votes.

They're obviously trying to put a wedge there. ... It's a sad state of affairs," Colbeck said.

"If that's what they need to do to try to win, that says it all, frankly."

The other rumbling that has reared its ugly head is one that comes every campaign season: sign stealing. Personally, I think people who steal campaign signs are doing people a favor. I'm not condoning such behavior, but I think they're a sight blight and I don't personally happen to think they do much good. Of course, never having run for office, maybe I'm not qualified to say one way or another.

The complaints in this case have been levied in letters against Shannon Price, who's

running against Lori Levi in the 21st state House race. Calls and letters have come in charging Price's campaign with the sign swiping. Price, instrumental in Abbo's campaign against Stewart, flatly denied any involvement.

"We're not stealing any signs ... in fact, I've instructed anyone connected to my campaign not to touch anyone else's signs," Price said. "The only thing we've done is reposition any of our signs that have been 'sandwiched' by other signs. I've been working closely with officials to make sure any signs we put up are in compliance with township ordinances."

The trickiest negative campaign with which to deal revolve around 7th state Senate candidate Abe Munfakh, a former Plymouth Township trustee who was a vice president at the engineering firm Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May when that company was given a lucrative contract to help get the Western

Townships Utilities Authority started back in the late 1980s.

Bloggers and other Munfakh opponents are hitting the Internet hard with reminders of the "scandal." It's a 20-year-old issue, but politics knows no statute of limitations.

These are all reasons you couldn't get me to run for office. They're also reasons I respect anyone who chooses to run. You really have to want it to be willing to have your life played open this way.

And it gets the national political scene gets, the more it dribbles down into local politics. Things are ugly between Republicans and Democrats, between liberals and conservatives on the national stage, and there's a chance they could get ugly here.

But let's hope not.

Brad Kadrich is community editor of the Plymouth and Canton Observers. He can be reached via e-mail at bkadrich@hometownlife.com or by phone at (313) 222-8899.

Fisher Funeral Home

Celebrating 55 Years of Service to Our Community

Michael J. Fisher, Owner and Licensed Funeral Director

Traditional Service with Burial
\$2895 includes metal casket, outer burial container, viewing & service

Basic Cremation
\$695 inclusive of all fees & services
*\$200 additional for Memorial Services

Traditional Service with Cremation
\$2195 includes Casket, facade, viewing & service

Affordable funerals tailored for any budget

24501 Five Mile Road • Redford
313-535-3030
www.fisherfuneral.net

THINKING ABOUT...
CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING
LENNOX

Free Estimates
Our 36th Year!

UNITED TEMPERATURE
8919 MIDDLEBELT • LIVONIA
734-525-1930
www.unitedtemperatureservices.com

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

@hometownlife

CANTON CINEMA
Quality Theaters
734-844-3456
www.GQTI.com

DETROIT'S BEST MOVIE DEAL
\$4.50 to \$5.25 ALL SEATS
EXCEPT ADULT EVENING not valid for Fashion Events or Digital 3D
ALL LOUNGER SEATS ALL STADIUM SEATING

SHOWTIMES 7:23 - 7:29 No pause
TITLES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

KIDS SUMMER MOVIES
\$1 ALL SEATS
Mon - Fri at 10:00 am

7/26 - 7/30 THE TOOTH FAIRY (PG)
ERIC CLAPTON CROSSROADS (2010)
TUES 7/27 7:30 PM

RAMONA AND BEEZUS (G)
11:45, 2:05, 4:25, 6:45, 9:15
FRI/SAT/LS 11:30

INCEPTION (PG-13) 11:40, 2:50, 6:20, 9:30

THE SORCERER'S APPRENTICE (PG)
11:30, 1:55, 4:20, 7:00, 9:25
FRI/SAT/LS 11:50

DESPICABLE ME (PG)
12:10, 2:25, 4:35, 6:50, 9:05
FRI/SAT/LS 11:10

PREDATORS (R) FRI-MON, WED-TH 7:15, 9:40
FRI/SAT/LS 12:00

THE LAST AIRBENDER (PG) 12:00, 2:35, 4:50

THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE (PG-13)
11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50

3D TOY STORY 3 (G)
11:15, 1:35, 4:10, 6:40, 9:00
FRI/SAT/LS 11:20

hometown life
woman

Find a copy in your Hometown newspaper the first and third Thursdays of each month

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
(734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, August 5, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

- Z 10-09 302 W. Spring
Non-Use Variance Requested
Front and Rear Yard Setbacks
Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential
Applicant: David & Lisa Barker
- Z 10-10 974 Penniman
Non-Use Variance Requested
Distance to Garage & Solid Fence
Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential
Applicant: Joseph Philips

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

Published: July 25, 2010

GOODS • FLORAL SUPPLIES • SILK FLOWERS • WEARABLE ART • CRAFTS • FRAMES • CUSTOM FRAMING • CHRISTMAS SHOPPE • NEEDLE ART

Chenille Stems & Pom Poms

Flip Flops ADULT & CHILD'S SOLIDS & PRINTS S, M & L GREAT FOR DECORATING

Youth & Adult Short Sleeved T-Shirt Sale
• YOUTH: XS - L
• ADULTS: S - 3XL

All Craft Glitter & Glitter Glue
INCLUDES SEASONAL

Includes ALL SHAPES

Crafting 50% Off
Categories Shown

Includes SEASONAL BELLS, LIBERTY, COW AND JINGLE BELLS

All Furniture 30% Off
Now Marked...
Select Group of Furniture
65% Off
Now Marked...

Unfinished Figurines & Ornaments
FEATURING UNFINISHED RESIN, PLASTER & PORCELAIN

Unfinished Wood Decor & Kits
INCLUDES EVERYDAY

Fall & Christmas Crafts 30% Off
Categories Shown

"Make It Christmas" Craft Parts & Materials

Felt Sheets, Shapes, Stickers & Bags
INCLUDES EVERYDAY

EVA Foam Shapes, Kits, and Buckets
INCLUDES EVERYDAY

Portrait Frames & Document Frames with Glass

Collage Frames

Framing 50% Off
Categories Shown

Poster Frames & Wall Frames with Glass

Photo Frames
INCLUDES OUR ENTIRE SELECTION OF TABLE TOP AND NOVELTY PHOTO FRAMES AS WELL AS ALL WOODEN PHOTO STORAGE

Candles, Candle Holders, Reed Diffusers & LED Pillars
EXCLUDES TEALIGHTS, VOTIVES & CANDLE VALUE PACKS

All Woven Baskets, Storage Baskets & Hampers

Decorative Birdhouses & Wind Chimes

Home Accent 50% Off
Categories Shown

Ceramics, Pottery & Polyresin
INCLUDES TABLE TOP, BLUE & WHITE, ORIENTAL, SOUTHWEST & MUCH MORE! INCLUDES SEASONAL.

Painted Wood Decor
INCLUDES WALL & TABLE PIECES

Glassware
INCLUDES GLASS WITH DECORATIVE ACCENTS & GLASS FROM OUR CRAFT & FLORAL DEPARTMENTS. ITEMS \$1.99 & HIGHER. EXCLUDES STAINED GLASS

All "Spare Parts" Embellishments by the Paper Studio®
CHOOSE FROM HUNDREDS OF BRADS, EYELETS, FLOWERS AND OTHER DECORATIVE ITEMS!

Scrapbooking 50% Off
Categories Shown

All Scrapbook Papers & Single Sheets
EXCLUDES ART DEPARTMENT

Entire Stock of Scrapbook Page Kits
ALL BRANDS

Chipboard & Gemstone Embellishments
BY THE PAPER STUDIO®

Hilo Nylon #2
OUR EVERYDAY LOW 2.22

All Packaged Counted Fabrics & Open Stock Counted Open Items
INCLUDES BIAS, TOWELS & MORE! FEATURING DMC, MCG & OTHERS

30% Off
OUR EVERYDAY LOW PRICES

Needleart 30% Off
Categories Shown

Hand Aid Support and Sew Grip Gloves
11.99
OUR EVERYDAY LOW 14.99

Carson Magnavisor
21.99
OUR EVERYDAY LOW 29.99

I Love This Cotton!
3.8 3.5 OZ
2.44
OUR EVERYDAY LOW 3.29

Enchantress Sequined
4.66 3.5 OZ
OUR EVERYDAY LOW 5.99

Entire Stock of 54" Home Dec Fabric
Prints, Solids & Sheers PREVIOUSLY REDUCED ITEMS NOT INCLUDED
30% Off
OUR EVERYDAY LOW 2.99 - 44.99 PYD

All Ribbon & Trim Spools (excludes ribbon/trim sold by the yard)
50% Off
OUR EVERYDAY LOW 1.99 - 4.99 PYD

Gingham
POLY/COTTON GINGHAM CHECKS
• 45" WIDE
• ASSORTED COLORS
2.79 PYD
OUR EVERYDAY LOW 3.99 PYD

Polyester Suede
7.88 PYD
OUR EVERYDAY LOW 8.99 PYD

Lame Fabric
44" WIDE ASSORTED COLORS
30% Off
OUR EVERYDAY LOW 3.99 - 5.99 PYD

Entire Stock of Calico Prints & Solids
• 45" WIDE
• 100% COTTON
• INCLUDES APPAREL COTTON PRINTS
30% Off
OUR EVERYDAY LOW 2.99 - 8.99 PYD

Entire Stock of Sewing & Quilting Notions
30% Off
OUR EVERYDAY LOW PRICES

HOBBY LOBBY
STORE HOURS: 9-8 MONDAY-SATURDAY • CLOSED SUNDAY

PRICES GOOD IN STORES ONLY JULY 26 THROUGH JULY 31, 2010
• SALES SUBJECT TO SUPPLY IN STOCK
• SELECTION MAY VARY BY STORE
• THIS AD DOES NOT APPLY TO PRE-REDUCED ITEMS
• OFFERS NOT AVAILABLE ONLINE

Canton
Ford Road at Lilley, west of Ikea
734-983-9142

50% Off
Wilton Method Cake Decorating Classes
CLASSES START WEEK OF 8/2/10

www.hobbylobby.com

'This isn't a lifetime achievement award'

Westland honors work of veteran Observer reporter for 18 years of coverage

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Darrell Clem is used to reporting the news, but for a brief time Wednesday evening, the veteran reporter was the news as the City of Westland recognized him for 18 years covering the community for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

"I want to thank all the people of Westland who invited me into their neighborhoods and their homes," said Clem. "Words can't express what a privilege it has been to cover the city. I hope I made a difference."

Using words like "incredible," "smart, honest and sincere," state, local and county officials as well as several residents took turns talking about Clem - now the reporter for the *Canton Observer* - as part of a video tribute put together by Craig Welkenbach of WLND.

"I want to thank Darrell for always being kind, honest and fair to my community and myself," said Reasther Everett, president of the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association. "Thank you, Darrell, for being my friend."

Clem interviewed Everett on many occasions. His stories covered everything from her work with Westland historians Ruth Dale and Edna Parker to get the Annapolis Park subdivision on the National Register of Historic Places to a story about her 95-year-old aunt who lived long enough to vote for the first African American president.

Dale said Clem was "instrumental" in Annapolis Park getting its historical designation.

"It had set dead in the water in Lansing for a year, your phone call to Lansing to check out its status gave it the jump-start it needed," Dale said. "It certainly was a pleasure working with you. You were



Staff writer Darrell Clem receives a standing ovation following a tribute to his 18 years of covering the Westland community for the *Observer*.

always there to write anything we needed for historical purposes."

A native of southeastern Kentucky, Clem learned his trade at the University of Kentucky and worked at a daily newspaper in Henderson, Ky., before moving to Livonia in 1989. He got a job with the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* in 1989, covering the Lakes area in Oakland County until 1991 when he was hired by then-editor Leonard Poger to cover Westland.

"I covered topics far too numerous to mention, but what meant the most to me was telling the stories of Westland, documenting the rise of local politicians, but mostly writing stories about the everyday people, their

struggles and triumphs," Clem said.

When one young father was stricken with cancer, a story about his plight brought in tens of thousands of dollars to help his family. When a mother of three was homeless and staying in the Wayne County Family Shelter, a story about her situation brought her a job and a home where she could stay for free until she got on her feet.

Clem covered the Westland beat until June 2009, when he was moved to the *Canton Observer*.

