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Banner carriers

Plymouth's annual "Good Morning USA" parade, held in downtown Plymouth, is in need of students, 10 years of age and older, to carry the banners that come before each parade entry.

The parade will be held Monday, July 4, at its new, 9 a.m. start time.

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For further information or to register to march, call Fran Toney, (734) 453-0731, or e-mail frantaztoney@hotmail.com before June 22.

Major advance

Plymouth Salvation Army corps officers Dan and Jolene Hull can be called a variety of things attached to their ministry, but "captain" is no longer one of them.

The Hulls, who arrived at the Plymouth corps two years ago, have been promoted to the rank of major. The promotion was effective June 9.

"You are to be commended for this accomplishment," wrote divisional commander Maj. Norman Shaw in a letter announcing the promotion. "We are honored to take this opportunity to recognize you. There is no doubt that you have been called to fulfill God's calling. We are blessed to have you as a part of our team here in the Eastern Michigan Division."



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Senior photos

Plymouth High School seniors Sarah FawziDabaja, Marlis Nicole Granderson and Alish Nicole Atallah pose for a photo taken by someone up high in the EMU Convocation Center balcony at Sunday's Plymouth High School commencement exercise. For photos and the list of Plymouth graduates, please turn to page A5. For photos and a list of Canton High School graduates, please turn to page A8. Come back to the Observer Sunday, June 19, to see coverage of the Salem High School graduation. Also see the photo galleries at www.hometownlife.com.

New police officer likes Plymouth's small-town feel

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In Plymouth, they've been doing community policing since before there was a name for it.

That's exactly what Officer Derek Burke likes about the town. Burke, four months on the job, is the Plymouth Police Department's latest hire.

"Being a small department, I knew there was going to be a lot of interaction with the community," said Burke during a brief interview last week.

Burke said he likes the variety found in police work, as well as the opportunity to build rapport with people on his beat.

"You're not sitting at a desk," he said "You're getting out there and interacting with all kinds of people."

An Oakland Police Academy and Oakland Community College gradu-



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Officer Derek Burke, the Plymouth Police Department's latest hire, has been on the job for four months.

ate, Burke spent more than two years with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, in the parks division, before being hired in Plymouth. He replaces Plymouth Sgt. Joe Kahanec, a veteran of more than 35 years who is expected to retire next month.

Burke has just finished the third phase of field training, during which he was partnered with different training officers, got oriented to the community and to the department's regulations, got

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Orlewicz won't get new trial

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If Jean Pierre Orlewicz is going to get a new trial after all, the Michigan Supreme Court is going to have to give it to him.

The Michigan Court of Appeals has ruled the conviction of Orlewicz, the Plymouth Township teenager serving a life sentence for the 2007 murder of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen, stands and decided he won't get a new trial.

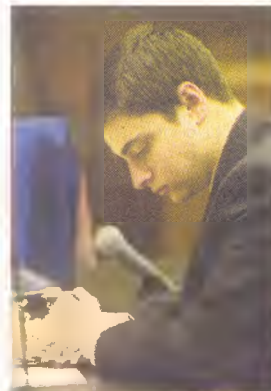
The ruling reverses the one made by Wayne County Circuit Judge Bruce Morrow, who ruled in December 2009 that

Orlewicz's attorneys were correct in saying the convicted killer's rights were violated when original trial judge Annette Berry didn't allow psychiatric testimony in the original trial.

Morrow agreed, saying Berry's decision denied Orlewicz his right to effective counsel by not allowing psychiatrists to testify. According to Orlewicz's lawyers, psychiatrists would have told the jury about Orlewicz's mental condition at the time of the November 2007 killing.

Orlewicz's lawyer, Elizabeth Jacobs, said the case will be

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The Michigan Court of Appeals overturned a lower-court ruling giving Jean Pierre Orlewicz a new trial.

Downtown streets prep for paving

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Parts of Penniman and Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth remain closed to vehicle traffic, but open for pedestrians, as the streetscape improvement project moves toward completion.

Concrete work — curb replacement as needed, new sidewalk ramps at intersections and the framing for new brick-paver crosswalks at two corners — is nearly finished, and the road surface on four downtown blocks has been prepared for a new layer of asphalt, said John Buzuvis, director of business operations and special projects for Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority.

Fralick between Main and Harvey, and Forest between Ann Arbor Trail and Wing, are tentatively scheduled to be repaved, weather permitting, on Saturday, Buzuvis said. The other two stretches, Ann Arbor Trail from Forest to Harvey and most of Penniman between Main and Harvey, could be paved as early as next week, he said.

"We're hopeful that in the near future we'll be putting the wraps on the project," he said. Officials hope to have the work done by the end of the month.

BUSINESS SLOWS

Meanwhile, the owners of businesses on the closed streets are going through what Main Street business owners faced in April and May, when the first phase of this year's work closed parts of Main. "It hurts. It's painful," said Colleen Cannon, the owner of TranquiliTea, a tea shop on Ann Arbor Trail. There's been a dropoff in business since Ann Arbor Trail closed, she said.

Cannon pointed out that area business owners have dealt with major projects for several straight years: the Sheldon Road underpass construction, the 2009 downtown parking deck repairs, and, in 2010 and this year, the streetscape improvement program. The \$2 million streetscape program will be complete after the current work is done.

"A lot of it affects Ann Arbor Trail. It's just really painful to have a business

down here," she said. "When they're working it's noisy and dirty. It takes up parking."

The summer months are typically pretty good at TranquiliTea, she said. "Now we're losing June. That only gives us July and August," she said.

DDA officials are aware of the obstacles the work poses and have tried to mitigate them. The DDA has a temporary lease to provide free parking, for up to about 70 vehicles, at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, on Ann Arbor Trail west of Harvey. Buzuvis said people who work downtown are especially urged to use the temporary parking so that more closer-in parking is available for visitors.

PENNIMAN LOT OPEN

In other aspects of the streetscape work:

- Fralick, milled in preparation for new pavement, is open to traffic for the time being; drivers can use it to access the public lot off of Penniman.

- Penniman east of Main is open only starting at the parking lot driveway (next to the Plaka Mediterranean Grill). It is closed to vehicles between Harvey and the driveway.

- Workers on Wednesday morning were bricking in a new crosswalk at Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey. A new crosswalk at Penniman and Harvey will be built after that.

- Forest remained open to traffic Wednesday, but, near Wing, vehicles were being detoured into a parking lot because of ongoing concrete work.

- Drive-up mailboxes on Fralick, behind the U.S. Postal Service substation, were moved closer to the sidewalk in order to make the street wider. "It will make it easier and safer for traffic to flow on that street," Buzuvis said.

The first phase of this year's work included the installation of mast-arm traffic lights at Main and Penniman, a new concrete intersection, the rebuilding of the brick-paver crosswalks at Main and Penniman and the resurfacing of Main between Church and Wing streets and Penniman between Main and Union.

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AROUND PLYMOUTH

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Grief support

Date/Time: 1st and 3rd Tuesday monthly, 6-7:30 p.m.
Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Suite A, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts an ongoing grief support group, The Grief Journey, for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The goal of the group is to provide support and education on the grief process. There is no charge.

Contact: Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator, (888) 983-9050.

Farm exhibit

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays; 2-5 p.m. Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, April through November

Location: Canton Historical Museum, corner of Canton Center and Heritage Park Drive in Canton

Details: Ever wondered what living in Canton back in the 1800s was like and who lived and worked on the land many now call home? Bring the whole family to experience the Canton Historical Museum's highly anticipated new exhibit, "Whose Farm Do You Live On." Learn the history of this thriving farming community from the 1800s and well into the 1900s



Apartments gone

The Plymouth Road site of the former Park Manor Apartments, which were destroyed in a fire in February, gets its final grading on Thursday, after the razing of what remained of the complex. Sam Steinberg, one of the property owners, said there are no immediate plans for the site's future. "We're not going to be doing anything," Steinberg said before refusing to answer further questions. City officials said there were no site plans filed for a new use on the site.

before its transformation by land developers in the 1930s. Find out who originally purchased the land and the names of families who lived there. View tools used by these families for farming, personal care, cooking, play and education.

Contact: For additional information, visit www.canton-historicalsociety.org or call (734) 397-0088.

Talk focuses on nonprofit missions

As a former hospital and nonprofit administrator, Joe Wald knows too well the struggle charitable organizations face in a challenging and ever-changing economy.

"We aren't saying this is a negative. But it is a reality," said Wald, a Michigan State University professor of philanthropy and advertising.

Wald will present "The Realities of 2011" — a discussion of how nonprofit organizations can continue to fulfill their missions in a lagging economy — at the third "Lunch & Learn" educational program for nonprofits, hosted by the Canton Community Foundation.

The event is scheduled for noon Wednesday, June 22, at the foundation's offices in the Canton Human Services Center, on Ridge Road north of Cherry Hill, in Canton, foundation President Joan Noricks has announced.

public's demand for services is increasing as government pulls the financial plug, and the public's charitable contributions decrease, Wald said.

"Every one of these organizations has a need for resources. We are going to identify how to find the resources that empower nonprofits to do their jobs," Wald said.

The professor's graduate philanthropy students worked with a number of area nonprofit organizations to develop fundraising and marketing plans earlier this year.

"Nonprofits can't pay what this service costs in the marketplace. It's too expensive. We are talking \$5,000 to \$7,000 or more a month," Wald said.

NONPROFIT STRUGGLES

That's why the focus of the June "Lunch & Learn" will highlight the business of running a nonprofit. "Nonprofits are struggling with ideas for resources," Noricks said. "We at least need to think strategically. In the new economy, how do we continue to survive? We have to think in a different way."

Nonprofit representatives will learn how to find resources to sustain their organizations well into the future, as well as the need to pool resources and to find cost-effective ways to get the work done.

"We're going to learn how to move forward," Wald said.

In an economy defined by cuts in government funding,

and donors who are less likely to contribute as freely as in the past, nonprofits, particularly smaller ones, require business and fundraising plans and goals, and excellent communications.

"Nonprofits must focus on their impact. When you are fundraising you have to tell your donors and potential donors what impact you have had," Noricks said.

The Canton foundation initiated the "Lunch & Learn" programs to support area nonprofits, as well as to promote networking among the organizations' leaders, and a sharing of resources and ideas. Planned giving programs that can sustain nonprofits for the long term were discussed at the January program. Starfish Family Services presented its community assessment report of western Wayne County communities at the March program.

"When we first thought of these programs, I didn't think that the networking would develop as much as it has. It is an added bonus," Noricks said.

The networking has also incorporated Wald, who was introduced at the foundation's January "Lunch & Learn" to generate interest in working with his graduate students. The MSU students worked with the Detroit Area Diaper Bank, the Plymouth Five & Drum Corps., the Michigan Philharmonic, Personalized Nursing LIGHT House, and the Plymouth Canton Citizens for Diversity.

SPACE AVAILABLE

Electronic invitations are on their way to nonprofit organizations that have participated in the educational forums. But space is available for nonprofit representatives and their guests to attend. Registration, which is open to all nonprofits in western Wayne County, is available on the foundation's website at www.cantonfoundation.org.

Consistent among most nonprofits is the lack of financial resources, business and fundraising plans, and effective communications and marketing. The

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- Were eligible for a payment in the original *Pigford* case, and
- Submitted a late-filing request that was denied or never considered because it was late.

If you are the heir or kin of someone who died who fits this description, you may file a claim for a payment that would become part of the deceased person's estate. If you are not sure if you (or someone for whom you are the legal representative) are included, please call 1-877-810-8110. **You are not included if you received a payment in the original *Pigford* case.**

What does the Settlement provide?

You may be eligible for a substantial cash payment and USDA loan forgiveness from the Settlement. You will need to file a claim to be eligible for these benefits. The claims deadline may be as early as **February 28, 2012**. The Court has appointed lawyers to help you file a claim under the Settlement. You do not have to pay them or anyone else to help you with the claims process. These attorneys will ask the Court for fees and expenses of between 4.1% and 7.4% of the Settlement Fund, and the Court will decide how much they are paid. You may hire your own lawyer, if you wish, at your own expense. If you have questions or need more information, call 1-877-810-8110.

What else should I know?

The Court will hold a hearing on **September 1, 2011** to consider whether to approve the Settlement and a request for attorneys' fees and expenses. If you want to object to or comment on the Settlement or appear at the hearing, you need to file a letter with the Court by **August 12, 2011**. If the Court approves the Settlement, you will not be able to sue the USDA about your farm loan discrimination claims in the future.

**For more information or to begin the claims filing process:
Call: 1-877-810-8110 Visit: www.BlackFarmerCase.com**

School district brings back 195 laid-off teachers

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education's decision not to hike class sizes at all three levels of the district paid dividends Tuesday for nearly 200 of the district's 1,100 teachers. In a consent-agenda move, the board unanimously approved the recall of 195 of the 269 teachers pink-slipped in April as the district consid-

ered cost-cutting moves to deal with an \$18 million deficit. Of the 74 teachers not recalled Tuesday, some 35-40 are expected to be recalled by the end of the month, human resources chief Ray Bihun told board members Tuesday night. "We're still waiting on staffing," Bihun said. "We're still waiting to see what openings there are at the (Plymouth-Canton Educational) Park."

The layoff notices were handed out in April while the board considered increasing class sizes by about two students at the elementary level, by nearly five at middle schools and nearly four at the high school level. The move would have saved the district some \$4 million, but the board — after first considering making the cut — backed off on the idea. The move would have cost some 80

teachers their jobs. Bihun told board members at the time he expected only about 80 of the layoffs to take effect. The district's contract with its teachers union requires 60-day notice of potential layoffs, in a procedure done every year. "We had to take this step to give us the flexibility we need," Bihun said at the time. "We expect to lay off about 80 teachers, and the rest will

be brought back depending on their certification." That process has now started, and Bihun said Tuesday he was waiting on staffing decisions at the high school park before bringing back another 35-40 teachers. When all the moves have been made, only about 30-40 teachers will have been laid off.

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Cancer benefit raises cash, awareness

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Linda McMaster would have liked to have seen more kids there, but the ones who did show up for the second BLAST fundraiser to beat neuroblastoma and other childhood cancers reminded her — not that she needed reminding — why she started doing this last year in the first place.

For the kids. Some 200 children took part in the fundraiser, held for the second straight year at Mettetal Airport (on the Plymouth-Canton border), and many of them were the children McMaster, whose daughter Lisa is battling neuroblastoma, likes to call "our cancer warriors."

"As I watched those children have fun, the reason I do BLAST crystallized," McMaster said. "I do it because there is strength in numbers. I do it because knowledge is power and the more people we can educate on what it is like to live with cancer, the more people we have working to help find a cure. I do it to help build support and awareness so cancer warriors and their families don't feel like they have to walk alone."

Donations were still being counted, but McMaster said she's confident she'll have a check for between \$5,000 and \$6,000 to divide between Mott Children's Hospital, the Rainbow Connection and the other charities who benefit from BLAST. The event, she said, went "very



Linda McMaster, who organized the BLAST cancer fundraiser Saturday at Mettetal Airport, took one for the team in the Aqua-Blast 'dunk tank.'

smoothly." Mark Rosenthal and Animal Magic was on hand and, at one point, had "some of the girls ready to run" by pulling out a tarantula, McMaster said. Lisa's godfather and family friend, Matt Holowicki, built a kind of dunk tank, and McMaster herself raised about \$100 by being the dunkee.

Many staffers from Mott Children's Hospital actually made an appearance, and one nurse's niece arranged for some sheep, chickens and a rabbit to provide a small petting farm for children to enjoy. Volunteers from Lisa's school, Hulsing Elementary, helped out. Becky King solicited baked goods from other Hulsing parents and raised nearly \$450. Chef John Cortez and Chefs Against Cancer pro-

vided the food. And, while McMaster organized the event, she is very quick to point out how much help she got getting it off the ground.

"Many people are willing to lend a hand, give a shoulder to cry on and share stories of their own experiences in order to provide support and offer hope," McMaster said. "I was reminded, once again, how blessed we are. Many, many people stepped up to help with this event and did their share with a smile on their face and love in their heart."

Anyone still wishing to help can make donations, and by BLAST fund-raiser souvenirs, at www.BLASTnb.com.

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The right-hand lane of southbound Haggerty, south of Ann Arbor Road, has been closed for several weeks because of a section of sinking pavement. Wayne County workers on Tuesday were investigating the cause of the pavement shift.

Sinking Haggerty Road gets county's attention

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne County workers were saw-cutting a section of Haggerty Road, just south of Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township, on Wednesday in preparation for repairing a section of sinking pavement.

The right-hand lane of southbound Haggerty has been closed for several weeks because of the shift in the pavement, which pulled away from the curb in one area and had collapsed about eight inches in the lane's center. The dip affected a stretch of about

30 to 40 feet of roadway.

Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said the depression was noticeable in the wintertime but "not to the point where there was any alarm." Heavy rains this spring may have accelerated the sinking of the pavement, he said.

Reaume said recent inspections of both the sanitary and storm sewer lines in the area found they were intact and working properly. He speculated that a collapse in an old sewer line, abandoned when Haggerty was widened from three lanes to five, may be to blame for the sinking pave-

ment, but stressed he had no specific evidence of that.

Reaume said a camera inspection by the county on Tuesday, through holes bored in the pavement, showed that some areas of the road's sub-base were washed out but some were intact.

No information could be obtained from the county Wednesday on a schedule for repairing the road, but Reaume said the cutting of a section of pavement indicated the foundation could be backfilled and the road patched in the near future.

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CRIME WATCH

Persistence gets disorderly suspected arrested

A drunken Plymouth Township man, driven home by police after an outburst at the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road, was arrested on a disorderly conduct charge Saturday after pushing officers a little too far.

The incident occurred around noon, after police got a complaint from Kmart about a man there causing a disturbance, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report.

Officers found the 49-year-old in the bicycle department, glassy-eyed, smelling of alcohol and barely able to walk, the report said. He was screaming profanities at a sales clerk, the report said.

The man was escorted out, belligerent and grabbing merchandise from shelves, and into a police car, and officers drove him to his home nearby, police said. But, after he continued to yell profanities, he was arrested for disorderly conduct and handcuffed, police said.

The man was given a citation for disorderly conduct and held pending his sobriety.

Minors with alcohol

Two 17-year-olds were arrested on minor-in-possession-of-alcohol charges, with one of the teens also charged with larceny, after a shoplifting attempt at the CVS drug store at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road.

The incident took place shortly before midnight on Friday. According to police, two CVS employees witnessed a male teenager, in the store's beer aisle, grab two 24-ounce cans of Budweiser and conceal them in his sweatshirt. When confronted, the teen returned the cans to the shelf, one of the witnesses told police.

The suspect waited by the cash registers for officers to arrive, but a female companion fled the store, a police report said. She was stopped outside by two Plymouth officers, police said.

The girl denied knowing her companion

was going to try to steal beer, but smelled of alcohol and admitted to having had two shots of liquor, police said. In addition, a bottle of vodka was found in a door pocket of the pickup truck the teens had been using, police said.

The boy was held on shoplifting and minor-in-possession charges, while the girl was issued a citation on a minor-in-possession charge and released to a family member, police said.

A store employee said the boy was suspected of shoplifting in the past, as he had visited CVS several nights in a row without buying anything.

Vandalism

Telephone lines for an alarm system were reportedly cut at a house on Northview, in the area of Napier and Ann Arbor Road, early this month.

The vandalism was reported on June 8; the complainant told police it had occurred between June 1 and June 6.

- By Matt Jachman

Safety week spotlights dangers of lightning

While lightning can be fascinating to watch, it is also extremely dangerous, which is why June 19-26 has been designated "National Lightning Safety Awareness Week."

During the past 30 years, lightning killed an average of 55 people per year in the United States based on documented cases. However, because lightning usually claims only one or two victims at a time, and because lightning does not cause the mass destruction left in the wake of tornadoes or hurricanes, lightning generally receives much less attention than the more destructive weather-related killers.

While documented lightning injuries in the United States average about 300 per year, undocumented injuries caused by lightning are likely much higher.

Between 1959 and 2009, the state of Michigan ranks 14th among all states in the number of lightning deaths, with 104 people known to be killed by lightning. During that same time period, Michigan ranks second only behind Florida in lightning injuries, with 731 people known to have been injured by a lightning strike in the state.

Just this year, on April 26, nine people were injured when lightning struck a soccer field at Westfield Park in Portage. The injured were a mix of adults and students who ranged in age from 12 to 41. Seven people were transported to area hospitals and two sought treatment on their own.

Fortunately, it has been many years since Michigan has had a lightning fatality, thanks in part to campaigns such as the

Lightning Safety Awareness Week. The last lightning fatalities in Michigan were in 2006 and 2007 when a total of four people were killed by lightning.

During a thunderstorm, each flash of cloud-to-ground lightning is a potential killer. It's only a question of whether a person is in the path of the lightning discharge. Lightning deaths can be prevented only if people are aware of the dangers and seek shelter in a building or car.

