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July 4th fun

Fourth of July is approaching, and with it will come parades, fireworks and family traditions.

We'd like to know how you celebrate our nation's birthday. Maybe your neighborhood runs an annual decorated bike parade. Or you go whole hog to deck the house and garden in red, white and blue. Do you continue a family or personal tradition that day?

Tell us about it. Write to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com or 615 W. Lafayette, Level 2, Detroit, MI 48226. Include a photo if you like. Make sure it's in jpg format if e-mailing.

We'll share your story with other readers on July 4.

Cheli in Canton

Former Detroit Red Wings defenseman Chris Chelios will meet fans and sign autographs at the Verizon Wireless Canton store tonight (Thursday) from 6-7 p.m.

Chelios is the former All-Star, Stanley Cup champion and captained the U.S. team in the 2006 Winter Olympics in Italy.

The Verizon Wireless Communications Store is located at 41802 Ford Road (next to Chili's Restaurant) in Canton.

Senior grant

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging is the recipient of a \$1,000 grant from the Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle Foundation, the members of which are local women in the Plymouth and Canton areas.

Their mission is to help out with unmet needs in the community through grants and other activities," said Bobbie Pummill, the director of the PCCA. "This grant will serve as seed money in the development of chair exercise for senior citizens in the community."

Pummill said the program will be held at the Plymouth Cultural Center, and will begin in the fall.

Cruise raffle

The Plymouth Symphony is conducting a raffle June 30 for a cruise on the Celebrity Cruise Lines of the Great Cities of the Western Mediterranean Oct. 30 to Nov. 6.

The raffle includes the cruise for two from Barcelona, Spain, to Nice, France, and Genoa, Florence, Rome and Naples/Capri, Italy, including airfare for two roundtrip from Detroit to Barcelona.

Raffle tickets are \$50 each and only 300 tickets will be sold. Drawing will be at the Plymouth Arts Council.

Travel arrangements have been made through Travel Leaders in Plymouth. This cruise package is also available to anyone interested in cruising the Western Mediterranean. Contact Travel Leaders for details, (734) 455-5810.

Contact the Plymouth Symphony office - (734) 451-2112 or online at www.plymouthsymphony.org for more information and to purchase tickets.



Parade prominence

Grand Marshal Dick Swisher waved to the crowd during the Canton Liberty Festival Parade Saturday, which dawned with excellent weather following storms that hit the area Friday night. Organizers said the inclement weather did little to slow the success of the 2010 festival. Find the story and more pictures on page A6.

Grate theft becoming township problem

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's a growing phenomenon — thieves stealing and selling for scrap those metal grates that catch debris but allow storm water to flow into drainage inlets on subdivision streets and local roads.

And local officials want residents to help put a stop to it — saying it's a costly crime that poses a serious safety hazard by leaving a gaping hole where people might walk, ride a bicycle or drive a vehicle.

"Somebody could get hurt badly," Bob Belair, Canton assistant township engineer, said.

It's apparently a widespread problem. Much like in Canton, officials elsewhere, including Pennsylvania and Kentucky, have asked residents to watch for suspicious activity around storm drains on local roadways. Arrests have been made in places such as Maryville, Tenn.

Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said local authorities will prosecute to the extent possible anyone caught stealing storm grates — a crime that can lead to substantial fines or even jail time.

"It leaves a large, gaping hole in the ground," Schreiner said. "It leaves an incredibly dangerous hazard."

Public works and police officials believe the culprits likely drive into subdivisions at night and quickly steal storm grates, which ultimately cost taxpayers \$125 each to replace.

Residents who witness a theft should quickly call Canton police at (734) 394-5400. Belair also said missing grates may be reported to the Canton Public Works Division at (734) 397-1011 or, during after hours, to the police department.

Metal grates have been reported missing not just in a certain geographic area, but across the town-

ship, Belair said. The thefts have intensified during the last three weeks, he said.

"It's random," he said. "I don't know why, but it seems to be real prevalent lately."

Belair said the grates can be 60 to 80 pounds and are usually rectangular in shape, often as large as 18 inches by 24 inches.

"It's not something a little kid is going to lift up," he said.

Grates can cover storm drains that are several feet deep, raising fears that people could be seriously hurt or that a small child could fall completely into one, officials said. So far, Canton has been lucky and no reports of injuries have been reported.

For motorists who routinely park on the street, local officials have even suggested parking over a grate to hide it from would-be thieves.

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Canton's story hits the airwaves

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Garrett Caffacus preps Supervisor Phil LaJoy for an interview with Dave Harris, Canton's cable television coordinator.

A television news segment that portrays Canton as a safe, educated and culturally diverse place that evolved from farming community into a prosperous, high-tech gem of economic activity starts airing Saturday in certain CNN markets.

Featured on *Inside Business*, a show hosted by actor and Republican politico Fred Thompson, the five-minute piece debuts in Wisconsin and west Michigan before it reaches a wider audience in as many as 15 markets in coming weeks.

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

Church picnics

Living Peace Church is inviting all Canton area residents to join them at four picnics this summer.

Picnics will be held June 27 at Heritage Park and July 25, Aug. 22 and Sept. 5 at Freedom Park. The members of Living Peace Church want to meet Canton Area residents and hear about their concerns and ideas for the Canton community. Food will be provided free of charge from noon to 2 p.m. on all four dates and children's activities will be provided.

Living Peace Church is coming to Canton this fall and will begin meeting for worship in Field Elementary School, 1000 S. Haggerty in Canton on Sunday, Sept. 12.

For more information call or text us at (734) 233-1466 or e-mail us at livingpeacechurch@yahoo.com.

Cancer concert

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is the site for a benefit concert by Michael McDermott 7:30 p.m. Friday,

Aug. 20.

McDermott will be performing an acoustic set of his music.

Tickets are \$22 each. All proceeds go to the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.cantonvillage-theater.org or at (734) 394-5300. Find out more about McDermott at www.michael-mcdermott.com

Pancake breakfast

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band will be the beneficiary of the first annual "Good Morning USA" Pancake Breakfast scheduled for July 4 in downtown Plymouth. The pancake and sausage breakfast is hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters.

Tickets are available at the door for \$6 per person, children under five are free. The breakfast will begin at 6 a.m. in The Gathering, right off of Kellogg Park, and will continue as the "Good Morning USA Parade" gets underway and run through 11 a.m. or until sold out.

In addition to pancakes and sausage, patrons can enjoy juice and coffee as they watch the annual Independence Day parade. Proceeds from the sale of tickets will benefit the

Plymouth-Canton Marching Band as it prepares for its 2011 appearance in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

Summer Camp

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Early Childhood Department will have Preschool Summer Camp for four weeks beginning on Monday, July 12, and running through Thursday, Aug. 5. Camp will meet in the mornings from 8:30 to 11:30. Two-day and four-day options are available, depending on your preschooler's age.

In the 3-year-old and young four's class, the weekly themes will be: I am Special/a Super Hero, Treasure Island and Exploring Nature, Science Spectacular and Water Works, and Transportation and Space.

In the older 4s class and 5-year-old class, the weekly themes will be: Digging in the Dirt, Treasure Island, Exploring Nature, and Playing it Safe.

All classes are taught by certified teachers and experienced paraprofessionals. Call the Early Childhood Office now for more information at (734) 416-6190 or visit the department's website at web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychild-

hood for a Summer Camp Application.

Preschool Enrollment

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Early Childhood Department is enrolling for fall preschool. Classes are taught at various schools throughout the district. It offers classes for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds. All classes are half days and are taught by credentialed teachers and experienced paraprofessionals. The program focuses on kindergarten readiness with strong ties to the district's kindergarten curriculum.

Call the Early Childhood Office now for more information at 734-416-6190 or visit web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood.

Summer camp enrollment

Plymouth-Canton Montessori School is offering a Summer Camp program for children between the ages of 3 and 6 years. The nine-week summer day camp, located on the school's campus at 45245 Joy Road In Canton, begins June 21 and ends Aug. 20.

Children have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of theme-related projects that include lots of arts and crafts, in-house present-



Growth spurt

Achieve Academy students, along with Principal Claudia Williamson and Imagine Landscaping, celebrated their academic success during their year-end Field Day with an event called 'Watch Us Grow.' Students planted a tree and flower beds that they can watch grow and mature each year as the students continue to grow and mature themselves.

ers, science experiments, dramatic play, cooking, picnics, outdoor time, music, stories and games.

Full and half-day programs are available during the summer session with morning-only groups running from 8:45 to 11:45 a.m. and afternoon groups from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Full time care for day campers is also available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. as needed.

While parents are encouraged to enroll children for the full summer camp, Plymouth-Canton Montessori accepts part-summer enrollments to accommodate families' work and vacation schedules.

For additional information about Plymouth-Canton Montessori School and the summer camp program, call 734-459-1550 or visit www.pcmontessori.org. Early enrollment is recommended to ensure availability.

Spanish camp

Students in preschool through fifth grade are invited to join Bilingual Fun for a week long day camp 9 a.m. to noon July 26-30 at Praise Baptist Church.

Children will learn Spanish through thematic activities, music, movement, hands on activities, cultural crafts, out-

door play, and the week ends with a Fiesta! Registration is now open.

Contact Bilingual Fun at info@bilingualfun.com or (877) 686-7399 for more information.

Scottish fun

The Scottish American Society of Michigan will host a fun summer Ceilidh (pronounced kay-lee) 3-7 p.m. Sunday, July 25, at the Commonwealth Club, 30088 Dequindre Road in Warren. Partial proceeds from the second annual fund-raising event by the group will go to benefit the Vietnam Veterans Post 154 in Roseville.

The Ceilidh will feature a Scottish meal of steak pie, mushy peas, chips (fries) and cole slaw, plus great entertainment including Detroit Caledonian Pipe Band, solo piping competition, Highland dancers, Celtic fiddler, Raggle Taggle Band, and more. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$15 for kids 10 and under. Kids 4 and under are free. Seating is limited to 150 and the cut off for tickets is Monday, July 21. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more ticket information, please visit www.scotsofmichigan.com or send e-mail to scotsofmi@yahoo.com.

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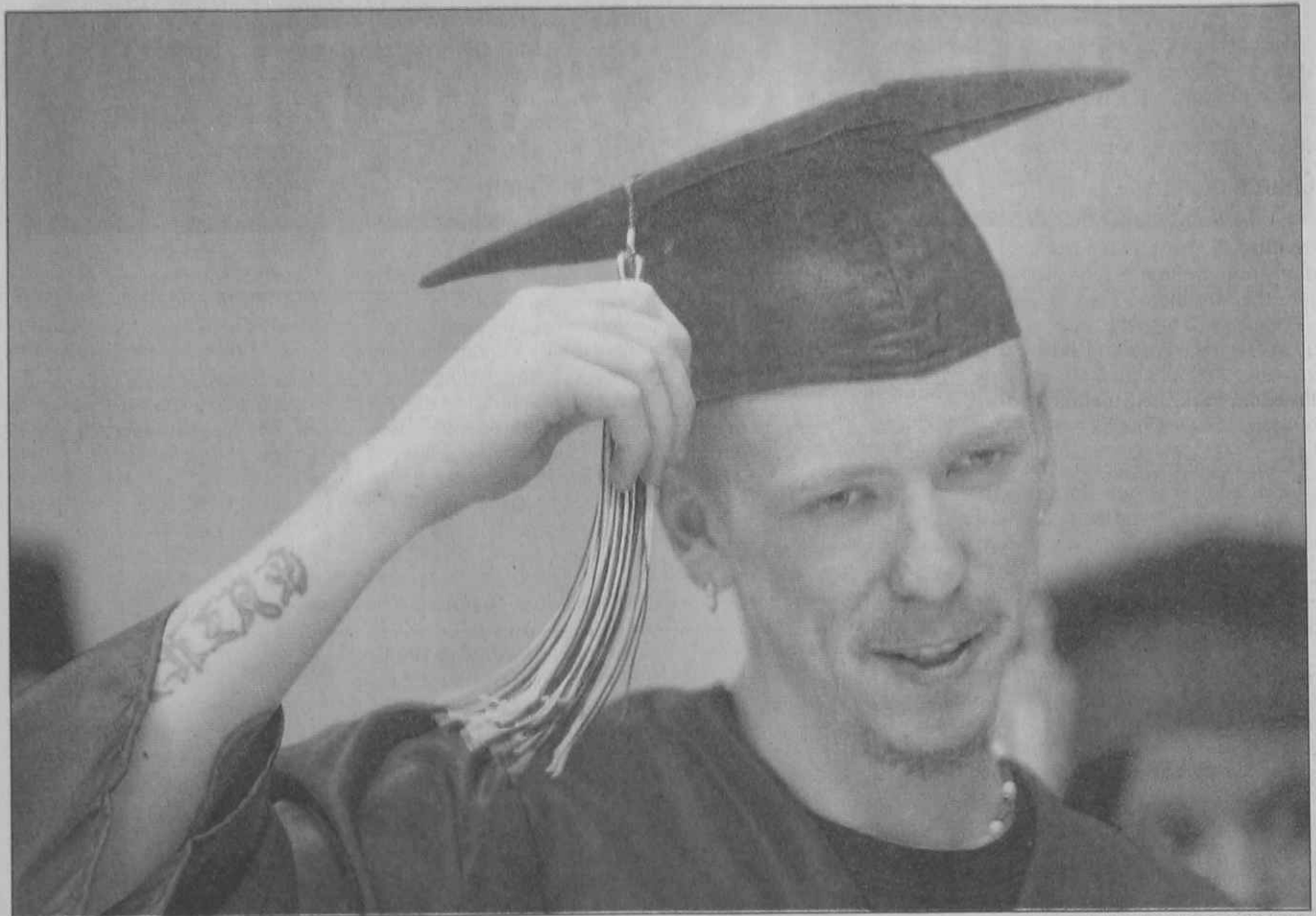
Taking the next step

Here are the 2010 graduates from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Starkweather Education Center:

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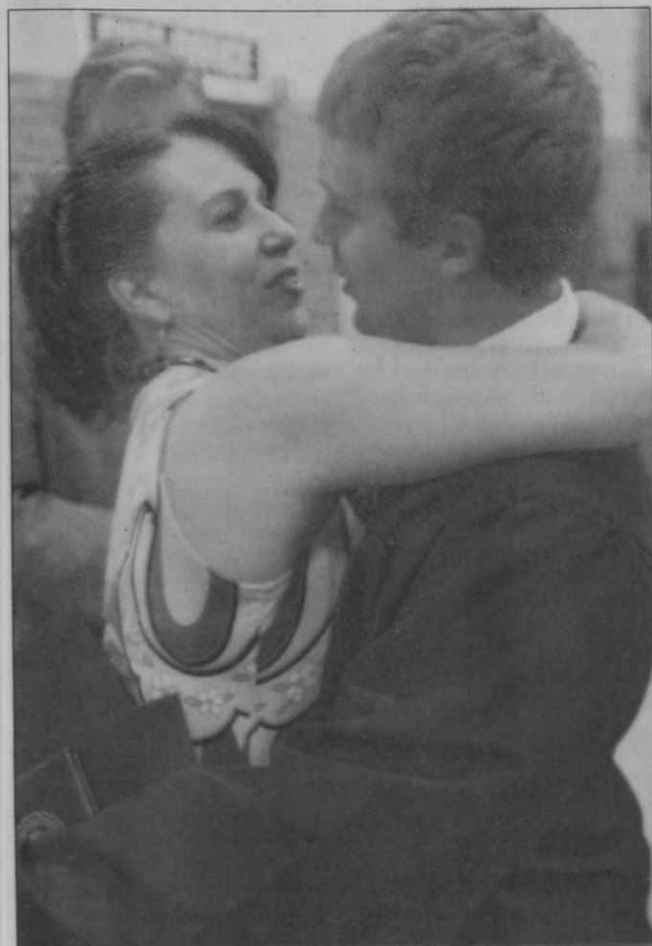
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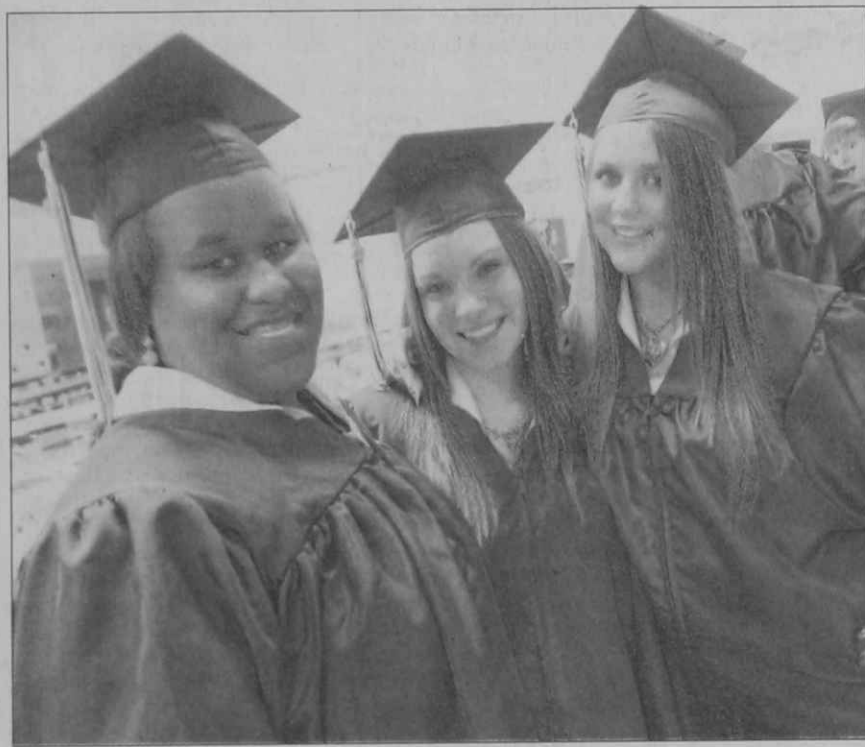


