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Celebrating Petz

The life of the renowned Dr. Weldon Petz will be celebrated at the Plymouth Historical Museum with a live performance of the Michael Shirtz Quartet on Tuesday, July 19, from 7-8:30 p.m.

Petz died April 28 at the age of 88. He began his career as a trombonist in an orchestra with Jimmy Dorsey and Johnny Long, and worked with many others such as Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, Jimmy Durante, and Abbott & Costello. Petz even started his own orchestra, the Tommy Weldon Orchestra, which operated from 1947 to 1953. He eventually sought a career in education, but continued to focus on music, and furthered his career as a historian focusing on the presidential history of Lincoln, music, and education.

The Michael Shirtz Quartet, led by Petz's grandson, is a unique jazz ensemble that plays traditional jazz with a blend of contemporary, folk and Gospel-like textures. The quartet is based in Ohio.

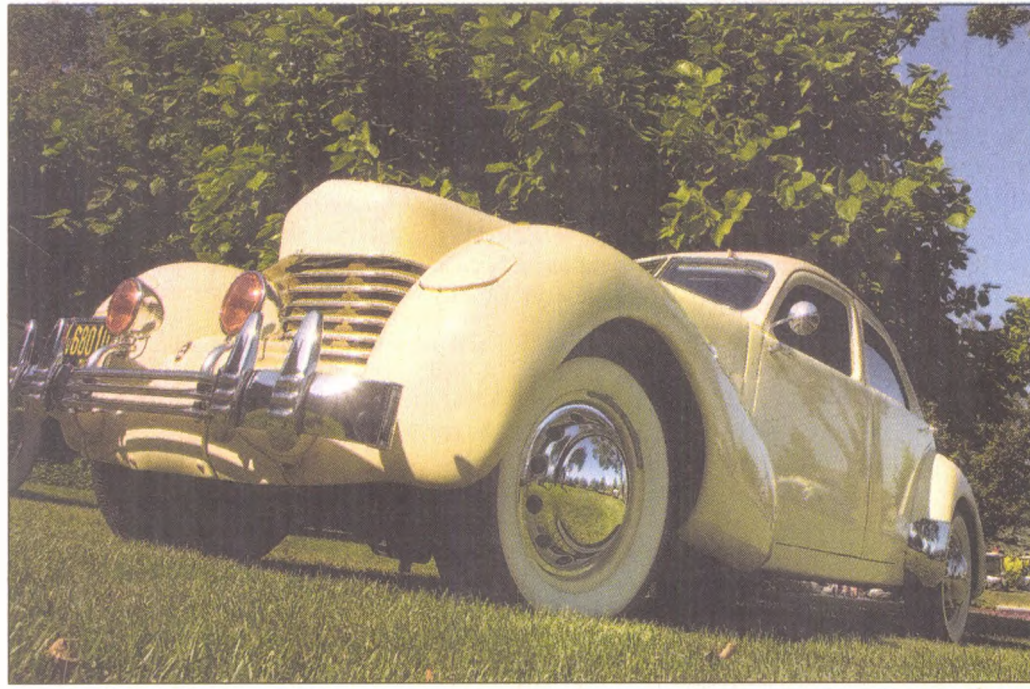
The museum is located at 155 S. Main St., one block north of downtown Plymouth. Please visit www.plymouthhistory.org for more information or call (734) 455-8940.

Pottery painting

New Hope Center for Grief Support, in cooperation with the Plymouth Community United Way, offers an evening for children who are interested in painting a pottery piece in memory of someone who has died.

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For more information or to register, call New Hope at (248) 348-0115.



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There will be a special group of Cords at the show. This 1937 Cord Beverley is owned by Leslie Dreist of Saginaw.

Concours preview shows cars, new venue

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Organizers of one of the most prestigious car shows in the world offered a sneak peak Tuesday at some of the rare, antique and classic vehicles that will grace Plymouth Township and Plymouth later this month.

The Concours d'Elegance of America, which is moving to the Inn at St. John's after 32 years at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester, will bring more than 300 show cars — including early racers, luxury Cords, Lincolns and Duesenbergs, 1970s funny cars and more — to the St. John's golf course Sunday, July 31. The Concours also offers three days of related events, including a motoring tour of the area for exhibitors, a show of car art, receptions, seminars and a live auction of high-end cars.

Car owners, public officials and others involved in putting together the show raved about the new venue during a media preview Tuesday morning.

"I love it. The layout is better. There's more room," said Tom Butterworth of Madison Heights, who will be showing a heavily modi-

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Supervisor Richard Reaume welcomes the Concours d'Elegance to Plymouth Township. In the foreground is a 1965 Watson Indy Car.

Township OKs water hike, deal change

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The average quarterly residential water bill in Plymouth Township will go up by about \$14 with the next billing cycle next month.

A rate hike approved Tuesday by a 6-0 vote of the township Board of Trustees, the second increase in less than a year, will raise the price of water and sewer service by 70 cents to \$9.05 for every thousand gallons of water. The average household in the township uses about 80,000 gallons a year, or about 20,000 per quarter.

But it could've been worse, officials say, without a compromise with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department that stopped Detroit from imposing a 40-percent increase in what it charges the township for water.

"It seemed to be a fairly rigid posture on their part," said Supervisor Richard Reaume, at Tuesday's board meeting, of the months of negotiations with DWSD. Reaume credited Jim

Fausone, Wayne County's new representative on the DWSD board, for brokering a compromise. "We had some dialogue and things started to move a little bit more on that logjam," he said.

The dispute was over a 2009 water-use contract between Detroit and the township. DWSD officials said part of its planned 40-percent increase was a penalty, outlined in the contract, because the township exceeded peak usage at times in 2010. Township officials, while agreeing peak usage had been exceeded, disagreed with the way the contract was being applied.

The compromise, an amendment to the water contract, calls for an 18-percent wholesale price hike. The amendment was approved by the board with a 6-0 vote Tuesday — Clerk Joe Bridgman was absent — and expected to be approved by the Detroit City Council and Mayor Dave Bing.

The new wholesale price is good for one year; township officials hope that improvements in the local water system and

public information about avoiding heavy water use during peak times will allow them to argue for a lower rate in the future.

The compromise also requires the township to buy 200,000 units of water a year from Detroit (a unit is a thousand cubic feet, or nearly 7,500 gallons) rather than the 165,000 a year that were previously called for. Officials said 200,000 units is more in line with the township's annual usage in recent years, and will come at a lower per-unit price than buying 165,000 units. With the 18-percent hike, the township will pay Detroit about \$20.82 per thousand cubic feet.

Officials said avoiding heavy water use during peak-use periods — between 6 a.m. and noon and between 6 p.m. and midnight — will remain important.

During the summer months, township residents get a 25-percent discount on the sewage disposal fee that shows up on water bills, under the theory that water used for things like irrigating lawns, washing cars and filling swimming pools doesn't end up in sanitary sewers.

Hot crowds, weather mark Art in the Park

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Blessed with rainless though hot weather, large crowds and raves from exhibitors, Art in the Park wrapped up another event Sunday.

"The crowds started really early in the morning and they were just as thick when the show was over," said Dianne Quinn, who organizes the show with daughter Raychel Rork.

The three-day art festival, which brings together artisans, crafters, vendors and the public, has been an annual staple in downtown Plymouth since 1980. This year's event featured more than 400 exhibits from artists across the country.

Quinn had no hard overall attendance numbers, but ventured this year's crowds set an Art in the Park record.

An example, she said, was the Lego Spinjitzu Masters tour, which stopped in Kellogg Park and drew more than 6,500 visitors over the three days. The tour organizers consider 1,500 visitors a day a good turnout, she said.

"We were real excited to hear that. We were on top of their tour so far," Quinn said.

Art in the Park, which city officials said is the biggest festival hosted in Plymouth, continues to

bask in its popularity.

"I love the festival. I love the people it brings to town," Stella Delap, owner of Basket Kreations, a gift shop on Forest Avenue, said in Kellogg Park during a break from browsing. The customers Art in the Park brings to downtown businesses outweigh inconveniences such as heavy traffic and closed streets, Delap said. It's also good for her, she added, as a way to find vendors for products, especially from Michigan, her store might carry.

Delap likes to shop Art in the Park, too. "There're just things you don't normally see in a store. Very unique," she said.

That's what Leslie Hawkins, of Las Vegas, Nev., was counting on to bring people to her booth on Main Street. Hawkins sells women's clothing that's hand-painted with her own designs, including many flowers and abstracts, and says Art in the Park is a good fit for her.

"It's a good market. It's our clientele," said Hawkins, who guessed it was her fifth trip to Plymouth for the show. She's been embellishing clothing for 24 years; her mother, Jeanette Nacht, helps with dyeing, sewing and keeping inventory.

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Linda Bennett, an artist from South Bend, Ind., works on another painting while waiting for customers at last weekend's Art in the Park in downtown Plymouth.

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Local favorite Steve King and the Dittilies take the stage during Sunday's Old Village Bumpers, Bikes and Bands event.

Old Village gears up for annual car show, concert

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They'll be takin' it to the streets again in Old Village this weekend with the Plymouth neighborhood's annual car and motorcycle show and concert.

The fifth annual Bumpers, Bikes and Bands event is scheduled for noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 17, on Starkweather in Old Village. Between 100 and 200 show cars are expected to line the street, motorcycles will also be on display and Steve King and the Dittilies will offer a free concert between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the corner of Starkweather and Liberty.

In addition, neighborhood merchants will be open for business, with some setting up sidewalk sales, a silent auction with goods and services donated by local businesses will take place, and some Old Village residents will be hosting parties and barbecues.

"I think it's great for Old Village," said Shirley Smith, a longtime resident and current president of the Old Village Association, which sponsors the event. "There aren't a lot of things that really bring out the residents and the businesses together, but this is one of the events that kind of does that."

The car show, which attracts restored classics, hot rods and muscle cars, will be judged, but only in one category: best in show. The OVA is still taking registrations for show entries; visit the website oldvillageplymouth.com to print a registration form. Entries are \$10 per car or truck, \$15 on the day of the show.

"Most of our cars just come in on the day of, and a lot depends on the weather," Smith said.

In past events, several bands performed at various stages in the neighborhood, but Smith said the decision was made this year to highlight Steve King & the Dittilies and not have performances that some said appeared to compete with each other.

"Steve King and the Dittilies is probably a really big draw, and we just wanted them to have center stage," she said. A disc jockey will be providing music before and after the concert, she said.

Although the OVA's overhead costs for Bumpers, Bikes and Bands means it's not typically a huge fundraiser, Smith said that any profits will be put toward the association's neighborhood beautification projects and its annual Halloween block party.

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"Around Plymouth" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

Man-to-man sale

Date/Time: Friday, July 15, 2-7 p.m.; Saturday, July 16, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Location: VFW Mayflower-Gamble Post 6695, 1426 Mill, Plymouth

Details: The VFW Mayflower-Gamble Post 6695 hosts a man-to-man sale for buyers and sellers who have stuff, want stuff or just need new stuff. Tables inside are \$20; tables outside are \$10-\$15; general admission is \$2.

Contact: Dennis Bielskis, (248) 486-0001 or dbielskis@comcast.net

Pottery painting

Date/Time: Tuesday, July 26, 6:15 p.m.

Location: Creatopia, 924 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth

Details: New Hope Center for Grief Support, in cooperation with The Plymouth Community United Way, offers an evening for children who are interested in painting a pottery piece in memory of someone who has died. Dinner will be at Subway (next to Creatopia) starting at 6:15. The children's Subway meals will be paid for by New Hope, thanks to a donation from the Plymouth United Way.

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

Crafters wanted

Date/Time: Oct. 15

Location: West Middle School in Plymouth

Details: Organizers of the Delta Kappa Gamma Craft Fair at West Middle School are looking for crafters. Proceeds go for scholarships for future educators from the Plymouth/Canton high schools. The fair general draws some 1,500 customers and features food and drawings.

Contact: Judy, (734) 347-1001 or Alice (248) 348-5561 or dachrenko@hotmail.com

Northville grub

Date/Time: Tuesday, July 26, 6-10 p.m.

Location: Downtown Northville

AROUND PLYMOUTH



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Period piece

Patty Giorlando, Ken Giorlando, Liz Kerstens, Jean Cook made their way around Plymouth Art in the Park over the weekend, drumming up interest in the Plymouth Historical Museum (of which Kerstens is executive director) in their Civil War period costumes. The Civil War will be the subject of the museum's first annual History Kids Kamp 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13. Kids will spend the day recreating what life was like during the war, including dressing in period clothing, getting their picture taken, as well as a chore race consisting of old-fashioned tasks from the mid-1800s. More information is available on the museum's website at www.plymouthhistory.org.

Details: The Northville Chamber presents the sixth annual Northville Grub Crawl, where 10 restaurants will offer free samples of appetizers and entree items along with cash bar specials. Crawlers can use free shuttle transportation to each restaurant or "crawl" on their own. Free shuttle transportation, grand prize drawing for barbecue gas grill. Tickets are \$30.

Contact: The Northville Chamber of Commerce at www.northville.org.

Rockettes golf

Date/Time: Aug. 7

Location: Fox Hills Golf Club, Plymouth

Details: The Salem High School Pom Pon team's 11th annual golf fundraiser includes a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest, prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, first place for men and mixed teams, skins and door prizes. Golfers receive donuts/bagels for breakfast, a hot dog lunch at the turn, and a buffet dinner including a 2 hour open bar. Cost is \$100 per golfer.

Contact: To register contact Coreen at coreen29@wowway.com.

Grief support

Date/Time: 1st and 3rd Tuesday

Location: Downtown Northville

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.

Spanish camp

Date/Time: Aug. 1-5

Location: Praise Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: Join Bilingual Fun for an interactive and educational day camp for preschool- through fifth-grade students. Kids will learn Spanish through interactive games, crafts, thematic presentations, music and more.

Contact: (877) 686-7399 or e-mail info@bilingualfun.com.

Good Grief golf

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 10, 10 a.m.

Location: Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon

Details: The 13th Annual "Good Grief" Golf Outing will benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, a bereavement outreach center located in Northville. New Hope provides free grief support services

and resources to men, women, teens, and children throughout southeastern Michigan. The cost for this four-person scramble, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, dinner, contests, and prizes, is \$115 per golfer prior to Aug. 1 and \$125 after Aug. 1. Dinner only is \$35 per person.

Contact: Pattie Bingham, (248) 348-0115; www.newhopecenter.net.

Farm exhibit

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays; 2-5 p.m. Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, 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 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.cantonhistoricalociety.org or call (734) 397-0088.

Hospice support

Date/Time: 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6-7:30 p.m.

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Ste. 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: For information, contact Ann Christensen, (888) 983-9050.

Grief workshop

Date/Time: Saturday, July 16, 9 a.m. to noon

Location: Room A-105 at Ward Church in Northville

Details: Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a one day grief seminar, From Grief to New Hope, presented by Cathy Clough, Founder/Executive Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support and co-author of Grieving Forward: Death Happened, Now What?

Contact: Call Barb Brace at Ward Church at (248) 374-5943.

American Legion auxiliary president visits Plymouth

The American Legion Auxiliary-Department of Michigan rolls out the red carpet next week.

The state hosts a visit from National Auxiliary President Carlene Ashworth, whose visit will include a stop at a memorial service 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Plymouth Veterans Memorial Park. The service is sponsored by the department, and is open to the public.

The Auxiliary stands on the four pillars of the Preamble: Justice, Freedom, Democracy and Loyalty. The mission of the Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. They advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

There are almost 300 Auxiliary Units in Michigan. Each year these Units donate



Ashworth

thousands of dollars to veteran programs and provide volunteer service assistance in the various veteran hospitals and facilities around the state. Members distribute poppies during Poppy Days to further assist the veterans and military at home and abroad.

The Auxiliary provides scholarship opportunities to students who are pursuing an advanced education. It also sponsors the Girls State program, which just convened last month at Michigan State University. The Department of Michigan has an active Junior program for girls under the age of 18 to learn about service and volunteerism.

For further information regarding Auxiliary programs and membership, visit the auxiliary's website at www.ALAforVeterans.org.

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- Aug. 19....Mass Transit Band (Top 40)
- Aug. 26....Randy Brock Group (Blues)
- Sept. 2....Lady Sunshine and the X Band (Soul)

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Storm leaves destruction in its wake in township



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

In the Bradbury Condominium complex, a tree fell during the storm, punching a hole in the sound barrier wall along I-275.

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A fast-moving thunderstorm struck Plymouth Township Monday afternoon, felling trees and tree limbs and causing fears that some backyard fences had become electrocution hazards because of downed power lines.

The storm, which caused damage in several area communities, struck heaviest in the portion of the township south of Ann Arbor Road, particularly in the Green Meadows subdivision, where several power lines went down, said township Treasurer Ron Edwards.

The storm caused some 1,200 DTE Energy customers in the township to lose power, a company spokesman said, with electricity restored to all but fewer than 50 by early Wednesday afternoon, a company spokesman said.

Edwards was among the township personnel, includ-

ing some firefighters and Fire Chief Mark Wendel, who went door to door in Green Meadows Monday, warning people to stay away from fallen lines and the potentially dangerous fences. No injuries were reported.

The storm seemed to have skipped randomly across the southern end of the community, Edwards said.

"We saw trees split and so forth and, the house next door, nothing's down," he said. Damage was mostly limited to the trees and power lines instead of structures, he said. "People got lucky," Edwards said.

