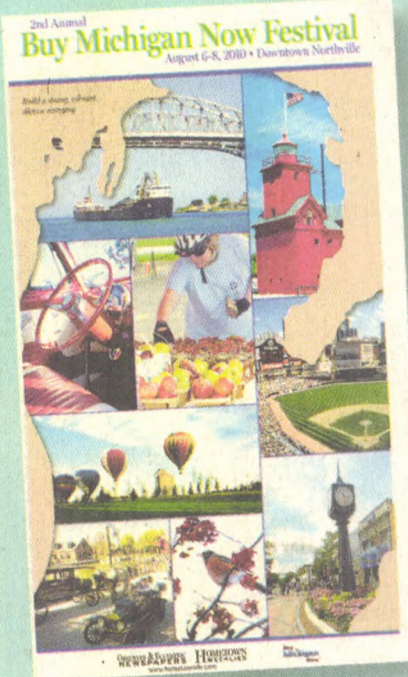


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On the air



Friday's concert featuring Trilogy will air on WSDP 88.1-FM, the student-run radio station.

You won't have to be in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park to hear the next two installments of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority's Music in the Air concert series.

Friday's concert, featuring the band Trilogy, and the Aug. 6 concert featuring the Shawn Riley Band, will air on WSDP 88.1-FM, the student-run radio station of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

"We're very excited about this partnership with WSDP," said Tony Bruscatto, director of operations for the DDA. "It helps bring our concerts, which draw thousands downtown every week, to an even wider audience."

The concerts start at 7 p.m. Fridays from the band shell in Kellogg Park. For more information, contact the DDA office, (734) 455-1453.

Recycle plan

Plymouth Downtown Development Authority officials said a pilot recycling program for downtown Plymouth will begin soon.

The DDA has ordered five recycling bins to be placed near curbside near recycling containers.

Each container will handle all kinds of recyclables.

If the program works out well, officials said, the DDA will place additional recycling bins throughout downtown.

Film debut

On Friday, Aug. 13, the Plymouth Community Arts Council will present a new documentary film by Carobella Productions titled "The Prize in Disguise," a film centering on the recent ArtPrize event in Grand Rapids.

ArtPrize took place in September and October 2009 in Grand Rapids, and boasted the largest cash prize for any art contest. A total of \$449,000 in cash prizes were to be awarded to the top 10 finishers, with the winner taking home \$250,000.

PCAC officials said "The Prize in Disguise" is "a unique look at this event and, perhaps, its true reward," by filmmaker, Tom Avolio, who lived in the Metro Detroit area for over 30 years.

The film will be shown free of charge. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., the film will be shown at 8 p.m. followed by a question-and-answer session with Avolio.

For more information, visit the PCAC website (www.plymoutharts.com) or call (734) 416-4278.

Concours car show en route to Plymouth

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The move to Plymouth Township by one of the top car exhibitions in the country will put the area on the map for the owners of classic, antique and rare vehicles.

The Concours d'Elegance of America, which includes a car show, an auction, a motoring tour and other car-related events, is moving to the Inn at St. John's, a hotel-conference facility and golf course on Five Mile, starting next year. The annual Concours has been located at Meadow Brook Hall, on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester, for 32 years.

"This is a huge thing for us. We're hoping to forge a great relationship with the Plymouth area," said James McCarter, executive director of the Concours. Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, who helped secure the event by ironing out logistical issues such as parking for

transport trailers and a shuttle service for visitors, said the Concours will boost local businesses and draw international attention to Plymouth Township.

"This is truly a prestigious event," Reaume said.

This year's Concours exhibition was Sunday and featured more than 200 cars, including two 1937 Bugatti Type 57s, a 1939 Rolls Royce and a 1904 White Steamer. There was also a dinner, a tour to the General Motors Tech Center, a seminar on car design and other events.

Next year, the exhibition will be on Sunday, July 31. McCarter said there will be a long weekend of related events.

"We're very excited about it," said Paul Wegert, general manager at the Inn at St. John's. "We feel that it'll be a long-term relationship with them and we feel it'll be a great partnership."

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi resident Larry Slevin, who took his 1969 Ford Fairlane Cobra to the 2010 Concours d'Elegance of America car show at Meadow Brook, could be bringing it to Plymouth when the show moves to the Inn at St. John's in 2011.

Crawl highlights Old Village restaurants, taverns

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Whether you want seafood or tavern food, Italian or American, beer or wine, the bars and restaurants in Plymouth's Old Village have got you covered.

On Wednesday, six of those places — four eateries, a pub and a microbrewery — will be on display during the annual Old Village Restaurant Crawl. The Crawl, from 5:30-8:30 p.m., lets people sample the fare at all six places for one price, and gives participating establishments a low-cost way to introduce them themselves new customers.

The event is a fund-raiser for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. Participating bars and restaurants are compensated for the drink and lunch, and 250 tickets were sold, netted almost \$1,800 for the chamber, said executive director Wes Graff.

"It works really well. Every year, you see new faces," said Vince Toia, co-owner, with wife Lori, of Plymouth Fish & Seafood on Starkweather. "It's worked for us and (we) meet a lot of new friends."

Toia said his Crawl menu Wednesday will feature fish from Plymouth Fish & Seafood's popular fish and chips dish, plus cole slaw.

In addition to Plymouth

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Top left, The patio at Hermann's Olde Town Grille should be a popular place again for the 2010 Old Village Restaurant Crawl, set for Wednesday evening. Above left, Jay Lindsey will be featuring pasta at Amici Italian Bistro joins the Old Village Restaurant Crawl lineup Wednesday. Above right, Christina Clark enjoyed the fruit salad served her by Deva Toney at Crawford's Kitchen in last year's Old Village Restaurant Crawl. Crawford's Kitchen is again a destination for diners in the 2010 crawl, scheduled for Wednesday.

Incentives help land 2 medical technology firms

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tax and financial incentives are helping bring two medical companies to Plymouth Township and demonstrating the importance of the life sciences to Michigan's changing economy.

Delphinus Medical Technologies, which is focused on developing a three-dimensional imaging device for detecting breast cancer, plans to invest nearly \$6 million and create more than 100 jobs in the township in the next five years. Delphinus has been awarded a tax abatement from the township that will help it save about \$50,000 a year in taxes on its equipment, plus Michigan Economic Growth

Authority employment incentives worth some \$779,000.

In addition, Materialise U.S.A., a division of a Belgian company that makes medical equipment and software with medical applications, plans to create up to 80 jobs and make a \$12.5 million investment in the township at a facility on Helm Street. The company has a \$135,000-a-year township tax abatement on equipment for seven years, a 12-year tax break on its building (value to be determined) and a state tax credit of \$563,000 over seven years.

"These will be high-paying jobs, as they need special skills for their medical and machin-

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Man-to-man sale

VFW Post 6695 in Plymouth hosts a "Man to Man" sale Friday and Saturday, July 30-31, at the post headquarters located at 1426 S. Mill in Plymouth.

The sale will feature things like tools, computers, knife displays - "Stuff men want!" said post spokesman Gary Kubik - at reasonable prices. Vendors' tables are available inside the post for \$20, or outside the post for \$15 and \$10. General admission is \$2, and lunch will be available.

The sale runs 2-7 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Veterans who wish to join the VFW will also be able to do so at the sale. "Anyone who's served in harm's way is eligible," Kubik said.

To reserve a table or for more information, call Dennis, (248) 486-0001.

Lions Club Car Show

Cruisin' with Culver's and Memories in Motion Car Club is holding a benefit car show for the Westland Lions Club 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at 6500 N. Newburgh, just west of Warren, in Westland.

A \$15 donation guarantees a goody bag and dah plaque to the first 100 classic cars registered by Aug. 1. Send your name, address, daytime phone number, model make and year of the vehicle with a check made payable to the Westland Lions Club to 35013 Cady St. Westland, MI 48186.

For more information, call (734) 522-0411.

Corriveau coffee

State Rep. Marc Corriveau will host a "coffee hour" 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16, at Grecian Cafe Family Restaurant, 413 N. Main, in Plymouth.

Fall Fest crafts

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for the Craft Show, which takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 10-12.

The show will be on Union Street north of Ann Arbor Trail; 10 foot-by-10-foot spaces will cost \$75 per day



DRU VAN CAMPENHOUT

Happy anniversary

Faces were painted, sermons were preached and a celebration was in order as First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth marked its 175th anniversary recently. Senior minister James Skimins and the 1,200-member congregation marked the event with a special service complete with a variety of family friendly offerings. Church members will mark the end of anniversary happenings later this year when they re-bury a time capsule they dug up last December.

or \$200 for the weekend. The jewelry vendor application deadline has passed. All other vendors are awarded spots on a first come-basis.

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

Bingo night

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts Bingo on Thursday, Aug. 12 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Admission is free to the event, which will feature prizes, gifts and refreshments compliments of the Oakmont Senior Living of Northville. Also on hand will be officials from Heartland Plymouth Court, who will give free blood pressure and sugar testing.

To RSVP and for more information, call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

Senior programs

The Plymouth Council on Aging together with the City of Plymouth Recreation Department will hold an introduction presentation to

the new fall Senior Programs on Monday, Aug. 9, from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Programs that will be introduced included Chair Exercise, Wii Bowling, Wii Tennis and information on the upcoming Shuffleboard.

For more information or to RSVP call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

Tiny tots

The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool has added a fourth class to the schedule. Parents can now register their 4-year-olds for the Monday/Wednesday/Friday PM class. The class time is from 11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.; tuition is eight monthly payments of \$130. There are also openings for 3-year-olds in the Tuesday/Thursday classes.

To register, print off a registration form from the Salvation Army website, www.MiSalPlymouth.org, and drop it off with a \$35 registration fee. For more information, call the preschool at (734) 453-5464. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth.

Matinee series

Community Financial Credit Union, Packaging Corporation of America and the Plymouth District Library sponsor the Summer Cinema Matinee Series at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth through-out the summer.

The schedule of movies includes "Back to the Future," July 29; "The Wizard of Oz," Aug. 5; "American Tail 2: Fievel Goes West," Aug. 12; "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World," Aug. 19; and "Muppet Treasure Island," Aug. 26.

Shows are at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.; the box office opens a half-hour before each showing. All seats \$3. The Penn Theatre is located at 760 Penniman in downtown Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 453-0870 or visit www.penntheatre.com

Golf outing

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is holding a golf outing Aug. 12 at the Inn at St. John's, and golfers are needed.

The cost is \$125 per person or \$500 for a foursome. It is a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start and all the proceeds go to recreation

programs, supplies, equipment, and facility improvements.

For more information or to sign up go to ci.plymouth.mi.us/index.aspx?nid=1111, or call the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620.

Class reunions

The Plymouth High School Class of 1970 holds its 30-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Plymouth Elks Club. Cost is \$25 per person.

For more information visit www.plymouthclassof1970.com or Cathwage@med.umich.edu or call Cathy Wagenschutz at (734) 453-7939.

The Plymouth High School Class of 1955 holds its reunion 5-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth.

Cost is \$45 per person. For more information, contact Terry West at twest@rose-moving.com or call (248) 473-8988.

Lotus exhibit

Lotus Arts Gallery announced the opening of a new exhibition, Paint it Bold, which will be on display at the gallery through Friday, Aug. 13.

The Paint it Bold exhibit is a small group show featuring the work of artists Peggy Kerwan (mixed media), David Austin (acrylic/canvas), Diane Whitehead (acrylic & graphite/wood, watercolor & graphite/paper), Jeri Fellwock (acrylic/canvas or paper, mixed media) and Jeanne Poulet (acrylic/canvas).

Lotus Arts Gallery is located at 995 West Ann Arbor Trail (corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey Street) in downtown Plymouth. The public is welcome to view the exhibit during gallery hours between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. There is no fee.

For more information, contact the gallery toll free at (888) 889-4ART or at (734) 453-5400.

Art, theater camps

Summer Art Camps are in full swing at the Plymouth Community Arts Council! Half-day camps for ages 5-12 are offered in a wide variety of themes, ranging from the traditional favorites; Drawing, Painting, Pottery and Performing Arts to some new camps, including Diva Art, Camp Earth, Construction-Destruction Art and Musical Theater. Also new this year are the Littlest Artist Studio and the Celebration Art Camp, intended for the 4 1/2 - 6 year old first time camper.

Camps are offered either in morning or afternoon sessions. For families looking for an all day camp, lunch care is available between the two sessions. Prices vary for PCAC members and non-members. For spe-

cific dates, times and prices of the camps, or to register for any of the camps, please visit the Plymouth Community Arts website: www.plymoutharts.com or call (734) 416-4278.

Good Grief golf

The 12th annual "Good Grief" golf outing to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support is presented by this year's Green Jacket Sponsor, Wynwood of Northville, Saturday, Sept. 12, at Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon, with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

The proceeds from this outing will benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, a bereavement outreach center located in Northville. New Hope provides free grief support services and resources to men, women, teens, and children throughout southeastern Michigan. The cost for this four-person scramble, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, dinner, contests, and prizes, is \$125 per golfer. Dinner only is \$35 per person.

For information about sponsorship opportunities or for registration information, contact Pattie Bingham at (248) 348.0115 and visit our website at www.newhopecenter.net.

VA consultation

Are you entitled to federal benefits from the Veterans Administration? Are you applying for federal benefits from the VA? Are you fighting for an increase of benefits from the VA? If yes to any of the aforementioned questions, Project SALUTE from the University of Detroit Mercy has the answers.