Lightning can strike as much as 10 miles away from the rain area in a thunderstorm, which is about the distance that you are able to hear the thunder from the storm. That is why we stress: IF YOU CAN HEAR THE THUNDER FROM A STORM, YOU ARE CLOSE ENOUGH TO BE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING. "If thunder roars, go indoors."

Where organized sports activities are taking place, coaches, umpires, referees, or camp counselors must protect the safety of the participants and viewers by stopping the activities sooner, so that the participants and spectators can get to a safe place before the lightning threat becomes significant.

We encourage everyone to take advantage of Lightning Safety Awareness Week to review their plans and discuss with their children the dangers of lightning. Simply moving indoors when you see lightning or hear thunder can save lives.

For more information, visit www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/ or www.weather.gov/dtx

This information provided courtesy the Canton Township Public Safety Department.

OFFICER

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acquainted with the paperwork that comes with the job, and gradually took on more patrol responsibility.

"You get thrown a lot of information. A lot of it is just learning," said Officer Matt Stupes, Burke's training officer for the third phase of field training.

Now, Burke has begun the fourth and final phase of field training, called the shadow phase, during which he'll be followed by an officer in civilian clothes who'll stand back and observe how he conducts himself on patrol and whether he's following department procedures. "We're just there to observe and report," and only step in in extreme circumstances, said Stupes.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Police Officer Derek Burke said he's long wanted to get into law enforcement. His late grandfather Gilbert Fowler, who retired after a police career in Bloomfield Township, was a big influence, Burke said.

Burke said the field training program seemed designed to build confidence, to get his questions answered, rather than to tear him down with

criticism. "You hear a lot of horror stories" about field training, he said. "It's a good program."

Burke said he's long wanted

to get into law enforcement. His late grandfather Gilbert Fowler, who retired after a police career in Bloomfield Township, was a big influence, Burke said.

Burke likes that police work brings something different every day.

"You never know what to expect" with a given traffic stop, Burke said. "It could be a felony arrest. It could be a drunk driver. It could be a grandmother taking a kid to school."

His most exciting run in Plymouth so far, Burke said, was responding to a robbery in progress at Tim Horton's in March. A man who implied he had a gun left the doughnut shop without any money, and police arrested a suspect in a nearby apartment complex a short time later.

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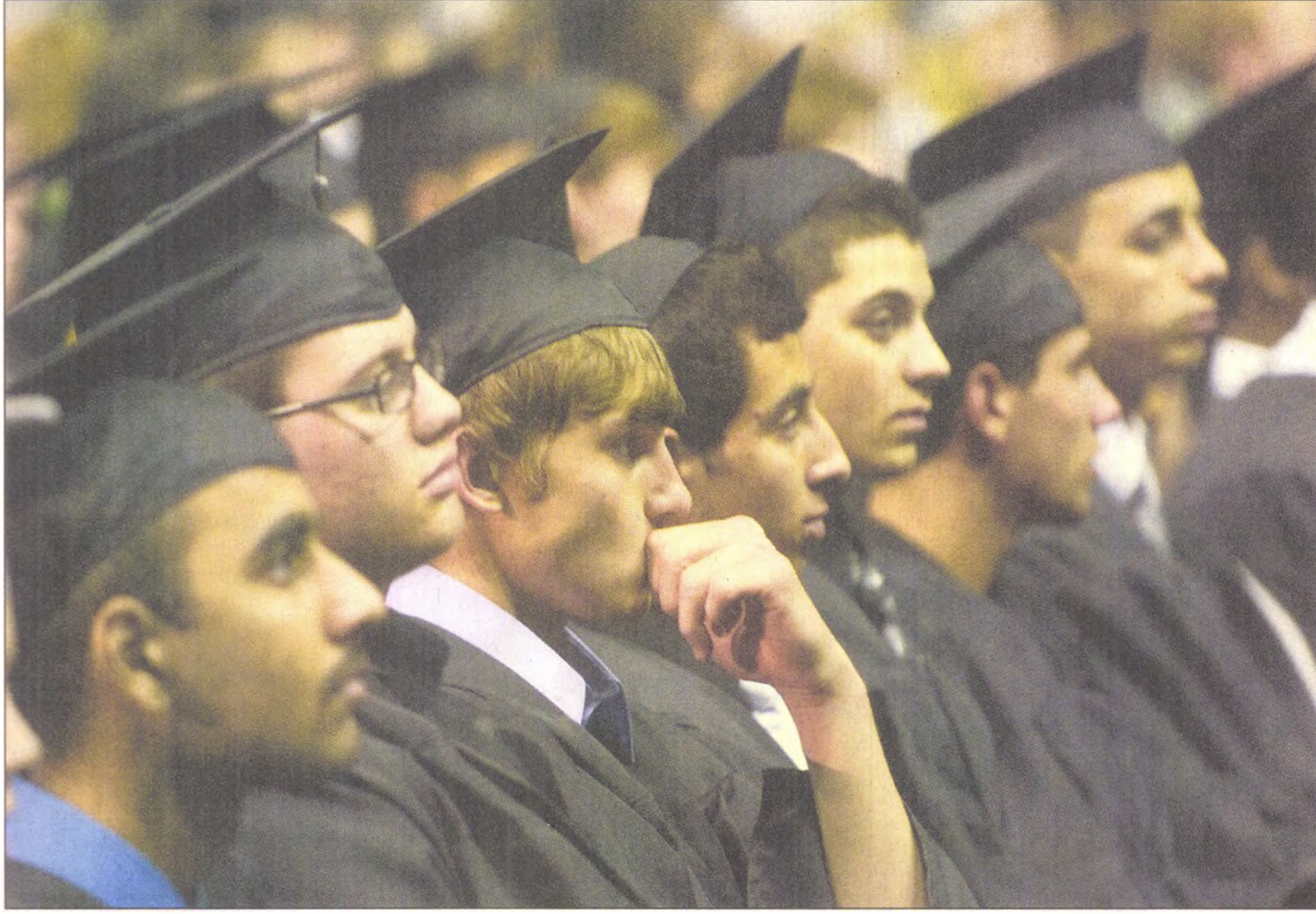
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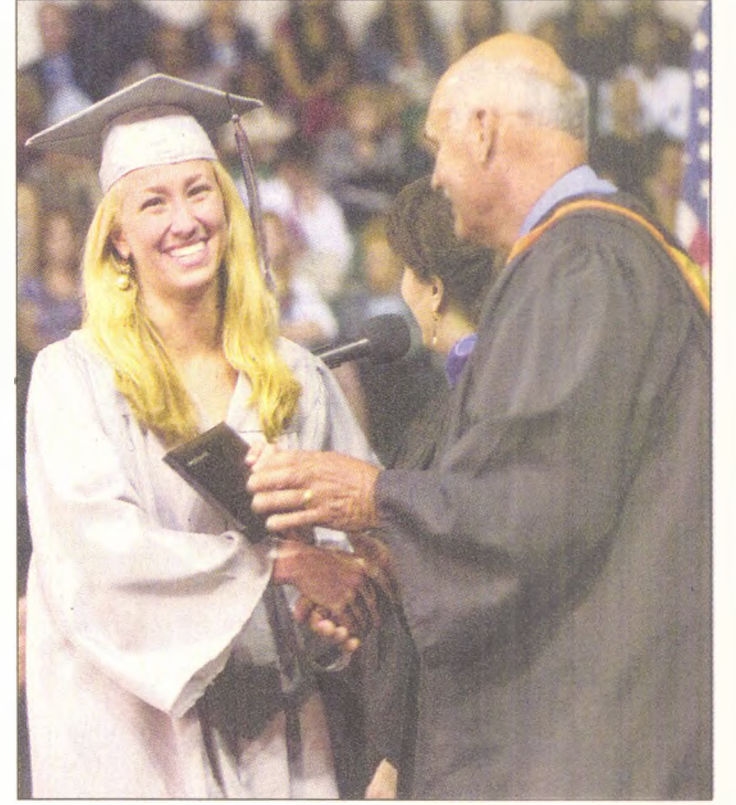
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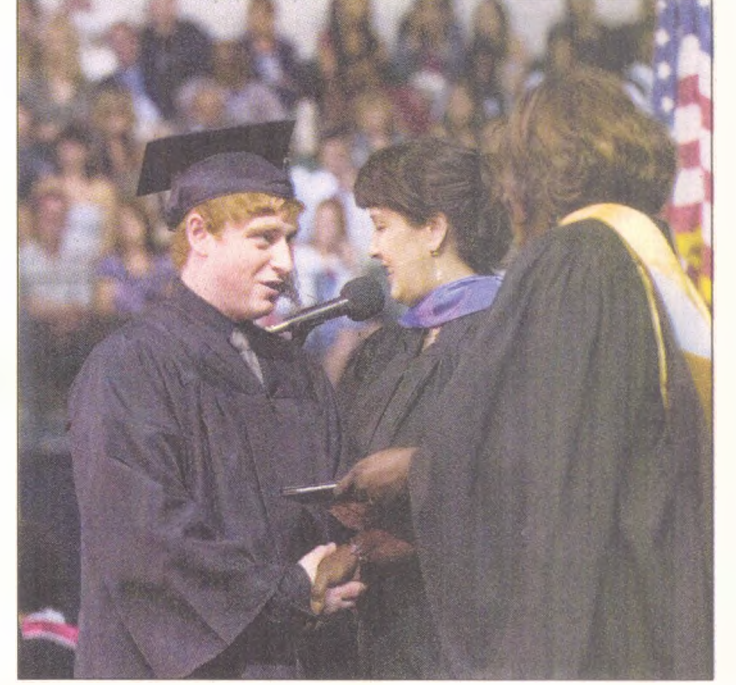


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Graduating Plymouth seniors listen to speakers.



Madison Amelia Kinsella is all smiles as she accepts her diploma from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education trustee Barry Simescu.



Evan Joseph Ewing receives his diploma.

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Thousands expected as Liberty Festival opens



Saturday night's fireworks show closes out the 20th annual Canton Liberty Festival.

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tens of thousands of people from Canton and beyond are expected to converge on Heritage Park today (Thursday) through Saturday for the 20th Liberty Fest — a milestone, patriotic event featuring the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall, the U.S. Marine Silent Drill Platoon, a broadened International Festival celebrating the community's diversity, a Michigan Philharmonic concert and a festival-crowning fireworks show.

"We're hoping for 40,000 people this year," Jon LaFever, Canton recreation coordinator, said. "I'd be shocked if we don't have our biggest crowd ever."

Though crowd estimates are difficult to gauge, organizers expect a potentially record turnout as special events and festival favorites draw crowds looking for outdoor fun without busting a budget, including carnival rides, a classic car show, Motown to alternative rock concerts, savory cuisine and a Friday movie-under-the-stars showing of *Shrek Forever After*.

Even a decision by Canton officials to trim spending by abandoning a festival parade along Ford Road hasn't dampened the enthusiasm for Liberty Fest — an event local leaders say has come to represent a celebration of community.

FESTIVAL COMMENCES

What: Canton's 20th annual Liberty Festival
Where: Heritage Park, off Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Summit Parkway
When: 5-10 p.m. Thursday, 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday.
Highlights: A U2 tribute band; food; carnival rides and games; an international festival; and the signature fireworks show, which township Supervisor Phil LaJoy has called "one of the largest and best fireworks displays in Michigan."

Greg Welsh, manager of the Florida-based Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall, has said the visit to Liberty Fest marks the first trip to Michigan for a V-shaped wall that stands 6 feet tall, stretches 288 feet and contains more than 58,200 names of troops who died in Vietnam. It is three-fifths the size of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

"We're very excited," said John Spencer, a Vietnam veteran and member of groups such as Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528. "This is a big thing for the 20th Liberty Fest. We're excited about having the wall and the U.S. Marine (Silent Drill) Platoon."

The patriotic events are expected to draw people from

across Michigan and likely from other states, Spencer said. One group of Vietnam veterans from Downriver plans to board a bus and travel to Canton.

Spectators may view the wall 2-9 p.m. today, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and — one day beyond Liberty Fest — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. An opening ceremony is scheduled for 6 p.m. today, while a closing ceremony has been set for 5 p.m. Sunday.

Numerous people and organizations contributed to bringing the wall to Canton.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Marine Silent Drill Platoon is set to perform at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Heritage Park Amphitheater, dazzling crowds with a series of calculated drill movements and the precise handling of their hand-polished rifles and fixed bayonets. The Michigan Philharmonic will perform at the amphitheater after the drill platoon.

LaFever has called the U.S. Marine Silent Drill Platoon "a national treasure" and said "it is a great accomplishment to get them to perform in Canton." Crowds are encouraged to arrive early.

Meanwhile, the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage plans to sponsor a special International Festival 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, near the Canton LIVE! Stage, featuring an interactive multicultural booth celebrating

Canton's diversity.

Festival goers are encouraged to wear clothing representing their culture and traditions and to stop by a cultural commission booth for a keepsake photo, available through Flickr. The theme of this year's International Festival is "Canton Wears Your

Heritage" — chosen as a way to showcase the global cultures that coexist in Canton.

"The International Festival has really picked up over the years," said ReGina Shamberger, who chairs the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage. "It's a little world of its own."

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appealed to the Michigan Supreme Court next month.

"I'm very disappointed as a lawyer, and the family is very disappointed," Jacobs said. "We believe strongly in these issues and will be taking them to the Michigan Supreme Court."

The case was actually heard by a pair of three-judge Court of Appeals panels. However, the first panel, which heard the arguments in September, was reduced to two members after Gov. Rick Snyder appointed Brian Zahra to the Michigan Supreme Court in January. The two remaining members couldn't agree on a decision.

A new panel reviewed tapes of the original September arguments, then heard additional oral arguments June 8. The second panel published its opinion Tuesday. In rendering their opinion, judges said, in part, "(Morrow) erred in granting defendant's new trial, and we reverse that grant."

"Defendant has not presented to us any errors or infringements of his rights that warrant reversal, and he waived his public trial issue," the panel ruled. "We therefore affirm defendant's convictions and sentences."

The panel did, however, remand for the administrative task of correcting defendant's judgment of sentence to show that he is convicted of a single count of first-degree murder supported by two theories.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Fireworks fundraiser sparkles with \$3,800-plus

Plymouth Township's fireworks fund is \$3,819 richer thanks to the Picnic Basket Market and its customers.

The delicatessen hosted a cookout fundraiser June 4 for the township's annual Fourth of July events, raising more than \$2,000, and owner Al Jonna chipped in another \$1,000, said township Treasurer Ron Edwards. It was the fundraiser's third year.

"It's good for the community," Edwards said.

The money will be split between the Sunday, July 3, fireworks show and the annual Fourth of July picnic. Both events will take place at Plymouth Township Park.

New clothes

The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps, which marches at events nationwide in the uniforms of George Washington's personal Continental Army guards, playing fife and drum music from the period, is benefiting from a \$750 grant from the Schneider National Foundation Inc.

The Corps, celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, will use the money to purchase new uniforms. Members are preparing for a tour this summer that will include a show in Shanksville, Pa., for a 9/11 commemoration. Shanksville was the site of the crash of a hijacked plane that was believed to be headed for Washington, D.C., on Sept. 11, 2001.

Schneider National

Foundation was established in 1982 to provide support for charitable and non-profit organizations.

Daisy Wall reprieve

The Daisy Wall, the last remaining portion of the factory where Daisy Manufacturing Co. built its famous BB guns for decades, won another reprieve Wednesday as Plymouth planners, preservationists and the owner of the site continue to hash out its future.

The Plymouth Planning Commission voted 7-0 Wednesday in favor of extending the development agreement with Joseph Freed & Associates of Chicago. Freed, which developed the unfinished Daisy Square condominium project, has indicated it wants to sell the undeveloped portion of the site.

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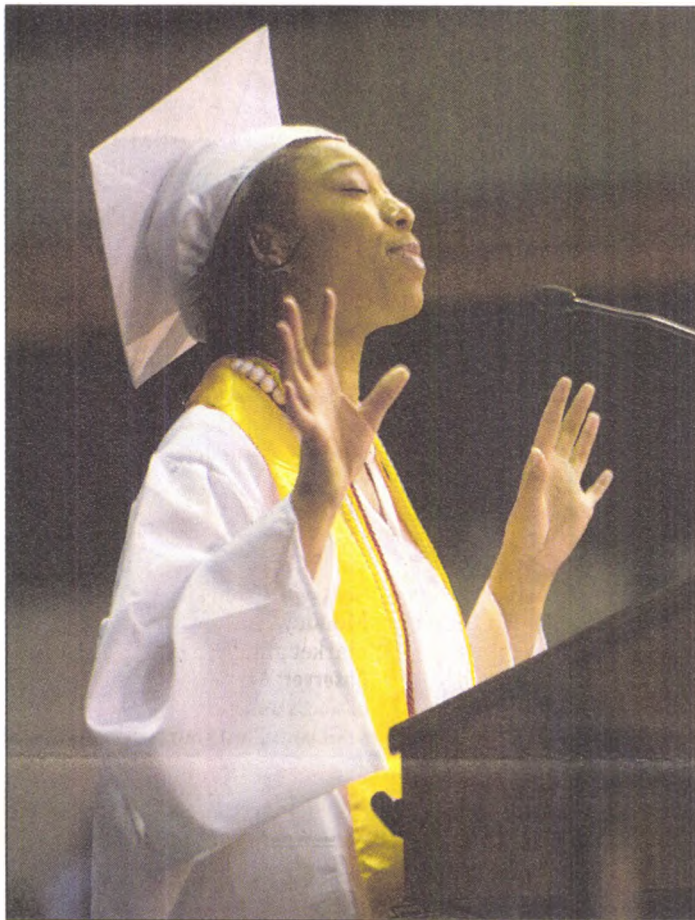
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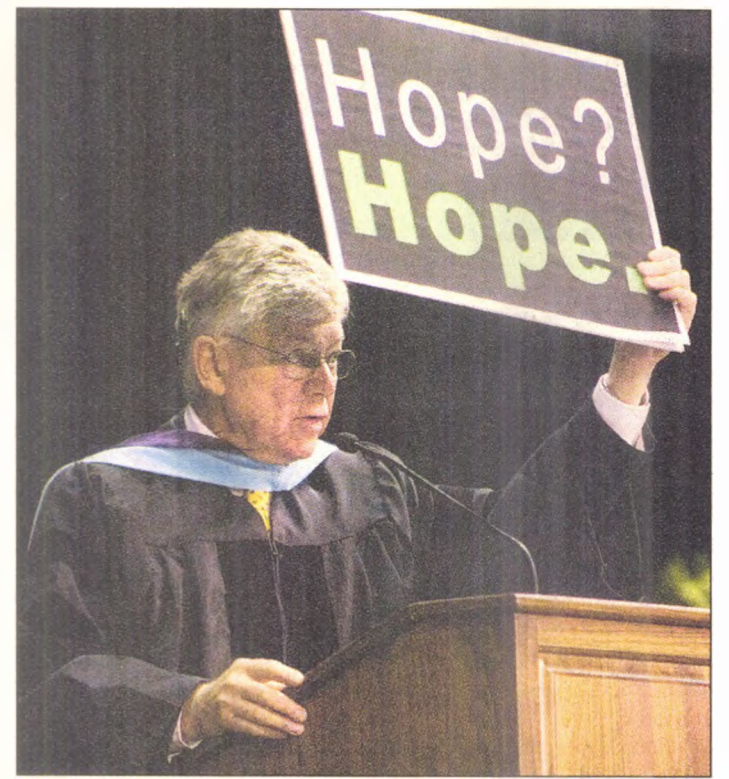


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Back to scratch

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Sweet treats

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are able to vote daily to help the Cupcake Station win a new mixer for its Head Pastry Chef.

Cupcake Station is offering "BOGO FREE" cupcake for each time you vote and bring in your "Thanks for Voting" page at any location. (Limit one Free Cupcake per vote, per day). The contest ends Aug. 21, at 11:59 p.m. Winners will be announced on Sept. 6. Please go to the following link to vote for our Signature Item: <http://www.getbacktoscratch.com/directory/profile/?id=214>

Community garage sale

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This year, because of the high demand, there will be three more separate Garage Sales: June 25, July 9 and July 23. Each sale runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., so if you do not need to sell but need to buy come to the Plymouth Cultural Center and pick up a hidden treasure. Admission is free.

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Patient wellness hallmark of local chiropractic clinic

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

Gerou: We provide short-term chiropractic care, as well as wellness care for our patients. We treat athletes, seniors, and kids. Our latest offering, non-surgical decompression, can often allow our patients to receive a successful treatment alternative to surgery for their low back/sciatica condition.

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

Gerou: While attending EMU, I was working two jobs, at UPS and Kroger, while also running. A low back injury stopped me in my tracks. I went to a Chiropractor who corrected my problem and eliminated my back pain and allowed me to resume my running. I discovered that if I got a Chiropractic adjustment before my running days, I performed better! This excited me, and led to me pursuing Chiropractic as a career.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Gerou: Canton was a fast-growing community, easily accessible from other places, and a younger population that were establishing their families here.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Gerou: We are the only Chiropractic office in the Canton-Plymouth area that offers non-surgical spinal decompression for treating acute, severe low back pain and sciatica.