"He was a pleasure to work with," said Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt. "It was a pleasure because I would see the way he worked with people, especially seniors.

because he really cares a lot about this city," said Anderson.

"I want Darrell to know how much I value him as a friend," said state Rep. Richard LeBlanc. "He is smart, honest, sincere and of the highest integrity. What more could a community and an employer ask? Westland has benefited from his journalistic integrity."

Clem chronicled the rise of many political careers in the city - and the demise of a few more - during his time on the Westland beat, winning numerous state and national awards for his work.

"I'm impressed by his strong work ethic and professionalism," said Westland City Council President James Godbout. "He was always ready to listen. I could tell him things that were off the record and they stayed off the record. I knew I could call him and vent and that what I said was off the record. He's a great friend, a good friend."

"He called me on more than one occasion and said that 'If I ever write a story and get the facts wrong or if you don't agree, call me.' I never had to make that phone call," said Mayor William Wild. "I was always impressed with his strong work ethic and his professionalism."

The video tribute also acknowledged the state of Kentucky has named Clem a Kentucky Colonel and noted that "it was an appropriate title for a son of Kentucky, but Westland will always regard him as its adopted son."

"He wasn't born here, but somewhere along the way, he tugged on our heart strings," Wild said. "He's a humble guy who likes to write. He was here for 18 years and did a great job, an incredible job."

"This isn't a lifetime achievement award," Wild added. "There's more to come." Clem said he "thoroughly enjoyed giving recognition to the community."

"I hope in some small way I made a difference and helped to document the city's history," he said. "I'm not a native of Westland, but I covered the city for 18 years. It will always be a part of my heart."



Westland historian Ruth Dale provided a board filled with clippings of Clem's work for the tribute.

He's more than a gentleman, he's a kind and gentle man." "Professionally, he's the ultimate professional. He's prepared, he knows the issues and he has a second sense about things," she said. "He knows when to be on and off the record. You know you can trust him."

Glenn Anderson, whom Clem reported on as a city councilman, state representative and as the current state senator, described him as a "phenomenal reporter" who "checks his facts and does his homework."

"We have come to know him as a part of this community

Japanese American School of South East Michigan

JASSEM

OPEN ENROLLMENT 2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR



Mission:

To create a nurturing two-way immersion global learning community that uses the best practices of both Japanese and American schools to provide students a successful dual education in both Japanese and English.

JASSEM is a **TUITION-FREE Public School Academy** authorized by the Livonia Public Schools

according to the Michigan Revised School Code, serving students and their families starting with an academic program for Kindergarten. JASSEM has an open enrollment policy and does not discriminate on the basis of intellectual or physical abilities, achievement or aptitude, religion, race or gender.

Enroll in person at:

9101 Hillcrest, Livonia, MI 48150

(off Joy Road, between Merriman and Middlebelt Roads)

July 26 through August 13 • 9am - 3pm

or contact JASSEM at info@jassem.org

In the event student enrollment applications exceed available space, a random selection drawing will be administered on August 16 starting at 6:30pm at 9101 Hillcrest, Livonia, MI 48150. The random selection drawing, in accordance with the Michigan Revised School Code and the chartering contract provisions with Livonia Public Schools, will be conducted under the direction of a third party administrator not affiliated with JASSEM. If required, the third party administrator will be a representative from Plante Moran, PLLC.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CITY OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2010

Notice is hereby given that a primary election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth and the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, August 03, 2010. The Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., at which time candidates of the Democratic Party, Republican Party and Non-Partisan sections will be elected or nominated.

Partisan Section:

State Governor
Representative in Congress - 11th District
State Senator - 7th District
Representative in State Legislature - 20th District
County Executive
Sheriff - Partial Term Ending 12/31/2012
County Commissioner - 10th District
Delegate to County Convention

Non-Partisan Section:

Judge of the Circuit Court, 3rd Circuit - Non-Incumbent Position

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NEW POLLING LOCATIONS ARE:

Precinct 1	St. Kenneth's Catholic Church	14951 N Haggerty Rd
Precinct 2	Friendship Station	42375 Schoolcraft Rd
Precinct 3	Township Hall	9955 N Haggerty Rd
Precinct 4	Fiegel Elementary School	39750 Joy Rd
Precinct 5	Isbister Elementary School	9300 Canton Center Rd
Precinct 6	West Middle School	44401 W Ann Arbor Trl
Precinct 7	Church of the Nazarene	45801 Ann Arbor Rd W
Precinct 8	Praise Baptist Church	45000 N Territorial Rd
Precinct 9	Living Word Church	46500 N Territorial Rd
Precinct 10	NorthRidge Church	49555 N Territorial Rd
Precinct 11	Risen Christ Lutheran Church	46250 Ann Arbor Rd W
Precinct 12	Pioneer Middle School	46081 Ann Arbor Rd W

CITY OF PLYMOUTH POLLING LOCATIONS ARE:

Precinct 1, 2, 3, & 4	Plymouth Cultural Center	525 Farmer St
-----------------------	--------------------------	---------------

All polling locations are accessible to the elderly and the handicapped.

Applications for Absentee ballots may be obtained during regular business hours, which are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For Plymouth Township Residents:
Plymouth Township Clerk's Office
9955 N Haggerty Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

For City of Plymouth Residents:
City of Plymouth Clerk's Office
201 S Main St
Plymouth, MI 48170

On Saturday, July 31, 2010 the Clerk's Offices will be open; 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., to issue Absentee ballots to qualified voters in person.

On Monday, August 2, 2010 qualified voters may be issued an Absentee ballot in person, and shall vote them in the Clerk's Offices until 4:00 p.m.

JOE BRIDGMAN, MMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

LINDA LANGMESSER, CMC
Clerk, City of Plymouth

Spending an inheritance means choosing wisely

Q: Dear Rick: I received an inheritance and I'm not sure what I should do with the money. I don't need the money to live and I have no debt. I have talked to a couple of financial planners and, to be honest, I don't trust them. All they want to do is sell me something. I've narrowed it down to three choices for the money. The first is to give the money to my children. They will eventually get the money, so why not give it to them now? The second option is to buy a CD at my credit union. The third option is to invest the money in U.S. Treasuries. What should I do with the money?

A: An individual's goals and objectives, along with his/her risk tolerance level, are key to successful investing.

It appears that your goal is to eventually give the money to your children. You do not need the money to cover your living expenses and you are a conservative investor. Based upon these premises, here are the pros and cons of each alternative.

• Gift the money to your children now.

By gifting the money now, you can participate and see the enjoyment the money brings them. The downside of this option is that if you need the money in the future, you will not be able to get it. Keep in mind that what you are doing is irrevocable. Another potential downside is the tax consequences. Depending upon the amount involved and the number of children you have, there may be gift tax



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

consequences. Make sure to structure the transaction in such a way to avoid gift taxes.

• Purchasing a certificate of deposit (CD). This is a very conservative option. The benefit is the

principal will remain intact so if you need the money unexpectedly down the road, it will be available to you. The downside of this plan is that interest rates are very low and you will be taxed on the income.

• U.S. Treasuries also have the advantage of safety.

If you buy a U.S. Treasury and hold it to maturity, you will get your money back. However, just like CDs, the interest rate is low and subject to federal income taxes.

I believe the main issue to concentrate on is whether you should gift the money to your children. Unless someone has substantial reserves, I'm not in favor of gifting. We never know what the future will bring. We are living longer and who knows what expenses are in the future!

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

ROTC awards

Army ROTC Cadet David K. Hylko Jr. is one of 275 cadets who attended the 2010 George C. Marshall Foundation ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Awards and Leadership Seminar in Lexington, Va. The award is named in the honor and legacy of General of the Army George C. Marshall, who served in World War II and outlined a post-war era program of economic assistance and recovery for worn-torn Europe.

The awards are presented annually to the most outstanding Army senior cadets in military science studies and leadership values in each ROTC battalion at host universities or colleges. The student-cadets are the best and brightest in the ROTC program whom will serve as future leaders in the Army. Top cadets from each battalion represent the very best of a highly selective organization.

At the seminar, cadets participated in focus groups and round table discussions and lectures on the theme of

national security issues of the U.S. and the Army's security role in the international arena. Upon meeting academic requirements for graduation and completion of the ROTC program at Eastern Michigan University, the cadet will receive a bachelor's degree and a commission of second lieutenant in the Army.

Hylko, a 2001 graduate of Canton High School, is the son of David K. and Nancy Hylko of Canton.

Cadet training

Christopher T. Proctor has entered Basic Cadet Training at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., in preparation to enter the first academic year at the academy. The six-week, two-phased orientation program must be successfully completed by the cadets prior to entering their freshman year. The training prepares men and women to meet the rigorous mental and physical challenges experienced by new cadets.

Phase one involves personal in-processing, orientation, and training in the fundamentals

of being a cadet. Cadet trainees are prepared to adjust from civilian to military life and disciplines, and learn proper wear of the uniform, saluting policies and procedures, drill and ceremony, marching, and living quarters standards.

During phase two, cadets train outdoors living in tents while learning to function in field conditions. Cadets apply and practice team work, cohesion and learn to deal with physically and mentally demanding situations. They complete the obstacle, confidence, assault, and leadership reaction courses, and participate in a rescue mission termed Operation Warrior.

Proctor, a 2010 graduate of Ann Arbor Pioneer High Schools, is the son of Anne Ward of Ann Arbor and Christopher Proctor of Canton.

Army commission

Benjamin A. Arbitter has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army after successfully completing the Army ROTC

program and graduating with a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University.

The new officer will be branched to a specific corps in the Army to serve on active duty or in the National Guard or Reserve. The lieutenant will attend an officer basic course relating to his or her particular military occupational specialty/job. Afterward, the officer will complete advanced training by attending basic officer leadership courses for career progression purposes.

The ROTC curriculum prepares students with the tools, training and experiences to help cadets succeed as effective leaders in any competitive environment. Army officers serve as leaders, counselors, strategists and motivators, who lead other soldiers in all situations occurring in ever-changing environments. As trained problem-solvers, key influencers and planners, they are driven to achieve success with their team on every mission.

Arbitter, a 2006 graduate of Plymouth High School, is the son of Daniel and Laurretta Arbitter of Plymouth.

Open Daily 10-7

DONAHEE FARMS PETTING ZOO

Join us for some fun!
Locally grown fresh produce
Live Miniature Farm Animals and Playground
Pony Rides, Wagon Rides

GROUPS & PARTIES WELCOME

9294 N. Territorial Plymouth,
just west of Gotfredson Road
(734) 459-0655

MOBILE PETTING ZOO AVAILABLE!

Internet City Computers

Computer Repair • Virus & Spyware Experts

- New & Used PC's
- Repair & Upgrades
- Software & Hardware
- Troubleshooting
- Web-Design
- Comcast Retailer
- Microsoft Certified

In-Shop or In-Home/Networking Service

Save \$20
off any refurbished PC or laptop
With coupon. Expires 8-15-10

Save \$20
off any in-store bench repair
With coupon. Expires 8-15-10

Save \$20
off any in-home service
Reg. call \$95
With coupon. Expires 8-15-10

32437 Ford Road • Garden City • 734-261-0025
34775 Warren Road • Westland • 734-PC-STORE
734-727-8673

SERVING YPSILANTI SINCE 1959 NOW IN WESTLAND

GABRIELS

Cheese Steak Hoagie

FREE
Medium Drink & Chips
With purchase of any Hoagie
With coupon a \$1.90 value • Limit 4 per coupon
Coupon good at Westland location only

Open Mon - Sat 10-9 Sun 11-9
www.gabrielshoagies.com
734-722-4224

1919 Wayne Road • Just South of Ford Westland

THE NEXT GENERATION OF DOES.

INTRODUCING DROID X.

DROID

FULL QWERTY KEYBOARD

DROID X

8-MEGA-PIXEL CAMERA

\$149.99

BUY 1 GET 1 FREE

\$249.99 2-yr. price - \$100 mail-in rebate debit card. Add 1 phone: \$100 2-yr. price - \$100 mail-in rebate debit card.

\$199.99

\$299.99 2 yr. price - \$100 mail-in rebate debit card.

verizon Google | MOTOROLA

800.256.4646 | droiddoes.com

DROID DOES

All smartphones require new 2-yr. activation on a voice plan with data pak \$29.99 or higher. While supplies last.

