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Greg and Jolene Knapp of Plymouth.

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Water quality

Members of the House and Senate's bipartisan SE Michigan Caucus, including Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, attended a Lake St. Clair Appreciation Day in order to learn more about the issues facing one of Michigan's most important natural resources.

As part of their efforts to enhance the entire southeast corner of Michigan, members of the SE Michigan Caucus have identified water quality issues as one of the most important factors to be considered when putting together a plan for regional development.

District 22-for-25 in AYP scores

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

When all three high schools reached Adequate Yearly Progress status for the first time a year ago, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials were ecstatic.

This year, two of the three schools failed to meet AYP (though they still received accreditation), but district officials are still pretty pleased with where they're at academically. "We need to do a better job of

letting people know what goes into an AYP score," said Dana Jones, the district's director of academic and assessment services. "People see you either made it or you didn't make it ... if you didn't make it, you must not be doing a good job. That's not the case. We did great."

The news is overwhelmingly positive for Plymouth-Canton, with 22 of its 25 buildings achieving AYP status for the 2010-11 school year. Only Plymouth and Salem high schools and the Starkweather Education Cen-

ter failed to reach AYP, although the "B" on the report card still provides the accreditation they need.

Jones said the AYP system itself is making AYP status more difficult to achieve, since the target for reaching it continues to change. When the No Child Left Behind program started, she pointed out, districts had to have 38 percent of their students proficient in reading and 47 percent proficient in math to reach AYP. For the 2010-11 school year, those numbers had risen to 74 in

reading, 77 in math. And they're going up again next year (to 85 for reading, 82 for math).

Moving targets

"That's twice as rigorous as what they were in 2001," Jones said. "Increments change every year, and often there are as many as 10 percentage points difference. That's quite a jump."

Compounding the problem, according to Jones, is the scores are calculated in various sub-

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Breast of Plymouth team members Ed Hingelberg, Ann O'Hare, Dan Dwyer, Michelle Potter and Beth Bamberg are all from Plymouth. Dwyer is Plymouth's mayor; Hingelberg is a commissioner and Potter is a former commissioner.

Komen walkers buoyed by Plymouth cheering section

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

About 1,500 people walked through the heart of Plymouth on Saturday morning to aid in the fight against breast cancer.

Just as many, it seemed, gathered in Kellogg Park and on surrounding streets to

cheer on those walkers, boosting Plym-

outh's reputation as the friendliest, most supportive town on the route of the area's Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure.

The three-day, 60-mile walk, which ended Sunday at Ford Motor Co. world headquarters in Dearborn, raises money for breast cancer research and to support breast cancer patients and their loved ones.

"Look at this," Ed Hingelberg, a Plymouth City Commissioner, said when asked Saturday why he was walking. Around him, hundreds of people, many wearing pink, the event's official color, were shouting encouragement, offering high-fives, waving banners



ANN ESPINOZA

Kathy Scwinke of Plymouth High-fives the crowd as she passes through downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park Saturday during the annual 3-Day for the Cure cancer walk.

and balloons and saying "thank you" to Komen walkers striding west on Ann Arbor Trail past the park. The Kellogg Park fountain was dyed pink, a touch the city has added for each of the past several years.

'I can't not walk'

Hingelberg, a returning walker, had knee surgery in March and wasn't planning to walk this year, but couldn't resist.

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Parking waiver OK'd for planned 789 Building

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Plans for a two-story commercial building at Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street cleared a final hurdle Monday when the Plymouth City Commission voted 5-2 to waive a requirement that the project include 16 new parking spaces.

In exchange, developers Omar Hamdan and Ed Dombrowski are to pay the city \$160,000 — \$10,000 per space — that is to be set aside by the city to address parking needs.

Though the project has been scaled back — Hamdan and Dombrowski originally wanted a three-story building — some who run neighboring businesses downtown remain wary. Hamdan and Dombrowski discussed their plans at Plymouth Planning Commission meetings over several months, and opponents argued the building, with tenants that are expected to include at least one restaurant, would strain downtown's sometimes-scarce parking resources.

The same concerns were echoed Monday.

"Nothing is concrete about where they're going to get parking," said Teri Allen of Dearborn Jewelers. While a recent study proposes solutions to the parking shortage, Allen added, "we are not in that situation." "I'm still concerned," said Ellen Elliott, executive director of the Friends of the Penn Theatre. "I guess we just have to hope they know what they're doing."

Supporters of the waiver said the goal of additional parking is in sight.

"We may not have the parking today," said Commissioner Ron Loiselle, but Commissioners are ongoing that could mean "we will have public-private agreements in place" that would add at least 100 parking spots.

Waiver opponents on the commission pointed not only to Hamdan and Dombrowski's plans, but to plans by the Rock Bar and Grill on Penniman and the yet-to-open Panache, the former 1999 Tavern, on Forest to expand seating areas.

"We're adding hundreds of dining spaces into the downtown that don't

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Canton firm lobbies for federal support of wind energy

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

A Canton Township company making inroads in the wind energy industry has enlisted help from the dean of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Rep. John Dingell, D-Dearborn, who has been in the House since 1955, on Tuesday visited the Haggerty Road headquarters of Danotek Motion Technologies, a 10-year-old company that, among other things, designs and assembles permanent-magnet generators for wind turbines. With pending orders of more than \$50 million, Danotek relies on a chain of 18 Michigan suppliers, including several in the Detroit area, for the parts and services that



CONGRESSMAN JOHN DINGELL TOURS THE DANOTEK PLANT WITH DIRECTOR OF MANUFACTURING BILL BERGHOFF AND CEO DON NAAB.

go into its products. The company has grown from 12 employees in March 2009 to almost 70 today, recruited from around the globe, including nine with Ph.D. degrees. "We have created this technical melting pot in the Detroit area," the

chief executive officer, Don Naab, told Dingell. Naab asked Dingell for support, particularly for the renewal of the production tax credit, or PTC, which offers wind farms a tax credit of 2.2 cents per kilowatt-hour for electrici-

ty produced through utility-sized wind turbines. The PTC, first launched in 1992, is set to expire at the end of next year. Danotek doesn't receive the credit directly, but gets a "major trickledown benefit" from it, as do suppliers and turbine manufacturers, said Sarah Zajas, the company's marketing director.

Dingell, while favorable toward the incentive, didn't sound optimistic about its chances. Given "where we are right now," with budget-cutting dominating the conversation in Congress, it's unlikely the PTC will be renewed, at least in its current form, he said.

"I think that's damaging," Naab responded. "You're preaching to the choir here," Dingell said. "Right now there

are other blockheads ... running the place."

Dingell, however, did say his staff would help Danotek "in every proper way" to navigate the bureaucracy when it comes to issues like immigration for potential employees, or where to turn for borrowing capital. Dingell has had two stints, totaling 16 years, as chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, the most recent during the 2007-08 term.

Danotek officials said uncertainty about the renewal of the PTC over its lifetime has created boom-and-bust cycles in the wind energy industry, and cited statistics showing that new on-shore wind turbine installations fell last year after shooting up in 2008 and 2009. Not knowing wheth-

er the incentive will be available, "makes it very difficult for (companies) to press the button to proceed," said Peter Gibson, vice president of sales and marketing.

Naab later said the company values Dingell's support of Michigan businesses.

"We were very pleased to host Congressman Dingell at Danotek," Naab wrote in an e-mail. "He showed much enthusiasm for our company's initiatives to create an industry-leading high-technology company and the creation of highly skilled jobs here in Canton."

Danotek's local suppliers include Fastenal in Canton, Loc Performance Products in Plymouth Township, RS Electronics in Livonia and ProtoTool, a machine shop in Farmington.

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Nancy Lewand (right) and Julia Wolf from Birmingham spot their friends and family in the crowd cheering on walkers through downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

3-DAY

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"I can't not walk," said Hingelberg, who was making the trek with Mayor Dan Dwyer. "I had to do it again."

Walkers appreciated the energy and enthusiasm they found in Plymouth.

"I am so touched by this," said Mary Roths of St. Clair Shores, who was walking with Joan Layden-Kopka of Oxford, a nine-year breast cancer survivor. "This has brought tears to my eyes."

"Plymouth is unbelievable. I love Plymouth. It's because of this support," said Michelle Ryan of Highland, who was walking for her best friend, Ali Carr, who was diagnosed with breast cancer nearly a year ago.

Ryan was walking with Carr's sister, Nicole Price.

"The community support in Plymouth is just fantastic," Price said.

Jim Hillmann made the trek from San Jose, Calif., for the walk, and said it's his goal this year to walk the 3-Day in each of its

14 locations around the country. The Detroit-area walk is his fourth this year.

"This is a one-year job," he said.

Breast cancer claimed Hillmann's mother, Ruth Hillmann, in 2004, and Hillmann began walking the 3-Day in 2008.

"I waited four years and decided it was time to make a difference instead of waiting for other people to," Hillmann said.

Hillmann tells his story on the website www.WalkingforaCure.com.

'It's very emotional'

Danielle Dembinski of Trenton, whose grandmother Carol Smith is a breast cancer survivor, was a volunteer for the event after walking it in 2009. During a break, she and other volunteers headed to Plymouth to join the cheering section.

"This is the biggest stop," Dembinski said. "It's very emotional.

Everybody here is very, very supportive."

Michele Potter, a former City Commission member, walked for the first time this year. Her mother, Nancy Cote, was diagnosed with breast

cancer last fall.

"It was the experience of a lifetime," Potter said Wednesday, adding that she made many new friends during the intense event.

"I'm ready to go again, like, right away," she said.

The 3-Day raises money for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, formerly known as the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

This year's event raised about \$4.1 million and benefited from the services of about 450 volunteers, said Hillary Freeman, a Komen publicist. Walkers camped at Rotary Park in Livonia both Friday and Saturday nights.

Dwyer, who was recognized during closing ceremonies Sunday, and Hingelberg both credited people in the Plymouth community for their support of the walkers.

"There's no time I'm prouder to be an elected representative of Plymouth," Dwyer said at Monday's Plymouth City Commission meeting.

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CRIME WATCH

Mirrors mauled

Exterior driver-side mirrors were broken on three vehicles parked outside homes on Deer Creek Circle on Saturday night, police said.

The vandalism, on the street west of Beck and south of North Territorial, was discovered on Sunday, according to Plymouth Township Police Department reports.

In addition, a fourth vehicle was vandalized in a similar fashion during the same time frame outside a house on Hillside Drive, east of Beck just north of Ann Arbor Trail.

Vehicle burglary

A navigation device and cash were reported stolen Aug. 10 from a Chevrolet Cavalier parked outside a house on Northern Avenue, south of Ann Arbor Road and east of Sheldon.

The car had been left unlocked, police said. The theft occurred between 11 p.m. Aug. 9 and 8 a.m. Aug. 10, the complainant told police.

Stolen letters

Lettering was reported stolen in two recent inci-

dents from a monument sign for the township's Woodlands subdivision. The sign is at the corner of Woodlands Court and Deer Creek Circle, west of Beck and south of North Territorial.

Early on July 22, the complainant told police, the letter "L" was taken from the sign, and on Aug. 12 or Aug. 13, he said, the letters "OO," which were attached together, were also taken.

iPhone stolen

A woman told police that her Apple iPhone, which had been sitting in her purse, was stolen as she shopped at the Busch's supermarket on Sheldon Road at Five Mile on Monday morning.

The woman said she knew she had the phone because she received a text message while at the store. She returned the phone to her purse, she said, which was sitting in her shopping cart.

The victim said she was never more than a few feet from the cart during her visit to the store.

— By Matt Jachman

Crowded field to compete in school race

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Anyone clamoring for choice in the Nov. 8 race for four seats on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education got their wish.

Sixteen people got into the race by the 4 p.m. Tuesday deadline, including all four incumbents and two former board presidents.

The 16 candidates will compete for the seats currently held by the four incumbents seeking re-election: President John Jackson, Vice President Dianne Gonzalez and trustees Nancy Eggenberger and Steven

Sneideman.

Sneideman, Jackson and Eggenberger had previously announced their intentions to run. Gonzalez had been on the fence due to time considerations involved with running the family business, but decided at the last minute to enter the fray.

The race also includes a pair of former board presidents, Canton residents Mike Maloney and Mark Horvath, both of whom have been outspoken in their criticism of the current board's handling of the district's budget.

The other candidates in the race include:

- Stephanie Goecke, a Plymouth mother who has served on the board of the Educational Excellence Foundation for 10 years and has volunteered at events, in classrooms and for the marching band.

- Sheila Paton of Plymouth, who heads the Legislative Action Network, a grass-roots group working on education issues, including funding, with representatives in Lansing.

- John Nichols of Canton, an outspoken critic of the board's consideration of closing Fiegel Elementary School.

- Abdullateef Muhiuddin of Canton, a 2003

graduate of Salem High School.

- John Barrett of Plymouth, a city commissioner and longtime administrator in the Farmington school district.

- Mike Andro of Canton, who lost a 2008 bid for a seat on the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

- Newcomers Matt Dame, Clifton Nealy, Michael Redman and Angie Williams-Chehmani, all of Canton.

Candidates have until 4 p.m. Friday to withdraw their name from consideration.

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groups — by race, nationality, gender and special education, for example — as well as overall scores. And failure to reach AYP in any one of those individual subgroups constitutes failure as a whole to reach AYP.

While declining to say which subgroups were identified, Jones said Plymouth-Canton's failures were a result of subgroup performance.

"The difficulty is not only are there targets for the general population, but it's for sub-groups, too," Jones said. "Each of those individual subgroups needs to hit the target. One of those subgroups misses the target and you don't make AYP."

State requirements on standardized tests such as the MEAP and the Michigan Merit Exam are increasing, too, a fact Jones said will make AYP that much harder. For instance, the "cut" score

last year for the MEAP was 400, and it may go as high as 420 — "We don't have that number yet," Jones said — for the 2011-12 school year.

To keep up, Jones said, the district is doing several things, such as expanding options to include sheltered learning classes for English Language Learners students and co-teaching special education students with general education classrooms.

"Ten years ago special education students were often sequestered, in a group with a special education teacher who had great knowledge of special ed curriculum. Now they're with teachers who have knowledge of the rigorous (general education) course content, as well. They're all our students, and all our departments are working hard together to make sure the needs of those students are met."

Statistically speaking

Statistics released by the Michigan Depart-

ment of Education seem to bear out what Jones is saying. For the 2010-11 school year, proficiency targets increased by about 8 percentage points in reading and eight to 12 percentage points in math, making it more difficult for schools to make AYP.

And, despite more schools not making AYP, every school building in Michigan still received state accreditation.

"We must continue to set high expectations for our schools so our students are prepared for the competitive global economy," said state Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan. "But we need an accurate and honest reflection of where our schools are in preparing our students."

Flanagan said he expects the percent of schools making AYP to continue to fall next year as Michigan is raising its assessment cut scores, which determine student proficiency.

"While scores may initially decline, educators support this change because preparing students for long-term success is the right thing to do," Flanagan said. "I have faith that our outstanding educators across this state will rise to this challenge — and continue to do so with honest effort and integrity."

Karen Obsniuk, dean of the College of Education at Madonna University in Livonia, said higher education is working in partnership with K-12 schools to research fair and effective ways to evaluate educational achievement among a diversity of learners.

She said lack of funding and changing targets have made NCLB "very difficult to implement."

"I think schools are working hard to find better ways to meet those benchmarks."

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BUILDING

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require any parking," said Commissioner David Workman.

Voting with Loiselle for the so-called payment-in-lieu-of-parking measure were Mayor Dan Dwyer and Commissioners Michael Wright, Gerald Sabatini and Ed Hingelberg. Voting against the waiver were Workman and Commissioner John Barrett.

An amendment to the waiver that would have allowed Dombrowski and Hamdan to pay the \$160,000 fee over

10 years, with a 6-percent interest rate, was dropped.

Dombrowski and Hamdan plan their building for the site of a long-closed Amoco station that was demolished in January. Dubbed the 789 Building, for its address on Ann Arbor Trail, the developers say they are open to having office, restaurant or retail tenants, or a combination of those. The second floor is planned as a restaurant with open-air terrace seating.

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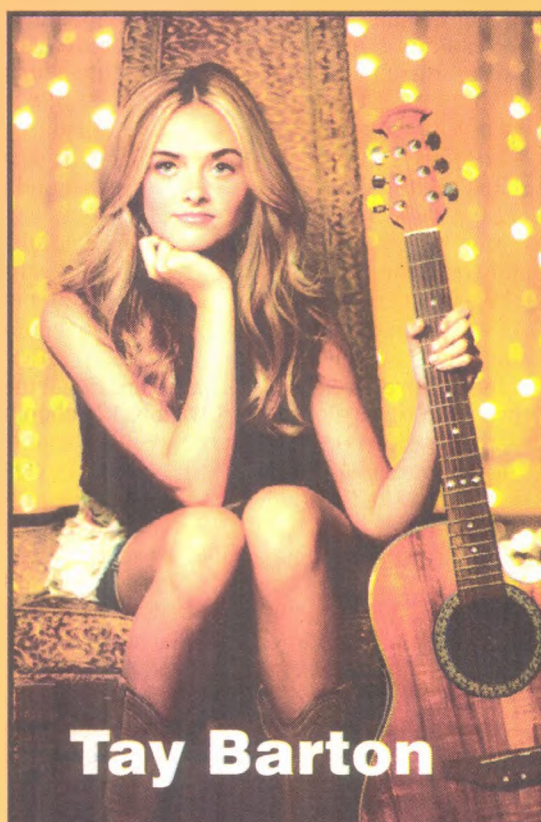


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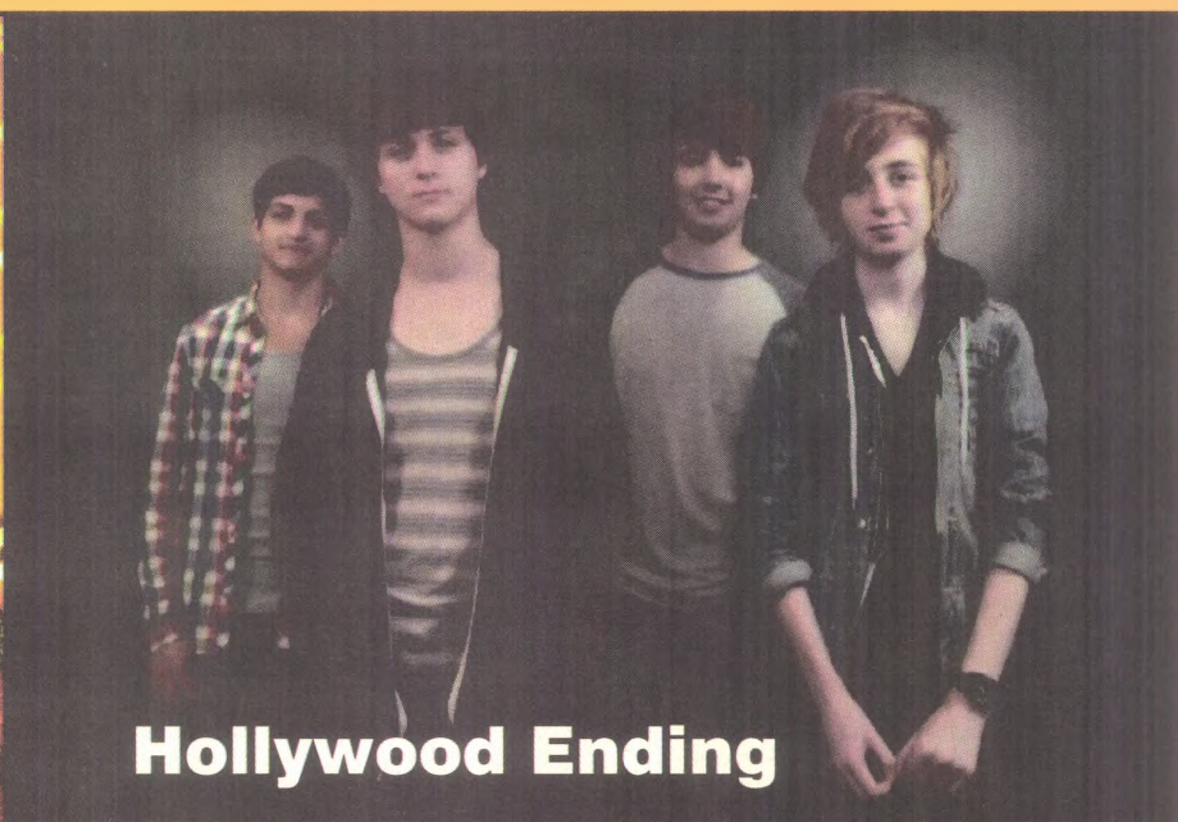
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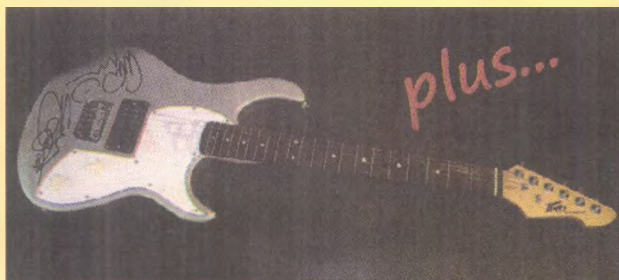
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Blitz hopes to help 300 youngsters

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Dr. Jeremy Hughes is taking part in his first "Back to School Blitz," the annual school supply drive headed by the Plymouth Salvation Army, but the importance isn't lost on him.

Hughes, interim superintendent for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, was impressed the fourth annual drive, sponsored by the Salvation Army but this year joined by nearly two dozen other agencies, including the school district, was targeting some 300 youngsters.

"That's a significant number," said Hughes. "I didn't realize it was going to help that many kids. That's a great thing."

The drive is designed to help provide school supplies to needy children in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

As the economy continues to struggle and



Debbie Abbey of Plymouth stops by the Plymouth Salvation Army with a donation of school supplies. Corps Officer Maj. Daniel Hull just happened to be in the parking lot when she rolled up.

most charity organizations are scrambling for financing, the PSA and 21 other local civic groups, churches and other charitable organizations are combin-

ing their efforts to make sure kids have what they need when school starts next month.

"We reached out and asked because everyone is taxed in terms of fund-

ing," said Laurie Aren, director of family and community ministries for the PSA. "I thought everybody doing a little bit would be better than a few individual groups

BACK TO SCHOOL

What: Plymouth Salvation Army's Back to School Blitz
When: 1-6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, in Belleville; 1-6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main in Plymouth.

Why: To provide backpacks, socks and underwear, and basic school supplies to children of families in need. Donors can drop off donations at either site on the scheduled days.

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trying to do too much. The need is definitely there."

In addition to traditional school supplies, the drive aims to provide youngsters with clothing items — primarily new socks and underwear in all sizes — as necessary.

Along with the clothing items, the Blitz is looking for items on the "School supplies wish list," including colored pencils, 24-count crayon boxes, one-subject notebooks, glue sticks, bottles of glue, markers, back-

packs (especially for K-2 students), scissors (with rounded edges), yellow highlighters, one-inch, three-ring binders, red, black/blue pens, erasers, rulers, supply boxes/bags, composition books (wide ruled) and pocket folders.

For eligibility criteria or more information on the Blitz, e-mail Aren at Laurie_Aren@usc.salvationarmy.org or call (734) 453-5464.

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Woodward ready for annual Dream Cruise

By Sandra Armbruster
Eccentric Staff Writer

Michael Lary has been dreaming since January, and this week his dreams will come true.

Lary, event director for the city of Ferndale, has been busy since early this year, planning for the 17th annual Woodward Dream Cruise and associated events that run from Thursday through Saturday this week.

If there could be a hub for the Cruise, which officially runs all day on Saturday, it would be in Ferndale. As the city's Cruise motto notes, Ferndale is "where it all began," when Nelson House decided to hold a fund-raiser to benefit a soccer field in Ferndale.

That was in 1995. This year, Lary expects a

crowd of 80,000 to enjoy the Ferndale events. Unfortunately, this year House won't be there to enjoy it, having died last year, but he might have been proud to know that the tradition lives on.

"Everything depends on the weather," Lary said of the expected turnout. "Most of the (Cruise) are based on tradition."

Lary calls himself "very blessed" to have what he says is a wonderful group of team leaders and volunteers to help with the Cruise. There are 18 team leaders and 70 volunteers, the majority of whom come back every year, Lary said.

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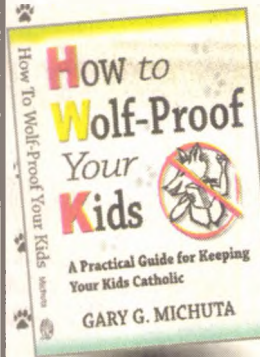
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Seniors show their mettle for medals

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

There were no designer uniforms, no Olympic rings, no torch bearer. The Olympic village was a picnic shelter where athletes gathered for breakfast of scrambled eggs and sausage before putting their skills to the test in such sports as Frisbee toss, euchre, baking, Wii and creative writing.