Gerou

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Gerou: The average patient understands Chiropractic better, and they are also more

in tune with their body and desire health & wellness more.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Gerou: It has affected all business; we are not immune to that. Many patients have lost their jobs, or had their insurance coverage changed or cut out. As a result, it has made it more difficult for patients to receive the health care they need. We try our best to make it as affordable for them to come in for care as needed.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Gerou: On the day I first opened my practice, a dentist next door told me to be sure and buy a newspaper the next day, because something "extraordinary occurred today." I was too busy making sure everything was going right in my practice, so I did NOT pay any attention to any "happenings" on that day. Well, I discovered that my opening day was "Black Monday," the day the stock market almost crashed.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Gerou: Plan your work, and

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Your hometown: Canton

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work your plan. Out-think and out-work your competition. Analyze your business expenses, and don't over-spend.

Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

Gerou: We want to provide solutions for our patients' health care problems. Make it easier for them to receive the care they want. To help more patients that are suffering debilitating low back pain and sciatica resume normal activities and avoid costly and risky low back surgeries through our Non-surgical spinal decompression treatment.

Tips to save broken electronics

BY JON GUNNELLS
GUEST COLUMNIST



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

I'm the type of person who never puts his phone in the same pocket which also means I'm the kind of guy who always drops his phone and then blames it on poorly designed pockets.

During a golf outing earlier this month, I faulted my phone in one of those faulty pockets and by the 13th green — the golf balls weren't the only things I had lost on the course.

By the time I located my phone it had already been run over by a bad cart (can't blame that on golf pockets). The blame was placed on the wet fairway. The unit and the battery had significant water damage and even after I dried them both with a towel — they still wouldn't work.

When I returned home a few hours later I tried a last ditch effort to get the water out of my phone. Remembering something I read on the Internet a few years earlier, I took the battery out of my phone and placed it in a plastic storage container full of uncooked rice.

Within three hours, the LED indicator at the top of the phone started lighting up. In six hours, the screen began lighting up. After eight hours,

the audio capabilities on my phone were back to normal. Because I had previously linked my phone with my car's hand-free calling system via Bluetooth I was even able to access my contacts and make calls.

Although my phone's water damage was too significant to overcome, the moisture the dry rice absorbed helped my phone enough to let me call my service provider and have a new phone mailed to me.

The ability to dial out with my half-broken device was essential, because like many people, my cell phone is the only phone I own.

If your cell phone, MP3 player or other handheld device has a run in with liquid, follow these steps to try and bring it back to life.

• Take the item apart. Remove batteries, memory cards, SIM cards and anything else than can be taken off the device.

• Place the phone face up in a better area like a closet, or warmer yet, place it in a plastic container full of uncooked rice. It may take up to a day

for your phone to slowly dry out.

• You can try placing your device in front of a fan, or even under a hair dryer but make sure the unit is not exposed to extreme heat.

• Most importantly don't put your phone in a pocket it is likely to fall out of and you won't drop it and end up running it over with a golf cart. Seriously though — purchase insurance for your device if it is available because accidents happen and electronics are expensive — especially cell phones.

Cell phone providers often times hand out new phones for free or discounted rates and offset the phone cost with a commitment for a monthly phone plan. But when you break your phone, those deals aren't available and a smart phone could cost \$300-\$400 more than you paid for it when you signed your contract.

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OUR VIEWS

The next steps

Students deserve to have opportunities, guidance

On Sunday, officials at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park bade farewell to hundreds of graduates during the annual commencement exercises for Plymouth, Canton and Salem High Schools at the Convocation Center at Eastern Michigan University.

Now, it's time for the rest of us to welcome them to the next step in their journey.

It's an exciting time as parents, relatives and friends join in the celebration and often marvel at the world that awaits the new graduates, the majority of whom are headed to colleges and universities around the state and around the nation.

It's not the most opportune time to be a young graduate. The economy is in tatters and refuses to rev up. Global competition has put America on the defensive. College tuition is on the rise. America is involved in three wars. Even the weather is acting goofy.

There are few guarantees. People who have every opportunity still make bad decisions that affect them all their lives. People from troubled backgrounds find the resources to become excellent citizens.

Yet there's likely never been a perfect time to graduate. That hasn't been a hindrance in the past to youngsters whose lack of experience in the "real world" is more than balanced by enthusiasm, confidence and an unbridled, if somewhat vague, belief that they will find their place in the world.

Nor will it likely hold back this year's class of graduates. While some old-timers like to grouse about the lack of rigor in today's schools, anyone who spends more than a moment in our classrooms would have to disagree.

Despite all the controversy about funding and other sideshows — and despite the increasing number of additional duties required of educators — the curriculum and educational demands for today's students are almost always much greater than that faced by their parents. That fact becomes painfully obvious to many parents when they try to help with their children's homework.

There are many excellent students coming out of our school systems. You met a handful of them when the *Observer* published its annual Academic All-Stars section a couple of weeks ago.

Spend a few moments meeting these outstanding students and you will get a glimpse of the high-quality youngsters coming out of Plymouth-Canton homes and classrooms. Such achievements seldom occur without the nurturing assistance of parents and teachers.

Such outstanding student accomplishments are evident to anyone who has attended recent graduation ceremonies or the various end-of-year honor programs.

The challenge facing us as a community is to not only recognize these high-flying youngsters, but to do all we can to provide opportunities and guidance to every student in the county.

It's not just the humane thing to do; it's the practical thing to do. Not all youngsters have the same advantages and not all make the best decisions. But getting youngsters back on track increases the chances that they will lead productive lives. That increases their quality of life and improves the likelihood that they will be a contributor to, rather than a drain on, society.

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Nonetheless, the outcomes are likely to be better when there is a good foundation at home, in the community and especially in the schools.

As the graduates tossed their caps into the air last week, it's important to remember all the people — particularly their teachers — who helped them to this point.

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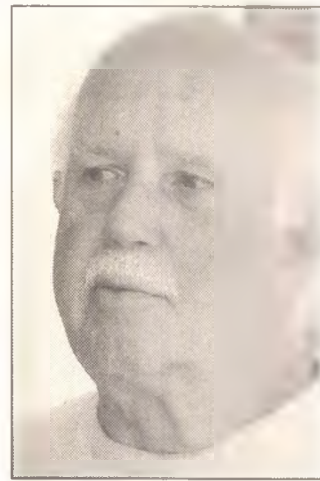
With the peak water-use season coming and water rates going up in many communities, are you doing anything to conserve water, or do you plan on trying to conserve?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"I use very little. I take very, very short showers. (Lawn-watering) only if it gets down to the point where it's absolutely dead."

Donna Ventura
Plymouth Township



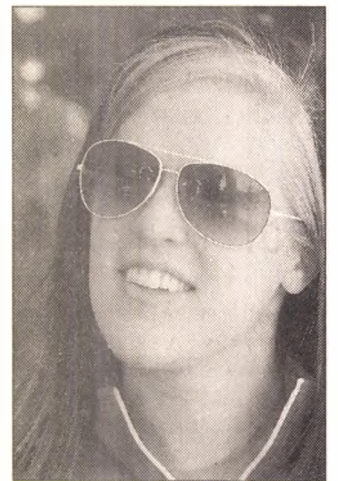
"Within reason. Might not turn on the sprinkler near as much."

Jim McLaughlin
Plymouth Township



"I drink like two gallons of water a day. I don't water my lawn. ... I'm a dirty hippie."

Jude Spade
Plymouth



"No. I don't have a lawn to water. I live in an apartment."

Emily Ketterer
Plymouth

LETTERS

Stop the rip-offs

I'm a paramedic, and we have a SOP that states "treat the patient, and not the symptoms."

You guys are mandating that government workers pay 20 percent of their health care costs. That's not the answer. You're treating the "symptoms."

Why don't you address the "patient"? You need to reduce the costs of health care. Tell doctors and hospitals that you're not going to pay their constantly inflated, outrageous rates for health care (i.e., Medicaid and Medicare, and any other government-controlled payments).

A friend of mine recently went to China and had to have an MRI. He had to pay cash for it. Do you know what it cost him — \$75. And when he got home, the doctors here said it was every bit as good as the ones we do here (for a cost of \$1,000!)

Also, you need to stop the huge inflationary increase of college tuition. They have increased their rates 5-10 percent every year for the last 10 years. Stop it and get it under control!

Quit taxing the retirees and the low-income residents. And stop the medical field and colleges from ripping us off.

Tom Kelly
Plymouth

K-12 funding

When I decided to pursue teaching as a career 17 years ago at Eastern Michigan University, I understood that I would never be rich. I understood that it would take half my career to get to the top of the pay scale. I knew that I would never receive a profit-sharing check, or a matching 401(k), or any other financial bonus.

After entering the profession, I quickly learned that when times are good, educators pretty much have to beg and plead for a 1-percent raise, all the while my friends in other professions receive 5-percent (or more) raises. (They literally scoffed and laughed at

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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my excitement over a 1-percent raise.) I also recognized that I must continue to pursue career-long education, for which I must pay out of my own pocket.

I think it is time for everyone to see the value of public education. And if you already do, then it is time for you to spread the message because I am not OK with being blamed for society's problems. I am not OK with being the whipping boy for politicians. I am not OK with being the scapegoat for the state's financial meltdown. I am not OK with the budget being balanced on our backs. I am not OK with outsiders isolating and analyzing one or two portions of our contract and determining that it is unjustified.

It often feels that many people think teachers should not make a respectable salary doing what they do. Or perhaps even worse, some feel that teachers should struggle financially. How did we get to this point? Why shouldn't well-educated members of society (many of us possess multiple, advanced degrees), who work with people's most prized possession all day, be able to support their own family financially?

Why is that so absurd?

Please consider the big picture. Every time someone degrades the teaching profession or devalues our worth, they are degrading public education, which in turn is eroding the foundation of our future. Education provides the foundation on which the future is built. As a people, we should be making the profession more attractive, not less. Be careful: As goes the teacher, so goes the education.

Christopher D. Gord
Livonia

Could this be you?

This letter is a plea to all people who have lost someone close and dear to them. My parents passed in 2008 and I have had a very difficult time in coping with their loss. They are buried at Parkview Memorial Gardens in Livonia but my request is to everyone who regularly visits any cemetery to remember those who are gone.

I, like many others, find comfort in bringing flowers and checking on the gravesite to say a prayer and remember times past. However, on May 23 I stopped by to check on the gorgeous pink geranium basket that I had put there a couple of weeks ago with a beautiful firefly shepherd hook and it was gone. My hook was still there but the beautiful plant was gone. I went to the front office with tears in my eyes and talked to the ladies at Parkview in total disbelief that people would steal flowers from a cemetery. They told me there was nothing they could do and it happens all over.

What kind of person can steal from a cemetery, steal from my heart? I believe that what goes around comes around and whoever you are who did this will answer for it when life on earth is over. I will still continue to visit my parents' gravesite and I will not let the evil in this world get me down, but I will be watching as will heaven above so please think twice before stealing any flowers again.

Diane Weir
Livonia

Promoting Michigan as a beautiful state begins with us

The best form of advertising is word of mouth.

While sitting on a flight to South Florida, my seatmate and I got talking about the beauty of Michigan.

He's lived in Florida a good part of his life and only thought of Michigan as a frozen wasteland or the old rust belt — until he moved to the beautiful town of

Chelsea, Mich. Now he and his family enjoy the bounty of our stunning peninsulas.

My seatmate told me that when he can coax/encourage his Florida friends to venture north (summer only!), they are amazed by the vast-

ness and glory of Michigan and return for vacations here, again and again.

That's when it hit me — those of us who call Michigan home often forget what our mitten state has to offer, taking our state for granted.

Perhaps we have let the woes following the Great Recession and our imploding economy and auto industry that once buoyed us for many decades weigh us down.

Perhaps it is time to revisit our state motto: "If you seek a beautiful peninsula, look about you."

Look about us indeed. I shared the idea of turning all Michiganders into state promoters with Mike Finney, president and CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, asking that his job development and tourism

agency consider providing us all with the tools to invite family and friends to enjoy/promote/explore Michigan.

What if we made it easy for individuals and families to "sell Michigan"? Could we put packages together containing discount coupons, maps, videos and other Michigan goodies and give them to Michiganders, thereby encouraging us all to share with relatives and out-of-state friends? It could help us make the beauty of Pure Michigan more attractive — and give our tourism industry a boost!

What about using social media networks to promote Michigan?

How about making those spectacular Pure Michigan commercials available to everyone and encourage them to load them on to Facebook, MySpace, and Twitter feeds, thereby promoting Michigan to family and

friends, and making ourselves self-promoters of our state?

GREAT MINDS

As it turns out, the crew at MEDC, under the leadership of the governor and Finney, has just finished the beginnings of such a word-of-mouth campaign to promote Michigan.

As Joseph J. Serwach, managing director of communications for MEDC, stated in an e-mail to me: "in communications and marketing, we've continually learned that a simple conversation is the best way to educate, to influence, to make a case and change minds."

Word of mouth works! Joe informed me the MEDC just completed a video, "Why Michigan?" The goal is to promote Michigan via social networking and are encouraging

everyone to share "Why Michigan?" widely (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWyZ1BnXYLg&feature=channel_video_title).

Take the time to download and watch; share and save; it is as inviting as it is stunning.

Michiganders, here's a tool for us to tweet and post to Facebook, MySpace and your favorite social networking outlets, informing families and friends about our great state.

Each and every one of us can turn into a Michigan-family promotional arm for "Pure Michigan — too good to keep to ourselves."

Tom Watkins is a business and educational consultant in the U.S. and China. He served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools, 2001-05. He can be reached at tdwatkins88@gmail.com.

Philharmonic kicks off patriotic summer

The Michigan Philharmonic will kick off the summer season and its new name by presenting a free pops concert 6:45 p.m. Saturday at Canton's Liberty Fest.

Those who can't make it to the June 18 fireworks spectacular have other chances to hear the former Plymouth Symphony Orchestra in a casual summer atmosphere. A Friday, June 24 Pop's Plus Concert is set for Kensington Metropark in Milford and on Saturday, July 2, The Michigan Philharmonic will salute America with a special concert in Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

This Saturday's concert in Canton's Heritage Park is a family friendly program featuring American favor-

ites "Yankee Doodle Dandy," "This Land is Your Land," "America the Beautiful," and more. Guests are invited to enjoy the music which starts at 6:45 p.m. at the Amphitheater Stage. The Liberty Fest fireworks will cap off the evening and light up the sky at dusk.

The Friday, June 24, "Pops Plus" program at Kensington Metropark starts at 8 p.m. and features music from films such as "An American in Paris," "West Side Story" and "Bridge on the River Kwai." In addition the Philharmonic, under the direction of music director and conductor Nan Washburn, will perform John Phillip Sousa's march, "Stars and Stripes Forever."

The concert is free and open to the public; however,

a \$5 daily park entry fee is required.

The July 2 program, "An American Salute," celebrates the nation's birthday with a fun, family-friendly free concert at 7:30 p.m. that showcases popular American composers Richard Rodgers, Aaron Copeland, George Gershwin and Leonard Bernstein. The big brass, cannons and church bells of Tchaikovsky's spectacular "1812 Overture" provide a sensational grand finale to this summer concert, sponsored by the *Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Newspapers*, in partnership with the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, IHA and the Grand Traverse Pie Company.

Bring a lawn chair, relax,

eat a slice of pie and celebrate the holiday close to home in Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

The July 2 concert is part of a long weekend of Fourth of July holiday attractions in the city and township, including a Plymouth Community Band concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 30, in Kellogg Park (veterans will be honored); Music in the Air on Friday, July 1, in Kellogg Park featuring "Zap Toro"; Saturday's Plymouth Township Fireworks Spectacular in Plymouth Township Park (at Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha) at 10:30 p.m.; Plymouth's Good Morning USA Parade at 9 a.m. July 4 and Plymouth Township's Good Old Fashioned Picnic after the parade in township park.



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Music director/conductor Nan Washburn leads the members of the Michigan Philharmonic in a Saturday concert during Canton's Liberty Fest.

Bank fees can add up, so consider options

It seems over the last few years consumers have gotten used to fees. Whether it's airlines charging to check bags, or hotels adding resort fees to the cost of the room.

Generally, when it comes to fees consumers don't have many alternatives. In some situations, they just have to grin and bear it. However, there are certain situations where consumers have choices and it pays to be proactive. Some of the fees are small, however, when they are recurring, they add up. One area in particular where consumers can save money and where there are options is banks.

Banks have a history of charging various fees — whether it's the outrageous amounts they charge for bounced checks or even just to print checks. I recently read an article about the new fees that some banks around the country are charging. They include fees for:

- Talking to a teller
 - Cashing in coins
 - Receiving an incoming wire transfer of money
 - Redeeming points
 - Account closing fees
- To be fair to banks, they are in business to make money and profits for their shareholders. Therefore, in this tough and difficult economy, banks are no different than any other organization pursuing new ways to produce revenue. There is no doubt that in the past, because of some of their procedures, they've incurred costs and have not received any revenue. I recognize that. What I don't like is how difficult some banks make it to determine what their fees are. They offer different types of accounts and services, each with its own fee structure. When they implement a new fee or raise an existing one, banks have a tendency to bury the information, making it difficult for the customer to stay informed.

That being said, whether banks are justified in charging the fees or not, I'm not sure. However, consumers have options.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

FEES DIFFER

Not all banks charge the same fees. In addition, not all accounts at a bank pay the same fees. Depending upon the type of customer you are and the type of account, you may pay different fees.

The key is to focus not only on what fees banks charge, but rather, whether the fees are for services you need. If you choose not to receive paper statements and like receiving them online, the fact the bank charges for paper statements is irrelevant to you. On the other hand, if your bank is charging you for incoming wire transfers and you receive incoming transfers, then the fee is important.

Look at your bank statement over the last few months and see what fees you are paying. If there are recurring fees, it may make sense to consider a change.

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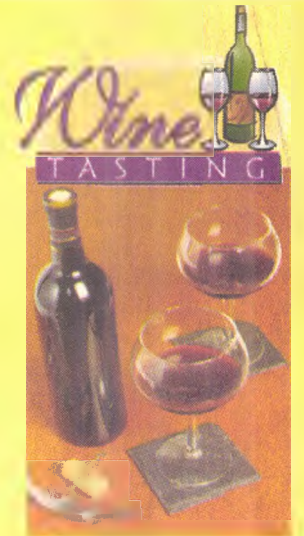
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Chiefs hit wall in D1 quarters

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Until Tuesday's game at Michigan State University, all the Canton varsity softball team knew about Mattawan was its top billing.

It didn't take long during the Division 1 state quarterfinal at Secchia Stadium for the Chiefs to find out the No. 1 ranking was accurate.

Mattawan senior pitcher Lauren Gevaart gave up a leadoff single to sophomore catcher Catherine Porter and that was it as the Wildcats cruised to a 12-0 victory. The game was shortened to six innings due to the mercy rule.

Need any more proof that Canton ran into a buzzsaw? Gevaart struck out 11 batters

and the Wildcats (34-5) clubbed 15 hits and three home runs — one hitting a tree located some 20 feet behind the center-field fence.

"They're a real good team," Canton head coach Jim Arnold said. "We just had an off-day. We can play with them tomorrow, but today just wasn't our day."

"Nobody's held us to one hit in a ballgame. Give credit to my pitcher. She did an outstanding job, moved the ball around a lot."

Canton senior shortstop and co-captain CarolAnn Sexauer tried to give her teammates a primer on what to expect playing in a big state tournament game.

Central Michigan-bound Sexauer was on Canton's back-to-back D1 state semifinalists in girls basketball.

"We talked about it and it's really easy to let this atmosphere get to you," Sexauer said. "It's something that's really hard to master."

Canton wasn't able to do so Tuesday as Saturday's doubleheader in the regionals quickly seemed like a distant memory.

"There's nothing else you can say," Sexauer said. "We've come so far. It's just a bummer when we don't play to our potential."

BAD OMEN

Things didn't go well from the start. In the top of the first against Chiefs freshman pitcher Hanna Warren, leadoff batter Alyssa McBride reached on a single and was sacrificed over by Sara Johnson.

But the throw back across the diamond to try to cut down McBride heading for third

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JIM CALABRESE

Canton's varsity softball team, coached by Jim Arnold (far left), celebrates after winning Saturday's Division 1 regional final against North Farmington. Part of the celebration despite breaking a foot during the regional semifinal was senior co-captain Samantha Partain (seated, holding the trophy). Also up from the JV for depth were Paige Aresco, Megan Grant, Kendyl Richter and Shannon Watson. The rest of the team, listed alphabetically, includes: Alyssa Boucher, Hailee Craig, Kaitlyn Keys, Jesse Lerner, Lauren Leskovitz, Heidi Lucke, Kaitlyn Mattson, Partain, Catherine Porter, CarolAnn Sexauer, Breanna Schnur, Sarah Wagner, Hanna Warren and Jessica Webster.