Activation fee/line: \$35 (\$25 for secondary Family SharePlan® lines w/ 2-yr. Agmts).
IMPORTANT CONSUMER INFORMATION: Subject to Cust Agmt, Calling Plan, rebate form & credit approval. Up to \$350 early termination fee & other charges. Device capabilities: Add'l charges & conditions apply. Offers & coverage, varying by svc, not available everywhere. Network details & coverage maps at vzw.com. Rebate debit card takes up to 6 wks & expires in 12 months. Limited time offers. Shipping charges may apply. All company names, trademarks, logos and copyrights not the property of Verizon Wireless are the property of their respective owners. DROID is a trademark of Lucasfilm Ltd. and its related companies. Used under license. Google and the Google logo are trademarks of Google, Inc. © 2010 Verizon Wireless. MDROX

Shred-It Day

Saturday, August 7th

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Livonia Branch - 37401 Plymouth Rd.

We are doing this for your safety!

Today we need to be more and more concerned what we put in the trash and it's so important to shred everything with personal information. If you have a lot of paperwork that needs to be shredded and it's just too much for your home shredder, we can help.

You can bring up to four (4) paper grocery size bags of items to shred, or small boxes approximately the same size. You do not need to remove staples or paperclips. However, **you will need to stay with your documents until they have been put into the shredder** (documents cannot be dropped off).



Dearborn Office
(Located just inside North entrance of AAA Headquarters Bldg.)
1 Auto Club Drive
Dearborn, MI 48126
313.336.1534
800.287.0046

Livonia Branch
(At Newburgh)
37401 Plymouth Road
Livonia, MI 48150
734.464.8079

Everyone Welcome!



Enter to win one of six home paper shredders

Open a new account or sign up for a new service

Refreshments will be provided! We'll be open for business!

Things are really heating up this summer at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill. Don't miss the fun!



SUMMER SPECIAL
\$2,295/Mo.
2-Bedroom Independent Living Apartments

Limited Availability!

Waltonwood at Cherry Hill offers spacious Independent Living, Licensed Assisted Living, and Memory Care apartments in an environment that makes everyone feel at home. And with multiple levels of care at our community, everyone will enjoy peace of mind knowing we can respond to changing needs.

Independent Living Summer Specials:

- 2 bedroom apartment styles starting at \$2,295/month
- Restaurant-style dining, activities, housekeeping and scheduled transportation
- Convenient location near shopping and medical offices
- Additional care services available

Please call to set up a personal tour and to take advantage of our Summer Special.

(734) 743-1938



Waltonwood Senior Living
CHERRY HILL

Area sailor takes Mackinac race trophy

Farmington's Blaty wins new Doublehanded Class

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Chuck Blaty has competed in more than a dozen Port Huron-to-Mackinac sailboat races, but this year's event was an entirely different experience for him.

Blaty, a Farmington Hills resident and co-owner of the Days End with Russ Martiniak, won the Division V Doublehanded Class — a new category of competition.

As opposed to other boats that are required to have a crew of five or more, it was just Blaty and Martiniak of Walled Lake manning the boat themselves.

"It's almost like two singlehanded races, because one person is typically sailing the boat and the other is getting his sleep," Blaty said.

"We trade watches. One guy is down; one guy is up. If I'm on deck and everything is running smoothly, I let him sleep and Russ does the same for me."

During the night, both men were up a lot of the time, and they worked together quite a bit.

With a two-man crew, that was most helpful in raising or lowering the spinnaker, the large sail.

"It was more of a challenge, doing two-man sailing," Blaty said. "It usually takes three or four guys to raise and lower the spinnaker, and we did it with two of us."

"We concentrated on trying to do it with one guy and trying not to wake the other. You would never do that with a full crew."

This is the second time in 14 races Blaty and Martiniak have won. With an eight-person crew onboard the Days End, they won the Cruising D Class in 2008.

They not only captured their class flag this year. They also finished first among all boats in the Shore Course Division V.

Blaty is one of two Farmington Hills sailors to win this year. Tim Clayson, a multiple Port Huron-to-Mackinac winner, and his crew on the Unplugged won the Division IV Cruising D Class.

While they've never met, Blaty and Clayson have talked on the phone. Clayson called to congratulate Blaty after his 2008 victory.

Near the starting line this year, they recognized each other by their boat names and exchanged well wishes across the water.

Blaty, 53, a self-employed electrical engineer, and Martiniak, who works for General Motors, had never done a doublehanded race until this year.

The Mackinac Race was only their second. As preparation, they entered the Doublehanded Sailing Association's Huron Challenge on June 26.

That was a 185-mile race on Lake Huron as opposed to 205 in the Port Huron-to-Mackinac's Shore Course.

"We didn't know what to expect for the Mackinac," Blaty said. "By doing that race, we could get used to the experience."

"Finishing was the important part. We understood what doublehanded sailing is and how important it is to get your rest and work together."

In some respects, it was easier to plan for and execute the race with a smaller crew, according to Blaty.

"The logistics were very simple as far as food and other things," he said. "We went shopping

Please see **MACKINAC, B3**



Chuck Blaty of Farmington Hills (left) and teammate Russ Martiniak display the flag they received for winning the Port Huron-to-Mackinac Race July 17-19.

SIDELINES

O&E golf tourneys

The *Observer & Eccentric* women's golf tournament will be played Saturday, Aug. 7, at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia.

Area golfers can register until 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2. The fee is \$50 for the 18-hole medal play.

The O&E men's tournament will be a 36-hole event on Sunday and Monday, Sept. 5-6. The first round will be played at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia, the second at Whispering Willows.

The fee is \$95. The deadline to enter is 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28. The tournament is open to the first 120 golfers. The maximum handicap is 20.

Men and women must have a U.S.G.A. index to participate.

Gift certificates to the Whispering Willows pro shop will be awarded to the top players in each flight for low and net scores.

For more information and to download an entry form, see the website at golfivonia.com; go to "leagues and outings" on the right side of the menu bar. The phone number to Whispering Willows is (248) 476-4493.

Cruisers at Ford Field

The Oakland County Cruisers, an unaffiliated minor league baseball team, will play two home series next weekend at Ford Field in Livonia (Farmington Road, north of Schoolcraft).

The Cruisers will play a doubleheader with the Washington Wild Things, starting at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 31. The teams will play a single game Sunday, Aug. 1, with at 2 p.m. start.

The first-place Cruisers, who are 32-16 and have a five-game lead in the Frontier League, will return to Ford Field for singles game Sept. 1-2 with the Kalamazoo Kings.

For more information, see the websites at cruisersbaseball.com and frontierleague.com.

Bowl-4-Animal Rescue

A passion for the sport of bowling and the care of animals will come together in the annual charity event Bowl-4-Animal Rescue Saturday, Aug. 7, at Country Lanes, 30250 W. Nine Mile in Farmington Hills.

Professional bowling champions Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullen, co-owners of Aleta Sill's Bowling World at Country Lanes, will host the fifth annual event with the goal to raise money for the Michigan Animal Adoption Network and the Friends For The Dearborn Animal Shelter.

Tickets are \$25 in advance (\$30 at the door) and include three games, food and shoe rental. Tickets may be purchased by calling Aleta Sill's Bowling World at (248) 615-9060 or via e-mail at Michelle@YourBowlingCoach.com.



Members of the 14-and-under Livonia Storm-Gerou squad which captured the recent USSSA Last Chance Qualifier in Sterling Heights include (front row, from left): Delainey O'Donnell, Jacquelyn Murphy, Jessica Brandon, Celeste Fidge; (back row, from left) head coach Mike Gerou, Elaine Gerou, assistant coach Kevin Bias, Catherine Porter, Shannon Watson, Kaitlyn McIntosh, Casey Bias and assistant coaches Jay McIntosh and Bob Warren. (Not pictured are Aubrie Cragg and Hanna Warren.)

Team 'Storms' into USSSA World Series

Florida sunshine is beckoning the 14U Livonia Storm-Gerou girls fastpitch softball team.

Storm-Gerou rolled off six straight wins July 17-18 to win the USSSA Last Chance World Qualifier at Liberty Park in Sterling Heights, culminating with a 6-0 win over the Dearborn Wild in the championship tilt.

That qualified the team (41-9-1) for the fastpitch World Series, from Sunday through July 31 at ESPN's Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Fla.

In the championship game, pitchers Jacquelyn Murphy and Elaine Gerou combined to blank the Wild, 6-0.

Earlier in the Last Chance tourney, Gerou

(Plymouth) threw three complete game shut-outs — including a no-hitter.

Meanwhile, Murphy also won three games, featuring one shutout.

The pitchers enjoyed plenty of offensive support, as Storm-Gerou outscored opponents by a total 57-5 count.

"The girls stepped up and everyone made key contributions to our team's tournament championship," said head coach Mike Gerou.

Storm-Gerou is ranked No. 1 in Michigan and No. 3 in the U.S. according to the USSSA Class B Power Rankings.

Gerou said a season of "dedicated hard work, conditioning and unselfishness has paid major dividends."

Coach: Trevor Gaines 'great player, person'

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Trevor Gaines is remembered by his former high school coach, Denny Mikel, as one of the greatest basketball players Farmington High ever produced.

Gaines, 29, who later starred at the University of Vermont, collapsed and died while playing a pick-up basketball game Wednesday in Las Vegas.

"He was certainly the most talented basketball player I had the opportunity to coach," Mikel said. "His senior season was just outstanding."

"He practically carried our team on his shoulders that whole season (1997-98). He was a fine example because he was the best player, but he was also the hardest worker."

"He was just a wonderful human being. He was a pleasure to work with and to coach. He was just an all-around fine Christian young man. He was a great player but an even better person."

The 6-foot-7 Gaines developed into a bonafide college prospect between his junior and senior years at Farmington, averaging 20.8 points and 15.1 rebounds as a senior.

"Everybody we played knew Trevor was the go-to guy," Mikel said. "They'd clog up the post and give us the outside shot. Trevor was still able to



UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

Trevor Gaines was a star player at Farmington High and the University of Vermont.

get his points off rebounds. He got double- and triple-teamed a lot and still was a threat."

Gaines committed early to Vermont in the summer before his senior year, and he stayed with his commitment after other Division I schools came calling, Mikel said.

After he graduated from Farmington High, Gaines' family moved to Las Vegas. He had played professional basketball in Europe since his college career ended in 2002, and he spent time in Las Vegas when he was back in the U.S.

"But he always would find time to get back to Michigan and see his friends here," Mikel said. "He'd give me a call or stop by the house, and we'd talk about old times."

Please see **GAINES, B3**

Switch your Checking to
Community Financial Credit Union

and earn up to \$140*



COMMUNITY
FINANCIAL

right here right for you

www.cfcu.org • (877) 937-2328

PLYMOUTH CANTON NORTHVILLE NOVI

*Some restrictions apply, visit our web site or branch for details. Federally insured by NCUA.



Off the mark

Playoff action started heating up Wednesday at Claude Allison Park in the opener of two adult coed slow-pitch softball playoff games, won 14-7 by Canton Computer Docs over John's Team. Here, a throw eludes Mark St. Aubin as Trisha Hackman reaches base safely. Both teams will return to action next Wednesday in the double elimination playoffs of Redford Parks and Recreation's spring/summer season.



Here's the pitch

Pitcher Roland Chiados sends the ball toward home plate during Wednesday's second playoff game at Claude Allison Park in Redford Township, won 23-2 by College Park over Canton Computer Docs. The win improved College Park's record to 12-0-0 in the spring/summer adult coed softball league hosted by Redford Parks and Recreation.



T-riffic T-birds

The Canton Thunderbirds 13U fastpitch softball team is capping off an excellent season this weekend at the Midwest Sanctioned World Series in Columbus, Ohio. The Thunderbirds have already enjoyed success in 2010, finishing second at the Rising Starz Fastpitch Tournament (in Toledo) and Northern Classic Fastpitch Tournament in Traverse City. The squad also won the Otisville (Mich.) Fastpitch Tournament in their division. Pictured in the front row (sitting, from left) are Lauren St. Pierre, Megan Jernigan, Sydni Smith, Bryn Birchler and Hannah Madill. In the middle row (from left) are Alexis Swanson, Amanda Demmy, Laura Neumann, Maddie Satterlee, Kaitlin Keys, Sarah Mays, Hallie Barkume, Lexi Lester and coach Casey Lester. The back row includes (from left) assistant coach Jeff Cantwell and head coach Ray Barnes. Not pictured is coach Ron St. Pierre.