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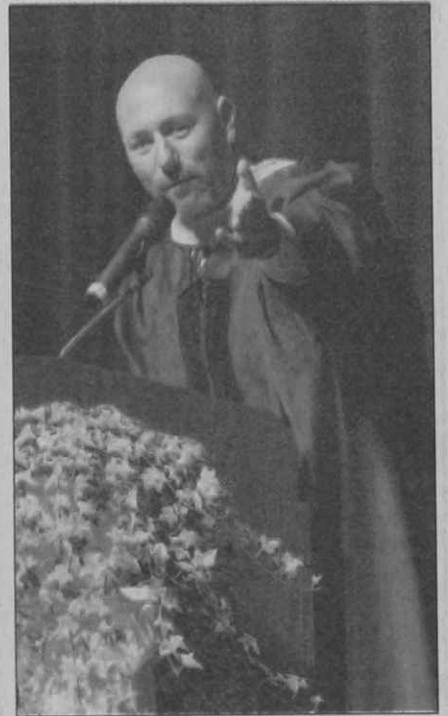
Brandon Hendrick waits for the procession to begin. He was one of four student speakers at the ceremony.



Dalton Stamper has a big hug for his mom, Tina Stamper.



Starkweather Education Center graduates Morgan Brown, Allicia Burrone and Erica Cagle.



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CRIME WATCH

Man ticketed for water balloon strike

1 Canton police issued a ticket to a male accused of throwing a water balloon from a vehicle and striking a female motorist driving near Canton Center and Warren roads.

The incident happened about 10:30 a.m. Friday.

The woman told police the water balloon splashed her in the face and also doused her cell phone and iPod. She said she trailed the vehicle to Ironside, where the male got out of a vehicle and went into a house.

Police were called and questioned the male, who admitted his involvement in the incident, according to police reports.

Police issued a citation to the man for throwing an object out of a moving vehicle, and he was given a court date.

Men's room mess

2 An official with the Central Park subdivision, southeast of Cherry Hill and Denton, told police vandals went into a clubhouse early Friday morning and vandalized the men's room. According to a police report, someone had urinated in the sinks, spread liquid soap around the shower area and had strewn toilet paper about the room.

It appeared no permanent damage had been done.

Lightning strike

3 A man who lives in an apartment on Honeytree, southeast of Joy and I-275, called police and reported that he thought his residence might have been struck by lightning between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. last Friday.

However, a police report indicated that the damage apparently had been done by vandals. A police report indicated the man's bed was damaged, and his mattress and box springs had been scattered on the floor. The bed frame also was taken apart.

The man also told police he was missing his laptop computer and some cash.

Paint damage

4 A man told police that someone threw green paint on his 2001 Ford Escape while it was parked on Lothrop Road, northeast of Palmer and Canton Center, while it was parked near a home between midnight and 8 a.m. Saturday.



The man wanted to file a police report for insurance purposes.

Mower swiped

5 A woman reported that her lawn mower was stolen sometime Wednesday, June 16, while it was chained to a wood deck porch of her residence on Old Michigan, southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty.

The woman told police someone had removed the chain and stolen the lawn mower. She said many people walk through her yard on a daily basis.

Stolen, then found

6 A woman told police her vehicle had been stolen while it was parked at her residence on Iron Gate, northeast of Warren and Sheldon, between 3:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

The woman indicated the vehicle may have

been taken by a relative who has a drug problem, and police later found it at a motel in Inkster.

Tahoe tampering

7 A man who lives on Brookfield, southeast of Palmer and Sheldon, reported that someone entered his Chevy Tahoe while it was parked in a driveway between 7:30 p.m. Monday and 5 a.m. Tuesday.

The man told police he parked his vehicle at night and came out the next morning to find someone had gone through it. He had left his wallet in the center console, but he checked it and found that his driver's license and credit cards hadn't been taken.

However, the man did report that a golf driver was taken from the vehicle.

The man told police he believed he had failed to lock the Tahoe.

- Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

Crews scramble to fix storm damage

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Work crews were scrambling to make repairs this week after a Friday night storm ripped the roof off a 16-unit, three-story building at The Crossings at Canton, an apartment complex on the township's north-east side.

No injuries were reported around 10 p.m. when strong winds damaged the roof and allowed heavy rains to soak residences inside the apartment building near I-275 and Joy Road, fire and apartment officials said.

Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher said occupants were evacuated and power was turned off as apartment maintenance crews began plans for emergency repairs.

Crossings regional interim manager Tim Olivier said occupants of 14 units were displaced by the storms. Two units were vacant at the time.

Olivier said the American Red Cross arranged for lodging overnight, until arrange-

ments could be made to move tenants into other apartment buildings.

Fire officials initially feared the roof might have collapsed, but Rorabacher said an investigation revealed it had been damaged by high winds.

Repair crews were working this week to repair the roof in the wake of Friday night storms that also forced an early shutdown of the Canton Liberty Fest in Heritage Park. No injuries were reported there, either.

"Hopefully by week's end we'll be back in business (with roof repairs)," Olivier said.

Then, he said, the task of making indoor repairs could begin, such as replacing damaged drywall.

Officials expressed relief that no one was injured during the incident and that the building could be repaired.

"I've seen a whole lot worse in my lifetime," Olivier said, adding that he has been in the apartment business for many years.

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Police department hires pair of officers

Vacancies in the Canton Township Police Department didn't stay empty for long.

Last month, the Canton Police Department filled a pair of positions, hiring new officers to fill vacancies created by retirement.

Police Officer David Eyl, 33, earned his Bachelor of Arts, followed by Master of Science Degree, from Michigan State University in 2001. He graduated from the Washtenaw County Police Academy in December 2009. Prior to working in Canton, Eyl was a U.S. Customs inspector.

Police Officer Larry Mazur II, 39, earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree at Sienna Heights



Eyl



Mazur

University in 1996, and graduated from the Wayne County Regional Police Academy in November 2009. Prior to working in Canton, Mazur was a Reserve Deputy in Monroe County.

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W-W board OKs budget amid worry about concessions

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Even with the closing of six schools, employee layoffs and staffing cuts, the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will still have to use the lion's share of its fund equity to balance its 2010-11 budget.

And that balancing act is predicated on the district getting three of its employee unions to agree to concessions like those accepted by its bus drivers, skilled trades, administrators and central office personnel. Without those concessions, the remaining \$2.4 million surplus won't be enough to keep the district out of deficit.

"Our assumption is that we will be successful in negotiating with the teachers, secretaries and profes-

sionals," said Deputy Superintendent for Business Services Gary Martin. "It's a sacrifice the current employees should make."

The budget presented to the school board projects revenues of \$109.2 million and expenditures of \$113.1 million. This marks the eighth year of deficit spending by the district which has seen the \$23 million surplus it had in 2003 shrink to just \$6.4 million at the end of the current budget year. According to Martin, revenue is down \$7-\$8 million since 2003, and the district has lost some 1,700 students since then, translating into \$13 million less in state school aid.

The district will continue to offer a full academic program to students, even though spending is down by more than \$2 million from 2010-11. The cost cutting includes the closing of

six elementary schools, elimination of 80 positions affecting every employee group, a hold on the purchase of such things as text books and school busses and the layoff of 32 employees, including 14 teachers.

However, the district will pay an additional \$1.6 million in retirement costs, after the state raised the percentage of payroll figure to 19.4 percent, and a higher than anticipated health care costs of 13 percent due in large part to a 17 percent increase in the teachers' MESSA insurance.

According to Martin, \$1 out of every \$8 in school aid goes for retirement and \$1,171 of the per student money the district receives is necessary to fund health care.

"Over a quarter of our aid payment goes for that," he said. "We need to

come up with \$30 million in savings, \$15 million over each of the next two years to stay out of deficit. We doing a three-pronged approach with the school closings, cuts in positions and sitting down with the unions to talk about concessions. Our instructional program is intact, but we have \$4 million in deficit spending even with the cuts we've made."

While the school board voted 6-0, with board Secretary Martha Pitsenbarger excused, to approve the budget, it did not come without expressions of concern about the contract concession assumptions.

"I'm uncomfortable with a budget with these assumptions," said Trustee William Gabriel. "We've got concessions from 400 of 1,600 employees, that leaves 1,200 to go."

AIRWAVES

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helps us do it," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said Wednesday.

Inside Business sought out Canton based on its own research and sent Garrett Caffacus, field producer and photography director, to film the community in late March.

Canton Economic Development Manager Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz hopes the segment will lead to "recognition and promotion of Canton as a great place to live and do business."

The segment, part of a Hidden Gems of Economic Development series, shows LaJoy describing Canton's farming history, and it contains historic and new footage to

reveal how certain neighborhoods, such as Cherry Hill Village, embrace the past while forging a promising future.

Film footage shows numerous local parks, recreation trails, shimmering waters, a diverse population and standout facilities such as the Summit on the Park and the 400-seat Cherry Hill Village Theater.

It also shows Canton on a map, located between Detroit and Ann Arbor, and reveals how the community of nearly 90,000 residents benefits from its proximity to airports, major roads and the Great Lakes region.

Inside Business features not just LaJoy and Bilbrey-Honsowetz, but corporate leaders who discuss why their companies chose Canton.

Joseph Roth, director of public affairs for IKEA's U.S.

operations, explains that IKEA chose Canton for its only Michigan store because of its prime location and "strong sense of community."

Daniel Gizaw, president and CEO of Canton-based Danotek Motion Technologies, cited the township's location and skilled workforce as among the reasons Danotek brought its wind turbine technology here — a prime example of how a one-time rural community has embraced green industry.

Inside Business also notes that Canton has worked with the county and state to provide tax incentives to lure new companies.

WJR 760-AM morning personality Paul W. Smith highlights FBI statistics that show Canton as one of the safest communities of similar size in the nation — a prize the township has enjoyed for years.

Without question, the five-minute segment packs much information and images of Canton, its educated workforce, diverse population and rise from Michigan's sweet corn capital to bustling suburb ready to meet new challenges.

"I think the more people from all over are made aware of what a real economic gem Canton is, we are certainly much better off," LaJoy said Wednesday. "I think it's great for the community."

Aside from the national exposure Canton gets from the segment, local officials also may use the piece as a marketing tool.

This week, local officials were working to get the segment on the township's Website, www.canton-mi.org, where residents can view it.

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BOARD

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by the district indicate costs will rise at rates varying from 5.8 percent (vision) to 10.9 percent (prescription drugs).

If the state leaves the \$268 in the foundation allowance, that would mean a \$5 million increase to the 19,000-student district.

Board President Steven Sneiderman praised his fellow board members and the citizens who took part in the participatory budget process.

"We worked hard to get this budget, and I'm comfortable with it," Sneiderman said. "I want to thank (board members), and especially the citizens, for their hard work."

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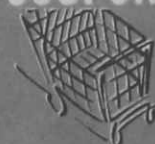
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Steve Moaklar

STEVE MOAKLAR

"You're sweet, like I can't deny." These are the opening lyrics of Steve Moaklar's first full-length album, "All The Faint Lights." The same words can be spoken about the music that this Pittsburgh native has been making for the past five years. Having previously released two EPs - "The Weight of Words" (2007) and "Like I Mean It" (2008), Moaklar has proved himself to be a master pop craftsman with anything but faint lights in his future.

His music features sweet melodies and moving narratives that stick in the listener's head like happy memories. His songs have a maturity listeners wouldn't expect from a young twenty-something who is among a new generation of pop-rock songwriters who call Nashville home.

Moaklar has evolved as a performer from his days as an early teen in his first band to his time as a young adult stepping into a solo career. Whether he's playing at a large venue in front of hundreds of people or at a coffee shop with a handful of people, attendees can expect a well-rehearsed, passionate performance. His sincere lyrics sung over his catchy, mellifluous melodies, coupled with his down-to-earth qualities and apparent disregard for his undeniable talent, has listeners not only finding music that they both enjoy and can relate to, but also finding a friend. Find out more at: <http://www.myspace.com/stevemoaklar#ixzz0rb443w00>



Parker Welling

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- Aug. 27 Mass Transit Band (country)
- Sept. 3 Lady Sunshine & the X Band (R&B)

PARKER WELLING

Parker Welling is a talented and charismatic artist who has generated her very own, unique brand of country music. A songwriter by nature, she has been consistently writing songs since the age of 10 and has a large catalogue of hundreds of original songs.

She has been taking her music to the stage since she was 15 years old. Her distinct voice sets her apart from other country entertainers. Her individual style of songwriting has been influenced by such artists as Willie Nelson, Emmylou Harris, Melissa Etheridge, Jewel, as well as many other acts. Although she is a Nashville native, Parker spent the early years of her career as one of Canton's best-kept secrets.

Despite her young age, audiences of all ages and musical tastes find it easy to relate to this out-of-the-box singer/songwriter. Her one-of-a-kind vocal quality and unique sound quickly made her a favorite, packing out everything from coffee shops to large venues in the local indie scene where "emo" and rock bands once ruled.

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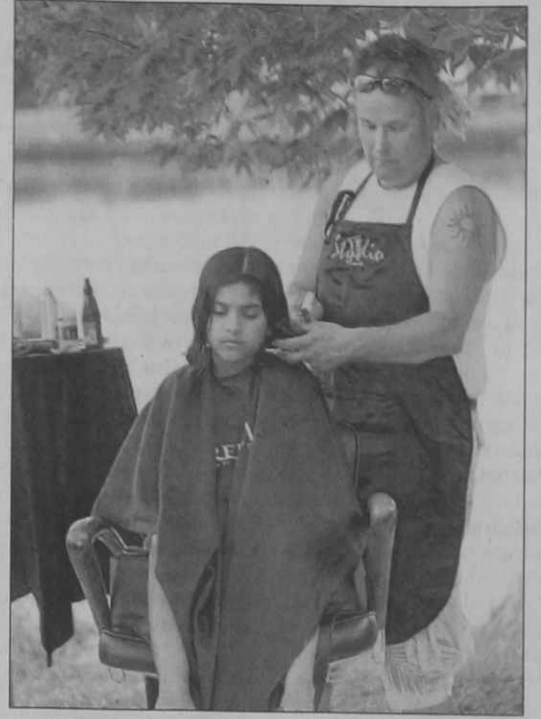
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The Tabasco Cats were playing one of the many stages as clouds rolled in Friday night during the 2010 Canton Liberty Festival.



Varsha Ganapathy of Canton gets a haircut from Don Detrow from Studio One hair salon on Ford Road during the 2010 Canton Liberty Festival. Studio One was cutting hair to benefit the Canton Goodfellows.