The storm brought down a popular tree, estimated at 80 feet tall, in the Bradbury Condominiums in the area of Joy Road and I-275. The tree fell over the sound barrier along southbound I-275, destroying the top of it, said Harold "Rocky" Rocholl, a resident and facilities manager at the complex.

"The branches go all the way to the freeway," Rocholl said. None of the southbound lanes had to be closed, he said, but the top of the tree came within a few feet of the road.

Rocholl suspects the tree is on an easement, not condominium property, and planned to call state and Wayne County officials about it. Cleanup will be a big job, he said. "This thing's not going to be removed tomorrow," he said.

The complex also suffered damage to three other trees, Rocholl said, including one at the entrance that will probably have to come down.

Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said the county dedicated a wood-chipping truck and crew to the township after the storm, to begin cleanup of branches and trees that had fallen on county property. He said the cleanup could easily take a week.

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ART

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Some artists reported selling out of their works, Quinn said, and a craftsman from Mississippi who makes banks out of antique postal boxes said he had broken the sales records he's made in his 10 years of doing art shows. "We're still getting reports about how well people did," she said.

Quinn said the show was helped by "fabulous weather" and was lucky it didn't get hit by the storm that rolled through the area Monday afternoon. The heat did take a toll, however, as several people had to be treated after being overcome by the heat.

Quinn also said that a theft from an artist's booth was reported and that a volunteer was injured in a parking lot Sunday when she was struck by a golf cart that was pushed into her when a truck was backed into it.



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Twelve-year-old Claire Wojan's love of designing her own hair bows turned into a cottage industry. Last weekend, the Novi resident had a table at Art In The Park.



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Kiwanis Club set for annual golf outing

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth is preparing for its largest annual fundraiser, the 29th Annual Charity Golf Outing, Thursday, Aug. 4, on the Fox Classic course at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center.

And according to Mark Hutchins, publicity chair for the club, this is "not your 'every day' golf outing." It's golf, music, food, contests, surprises between the holes, and an after-golf dinner program.

The outing is open to the general public, whom Kiwanis officials are encouraging to participate in what they call this "high-spirited, entertaining golfing experience." The Outing will include a return to its past by celebrating with a Pig Roast Dinner following 18 holes of golf, food and fun.

"It's a great way to have local businesses get their name in front of over 250 volunteers and golfers, with signs on the course, mention in the Keepsake Program and mention on the club's website," Hutchins pointed out. "Most importantly, 100 percent of the

proceeds go to help fund the on-going community service projects the club supports."

Those projects include such things as the Plymouth Salvation Army, Mott Children's Hospital, Growth Works, First Step, YMCA of Plymouth, Plymouth's Tonquish Manor, Plymouth Council on Aging, Habitat for Humanity, United Way of Plymouth, Special Olympics, Plymouth Clothing Bank and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Cost for the outing is \$150 per golfer or \$600 for a foursome. Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth also offers many sponsorship opportunities. Individuals and local businesses can still be sponsors of this event and assist the Kiwanis Club in continuing the club's mission.

Fox Hills is located at 8768 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth. The event begins at 8 a.m. with a pre-golf breakfast and a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

For more information, contact golf outing chair Scott Kappler, (734) 751-6188.



Golfer Chris Lynn tees off in the Kiwanis charity golf outing. This year's event is set for Aug. 4 at Fox Hills.

Arts council adds camp instructors

The Plymouth Community Arts Council introduced two new instructors for their summer Performing Art Camps.

Three different sessions of the camp are being held at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth, including this week, then July 25-29 and Aug. 15-19. The camps run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., cost \$135 per week (\$120 per week for members). These interactive camps are open for elementary and middle school students, and will culminate in a performance on the last day of camp for family and friends.

The July camps will be led by Plymouth native Hannah Fox. Fox is entering her final year of training in the B.F.A. program at the Conservatory of Theatre Arts in Purchase, N.Y., the alma mater of many renowned actors. Last summer, she earned professional-level certification from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts (London) in the short course, Acting Shakespeare.

Fox's passion for the stage blossomed closer to home — at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Between 1995 and 2006, she participated in the PCAC's summer camps and eventually worked as a program assistant.

The PCAC also welcomed Katelyn Sigworth as the director of the August camp. Sigworth joined the PCAC with over six years of experience working with children's theatre groups. She was instrumental in the founding of the middle school drama workshop program, and Second Stage Players at Canton High School (now part of Park Players).

Last spring, Sigworth directed a full-length production at Canton High School entitled "The Complete Works of Shakespeare, Abridged." Sigworth holds a bachelors degree in biology and theater from the University of Michigan, and is a state-certified teacher.

Students in Sigworth's Performing Arts Camp should look forward to a high-energy, hands-on theatre experience.

"My goal is to get kids really excited about being on stage," Sigworth said. "I want them to gain the confidence and skills to continue doing theatre after camp is over. This is a really great chance for me to do something I love in my community. I can't wait for August."

More information about the camps may be found at www.plymoutharts.com or by calling the PCAC, (734) 416-4278.

Plymouth man pleads guilty to tax evasion

Two Michigan residents pleaded guilty to tax evasion, the Justice Department and the Internal Revenue Service announced Monday.

A federal grand jury in Detroit returned an indictment against David A. Cusumano and Henry Nino in January.

According to court documents, Cusumano was a mechanical engineer from Plymouth, and Nino was an electrician from Northville. Both men admitted to committing tax evasion by failing to file income tax returns and maintaining Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificates with their employers that falsely claimed they

were exempt from tax withholding.

According to court documents, both men admitted to using the services of Florida-based tax fraud promoter American Rights Litigators/Guiding Light of God Ministries. Nino and Cusumano both paid ARL/GLGM to submit false and obstructive correspondence to the IRS and to their banks, and to submit complaints to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration that falsely accused IRS employees of criminal conduct.

According to court documents, Nino attempted to prevent the IRS from collecting his

unpaid taxes for the years 1996, 1997 and 2000-2003 by transferring title of his personal residence to a nominee entity called the Michigan Natural Group, using money orders to make mortgage payments, cashing paychecks rather than depositing them in a bank account, and submitting fake financial instruments to the Department of the Treasury in purported payment of his tax liabilities.

According to court documents, in addition to the actions carried out by ARL/GLGM on his behalf, Cusumano attempted to evade the assessment of his 2003-2008 taxes by failing to file tax returns for each of these years as required by law and by sub-

mitting fake financial instruments to the Department of the Treasury in purported payment of his tax liabilities.

The total tax loss associated with Nino's conduct, for sentencing purposes, is \$366,088 and the total tax loss associated with Cusumano's conduct, for sentencing purposes, is \$390,185.

The charges against Cusumano and Nino carry a maximum sentence of up to five years in prison. Sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 20.

The case was investigated by IRS-Criminal Investigation, and Tax Division Trial Attorneys Melissa Siskind and Jeffrey McLellan are prosecuting the case.

CRIME WATCH

Part stolen from Grand Am

A catalytic converter was reported stolen Saturday from a car parked at a condominium complex near Joy Road and I-275 in Plymouth Township.

The converter was taken from a Pontiac Grand Am parked in a carport at the complex, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. The victim told police the car had been parked there while she was on a recent vacation.

According to the victim, a neighbor told her he had recently spotted a man near the carport who appeared to be working under the hood of a Ford car there.

Vandalism

A window screen an insurance office on Ann Arbor Road was cut or torn recently. The damage at the State Farm office occurred between July 1 and July 5, according to a police report. Entry to the office had not been made, and no other damage was reported.

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CONCOURS

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fied Ford Model T racer that was in the 1924 Indianapolis 500 (with a qualifying time of 88 mph) that he restored.

The Inn at St. John's, on more than 200 acres, offers an on-site hotel and a 27-hole golf course.

"I think it's terrific," said Terry Adderly of Bloomfield Hills. It's a tough change after so long in Rochester, Adderly added, but, "people are going to be much happier here."

Adderly, a Concours board member, is going to show a one-of-its-kind Duesenberg race car that he acquired in the past year.

The car raced at Indianapolis in 1931 and 1933, he said, finishing 13th (after starting in 40th place) in its second Indy run. It's a rarity, he said, because so many race cars from the era ended up being destroyed in crashes. His car actually spent about a decade, disassembled, in a barn in Missouri, Adderly said.

Adderly has a soft spot for Duesenbergs, which were made from 1913 to 1937. "These are probably the most sophisticated cars for their day," he said.

Reporters and bloggers — and some St. John's morning golfers — at Tuesday's preview also caught glimpses of a massive 1931 Cadillac Sport Phaeton, a 1953 Pontiac Chieftan Deluxe convertible and a 1952 Hudson Hornet (the Hudson Motor Car Co. of Detroit became part of American Motors).

Brian Joseph, chairman of this year's Concours selection committee, said other cars scheduled for the show are a 1948 Tucker, the fifth-oldest Lincoln in the country, and a 1930 Packard owned by 101-year-old Margaret Dunning of Plymouth. Exhibitors, who come from around the country, are pleased with the new location, Joseph said.

So are local officials. "We are delighted to do what we can to bring this event" to the township, Supervisor Richard Reaume told the crowd Tuesday at St. John's. "We couldn't be more pleased."

"We're confident that after your first year here you're going to love the community as much as we do," said John Buzuvis, Plymouth's special projects director and the business operations director for the city's Downtown Development Authority.

Buzuvis announced that a free shuttle service during the Concours will



Rick Linder of Dearborn owns this 1927 Barber-Warnock Indy car.

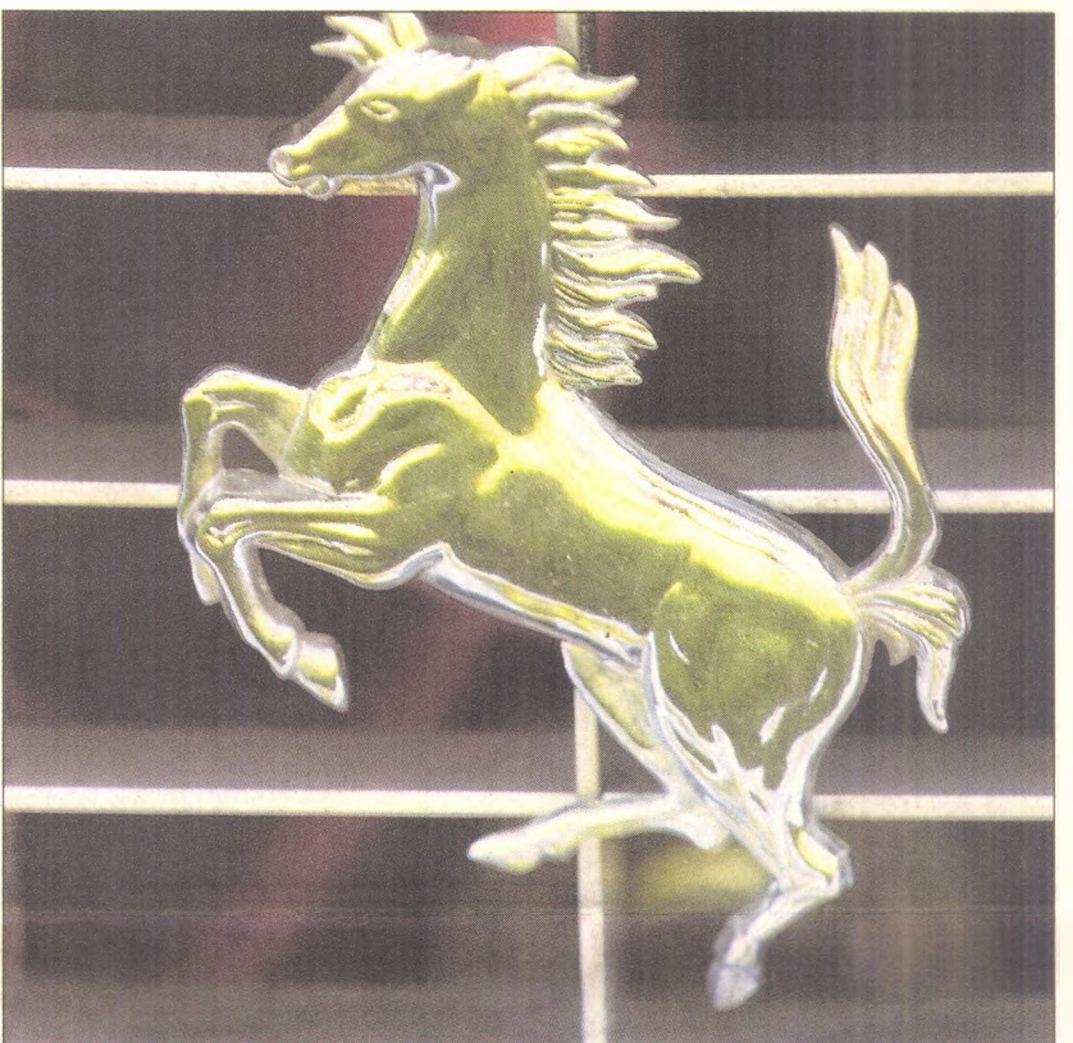
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A hood ornament graces the radiator of a 1931 Cadillac Fleetwood Phaeton owned by Dick Kughn of Dearborn.

run between downtown Plymouth, the Inn at St. John's and Plymouth's Old

Village neighborhood. A shuttle will also go between the show and the ACH (for-



The Ferrari logo is familiar to car enthusiasts. This one belongs to Mike Welsh's 1967 Ferrari 330 GTC.

merly Visteon and, earlier, Ford) plant on Sheldon Road, where Concours attendees are encouraged to park.

For more information on the 2011 Concours d'Elegance of America, visit the website www.concoursusa.org. The show hours are from 10 a.m. to

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Blue Angels Team members including a pilot, maintenance technicians and support staff will tour MIAT and conduct a presentation in the MIAT hangar.

According to Charles Hawes,

President of MIAT, the visit provides an up-close, personalized experience for those who attend.

The Navy Flying Team will star in the Thunder Over Michigan Air Show at Willow Run Airport on Saturday and Sunday, July 23-24. They have won worldwide acclaim for their daring precision flight skills and demonstrations.

For more information, Call MIAT at (800) 447-1310. The campus is located at 2955 Haggerty Road, just north of Michigan Ave., in Canton.

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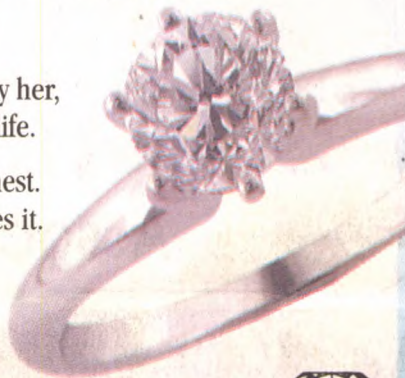
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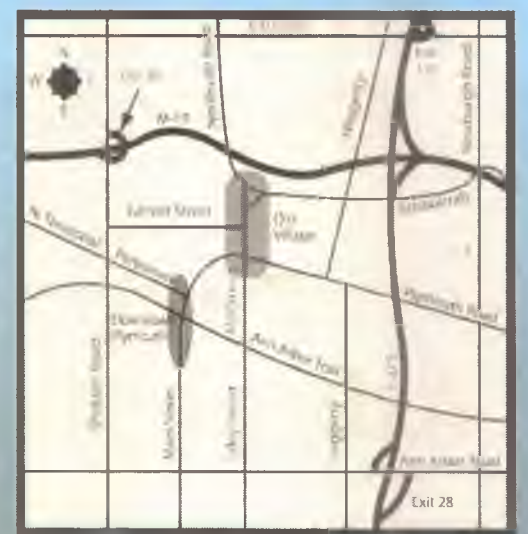
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Youngsters make a dash for the mud with official start of Mud Day Tuesday in Hines Park in Westland.



Julia Cunnien of Canton gets up close and personal with the mud.



Nick Vanderveen of Canton opts for goggles to keep the mud out of his eyes.

Squish, squish

County Parks' Mud Day brings out the kids ... and adults

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's something royal about Megan Hepp's family. In the four times she has brought her children to Wayne County Parks' Mud Day, the Northville resident has gone home with two kings and this year's queen.

"I laid in the mud and went back and forth," 6-year-old Kathryn Hepp said. "I hoped I'd win. My mom helped me."

"I think the way to do it is layer upon layer upon layer upon layer and letting it dry between layers," her mother said. "It was a whole day of adding on mud."

Kathryn's bright purple crown was in stark contrast with the layer of brown mud that covered her from head to toe. But it was nothing like 10-year-old Cole Argo of Novi, whose eyelashes were a solid chunk of the brown goo.

It was his first time at Mud Day and he had to admit that he was very surprised he won.

"It was kind of hard to get the mud on. I just had to try to stay away from the water and kind of pile it on everywhere," he said. "I kind of used it as glue."

Sonya Szabo of Port Elizabeth, South Africa, may have come the farthest to be at Mud Day. She brought her son Jude, 9, and Cole.

"He's a friend and it's the one day a year I get to visit with him," she said. "I don't think he thought he'd win, but on the way here, my son was confident he'd win, so they worked together to load on the mud."

FAR AND NEAR

While the park was officially closed to traffic Tuesday from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive due to flooding, fans of Mud Day flocked to the Nankin Mills area for the annual event. Cars, trucks and school buses filled the available parking lots and lined the road. People even hiked in after parking their cars in nearby residential areas.

Both children and adults played and did contests like running backward in the muddy pit. When they were through, they cleaned off with the help of the Westland Fire Department

and Western Wayne Hazardous Material Unit. The Westland Fire Department provided the water supply and the HazMat team "did the work" in the shower area.