Call of the Wild

The Livonia Junior Athletic League Wild, a 12-and-under girls travel fastpitch softball team, posted a 5-0 record, July 10-11, to capture the Millington Invitational. Team members include: Alaina DeFrain, Megan Chapman, Sarah Grassel, Maggie Law, Victoria Lupher, Emma McCammon, Natalie Moore, Natalie Spala, Allie Strautz, Anne St. John, Julie St. John. Glenn Moore is the manager. He was assisted by Eric Lupher and Pete Chapman.



LIVONIA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

OPEN ENROLLMENT!

Fixed monthly payments for house teams!
All Livonia league games played at Eddie Edgar and/or Devonaire.

6 monthly payments (September-February)
Will not exceed the following:

Mites (2002-under)	\$115.00
Squirt (2000-2001)	\$125.00
Peewee (1998-99)	\$145.00
Bantam (1996-97)	\$190.00
Midget B & BB (1992-95)	\$205.00

(Payments include: league supplied practices & games, league game referees, as many as 3 tournament entry fees, limited scrimmage ice, some LCAHL fees-if applicable and funds for other misc team events. USA Hockey registration and jersey costs not included.)

Initiation Program
(2004-under) \$260
(\$130 due in October & \$130 due in November) Payments include: league supplied practices & games, jersey & socks and trophies.

Enrollment fee of \$150.00 for resident,
\$175.00 for non-resident.
This non-refundable fee guarantees a spot on a team.

For more information please call the
L.H.A. Office at 734.422.5172
www.livoniahockey.org





Fastpitch runner-up

The 10-and-under Livonia Junior Athletic League Wild, a girls fastpitch travel softball team, finished second recently in the Millington Invitational with a 3-2 record. Team members include: Britney Bitgood, Clare Bunton, Sarah Cervenak, Brooke Lynn Gazzarato, Haley Hart, Morgan Kruger, Brooke Lynn, Madison Maurier, Sarah Mesack, Ashley Mireles, Kelsie Nowicki, Abby Reppen and Margaret Skubik. Matt Maurier is the team manager. He is assisted by Chris Mireles and Nina Bitgood.

MILFORD, MICHIGAN

Take on the Adventure
10th Annual
Labor Day 10K & 30K
Festival of Races
September 4, 2010
Something for Everyone
Runners, Walkers, Joggers, Cyclists & Kids



RRCA 30K Region Championship Course
30K Run, 10K Run, 10K Fun Walk,
30K Cycle-Cross or Mountain Bike,
1/2 mile Kids Fun Run

30K and 10K are USATF and RRCA Certified
Pre & Post-Race Sports Massage
Post Race Party with Entertainment
at Baker's of Milford

Register Today at
www.LaborDay30K.com
(248) 685-7580

Free Burger or Veggie Burger
and Beer after the run!

Cash Awards for 30K and 10K Races





Grand Tradition Martial Arts students participated July 16-18 in the World Tang Soo Do Association 2010 World Championship held in Greensboro, North Carolina. Students include those from Livonia YMCA and New Morning School in Plymouth. Pictured in the front row (from left) are: Master Chris Anderson, Jeff Kotalik, Genie Munch, Paul Stokfisz, Jesse Kotalik, Larry Walters, Alice Walters, Mike Flannery, Master Al Brace and Master Matt Ochs. Shown in the back row (from left) are: Becky Walters, Abby Walters, Zane Walters, Xavier Walters, Cullen Walters, Noah Walters, Sarah Walters. The event is only held once every two years and competition for medals is fierce.

Locals shine at Tang Soo Do worlds

Grand Tradition Martial Arts students participated in the World Tang Soo Do Association 2010 World Championship July 16-18. More than 1,600 competitors from around the world compete in age, gender and rank divisions at the biennial event in Greensboro, N.C. The historic world championship included a formal ceremony promoting Grandmaster Jae C. Shin from his position for 28 years as an eighth Dan to the highest-attainable, ninth Dan rank. "Though it is always a privilege to participate in our World Championships, this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity with the event held at the site of our planned world headquarters," GTMA master instructor Al Brace said. "With this dream under way, Grandmaster Shin's acceptance of the proclamation of

his ninth Dan rank was truly an exciting and historic event that will long be remembered by all who attended." Also representing GTMA were chief instructor Robert Elmore along with black belts Mike Flannery and Paul Stokfisz. Placing in their divisions were black-belt competitors Mike Canfield (second, sparring), Brian Jinnick (third, forms) and Jeff Wensowski (second, forms). Gup ranks (below black-belt level) included awards for Abby Walters (first, sparring; third, forms), Alice Walters (third, sparring), Becky Walters (second, sparring) and Larry Walters (third, sparring). Additional participants competing with the best of WTSDA in the world were Darin Engle, Alex Jackman, Anna Jackman, Michael

Jackman, Mike Jackman, Cullen Walters, Nick Walters, Sarah Walters and Xavier Walters. Little Dragon participants Michaela Jackman, Noah Walters and Zane Walters received medals for their accomplishments along with those 10 and under who competed. Grand Tradition Martial Arts instructs in the traditional martial art of Tang Soo Do, promoting health, safety and self-improvement with classes for men, women, boys and girls ages 4 and up. Classes meet at two locations: Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark Rd., Livonia (734-261-2161) on Tuesdays and Thursdays; Plymouth New Morning School, 14501 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth (gtma-plymouth.com) on Monday and Thursday evenings.

MACKINAC

FROM PAGE B1
night before. We just needed a few meals, so we got some sandwiches and a couple meals we could cook in the oven." Days End, which was among the first boats to start, managed to avoid inclement weather on that Saturday. "The storm was behind us," Blaty said. "We were already heading up the lake when it came in. We knew what was going on, but we kept going forward." "The conditions were good for our boat. The wind was favorable (although there was a known point when it quit). Eventually, it filled back in and the second half of the race the winds were fairly steady. "It wasn't a quick race; it wasn't a long race. We seemed to keep moving after that." The race was scored using a handicapped system, because all boats are not identical. The Days End won the race based on a time adjustment. Blaty and Martiniak reached the finish line at 8:14 a.m. Monday with an elapsed time of 44 hours, 43 minutes and 52 seconds. That was longer than some boats in their



Chuck Blaty (right) and Russ Martiniak step on stage to receive their first-place flag from U.S. Coast Guard officers.

class, but they won with a corrected time of 39:56:18. "If somebody is in a faster boat, they're given a time allowance," Blaty said. "We were in one of the slower boats in the race. Because of time allowance, our corrected time was lower than theirs." For the sailors involved, winning is the icing on the cake. The real enjoyment is derived from accomplishing the mission, from successfully

dealing with the elements of weather, mechanics and tactics. "It gives you the opportunity to prove something to yourself," Blaty said. "Like anything else, you only get out of it what you put into it. "When you're exhausted and the race is over, it sure makes the beer taste good. It's a personal challenge. That's why a lot of people do the Mackinac race."

GAINES

FROM PAGE B1
Gaines was a two-time captain at Vermont. The Catamounts won a school-record 21 games his senior year, and he led his team to the America East regular-season championship. Gaines was named to the All-America East first team as a senior when he averaged 15.5 points and 11 rebounds. He set a Vermont record for double-doubles in a season with 17 and ranked seventh in the country in rebounding. Gaines scored 1,255 points in his college career and was 13th on the Vermont career list. He was third in redounds with 882.

He also chipped the J. Edward Donnelly Award as the top senior student-athlete at Vermont in 2002, graduating with a degree in community development and applied economics. "He was one of the greatest people we ever had at Vermont," former Vermont coach Tom Brennan told the Burlington (Vt.) Free Press. "I was really proud to be his coach. It was an honor to coach a guy that was good in every phase of his life." There will be a visitation 4-8 p.m. Thursday, July 29, at the Oh Pye Funeral Home, 17600 Plymouth Rd., Detroit. A funeral service is planned for 11:30 a.m. Friday at Greater Emmanuel Institute Church, 19190 Schaefer, Detroit, with a viewing at 11 a.m.

Guide to EMPLOYMENT

CHECK OUT THESE EXCITING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES! For even more opportunities see our "award winning" classified section!

To place your ad here contact us at careers@hometownlife.com or call 1-800-579-7355