Storm can't dampen success of Canton's Liberty Fest

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Huge crowds watched dazzling fireworks erupt Saturday night over Heritage Park, capping a three-day Liberty Fest that hit just one serious snag when Friday evening storms forced organizers to shut down early, cancel an outdoor movie and hasten rock band The Verve Pipe's stage exit.



Aunt Emilie Frisk with Nolan and Katelyn Spray were among the huge crowd on hand for the parade.

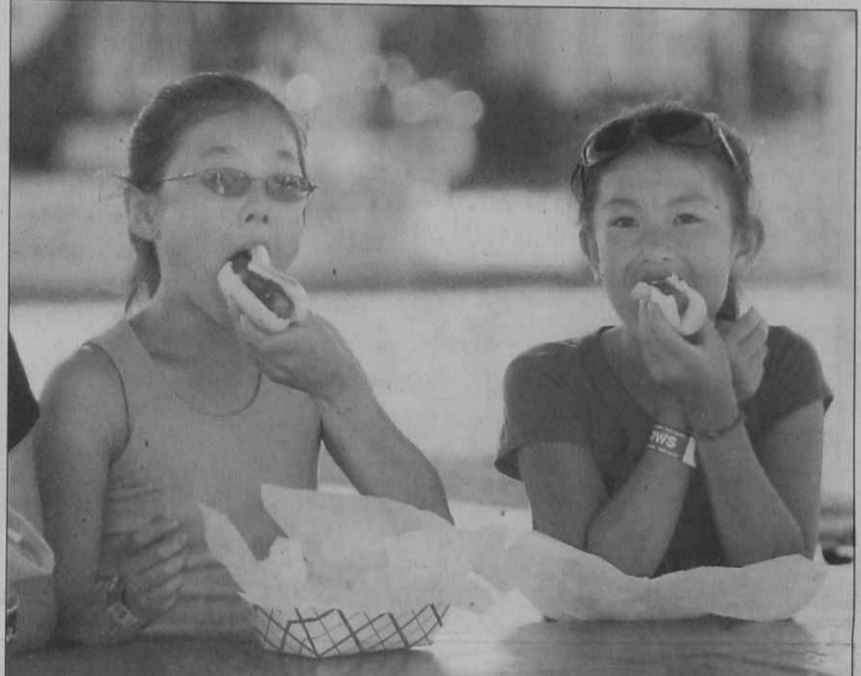
"We got all the people out of the park safely, which is the most important thing," Sean Fletcher, Canton recreation and facilities supervisor, said.

What a difference a day makes.

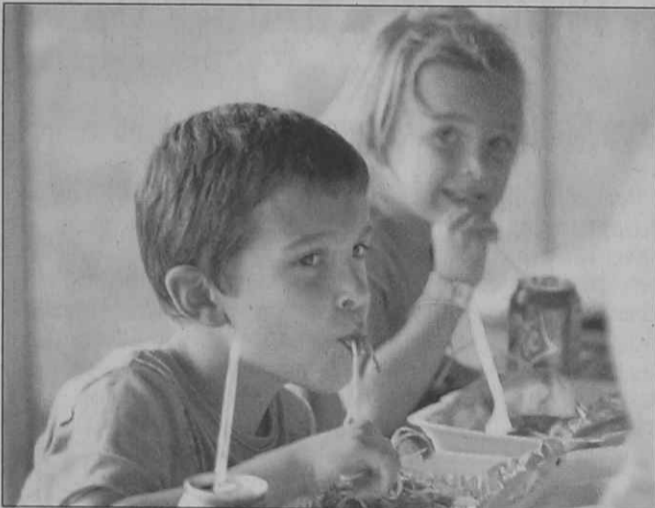
Saturday morning ushered in a picturesque day as parade lovers lined Ford Road to watch clowns, scouting troops, the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps, pom pón squads, karate kids, public safety officers, a princess and politicians — some 100 groups in all — celebrate Liberty Fest.

"The weather was just spectacular," Fletcher said. "It couldn't have been better."

Though crowd estimates are difficult at best to pinpoint, local



Lunch was on the menu for Katie Xu, with her friend Tiffany Tsou, Saturday during the Liberty Fest.



Ethan and Kayleigh Childress of Northville enjoy the spaghetti dinner, which benefitted the Canton Firefighter Charity Foundation.

officials guessed that as many as 50,000 people attended the 19th annual Liberty Fest, scarfing down food, climbing aboard carnival rides, enjoying international dance performances, cheering rock bands and applauding a new cricket field in Heritage Park.

Despite large crowds and traffic snarls, especially along construction-plagued Canton Center Road near Heritage Park, township police reported no serious incidents or overly rowdy behavior.

"It looks like everything went fantastic," Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said. "We couldn't ask for anything better."

Parents pushed babies in strollers and, in some cases, rode with their children on bicycles built for two. People visiting local relatives came from states as far away as Texas, if not farther, and gave Canton's foremost summer event an enthusiastic thumbs up.

"It's really nice," said Romulus resident Courtney Chaney, who works in Canton.

Even the festival traffic flowed a little more smoothly than some officials had expected. And while a few children got separated from their parents in Heritage Park, Fletcher said Liberty Fest organizers worked quickly to reunite them.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy lauded Canton Leisure Services employees and festival volunteers for pulling off a successful event.

"I thought it went great," he said. "Just seeing the smiling faces of all the people — and the thousands of people in the park — I just think it was a good time had by all. I think people look forward to it every year, and it's just very well-attended. And, it shows the diversity of our community."



Boy Scouts traveled the parade route bearing the American flag during Saturday's Canton Liberty Festival parade.



Jeremy Adkins and sister Heather on the Spider, one of some two dozen rides featured in an expanded carnival at the 2010 Canton Liberty Festival.

MILITARY NEWS

Michigan Army National Guard

Dennis Fletcher of Plymouth has joined the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Michigan Army National Guard and is assigned as an Infantryman.

He is a 2008 Canton High School graduate. He is currently attending Michigan State University where he is pursuing a bachelor's degree in accounting.

He attended basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., in May. Upon completion, Rose will remain at Fort Benning to be trained as an infantryman and is scheduled to graduate in August.

He is the son of Dennis and Martha Rose of Plymouth.

ROTC scholar

Matthew J. Wetzel has been awarded an Air Force ROTC scholarship to attend a host college or university. High school seniors from across the United States are selected after a competitive application process based on comprehensive tests scores, scholastic

achievement, school officials' evaluations, extra-curricular activities, and community involvement.

The majority of scholarships cover full college tuition, provide a textbook allowance and pay most laboratory or incidental fees. The scholarship program also pays a \$350 tax-free monthly allowance to each student during the academic year, which increases to \$500 by his or her senior year. The value of a scholarship may exceed \$100,000, depending on the student's choice of school and the type of scholarship offered.

Upon graduating from college and completing the ROTC program, the cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants in the Air Force. The new lieutenants select and enter various career fields to train as pilots, navigators, engineers, medical, personnel, business management fields, and special operations.

He is the son of Robert and Karen Wetzel of Fleming Island, Fla., and grandson of Gene and Cathy Wetzel of Twinsburg, Ohio. His grandparents, Jim and Jan Bailey, reside in Canton.

Saving for college expenses should start early

It seems that all the financial news of late has been bad. However, there is some good news about tuition at a variety of Michigan universities.

College tuition over the last decade has skyrocketed. For example, since 2001, tuition at Central Michigan has increased 139 percent, Eastern Michigan 90 percent and the University of Michigan 68 percent. That is why it is good news when Michigan universities are finally paying attention to the cost of tuition and implementing a variety of cost cutting measures.

Three of Michigan's largest universities have bucked the recent trend when it comes to tuition increases. Eastern announced a tuition freeze. The U-M at Ann Arbor announced its smallest tuition increase in 26 years of 1.5

percent, and Michigan State University which had previously announced a 4.9 percent increase reduced that to 2.5 percent. For students at these universities, lower tuition costs for the upcoming school year is good news.

Unfortunately, the good news isn't universal throughout Michigan because universities such as Michigan Tech and Saginaw Valley have announced nearly 6 percent increases in tuition. Furthermore, there is no guarantee that U-M, MSU or Eastern won't have hefty increases next year.

When I went to college, (MSU undergrad and U-M Law School) tuition was relatively inexpensive. Today, that is no longer the case. An incoming freshman at U-M will pay nearly \$12,000 per year in tuition while a typical student at MSU will pay a little over \$11,000.

College tuition is expensive and obtaining a college education is more important than ever. Rest assured that tuition cost will rise at greater rates in the future, so there is no time

like today to think about saving for a loved ones college education.

It has never been easier to save for a child's education, particularly here in Michigan which has two college savings programs — the Michigan Education Trust and the Michigan Education Savings Plan.

The plans are different but they both offer a wide variety of benefits and they are not mutually exclusive.

The MET is a pre-paid tuition program. You can buy a semester, a year or even a full four-year undergrad education.

The MESP is an investment program and the money grows on a tax-free basis. When money is withdrawn and used for a qualified education expense (such as room and board, books and required fees) there are no tax consequences. The beauty of the

MESP is that the money can basically be used for any public or private institution in the country.

In addition, one of the nice things about the MESP is it only has a \$25 minimum.

There is no doubt that MSU, EMU and the U-M did students a favor with regards to tuition increases. Hopefully, this won't just be a one-year occurrence and, moving forward universities will be much more fiscally responsible.

However, college costs will continue to rise and the best way to save for a college education is to start as soon as you can and do it on a regular basis. Good luck!

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OUR VIEWS

Safety first

Make it a fun and safe summer

For many Americans, summer means fun in the sun. The kids are out of school, and it's time for outdoor activities like riding bikes and swimming. But, it's the time of year children — and adults — are most likely to be injured.

Injuries can happen in a blink of an eye, and there are plenty of things out there to cause them. From bicycles, skateboards, inline skates and swimming pools to the sun, parents need to be vigilant to keep their children safe.

Parents may think they have everything under control, but the American Academy of Pediatrics has a few suggestions on how to make this summer safe for kids. We believe they're worth sharing with our readers. The last thing we want to do this summer is write stories about injuries and even deaths that could have been prevented by following a few common sense safety tips.

When it comes to the backyard swimming pool, it's a no-brainer to never leave children alone in or near the pool or spa, even for a moment. Adult supervision is the key. Use layers of protection to prevent a swimming pool tragedy.

At the top of the AAP list is sunburn. A suntan may look cool, but a sunburn is bad news. The first, and best, line of defense against the sun is covering up, wearing a hat, sunglasses and cotton clothing with a tight weave.

The AAP says parents should have their children stay in the shade and limit sun exposure during the peak intensity hours — between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. And on both sunny and cloudy days use a sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or greater that protects against UVB and UVA rays. Apply enough and

reapply every two hours or after swimming.

When it comes to the backyard swimming pool, it's a no-brainer to never leave children alone in or near the pool or spa, even for a moment. Adult supervision is the key. Use layers of protection to prevent a swimming pool tragedy. That includes placing barriers completely around the pool to prevent access, closely supervising children and being prepared in case of an emergency.

Don't use inflatable swimming aids, such as "floaties," as a substitute for approved life vests. They can give children a false sense of security. Better yet, teach your children how to swim. However, the AAP cautions that parents shouldn't view swimming lessons as "drown proofing" a child of any age.

Playgrounds are a great place to while away the hours on a lazy summer afternoon, but they also pose hazards for children. The AAP recommends that parents supervise children on play equipment to make sure they are safe.

Check to see if the equipment is well-maintained. Open "S" hooks or protruding bolt ends can be hazardous and moving parts can pinch or trap any body part. Make sure metal slides are cool to prevent children's legs from getting burned. And don't allow children to play barefoot on the playground. Also make sure your home playground is safe. Falls cause 60 percent of playground injuries, so having a safe surface is critical.

Kids also are out in droves on their bicycles, skates and skateboards. One of the best ways to stay safe this summer is to wear a helmet and other safety gear when biking, skating and skateboarding, and when riding scooters and all-terrain vehicles.

According to the AAP, children need to wear a helmet on every bike ride, no matter how short or how close to home. Many accidents happen in driveways, on sidewalks, and on bike paths, not just on streets. A helmet protects your child from serious injury, and should always be worn. Studies on bicycle helmets have shown they can reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85 percent.

And even if they roll their eyes or moan and groan, talk to them about safety — the need to look both ways when crossing a street and not darting out from between parked cars.

AAP's last recommendation has nothing to do with fun in the sun, but it's well worth mentioning. Every year, children are injured or killed as the result of lawn mower accidents. It may seem like a fun thing to do, children should not ride as passengers on ride-on lawn mowers. The chance of a small child falling off and falling under the machine far outweighs the good time you might be having. A lawn mower is meant to cut grass. If you want to take a child for a ride, do it on an ATV.

If you think it's time for your children are ready to start helping with the outdoor chores, take into consideration their age. The AAP says children younger than 12 years should not use walk-behind mowers. And make note of the footwear — sturdy shoes, not sandals, are recommended.

We urge our readers to take a long, hard look at keeping their children safe this summer. An ounce of prevention does matter. What you do now can mean the difference between a good day of fun in the sun and tragedy.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What's the biggest problem Michigan lawmakers need to fix?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



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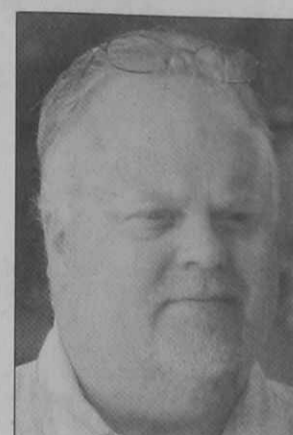
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Edward McClaster
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"Unemployment."

Margaret Huffman
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"Themselves. They need to get along and get the job done instead of bickering."

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LETTERS

Dragon tale

Last night I was driving east on Ford Road and I spied a rather creepy "decoration."

It was a large, stainless steel dragon's head snaking its way out of the ground and seemed to suggest that the rest of the body would rise up from the earth at any moment.

What sort of government agency would pay an artist to display a mammoth dragon to the world as a representation of itself?

The DDA in Canton, as is generally known, was set up, apparently, contrary to law. There was no downtown to revitalize but a DDA was set up nonetheless that has steadily skimmed the tax incomes from local businesses for years. It is a legacy that Jennifer Granholm leaves to the people of Canton.

Let's return to the dragon in Canton, however, and not the one in Lansing. The "Downtown Dragon Authority" has cast these aspersions upon the local community:

- Isaiah 34:13 – And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof: and it shall be an habitation of dragons, and a court for owls.
- Jeremiah 49:33 – And Hazor shall be a dwelling for dragons, and a desolation for

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ever: there shall no man abide there, nor any son of man dwell in it.

• Jeremiah 51:37 And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwelling place for dragons, an astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant. Did the artist mean Canton is different somehow and that dragons are fun playthings

rather than a symbol of Satan?

Alfred Brock
Wayne

Obama the dreamer

President Obama is a dreamer. His solutions for the oil spill include collecting from BP for the damaged economy. Examples offered were: fishermen for shrimp not caught; hotels for vacationers not checked in; and restaurants for meals not served. BP will be bankrupt before their engineers are paid!

He claims to have been on top of the disaster from day one, but he rejected the Dutch offer of assistance. Shutting down successful drilling operations kills jobs and the economy. He should make drilling easier in order to avoid going beyond our 12-mile territorial waters. International seas at 5,000 foot depths are legal but dangerous.

His solution to break the oil habit will put the country back on its feet. Henry Ford eliminated walking and horse-drawn vehicles — and we are not prepared to return. The environmentalist theory is currently a dream. President Obama should wake up!

Hank Borgman
Farmington

Next governor must set a vision, lead

It's the vision, stupid.

Former President Bill Clinton made famous the phrase, "It's the economy, stupid," during his successful 1992 presidential campaign against George H.W. Bush.

With Michigan leading the pack in unemployment throughout the nation, not only have we lost nearly a million high paying, middle-class jobs the last decade, but home foreclosures have ruined lives and neighborhoods even as the stock market behaves like a roller coaster.

While it seems tempting for the seven candidates running for Michigan governor to dust off this old rallying cry, this is exactly the wrong rhetoric for what Michigan needs.