Canton powers to regional title

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A mighty display of early offense started Canton on its way to a regional championship in softball Saturday afternoon.

The Chiefs enjoyed an 8-0 lead after three at-bats in the tournament final at Novi, and they rolled to an eventual, 11-1 victory over North Farmington.

"We came up and just hit the ball," Canton coach Jim Arnold said. "We hit the ball all day today, and that's the key at this level."

"We're scoring runs; we're hitting the ball. (Lauren) Leskovitz hit two home runs today; (CarolAnn) Sexauer also hit a home run and played great defense at shortstop. We were just pounding the ball."

The Chiefs, who had 11 hits in the final game, scored six runs in the third inning on just three hits, two

walks and three errors.

But the Canton hits were big ones. Kaitlyn Mattson hit a two-run single, and the next batter, Leskovitz, greeted North relief pitcher Katy Severson with a two-run homer.

"Knowing North Farmington, you can score six runs, but you can't be comfortable with that," Arnold said. "They've come from behind twice (in district tournament games to beat Northville and Mercy)."

"We told the kids: 'You can't be comfortable with this many runs. You have to keep putting pressure on them.' They listened and they did that. It was awesome."

Canton (34-6) added a run in the sixth inning when Sarah Wagner walked and scored from first base on a dropped fly ball in the outfield.

The Chiefs tacked on two more in the seventh. Mattson had an RBI single, and Wagner walked with the bases loaded.

UNSTOPPABLE

"I tried everything — change-up, screwball, riseball, drops, fastballs, everything," North coach Dave Brubaker said. "I tried it all, and they just hit it all."

"They were on and we weren't that game. We hit the ball right at people. (North had the) bases loaded, and we didn't come through."

"It was one of those games they did everything right, and it seemed everything went wrong for us. But that's the game, and I'm all right with that."

While seniors Mattson (3-for-5), Leskovitz (3-for-4) and Sexauer were instrumental in the victory, Arnold marveled at the play of his younger players, too.

The Nos. 8 and 9 hitters, freshmen outfielders Paige Aresco and Kendyl Richter, both recently elevated from

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Plymouth freshman Lauren Babcock (No. 7, left) and her senior sister Jennifer were inseparable during the 2011 season.



Being teammates was something to smile about for Salem senior Victoria Kaye (No. 12, left) and freshman sister Olivia.

Oh, sister!

Soccer sibs get most out of rare opportunity

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Varsity soccer and siblings is a winning combination — something happily vouched for by the Babcocks and Kayes.

Although their respective high school seasons just ended, the experience of senior and freshman sisters being together on the same team won't ever be forgotten. That goes for the sisters and their soccer moms.

And two PCEP varsity girls soccer squads had the same sister-sister thing going on:

- Senior Jennifer Babcock, 18 and freshman sister Lauren, 14, teamed up with the Plymouth Wildcats.

- With the Salem Rocks were senior Victoria Kaye, 18 and freshman sister Olivia, 15.

In both households, there was something about varsity soccer somehow changing the family dynamic.

"Cleaning their room and fighting it out over clothes is one thing," Nora Kaye said. "But when you have an odd-man rush changing your net, you better communicate effectively and figure things out quickly if you want to be successful."

"Sports transcends the drama of sisterhood. It equalizes the sibling rivalry factor."

TWICE AS NICE

According to Shelly Babcock, this season proved twice as gratifying and unforgettable, for obvious reasons.

"The first time they called the Plymouth lineup and I heard both their names called I was choked up," Shelly said. "During one game, Marissa (Williams) the goalie yelled, 'Jen, send it to your sister!' The parent section chuckled and I loved it."

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Hard luck fells Chiefs

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

BASEBALL REGIONALS

Missed opportunities and a couple calls that didn't go their way cost the Canton Chiefs in Saturday's Division 1 baseball regional semifinal against Birmingham Brother Rice.

The Warriors avenged losing to Canton in the 2010 regionals with a 4-2 victory at Novi High School and advanced to the regional final against Novi-Detroit Catholic Central which the Shamrocks won, 7-4.

Although Chiefs head coach Mark Blomshild

lamented the tough-luck loss, he praised his senior-laden ballclub (27-7) — winners of four straight districts.

"They have a lot to be proud of," Blomshild said. "Before they stepped foot on our campus, Canton hadn't won a district since 1989."

"A lot of those kids were part of four districts ... they won a lot of ballgames, they have nothing to be ashamed of."

Brother Rice head coach

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DAVID REED

Canton southpaw pitcher Mike Stafford (No. 15) fires the ball toward home plate during the baseball regionals.

SIDELINES

MWGA stroke play

Shelly Weisk of Southfield shot a 78 to take first flight low gross honors in the 25th annual Michigan Women's Golf Association President's Stroke Play event held Saturday at the North and South courses at Pheasant Run in Canton.

Rounding out the top three in Flight One were Lauri Ponikiewski (Livonia) and Lisa Bishop (Belleville) with 82 each.

Taking low net honors in the first flight included Theresa MacPherson (Royal Oak), 68; Pat Witek (Livonia), 69; and Cindy Hill (Ypsilanti), 72.

Rockettes golf outing

Circle this date on your calendar: Sunday, Aug. 7. That's when the Fox Hills Golf Club will host the 11th annual golf outing for the Salem Rockettes' Pom and Dance Team.

The outing will take place on the Golden Fox Course at Fox Hills, located at 8768 N. Territorial west of Plymouth.

The registration deadline is July 29 with the fee of \$100 per golfer.

Registration starts at 10:30 a.m. on Aug. 7 with a noon shotgun start.

There also will be a performance by the Salem Rockettes.

Enjoy 18 holes of golf followed by a Buffet Dinner with two-hour open bar and silent auction as well as a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest and other contests.

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Tourney for Hope

The first Canton's Tournament for Hope, to raise proceeds for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, is slated for July 29-31 at High Velocity Sports in Canton.

Teams are being sought to sign up for the 6-v-6 indoor tournament. There are competitive and rec divisions for Over-30 women and Open Women (18 and older).

For more information on how to sign up, send an e-mail to hopetourney@yahoo.com or visit the Canton's Tournament for Hope Facebook page. All money generated by the tourney will go for breast cancer research. The registration deadline is July 1.

High Velocity Sports is located at 46245 Michigan Ave. near Canton Center Drive. Call Drew Crawford at (734) 487-7678 for any questions concerning the venue.

SuperJess Classic

The big day is just around the corner, but there is still time to gear up — literally — for the first "SuperJess Baseball Classic," which will take place 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 22, at the Plymouth High School varsity baseball field.

The Michigan Blue Jays (with nine players from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park) and Plymouth Grizzlies will square off, with all profits to benefit the family of Jesse Lindlbauer. He is the Canton High School student who is recovering from a brain abscess rupture and needs physical and speech therapy.

Folks can "gear up" by purchasing wristbands for \$6, which will be used for admission purposes. Ticket (wristband) sales will be held at Canton Sports, 45668 Ford Road, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. The wristbands also are available at Tonda Elementary, Pioneer Middle School and Central Middle School.

For more information, call Joel Thompson at (734) 634-4963 or e-mail him at jethome@comcast.net. Thompson coached Jesse when the youngster played second base for the Canton Vipers 13U and 14U teams.

Chiefs win big despite injury

SISTERS

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BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Canton senior co-captain and starting second baseman Samantha Partain broke her left foot during Saturday's Division 1 softball regional semifinal, the Chiefs merely shuffled the deck and continued on their merry, winning way.

Canton head coach Jim Arnold moved starting right fielder Sarah Wagner to take over for Partain at second and all Wagner did was start a 4-6-3 double play to end the Chiefs' 8-0 victory over Birmingham Groves.

Wagner fielded the ball and calmly flipped it to senior shortstop CarolAnn Sexauer to

begin the double play.

"We all practice in different positions so I had complete confidence in her (Wagner)," Sexauer said. "Nothing felt out of whack or anything because we've been practicing like that, just in case something like that happens."

Partain — a .450 hitter — singled in Canton's sixth run in the fifth. She then sustained her injury trying to steal second base.

Although teammates hoped she would be OK to play the regional final against North Farmington, X-rays determined the break.

The Chiefs were in total control of the opener, with junior pitcher Alyssa Boucher giving up just four hits while

tossing her second shutout of the year.

"It felt really good," Boucher said. "I just wanted to win for my seniors, we had our banquet the other day."

"So I just wanted to win for them, and having them back me up ... it just felt really good."

Canton jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first and never looked back.

Junior left fielder Jesse Lerner headed and scored on a double by Sexauer (4-for-4, three runs, three RBI).

Following up with her first of two run-scoring doubles was senior first baseman Kaitlyn Mattson.

The big blow of the game was senior center fielder

Lauren Leskovitz' three-run homer in the third to make it a 5-0 game.

Sexauer singled and Mattson and Leskovitz ripped a two-out liner down the left-field line.

The ball hit the foul pole and bounced back onto the field, Leskovitz stopped at second thinking it was a double.

"I saw it back on the field so I just kept running to third," Leskovitz said. "Then he was like 'Home run,' and I said 'Are you sure?'"

Wrapping up Canton's scoring was Sexauer's two-run home run to left-center in the seventh, plating Lerner (who had walked).

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REGIONAL

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the jayvee, hit back-to-back RBI doubles in the second inning. Sophomore catcher Catherine Porter was 2-for-4.

The winning pitcher was freshman Hanna Warren, who scattered five hits, struck out four and walked two in a complete game.

"We worked all week on low and outside, getting the screwball on the inside, trying to get them on the handle," Arnold said.

"She listened and did as we asked her to do. For a freshman to come out and pitch like that in a regional championship game is pretty darn good."

Aside from two errors in the bottom of the third that led to North's only run, the Canton defense was outstanding, especially the play of Sexauer. She made three putouts and had seven assists on 6-to-3 plays.

"(The Raiders) hit the ball real well; they bunt and play the short game," Arnold said. "We actually put in a defense for that just prior to this game."

"We call it a double-two where the shortstop and second baseman are up, and it worked out extremely well. We took it away from them."

CONFIDENT FEELING

The early lead and good

defense helped to put Warren in a comfortable situation and allowed her to pitch with confidence.

"I knew my team could back me up," she said. "We're a very good infield team. Even when I'm down, they make me laugh and make sure I keep going and have to be tough. I was scared but I knew, by the third inning, we had it."

"Les' home run helped a lot; even our jayvee players helped us. (Sexauer) called me off a lot, and I needed that help after I overthrew the first one. She's spot-on and a great shortstop, and we're going to miss her next year."

Nikki Wald scored the lone North run on a single and a throwing error, a sacrifice and another miscue. The Raiders (34-4) committed five errors.

"That team I did not know," Brubaker said. "That's not our kind of game. No way!"

Makenzie Coulter started for North, worked two innings and faced the first three batters in the third. Severson finished the game. The duo allowed six walks had five strikeouts.

INJURED SENIOR: Senior second baseman Samantha Partain suffered a broken foot and season-ending injury while sliding into a base in Canton's semifinal win over Groves.

Partain, a four-year starter for the Chiefs, stayed on the bench for the final game, how-

ever.

She was unable to walk to the third-base line for the medals and trophy presentation. Coach Jim Arnold and another player helped her as she hopped on one foot to the chalk to be with her teammates.

Partain sat in a chair for the awards ceremony. Afterward, her teammates gathered around her, making her the centerpiece for the post-game pictures.

Sophomore outfielder Sarah Wagner replaced Partain at second base. She was 0-for-2 in the final game, but she walked three times, scored two runs and had one RBI.

PITCHING COMBO: Junior Alyssa Boucher and freshman Hanna Warren have shared the pitching duties for the Chiefs this year.

Boucher pitched the semifinal game, and Warren was the intended starter for the final. Arnold had Boucher ready to go just in case she was needed.

"We have two different kinds of pitchers, two different kinds of speeds," he said. "If I had to, I could take (Warren) out and put the dropball pitcher in there."

A pitching change was unnecessary as Warren gave the Chiefs what they needed in the way of solid pitching, limiting the Raiders to five hits.

"I thought I did pretty well," Warren said. "They're

a very good hitting team. I had to pitch inside and get my change-up working. They could hit anything I threw at them, so I knew they had to be off balance. They had to be pitched inside."

In the bottom of the third, North had a run in and the bases loaded with two outs. The inning ended with a fly ball to shortstop CarolAnn Sexauer.

"There was only one time in the game I had talk to her," Arnold said. "That one inning she got a little nervous. Other than that, she started bearing down and throwing the ball."

"No, she didn't (have any reason to be nervous with an 8-0 lead) but she's a freshman. She's going to get better. If she keeps working hard, she'll be fine. We're happy to have her."

HUGE COMPLIMENT: Arnold told players at the start of the season: "Position by position, this is the best, most talented team we've had here at Canton. We just have to stay together." That was the whole focus of this year.

That was high praise for the 2011 Chiefs, considering the great teams Canton had (and Arnold coached) in the early 1990s. The Chiefs were state finalists in 1992.

"We had three or four good ballplayers and an exceptional pitcher (Kelly Holmes)," Arnold said. "Position by position, this is the best team we've had."

But even the sisters couldn't help but get a charge out of having the unique opportunity to be varsity teammates, despite being three grades apart.

"We definitely bonded a lot more than if we weren't have been on two different teams," said Lauren Babcock, who played defense for the 'Cats. "We drove together to all the games with music blasting to get us pumped up and ready to play."

"Jennifer and I both wanted to be on the varsity teams together. I worked very hard to make the team and it has been one of my greatest soccer experiences so far."

According to Jennifer Babcock, a forward-midfielder and co-captain who was part of Plymouth's 2010 state finalists, this season marked the first time she and Lauren were teammates — except for games played just for recreation.

"Being on the same team was very different because we have such an age gap," Jennifer said. "The only time we have played together in the past was for fun in pickup games."

"(But) what better way to bond than to play the sport we both love together."

PUSHING EACH OTHER

You'd get no argument from the Kaye sisters, either.

"Being on the same team definitely helped Victoria and me bond more and become closer than we ever have before," said Olivia Kaye.

But the sisters, both defenders, helped each other out from a competitive standpoint, too.

To put it mildly, they used sibling rivalry as a motivational tool.

"This year was my best year yet, and I believe it is because the two of us pushed each other every game and practice," emphasized Victoria Kaye, a Salem co-captain. "When she made an amazing play, I tried my best to make an even better one."

"That is what you need in a team, people to push you to work your best, and Olivia and I truly did that for each other, which I loved."

As for Olivia, having her older sister on the varsity helped her ease into the world of varsity athletics.

"Going onto a team full of older girls as a freshman was

scary at times," Olivia stressed. "And it helped a lot to know that Victoria was always there for me."

"She is an all-around amazing player and I enjoyed playing in the back with her. I think we both learned a lot from each other."

LESSONS LEARNED

Rest assured, their moms also got a lot out of the season. For one thing they could see the way the girls interacted away from the soccer field.

"Through competition and the excitement of playing on the same team," Nora Kaye said, "Victoria and Olivia strengthened their relationship, had an opportunity to learn from one another, and built respect and trust."

"We talked about the games at dinner," Shelly Babcock added. "It was always nice to hear Jennifer say, 'Lauren, you played well today.' It warms my heart."

Indeed, those kinds of compliments were genuine.

Jennifer Babcock said seeing her sister improve with every practice and game was something she was glad to have been a part of. That meant her own efforts to be a positive role model and mentor were paying off.

"Me being a senior captain and her a freshman was more of a leading factor for me and a learning factor for her," she explained. "I played my best for her and taught her everything I could."

"I pushed myself everyday to be better just knowing she was watching."

Lauren was doing just that. "She (Jennifer) really helped me become a better player. I'm going to miss her very much next year."

LIFELONG TRUST

There is the same sentiment with the Kayes.

"Being on the same team as my younger sister was such a different, but great, experience," Victoria said. "It was even better since we both play defense, and we know how each other play."

"She (Olivia) was my outside defender, and every game she made me feel very comfortable because I knew no one was getting past her."

That kind of trust between young teammates will be carried over beyond the boundaries of a soccer field, for decades to come.

Their parents still will be cheering them on, albeit much more quietly. Of that you can rest assured.

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sailed over Heidi Lucke's head and Mattawan was on the scoreboard.

The second was uglier for the Chiefs, with an error, bases-loaded walk and wild pitch accounting for two more runs.

It could have been worse. With the bases loaded and the Wildcats looking for more, Sexauer ranged far to her right to snag a low liner that kept the score at 3-0.

Canton (36-7) settled down a bit, playing a good defensive inning in the fourth thanks to a diving force by Sexauer and a heads-up play by Canton junior right fielder Jesse Lerner. The latter stopped a rally by fielding a would-be single and throwing out Emily McCarty's offense.

McCarty's first, meanwhile, could not get untracked against Gevaart.

The only well-struck balls by the Chiefs were Porter's sharp single to center and a smash off the bat of senior first baseman Kaitlyn Mattson in the fourth that bounced off the shortstop and was ruled an

error.

Mattawan then scored four times in the fifth inning and five in the sixth to complete the rout and earn a trip to Battle Creek's Bailey Park for Friday's D1 semifinal. It marks the first time in school history that Mattawan goes that far into the postseason.

Junior catcher Loren Nagy and Gevaart clubbed back-to-back homers against Warren to end her day in the circle.

Nagy's was a liner over the fence in the left-field corner, while Gevaart fielded a low pitch high far over the fence in center.

"Usually it's us getting those long balls," Arnold said.

Junior pitcher Alyssa Boucher took over at that point, but the Wildcats kept on ripping the ball.

In the sixth, Nagy (3-for-4, two runs, three RBI) homered again to make it a 9-0 game and McBride singled in two more.

Mattawan head coach Alicia Smith said the way her team played against Canton followed the season's script.

"We're just very prepared and our eyes are set on the goal," Smith said. "They've been preparing for this all week. They knew it was a killer

game.

"They did everything we asked them to do, come out hitting, put pressure on them by scoring first."

NO STORYBOOK ENDING

Watching helplessly from the sidelines was Canton senior second baseman Samantha Partain, who sustained a broken left foot against Birmingham Groves in the regionals.

Playing well in her place at second was sophomore Sarah Wagner.

"I worked four years to make it this far and not being able to play, it crushed me," said Partain, a co-captain who hit in the .450 range. "I had so much fun with all these girls, they're my best friends. It was just a fun experience altogether."

But Partain said the injury made it more challenging to walk across the stage during Sunday's graduation at Eastern Michigan University.

"It was a little rough," Partain said with a smile. "Thankfully they had ramps for you to walk up, but it was all right. I was the only girl on crutches, but it's fine."

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Chiefs reward their best in track and field

Following a very successful season, the Canton varsity boys track and field team's 2011 award winners and 2012 captains were announced.

Sharing MVP honors were seniors Nick Alaniva and Ben Spreitzer, who also shared the Senior of the Year Award.

Coaches Awards were won by Alex Marsh, Alex Nickert, Sapan Patel and Keegan Sullivan while Most Improved Awards went to Austin Golles, Jeff Molchan and Tyler Winningham.

Other awards included the Junior of the Year (Kevin Buford, Ryan Jones, Sean Krolicki), Sophomore of the Year (Josh Joy, Colby Morris,



The newly elected captains of Canton's 2012 varsity boys track and field team are (listed alphabetically) Zach Cox, Ryan Jones, Sean Krolicki, Mitch Nickert, Matt Schacht and Tyler Winningham.

Scott Piwowar) and Freshman of the Year (Evan Dunklee, Kyle Zander.

Meanwhile, teammates and

coaches elected Zach Cox, Jones, Krolicki, Nickert, Matt Schacht and Winningham as co-captains for the 2012 season.

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BASEBALL
FROM PAGE B1

Bob Riker said his team didn't necessarily have any extra incentive to beat Canton just because the Chiefs ousted the Warriors in 2010.

"Half of these guys didn't play against Canton last year," he said.

UNLUCKY CALLS

The Chiefs also were very close to winning the regional a second straight season, but it wasn't to be.

Canton starting pitcher Mike Stafford and Brother Rice starter Nick Linnen were hooked up in a scoreless game until the top of the third. The Warriors loaded the bases with two outs when Linnen hit a hard smash down to Chiefs first baseman Robby Golematis.

Linnen scampered down the base line while Stafford hurried over to take the flip from Golematis.

It appeared that Stafford applied a tag to Linnen's chest before the Warrior could touch first, but Linnen was ruled safe — allowing freshman Sammy Stevens (who led off with a double) to score the game's first run.

Canton appeared to tie the game in the bottom of the fourth on what would have been a sacrifice fly by Stafford (who suffered a tough-luck loss, having gone up just one run).

With one out, junior Ryan Bazner reached on an error and courtesy runner James Hall moved to third on a double down the left-field line by senior shortstop Chris Perkovich.