APPOINTMENT SETTER Ideal for anyone who can't get out to work. Work from home PT, schedule pick-ups for Purple Heart, call 9-5, M-F 734-728-4572 or email: phonejunkie@aol.com	ASSISTANT REGIONAL MANAGER- INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE & SAFETY SERVICES Location: Detroit, MI AM Health and Safety Inc. is seeking an industrial hygienist with 5+ years of experience in industrial hygiene and safety to service Michigan & surrounding areas. Person in this position will conduct industrial hygiene & safety services for clients requiring application of engineering principles & technology to analyze & control conditions contributing to occupational hazards & diseases. CIH preferred. B.S. degree in Industrial Hygiene, or equivalent degrees in related sciences req'd. Management exp. preferred. Send resume to: Email: mjrordan@amhealthandsafety.com	Banking One Stop ONE is seeking friendly individuals with a professional appearance and demeanor to fill positions in the Metro Detroit area. Candidates must demonstrate strong communication, business writing, and problem solving skills, & be proficient in Microsoft Office applications. Pre-employment background checks, credit reports, and drug screening will be conducted. MEMBER CONSULTANTS (TELEPHONE BANKER) Part-time positions Requirements: Associate's degree or two years related experience *Previous sales and call center experience preferred FINANCIAL SERVICES CONSULTANT Must be licensed to sell insurance and securities (Series 7, Series 63 and Life) *CFP designation preferred *Minimum five years related experience required *Some travel required FACILITIES ASSISTANT Performs routine building maintenance and basic repairs *1 to 3 years minimum experience *Basic knowledge of plumbing, electrical, mechanical and construction techniques LICENSED SALES ASSISTANT Provides primary support to sales reps *Must be licensed to sell insurance and securities (Series 6 or 7, Series 63 and Life) ***We offer competitive wages and rich benefits: Medical, Dental, 401(K), Tuition and PTO*** Apply online at: www.cuone.org/employment	CNC MACHINIST Engine Manufacturer is seeking a full time skilled CNC Machinist for our Plymouth facility. Candidate must have at least 5 years experience in CNC lathe machining and must be able to competently program a wide variety of work using Auto-CAD. Familiarity with HAAS lathes essential. Computer skills are mandatory. Applicants must display a passion to excel in a fast paced environment that demands the highest quality standards. Tools and uniforms are provided. We offer a competitive salary and benefits package. Qualified applicants should send resumes with salary requirements to: Ilmor Engineering Attn: Human Resources 43939 Plymouth Oaks Blvd Plymouth, MI 48170 Email: hr@ilmor.com	ENGINE/ SUB ASSEMBLY TECHNICIAN Engine Manufacturer is seeking a full time skilled Technician for our Plymouth facility. Candidates must have at least 3 to 5 years of recent hands on engine experience. Responsibilities include measurement, preparation and assembly of engine components and complete engines, crack testing of parts using non-destructive methods, pre delivery inspections, daily report sheets, and other record keeping procedures. Other duties may be assigned. Must be a detail and service oriented. Applicants must have a passion to excel in a fast paced environment that demands the highest quality standards Candidates must be PC literate. Overtime is required, as is occasional travel. Tools and uniforms are provided. We offer a competitive salary and benefits package. Qualified applicants should send resumes with salary requirements to: Ilmor Engineering Attn: Human Resources 43939 Plymouth Oaks Blvd Plymouth, MI 48170 Email: hr@ilmor.com	FIREFIGHTER Charter Township of Redford For more information call: 313-387-2761 or visit our website at: redfordtw.com/dept/hr Equal Opportunity Employer LAWN MAINTENANCE FOREMAN (M/F) Minimum 3 yrs. exp. individual must be self motivated & have a good work ethic. Competitive wage based on experience. (248) 474-6167 EOE LAWN SERVICE TECHNICIAN Exp. in all aspects of lawn service. Includes mowing, edging, etc. 248-334-1200 LAWN SPRAYING TECHNICIAN Exp. Only, must be licensed 248-334-1200 LAWN SPRINKLE TECHNICIAN Experience only! 248-334-1200	LEGAL SECRETARY VANDEVEER GARZIA P.C., a mid-sized civil litigation firm, located in Troy Michigan, seeks an experienced Legal Secretary. The ideal candidate should have a minimum of 3 years' prior experience in civil litigation. Applicants must have excellent typing, organizational and communication skills. Attractive salary and benefits package available. Email resumes to HR-Partner@VGCLAW.com	LOOK MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN Dependable person needed for general maintenance at a mid-size apartment Community in Westland. Exp'd w/ split heating and cooling equip. and HVAC certified a plus. Full-time, benefits included, on-site optional. Email resume to: venopynes@yorkcommunities.com LOOK OFFICE ASSISTANT/ CLEANER A dependable person needed to assist the Manager in managing, maintaining and cleaning an apartment community in Westland. Rewarding opportunity to join a top property management team. FT, benefits included. Email resume to: orchardstoneburgh@yorkcommunities.com Fax resume: 734-729-8258 OFFICE CLEANING PART-TIME POSITIONS Healthcare cleaning exp. preferred. Mon-Fri. Background check/drug screen and references needed. Email resume: americanproperty7@ameritech.net CALL TO PLACE YOUR AD AT 1-800-579-SELL(7355) PEST CONTROL TECHNICIAN Must possess a background in pest management, a good driving record, the ability to operate a Truck & Trailer, along with knowledge of the Metro Detroit area. Fax: (248) 356-8056	SUB CUSTODIAN The Ann Arbor Public Schools is accepting applications for multiple positions for Sub-Custodian. The hourly rate of pay is \$9.06. To apply in person please come to the Central Administration building located at 2555 S. State Street Ann Arbor MI 48104. To apply on line go to: http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/hrs/home/job_postings. The deadline to submit applications will be the end of business on August 6, 2010. Warehouse - PT Fidelitone Logistics is seeking a PT Warehouse Assoc in our Canton, MI facility. This is a M-F position approximately 20 hrs / week. Prior shipping & receiving experience preferred. Ability to read, speak, and write English; and the ability to lift 50 lbs. Pre-employment drug screen and criminal background check required. Please apply at: www.fidelitone.com Or fax resume to 847-487-2968 A word to the wise, when looking for a great deal check the Observer & Eccentric Classifieds! • SHIPPING & RECEIVING • LINE LEADER Hi-loe exp & people skills. Drug testing mandatory. Apply within: Plymouth Brazing Inc. 543 Amelia St, Plymouth	Sales Engineer Full Time For small manufacturing firm in Plymouth, MI. www.rdent.net Responsibilities: Develop strategic sales/ marketing objectives & materials; Offer solutions/ training/ consultation to meet customer needs. Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, Metallurgy, or Naval Architecture from Accredited College/ University. Five (5) years sales experience in related area preferred; creative problem solving, design ideas, interact with customers to sell product; Familiarity with Microsoft Office Tools, AutoCAD; Knowledge of SPC, APQP. salesengineer@rdent.net Help Wanted-Dental 5040 DENTAL ASSISTANT, PT Flexible, for Tues & Sat. Experience required. Ask for Chris: 313-563-3300 Help Wanted-Medical 5000 HOME CARE TECHNICIAN-FT Mitchell Home Medical-Delivery & education of respiratory/durable medical equipment in patients' homes. Must have CDL Class C, excellent driving record, Hazmat eligible, H.S. diploma/GED. Ability to lift up to 200 lbs. Some medical experience preferred. Must be available for rotating on-call schedule. Fax resume w/job title in subject line to: 734-572-1072 email: hr@mitchellhomemedical.com EOE	MEDICAL COORDINATOR For senior DD residents. Available for on call 24/7 Prefer experience and MOCR Training. Must have good driving record Fax resume: 248-478-6620 MEDICAL BILLER 230 bed Rehab & Skilled Health Care Center seeks full-time Medical Biller who is a detail oriented team player to process daily charges, patient registration, insurance pre-authorization, charge postings and familiar with medical terminology/coding, & Excel. Send resumes to Fax: 734-728-9741 Email resume to: pennington@olympiagroutplc.com Or complete application on website: www.westlandcc.com MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST Perm. Part Time-Novice Experience Required Email resume: Greatlakesderm@yahoo.com RECEPTIONIST Part-Time for growing Dr. office in Novi. Ins. knowledge essential. Call: 248-374-5622 Operations Support Insurance service firm providing medical assessments, seeking open support help, with exp in phone, clerical, medical terminology. Multi tasking, professionalism & organizational skills required mmagri@ms-ime.com Or fax (248) 228-3103	MEDICAL BILLER 230 bed Rehab & Skilled Health Care Center seeks full-time Medical Biller who is a detail oriented team player to process daily charges, patient registration, insurance pre-authorization, charge postings and familiar with medical terminology/coding, & Excel. Send resumes to Fax: 734-728-9741 Email resume to: pennington@olympiagroutplc.com Or complete application on website: www.westlandcc.com MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST Perm. Part Time-Novice Experience Required Email resume: Greatlakesderm@yahoo.com RECEPTIONIST Part-Time for growing Dr. office in Novi. Ins. knowledge essential. Call: 248-374-5622 Physicians WANTED Excellent opportunity! No call or weekends. Internal medicine, family practice, & geriatric needed. Practice located in Southfield. Call 877-324-0323 VETERINARY ASSISTANT/ TECHNICIAN Full/Part-Time. Exp. preferred, not req'd. Fax resume: 734-326-3234 Help Wanted-Food/Beverage 5000 CATTAILS GOLF CLUB Now hiring line cook & dishwasher. Apply in person: 57737 W. 9 Mile South Lyon, MI 48178 Now Hiring Grill Cooks with Pizza Exp. & Part-Time Wait Staff Apply at: Starting Gate 135 N. Center St., Northville Help Wanted-Sales 5120 AUTO SALES Dick Scott Dodge has an immediate opening for an Exp'd Used Car Professional. Excellent pay plan w/ benefits. Email: Apply@DickScott.com
--	---	--	---	---	--	---	--	---	---	---	--

COMMUNITY LIFE

Sunday, July 25, 2010

hometownlife.com



PHOTO GALLERIES

hometownlife.com

SUPER SNIFFER

Four-pawed detective sleuths out bed bugs

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

"Addie, find your Bs."

With a few simple words of encouragement from owner, Maureen Abbott, Addie, a cute Beagle, followed her nose along carpeting, past comfy arm chairs to a section of the skirted couch.

There, right there, the pooch seemed to say as she stopped and scratched on the floor.

"Yes," Abbott praised, feeding her as a reward for find-

ing the plastic vial hidden beneath the couch.

Abbott, a Bentley High School graduate who grew up in Livonia, practices the hide-and-find training scenario every day with Addie, who can smell bed bugs and their eggs inside the transparent containers.

With bed bugs making a comeback nationally, Abbott, and her husband, Michael, took classes at J&K Canine in Florida, earlier this year and learned how to handle bed bug-sniffing dogs. Addie, who

spent five months at the facility, trained to become one.

Together, the Milford couple and their pooch offer customized property inspections through their business, Bed Bug K9 Detectives.

"Bed bugs are becoming a real problem everywhere. It's just everywhere because of all the world travel," Abbott said. "People go on vacation, kids go to college and they have (bug) hitchhikers looking for a meal. They can live on anything and live anywhere as long as they have a food source."

PEST INFORMATION

The Michigan Department of Health last week added several new resources about bed bugs to its website. Its new *Michigan Manual for the Prevention and Control of Bed Bugs* points out that bed bugs feed on sleeping humans and can be found in houses, hotels, shelters, apartments and dormitories.

"The presence of bed bugs in human dwellings is not caused by a lack of cleanliness. They are an equal opportunity pest that only requires a warm body and a place to hide nearby. Bed bugs are difficult to control because they are so skilled at hiding," the manual points out.

What the human eye can't see — or might take hours to detect — the trained nose can quickly find.

"It has a distinct smell," Abbott said. "That's what they (dogs) pick up on."

Addie can find eggs and young insects as well as adult bugs, making it more likely to detect an infestation early when the insects are easier



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Addie scratches the floor, indicating that she has discovered a vial of bed bugs hidden under the couch.



Maureen Abbott holds a vial that contains a few live bed bugs, used daily to train the dog.

a big (pest management) logo" rolling into the customer's driveway.

Abbott said she's careful with Addie's practice vials. None have been broken or opened. And although she was a bit squeamish at first, Abbott finds the work more interesting than creepy.

"I've done a lot of jobs and had a lot of life experience," she said. "I've done everything. I was a school bus driver. I rented cars."

She was out of work "well over a year ago" when she saw a bed bug sniffing dog on television.

"It just looked so interesting. I thought, 'Wow, I can do something like that. I like dogs.'"

The couple owns two other canines, affable Labrador Retrievers, Cleo and Sam. They get along with Addie, but aren't trained as "working" dogs.

For more about Abbott, Addie and their business, visit www.bedbugk9.net. Or call Abbott at (734) 576-1832.

and less costly to control. Although Abbott doesn't eradicate the bugs, she can suggest various pest management companies to follow up on Addie's discovery.

ON THE JOB

Since forming Bed Bug K9 Detectives in early spring this year, Abbott and Addie have taken on jobs at hotels, single family residences and group homes.

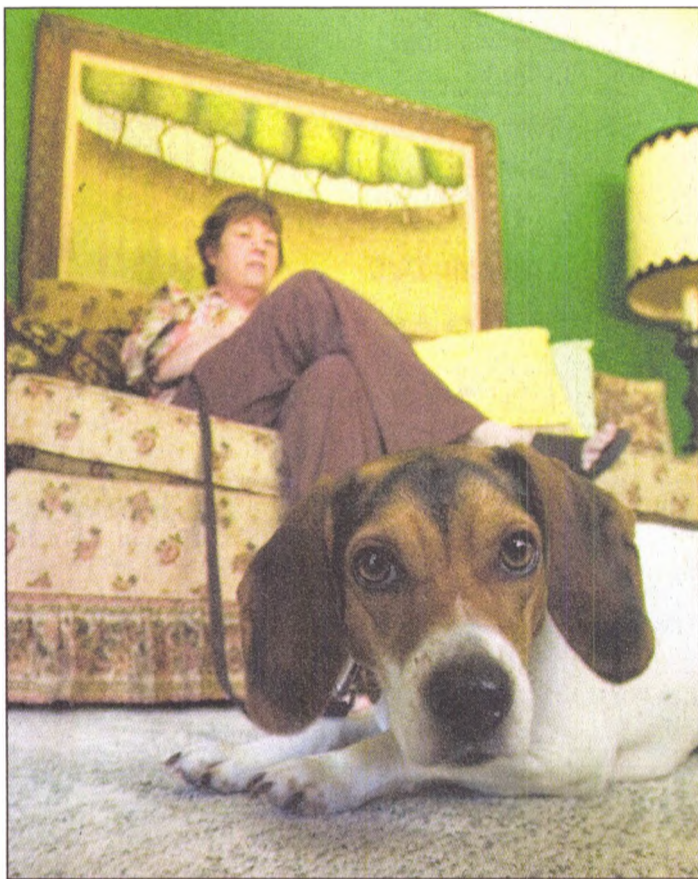
"I had one woman ... they were all in her bedroom. Someone already had come

out and sprayed, but she knew she still had them. She wanted confirmation.