On Monday, Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m., at PLAV Post #166, 39375 Amrhein (at the corner of Echols) in Livonia, free individual consultations will be provided along with a complete presentation of available disability and pension benefit matters. Please bring your DD-214 (discharge papers), recent rating decisions and any other documentation which will help attorneys understand and evaluate your current position.

Camp for grieving children

New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center, is offering a two-day "KIDZ KAMP" for grieving children Aug. 19-20 at historic Mill Race Village in Northville. The camp will offer many fun activities for children ages 4-12, including music, crafts, artwork, a scavenger hunt and memorial activities. Lunch will be provided both days. Because of the generous support from the Hitachi Foundation, the camp is free, but space is limited.

For more information and to register, please contact New Hope at (248) 348-0115.

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With members who double on multiple instruments, Trilogy takes live music to a whole new level. Changing from a horn section one minute to harmony

lead guitars or dual keyboardists the next, performances are always dynamic and emotional. From tears during a special dance at a wedding or flag-waving U.S. pride, the band can bring the audience to their feet.

All six members of the band sing, creating pitch-perfect five- or six-part harmonies. The vocals alone make this band stand out.

Trilogy only plays songs people readily know, ensuring all ages will enjoy the entertainment. The band specializes in family friendly entertainment that appeals to all-ages.

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Plymouth woman hurt in Roush plane crash

Jack Roush, a Northville resident, NASCAR team owner and owner of Roush Industries in Livonia, was hospitalized Tuesday in serious but stable condition after walking away from a plane crash in Oshkosh, Wis.

A Plymouth woman, Brenda Strickland, was also transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries, according to a statement posted on the website of the Experimental Aircraft Association. Roush and Strickland were apparently in Oshkosh to attend the EAA's annual AirVenture this week.

In the statement on the EAA Web site, officials said a Beechcraft Premier business jet registered to Roush Fenway Racing, LLC, was involved in a landing accident at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh. The accident occurred at approximately 6:15 p.m. CDT, the statement said.

According to the EAA, the National Transportation Safety Board and Winnebago County Sheriff's Department confirmed that two occupants on board were Roush and Strickland.

"Each exited the aircraft following the accident," the statement said. "Both were

transported to local hospitals, with Roush in serious but stable condition and Strickland with non-life threatening injuries. The NTSB is leading the investigation into the accident."

The *Detroit Free Press* reported that Roush Fenway Racing president Geoff Smith told the Associated Press, in a text message, that the plane belonged to Roush, and he was flying it. Smith said Roush's injuries included facial lacerations. There was no word about Strickland's injuries, other than to describe them as non-life-threatening.

"There are injuries. Possible surgery," Smith's text message said, according to the *Free Press*. "But he walked out of the plane."

Roush owns several aircraft, including a World War II-vintage P-51 Mustang. Roush — a former Ford engineer and college physics teacher — founded his NASCAR team in 1988. He won championships in NASCAR's top series with Matt Kenseth in 2003 and Kurt Busch in 2004. Since 2007, Roush has partnered with the Fenway Sports Group, the sports marketing arm of the Boston Red Sox's parent company.



Automobile aficionados will bring their classic cars to Plymouth Township when Concours d'Elegance moves to the Inn at St. John's next year.

CONCOURS

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McCarter said having a hotel on the grounds at the Inn at St. John's is the primary reason for the move. With no hotel at OU, he said, Concours participants were scattered among several Oakland County hotels, and it was difficult to bring them together for group events such as the motoring tour or

a visit, for example, to The Henry Ford

"Next year, most of them will be staying at the hotel," McCarter said. "It'll just be a seamless thing."

Wegert said his 118-room hotel will partner with the Hilton Garden Inn, on Sheldon Road about a mile south, to accommodate Concours participants, and will partner with other area hotels if needed.

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INCENTIVES

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ery work force," township Supervisor Reaume wrote, in an e-mail, of Materialise. "Another example of how Plymouth Township is able to attract diverse companies especially high-paying and secure medical industry companies and jobs."

Materialise has facilities around the world, the nearest in Ann Arbor. Reaume said the township facility — building improvements are expected to be completed toward the end of the year — will be a sales office and a manufacturing facility for parts used in knee and hip replacements.

"This is an exciting company that will be growing quickly," Reaume said.

Materialise officials who could speak to the company's plans could not be reached.

Delphinus is a spinoff of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit. Its SoftVue device, according to the company website, can differentiate malignant breast masses from benign ones and is safe and comfortable for patients. The company is currently located in Detroit.

Project manager Olsi Rama

said Delphinus plans to move its 10 employees to the township's Michigan Life Science and Innovation Center next week. By the end of next week, it is projected the company will have 25 employees. The MLSIC is on Commerce Center Drive.

Rama said Delphinus will spend the next several years developing SoftVue, deploying it to medical centers for clinical trials, and improving and marketing it.

He said the tax incentives, from the state and the township, were a big factor in the decision to locate in the township.

"If that possibility was not there we'd have to locate to a different facility, possibly," he said.

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, applauded the state incentives that helped land Delphinus.

"In these tough times, it's more important than ever that we do all that we can to attract cutting-edge companies like Delphinus to our state," Corriveau said in a press release. "This project will help create jobs for our workers, strengthen our economy and move our state forward."

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CRAWL

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Fish & Seafood, participating establishments are Hermann's Olde Towne Grille, Station 885, Liberty Street Brewing Co., Crawford's Kitchen and Amici Italian Bistro, which opened late last year on Mill.

Jeff Lindsey, who co-owns Amici with his brother, Jay, said their Crawl menu will include pasta with meat or marinara sauce, salads, and sausages.

Lindsey said he hopes the Crawl will bring new patrons to

his restaurant, which has been boosting its business monthly. Amici last month opened a patio with seating for 20, and Lindsey said that space will be set aside for the Crawl.

"We look forward to showing off our new patio," he said. Tickets for the Old Village Restaurant Crawl must be purchased by 6 p.m. Monday at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. Tickets are \$15 each, \$5 for children 10 and under. For more information, call (734) 453-1540.

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Johnson Controls partners for green jobs for Detroit teens

Eighty Detroit public high school students are participating in the Conservation Leadership Corps - a summer jobs program promoting environmental stewardship and leadership skills development while working in local parks. Created and sponsored by Plymouth-based Johnson Controls, the Student Conservation Association and The Greening of Detroit, the program is in its third year here.

"We're proud to bring the CLC program back to Detroit," said Charles A. Harvey, vice president of diversity and public affairs for Johnson Controls. "With the addition of a professional development day, it is our intent to show the students first-hand how they can turn their experience and enthusiasm for sustainability and environmental conservation into rewarding careers."

The Detroit CLC program kicked off with students gaining hands-on experience in environmental conservation. Over the course of the six-week program, the students will participate in a variety of projects, including native planting, new trail development and maintenance, outdoor classroom and native timber bench construction, removing invasive species and garden installation.

Rouge Park, Belle Isle, Chalfonte Farmway and W.E.B. DuBois High School are among the locations throughout the city where the student crews will work. The students will also receive job readiness skills instruction, including help with resume writing, interview skills and personal finance management.

Corps members were selected from hundreds of candidates based on their application and ability to successfully complete a three-step, month-long tryout process. Student candidates were evaluated based on work ethic, leadership ability, civic engagement and commitment to the environment.

New this year, the students will be participating in a professional development day, hosted by Johnson Controls' automotive interiors business in Plymouth. Johnson



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In addition to cleaning up places like Rouge Park and other facilities, students will participate in a professional development day, hosted by Johnson Controls' automotive interiors business in Plymouth.



Some 80 students, along with employees from Plymouth's Johnson Controls, are participating in a variety of projects, including native planting, new trail development and maintenance, outdoor classroom and native timber bench construction, removing invasive species and garden installation, in the Conservation Leadership Corps program.

Controls employee volunteers will provide CLC students with a professional development learning experience, which includes career-focused information from each of the company's core businesses - Automotive Experience, Building Efficiency and Power Solutions. Students will have the opportunity to learn about the importance of sustainability, energy efficiency and renewable resources in the fields of automotive interior design and engineering, building efficiency and hybrid battery technology.

Also for the first time, Johnson Controls employees

will have the opportunity to learn a bit from the students as they take a day to work in the field alongside the CLC teams.

Additional support for the program is being provided by: Amtrak; the City of Detroit Community Development Block Grant and Neighborhood Opportunity Fund programs; the City of Detroit Workforce Development Department; City Connect Detroit; the Skillman Foundation; the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth; Michigan Works! Association; and SAP Americas.

medical communications and senior scientific director.

In her new highly visible role as executive director, Shrode will develop publication strategies for clients across multiple therapeutic areas; manage marketing initiatives for existing and prospective clients; develop, maintain, and nurture relationships with key thought leaders; and assist the vice president of Scientific Services in setting and implementing departmental policies and procedures. In addition, she will also assist in managing JB Ashtin's staff of scientific directors, scientific associates, editors, publication coordinators, and freelance scientific writers.

Shrode received her doctorate in biomedical sciences (cell physiology) under the direction of Robert W. Putnam, PhD, at Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio and completed a postdoctoral fellowship under Sergio Grinstein, PhD, Pitblado Chair in Cell Biology at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Shrode is an author of over 10 scientific articles and book

chapters based on her research. She received her undergraduate degree from West Virginia University in Morgantown.

Salad donations

As part of Hiller's Markets Good Deeds in the Making program to benefit local charities during these challenging economic times, the family-owned chain of seven metro Detroit grocery stores will proudly donate 100 percent of the profits from the sales of its popular Chopped Fresh Salad to ALS of Michigan throughout the month of August.

This blend of nine freshly chopped vegetables combined with sweet and sour dressing can be enjoyed as an entree, side salad or topping. Hiller's Good Deeds in the Making program was created last year as a way to inspire consumers to purchase high-quality, ready-to-eat, great-tasting meals while helping good causes in their communities.

This month's charity, ALS of Michigan, is dedicated to the fight against ALS, which is commonly referred to as "Lou Gehrig's disease."

"Having watched my mother ravaged by ALS, I know the value of an organization like ALS of Michigan and its director, Sue Burstein-Kahn," said Hiller's CEO Jim Hiller.

CHAMBER CHAT

Bags for businesses

The Chamber will be making up bags to give to new businesses when they open in the Plymouth Community. Businesses with items to be included can drop off 10 items of their choice (brochures, promotional items, etc.) to the Chamber office by Friday, Aug. 6. Call (734) 453-1540 for more information.

Networking session

Networking is more than just shaking hands and collecting business cards. Networking is about building mutually beneficial relationships that can bring new customers, expand business or provide referrals for everyone involved.

This is why the chamber's 10-member Connection networking sessions are so popular. The small group setting of 10 members, each from a different industry, makes it easy to connect with each other in an open and friendly environment.

To sign up for the session on Thursday, Aug. 12, from 8-9 a.m., call Wes Graff at (734) 453-1540. The event is held at the Chamber office, 850 West Ann Arbor Trail. Attendees should bring marketing materials to hand out; chamber officials ask people not to attend two consecutive months to allow for a new mixture of people each time.

Business Development Seminar

The next workshop in the Chamber's ongoing Business Development Series is "Sell More, Sell More Easily" on Aug. 24 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Chamber Office. The seminar will be presented by Mike Winn from Sandler Training in Ann Arbor. Sandler Training is



Cutting the ribbon

On Friday, July 16, the ribbon was cut for the grand opening of Eclectic Attic, Plymouth's newest consignment, vintage and antique store. Pictured is owner Tina Camero along with friends, family, city representatives and members of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's Ambassadors Committee.

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Restaurant Crawl

This year's Old Village Restaurant Crawl will be held Wednesday, Aug. 4, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. There are six participating restaurants this year. With last year's overwhelming response, patrons are being encouraged to buy their tickets early. Participating in the Crawl this year are Amici

Italian Bistro, Crawford's Kitchen, Hermann's Olde Town Grille, Liberty St. Brewing Co., Plymouth Fish & Seafood and Station 885. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 and must be purchased in advance at the Chamber of Commerce office (850 W. Ann Arbor Trail).

'Summer Splash'

Downtown restaurants are hosting a pub crawl Saturday, Aug. 14, from 1 p.m. to midnight. The cost is \$8 and includes drink specials, complimentary buffets, raffles, live music, a dunk tank and beach volley ball. Participating restaurants include: 1999 Tavern, 336 Main, Doyle's Tavern, E.G. Nicks, Ironwood Grill, Penn Grill and Sean O'Callaghan's. For more information, call (734) 667-5614.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Ashtin promotions

Joni Bradley, founder and CEO of The JB Ashtin Group, Inc., recently announced a pair of promotions.

Ann Marie Thompson has been promoted to executive director for the company's Meeting & Event Services division. In 2004 she was brought on board full time and was responsible for

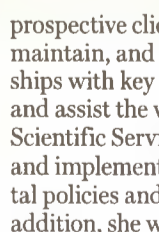
building JB Ashtin's new in-house Meeting & Event Services division, where she has since served the company with distinction as the division's director. In her new role as executive director, Ann Marie will continue to offer the company's clients the service and expertise in meeting and event planning that they've come to expect.

Prior to her tenure with JB Ashtin, Thompson was self-employed for 23 years as an on-site director/consultant specializing in international corporate incentives and operations.