Stafford then lofted a fly ball to right field that Brother Rice junior Will Schwartz caught. Schwartz threw a one-hop laser to Warriors' senior catcher Jimmy Pickens, who blocked the plate and tagged out Hall for the inning-ending double play.

But it was a bang-bang play that also could have gone in Canton's favor, especially since it looked to some as though Pickens tagged the runner with an empty glove.

"In any game, when you get



Canton's Ryan Bazner (left) and Chris Perkovich (No. 2) man their respective positions at third base and shortstop during Saturday's D1 regional semifinal against Birmingham Brother Rice.

to the regions, ... you are going to get a break here or there or you're not going to get a break here or there," Riker said. "It's one of these things you can't worry about those things you can't control, you just got to keep playing the game."

BATTLING TO THE END

Somewhat demoralized, the Chiefs went down in order in the fifth and sixth against Brother Rice fireballing senior reliever Andrew Sohn.

Meanwhile, the Warriors padded their lead to 4-0 in the sixth on a pinch hit homer by freshman Bobby Cross off Canton reliever Vaughn Birchler.

Cross smacked a towering drive over the fence in left. His round-tripper drove in Tommy Lentz (a courtesy runner for Stevens, who collected his third hit of the game) and Sohn, who reached when Canton left fielder Mark Main could not hang on to a low liner after making a valiant effort.

"He's been swinging the bat the last three or four weeks about as good as anybody in batting practice," Riker said. "And it was just an opportunity for him."

But true to form, the Chiefs — with the end of stellar careers of several longtime

Canton players hanging in the balance (namely catcher Seth Tschetter, Braden Price, Perkovich, Main, Bernabe Salinas and Garrett Bryden) — scratched out a couple runs in their last at-bat to at least go out fighting.

Bazner and Perkovich singled and both moved up on a groundout. After Tschetter walked to load the bases, a wild throw on a potential game-ending double play brought home both Bazner and Perkovich.

But that's where the rally stopped and the Warriors prevailed.

"It's tough, it seemed like everything was going against us," Perkovich said. "Everything we were hitting were just line drives and they were catching them all. Mark Main hit a great shot down the line (an excellent catch by left fielder Travis Ferguson)

"And that play at home plate where they got the runner at home plate, if we would have got that that would have been a game changer right there. We were just inches away from winning that game."

Earning the win was Linnen, who escaped an early jam in the first that could have changed the flavor of the ball game.

Canton senior leadoff bat-

ter Price stroked a line-drive double over the center fielder's head. But Bryden missed on an attempted sacrifice bunt and Pickens threw down to second to nail Price, who had strayed a bit too far toward third base.

"That's been a problem for us," Blomshield said. "We've been getting picked off left and right. We've just got to make better choices than that."

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

After the game, both Perkovich and Tschetter talked about how tough the loss was to close out their Canton careers.

"It stings a little more," Perkovich said. "It's the last game I'm ever going to play in a Canton Chiefs uniform."

"It's hard to leave my family and my team here at Canton." Concurring was Tschetter, the starting catcher for much of the 2008-11 run that garnered Blomshield 102 victories.

"It was a privilege being with all those guys," said Tschetter, adding that the successful program the Class of 2011 helped build should keep on rolling. "I think they'll win another district, they've got a lot of good talent coming in and they already got the pitching staff."

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Blazers gear up for Bailey Park

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Ladywood's softball team is breaking out the Rice Crispie Treats once again.

And that means the Blazers are headed back to Battle Creek for the second time in three years following a convincing 6-0 Division 2 quarterfinal victory Tuesday over Armada in a game played at Novi.

The Blazers, 37-3 overall, advance to the Final Four to face defending state champ Stevensville Lakeshore in a match-up of the No. 1- and 2-ranked teams beginning at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Battle Creek's Bailey Park.

Two years ago Ladywood rode the right-handed arm of freshman Briana Combs all the way to state championship game before losing to Niles.

Combs is now a seasoned junior and she continued her

Justin Verlander-like stretch by throwing her third straight perfect game.

She's now retired 54 straight batters without any reaching base going back to last Saturday's regional.

"She's worked real hard and I got to say it: She's the best conditioned athlete probably in the state," said proud father and Ladywood coach Scott Combs. "I've never seen anybody in all my years work as hard as that to be conditioned to throw seven or 14 innings. And that's what you need. As you get tired — the last 10 pitches that you throw flatten out — you can't have that. It's all conditioning and it's concentration. And that's what we work on every day in practice."

Briana Combs struck out nine of the minimum 21 batters she faced against Armada, which reached the Final Four last year and finished 25-7 this season.



Tourney winners

The 12U Canton Storm baseball team recently won the Pinckney Pirate Classic with an 8-7 win over the Pinckney Pirates Red in the title game on June 6. The storm includes (front row, from left) Josh Janovsky, Nick Sprosek, Erich Payne, Josh Rubis, Jake O'Donnell and Justin Raylean; (middle row, from left) Chase Timko, Jake Dattilio, Matt Brooks, Noah Haran, Matt Lessel and Robert Barnes; (back row, from left) assistant coach Scott Payne, head coach Rob Brooks, assistant coach Keith Rubis and assistant coach Steve Barnes.

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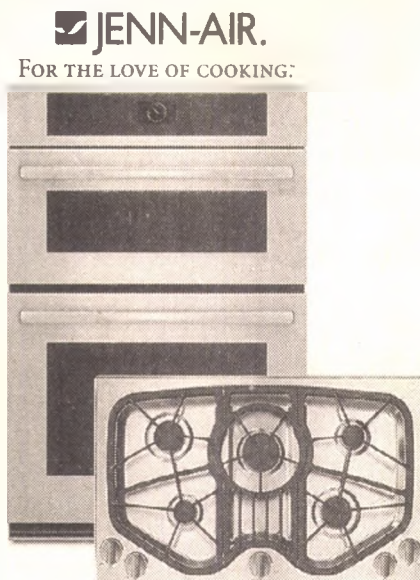
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BROWN, LINDA ANN

Of Sterling Heights, May 31, 2011; Age 48. Beloved daughter of Shirley. Dear sister of Allen Brown and Susan Ballard. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (586) 777-0555



McGREGOR, JOYCE ANNE

November 29, 1949 - June 12, 2011

Joyce Anne LaVeque was born on November 29, 1949 in Trenton, Michigan. She was the daughter of the late Elmer LaVeque and Dorothy (Pruett) LaVeque. She was a 1968 graduate of Lourdes High School in River Rouge. Following High School, Joyce attended Beauty School. After graduating from beauty school, she would spend more than 40 years bringing joy to others as a professional cosmetologist/beautician. Over the years she had been self-employed and had worked at several other shops before settling at Biundo's Salon and Spa the last few years. Joyce had always been well-liked and respected for her experience and personality. At Biundo's she affectionately became known as "The Shop Mother" as she enjoyed giving guidance to others. She married Ronald McGregor on November 16, 1990 in Toledo, Ohio. As an individual, Joyce, was always thoughtful, considerate, outgoing, and extremely positive. She was strong in her faith and she had attended St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. She was passionate about her grandchildren, a great mother to her children, and a wonderful wife. In her free time, Joyce enjoyed spoiling her feline friends and she always loved a great garden. Joyce Anne McGregor, age 62, of Monroe passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 12, 2011 at the University Hospital in Ann Arbor. She leaves to forever cherish her memory a beloved husband of twenty-one years: Ronald of Monroe; her mother: Dorothy LaVeque of Monroe; two children: Joseph (Nadine) Meeker of Newport and Judy (Matt) Graham of Monroe; two sisters: Suzanne Vardakis of Monroe and Patricia (Jeffrey) Bowdler of River Rouge; two brothers: Johnny (Jan) LaVeque of Southgate and Richard (Kim) LaVeque of Cypress, Texas; four grandchildren: Eryn Meeker, Devin Stokosa, Haylee Stokosa, and Christopher Stokosa; and three step-grandchildren: Ashlea Boudrie, Alyssia Boudrie, and Matthew Graham. Friends may gather from 1:00pm until a Celebration of Her Life at 7:00pm, Friday, June 17, 2011 at Merkle Funeral Service, 2442 North Monroe Street (734) 384-5185. She will lie in state from 9:00am until the Mass of the Resurrection at 10:00am, Saturday, June 18, 2011 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 501 St. John the Baptist Street. Father James Smalarsz pastor of the church will officiate. Memorial donations are suggested to the charity of the donor's choice. Online guests may leave words of inspiration and comfort, share a photo, or send a floral tribute by visiting www.merklefs.com and then selecting the Life Stories page.



STEENCKEN (COUSINS), FRANCES J.

Of Ortonville formerly of Northville and Plymouth; June 9, 2011; age 94; Preceded in death by her first husband Paul Steencken and second husband Rudolph Glanckopf; mother of Barbara (Ed Maklenburg) Steencken of Milford, Joseph (Robin) Steencken of NY and Linda (the late Dale) Helms of Clarkston; grandma of Jennifer (Curt) Rose, Catherine Hammer, Michael Maklenburg, Joseph (Lucy) Steencken, Rachelle (Roger) Apple, Greg (Amanda) Steencken, Erik (Michelle) Helms and Christina Helms; also survived by eight great-grandchildren; sister of Marion Cousins, Betty Dean and the late Robert, Eunice and Alfred Cousins. Frances retired from Michigan Bell and was a member of the Pioneer's Club and Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed gardening, baking, knitting and sewing. Funeral service Thursday 5:30 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston where friends may visit Thursday 4 p.m. until time of service. Memorials may be made to The Nature Conservancy, MI. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com

DAVIS, CRIS A.

Of Sterling Heights, June 4, 2011; Age 50. Beloved Father of Jacquelyn, Jacob and Cris Jr. Son of Bill and the late Marcie. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (248) 227-1954

JONES JR., RAYMOND

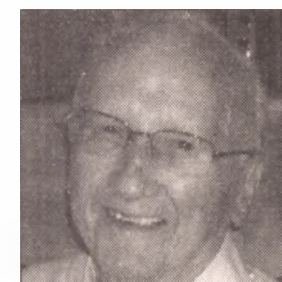
Age 90, of Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away June 11, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

LAWSON-GLASS, PATRICIA

Age 64, of Plymouth Twp. passed away, June 8, 2011. A memorial service was held on Monday at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon, MI.

MALESKY, JEANETTE O.

Age 86, of Farmington, MI, passed away June 13, 2011. Arrangements: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



SANDERS, DONALD W.

Age 88. Went to be with the Lord, May 27, 2011. Don spent three years in the Army Air Force. He retired from the State of Michigan in 1987. On March 2, 1945 he married the former Elizabeth A. Finch & they spent 65 years together. Don was preceded in death by his parents Frank & Hildegard; brothers Frank, Jr., & Bill & two grandsons. Along with his wife, Don is survived by his four children: Diane (Robert) Doyle, Darlene (Mike) Cook, Donald W., & Debra (Jackson) Barry, 14 grandchildren & 12 great-grandchildren, cousin Jack (Sandy) Lawrence, two nieces & three nephews. Memorial service will be held June 20th at the Dearborn Free Methodist Church, 2801 S. Telegraph, with burial in the Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Memorials suggested to the Dearborn Free Methodist Church or Somerset Beach Campground. Arrangements by: John N. Santeiu & Son 734-427-3800 www.santeiufuneralhome.com



May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

TERVO, ARTHUR C.

Age 68, of Plymouth passed away Saturday June 11th, 2011. Loving husband of 37 years to Carol. Beloved father of Kimberly Pawlusiak, Audrey (Clarence) Bringe, Marsha Tervo. Beloved grandfather of Lauren Pawlusiak, Alexis Pawlusiak, Zachary Sarkody, and Megan Bringe. He was preceded in death by his parents Arthur and Helen Tervo. Art Tervo was proud to have served his country in the United States Air Force. He enjoyed his career as a self employed mechanical contractor. Cherished moments were time spent with his family and friends. He was a member of St. Kenneth's Church. Memorial service will be held Saturday June 18th, 10:00 a.m. at St. Kenneth's Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Mary Mercy Livonia Hospice.



Church summer event offers family fun, food, worship

Memorial Church of Christ plans several family activities in lieu of a traditional Vacation Bible School this year.

"Hopefully we can get people interested to come out for a free night to have fun together and make a connection with others," said Angie Schultz, event coordinator.

The series of four "Family Experience" events will start with Family Fun Night, 6-8 p.m. Friday, June 17, in the

gym at the church, located at 35475 Five Mile, just east of Levan, Livonia. The free program will include a cook-out dinner, drama performances, giveaways, a worship service and families activities.

"We wanted to try a more relevant way to reach the families in our community," said Schultz. "It can be expensive for a family to go out for an evening together. We wanted to create an envi-

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JUNE 23-29



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JUNE 30-JULY 13

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ENDOW

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Monday, July 11-Aug. 31

Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 15500 Farmington Road, Livonia

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Lecture

Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, July 6, 13, 20 and 27

Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

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Round Trip: Plymouth musician sings about his life, wife, and hometown on new CD

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

It's easy to see why Paul Warren titled his third album *Round Trip*.

The autobiographical songs on the CD describe a life that has gone full circle.

"It has several meanings. One, I fly all the time so I'm always round-tripping," said Warren, a guitarist and songwriter who has toured with Rod Stewart since 1999. "And it's coming back to my roots."

Although he performs his own music at clubs and jam nights when he's not on tour or in the studio with Stewart, the Plymouth native says he didn't intend to produce another CD. But moving from California back to his hometown in 2008 after 25 years on the West Coast, got creative juices flowing.

"Everything just felt like a fresh start. I was relatively newly married and suddenly there was a new group of musicians I had never worked with before. I got real inspired just being back here in Plymouth. Being in the Detroit area brought back a lot of memories."

Motown one of the songs on the CD, pays homage to the city and its music with such lyrics as "We would go to the Grande, So we could listen to the MC5, California had peace and love, But we were keeping Rock n Roll alive." *She Can't Go Home* was inspired by his wife, Melanie, who left New Zealand to live with him in California. And *Back Where I Belong* references Warren's journey back to his Michigan roots.

"There's something personal about all of them. There are some that are tongue in cheek, but that's part of who I am, too. I feel like I put myself into this record."



The cover of Paul Warren's new CD

THE PAUL WARREN PROJECT

What: CD release show

When: 8 p.m. Friday, June 17

Where: Callahan's Music Hall, 2105 South Boulevard, Auburn Hills

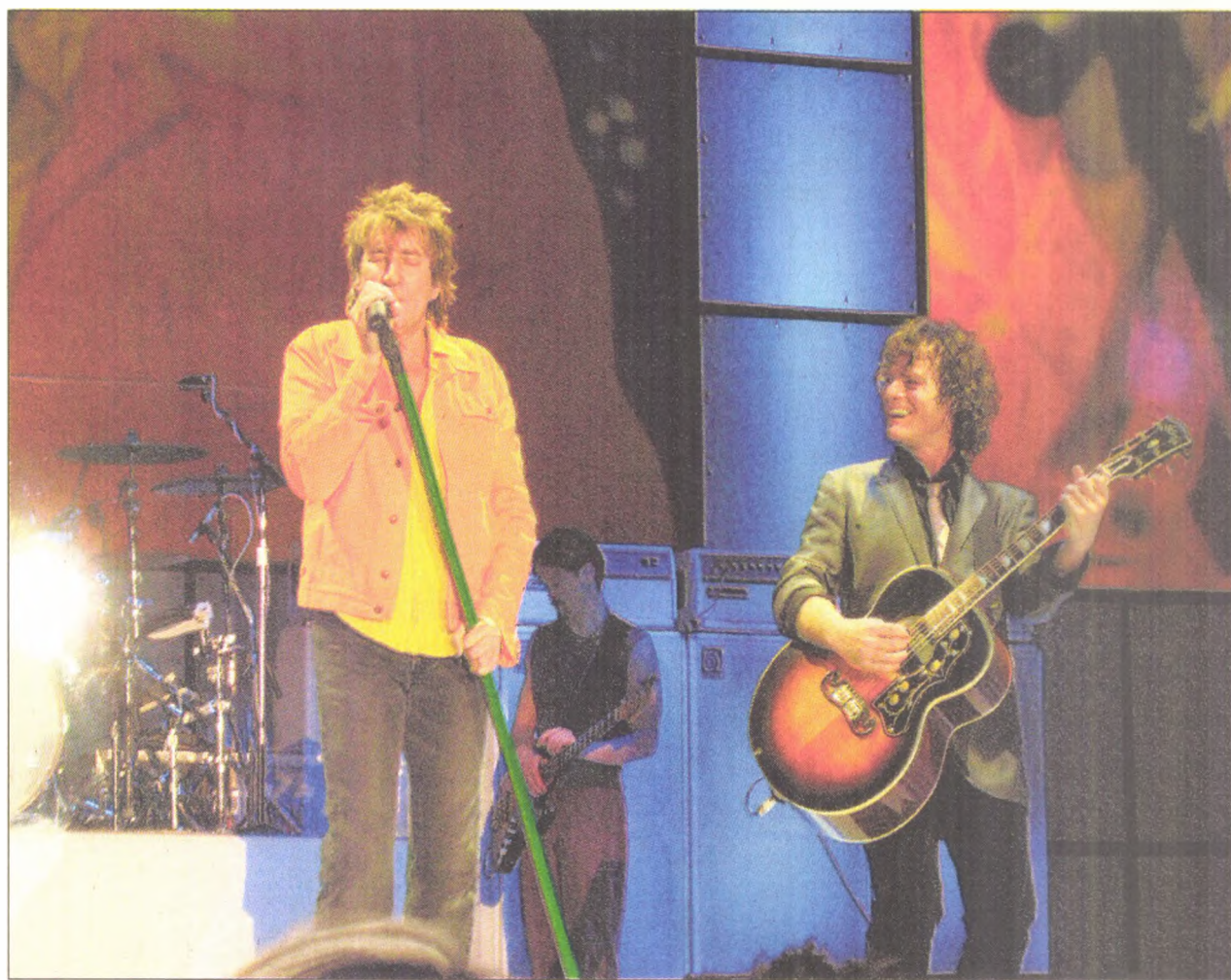
Details: Paul Warren of Plymouth, singer, songwriter, guitarist for Rod Stewart, releases his third CD, "Round Trip." Free concert with special guests The Difficulties

Contact: (248) 858-9508

The Paul Warren Project, with Warren on guitar and vocals, John Galvin on organ, Austin Floyd on drums, Jason Bone on guitar and Basquois De Jour on bass, will perform songs from the CD Friday, June 17, at Callahan's Music Hall in Auburn Hills.

Warren, 57, has begun working on songs for his next album and has been invited to write for Stewart's next CD.

"I gave him five tracks of this album and he really liked it. As a result I'm not only playing on his new album, but



Paul Warren (right) has toured with Rod Stewart since 1999.

I'm going to L.A. in August to write some songs for it."

TOURING, WRITING

With Stewart signed to a two-year contract at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, Nev., Warren will have plenty of time to focus on his own career.

Stewart and the band ended a tour in Europe last weekend and plan to perform in South America, Australia and New Zealand, but primarily will play stints in Las Vegas — three weeks on and six weeks off — over the next two years.

"I feel like I've really matured as a

musician. It's a late start, but I just love music, so it's never too late. It just feels good to be (writing) again," Warren said. "I just hit 40 years on the road since my first tour. That's even hard for me to comprehend. I feel like I'm very

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WARREN

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fortunate. I still put a guitar around my neck and someone pays me to do it. I couldn't ask for more."

Warren said he fell in love with music as soon as he could think. He was the kid on the kindergarten bus crooning to the other kids. In third grade he gathered his first a capella group together. He beat cardboard "drums" with coat hanger sticks and begged his mom for a real drum set. Instead, she gave him a guitar when he was 12.

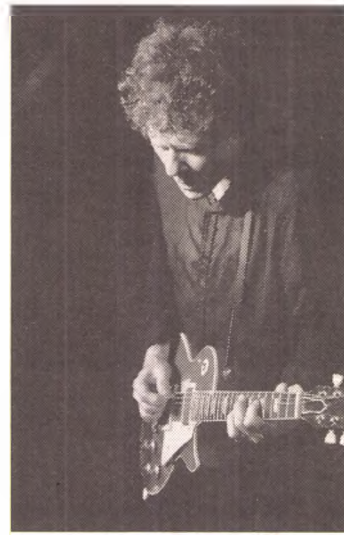
He won a talent show in junior high at 13 and started playing at basement parties and at school dances. He performed at the Plymouth Fall Festival when he was 14 and a year later joined a band that opened for groups such as Traffic and Jethro Tull at the Eastown Theatre in Detroit and the Birmingham Palladium.

"I was 15 when I opened for Rod (Stewart) and the band, the Faces. I've never been star struck. I have people I've admired — and Rod was one of them — but I was never afraid of anyone. The night we opened for him he was talking to some girl after the show and I went up behind him and poked him in the back and introduced myself," Warren recalled. "I didn't look at people as my idols. I was one of their peers. I've worked with rock and roll royalty and I always felt I as on the same level musically."