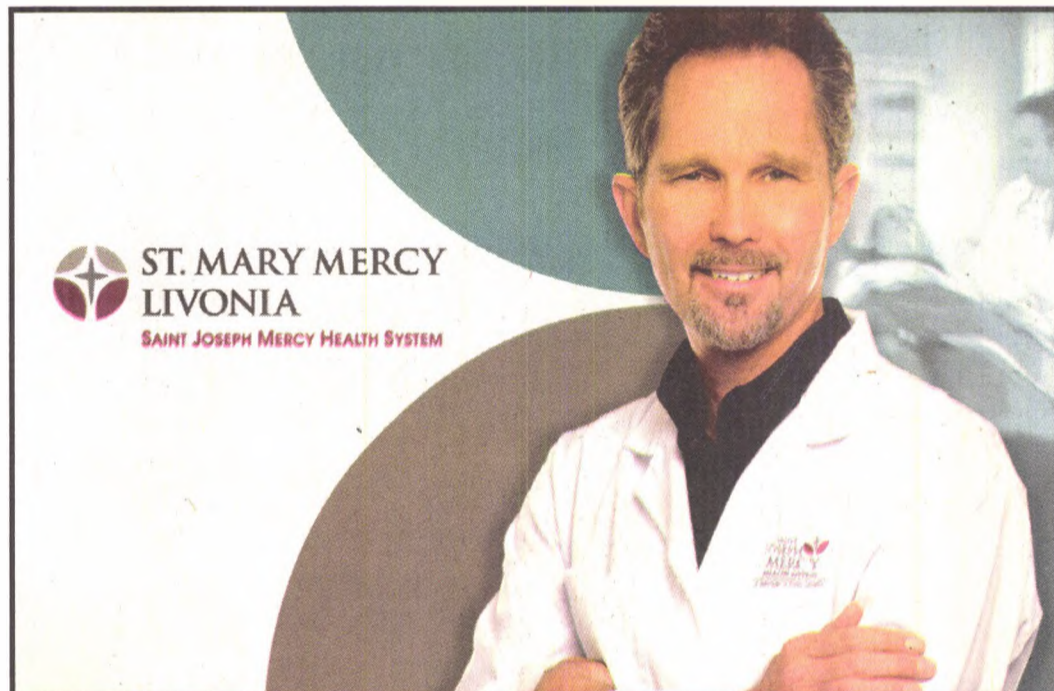
"I have a college student who had his place sprayed by the landlord. He told me the guy only sprayed in the corners. But they don't just live in corners. The dog can pinpoint the exact location."

Abbott said few women handle bed bug dogs and only one other business — a pest control firm — offers the service in Michigan.

"It's very discreet," she added. "There's no van with



Addie, a Beagle mix, is in the business of sniffing out bed bugs. Her owner and business partner is Maureen Abbott, a former Livonia resident who now lives in Milford.



ST. MARY MERCY
LIVONIA
SAINT JOSEPH MERCY HEALTH SYSTEM

IN AN EMERGENCY

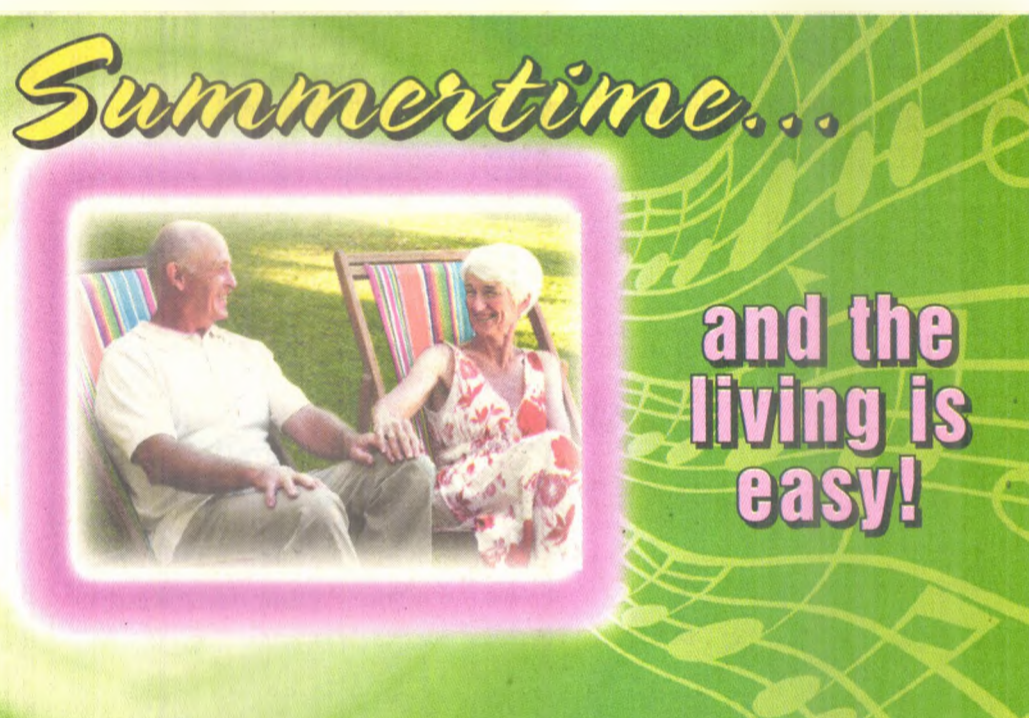
When Minutes Matter CHOOSE REMARKABLE

In an emergency, minutes matter, that's why it's vital to choose medical care close to home. From minor injuries to major illnesses, when you need care — and fast — you can place your trust in St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

- Highly-Trained Board Certified Emergency Physicians
- RNs Certified in Cardiac, Trauma and Pediatric Care
- Emergency Angioplasty and Chest Pain Evaluation
- Stroke Care — with Robotic Neurology Consultation
- Advanced Diagnostic Imaging On-Site
- Electronic Medical Record Technology
- Fast track process for minor injuries and illnesses
- Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year

To learn more
visit www.stmarymercy.org/ER
or call 734-655-4800.

REMARKABLE MEDICINE. REMARKABLE CARE.



Summertime...

and the living is easy!

The Village of Redford invites you to share in our summertime celebration!

FREE "Courtyard Concert" Series
6-7 p.m. each Thursday evening
July 1 – August 19, 2010
Village of Redford
Fountain Courtyard

Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy an evening of music!

Summertime, anytime ... the Village of Redford offers affordable, quality senior housing options in independent and assisted living, specialized memory care and respite services, sub-acute rehabilitation and skilled nursing care.

For additional information please call, 313-531-6874.

Ask about our valuable "Summer Specials"!

July 29
Harmony Town Chorus
Barber Shop Harmonies

August 5
Earth Angels
Young Adults vocals
50's & 60's music along with choreographed dancing

August 12
Craig Marsden Oldies

August 19
Linden Steele Drums



The Village of Redford

A SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY

25330 W. 6 Mile • Redford, MI 48240
Just east of Beech Daly on the north side of 6 Mile



CREDIT UNION

Treat dog to ice cream, donate pet food

Dogs who stop by the "Ice Cream Pawlor" at Pet-A-Palooza will receive a free sweet potato canine ice cream.

Pet-A-Palooza, an annual two-day pet adoption event, wraps up from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, Sunday, July 25, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 5 Championship Drive, off Lapeer Road, (M-24).

The Ice Cream Pawlor is located at the Pet Supplies "Plus" booth, one of several attractions at the event, along with the Rock-N-Roll K-9s at 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. a "Pet Idol" talent search at 1 p.m. and trainer Robyn Minchella at 2 p.m.

Thousands of dogs and cats that are ready for adoption also will be on hand. The 25 participating rescue groups include Michigan Pug Rescue of Farmington and Guardian Angel Animal Rescue of Livonia.



PET PROJECTS

Pets may attend the event with their owners. Parking is \$5. For more information, visit www.michpetapalooza.com

FOOD SOUGHT

Flame Heating, Cooling and Electrical is raising awareness of the struggles pets face in a tough economy by partnering with the Michigan Humane Society to kick off its "Dog

Days of Summer" campaign.

As part of the summer-long campaign, the organizations will accept donations of pet food through Aug. 31 for the Michigan Humane Society's pet food bank program, which assists pet guardians facing financial challenges.

Unopened bags or cans of dog and cat food will be accepted. Donations can be dropped off during business hours at Flame Heating, Cooling & Electrical or at MHS.

For donations in excess of 10 large unopened bags, donors must call ahead to make arrangements before delivering directly to MHS.

Warm weather pet safety information will be available at each drop-off location.

"It's important to make sure your pet is protected from seasonal dangers. All it takes is a few simple precautions to keep

animals safe," stated Gary Marowske, president of Flame Heating, Cooling & Electrical.

He advises owners to keep pets away from backyard air condenser units. Rusted or malfunctioning units could leak dangerous coolant. Flame technicians recommend homeowners construct small fences around the units to keep pets away.

MHS also emphasizes the importance of providing fresh water and shade for pets left outdoors for any length of time in hot weather, and limiting exercise to the cooler morning or evening hours.

Flame Heating, Cooling & Electrical has a drop-off site at 11781 Longsdorf, Riverview. The Michigan Humane Society's Westland shelter is at 900 Newburgh.

For more information, call (866) MHUMANE or visit www.michiganhumane.org.

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

DIVE IN

Westland's "Magic Monday Family Pool Party," will include music, games, paper airplane flying, chalk drawing, a Moonwalk, face painting, food, and swimming in the pool.

The fun is from 7:30-9 p.m., Monday, Aug. 2, at the Bailey Pool, 36651 Ford Road. Cost is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children, 12 and under; and \$1 for face painting. (734) 722-7620

HISTORY LESSON

American House Senior Living Communities is offering free interactive classes about American history at 16 of its sites in southeast Michigan, including Farmington Hills, Livonia and Westland. The classes are led by current or retired teachers, are open to the public and run through mid-September.

"We believe we all need a refresher course on our nation's history so we can truly understand the founding principles of America and put the true meaning back into national holidays such as Independence Day," stated Bob Gillette, founder, American House Senior Living Communities.

Three current or retired teachers teach the classes from the metro Detroit area: Dolly Katzenstein, herself an American

House resident in West Bloomfield and former teacher of 33 years; Diane Langlands, a substitute teacher and night manager at the American House communities in Roseville and Clinton Township and Linda Austin, adjunct instructor at Henry Ford Community College.

Classes are held at 2 p.m. Wednesdays at the Westland location, 35700 Hunter; at 2 p.m. Thursdays at 24400 Middlebelt, in Farmington Hills; and at 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, at 11525 Farmington Road, in Livonia.

For more information, visit www.americanhouse.com or call (248) 203-1800.

TEEN PAGEANT

Helena Bardakjian of Livonia recently was selected to participate in Nationals' 2010 Miss Teen Detroit pageant competition.

Helena submitted an application and took part in an interview session and will compete Aug. 1. Challenges will include modeling casual wear and formal wear and an interview with the judging panel.

If Helena wins the title of Miss Teen Detroit, she will represent Detroit and the surrounding communities at the Cities Of America National Competition that will take place in Orlando, Fla. More than \$60,000.00 in prizes and awards will be



Helena Bardakjian of Livonia

presented at the National Competition while each winner enjoys five nights and six days in Florida.

Community businesses, organizations, and private individuals assist Helena in participating in this year's competition by becoming an official sponsor for her. Through sponsorship, each contestant receives training, rehearsals, and financial support.

Any business, organization, or private individual interested in becoming a sponsor for Helena may contact her Detroit pageant coordinator, at (800) 569-2487.

SENIOR DISCOUNT

<p>ROOFS As Low As \$950</p> <p>TEAR-OFFS As Low As \$2900</p>	<p>ADAMS CONSTRUCTION</p> <p>313-531-7060 248-255-5534</p> <p>www.adamsconstr.com</p>	<p>SIDING Vinyl As Low As \$3900</p> <p>ALUM. TRIM As Low As \$1100</p> <p>PORCHES REBUILT <i>Better Than New</i> SEAMLESS GUTTERS LEAF-FREE GUTTER SYSTEM</p>
--	---	---

MasterCard VISA

Petland
PETLAND PETS MAKE LIFE BETTER!

We have an adorable selection of puppies and kittens waiting for adoption.

Our Puppies Come With:

- 60 Day health warranty
- Free spay/neuter
- 3 Free vet visits
- Free training DVD

25% OFF ANY PUPPY

Valid only on regularly-priced merchandise. May not be combined with any other coupon or discount. This coupon is not redeemable for aquariums, kits, dog or cat food, or cash. Cannot be used for gift certificates or for previously purchased merchandise. Coupon may only be used once. Limit 1 per customer. Expires 7-31-10.

34610 Warren • Westland
Corner of Wayne & Warren in Westland Crossing
www.petlandwestland.com
734.367.9908
Open Mon-Thurs 11-8; Fri-Sat 11-9; Sun 12-6

CAN YOU READ THIS?

C

A L

L L O

W V I S

I O N O F

M I C H I G

A N E F P T O

Low Vision of Michigan Prescribes Help for the Visually Impaired

Do You or A Loved One Suffer From:

- Macular Degeneration
- Diabetic Retinopathy
- Other forms of Vision Loss

Our unique, non-intrusive devices combine surgical quality lens technology with regular eye glasses to optimize your visual experience, without surgery!

Call TODAY to SCHEDULE your Appointment!
We can help when others can't!