Lamara D. Shrode, Ph.D., has been promoted to executive scientific director of the company's Scientific Services division. Since joining JB Ashtin in 2005, Shrode has served as director of



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Canton's Leo Papa joins the Terry Murphy Band at Dick O'Dow's in Birmingham on Saturday, Aug. 7.

Guitarist debuts with new band

Local boy Leo Papa makes good on Saturday (Aug. 7, when the Canton resident (whose day job is toiling at the Canton Public Library as head of the Technology Department) makes his debut as bass guitarist for the Terry Murphy Band at Dick O'Dow's Irish Pub in Birmingham.

Papa anchors the rhythm section, along with drummer/percussionist Rob Felenchak. The band is fronted by Terry Murphy (vocals, guitar, bouzouki) – a veteran of the local circuit, including the Tipperary Pub and Old Shillelagh, since 1981 – and is rounded out by Dan and Chris Spilker (whistle, accordion, concertina, bouzouki and mandolin) of Odd Enough and the Distractions.

Papa expects to be in his recording studio soon with the band, which plays upbeat, progressive folk music from the U.S., Canada, Ireland and the British Isles, cut with a modern edge.

Patrons at the Birmingham debut (9 p.m.) can expect to be entertained by arrangements of tunes by artists ranging from the Pogues to Christy Moore, the Clancy Bros., and Johnny Cash, among others.

For more information about the Terry Murphy Band, phone (313) 690-1471 or e-mail nimbucscat@provide.net.

For information about Dick O'Dow's Irish Pub, phone (248) 642-1135.

Summit closes

The Summit on the Park in Canton will be closing for

annual maintenance beginning Monday, Aug. 30, at 5 p.m., and will re-open on Saturday, Sept. 4 at 6 a.m.

Scheduled maintenance projects include building-wide carpet cleaning; resurfacing and resealing of wood floors; cleaning and disinfecting of all locker rooms and restrooms; painting of all locker rooms and class rooms; repainting of lobby area; refinishing of wood trim; installation of hands-free dryers in Banquet Center restrooms; re-grouting of steam room tile; replacement of shower area tiles in special accommodations locker room #2; floor waxing; window washing; boiler inspections; and detailed cleaning of fitness center and aerobic studio equipment. Other general interior and exterior repairs will also be completed. In addition, a complete facility cleaning is also scheduled to take place.

Some projects, such as tiling and repainting of locker rooms, have already begun. By doing these extensive projects in phases, area shut downs for long periods of time are avoided. This annual maintenance shutdown enables Summit staff to continue providing the clean and healthy facility Summit members and the Canton Community have come to expect.

Summit on the Park is located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. To learn more about Summit on the Park's annual shutdown or available memberships, visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Plymouth Whalers alumni score for autism

When the Plymouth Whalers skate the team's second annual Alumni Game on Saturday, Aug. 7 at 4:30 p.m. at Compuware Arena, they'll be playing for a single goal – to increase awareness and raise funds to support the local autistic community.

The game is an opportunity for Whaler fans to reconnect with players who represent every season of the franchise, dating back to 1990. Several Whalers currently playing in the National Hockey League are scheduled to play in the game, including Chad LaRose, James Neal, David Legwand, James Wisniewski and Jared Boll.

Before the game, fans will be able to participate in an autograph session with all players from 2:30-4 p.m. In addition, the Whalers are teaming up with the Hope for Autism Foundation and Autism Compass as their charity partners.

"We are hoping to raise much needed awareness around autism, especially the needs of individuals as they mature and transition into the local community," said Lori Kinjorski, Vice President of the Hope for Autism Foundation. "Today there's a lack of housing options available for individuals with autism who, with the proper facility, assistance and support, can live a much more independent life. The Hope for Autism Foundation (created by two sisters who have children living with autism) is focused on providing solutions to this existing problem."

According to The Hope For Autism Foundation, autism is a spectrum of neuropsychiatric disorders characterized by deficits in social interaction and communication, and unusual and repetitive behavior. Some, but not all, people with autism are non-verbal. The Hope for Autism Foundation understands the special needs of those living with autism and their families and will team up with the Whalers to welcome the autistic community.

Examples of these accommodations at the alumni game include a sensory-friendly room



Lisa Follmer-Gagnon with her family, which include 5-year-old Harrison, who is also autistic.



Lori Kinjorski with her family, which includes 11-year-old Gabby (top right), who is autistic.

available during the game, dedicated family-friendly restrooms, gluten-free concession options for purchase and educational resources and information about autism.

Kinjorski speaks from experience about how attending a Whalers game last season helped her family, which includes 11-year-old Gabby Kinjorski, who has autism.

"I was very hesitant to take my daughter to any sporting event," Kinjorski admitted. "I was worried that it would be very loud and overwhelming for her. What would I do if she couldn't handle the experience? Would there be room for her to move around? You don't want to spend the time, energy and money at an event if she can't handle it. And I am not alone - this reaction is

typical of a lot of families."

In the middle of all the skating, goals, saves and hits typically seen in a Whalers game, Kinjorski and her family discovered a safe and affordable place they could go and have fun as an entire family.

"We went to the game and she did great," she said. "There were a lot of wide open spaces where she could walk, we found some items she could eat and Gabby really enjoyed herself."

And as any family living with a person with autism knows, since Gabby had fun, the entire family had an enjoyable evening. Kinjorski hopes to share her positive experience with other families who deal with autism on Aug. 7.

"I'm excited for other people to have the same experience and find another positive family activity where everyone can be who they are," she said. "As a family of six with a child with special needs, I often wonder what family activity we can all do together where we all feel welcome. Sometimes, something as simple as going to church can be difficult. On Aug. 7, the autism community will experience the same welcome my family received last year and their attendance will support a charity that will ultimately support them back."

Tickets for the "Alumni Score for Autism Charity Hockey Game" are \$10 and are good for admission to the meet-and-greet autograph session and the game with proceeds going to the Hope for Autism Foundation.

The meet-and-greet autograph session begins at 2:30 p.m., and fans must have a ticket to participate. Season ticket holders will receive a ticket to the Alumni game as part of their season ticket package. As a thank you for the fans' support of the game, Alumni Game ticket stubs can be redeemed for a free ticket to the Whalers home opener on Saturday, Sept. 25 against Barrie. Tickets for the event are on sale now by stopping by the Compuware Arena Box Office or calling (734) 453-8400.

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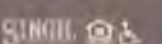
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Teen at soccer park suspected of drinking, vandalism

1 A 19-year-old Plymouth Township man was arrested at Lake Pointe Soccer Park early on July 22 on charges of vandalism and being a minor in possession of alcohol.

The suspect caught police attention, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report, when a patrol officer noticed an unoccupied Dodge Stratus at the park at about 4:30 a.m. The man was nearby, police said, and two other people were running from the scene; they turned out to be girls, 15 and 16 years old.

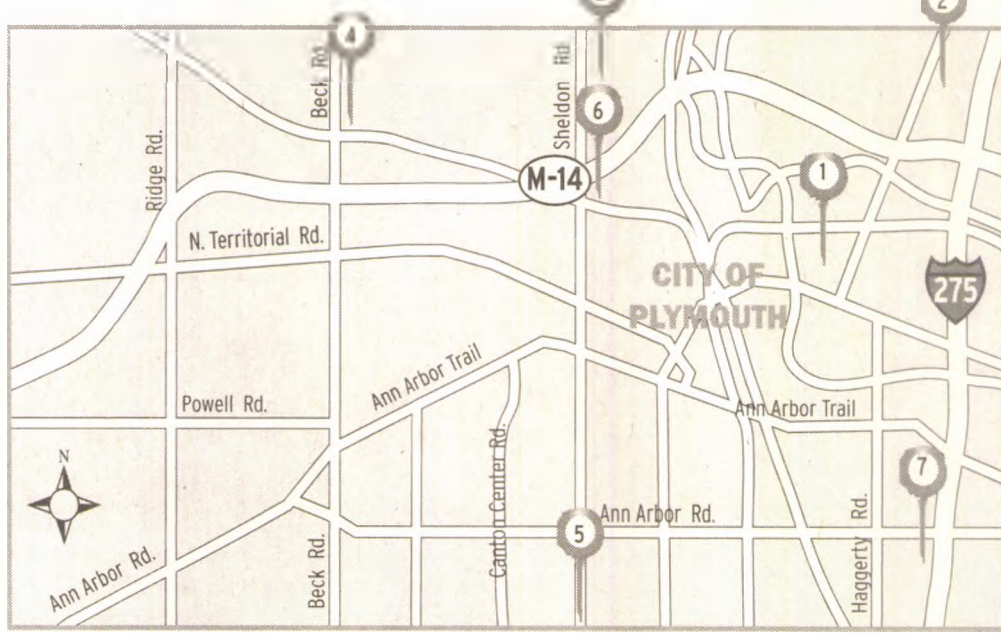
The man smelled of alcohol and his eyes were glassy and bloodshot, police said. The officer noticed that three garbage cans at the park had been knocked over and damaged, and that beer bottles had been broken, police said.

One of the girls accused the 19-year-old of the vandalism. The girls were turned over to their parents, the 19-year-old arrested and cited on the above two charges and a charge of disobeying park hours.

Garage burglary

2 A 12-pack of beer and a portable radio were reported stolen recently from the garage of a house on Farmbrook Drive.

The attached garage had been entered, a police report said, early on July 21 when someone took the automatic garage-door opener from an unlocked Jeep Wrangler parked in the driveway. The burglary occurred between about 1:30 a.m. and 3 a.m.



CRIME WATCH

Hotel eviction

3 Two 27-year-old men were evicted from a hotel room at the Inn at St. John's, on Five Mile east of Sheldon Road, as police stood by about 6:30 a.m. Sunday. A third occupant of the room, a 30-year-old woman, fled before police arrived.

The room was one of 14 that had been booked for guests at a wedding held at the facility, a police report said.

A hotel security official told police there had been repeated complaints the room's occupants were being too noisy. When the three were informed police were on the way, the report said, the woman fled the room. Officers later searched for her without success, the report said.

Meanwhile, the hotel room had been damaged, police said; their report did not detail the damage. The men evicted from it denied causing the damage, police said, but also said they would pay for it.

Shack attacked

4 One of the booths at the drive-in movie theater outside Compuware Arena, on Beck Road, was vandalized late Friday or some time Saturday.

An air conditioning unit was damaged, a window was broken and siding on the booth was loosened, perhaps from being kicked, a police report said. The incident occurred between about 9:30 p.m. Friday and shortly before 6 p.m. Saturday.

Vandalism at pool

Five deck chairs and a number of cigarettes were thrown

into the neighborhood pool at the Rolling Oaks subdivision, in northwest Plymouth Township, late Saturday or early Sunday.

No damage to the pool or the equipment was reported, but it was the third such incident in recent weeks.

By Matt Jachman

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period July 21-27:

5 Tuesday, July 27 - Residential rescue runs on Starkweather, on Pine, on Sheldon, on Plymouth Road, on Wilson, on Haggerty, on Adams and on Dunn; vehicle accident at Joy and Sheldon.

6 Monday, July 26 - Commercial rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road, on Plymouth Road and on Haggerty; residential res-

cue runs on Lilley, on Pinewood, on Newport, on Deer, on Willowbrook and on Tennyson; industrial rescue runs on Sheldon and on General Drive; vehicle accident on Sheldon south of Five Mile.

7 Sunday, July 25 - Residential rescue runs on Dogwood and on Jackson; smoke investigation on Minehart north of Schoolcraft.

6 Saturday, July 24 - Residential rescue runs on Eaton, on Forrest, on Postiff, on North Hampton and on Pinewood Circle; vehicle accidents with wash-down on eastbound M-14 east of Sheldon and at Beck and North Territorial; downed wires on Ann Arbor Road; rescue run to a public building on Five Mile.

6 Friday, July 23 - Residential rescue runs on Jackson and on Sheridan; industrial fire on Dunn; downed wires on Ann Arbor Road; fire on Ann Arbor Road; industrial rescue run on Sheldon.

7 Thursday, July 22 - Mutual-aid-given run on Haggerty; residential rescue runs on Sheridan, on Forrest, on Northville Road and on Portsmouth Crossing; vehicle accident with wash-down at Ann Arbor Road and Massey; vehicle accident on westbound M-14 and Robinwood.

7 Wednesday, July 21 - Vehicle accident at Beck and Halyard; residential rescue runs on Lakewood and on Glenview; mutual-aid-given run on Canton Center; industrial rescue run on Plymouth Oaks.

Electronics stolen in rash of car burglaries

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Police in Plymouth Township are investigating a rash of car burglaries, including five in an industrial park in the center of the township, that occurred last week.

The eight burglaries, according to police reports, occurred between July 19 and Saturday. Among the things reported stolen were vehicle navigation systems, stereo equipment and iPods, police said.

Five of the eight occurred on Halyard Drive and Genoa Court, in an industrial park near M-14 and Beck Road, the reports show. Of those five, four occurred during daytime hours on July 21.

Some of the vehicles had been left unlocked, but at least three had been forcibly opened, police said. In some cases, it was not clear of the thief or thieves got inside.