ON A MISSION

The ambitious and confident teenager, who dropped out of high school at 16, often would "show up places" with his guitar and talk band members into listening. That's how he earned his first overseas tour with a band called the Pacific Gas and Electric. He told the group's bass player that he was better than the band's guitarist and talked the group into letting him play the last song in their second show in Detroit.

"Three days later they called me," he said, adding that the band toured both North America and Europe.



Paul Warren of Plymouth, singer, songwriter and guitarist, will release his third album Saturday, June 17 at Callahans in Auburn Hills.

He was playing a club called Jimmy's Lounge when Motown Records bassist Bob Babbitt heard him and suggested recording a few of his songs. The recording eventually caught Norman Whitfield's attention and the Motown producer hired Warren for studio work at Hitsville.

"Suddenly I was doing every record and every jingle. Anything in Detroit I was on it. It really opened things up for me."

Over the years he has played on albums by The Temptations, Gladys Knight and the Pips, The Undisputed Truth, Rare Earth, Parliament Funkadelic, and Jefferson Starship, to name a few. He has written songs for his own bands and for other artists and has toured with Joe Cocker, The Ventures, Tina Turner, and others in addition to Stewart. He even played with the late operatic tenor Luciano Pavarotti.

"That was a bit surreal. I remember thinking 'How did a farm boy from Michigan end up backing up Pavarotti?'" said Warren, who lived in both rural Canton and in Plymouth as a boy. "This is a really interesting job that takes me to some really interesting places and some really interesting situations."

Visit his Web site at www.paulwarren-project.com. The band also is on Facebook.

ART

Art & Ideas

Time/Date: Through July 2; gallery hours are 1-6:30 p.m. Thursday and 1-7 p.m. Friday-Saturday or by appointment
Location: 15095 Northville Road, Plymouth
Details: "Parts of a Whole," an exhibition of assemblage, includes works by Lynn Krawczyk and Leann Meixner, both of Plymouth, and Joan Potter Thomas, manager of Northville Art House.
Contact: (734) 420-0775 or www.artandideasgallery.com

Art in the Sun

Time/Date: 4-9 p.m., Friday, June 24, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, June 25; and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, June 26
Location: Downtown Northville
Details: More than 75 artists sell glass, metal, jewelry, mixed media, ceramics, painting and more
Contact: (248) 344-0497

Art from the Heart

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, June 25 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, June 26
Location: Ford Field, Farmington Road and Lyndon in Livonia
Details: Arts & Crafts festival held in conjunction with Livonia Spree
Contact: www.livoniaspree.com or call Livonia Arts Commission "bulletin board" phone line at (734) 466-2548

Northville Art House

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through June 25
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: "West of Center" art show; all media
Contact: (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org.

Village Theater

Time/Date: Through June 28
Location: 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton
Details: Photography by John Middlestead is on display in Gallery@VT
Contact: (734) 394-5300

COMEDY

Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays
Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale
Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays
Contact: (248) 327-0575; gocomedy.net

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings
Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield
Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday
Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Dave Dyer, June 15-18; Frank Roche, June 25-28; Ladies Night of Comedy, June 29; Mike Stanley with Mary Ann Demoss and Floyd the Washboard Comic, June 30-July 2; The Dirty Comedy Show, July 6; Isaac Witty with Paul Strickland, July 7-10; Bill Bushart with Trevor Smith and Lee Smith, July 13-16; Steve Sabo with Kris Peters and Brett Kline, July 20-23; Bryan Mcree with Kate Brindle and Nate Armbruster, July 27
Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Nathan Timmel, June 16-18; James Johann, June 23-25; Dwayne Gill, June 30-July 2; Warren B. Hall, July 7-9; Steve Lott, July 14-16; J. Chris Newberg, July 21-23; Cy Amundson, July 28-30; Eric Hunter, Aug. 4-6
Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak
Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

GET OUT!



At the library

"Oceanside" by Lily Dudgeon is featured on invitation cards to the Livonia Artists Club's 51st Annual Exhibit. The watercolor monotype was Best of Show winner last year. This year's exhibit runs through June 29 at The Livonia Civic Center Library Gallery, 32377 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road, Livonia. Seventeen artists are showing 53 pieces, including oils, watercolors, acrylic paintings, charcoals, collages, mixed media creations, monotypes, graphite and silverpoint art. Livonia Artists Club is the oldest art club in Livonia. It was founded in 1960.



Celebrating

CSO, a 17-piece Big Band will perform from 3-6:30 p.m. at cabaret-style parties, June 26 and July 10 at Joy Manor, 28999, just east of Middlebelt, Westland. Tickets are \$10 and include food, a cash bar and music. The concerts are designed to celebrate CSO's appearance at the Michigan Jazz Festival next month. It will perform the music scheduled for the festival, along with Motown hits, R&B music and Sinatra favorites. Janice Franco and Brent Davin Vance will sing with the band. For tickets and information contact Craig Strain at (586) 924-6866 or e-mail to arrangeit@aol.com.

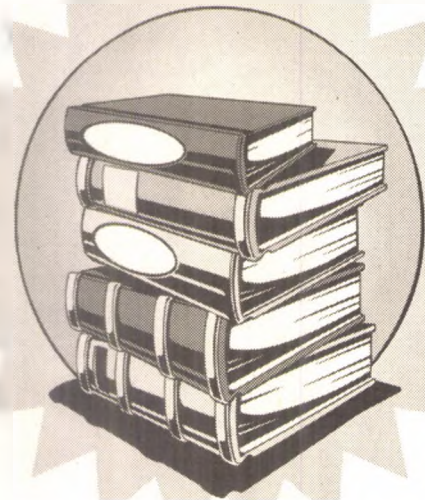
CONCERTS

Kellogg Park

Time/Date: 7 p.m. June 17
Location: Downtown Plymouth
Details: Shawn Riley Band
Coming up: The Crutches, June 24; Zap Toro, July 1; Steve King and

the Dittlies, July 15; Gia Warner Band, July 22; The Bluescasters, July 20; Those Delta Rhythm Kings, Aug. 5; Michael King & Friends, Aug. 12; Mass Transit Band, Aug. 19; Randy Brock Group, Aug. 26; Lady Sunshine and the X Band, Sept. 2
Contact: (734) 455-1453

Summer Reading Programs



Farmington Community Library
Registration begins 6/11/11 10am-12pm
Meet Scoop from 10am-12pm
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Farmington, MI 48335
Phone: (248) 553-0300

Canton Public Library
Registration begins 6/20/11 9am-9pm
Meet Scoop from 12pm-2pm
1200 South Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
Phone: (734) 397-0999

Livonia Public Library
Registration begins 6/21/11 1:30-3:30 pm
Meet Scoop from 1:30-3:30 pm
32777 Five Mile Road
Livonia, MI 48154
Phone: (734) 466-2451

Plymouth District Library
Registration begins 6/28/11 11am/ 2pm/7pm
Meet Scoop from 11am-3 pm & 6-8pm
223 South Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
Phone: (734) 453-0750

Redford Township District Library
Registration begins 6/20/11 10am-8:30pm
6/28/11 Meet Scoop from 11am-1pm
25320 West Six Mile Road
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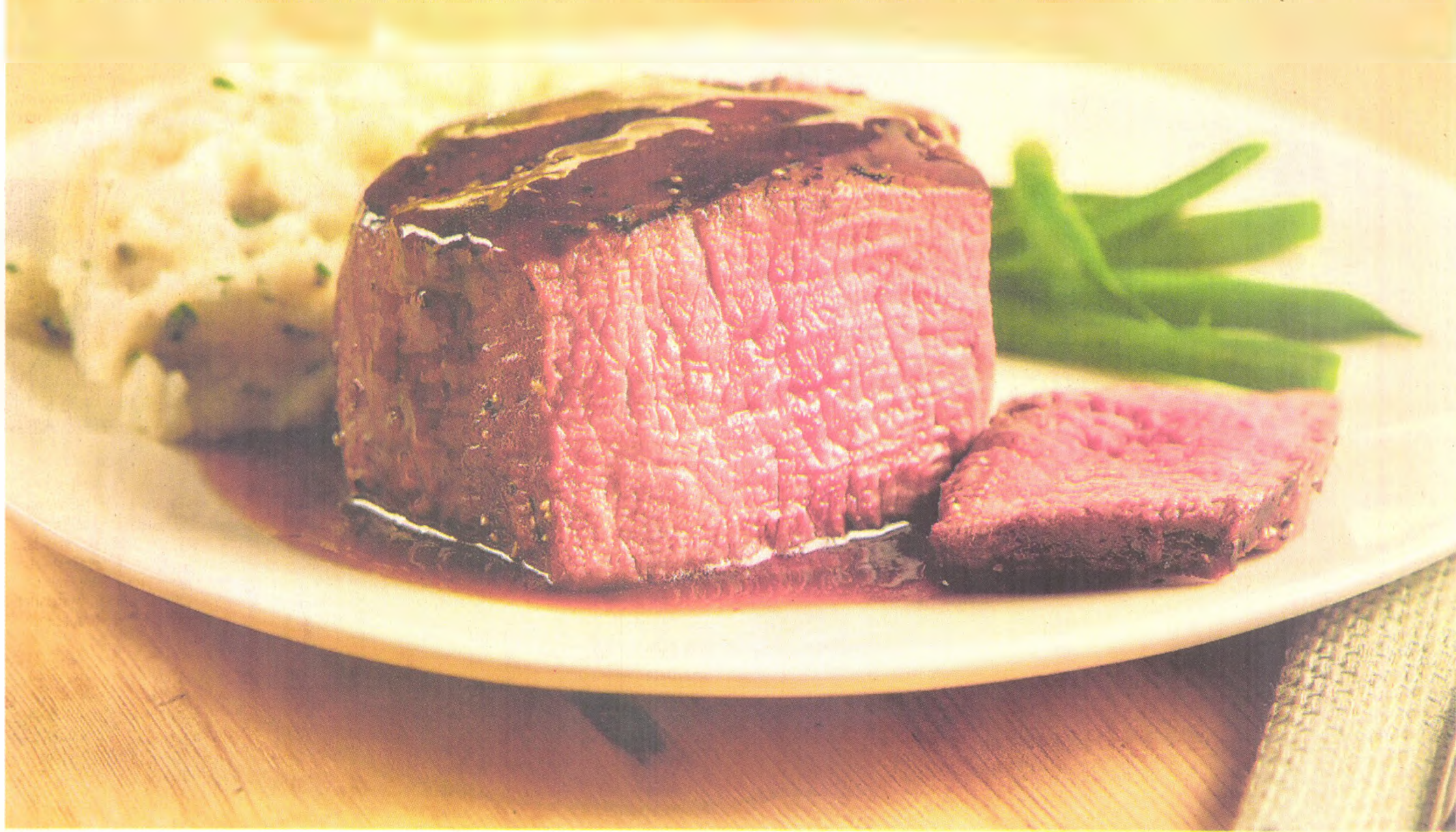
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KING TENDERLOIN WITH RED VELVET DEMI GLACE

Serves 4

4 filet mignon
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 teaspoon sea salt
½ teaspoon black pepper, freshly ground

Red Velvet Demi Glace

1. Preheat grill on high.
2. Blot steaks dry with a clean paper towel.
3. Brush steaks with olive oil and season with salt and pepper.
4. Grill steaks to desired doneness while searing the outside.
5. Ladle a small amount of Red Velvet Demi Glace onto the serving plate.
6. Place the steak on the Demi Glace then ladle a thin ribbon of additional Demi Glace over the steak.

RED VELVET DEMI GLACE

½ teaspoon olive oil
2 tablespoons shallots, minced
½ teaspoon garlic, minced
1 cup Cabernet Sauvignon
1 tablespoon aged balsamic vinegar
1 cup Demi Glace (can be found in most grocery and specialty food stores)

1. Heat olive oil in sauté pan. Add shallots and garlic, sauté until transparent.
2. Add Cabernet Sauvignon and balsamic vinegar to pan, reducing liquids by ½.
3. Add Demi Glace to pan and bring to a simmer for 5 minutes or until sauce has slightly thickened.

DUKE OF SIRLOIN WITH PUB RUB

Serves 4

4 sirloin steaks
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons fresh garlic, minced
1 tablespoon kosher salt
1 teaspoon black pepper, coarsely ground

1. Preheat grill on high.
2. Blot steaks dry using a clean paper towel.
3. In a small mixing bowl, combine oil, garlic, salt and pepper.
4. Generously rub steaks with mixture on all sides.
5. Grill steaks to desired doneness while searing the outside.

BARRON OF RIBEYE WITH ROYAL FOREST BUTTER

Serves 4

4 ribeye steaks
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 teaspoon sea salt
½ teaspoon black pepper, freshly ground
1 recipe Royal Forest Butter

1. Preheat grill on high.
2. Blot steaks dry with a clean paper towel.
3. Brush steaks with olive oil and season with salt and pepper.
4. Grill steaks to desired doneness while searing the outside.
5. Just before removing the steaks from the grill, place a generous slice of Royal Forest Butter on each steak.
6. Let steaks rest 2 minutes, while butter continues to melt and then serve.

ROYAL FOREST BUTTER

Makes ½ pound (6 to 8 servings)

1 ounce shiitake mushrooms, dried, minced (can be found in produce section of grocery store)
½ cup Worcestershire sauce
½ cup unsalted butter, softened
1 tablespoon garlic, freshly minced
Salt, to taste
½ teaspoon black pepper, freshly ground

TOP 5 TIPS FOR PERFECT GRILLING

1. Clean and pre-heat your grill on high.
2. Lightly oil and season food before you put it on the grill. This helps the searing process and prevents sticking.
3. Sear the outside of steaks when grilling, using tongs or a spatula to turn the meat. Cover the grill as much as possible during the grilling process to help lock in the great flavor and to prevent flare-ups.
4. Use the 60/40 grilling method. Grill for 60 percent of the time on the first side, then grill 40 percent of the time after you turn over the food. This will give you an evenly cooked product.
5. Place your cooked food on a clean plate and allow to rest for five minutes before serving to retain moisture and juiciness.

1. In a small mixing bowl, add minced shiitake mushrooms and Worcestershire sauce, mixing well until liquid is all soaked up by dried mushrooms. Add butter, garlic, salt and pepper to mushroom mixture. Mix well until smooth.
2. Place the butter mixture in the middle of a large piece of plastic wrap. Form into a log and wrap tightly. Store butter in the refrigerator; it will keep for several weeks.
3. To use, unwrap butter and cut into coin shaped slices.

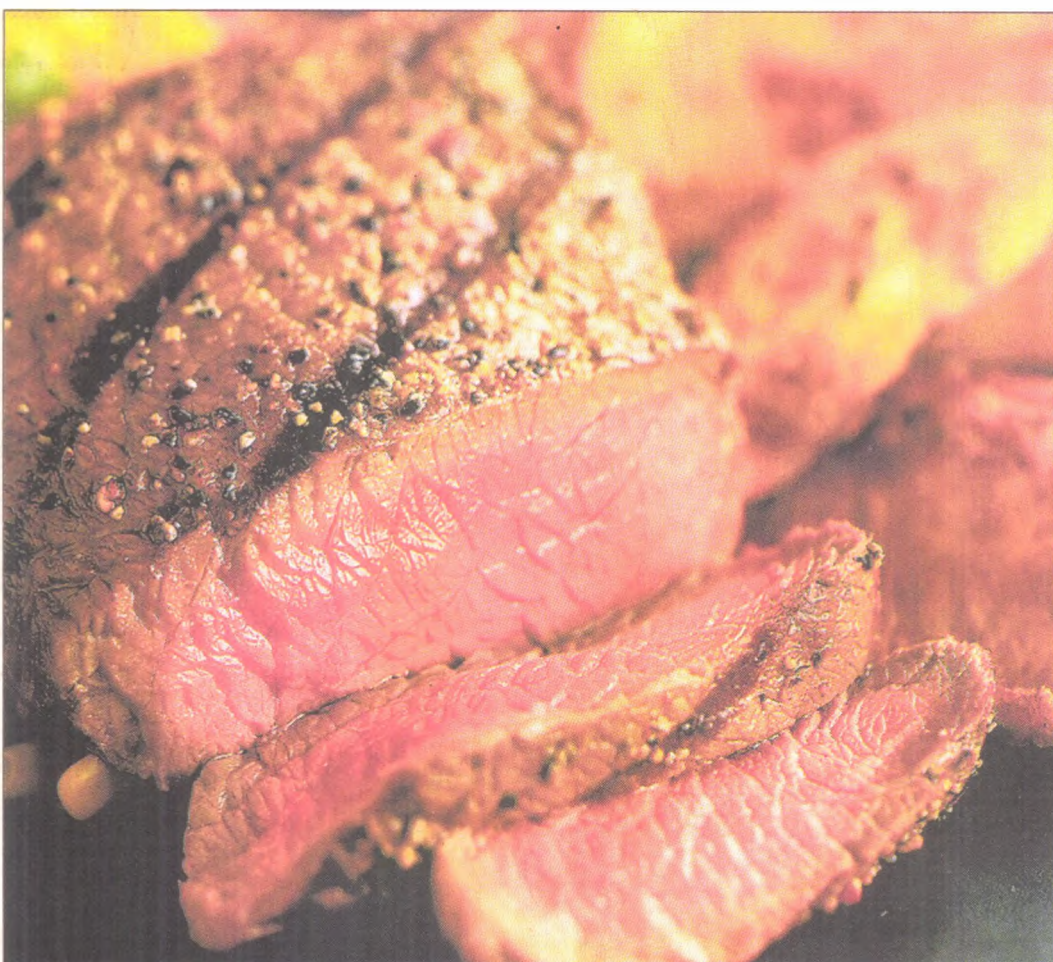
COUNT STRIP LOIN WITH PARMESAN CRUSTED CROWN

Serves 4

4 strip loin steaks
¼ cup Dijon mustard
1 teaspoon sea salt
½ teaspoon black pepper, freshly ground
½ cup aged Parmesan cheese, finely grated
4 teaspoons Italian parsley, chopped

1. Steaks dry with a clean paper towel.
2. Coat steaks completely with Dijon mustard, using your hands.
3. Sprinkle both sides of steaks with salt and black pepper.
4. Sprinkle both sides of steaks with 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese and pat down well to ensure it sticks.
5. Sprinkle both sides of steaks with ½ teaspoon parsley.
6. Steaks can be grilled, broiled or pan-sautéed in a non-stick pan to desired doneness.

Tip: Steaks may be prepared one day ahead of time and stored in refrigerator until ready to cook.



Duke of Sirloin with Pub Rub

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Know your rights when hiring moving company

Following a few simple rules when selecting a mover will go a long way toward protecting yourself from being victimized by scams this summer, according to Better Business Bureau and the American Moving & Storage Association. Chief among them: make sure you know who you're hiring and know your rights.

May was National Moving Month, the start of the busiest time of the year for changing residences. More than 37 million Americans — or about 13 percent — move to a different home every year, according to the latest U.S. Census Bureau statistics.

Every year, however, both BBB and AMSA receive complaints from consumers who have fallen prey to dishonest and often unlicensed moving companies. BBB received more than 8,900 complaints against movers in 2010 — a 5 percent increase over the previous year — primarily about damaged or lost goods and final prices in excess of original estimates. In a too-frequent worst-case scenario, the moving company holds the customer's belongings "hostage" and requires potentially thousands of dollars to unload the van.

One particularly-egregious complaint last year involved a consumer who hired a moving company found on Craigslist. A-1-A Jay's Way Moving quoted a reasonable price of \$80 per hour. It wasn't until they arrived at the new apartment that A-1-A Jay's Way Moving upped the price to \$800 — practically doubling the quoted price. Demanding the payment in cash, A-1-A Jay's Way Moving refused to unload the belongings and threatened that the furniture would be taken to storage, leaving the consumer no choice but to pay the drastic difference in price.

BBB discovered that the company did not have its required licensing as a household mover with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). A-1-A Jay's Way Moving did not respond to the complaint.

"Because anyone with a truck and a website can claim to be a mover, our industry is plagued by con artists who don't adhere to standards for honesty and ethical conduct," said AMSA President and CEO Linda Bauer Darr. "When it comes to such an important decision, you can prevent a lot of headaches by checking on a company in advance to identify which put



More tips and information on how to choose a mover and plan your move are available at AMSA's consumer website; and the U.S. Department of Transportation's site. To research a mover or find your nearest Better Business Bureau, visit www.bbb.org.

customer service and integrity first. For interstate moves, that means an AMSA-certified ProMover."

"Checking a mover's credentials is critical and easy. Last year alone, consumers relied on BBB more than one million times for finding a trustworthy mover," said Melanie Duquesnel, president and CEO of Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. "When making the final choice, go with a BBB Accredited Businesses or, at the very least, choose a business that has a good rating with BBB."