"I can't believe all the kids that are here today," Westland Fire Capt. John Valensky said. "I've never saw it this big — there's school buses here."

Firefighters ran 400 feet of hose to the shower area, but when the line to clean up stretched almost to Hines Drive, firefighters broke out another hose and rinsed off kids and adults at the end of the line.

"This so great for the kids," Valensky said.

Judeh Odeh of Garden City was having a blast in the mud pit, but his 4-year-old sister Gabriella was hiding out under the stage. On a day when parents encouraged their kids to play in the mud, she was content to play with the grass.

This was the family's first time at Mud Day and Judeh gave it a thumbs-up.

"It's a blast. I want to go in, but I can't," said his father, Frank, nodding to his daughter.

'THIS IS OK'

Lori Pfeil didn't care if her kids got muddy. The family is visiting from San Antonio, Texas.

"We're in a drought in Texas, so this is OK," she said.

Brighton resident Jennifer Pfeil found out about it from a friend who lives in Belleville, who told her they had to do it.

"They're all excited. If they did it at home, they'd get yelled at," she said.

Wallowing in the pit with Jennifer Pfeil were Sarah Pfeil, 14, Kalina Bransford, 14, Jessica Pfeil, 9, and Tori Pfeil, 13, who sported a smile full of muddy braces.

"It tastes gritty," she said, heading back for more. "The best part is the mud. We've been able to get dirty and not get yelled at."

"They're allowed to get dirty," Lori Pfeil said. "What's part of the fun, too, is when do you get to do something like this?"

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Scouts teach 'upcycling' at Ann Arbor Art Fair

There will be something new this year at the Ann Arbor Art Fair: Girls Scouts who will be on hand to teach kids how to create usable art with recycled materials at the Art Activity Zone on Ingalls Mall from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., July 20-23.

Girls attending Camp O' the Hills Fine Arts Camp, which is owned and operated by Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, and local troops will teach children how to create bracelets and eco-envelopes using magazines, catalogs and calendars.

"Creating a memorable art-making experience is very important to us," said Michelle Schaefer, director of programs and outreach for the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair. "We work to ensure that our Art Activity Zone offers quality arts education projects to kids and families. Organizations like Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan make this possible."

The Ann Arbor Art Fair is a group of four award-winning art fairs that take place Wednesday-Saturday, July 20-23, in downtown Ann Arbor. The event attracts more than 500,000 visitors annually. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

In addition to art exhibits, the fair also features music performances and children's activities - most notably the Imagination Stations - family-oriented stops along the way offering special projects designed to engage and chal-



Girls attending Camp O' the Hills Fine Arts Camp and local troops will teach children how to create bracelets and eco-envelopes at the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

lenge even the youngest of fair goers.

"There are many kids who do not have art classes in school, and these projects at the fair may be their only art experience this year," Schaefer said.

Midyear: Great time to review finances

BY RICK BLOOM
GUEST COLUMNIST

It's mid-year and a great time to review your personal finances. Last week I discussed pruning your portfolio to keep it well-maintained and balanced.

However, when it comes to personal finance, it's more than just your investment portfolio. It is estate planning needs, taxes, risk management, debt and cash flow. All these areas are important in order to maintain your personal financial affairs. One thing that everyone should look at mid-way through the year that helps in all areas of personal finance, is cash flow.

Cash flow means determining where your money is coming from and where it is going. Typically, it is easy to

know where money is coming from. Most of us obtain the cash coming into our households either from salaries or investments. Check your last pay stub, which is in the great majority of situations cumulative for the year, as well as statements received over the next few weeks from investments.

The second half of the equation, often more difficult, shows where your money is going. You should know how much is going for food, entertainment, utilities, etc. In other words, you should know exactly what you have spent your hard-earned dollars on.

One of the most important numbers for each of us is what it costs us to live a month. The only way to get this number is to look at where your cash is going.

This is important because it could help you determine whether you can afford to retire. If you're already retired it could help determine whether you have to make any

lifestyle adjustments. From an estate planning and risk management standpoint, that number is important because it could help you make important decisions such as whether you need life insurance.

PERSONAL INFLATION RATE

If you prepare a cash flow statement a couple times a year, you will determine your cost of living and personal inflation rate.

The government reports inflation, but that number is relatively meaningless to the average citizen. What is important is our individual inflation rate. If you prepared a cash flow statement last year at this time, you could compare it to this year and have an idea of what costs are increasing on a year-by-year basis.

The more you know about your finances the better you will be at handling them. I strongly recommend that as we enter the dog days of summer you spend some time preparing a cash flow statement.

At the same time, I also recommend preparing a per-

sonal balance sheet - a list of your assets and liabilities. Your assets less your liabilities equal your net worth. Maintaining a personal balance sheet can help you see how you are doing over the years. If your net worth is not growing, it may signify a problem that you need to correct.

Liabilities are a key section of a personal balance sheet is your. Getting a handle on your debts is one of the most fiscally responsible things you can do.

The first time you prepare a cash flow statement or a personal balance sheet is time consuming. However, every time after that, it gets easier and easier. So if you want to make life easier six months from now, prepare a family balance sheet and a cash flow statement now.

Good luck!

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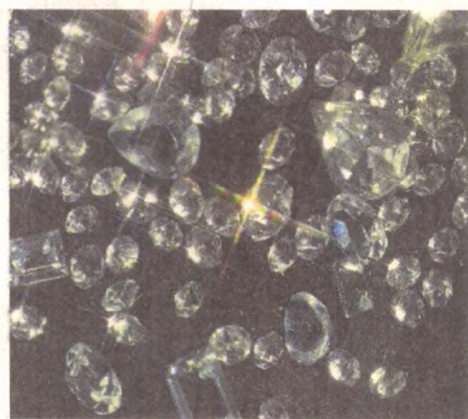
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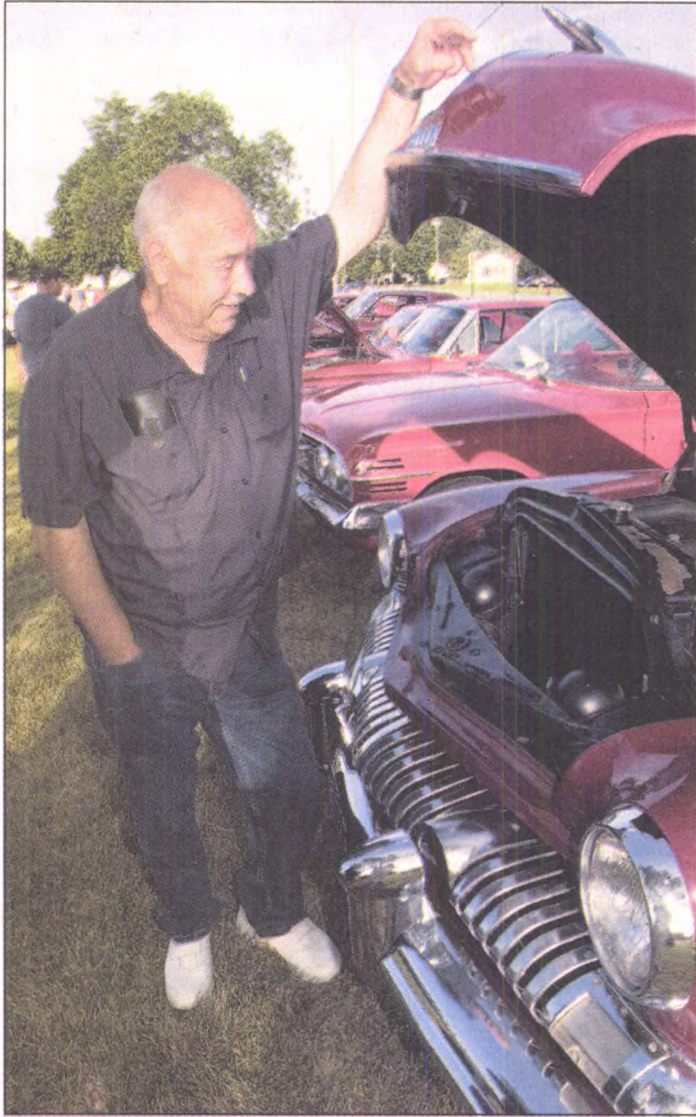


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Cruisers, classics turn out for Autos for Autism



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Joseph Wien's tasty 1951 Mercury is up for sale. The Garden City resident is looking for a convertible.



Darlene Jablonowski, a member of the Burger Autism School Association, talks about the annual car show with Loraine Stover. The two women serve on the Garden City school board.

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

ENJOYING THE SHOW

The storms may have rolled through western Wayne County Monday, but they were considered enough to be gone by the time classic cars and motorcycles began rolling into Garden City High School for the 11th annual Autos for Autism car show.

"I'm here every year, it's one of my favorite shows — this and the Livonia Spree," said David Roeser of Livonia, who, with his son, David, was showing off their 1940 Ford Deluxe Opera Coupe they turned into a street rod. "I like the smaller shows, they're more fun. You get to talk to folks and renew acquaintances. This is a good time, good food and good people and it raises funds for a good cause."

Put on by the Burger Autism School Association, the money raised will be used to benefit students who attend the county-wide Burger Center for Students with Autism in Garden City. According to show treasurer Darlene Jablonowski, this year's funds — more than \$8,000 — will be used to upgrade technology.

"We're going to buy iPads, they have some great programs for the kids," said Jablonowski. "They're a great way for the kids to express themselves, especially the nonverbal students."

Jablonowski estimates attendance was down about 25 percent, due in part to the afternoon storms, but those who showed up were enjoying the food and the music while looking at the cars, motorcycles and dragsters.

Bob McAdams of Livonia brought his 2002 Harley Davidson Road King Classic that sported at 1947 Indian sidecar. A member of American Legion Post 396's Legion Riders chapter, he came to the event to "give money to the kids."

"I got it in a garage in Hartland from a guy who installed sidecars," McAdams said. "It was in the rough. It was painted black and on a green motorcycle. I had to send to California for the knockoff tire."

Dave Waite of Garden City also does the show for the kids. Sitting in the shadow of the Shell-Camino monster truck, Waite was showing off the dragsters driven by his sons, Kyle, 14 and, Kevin, 11. The two brothers race in the open point series at Milan Dragway.

"We kind of, sort of built them, we bought the parts and out then together," said Waite.

As cool as the dragsters were, Austin Cowan of Garden City was more interested in the monster truck, tricked out with



Dennis Struzik of Garden City, and Wilf Lockley of Redford take a look at one of the classic cars on display at Monday evening's Autos for Autism car show.



Plymouth's Shelley and Ron Kujat showed up in their "awesome" monster truck, according to Austin Cowan.

seats so it can give rides at truck shows, speedways, NASCAR events, even birthday parties.

"This is an awesome truck," said Austin. "I'd love to drive it on the street. Everybody would be honking, but that would be so sweet."

"It's a lot of fun, it puts a lot of smiles on face," said Plymouth resident Ron Kujat, who was at the show with wife Shelly, who's sixth in the world in monster truck competition.

"I worked for FedEx for 20 years, the kids grew up and moved out and we thought what are we going to do now," she said. "We decided to have some fun. My husband is a serious motor head."

THE 'ONLY SHOW'

For Joseph Wien of Garden City, Autos for Autism is the only car show he puts his 1951 Mercury in; he'd rather drive it than sit and look at. That and his daughter and son-in-law work at the Burger Center.

He bought the car in 1998-99. The body and interior were in good shape, but he has had to do such things as overhauling the engine and putting in a new drive shaft.

"The speedometer says 90,000 miles, I think," he said. "I'm not sure, I don't drive it that much."

Maurice Ballard's 1973 Lincoln Continental has 63,000 miles on the odometer. He bought the car three years ago,

and like Wien's Mercury, it was in good shape. He did change some parts and the vinyl top and seat covers to an ostrich pattern.

"I work at Ford's and the guys were always getting on me because I'm a Chevy guy," he said. "A guy brought it up from Florida and I go it through an auto sales."

The weather did delay setup by about two hours, when the skies cleared the cars started arriving, according to Jablonowski.

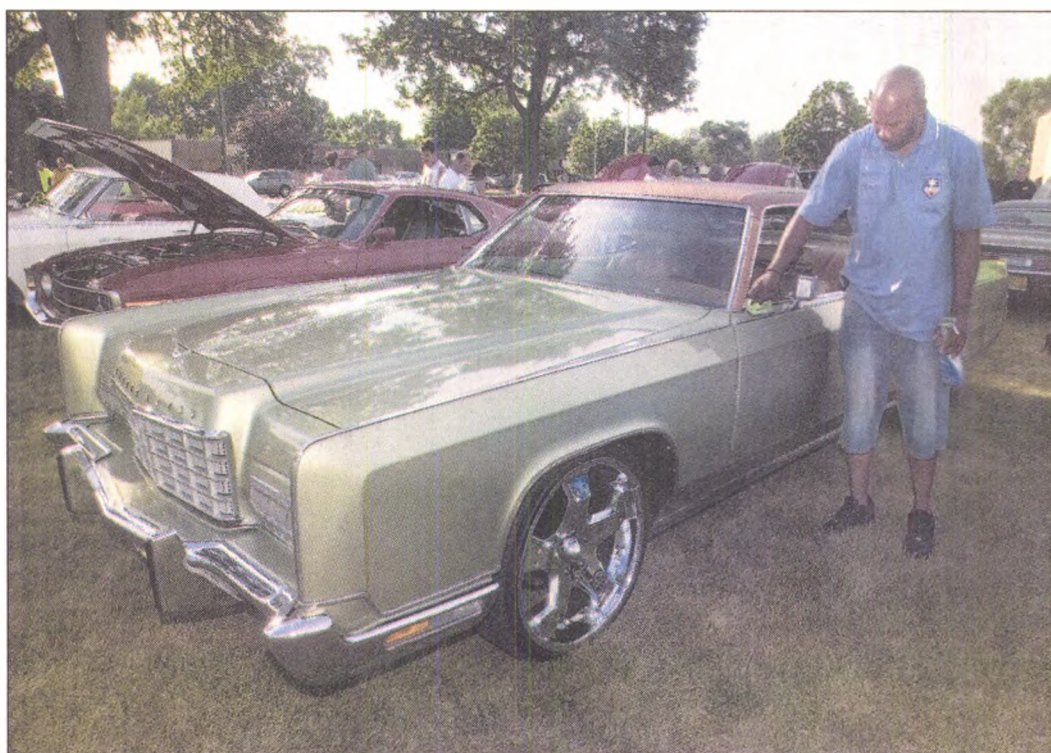
"People love this event, they do it for the kids," said Jablonowski. "The entry fee is \$15, but a lot of people throw us a \$20 because they know it's for the kids. One hundred percent of the goes to BASA. A lot of the people from

the community come and volunteer. This isn't a Burger event, this is a community event."

Co-chair of the show for 10 years, Cecilia Nesbitt is now devoting her time to talking to sponsors and getting the word out about the show. With the numbers for autism increasing, Nesbitt wants to fundraiser as much as possible for the Burger Center. The center, she said, needs "all the fundraising we can turn in."

"There's no way I intend to leave this show," said Nesbitt. "I have a grandchild who's a student there, that's the reason I got involved."

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Maurice Ballard of Westland dusts off his 1973 Lincoln Continental.



David Roeser and son David Roeser of Livonia took on turning their 1940 Ford Deluxe Opera Coupe into a street rod before the younger David graduated from high school.

Everyday people tell their stories at media fest

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Michael Williams of Westland grew up on Detroit's northwest side.

Williams sees Detroit as a city he believes others do not see — with open businesses and attractive homes.

Adam Woloszyk of Plymouth and Caitlynn McInnis of Northville also envision a town — Northville — in an historical sense, using it for a story about a boy who learns about his new hometown.

McInnis, Woloszyk and Williams were just three of the participants in Mobiflicks, a contest in which teams write, produce, shoot and edit a six-minute story at PAH (Project Accessible Hollywood) Fest Motown, now in its fifth year at Madonna University in Livonia. Created by filmmaker Christopher Coppola, PAH Fest is a digital media festival which travels around the world to celebrate the stories and voices of everyday people.

EMPOWERING THE FILMMAKERS

Sue Boyd, manager of the Franciscan Center studios, said the festival is fun for the participants, coaches and volunteers. "People feel empowered with what their stories are," Boyd said. "Whether it is someone telling stories about a grandparent and parents growing up in Mississippi and moving to Detroit, or someone telling a story about the history of Northville, they're going to have a chance to tell their story."

Besides Mobiflicks, other competitions included Cellphone Art in which participants shoot a one-minute piece of video using a video-enabled cell phone, following a surprise topic. Contestants have just a few hours to create their piece.

DigiPortraits features a short video portrait.

Participants in Tone Poems use a flip camera to record imagery that visually expresses an original musical composition. Computers, editing software and technical support are provided to help participants edit and complete their pieces at the Franciscan Center studios.

Another highlight of the festival is Circus Vision, a contest for young movie makers on Friday sponsored by Vanguard Community Development Corp. Children 14 and under participate in the new smart phone, visual treasure hunt.

TELLING THEIR STORIES

On Tuesday, the Mobiflicks teams gathered to hear Gary Pillon, a retired cameraman, who talked about camera mounts and audio equipment with the storytellers.

"I've tried to give them an idea of what they are able to find," Pillon said. Pillon also wanted to let them know about audio equipment available for cameras. "People should know what is available on a retrofit



Madonna's Chuck Derry offers shooting advice to Adam Woloszyk, of Plymouth, Caitlynn McInnis, of Northville, Dillon Stevenson, of Plymouth, and Connor Keliikuli, of Milford. They're shooting on location at Northville Downs race course.