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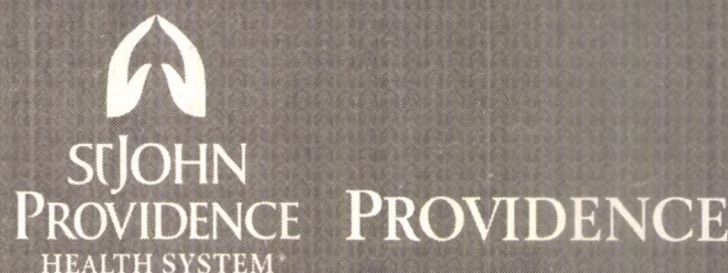
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'Dominator' contestant hosts premiere party

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For Matt Sysol, the premiere party he's holding at Kicker's Bar on Plymouth Road in Livonia tomorrow evening is more in honor of his biggest fan — his mother, Wanda — than about his appearance on *The DIY Dominator*, a new DIY Network series that pits three of the country's top rough carpenters against each other in a showdown for one grand prize.

Wanda Sysol died July 12 from a heart attack, devastating Sysol, who was ready to cancel plans for the celebration when friends stopped him in his tracks.

"They told me this is what my mom would have wanted," the Westland resident said. "She was my best friend, my biggest fan."

Sysol grew up in Canton Township and his mother tracked his successes, even calling him to tell him he had turned up as the top three hottest boyfriends in Detroit on 106.7 radio earlier this year.

"She was all excited about that," Sysol said. "It was 200 girls who nominated their boyfriends."

However, his mother never got to see a commercial for the show which airs on the DIY cable channel at 10 p.m. Friday, July 30. The commercials, video clips and promos can be found in his Facebook fan page.

The DIY Dominator features three carpenters who have four hours to construct a small wooden building that they have designed themselves. Sysol has no clue who won the contest. He'll find out with his friends and fans at the premiere party, which starts at 9 p.m.

Sysol is a third-generation carpenter and credits his grandfather for inspiring him to take it up.

"My grandfather got me into carpentry and I took off like a champ, I pretty much represent the MRCC," said Sysol. "He's a residential carpenter. I've been blessed with his talent."

A union carpenter — he is a member of the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights — Sysol has "done some really



Carpenter Matt Sysol is ready to see how well he did on "The DIY Dominator" reality TV show. He is competing against two other carpenters on the show which airs at 10 p.m. tomorrow (July 29) on the DIY cable channel.

cool work" on such projects as Asian Village and Westin Book Cadillac Hotel Detroit in Detroit along with several high-end homes, including multifamily projects.

He also has started his own company, BBD (Build By Design) Carpentry, figuring that if he goes out and does his best, he'll be able to provide jobs for carpenters who are out of work in Michigan.

But the biggest project he *The DIY Dominator*. Sysol was in Denver, Colo., in April to spend three days competing for the Dominator title. The winner receives a \$10,000 grand prize.

Sysol has 13 years' experience as a carpenter and has taken course in set carpentry at the Center for Film Studies. He credits CFS in helping him land a spot on the reality TV show.

"There were thousands of applicants for this, with the Center For Film Studies training and their good reputation is what helped me get on this show," he said.

Sysol believes his mother is probably smiling down on him. He truly misses her, but he knows he's doing what she would have wanted him to do.

"This is supposed to be the best month, the best year of my life and it's the worst," he said. "I wish she could be here for this."

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Group works to get women out of sex industry

BY SUE BUCK
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A Westland resident with roots in Garden City is organizing a fund-raiser to help women get out of the sex industry.

Laura Urenda, who graduated from Garden City West High School, has joined with Margie Kelly, a Garden City resident, and Meredith Wallace, of Livonia, all of whom have had some experience with the demons of the sex industry. Lisa Beier, a teacher who lives in Westland is also interested in the cause because she teaches impressionable adolescent females.

"Young girls get pulled in and it is very difficult to get out," said Beier who does not have a history in the sex industry.

Urenda recently founded My Sister Song, an outreach program based at Connection Church in Canton Township.

"We know the tremendous change that God can do in a life," said Kelly, 58, who has been out of the industry for 30 years.

The fund-raiser will feature LDA (Last Days Alliance), a coalition of faith-based bands that play for a cause which was created by Steven Urenda of the group called MEDISIN WHEEL.

The fund-raiser for My Sister Song will be held at 9 p.m. Friday, July 30, at the Token Lounge at 28949 Joy, east of Middlebelt in Westland. The cost is \$5.

"More women are employed by the sex industry than at any other time in history," Urenda said. "There are more strip clubs in the United States than any other nation in the world."

Urenda maintains that between 66-90 percent of women in the sex industry were sexually abused as children.

"Many people are under the impression that girls get into this industry for easy



Lisa Beier (in back, from left), Margie Kelly, Meredith Wallace and Laura Urenda want to help women with jobs in the sex industry in metro Detroit find a way out with My Sister Song.

money, but there is nothing easy about the money they make and there is usually a story behind what lands them there," Urenda said.

Compared to the general population, women in the sex industry experience higher rates of substance abuse, rape and violent assault, sexually transmitted diseases, domestic violence, depression and post traumatic stress disorder, she said.

"My Sister Song is committed to helping women in the sex industry to conquer these issues and we want them to know they are valued, 'purposed,' and loved beyond measure," Urenda said.

Her small team visits strip clubs and takes gifts with the simple message that the women in these clubs have a story that matters.

"Barking at them won't do them any good, but loving them does," Kelly said. "We want to help."

The gift bags are given to every woman working at every establishment and contains little things like earrings, a candle, some candy, lipstick and an eye liner with a contact card.

The women who work in this industry soon learn that no knight in shining armor will come to rescue them, Wallace said. That type of thing may have happened in the movie *Pretty Woman* but not in real life, she said.

The contact card will connect them to resources, such as counseling, mentoring, education and a variety of support as they desire.

"The encounters with the girls are precious," Urenda said. "So, the bands at the Token are going to rock hard for our cause and we'll have an information table, there in order for people to learn more about us."

T-shirts will be available for \$20, and treats will also be

offered. "We also accept product donations and financial donations," Urenda said.

The team is willing to do their all to help, according to Kelly.

"Only God can change a heart," she said.

A prayer team of 15 people in the church also helps.

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OUR VIEWS

Vote on Tuesday

Make sure your voice is heard

Don't forget to vote Tuesday, Aug. 3.

The primary election is your chance to let your voice be heard in narrowing the field for the November general election.

Ballots must be cast under one political party. Crossing over and voting for both Republican and Democratic candidates during a primary election will invalidate the partisan section of the ballot. Nonpartisan offices and proposals will appear after the partisan section of the ballot.

Besides voting in the gubernatorial and other races, Plymouth residents will elect a Wayne County commissioner for the 10th District, and Republican nominees in the 20th state House District and the 7th state Senate District.

Incumbent Laura Cox and challengers George J. Hartman and Timothy John Olszewski are the three Republicans running for the 10th District. No Democrat filed, so the top vote-getter will be elected Aug. 3.

In the 20th House race, voters will choose between Plymouth Township residents Kurt Heise and Steve Booher Jr., the winner to face Democrat Joan Wadsworth in November.

In the 7th Senate Republican primary, Abe Munfakh of Plymouth Township, Dan Osterman of Van Buren and Patrick Colbeck and Deborah Whyman of Canton are vying for the right to face Democrat Kathleen Law in the general election.

We have endorsed Cox, Heise and Munfakh, respectively, in those three races. Watch for our recap of those endorsements in the Sunday, Aug. 1, *Plymouth Observer*.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and are generally busiest before and after work. Avoiding peak times may help residents vote more quickly.

Voters who need to have their absentee ballot mailed to them must apply for the ballot no later than 2 p.m. Saturday, July 31. Absentee ballots can be obtained in person anytime through 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2. Voters who request an absentee ballot in person Monday, Aug. 2, must vote in the clerk's office.

Voters will be asked to present photo ID at the polls, such as a Michigan driver's license or identification card. Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of photo ID or forgets to bring it with them can still vote. They will sign a brief affidavit stating that they're not in possession of a photo ID. Their ballots will be included with all others and counted on Election Day.

Support jazz festival, make beautiful music

The rain held off July 18, and the Michigan Jazz Festival was a sight — and sound — to behold.

The 16th annual event filled up the stages at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and offered music from noon to 9 p.m. Student musicians from Eastern Michigan University, Schoolcraft and Wayne State University performed on the Future of Jazz Stage, joining such notables as the Dennis Tini Trio, George Benson Quartet with Benson's sax and the Johnny Trudell Big Band.

Donations are the lifeblood of the annual free event, as volunteers and organizers reminded the throngs of listeners. If you'd like to donate to the Friends of Michigan Jazz Festival, send a check or money order payable to Michigan Jazz Festival to 20457 Maplewood St., Livonia, MI 48152-2022. For more information, call (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454.

Donations are fully tax-deductible and will be used primarily for educational clinics and workshops for middle school and high school musicians.

Three high school students were singled out for performances, backed by the Dennis Tini Trio. The teens are: Joshua Meadows, piano, Warren DeLaSalle High; Charles Miller, trumpet, Grosse Pointe North High; and Adam Olszewski, bass, Ann Arbor Pioneer High.

The event at Schoolcraft offers listeners a free day of great music of many jazz varieties. Special thanks go to the 2010 sponsors, the U.S. Recording Companies (furnishing funds in part for instrumental music through the Music Performance Funds, as arranged by Local No. 5, American Federation of Musicians), the family of Morry Cohen, Myron P. Leven Foundation, Friends of Michigan Jazz Festival, InmartGroup Limited and The Steinway Piano Gallery.

Linda Yohn, program director for radio station WEMU, told the outdoor tent audience that next year's event depends on donations from appreciative audience members, a theme repeated throughout the day.

Yohn noted that a \$25 check from each person present will go a long way. She acknowledged times are tough in metro Detroit, but also reminded listeners of the importance of live music presented in such a great venue and of music education.

If you can spare it, why not make a donation and plan to attend next summer's jazz festival?

LETTERS

Thanks for the love

I was honored to be featured in recent issues of the Plymouth Observer noting my 100th birthday, especially the wonderful article written by Tony Bruscato.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Observer staff and everyone in the community for their support. The Plymouth Community Band, led by Carl Battishill, held a concert in Kellogg Park on June 24, which was the beginning of a wonderful week of celebration. I felt that the week was a very special tribute to share with the community, friends, and acquaintances from over the years.

As my legacy, it is my wish for everyone to become actively involved in both the Plymouth Historical Museum and the Plymouth District Library. Both gems belong to the community and should be sustained by this community so they can be enjoyed by many generations to come.

Margaret Dunning

Plymouth

Sounding the same

Each candidate you wrote about are exactly the same. They want to lower and/or eliminate taxes for businesses in Michigan to boost our economy. None of them make any mention of the tax burden citizens who own no business have in this state. They all champion business interests but I wonder where they stand on issues that really affect all of us who work and live in Michigan that are not business owners.

I am really skeptical of claims that business taxes are the reason we have high unemployment. I believe the reason businesses are not hiring has more to do with the fact that business is down, down across all sectors of the economy. Even if taxes on businesses are reduced to zero, as some people would like, but nobody is walking in the door to buy or use services offered, nobody is going to hire. The private sector is what generates economic activity. There is very little government can do to stimulate economic activity. I do not believe taxes are the only problem facing business.

Us regular folks in Michigan pay lots of taxes whether we are working or not. We pay sales taxes on our winter coats, high fees to renew the plates on our older cars, property taxes on our depreciating homes and more. How exactly will lowering business taxes help us? Even offering tax credits to hire more people has not helped nationally.

I will agree on one point made by the candidates. The tax system in Michigan is indeed broken and needs major overhaul. We need to identify exactly what we want government to provide and each item needs to be funded fairly. Each and every service Michigan provides needs to add value to our way of life or we need to cut it. I would like to hear what the candidates would like to see cut and eliminated in our state and how they propose to pay for those services we need.

Khalil S. Kandah

Canton

Booher supporter

On Aug. 3, please join me in supporting Steve Booher for the 20th district state House seat in the Republican primary.

I have known Steve for some time now, and he is a fine gentleman who is the best candidate to lead the 20th District in the state House of Representatives. Steve's background in manufacturing and history of community service are exactly what we need in Lansing to help lead the state out of the current mess. His platform of business tax reform, support for free enterprise and support for education effectively addresses our most pressing needs.

It will not be easy, but by sending people like Steve Booher to Lansing, honest people with a good plan who don't owe anything to any special interest groups, we will be on our way.

Michael Balow

Plymouth

Munfakh for Senate

I'm tired of being told what to do and how to do it; basically, I'm tired of being treated like I am wholly incapable of managing my own life. That's why I am voting for Abe Munfakh for the 7th Senate seat in the Aug. 3 primary.

I am voting for Abe because he's a man not in search of power; rather, he's a man who wants to get government out of your way! Abe Munfakh is not a politician. He is a man who is sick and tired, like me, of seeing our great state turned into a wretched, unrecognizable shell of what it once was. Instead of complaining about it, he wants to do something about it! See, Abe understands that in a free-market republic like ours, it is the small business that creates the majority of jobs, not government. A government creates nothing, except more government!

Liberty demands leaders who respect the ingenuity of the individual. Abe gets it! Mr. Abe Munfakh believes that the individual is best when left alone to take care of himself and tend to the daily aspects of his life — a job, education, family, or whatever. Abe Munfakh is a self-made man who worked and earned every single thing he has achieved; moreover, he realizes that it is the individual, led by ambition and



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Voter turnout is expected to be high Tuesday, when voters take to the polls to vote on everything ranging from a new governor to state and local leaders. Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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desire, which create greatness in our society; not government.