Welcome to the Olympics, Wayne County style, where people age 50 to 90-plus put their skills to the test in hopes of winning gold, silver or bronze medals.

"It's fun and it's just fun to do," said Jay Young of Canton, who was hoping to add to the silver medal he won last year. "I got involved because of the activities at the senior center. They encouraged us to get involved."

The seventh annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics kicked off Monday with an opening ceremony. Hosted by the City of Livonia, the event attracted senior athletes from 16 western Wayne County communities. The athletes are spending this variety of events held at senior centers such as the Friendship Center in Westland to the Italian American Club in Livonia and the Warren Valley Golf Course in Dearborn Heights.

The athletes also received praise from U.S. Rep. John Dingell and Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano, who warned them to stay away from baseball's latest banned performance enhancing substance, "moose antler spray."

Ficano got the job of lighting the Olympic torch with the help of Kirksey, Wild and Dingell, before sending the

athletes to the first of five days of competition.

Four of the five events Young signed up for were held Monday morning - Frisbee, football and softball throw and the soccer kick, a contest in which he won a medal last year. His fifth event was pickle ball, held Wednesday at Hillside School in Northville.

"You play it on a badminton court with a wooden paddle and a plastic ball, it's the rage in Florida, people line up to play it," said Young. "There's a lot of excitement, it's fun."

Bodenmiller pointed to her girl posse - Jane Carbone, Dolores Hrlc and Boots Kawa - for being a senior athlete. "They dragged me into it," she said. "It's only my second year, but it's been fun." Carbone said the group isn't "rocking chair ladies." They all have a few medals to show for their efforts. She made a shadow box filled with plastic pins and hangs her medals on it. Kawa plans to take hers to "her glory," while Hrlc is having her hanging on hangers with her Olympic shirts.

On the Livonia team, Pat Eickhoff was planning to pray to the bowling god. She and Husband Larry have been in serious training at home on their Wii game system. She has a 200 plus average while her husband is at 260. They're in a Livonia league and have on occasion bowled a perfect game.

"I hope to do 300 and that's hope in capital letters," Pat Eickhoff said. "I bowled three consecutive 300 games last week at home."

"It's a great sport for people who are retired and you don't have to spend money," said Jim Fineran of Redford, also a member of the Livonia team. "And you don't have to lift a 16-pound ball."



Jerry Gawnra of Canton competes in the Frisbee toss.

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The Canton crowd, from lower left: Francesca Provenzano, Virginia Garner, Lonnie Haines, Russ Haines, Tom Smyczynski, Judy Smyczynski, Lori Bonifiglio, Ruth Fairbanks, and Gloria Cifaldi.

be Alice Hosback. She's been Wii bowling since September 2009. She refers to Fineran as her coach and said he "insists I'm going to win."

Hosback bowled in the 1940s in the Greyhound League, but after a double mastectomy, the 91-year-old found she couldn't heave the ball down the lane. When she saw the Wii remote, she knew she could once again do a sport she just loves.

"I saw this game and they were using something that looked like a telephone and I figured I could do that," she said.

Hosback wasn't hard to spot in the competition held Wednesday in Westland and Plymouth.

"She's the only one in a little pleated skirt and high heels," said Pat Eickhoff.

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Pat Eickhoff describes

Fineran as kind of the team leader and motivates everyone.

"We've got to get someone to win from Livonia," he said. That someone might

Dolores Hrlc, Carol Bodenmiller, Jane Carbone, and Boots Kawa carry the Canton banner during opening ceremonies.



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Winning one 'for the girls'

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

A young woman named Courtney rested near the fountain in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park Saturday, roughly halfway through the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure walk.

Courtney, a Redford resident who didn't give a last name, felt the splashes from the water, turned pink by city officials trying to show their support in every way possible for some 1,500 walkers who raised millions of dollars for breast cancer research.

Courtney's friend is a four-year breast cancer survivor who couldn't make the 60-mile weekend trek, so Courtney walked for her. And for everyone else affected by the disease.

"For all the girls," Courtney said in response to a question about why she walked. "For our girls, for your girls, for every girl."

She was hardly alone. In addition to the 1,500 walkers, thousands more lined the streets of Northville, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Livonia and other areas over the weekend, cheering on the walkers as they headed toward the closing ceremony in Dearborn.

Onlookers offered cheers, support, water, food and hugs as the walkers made their way through downtown Plymouth. Many stopped to rest, including Dr. Cindy Glasson of Lake Orion.

Glasson's best friend was diagnosed with breast cancer some 10 years ago. She's also had patients affected by the disease.

"I'm walking for my best friend," said Glasson, 55, while holding her young grandson. "And I'm walking for my patients."



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Vanessa Dekoekkoek from Muskegon (left) and Julie Wagonmaker from Grand Haven came out in costume.

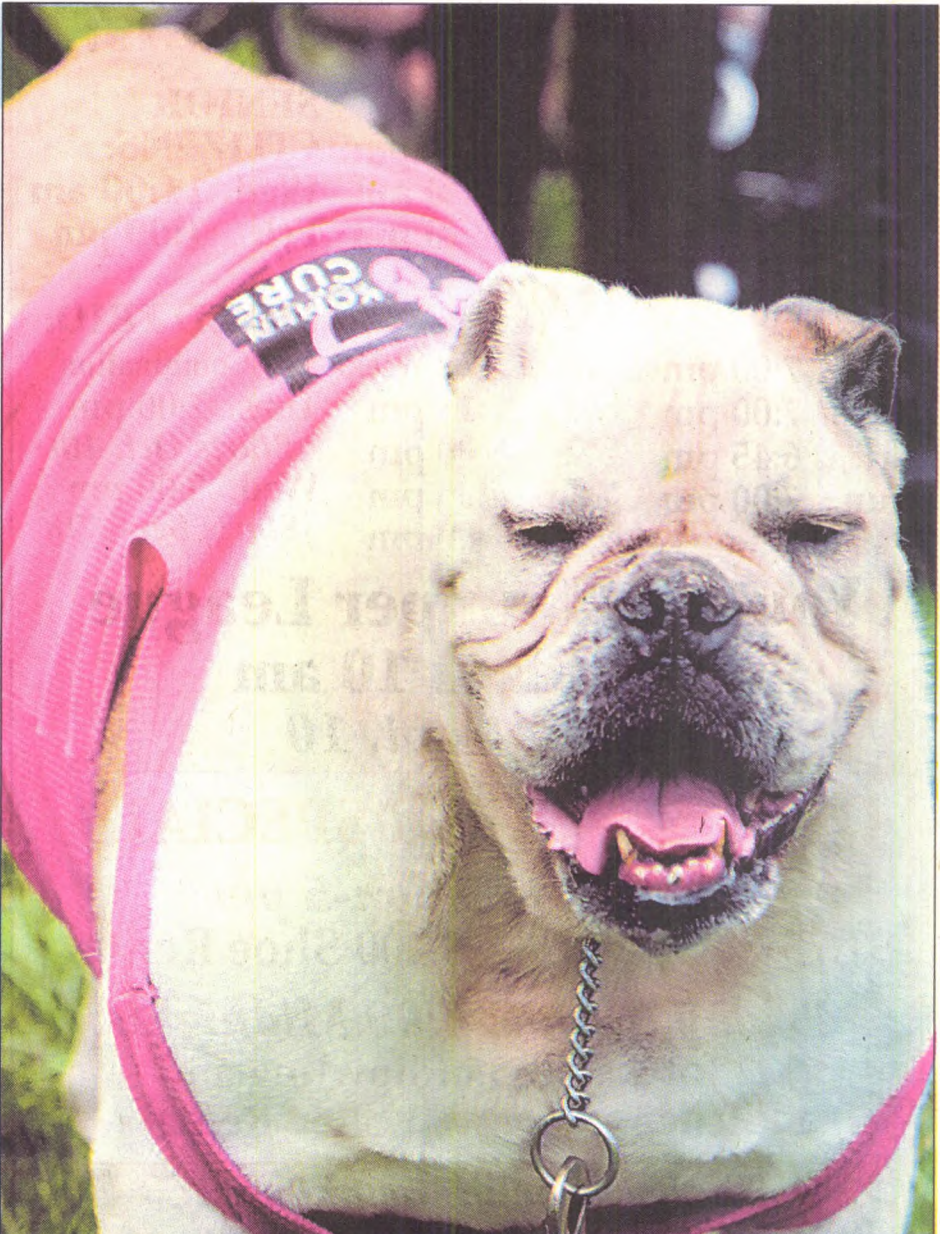
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Lauren Boike and 18-month-old Kole Boike of Dearborn find the pink water in the fountain in Kellogg Park.



Darcy Blakemore of Westland, walking her fifth 3-Day for the Cure, whoops it up as she passes through the cheering station in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.



Cletus, an 8-year-old English Bulldog, came out in support of his owner.



Ryan Mackillop of Brighton cheers on walkers as they cross Main Street.

Library Friends, Penn give good time to summer readers

By Julie Brown
Observer Staff Writer

Gift certificates through the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce courtesy of the Friends of the Library were much appreciated for this summer's adult reading program at the Plymouth District Library.

"We really appreciate the merchants," said Pat Thomas, library director. The partnership, in which adult readers received a \$5 gift certificate for a number of businesses, is a great one, she said.

"People do multiple stops when they stop in downtown," Thomas said. "This is your community. Use these places."

The chamber-library partnership has been in place for many years, she said, with financial support from the Friends of the Library, who also support youth summer reading efforts. The Friends purchased the gift certificates of \$5 each. Sue Patterson, adult services librarian, coordinates the adult program, which drew nearly 150 this year who received certificates for completing a bingo card of reading categories.

Stella Delap, owner of Basket Kreations on Forest in downtown Plymouth, is among participating merchants. "I believe in supporting downtown Plymouth in every way possible," said Delap, taking a break in her Forest shop from fashioning gift baskets. "It helps all of us. It still talks about Plymouth and it gives us opportunity."

She held up six chamber gift certificates redeemed at her shop in the past six months. "It gives the customers a chance to go into any store they wish," Delap said. "I'm just one of the biggest fans of Plymouth" and of the gift certificate program.

"The economy is what it is," Delap said. "We have definitely seen a turn upward here. I'm doing OK, knocking on wood, thanking God and mainly my customers."

Down the street on Ann Arbor Trail, TranquiliTea owner Colleen Cannon was opening for the morning's business. As a chamber member, she likes to support the business community and the library.

"The networking resources, of course, keep me informed," she said.

"Business is fine," said Cannon. "This is our off season, but we're doing just fine. The hot tea season is so much bigger."

She's glad she chose Plymouth for her shop, which sells a variety of teas and tea accessories. "I like being in



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The Plymouth District Library provides a comfortable haven where people can find a good read, as does the Canton Public Library. Many adults participated in summer reading programs at the libraries this year.

downtown Plymouth," Cannon said. "It's a nice community to be a part of." She also likes the chamber-library partnership: "It benefits everybody."

Library patrons received the \$5 certificate which features a drawing of The Gathering downtown done by artist Erick Carne. Merchants in the shop and retail category participating are: Backyard Birds, Basket Kreations, Bella Mia, Brass & Iron Shop, Creatopia Paint It Yourself Pottery, Dearborn Jewelers of Plymouth, Delta Diamond Setters & Jewelers, Elegant Invitations & Bridal, Engraving Connection, Fitness Things, Francis Jewelry Gallery, Genuine Toy Company, Gigi's Mode, Hands On Leather, Haven, Home Sweet Home, Isabella's Copper Pot, Laird's Glass & Upholstery, Lotus Art Gallery, Maggie & Me, Magnolia/A Fresh Flower Market, Michigan Custom Boutique & Fine Yarns, Old Village Yarn Shop, Old World Olive Press, Plymouth Nursery, Raz-zamatazz, Ribar Floral Co., R.S.V.P., Showroom of Elegance, sideways, Specialty Pet Supplies, Sun & Snow, Sunny J's, The Green Store, The Michigan Lacrosse Store, TranquiliTea, Vanessa's Flowers.

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The Penn Theatre also donated movie tickets for the adult summer readers, Patterson said.

The gift certificate program rewards people, said Wes Graff, chamber president. "At the same time, it supports the businesses in the Plymouth area. That's the whole purpose of the gift certificate program, to put money back in the community," he said.

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Spotify could change online music

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

More than a decade ago, a peer-to-peer file sharing network named Napster revolutionized the way Internet users received and shared their music. For about two years, between the summer of 1999 and the summer of 2001, users who installed the Napster network could download MP3 files from other users.

Napster was great because it was free. Unless, of course, you were part of the music recording industry, in which case Napster was awful — because letting the entire world take music for free is also illegal.

The highly regarded music site was soon shut down and in its place came a number of other illegal file sharing networks, which each had its spotlight.

Eventually, Apple cashed in the Internet music scene with iTunes — a program that complements the iPod and has dominated the music scene for years. Even with the emergence of online and mobile music apps such as Pandora and Grooveshark, which lets users create custom stations and playlists and listen to music virtually commercial- and ad-free, iTunes has dominated online music.

But Apple's long reign at the top of the charts may be coming to the end because another revolutionary music site has just made its way to the United States. The site is called Spotify and chances are you've heard about it online, on a friend's Facebook wall or even in



Tech Savvy
Jon Gunnells

the news.

Spotify is a Swedish-based streaming music site (streaming means no illegal downloading) that allows users to

browse and listen to more than 15 million songs for free. According to Wikipedia, the site is growing by more than 10,000 tracks per day.

The site remains viable because of sidebar ads and banner ads and also because of commercials in between songs. Moreover, users can create their playlists and access them from any computer. Whereas iTunes can cost up to 99 cents or more per song, Spotify is free and a great option for online music — if you can deal with a few ads.

Spotify can also be accessed on the mobile web as it has iPhone and Android apps. Spotify for Blackberry is in development. Moreover, Spotify also has social features similar to that of Grooveshark. Users are allowed to create a profile and connect with their friends on Facebook to share playlists and view favorite songs.

It also allows for the integration of playlists of iTunes. And for those who really like the concept of paying for music and skipping the ads, Spotify costs \$5 per month in the U.S. for premium memberships without commercials — although commercials on the site are reported to only last as long as 15 seconds.

If you are interested in a cheaper alternative to

iTunes that won't eat up space on your hard drive, visit www.spotify.com to request an invite. All you have to do is put in your e-mail address and when space is available you can begin your free membership. For those who don't want to wait, a number of invites are available for those who have free memberships at Klout.com, a site that is often discussed in this space.

Users who sign up for the \$5 per month premium accounts also don't have to wait in line. Of course, the new incarnation of Napster — a legal music sharing program which is now owned by Best Buy — also costs \$5 per month for unlimited listening.

Spotify recommends that users have computers with processing speeds of 1 GHz or above. For the non-tech savvy, desktop computers purchased in the last seven years or so likely exceed this processing speed. Laptop computers purchased in the past three to six years likely exceed this processing speed.

After launching in the U.S. this summer, Spotify has been valued at about \$1 billion U.S. But only time will tell if that valuation of will continue to grow and if Spotify can continue to creep up on iTunes as the best music destination.

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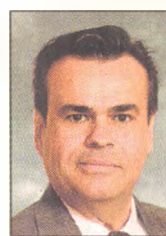
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Board appointment

The Partnership For Philanthropic Planning, the national organization dedicated to the promotion of charitable planning, has named the current president of the Planning Giving Roundtable of Southeast Michigan, Plymouth resident Christopher Kelly, to its board.

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Kelly

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Clean campaign

Keep mud-slinging to a minimum in school board race

With 16 people in the race, the campaign for four seats on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education is definitely a crowded one. But that doesn't mean it can't be a clean one.

And that's exactly what we hope it is. There's a danger, with the rancorous year the Board of Education had, and with three incumbents in the race, the campaign will get a little murky.

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Personalities should be shoved aside, and personal attacks should be left to the national politicians, with a number of local issues for voters to consider, including:

- The handling of the contract for former Supt. Craig Fiegel. This is the issue on which the board split. The pro-Fiegel board members forced the issue in September, and the anti-Fiegel

faction stood their ground. They forced him out in November, then took several months to bring in an interim superintendent.

Some observers believe enough anger still lingers on both sides to make it difficult for the incumbents in November. This issue has the biggest potential for name-calling, back-biting and rancor, and we hope candidates keep that from happening.

- The budget. This board still hasn't made enough decisions to wipe out the \$18 million deficit and are relying on too many uncertainties, including potential concessions from the teachers and wiping out the district's fund balance.

- The privatization of the bus drivers/monitors positions.

- The closing of Fiegel Elementary School. Another issue on which board members angered a segment of their constituents, picking Fiegel seemingly with the throw of a dart in an effort to save money. We think the choice made sense, but enough residents disagreed to keep the board from doing it. They shied away from the controversy at the last minute, with Trustee Adrienne Davis casting the deciding vote.

- The decision to increase class sizes, and the resulting decision not to raise them. The board originally decided to lay off teachers and hike class sizes, but in the end decided a) not to let the cuts reach the classroom to that degree or b) didn't have the stomach for the political fight, depending on your point of view.

Incumbents generally have an advantage because they have a legacy on which to run and they have name recognition. There are a few people in the race who've been active in a number of these issues and so are more well-known than others. And, of course, there are several candidates of whom voters may never have heard.

In order to overcome some of the advantages, candidates may feel pressured to take the low road. We hope that won't happen.

With this many candidates, we hope the race remains free of the kind of vitriol and name-calling that often muddies campaign waters.

Voters deserve a clean campaign. Candidates should give it to them.

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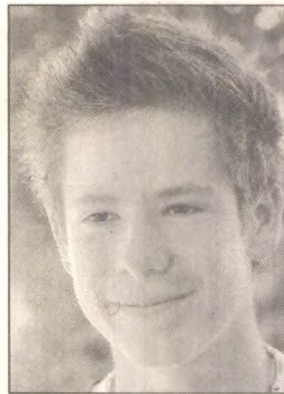
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We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



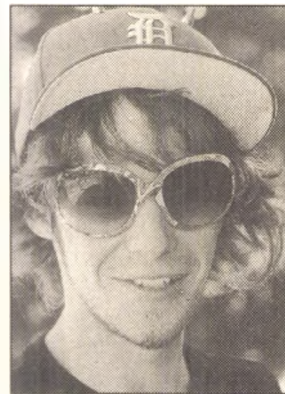
"Partying. ... I've been chillin' down here. I don't know. Skateboarding. Music."

Andrew Malamis
Plymouth Township



"I've just been chillin' with friends, like, down here. ... I haven't been to too many movies."

Alex Barnes
Plymouth



"I've actually seen a lot of three-D movies this summer. I saw 'Cars II,' 'Pirates (of the Caribbean) IV,' the last 'Harry Potter' movie."

Koda Evans
Warren



"Chillin' with friends. ... Hanging out downtown. Chillin' at the library."

Dylan Gomula
Plymouth Township

LETTERS

Colbeck's what we need

I may not like everything my state senator, Patrick Colbeck, stands for and if I really conclude that he is not doing the job that I think he should be doing, I vote against him in the next election. That is how our democratic process works.

The so called "very, very angry people" who are attempting to recall Sen. Colbeck for supporting emergency manager legislation are not only wasting taxpayers' money but undermining the legitimate votes of a majority of voters that elected Patrick Colbeck to do a specific job; Get our state's finances in order and get us out of the fiscal morass we are in.

There is no question that the recall effort is pushed by unions angry at the power given to emergency managers that include vacating union contracts that are no longer sustainable and probably very ill-advised to begin with.

Unions, it appears, are not willing to allow our democratic process to properly function but, as witnessed by the many union-sponsored recalls nationwide, are hell bent on getting their way by hook or by crook.

All I can say to these union lackeys is to grow up and face reality. Michigan is finally waking up and seeing the damage caused by politicians paying unions for their voter support and money by voting for every benefit the unions asked for.

Sen. Colbeck is exactly the type of politician the state desperately needs right now; a politician unafraid to do what is good for the

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state and its people and not kowtow to union workers and leaders who represent only a small fraction of the state's population, but are used to getting everything they want, all the time.

Janusz M Szyszko
Canton

Firefighter thanks

Thanks to the Plymouth Township Fire and EMS Services for their prompt and competent response to my wife's need for assistance after a recent fall.

Her arterial bleeding was severe and the urgency of the situation demanded quick and professional attention. We will always be grateful.

Joseph Cleveland
Plymouth

Colbeck doing well

In his first few months in office, our new state senator, Pat Colbeck, has worked hard for us and

has performed well. During this short time, Pat has:

- Fought any and all new taxes
- Improved the climate for businesses to create jobs — by helping to replace the onerous Michigan Business Tax and by pushing to eliminate government impediments to economic development
- Promoted health savings accounts — and pushed for Michigan to opt out of nationalized health care, leaving health decisions between the doctor and patient, not federal bureaucrats
- Assisted in the timely creation of a balanced state budget — eliminating a huge projected deficit
- Worked to refocus our education system on results
- Promoted true transparency from our government
- Labored to ensure that our Constitution is upheld in every government decision.

After years of decline, our state is beginning to get back on the path to prosperity. Keep up the good work, Pat.

Tom Marchesano
Plymouth

Live within means

Re: "Colbeck targeted in latest recall drive," Plymouth Observer, July 28.

So, the hogs have been shoved away from their accustomed spot at the public trough, and now they're squealing and grunting? Welcome to real life, former labor monopolists. Now you can learn to live within your means, just like all the rest of us have been doing.

Denis Curran
Livonia

GUEST COLUMN

Forum will engage, educate veterans

By **Joan Noricks**
Guest Columnist

Months after sponsoring our first Veterans Educational Summit in the fall of 2010, we are still reeling over its success. With the recent award of a grant from the Holbrook Charitable Trust, the Canton Community Foundation is excited to again offer this program to veterans, and legal advocates who work with veterans.



Joan Noricks

Scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 14-15, in Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, our second educational summit promises to be just as inspiring and informative, if not more so, than last year's program. It was amazing to see — and not just hear through the grapevine — the overwhelming need veterans have for accurate information about the benefits and programs.

We encourage all veterans to attend, as well as the advocates who are required to receive legal continuing education credits to work with the VA. But first, a couple of myths must be busted.

Myth One: Veteran benefits are not welfare. As our board member Jim Fausone, an attorney who works with veterans, so aptly says: "These are resources and entitlements that have been earned by service to their country." And that means all veterans are entitled to benefits that apply.

Myth Two: A veteran need not be injured, wounded, maimed or in any way permanently disabled during service to be eligible. But being disabled also doesn't disqualify a veteran from benefits and programs. "We are trying to find ways to make veterans aware of their benefits," said Mike Harris, executive director of Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, who spoke at our 2010 forum. Even Harris, who also serves on the board of directors for Senior Alliance of Wayne County, admitted he was unaware of the Aid and Attendance benefits, which provide help with the basic life needs, such as dressing and eating.

The CCF program is the only one of its kind in Michigan that offers professionals an opportunity to earn legal continuing educational credits. Our program includes the first day that targets professionals. Veterans and their families are the focus of the program's second day.

We were delighted to see approximately 150 veterans attend the pro-

gram last year. This year we want to double that attendance. Our goal is to educate the younger vets of the Benefits at an earlier stage in life.

Yet another goal is our new Veterans Service Fund that will be used to provide grants to other nonprofit organizations that work with veterans. The creation of an endowment ensures that local service to veterans can be sustained and will continue long into the future.

With more than 700,000 veterans in Michigan, education of veterans and the professionals who serve them is a must. Of the total veterans in this state, more than 240,000 are of the Vietnam era, while 138,000 are Gulf War veterans, and 77,700 are of the Korean conflict. World War II veterans account for 65,700 of the total, while peacetime veterans number more than 180,000, according to the VA.

The foundation is proud to lead the way in informing veterans about the benefits they have earned with their service. We encourage not only veterans, but all those who serve and help veterans to join us.

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BOYS SOCCER PREVIEW — PART 1

Rocks await Central test

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Another year, another difficult grind in the KLAA Central Division undoubtedly awaits Salem's varsity boys soccer team.

At least, that's the view of veteran head coach Ed McCarthy, whose squad opens the season at Saturday's Balconi Invitational.

"With Novi, (Livonia) Stevenson, Northville, our division is arguably the most talented in the state," McCarthy said. "And overall, (the) Kensington-Lakes is very tough with at least four Top 10 teams.

"Our district is certainly the most difficult to win in the state with Novi, Canton, Northville, (Ann Arbor) Huron, Plymouth, Salem. We expect to compete for our division and district titles."

The Rocks do have a solid nucleus along with several impressive newcomers as the squad looks to improve on last year's record of 9-8-3 overall and 5-5-0 in the Central.

One particularly intriguing player is junior forward Chris Dierker, a natural athlete who will also be playing football this fall (not to mention being a key player for Salem's varsity basketball team).

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Going for possession of a 50-50 ball during this 2010 contest are Salem's Jake Genrich (No. 9) and Livonia Stevenson's Alexander Prokop. Genrich is back for another season with the Rocks.