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Rebecca Fairgrieve, a recent graduate of Redford's Thurston High School, looks for ideas to work with a tone poem. She's been involved with PAH Fest for five years.

basis," Pillon said.

Chuck Derry, director of broadcast and cinema arts at Madonna University, said judges chose five stories for the Mobiflicks competition. The storytellers and other contest participants comprise the five teams. Each team has a coach. Derry coaches McInnis and Woloszyk. "We'll help them tell their story with camera, mikes and lights," Derry said. Many participants have experience in filmmaking, but the films "can be created by a grandma with her grandkids," Derry said.

A SENSE OF HISTORY

Derry drove Tuesday to Northville Downs to shoot with McInnis and Woloszyk. Their story is about a young boy new in a neighborhood in Northville, whose baseball rolls out of a box given to him by his grandfather and rolls across the street where another boy stops the baseball.

The two strike up a con-

versation. The boy new to the neighborhood mentions that there was nothing to do in Northville; then the other boy starts to explain the history of the community, showing him landmarks like Northville Downs, where Joe Louis once trained in the 1930s when the site was the Wayne County fairgrounds.

The story ends with the newcomer's father tossing the baseball back into the box, and there is a photo of the boy's grandfather as a young boy. "That boy he talks to is actually his grandfather," Woloszyk said.

Woloszyk, a Plymouth resident and president of the Broadcast and Film Club at Madonna, said everybody has a story, and PAH Fest gives participants a chance to tell it. "PAH Fest is all about the communities where we live," Woloszyk said.

Woloszyk and McInnis are also fans of *The Twilight Zone*,

the popular science fiction television show of the 1960s created by Rod Serling and later revived in the 1980s and again in 2002 and 2003. "There's a real time travel element to it," Woloszyk said.

Derry gave Woloszyk shooting tips on the track at Northville Downs. "You are around this way," Derry said. "Don't pan the shot, arc." Derry even brought a wheelchair to use for the camera. "You can do it with the wheelchair; it will help you out," Derry said.

McInnis, who lives in Northville, is home-schooled and is taking dual enrollment classes at Madonna, including film.

Before McInnis and

Woloszyk wrote the story as Team Pioneer, McInnis visited Northville's library and spoke with historians about the area. She learned about the county fairgrounds, Joe Louis training there and Henry Ford's valve plant in Northville.

McInnis said the project helped her learn the history of Northville, as her family relocated here.

"I love *The Twilight Zone*, and history, so we combined the two," McInnis said.

McInnis also knew Dillon Stevenson of Plymouth acted and performed in several plays, including several at the Cherry Hill Theater in Canton. "I love acting and when I get an opportunity, I jump on it,"

Stevenson said.

Connor Keliikuli of Milford also enjoys acting. "I think it's a good story," Keliikuli said. "It reminds me of *The Twilight Zone*. I like it a lot."

MAKING IT VISUAL

Williams' story was shot by The D Team. Williams grew up in the area of Seven Mile and Greenfield. "Most of the news footage and YouTube depicts Detroit as a burned down, crime-infested wasteland, but that isn't the Detroit I was raised in," Williams said.

Williams doesn't consider himself a filmmaker "yet," but wants to have the ability to tell a story. "I want to take a story from my mind and make it visual, so that people can actually see what you are thinking," Williams said.

Dan Dowell of Inkster said the group shot footage on Monday and expected to shoot more on Tuesday. Williams rattled off the neighborhoods and what his team had filmed: "Sherwood Forest, Palmer Woods, Green Acres and North Rosedale Park."

The team also videotaped University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit Renaissance High School and businesses on West Seven Mile and Livernois. "There's been a resurgence in that area," Williams said.

Others enjoy the other competitions.

Rebecca Fairgrieve of Redford recently graduated from Thurston. She has participated in PAH Fest for five years. This year she is participating in Tone Poems.

"I hope to learn more and create more," Fairgrieve said. "I like to use the different programs, like Final Cut and Music Maker, to make music to go with the video."

Boyd said PAH Fest gets people together for a common good of telling stories. "It shows that Michigan is not dead," Boyd said. "We have a lot to say."

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OUR VIEWS

Voter ID

Showing identification reasonable safeguard

The power of the individual's vote is sacrosanct in our democracy. So it stands to reason that there should be unfettered access to the voting booth and that all votes should be legitimate and accurately counted.

Since the Florida presidential recount 11 years ago, accurate votes have come into question, particularly in recounts of high-profile races across the country, such as the long ordeal that proceeded a U.S. Senate seat finally awarded to Al Franken, previously best known as a comedian on "Saturday Night Live."

But the legitimacy of the votes themselves comes under fire from both Democrats and Republicans.

Democrats generally push for more access to polls, through such initiatives as no-excuse absentee ballots and extended voting periods that allow people to cast ballots several days before election day. When Republicans oppose these changes, they are sometimes accused of trying to restrict voting access for likely Democratic voters.

Yes, voting can be terribly light in some elections. But in others — in the same communities — the turnout is significantly higher. If people can find a way to vote in November, particularly in bad weather after waiting in long lines, then the reason they don't vote in August is because they aren't interested — not because they are held back.

For their part, Republicans think the liberalized voting agenda is really a nationwide plan to co-opt the election process by peppering voting lists with ineligible, nonexistent or easily manipulated voters. Republicans prefer rules, such as a photo identification, that substantiate that the prospective voter is, indeed, who he says he is. Democrats suggest that such actions are ways to not only discourage but also to intimidate likely Democrats, such as the urban poor, from voting.

These are broad generalizations, to be sure. In Michigan, for instance, some Republican county clerks and secretaries of state favor more liberalized rules for registering voters and absentee voting. Nonetheless, the party positives are usually staked out as we've described them.

What's significant, though, is that for all the fear of voter shenanigans, there is scant evidence of actual voter fraud. Yes, there are stories of multiple people registered at a single, perhaps vacant, building. And, yes, there were some stories of inappropriate names gathered on voter registration lists.

But a wrongly gathered name isn't the same as an illegal vote. Without better evidence of voter fraud, Republicans look like they are merely trying to use scare tactics as a political weapon.

For all the Democratic arguments about the barriers to voting, the facts don't bear them out. Yes, voting can be terribly light in some elections. But in others — in the same communities — the turnout is significantly higher. If people can find a way to vote in November, particularly in bad weather after waiting in long lines, then the reason they don't vote in August is because they aren't interested — not because they are held back.

For that reason, we've never bought into the Democratic objections to the relatively new Michigan law that requires voters to provide photo identification. We just don't see how that is an unjustifiable obstacle to voting. Rather, it increases the likelihood that the right person is voting in the correct precinct.

Such laws can go too far, such as the case in another state where a number of nuns were not allowed to vote because they didn't have a driver's license or other pictured ID.

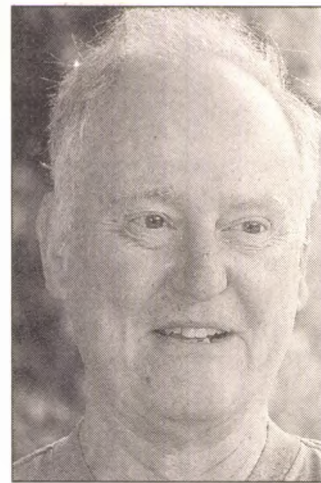
But Michigan law has provisions to prevent such an occurrence. If the voter doesn't have a driver's license, he or she can obtain a state-issued identification card. Failing that, the voter merely needs to sign an affidavit at the polls that verifies his or her identification.

In a society that demands photo ID to cash a check or board a plane, Michigan's law is a reasonable step toward ensuring that only legitimate ballots are cast.

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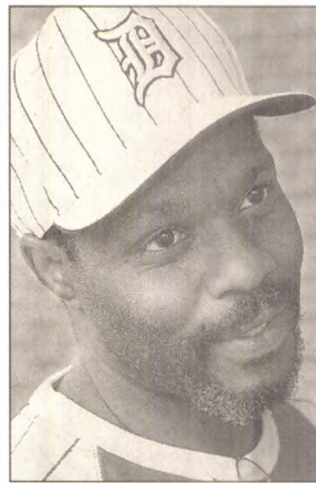
The Detroit Tigers are in first place at the All-Star break. How do you think they'll do the rest of the season?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



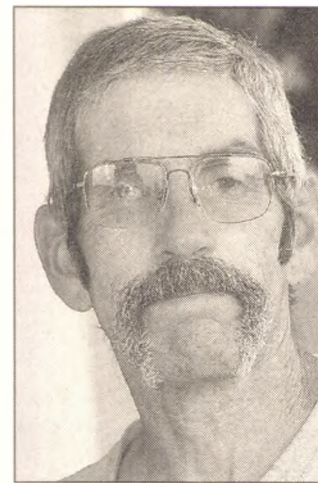
"I think they'll go all the way. I'm hoping."

Gregg Packard
Plymouth Township



"They'll probably end up third."

Darryl James
Canton Township



"From knowing their history, you might not want my answer."

Joseph Catterall
Plymouth



"I don't seem them doing that well. I hope they do."

Bill Joker
Plymouth

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D. Delaney
Plymouth

Garden club thanks

A special thank you to the gardeners who participated in our annual garden walk. Thank you Saxton's Garden Center and Backyard Birds for ticket sales. Thank you Plymouth Branch and all our members who helped make it a successful event.

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Georgia Randinitis
Trailwood Garden Club

Reconsider foreign policy

America must reconsider its foreign policy. We are spending too much, losing too many lives, and spreading ourselves too thin.

We are currently fighting in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Libya, and using drones to strike targets in Yemen and Pakistan. We have over 50,000 troops in Germany, 28,000 in South Korea, and 32,000 in Japan. While not all of this is bad, we are overextending ourselves.

The U.K. struggled with overextension, and it was a big factor in their decline as the world's superpower. We must consider what constitutes a threat to U.S. security. Libya, for instance, does not.

This overextension in many ways weakens our national security. If we spend billions overseas and rack up debt, that will weaken our economy, endangering future funding for our armed forces. In addition, building up a country usually costs more than it is worth. We have been in Afghanistan for ten

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Financial calamity

Debt ceiling increases rarely if ever have had conditions attached and shouldn't today because those demanded are not germane to the issue at hand. The debt ceiling was raised with clean, non-conditional legislation seven times during the Bush administration and as far back as the eye can see.

Raising the debt ceiling does not authorize future new spending; it authorizes payment of prior debt; debt not only accumulated while Obama was in office but debt extending back through both of the Bush administrations, the Clinton administration, even back to Reagan and perhaps beyond.

Opponents insist not raising the debt ceiling is tantamount to "cutting up the credit cards." This is a poor and inaccurate analogy. Not raising the debt ceiling isn't cutting up the credit cards; it is cutting up the bills.

Long-term debt and deficit have no place at the table and efforts to inject these elements into the discussion are pure politics at its worst; an opportunistic ploy to attempt to achieve the long embraced ideological goal of wounding, if not eliminating, Medicare, Medicaid and even Social Security. Issues like "entitlement" reform and revising the tax code are budgetary concerns that must be addressed at the proper time through the proper procedures, not used to hold the "full faith and credit" of the United States hostage for political purposes.

Those who would risk the economic calamity that may be in the offing as we near the precipice must be held accountable.

Mitch Smith
Canton

Anthony coverage disgusting

Casey Anthony was acquitted. Justice may not be popular, but the prosecutors failed to convince a jury.

Personally, I was disgusted by the TV news coverage. Morning, noon and night one small woman was assaulted by professional opinion-makers. Jurors were not permitted to see TV so they relied on evidence.

Ms. Anthony grew up in an unconventional family and lived a different lifestyle. She made mistakes and has been punished — but the verdict was not guilty of murder.

"Let he who is without fault cast the first stone."

Hank Borgman
Farmington

years, and our men and women are being killed by Afghans, who they were training.

Instead, we must engage in a more humble foreign policy. Just because we are the world's superpower, doesn't mean we need (or can) do everything.

Andrew Montgomery
Plymouth

We know Edwards

I read with interest the "Blow Story" about Ron Edward's outburst of anger at the Plymouth Township Police dispatcher on the Fourth of July. It brought to my mind how he blew up at a previous Fourth celebration at the park over a pizza delivery.

It seems he called a local pizza restaurant and demanded a delivery of food to him at the fireworks display taking place at that moment in the park. As customers, we could see the display from the front windows of the store.

He berated the young female employee taking the order when she explained it would take extra time to get through the crowd and find him. "Don't you know who I am?" he declared so loudly we could hear it through the receiver. To our amusement, she did not.

Yes, Mr. Edwards, we do know who, and what you are.

Joe Naerts
Plymouth

On the move: 'Re-invention' of Michigan well under way

BY KURT HEISE
GUEST COLUMNIST

While the state Legislature is officially "out" for summer, there's much work going on in Lansing and here at home. Some media observers have said our first six months capped a period "historic for the passage of more sweeping legislation than any other perhaps since the adoption of the 1963 Constitution."

I say the "Re-Invention of Michigan" is well under way.

As a candidate last year, I said Michigan was in a state of crisis,

with our top three issues being jobs, the state budget and taxes, and public education. I've had to make tough decisions on all three, with more to come.

In January, I introduced the bill to repeal the Michigan Business Tax surcharge. That surcharge, and the job-killing MBT itself, were eliminated in a reform package that I supported. We also erased a \$1.5 billion deficit and cut taxes by \$700 million over the next three years.

In addition, we approved an on-time, two-year budget. Cutting taxes and improving the business climate will create jobs and make Michigan more attractive for job providers. Yes, these were tough and unpopular decisions on many levels, but they were needed to

pull Michigan out of our economic crisis.

As a municipal attorney and part-time educator, I know education is critical to our children's success and our property values. The Northville and Plymouth-Canton schools are the last two "destination districts" for families in Wayne County, which is why my two daughters attend public schools, and why I'm a trustee on the Plymouth-Canton Education Foundation.

I believe in public education, and that a combination of state reforms, bold action by school boards, and union concessions can give our school districts a stronger financial footing. That's also why I voted against the governor's K-12 budget this year. I concluded that

the K-12 budget was not in the best interests of taxpayers, parents, and students given our schools' budget constraints.

I also don't buy this notion of dismantling our public schools in order to "save" them. Education reform starts in the home and ends in Lansing; everyone needs to work together, within our existing framework, to achieve educational excellence with value for the taxpayer.

In the last six months, I've also supported teacher tenure reforms, eliminating lifetime benefits for legislators, improved police and fire arbitration rules, ending bridge card abuse and more health care cost-sharing for public employees. I've introduced legislation to cap school superintendent

salaries and move school board elections to even-year Novembers.

In the next six months, look for renewed discussion on a bridge to Canada, personal property tax reform, and township annexation restrictions. As vice chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, I'll also be taking a lead role on judicial reform, demanding innovation and cost-savings from our courts as we're doing with other public entities.

I value your feedback on these and other issues. Please visit my website at www.repcurtheise.com. It's an honor to represent you in Lansing.

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State senator plans to run for McCotter's seat

BY PHILIP ALLMEN
STAFF WRITER

One politician has already tossed his name into the congressional race.

State Sen. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, announced Monday his plans to replace Thaddeus McCotter as the next 11th District congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives. McCotter announced July 2 his plans to run for U.S. president.



Kowall

"It is exciting, a little nerve-rattling," Kowall, 60, said. "It's something I've been looking at a long time. With McCotter running for president, the opportunity is presenting itself."

New redistricting maps for the state's congressional seats in Washington, D.C., play into Kowall's favor, he said, because his entire state Senate district in western Oakland County lies within the 11th Congressional district.

"It was a Wayne County seat; now it's an Oakland County seat," he said.

Redrawn congressional districts, which have yet to be finalized, set the 11th district to include Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and the townships of Canton, Plymouth and Northville in Wayne County, as well as South Lyon, Novi, Farmington, Walled Lake, Wixom, Lake Angelus, Auburn Hills, Troy, Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham, Clawson, Rochester Hills and the townships of Milford, Lyon, Highland, Commerce, White Lake, West Bloomfield and Waterford in Oakland County.

Kowall said his focus at the federal level would be the same as it has been at the local and state levels.

"Enhancing the taxable value, getting government out of the way without putting the environment or people's health, safety and welfare in

jeopardy is something I've done my whole life," he said. "It's all about jobs, getting people back to work. We need diversification of our employee work base."

Kowall points to issues he focused on in Lansing to change Michigan's business environment, including tax structures, as ways to improve the country as a whole. Eliminating the Michigan Business Tax improved the state's business tax ranking from 49th to 16th in the nation, he said.

"Wall Street turned its head and said, 'What are you doing?' Lots of people are calling the office saying, 'What's going on?' We're saying, 'Hey, we're open for business,'" said Kowall.

Businesses now are looking to return to Michigan or are looking to stay here, he said, and the state is working to make sure those that never left Michigan benefit, as well.

"We have to make sure we don't treat them like the red-headed stepchild," he explained. "The big guys are paying more in taxes. It's the mom and pop business like along the Main Street in Milford or South Lyon. Those are the ones who are going to be immediately affected by these tax changes."

Kowall said he wants to make sure any actions taken by the government are transparent and open to the public. Instead of departmental committees deciding changes in rules or regulations, those decisions should be open to legislative hearings and public comment. If the changes are necessary, then they should remain. That policy should be used in Washington, D.C., too, he said.

"The most important thing is to get it out in the light of day," said Kowall.