BBB and AMSA offer the following checklist for finding a trustworthy moving company:

- Research the company thoroughly. While state regulations vary, all interstate movers must, at minimum, be licensed by the federal government and are assigned a motor carrier number you can verify on FMCSA's website, www.protectyourmove.gov. Also check the company's rating with your BBB, which maintains more than 17,000 Business Reviews on movers across North America. Having at least a satisfactory BBB rating is one of seven screenings AMSA relies on when authorizing its interstate mover members to display the ProMover logo, the sign of a quality, professional mover which has pledged to abide by the organization's Code of Ethics.

- Get at least three written in-home estimates. No legitimate mover will offer to give you a firm price online or over the phone. Also keep in mind that the lowest estimate can sometimes be an unrealistic low-ball offer which can cost you more in the end.

- Know your rights. Research your rights as a consumer with either FMCSA for interstate moves or the state in which you reside for moves

within that state. Also, enlist the help of BBB or local law enforcement if the moving company fails to live up to its promises or threatens to hold your belongings hostage. FMCSA requires interstate movers to offer arbitration to help settle disputed claims.

- Consider getting full value protection. It may cost a few dollars more up front, but it can provide some peace of mind and eliminate a headache after your move. Investing in full (replacement) value protection means any lost or damaged articles will be repaired or replaced, or a cash settlement will be made to repair the item or to replace it at its current market value, regardless of age. It's important to note that the required minimum coverage of 60 cents per pound would not cover the replacement cost, for example, of a flat panel TV if damaged in transit.

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Keep business dealings on up and up

Q: Our managing agent finally admitted upon inquiry that our attorney has done work for him on a personal basis and never disclosed that to the board until specific questions were asked. The agent vehemently

stands behind our attorney as someone who can do a good job. What do you think?

A: That may well be the case, but the managing

agent should disclose any relationships of a business or personal nature with any persons with whom the association does business including this attorney. Query whether if there is a problem between the association managing agent and the attorney that the attorney will be willing to pursue the managing agent on behalf of the association or, for that matter, even "spill the beans" on the managing agent because of their relationship. Perhaps you need a new attorney and new management company.

Q: The president of our association has been charged with a felony. It occurred in the parking lot of our condominium. The victim is a member of our community and has signed an intent to prosecute. We have also had other problems with the president as far as conflict of interest, improper bids, and other criminal charges currently on file. Can our community and/or board be sued for his actions, and, if the victim is awarded damages and medical costs, can the members' property be attached for payment?

A: This is, of course, a difficult question which is very fact intensive, but if the other directors were aware of the president's problems and they did nothing, then they may be a part of the problem and potentially liable.

In a sense, responsibility could also be placed on the members in that they elected him as a director. However, whether they have personal liability as members is another matter. Since the other directors elected him as president and did not control the situation, they could become liable. In any event, you are best advised to consult with your attorney and your insurance carrier as soon as possible.

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

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 7-11, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
44688 Crestmont Dr	\$142,000
41370 Northwind Dr	\$38,000
1439 Oakview Dr	\$129,000
42466 Saratoga Rd	\$26,000
2919 Stanton St	\$235,000
Garden City	

6029 Inkster Rd	\$52,000
32715 Rosslyn Ave	\$52,000
Livonia	
30545 Seven Mile Rd	\$75,000
15209 Arden St	\$80,000
9955 Bassett St	\$128,000
37454 Eagle Dr	\$165,000
9125 Frederick St	\$110,000
19631 Ingram St	\$103,000
9031 Laurel St	\$75,000
18316 Melvin St	\$108,000
29538 Oakview St	\$105,000
8937 Sunbury St	\$55,000
14517 Yale St	\$168,000
Northville	

20149 E Whipple Dr	\$265,000
18905 Edenderry St	\$475,000
525 Fairbrook St	\$25,000
16147 Westminster Dr	\$20,000
Plymouth	
1652 Cassidy Place Dr	\$132,000
963 Harding St	\$187,000
481 Irwin St	\$335,000
9280 Mayflower Dr	\$186,000
46877 W Ann Arbor Trl	\$165,000
Redford	
18833 Brady	\$40,000
18264 Denby	\$55,000
20054 Macarthur	\$15,000
18477 Nequaunee	\$55,000

11302 Riverdale	\$56,000
19979 Seminole	\$5,000
Westland	
38278 Carolan Blvd	\$19,000
7310 Kubis St	\$50,000
34129 Majestic St	\$78,000
29002 Manchester St	\$15,000
28971 McDonald St	\$38,000
34963 Rosslyn St	\$48,000
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2601 S Christine	\$72,000

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

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1050 Donmar Ct	\$252,000
1913 Henrietta St	\$425,000
4079 Willoway Place Dr	\$177,000
Birmingham	
373 S Williamsbury Rd	\$145,000
1301 Trowbridge Rd	\$480,000

6794 Valley Spring Dr	\$300,000
Bloomfield Township	
4781 Avondale Ter	\$1,865,000
826 Edgemont Run	\$240,000
2689 Kentmoor Rd	\$189,000
Commerce Township	
1736 Huron Springs Ln	\$170,000
3282 Lochmore Ct	\$180,000
8635 Oaks Ave	\$79,000
4449 Philip	\$308,000
Farmington Hills	
31221 Applewood Ln	\$323,000
22185 Atlantic Pointe	\$49,000
24725 Creekside Dr	\$135,000
27444 Elsworth St	\$140,000
22540 Glenmore Hts	\$85,000
29957 Greenboro St	\$145,000

29980 Kingsway Dr	\$213,000
29243 Laurel Dr	\$70,000
32617 Old Timber Rd	\$262,000
22270 River Ridge Trl	\$136,000
31941 Wayburn St	\$115,000
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4384 Lancashire	\$60,000
2992 Old Plank Rd	\$65,000
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26548 Anchorage Ct	\$645,000
44700 Bayview Dr	\$45,000
25472 Danyas Way	\$350,000
25486 Danyas Way	\$350,000
4415 Grand Riv Ave	\$128,000
25780 Island Lake Dr	\$390,000
47194 Scarlet Dr S	\$178,000
39826 Village Wood Cir	\$33,000

240 Wainwright St	\$130,000
29346 Weston Dr	\$148,000
23385 Whitehall Dr	\$420,000
28297 Wolcott Dr	\$84,000
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54365 Birchwood Dr	\$30,000
21151 Laser Ln	\$220,000
390 Princeton Dr	\$121,000
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26403 Isleworth Pt	\$127,000
23234 Poplar Dr	\$32,000
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June 17, 18 9-5;
June 19 9-11

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Victorian sofa, antiques,
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32361 Marblehead, Bel-Aire
Sub. Farmington

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GARDEN CITY:
Household lawn & whicker
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33638 Norfolk, 8 and
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Brenwood St. Livonia 48152.
Multi-Family Sale. Friday
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ware, antiques, patio set,
clothing, tools and much
more! No early birds please.

LIVONIA-BEST SALE 19790
Stamford Dr. Livonia June 16-
18, furniture, tools, appliances,
baby needs, and much more!

LIVONIA:
Silver Village Senior
Community Garage Sale.
Sat., June 18, 9am-5pm.
33780 Lyndon 48154

LIVONIA: 28971 Minton.
HUGE 6/16-17, 9-4. 6/18, 9-11.
50 yrs. + accumulation Wilson
Cake pans, supplies, Tons of
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LIVONIA: BIG SALE! A little
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Everything needs to go.
Thurs. June 16, 10a-8p.
Fri. June 17, 10a-5p.
Sat. June 18, 10a-5p.
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of 8 Mile. West off Gill Rd.

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Thurs-Sat., June 16-18, 9-8.
6 family garage, moving, out
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SOUTH LYON: Garage/Barn - 3
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WEST BLOOMFIELD: 3 Family
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Peachtree Ct., Hiller & Greer.

WESTLAND Hree Sale - June
16-17 & 18, 9am-4pm. 39818
Edmundton, Holiday Park Sub.
Haggerty & Hix. off Joy. Kid's
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WESTLAND Community Yard
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Estate. June 15-18, 9am-
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Baby clothes & toys, furni-
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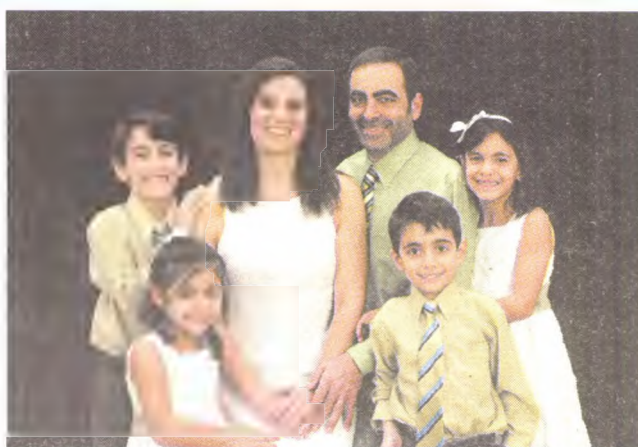
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Cool off in your backyard pool

Summer fun is the focus of this month's *Hometown Life Inspire*. Swimming, grilling, festivals and fireworks — look inside for tips to enjoy this often short but welcome season to Michiganders.



Susan Rosiek

What better way to enjoy summer than to jump in a pool — your backyard pool. Contributing writer Sally Rummel talks to local businesses that offer the latest in above-ground and in-ground pools. Read about the latest innovations in pool installation, pool safety and, of course, pool accessories.

Then check out the listings for upcoming fireworks displays and area farmers markets.

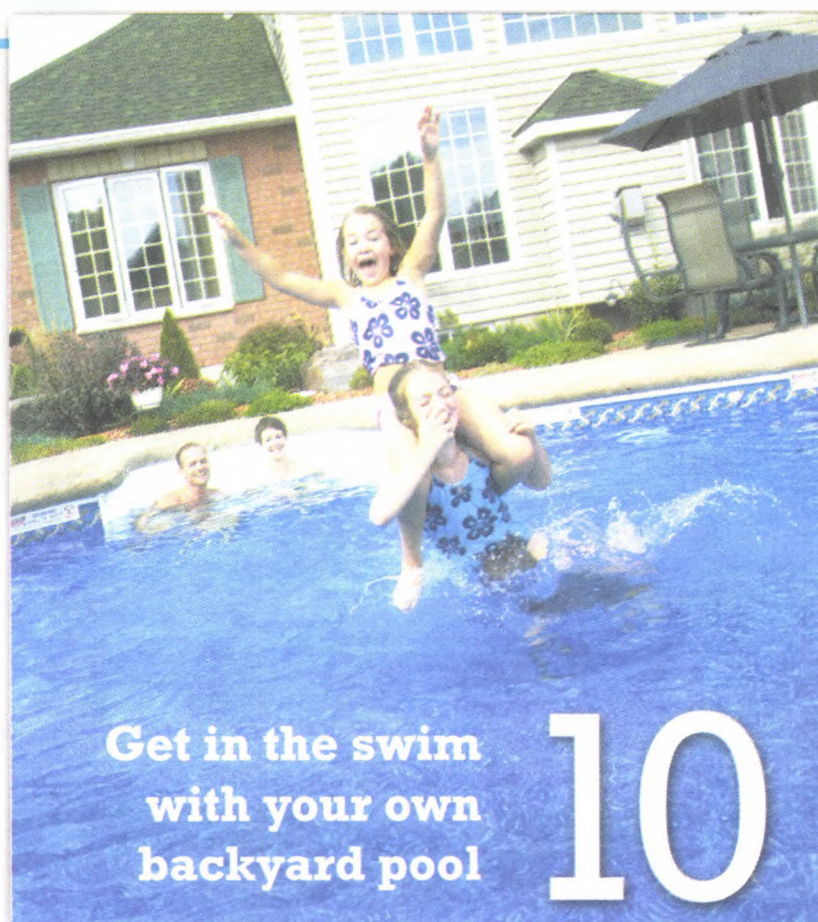
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Summer brews: Refreshing, light and flavorful

Sometime in June, the beer aisles undergo a seasonal metamorphosis — the invasion of summer brews! This seasonal expansion is a welcome development when looking for a backyard companion to admire the freshly cut grass on a lazy afternoon.

Aficionados agree that most summer sippers should be refreshing and lighter in body yet deliver a pack of flavor.

Various beer types qualify, but the Hefeweizen style native to Germany is a real thirst quencher. Hefeweizen is cataloged as a wheat beer, not a big shocker since weizen translates to wheat in German. More interesting is the hefe or yeast which remains in the beer, delivering a cloudy hazy appearance and unmistakable flavor. Cloves, banana, citrus, vanilla, and bubble gum are just

some of the characteristics you can expect from this highly refreshing seasonal front runner.

Hefe Weissbier from Weihenstephaner is an internationally recognized icon of this delicious style. In terms of historical significance, the brewery can trace its heritage back to the Middle Ages, a time of lords, knights, and damsels in distress. The 1040 birthdate makes Weihenstephaner the "World's Oldest Brewery."

Let's ponder that thought for a moment. In our quest for all things beer there are a few milestones worth perusing. How often does the opportunity arise to actively participate in an event with such historical meaning? Sampling a lager from the world's oldest brewery is a worthy pursuit that should be on every beer lover's bucket list.

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Nate Parsons

TASTING NOTES

- Beer: Weihenstephaner Hefe Weissbier
- Brewery: Weihenstephaner
- Origin: Freising Bavaria, Germany
- Style: Hefeweizen
- ABV: 5.40 percent
- Glassware: Weizen Glass
- Description: A rambunctious pour delivers a massive fluffy head that stems from the lip of the glass. The body is a hazy peach harnessed in a sunny silhouette that appears to shimmer in the light. Aromatics ascend from the abyss in waves of clove, citrus, and banana, with a slight undercurrent of gingery

yeast. The taste is wonderful, bready with a light lemon citrus, a touch of pepper and a healthy dose of yeast. The finish is light and crisp in the mouth with a perfect lively carbonation that dances on the tongue and finishes slightly dry.

• Conclusion: Stock up on this Hefe...only one will be needed to form an opinion but it's good to be thorough.

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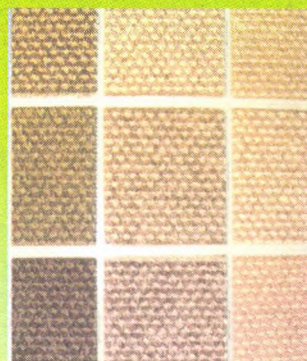
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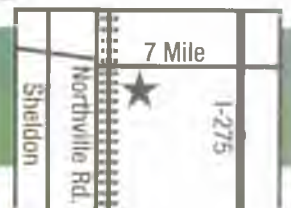


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BIRMINGHAM FARMERS MARKET

Open Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Oct. 23 at Municipal Lot No. 6, on North Old Woodward, just north of Maple. Lots of fresh vegetables, fruits, flowers and handmade crafts. Food to eat sold on site is available. Live entertainment from blues to bluegrass.

CANTON FARMERS MARKET

Every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Oct. 16 at Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge, Canton. In its fourth season, the Canton Market offers flowers, seasonal produce, baked goods, honey, organic meats and cheeses along with a variety of handcrafted goods, all made in Michigan.

FARMINGTON FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

Open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through Nov. 19 at Grand River, east of Farmington Road, in downtown Farmington, at the Sundquist Pavilion and Riley Park. Features a wide selection of flowers, plants, seasonal fruits and vegetables and bakery goods. Demonstrations, live entertainment, childrens activities and more. For more information, visit Downtown-Farmington.org.

GARDEN CITY FARMERS MARKET

Open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays through Oct. 26 at the northeast corner of Ford and Middlebelt in the Garden City Town Center Plaza. The market offers a variety of activities for families. There's Childrens Market Day noon to 3 p.m. July 20 and Aug. 17. Activities include a storybook art project, a story read by local "celebrities" and a make-and-take project. Other activities include a Community Kitchen "How to Series" with canning demonstrated by Norah Fix, recipe contest, biggest tomato contests and corn and pumpkin festival.

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MILFORD FARMERS MARKET

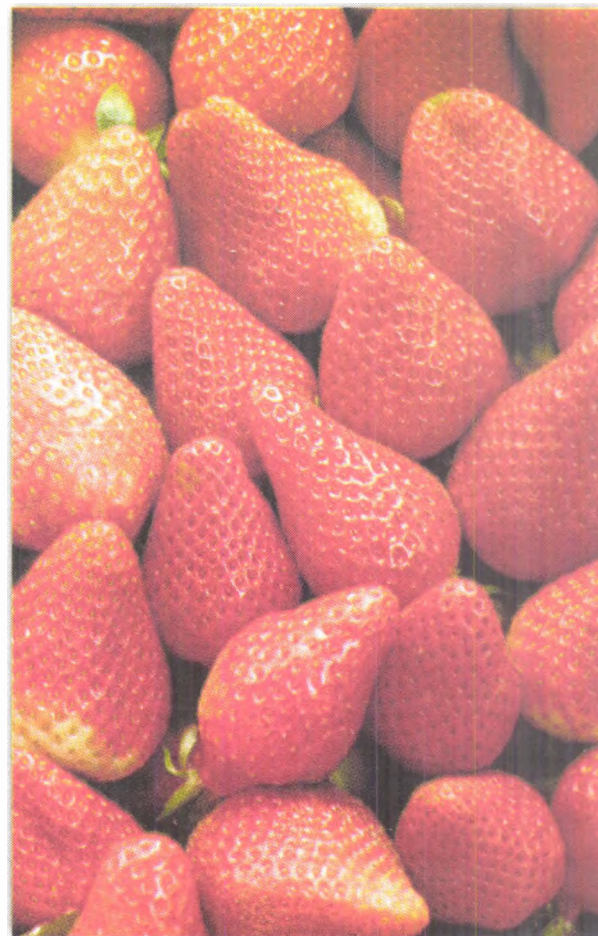
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PLYMOUTH FARMERS MARKET

Open 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 29 at The Gathering, Penniman Avenue in downtown Plymouth (no market July 9 because of Art in the Park). Fresh produce, baked good, plants and flowers along with arts and crafts and other items.

PLYMOUTH FARMERS MARKET

The Redford Farmers Market begins Sunday, June 19. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Marquee, which is within the Town Hall complex, 15145 Beech Daly Road, a block south of the Five Mile and Beech Daly intersection in the heart of downtown Redford Township.

PLYMOUTH FARMERS MARKET

Located in the Civic Center at the corner of 11 Mile and Troy Street, across from the library and adjacent to the 44th District Court, the market is open Fridays 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sundays 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (for antiques and collectibles). This is one of the premium farm market venues in southeast Michigan. Farm producers sell from an enclosed building, on Fridays during the farm season (May through Christmas) and Saturdays throughout the year. During growing season farmers are only allowed to sell what they grow. Ample parking at and near the market.

SOUTHFIELD FARMERS MARKET

3-7 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 13. The market has a new location this year on Greenfield, south of J.L. Hudson Drive. Market offers fresh fruits and vegetables, herbs and herbal products along with flowers, plants and freshly baked breads and baked goods.

SOUTH LYON FARMERS MARKET

Open 2-7 p.m. Wednesdays through Oct. 26. Located at Veteran's Memorial Parking Lot (corner of Pontiac Trail and Liberty Street in downtown South Lyon) there is ample on-street parking surrounding the areas, as well as a municipal lot. The market features a variety of produce, plants, flowers and some handmade crafts from local artisans.

WAYNE FARMERS MARKET

Open 3-7 p.m. Wednesdays through September and then 3-6 p.m. in October next to the State Wayne Theater, 35310 Michigan Ave. See www.waynechamber.net for more information.

WESTLAND FARMERS MARKET

This year the market has a new location — the Westland City Hall parking lot, 36601 Ford Road. The market is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Oct. 26 and features a variety of plants, seasonal fruits and vegetables and more.

WHITE LAKE FARMERS MARKET

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BIRMINGHAM FIREWORKS
Sunday, July 3, 10 p.m. at Lincoln Hills Golf Course, 2666 W. 14 Mile Gates open at 7:30 p.m. Rain date is July 5.

CANTON
Canton Liberty Fest runs Thursday-Saturday, June 16-18, with fireworks lighting up the sky over Heritage Park at dusk, Saturday, June 18. The park is located on Heritage Park Drive, west of Canton Center and south of Cherry Hill. Festival organizers also suggest Freedom Park, at Sheldon and Palmer, and Griffin Park, located on Sheldon between Cherry Hill and Saltz, as alternative viewing locations. For more information, visit cantonlibertyfest.com.

HUDSON MILLS METROPARK
Fireworks Sunday, July 3, at 10 p.m. at the park, 8801 N. Territorial Road. Event is free with vehicle entry permit required (\$5 daily).

Daylong July 4 celebration culminates with fireworks starting approximately 10:05 p.m. over Rackham Golf Course. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and friends to enjoy the fireworks. There is

restricted parking along Ludlow and Scotia and surrounding streets due to the fireworks.

LIVONIA
Fireworks cap off the 61 Spree, a weeklong celebration marking the city's founding, at 10:20 p.m. Sunday, June 26. The festival, which runs June 21-26, at Ford Field, Farmington Road and Lyndon, offers carnival rides, live entertainment, food, contests, pig racing, a circus, games, athletic events and more. For more information, call the 24-hour hotline at (734) 427-8190.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP
Fireworks kick off the Independence Day celebration at 10:30 p.m. Sunday, July 3, in Township Park, 46640 Ann Arbor Trail just east of Beck.