In a 2010 pre-district game, Canton defender Neil Zech (left) clears the ball away from Plymouth's Nick Russ (No. 22). Zech is one of several top returnees for the Chiefs.

Solid vets to lead Chiefs

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Another strong season could be in the cards for Canton's varsity boys soccer team, which swings into action at Saturday's Gary Balconi Invitational — along with Park rivals Plymouth and Salem.

Ninth-year head coach George Tomasso welcomes a solid core of returning players from the 2010 squad that won KLAA South Division and Kensington Conference crowns and ultimately finished with a stellar 20-4-2 record (bowing out in the Division 1 semifinals).

At least Tomasso has a pretty good idea what kind of team the Chiefs will be again in 2011, despite not having last year's 26-goal scorer Bobby Budlong (lost indefinitely with an injury).

"The good thing is they know each other, so they've basically played with each other the past

BALCONI INVITE

What: Annual Gary Balconi Soccer Invitational.

When/Where: Saturday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Schedule: 10 a.m. games are Canton vs. University of Detroit-Jesuit, Plymouth vs. Walled Lake Northern, Salem vs. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central and Midland Dow vs. Ann Arbor Huron. Semifinals are at 11:45 a.m. followed by finals at 3 p.m.

two seasons," Tomasso said. "They have a good understanding of each other (and) they have very high expectations for this season."

Tomasso said the team's checklist begins with the Balconi Invitational, when the Chiefs will face University of Detroit-Jesuit at 10 a.m.

From there, the squad looks to repeat in the division and

conference and take it as far as possible during the state tournament.

Saturday's eight-team tournament, which honors former district athletic director Gary Balconi (who was a staunch supporter of the soccer program), is a helpful starting point.

"It really identifies what your team needs to work on, what it needs to improve on to have success during the year," Tomasso added.

As for the other PCEP teams, Plymouth will face Walled Lake Northern and Salem squares off against Novi-Detroit Catholic Central with both games also at 10 a.m.

Leading the way

Although Budlong's loss will put a strain on the offense, the Chiefs figure to not let that become a major distraction. For that, Tomasso cited

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Golf for pucks

Hockey players seem to be natural golfers, and the two sports are coming together for a fundraiser later this month.

On Saturday, Aug. 27, at Hickory Creek Golf Club in Ypsilanti, a golf tournament to benefit the Plymouth, Canton and Salem varsity boys hockey teams will take place.

Proceeds from the 13th annual event will help those teams with the costs associated with playing the 2011-12 season.

There will be a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest, plus prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, first place, skins and door prizes.

Golfers will receive doughnuts and bagels for breakfast, a hot dog at the turn and a buffet dinner.

Cost is \$120 per player or \$425 per foursome. To register, contact Patti at berlin.patti@yahoo.com.

Big Prep Showdown

High school football is just around the corner, with Canton and Salem set to open with games on Thursday, Aug. 25, and Friday, Aug. 26, respectively.

But the season really kicks off on Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Big Prep Day Showdown at Eastern Michigan University.

That's because the defending Division 1 state finalist Plymouth Wildcats will square off at 11 a.m. that day against Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central.

The Plymouth contest is one of several to take place during the Showdown at Rynearson Stadium.

For information on tickets, visit the Plymouth Wildcats website, www.football.plymouthwildcats.com.



THOMAS MALONEY

Michael Downing of Canton epitomizes intensity for USA Hockey's Under-17 Select team during the Five Nations Tournament.

Power plan

Ex-Shamrock icer maps out winning future

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Canton's Mike Downing isn't your typical 16-year-old.

This week, he is leaving home — and Novi-Detroit Catholic Central — to play junior hockey in the United States Hockey League with the Dubuque (Iowa) Fighting Saints.

Last week, the 6-foot-3, 190-pound defenseman captained USA Hockey's Under-17 Select team to the championship of the Five Nations Tournament, clinched with Saturday's 5-1 win over Switzerland at The Cube in Ann Arbor. (The squad won all four games it played, by a 20-8 goal differential.)

Oh, yeah, he wants to play hockey at the University of Michigan and hopefully the NHL someday. But if that doesn't work out he has a fallback plan — to be a

cardiologist.

"I committed to Michigan and from there, hopefully I'll go play in the pros," said Downing, in a matter-of-fact tone. "If not, I'm going to be a heart doctor."

Undoubtedly, his heart and those of his parents (Peggy and Rich) were pounding pretty hard over the course of the Five Nations tourney.

Among the best

That would be an understatement given that Mike tallied the game-winning marker on Aug. 9 against the Czech Republic in one of the tournament tilts.

"It was on a power play," Downing recalled. "A kid went to shoot it and it deflected off somebody and the puck bounced in front of me and I just kind of finished it off and put it top shelf."

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Canton golfers second at Fellows Creek

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Westland's Claud Johnston continues to prove that age is no limit.

Currently ranked No. 25 in the Golfweek/Wilson Super Senior Amateur (over-70) rankings, Johnston posted a 27-hole total of 109, including a 68 on the closing 18 holes to lead all comers in the 2011 City Golf challenge held Saturday at Fellows Creek G.C. in Canton.

Johnston, who has played in the U.S. Senior Open, has captured the City Challenge in five different decades dating all the way back to the 1960s.

For the fifth straight year, Westland took honors with a team total of 604 followed by Canton and Livonia with 622 and 676, respectively.

Westland's championship flight team consisted of individual runner-up Matt Darnell (110), Jim McComb (121) and Keith Kiesznowski (123).

Canton's championship flight team was led by Leo Martin (114) followed by Bill Perry (125) and Gary Dristy (127).

Livonia's threesome consisted of Tyler Bledsoe (129), Brandon Dare (131) and Joe Schultz (134).

Johnston's led Westland's Senior division champs along with Tom South (129) and David Kinnell (130).

In the first flight, Westland's Bob Decker (126), Zach Williamson (132) and Brendan South (138) led the way.

Razmig Boghikian was the Open Division champion with a 114 followed by Ray Wood and Edward Wolf with 120 and 121, respectively.

The Wayne County winner was Ted Salavdori with a 127, while runner-up Mike Lorenz shot a 148.

Wayne Memorial High girls golf coach Sandy Felan and Cherie Clark tied for medalist honors in the Women's Championship flight at 129 each with Kathy Stellma four shots off with a 133.

Sara Wold was the Women's Senior winner with a 142 followed by Virginia Sexton (147) and Linda Grandfeldt (151).

In the new Father and Son Challenge, Larry and Matt Darnell led the way with a 234 followed by Bill and Brent Perry at 254 and Tom and Brendan South at 267.

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Attendance at both tryouts is not mandatory.

Prospective players must be age 11 or younger by May 1, 2012, and a tryout waiver form must be completed. Contact Mike Zaia at (248) 462-9380 for more information and to pre-register.

There will be about 20 league games and three or four tournaments throughout the year, along with practices.

The cost to sign up is \$600 with half due on Sept. 15.

CHIEFS

Continued from page B1

the leadership and on-field talents of senior co-captains Connor Furgason (defender) and Mitch Posuniak (forward).

"He (Furgason) is the team member that always picks us up when we're down and he has a knack for scoring goals when we need them," Tomasso said. "Mitch really has a good understanding of how to finish the ball, but his hard-working effort is what gets him those opportunities."

"He's been a solid leader, He's always led by example for the past two years."

Furgason and Posuniak scored nine and 18 goals, respectively, during 2010 and should ease the burden of Budlong's absence.

Of course, Tomasso knows Budlong's injury leaves a significant void. "Not having Bobby is a huge loss."

But Canton has other players who can make things happen.

Tomasso said junior forward Danny Ovesea

is "another hard-working goal scorer with solid vision" around the scoring zone.

Canton really is strong at midfield, led by seniors Shean Krolicki and Nathan Bergeson.

"Shean's got a creative mentality that 100 percent benefits the team when we're building up to an attack," Tomasso said. "And Nathan's a solid utility player with a good technical style."

Back on defense, Furgason will key a solid crew that also features seniors Neil Zech and Tyler Winningham.

"He (Zech) is just a solid defender with a very good attacking style," Tomasso said.

Meanwhile, Winningham is starting his third season as a varsity regular.

"He has been one of the most consistent defenders that we've had," Tomasso said. "And he helps complete our back line."

Bottom line

Canton has plenty of dependable depth, including senior midfielders Bryan Berinti, Cody

Kahrs, Bryan Ren, senior forward Ryan Kilgore and senior defender Conner Hicks.

"They're just solid, hard-working players that complete our team aspect," Tomasso said.

Others expected to chip in are junior midfielder Scott Piwowar, junior defender Connor Shennen, sophomore midfielder Griffin Parks, senior forward/midfielder Mitch Pepper and sophomore midfielder Ken Krolicki (Shean's brother).

In goal will be senior Steven Murphy (a defender on the 2010 varsity) and junior Ian Wingate, who played on the junior varsity last season.

Murphy and Wingate will get plenty of instructional help in areas such as footwork and timing from Tomasso, a former star goalkeeper for Canton.

But all in all, Tomasso is confident he has a team to be reckoned with.

"Just take it one game at a time, understanding what you need to do to be successful," he said.

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McCarthy has a deep

midfield group back in the fold, led by seniors Chris Ensor, Jake Pascarella (also a forward), sophomore Blake Townes and sophomore twins Connor and Brady Cole.

On defense will be senior co-captains Jake Genrich and Austin Covert, along with senior Brandon Duschl and junior Luke Hazen.

They will provide solid support for junior goalkeeper Erick Beas and sophomore keeper Collin Hewett (a varsity newcomer).

Rounding out the ros-

ter are senior forward Colin Rooney, senior midfielder Max Nolte, junior midfielders Tyler Fosdick and Tyler Bashaw, junior defender Daniel Marsden, senior defender Joe Stephan and junior defender Grant McKinney.

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The Plymouth-Canton Pride 10U fastpitch softball team finished second out of 44 teams at the recent USSSA World Series, held at Walt Disney World's Wide World of Sports complex in Orlando, Fla.

PC Pride does area proud in Orlando

The Plymouth-Canton Pride 10-Under fast pitch softball team had an outstanding showing at the recent USSSA World Series in Orlando, Fla.

Although the Pride did not win the series, a 9-2 record was good for second out of the 44 teams that traveled to Florida from around the country. Both losses came at the hands of the victorious Orlando Aftershock.

That gave the squad a 66-3 record for the year, following 11 tournament victories along the way.

At Wide World of Sports, the Pride fell 3-2 to the Aftershock in the first game of the winners bracket, the Pride defeated the Fort Worth Batters by a 12-3 score.

Needing to knock off the Aftershock two more times, the Pride took a 1-0 victory in a very well-played game. That set up the fourth game the team played on a day where the heat index was more than 110 degrees.

"We lasted until the fourth inning with a 1-0 score before the heat and fatigue got to us," Pride head coach Dan Bressler said.

There were plenty of



Plymouth-Canton Pride pitcher Jennifer Bressler throws the softball toward an opponent during the USSSA World Series.

USSSA WORLD SERIES

individual highlights, with Jennifer Bressler voted the tourney's offensive MVP. She had two game-winning hits and batted .412 with 12 RBI. Bressler also pitched her team to a 5-1 record, including two shutouts.

Pitcher Madison Rosiewicz threw a perfect game against the NFGS Thunder of Jacksonville Beach, Fla. while Morgan Overaitis and MacKenzie Knight also pitched outstanding.

Helping the pitching was a stellar defense keyed by center fielder Jessica Tucci, who made

several crucial catches and started a triple play.

Corner outfielders Alaina Heightmeyer and Nicole Dawson also played strong defense while other top defenders included catchers Makayleigh Silverman and Izzy Dawson, third basemen Lucy Cronin and Justice Ruggles.

In addition to Jennifer Bressler, the Pride had several hot hitters, too.

Those included Overaitis (.389, seven RBI), Tucci (.375, seven RBI), Dawson (.375), Silverman (.333), Heightmeyer and Knight (each with five RBI).

He aces it



Plymouth's Andrew Connor, 13, scored a hole-in-one on July 27 at Fox Hills' Strategic Fox Course. Andrew aced the No. 15 hole, which is 136 yards. He was having a group lesson with Fox Hills pro Jordan Young. Pictured are Andrew (middle), flanked by longtime school friends Sam DeLoy (left) and Robert Calendar. Sam and Robert witnessed Andrew's big moment. All three boys attend West Middle School in Plymouth.

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THOMAS MALONEY

Michael Downing looks for the puck during the Five Nations Tournament last week in Ann Arbor.

DOWNING

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Downing wound up with one goal and one assist during the Five Nations tournament, not to mention some intense game experience he can take to Dubuque.

"It's rough, there's a lot of top, solid players from basically all the five countries that are in this," he said. "It's been fun but it's been hard."

Downing was one of 22 top players from around the United States selected to don the red, white and blue at The Cube.

"It's been a great experience, just playing with all of these guys and getting to know all of them, coming together as a team," Downing said. "It's just been great all around."

Being part of the extremely successful Catholic Central hockey program helped Downing gear up for the tournament.

During the 2010-11 season, Downing scored six goals and assisted on 10 others to spark the Shamrocks to a 15-9-0-1 record.

Catholic Central lost to eventual Division 1 state champion Novi during the regionals.

"They (CC coaches) all just kept pushing me, keeping me working hard and everything came together," added Downing, whose older brother Jake (also a defenseman) also is moving to the Fighting Saints this week.

Beyond Iowa, Downing's hockey plans include Ann Arbor but not the Ontario Hockey League — even though the Sarnia Sting holds his rights.

Former U-M player Robbie Czarnik wound up leaving the college circuit to play for the OHL's Plymouth Whalers, but Downing won't be skating down that same path.

"I'm not going to do that," said Downing.

Not too many 16-year-olds talk about their life's game plan with such maturity and conviction.

But then again, Downing is already proving he is far from your typical teenager.

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Hot on ice during summer circuit

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Believe it or not, the high school hockey season is just around the corner.

And coaches of the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins unified girls hockey team is gearing up for the 2011-12 season, with a red-hot showing by current and prospective future members of the team during a summer season providing hope for much optimism.

The PCS summer season recently concluded with the Penguins sporting a 8-1 record.

"The summer season is a great way for the girls who don't currently play for the high school team to get a look at what it (PCS program) has to offer," said Penguins head coach Mary Beth Johnson, following the final summer tilt at Canton Arctic Edge.

Players — whether returning veterans or others looking to make the squad — were exposed to the facility and routine they will have to follow if they are on the team. Johnson said the eight-week summer session thus was an invaluable learning tool.

"From the private locker room ... to the off-ice conditioning and training, players were able to experience what it is like to play for the varsity team and to meet



Members of the PCS Penguins combined girls hockey team compete during a recent game at Canton's Arctic Edge.

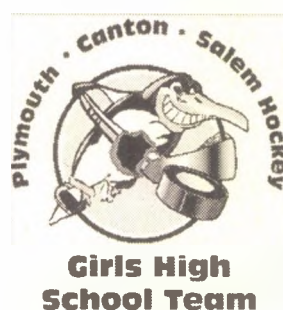
the coaching staff," said Johnson, a former player at Western Michigan University who is entering her third season at the Penguins' helm.

Also on the staff are assistant coaches Emily Nelson (ex-University of Michigan player) and former Western Michigan women's hockey coach Brad Johnson (in his third season with the Penguins).

Program on the rise

According to Mary Beth Johnson, the summer season also is a chance to shine the spotlight on what has been a very successful program since she took over the squad in 2009-10.

During that season, PCS won the Division II state



title and nearly repeated last winter — falling in double overtime in the championship game.

Meanwhile, five players from those two teams have gone on to join college rosters at Michigan State, Ohio State, Grand Valley State and Northern Michigan universities as well as the University of Colorado.

Members of the PCS

summer squad included Kaitlyn Allard, Becky Lough, Elena Bongiovanni, Beth Johnson, Rose Krasofsky, Jackie Lough, Nicole Natelborg, Cortny McAdoo, Jenna Carter, Elizabeth O'Donohue, Hannah Laho, Alexis O'Flynn, Morgan Cusumano, Emily King, CeCe Hitch, Loren Hitch, Sydney Smith, Shannon Schuit, Madison Schultz, Amanda Hoehn and Kayley Kotulak.

For those interested in coming out for the 2011-12 PCS Penguins, contact Mary Beth Johnson at smeeb@aol.com. Conditioning skates begin in September.

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MHSAA cautions athletes about heat

There's been plenty of heat this summer, and the high school sports season is here.

That's a reminder that there are always concerns about physical activity in hot and humid conditions.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association continues its role in providing its member schools educational information to assist them in minimizing the possibility of heat-related catastrophic injuries to student-athletes.

The topic of heat-related injuries receives a lot of attention at this time of year, especially when deaths at the professional, collegiate and interscholastic levels of sport occur, and especially since they are all preventable with the proper precautions.

In football, data from the National Federation of State High School Associations shows that 33 high school players have died from heat stroke since 1995 — two occurring last year.

Each year, the MHSAA

provides information to its member schools to help them prepare for hot weather practice and game conditions in the late Summer and early Fall. Football practice can begin at MHSAA member schools on Aug. 8, followed by all other fall sports on Aug. 10.

The Health & Safety Resources page of the MHSAA Website has a set of Frequently Asked Questions about dehydration and a page dedicated to hydration and heat illness where preventative steps are outlined, as well as the signs and symptoms of heat illness and action steps to take when it is observed.

Visit MHSAA.com, click on Schools, and then on Health & Safety Resources to find the information.

"There is no excuse for any number of heat stroke deaths since they are all preventable," said John R. Johnson, communications director for the MHSAA. "Our coaches are so much more aware of hydration and heat issues now, but you can never let your guard down."

Hickory Creek golf

Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at 3625 Napier Road (at Ford Road), in Superior Township, has two upcoming golf events starting with the junior scramble for ages 5-17 from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24.

Volunteers are needed to walk with each group. Pizza and prizes follow at 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$25.

On tap is Ladies Night Out "Margaritas on the Range from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25 (cost \$20 before Aug. 20) along with the Glow Golf & Fish Fry from 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30.

For more information, visit TrainwithTami@yahoo.com; or call (734) 731-0238.

Fall baseball

The 11th annual Total Baseball fall baseball league will be from Aug. 20-Sept. 25 at the Madonna University's Iitich Ballpark, Founders Sports Park in Farmington Hills, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School and at Total Baseball-Wixom.

The 10-game schedule on Saturday (American) and Sunday (National) includes the following age group divisions: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, high school JV and high school varsity (wooden bats only on Sunday).

The cost is \$250 per player (jer-

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seys, hats and coaches are provided). Team fees are \$1,200 (ages 9-14) and \$1,500 (JV and varsity) and includes umpires, fields and standings.

For more information, call Total Baseball at (248) 668-0166; or e-mail aaronk@totalsportscomplex.com.

To register online, visit www.totalsportscomplex.com.

Soccer officials

The United Federation of Officials will stage its rookie soccer referee training class 5:30-11 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, at St. Alfred's School, 9540 Telegraph Road, Taylor.

The target audience is Class 1 for high school juniors and seniors, which will then be part of the MHSAA's Officials Legacy Mentorship program, along with Class 2 for interested adults.

The class fee — \$35 for high school students and \$55 for adults — includes MHSAA registration fees. (If already registered with the MHSAA, the cost is \$30.)

Those completing the course will be eligible to officiate high school, junior high and Catholic Youth Organization games for the 2011 fall season.

For enrollment information, call Byron Beattie at (734) 775-4134; or to request a registration form, e-mail bsqurdehs@comcast.net.

Golf outing

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.

Learn to Skate

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer its seven-week Learn to Skate Session I classes beginning the week of Sept. 12 through the week of Oct. 24 at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon (one-half mile south of Five Mile and just west of Farmington Road).

Each class is 25 minutes and classes include:

4-and-up — 5 p.m., 5:25 p.m., 6 p.m. or 6:25 p.m. Mondays; hockey skills — 6:25 p.m. Mondays; and 3-year-olds only — 5 p.m. Monday.

The fee for residents is \$55 or \$67 for non-residents. (Free skate rental is also available.)

Walk-in registration will be from 6:30-8 p.m. (residents) and 7-8 p.m. (non-residents) on Wednesday, Sept. 7, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

For more information, call Kerri Ahmet at (734) 466-2412.

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**DAVIDSON,
CAROLINE A.**

Age 94, August 15, 2011. She is the beloved wife of the late Mervyn (d.1980); the devoted mother of Harold (Nancy); and cherished grandmother of Nicole. Funeral Service Monday, August 22, 2011, 10:00 AM, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Sunday 1:00-7:00 PM. Memorial tributes suggested to Angela Hospice: angelahospice.org heeney-sundquist.com



DUFOUR, DANIEL L.

Age 30, August 4, 2011 of Garden City. Beloved father of Corbin Covell Beattie, Gavin, Nevaeh, & Kiera. Dear son of Catherine Dufour. Brother of Ann Harris and Brian Dufour. Uncle of MariAnn and Michael Harris and Bentley Galinis. A Funeral Service was held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City, Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 7 PM. Please share a memory of Daniel at www.rggharris.com.



**GOTHAM,
ALICE NANCY**

Age 88 of Livonia. Cherished wife of the late Byron Roy. Beloved mother of Janice Kozub and Greg (Nancy). Proud grandma of Alicia M., Kelly J., and Brian R. Dearest sister of Thelma and the late Eleanor and Raymond. Loving aunt to many nieces and nephews. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Alice had a great love for many activities such as gardening, swimming, tennis, reading, playing the piano, bike riding, ice skating, and story telling. Memorial Contributions may be made to Arthritis, Alzheimers and/or Lung Cancer Assoc. Funeral was Wednesday at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel Livonia. Please visit online guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com

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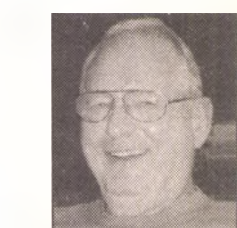
Age 91, August 12, 2011 of Garden City. Ruth was a 29 year volunteer for the Garden City Hospital Guild. Beloved wife of the late Herman. Loving mother of Robert, Marilyn Wren, Roger (Mary) & Raymond (Gayle). Dear sister of Gerald Kuck, and the late Lois Gierada. Also survived by seven grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren. Services were held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Garden City. Please sign the online guestbook at: rggharris.com

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**WHEELER,
KENNETH LEROY**

of Plymouth, MI passed away at his home on August 16, 2011. Born in Sciota, Illinois on February 11, 1920 to Lawrence Oliver and Una May (VanOrder) Wheeler, the Wheelers moved to Fremont, MI where Ken grew up and attended the Fremont schools, graduating in 1937. He married Agnes E. Carlson of White Cloud October 12, 1946. Together they lived in Detroit, Garden City, and Plymouth, Michigan, with a year in the state of Washington. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Agnes, daughters: Diane (Bertel) Schou of Green Banks, WV, Janice (Geoffrey) Schrock of Plainfield, IL, LeAnna (Bruce) Christenson of Canton, MI, sons: Victor Wheeler of Plymouth, MI and James (Katherine) Wheeler of Sterling Heights, MI. Eleven Grandchildren; Paul Schou, Victoria Wheeler, Dylan, Kelsi, Kara and Dana Schrock, Ryan, Christina, Catherine, Carl and Julianna Christenson, and Sister Mildred (Arnold) Woodring of Fremont, MI. Ken was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Harry (Doris) Wheeler, and sister Lora Ann (Hesse) Wever. Ken was creative and industrious. He built his own Amateur Radio station as a boy and was an Amateur Radio Operator (W8SRX) for many years, making friends around the world. After marriage he designed and built their home in Plymouth, MI. During WWII Ken served in the U.S. Army from November 18, 1941 to August 21, 1945 stationed primarily in the South Pacific including Australia. He was injured by a bullet in the shoulder, suffered partial hearing loss, and contracted malaria, although he continued serving and was involved in battles in the East Indies, Papuan, Southern Philippines (Lib), Luzon, and New Guinea. Army qualifications included: Combat Infantryman Badge, and Radio and Code specialist. Decoration & Citations Ken received: Good Conduct Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Bronze Star Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Silver Battle Star, Bronze Service Arrowhead, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Bronze Battle Stars, Six Overseas Service Bars, One Service Stripe. Yes, he was a true American Hero. Ken received a BSEE Degree from Detroit Institute of Technology and a Master's Degree from Eastern Michigan University. He taught Engineering classes at Detroit Institute of Technology and Wayne State University. Next Ken did top secret work for the U.S. Government at Burroughs Corp. (now Unisys), then worked at Chrysler on the Missile that carried the first U.S. man into space. His work included the Jupiter C and Mercury Projects, including the Redstone rocket. Working for Boeing took him and his family to Seattle for a year in the early 60's. Later, he worked with a committee to set engineering standards for U.S. Government. Ken was very proud of helping to start Washtenaw Community College by setting up the Electrical/Electronic Engineering Department in 1965. He wrote the first "purpose" statement for the college, and developed the first class catalog. Ken headed the Electrical Department, along with teaching and counseling students, until his retirement. Even long after retirement, students and staff would contact Ken for advice and help, and never turned down their requests. He loved to teach, work on cars or electrical equipment, and enjoyed talking to people and telling jokes. Each summer Ken and his family traveled and camped through all of the U.S. continental states and providence Southern Canada. Ken was an Eagle Boy Scout and remained in Scouting until his death, a total of 79 years. He was a role model for the Scout Oath and Law. From being a scout, to a troop Leader, to being a District Commissioner he enriched the lives of many boys and their families. Always encouraging boys to participate any way they could. One of Ken's quotes was: "If a young man has one good experience or learned one life skill through scouting, then the program has been a success." Ken worked with the Goodfellows, was Volunteer of the Year in Plymouth, and was an active member of the 41st Infantry Division Association, holding various officer positions. Visitation at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170, Friday from 4-8PM. Funeral Service at the Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, Saturday 2 PM, Viewing at 1 PM. Memorial contributions may be directed to Boy Scouts of America, Sunset District, Great Lakes Council, 1776 W Warren Ave, Detroit, MI, 48208. Please share memories at: <http://www.schrader-howell.com>