Kowall said he has spoken with McCotter on his presidential bid and fully expects him to keep his focus on that position. If McCotter changes his mind and seeks another term in the U.S. House of Representatives, Kowall said he plans to discuss

further the issue.

"He's fully intent on running for president," said Kowall. "(President Barack) Obama came out of nowhere. McCotter has a lot more experience than Obama ever did."

Randall Thompson, spokesman for McCotter, said in an e-mail that "Representative McCotter is focused on serving his constituents and earning the GOP presidential nomination. He expects and understands a host of individuals in both parties will explore their 11th district options as the presidential process unfolds."

Kowall said he is in the process of forming an exploratory committee to get everything ready to run. He expected to file paperwork this week. "We're being very careful," he said. "We're getting the word out and letting people know this is where we're heading."

Kowall moved to the state Senate after winning the November 2010 election to replace Nancy Cassis in the post. In winning the election, he left his public position as White Lake Township supervisor two years before his term expired. If he were to win the congressional seat, he would again be leaving his current elected position two years before it expired. He said he plans to continue in that role as he runs for the federal position.

"It will just make me a little bit busier," he said. "It's not an impossible thing to do. I have lots of things going on with the senate side. It won't interfere with what I'm doing on the congressional side."

So far, he said he has only heard positive responses to his congressional plans, but said he would tell critics "This is America. You have the ability to run for any office if you so choose," he said. "No matter what office I'm in, I give people 150 percent all the time."

Kowall was White Lake Township supervisor 2004-10 and 44th district state representative 1998 to 2001.

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McCotter and his ego step into the race for president

OPINION

Oftentimes, though, the people he is talking to have no idea what he is talking about.

Well, if there was anyone who doubted McCotter's arrogant streak, he put it to rest July 2. After weeks of speculation and McCotter tap dancing around answering the question whether he was getting in or not, he came to Whitmore Lake to make it official. Standing on the Freedom Fest stage in front of a smattering of people, the Livonia Republican announced he is running for president of the United States. You don't do something like that unless you have a pretty healthy ego.

I'm not sure what his real motivation is with this move. Let's be honest. McCotter's chances of winning the Republican nomination are slim — at best. His name recognition compared with the other nominees is low. And that means he is going to have a hard time raising the kind of money it will take to win the nomination.

But he is a darling of some in the right-wing media, particularly over at FOX News, where he often appears as a guest, especially on "RedEye With Greg Gutfeld." They know McCotter is smart and can make a compelling argument, and they helped talk him into this move. Plus, he doesn't have a lot of baggage. And he has been very successful winning in a district that leans Republican, but is home to plenty of Democrats. He has represented the 11th Congressional district since 2003. Perhaps he is doing it for his own vanity. There is no question McCotter likes the limelight. We in the media receive at least weekly updates from his people letting us know what news programs the Congressman has appeared on that week. I think one of the reasons he is asked to appear on the television news programs

is because he can articulate the Republican arguments on most issues, and that's why he will serve a purpose in this race.

However, I think McCotter is about to be taught a lesson in humility. He has just stepped up to the big time. If he thinks winning the Republican nomination for president is going to be anything like winning five terms against a bunch of patsies (just try to name three or even two of the opponents McCotter has beaten for Congress) he is mistaken. McCotter has never had a problem being cutthroat when it comes to running a campaign (anyone remember his television ads when he ran against Democrat Kevin Kelley?). He is about to find out how it feels to be on the other end of the equation. I'm guessing the first thing his opponents will go after him on is his support of the government bailouts for the auto companies. While I personally agree he was on the right side of history with that support, it won't matter in the Republican primary field. He will be crucified for it.

Yet, I think McCotter's biggest problem will be the fact that he simply isn't a very good public speaker — in the sense of whipping up a crowd. Just check out a clip of his speech in Whitmore Lake. I suppose he says the right things, it's just the way he says it.

"We will restructure government for the average citizen," he told the crowd. The problem, I think, is McCotter just doesn't connect very well with the average citizen. He is just too intellectual for his own good.

So it will be interesting to see how or if his attitude will change during this campaign. Will his healthy ego wilt under the heat of the bright lights? Time will tell.

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Kurt Kuban

One of the real perks of the job for us journalists is that we get to spend a lot of time talking to politicians. Yes, I know, please don't be too jealous.

One of those politicians I have been fortunate enough to spend time with over the last decade or so is our congressman, Thaddeus McCotter. If there is one thing I have always said about McCotter, it is that he is the smartest guy in the room. Just ask him.

Whether he tries to or not, McCotter, 45, just seems to carry around with him an aura of arrogance. Believe me, that is not an unusual trait among politicians. And I don't hold it against him. We elect people to Congress because we hope they are smart, which McCotter certainly is, and that they will do a good job representing our interests in Washington. Depending on what side of the political aisle you favor, McCotter has mostly done a good job in that regard.

But when you talk to McCotter, especially about politics, he is quick to let you know that you don't know half as much as he does. He is apt to bring up long ago political treaties or obscure economic philosophies that leave the layman scratching their heads. I know, because he has left me scratching my head on occasion. Several times after interviewing him with my colleagues, I have walked out of the room remembering something my old football coach told me when I was a captain years ago: Even if you don't know what you're talking about, act like you do and people will believe you. Now I'm not suggesting McCotter doesn't know what he's talking about.

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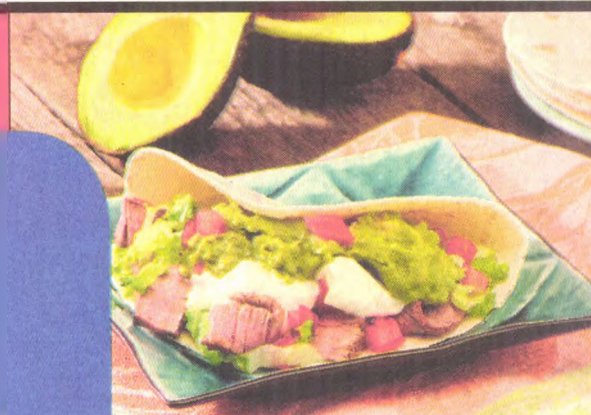
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ALL FIRED UP FOR FLAVOR FOOD, B9

Powerboat champion Sechler on pace for 7th title

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If Jim Sechler is a little anxious about this week's Quake on the Lake powerboat racing event, that's certainly understandable.

Sechler, the Farmington Hills owner of the Fast Eddie II, had one of his worst moments in his sport when his boat blew an engine in last year's race on Pontiac Lake.

He's hoping for a smoother and less stressful weekend at the 2011 event, which takes place Saturday and Sunday in



Sechler

Waterford. "It being our home race and, usually, the race where all our friends and family show up, it's hard to see your

boat coming in pushing a rope (at the end of a tow)," Sechler said.

A repeat is unlikely based on past results and the enormous success Sechler and driver Dan Kanfoush have enjoyed in recent years.

QUAKE ON THE LAKE

They've won six consecutive American Power Boat Association championships in the one-litre modified inboard class, and they're on their way to winning a seventh.

They've already won eight races this year. Each team can run as many as 20 races; the top 15 finishes are used to determine its season points total.

Ten boats have pre-registered in the modified inboard class for the Quake and 75

overall. This year's race also will serve as the Summer National, one of the four major championships. In each class, the racing weekend consists of four heats, two each day.

"It's the biggest race of the year for us inboarders," Sechler said. "It's the first time the Summer National has been hosted in Michigan in 43 years."

One thing Sechler and Kanfoush have not done is win all four majors in the same season. The others are the Western Divisional, World Championships and Eastern

Divisional.

"That's the one thing I sure would like to do," Sechler said. "If things go well, this could be our year. We won three and looked like we were on our way to winning a fourth last year. Then we had the engine failure. We were that close."

Last season was one of the most challenging and frustrating for Sechler, who does most of the mechanical work. A second engine failed at the Eastern Divisional.

"We went five years without

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SIDELINES

They're All Stars

Two recent Canton High School graduates – CarolAnn Sexauer and Kaitlyn Mattson – have been selected by the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association to play in the Senior All Star game set for 3:30 p.m. Monday, July 20, at Michigan State University.

"This is a big honor for them," said Jim Arnold, who coached both players throughout their prep careers with the Chiefs.

Holes in one

A pair of linksters recorded holes in one at Glenhurst Golf Course recently.

On June 28, Redford Township resident Suzan Franzen aced the 99-yard No. 4 hole with a 9-wood. The 54-year-old Franzen, who has been playing for 16 years, registered a nine-hole round of 55. It was her second hole in one.

On July 7, Detroit resident Homer McCloud knocked his tee shot in the hole on the 119-yard fourth hole using a sand wedge. It was the 60-year-old golfer's first ace in 27 years of playing the sport. He finished with a nine-hole round of 38.

Salem wrestling camp

The Salem High School Wrestling Camp will run from 5:30-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 18-21.

Sessions will focus on teaching solid fundamental techniques as well as reinforcement of basic athletic skills essential for success at any level. Each session will include live wrestling as well as a mixture of technique demonstration and special training exercises designed to improve basic skill sets critical to wrestling. Camp instructors include several present and past Salem coaches, led by varsity assistant and 2006 State Champion Jeremy Henderson.

Other former Salem state qualifiers and current college and high school wrestlers also will be on hand. The camp registration fee is \$80 and includes a T-shirt. For more information, contact coach Henderson at jhendy189@gmail.com or call him at (734) 812-9588.

Plymouth Elks Soccer Shoot

There's still time to sign youngsters up for the Plymouth Elks Soccer Shoot, slated for Saturday, July 23, at Elks Park.

The tournament will include boys and girls divisions for the U8, U10, U12 and U14 age brackets (with ages determined as of August). Games will be five-goal contests.

Hot dogs and drinks will be provided to all participants and family members.

For more information, call Ken Hines at (810) 523-0017.

Crusaders lauded for academics

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics announced its 2010-11 Scholar Teams and Seven Madonna University programs were recently honored as National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics "Scholar Teams."

For a team to be considered for the NAIA Scholar Team Award, it must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) as defined by the institution. The team grade point average includes all student-athletes

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For the love of the sport

Longtime Lancer enjoys role as Redford Catholic's new director

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Once a Lancer, always a Lancer.

That would be an appropriate credo for lifelong Redford Township resident Pat Wagner, who has come full circle in the Redford Catholic football program.

Wagner was recently named the Lancers' football director — over two decades after pulling on the team's blue-and-white uniform for the first time.

"Being able to do this is an honor because we have such a great group of kids and a great group of parents," Wagner said, talking about his new responsibility. "We don't get a big draw like some of the other CYO programs, but the kids who do play for us get a lot of playing time and a lot of one-on-one coaching."

Wagner said the township's decreasing population has cut into Redford Catholic's roster sizes, but it hasn't diminished the enthusiasm he or the other volunteer leaders share for the sport and the program.

"For some of the kids who play for us, this is their only opportunity to play an organized sport," Wagner said. "It builds character, teaches them about teamwork and sportsmanship. The CYO has been around for close to 80 years, too, so there's a lot of tradi-



First-year Redford Catholic Football director Pat Wagner played for the Lancers as a middle-schooler before taking his gridiron skills to St. Agatha High School. He currently has two sons in the program.

tion."

Wagner oversees a program that includes a freshman team (second grade through fourth grade), a junior-varsity unit (fifth and sixth grades) and a

varsity squad, which is made up of seventh- and eighth-graders.

"We'd love to have at least 20 kids at each level," Wagner said. "The interest hasn't been

there the past few years; there just aren't as many kids in the area any more because a lot of people are moving out. Last

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Spartans' coach Mitchell returns

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After a one-year hiatus, David Mitchell is back behind the bench as varsity hockey coach at Livonia Stevenson.

Mitchell was forced to step down following the 2009-10 season after taking an assistant principal position at Livonia's Holmes Middle School.

Livonia Public School policy prohibits administrators to remain as head coaches. Mitchell, however, served as a volunteer assistant last season under Gerry Vento.

But 37-year-old Mitchell resigned his position at Holmes after one year to return to the classroom where he teaches computer technology and social studies. Formerly an assistant at Churchill, Mitchell finished 56-14-8 in three varsity seasons with the Spartans, capturing one Kensington Lakes Activities Association title (2010) and reaching two regional finals (2008 and 2010).

"David left administration because he missed it," Stevenson athletic director

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Mitchell

'Summer Blast' offers some fun, cost-effective soccer training

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Youth soccer enthusiasts who are looking for a blast this summer should look no further than the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City.

That will be the site of the annual Garden City Soccer Club's "Summer Blast," a cost-effective five-day camp that has added an appealing new twist this summer.

The camp, which will run from Aug. 1-5 (6-8 p.m. each day) will be organized for the first time by Garden City High School boys and girls soccer coach Jason Dean, who will be assisted by members of his highly-successful teams.

"The No. 1 thing we want to do is offer a good level of training at a good price," said Dean, whose girls squad recently

completed a one-loss season. "For a lot of five-day camps like ours, you're going to be paying around \$150. Our camp is \$30 per player. We really wanted to make this camp affordable to everyone who wants to participate."

Dean said he is excited about getting his high school players involved in training the young campers.

"It's a great opportunity for these players to learn about community service," he said. "As they teach the game to younger players, they become ambassadors for the sport, which soccer needs if it is ever going to grow."

Dean has been affiliated with the camp since 2007.

"We had about 100 participants that year and it has grown every year since," Dean said. "Last year, we had 135 kids."

One of the many appeals of

the camp is that there will often be a 4-to-1 camper-to-trainer ratio.

"We will split the kids up into groups depending on their age and skill level," Dean said. "We don't want 12-year-olds with 7-year-olds because you can't do the same kind of activities."

Each day of the camp will focus on a different aspect of the game.

"For instance, one day will be shooting, another day dribbling, another day offensive strategies, and so on," Dean explained. "By the time the week is over, we will have covered all of the components of the sport."

The camp will serve as a fundraiser for the Garden City High School girls and boys soccer programs.

For more information, contact Dean at deanj@wwcsd.net.

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Few teams, no 'Hope'

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Whether due to the economy or competition from summer activities, organizers for a benefit indoor soccer tournament decided to pull the plug — for now, at least — and try again in 2012.

When Kim Riley and Colleen Van Auken of Canton and Tina McIntyre of Plymouth last month announced their intentions to launch Canton's Tournament for Hope, they were upbeat about helping raise money and awareness to fight breast cancer.

The tourney would have taken place July 29-31 at High Velocity Sports in Canton, on board for the venture to the tune of donating the use of its fields and referees.

But this week, Riley said there just weren't enough six-player teams lining up to pay a \$400 entry fee for the



tournament to proceed as planned.

"Unfortunately we did not have any luck securing enough teams to have the tourney," said Riley, in an e-mail to the *Observer*. "We are hoping to try again in the spring. It may be a better time of year for everyone."

All proceeds from the tournament were to have been donated to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Games would have been played in competitive and recreational divisions, for

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Youth baseball tryouts

The Motor City Giants Baseball Club will be staging 10-and-under tryouts for the 2012 season from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 27 and Aug. 3 at Castle Gardens Park, 14503 Hix Street, Livonia.

The tryouts are open to any player who will be 10 or younger on April 30, 2012. (Age group is intended for players with birthdates between May 1, 2001 and April 30, 2002).

The Plymouth-Canton based team will compete in tournaments and non-league games against select KVBSA, NOBF and MABF teams with 30-to-40 travel games.

For registration information, e-mail Tim Sweet at sweetbaseball@sbcgloabl.net.

Tryouts for the 2012 11-and-under Canton Cardinals baseball team will be Sunday, Aug. 7 and 21.

For more information, visit www.gcybas.com; or e-mail coach Patrick McAuliffe at cantoncards2011@gmail.com.

Golf & Margaritas

Instructors Tami Bealert and Gary McKettrick will off a golf night out with Margaritas on the Range

for women 21-and-older from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, July 18 at Hickory Creek Golf Course's driving range, located at 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

Included in the \$25 cost is personal golf tips, one medium range of balls, margaritas, salsa and chips. Space is limited to the first 20.

The reserve a spot, e-mail TrainwithTami@yahoo.com; or call (734) 731-0238. For more information, visit www.trainwithtami.com.

Whalers to 'Connect'

Plymouth Whalers forward RJ Mahalak and other members of the Ontario Hockey League team will read to students at Canton Public Library as part of the library's "Connect Your Summer" program.

The Whalers will be on hand 11 a.m. Thursday, July 14, and 2 p.m. Friday, July 29.

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

CYO volleyball signup

St. John Neumann parish in Canton is currently holding registration for the upcoming fall CYO girls volleyball season.

Any girls grades 5-8 in

2011-12 are eligible to register from St. Thomas A. Becket, Resurrection and St. John Neumann.

Practices begin the second week of August with league games starting the first week of September.

To register, call St. John Neumann athletic director Walt Marek at (734) 455-5910, Ext. 31.

Golf outings

The Harrison High School Football Boosters will have their annual golf outing 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, at The Cattails Golf Club in South Lyon.

The cost is \$100 per player or \$400 per foursome. The format is Texas Scramble. A steak dinner follows the golf.

A registration form is available at www.gohawks.org or by calling Dave Race at 248-376-1535.

The fifth annual Society of Notre Dame de Bon Secours family golf outing will be Saturday, Aug. 20, at Livonia's Fox Creek Golf Course.

The \$75 golf package includes 18 holes (with cart), meals and refreshments. Sponsors are also needed. For more information, call Paul Beaubien at (586) 419-8955.