Michigan will not move boldly into the future with our eyes fixed on the rear view mirror. The "good ole days" are not likely to return. The world has changed in dramatic ways. We need a leader that understands this fact. Candidates need to stop pandering to the desire to rewind the clock and instead provide a shared vision and common agenda for the people of Michigan to rally around.

Watching the seven governor wannabes "debate" at the recent Detroit Regional Chamber Mackinac Policy Conference troubled me and others greatly. At a time when Michigan longs for bold, decisive leadership, leadership was AWOL, at least during this encounter.

To be fair, the format was tailor-made for sound bites, "gotcha" politics and rear-view mirror thinking. The candidates, all of whom I know to some degree, are better than what they displayed at their coming-

out party.

The debate, for the most part, saw the candidates staying in their safe political lanes pandering to their political bases, be they public employees unions, or anti-tax, anti-government rhetoric.

Certainly, conventional political wisdom demands sucking up to their respective parties core constituencies. Yet for Michigan to prosper in this hyper-competitive, disruptive, transformational, global knowledge economy, we must demand more than the same behavior that has driven us into the ditch we are in.

Michigan needs a new leader for a new time. The same old, will just not do anymore.

Leaders, lead. Problem solving begins with identifying the problem. As Pogo would say in the old comic strip, "we have met the enemy, and it is us."

The people of Michigan need and want work. We have been losing jobs in roaring tsunamis and replacing them in tear drops. Producing jobs on the scale on which they have been lost will take decades. Promises to the contrary is just that — promises.

What the candidates can and should be selling to the voters are their compelling visions for a new Michigan. Leadership begins with strong beliefs. It continues with persuading a critical mass to adopt these new beliefs and a willingness to do the hard work, endure shared sacrifices and the hardships necessary to put this belief into practice. Without being dour and pessimistic, the citizens of this state are seeking a leader that will level with us and pull us together for a better future.

Before listening to what politicians are promising us, let's ask them three questions:

- 1) What do they truly believe?

2) Where do they want to lead the state?

3) Why should I sign on for the ride?

Politicians traveling the safe road will not take us to where we need to go.

Machiavelli's *The Prince* is a classic study of power: how to get it, expand it and use it to maximum effect. Michigan needs a governor Prince.

Let's hope that Michigan's next governor takes this Machiavellian quote and makes those that fear the "new order of things" believers in both change and progress: "It must be considered that there is nothing more difficult to carry out, nor more doubtful of success, nor more dangerous to handle, than to initiate a new order of things. For the reformer has enemies in all those who profit by the old order, and only lukewarm defenders in those who would profit by the new order ... Thus it arises that on every opportunity for attacking the reformer, the opponents do so with the zeal of partisans, the others only defend him halfheartedly, so that between them he runs great danger."

Yes, there is danger for the governor candidate that sets his vision and asks the citizens of this state to join in the quest. The greater danger rests in pandering, staying comfortably in the present partisan lanes telling the votes only what they want to hear rather than what they need to hear.

It is the economy, stupid. But it will be a leader with bold vision that sets the right course for Michiganders to follow with a chance to help re-build the great state of Michigan. It is clearly the vision, stupid!

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Tom Watkins

Father's Day fun



PHOTOS BY CHRIS JACKETT

Runners and their families gather snacks between races at Sunday's YMCA Father's Day run in Plymouth.

Runners continue annual tradition in YMCA run

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

The crowd gathered for Sunday's YMCA Father's Day Run in downtown Plymouth was a mix of old friends and new. With more than 2,000 people crowding the streets, some were experienced runners, while others were there for the atmosphere and camaraderie.

Plymouth resident Jim Michels, 49, ran the one-mile race with his daughter, 14-year-old Madeline.

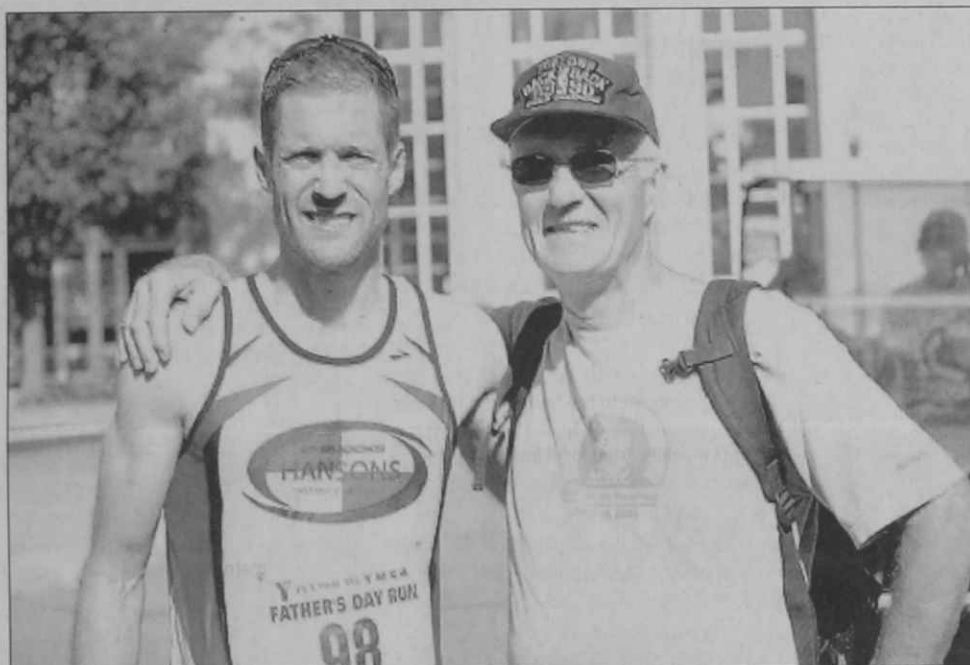
"I'm looking to have some fun," Michels said before the race. "We kind of do it as a tradition on Father's Day."

Michels said he goes out for breakfast with his father-in-law, wife and daughter before watching the 10-kilometer runners go by their front yard in a nearby neighborhood. He's run in the event 17 of the 31 years it has been around, but used to do the 5k until his daughter started racing five or six years ago.

"I feel pretty good. I run three or four times a week just to keep in shape," Michels said.

Madeline plans to join Plymouth High School's track team as a freshman next spring, but has been a participant in the Father's Day Run alongside her dad for five or six years already.

"It's been a little rough at the beginning,



Lake Orion's Clint Verran stands with his dad, Jay, after winning the 10-kilometer race to clinch the MDG Triple 10.3-mile race.

but fun toward the end," she said. "I did the 5k a few years ago and it was a total fail. If

you pace yourself at the beginning, it's a lot easier."

Although many fathers were in attendance for Father's Day, it was Lake Orion dad Jay Verran, 63, who got one of the best presents Sunday morning. His son, Clint Verran, won the 10k run and the overall MDG Triple, which combines the times of racers who ran in all three events, a total of 10.3 miles.

"I just carry shoes," Jay Verran said. "It's fun to be with him on Father's Day."

Clint, a 35-year-old Lake Orion resident and former Eastern Michigan University track star from the 1990s, wanted one last good run before he has surgery to repair a torn meniscus in his knee. He said he has run more than 100,000 miles in his lifetime.

"I do a mix of running and cycling. I plan on doing the Chicago Marathon" later this year, Clint said. "Your car breaks down at 100,000; your body breaks down at 100,000."

Clint Verran, who has been running for 20 years, finished second in both the one-mile (4:33) and 5k (15:28) races, but won the 10k in 32:48 to earn his second MDG Triple title in 52:49, four seconds ahead of 22-year-old David Brent of Monroe. Clint's first Triple title came in his only other attempt, when he won all three races in 1997.

"I had the day off and it's Father's Day," he said. "I'm going to have knee surgery and I wanted to test out to see if I really need it."



Plymouth residents Sam and Andy Stukel finished the 5-kilometer race together Sunday.



Plymouth's Madeline Michels completes the 1-mile race during Sunday's YMCA Father's Day Run.



After finishing the quarter-mile Tot Trot, some children chose to celebrate.



Canton resident Michael Lehnis wraps up the 5-kilometer run in Sunday's YMCA Father's Day run in Plymouth.



Participants of the Junior Jog take off in the first 100 feet of the quarter-mile event at Sunday's YMCA Father's Day run in Plymouth.



Tom York of Northville (from left), Tom and Anten Stelovich of Plymouth and Tommy York of Ann Arbor ran the 5-kilometer race together.

Pilots soar over model aircraft

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

Al Zerber has had a lifelong love affair with radio-controlled airplanes, but then that's true for most members of the Detroit Aero Modelers Club.

The club meets at the Redford Community Center except for June through September when pilots gather at their field in Rouge Park in Detroit. The weather is too nice to waste flying time.

Zerber, a Garden City resident, became a DAM member in 1988. Back then planes flew on steel wires. Today model aircraft is radio-controlled remotely with a hand-held transmitter, and powered by electric motors and internal combustion engines.

"My dad, brother and I used to fly U control in Rouge Park," said Zerber, club membership chairman. "I was about age 10 or 12. You get addicted to RC stuff."

Zerber went on to work as an airplane mechanic in the U.S. Air Force. Today as a retiree he spends nearly every weather-permitting day at the field flying his 30 plus planes and helicopters. It can get to be an expensive hobby with planes ranging from around \$100 to \$15,000 or more for a jet with turbine engine.

"You see something, you go get it," said Zerber. "It's like a big kid in a toy box."

Members from Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Farmington Hills, and throughout the metro Detroit area will join Zerber in that toy box at the third annual Mid America R/C Heli Fun Fly Friday-Sunday, June 25-27, at the field in Detroit.

"People from all over the country are coming, 100 plus pilots, one from Switzerland," said Zerber. "It's amazing what they can do — 3D flying, precision acrobatics."

Founded in 1974, the DAM offers novice flight training.



PHOTO BY DAVID L. MALHALAB

Al Gerber, membership chairman of the Detroit Aero Modelers Club, prepares his Brio 10 Elite model airplane for flight in Rouge Park.

Safety plays a major role during training and flying. DAM was chartered in 1978 through the Academy of Model Aeronautics, a nonprofit organization to promote model aviation as a sport and recreation activity.

"It's a lethal weapon with carbon fiber blades rotating at 2,000 RPM," said Zerber. "You want to make sure nobody's in the line of fire."

As the club's safety officer, Dennis Gazdecki makes sure the rules are followed. The Livonia man said, "People have cut fingers off trying to start aircraft. You can get hurt seriously or if it gets out of control and hits somebody, they can get hurt."

Gazdecki joined the club six years ago after an auto accident left him unable to work for a period of time. It was then he decided to put a plane together. Two years later Gazdecki finally took the aircraft out to the field to learn how to fly it. Today he owns 30 airplanes and five helicopters and rarely has time to fly as he's back working seven days a week.

"It's exciting. It's like a drug addiction," said Gazdecki. "There are a lot of good people

FUN FLY

- **Who:** Detroit Aero Modelers Club
- **What:** 2010 Mid America R/C Heli Fun Fly
- **When:** Friday through Sunday, June 25-27
- **Where:** Detroit's Rouge Park at the corner of Joy and Spinoza

out at the field, good conversation. There's always someone at the field from 9:30 a.m. to evening if not windy or raining."

A Garden City resident who became serious about flying model aircraft about 15 years ago, Donald Allen remembers the days when pilots built aircraft from kits. Planes are about 90 percent assembled when purchased today.

"I enjoy the camaraderie of the group, being outdoors in the fresh air. It's the challenge of trying to do something you haven't done previously," said Allen. "A few of us are airplane nuts, some people just artists and like to build them but don't fly them. The fun thing is you're never done. There's always something more (to learn or buy)."

Allen owns about 15 planes including two biplanes, a World War II F4 Phantom, and four helicopters. He also has a simulator on his computer to practice maneuvers. He is especially excited about the helicopter event June 25-27.

"If you want to be impressed, you'll see helicopters do things you never could imagine," said Allen. "I have a simulator to practice and still can't do things. It doesn't cost you if you crash it. You can go online and fly with other people."

Children as young as three are invited to the field to learn about flying model aircraft.

"We even had a 7-year-old flying a helicopter," said Allen. "They know video games. It's all eye-hand coordination. It's easier to teach someone in their teens than an adult."



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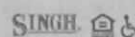
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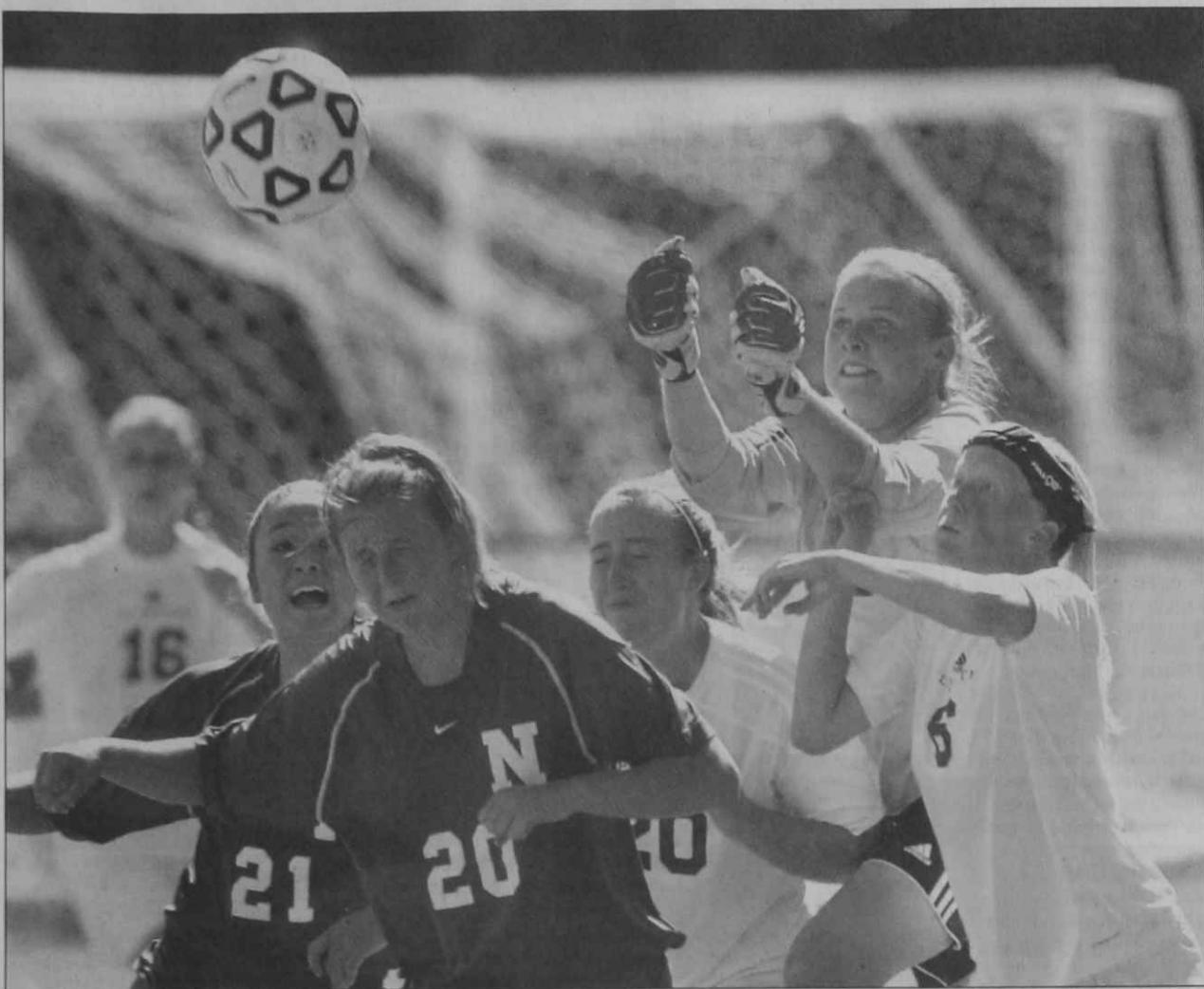
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GIRLS SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP



Plymouth goalie Marissa Williams, right, rises above all others in trying to make a punch-save during the Wildcats' state final soccer game at MSU on Saturday. Novi's Nickie Greenhalgh (No. 21) and Jessica Jarvis try to score on Plymouth.