WILTSE, JOHN A.

was born on November 25, 1931 in Pontiac, Michigan. He passed away on August 10, 2011, at Seton Northwest Hospital in Round Rock, Texas. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Leila Seese Wiltse; his son Peter, grandchildren Kaitlin and John P. Wiltse and their mother Elizabeth Palmarozzi, daughter-in-law Rhonda, of Plano, Texas, their children Heather Buegler, her husband Britt and their son Bo, Erica Harvey and Houston Harvey; daughter Lynne Hughes of Victoria, Texas, daughter Joanna Middleditch, her husband Tom, their children Sean and Samantha of Ypsilanti, Michigan; daughter Kerry Lovelady, her husband Glenn and their children Kerilee, Glenn, and Kevin of Mayer, Arizona. He is also survived by his brother Richard Wiltse and wife Bea of Tucson, Arizona. He is preceded in death by his brother James Wiltse of Norfolk, Virginia, as well as his parents, Cecil C. and Mary G. Wiltse. John graduated from Plymouth High School in Plymouth, Michigan. He graduated from the University of Michigan on June 15, 1957 with a B.S. in Pharmacy. He was initiated as an active member of the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of The Rho Chi Society at Idaho State University on April 13, 1984 and went on to earn a M.Ed. in Vocational Education from Idaho State University on December 21, 1989. John served in the Army on active duty for 3 years and in the reserves for 5 years. He attended the Army Security Agency School to become a Morse Code Interpreter and was stationed in Graz, Austria. His service awards include: Army of Occupation Medal (Germany); National Defense Service Medal; and Marksmanship Badge (Carbine). After leaving the service, John took over Wiltse's Community Pharmacy in Plymouth, Michigan where he was a compassionate, competent owner for 25 years. Many customers remember him opening the store after hours so they could fill a prescription immediately and get their loved one on the way to good health once again. He was never too busy to explain medications or answer questions for anyone who came in the store. While involved in providing pharmacy care for many patients, he still made time to found the Plymouth Chapter of the Kiwanis Club and was president from 1969-1970. He was awarded a plaque for Outstanding Club Leadership as President for his time in office. After making the decision to sell the pharmacy, he and his wife, Leila, moved to Idaho where he taught in the Department of Pharmacy at Idaho State University. He was recruited by Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho to manage and develop their outpatient pharmacy. His development of the pharmacy was so successful that the hospital built a new outpatient pharmacy that was quadruple the size of the old one to accommodate the increased business. John retired from Saint Al's in 1997 but remained active in pharmacy. He was the Executive Director of the Idaho State Hospital Pharmacists from 1996 to 2001. He also received the Pharmacist of the Year in 1997. John and Leila decided to move to the sunny south and became members of the Sun City-Georgetown community in October of 2001. John soon became active in the Sun City Chapter of the Kiwanis Club and served as president from 2003-2004. In addition, he became founding member of the Department of Homeland Security in 2003. He served as a pharmacist in Louisiana during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. John continued to maintain his interest in helping others even after retiring as a pharmacist. He volunteered at the Scott & White Clinic in the lab. He had many neighbors and friends who will miss his smile, sense of humor and willingness to help others. He has touched the lives of many and will be sorely missed. The family wishes to thank the ambulance personnel who arrived so promptly, and the staff at Seton Northwest Hospital in Round Rock for their excellent care and obvious compassion. A memorial service will be held at Ramsey Funeral Home, 5600 Williamson Dr., Georgetown, Texas on Friday, August 19, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. The service will be followed by interment and graveside service at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, 11463 State Highway 195, Killeen TX 76542. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sun City Kiwanis Foundation Fund. You are invited to leave a message or memory in the memorial guestbook at: www.RamseyFuneral.com

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Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Feel free to include relevant photos as attached jpgs. Or mail items to Dargay, Observer, 615 Lafayette, Level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

Shalom, 3999 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield
Details: Service under the stars with annual picnic
Contact: RSVP for the picnic to the Temple office at (248) 737-8700

AUG. 25-31

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton
Details: Party for people who are in financial need because of job loss or reduction in income. There will be games, food, and fun. Each registered child will receive free school supplies
Contact: Register at (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686

FUN FAIR

Time/Date: 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27
Location: Alpha Baptist Church of Livonia, 28051 W. Chicago Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster Roads
Details: The fair will include a jumbo slide, dunk tank, face painting, balloon animals, caricatures, live entertainment, and games for children of all ages. Refreshments are free and will include hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy and ice cream. Attendees 18 years and older will be eligible to enter a free drawing to win a TV or other prizes
Contact: (734) 421-6300 or www.alphabaptistlivonia.com

KEEPING KIDS CATHOLIC

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25
Location: St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta, will give a presentation on his latest book, "How to Wolf-Proof Your Kids." Michuta will offer a practical guide for keeping kids Catholic in a very explicit, hands-on way that explains both the pitfalls and strategies that threaten to turn children away from their faith
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200

PROGRAMS OFFERED

Time/Date: 11 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 28
Location: St. Hilary Church, 23901 Elmira, Redford
Details: A short meeting will be held to explain the programs offered by the church for both adults and children
Contact: Sr. Marie Miller at (313) 533-1560

ONGOING

AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade
Contact: (248) 426-0096

CLASSES/STUDY

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia
Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.
Contact: Pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to pastorscott@emmanuel-livonia.org

Faith Bible Church
Time/Date: 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays through May 8
Location: 34541 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: "Four Views of the End Times" adult study
Also ongoing: "Life's Healing Choices" Study Group, 6 p.m., fourth Sunday through September, is for men and women who want freedom from hurts, hangups and habits of the past.
Contact: (734) 464-7990

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491
New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: (734) 846-4615

Nicole's Revival

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday
Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford
Details: KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer
Contact: (313) 531-1234

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000
Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: (248) 374-5920

CLOTHING BANK

Canton Christian Fellowship
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m. second Wednesday
Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty
Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need
Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

FOOD BANK
New Hope Church
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only
Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton
Contact: Call Pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

MOMS
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Thursday, MOP-Snext. Both programs run September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPNext supports mothers of school-aged children.
Contact: Rebekah Creeden at (734) 522-6830 for MOPS and Susan Magner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPNext details.

Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs
Contact: (313) 563-0162

AUG. 18-24

CRAFTERS NEEDED

Time/Date: Accepting applications now
Location: Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Crafters sought for fall craft show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 15. Space rental is \$25. \$5 per table or bring your own table. Spots are limited to three crafters per category and one vendor per product
Contact: (734) 464-0990 or e-mail rpfoffice@arounddetroit.biz

GRILLING, CARS

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18
Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia
Details: Summer Steak Grill-out, with vintage cars on display. Kids also will get a chance to sit in a fire truck, police car, or construction vehicle at the Touch-A-Truck display. Grilled steak with all the trimmings is \$5.
Contact: (734) 422-0149

LUNCH AND LEARN

Time/Date: Following 9:30 a.m. Shabbat service on Aug. 20, and 27
Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Rabbi Steven Rubenstein leads the series on "New Perspectives in Jewish Law." Topics are "Are we obligated to immunize our children?" on Aug. 20 and "Should a nonprofit organization return donations of ill-gotten gains?" on Aug. 27. No knowledge of Hebrew is required
Contact: (248) 851-6880 or www.cbahm.org

PICNIC, CAR SHOW

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20
Location: New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, corner of Puritan and Delaware, north of Five Mile, between Inkster and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Put on your poodle skirts, slick your hair back and join the church for oldies music, food, bouncer/dunk tank, games, clowns, face paints, and plenty of fun at this community picnic and car show. Presented in conjunction with Clowns Around Redford. Partial proceeds will benefit Care Packages for Troops, Michigan Chapter.
Contact: Sue Makins at (313) 516-724

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Time/Date: Through Sept. 10
Location: Congregation Bet Chaverim, P.O. Box 871262
Canton, MI. 48187
Details: Religious and cultural school open enrollment. Students (K-Bar/Bat Mitzvah) of all kinds of Jewish backgrounds and interfaith families always welcome. The congregation also holds services, 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton. For more information about the school open house, call Ilene Honiss at (734) 502-5197
Contact: betchaverim@yahoo.com or visit Bet Chaverim on Facebook

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 18-19
Location: St. Innocent Russian Orthodox Church, 2330 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: Held outdoors at the church
Contact: (313) 538-1142

UNDER THE STARS

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. family picnic, followed by Shabbat service at 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 19
Location: Temple Shir



Tommee Profitt and his band will perform Sunday, Aug. 28 at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, in Livonia.

Christian band melds rock and worship

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Mt. Hope Congregational Church in Livonia will rock out to the sounds of Christian keyboard musician Tommee Profitt and his band on Sunday, Aug. 28.

The group is based in Grand Rapids, but has toured nationally and shared the stage with such artists as Newboys, MercyMe, Leeland, Group 1 Crew, Family Force 5 and comedian Brad Stine.

Profitt, a Grace Bible College graduate, produced and recorded his fourth album, *I Know Your Love*, which was released this year.

"He likes to describe it as keyboard-driven rock and worship," said Justin Olivetti, Mt. Hope youth pastor. "It's not overpowering. He does keyboard and the band backs him up. If people know Chris Tomlin and Michael W. Smith, they'd be comfortable with his music."

Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. and the concert will start at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Tickets are available by calling the church at (734) 425-7280. Although the concert is free, the church will accept donations.

The contemporary Christian music concert is a first at Mt. Hope, but it's among many ways the church tries to engage and serve the community.

"He asked if he should gear it toward teens or family and I said let's gear it toward family and com-

munity. That's our number one reason for doing it. We want to provide more services and outreach to the community.

"We try to plan something every couple of months to reach out."

The church is among three locations in Livonia that offer affordable grocery packages through Angel Food Ministries. Vacation Bible School, "Trunk or Treat" — an alternative to Halloween Trick or Treat — and annual "Rally Day," picnic are among the free events offered to the public. Rally Day is set the first Sunday after Labor Day and draws "a lot of visitors" to the church, Olivetti said.

"Our youth ministry program reaches out to kids and teens of all ages. One big push is to get kids and teens into the church. Our biggest push is to do a lot more service and missions opportunities."

The church offers a junior high school youth group at 4 p.m. and a high school group at 6 p.m. every Sunday.

Teams regularly work with mission projects locally and take an annual trip out of state. Last year they repaired homes in West Virginia. The next trip will involve urban ministry. "There's a fun event every single month. We do a canoe trip, a road rally," Olivetti added.

For more about Mt. Hope Congregational Church and its programs, visit the church's Facebook page. For more on Tommee Profitt visit www.tommeeprofit.com.

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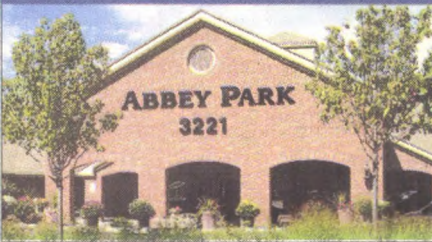
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Barbershop singing strikes a chord with Livonia man

By Sharon Dargay
 O&E staff writer

Gary Prevo is looking for a few men who can carry a tune.

The Livonia resident plans to start a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society and will rehearse with new members at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 14 at Senate Coney Island, 34359 Plymouth Road, east of Stark, in Livonia.

"If you can walk you can dance and if you can talk you can sing," said Prevo with a laugh. "If anyone has the nerve to come up and want to sing, there is a place for them. We need singers of all caliber and voices.

"I have to have four barbershoppers to open the chapter. I have three or four others for sure. I think I've got a director. It's going to work out well. We're starting at the bottom and plan to go straight up and have a lot of fun."

Prevo has sung with barbershop choruses off and on for more than 30 years, starting with the Renaissance Chorus — now called HarmonyTown — in Westland, where he also served as its business manager for a few years. He also sang with Huron Valley Harmonizers in the Milan-Ypsilanti area, the Floral City Harmonizers in Monroe chapter, and is a member of the Gentlemen Songsters in Royal Oak, the Livonia Civic Chorus and the Finnish American Singers in Farmington Hills. He occasionally volunteers with the Broe Rehab Therapy Choir.

Prevo hopes to draw singers from Livonia, Northville, Farmington, South-



Gary Prevo (second from left) of Livonia organized a group to sing the "Star Spangled Banner" at a Detroit Tiger Baseball game last summer. A return performance is slated for Sept. 1. Prevo also is organizing a new barbershop chorus.

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GARY PREVO
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field and other nearby communities for his new chorus.

"I didn't want to go back to the (Renaissance) chorus," Prevo said, adding that he was looking for "a new direction" in barbershop singing, something closer to home.

"I've always started something when I thought there was a need for it."

He called the Society's headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., and started the organizing process for a new chapter. Then he waited several months to firm up plans.

"It's been a bit of a trip, but the timing had to be right," he said.

Prevo said his goal for the group is to "just have fun," no matter if its delivering

musical valentines or performing in a show.

"We're going to do all that fun stuff."

In addition to recruiting singers for his new barbershop chorus, he's also making arrangements for approximately 60 singers from a variety of choirs to sing the *Star Spangled Banner* at an afternoon Detroit Tiger baseball game, Sept. 1 at Comerica Park.

He gathered a group together last year and sang the national anthem at Comerica Park for the first time. The singers also belted out *Take Me Out to the Ball Game* outside the park. Prevo said he plans to do that again this year.

For more information about the new Barbershop Harmony Society Chapter in Livonia, call Prevo at (734) 620-0080.

Canceled jazz fest rescheduled

The Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 will try again this weekend.

The organization cancelled its second annual Outdoor Jazz Festival Sunday, Aug. 14 because of rain. It is rescheduled for 1-7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21 on the grounds of the Lodge located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

The music lineup includes The Midnight Players, a young, local jazz group; Jerry McKenzie's Just Jazz with vocalist Steve Blackwood of the television program, *Days of Our Lives*, and the movie, *Machine Gun Preacher*; George (Sax) Benson Quintet; Ron Kischuk's Masters of Music Big Band Minus 9 with Judie Cochill on vocals; Gene Parker Jazz Quartet; and the Johnny Trudell Quintet.

A \$10 donation includes one food ticket and one beverage ticket. Food and beverage will be available for purchase and no outside food or beverages will be allowed. Parking is in the Elks lot and the adjacent shopping area. Festival visitors should bring their own blankets or chairs.

For more information call (734) 453-1780 or go to www.plymouthelks1780.com.

Celebrate Canton history at annual fair

Step back in time and watch historical demonstrations at Canton's annual Village Faire, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, at Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road.

The event also will include music, face painting, a petting farm, guided tours of the Bartlett-Travis House and the Canton Lions Club corn roast. All-you-can-eat wristbands will be on sale at the event, and pre-registration is not necessary.

Visitors can come early to the event to stroll the grounds and shop for fresh Michigan-grown produce and local handmade crafts at the Canton Farmers Market. It's open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday through Oct. 16 at Preservation Park.

Canton Leisure Services in partnership with the Canton Historical Society and the Canton Lions Club sponsor the annual Village Faire. For more information visit Cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.



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Contact: (248) 344-0497

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Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays
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Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com



Devin Scillian will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18 in Heritage Park, Farmington Hills.

Concerts

Contact: (734) 455-1453

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HERITAGE PARK

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18

Location: 24915 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills
Details: Free summer concert series, Stars in the Park, features Arizona Son with Devin Scillian

Coming up: Farmington Community Chorus, Aug. 25

Contact: (248) 473-1848

KELLOGG PARK

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Aug. 19
Location: Downtown Plymouth

Details: Mass Transit Band

Coming up: Randy Brock Group, Aug. 26; Lady Sunshine and the X Band, Sept. 2 Family series: Noon, Wednesday concert series features Beverly Meyer, "The Music Lady," Aug. 24
Contact: www.downtownplymouth.org for evening concerts;

www.plymoutharts.com for noon concerts

TOWN SQUARE

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday through August

Location: In the pavilion at Town Square in downtown Northville

Details: Free concert series includes Gia Warner with rock classics, Aug. 19 and Justine Blazer, rock/country, Aug. 26

Tunes on Tuesday: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Aug. 23, Imagination Theater

Contact: (248) 349-0203

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Matt the Electrician, Aug. 18; Ana Egge with Jason Myles Goss, Sept. 9
Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

VIVACE MUSIC SERIES

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Pianist Victor Goldberg performs Brahms "Variations" and "Fugue on a Theme" by Handel, Haydn "Sonata in B" and Scriabin "Fifth Sonata." Tickets are \$20 for members and seniors and \$23 for nonmembers

Contact: Joyce Cheresch at (248) 788-9338, Ann Sipher at (248) 661-1348 or visit www.vivaceseries.org

Dance

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Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m. every

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Paisley Fogg will perform at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 in "Mustang Alley" east of Woodward off Nine Mile, in downtown Ferndale during the annual Woodward Dream Cruise. Other bands will include Acoustic Brothers, 1:30 p.m., Rock Bottom Band, 4 p.m. and Toppermost, a Beatles Tribute Band, 7 p.m. Live music also will run from 3-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19 the evening before the official cruise begins, in downtown Ferndale. Woodward Dream Cruise visitors also will find live music in other communities along the Woodward Dream Cruise route, which begins in Ferndale and stretches north to Pontiac along Woodward. Although many of the communities offer exhibits and events on Friday, the official cruise starts at 8 a.m. Saturday; www.woodwarddreamcruise.com

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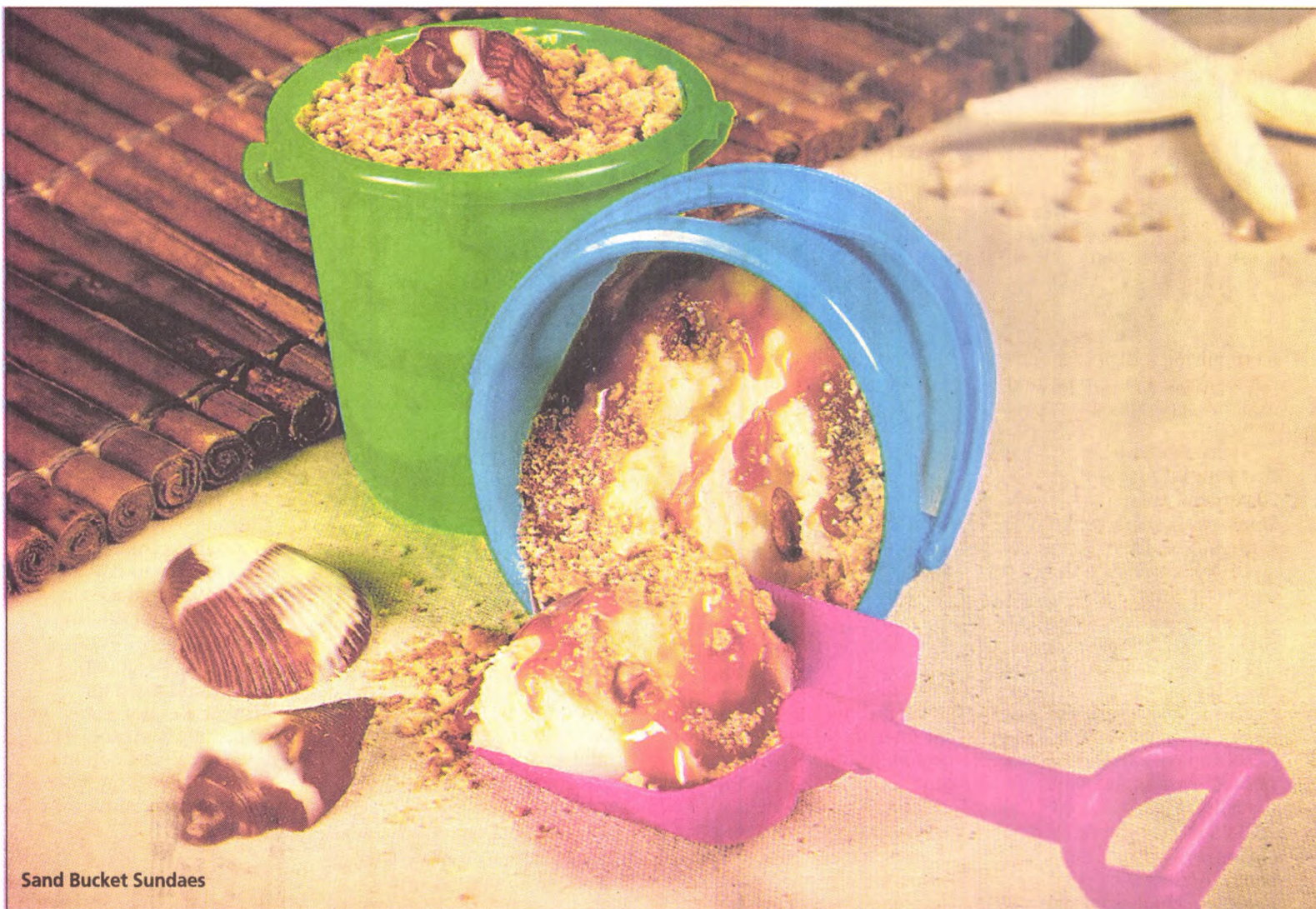
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- DIY sundaes. Set up a sundae bar so guests can create their own sweet masterpieces. To help things move along smoothly, pre-scoop the ice cream. Put individual scoops of various ice cream flavors in paper cupcake liners. Set them up on a tray, then freeze until it's time to serve.
- Think outside the traditional bowl. Use waffle bowls to hold your ice cream sundae, or start with an ice cream sandwich as your base and complement with tasty toppings.

Campfire Sundaes

Makes 4 servings
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- 4 chewy chocolate chunk granola bars
 - 4½-cup scoops Blue Bunny Premium Peanut Butter Panic Ice Cream
 - 4 tablespoons butterscotch-caramel ice cream topping
 - 16 pieces candy corn
- Cut granola bars in half lengthwise then in half widthwise, forming 4 pieces.

For each sundae, arrange 4 granola bar pieces on a small plate to form "wood logs." Top with 1 scoop ice cream, 1 tablespoon butterscotch-caramel topping and 4 candy corn "flames." Serve immediately.

Courtesy of Family Features



Campfire Sundaes

Sand Bucket Sundaes

Makes 8 servings
This make-ahead dessert is great fun for summer parties or family desserts.

- 4 cups Blue Bunny Caramel Praline Crunch Frozen Yogurt
- ½ cup butterscotch-caramel ice cream topping, at room temperature
- ½ cup cinnamon graham cracker crumbs

- Gummy sea-shaped candies, optional
- Sea shell-shaped chocolate candies
- 2 small pails or buckets (about 2 cups in size), washed

In each bucket, layer 1 cup frozen yogurt, 2 tablespoons butterscotch-caramel topping and 2 tablespoons cinnamon graham cracker crumbs. Repeat the layers ending with graham cracker crumbs.

Dessert may be eaten immediately or frozen at least 1 hour. If eating immediately, decorate with gummy and chocolate candies. If freezing, decorate just before serving.

S'Mores Dippers

Makes 4 servings
No campfire is needed for these s'mores.

- ½ cup marshmallow crème
- 1 teaspoon half-and-half or milk
- 2 tablespoons graham cracker crumbs
- 1 tablespoon red, white and blue cookie sprinkles
- 4 Blue Bunny Champ! Chocolate Swirl Mini Sundae Cones

In a small microwave-safe bowl, combine marshmallow crème and half-and-half. Microwave on High 20 seconds or until mixture just starts to puff; stir until blended. Cool for 3 minutes.

Meanwhile, in another small bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs and colored sprinkles; stir. Dip cones into marshmallow mixture then into graham cracker mixture. Serve immediately. Additional cones may be used to use the remaining graham cracker and marshmallow mixtures.

Recipe tested in a 1250-watt microwave. Adjust cooking times accordingly.



S'Mores Dippers

Strawberry-Kiwi Passion Sundaes

Makes 2 servings
No extra bowls needed to make these sundaes.