MITCHELL

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Lori Hyman said. "He applied, was interviewed and received the position. I recommended he be our hockey coach and I received approval from our Director of Secondary Education Steve Archibald (formerly the Stevenson principal)."

Hyman said Mitchell was one of two candidates who interviewed for the job. He is the fifth different varsity hockey hire under Hyman's watch since she became athletic director at Stevenson in 2000-01.

"He's one of the most respected teachers and coaches in our district," the Stevenson A.D. said. "He's a hard worker, well respected and has a great relationship with the athletes and parents. We're fortunate to have him back."

The 42-year-old Vento left in early June to take the Plymouth High job.

In his only season at Stevenson, Vento compiled a respectable 16-7-3 record, including a 1-0-1 record against Division 1 state champion Novi and a 1-

mark against state runner-up Orchard Lake St. Mary's, along with a win over top-ranked and 2010 Division 1 state champion Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

He served previously as a three-year assistant under Mitchell at Stevenson.

Vento received a positive evaluation from Hyman in April, but said he was told in late May that he could return only as an assistant coach with the Spartans for 2011-12 season. (All coaching positions with the Livonia Public Schools are under one-year renewable contracts.)

On June 5, Vento told the *Observer*, "I couldn't accept that scenario," and "resigned for personal reasons," according to Hyman, leaving the door open for Mitchell to return.

"It was a career decision first, and when the opportunity first presented itself, I had to look at it including hockey," Mitchell said. "There were a lot of reasons, but it was a better fit for me and my family. I was thankful for the opportunity, but the best fit was being in the classroom. I weighed all the options. I have two younger kids and raising a family of my own, and my wife is a teacher. But it was my decision

to take this step. I love teaching and working with the kids. It was a family career decision. It's something I had to do."

Summer hockey started this week at Stevenson and Mitchell is looking to fill the assistant coach position. No one from Vento's 2010-11 staff will return to coach under Mitchell. The assistant varsity hockey position posting period ended July 5.

When asked whether his current relationship with Vento or any of their assistant coaches or support staff had been strained due to the coaching change, Mitchell simply said:

"He (Vento) found an opportunity that opened up and the opportunity opened up here (at Stevenson) — that was it. He'll always be a good part of the Stevenson family, and now he has a good opportunity at Plymouth."

Looking toward the future, Mitchell may be in the midst of a rebuilding process.

"We lost a lot — 15 seniors, so there's plenty of opportunity to come in, contribute and play right away," he said. "We want to continue to compete at the highest level and put a solid effort in every night."

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Pitch, Hit, Run champ

Jake Giacobbi (left, pictured next to his father Paul, captured the 12-year-old division state title in the Aquafina Major League Baseball Pitch Hit and Run competition held recently at Comerica Park. Giacobbi, who plays for the Livonia Junior Athletic League Blue Jays, a Bronco Major team, won local and regional competitions and fell short by just one place of earning a spot in the national finals at the MLB All-Star Game this week in Phoenix, Ariz. Blue Jay teammate Keegan Flaherty also participated in the state finals and placed second.

Whalers sign quartet of promising prospects

The Plymouth Whalers recently signed four players who impressed team management at the rookie orientation weekend.

At the top of the list of talented newcomers inked by Whalers' general manager and head coach Mike Vellucci is 16-year-old left wing Mitchell Dempsey, who was selected by the Whalers in the first round (11th overall) of the 2011 Ontario Hockey League Draft.

Ontario native Dempsey scored 38 goals with 34 assists for 72 points and 76 PIM's in 55 games for the Cambridge Hawks last season. He lit the lamp twice during the rookie orientation scrimmages at Compuware Arena.

"We've had success in developing power forwards — guys who play with skill and strength," Vellucci said. "It may take a little time, but Dempsey has the chance to be a player in the mold of James Neal (now with the Pittsburgh Penguins) or Jared Boll (Columbus Blue Jackets)."

After seeing Plymouth during Rookie Orientation, Dempsey is ready to get going during training camp, which begins with players reporting back to the area in late August.

"It was great coming in and meeting everyone at Rookie Camp," Dempsey said today in a telephone interview. "It was a little nerve-wracking at first, but we were able to see everything and get settled. I can't wait to get started."

Besides Dempsey, the Whalers have signed three other new players for the upcoming season — 2011 second round pick and left Matthew Mistelet; 2011 eighth round pick and left wing Danny Vanderwiel; and goaltender Jake Patterson, who was taken in the seventh round of the 2010 OHL Draft.

Vanderwiel — 5-foot-11 and 199 pounds from Island Lake, IL (northwest of Chicago) — scored 10 goals with 11 assists for 21 points and 87 PIM's in 33 games for the Team Illinois U-



Mitchell Dempsey, the Plymouth Whalers first-round draft choice this year, proudly sports his new team's colors. He recently signed a contract with the OHL team.



Danny Vanderwiel, shown during the Whalers' rookie orientation camp in late May, is one of four 2011 draft picks to sign with the team this summer.

16's last season.

Vanderwiel also attended USA Hockey's National Team Development Program Evaluation Camp last March, a camp featuring the top 1995-born players in the United States.

"Our scouts have a history of finding good players later in the draft, and we really like what we've seen from Danny so far," said Vellucci. "He's strong on

his skates and competes hard."

Plymouth finished last season with a record of 36-26-2-4 and made the playoffs for the 20th consecutive season — a current OHL record.

The Whalers bring back a full roster in 2011-12 (including Dempsey, Mistelet, Vanderwiel and Patterson) and are expected to be in the thick of the Western Conference playoff race again.

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year our freshman team only had 14 players, but they all got a lot of experience and will be better for it this season.

"Our kids work hard and they have fun."

A good percentage of the Lancers' coaching staff are former players at St. Agatha High School, Wagner included.

"I think we have six guys altogether who played at one time or another at St. Agatha," Wagner said. "Most of us played at different times, so we didn't know each other. It just kind of coincidental that we came together here."

Todd Reamer will serve as the freshman head coach while

also for kids who just want to get a taste for what the sport is about.

To register for the camp, contact Wagner at lancerreg@gmail.com or (313) 690-0117.

Registration is also ongoing for the 2011 Redford Catholic Football season. Practices start in early August and run weekly from Monday through Friday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Once school starts, practices will be shortened to 6-7:30 p.m.

Games are played each week on Saturday or Sunday, beginning the weekend before Labor Day Weekend and running through mid-October.

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Rams, Knights go extras, tie 4-4

The Michigan Rams settled for a 4-4 draw with the 22-and-under Knights Monday night in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game that was called after 10 innings due to the two-and-a-half-hour time limit.

Trailing 3-2 heading into the top of the seventh, the Rams (13-12-1) pushed across a pair of runs to seize a short-lived lead as the Knights countered with a single run in the bottom of the frame, forcing the extra innings.

The Rams' seven-hit attack was sparked by Caleb Wick's 3-for-4 effort. Also shining for the Rams were John DiLaura (1-for-2, two RBI), Mark Weist (2-for-5), Jeff Sorenson (RBI, run) and Mike Carson, who knocked in a run.

Brett Mazmanian paced the Knights' 12-hit attack by going 3-for-5 with an RBI and a run scored. Coley Crank (2-for-5, RBI, run) and Eric Wrozek (2-for-4, RBI), also made solid contributions for the Knights.

Mike Schypinski hurled the first six innings for the Rams, yielding three runs while scattering nine hits and two walks. Schypinski whiffed five Knights.

Zach Wedesky turned in a stellar four-inning relief stint for coach Rick Berryman's diamond men, giving up just one run on three hits and a walk.

Zack Robbins pitched the first five innings for the Knights, giving up two runs on three hits and four bases on balls. Robbins struck out

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three. Kyle Clark pitched the final five frames for the Knights.

Rams split with Pride

On Saturday, the Rams halved a LCBL twinbill with the Pride at Ford Field.

The Rams used some solid bat work from John DiLaura (2-for-2, two RBI, run) and Brett Brindley (2-for-3, RBI, two runs) to win game one, 7-4. Weist (1-for-3, RBI, run) and Pat Lancaster (triple, run) also chipped in at the plate for the winners. Logan Curtis, Garrett Green, Kevin Zak and Mike VanAlst accounted for the Pride's offense with one hit a piece.

Alex Piense earned the mound win for the Rams, yielding two earned runs over four innings. Wedesky picked up a hold with two exemplary innings of middle relief while Schypinski notched a save with a perfect seventh inning.

Adam Paulk suffered the loss after giving up five runs and six hits in four innings.

The Pride rebounded to win the nightcap, 9-4, behind the three-hit effort of Matt Schaeffer. Zak and VanAlst both carded two RBI for the victors who bolted to a 5-0 lead in the first two innings and never looked back.

Wick and Carson both paced a pair of hits for the Rams. Starting pitcher Tyler Owings took the loss after yielding

five runs and six hits in 1.2 innings.

Rams thump Dodgers

Colin Gerish was in complete command Friday night at Ford Field.

The 6-foot-6 right-hander from Hillsdale College tossed a three-hitter and struck out 10 as the Michigan Rams rolled to a 7-1 Livonia Collegiate Baseball League victory over the Michigan Dodgers.

Gerish, who went all seven innings, faced just 24 batters and did not allow a walk as the 20-and-under Rams improved to 12-11 in league play.

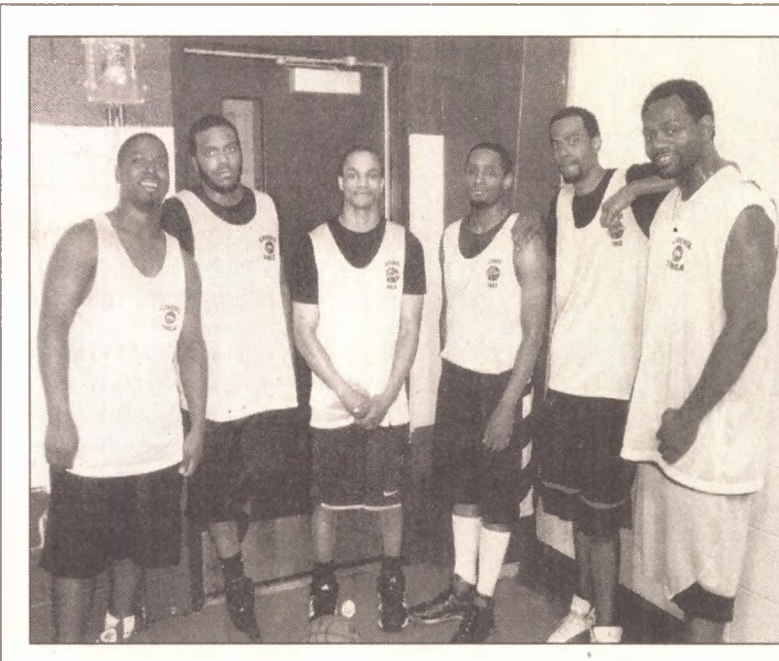
Offensively, Caleb Wick paced manager Rick Berryman's squad going 2-for-4 with two RBI.

Livonia Stevenson grad Jeff Sorenson (Wayne State) went 2-for-2 with an RBI and Mark Weist delivered a three-run triple in the bottom of the third inning as the Rams jumped out to a 5-0 advantage.

Jake Moore also knocked in a run for the Rams, while Anthony Sergi had the lone RBI in the top of the seventh to spoil Gerish's shutout bid.

Losing pitcher Blaine Paden, a Canton High grad, started and took the loss for the 22-and-under Dodgers, who slipped to 2-19 in the LCBL.

Paden allowed seven runs on five hits, walked five and hit two batters before giving way to Chris Belkovic, who pitched two scoreless innings of relief.



Y Hoop champions

Home Court recently captured the Livonia YMCA Adult Basketball Recreational League championship with a victory over the Bad Boyz. Members of Home Court include (from left): Aaron Scott, Trever Deriso, Ed Brock, Akeem Pack, Adam Wheeler and Robert Gaines.

SUMMER CAMPS & CLINICS

Passing Academy

Champions Passing Academy will have summer football camps the next two weeks for youths in grades 3-8.

The camps will take place 9-11:30 a.m. July 18-22 and July 25-29 at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills.

The camp instructors on Joe Pesci, former Harrison and Albion College quarterback, and Mario Vassallo, former Catholic Central and University of Idaho wide receiver.

For more information about the camps and registration, see the website at www.champions-passingacademy.com.

Schoolcraft soccer

Schoolcraft College, located at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, will offer four sessions of its Victory Soccer camps including (ages 6-17) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 18-22 and 25-29 (cost \$165 for each week).

There will also be an advanced goalkeeping camp during the July 25-29 session put on by Olympic Development Program coach Ben Davis (cost \$250).

Both lunch and swimming daily are included in the cost.

For more information, call Schoolcraft men's soccer coach Rick Larson at (734) 564-3693; or e-mail ricklarson@victory-soccer.net.

Hoop Skills Academy

Coach Paul Tripp will stage his eighth annual Basketball Academy Skills camp for girls, Monday through Thursday, July 18-21 at St. Mel's in Dearborn Heights.

The registration fee is \$95. For more information, call (248) 563-0858. You can obtain a registration form via e-mail at basketballacademy@hotmail.com.

Plymouth baseball

Aspiring young baseball players are invited to learn about the game at the Wildcats Baseball Summer Clinic, July 19-20, at the Plymouth High School baseball complex.

Boys and girls entering grades two-nine this fall can participate. Sessions are 12:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, for players entering grades two-five and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, for those entering grades six-nine.

The cost is \$20 for those who pre-register or \$25 the day of the camp and the fee includes a snack. Event T-shirts are available for \$8-\$10.

Sessions will focus on age-appropriate skill development in a positive, fun, learning environment.

Clinic attendees will receive instruction from the Wildcats baseball staff and 2011 players.

The program is limited to 100 campers. Please register as soon as possible. Go to www.baseball.plymouthwildcats.com for registration forms and contact information.

Madonna boys hoops

Madonna University and the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will run a summer boys basketball camp (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday, July 20-24, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center's main gym.

The cost is \$200 (resident) or \$210 (non-resident). Participants should bring water and a lunch.

Registration forms are available online at www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

Churchill football skills

The Livonia Churchill High

2011 football skills camp (entering grades 9-12) will be from 9 a.m. until noon Monday through Thursday, July 25-28, at the high school.

The cost is \$60. For more information, e-mail coach John Filiatraut at jiliatraut2@livoniapublicschools.org; or call (313) 680-8915.

Football youth skills

The Livonia Churchill youth football skills camp (entering grades 3-8) will be from 6-8:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, July 26-28, at the high school.

The cost is \$40. For more information, e-mail coach John Filiatraut at jiliatraut2@livoniapublicschools.org; or call (313) 680-8915.

Churchill gymnastics

The Livonia Churchill gymnastics camp for girls ages 11-and-up will be from 6-8 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 8-12, at the high school.

The fee is \$79. For more information, e-mail camp director and Churchill coach Kelly Grodzicki at kgrodzic@gmail.com; or Sara Wilchowski at sarahwilchowski@gmail.com.

Madonna girls softball

Madonna University and the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will run a summer girls softball camp (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 15-19 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park (Diamond No. 3).

The cost is \$200 (resident) or \$210 (non-resident). Participants should bring water and a lunch.

Registration forms are available online at www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

Miracle League needs players for fall season

The Miracle League of Plymouth's sparkling baseball field is open for business, but players are being sought to make sure the games keep getting played this autumn.

Fall registration for children in four divisions is set to take place through Aug. 9, both on-line (24/7) and at the City of Plymouth Recreation Office (525 Farmer) from 12 noon to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Divisions are for children ages 5-8, 9-12, 13-17 and 18-and-over.

Games (all on Saturdays) begin the week of Aug. 27 and run through Oct. 1 with no games played on Saturday, Sept. 3 due to the Labor Day weekend. (Note: There will be



a special opening day event on Aug. 20, said commissioner Debra Madonna.)

Registration costs \$50 for Plymouth residents and non-residents alike.

The Miracle League of Plymouth is a non-profit

organization dedicated to providing children with physical and mental disabilities an opportunity to play organized baseball. The league is non-competitive with all players getting the chance to bat and circle the bases each inning.

Games are played at the Miracle League of Plymouth/Bilkie Family Field, 357 Theodore St. in downtown Plymouth.

For all questions and inquiries, contact Laura Cionca at info@miracleleagueplymouth.org or visit www.miracleleagueplymouth.org.

Registration questions also can be directed to the City of Plymouth Recreation Office, (734) 455-6620 or recreation@ci.plymouth.mi.us.

SECHLER

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blowing a motor up, and we blew up two in three weekends of racing," Sechler said. "It was a little disappointing, but that's the way it is."

"After that we regained our composure and rebuilt another. We got it figured out. We had a couple bad crank shafts."

The troubles weren't over for the Fast Eddie II crew, however. Sechler and his team were in Washington state for a late-season race when the boat flipped over.

"All we had to do was finish third or higher and we lock up the title," Sechler said. "Darn if we didn't blow the boat up

completely. It shot off a wave and landed upside down. The driver was unhurt, other than his pride."

"It was a little scary in that we were so far from home and had no idea what the boat was going to look like. We got her put back together (using duct tape), but it was a lot of work. We had a lot of help from local racers."

"By Saturday night, we fired up the motor and it ran just fine. It was a matter of letting all the fiberglass dry."

The Fast Eddie II did finish third Sunday and clinched the season points championship.

The boat was rebuilt in the off-season. Sechler had it shipped to Kanfoush's house in Buffalo, N.Y., and ordered new panels.