I respect a man with those ideals, but, more importantly, Abe does too. Abe's a man who does not check his principles at the door; rather, he is guided by them. He stands by the principles of conservatism and rugged-individualism that made him a successful business owner and leader, husband, and father. Do you plan to vote in the primary on Aug. 3? I hope that you do, and, that you vote for Mr. Abe Munfakh. I take all elections serious, particularly for Senate. A seat in the Senate is precious. Often, and more so as of late, the only thing between your front door and tyranny is a vote in the Senate. Abe Munfakh is the real-deal, folks; I don't need to tell you how rare that is these days, or how badly it's needed in leadership positions. Abe's a leader.

I am telling you this because he never would; it's just not his way. True leaders don't tell you they're so; they don't have to, leaders lead.

Ed Rinke

Plymouth

Support Booher

I am reaching out to ask for your support for my close friend Steve Booher, Steve is running for state representative in District 20 as a moderate Republican.

Steve and his wife, Anna, live in the same neighborhood with my wife, Tonya, and I and along with his wife, they have are great friends, neighbors, volunteers, a coach to my son, time to time baby-sitter to both of my kids, and great conversationalists with my wife and I. We agree on a lot, not everything, but one thing is certain, Steve is for his family, his faith, and our community. And if you know my wife and me, that is exactly what we are for.

Steve is a businessman not a politician, which I wish our government was comprised of. Our government needs some major adjustments and I believe we can move forward in a positive direction by putting people in office, Democrat or Republican, who can support our local businesses and neighborhoods through believing in his/her family, faith, and respective community.

Thank you for your time and please vote, it is your right and every vote counts.

Ted Barker

Plymouth

Supports Colbeck

This letter is in regard to the candidate Patrick Colbeck, who is running for the seat of state Senate in the 7th District.

I have personally known Mr. Colbeck for the last 10 years and have worked with him on several civic and church committees. Patrick is what you see, an honest, hardworking man with a deep love for God, his wife and his fellow Michiganders. His work is true and honest and he does what he says he will do.

When Patrick Colbeck commits to serving others he puts all of his effort into assuring a positive outcome. I can attest that Patrick will approach state Senate with reverence and humility and will serve as a true representative for the people in the 7th District. He will listen to the concerns of his fellow 7th District constituents and will represent those concerns in the government.

I strongly encourage you to consider Patrick Colbeck as your next state senator. He is an honest,

good person who wants to put government back in the hands of the people.

James Messineo

Livonia

Backing Colbeck

Letter writer Jeff Thomas opines in the July 15 edition that state Senate candidate Pat Colbeck is unfit to be elected because he allegedly did not vote in 12 of the last 21 elections.

While I have no proof to confirm or deny this assertion, I do know this: Many of the elections over the past five years were school board elections where candidates had no opposition. In these elections, very few people voted.

I have known Pat Colbeck for a dozen years, and formerly worked side-by-side with him. I have known him to be hard-working, honest and candid in all he did.

I believe he would serve the 7th District proud if he were to be elected, and I highly recommend him.

Rick Engelland

Northville

Colbeck good choice

I wanted to introduce to you a friend of mine, Patrick Colbeck. He is running for Michigan state Senate in the 7th District. I have had the pleasure to get to know Patrick this past year while he served on my children's school board. We tackled some important issues and I was so grateful to Patrick Colbeck for his dedication and persistence to representing the families and their concerns.

At times this was not easy but it was evident that easy was not an influencing factor doing the right thing is. When I learned that Patrick Colbeck was going to take this dedication on the road to help FIX MICHIGAN I was delighted.

Patrick is a small businessman who understands the negative effects a heavy-handed government has on our state. Because he loves our state as I do, he and his wife, Angie, have bravely entered the world of politics to do what they know is the right thing, get government out of the way of our business community and participate in the restructuring of our complicated list of tax codes that strangles our capitalistic success.

Paula Ford

Plymouth

Supporting Levi

I am halfway through my life if I live to be 100. For the majority of those years I wasn't much aware of who ran our country or made the decisions that affect every one of us every day. However, when our state's unemployment reached 14.6 percent with so many of our work I decided to get active. I could keep silent no longer with so many suffering.

My first requirement was to find a really honest candidate to invest my time in, one who would work to force the government to be really transparent. I checked out a number of candidates but only one answered my questions in a straightforward, honest way, either in their literature or directly face to face. That candidate was Lori Levi (state representative for District 21).

Though I work full time, I have spent every spare minute of the last two months or more going door to door with Lori trying to inform voters of the importance of voting in good candidates and telling them what their potential representative stands for. I particularly liked that Lori believes government should be run like a business, accountable to taxpayers for how they are spending our money.

In my "spare" time a friend and I designed and made this unique sign for this very unique candidate, Lori Levi. I have spent a lot of time checking this lady out day to day to be sure she is authentic. You will have honest representation if you send this lady to represent you in Lansing.

My purpose in writing this letter is to encourage everyone to get out and vote and get active. An active citizenry is vital if we are to save our state and local communities.

Debra Zachrey

Belleville

Tea Party shouldn't be broad-brushed, but some messages are racially divisive

Not all Tea Party activists are racists. Let's get that one out of the way up front.

And disagreeing with the president, when the president is black and the dissenters are white, isn't automatically racism. Not sure anyone said it was in the first place, but some of President Barack Obama's political opponents try to make themselves look like victims and divert challenges to the substance of their arguments by wearing that chip on their shoulders.



Matt Jachman

But one would have to be willfully blind — or completely ignorant of the insidious ways that race divides us and creeps into our conversations — to not recognize the racially charged messages put forth in some of the placards and slogans at Tea Party rallies across the country, including in Plymouth.

No, there weren't any signs depicting Obama

as a witch doctor or calling him a "lyin' African," to mention two of the more notorious images that have been widely depicted in media coverage of Tea Party events. Most of the name-calling was limited to things like "worst president" and "socialist." But race was undoubtedly a factor for some of the people — nearly all of whom were white — participating in the protest.

One particularly offensive sign at Kellogg Park, during the April 15 rally sponsored by the Rattle With Us Tea Party, showed a watermelon, cut in half, with the caption, "Green on the outside, red on the inside."

On its face, the sign seemed to be a jab at cap-and-trade legislation designed to slow global warming; appears to be good for the environment (green) but is really a communist plot (red).

But, a watermelon? Really? Is there anyone under the age of 12 who doesn't recognize a watermelon — in that context — as a reference to an ugly old stereotype that pegged black people as

simple-minded and lazy?

More subtle — and perhaps more troubling — was the sign that read, "I want my country back," a theme that's been heard at Tea Party events from coast to coast and repeated on Internet chat ad nauseum.

That divisive message includes the assumption that "my" or "our" country has been taken over by others who are not part of it, not like "us." That would presumably include the majority of voters — and the huge majorities of Hispanic and African American voters — who favored Obama and the Congressional Democrats over John McCain and the Republicans.

To imply that "our" country has been hijacked by "them" is to deny electoral and demographic facts. Even the most fervent supporters of Al Gore, who arguably had the presidency stolen from him in 2000 by a partisan Supreme Court, didn't deny that nearly half the country had voted for George W. Bush. In the case of Obama vs.

McCain, there was no question as to whom the majority favored.

The debate over whether there is racism in the Tea Party movement had died down in recent months, but was revived this month when the NAACP called on the movement to denounce the what the group called its racist elements. (The NAACP most clearly did not call the entire Tea Party racist, though some Tea Party defenders characterize the statement that way.)

Local Tea Party groups would do well to look in the mirror and soberly assess the messages they are putting forth. The country is changing, has changed. The sooner those pushing the I-want-my-country-back line come to terms with that, the sooner they can start using more appeals to reason, not race, to win others to their side.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Price gets a vote

In the primary election next Tuesday, one candidate for state representative stands head and shoulders above the rest. That candidate is Shannon Price.

When developers were attempting to annex 414 acres of Northville Township to another community in 2008, Shannon Price organized and led a group of township citizens to stop the annexation election in its tracks, despite being outspent 10 to 1 by the developers. This real life David and Goliath story may be the only annexation election ever defeated in Michigan history, and we could not have defeated it without the leadership of Shannon Price.

But Shannon Price didn't stop there. He has continued to work across party lines with state Sen. Bruce Patterson and others to amend Michigan's broken annexation law to protect townships like Canton, Van Buren, Plymouth, and Northville from hostile annexation attempts in the future. Shannon Price is exactly the type of leader we need in Lansing, and I am proud to support him. Please vote for Shannon Price in the primary election on Tuesday, Aug. 3.

Chris Roosen
Northville Township trustee
Northville Township

ness so we can GROW OUT of this recession. Michigan has failed miserably for the past decade, and we need to rebuild this once great state for us, the middle class, for our kids' futures, for our own futures.

Kurt Heise and Shannon Price get that. Their experience in the private sector and their strong understanding of the public sector, will put them both on the ground in Lansing at a dead run. They've been on the front lines of trying to make a broken Michigan work for local communities; they've worked on behalf of Michigan businesses to carve out a niche of success, they're committed to making the right, clear-headed choices that will help Michigan return to a great state. Shannon Price and Kurt Heise are right for Canton, they're right for Michigan and they're right for this time.

Michigan can't afford any more mistakes. That's why I'm supporting Shannon Price and Kurt Heise for State Representative in the 21st and 20th districts, respectively. Heise and Price -please remember them on Aug. 3!

Melissa McLaughlin
Canton Township Treasurer
Canton

Supports veterans

As a veteran of 30 years and an active member of both the American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion, I have had the pleasure to get to know Shannon Price and his father, Greg Price. I was proud to help Shannon's father's efforts to pass Michigan's new law to allow unclaimed veterans a proper burial. Both Shannon and Greg Price have been long time supporter of veterans, and I am confident that Shannon will be a strong advocate for veterans in Lansing.

That is why I am asking you to vote for a pro-veteran candidate for state representative, please vote for Shannon Price on Aug. 3.

Jack Helminski
Belleville

Price and Heise

On Aug. 3 we will select the candidates to run for office in November. Please remember to vote. Canton has some terrific candidates to choose from, and that can only mean good things for Michigan's future. We have to change our direction and restructure how we do things in Michigan to grow our way out of this decade long recession. Growth is the only solution. That's why I'm supporting Shannon Price and Kurt Heise for Canton's State Representatives.

Growth happens when government is sensible, predictable and fair. Government has to "get out of the way" of the entrepreneurs, the job creators, and out of the way of busi-



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Closer P.J. Zocchi (22) of the first-place Oakland County Cruisers has converted all 20 save opportunities this season in the Frontier League.

Ford Field hosts Frontier League set

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Gera Alvarez

Frontier League baseball will be up-close and personal this weekend as the first-place Oakland County Cruisers will roll into Livonia's Ford Field for a three-game series with Washington (Pa.) Wild Things.

The unaffiliated independent minor league team, with no current home park, stands 38-20 (as of Monday) and leads the East Division of the Frontier circuit by 6.5 games over the Traverse City Beach Bums.

The Cruisers, who play 78 of their 96 games away from the metro area, will return for another three-game set against the Kalamazoo Kings beginning

with a twinbill at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1 and a single game at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2 at Ford Field. (The Livonia Junior Athletic Field will provide concessions for all six games.)

"We're very excited to play in Livonia and it will be an intimate atmosphere," said Jerry Garland, the Cruisers' Director of Sales and Customer Relations. "We hope to have a great crowd - so check us out, it's not a bunch of beer league-type guys, it's probably more closer to double-AA caliber ball with the average age of our players around 22 to 27."

The Cruisers' franchise is in its fourth year of existence since joining the Frontier League, which consists of 12 teams, including six clubs in the East and six more in the West.

With the help of a local group of investors, Baseball Heroes of Oakland County, LP, the Cruisers are expected to break ground soon on a new 4,000-seat plus stadium on an 11-acre parcel at Elizabeth Lake and Telegraph roads (at the old Oakland Mall).

The new park will be called Diamond

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Neu, McHugh look to contribute at Concordia

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Looking to turn the fortunes of the baseball program around, Concordia University recently inked a pair of former Observerland standouts.

Ryan Neu, a shortstop who for the past two years starred on the diamond at Macomb Community College after prepping at Canton High School, and Nate McHugh, a standout pitcher at Garden City

High School the past two seasons, both signed letters of intent with hopes of helping the Cardinals regain some of their prowess competing for top honors in the always-tough Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

"We really like both players and feel they will both benefit from our program," said Ryan McCosky, who is serving as interim head coach of

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Former Garden City hurler Nate McHugh will take his diamond talents to Concordia University and suit up for the Cardinals baseball team next spring.

PHOTO BY TOM BEAUDOIN

Racing team rebounds from rough start

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Jim Sechler's boat, the Fast Eddie II, rebounded from a rough first day to win both heats in hydroplane racing July 18 at the Quake on the Lake.

After a rocky start, Jim Sechler and his hydroplane team rebounded on day two of the Quake on the Lake to salvage the July 17-18 racing weekend.

A failed engine in Sechler's boat, Fast Eddie II, wiped out the opening day at Pontiac Lake in Waterford, but he and his crew came back to win two races Sunday with another motor.

"In the five years we've been running, we never had an engine explode," Sechler, a Farmington Hills resident, said. "We blew one up in the first race Saturday.