- ½ cup sliced fresh strawberries
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- ¼ teaspoon grated orange peel
- 1 medium kiwi, peeled
- 2 Blue Bunny Personals Premium Double Strawberry Ice Cream
- 4 teaspoons chopped white chocolate
- 2 teaspoons sliced almonds

In a small bowl, combine strawberries, sugar and orange peel, gently mix.

Slice kiwi lengthwise into quarters then slice into bite-sized pieces; gently fold into strawberries. Set aside 10 minutes to form juice.

Top each Personal with half the strawberry-kiwi mixture. Sprinkle each with 2 teaspoons white chocolate and 1 teaspoon almonds. Serve immediately.

Triple Chocolate Cake Sundae

Makes 4 servings
Chocolate lovers will adore this sundae topped with a white chocolate-raspberry sauce.

- 3 tablespoons half-and-half
- 1 3.5-ounce bar high-quality white chocolate, cut into small pieces
- 1 cup fresh raspberries, divided
- 4½-cup scoops Blue Bunny Chef Duff's Premium Triple Chocolate Cake Ice Cream

In a small microwave-safe bowl, combine half-and-half and white chocolate. Microwave on High, 30 seconds; stir until chocolate is melted and mixture is smooth. Heat an additional 10 seconds if not melted. Cover and refrigerate until thickened to a medium sauce, about 50 minutes. If the sauce thickens too much during refrigeration, re-warm slightly in microwave, about 10 seconds. The recipe was tested in a 1250-watt microwave. Adjust cooking times accordingly. Gently fold in ¼ cup raspberries.

Place ice cream into 4 serving bowls. Top each with a scant 2 tablespoons white chocolate-raspberry sauce and about 4 fresh raspberries.

CITY BITES

Sweet donation

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN — The American Red Cross and Edible Arrangements have devised a tasty way to boost low blood supplies this month. They are giving every donor at American Red Cross blood drives a coupon good for a free six-piece box of gourmet dipped chocolate fruit. Make an appointment to donate blood at redcrossblood.org or call (800) 733-2767.

Hot invitation

PLYMOUTH — Got a great chili recipe? Organizers of the 16th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off are looking for contestants in the red chili, chili verde and salsa competitions set for Sunday, Oct. 9 in downtown Plymouth. Winners will take home more than \$2,000 in prize money, and the chance to compete in the World Championship Chili Cookoff sponsored by the International Chili Society. The World Champ wins \$25,000. The Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off will run 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and will include a "best booth" contest, "Battle of the Businesses," "Restaurant Chili Challenge" and a chance for visitors to sample the entries and vote on their favorites. Sign up by calling Annette Horn at (734) 776-9669, by e-mailing to glrchili@sbcglobal.net or visit www.GreatLakesChili.com

Chile pepper roast

NORTHVILLE — Kroger will roast Hatch chiles from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19 at 1747 Haggerty, Northville and from 2-5 p.m. at 44525 Ann Arbor Road West, in Plymouth. Hatch chiles are long, green and exclusively grown in the Mesilla Valley near Hatch, New Mexico. Frieda's Specialty Produce, a distributor of exotic fruits and gourmet vegetables, will supply select Kroger supermarkets with authentic extra hot Hatch variety chiles. They'll be available by the pound, both roasted and fresh, beginning Aug. 19.

Champagne cruise

BERKLEY — Blazo's Pie Shoppe in Livonia and Real Bar BQ in Canton are among the restaurants that will serve delicacies for sampling at the ninth annual Champagne Cruise 6-9 p.m., Friday, Aug. 19, at Westborn Market, located on Woodward north of 11 Mile, along the Woodward Dream Cruise route. Proceeds from the event will benefit Forgotten Harvest, a nonprofit organization that collects surplus prepared and perishable food from 455 sources, including grocery stores, fruit and vegetable markets, restaurants, caterers, dairies, farmers, wholesale food distributors and other sources. This donated food, which would otherwise go to waste, is delivered free-of-charge to more than 170 emergency food providers in the Metro Detroit area. Modern Tribe, featuring Charles and Gwen Scales, will play the musical selections throughout the evening. Champagne Cruise also will include a silent auction. Tickets are \$150 each — \$100 of which is tax deductible — and are available online at www.forgottenharvest.org.

Survey: Most still prefer owning over renting

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer

Most Americans still believe that owning a home is a solid financial decision, and a majority of renters aspire to home ownership as a long-term goal. That's according to the 2011 National Housing Pulse Survey released recently by the National Association of Realtors, which found 72 percent of renters surveyed said owning a home is a top priority for their future, up from 63 percent in 2010.

Seven in 10 Americans also agreed that buying a home is a good financial decision while almost two-thirds said now is a good time to purchase a home, the survey found. The annual survey, which measures how affordable housing issues affect consumers, also found that more than three quarters of renters (77 percent) said they would be less likely to buy a home if they were required to put down a 20 percent down payment on the home, and a strong majority (71 percent) believe a 20 percent down payment requirement could have a negative impact on the housing market.

Local Realtors are encouraged by survey results. Realtor Rich Eisiminger of Plymouth-based RichRealty said, "So many owners have been forced into the renter market. It's exciting to see they still want to own a home. I'm pleasantly surprised at that. I would say it goes back to our American heritage. Everybody wants to own a piece of land."

"There's something to be said about ownership," Eisiminger added. Paying off of a mortgage remains achievable, he said; his mentor for that theory is the nationally known Dave Ramsey. "I believe that is something that is achievable and can be achievable," Eisiminger said, adding the mortgage doesn't have to be 30 years.

Eisiminger said a conventional mortgage with 20 percent down remains best. "But there is other means of FHA, other mortgages out there."

His mentor Ramsey, who does motivational speaking, advocates living within means, "Handling money God's way and Grandma's way," with the focus on getting out of debt and being debt-free.

There's been recent debate

on requiring a 20 percent down payment for a mortgage, and Realtors have thoughts on that as well.

"There needs to be variables that you can come in less than 20 percent," Eisiminger said. Some are at 10 percent, maybe self-employed and don't want an FHA mortgage. "I think the long-term interest rate should stay somewhat the same," he said.

"I don't agree with 5 percent that's for sure," or with no money down. "The lending of easy money became our downfall by falsely appreciating real estate values," Eisiminger said.

Realtor Tony Schippa of Coldwell Banker Preferred Plymouth is president of the Western Wayne County Association of Realtors, which is merging with the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors. "I think they're pretty accurate," he said of NAR survey results. "I still think people want to buy a home."

"I tell them it's a great time to buy right now." There remain properties that aren't bank-owned, although some properties are getting multiple offers. "Financing can still be a challenge," he said. People worry about their credit scores.

Some parents give money to help children with a down payment, Schippa said. "I think overall people still want to own a home and they're looking to get something."

He's handling a closing on a condo in Ann Arbor for a couple's daughter attending graduate school there. "The daughter didn't necessarily want to rent and the family's in the financial availability to do that," Schippa said.

He tells those who want to buy a home don't open new credit cards if you want to qualify for a mortgage. Redford has some good housing prices, Schippa added.

He emphasizes that house payments are often lower than rent. "It makes financial sense for people to get into a property. The market will come back, it's just a question of time," Schippa said.

Not all Detroit-area residents are working, so putting down 20 percent can be hard, he said. With average wages stagnant, it's hard to save that amount. "They should have some equity into the property when they buy it," Schippa said.



"We do have inventory. Interest rates are at an all-time low," he added. "Now's the time to buy."

National real estate leaders are encouraged by the survey responses. "Despite the economic setbacks Americans have experienced in today's current climate, it is clear that a strong majority still believe in home ownership and aspire to own a home," said NAR President Ron Phipps, broker-president of Phipps Realty in Warwick, R.I. "However, achieving the dream of home ownership will become increasingly difficult for buyers if they are required to make a 20 percent down payment, which may be a reality for many of tomorrow's buyers if a proposed Qualified Residential Mortgage rule is adopted. That is why Realtors are strongly urging regulators to go back to the drawing board on the proposed rule."

Defining the QRM rule is important because it will determine the types of mortgages that will generally be available to borrowers in the future. As currently proposed, borrowers with less than 20 percent down will have to choose between higher fees and rates today — up to 3 percentage points more — or a nine-14-year delay while they save up the necessary down payment.

Over half — 51 percent — of self-described "working class" homeowners as well as younger non-college graduates (51 percent), African Americans (57 percent) and Hispanics (50 percent) who currently own their homes reported that a 20 percent down payment would have prevented them from becoming owners.

Pulse surveys for the past eight years have consistently reported that having enough money for a down payment and closing costs are top obstacles that make housing unaffordable

for Americans. Eighty-two percent of respondents cited these as the top obstacle, followed by having confidence in one's job security.

The survey also found respondents were adamantly against eliminating the mortgage interest deduction. Two-thirds of Americans oppose eliminating the tax benefit, while 73 percent believe eliminating the MID will have a negative impact on the housing market as well as the overall economy.

When asked why home ownership matters to them, respondents cited stability and safety as the top reason. Long-term economic reasons such as building equity followed closely behind. On a local level, respondents said neighbors falling behind on their mortgages and the drop in home values were top concerns. Foreclosures also continue to remain a large concern, with almost half of those surveyed citing the issue as a problem in their area.

The 2011 National Housing Pulse Survey is conducted by American Strategies and Myers Research & Strategic Services for NAR's Housing Opportunity Program. The telephone survey polled 1,250 adults nationwide, with an oversample of interviews of those living in the 25 most populous metropolitan statistical areas. The study has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

NAR's Housing Opportunity Program, www.realtor.org/housingopportunity, was created in 2002 to encourage local Realtor associations to create initiatives that help increase housing opportunities for consumers and make affordable housing more readily available.

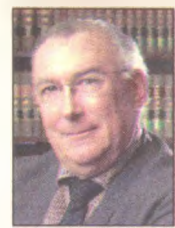
The NAR website contributed to this report.

Collections: Know your rights

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: We have been approached by a collection company that says they will collect our assessments without paying any costs until we collect the money. Do you have any information about that?

A: I know that there are collection companies that are advertising to do collection services in condos, but, in any event, they still may have to go to court, and would need an attorney experienced in Community Association law. These collection companies may charge more on a contingent basis then would a lawyer upon an hourly basis depending



Robert Meisner

upon the circumstances. They may also not get the same results as an experienced law firm who is well known in the community as a Community Association law firm with expertise in Community Association law. In any event, you should be careful in determining whether or not the collection firm has competent legal assistance and whether it will provide you with a service that it promises, and, whether or not you are better off with your own association attorney who presumably has experience with your unique problems involved in your condominium and/or, so to speak, being able to think outside of the box in terms of new creative methods in order to collect assessments, particularly, in issues with mortgagees.

Q: Our association has a judgment against the bank for nonpayment of assessments. Our lawyer seems to be too busy to handle the matter and says that eventually the bank will pay. What do you suggest?

A: I suggest that if you have exhausted your efforts to resolve the matter amicably with the bank, that you get a lawyer to execute on the Bank by literally getting a sheriff to go to the bank and, if necessary, remove desk computers, copiers, filing cabinets and any cash in the teller's drawers. That will clearly send the bank a lesson. We have also, on occasion, had to get the sheriff to go to a liquor store in order to seize merchandise in order to satisfy a judgment against the owner. When the judgment debtor is not willing to cooperate, you have a right to avail yourself of all legal means to collect the amount owing.

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 May 9-13, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
8388 Chatham Dr	\$505,000
254 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	\$140,000
2357 Cranbrook Rd	\$100,000
3060 Greenwich Ct	\$220,000
47167 Hanford Rd	\$223,000
50152 Harding St	\$247,000
3996 Hopefield Ct	\$160,000
49550 Hudson Dr	\$365,000
4050 Kimberly Dr	\$155,000
50469 Monroe St	\$243,000
6245 N Lilley Rd	\$41,000
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1754 Orchard Dr	\$22,000
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1735 Whittier Dr	\$115,000
2698 Woodington Ct	\$260,000

33134 Donnelly St	\$15,000
419 Henry Ruff Rd	\$69,000
5936 Henry Ruff Rd	\$80,000
33030 Rosslyn Ave	\$58,000
30315 Rush St	\$58,000
29734 Sheridan St	\$73,000
LIVONIA	
38218 Ann Arbor Trl	\$38,000
12496 Cardwell St	\$45,000
9915 Fairfield St	\$129,000
10054 Hartel Ct	\$85,000
14222 Houghton St	\$90,000
9631 Inkster Rd	\$58,000
36373 Jamison St	\$124,000
38754 Jamison St	\$141,000
36930 Lancaster St	\$155,000
29853 Linda St	\$151,000
36052 Meadowbrook St	\$137,000
19046 Middlebelt Rd	\$60,000
29874 Minton St	\$108,000
30789 Minton St	\$60,000
35711 Minton St	\$100,000
28511 N Clements Cir	\$70,000
16087 Nola Dr	\$215,000
32708 Norfolk St	\$279,000
19447 Osmus St	\$104,000

20500 Osmus St	\$54,000
18946 Stamford St	\$130,000
28160 Terrence St	\$80,000
15542 Westbrook St	\$135,000
NORTHVILLE	
18261 Clairmont Cir E	\$665,000
19311 Crystal Lake Dr	\$43,000
19485 Eddington Pl	\$36,000
19586 Northridge Dr	\$65,000
705 Randolph St	\$73,000
20275 Woodhill Dr	\$207,000
PLYMOUTH	
9068 Brookline Ave	\$128,000
44815 Deer Run Rd	\$267,000
15100 Keel St	\$407,000
11792 Lorenz Way	\$423,000
40171 Newport Dr	\$63,000
14971 Plymouth Xing	\$180,000
49465 Pointe Xing	\$90,000
11869 Sycamore Dr	\$60,000
REDFORD	
9928 Farley	\$27,000
17675 Glenmore	\$35,000
25155 Lyndon	\$60,000
19950 Norborne	\$10,000

18846 Poinciana	\$25,000
9379 Salem	\$29,000
11335 Seminole	\$30,000
9552 Tecumseh	\$48,000
25911 W Six Mile Rd	\$30,000
15745 Woodbine	\$20,000
WESTLAND	
34531 Algonquin St	\$25,000
33151 Creston St	\$38,000
8126 Flamingo St	\$37,000
32327 Glen St	\$82,000
31614 Hazelwood St	\$70,000
1175 Judith St	\$67,000
7745 Lear Ct	\$50,000
7595 Maple Dr	\$175,000
34825 Melton St	\$35,000
257 N Byfield St	\$22,000
5925 N Karle St	\$63,000
30728 Nelson Cir	\$115,000
7628 Randy Dr	\$82,000
7668 Ritz Ave	\$82,000
562 S Marie St	\$93,000
38289 Saint Joe Dr	\$90,000
31141 Stephen Ave	\$52,000
7345 Woodview St	\$18,000

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 2-6, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
16981 Birwood Ave	\$235,000
16980 Kinross Ave	\$116,000
16022 Marguerite St	\$87,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1577 Chapin Ave	\$140,000
1973 Haynes St	\$425,000
2552 Manchester Rd	\$165,000
2714 Manchester Rd	\$133,000
591 Ridgedale Ave	\$460,000
707 Ruffner Ave	\$312,000
516 W Frank St	\$500,000
742 W Lincoln St	\$535,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
22847 Clear Lake Dr	\$175,000

2660 Robindale Ln	\$199,000
484 Fox Hills Dr N # AB	\$33,000
255 Guilford Rd	\$780,000
2833 Middlebury Ln	\$170,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
6153 Dakota Cir	\$920,000
506 Tilbury Rd	\$499,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
1809 Carriage Hl	\$313,000
3346 Circle Dr	\$440,000
4718 Greenview Ct	\$211,000
1735 Huron Springs Ln	\$167,000
5500 Leisel Ct	\$322,000
6060 Majestic Oaks Dr	\$194,000
507 W Commerce Rd	\$52,000
1474 Wandrei Ct	\$300,000
FARMINGTON	
22856 Mayfield Ave	\$135,000
22695 Power Rd	\$72,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	

28900 Drake Rd	\$148,000
29294 Glen Oaks Blvd W	\$92,000
28780 Hidden Trl	\$248,000
36670 Howard Rd	\$269,000
29568 Omenwood Ave	\$180,000
37590 River Bnd	\$266,000
31045 Sudbury St	\$258,000
31262 Verona St	\$265,000
32008 Wayburn St	\$130,000
30532 Woodstream Dr	\$255,000
MILFORD	
3148 Canyon Oaks Trl	\$537,000
334 Hickory St	\$180,000
1194 Hillside Dr	\$275,000
2211 Lone Tree Rd	\$295,000
1795 Stonecrest	\$325,000
NOVI	
47579 Aberdeen Dr	\$580,000
50958 Almasi Ct	\$50,000
50714 Amesbury Dr	\$508,000
41934 Aspen Dr	\$280,000
47589 Brittany Ct	\$421,000

50707 Chesapeake Dr	\$669,000
40508 Lenox Park Dr	\$230,000
51231 Luke Ln	\$204,000
24652 Nepavine	\$431,000
30495 Pennington Ln	\$265,000
22617 Shadownpine Way	\$165,000
SOUTH LYON	
60799 Marjorie Ann St	\$76,000
24539 Martindale Rd	\$172,000
959 Stratford Dr	\$166,000
SOUTHFIELD	
27425 Fairfax St	\$106,000
17160 Richard St	\$34,000
29405 Rock Creek Dr	\$70,000
17329 Winora Ave	\$38,000
WHITE LAKE	
8753 Arlington St	\$184,000
10730 Bogie Lake Rd	\$425,000
9625 Juniper St	\$106,000

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CANTON - 8/20-8/21, 8-3pm. 3 families! Furniture, clothes, toys. 50097 Black Horse Ln, Denton Rd btwn Geddes & Cherry Hill in Hamlet Sub.

CANTON - GARAGE SALE Purses, junior/teen clothes, toys, games, books, wooden swing set, etc. 42119 Woodcrest (Lilley/Palmer) Aug 17-20, 10-3.

CANTON - Moving Sale. Aug 18-20, 7860 Capri Dr. Everything must go! Too numerous to mention.

FARMINGTON HILLS - BIG GARAGE SALE! Aug 18-20th, 8-5pm. Clothes, furniture, yard tools, books, DVD's & more! 37863 Baywood Dr (9 Mile & Halsted).

FARMINGTON HILLS - 3 Family Gar. Sale! Old glassware, army gear, tools, clothes, misc. Aug 18-20, 9-6. 27624 Shawwassee, N/ 8 Mi. W off Inkster.

Garage/Moving Sales

GARDEN CITY 29131 Florence St. 8/18-8/20 Baby and household items, electronics, and much more!

GARDEN CITY - BIG sale! Lots of power tools, toys, baby stuff, kid's & women's plus size clothes, & a variety of other things. 149 Greenwood Ct., Middlebelt & Cherry Hill. Aug 18-21st, 10-4pm.

GARDEN CITY - Huge Yard sale. Clothing, tools, toys, misc items, household. Aug 19 & 20, 9-5pm. 6756 Warren, W of Middlebelt & S of Bly.

GARDEN CITY - Moving sale. Furniture, lots & lots of misc household items, clothing. Thurs-Sat., 8/18-8/20th, 10-3pm. 6449 Hawthorne, Merriman & Maplewood.

GARDEN CITY - Sat Mon & Tues. 9-6pm. Sun 3-6pm. Furniture, dishes, clothes, etc. 29825 Dawson, 1 blk W of Middlebelt, 2 blks N of Ford Rd.

HIGHLAND - GARAGE SALE - Saturday, August 20, 2011, 9am-4pm at Fraternal Order of Eagles, 4450 Duck Lake Road, Highland, Michigan.

HIGHLAND - Prestwick Village-Moving, Estate, Garage Sale - Collectibles (Fenton, glass, steins, super bowl + more), furniture, TV's, household, decor, clothing, sporting goods and more! Turned into a Sub Sale! 418 Carnoustie (Milford Rd., south of M59). Thurs-Sat., Aug. 18-20 9am-3pm.

LIVONIA - TEACHER'S SALE Fri., 4-7pm. Sat/Sun, 9-5pm. All subjects, books & more! Pre-K-4th Grade - 28604 Sunnydale, N of 5 Mile, E of Middlebelt. Homeschoolers, parents & daycare welcome.

LIVONIA - Multi-Family Moving/Garage Sale - 32177 Meadowbrook, Wed-Sat., Aug 17-20, 10am-6pm. Whole House, Baby & Kid's Equipment, Toys, Books, Games, Video Systems/Furniture, Glassware, Antiques & Collectibles.

LIVONIA - Baby items, girl's clothes, tools, toys, women's plus sizes, misc household & collectibles. 8/18-8/22. 9-6pm. 33251 Rayburn, 2 blocks N of 5 Mile & Farmington.

LIVONIA - Clothing, toys, VHS, household/kid, goods & lots more! Aug 18-20th, 9-5pm. 33427 Orangelan, Plymouth Rd & Farmington Rd.

LIVONIA - Fri & Sat 9-4pm. Some furniture, books, dishes, bunk beds, Beanie Babies & misc. 20471 Maplewood, S of 8 Mile & E of Middlebelt.

LIVONIA - Storm door, complete, 800, garage lights, unusual Bali decor, exercise bike, lots of 2 family household items. 18945 Loveland, near 7 Mile, 8/18-8/21, 9-3pm.

LIVONIA - Thurs, Fri & Sat. 9-5. Lots of goodies. 16601 Woodside Levan, btwn. 5 & 6 Mile Rd.

LIVONIA - Huge 2 family moving sale. Appls, furniture, household items, toys, books, 28737 & 28743 Babbery Park Dr. Sat. 9-4. Sun. 10-4.

LIVONIA - Huge Yard Sale 9924 Farmington, btwn Plymouth & Joy Rd. Golf clubs, ski board - never been used, some tools, power and hand, health equip, other things too numerous to list. Thurs-Fri, Aug 18-19, 8-4.

LIVONIA - Parish Wide Garage Sale. Furniture, household items, small appliances, music, Christmas, religious, purses, dishes, glassware & much more. Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 W. Six Mile, just E. of Middlebelt. Fri, Aug 19, 9-5. Sat., Aug. 20, 9-3.

MISC ITEMS - furniture, framed pictures, filing cabinet, books, kitchenware & small appls, china/dishes, decorative items, lamps, rugs, old phones, VCR, printers, Christmas items, linens, clothing & gardening items. Call for appointment 248-565-6400

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NORTHVILLE - August 19-20, 8am-3pm. 770 Bradburn Court, Lexington Commons Sub. W of Taft, N of 8 Mile. Two Families - Furniture, household items, great stuff for college apts.

NORTHVILLE - XXL 3 family sale! Too much to list! 1 day only. Sat. Aug 20th, 8-3pm. 46760 Greengrind Ct. S of 8 Mile, E of Beck.

NORTHVILLE: 2 FAMILY GARAGE SALE! Accent furniture, some antiques, Hall's & misc. home goods. Little girl's clothing - infant-size 5 Turkey fryer & fish/game smoker, classic red plaid hunting suit and camo. Music - assorted CD's, cassettes & LP's, plus complete Franklin mint big band collection (100 titles) cassette format - 1920's-1950's and beyond. Casio Keyboard with stand & stool. 21638 Bedford Dr., N of 8. W of Center. Thurs-Sat., Aug 18-20, 9-5.

NORTHVILLE - Aug 18-21 9-5. 46366 N Valley Dr 8 Mile Rd. btwn Randallph & Beck. Household & baby furniture, dishes & candles, linens, curtains, towels, baby & kids clothes & swing set, women's clothes 18-3X, men's clothes 2-8X, assortment of men's t-shirts extra lg, wheelchair, walker & cane, tools & more.

NORTHVILLE - Fri only, 9-3. Furniture & household items. 46620 Merion Circle, Northville Hills Sub.

NOVI - Huge sale! Toys, clothes, books, shoes, 2 pc couch, house & office equipment, sporting goods, infant toys & access, lawn access. Thurs-Sat., 9-3pm. 30514 Pennington Ln, off W Park Dr btwn 12 Mile & Pontiac Trl.

PLYMOUTH - Thurs-Sat., 8/18-8/20, 9-4pm. 13061 Glenview Dr (off of N Territorial, east of Beck Rd.) Bunk/Loft bed household, games, Wii storage and more.

PLYMOUTH - 40950 Micol St. S of Ann Arbor Trail, W of Haggerty, 8/17-8/19, 9-5pm. Vintage items, 15 bikes & bicycle parts, military, & auto. Collectible glassware.

Garage/Moving Sales

REDFORD - 8/18-8/20 9-5pm. 1999 Grand Marquis glass-ware, Clinique make up, misc. 26705 Ross Dr. btwn Beach & Inkster, Schoolcraft & 5 Mile.

REDFORD-BLOCK SALE Fri-Sun, Aug 19-21, 9-4pm. 9147 to 9197 Seminole. 2 blks, N of Joy, 1 blk E of Inkster.