"We cut out the bad pieces

and glassed in the new pieces," Sechler said. "I picked it up in February, and it looked like a brand new boat, so I proceeded to scratch it putting it into the garage."

Sechler also did a lot of work on the engine between seasons.

"We log a lot of data when we run our heats," he said. "We decided to make some changes. So far it looks like they've all been really good decisions."

Sechler isn't thinking about a seventh straight APBA title just yet. With a minimum seven races to go, that's too far into the future.

"What Dan and I try to do is to run as well as we can and as often as we can," he said. "By the end of August, we're hoping we're still in the points chase."

Sechler said he might skip the Eastern National, slated for early October in Morgan City, La., and pass on a chance to win the four majors.

"Because I feel so snake-bitten about that, I don't even like to think about it," he said. "If we don't need to do it from a points perspective, we might decide it's not worth making the trip with the economy the way it is."

"It's something I would have liked to have done in my racing career. If it doesn't happen, I'm not going to lose any sleep over it. There are so many fast boats out there now, even trying to win one of those races is getting pretty difficult."

For more information about this weekend's race, go online to www.quakeonthelake.org.

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women over 18 and over 30.

"We are really disappointed," Riley continued. "Honestly, we don't know why teams didn't sign up."

"I'm thinking some of it may be the economy but maybe also just that it's summer and people are busy."

Both reasons probably have plenty to do with the poor level of interest.

Riley, Van Auken and

McIntyre are players on the Hot Wings indoor soccer team, which has been together for several years.

In addition to the Hope tournament, the team registered as always for the summer season for over-30 women's indoor soccer at High Velocity.

"But we were the only team that signed up to play so it was canceled," Riley said. "Usually there are four to six teams that play (the) summer season."

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SIDELINES

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certified as eligible.

"We are very pleased with the continued success of our student-athletes in the classroom," said Madonna athletics director Bryan Rizzo. "Our coaches' emphasis on academics is clearly showing up in the great achievements our student-athletes continue to post."

The Crusader teams honored were: baseball (3.01), women's basketball (3.65), women's cross country (3.45), men's cross country (3.02), women's soccer (3.35), softball (3.23) and volleyball (3.60).

The Madonna women's basketball team posted the 26th highest GPA nationally among all sports and was second among its fellow women's basketball programs. Volleyball

ranked 44th overall nationally and was the eighth highest rated volleyball program.

The 2010-11 school year brought a host of academic accolades to Madonna University student-athletes. In addition to the seven teams honored by the NAIA, 16 Crusaders were named as NAIA Scholar-Athletes (a 3.5 GPA or higher and junior or senior academic status) while 24 were named to their respective Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference All-Academic teams (a 3.25 GPA and junior or senior academic status). Junior volleyball student-athlete Karie Altman (Taylor, Mich./St. Francis Cabrini/biology) became just the third CoSIDA/ESPN Academic All-American in school history this fall, being named to the AAA Third Team.

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BROOKS, SCOTT PAUL
 Age 49, of Redford, passed away July 8th, 2011 at home. Beloved husband of Catalina; precious father of Angela and Liam. Survived also by brother Grant and many more loving family and friends. Memorial service will be held Friday, July 15th at the Redford Moose Lodge, 5 Mile (W. of Telegraph), Redford.



KORBY (Nee HALL) IRENE M.

Passed away on July 8, 2011. She was born in Mohawk, MI on September 8, 1935. She was predeceased by her first husband, James Markovich and son Scott. She is survived by her beloved and caring husband Leland; son Brian Markovich (Kim); grandson Brian Jr. (Amy); great-granddaughter Kaylee; brothers Gary Hall (Janet); Robert Hall (Susan); two step-children Daneen (Roland), Greg (Nancy); five step-grandchildren; one step-great-granddaughter Abby; numerous nieces and nephews. She also considered herself as great-grandma to Justin, Chase, Cheyenne, Lily, Dakota and Brooklyn. At her request there will be no visitation or memorial service.



MILLER, ETHEL V.

Age 86, of Farmington, died July 10, 2011. Ethel, a radar inspector and active in the USO during WWII, was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Church choir, Farmington Vivians, and the Farmington Players in the 1980's. Beloved wife of the late Floyd (d.1999); loving mother of Michael (Karen) Miller and Deborah (Robert) Harrison; sister of William (the late Lois) Cornwell and Lee (Connie) Cornwell; cherished grandmother of David, Jennifer (Benjamin) Reigle and Michael (fiance' Lauren); and great grandmother of Ava and Clara. Ethel was also preceded in death by sisters, Prudence McPeck, Flora Hovatter and Susan McPeck. Visitation Thursday, July 14th, 2-9 PM, with 4 PM prayers, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Funeral Mass Friday, July 15th, 10:00 AM (in state 9:30 AM) Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 23615 Power Rd., Farmington. Interment Farmington Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial tributes suggested to St. Jude Children's Hospital, stjude.org, heeney-sundquist.com

SCHULZ, RUTH
 Formerly of Livonia, passed on July 9, in Monroe MI. She was 89 years old. Ruth taught in Westland for several years.
www.ruppfuneralhomeinc.com.



STACHOW, KAREN R.

Age 64, died peacefully on June 15, 2011 at Angela Hospice with her husband Dan and her brother Floyd at her side. She is survived by her half-brother Paul Kinder her loving step-daughters Stephanie (Christopher) Soehlen and Stacey (Scott) Perrault and one step-grandson Christopher (C.J.) Soehlen, sister-in-law Joan Stachow and several cousins, nieces and nephews. Memorial service will be held on July 16, 2011 at 10:30am with a Mass at 11:00am at St. Theodore of Canterbury Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Rd., Westland MI 48185. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Angela Hospice of Livonia or to St. Theodore of Canterbury Catholic Church.

DES AUTELS, DAVID B.
 Age 71, passed away July 5, 2011. Preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Aileen and brother Jack. Survived by his beloved Barbara, three sons, Terry, David and Scott and daughter Tracey. Proud grandfather of seven grandchildren. Also survived by one brother Larry, four sisters, Jean, Ruth, Alice and Anne and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Dave will be remembered Friday, July 15th, 2011 from 3-5pm with a memorial service at 5pm at Charles Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly Road, Redford Township, MI 48240.

FIGUEIREDO, RICHARD STANTON
 Age 80 of Northville, passed away Saturday, July 9, 2011. Born December 28, 1930 in Boston, MA, he was the son of Edward J. and Hilda G. (Hebert) Figueiredo. Beloved husband of Barbara A. (Lower) whom he married in Colorado on November 5, 1952. Loving father of Brian (Pamela) Figueiredo of Wayne, Mark Figueiredo of Brooklyn, MI and Kim (Ken) Stratford of Hartland. Also survived by six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Lucy Figueiredo of West Port, MA; one nephew and three nieces. Dick and his wife are former members of the Salem Bible Church. They were avid roller skaters, for years they skated regularly at the Riverside Arena in Livonia. Another passion they had was for traveling and camping. Visitation Wednesday, 1-4 and 6-8pm with funeral services Thursday, 11:00 a.m. at MacDonald's Funeral Home, 315 N. Michigan Ave., Howell (517-546-2800). Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Diabetes Association. Please visit the family's on line guest book at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com



LONGSTAFF, MURIEL GRACE

Jan. 24, 1919-July 11, 2011
 Muriel Grace Longstaff passed away peacefully on Monday, July 11, 2011 at the age of 92 years. She was predeceased by her husband Cyril; step-daughter Delphine Eagle; parents Edward and Grace; stepmother Jessie; and siblings Glenys Payne and Helen Terrett. She will be lovingly remembered by her stepdaughter Barbara Story and the Story family; the Eagle family; sister Marjorie Richards and the Richards family; the Terrett family; as well as other family and friends. A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held at Regina Pioneer Village, 430 Pioneer Drive, Regina, SK on Friday, July 15, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. with interment to follow at Regina Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Muriel may be made to the Sisters of St. John the Divine, 233 Cummer Avenue, Toronto, ON M2M 2E8. Family and friends are invited to sign the online obituary and tributes page at: www.regina-memorial.ca. Arrangements entrusted to Regina Funeral Home (306) 789-8850.

HUBER, JOHN W.
 Suddenly, July 3, 2011 age 67 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Catherine. Loving father of Lisa Huber, Stefanie (Aris) Argy, and Lori (Patrick) Anderson. Proud grandfather of 7 grandchildren. Dear son of Hazel and the late James Huber. Survived by two brothers, Richard (Pam) and Roger (Tina). Memorial contributions may be made to The Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4507. Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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Movie Night
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 20

Location: In Bixman Hall at St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Free screening of "The King's Speech" includes refreshments and a brief Q&A after the film. RSVP requested
Contact: (734) 425-5950

Widowed Friends

Time/Date: Arrive by 2:15 p.m., Mass starts at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, July 17
Location: St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, south of Cherry Hill, Canton
Details: Widowed Friends is a "peer" support group. Stay for refreshments and social time after Mass
Contact: Pat at (734) 895-6246

JULY 21-27

Clothing bank
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 23

Location: 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton
Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank will be open to give free clothing and shoes to anyone in need
Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

Guest speaker

Time/Date: 10 a.m., Sunday, July 24
Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield
Details: Morris Goodman takes over the pulpit for a sermon entitled "Why I go to Northwest Church" during Sunday service
Contact: (248) 354-4488

Lecture

Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, July 27

Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Howard N. Lupovitch wraps up his summer series called "Esther's Children: Persian Jews Under Emperor, Caliph, Sultan, and Shah" with a session called "Israel, Iran and the Persian Jews." Cost is \$15. Advance registration is requested to help plan seating and photocopied handout materials, but walk-ins will be accommodated. To sign up, send a check made payable to Congregation Beth Ahm, to 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield MI 48322 (Attention: Adult Ed). Also may pre-register by calling the office and pay at the door
Contact: (248) 737-1931

JULY 14-20

Concert

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, July 16

Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Laverne, between Inkster and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Outdoor concert with Reggie Williams, Nails of Grace, Third Edition, Gospelypso, Kindred Nation, Force of One, Sanders Family Gospel Singers, Jennifer Nasto, and Krymsyn Grayce. Arts and crafts fair, games and food concessions
Contact: (313) 937-2424

Guest speaker

Time/Date: 10 a.m., Sunday, July 17
Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield
Details: Peg Collins takes over the pulpit for a sermon entitled "A Shamanic Life" during Sunday service
Contact: (248) 354-4488

Lecture

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, July 16
Location: Metropolitan Adventist Church, 15585 N. Haggerty, Plymouth
Details: The third part of a three-session seminar, "The Evidence of Creation" will explore creation from the perspective of a NASA scientist and recent graduate with a master's degree in public policy from Pepperdine University. No cost, but a free will donation will be accepted. Register by phone
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Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, July 20 and 27
Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Howard N. Lupovitch teaches a summer series called "Esther's Children: Persian Jews Under Emperor, Caliph, Sultan, and Shah." It started two weeks ago, but each lecture is self-contained and can be attended independently. Tuition is \$15 per lecture. Advance registration is requested to help plan seating and photocopied handout materials, but walk-ins will be accommodated. Remaining topics are "Under Sultans and Shahs" on July 20 and "Israel, Iran and the Persian Jews" on July 27. To sign up, send a check made payable to Congregation Beth Ahm, to 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield MI 48322 (Attention: Adult Ed). Also may

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Jazz it up at annual festival in Livonia

BY LINDA CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

You'll hear everything from New Orleans to Latin styles of jazz this weekend at the 18th annual Michigan Jazz Festival in Livonia.

Six stages will spotlight 180-plus musicians, including five big bands, noon-9:15 p.m. Sunday, July 17 on the Schoolcraft College campus, located on Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, in Livonia. The nine hours of continuous music by more than 147 performers is free, in keeping with the Michigan Jazz Festival's mission to "promote and encourage public interest, appreciation and support for jazz as a musical art form and a cultural resource."

The event also will include six piano workshops with a different pianist leading each session. Ellen Rowe, jazz pianist, composer and associate professor and chair of the Department of Jazz and Contemporary Improvisation at the University of Michigan, is among the musicians taking turns at the keyboard in the Steinway Gallery. She is a graduate of Eastman School of Music.

"The Steinway is a solo piano room, very intimate, one of the smallest rooms where musicians can talk while playing and tell you what they're doing," said Midge Ellis, Michigan Jazz Festival director. "People love it, from boogie woogie to straight ahead."



Judie Cochill will perform at the Michigan Jazz Festival, Sunday, July 17.

YOUNG MUSICIANS

In addition to professional musicians, the committee presents the Future of Jazz Stage for high school and college groups that include the Jacob Schwandt Quartet and Jake Shadik Quartet from Wayne State University, Pangea from Stevenson High School in Livonia, Demetrius Nabos Quartet from University of Michigan, and Jefferson High School Combo from Monroe. These young musicians play in Henry's Cafeteria from noon to 7 p.m.

"Our audiences are getting older and we need to encourage young musicians," said Ellis. "Students have very few opportunities to play jazz. It's the only music that allows musicians to be creative and play something from their heart."

Playing with the Pros allows students to perform with a

professional trio from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on the Inmart Stage.

"We want them to understand what jazz is and it's America's music and we're losing it," said Ellis.

ON TOUR

Riccardo Selva is doing everything possible to expose his students to the American art form. The Schoolcraft College Jazz Band plays noon to 1:15 p.m. in the DiPonio Room in the VisTaTech Center.

The musicians, a combination of students and community members, just returned from a weekend tour in Chicago where they performed at Navy Pier, The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompei in Little Italy, and The Jazz Showcase, a venue for legendary musicians and newcomers since 1947. They'll be playing themes of the big bands including *Take the A Train* by Duke Ellington.

"The festival is an incredibly opportunity for students," said Selva. "The City of Detroit has some of the greatest jazz musicians around, incredible musicians. Every time someone performs or sees someone perform that's the greatest learning experience and some of the stages have sessions where people talk about performing jazz and discuss the music."

For a schedule listing times and performers for the Michigan Jazz Festival visit www.michiganjazzfestival.homestead.com.



Pete Siers Quartet is among the dozens of bands scheduled to perform at the Michigan Jazz Festival in Livonia.



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Look for this holiday icon on the pages of the Thursday, July 21 edition of Hometown Life INSPIRE either in print or online and, follow the entry directions. Then you could win \$250, \$125 or \$75 to celebrate Christmas in July. Just fill out the form and tell us on what pages you spotted the holiday logo.

Email the entry form (go to hometownlife.com starting Friday, July 22) or cut out the entry form in the July 21 edition of Inspire and mail to: **Christmas in July, ATTN: Hometown Life INSPIRE, 41304 Concept Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170.**

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Ministry combines faith, guidance

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

Good Mourning Ministry: GMM is a bereavement resource for Catholic churches and their grieving parishioners. We provide programs that combine the Catholic faith with practical guidance into the healing process. Our services include our "Grieving with Great Hope" workshops. Everyone who attends the workshop is given our Grieving with Great Hope book. We also have "Camp Backpack," a half-day camp for grieving children.

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

Good Mourning Ministry: Sandy and I have a heart to help grieving people. We were married in 2009, but years before that we were both widowed and know what profound grief is like. We have both been transformed by what we went through and believe we can help others. I spent 30 years in the corporate world before writing my first book, "The Greatest Gift-A Return to Hope" which was published in 2007. This book gradually led me into speaking with hospice organizations and working for a non-profit grief support organization. Sandy is studying for her masters in pastoral ministry with an emphasis in bereavement. She works at OLG.

For whatever reason, many Catholic churches seem to have a need to offer more help for their bereaved parishioners. I really feel the Holy Spirit has called us to do this and is bringing people into our lives that will help it expand so we can one day be helping thousands of grieving people grieve with great hope.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Good Mourning Ministry: Sandy and I live in Plymouth but our workshops and camps can and will be conducted throughout Michigan and one day beyond.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Good Mourning Ministry: I



John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy have begun Good Mourning Ministry, Inc., which combines faith and guidance for Catholics who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

think three things make GMM unique. First and foremost, our programs are Catholic. There are other grief programs out there that are largely non-denominational. We are not. We call upon our Catholic faith and beliefs knowing God is with us along our journey through the valley of grief. We pray before the Blessed Sacrament. We offer fellowship with other grieverers as well as time for private reflection.

The second thing that makes us unique is that 100% of our energies are directed at helping grieving people. Our focus is on the ministry of rebuilding lives who have been touched by grief and not fund raising events.

The third thing is our advisory council which consists of Monica Miller-Ph.D and Professor at Madonna University, Mary Mitsch, Ph. Dc and Associate Professor at Madonna, Fr.

John Riccardo, Pastor at OLG as well as Sandy and myself. We think five experts looking at this program and offering suggestions to make it better will only help us improve. Our programs will live and breathe and the advisory council will oversee it all.

Observer: How has it changed since it opened?

Good Mourning Ministry: We are just lifting off the ground. We began writing the Grieving the Great Hope book in March and have been fine tuning it ever since. It will be ready to go in early September and for our first workshop at OLG starting October 5. As new research about grief unfolds, we can adapt and update so we are always current.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Good Mourning Ministry: Our programs are very affordable and I don't

GOOD MOURNING MINISTRY

Business Name: Good Mourning Ministry, Inc.

Your Name and Title: John O'Shaughnessy, president/co-founder; Sandy O'Shaughnessy, vice president/co-founder

Your Hometown: Plymouth Township

Business Opened When: May 2011

Number of Employees: 2

Hours of Operation: Available on the website and via e-mail 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Your Business Specialty: Catholic grief support

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anticipate the economy being an issue. I think some smaller Parishes will join forces and share in the expenses.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Good Mourning Ministry: If you think you have a worthwhile product or service, pray over it and you'll get the answer you need.