"We spent the afternoon putting a motor back in. We got it ready to go; we got it ready for Sunday and won both heats. Saturday, we didn't do so well!"

Sechler, with driver Dan Kanfoush at

the wheel, is in a tight race for the overall points leadership in the APBA one-liter modified class, and the engine failure cost the team valuable points.

Sechler called it a minor setback, however. The 200 points from winning qualifying and final heats Sunday helped to keep Fast Eddie II in contention.

"That keeps us in the running," Sechler said. "We're still doing pretty well this year."

The greater disappointment was the fact the failed engine was brand new and had just been installed the previous week, he added.

"What's a little frustrating is we lost a good engine that had little run time," Sechler said. "It was running really well. I thought we had a pretty good shot and

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SIDELINES

Baseball scholars

Five area players were recently named to the 2010 Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association All-State Academic Team.

Among those earning honors for the second year in a row include Nick Hopson and Jack Chinavare, both of Livonia Franklin, and Christian Leathley, of Livonia Churchill.

Nick Anderson and Ben Anderson, both of Livonia Stevenson, also were named to the squad.

Vaulters sparkle

Members of the Skyspark Camp, coached by Vern Williams, competed July 16-17, in the Grand Haven Beach Vault, a pole vault event drawing a field of 300 ranging in age from 13-to-75.

Four-time NCAA women's champ Kylie Hutson cleared 14-6, while men's NCAA champ Mark Hollis jumped 18-7.

Top area finishers included Laura Borovsky (Livonia), third, ages 25-29 (9 feet, 6 inches); Derik Peterman (Livonia), third, College-Open Men (15-0); Megan Paruta (Canton), tied for eighth, Girls 17-18 (8-9); Meghan Lark (Livonia), 11th, Girls 15-16 (8-3); Carl Rayford (Livonia), tied for 15th (12-0); Michael Greer (Livonia), 18th, Boys 17-18 (12-0); Lindsey Kreutzman (Livonia), tied for 12th, Girls 15-16 (7-6); Audra Flores (Westland), tied for 12th, Girls 15-16 (7-6 each); Morgan Quist (Livonia), tied for 20th, Girls 15-16 (6-9).

Salem tennis camp

Returning and incoming freshman players for the Salem boys tennis team will practice at a camp from 9:30 a.m. until noon daily beginning the week of Aug. 16 at the Huron Valley Tennis Club.

The cost is \$132 for the entire week or \$28 per day.

To register, call the club at (734) 662-5514.

Zylstra takes 7th

Competing as an amateur, Plymouth's Bill Zylstra placed seventh with two-round total of 2-under 71-71-142 in the 2010 Club Car Michigan PGA Senior Open, July 12-13, at Bedford Valley Golf Club in Battle Creek.

Steve Wells of Hampshire Country Club captured first place and the \$3,000 top prize with a 6-under 68-70-138.

Cruisers camps

The Oakland County Cruisers will conduct a pair of baseball camps at Livonia's Ford Field, located at 14281 Farmington Road (at Lyndon).

Session 1 (ages 14-18) will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2 at Diamond No. 1. The cost is \$75.

Session 2 (ages 7-14) will be from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 1 at alternate diamonds.

Each camp is limited to the first 48.

For registration information, call (248) 681-0084 during normal business hours or e-mail Cruisers Academy director Matt Dillard at mdillard@cruisersbaseball.com.

Free junior golf

The Wolverine Sports and Conservation Club's third annual junior boys and girls golf tournament will be Aug. 21-22 at Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

The free event is on a first-come, first-serve basis (limited to the first 144 golfers). Lunch and T-shirt is included. Trophies will be awarded for each boys and girls division winners.

Registration for ages 10-12 and 13-14 - a nine-hole event - is at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21. Tee times are at 8:30 a.m.

Registration for ages 15-16 and 17-18 - an 18-hole event - is at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 22. Tee times are at noon. Golfers can only register online at www.wolverinesports.org. Call Bob Murray at (734) 751-4466.

CONCORDIA

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the Cardinals following the resignation in May of former head coach Karl Kling. "Ryan has some big shoes to fill after having (Livonia Stevenson) Tony Pounders here the last four years playing shortstop, but his work ethic is second to none and we like a lot of things he does.

"When we watched Nate (pitch) we saw him go out there and take the mound with the competitive edge we're looking for," McCosky continued. "He has pretty good stuff and I think he's the kind of guy we can develop his potential."

A left-hander, McHugh led his Garden City teammates in wins (7), innings pitched (54) and earned run average (2.81) last spring as the Cougars finished with a 21-8 ledger overall and advanced all the way to the regional finals. At the plate he proved to be a difficult out, clubbing opposing pitchers at a .395 clip, driving in 27 runs and scoring 21 times.

"Coach McCosky said he could use me as a pitcher, but is also looking at me to help out at first base and the outfield," said McHugh, whose repertoire on the mound includes the two- and four-seam fastball, curve, slider and change-up. "This (college ball) has always been a

dream for me and I'm looking forward to it."

Neu, meanwhile, picked up right where he left off playing shortstop for the Chiefs both his junior and senior seasons by being the heart and soul of the Monarchs lineup the last two years.

"Baseball has always been No. 1 for me and I've always been interested in Concordia, so it's a pretty good situation," Neu said. "Playing at Macomb was a really good stepping stone and I know I have big shoes to fill because Pounders was such a great player.

"I know I'll be really nervous when I go out there, but I've been working out hard trying to get bigger and fast-

er to help better prepare me for this challenge."

According to both McCosky and Neu, solidifying the middle of the field defensively at shortstop will be top priority. Significant contributions at the plate by the incoming Cardinal will rate as a dividend.

"It's going to be defense first with him, but we know he can hit, too," McCosky said.

"I'm a contact hitter, but I know I have to get stronger," said Neu, who found himself in the lead-off position much of the time at Macomb. "It's going to be a challenge for me, but that's why I like baseball so much...because of the personal challenges."

RACING

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were actually leading the race when it let go.

"I went from thinking we were in a good spot to not finishing the race. That was disappointing, but stuff like that does happen.

"The unfortunate part is the biggest race of the season is this weekend and we want to be prepared. Instead, we're going in with one engine and not feeling real confident right now. I think the competition smells blood in the water."

The triple crown race will decide the APBA Summer National, Canadian Summer National and World Championship winners in one event this weekend in Cambridge, Md.

There hasn't been a single event of such magnitude since the 1990s. The three

titles are usually determined in separate events. There were about 50 boats at Waterford for the Quake on the Lake, and there will more than 140 at this race.

"When you have a problem with the boat, it's not like you can throw it in the local lake and see if you fixed it," Sechler said. "We're going 10 and a half hours to Maryland, and we're not sure it's going to run or not. We'll just try to prepare as best we can and hope for the best."

"The fact we ran well on Sunday makes me feel we're not totally in trouble. We have to make sure we stay focused and get this thing up and running."

Each team can compete in as many events as they want, but only the top 15 count toward their total points. Sechler has nine race days in and needs six more.

"Hopefully, we pick up one this weekend at the Summer Nationals," he said. "Then, we have a week off and a few more to close it out. We're in good shape. I just hope we had our hic-cup for this year."

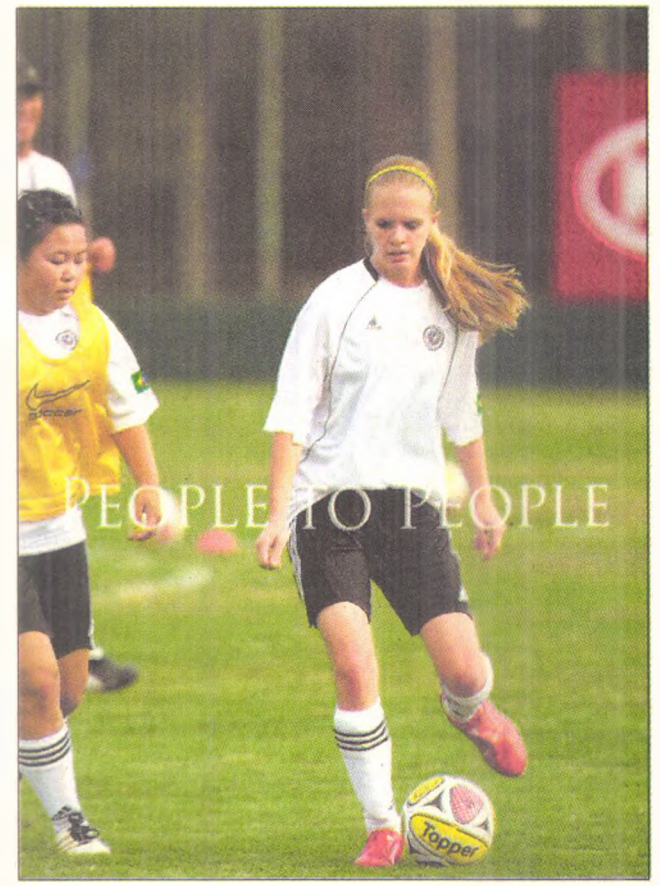


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Livonia Churchill sophomore Ashley Elliott recently returned from the Zico Cup Futebol Tournament in Brazil with her first-place under-15 U.S. Galaxy squad.

Livonian gets kick out of Zico Cup experience

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ashley Elliott's proved to have the Midas Touch as a soccer ambassador on her recent trip to Brazil.

The 14-year-old sophomore goalkeeper from Livonia Churchill High did not allow a goal as she helped her Galaxy U.S. under-15 team capture the gold medal in the Zico Cup Futebol Tournament.

Her clean sheet also included an appearance in an All-Star game.

The Galaxy squad was coached by Suzanne Martinez and trained by former U.S. National Men's Team coach Steve Samson.

Elliott, who began playing soccer at age three, was recommended to the People to People exchange program where she was the only representative from Michigan.

This spring Elliott played

for the Churchill junior varsity squad and is currently a member of the Livonia City Soccer Club's under-14 '96 Red team.

Elliott said the best part of her experience were the new friends she made across the U.S.

The worst part? Wake-up calls at 7:15 a.m.

The People to People team also toured an orphanage where they brought school supplies for the 128 children, as well as giving them U.S. soccer patches. They also exchanged soccer patches with the Brazilian teams.

Elliott was also able to explore one of the New Seven Wonders of the World, Christ the Redeemer, located on the top of Corcovado Mountain, which can only be accessed by cable car.

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Gooding's gem puts Coach's Corner in AAABA tournament

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Right-hander Jeremy Gooding was more than good than enough Sunday as Coach's Corner posted a pivotal Livonia Michigan Collegiate League victory over the Michigan Rams in a battle of top 20-and-under teams at Ford Field.

Gooding, a freshman starter at Monday University who went 10-1 with a 2.39 earned run average this spring, scattered seven hits and three walks over seven innings as Coach's Corner improved to 26-7 (52 points).

The win also allowed coach Mike George's team to control its own destiny in the Collegiate League race.

Gooding, a Livonia native from Dearborn Divine Child High struck out seven, got out of pair of bases loaded jams to earn the victory against the Rams.

Losing pitcher Brandon Sinnery (Michigan) allowed three runs (two unearned) on just three hits in five innings. He struck out seven before giving way to reliever Neil Zalud in the sixth as the Rams fell to 25-8-1 (51 points) in the league.

Austin Delmotte's 2-run double in the first inning staked Coach's Corner to a 2-0 advantage. Steve Pelletier also knocked in a run in the third and Drew Adamiec (MU) scored twice.

Brett Mazmanian went 2-for-4 and scored the Rams' lone run in the fifth on an RBI by Cam Walker.

On Monday, Coach's swept the Tecumseh (Ontario) Thunder, 10-1 and 10-3, in a twinbill at Ford Field.

On Tuesday, Coach's Corner improved to 28-7 (56 points) and locked up a playoff berth in the All-American Amateur Baseball Association Regional this weekend in Zanesville, Ohio by sweeping the NFWB Cobras in a double-header at White Lake Lakeland High School, 7-0 and 8-3.

Westland John Glenn's Robert Fraser (Madonna University) improved to 7-1 with a 4-hitter in the opener, while Aaron Saarela (MU) went five innings to earn the win in the nightcap with

relief help by Delmotte.

"Pitching has carried us all season," said George, whose team opens AAABA regional action 4 p.m. Saturday against Youngstown, Ohio. "We have six guys and they've all pitched well."

Meanwhile, the Rams finish 27-8-1 (55 points) and will play either Saturday in the American Amateur Baseball Congress Stan Musial State World Series

in Battle Creek, or qualify for the National Amateur Baseball Federation College World Series, which begins Aug. 4 in Toledo, Ohio.

The Rams' fate will be determined Wednesday as the 22-and-under Michigan Bulls (27-8, 54 points) will try and get a share of the LCMBL crown with a win over Advanced in a 5:45 p.m. start at Ford Field.

Coach's Corner can win the Collegiate crown outright with a win over the Motor City Pride.

RAMS 4-8, ADVANCED 0-0: The Rams completed their 36-game Collegiate regular season schedule Monday by sweeping 22-and-under Advanced at Bicentennial Park, 4-0 and 8-0.

The Rams (27-8-1, 55 points) took the opener as Wayne State University left-hander Alex Pierce went all seven innings, allowing just two hits and two walks while striking out 11.

Bobby Thomas (WSU) paced the Rams' offense going 2-for-3 with a homer and three RBI. Cam Walker (WSU) went 3-for-3 with an RBI, while WSU-bound Jeff Sorenson (Livonia Stevenson) doubled and scored twice.