REDFORD - 8/18-20, 9-6pm. 9177 San Jose. Btwn Cathedral/Westfield Furniture, sports, tools, clothes & more.

SOUTH LYON 8/18-8/20, 8am-4pm. Multi-Family - Household books, clothes, scrap booking, kids, etc. 58740 Hunters Court, 11 & Martindale.

SOUTH LYON - Aug 18-20, 9am-5pm. 908 S. Parkway Dr. off 9 Mile, East of Pontiac Trail. Baby/kid's items & household.

SOUTH LYON - Garage Sale 8/18-8/20, 9-5. Household, girls clothes (sizes 4-6), toys. 25838 Cobblers Lane, 11 Mile & Martindale.

SOUTH LYON - Multi family garage sale. Baby thru adult clothes, toys, books, home furnishings, & crystal. Thurs-Sun, Aug 18-21st, 9-5pm. 197, 201 & 204 Columbia Dr. in Hunters Creek, off 10 Mile.

SOUTHFIELD - A GARAGE SALE - Furniture, clothes, misc. household, tools. 21207 Poinciana, Southfield, 8 Mile & Inkster area. Aug. 19-21 10am-6pm.

WALLED LAKE - Multiple Sales! 2127 Hidden Meadows (condos). Aug. 18-20, 9-5 Teacher's stuff, collectibles, clothes, etc.

WAYNE - 34641 Elm St., Glenwood & Wayne Rd. Aug 18-20, 9-5pm. Boys clothing - infant-24 months, stroller, bounce, women's plus size clothing, TV's, household, etc.

WESTLAND - BIG BIG SALE! 32871 Joy Road, E of Farmington, W of Merriman. 8/18-8/20, 9-5pm. Furniture, appliances & misc.

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WESTLAND - Moving Sale - Household, clothes, toys, furniture, etc. 8431 Hubbard, 8/19 & 20, 9am-5pm.

WESTLAND - Huge Multi-Family Garage Sale - Friday, 8/19, 11am-6pm. Sat. & Sun., 20-21st, 10am-5pm. 38308 N. Rickham Ct., Westland, MI.

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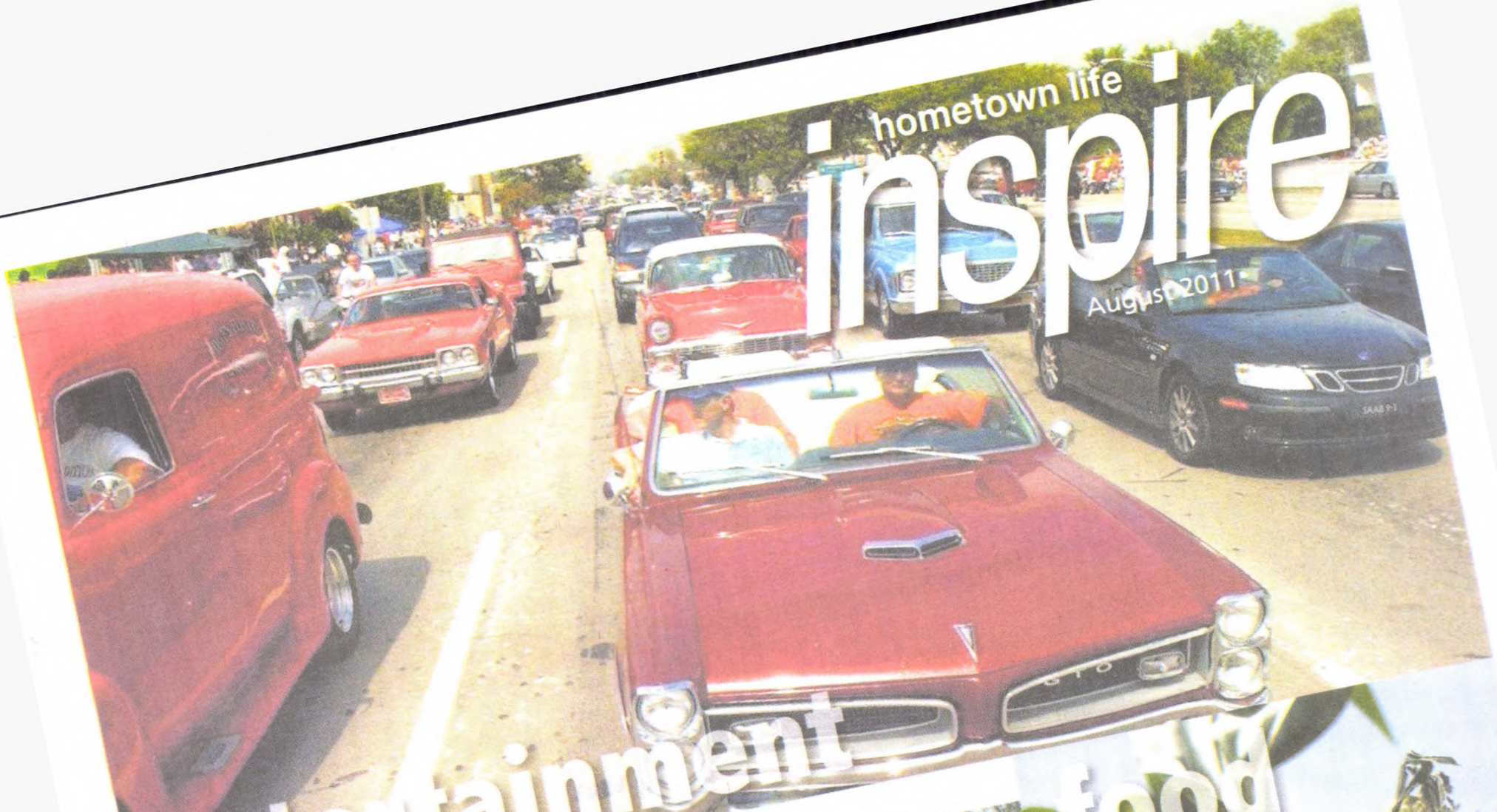
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Here's how to enjoy last month of summer

August is a favorite month in so many ways — and for good reason.

That first breath of fall weather can be felt as the sun sets, which makes us ever more ready to celebrate the dwindling summer days.

This month's *INSPIRE* shows you how to enjoy August.

Ride a bike, visit an area farmers mar-



Susan Rosiek

ket and savor the booths filled with Michigan produce, get ready for Saturday's Woodward Dream Cruise or take a last-minute vacation.

Contributing Writer Dennis Zelazny has been getting his VW — Winston — ready for Saturday's mega car event, the Woodward Dream Cruise. It's one of the largest gathering of car enthusiasts and admirers in the county.

Read how Dennis lovingly restored his VW. Thousands of readers can relate to his love affair with a classic car. Then wave to him as he cruises along Woodward.

And if you prefer to get around on oth-

er wheels, be sure to read our cover story on bicycling. Contributing Writer Sally Rummel talks to local bike shop owners about how to buy a bike, what to wear and where to ride.

And while contemplating what to do first, check out Nate Parsons' Beer Tracker column, then turn to our story on Michigan's recent wine competition. Michigan wines are earning a reputation for quality.

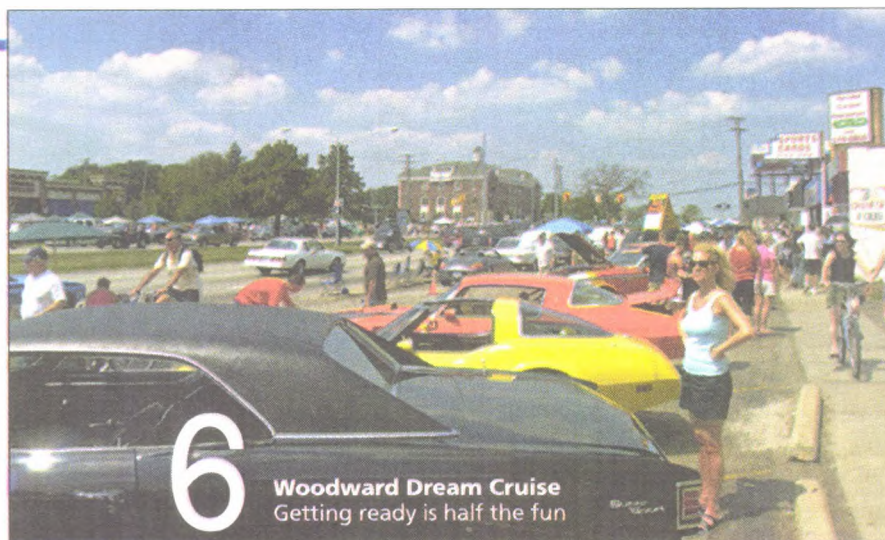
Get out and enjoy summer!

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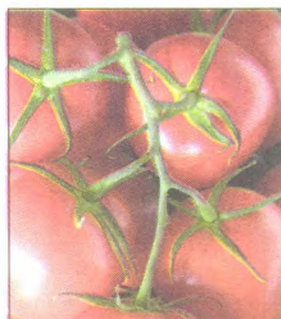
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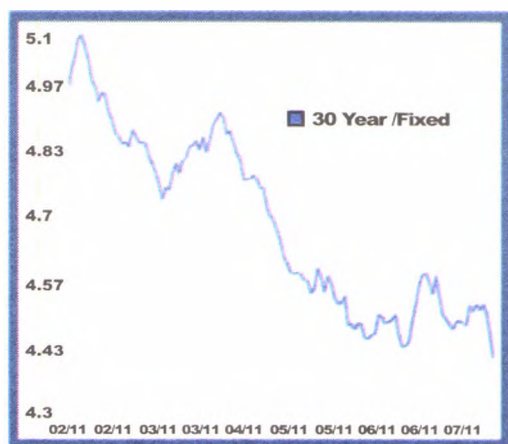


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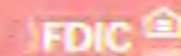
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beer tracker

A magic session

Bigger is better! This mantra has treated craft beer well, an industry known for spotlighting loud aggressive beers with limited release dates and 750ml bomber packaging... Got to have it! Most nights however the commoner is looking for a social lubricant, an offering that will enhance the moment without hijacking the event with alcohol. Recently the phrase "session beer" has been making its way into the realm of craft beer. Not sure if there is an official definition but in general terms, it's used to describe beer that can be enjoyed throughout the course of a sitting... or session. Typically these offerings are low in alcohol and have a balanced flavor of both hops and malt.

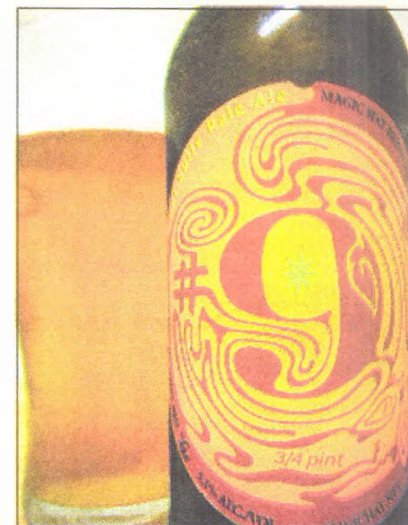


Nate Parsons

In the world of craft lagers and ales session beer is somewhat of an oxymoron. The craft beer movement was a reaction to mega breweries producing watered down product with low alcohol content, usually around 4%. Many craft brewers are reluctant to dip below the 5% line in fear of being labeled a sell-out. So what's the attraction? For one, a good session beer is proof that easy-drinking doesn't mean tasteless. In fact, a balanced beer tweaked enough to stay interesting is a good thing when bunkered down at the local watering hole. The idea of a session beer is just that; an idea, not a style like Porter or IPA. This notion gives patrons free range when identifying their go-to beer for outings that require a jogger's pace.

My summer session beer was grandfathered into my craft brew portfolio when North America Beverage (NAB) purchased the Vermont Brewing Company in 2010. Magic Hat #9 has all the qualities for holding your attention when making a night of it. The soft malts, rounded hops and citrus notes offer a well-balanced attack when the social calendar is full. If you find yourself interviewing candidates for the next session, I highly recommend conjuring up a Magic Hat #9.

Nate Parsons can be contacted at modevin@yahoo.com



TASTING NOTES

Beer: Magic Hat #9

Brewery: Vermont Brewing Company (NAB)

Origin: Burlington, VT

Style: Ale

ABV: 5.1%

Glassware: Pint or Flute

Description: Out of the bottle #9 pours tawny gold with a decent head and silky bubbles that cling to the glass. The fruity nose is front and center with lingering notes of honey. Initial intake has a controlled malty sweetness followed by a dry crisp element that tingles the mouth. Essence of apricot, orange and tangerine are evident but remain in the background. The clean refreshing finish preps the palate for the next intake. Overall a well-balanced offering with contradicting elements that delivers a simple yet complex experience.

Conclusion: Logic will only give you what you need... Magic Hat #9 gives you what you want.

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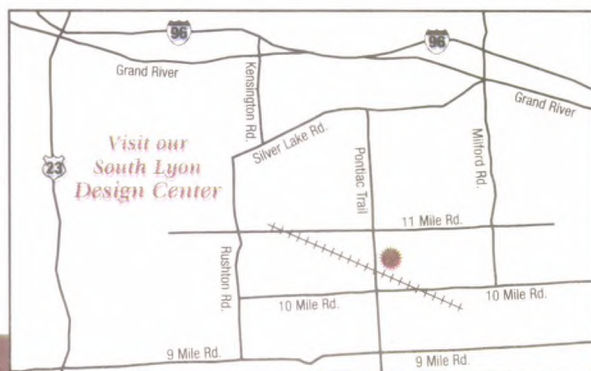
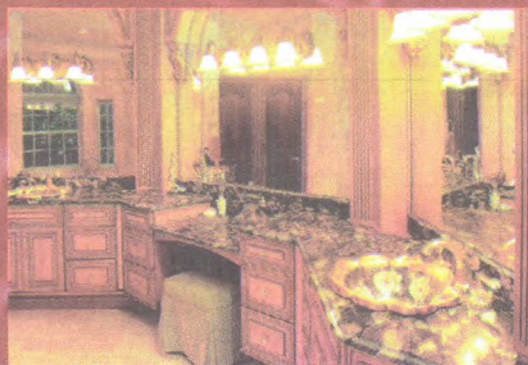
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Getting ready is half the fun

By Dennis Zelazny
Contributing Writer

Wash bucket — check
Lots of rags — check.
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Chrome polish — check.
Beautiful classic vintage car ... well, to me it is.
My 1967 VW Beetle is slowly beginning to look like a classic. That's what makes the Woodward Dream Cruise a perfect venue for me.

I purchased this car more than 14 years ago. I remember stories my Uncle Henry told me about how I loved seeing these cars as a kid. From what I can figure, I was around 10 years old — the time when life was still new and I had not even begun to see any of the world's mysteries.

Now, 40 years after the fact, I own a Volkswagen Beetle. I have met a lot of very nice people associated with this little car and its history. Lynn Anderson a writer for *Hot VW* magazine, has always encouraged me to "keep the bug rolling." I am eternally indebted to Bruce Drinkwater, the mechanic who insisted I work on the engine under his instruction along with his group of VW gear heads. And the Michigan Vintage Volkswagen Club pulls so many VW enthusiasts together.

Getting ready for the big day is a lot of work. The pressure is turned up high. Being on the road with vehicles that are worth thousands of dollars and take endless hours of detailing can be scary. Values range from the highest end vintage cars to rat rods that are only worth the amount of oil they burn. You know everyone is giving it their best and the owners couldn't be prouder at that moment. While the event is for everyone, not everyone can drive along Woodward Avenue in his or her very own classic automobile.

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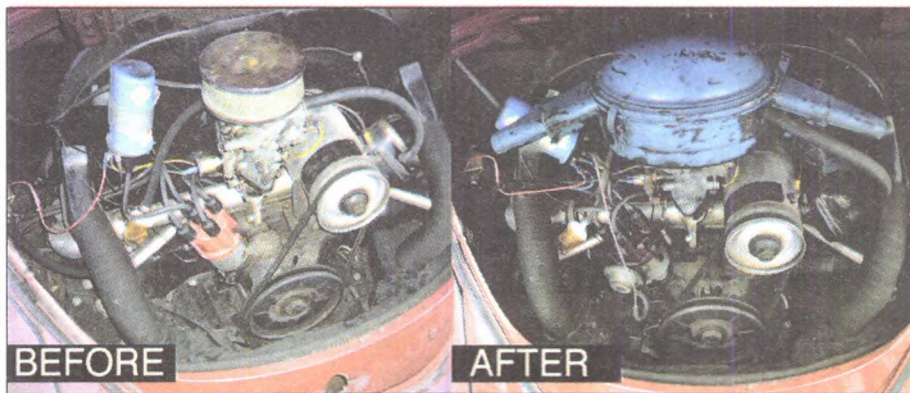
Dennis Zelazny



My blog spot has more information about the 2011 Woodward Dream Cruise.



Winston is a unique shade of red with a hint of orange. After five coats of wax he will shine for a few weeks before the oxidation sets in again.



PHOTOS BY DENNIS ZELAZNY

The engine remains in almost its original condition. During the restoration process the air filter was replaced with the correct style. It actually holds a small amount of oil in it and — yes — the engine smells of oil and makes that unique hum while it is running.



Restoring an interior can be challenging. Finding the right colors then explaining how you want them used caused a stir with many collectors. My color combination is unique but it is what I wanted and will look great when the exterior has been painted to match.

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A pure Michigan summer bursting with flavors

Summer in Michigan is bursting with flavors with our rich agriculture resources and its bounty from freshwater lakes and streams. Thousands of people are flocking to fresh marketplaces, u-pick orchards, farms and vineyards for fruits, vegetables, flowers, herbs and the fruit of the vine. Michigan has more than 250 agricultural destinations including farmers markets, wineries and more. Cities and towns are celebrating signature crops with more than 50 events this summer, and lakes and rivers welcome eager anglers. More than 80 vineyard and winery tasting rooms will pour delicious libations. It all makes for a fresh and delicious Pure Michigan summer season.

“Summer is when Michigan agriculture takes center stage as we look forward to juicy strawberries, bountiful blueberries, the crunch of the first bite of sweet corn,” said Keith Creagh, Michigan Department Agriculture & Rural Development. “There is no shortage of opportunities for everyone to get a taste of Pure Michigan this summer.”

From Market To Market

You can count on finding a local market (*see local farmers market list on this page*) or farm or one near your travel destination. Kids love getting into the swing of things with orchard tours, helping to pick fresh fruit, or participating in activities and watching cooking demonstrations

A SAMPLING OF U-PICK FARMS, 11

at many of the markets across the state. Visit michiganfarmfun.com to download a Michigan Farm Market & Agricultural Tourism Directory for a complete listing of where and when to purchase fresh produce and other goods.

Michigan's oldest farmers market is Detroit's Eastern Market, which opened in 1891 in the downtown area. It includes more than 250 independent vendors who wholesale and offer retail produce, meat, coffee, spices, cheese, flowers and more.

If you're traveling to the west side of the state, visit the Fulton Street Farmers Market in Grand Rapids. For more than 80 years, the market has been a favorite gathering place with more than 100 booths carrying certified home-grown goods including produce, sweets, breads, flowers and Michigan's own maple syrup.

A visit to the Upper Peninsula can include a stop at any of the 16 farmers markets including the Iron Mountain Farmers & Artisans Market open every Saturday. There is live entertainment, demonstrations, and kids' activities in addition to fresh produce and crafts.

For a complete list of summer events, log on at michigan.org.

SHOP THESE LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

Enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables and other local goods at these area farmers markets. Traveling in Michigan, go to www.michigan.org for a statewide list of markets and farm stands.

ANN ARBOR FARMERS MARKET

Open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. May-December, the market is located in the historic Kerrytown District, 315 Detroit St. This market is a producers-only market, which means that all items are grown, baked or crafted by the vendors who sell them.

BIRMINGHAM FARMERS MARKET

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

CANTON FARMERS MARKET

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

EASTERN MARKET

Each week as many as 40,000 people flock to Eastern Market, 2934 Russell Street, Detroit, for its Saturday Market from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. The market recently added Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. now through Sept. 27.

The market serves up a great selection of fruits, veggies, fresh-cut flowers, homemade jams, maple syrups, locally produced specialty food products, pasture and/or grass-fed meat. Enjoy the great bounty of Michigan, Ohio and Ontario harvests.

FARMINGTON FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

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

GARDEN CITY FARMERS MARKET

Open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays through Oct. 26 at the northeast corner of Ford and Middlebelt in the Garden City Town Center Plaza. The mar-

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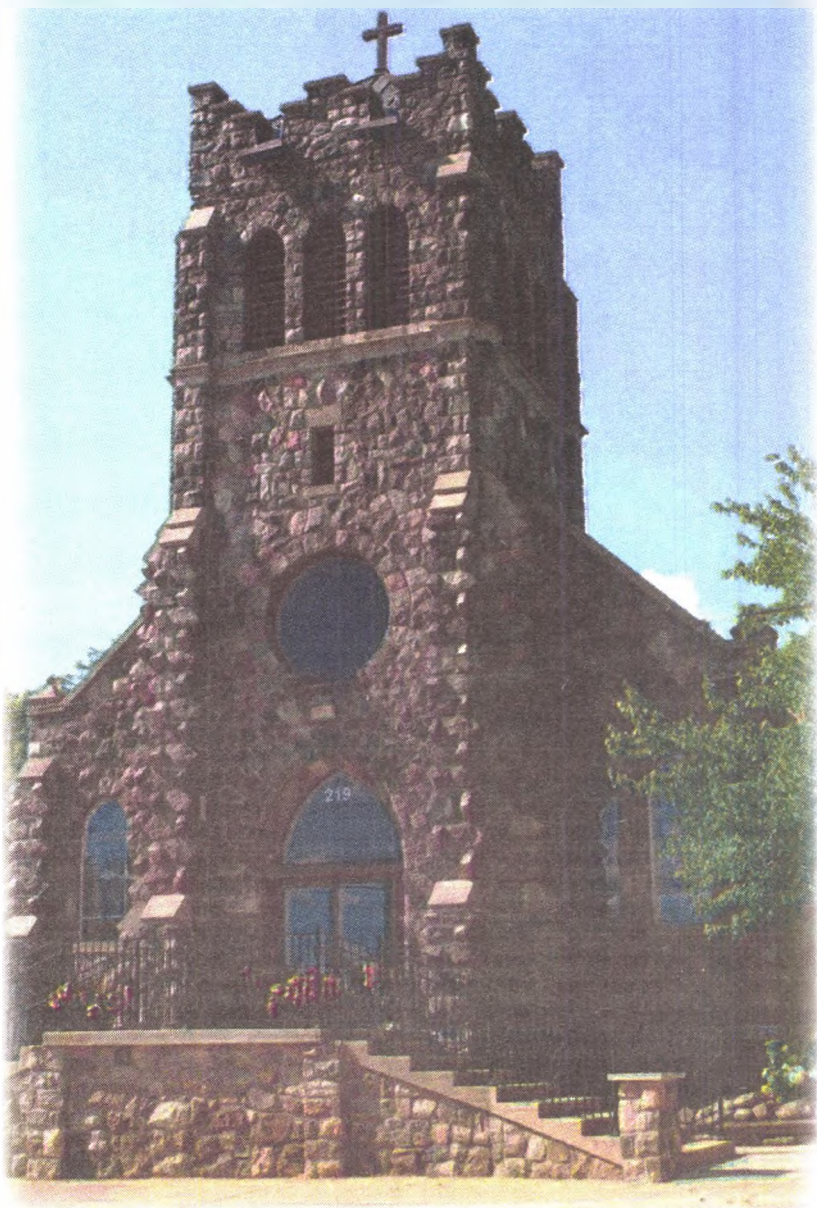
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ket offers a variety of activities for families. Other activities include a Community Kitchen “How to Series” with canning demonstrated by Norah Fix, recipe contest, biggest tomato contests and corn and pumpkin festival.

LIVONIA FARMERS MARKET

Open Saturdays through Oct. 8 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the historic Wilson Barn, West Chicago and Middlebelt roads. Local vendors offer a variety of produce, plants, crafts, etc.

For more information, visit www.wilsonbarn.com or call (734) 261-3602

MILFORD FARMERS MARKET

Open Thursdays 3-8 p.m. through Oct. 20 at 115 Liberty St. (between South Main and Union streets) Local vendors offer fresh produce. Weekly entertainment is featured. Visit www.milfordfarmersmarket.org.

NORTHVILLE FARMERS MARKET

Open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 27. Features more than 100 booths of Michigan-made, Michigan-grown products. Chef’s at the Market Series every third Thursday.

Located in the parking lot on the northwest corner of Sheldon and Seven Mile roads.

NOVI FARMERS MARKET

Open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 1.

An open-air market featuring fresh organic and tasty produce, gorgeous plants and flowers, yummy baked goods, honey and jam, sensational crafts and works of art. Family fun events add to the excitement: face painting, entertainment from local music and dance groups and more. Located at Fuerst Park, next to the Novi Public Library, corner of Ten Mile and Taft roads. The eight-acre park offers rolling hills, walkways, picnic areas and sculpture gardens, to enhance the market experience. Free parking and wi-fi access too.