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

Good Mourning Ministry: We think there are hundreds of Catholic Parishes who could use our help. We'll let the Lord guide us as we grow. We expect to be far different five years from now.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Sidewalk sales

Sidewalk Sales will take place on Friday, July 22, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, July 23, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and (optional) Sunday, July 24, from noon to 4 p.m. The hours are guidelines only.

Kroger days

Chilled root beer poured over tasty vanilla ice cream is what Kroger shoppers can expect when they once again show their generous support for Easter Seals Michigan during Kroger's Annual A & W Root Beer Float Days fundraiser July 17 through Aug. 13.

Kroger stores throughout the state will be selling famous A & W Root Beer floats on the weekends during these dates for \$1, with 96 cents from each float sale applied directly to Easter Seals' programs and therapies for people with disabilities, mental illness and other special needs.

This year Kroger has decided to extend the program for an additional week with a goal to raise \$100,000 for Easter Seals, nearly doubling the amount raised in 2010.

Home Sweet Home sale

Home Sweet Home is having a storewide sale July 16-23. Receive 20 percent off all new items and 10 percent off all antique and vintage items. The sale does not include Chamilia & Chelsea Taylor Beads.

During downtown Plymouth's annual sidewalk sale on Friday, July 22, and Saturday, July 23, select items will be 50 percent off.

Community garage sale

It is cleaning time! Start gathering up all those items that you no longer need, use, or want. Get a 10-foot by 10-foot spot inside the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena to sell everything and free up extra space in your house! For \$20 you can reserve your spot, but hurry space is limited.

This year, because of the high demand, there were several garage sales, the final one of which is set for 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.

For more information call (734) 455-6620, e-mail Lauren at lobsniuk@ci.plymouth.mi.us or visit www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Back to scratch

The Cupcake Station is fifth in the nation in the "Get Back to Scratch" contest, which lets friends, fans and customers vote for its signature item. You 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>.

Hiller's showcase a forum for ideas

Imagine walking into the grocery store to buy milk and walking out with a state-of-the-art bicycle.

It could happen — it all depends on what new products Michigan entrepreneurs are looking to sell.

Hiller's has designated Saturdays as the time for Michigan entrepreneurs and inventors to display their products and inventions.

Michigan residents with new ideas and products need only ask to be given a place in Hiller's to showcase their ideas and products. Aply named "Hiller's Hometown Showcase: A forum for new ideas and products made in Michigan" will begin this summer.

Hiller's has a long-standing dedication to promoting Michigan products within their stores. They proudly display Michigan-made products on their shelves with helpful signage for easy identification. Today, hundreds of Michigan products are sold at Hiller's, and many of those Michigan-based companies got their start in the marketplace by debuting at Hiller's.

Hiller's is currently seeking applicants with a business idea, Michigan product or invention who would like to display their products and ideas inside a Hiller's location. Hiller's has even set up a special e-mail address for those contacts. It is HillersShowcase@hillers.com.

Applicants should provide contact information, along with a brief explanation of your product and a photo of it.



Happy times

Pizza, subs, ribs, chicken, hot dogs, salad and much more are available at the new Happy's Pizza. Happy's is designed for take-out and quick dining with seating inside the restaurant. This is the type of place where everyone in the family can find their favorites when coming out to eat. Pictured is franchise owner Tommy Jaden, his family, staff, executives from Happy's Pizza and members of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's Ambassadors Committee. Happy's is located at 560 Ann Arbor Road and can be reached by calling (734) 416-9900.

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Beef Steak Soft Tacos

All FIRED UP for flavor

Grilling is a great way to get a whole lot of flavor that goes way beyond plain burgers and basic barbecue. Lean meats, juicy marinades and zesty toppings add up to terrific flame-kissed dishes that will make guests want to kiss the cook.

Here are some easy ways to take big flavor from the grate to the plate:

GRILL UP THE UNEXPECTED

A lot of fruits and veggies are easy to cook over the coals. Try:

- Zucchini
- Eggplant
- Portobello mushrooms
- Corn
- Romaine hearts
- Pineapple
- Onion (sliced thick)
- Stone fruits like peaches, plums and mangoes

MARINATE MEATS

When grilling lean meat, use a flavorful marinade with some acidic ingredients (like citrus juices) to help break down tough meat fibers. Make sure the marinade covers the meat entirely, and let it do its magic for several hours or overnight. Some bold ingredients to experiment with:

- Chili sauce
- Olive oil
- Lemon or lime juice
- Soy sauce
- Worcestershire sauce
- Molasses
- Garlic
- Red pepper flakes

TOP IT OFF

In addition to the good old grilling standbys like ketchup or barbecue sauce, set out some tasty toppers that can work on just about anything:

- Roasted red peppers
- Caramelized onions
- Spicy Wholly Guacamole
- Pickled jalapeno peppers
- Chipotle or basil mayo
- Wholly Salsa
- Smoked cheese slices

When you're ready to fire up some flavor, try these recipes from Wholly Guacamole. For more recipes, visit www.eat-wholly.com.

BEEF STEAK SOFT TACOS

Serves: 6
 Marinade:
 ½ cup prepared Italian dressing
 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
 1 tablespoon chili powder
 Beef Tacos:

2 boneless beef chuck shoulder steaks, cut ¾ inch thick (about 1½ pounds)
 12 small flour tortillas, warmed
 Toppings:

Thinly sliced lettuce, chopped tomato, dairy sour cream, guacamole (optional)

Combine marinade ingredients in small bowl. Place beef steaks and marinade in food-safe plastic bag; turn to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 6 hours or as long as overnight, turning occasionally.

Remove steaks; discard marinade. Place steaks on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 14 to 17 minutes for medium rare (145°F) to medium (160°F) doneness, turning occasionally.

Carve into thin slices; season with salt. Serve in tortillas with toppings.

WHOLLY LIME CHEESEBURGERS

Serves: 6
 2 pounds lean ground beef
 ½ lime, juiced
 1 teaspoon garlic
 ½ cup diced onion
 ½ cup diced tomatoes
 6 slices Monterey Jack cheese
 6 hamburger buns
 Guacamole

In a large bowl mix together ground beef, lime juice, garlic, onion and tomatoes. Form meat into 6 patties.

Cook burgers to desired doneness on a preheated grill. Add a slice of cheese to each burger during the last minute of cooking.

Serve on toasted buns with a healthy dollop of guacamole.

This recipe also makes great sliders. For a leaner version, use ground turkey instead of ground beef.

AVOCADO STUFFED SALMON

Serves: 4
 2 packages lemon butter grilled salmon, defrosted
 1 cup spicy guacamole
 1 egg yolk
 ¼ cup bread crumbs
 1 teaspoon lemon zest
 Sea salt and freshly cracked pepper to taste

Preheat your oven to 350°F. Using a sharp serrated knife, cut a pocket into the side of each piece of salmon.

In a bowl, combine guacamole, egg yolk, bread crumbs and lemon zest to make stuffing.

Stuff fish with avocado mixture; season each fillet with salt and pepper. Bake for 8 minutes and serve immediately.

Courtesy of Family Features



Wholly Lime Cheeseburgers



Avocado Stuffed Salmon

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Deal with reputable firms for flood repairs

The Better Business Bureau urges residents to use caution as they hire contractors to repair damages to their homes and businesses following recent flooding in the region. While seeking a contractor in the wake of damaging flooding is an urgent affair, BBB urges people to take the time to make sure a contractor is reputable and qualified to perform the work PRIOR to hiring them to help protect from unsatisfactory work and rip-offs.

BBB offers the following advice when hiring a contractor:

- Beware of "fly-by-night" contractors or "storm chasers" who swarm the area after a storm. They may not be properly licensed or insured and may be hard to locate in the future.

- Beware of price gouging. Some unethical businesses may be marking up their products or services by as much as 500 percent.

- Make certain that you check with your own insurance provider FIRST before hiring a contractor to do repairs from flood damage to see what exactly is covered and what is not, whether there is specific paperwork you must fill out to file a claim, etc. Your insurance provider will give you tips on how to properly proceed.

- Get recommendations from friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, insurance agents or claims adjusters. Also ask contractors for names of previous customers and check with Better Business Bureau website, www.easternmichiganbbb.org, for information on area contractors.

- Get a written estimate. Make sure the estimate includes labor and material costs, as well as, project start and completion dates. Compare services and prices before making a final selection.

- Research proof of current and up-to-date contractor licensing and registration with state regulators PRIOR to hiring. Don't just go with a verbal, "Yes, we have those things." Contact the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs <https://www2.dleg.state.mi.us/colaLicVerify/> and/or <http://www7.dleg.state.mi.us/bcclicense/>

- Make sure the contractor carries general liability insurance and workers' compensation. If the contractor is not insured, your home or business may be liable for accidents that occur on the property. The above regulatory



agencies give guidelines on how to verify this.

- Insist on a written contract.

A contract should clearly state all tasks to be performed, all costs and the payment schedule. Never sign a blank contract or one with blank spaces. Make sure the contract states who will apply for the necessary permits or licenses. Keep a copy for your files.

- Get any guarantees in writing. Any guarantees made by the contractor should be written into the contract. The guarantee should clearly state what is guaranteed, who

is responsible for the guarantee and how long the guarantee is valid.

- Make final payment only when the work is completed. Do not sign completion papers or make the final payment until the work is completed to your satisfaction. A reputable contractor will not threaten or pressure you to sign if the job is not finished properly.

- Resist dealing with any contractor who asks you to pay for the entire job up-front. A deposit of one-third of the total price is standard procedure. Pay only by check or credit card — and pay the final amount

only after the work is completed to your satisfaction. Don't pay cash.

- Canceling a contract. This should be done within three business days of signing. Be sure to follow the procedures for cancellation that are set out in the contract. Send the notification by registered mail with a return receipt to be signed by the contractor.

- Consumer complaints. May be filed with the BBB at: www.bbb.org as well as with the state regulators mentioned above. A dual complaint can be filed with your state Attorney General's office, as well.

Check on rights when land reverts

BY ROBERT MEISNER
GUEST COLUMNIST

Q: Our condominium developer has bailed from the project and has left land which was undeveloped. I understand that after a certain period of time we may be having that property reverting to the association as a Common Element. Am I correct?



Robert Meisner

A: Yes, you are correct that the association may have an opportunity to receive undeveloped land as part of the condominium. Indeed, some developers

have contacted this writer to discuss the possibility of assisting the association in developing that land and it may end up being a financial windfall for the association. In any event, you are best advised to determine what your rights are with respect to the reversion of land to the association and what can be done for the benefit of the association under those circumstances.

Q: Our developer has walked away from the project and the bank owns the land at this time which has not been built on. Some of the members of the board have asked whether we can do anything with the bank. What are your comments?

A: The bank may be willing to sell those lots, which are units in the condominium, for 20 to 30 cents on the dollar giving the association an opportunity to develop those units on its own or utilize it for other purposes. You should discuss this matter with a competent real estate attorney knowing condominium law who can then perhaps enter into negotiations with the bank on behalf of the association to purchase the land and, perhaps, get a new developer to come in to enhance the condominium development as a whole as I am familiar with developers who are interested in doing so.

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.

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 4-8, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
7096 Copper Creek Cir	\$133,000
1293 Dundee Dr	\$195,000

1736 Morrison Blvd	\$179,000
8400 N Lilley Rd	\$350,000
1176 W Lemont Ct	\$168,000
8723 Westchester Ln	\$135,000
Garden City	
27810 Sheridan St	\$75,000
Livonia	
8918 Frederick St	\$101,000
20301 Gillman St	\$35,000
9185 Lathers St	\$104,000
35512 W Chicago St	\$89,000

32494 Wisconsin St	\$135,000
16942 Yorkshire St	\$183,000
Northville	
16425 Country Knoll Dr	\$191,000
Plymouth	
47125 Burning Tree Ln	\$240,000
41659 Greenbriar Ln	\$150,000
1441 Hartsough St	\$270,000
9075 Oakview St	\$133,000
Redford	
8829 Dixie	\$74,000

11412 Marion	\$53,000
9364 Salem	\$35,000
Westland	
35425 Dove Trl	\$59,000
7448 Floral St	\$51,000
39148 Forest Creek Dr	\$185,000
30481 Hivoley St	\$76,000
34445 Somerset St	\$42,000
37100 Vista Dr	\$204,000

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 28 to April 1, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Beverly Hills	
15660 Amherst Ave	\$168,000
18585 Hillcrest St	\$320,000
30275 Vernon Dr	\$145,000
18397 Warwick St	\$233,000

Birmingham	
243 Arlington St	\$590,000
708 Bennaville Ave	\$430,000
1230 Chapin Ave	\$257,000
151 E Lincoln St	\$245,000
275 Greenwood St	\$725,000
2494 Manchester Rd	\$152,000
1777 Sheffield Rd	\$255,000
1355 Sulfield Ave	\$363,000

634 Vinewood Ave	\$692,000
1050 Wimbledon Dr	\$205,000
Bloomfield Hills	
7350 Jackson Park Dr	\$206,000
6160 Lantern Ln	\$417,000
6445 Thurber Rd	\$180,000
Bloomfield Township	
2960 Bloomfield Crossing	\$430,000
1941 Cragin Dr	\$91,000
748 E Valley Chase Rd	\$299,000
5430 Forest Way	\$275,000
1203 Hillpointe Cir	\$250,000
6844 Vachon Dr	\$320,000
Commerce Township	
8700 Commerce Rd	\$63,000
2750 Ivy Hill Dr	\$225,000
1441 Woodview Ln	\$297,000
Farmington Hills	
33513 Cadillac St	\$153,000
27654 E Echo Vly	\$30,000
37527 Eagle Trce	\$450,000
29266 Glen Oaks Blvd W	\$51,000

23022 Haynes St	\$90,000
29443 Laurel Dr	\$70,000
30372 Le Mans Dr	\$185,000
30091 Muirland Dr	\$190,000
31132 Scenic View Cir	\$285,000
26248 Valhalla Dr	\$280,000
36436 Valley Ridge Dr	\$164,000
30024 W 12 Mile Rd Unit 19	\$21,000
Franklin	
30337 Cheviot Hills Dr	\$527,000
24924 Riverwood Dr	\$1,380,000
Milford	
3500 Cooley Lake Rd	\$230,000
1625 Hunters Lake Dr	\$460,000
2550 North St	\$160,000
Novi	
45041 Bartlett Dr	\$293,000
27699 Belgrave Pl	\$45,000
50738 Calvert Isle Dr	\$495,000
41855 Canterbury Dr	\$80,000
207 Charlotte Dr	\$141,000
22081 Chase Dr	\$465,000

23685 N Rockledge	\$40,000
24688 Nepavine	\$485,000
23497 Stonehenge Blvd	\$48,000
24639 Thatcher Dr	\$80,000
41128 Todd Ln	\$154,000
43050 Twelve Oaks Crescent, 20	\$110,000
28261 Wolcott Dr	\$84,000
28340 Wolcott Dr	\$89,000
45054 Yorkshire Dr	\$175,000

South Lyon	
1248 Coach House Ln	\$50,000
23940 Prescott Ct	\$61,000
826 Timber Trail Ct	\$345,000
446 Whipple St	\$15,000

Southfield	
21900 Hampshire Ct	\$49,000
19131 Nadol Dr	\$69,000

White Lake	
8829 Arlington St	\$95,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

On the job

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, based in Birmingham, has recently welcomed a number of new sales professionals to the company.

They are: Terry Gazau, Stacy Scott - Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti; Craig Astrein, Joanna Drukker, Shannon Schafer - Birmingham/Bloomfield; Anne Kersten, David Smyth, Donna Wendt - Clarkston/ North Oakland; George Perry - Commerce/West Bloomfield; Tammy Kirschman - Greenville; Dean Champane, Mark Croll, Yolanda Laird, Julia Monette - the Grosse Pointes; Kevin McPeck - Lowell; Doreen Murad - Macomb

Center; Michael Berry, Michael Brown, Shabbir Boxwala, Sharon Lewarne, Gretchen Solai, Lenda Steckel, Donna Wendt, Janice Willis, Amy Zubor - Northville/Novi; Tony Semaan, Wendy Velthoven, Ronald Vesche - Plymouth/Canton; Sheri Rivera, Jacob Smith - Rochester; Peter Ferenczy, Dana Shook, Jason Shook, Angelena Bibb-Waller - Troy.

"We are very pleased that these exceptional people have chosen Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel," said John North, CBWM COO. "They bring with them unique and diverse business skills that will fit well into our 'next-generation' culture."

Investing

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland will help attendees learn about: 1) Raising capital; 2) Finding Deals 3) Property Management; 4) Renovations & Contractors. On Thursday, July 14, 5:30/9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, 29310 John R 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers.

Real Estate Career

There will be a Real Estate Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 21, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100,

Plymouth. Learn about the \$50,000 income guarantee and free pre-licensing course. For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laiello@kw.com

Real Estate Sales and Appraising

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31 Blow gently
32 Cold War org.
33 Spellbound
34 Gradually
weakening
36 Wire
thicknesses
37 Six-pointers
38 Entry hall

DOWN
1 Milk amts.
2 WWW
addresses
3 "The Mammoth
Hunters" writer
4 Moist
5 Trophy
6 "Wolf Man"
Chaney
7 Mint or thyme
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9 "Pulp Fiction"
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Garage Sales **7110**

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