WESTLAND
The annual five-day Westland Summer Festival, June 30 to July 4, ends with a grand finale of fireworks at approximately 10:15 p.m. on Independence Day, July 4. The festival is located on the grounds of Westland City Hall, on the south side of Ford Road, east of Newburgh, and features nightly live entertainment, a horseshoe contest, car show, food concessions, carnival rides, beer tent, arts and crafts, children's activities and more. www.westlandfestival.org.

SPARKS IN THE PARK (HIGHLAND/MILFORD)
Saturday, June 25, at Milford High School, 2380 S. Milford Road, Highland. Organized by the Highland-White Lake Business Association, the event features market avenue and food vendors at 4 p.m., live music at 5 p.m. then fireworks at 10 p.m. Rain date is June 26.

WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP
Annual Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks Display. The theme is "Christmas in July." Fireworks (south end of White Lake) begin at dusk Saturday, July 2.

Fireworks at 10 p.m. Monday, July 4. Event free with vehicle entry permit (Daily permit is \$5). Park is off I-275, south of Sibley Road.



Take the **plunge** this summer with a backyard pool



These "negative edge" pools by B&B Pools in Livonia are the newest trend in in-ground pools, providing visual interest in a backyard pool setting.

By SALLY RUMMEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It's 90 degrees and you're sweltering. The kids are out of school and they're already bored. This is the time of year when you dream of having a backyard pool, where you could relax and "beat the heat," knowing exactly where your children are, all summer long.

If you and your family are staying close to home this summer, maybe it's time to put your back yard to work for you by creating an oasis all your own.

"People are beginning to spend more time and money on their back yards," said Art Grace of Clearwater Pools in Livonia, which specializes in in-ground pool installations, including gunite (plaster), vinyl liner and fiberglass pools.

Once you dive into the idea of a pool, you'll have to decide what kind of pool will fit your lifestyle, the size/shape of your yard, and of course, your budget. The choices are practically endless — above-ground, in-ground, semi-in-ground, concrete, vinyl, gunite, fiberglass, among others. Each of them has pros and cons, or their special applications, so it pays for a customer to research pools and talk to an expert, before making a decision.

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What kind of pool do you want for your back yard?

In-ground pools:

- Vinyl-lined:** This is the median-priced option. Its sturdy exterior is made of steel, with flooring of sand, lined with vinyl. Typical cost: About \$30,000, depending on its size.
- Gunite (or plaster):** Floors are usually sandblasted and finished with plaster, making for a smooth, sturdy floor. Homeowners can control the pool's shape, size and dimensions. Typical cost: up to \$50,000 and higher.
- Fiberglass:** These resemble large fiberglass bathtubs. Very sturdy, quick installation. Limited size and shape options. In most cases, fiberglass pools can be installed within a week. They are usually the cheapest pools in the market, as well as the sturdiest. Starting price is \$15,000.

Above-ground pools:

These can range from inflatable pools that you blow up yourself, to a professionally installed pool with all the features of an in-ground pool. Expect to pay up to \$8,000 to \$10,000 and more for a quality pool installation from a reputable company.

Semi in-ground pools:

These combined the visual appeal of an in-ground pool with the affordable, ease-of-maintenance of an above-ground pool. Typical price between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

water, according to the AAP.

For more information about swimming lessons and pool safety, contact your local YMCA.

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• Do not use air-filled "swimming aids" as a substitute for approved life vests.

• Remove all toys from the pool after use so children aren't tempted to reach for them.

• After the children are done swimming, secure the pool so they can't get back into it.

• A power safety cover that meets the standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) may add to the protection of your children but should not be used in place of the fence between your house and the pool. Even fencing around your pool and using a power safety cover will not prevent all drownings.

Remember, teaching your child how to swim **DOES NOT** mean your child is safe in

• Practice touch supervision with children younger than 5 years. This means that the adult is within an arm's length of the child at all times.

• You must put up a fence to separate your house from the pool. Most young children who drown in pools wander out of the house and fall into the pool. Install a fence at least 4 feet high around all sides of the pool. This fence will completely separate the pool from the house and play area of the yard. Use gates that self-close and self-latch, with latches higher than your children's reach.

• Keep rescue equipment (such as a shepherd's hook or life preserver) and a telephone by the pool.

By SALLY RUMMEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A swimming pool is supposed to be a fun summer activity, not a setting for a dangerous situation. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that, if possible, a family does not install a swimming pool in their yard until their children are 5 years of age or older.

Here are some tips about pool safety to help protect children from drowning in a backyard pool:

• Never leave your children alone in or near the pool, even for a moment. An adult who knows CPR should actively supervise children at all times.



Eric Davis and Blake Walker of B&B Pools in Livonia show a number of pool toys that will keep your kids diving for more in your backyard pool this summer.

Pool toys, accessories add to the summer fun of a backyard pool

Pool toys have come a long way from the beach balls and "noodles" that used to be the main staples of fun in a backyard pool. If you're looking for summer fun inside your pool or even on a backyard patio, there are a number of new "toys" that will add excitement and refreshment to the relaxing warm weather season.

WET DECKS

You can bring the "jumping up and down" excitement of a water park into your own backyard, by installing a Wet Deck, either next to your pool or it can be self-contained on a patio or other suitable backyard space. With jet sprays shooting out in all directions, kids and adults of all ages will enjoy the refreshing fun of these water games.

"Wet decks are a great way for a family to have summer fun," said Art Grace, owner of Clearwater Pools in Livonia, Ann Arbor and Flint. "All you need is a 10-foot round space in the back yard."

BOARD GAMES

If you like to play checkers and backgammon on game boards inside your home, just think of the fun of an oversized floating version that can be enjoyed while you're swimming in your backyard pool.

"Board games" like these are available at local pool supply stores like B&B Pools in Livonia, along with more active toys, like Toypedo, an underwater torpedo that you throw into the pool and watch it slice through the depths of the water. Kids can dive after this toy and play games with it. The Sub-Skater, an underwater skateboard, will also provide hours of outdoor water fun.

INFLATABLES

Lounges, pool rafts, tubes and inflatable floats will bring hours of fun to your backyard pool. Kids love animal inflatables, pool-a-hoops, rocking horses, volcano islands and more. Adults might prefer the relaxation of floating lounge chairs, "islands," floating pool bars, etc.

ACCESSORIES

Added pool options, such as lighting, even colored lighting, can make all the difference in your backyard pool enjoyment. For people who love to entertain, fire water bowls add a dramatic accent to a backyard pool's ambiance.

Sudoku

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

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Level: Intermediate

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The newest trend is a "negative edge" pool.

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By far, the least expensive pool option is an above-ground pool, although they can vary greatly in price and quality. 3R Pools in South Lyon specializes in Doughboy above-ground pools and professionally installed in-ground pools.

"You can expect to pay between \$7,000 and \$8,000 for a quality Doughboy pool, plus installation," said Carla Lesperance, sales associate. "You will get many years of enjoyment from a quality pool that is professionally installed. If an in-ground pool fits your lifestyle and budget, a professionally installed pool will cost \$30,000 and up."

What about having the "best of both worlds"? One of the new trends in pools today is the semi in-ground pool, which takes an above-ground pool and sinks it into the ground. This new style of pool combines the visual appeal of a fully in-ground pool with the low cost and maintenance ease of an above-ground pool.

"These are becoming very popular," said Lesperance, who estimates a semi in-ground pool to be approximately half the price of a fully in-ground pool — about \$10,000 to \$15,000. Another advantage of this kind of pool is that is

often easier to manage the pipes and pumps that are part of any pool installation and maintenance.

For families who want to jump into an in-ground pool, the newest trend is a "negative edge" pool, according to Eric Davis, manager of B&B Pools & Spas in Livonia. This type of pool features three sides of a traditional pool, and one side that appears to be dropping out of sight. "It looks like one wall is missing," said Davis. "It's a visual feature that provides a unique look to your pool."

This type of pool is typical of the one-of-a-kind custom designs that B&B Pools is known for. "We're aren't a 'cookie cutter' pool company," said Davis. "We are high-end, high imagination pool designers."

A salt water system that generates its own chlorine is one of the most sought-after features of today's new pools, according to Art Grace of Clearwater Pools. "You can save \$900 to \$1,100 a year in pool chemicals," said Grace. "It's a cost-effective, convenient way to chemically treat your pool without having to buy and add costly chemicals."

Other energy saving ideas for today's pools include pool pumps that cost 50 percent less to operate, saving many pool owners about \$600 per year, and electric heat pumps that extract heat out of the hot summer air and put it into the pool, according to Grace.

Mystery brings war homefront to life

By JULIE BROWN
 STAFF WRITER

"Miss Dimple Disappears," a mystery by Mignon F. Ballard, is set in Elderberry, Ga., in 1942. Miss Dimple Kilpatrick, who has taught generations of grade schoolers in the small town, is abducted shortly after the school janitor turns up dead in a storage closet.

Miss Dimple's younger colleagues, Charlie Carr and Annie Gardner, work in their off hours to help solve the mystery of Miss Dimple's disappearance. Both young women deal with disruptive but lovable students, and wartime romances and wor-

ries about their young men in the military. The scene in which Elderberry residents join forces to put on a festive Thanksgiving dinner for the servicemen is particularly poignant. There's a lot of detail in this book about life on the home front during World War II, with its rationing of food, gasoline and clothing.

My mother-in-law, a retired teacher who lived through that era as a young woman in Detroit, told me the home front details were accurate. She liked the book, too.

Elderberry has a nearby defense plant where some of the townsfolk, including women, work. Defense work was prevalent among Rosie the Riveters in Detroit and other bigger cities, too, and that added to "Miss Dimple Disappears."

This fiction title is a fun read with a touch of sadness, and a good history lesson (without being heavy-handed) for those of us too young to have lived through World War II.

BILLBOARD'S TOP TEN

- "Born This Way" Lady Gaga
- "This is Country Music" Brad Paisley
- "21" Adele
- "Glee, The Music: Season Two" Soundtrack
- "NKOTBSB" NKOTBSB
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The crunch of gravel and dirt beneath my tires was a familiar, soothing sound as I traveled along West Snell Road.

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Spontaneous trips are the most fun

By DENNIS ZELAZNY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER



Dennis Zelazny

Most people love to plan vacations, I am not one of them. I believe the best trip is to get in the car and head off for destinations unknown. It's tough to make time to plan yet alone fit a vacation into a tight schedule, that's why I enjoy my local off-the-wall day trips so

much.

Growing up I lived close to both expressways and countryside. As a middle age adult living in the suburbs and working in the city, I still enjoy any car trip where I can drive off onto a dirt road — destination unknown.

I do suggest a little prep work, however. Your vehicle needs to be road ready and you need to have a good amount of patience and a few hours on your hands. If you are heading out for the country, take advantage of the city amenities first. Pack an emergency snack, fill up with gas and purchase a map. I have not yet opened mine nor do I plan to. I use a GPS on my phone so I'm never completely out of touch with where I am. But if the phone disappears, I'll have that map.

My road trip started out on Roch-

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Pueblo Viejo Mexican Restaurant in Lapeer turned out to be the perfect place for lunch.



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Snacks for the road

Party mix is one of those snacks that is individual to the person who makes it. Some prefer a saltier mix, some spicier. Some love a strong Worcestershire sauce flavor, others prefer only a hint. Some like pretzels, some hate peanuts, and some add oat ring cereal. No two party mix recipes will taste the same. It is a snack that can be tailored to one's preferences, which means it will be eaten, not left in the car. It's a universal favorite.

No snack sack is complete without a little something to satisfy a sweet tooth. Pre-packaged cookies are usually easy to pack and store, as are granola bars and candy bars. Homemade treats can include cookies or something like chocolate-coated pretzels. The key is to pack what isn't messy and what doesn't need refrigeration.

Drinks are part of a road trip snack menu. Bottled water packs well and a traveler can invest in a container that has an insert similar to blue ice, but stays in the liquid in the container. These also have stoppers that are leak-proof and easily opened and closed.



PARTY MIX

- 1 cup mini twist pretzels
- 1 cup pretzel sticks
- 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 cup bite-size Chex squares
- 1 cup garlic toast rounds
- 1 cup beer nuts
- 2 tsp. Dijon style mustard
- 1/2 cup cheddar cheese stick snacks
- 2 tsp. hot pepper sauce
- 2 tbsp. unsalted butter
- pinch garlic powder (optional)
- 1/2 to 1 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes, optional

Preheat oven to 250°F.

Combine ingredients in a large bowl, stirring to mix well. Place Dijon style mustard into a small saucepan. Stir in Worcestershire and hot pepper sauces, mixing until smooth.

Add butter and simmer over low heat until butter has melted. Stir mustard mixture into dry ingredients.

Sprinkle crushed red pepper flakes over snack mix, if desired.

Spread mixture in a single layer on a baking sheet pan.

Bake at 250°F for 30 minutes, stirring every 10 minutes. Remove pan from oven. Cool. Store in quart jars or other air-tight storage containers.

Makes about 3 cups (6 1/2 cup servings).

CHEESE CRACKERS

- 12 oz. pkg. grated cheddar cheese
- 2 cups sifted flour (sift before measuring)
- 2 cups Rice Krispies
- 2 sticks melted butter (8 oz.)
- 1 tsp. salt or seasoned salt
- 1/2 to 1 tsp. cayenne (or, to taste)

Sift flour. Measure after sifting. Add salt and cayenne pepper; sift again.

Make rounds the size of a nickel and press out with a fork to flatten. Arrange on baking sheets lined with parchment paper.

Bake at 375°F for about 15 minutes or until desired doneness; crackers should be lightly golden and crisp. Let cool on wire racks for 30 minutes and store in an airtight container.

Variation: Use Parmesan cheese. Herbs, such as oregano, basil, parsley or garlic powder may be added (about 1/2 tsp). Cayenne is optional.

PASSPORT PROGRAM

If you love road trips and cars, check out the Motor Cities Passport Stamp Program, part of the National Passport Stamp Program created by Eastern Nation.

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Motor Cities National Heritage Area encourages visitors to explore automobile-related museums and places of interest in southeast Michigan. Did you know that more than 1,000 Alter Motor Cars were produced in Plymouth? The Plymouth Historical Museum in Plymouth is just one of the places listed to see in Michigan.

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grill a better-for-you burger

Warm weather is a prime time to throw on an apron, grab a spatula and fire up the grill. And no dish better represents the season than the burger.

There are as many burger varieties as there are ways to top them. From beef to turkey and grain to veggie, burgers offer a perfect canvas for combining flavors, so there's something to suit nearly any palate. Why not join the more than 47 percent of Americans who eat meat, but seek to eat less of it*, by grilling up a meatless burger? They provide the endless variations of their meaty counterparts, but most contain less fat.

For a savory steakhouse-style burger, dress a MorningStar Farms Grillers Original Veggie Burger with this Portabella Mushroom and Onion Burger Topping. This recipe makes it easy to lose fat, but keep the flavor, with 57 percent less fat** than regular ground beef. This particular meatless burger is also an excellent source of protein.

Goat Cheese Topped Veggie Burgers and Cumin Crusted Black Bean Burgers with Avocado Relish are sure to fire up the taste buds. For a Mediterranean flair, add goat cheese, baby spinach, rosemary and thyme or take your menu south of the border with cumin, black beans and avocado relish. Complement these choices with fresh, grilled corn on the cob, zucchini and red peppers to add a punch of color to every plate.

For a sweet conclusion, brush nectarine halves with margarine and honey and grill face down for about 12 minutes. Sprinkle with cinnamon and serve alongside a scoop of ice cream for an easy, unique dessert.

For more better-for-you burger ideas and recipes that can be used year-round, visit www.morningstarfarms.com.

*Source: Kellogg IPSOS Study 2010

**MorningStar Farms Grillers Original (64g) contains 6g fat per serving, compared with regular ground beef (64g) containing 14g fat per serving.

— Courtesy Family Features



Portabella Mushroom and Onion Burger Topping

Serves: 4

- 4 ounces portabella mushrooms
- ½ cup chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- ¼ cup water
- ¼ cup steak sauce OR ¼ cup vegan steak sauce
- 1 package MorningStar Farms Grillers Original

4 hamburger buns

Saute mushrooms and onion in olive oil in large saucepan for 3 to 4 minutes. Add water and cover with lid. Simmer another 3 to 4 minutes. Remove lid and add steak sauce.

Preheat grill. Use a food thermometer to be sure patties reach a minimum internal temperature of 165°F. (Please see package for additional cooking methods).

Serve burger on bun with warm topping.

Goat Cheese Topped Veggie Burger

Serves: 1

- ½ ounce chevre (goat cheese), softened (about 1 tablespoon)
- ½ teaspoon fat free milk
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary
- ¼ teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
- ½ teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 MorningStar Farms Garden Veggie Patties Veggie Burger

½ cup fresh baby spinach leaves

1 hamburger bun, split and toasted (about 1 ½ ounces)

In small bowl, combine chevre, milk, rosemary, thyme and garlic salt. Set aside.

Preheat grill. Use a food thermometer to be sure patties reach a minimum internal temperature of 165°F. (Please see package for additional cooking methods).

Remove veggie patty from grill and spread cheese mixture on top.

Top bun bottom with spinach, burger and bun top



Cumin Crusted Black Bean Burger with Avocado Relish

Serves: 1

- 2 tablespoons seeded, peeled, and finely chopped avocado
- 2 tablespoons seeded and finely chopped tomato
- 2 teaspoons finely chopped red onion
- 1 teaspoon lime juice (divided)
- ½ teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1 MorningStar Farms Spicy Black Bean Veggie Burger
- ½ teaspoon cumin
- 1 hamburger bun, split (about 1 ½ ounces)

In small bowl, toss together avocado, tomato, onion, ½ teaspoon lime juice and red pepper. Set aside.

Brush burger on both sides with the remaining ½ teaspoon lime juice. Rub cumin onto both sides of burger. Preheat grill. Use a food thermometer to be sure patties reach a minimum internal temperature of 165°F. (Please see package for additional cooking methods).

Top bun bottom with burger, avocado mixture and bun top.





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This tri-color painted home is at the corner of Park and Cedar in Lapeer.



TRIP

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ester Road just north of Tienken Road in horse country. I came upon West Snell Road, it was visually appealing and looked interesting. The crunch of gravel and dirt beneath my tires is a familiar soothing sound. The rain had caused many ruts along the way so I turned onto Orion Road which is paved. That took me into Lake Orion and as my journey continued onto Lapeer Road and the city of Lapeer.

The radio was tuned to my favorite jazz music station. The best road trips are about using the five senses — hearing, seeing, smelling, tasting and feeling — all need to be in good balance with each other. It is important that everyone is comfortable and in a good mood.

It was lunchtime when I arrived in Lapeer, I spotted Pueblo Viejo Mexican Restaurant — inviting from the outside and perfect

on the inside. The dining room had a tall tin ceiling filled with lots of natural light.

After lunch, I visited the Lapeer City Gallery, home to the Lapeer Art Association with walls and shelves that contained a variety of paintings, photography, and pottery.

I've had a lot of fun for three hours but now I had a two-hour drive home. I turned the car around and decided to take the back road out of town and to my surprise I found two Painted Ladies, tri-color painted homes at the corner of Park and Cedar.

Some words of advice: take the time to stop at what seems interesting. Bring a camera to capture the moment. A description of the area is nice but a picture can be perfect. Don't be shy, take time to explore, talk to the people along the way.

An unplanned road trip may take you nowhere but getting there is half the fun. Every trip could be the one that you will remember most but you won't know until the trip is done and you are back home.

Next issue: I explore area shops for "Christmas in July."

Sudoku Answers

Beginner

3	6	7	8	1	4	5	9	2
9	1	8	5	3	2	4	7	6
5	4	2	6	9	7	8	3	1
4	7	9	2	6	8	3	1	5
6	8	5	3	7	1	9	2	4
1	2	3	4	5	9	7	6	8
7	3	4	1	2	5	6	8	9
8	9	1	7	4	6	2	5	3
2	5	6	9	8	3	1	4	7

Intermediate

3	7	8	6	4	9	1	2	5
1	4	2	3	8	5	6	7	9
9	5	6	2	1	7	3	4	8
7	6	4	5	9	8	2	3	1
2	1	5	7	3	4	9	8	6
8	9	3	1	6	2	7	5	4
5	3	9	8	7	6	4	1	2
6	2	1	4	5	3	8	9	7
4	8	7	9	2	1	5	6	3

Advanced

9	2	5	4	6	7	8	1	3
7	4	8	3	1	9	5	6	2
3	1	6	5	2	8	4	9	7
2	5	9	6	4	3	7	8	1
4	8	3	1	7	2	9	5	6
1	6	7	9	8	5	2	3	4
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5	7	2	8	3	6	1	4	9
6	9	4	2	5	1	3	7	8



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