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

FINAL VERDICT

Overtime penalty kick thwarts Plymouth's bid for a D1 title



Battling for a 50/50 ball are Plymouth sophomore Stephanie Sheridan (left) and Novi's Katie Barry.

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Novi girls soccer coach Brian O'Leary challenged his players not to let Plymouth goalkeeper Marissa Williams get in their heads if Saturday's Division 1 final came down to penalty kicks.

It did and she didn't. After an official ruled a hand ball in the box midway through overtime, Novi senior defender Morgan Haffey faced the junior goalie 12 yards away.

Haffey stalled for a few moments — taking a page out of Williams' book — then stepped in and blasted a laser inside the left post at 7:37 of overtime to give the Wildcats a 2-1 triumph and the championship. For Novi (21-2-2), it was the fourth D1 title under O'Leary since 2005.

"I always tell them rule No. 1, wait for the whistle and rule No. 2, hit it firm," said O'Leary, following the victory at Michigan State University. "Don't be cute, don't try

to aim it. Hit the thing and be a believer in where it's going. ... She hit a rocket right in the corner, no goalie's going to save that."

TURNING THE TABLES

O'Leary said the coaching staff worked with players on what to do in a penalty kick scenario against Williams — who had been golden during shootouts, winning three games in that fashion as underdog Plymouth (15-5-4) marched to MSU's DeMartin Soccer Complex.

"We knew their goalie likes to play head games on the thing," O'Leary said. "The ref asks her if she's ready and she said no. And she did that to Northville (district opener) and Northville really got rattled by it."

"So I said to the girls, 'I'm not going to say a word. It's up to you to throw it back in their face.' If you notice, Morgan did a real good job. She turned her back on her

Please see **SOCCER, B3**

Close finishes mark Father's Day Run

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

The Plymouth YMCA's Fathers Day Run brought more than 2,000 people to downtown Plymouth Sunday morning to participate in a variety of races.

There was a quarter-mile Tot Trot (ages 3-4), quarter-mile Junior Jog (ages 5-7), one-mile run/walk, 5-kilometer run/walk and 10-kilometer run/walk that led up to the Morse Dental Group Triple award, decided by the runner with the best combined time from participating in the one-mile, 5k and 10k races all in a row for a 10.3-mile run.

This year's MDG Triple winner was 35-year-old Clint Verran of Lake Orion. Verran, who finished with a combined time of 52 minutes, 49 seconds, also won the Triple during his one other attempt in 1997, which followed a collegiate track career at Eastern Michigan University.

Verran is scheduled to have knee surgery to repair a torn meniscus today, but plans to run in the Chicago Marathon Sept. 12.

TEST RUN

"I had the day off and it's Fathers Day," he said of his decision to join the Plymouth race after a 13-year hiatus. "I'm going to have knee surgery this Thursday and I wanted to test out to see if I really need it."

A 20-year veteran of competitive running who has logged more than 100,000 miles, Verran finished second in both the one-mile (4:33) and 5K (15:28) races, but won the

10K in 32:48 to earn his second MDG Triple title in 52:49, four seconds ahead of 22-year-old David Brent of Monroe.

Brent defeated Verran by a fraction of a second in the 5K in 15:28 after finishing third in the one-mile, just a fraction of a second behind Verran at 4:33.

Rondell Ruff, 27, of Gallitzin, Pa., won the one-mile in 4:31, but finished third in his age group in the 5K (16:31) and fifth in his age group's 10K class (35:54). He was 10th in the overall Triple standings in 56:56.

Also placing in the top three of an overall single event were 28-year-old Northville resident Nick Allen (third in 5K in 15:40) and 23-year-old Pinckney resident Nicholas Kutzefares (third in 10K in 32:52).

Kutzefares was third in the Triple in 53:25, while Allen was fifth in 54:27. Troy's Christopher Hammer, 24, was fourth in the Triple in 54:00.

The women on the track were just as impressive, but Westland's Angela Matthews, 26, led the way by winning two of three races to claim the Triple title in 1:00:13. Dearborn's Erin Webster, 24, finished just behind Matthews in all three events.

The competition between the two started off close, with Matthews winning the one-mile run in 5:05, just two seconds ahead of Webster. Fenton's Lisa Veneziano, 45, finished third in 5:40.

Matthews gave herself some space in the 5K with a 17:39

Please see **RUN, B2**



CHRIS JACKETT

Finishing the 5-kilometer run during Sunday's 31st Plymouth YMCA's Father's Day Run are Mark Faulkner of Canton and Teresa Mei of Plymouth.



With top NHL prospect Tyler Seguin leading a very competitive team, coupled with family friendly ticket plans, the Plymouth Whalers enjoyed a 25-percent spike in attendance during 2009-10. Ticket prices will be unchanged for the 2010-11 season.

Whalers to hold line on prices in '10-11

The Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers will start the upcoming 2010-11 season against a pair of traditional rivals on the road.

The Whalers open the 2010-11 season on Thursday, September 23 at Windsor Family Credit Union Centre in Windsor against the OHL and Canadian Hockey League Champion Spitfires. After playing in London on Friday, September 24, Plymouth hosts the Eastern Conference-champion Barrie Colts in the home opener 7:05 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25 at Compuware Arena.

Saturday remains the primary home date for the Whalers, with 20 Saturday nights leading the way. Plymouth plays nine home games on Friday, one on Sunday afternoon and one each on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Game time remains 7:05 p.m. for all but three of Plymouth's 34 home dates. The Whalers will play three home matinees, all starting at 2 p.m. Those include the annual Kids Day game 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28 vs.

Please see **WHALERS, B2**

Delapaz shines at Comerica

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kevin Delapaz and Jeff Sorenson both went out with a bang in their final high school baseball appearances Monday night.

Delapaz, a senior left-hander from Canton, didn't need the Detroit River to create his own fireworks as he walked away MVP award as the East handily defeated the West, 12-2, in the annual Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Classic at Comerica Park.

Delapaz, headed to Bowling Green, was starting and winning pitcher, going three scoreless innings. He allowed only one hit and a walk while striking out three.

Delapaz, who moved to left field in the later innings, also gunned down Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central's Zak Wilkerson with a perfect throw on the fly to the plate in the bottom of the eighth inning.

Wilkerson was trying to score from third on a sacrifice



Delapaz

fly. "It was a little sore from pitching. I pitched a few days ago, too," Delapaz said. "But you only get to play at Comerica a few times — so I let it go."

Sorenson, a first baseman-outfielder-pitcher from Livonia Stevenson, also delivered an RBI single in the eighth inning.

"I sat on the curveball and got a good hit out of it," said Sorenson, who is headed to Wayne State in the fall.

When he arrived, Delapaz was practically in awe of the Comerica Park surroundings.

"It was hard to take everything in, from the huge scoreboard to the beautiful field, and all the stands," he said.

"Throughout the game I was trying to take in new stuff the whole time. It was a lot of fun. We have a really nice mound on my field — at Canton

ALL-STAR CLASSIC

— but it's a beautiful mound. It was great to pitch off it."

The Canton ace admitted he had some nerves, but was pumped up when he got out to the mound.

"I'm not going to lie, there was some adrenaline there," he said. "I wanted to put on a nice show. It was nice to be able to pitch in front of an All-Star team like this. There were a lot of friends and family, it was nice to see so many people come out for me."

Sorenson soaked in all the ambiance of playing in the Major League stadium as well.

"It was a great experience, a lot of fun," he said. "It's great to play at Comerica Park."

When Sorenson first stepped out to the Comerica Park field, he'll always remember one thing.

"Probably the scoreboard," he said. "It's gigantic."

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Area's top tennis players honored

2010 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS TENNIS FIRST-TEAM SINGLES

Jennifer Yen, Sr., N. Farmington
Angelica Woods, Jr., Liv. Franklin
Katie Blumberg, Sr., Farmington
Tori Amponsah, Jr., Farmington
Margaux Kabodian, Soph., F.H. Mercy
Akanksha Vaishnav, Soph., N. Farm.

FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES

Emily Hand, Sr., N. Farmington
Emily Jan, Sr., N. Farmington
Riva Jaddou, Jr., N. Farmington
Danielle Balsis, Jr., N. Farmington
Anna Hinrichs, Fr., F.H. Mercy
Laura Williams, Soph., F.H. Mercy

SECOND-TEAM SINGLES

Allie Carpenter, Sr., Salem
Jessie Guindi, Fr., F.H. Mercy
Laura Gumpfer, Jr., Liv. Stevenson
Ariana Kabodian, Jr., F.H. Mercy
Michelle Mac, Sr., Farmington
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SECOND-TEAM DOUBLES

Kaitlin Deisenroth, Sr., Liv. Ladywood
Megan Glowacki, Jr., Liv. Ladywood
Lisa Carlson, Sr., F.H. Mercy
Michelle Ho, Sr., F.H. Mercy
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HONORABLE MENTION

Singles: Anna Norman, Soph., Salem; Ashley Benvenuti, Jr., Liv. Stevenson; Lindsay Stemberger, Soph., Plymouth; Ani Cooper, Soph., Liv. Churchill; Mara Karagozian, Fr., Liv. Churchill; Carmen Gaddis, Fr., Farmington Harrison; Allison Lewsey, Sr., Harrison; Stephanie Pietruszka, Jr., Livonia Ladywood; Raven Gardiner, Jr., Redford Union; Mallarie Gainer, Sr., Garden City; Jessica Gemuend, Sr., Garden City; Brianna Yankasky, Jr., Garden City.

Doubles: Sarah Abdulhamid, Sr., and Heena Patel, Sr., N. Farmington; Val Rose, Sr., and Kristi Walker, Sr., Liv. Churchill; Kelsey Shaw, Jr., and Alyssa Muller, Jr., Mercy; Emily Plumley, Jr., and Michelle DeBeaudry, Sr., Liv. Stevenson; Kayla Davis, Sr., and Brittany Vance, Sr., Canton; Annie MacKenzie, Sr., and Lulia Fratila, Jr., Plymouth; Ashley Walker, Fr., and Mallory Rojo, Jr., Salem.

FIRST-TEAM SINGLES

Jennifer Yen, Sr., N. Farmington: A four-year standout in the singles lineup, Yen compiled a 20-6 record this year at the No. 1 flight. She was a Division 2 state semifinalist and runner-up in the OAA White Division to Rochester's Kelsey Dieters. Yen defeated D-2 state champ Anne Marie Morin of Rochester Adams in straight sets and Dana Siegel from Andover. She won the Allen Park and North Farmington invitationals. Yen was the No. 3 singles state champion as a freshman.

Angelica Woods, Jr., Franklin: The junior posted a 20-3 record and reached the Round of 16 in the Division 1 state finals after a runner-up finish at the regional after beating Northville's Joanne Weber in a three-set semifinal match.

Woods' three-year record at No. 1 singles is 58-12 overall. She also earned All-Academic honors in both the Kensington Lakes Activities Association and Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association.

Katie Blumberg, Sr., Farmington: Blumberg, who has played No. 1 singles for three seasons, was a regional semifinalist. She defeated Lahser's Lydia Klein and Marian's Liz Ulrich, and she went three sets with Yen, 4-6, 6-2, 1-6. Blumberg had a 16-6 record this year against some of the best competition in Oakland County.

Victoria Amponsah, Jr., Farmington: Amponsah has a three-year record of 52-14 in singles play. She was 15-7 this season against excellent competition. She won a three-setter over North Farmington's Akanksha Vaishnav in the regional semis and then won the championship. Amponsah also lost a close match to Yen, 6-7, 4-6.

Margaux Kabodian, Soph., Mercy: Kabodian is a repeat selection for the first team with Yen, Blumberg and Amponsah. The No. 1 singles player helped the Marlins to a sixth-place in the D-2 state meet with a

first-round victory. Kabodian was 10-9 while going up against many of the top players in her flight.

Akanksha Vaishnav, Soph., N. Farmington: Vaishnav had a busy spring, playing No. 2 singles for the tennis team, being a starting midfielder in soccer and maintaining a 4.0 GPA. She won the OAA White Division, as well as the Grosse Pointe North, Allen Park and North Farmington invitationals. Vaishnav was a D-2 state semifinalist and finished with a 21-5 record.

FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES

Emily Jan (Sr.)-Emily Hand (Sr.), N. Farmington: The seniors were a doubles team for four years and had great success during their prep careers. They were 26-2 this year and 50-4 over the past two seasons. Hand and Jan were OAA White Division and regional champions, and they also won the Allen Park and North Farmington invites. The Raiders were state semifinalists this year and finalists in 2009.

Riva Jaddou (Jr.)-Danielle Balsis (Jr.), N. Farmington: The No. 2 doubles team earned the 18th point at the regional that enabled the Raiders to qualify for the state meet. The top-seeded duo won the regional, as well as the OAA White, Allen Park and Grosse Pointe North tournaments. The juniors, who were 23-1, are expected to move up to the No. 1 flight next year and replace the long-running, Jan-Hand act.

Anna Hinrichs (Fr.)-Laura Williams (Soph.), Mercy: The Marlins won their opening match at No. 1 doubles in the D-2 state tournament and lost in the second round to the top seeds and eventual champions from Forest Hills Northern. Hinrichs and Williams had an 8-12 record while playing a demanding schedule against quality competition.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Whitney Wasielewski, N. Farmington: Wasielewski, a former standout at Livonia Stevenson and the University of Toledo, led the Raiders to the OAA White Division



Jennifer Yen
N. Farmington



Angelica Woods
Franklin



Katie Blumberg
Farmington



Victoria Amponsah
Farmington



Margaux Kabodian
Mercy



Akanksha Vaishnav
N. Farmington



Emily Hand
N. Farmington



Emily Jan
N. Farmington



Riva Jaddou
N. Farmington



Danielle Balsis
N. Farmington



Anna Hinrichs
Mercy



Laura Williams
Mercy

championship and an eighth-place finish at the D-2 state meet.
Ken Stocker, Jake Stocker, Mercy:

The Stockers guided the Marlins through a difficult dual schedule to a runner-up finish in the Catholic

League behind D-2 state co-champion Bloomfield Hills Marian and a sixth-place finish in the state tournament.



The annual Father's Day Run in downtown Plymouth gave families a chance to complete a 5-kilometer race together. Doing just that are Canton residents Ken, Emily and Jessica Young.

RUN

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run, which bested Webster's 18:06. However, Ann Arbor's Monica Joyce, 51, came in and won the women's overall 5K title in 17:04.

Without Joyce in the 10k, Matthews won the event by nearly a minute. Her time of 37:29 beat Webster's 38:20, who was followed across the line by Clarkston's Leah Scharl, 33, who finished third in 38:34.

Veneziano finished third

in the Triple in 1:03.45, followed by 60-year-old Canton resident Donna Olson (1:15.33) and 30-year-old Canton resident Jill Conte (1:17.44).

The youngest participant of the three full-length races was 2-year-old Erin McCallum of Northville, who got across the 5K finish line in 32:29. Ken Johnson of Warwick, R.I., was the oldest racer, as the 79-year-old finished the 5K in 35:19.

For full results on last weekend's Plymouth YMCA's Fathers Day run, visit www.active.com/running/plymouth-mi/plymouth-ymca-fathers-day-run-2010#Results.