734-367-4615

Ask about our "Make it Right Guarantee"

BUILDERS - CONTRACTORS - DEVELOPERS

Serving S.E. Michigan for Over 28 Years

4 FREE TIGER TICKETS

With Every Qualifying Purchase!

\$165 VALUE!

New Construction Remodeling

Licensed and Insured

Reliable • Competitively Priced
Quality Workmanship

Visa, MC, Discover accepted

28826 Ford Road
Garden City, MI 48135

(734) 425-6272
Fax (734) 425-2787

www.kcconstructioninc.net

- Additions
- Roofing
- Siding/Trim
- Kitchens & Baths
- Windows
- Doors-Interior/Exterior
- Insulation
- Garages
- Barns/Pole Buildings
- Gutters/Gutter Protection
- Decks
- Porches
- Copper Work
- Shutters
- Algae Removal

Members in good standing of: National Association of Home Builders
Michigan Association of Home Builders • Building Industry Association of Michigan • NFIB

Submit announcement at least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Belleville High School

Class of 1971 Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail BHS.1971@yahoo.com...

Birmingham Groves High School

Class of 1975 35th class reunion, Oct. 22-23, will include homecoming game, Friday night, and party...

Birmingham Seaholm

Class of 1970 40-year reunion, 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 18 at The Community House...

Bloomfield Hills Andover

Class of 1970 Reunion planned 7 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Heathers; contact Cis Sloan Stokas...

Bloomfield Hills Lahser

Class of 1980 30th reunion, Friday, Aug. 6; for tickets and more information e-mail to Jane Petersen...

Class of 1990

20-year Class Reunion Weekend is Aug. 6-7, with a meet & greet, family picnic and reunion party...

Dearborn Lowrey High School

Classes of 1949-51 A joint reunion of all three classes will be held Sept. 26 at the Warren Valley Golf Club in Dearborn Heights...

Vonn at (313) 291-6069. Or e-mail to yankeesouthern@hotmail.com.

Detroit Cody

Classes from 1950-1969 Annual picnic for all '50s-'60s Cody Comets and friends, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 22, Nankin Mills Pavilion...

Class of 1965

Looking for graduates from the January and June classes for a September reunion. For more information call Tim Dunning...

Detroit Mackenzie

Class of 1962 Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee...

Class of 1960

50th reunion will be held Oct. 16 at The Marriott in Livonia. For more information contact: Tim Yarde...

Detroit Northwestern

All classes Classes of 1950-51 are sponsoring an all-class reunion picnic, noon to 5 p.m., Aug. 28, at Oak Park Community Center...

Detroit Pershing

Class of 1960 50th reunion festivities in September will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit...

Ladywood

Class of 1980 30-year reunion is July 31 at noon at the Court House Grille, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth...

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1980 Reunion Friday July 30. Call Ron at (734) 834-2566 or send an e-mail to info@livoniafranklin1980.com

will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush...

Farmington High School

Class of 1970 Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the group on Facebook by searching Farmington High School Class of 1970 Reunion...

Garden City High School

Classes of 1950s and 1960s Reunion events planned for Sept. 17-19. Call Donna at (734) 427-0535 or e-mail to odoponte@wowway.com

Class of 1960

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road...

Garden City East

Class of 1964 Picnic, Aug. 21, in Garden City Park. For more information e-mail Karen Medwid Berry at karber@comcast.net...

Garden City West

Class of 1970 40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ included...

Royal Oak Dondero

All Classes Family picnic, 1-6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14, VFW Park, at Lincoln and Campbell in Royal Oak. Bring your own lawn chairs...

Royal Oak Kimball

Class of 1960 50-year class reunion for January and June classes, 6:30 p.m. Aug. 14, at Red Run Country Club...

Plymouth-Canton, Plymouth-Salem

Class of 1980 Joint 30th reunion with golf outing Sept. 3 and evening gathering, Sept. 4. For more information and to register on its Web site visit http://home.comcast.net/~1980cantsalem/site/...

Redford Union

Class of 1960 50-year reunion will be held 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14. For more information on the Redford Union reunion, contact Mike and Carol (Gerogeff) Pontius...

River Rouge High School

Classes of 1960-66 Reunion starts at 6:30 p.m., Aug. 21, at Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 N. Merriman, Westland. Cost is \$40 and includes buffet, cash bar, DJ...

Rosary High School

Class of 1970 Reunion planned for Aug. 7 at Claddagh Irish Pub, Livonia. For more info contact Terry Niemiec...

Royal Oak Dondero

All Classes Family picnic, 1-6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14, VFW Park, at Lincoln and Campbell in Royal Oak. Bring your own lawn chairs...

Royal Oak Kimball

Class of 1960 50-year class reunion for January and June classes, 6:30 p.m. Aug. 14, at Red Run Country Club...

to "ROKHS Class of '60" and mail to Doug Forier, 4089 Glencastle, Troy, MI 48098. Include your full name (and maiden), spouse's name, current mailing address and e-mail to share with your classmates...

St. Agatha

All school For all graduates, students, teachers, and friends of St. Agatha Grade School and High Schools, members of St. Agatha Parish and St. Katharine Drexel VHS...

St. Hyacinth

All school Saint Hyacinth Grade School and Commercial High School plan a reunion, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the school's closing...

St. Michael's School, Livonia

Eight grade class of 1976 30-year reunion, noon, Aug. 7, at Camp Dearborn, located off Commerce Road, in Milford. Reunion will be at Pavilions 1 & 2 by the paddle boats...

and BYOB. No Glass permitted. For more information, call Barb Colley at (517) 231-3186 or Lori Nehasil at (248) 872-7479.

Troy Athens High School

Class of 1985 25-year reunion and related events the weekend of Aug. 7. For more information, e-mail to athen-s85reunion@yahoo.com...

Warren Fitzgerald

Class of 1968 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, at DeCarlo's Banquet Center, 10 Mile and Mound, Warren. Buffet dinner, cash bar. Tickets are \$35. Contact Ken Rix at (586) 781-4552...

Wayne Memorial High School

Class of 1985 25-year class reunion, Saturday Oct. 9, at the Livonia Marriott; contact Steve Johnson at (734) 635-0369 or Tanya (Ibrahim) Williams at (734) 223-5558.

Westland John Glenn

Class of 1970 Reunion, 8 p.m., Aug. 21. For more details contact Larson Thomas-Kasmier at (248) 468-0595 or lkasmier1952@gmail.com...

Class of 1975

35th reunion, Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Livonia Marriott. RSVP and buy tickets at www.jghsclass75.com. For more information call Loren Zeidman...

Class of 1985

25-year Reunion, 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., Sept. 25 at Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia. Tickets are \$25 per person before Aug. 1. Includes appetizers and entertainment. Mail payment to JGHS Class of 1985...

CHRISTMAS IN JULY SALE! Long Lasting Toys That Inspire Creative Play & Good Old Fashioned Fun! 20% Off Practically Everything Storewide! www.dollhospital.com ends 7/31/10

Specializing in Residential & Commercial Restoration & Custom Brick Work Dan's Custom Brickwork 882 York St. • Plymouth, MI 48170 Chimneys & Porches Repaired and Rebuilt Tuck Pointing & All Other Brick Work Natural & Cultured Stone Installation 1.734.416.5425 Free Estimates Licensed and Insured

POST A BLOG OR FORUM ONLINE hometownlife.com The Medical Marijuana Clinic PH: 734-667-5960 Fax: 734-667-5962 www.TheMedicalMarijuanaClinic.com 1115 S. Main St. Plymouth, MI 48170

Arthritis Today JOSEPH J. WEISS, M.D. RHEUMATOLOGY 18829 Farmington Road Livonia, Michigan 48152 Phone: (248) 478-7860 NEW VIEWS OF FIBROMYALGIA In the past, the medical community has defined fibromyalgia as a condition with features of fatigue, poor sleep, daily pain, and multiple sites of pain called pressure points...

Host an Exchange Student Today! Make a lifelong friend from abroad. Enrich your family with another culture. Now you can host a high school exchange student (girl or boy) from France, Germany, Scandinavia, Spain, England, Japan, Brazil, Italy or other countries. Call Jose at 734-522-5273 or Emma at 1-800-677-2773 (Toll Free) www.asse.com

Canton Animal Hospital Our mission is to keep your pet happy, healthy, and pain-free at affordable prices. TOUR OUR FACILITY! Full Service Pet Hospital State of the Art Facility Medical, Surgical & Dental Emergency Care Orthopedic Specialist Available Grooming, Boarding & Day Care 50% OFF Our Already Low Examination Fee 25% OFF Spay/Neuter & Dental Procedures \$10.00 Per Vaccine! Complimentary Nail Trim Open 7 Days: M-F 8am-Midnight Sat-Sun 9am-9pm Extended hours at no additional cost

For all of your Wedding Jewelry & Accessories At Showroom of Elegance we offer the area's largest selection of bridal sets, semi-mounts, certified diamonds and wedding bands. Engagement Sets Men's Bands Bridal Party Gifts Custom Design SHOWROOM OF Elegance FINE JEWELRY The Intelligence of Elegance 6018 Canton Center Rd. Canton MI 48187 (North of Ford Rd.) 734.207.1906 Store Hours: Tues.-Fri. 9:30-6:00 Sat. 9:30-4:00 Closed Sun. & Mon. www.showroomofelegance.com \$10 off Any Jewelry Repair 10% BONUS Paid For Your GOLD! We'll buy your broken, mismatched and unwanted gold. CASH- PLUS 10%!

An exceptional home-like setting for Active/Alert, Frail/Recovering, Memory Impaired and Alzheimer's residents. Crystal Creek Assisted Living 24 Hour Professional Staffing Private/Semi Private/Barrier Free 3 Home Cooked Meals A Day Daily Housekeeping & Laundry Wander Secured/Enclosed Courtyard Planned Activities Beauty & Barber Shop On Call Nurse Practitioner Medication Management Incontinence Management CANTON (734) 453-3203 Located at 8121 Lilley between Joy & Warren Roads

HAS YOUR HOME OR BASEMENT FLOODED? Know Your Legal Rights! Free Phone Consultation Help is Just a Phone Call Away! Macuga, Liddle & Dubin, P.C. (800) 536-0045 975 E. Jefferson Ave. Detroit, MI 48207

HEALTH

Sunday, July 25, 2010

hometownlife.com

HAVE A STORY IDEA?

Contact Editor, Sharon Dargay

Voice Mail: (313) 222-8883

E-mail: sdargay@hometownlife.com

Comment online at hometownlife.com

U-M strong in 'best hospital' survey

The University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers have been ranked among the country's best hospitals, placing 14th overall for the second consecutive year by *U.S. News & World Report* magazine. This year, U-M was ranked in every specialty and those rankings went up in 11 of the 16 categories.

U-M is the only hospital in Michigan ranked among the 14 institutions on the national honor roll, which signifies all-around excellence in multiple areas of specialized medical care.

U.S. News ranks each of these specialties individually, and U-M earned a high national ranking in all 16 categories.

"We are pleased to be nationally recognized in so many areas as a result of the hard work of our faculty and staff,"

stated Doug Strong, director and chief executive officer of the U-M Hospitals and Health Centers. "It is our wide-ranging strength in so many specialties that keeps us high on the list year after year."

In one category — ear, nose & throat diseases — U-M made the top 10 in the country, ranking ninth.

In urology it ranked 11th, geriatrics ranked 12th and gastrointestinal disorders ranked 13th.

Also recognized was the specialty care at U-M's Comprehensive Cancer Center, which ranked 13th, U-M's Cardiovascular Center, which ranked 11th, and the Kellogg Eye Center's ophthalmologic care, which ranked 17th.

U.S. News determines the "America's Best Hospitals" rankings based on hos-

pital reputation in particular specialties, and, for all but four specialties, on mortality rates and a mix of care-related factors such as nursing and patient services. Rankings in ophthalmology, psychiatry, rehabilitation and rheumatology are determined by reputation among board-certified specialists.

The hospital's other "America's Best Hospitals" rankings, are: endocrinology, 19; gynecology, 18; heart and heart surgery, 11; kidney, 20; neurology and neurosurgery, 22; ophthalmology, 17; orthopedics, 24; psychiatry, 20; rehabilitation, 19; respiratory disorders, 14; and rheumatology, 14.