Losing pitcher David Partyka went six innings, allowing four runs on seven hits. He struck out three, walked two and hit one batter.

In the nightcap, right-hander Tyler Higgins (WSU) pitched another com-

plete-game gem on a three-hitter. He struck out 10 and walked only two.

Walker went 2-for-4 with a double and three RBI, while Brett Mazmanian (Ouachita Baptist, Ark.) was 2-for-3 with a double and two runs scored. Sorenson added two RBI and Sam Ott (Eastern Michigan) had one.

Losing pitcher John Nelson gave up eight runs on seven hits in six innings. He struck out six and walked six as Advanced fell to 12-20-1.

LEAGUE

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at the Summit.

"We're in the formal underwriting process step and it's looking good right now," Garland said. "The economy set us back, but it's been a phenomenal effort by everybody involved."

In 2009, the Cruisers called Oestrike Stadium at Eastern Michigan University their home after playing all 96 games on the road in 2008 as the Midwest Sliders.

They were formerly known as the Slippery Rock (Pa.) Sliders before a group led by Cruisers President and CEO Rob Hilliard purchased the team and brought them to Michigan.

The most recognizable name on the Cruisers is former Tiger Dimitri Young, who serves as a bench coach for acting manager Gera Alvarez. Young is also Vice-President and Senior Advisor for Baseball Operations.

After finishing 12 games under .500 last season, the Cruisers have been in cruise control for much of the summer as six players made it to the Frontier League All-Star Game.

The pitching staff is led by Brisbane, Australia native James Albury, a starter who is 6-3 with a 3.86 earned run average in 60.2 innings.

Even more impressive is closer P.J. Zocchi, a Clemson grad who has converted all 20 save opportunities with an impressive 1.03 ERA. He was a 36th-round pick of the Cleveland Indians.

Meanwhile, outfielder Jeremy Jones (North Carolina A&T) is the team's top hitter at .309. He also leads the Cruisers with seven homers and 39 RBI.

Another interesting story is outfielder Robbie Tolan, a Bellaire, Tex. native who was once a promising minor league prospect with the Washington Nationals who was shot in his home in a brutal case of mistaken identity. He plays with that bullet still lodged in his body.

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Powder Blue

The Livonia Travel Tarheels recently completed their 2010 baseball season with a 19-3 record and a National Conference title in the Kensington Valley Baseball-Softball Association. Members of the Tar Heels include: Bowen Burdette, Peter Kirouac, Aaron Madsen, Adam Heaman, Frankie Carlin, Jake Rosen, David Gasser, Austin Petrie, Connor Breen, and Bobby Mandrink. The Tarheels are managed by Bruce Rosen. Assistant coaches include Dave Madsen and Mike Mandrink. Tryouts for next season will be Aug. 14-15. For more information, visit www.livoniabsa.com.



Blue Jays champs

The 2010 Blue Jays recently finished undefeated and champion of the Livonia Junior Athletic League's Bronco Major Division. Members of the Jays include (front row, from left): Nick Hoyer, Jeremy Haist, Noah Billingsley, Jake Giacobbi, David Connelly; (second row, from left): Joe Chinavare, Jordan Barr, Keenan Jones, Griffin Riley, Brennen Wright, Colin Smith, Andrew Klopfer; (back row, from left): coaches Tobin Jones, Dave Riley and Tom Chinavare.



Courtney Webb keeps her eye on the ball during the first game of adult coed slow-pitch softball playoffs held recently at Claude Allison in Redford Township. Canton Computer Docs defeated John's Team, 14-7, but lost Game 2 by a score of 23-2 to College Park, setting up further play between the teams in the double elimination playoffs of the Redford Parks and Recreation's spring/summer season.

RECREATION SOFTBALL

REDFORD TOWNSHIP SOFTBALL

Men's - Upper (Thursday)

Sandy/Jack/Tom	8	3	0	16
Detroit Drama	7	4	0	14
Michigan Heat	7	4	0	14
Sandy/Aurora	5	6	0	10
JJ'S Jags	5	6	0	10
The Avengers	1	10	0	2

Men's - Lower (Thursday)

Hal's Auto	11	0	0	22
Crusaders	10	1	0	20
Longshots-Jamie	7	4	0	14
Stables-Mike	7	4	0	14
Horizon	7	4	0	14
Sandy/Shawn	6	5	0	12
The Hitmen	6	5	0	12
Redford Moose	5	6	0	10
The Juicers	3	8	0	6
Mikula Chiro.	2	9	0	4
The Rebels	2	9	0	4
Off Base	0	11	0	0

Men's - Upper (Friday)

MLBD	12	0	0	24
Gabby's	11	1	0	22
Fat Kats	8	4	0	16
Hit Squad	7	5	0	14
Double J	6	6	0	12
Allen Decor	6	6	0	12
Colonial H&C	6	6	0	12
Keford's Tow	5	7	0	10
White Rhino	3	8	0	6
Badnewsbeer	1	11	0	2
Morningwood	0	12	0	0

Men's - Lower (Friday)

Foul Balls	10	0	0	20
Timberwolf	8	2	0	16
Old School	7	3	0	14
Hitters	6	2	1	13
Sport Gambler	6	3	0	12
Fat Kats 2	6	3	0	12
JC Distributor	5	4	0	10
Phillies	4	5	0	8
IPS	3	6	1	7
Rusty Gloves	3	6	0	6
Don Massey	3	7	0	6
Burton Tree	0	9	0	0
Transformer	0	9	0	0

Women's - Upper (Monday)

BMV Doctors	11	0	0	22
LadyBlue	9	3	0	18
Sand's Lounge	8	3	0	16

Gabby's	5	5	1	11
Morse M&S	3	9	0	6
St. Val's	2	8	1	5
Telway Tow	1	11	0	2

Women's - Lower (Monday)

Yardbirds	9	2	0	18
Livewires	9	2	0	18
Redford B&G	8	3	0	16
Duffy's	8	4	0	16
SB W/Attitude	2	9	0	4
Scat. Sunshine	2	10	0	4
NW Fellowship	2	10	0	4

COED - Upper (Tuesday)

The Truth	8	1	2	18
Stables-Tom	6	5	1	13
PITA	6	6	0	12
Oak. Plumbing	5	6	1	11
Stables-Mike	5	7	0	10
Crusaders	5	7	0	10
Gabby's	4	8	0	8

COED - Lower (Tuesday)

Doc's Sport	11	1	0	22
Sandys/AILTK	9	3	0	18
Frm. Hills COG	9	3	0	18
Sandys/Kelly	8	4	0	16
Strange Brew	6	5	1	13
The Saints	6	6	0	12
Uncray-Denise	5	7	0	10
Brew Crew II	4	8	0	8
Uncray-Patrik	4	8	0	8
Redford Moose	3	8	1	7
Liquid Chaos	0	12	0	0

COED - Upper (Wednesday)

College Park	12	0	0	24
Cant. Comp.	9	3	0	18
John's Team	6	6	0	12
Btrzup/Sandys	5	7	0	10
Hit N' Run	4	8	0	8
One Under	4	8	0	8
Doc's Sports	4	8	0	8
Buf. Wild Wings	4	8	0	8

COED - Lower (Wednesday)

UNC.Rays-Andy	12	0	0	24
Emptypitchers	9	3	0	18
Ray's Team	8	2	0	16
Thoro-Bredz	5	6	0	10
Don Lors Elec.	5	7	0	10
Angry Rhinos	4	6	0	8
8 Second Ride	3	8	0	6
Bryan's Team	3	8	0	6
Tom's Tree Service	1	10	0	2

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Wayne-Westland soccer

Registration for the fall 2010 Wayne-Westland Soccer League (ages 4-19) will be held through Friday, July 30.

There will also be a co-ed adult league offered this fall.

For registration information, call (734) 467-5260, or visit www.wswsoccer.com.

Bulldogs tryouts

The Michigan Bulldogs Baseball Club, based in Livonia, has announced its tryout dates for the 2011 season including:

10-and-under - Tuesday, Aug. 8 at Bicentennial Park (contact coach Lee Richards at leerichards12@yahoo.com); 11-and-under - Sunday, Aug. 8 at Bicentennial Park (contact coach Randy Weekley at weekley5@hotmail.com); 12-and-under - Sunday, Aug. 1 at Bicentennial Park (contact coach Jim Rintala at jdrathome@yahoo.com); 13-and-under - Sunday, Aug. 8 at Bicentennial Park (contact coach Scott Linsler at coachscott@michiganbulldogs.com); 14-and-under - Saturday-Sunday, July 30-Aug. 1 at Ford

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Contact Linsler at coachscott@michiganbulldogs.com.

Salem tennis camp

Plymouth Salem's boys tennis will be holding a tennis camp beginning the week of Aug. 16 at Huron Valley Tennis Club. The camp will be held daily from 9:30 a.m.-noon at a cost of \$28 per day or \$132 the entire week.

If you are a returning player or an incoming freshman, please plan to attend. Call the club at 662-5514.

SOCIAL SECURITY

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

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

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

Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets

with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience.

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

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

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

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

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

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Young actors take on Shakespeare, song, dance

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Shannon VanEsley wasn't sure what to expect when she agreed to teach and direct Motor City Youth Theatre's Shakespeare day camp for kids.

"I had done Shakespeare but never directed it," said VanEsley, 27, a New York actress and former Redford resident, who has taught in the summer program for several years. "I really had not done Shakespeare with them before."

VanEsley, a Motor City Youth Theatre alumna, was pleasantly surprised.

"I have some kids who I would say are as good or better than some adults who try to do Shakespeare. It has been amazing to see them grow, to shape them into poised performers. They've learned some serious technique. It has been a cool process."

And a fast one. Shakespeare day camp meets for three hours week day afternoons from July 5-30, culminating in a public performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Aug. 6-8. Although rehearsals began last month, VanEsley said campers "basically learned everything about (the play) in the last three weeks."

"They are learning a lot of improvisational skills and how to think on the spot. They're learning how to be aware of their surroundings on stage and how to be poised in any situation. The things they are learning on stage — poise, awareness, team work — are important life skills."

For VanEsley, the summer teaching and directing gig offers an opportunity to "reconnect with her roots and 'give back' to Motor City Youth Theatre and its students. She joined the troupe, founded by Nancy and Fred Florkowski of Redford, about 20 years ago, when it was known as Redford Youth

MOTOR CITY YOUTH THEATRE

Broadway Motown: Students from the theater's summer camp dance and sing Broadway and Motown songs in this one-night production, 7 p.m., Friday, July 30. Admission is \$2 per person or \$5 per family for unreserved seats.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream:"

Summer camp students present the Shakespeare comedy at 7 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Aug. 6-7 and 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 8. Tickets are \$8 per person; \$12 per two people; or \$15 per family for reserved seats. They're available in advance or at the door.

Renaissance festival: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7. Kids can decorate wooden swords, make puppets, fairy crowns, masks, jewelry, shields and more in this day long craft festival. Children who are accompanied by a parent or adult guardian may drop in at one or more craft stations and pay for each individually. Parents also may pay \$15 per child and drop them off for three hours of supervised crafts.

Location:

All activities planned for the Grantland Street Playhouse, 27555 Grantland, west of Inkster, south of Schoolcraft, Livonia

Contact:

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Theatre. After graduating from Thurston High School, VanEsley moved to New York to study at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy before touring with the American Family Theatre. She earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at the New School University in New York City, N.Y., and primarily performs professional theatre for children.

YOUNG ACTORS

"It's instant gratification. They are a joy to be around and they're always excited. I like working with kids," VanEsley said. "This group



Shannon VanEsley, a Redford native now living in New York, is directing Motor City Youth Theatre day campers in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream,' at the Grantland Street Playhouse in Livonia.

(Motor City Youth Theatre) is so enthusiastic. They're such sweet kids. I couldn't ask for a better place to be at this moment."

Motor City Youth Theatre offered an outdoor Shakespeare production for adult actors for several years, before staging a student show — *Hamlet* — last year.

"It was amazing," said Nancy Florkowski. "Our first *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was with adults. Now the kids are everything."

The theatre has offered a summer camp almost every year since 1990, but took a break from teaching last summer when students performed *Hamlet*. When camp resumed this year, Florkowski incorporated the Shakespeare performance.

The theater also offered a musical theatre camp, focusing on Broadway and Motown tunes, for three hours on weekday mornings this month.

VanEsley taught the class and choreographed and directed the final show, which starts at 7 p.m., Friday, July 30.



Students in Motor City Youth Theatre's 'Broadway Motown' summer camp rehearse tunes for a show on Friday, July 30.



Students in the Shakespeare day camp at Motor City Youth Theatre will perform 'A Midsummer Night's Dream,' Aug. 6-8 in Livonia. Isabelle Correia plays the donkey. She is surrounded by (clockwise from top) Autumn Karson, T'Nia Wood, Anastasia Kamlay (far right), Shannon Stork, Michelle Levin, Tami Barnes Steinberg, wearing the pointed hat, plays Puck.

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The Terry Murphy Band is led by Dearborn resident Terry Murphy on vocals, guitar and bouzouki. He's a veteran of the local circuit, including the Tipperary Pub and the Old Shillelagh, since 1981.

Murphy is backed by Dan Spilker of Oak Park on whistle, concertina, and accordion; Chris Spilker of Royal Oak on bouzouki and mandolin; Rob Felenchak of Ypsilanti on drums and percussion; and Leo Papa of Canton on bass.