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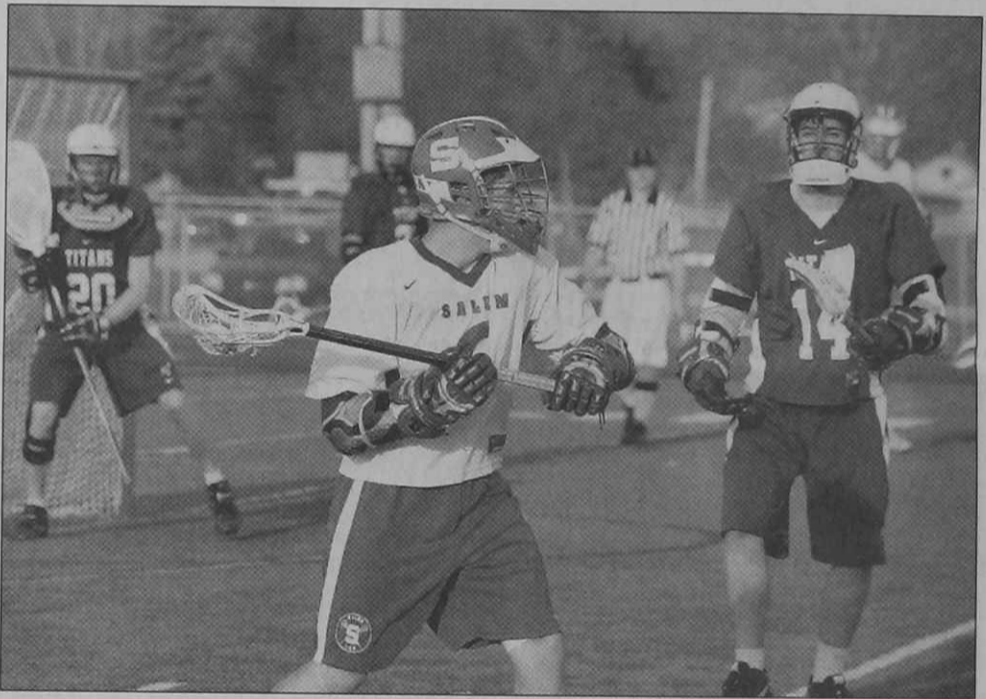
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HONORABLE MENTION

SALEM: Garrett Berg, attack; Nick Gianini, midfielder; Anthony Portelli, defense; Kurt Driscoll, Ism; Drew Hisey, face off spec.; Alex Gravin, goalie.

PLYMOUTH: Phil Flesch, attack; Drew Leist, midfielder; Ritchie Mitchell, face off spec.; Michael Justus, goalie.

CANTON: Trevor Moore, attack; Tim Popp, midfielder; Ryan Dunleavy, defense.



Salem's Dylan Hatcher (No. 6) made the All-Plymouth-Canton Educational Park boys lacrosse team as an attackman.

WHALERS

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Erie, Monday, Jan. 17 vs. Saginaw; Sunday, March 13 vs. Sault Ste. Marie

Plymouth's schedule features 48 games against teams within the Western Conference, with 28 of those games within the West Division (eight each against Saginaw and Windsor; six each against Sault Ste. Marie and Sarnia) and 20 against

Midwest Division opponents. The remaining 20 games are against Eastern Conference teams.

The Whalers enjoyed a 25-percent spike in attendance in 2009-10 (see attached photo) and the team is holding ticket prices for 2010-11. Single game ticket prices remain \$15 for Center Ice Seating and \$11 for Executive Reserved and Bench Seating. Season tickets for the 34-game home schedule start at \$269.

In addition, a host of affordable Group Ticket plans, Mini

and Flex Ticket Packages and Family Value Packs will be available. For more information, call (734) 453-8400 or go to <http://www.plymouthwhalers.com/tickets.html>.

Plymouth finished in fourth place last season in the ultra-competitive Western Conference with a record of 38-27-1-2. The Whalers have the longest current active play-off streak of any team in the OHL. After missing the play-offs as an expansion team in 1990-91, Plymouth has made the playoffs in 19 consecutive

seasons.

NHL draft party

CJ's Brewing Company at Compuware Arena will be holding a National Hockey League Entry Draft Party beginning 3 p.m. Friday. Plymouth star Tyler Seguin is expected to be selected first or second overall by Edmonton or Boston during the draft. CJ's will be offering several food and drink specials during the event. For more information, call CJ's Brewing Company at (734) 453-4455.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Free golf clinic

PGA golf pro Tami Bealert is hosting a free family golf clinic (following a successful one on May 15). That will take place from 2-3 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at Ford-Napier roads in Superior Township, just west of Canton. For more information, go to www.TrainWithTami.com.

Whalers Alumni Game

The Plymouth Whalers will play their second annual Alumni Game on Saturday, Aug. 7 at Compuware Arena. Much like last season, the game will feature alumni from all eras of the team, going back to the team's early days as the Detroit Compuware Ambassadors and Detroit Junior Red Wings to the Detroit and Plymouth Whalers.

Returning to the Compuware ice will be several players with local ties now playing in the National Hockey League. Those include

Canton's James Wisniewski (2000-04), now with the Anaheim Ducks as well as Chad LaRose (2000-03; Carolina Hurricanes) and David Legwand (1997-99; Nashville Predators).

Other Whalers alumni who have committed to play include former captains Pat Peake (1990-93), Mike Morrone (1994-97), Randy Fitzgerald (1996-00), and Chris Terry (2005-09), as well as J.D. Eaton (1990-93), Kevin Paden (1992-94), Jeff Mitchell (1992-95), Mike Rucinski (1992-96), Dan Pawlaczyk (1993-97), James Ramsay (1998-01), Damian Surma (1998-02), Gino Pisellini (2003-06), and Scott Fletcher (2008-09). More alumni are expected to commit to the game as the summer rolls on. Please note that players are subject to change.

Last year's first Alumni Game featured 26 players from all eras of the franchise in a game that ended 12-11 for the Whites over the Blues. More information will be

released to the public later in the summer. Alumni interested in playing in the game or attending the event can contact Natalie Shaver at (734) 453-3216 or natalies@plymouthwhalers.com for more information.

Take Pride

The PC Pride is looking for experienced coaches to lead teams of all ages for the 2010-11 fast pitch softball season.

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

Attorney Bieske welcomes you to call him to determine if you may be

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

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There was no shortage of extra effort at the Division 1 girls soccer final. Here, Novi's Ellen Brinza (left) and Plymouth sophomore Jessica Scott each try to gain possession.

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Postseason puts 'Cats on map

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Even as they could hear Novi girls soccer players celebrating their Division 1 state championship, Plymouth's finalists were trying not to let that situation spoil their own victory party.

Plymouth's Wildcats didn't win the title, having lost 2-1 to Novi's Wildcats on an overtime penalty kick at Michigan State University.

But head coach Jeff Neschich and his players left DeMartin Soccer Complex Saturday knowing they've officially arrived as a program to be reckoned with.

"It's insane, no one, no one thought we'd be able to do this, and it's just crazy," said junior defender Katelyn Moss. "I'm happy to have made it this far. Usually, no one predicts that we'll make it past the first round of districts. So to be able to do this is insane."

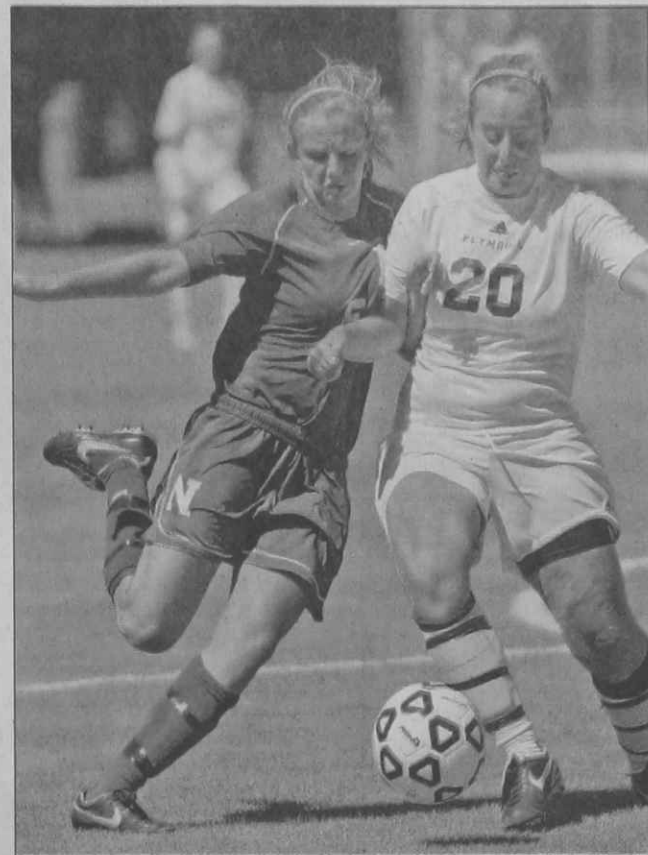
Moss emphasized that the Novis, Northvilles, Cantons and Sailems — among others — know Plymouth now is securely on the soccer map.

"I think a lot of teams will be taking us a lot more seriously," Moss said. "I think every single team we played thought they were going to beat us and we came out and surprised them."

According to Neschich, many of the those returnees who just experienced the state tournament push will be stoked for 2011 to begin.

"We've got so many kids coming back," Neschich said. "I think we'll focus and take this little sting to our pride and focus on next year coming back for the championships."

One of those players is junior goalkeeper Marissa Williams, instrumental in Plymouth's Cinderella-like postseason run. Despite the bitter loss, she managed to keep things in



Novi's Courtney Laux (left) battles Plymouth's Meeghan Hughes in the first half of Saturday's Division 1 final. Hughes is one of the seniors who helped Plymouth emerge as a very strong team in 2010.

SOCCER

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(Williams), she bent down to tie her shoe, took a little tape off and gave it to the referee."

Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich questioned the ruling against sophomore midfielder Jessica Scott that led to the winning PK.

"A girl fell down and accidentally touched it," Neschich said. "It really didn't impede their play at all. Yeah, it was a tough call but what can you do? ... I think there's some leeway, he could have let that one go."

Junior defender Katelyn Moss, who played her typical reliable game in the back, lamented the critical decision.

"Jessica Scott made a great effort to stop the ball to their player, unfortunately the ref made a call," Moss said. "I don't think he should have called it. She was on the ground, it wasn't intentional."

Williams, still clutching the runner-up trophy under the awning at Plymouth's bench, smiled when discussing the ruling.

"If the ball hits your hand it has to help you in some way," said Williams, who posted 15 shutouts this year including four in the postseason. "She's on the ground, it hit her hand, it didn't help her in any way whatsoever."

"The ref asked me if I understood the call and I was, 'Yeah,

I wouldn't have made it.' But whatever. It was a perfect goal, it hit the side netting. That's one of those unstoppable ones even if you dive the right way."

EARLY DOMINANCE

The way the first half unfolded, with plenty of tic-tac-toe precision passing by Novi, few in the stands could have predicted such a finish.

During the opening 40 minutes, Novi outshot Plymouth 9-2, almost played keepaway with the ball and took a quick 1-0 advantage.

Senior defenders Taylor Hoover and Morgan Haffey combined for a goal just 10:04 into the contest.

Haffey, who along with Ellen Brinza and Alli Howard were the lone holdovers from Novi's 2007 title team, served a free kick from the left side of the pitch. Hoover then headed it in past Williams.

"Nicki (Caruso) had a break-away and had a one-on-one," Hoover said. "She took her and the defender bit and got her ankle. Morgan just served a great ball in and it was beautiful, all I had to do was change the ball's direction and that was it."

But the second half was more evenly played (Novi's shot advantage was 8-5) and Plymouth started to pick up some offensive steam.

Plymouth finally gave their fans plenty to cheer about when junior forward McKenzie Hengesh scored with 13:29 to go in regulation.

Hengesh, parked on the doorstep, headed the ball behind Novi junior goalkeeper Gabby Gauruder — denying her of a 19th shutout.

"We got it back out to (junior forward) Jen Babcock and she did a second try in crossing it," Neschich said. "They left McKenzie Hengesh wide open far post and she just drilled it, headed it in."

Plymouth finished the half with momentum, but could not get the tie-breaker.

WINDS OF CHANGE

O'Leary said warm breezes played a role in how regulation was almost a tale of two halves.

"They play very direct, they play a lot of straight balls (to forwards)," O'Leary said. "The wind slows it up enough to make it a 50/50 ball instead of a direct pass."

"Flip that over, the second half the wind helped them get the ball to the forward a little quicker and we struggled a little bit more."

The Novi coach, meanwhile, said the latest trophy is just a bit more sweeter than those the Wildcats earned in 2005, 2006 and 2007 because this year's run wasn't expected.

"The other three when the season started a state championship was within our expectations," O'Leary said. "But when this season started, I don't think we were one of the top-20 teams in Michigan and I don't think anybody on our team thought we were."

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Members of the 12U Canton Cardinals, who won the USSSA Memorial Day NIT at the Canton Sports Center, include the following: front row (from left) Kevin Anthony, Cameron Shaughnessy, Trevor McManus, Griffin Shiminski and Mike Groff; middle row (from left) Frankie Bellino, Andrew Hejka, Andrew Jossey, Ravi Mahanti, Grant Hartwig and Seth Hubbard; back row (from left) head coach Dan Hejka, Sr., assistant coaches Vince Shiminski, Kurt Anthony and John Shaughnessy.

12U Canton Cards capture holiday tourney championship

Put another trophy on the shelf for the 12U Canton Cardinals. The boys in red went 5-0 over the Memorial Day weekend to capture the championship at the USSSA Memorial Day NIT, at the Canton Sports Center.

The Cardinals advanced to Sunday's final game after a strong pitching performance from Seth Hubbard. He struck out eight batters to lead the Cards to 11-3 win over the Lansing Hit Club.

That set up the championship showdown against the Southfield Indians. The Cardinals kept the momentum going, both in the field and at the plate. Pitcher Frankie Bellino and the Canton defense held the Indians to

two runs in 5 2/3 innings. But as the Southfield bats started to get hot, a rifle shot from catcher Andrew Jossey to Andrew Hejka was right on the money. Hejka tagged the Southfield runner for the third out to end the game and give the Cardinals a 6-2 victory.

Over the weekend, Canton outscored their opponents 55-7. The hitting attack was led by Andrew Jossey (.667/3 triples), Grant Hartwig (.545), and Andrew Hejka (.533/2 triples). Hejka also hurled a no-hitter in pool play against Diamonds White from Grand Rapids. Kevin Anthony, Cam Shaughnessy, Michael Groff and Seth Hubbard each picked up six RBI for the weekend.

The weekend was another

proud moment for Cardinals head coach Dan Hejka, Sr., who's been with many of these boys since they were 9 years old.

"Compared to previous years we started slowly this year, but in the past couple weeks the boys seem to have hit their stride," said Hejka. "I have worked them hard and they are responding. They understand that teamwork and defense wins games."

To date, the team has captured 11 tournament titles, 2 state championships and a world series victory. This season, the Cardinals are 20-5-1, with more league play, tournaments and a trip to the Ripkin Experience in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina still ahead this summer.



Winning Wings

The Canton Wings Squirt hockey team went undefeated during the spring season (10-2-0), clinching the Squirt B division and winning the playoffs. The games were played at the Arctic Edge in Canton. The team includes (front row, from left) Kurt Jensen, Aidan Ross, Christian Skomra, Christian Putlock, Kurt Faerber, Brandon Garber and (in front), goaltender Peyton Grainer; (middle row, from left) Rhami Itani, Graham Rais, Luke Davis, Kaleb Brabbs, Devin Dowd and Jake Dowd; (back row, from left) head coach Dean Garber and assistant coach Pat Dowd. Not pictured is assistant coach Rais.



State Cup champion Hawks

The Michigan Hawks '97 U13 girls soccer team celebrates recently after winning the MSYSAS 2010 State Cup. The Hawks defeated Vardar in a double overtime shootout at Ultimate Soccer Arena in Pontiac. With the victory, the squad moves on to the Midwest Regionals June 26 in Beavercreek, Ohio. The team also won the spring MSPSP Premier Division 1 with a 7-1-1 record. In the front row (from left) are Cassie Phillips, Taylor Lambouris, Lexie Shamoun, Kelly Sweeney, Rylee Jayson, Mackenzie Travis, Sydney Kettlewell, Claire Allen and Shannon Magnan. In the back row (from left) are coach Dave Hicklin, Nicole Zuckerman, Holly Hermans, Kylie Knight, Olivia Hartman, Laekyn Jaciuk, Erin Emmanuel, Courtney Peterson and assistant coach Tony Phillips. Not pictured is Olivia Kitz.

'Cats eighth at D1 meet

An outstanding season for Plymouth's varsity boys golf team closed out with an eighth place finish at the Division 1 state finals, held June 11-12 at Forest Akers East.

Head coach Chris Moore said his team finished with a two-day score of 594, just three strokes shy of finishing fifth for the tourney, which featured the team setting a new team record for the second time in a week.

On Day 1 of the finals, the Wildcats shot a total of 293 to again set the new school mark (which in turn broke the record 300 from the regionals). On opening day, Josh Heinze led the way with a 71, followed by Justin Bauer (72), James Bryans and Ryan Bauer (each 75).