PLYMOUTH FARMERS MARKET

Open 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 29 at The Gathering, Penniman Avenue in downtown Plymouth. Fresh produce, baked good, plants and flowers along with arts and crafts and other items.

REDFORD FARMERS MARKET

Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays at the Marquee, which is within the

Town Hall complex, 15145 Beech Daly Road, a block south of the Five Mile and Beech Daly intersection in the heart of downtown Redford.

ROYAL OAK FARMERS MARKET

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

SOUTHFIELD FARMERS MARKET

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

SOUTH LYON FARMERS MARKET

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

WAYNE FARMERS MARKET

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

WESTLAND FARMERS MARKET

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

WHITE LAKE FARMERS MARKET

Open 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, through Oct. 22 at Lakeland High School, 1630 Bogie Lake Road, White Lake. Locally grown vegetables, fruits and flowers, yard and garden materials, crafts and more.

SAMPLING OF MICHIGAN FARMS AND U-PICK LOCATIONS

Southwest

When in southwest Michigan, take a drive along the Blue Star Highway and head for Earl's Berry Farm in Fennville. Open seven days a week through October, you can enjoy blackberries, blueberries, raspberries, strawberries and more. Families love Jollay Orchards Family Fun Farm in Coloma, with plenty of u-pick fruits plus an animal farm, picnic area and playground. Tree-Mendus Fruit in Eau Claire offers tremendous u-pick fruit options.

Southeast

A favorite is Erwin Orchards Inc., a third-generation family farm located in South Lyon, celebrating its 91st year. James N. Erwin planted his first tree in 1920. His son Edward and grandson Bill have carried on his ideals. Bill and wife Linda, along with partner Bill Emery, are now managing the 200 acres of fruit with state-of-the-art technology. Their trademark is top quality u-pick apples, sweet cherries, raspberries and pumpkins and family entertainment.

Long Family Orchard & Cider Mill in Commerce Township offers u-pick strawberries, apples and sweet corn. Looking for gooseberries? Drive to Milan and the Wasem Fruit Farm, where you can also pick tart cherries, raspberries and black currants.

West Central

More gooseberries! Plus blueberries, red and black currants and raspberries can be picked at Sandy Bottom Berries in Rockford. Ed Dunneback & Girls Farm in Grand Rapids offers u-pick strawberries plus asparagus, sweet cherries, tomatoes and more. There is a play area for kids and folks can also purchase many other goods. Blueberries are the specialty of Rhynard's Blueberry Farm in Shepherd, east of Mt. Pleasant. The season runs from early July to

Labor Day, daily dawn to dusk. Pick up fresh honey, too.

East Central

The Blueridge Blueberry Farm produces organic blueberries in Michigan's Thumb town of Capac. The blue "super food" fruit is usually available from mid-July through August. The farm provides a truck to take pickers to the patches. Bring your own containers. The fruit is certified naturally grown. The Davis Family Farm in Owosso follows organic methods to grow blackberries, strawberries, rhubarb, tomatoes and walnuts.

Northwest

The well known Friske Orchards Farm Market offers u-pick apples, cherries, peaches and strawberries in Ellsworth. Onsite is an old-fashioned general store, a play land and barnyard animals. Cedar Sol Hydro Farm in the town of Cedar follows organic practices and produce is grown in a hydroponic stacking system providing a

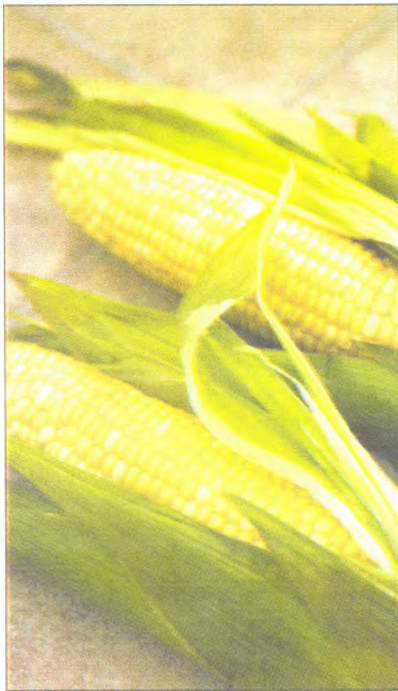
simple, no bending or kneeling picking experience.

Northeast

You must call ahead to schedule a u-pick date for the Quaker Hill Farm in Harrisburg near Alpena. Using organic farming methods, the fruit and vegetables are fresh and delicious. Not open Sundays. Blueberry Hills in Mio offers sweet corn, cucumber, peppers, tomatoes and more. See farm animals and enjoy the farm market, picnic area and snacks from the refreshment stand.

Upper Peninsula

At Gierke Blueberry Farm in Chassell, the blueberry crop is usually ready for harvest in August. The family-owned farm uses organic growing methods. Ask about the resident llama while you are there.



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Curb feelers and fuzzy dice

I'm from the generation that barely remembers going to driver education classes — when the cars had dual controls and parallel parking was a must. Those curious little wires hanging off the sides at the bottom of the wheel wells were life savers to most. You definitely did not want to scuff those white walls.

Cars up until the 1960s or so were equipped with "curb feelers." These are springy little pieces of wire affixed to the car's body side panels, right next to the wheel well and jutting out several inches. When you parked, you were to listen for the feeler scraping the curb to know you were close enough without scuffing your tire and hubcap. White wall tires were considered stylish, and rubbing them against the curb could very quickly ruin their appearance.

The practice of fuzzy dice originated in the U.S. in the 1950s and is considered one of the

first items sold specifically to be hung from a rear-view mirror. The exact meaning and origin of fuzzy dice is unclear, but one theory holds that U.S. pilots in World War II used dice in their cockpits for good luck. While fuzzy dice were at the height of their popularity in the 1970s and '80s, they have since become increasingly rare and the practice of hanging any object from the rear-view mirror is prohibited in Michigan.

Finding curb feelers and other fun accessories in the area can be a task. Fuzzy dice are available at many local auto parts stores, such as Auto Zone or Murray's-O'Reilly Auto Parts Stores. Or try some of these online options: Hemmings.com, Edmonds.com, JCWhitney.com, ClassicAccessories.org, RestoreClassics.com and ClassicCarParts.com.

— By Dennis Zelazny

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The event makes you check the history of your vehicle, where it was made, the changes that the model experienced and, of course, some of your own history, such as where you purchased it and how much restoration you put into it. Everyone wants to know what you are going to do with it in the future.

Mine will always be near to me. I named my VW Winston and the purchase took place in a grocery store parking lot. I used it as a daily runner for a few years and loved every minute of it, even when it was roadside waiting to be towed.

Winston spends a lot of time outside, so cleaning the exterior surfaces takes the biggest part of prep time. Oxidization is the worst. Someday he will sport a shiny coat of three-tone paint consisting of reddish maroon, buttercup yellow and dark navy blue. But until that day, I will continue to buff up the old lacquer paint — what's left of it — and make it shine like new for Dream Cruise day. New bumpers were added a few years ago and the interior was replaced as well. It's better than Easter Sunday when you get out all the best you have and put your best foot forward.

There are events all week leading up to Dream Cruise Saturday, but I will spend most of that time in my driveway, detailing away. There is something about that Saturday morning that is better than Cheerios and bananas — it's how I start the day. When I step out of the house and look at my shiny little car in the driveway, I know it's going to be a fun experience. The strange noises that the engine makes as I turn the key and

CLASSIC DREAMS

What: The Woodward Dream Cruise is the world's largest one-day celebration of classic car culture that attracts more than 1 million visitors and more than 40,000 muscle cars, street rods, custom, collector and special-interest vehicles.

When: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20.

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Cost: There are no fees to drive in the Woodward Dream Cruise or to watch the cruise. Anyone can participate, although those not driving a classic car are asked to stay out of the two right, or curb, lanes.

— Source: 2010-11 Woodward Dream Cruise Inc.

the squeaks and pings that seem to happily chirp as it rolls into the street, let me know Winston is ready to be put into drive.

I know I don't get the oohs and aahs that the other drivers on the street get, but what I do get is a lot of grins and smiles because everyone loves Herbie, the Volkswagen Beetle character featured in several Disney motion pictures starting with the 1968 film *The Love Bug*. And, of course, there are the adults who seem to blush remembering college days and first loves. I'm happy to drive down Woodward Avenue remembering my youth and taking the opportunity to make new memories.

Next month: Boats and Bottles?

Life is like a bike ride ... you've got to keep pedaling

Now is a perfect time to rediscover the joy of biking

By Sally Rummel
Contributing Writer

Remember when you couldn't wait to hop on your bike to experience the wind in your hair, the breeze on your knees and a sense of freedom like no other?

People are rediscovering the simple joys of biking, whether they're an urban cyclist, a mountain biker or an off-road rider.

"Biking has become really popular again," said Seth Kleinglass, owner of Sweet Bikes in Canton. "People are getting back on their bikes, taking advantage of safer places to ride today and more leisure time to enjoy it."

At Trail's Edge Cyclery in Milford, cyclists are taking advantage of all the interconnected trails near the village — from the YMCA to Kensington Metropark and Island Lake State Park.

"People just like to get out for a day of leisure in the parks," said Mike Flack, who opened the Milford store last year. It's the second location now for Trail's Edge Cyclery. Flack opened the original in Plymouth seven years ago. He caters to a well-rounded clientele of road racers, recreational cyclists and mountain bikers.

"We're the only bike shop in the state of Michigan that does bike rentals," Flack said. "People who rent a bike to try it out for an extended time can then use those dollars for the purchase of the

bike."

Biking is for all ages, with young riders sporting 12-inch wheels to senior citizens enjoying the stability and balance of a three-wheeled model. But don't tell that to a recent 93-year-old customer at South Lyon Cycle — this older gentleman bought himself a brand new cruising bike because he had worn out his older model.

While former Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong made a positive contribution to the rise in cycling interest during the 2000s, today's biking's popularity is more about the new technology that has made the sport much more comfortable to enjoy.

Today's "comfort cruisers" — retro-styled bikes featuring larger, padded seats with big springs, plus higher handlebars — ease the strain on a person's lower body and back. They're also known as "beach cruisers," according to Rick Kelly, of D&D Bicycles and Hockey, a family-owned business with five locations in southeast Michigan. Back in the 1930s to 1950s, cruisers were in their heyday, but their popularity waned when mountain bikes came on the scene in the 1970s and 1980s. They were nicknamed "beach cruisers" because they were used mainly on sidewalks and beaches at the time. Today, they are some of the most popular

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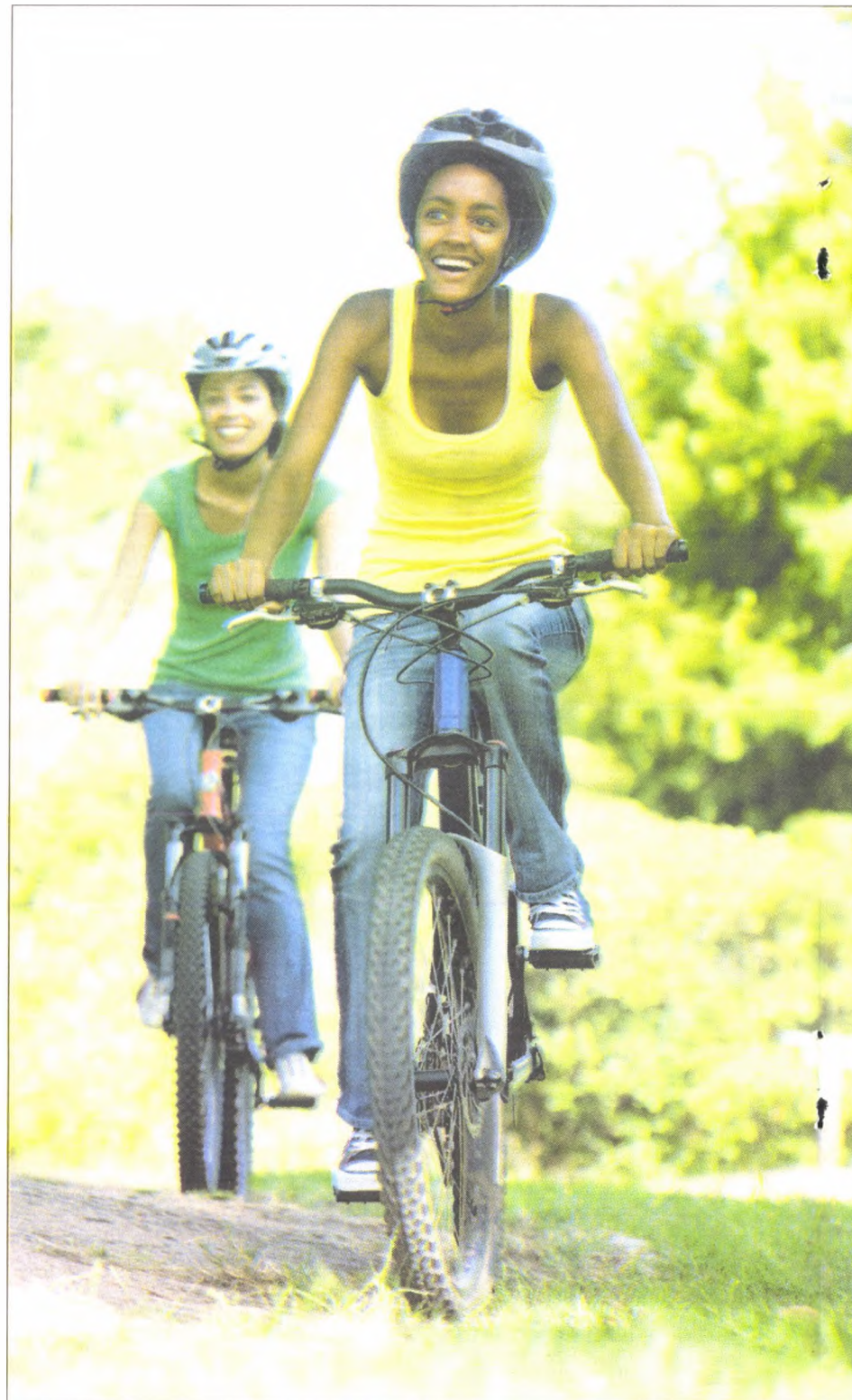
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HOW TO BUY A BIKE

When you're in the market for a bike, your best bet is to shop around, especially at independent bike shops that have a passion for the sport.

Here are a few things to consider before you make a purchase.

1 Think about the kind of riding you intend to do. Most customers are looking for a leisure, or recreational bike, which is comfortable and easy to use. Recreational bikes are either comfort cruisers or hybrid bikes. A person seeking this type of cycling experience will not be happy pedaling a mountain bike with too aggressive tires, or a racing bike specifically designed for speed.

2 How much are you willing to pay for your bike? Keep in mind that a quality bike from a bicycle shop may be more expensive up front than those purchased from a mass marketer, but the quality of the bike, its assembly and the regular maintenance that often accompanies such a purchase will usually balance out the initial investment. Most bikes purchased



from a professional cycle shop are bikes that are built to last a lifetime.

3 Choose your bike frame carefully. Frames are made of either steel, aluminum or carbon fiber. Steel is very strong, but heavier than aluminum or carbon fiber. Aluminum is lighter and more expensive than steel, but just as strong. Carbon fiber is the lightest, very strong, and the most expensive.

4 Check the brakes before you buy. There are several types of bicycle brakes, including center pull, v-brake and disc brake. Each type has well-constructed and poorly constructed versions, so it pays to ask questions. The quality also depends on who assembled them. At bicycle shops, bikes are usually assembled on-site by professionals who take the time to make sure each component is working properly.

5 It pays to research the different types of brands available. Each independent shop has its own inventory of bike brands at different price points. Ask questions, and see which brand fits your biking needs,

as well as your budget.

6 Make sure the bike itself is a proper fit. Adjust the seat for proper leg extension, advises Donald Bachman of Town-N-Country Bikes in Livonia. "Most people ride with the seat way too low." You should also have the proper reach to the handlebars. Your arms should not be fully extended — your elbows should be slightly bent so that you feel comfortable and not too far away or too close to the handlebars.

7 Make sure to test ride a number of bikes before you buy one. "Don't just take the first bike out and then buy it," Bachman said. "Experience the difference in how each bike feels when you ride it."

The most important aspect of buying a bike is to find one that meets your purposes and is comfortable to ride, if you're looking for a recreational bike. If it's not a good fit, it will end up in storage in your garage instead of being used.

— By Sally Rummel

Biking style — what to wear

What you wear when pedaling a bike will all depend on the purpose of your ride. But the most important accessory of all is a properly fitting helmet, according to Chris Hatfield, service manager at American Cycle & Fitness in Novi.

"Wearing a helmet is usually a personal choice, unless it's mandated where you're cycling, but it's a lot safer to wear one than not," Hatfield said.

He suggests having a bicycle retailer properly fit a person's helmet for optimal safety when cycling.

Always wear a helmet that has a U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission sticker. All helmets manufactured or imported for sale in the U.S. must have a label or sticker stating that they comply with a federal safety standard for bike helmets issued in March 1999.

The most important consideration is to choose a helmet that fits fairly well, even before adjustments are made. Here are a few tips from www.sports-medicine.about.com:

- When selecting a helmet for a child, select one that fits well before adjustments are made. Don't buy a helmet for a child to "grow into."

- Ideally, select a brightly colored helmet to increase visibility while you ride.

- More expensive helmets usually have more vents to provide better ventilation and offer more adjustments for a better fit.

- Some helmets come in different styles to accommodate the needs of specific riders, i.e. a detachable visor for commuters or tourists who want sun protection. It's a matter of preference.

For other biking apparel, much of

the style is dictated by the type of cycling a person is enjoying.

A "roadie" will likely sport spandex and follow the fashion sense of Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong, including a padded, lightweight pair of bicycle shorts for extra comfort, according to Hatfield. "Their shirts will likely be more fitted for wind resistance," he added. "They might also sport logos of companies they like, or whatever Armstrong is wearing."

Footwear for serious cyclists should be a stiff-soled shoe, so they don't lose "pedal power" when their shoes flex.

Casual bikers will appreciate the loose-fitting dry-wicking features of biking apparel by Prana, Icebreaker and Patagonia, according to Colin Wheeler, retail sales associate at Boyne Country Sports in Novi.



Melanie Schmitt helped organize the first Royal Oak/Ferndale Suburban Detroit Critical Mass event last month. The ride attracted 175 riders. The group is now planning an event the third Friday of every month. Cyclists will meet in Ferndale at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, out of the Withington Street parking lot north of Nine Mile Road and west of Woodward Avenue.

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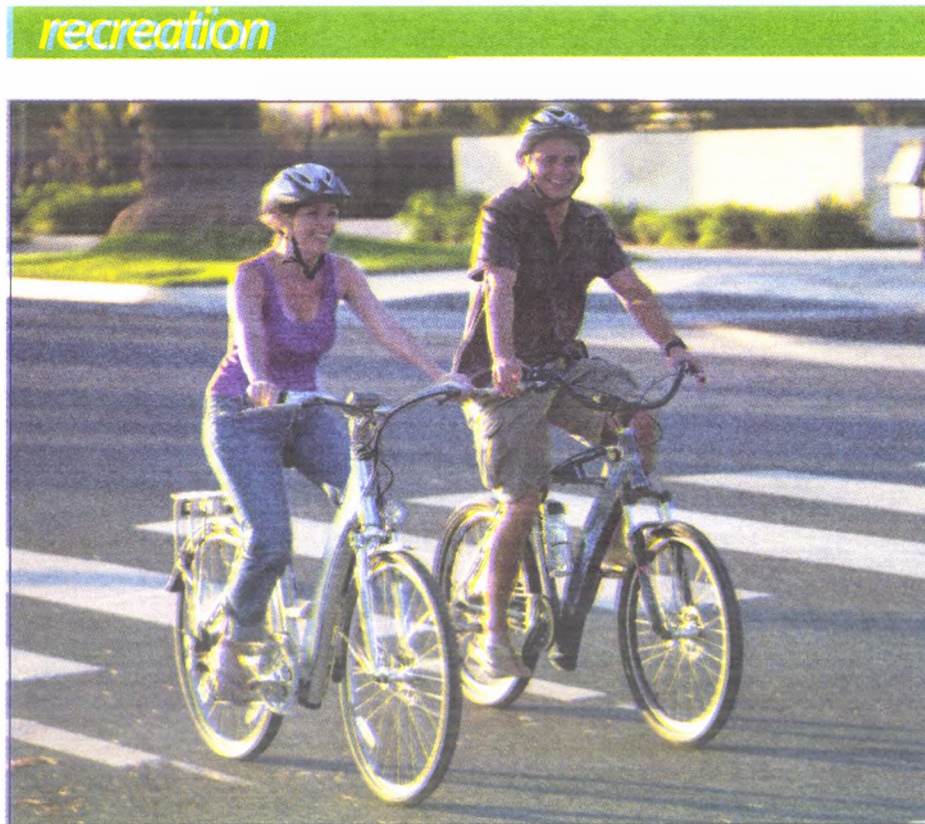
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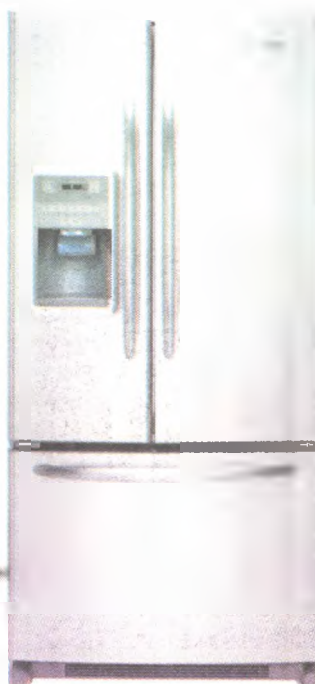
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bikes on the market.

These comfort cruisers, plus the new hybrid models that combine the features of comfort with speed and lightweight portability, make up the majority of bike sales today, according to local bike shop owners.

"Comfort cruisers, what we call 'bike path riders,' are our most popular selling bikes," said Kleinglass of Sweet Bikes. "We sell a lot of them to people who have gotten away from the sport and want to enjoy it now with their own families."

He is especially excited about the new Electra Verse hybrid model, with features that offer more distance capabilities, comfort and portability, along with very modern styling. "We're the first bike shop in Michigan to carry it," Kleinglass said.

Another new cycle product in the market today is the "e-bike" — a battery powered electric bike designed for baby boomers, college students, commuters or people with knee or leg issues who can't easily ride a standard bike.

"Electric bikes have been huge in Europe and China for years, and now they've become popular in the U.S., especially since the rise in gas prices," said Jeremy Panizzoli, owner of eCo Wheelz in downtown Plymouth, which also sells electric scooters and mopeds. "You can ride your bike to work, save money on gas, help the environment and not be exhausted when you get there."

Cyclists who want the best of both worlds can enjoy the fun of pedaling on their own for most of their ride, then using the power feature when going up hard-to-navigate hills. Electric bikes actually look and ride like a standard bike, according to Panizzoli.

Mark Childs, who owns South Lyon Cycle with his brother, Gary, is typical of the customer base he sees in their family's store. "We sell bikes for recreational fitness as well as racing," Childs said. "We tend to cater most to families. I used to race a lot, but now I like to bike with my family. We like to do things together outdoors. That's what a lot of our customers are looking for today. You can use your bike for a lot more than just exercise."

An increased interest in high-energy sports like triathlons and adventure racing has also boosted the popularity of cycling, according to Childs. One local example would be the Criterium Race in Milford, now in its third year. This year's July 31 event was designated as the State Championship Criterium Race.

Typically known as a "crit," this event is a short, multi-lap closed circuit road

cycling race traditionally held in an urban setting, with its roots in Europe. Because the course is short, spectators can get up close and walk the course and see the action from a variety of vantage points. Criterium racing is the most popular form of competitive road cycling in the U.S., according to milfordcrit.org.

It's a far different atmosphere than some of the bike events set in downtown Detroit, which is becoming more and more of a destination for urban cyclists and their specialty cycling events. Almost every week, one is either raising funds or awareness for a particular cause or bringing people together for a group bike ride in a social setting.

One that Kleinglass mentions often to his customers at Sweet Bikes is "Critical Mass" — a group biking event held in downtown Detroit and other major U.S. cities and others around the world at 6:30 p.m. the last Friday of every month. The ride actually starts at 7 p.m. at the corner of Warren and Trumbull avenues, and lasts about two hours.

"It's a group riding event for families, including children, senior citizens, etc.," Kleinglass said. "It originated first out in San Francisco. Now they're held all over the world. You don't have to be a serious athlete to participate. It's a chance to ride, to chat and enjoy a non-competitive biking event."