The band hits the stage at 9 p.m. at the pub, located at 160 W. Maple, west of Woodward Ave.

For more information about Dick O'Dow's Irish Pub call (248) 642-1135.

For more information about the Terry Murphy Band, call (313) 690-1471 or e-mail nimbuscat@provide.net.

Farmington Hills offers art, music camps

Youngsters can learn about world music and visual arts through two day camps next month at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.

World Rhythm Music Camp, a half-day camp, runs Aug. 9-13 and gives children the opportunity to learn to play music styles from various countries including Africa, Ireland, Japan, Spain and more. An interesting variety of instruments will be introduced, and children also will make their own musical instruments. All materials are included. The camp fee is \$90; \$100 for non-residents for the half-day camp. Ages 8-12 meet from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; ages 5-7 meet from 1-4 p.m.

In Art Adventure Camp students will experience many forms of art, Aug. 16-20. The camps take place in the historic Stables Art Studio and the Visitors Center, a Tudor-style house on the grounds, as well as on the trails of Heritage Park. The camp gives students in grades K-3 and 4-7 the opportunity to have outdoor fun in Heritage Park, while exploring the creative worlds of art, music and performance. Students will



Youngsters work on art skills at summer day camp in Heritage Park, Farmington Hills.

learn about pottery, painting, drawing, photography, music, storytelling and much more, every day.

The fee for the one-week, full-day camp is \$210; \$225 for non-residents

of Farmington Hills and Farmington. Extended care is also available at a minimal cost.

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and download registration forms or call the Cultural Arts Division at (248) 473-1859. Registration is also available at the Costick Center, at 28600 W. 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills.

Village Faire celebrates Canton heritage

Canton will take a step back in time with its annual Village Faire, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge Road.

The event celebrates Canton's rich history and heritage with historical demonstrations, such as cooking, knitting, blacksmithing, candlemaking and plowing. The Bartlett-Travis House will be open for guided tours and there will be music, face painting, and a petting farm.

The Canton Lions Club will sell all-you-can-eat wristbands for its corn roast at the event. Visitors who come early to the event can stroll the grounds and enjoy the best in fresh Michigan-grown produce and local handmade crafts at the Canton Farmers Market, held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every Sunday through Oct. 17.

Village Faire is free and presented by Canton Leisure Services in partnership with the Canton Historical Society and the Canton Lions Club. No registration is required.

For more information, visit Cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.



A volunteer demonstrates blacksmithing at a previous Village Faire.

Vintage baseball game raises money for ALS

The second annual "Step Up to the Plate 4 ALS" vintage baseball game, taking place at 6:30 p.m. today, Thursday, July 29, in Canton, aims to raise both money and support for ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) research.

The baseball game will be played by the rules and customs of the 19th century. The players, also known as "ballists," will wear period reproduction uniforms and recreate the game based on rules of 1862.

All donations from "Step Up to the Plate 4 ALS" will benefit the ALS Therapy Development Institute (ALSTDI), the world's largest non-profit research institute focused on finding a treatment for people living with Lou Gehrig's disease. More than 30 researchers are working daily to put an end to ALS at the Institute's lab in Cambridge, Mass. To learn more, visit <https://stepupto->




In vintage baseball, players follow 19th century rules.

theplate4als.alstcommunity.org, where donations are also accepted, or see www.als.net.

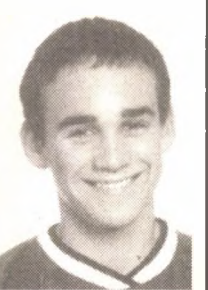
The vintage baseball game between the "Early Riser Base Ball Club of Detroit" and the "Northville Eclipse Base Ball Club" will be held at Heritage Park on Soccer Field #1, 1150 South Canton Center Road. Seating is limited. Bring a blanket or chair. A rain date is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 5.

For more information, call event organizer Amy Whipple at (586) 254-1560 or e-mail awhipple@als.net.

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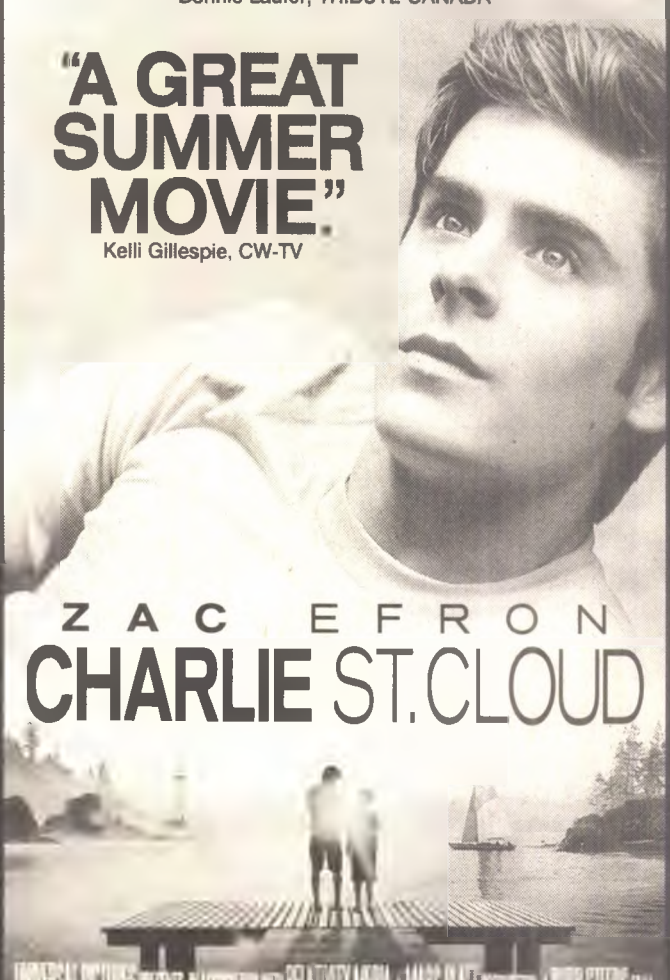
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Couple tours holy land with Mike Huckabee, Pat Boone

Jerry and Sharon Smith of Livonia are devout Christians who share a love of music. Jerry is the musical director at First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth (the church celebrated its 175th anniversary July 18) and a longtime member of the Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast Committee. Sharon is a pianist and a regular performer at the breakfast, which typically draws more than 500 individuals.

So it's no surprise that when they traveled to Israel earlier this year that music director and singer, Jerry Smith, led the group in singing *When Peace Like a River* on the banks of the Jordan River. The Jordan River is where Christians believe Jesus was baptized and preached to his disciples.

The Smiths were part of a tour sponsored by Liberty University, of Lynchburg, Va.

The tour group of more than 90 people from throughout the United States was hosted by Mike Huckabee, former GOP presidential candidate, and his wife, Jan. The popular former Arkansas governor, who now has a television show on the Fox network, is an ordained Southern Baptist minister.

Also on the trip was Pat Boone, a popular singer and actor during the 1950s and early 1960s, who continues to entertain and perform, as a motivational speaker and a Christian activist, writer and preacher. Boone is a member of the Gospel Music Hall of Fame.



Jerry Smith (with microphone) leads the group in singing the old gospel 'Blessed Assurance' by Crosby at Caesarea Philippi, one of the sources of the Jordan River.

BIBLICAL SITES

The 10-day tour began in Jerusalem with stops at the Garden of Gethsemane, the Mount of Olives, Temple Mount, the Bethesda Pool, the Via Dolorosa, the Garden Tomb and the Wailing Wall. Traveling to Tiberius (on the Sea of Galilee) by way of the Dead Sea and the Jordan River, Huckabee related various sites to Scriptural references: Capernaum, the Mount of the Beatitudes, Golan Heights, Caesarea Philippi and Nazareth. The group also held a Sunday worship service while sailing on the Sea of Galilee. On the return to the Mediterranean coast, the tour included a visit to Megiddo, the famed center of many Israelite battles, and Caesarea.

SEEING SCRIPTURE

"Two thousand years plus of history remains and the church groups have preserved the holy sites," said Jerry Smith, "Pilgrims are still coming in large numbers" to visit the Holy Land.

"Reading Scripture and then seeing Scripture is indescribable," he added.

The group also visited Jerusalem — an international/interfaith center of religion.

As both Smiths pointed out, the Holy Land is holy to Jews, Christians and Muslims.

The Smiths said the tour deepened their belief as "more than spectators in the arena of religious purpose." They added that it expanded their "horizons of belief as seen and experienced by thousands who have walked this land."



Jerry Smith leads the group in singing 'When Peace Like a River'; by Spafford at the Jordan River. In Christian tradition, Jesus was baptized there by John the Baptist.

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Sweeten up your family fun

Between family reunions, sports leagues and neighborhood block parties, there are many activities and annual traditions that families look forward to. This year you can make these events even more meaningful by transforming them into charitable bake sales to benefit a worthy cause.

This is a simple — and fun — way to enhance your favorite events, spend time together and teach kids the valuable lesson of giving back. Plus, there are many great charities that can benefit from your efforts, such as Cookies for Kids' Cancer, a non-profit committed to raising funds for pediatric cancer research through bake sales.

Baking and sharing homemade treats with friends and family, the fun of a bake sale and knowing that you're giving back with each cookie sold, will make your outings even more special.

Here are some tips and ideas to turn three classic activities into successful bake sales:

SPORTS LEAGUES

Your delicious baked treats can be used for more than just a snack at your children's next game. Choose a sports tournament or opening day at the neighborhood field as the perfect setting for a bake sale home run. Designate a baked good for each participating team, such as the Bengals Brownies or Crusaders Chocolate Chip Cookies, and see who can score the most points by selling the most treats for a good cause. Drive home winning donations with sports-themed cookies and treats like baseball bat cookies



Chocolate Chip Cherry Cookies

or cupcakes decorated like soccer balls.

FAMILY REUNIONS

Make the annual family gathering even more memorable and host a bake sale as part of the celebration. Have each family member come with a dozen of their favorite baked goods and sell them for donations to other families celebrating nearby. As a special gift, compile all of the recipes into a family bake sale book — a timeless treasure that will ensure your family's recipes are passed down for generations to come.

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY

When the whole neighborhood is planning to gather

this year, propose turning the event into a mini bake sale. Encourage each family to create a custom cookie of their own. Everyone will love picking out their favorite ingredients and naming their one-of-a-kind treat; some might even stumble onto a lasting family recipe.

Visit www.GladtoGive.com to learn more tips to make your bake sales successful.

If you are looking for a cookie recipe, try the delicious Chocolate Chip Cherry Cookie — the official Glad to Give Cookie — developed as a tasty inspiration for those hosting bake sales to benefit Cookies for Kids' Cancer. This sweet and chocolaty cookie is guaranteed to be a favorite for many years to come.

CHOCOLATE CHIP CHERRY COOKIES

Yield: 3 to 4 dozen cookies

1/4 cups (2 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature

1/2 cup white sugar

1 cup light brown sugar

2 large eggs

1 tablespoon vanilla extract

1 cup quick-cooking or old fashioned oats

2 cups all-purpose white flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon kosher salt

2 cups dried cherries, cranberries or raisins

2 cups (12 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips

2 cups walnuts or pecans, lightly toasted and coarsely chopped (optional)

1. Preheat the oven to 325°F.

2. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper.

3. Place butter and sugars in bowl of a mixer fitted with paddle attachment and mix until smooth and creamy.

4. Scrape down sides of bowl; add eggs, one at a time, and vanilla, mixing well between additions.

5. Scrape down sides of bowl; add oats, flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt and mix until everything is well incorporated.

6. Scrape down sides of bowl; add cherries, chocolate chips and walnuts, if desired, and mix again.

7. Deposit 2-ounce portions on cookie sheet.

8. Bake at 325°F for 12 to 14 minutes. Spin sheet mid-bake for even results.

9. Remove from sheet after baking and allow to cool.

— Courtesy of Family Features

CITY BITES



Visit six restaurants

Plymouth — The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents the 11th Annual Old Village Restaurant Crawl 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12, available from the Chamber of Commerce office, 860 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. Tickets can also be purchased over the phone by calling (734) 453-1540.

This year the Crawl features Amici Italian Bistro, Crawford's Kitchen, Hermann's Olde Towne Grille, Liberty Street Brewing Co., Plymouth Fish & Seafood and Station 885. Because last year's event was sold out, the Chambert encourages participants to buy their tickets now. (734) 453-1540

Burger time

Regional — Olga's Kitchen

has added three new half-pound Angus Steak Burgers to its menu.

The Classic Cheeseburger is topped with melted Cheddar cheese, crisp dill pickle slices, juicy tomatoes and tangy mayonnaise. The Boom Boom Burger is topped with jalapeño pepper jack cheese, spicy chopped relish and a chipotle chili spread. Crispy Onion Smokehouse Burger is loaded with Cheddar cheese, smoked peppered bacon, Sweet Baby Ray's Honey BBQ Sauce and warm crispy onion straws. Each half-pound Angus Burger is served with unlimited Sweet Potato Fries and maple yogurt dipping sauce for \$8.99.

Olga's Kitchen owns and operates 34 restaurants in Michigan, Ohio, and Illinois, including at 35000 W. Warren, Space B-1, Westland; and 37612 Six Mile, Livonia. All locations offer free WiFi. For the full menu, visit www.olgas.com.

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