The second day leader was Bryans, with a 74. Ryan Bauer tallied a 75 while Heinze and Justin Bauer each chipped in with scores of 76.



Encore for Blue Jays

The Canton U9 Blue Jays are all smiles after winning their division May 30 at the Canton Cup. It was the team's second straight championship at the annual tournament. Pictured are (front row, from left) Zoey Lowe, Taylor Jakubiec, Cali Murad; (middle row, from left) Emilie Cannon, Claire Brish, Jordan Manley, Marina Traub, Julia Noel, Adrianna Parrado, Abby Grant; (back row, from left) coaches John Jakubiec, Eddie Traub, Manuel Parrado.

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Spark Building Energy Solutions in Livonia is the site for a free seminar on home energy efficiency and incentives scheduled for 10:30-11:45 a.m. Saturday, June 26.

The seminar, led by certified energy auditor Anand Pappuri, is designed to show how energy awareness can benefit homeowners.

Participants will find out about Energy Audit (Incentives up to \$150), Utility Rebates (up to \$1,350), new home construction rebates (up to \$700), how to earn Energy Star label for new home construction, Indoor Air Quality (Radon gas, soil gases, flue gases), federal tax credits (up to \$1,500), energy mortgages and 203 (k) loans, solar power and incentives (30-percent tax credit), participate and win free energy audit (value \$650).

Spark Building Energy Solutions is located at 32401 Eight Mile in Livonia. Register for free at www.sparkbuildingenergy.com

Grub crawl

The Canton Chamber of Commerce, Charter Township of Canton and the Downtown Development Authority will be co-hosting Canton's ninth annual Grub Crawl 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 20. This event is open to the public and participants must be 21 years of age or older.

The Grub Crawl is an opportunity for area restaurants to showcase their establishment as well as promote Canton's diversity while having fun. Participating restaurants in this year's event include: Antonio's Cucina Italiana, Bailey's Pub & Grille, bd's Mongolian Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Crow's Nest, Rose's Grill & Bar, Shish Kabob Café, T.C. Gator's Sports Page, and T.G.I. Fridays.

"The Grub Crawl is an event for the community and businesses. It's really important that we continue to have functions that include our entire community, and the Grub Crawl gives us this opportunity" said, Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

According to Cojei, last year almost 600 people attended this event. Tickets (T-shirt) are \$35 each and include transportation to and from participating restaurants. T-shirts are on sale now and can be purchased at the Chamber office. T-shirt sizes are on a first come first serve basis so reserve yours early.

If you are interested in participating in the Grub Crawl, go to our website at www.cantonchamber.com click on forms/fliers to print a ticket order form and drop it by the Chamber office at 45525 Hanford Road. You can also call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

Major sponsors for this event are Huntington Bank, Oakwood Healthcare Systems and PNC Bank.

Golf outing

Each year the Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts an annual golf outing. This year the classic will take place Tuesday, Aug. 17, at Pheasant Run Golf Club of Canton. This event is open to the public, and there are various packages available for purchase.

- Golf for Four Package (\$600) - Includes golf with cart for four, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, Buffet dinner, prizes, and gift package.

- Golf for Four Sponsorship Package (\$650) - Includes golf for four with cart and a Tee or Green Sponsorship, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course,



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Food and drink abound at the Canton Chamber of Commerce Grub Crawl, scheduled this year for 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 20.

Buffet dinner, prizes, gift package, signage at the course, recognition at the dinner, and a plaque.

- Individual Golf (\$150) - Includes golf with cart, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, Buffet dinner, prizes, gift package, and more.

- Dinner Only (\$35).

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's Golf classic is one of the most popular events of the year, bringing together over 200 golfers and volunteers. It's an outing for everyone, from the serious golfer to the person that has never golfed.

"Our golf outing offers a great opportunity to reward employees and/or potential clients, and helps to promote your business while supporting camaraderie amongst your employees," said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. Tee and Green sponsorships are available and affordable. If you are interested in purchasing a sponsorship, contact the Chamber at (734) 453-4040.

Major Sponsors of this event are Hines Park Lincoln Mercury, Jack Demmer Ford, Inc., Lou LaRiche Chevrolet and Yazaki North America, Inc.

Mentor 'protege' program

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's Mentor program is a way of formalizing the relationship between experienced members of the chamber (Mentors) and new chamber members (Protégé).

Mentor programs offer a structured setting in which to develop beneficial one-on-one relationships between Protégés and professionals who have been successful in utilizing the resources of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

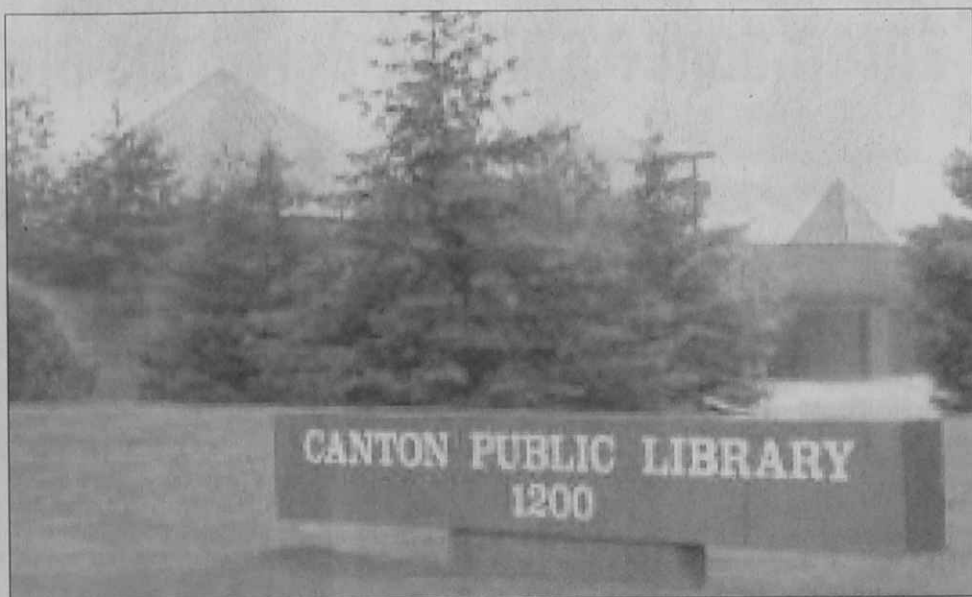
Interacting as a friend, a teacher, and a guide, Mentors have the opportunity to encourage Protégés by sharing their own experiences and knowledge of the business network within the chamber.

Anyone interested in becoming either a Mentor or a Protégé should contact the chamber at (734) 453-4503.

Ribbon cutting

The Canton Chamber of Commerce welcomes Green & Glamorous Resale Boutique to the Canton community with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at noon Friday, June 25.

Green & Glamorous Resale Boutique is located at 42847 Ford Road, on the south side of Ford Road between Morton Taylor and Lilley in the same shopping center as Hobby Lobby.



The Canton Public Library offers a variety of business classes this summer.

Canton library offers summer school for business

Spend a lunch hour with the professionals at the Canton Public Library and learn new techniques and tips to help your small business grow.

These classes are specifically geared for business application and feature hands-on help. Business owners will leave with new skills and knowledge. Bring your own snack or pick up a quick lunch at the library's Jungle Java Café. Attend all seven sessions or pick the ones that meet your specific needs. No registration is necessary.

- Learn About CantonWiki with creator George Hotelling July 7, noon, Internet Lab - How to create and edit CantonWiki.org and how it can be a great marketing tool for your business.

- Facebook for Business, July 13, noon, Internet Lab - Create a Facebook page for your business, learn to post events, photos and include Facebook

in your business marketing plan. Prerequisite: Existing e-mail account or personal Facebook account.

- Twitter for Business, July 22, noon, Internet Lab - Learn how to use Twitter to connect with customers, build relationships and engage potential customers. Prerequisite: Existing e-mail account.

- Google Business Center, July 28, noon, Internet Lab - Discover how to advertise online, maximize your revenue, reach new customers, enhance your website and increase your productivity.

- Business Book Discussion, Aug. 3, noon, Conference Room - "Escape from Cubicle Nation," by Pamela Slim, featured in the Wall Street Journal, Entrepreneur, Business Week and other publications, this book helps you move from employee to entrepreneur. Discuss the author's ideas and what you can glean

from her as a business person. Books available at the Reference Desk.

- How to Start a Small Business, Aug. 12, noon, Purple Room - Let the professionals at SCORE (Counselors to America's Small Businesses) help you get started or grow your own small business.

There is tons of information and help available to you, if you just know how to find it and SCORE can help.

- Demographics Now and Reference USA, Aug. 19, noon, Internet Lab - Learn how to mine Demographics Now and Reference USA to get accurate, up-to-date information to market your business, research competitors, get customer leads and more.

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center in Canton. For more information, call (734) 397-0999 or e-mail askcpl@cantonpl.org.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Brain Injury Association

Sherri McDaniel of Canton has been named to the Brain Injury Association of Michigan Board of Directors.

McDaniel is the chief operating officer, vice president and director of human resources for Rainbow Rehabilitation Centers, a brain injury rehabilitation center serving Southeast Michigan. McDaniel has expertise in the human resources and marketing fields. She previously served on the Personnel Committee of the BIAMI board from 2007 to 2008. Her current term will go through 2013.

The Brain Injury Association of Michigan is dedicated to enhancing the lives of those affected by brain injury through education, advocacy, research and local support groups, and to reducing the incidence of brain injury through prevention. Founded in 1981, Brighton, Mich.-based BIAMI is a national leader in its efforts on behalf of the nearly 200,000 Michigan residents who have sustained brain injuries.

Resource workshop

In an effort to help communities diversify industry, move the region forward and create jobs, Wayne County, in partnership with the University of Michigan's



Club hopping

A ribbon cutting was held on Friday, June 18, by Sam's Club to announce the unveiling of their newly remodeled store. Sam's Club is located at 39800 Ford Road in Canton. Sam's Club passed out goody bags to the first 50 children and served a continental breakfast. Attending this event were employees, Canton Township officials, Canton Chamber of Commerce members and local residents.

Community Economic Adjustment Program, is hosting a Community Resource Workshop at Henry Ford Community College to give businesses an edge on economic recovery.

"This workshop will directly link Wayne County's local communities and community agencies with representatives from the state and federal government, which helps the region continue to move forward, diversify and grow," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "Together, participants and businesses

will discuss projects, funding opportunities at the state and national level, and subsequent proposals for development."

The workshop will be held on July 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Henry Ford Community College, located at 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn. Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano will give opening remarks.

For more information on Wayne County's Community Resource Workshop and to register, contact Carmen Wells Quigg at (734) 998-7016.

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Canton dance student performs ancient classical routines

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 BY SHARON DARGAY
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Anjali Patel has chosen her saris, one a peacock blue and the other, bright green, for her big day on Saturday, June 26.

Her invitations have been sent. The food and decorations are planned. The professional photographs are done. And guests soon will arrive from India to celebrate with her in Canton.

"We laugh sometimes. It's almost like throwing a mini wedding without the groom," said Anjali's mother, Nita Patel. "There's a lot of work that goes into it."

She and her husband, Pankaj, have been planning their 17-year-old daughter's Arangetram — a solo dance performance — for months.

Anjali, a 2010 Canton High School graduate, has worked toward it for 10 years under the guidance of dance guru Chaula Thacker, director and founder of the Chauladevi Institute of Dance and Yoga. She's also a member of Nadanta, a dance troupe founded by Thacker.

"I started dancing ballet and tap, probably when I was 5," said Anjali, a National Honor Society student who played soccer and swam on the varsity team during high school. After discovering Bharat Natyam, Indian classical dance, Anjali dropped tap and ballet to study the ancient dances that originated in Tamil Nadu.

"It taught me more about my culture. It's really unique and I like that," she explained her interest in Bharat Natyam.



Anjali Patel, a member of the classical Indian dance troupe, Nadanta, will perform a two-hour solo program Saturday, June 26.



Anjali Patel of Canton demonstrates a classical Indian dance move.

TELLING A STORY

The three elements of Bharat Natyam are pure dance, interpretive dance and dance drama.

"In Indian classical dancing there are different hand gestures, positions, expressions and very different music," Anjali said. "Most of the dances are about certain gods in Indian culture. It's explaining about or devoting to the gods."

She'll start her two-hour solo performance with a dance called Ganeshtuti, a dedication to Lord Ganesha, the remover of all obstacles, and Shiva, the lord of dance.

Most of the eight other dances that will follow pay homage to a god or tell a story through interpretive, pure or dramatic dance.

The program also includes

a "Padam," a dance Thacker choreographed especially for Anjali.

"I talk about being a strong devotee to all gods and I also thank the audience for coming," she said, explaining what the Padam's movements are meant to convey.

Anjali attends dance classes three times a week, participates in summer dance camp and has worked on perfecting her Arangetram program for the past year.

"The past three years, after learning the dances, I've become more passionate about it. I feel like I'm fully into the dances, able to describe the stories," she said.

SOLO DANCERS

That level of dedication

separates the casual dance student from someone those working toward an Arangetram.

"People take it for granted that they'll be able to do that (an Arangetram). But no, that's not true," said Thacker, who has five students involved in solo performances this summer. "It has to come from the heart. Not from mom or dad or me or other classmates."

Students of Anjali Patel of Canton has been learning Bharat Natyam, Indian classical dance, for 10 years.

participate in several dance showcases during their years of study. Thacker uses the first showcase to select or reject dance students.

"I hate myself when I reject students, but I also don't want to degrade the quality," Thacker explained. "One hour a week in class is not enough. They learn theory, foot movements, head, eye, neck movements. There's so much to do."

Dance students take yoga classes in addition to classical training. There's meditation, stretching and posture exercises.

DETERMINED

Thacker recognized Anjali's dedication early on in her training. Although Anjali was born without a left hand, she was determined to excel at Bharat Natyam.

"I knew if she could handle this situation (her handicap) so nicely, she probably would go through the showcase and achieve what she wants," Thacker said.

Nita Patel hopes other parents will take note of Anjali's achievements.

"A lot of people, if they have kids that are handicapped, may be overly-protective," Nita said. "I think the message I want to send is to give them a chance. Maybe they will flower." Anjali said her lack of a hand is "no big deal," even in the expressive Bharat Natyam dances.

"I can do all of the steps in the dances," said Anjali, who will enter Michigan State University this fall. "And if there is anything, like with this hand, I must do, I automatically do what I can."



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Location: Streets of downtown Northville
Details: "Art in the Sun," with more than 75 artists selling their works. Contact: (248) 344-0497

Northville Art House

Time/Date: Through June 27; gallery hours 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: "West of Center," contemporary annual all media show features works by more than 60 artists
Also on display: Photos by Northville dentist William S. Demray, through June 24
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Savory Beet & Goat Cheese Tart

Say Yes To Beets with contest entry

The "Say Yes! To Beets" Recipe Contest is up and running. So grab an apron and a jar of beets, roll up your sleeves and head to the kitchen. Your recipe could be the \$2,500 Grand Prize winner. Aunt Nellie's Beets add a delicious difference to many recipes year-round — whether an appetizer or dessert, soup or salad, side dish or main dish. Savory Beet & Goat Cheese Tart, a past grand prize winning recipe, is a great example of how one contestant used pickled beets in a deliciously unexpected way. She topped a refrigerated pie crust with caramelized onions, goat cheese and the sweet-tangy beets to make an elegant but easy tart — perfect as a first course or a light entrée. Entries will be judged on the basis of taste, creativity and ease of preparation. Recipes can be newly created or an existing favorite that features changes the judges deem significant. For complete contest rules, visit www.auntnellies.com. Contest deadline is August 13.

SAVORY BEET & GOAT CHEESE TART

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 1 large yellow onion, very thinly sliced (about 2 cups)
 - 1 refrigerated pie crust (half of 15-ounce package)
 - 1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Sliced Pickled Beets, well drained
 - 1 package (8 ounces) herb and garlic-flavored goat cheese
 - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme
 - Grated or shredded lemon peel (optional)
1. Preheat oven to 450°F. In large nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add onions; cook and stir until softened and golden brown about 15 minutes, reducing heat if necessary. Remove from heat.
 2. Unroll crust and place on ungreased baking sheet. Spread onions evenly over crust, leaving a 1-inch border. Arrange beets over onions and dot with goat cheese. Sprinkle with thyme.
 3. Fold pastry edge over beets crimping edges, leaving center uncovered. Bake until crust is golden, about 20 minutes.
 4. To serve, slice into wedges and garnish with

thyme and lemon peel, if desired.