Royal Oak/Ferndale held its first Suburban Detroit Criterium Mass event at 7 p.m. July 22, a 1½-hour ride, heading south toward Ferndale and back to Royal Oak. About 175 riders participated, according to Melanie Schmitt one of the organizers. They are now planning an event the third Friday of every month. Cyclists will meet in Ferndale at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, out of the Withington Street parking lot north of Nine Mile Road and west of Woodward Avenue. The theme will be "Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise," coinciding with the famous car event happening that week.

Now is a perfect time to begin thinking about taking your bike out for a spin, even if it's just a pleasant ride around the neighborhood. How do you take your interest in biking to the next level? Kleinglass suggests you make your next bike ride a destination trip. "Riding your bike to a store is a good way to support your local businesses while enjoying a ride," he said.

Then it's just another hop, skip and a pedal to area metroparks, trails and many other cycling opportunities.

"Life is like riding a bicycle — in order to keep your balance, you must keep moving" — **Albert Einstein**

HERE'S WHERE TO RIDE IN METRO DETROIT

• **Huron-Clinic Metropark**: A regional park district that encompasses Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Livingston counties offers paved bike trails. They include:

• **Kensington Metropark**, Milford — 8 1/2-mile paved hike/bike trail, gentle hills, a few challenging inclines, scenic views around Kent Lake. Bike helmet required by local ordinance.

• **Indian Spring Metropark**, White Lake Township — Eight-mile paved hike/bike trail.

• **Stony Creek Metropark**, Shelby Township, Washington Township, Rochester — 6.1-mile paved hike/bike trail circles the lake. Single-speed bikes may be rented. Mountain bikers can ride on 14 miles of hilly, heavily wooded dirt trails. Helmets required.

• **Hudson Mill Metropark**, Dexter — 5.3-mile, 10-foot wide paved path of trails winding around Huron River.

• **Lower Huron Metropark**, Belleville — 4.1-mile paved hike/bike trail, scenic views of Huron River. Trail continues through Willow and Oakwood metroparks for 30-mile round trip.

• **Oakwood Metropark**, Flat Rock — Three-mile paved hike/bike trail, continues 12 more miles at Lower Huron and Willow metroparks for 30-mile round trip.

• **Willow Metropark**, New Boston — 4.5-mile hike/bike trail with scenic views of Huron River, connects to Lower Huron and Oakwood metroparks for 30-mile round trip.

• **Metro Beach Metropark**, Harrison Township — Three-mile paved hike/bike trail with scenic views of Lake St. Clair.

Other area places to ride include:

• **I-275 Bike Trail**: A 44-mile paved bike trail from Northville to Frenchtown Township. Access points in Canton on the east side of I-275 at Michigan Avenue, Cherry Hill Road, Ford Road and Koppnick Road. Access points in Plymouth on Ann Arbor Road east of I-275 and along Hines Drive.

• **Maybury State Park Trail**, 20145 Beck Road, Northville: Five miles of rugged and challenging off-road biking trails and six miles of paved bike trails. Bike trail is off Eight Mile, between Beck and Napier.

• **Island Lake Recreation Area/Michigan State Park**, Brighton: 13 miles of dirt trails for mountain biking and a four-mile paved trail. NOTE: The paved trail connecting Island Lake to Kensington Metropark will close intermittently from Aug. 1 through November, according to the DNR, because of I-96 bridge repairs over the Huron River.

• **Huron Valley Trail**: This 10-mile rail trail, extending from South Lyon to Kensington, is a paved surface for hiking/biking. The spur loop to Kensington and Island Lake Recreation Area is also paved, with challenging hills. Once inside the parks, there are loops



around Kent Lake and the Huron River.

• **Paint Creek Trail**, northeast Oakland County: This 8.9-mile trail was the first Rail-to-Trail in Michigan. This non-motorized trail is eight feet wide and travels through Rochester, Rochester Hills, Oakland Township, Orion Township and the village of Lake Orion.

• **Potawatomi Trail**, Pinckney: Mountain biking trails from 1.9 to 17.5 miles, including the 17-mile Potawatomi Trail, the 5.1-mile Crooked Lake Trail and the 1.9-mile Silver Lake Trail. Open all year.

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Michigan competition: 2010 white wines are noteworthy

East Lansing was awash in Michigan wine earlier this month as 25 wine experts gathered Aug. 2 at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center for the 34th annual Michigan Wine and Spirits Competition.

Judges included wine experts from around the country, including Doug Frost, who is both a master of wine and master sommelier; two other master sommeliers; and internationally known authors, winemakers and wine educators. Leading the group through the day was food and wine writer Christopher Cook, who judged at the competition for 12 years before becoming its superintendent in 2001. Cook is also a judge at wine competitions throughout the U.S. and abroad.

There was a great variety of wines entered by newer wineries throughout Michigan, with several garnering medals, including a raspberry wine produced by Garden Bay Winery in the Upper Peninsula that won Best of Class Fruit Wine.

Many judges say the Michigan competition is a favorite because they are eager to try new wines from the state's rapidly growing industry.

"The Michigan wine industry continues to expand and offer quality wines with fun and excitement. It's why Michigan wines and winery tasting rooms are growing in popularity," said veteran judge Joe Borrello, president of Tasters Guild International, which sponsored the Best of Class Dessert trophy.

Fifty-three of the state's 84 wineries entered 367 wines for this year's competition, which is open only to wine and spirits produced from Michigan grapes and other fruit. Gold medals were awarded to a wide variety of wines — from bone-dry reds to deliciously sweet ice wines — from all of Michigan's

major grape-growing areas. At the end of the day, judges awarded the top Best of Class awards to eight wines from a group of 51 gold-medal winners, including seven double gold.

James VanDerKolk, with Elite Brands, was "stunned by the depth of quality in the dry white wines from 2010, and very pleasantly surprised by the high-quality dry reds tasted from 2010."

Judges experienced just a sampling of red wines from the 2010 vintage, which is expected to be exceptional, as Michigan enjoyed a long, warm growing season that allowed red grapes to ripen more fully than in recent years. Most of the reds from 2010 will be released over the next year.

"I was happy to see the overall merlot quality," said Master Sommelier Madeline Triffon, a veteran judge of this competition. "The dry white sweeps (Best of Class round) were a privilege to judge, so many good wines! Every year, my pride and confidence in our wines grows."

A complete list of medal-winning wines is available online at www.michigan-wines.com.

- The top award-winners are:
- Best of Class Dry White: Chateau Fontaine — 2010 Dry White Riesling
 - Best of Class Dry Red: Fenn Valley Vineyards — Capriccio
 - Best of Class Sparkling Wine: L. Mawby — Cremant Classic
 - Best of Class Semi-Dry White (tie): Fenn Valley Vineyards — 2010 Riesling and Tabor Hill — 2010 Gewurztraminer
 - Best of Class Rose: Forty-Five North — 2010 Rose of Cabernet Franc
 - Best of Class Dessert Wine: Black Star Farms — 2008 A Capella Ice Wine
 - Best of Class Fruit Wine: Garden Bay Winery — Raspberry Wine



Wine experts gathered Aug. 2 in East Lansing for the 34th annual Michigan Wine and Spirits Competition. They included Ellen Landis, sommelier and owner, Landis Shores Oceanfront Inn, in Half Moon Bay, Calif.; and Shane Christ, winemaker, Satek Winery in Fremont, Ind.



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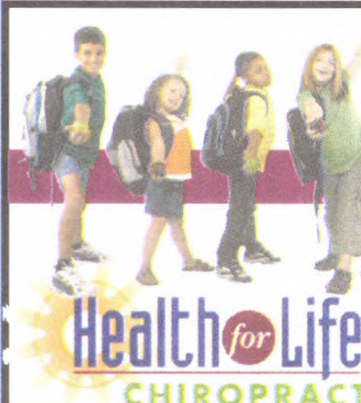


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- 3 carrots
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- 1 tablespoon wild blueberry juice
- 1 pinch grated orange peel
- Freshly ground pepper
- ½ cup fresh wild blueberries

Wash celery and carrots and cut into sticks. Mix ricotta and Gorgonzola with wild blueberry juice. Season with grated orange peel and pepper. Gently stir in wild blueberries and place in bowl for dipping.

Nutritional information per serving: 351 calories, 17g protein, 14g fat, 43g carbohydrates, 737mg sodium, 44g cholesterol

One of the best ways to get more of nature's healthiest superfoods into your daily diet is to "think frozen." Frozen fruits and vegetables retain their nutritional value just as well as fresh. And when it comes to taste, one superfood is a freezer superstar: wild blueberries.

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Serves 4

- 2 cups frozen wild blueberries, thawed
- ½ cup wild blueberry jam
- 8 eggs
- 2 tablespoons light cream
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 ounce chopped pistachio
- Powdered sugar
- Mint leaves

In small bowl, mix wild blueberries with wild blueberry jam to bind.

In a second bowl, beat eggs with cream, sugar and flour.

Place a 12-inch frying pan over medium heat and melt 1 tablespoon butter. Add half of the egg mixture and turn down heat in



order to slowly cook eggs. Flip over the omelet. Place omelet on a plate, scatter half the wild blueberries on it and roll it up.

Prepare a second omelet from remaining butter, egg cream and wild blueberries. Cut omelets into pieces and sprinkle with pistachio and powdered sugar. Garnish with mint leaves as desired.

Nutritional information per serving: 410 calories, 18g fat, 170mg sodium, 53g carbohydrates, 1g fiber, 13g protein

Wild Blueberry Coconut Smoothie

Serves 4

- 3 cups frozen wild blueberries
- 4 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 piece of fresh ginger (walnut-size), peeled and grated
- 13 ounces canned coconut milk, divided
- 1 teaspoon toasted, grated coconut, for garnish

Blend wild blueberries, brown sugar, ginger and 6 ounces coconut milk in blender until frothy. Pour remaining coconut milk into four glasses and slowly add wild blueberry mixture to each. Stir gently with a spoon to get a marbled white and blue look. Garnish with toasted coconut.

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They tell me they dust the T.V. on Friday, but by Sunday the dust is pushing the dirt the way again so they can watch Desperate Housewives, and none of them know exactly where it's coming from. Well, I'm here to tell you that it's not because you're a bad housekeeper, I tell people that by simply having your ducts cleaned will drastically reduce household dust, and the reason is, your cold air returns.

Cold air returns suck in dirty air, and over time it builds up until you have the same type of debris that you would find in your vacuum bag.

Visit our website at www.americanpowervac.com for an actual photo of the debris that is pulled from a typical home. Cold air returns are also the reason new homeowners are experiencing dust. While your drywall was being sanded, your cold air returns sucked all of the dust through the system and it settled on the bottom of the duct lines where a little at a time gets blown back into your home. To prove it, take a walk down into your basement, look up at the ceiling for thin sheets of tin nailed between your floor joists. These are your cold air return lines. Give them a good pounding. You'll see puffs of dust seeping out of the edges. That my friends, is the reason you have uncontrollable dust problems!

This debris cannot be removed without a professional. Which brings me to my next point: choosing an air duct cleaning company. Most companies use portable units, which are like a

shop vac that you would vacuum your car with, obviously absolutely useless. Then there are companies who claim they have a truck-mounted system. In reality, they have a low powered portable system attached inside a van, again, absolutely useless.



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Heidi Bushey, won the top prize in the Hometown Life INSPIRE "Christmas in July" contest. The Canton resident says she may spend it on school clothes for her teens, or possibly a late-summer trip to Cedar Point Amusement Park. Other prize winners (not pictured) are Teresa Long of Westland (\$125) and Maria Cameon of South Lyon (\$75). Nearly 800 entries were submitted. The winners were selected in a random drawing of all entries that correctly identified pages on which the holiday beachball appeared.

Sudoku Answers

Beginner

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

Intermediate

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Advanced

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



PHOTO BY MARY QUINLEY

The nearly 125-year-old Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island offers mid-week specials and family rates for overnight guests. No motorized vehicles are allowed on the island.

Last-minute summer getaways

By Mary Quinley

Contributing Writer

Summer isn't over just yet. There are still plenty of sun-soaked days for families, couples and solos alike to squeeze in a last-minute getaway.

Here's a sampling of not-too-far-away destinations to consider. Each locale — Mackinac Island, Hocking Hills, Ohio, and Milwaukee — is within a six-hour drive or less of suburban Detroit.

Mackinac Island

For almost four decades, my hubby and I have slipped away to Mackinac Island, the hump-backed isle that Native Americans considered sacred. The island has never disappointed us.

At the Wings of Mackinac Butterfly Conservatory, great orange tip and blue morpho butterflies have rested on our shoulders. We've checked out ancient burial grounds and marveled at the natural limestone formation called Arch Rock.

On the island's main thoroughfare, visitors are lured by the sweet scents of fudge cooking. Main and Market streets, and the Grand Hotel, are best bets to shop for apparel, locally-made art, collectibles and edibles.

At the 1880s-era Fort Mackinac, island-goers show up to watch canon firing demonstrations and court martial re-enact-

ments. Fourteen original fort structures are perched on a bluff overlooking the Straits of Mackinac.

Automobiles, with the exception of emergency vehicles, are banned from M-185, the state highway that hugs the island's craggy shoreline. And that's a good thing. Throngs of day-trippers like to walk, jog, drive horse-pulled buggies or ride bicycles — they bring their own or rent a bike on the island.

Hungry? Mission Point Resort offers a slew of indoor and outdoor culinary choices. The Pink Pony Bar, a great watering hole to root for Detroit sports teams; Patrick Sinclair's Irish Pub; Mary's Bistro, serving a yummy BLT&A (avocado) panini on sourdough; and the Amigo Burrito bar in the Murray Hotel, are other chow suggestions.

The nearly 125-year-old Grand Hotel offers a dozen dining and/or beverage-only options. Afternoon Tea in the Parlor is my favorite.

Sleepy sojourners like the mid-week specials and Family Added Value Days packages at the Grand. Others prefer the full-service Mission Point Resort, with its 18-hole executive putting course and spa; the historic Windermere Hotel; the Inn on Mackinac; Lake View Hotel; or the Cloughaun Bed & Breakfast. Be sure to

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Hocking Hills, Ohio

Mother Nature never ceases to amaze. Take for instance, the Hocking Hills in Ohio, where, eons ago, huge bodies of ice left massive twisted bedrock, deep gorges and jagged cliffs in their path.

This wonderland of 12,000 acres of unbroken state park property, and state and national forests, sits about an hour's drive southeast of Columbus.

"Hiking into the gorges, where temperatures are 10-20 degrees lower than elsewhere, offers a cooling break and stunning scenery for the dog days of summer," said Amy Weirick, president of Weirick Communications.

Serious adventure-seekers are attracted to the rappelling and rock climbing opportunities within the hills. Fishing, horseback riding, hunting and birding are fun options during late summer and the fall.

When visitors discover the tranquility and serenity of Hocking Hills, they long to stay. Secluded made-for-two cabins in the woods, cottages, B&Bs, hotels/motels and campgrounds are sleepover choices.

The Inn & Spa at Cedar Falls, a stone's throw from the park's gorges and cliffs, is by far my — as well as my partner's — favorite overnight accommodation in the area. On a recent getaway to the inn, we were comfy and snug — sans TV — in the Snowdrop Cottage.

As part of our morning and evening routine, we lingered on the back porch, enjoying a "timeout" on the swing to watch and listen for local critters and creatures that hid in the woods behind our cottage.

The inn's spa offers an array of services from body scrubs and hot stone massages to facials and hand and body treatments.

Foodies will love the four-course dinner with wine pairings that is planned for Aug. 26 at the inn. Sept. 16-17, overnight guests are invited to participate in the Local Fruit — Pawpaws, Apples & Pears — Sweet & Savory Dishes class.

"The Inn & Spa and the surrounding natural areas refresh the mind, body and spirit and are a great way to end the summer with a relaxing, renewing escape," Weirick said. I couldn't agree more.

Milwaukee

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October.

Once travelers arrive in Milwaukee, they'll discover "something for everyone, from the non-stop lineup of summer festivals along the lakefront to the world's only Harley-Davidson Museum," said Jeannine Sherman, director of public relations for VISIT Milwaukee. "However you find your fun, you'll find it here."

Sept. 1-4, motorcycle fans will roar into town for the Milwaukee Rally, the Midwest's largest. A slew of events are planned, from a fish fry and live entertainment to back road tours and tattoo contests.

Even if motorcycles aren't your bag, a peek inside the Harley-Davidson Museum is worthwhile. Some personal favorites include the Rebels and Outlaws exhibit, the massive wall of chrome rims and the Experience Gallery, where I sat in the saddle of an early-model Harley.

There are interactive displays for all ages. I had fun trying to design a 1946 model — choosing a leopard-skin seat and gas tank dotted with rhinestones — at the "make your own fantasy custom bike" station.

If you visit Milwaukee the weekend of Sept. 9-11, check out the Indian Summer Festival and celebrate the diversity of traditional and contemporary Native American cultures. Fireworks, a pow wow, storytellers, dance demos and an array of authentic Indian heritage events will be featured.

TNT Orthodontics

BY JON GUNNELLS
SPECIAL WRITER

Dr. Thomas Hamway and Dr. Timothy Stroster are specialists in Orthodontic treatment for people of all ages. In August of 1993 they opened the doors of their first Brighton orthodontic office, and approximately 5 years later they expanded their practice to include another location in nearby South Lyon.

Recently, after several years of contemplation, Dr. Hamway and Dr. Stroster made the "Dynamite" decision to change the name of their practice to TNT Orthodontics. The "t's in TNT stand for their first names, Tom and Tim. Although the name has changed, Dr. Hamway and Dr. Stroster want every one to know that nothing else has changed.

Patients will still see the same doctors and the same happy staff members that they already know and trust.

Dr. Hamway and Dr. Stroster have always believed in delivering the highest quality of orthodontic care to every one of their wonderful patients. That is a standard that has never wavered. However, they believe that what really sets them apart is the exceptionally high level of customer service that they and their staff members provide for patients and their family members day after day. Many of the 14 TNT Orthodontic staff members have been with Dr. Hamway and Dr. Stroster for 10 or more years, such as, Office Administrator, Jeannie Morrissette and Treatment Coordinator, Betsy Goss, who have been with the practice for 17 & 18 years respectively. That speaks volumes to not only the dedication of the staff and doctors to each other, but also to the consistency of the team they have developed over the years. Patients feel comfortable seeing the same familiar faces when



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Dr Hamway and Dr. Stroster with their hard working staff at TNT Orthodontics insist that once you step into their office you will notice the difference.

they return to the office with their second, third, or even fourth child.

Convenience

Extended and varied office hours are very helpful in making it convenient for families to schedule appointments at TNT Orthodontics. Because they know that in today's world 9:00 to 5:00 office hours every day just doesn't "cut it", they offer early hours for the before work and school crowd, late hours for people who cannot make it here by 5:00, and even Saturdays during the school months. These extended hours are great for working parents and children with after school activities. Nobody else even comes close to offering as many hours as TNT Orthodontics.

New Technology

At TNT Orthodontics they use the most modern

technology to keep treatment timing to a minimum. "Our self-ligating brackets and state-of-the-art wires mean more constant and gentle movement of the teeth" Clinic Coordinator, Karen Charboneau said. "Less discomfort and shorter treatment time are possible with these new brackets", she added.

Not only the orthodontic treatment is high-tech at TNT Orthodontics. Free Wi-Fi is available at both locations. Parents love to "log-on" while they wait for their children to be seen. Patients can find TNT Orthodontics on Facebook and soon they will be partnering with the geo-tracking site Foursquare.

At TNT Orthodontics even the payment plans are flexible. They offer several options for payment, including a discount for those who choose to pay in full at the beginning of treatment. When payment in full is not an option for their patients, they offer interest free monthly payment plans. Payment can be made by cash, check, debit card, or credit card.

In addition, they offer auto draft payment from checking, savings, credit card or even flexible spending accounts. These auto-draft options make payment plans convenient and worry free. Payments can also be made online through our secure website, and even over the phone for that last minute payment that was almost overlooked.

At TNT Orthodontics the Initial Exam appointment is always complimentary. It gives patients and parents an opportunity to experience the office and meet the doctor prior to making a long-term commitment. "However", states Patient Coordinator, Kim O'Neil-Adams, "once a potential patient sees how wonderful their first experience in our office is, they are anxious to return for treatment". "My daughter Gabi had her orthodontic treatment at TNT Orthodontics, and when I got the opportunity to become part of their team, I jumped at the chance" she added.

Fun

Although it may be hard for some people to equate fun with orthodontics, it is possible to have fun while delivering top-notch orthodontic care. At

TNT orthodontics, having fun is very important. For TNT patients and parents, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate are served every morning. During the summer iced tea is also served. In addition, there is a refrigerator of cold water for all to enjoy. A wide variety of toys and books are provided for the younger siblings of patients, so as to make their visits to the office enjoyable as well. "In fact", noted Administrative Assistant, Nicole Baker, "many times children don't want to leave when their appointment is done." Monthly contests offer incentives for patients to wear their TNT orthodontic T-shirts. In addition to the monthly T-shirt contest, periodic contests for patients and parents get everyone involved.

About TNT Orthodontics:

TNT Orthodontics offers two convenient locations to serve you:

10192 Grand River Rd.
Brighton
Phone 810-220-1700

21800 Pontiac Trail
South Lyon
Phone 248-446-6000

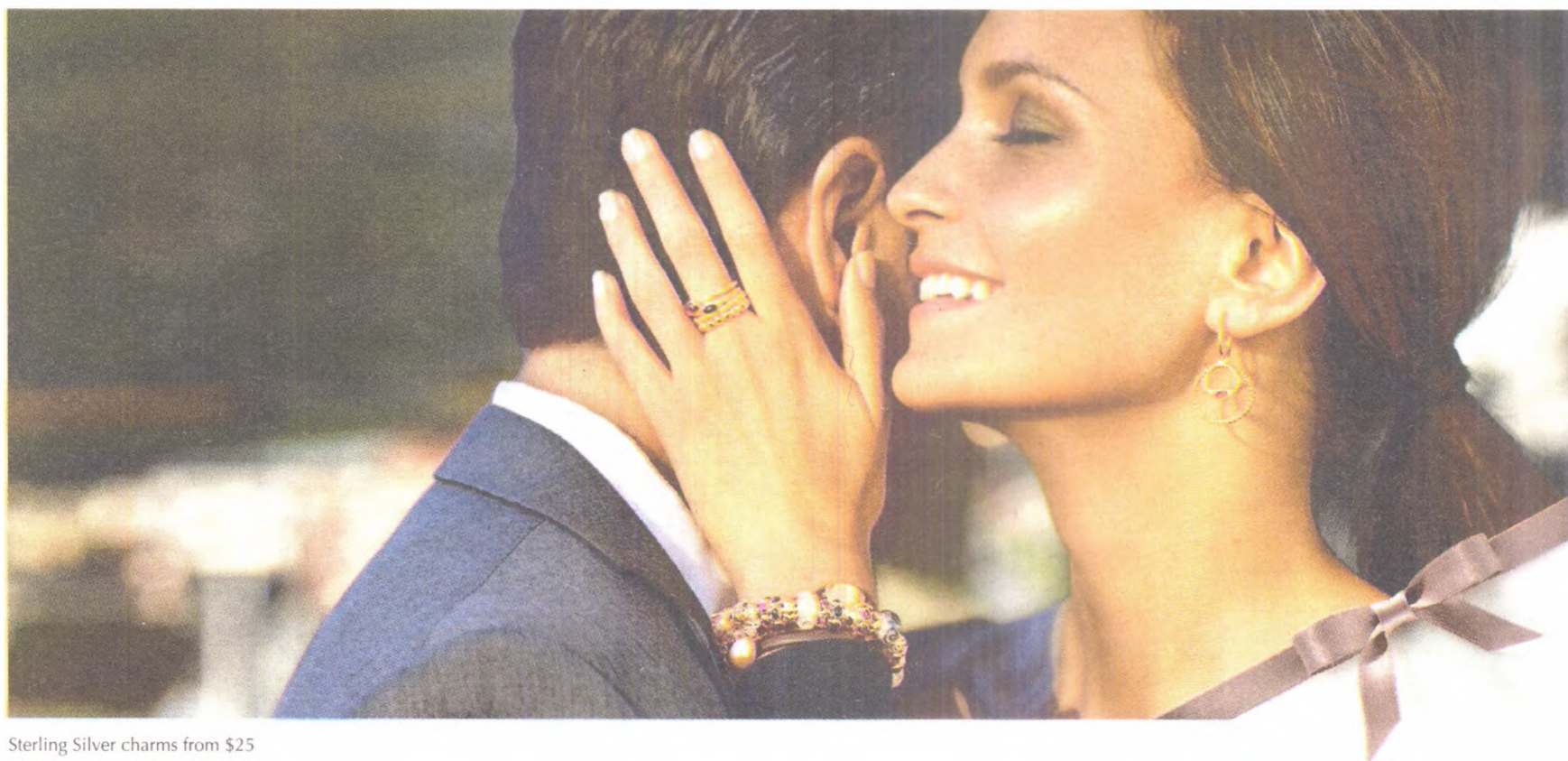
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