U.S. News' 2010-11 publication of "America's Best Hospitals" hits newsstands July 27. The rankings also available online at www.health.USNews.com.

Breakfast plays key role in overall health

"Breakfast is the most important meal of the day."

Mothers have used that statement to coax children into eating breakfast for years. As it turns out, Mom was right, and according to TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), the nonprofit weight-loss support organization, there's research to back her up.

Getting a good mix of protein, whole grains, fiber, and fruit every morning can help boost metabolism, increase energy for both the body and the brain, and help curb cravings for sweets and other foods high in fat. Research has shown that skipping meals, and especially skipping breakfast, also can make individuals more likely to eat more at the next meal or to eat high-calorie snacks before the next meal.

"Breakfast gets your metabolism going in the morning so you actually burn more calories during the day," says Joan Pleuss,

senior research dietitian in the General Clinical Research Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin and nutritional expert for TOPS. "However, that doesn't mean that you should use that as an excuse to overeat later in the day. Actually, the reverse may happen, as eating breakfast can decrease the likelihood that you will be as hungry later on."

The National Weight Control Registry (NWCR) was founded more than 20 years ago to document the habits of people who were age 18 and older and who had lost at least 30 pounds of excess weight that they had kept off for at least a year. One habit the researchers found was that 78 percent of the people in the Registry ate breakfast every day and that only 4 percent never ate breakfast.

In the Registry, the typical breakfast was cereal and fruit. Another study found that those individuals who ate a ready-to-

eat cereal for breakfast had a higher fiber content in their total diet than those individuals who didn't eat a ready-to-eat cereal. Other studies have reported that people who eat a ready-to-eat cereal for breakfast tend to be leaner than people who don't eat breakfast or eat other types of food for breakfast.

"The best breakfasts are rich in fiber and protein," Pleuss says. "Not only do they digest slowly, which means a longer time between hunger pains, a fiber-rich diet can help lower the risk of diabetes, heart disease, stroke, and colon cancer"

Putting this advice to practical use doesn't have to mean going to the store and spending a small fortune on specialty foods. Instead, a few well-planned changes, like switching to a whole-grain, wheat bread from white, can make all the difference.

"If waffles are a morn-

ing favorite, plan to purchase whole-wheat waffles in place of the more generic, processed varieties," recommends Pleuss. "Pairing the waffles with some low-fat fruit yogurt is a great way to start the day healthy and curb the urge to binge before lunch."

If lack of time is the reason you skip breakfast, try getting items ready the night before. Pour out the cereal and cut up the fruit. Place the oatmeal in the bowl so you only need to add the milk or water in the morning. Microwave it while you are getting dressed. Also have available foods that you can grab and go, like whole fruit, bagels, high-fiber breakfast bars, trail mix comprised of nuts and dried fruit, dry cereal, low-fat or fat-free yogurt, and 100 percent juice.

Visitors may attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. To find a local chapter, view www.tops.org or call (800) 932-8677.

POST A BLOG OR FORUM ONLINE

hometownlife.com

NOVI VEIN
We bring legs back to life
Treatment in under an hour with the latest technology.
No downtime, no stripping.

Eliminate
leg pain
and fatigue

46325 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 335, NOVI • West of Novi Road, near I-96
248.344.9110 • www.NoviVein.com

You may have a medical condition covered by insurance known as Venous insufficiency if you experience any of these leg symptoms.

- Pain/Aching/Throbbing of Legs
- Heaviness of feet/ankles
- Restless Legs
- Night cramps
- Itchy veins
- Varicose veins
- Non-healing ulcers

NEW TREATMENT
Only provider of Veinwave™ in the state of Michigan, a new safe and effective treatment of rosacea and facial veins.

Before
After

HOURLY DETROIT MAGAZINE'S TOP DOCS+

Jeffrey H. Miller, MD
Board Certified Interventional Radiologist
Board Certified Phlebologist

a new phase of
hearing
is on the horizon

Schedule your complimentary hearing screening by an AudigyCertified™ Audiologist today!

a member of AUDIGYGROUP[®]



PLYMOUTH
734.259.2412

SOUTHFIELD
248.327.0882

View our educational
video on hearing at
www.hughearing.com



model year end SALESEVENT

NOW AT YOUR SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN FORD DEALERS!

2010 FOCUS SE FWD



Lease Renewal

\$199
PER MONTH

For 24 months for
current A/Z plan
customers!
\$2,095 Cash Due
at Signing *

24 city / 34 highway MPG²

- 2.0L Duratec I-4 Engine • 4-Speed Automatic Transmission
- MyKey (Allows parents to limit speed and audio volume to encourage teens to drive safer and improve fuel efficiency) • SIRIUS Satellite Radio with 6-Month Subscription
- AM/FM Stereo/Single CD-Player with 4 Speakers • 15" Alloy Wheels
- Personal Safety System

2010 FUSION SE FWD



Lease Renewal

\$199
PER MONTH

For 24 months for
current A/Z plan
customers!
\$2,194 Cash Due
at Signing

22 city / 31 highway MPG²

- 2.5L Duratec I-4 Engine • 6-Speed Automatic Transmission • 6-Way Power Driver's Seat
- AM/FM Stereo/Single CD-Player with MP3 Capability and 6 Speakers
- SIRIUS Satellite Radio with 6-Month Subscription
- Single Exhaust with Dual Chrome Tips
- 17" Design Wheels with Silver Paint

2010 TAURUS SEL FWD



Lease Renewal

\$299
PER MONTH

For 24 months for
current A/Z plan
customers!
\$2,085 Cash Due
at Signing

18 city / 28 highway MPG

- 3.5L 24-valve DOHC Duratec V6 Engine • MyKey • Perimeter Anti-Theft Alarm
- 6-Speed SelectShift Automatic Transmission with Paddle Activation
- SIRIUS Satellite Radio with 6-Month Subscription • Sync with Traffic, Directions and Information

2010 F-150 XLT SUPERCAB 4x4



Lease Renewal

\$299
PER MONTH

For 24 months for
current A/Z plan
customers!
\$2,297 Cash Due
at Signing

14 city / 18 highway MPG²

- Sync, Tow & Chrome package
- 4.6L 3V V8 Engine • 18" chrome-clad aluminum wheels
- AdvanceTrac® with Roll Stability Control • Trailer Sway Control

2010 EDGE SE FWD



Lease Renewal

\$269
PER MONTH

For 24 months for
current A/Z plan
customers!
\$2,577 Cash Due
at Signing

18 city / 25 highway MPG²

- 3.5L Duratec V6 Engine • 6-Speed Automatic Transmission • Cloth-Trimmed Seats
- Single-Zone Manual Air-Conditioning • AM/FM Stereo/Single CD-Player with MP3 Capability
- Dual Chrome Exhaust Tips • Quad-Beam Halogen Headlamps
- 17" Painted Aluminum Wheels

2010 FLEX SE FWD



Lease Renewal

\$359
PER MONTH

For 24 months for
current A/Z plan
customers!
\$2,129 Cash Due
at Signing

17 city / 24 highway MPG²

- 3.5L V6 Duratec Engine
- 6-Speed automatic transmission
- MyKey™ feature • AdvanceTrac® with Roll StabilityControl
- AM/FM stereo/single CD-player with MP3 capability and 6 speakers

Text "OIL" to 53016 for a \$9.95 oil change only at your Southeast Michigan Ford Dealers!⁴



Available on most vehicles.³



Southeast Michigan Ford Dealers

ThinkFordFirst.com

(1) Includes acquisition fee, waived security deposit, and excludes title, taxes and license fees. Some payments higher, some lower. Not all lessees will qualify. Residency restrictions apply. Special lease rates are for eligible A/Z Plan lessees. Payments include Renewal Bonus Cash for current RCL/RCO customers. You must currently lease a Ford product and finance through Ford Credit. Take delivery out of dealer stock by 8/2/10. (2) MPG estimate based on 2010 Focus SE 2.0L 4-speed automatic 24 city/34 highway, Fusion SE 2.5L I-4 Engine with 6-speed automatic 22 city/31 highway, 2010 Taurus SEL 3.5L V6 engine 18 city/28 highway, 2010 F-150 XLT Supercab 4.6L V8 engine 14 city/18 highway, 2010 Edge SE 3.5L V-6 Duratec with 6-speed automatic 18 city/25 highway and 2010 Flex SE 3.5L Duratec V-6 engine 17 city/24 highway. Flex SEL model shown. (3) Driving while distracted can result in loss of vehicle control. Only use mobile phones and other devices, even with voice commands, when it is safe to do so. (4) Good for one use only, cannot be shared. Expires 8/31/2010. Message & data rates may apply. Residency restrictions apply. Valid at participating Southeast Michigan Ford Dealers only.

IF IT DOESN'T SAY
BILL BROWN
 YOU PAID TOO MUCH

2010

 model year end
SALES EVENT

New 2010 Ford F150 Supercab 4x4
 Featuring: Double Discount XLT, SYNC, trailer tow, power seat, windows, locks, speed control, tilt wheel, keyless entry.
\$348* Zero Down with \$414 due at signing. Security deposit waived. Plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee.
 36 month LEASE
BUY FOR \$23,486*
 3 at this price 151 available



New 2010 Ford Fusion SE
 Featuring: remote start, power windows, locks, seat, speed control and tilt wheel.
\$274* Zero Down with \$365 due at signing. Security deposit waived. Plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee.
 36 month LEASE
BUY FOR \$16,852*
 34 at this price 369 available



New 2010 Ford Taurus SEL
 Featuring: remote start, power windows, locks, seat, speed control and tilt wheel.
\$362* Zero Down with \$550 due at signing. Security deposit waived. Plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee.
 36 month LEASE
BUY FOR \$22,289*
 3 at this price 83 available



New 2010 Ford Edge SE
 Featuring: remote start, power windows, locks, seat, tilt wheel, speed control.
\$336* Zero Down with \$612 due at signing. Security deposit waived. Plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee.
 36 month LEASE
BUY FOR \$20,340*
 3 at this price 106 available



WOULD YOU LIKE TO TERMINATE YOUR LEASE EARLY?
 We can help! Regardless of where you leased your vehicle bring it to Bill Brown Ford. If you are currently a Bill Brown Ford customer, please call your sales person for details.

New 2010 Ford Focus SE
 Featuring: automatic, power windows, locks, speed control, Sirius satellite radio.
\$198* Zero Down with \$0 due at signing. Security deposit waived. Plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee.
 36 month LEASE
BUY FOR \$12,189*
 53 at this price 195 available



New 2010 Ford Escape XLT
 Featuring: 203 pkg, SYNC, moonroof, cargo pkg, remote start, power windows, locks, speed control and tilt wheel.
\$359* Zero Down with \$458 due at signing. Security deposit waived. Plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee.
 36 month LEASE
BUY FOR \$19,842*
 17 at this price 247 available



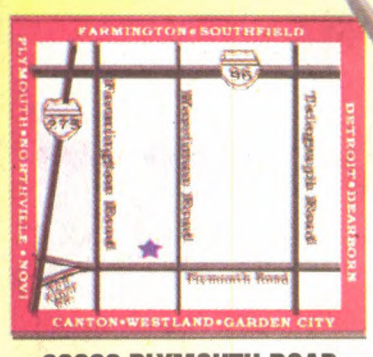
New 2010 Ford Flex SE
 Featuring: remote start, power windows, locks, seat, tilt wheel, speed control.
\$410* Zero Down with \$525 due at signing. Security deposit waived. Plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee.
 36 month LEASE
BUY FOR \$22,705*
 4 at this price 42 available




#1 in the Nation for Ford Retail Car Sales 2010 YTD Per Ford Division.

BILL BROWN

800-611-2990



32222 PLYMOUTH ROAD
 Just W. of Merriman in Livonia
1-800-611-2990

Browse our inventory at Billbrownford.com

*All lease payments and buy prices are for qualifying A/Z planners. For qualifying, no A/Z planners an additional \$800 to \$1500 would be required to keep the payments or price the same. 10,500 miles per year. *Buy For price add tax, title, doc and destination fee, subject to availability. All factory rebates assigned to dealer including owner loyalty or previous lease where applicable and may require Ford Credit financing. F150 lease payment includes F150 to F150 renewal. Not all buyers will qualify for lowest payments. Pictures may not represent actual vehicle. Payments and prices per program in effect a publication and are subject to change. All offers expire August 2, 2010.