Makes 10 to 12 appetizer servings.

Nutritional Information per serving (1/10 of recipe): 213 calories, 6 g protein, 14 g carbohydrate, 14 g fat, 286 mg sodium, 18 mg cholesterol, less than 1 g dietary fiber, 1 mg iron, less than 1 mg thiamin, 355 IU Vitamin A, 2 mg Vitamin C.

To use drained beet juice: Reserve 1/2 cup drained beet juice and combine with 1 clove minced garlic, 2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard and 2 teaspoons honey in blender container. Blend on high 10 seconds. Pour 1/3 cup olive oil into mixture with machine running and blend well. Serve as salad dressing.

Cook's Notes: Substitute 1 teaspoon dried thyme for fresh, if desired.

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BIRMINGHAM — Open Sundays through October 24, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Birmingham Farmers Market City Parking Lot 6. Seasonal

fresh flowers and produce are the main attraction all locally grown on family farms in southern Michigan. Honey, syrup and handmade goods available. Each week the Birmingham Farmers Market offers a variety of live entertainment from blues to bluegrass.

CANTON — Every Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Oct. 17 (rain or shine) in Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge. Market offers a variety of home grown foods and hand-made goods.

The local growers, producers and farmers offer vegetable, fruits, herbs, bulbs, grains, meats, plants, and more. New vendors this season with Michigan-made products include The Plymouth Popcorn Company, offering a variety of gourmet flavored popcorn; Farmington Soap Works with natural hand-made cold process soaps and Prochaska Farms from Tecumseh offering annuals, vegetable and herb plants, seasonal produce and organic cheese from the Four Corners Creamery.

For more about the market, visit Cantonfun.org and click on farmer's market under the community events tab.

DETROIT — Eastern Market offers everything from luscious and colorful farm fresh fruits and vegetables to meat products (beef, pork, lamb, poultry, geese, duck and rabbit) to herbs and spices, nuts, candies and a variety of condiments and all are supplied by the retailers and wholesalers spread over this 43-acre area. The public farmers market is open on Saturdays only, but most of the businesses in the area are open six days a week (Monday through Saturday). Closed on Sunday.

FARMINGTON — The Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., every Saturday through Nov. 20 at Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park, located on Grand River Avenue, east of Farmington Road, in downtown Farmington. Features a wide selection of flowers and plants, seasonal fruits, vegetables and bakery goods. Crafts from selected local artisans also will be on display. For more information, visit www.downtownfarmington.org and click on farmer's market.

GARDEN CITY — The market runs 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., every Wednesday, rain or shine, through Oct. 27 at the northeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt in the Garden City Town Center Plaza. For a list of special activities at the market, go to www.gardencity.org.

LIVONIA — Livonia Farmers Market is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays beginning June 19 through Oct. 9 at the Wilson Barn, Middlebelt and West Chicago, Livonia. Call (734) 261-3602.

NORTHVILLE — The Northville Farmers Market is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 28 and features over 100 stalls of fresh produce, plants, and flowers. Other finds are honey, bakery goods, fine juried crafters, garden art, soaps, jewelry, furniture, woodworking, and home accessories. The market is located in the Northville Downs parking lot at the corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon roads.

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WESTLAND — The market is open through Oct. 26, at on the east side of Westland Shopping Center along Wayne Road. Fresh strawberries, tomatoes, sugar snap peas, herbs and flowers were among the offerings when the new market kicked off on June 15.

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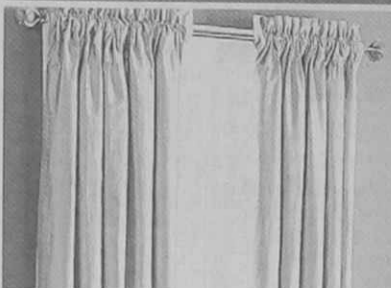
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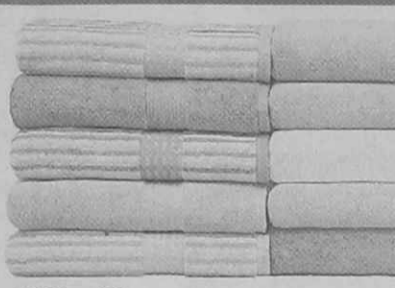
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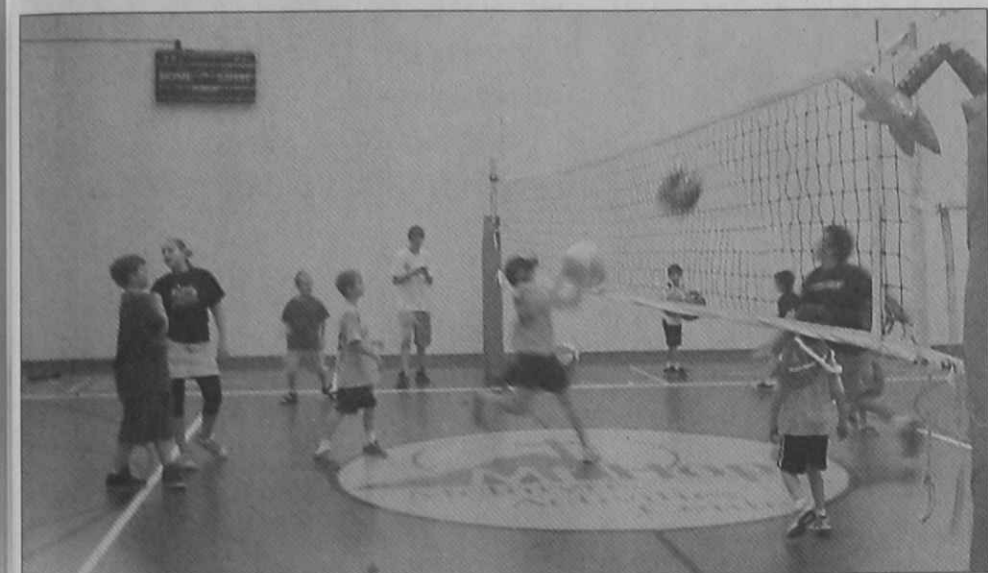
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Youngsters play volleyball during the first of several "Slam Sundays" at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, Livonia.

Bored? Head to Livonia church for fun activities

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Mt. Hope Congregational Church in Livonia is doing its part to keep youngsters busy this summer through weekly "Summer Slam Sundays."

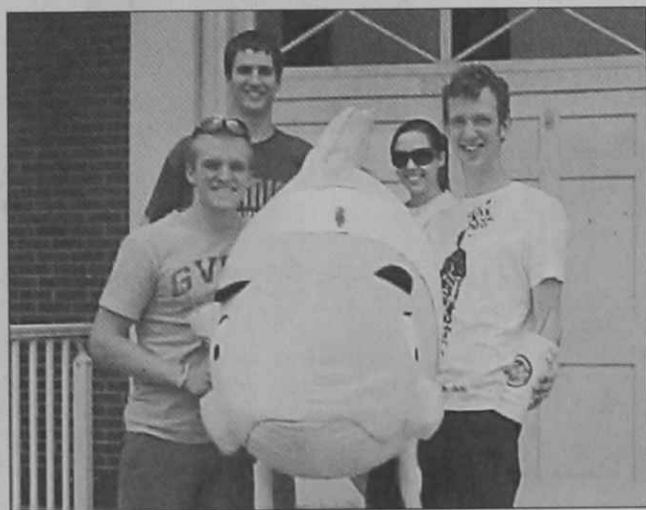
The church kicked off its new community outreach program Sunday with a tropical beach party, complete with volleyball, a cook-out, games and prizes.

"As a fun promotion, my wife found a ginormous "Finding Nemo," said youth pastor Justin Olivetti, referring to an inflatable toy version of the animated film character. "We took pictures of it in different locations and posted them on Facebook."

Youngsters and teens guessed where the fish was posed and the winner received an additional prize raffle ticket for the beach party.

"We had over 30 teens and kids come, some from the church but a lot from the community," Olivetti said, describing the first "Slam" session. "We held games, raffles, food and worship for all. Very good response from the youth who attended and we're hoping that next week will be even bigger now that grad parties and Father's Day are out of the way."

Olivetti said the program is designed to reach young-



High school members of Mt. Hope Congregational Church's youth group posed with a blow-up fish for a contest held in conjunction with the church's Summer Slam Sundays.

sters and teens beyond church membership. The sessions are geared toward kindergarten through high school.

He hopes Summer Slam Sundays will keep boredom at bay during at least a few hours each week and introduce potential new members to the church's youth groups.

The events run 5-8 p.m. Sunday, in the activity center behind Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Free hot dogs and hamburgers are served at 5 p.m., followed by games, crafts and other activities. Free prizes,

such as DVDs and video games, will be raffled every week. Here's the schedule for the remaining nine Summer Slam Sundays:

- June 27 - Board/Card Game Night
 - July 11 - Country Fair
 - July 18 - Christmas in July
 - July 25 - Open Mic/Karaoke Night
 - Aug. 1 - Movie Night
 - Aug. 8 - Fiesta
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JESSLYN MARIE ALTIZER

Age 64 of Commerce Twp., June 18, 2010. Loving mother of Teresa (David) Kaitschuck and Kenneth (Beth) Altizer. Proud grandmother of Brandon, Kaylie, Benjamin and Zachary. Sister of George Nance, Debra (Pete) Kinser and Kimberly Nance. A Memorial Service has taken place at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland. Memorial contributions may be made to Karmanos Cancer Foundation. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com



FRANCES J. LYNCH

Age 80, June 21, 2010. Loving wife of the late Robert. Dear mother of Bryan (Jill), Bobby (Saveta), Bill, Kenny and Kim (Steven) Brown. Beloved grandmother of Michelle, Eric, Michael, Tiffany, Cory and Tyler. Sister of Audrey, Joe and Nelson Taylor. Best and dearest friend of Gladys and many others. Fran enjoyed traveling, playing cards and spending time with her family and friends. Visitation 2-9 pm Wednesday and Thursday at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia, with Rosary 7 pm Thursday. Services Friday at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia with viewing at 10 am until her Mass at 10:30 am. Burial at Glen Eden. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com.

MARK RAYMOND KIRKPATRICK

Age 56, June 19, 2010, of Westland. Beloved husband of Gerri. Loving father of Kisa (Justin) Baskin. Dear brother of Wayne (Tammy). Visitation was Tues 3-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd. (btwn Ford & Cherry Hill), Westland. Funeral Service was held Wed 11 AM at the funeral home. Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West. Memorial Contributions to the family would be appreciated. To leave a condolence message for the family, visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

CHARLES E. MURTHA JR.

June 19, 2010 Age 87 of Westland. Beloved husband of the late Isabelle. Dear father of Kathleen (John) Andreas, Susan (Wayne) Lankford, Edward, Amy (Robert) Fryssinger, and the late Linda Gearin. Brother of Alvin. Grandfather of ten and Great-Grandfather of thirteen. Memorial service to be held at a later date. Cremation rights were accorded. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com.

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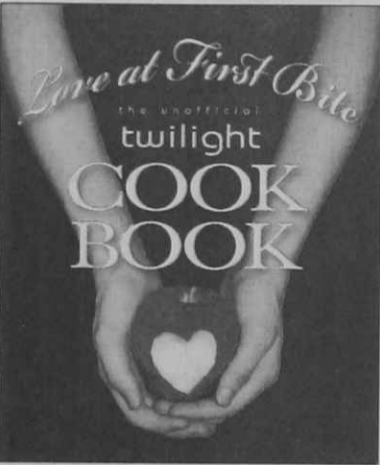
Even vampires will give these recipes a try

Twilight fans are counting the days.

There's less than a week left until *Eclipse*, the third installment in Stephanie Meyer's series about vampires, werewolves and a teenager named Bella Swan, hits movie screens on July 30.

That's plenty of time to fire up the oven and cook up a little pre-premiere party with recipes from *Love at First Bite: The Unofficial Twilight Cookbook*.

The book's second edition, released last month, contains recipes — some for dishes straight out of the series' pages — as well as cast lists for *Twilight*, *New Moon*, and *Eclipse*, a party planning checklist, Bella's prom planner, *Twilight* trivia and more.



The unofficial "Twilight" cookbook is available at amazon.com and major book stores.



Cookbook author Gina Meyers

Gina Meyers, a California-based writer best known for her pop-culture television trivia books and a cookbook inspired by the television show *Bewitched*,

penned *Love at First Bite*. Its first edition, released in March 2009, was mentioned in an episode of The NBC sitcom, *The Office* last year, when character Kevin Malone said "I cooked my way through Julie Child's cookbook and I am halfway through the *Twilight Cookbook*. I just made Edward Cullen's Cornflake Chicken."

The chicken recipe is among the *Twilight*-themed entries in the book, which is available at major book stores and Amazon.com.

Here are a few more to help get your *Eclipse* party started:



Blushing Bella

BLUSHING BELLA

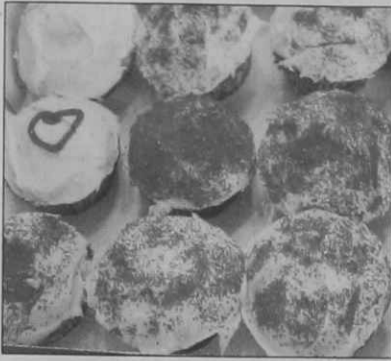
3 ounces of strawberry mango juice
3 ounces of freshly squeezed lemonade
Lime wedge to garnish

Directions: Mix all ingredients in a tall glass with ice and enjoy. Garnish with lime wedge on the side of the glass. Serves 1.

RED VELVET CAKE

4 tablespoons cocoa powder
1 ounce liquid red food coloring
¼ cup water
1 yellow cake mix, with pudding in the mix
4 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon butter
4 tablespoons buttermilk
1 tablespoon white vinegar

Directions: Preheat oven to 325. In a large bowl, mix cocoa powder, red food coloring, and part of the water to form a paste. Next, add all of the other ingredients except the white vinegar. Blend for 2½ to 3 minutes with a mixer on medium speed. Then add the vinegar and mix with a spatula. Pour the batter into a bunt or round cake pan, and bake for approximately 35 minutes. This recipe can be made into cupcakes as well.



Red Velvet Cupcakes

Adorn each cupcake or the entire Red Velvet Cake with various miniature die-cast Cullen cars, such as Carlisle's Mercedes S55 AMG, Rosalie's red BMW M3, Edward's silver Volvo S60R, Alice's yellow Porsche 911 Turbo, or Emmett's Jeep Wrangler. A replica of Bella's red Chevy pickup truck could also be added.



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TALLERINA

3 tablespoons shortening
1 onion, minced
1 pound ground round
1 can, (26 ounce) tomato soup
1 (15 ounces) can tomato sauce
1 cup cold water
2 tablespoons salt
2 cups uncooked broad egg noodles
2 cups canned corn
1 can (6 ounces) ripe pitted olives
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
1 can (4 ounces) mushrooms,

pieces and stems preferred.

Directions: Melt shortening in a large pot on medium; add onions and cook until brown. Next, add meat and cook thoroughly. Add tomato soup, tomato sauce, noodles, water, and salt. Cover and cook over low heat for 10 minutes. Remove pot from stove and add corn, mushrooms, and part of the cheddar cheese. Stir and then pour mixture into a baking dish 1- by 8 ½-inches. Cover with remaining cheese,



Mushroom Ravioli

and bake at 350 for 50 minutes.

MUSHROOM RAVIOLI

10 ounces mushroom ravioli or cheese-filled ravioli
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 ounces shiitake mushrooms, sliced
4 ounces button (table) mushrooms, sliced
1 clove garlic, minced
¼ cup brandy
1 cup heavy cream
½ teaspoon nutmeg
Salt and pepper
½ cup grated parmesan cheese

Directions: Prepare ravioli according to package directions; drain. Next, over medium heat, pour olive oil in a skillet and cook mushrooms until tender. Add garlic and brandy, and cook for 2 minutes. Slowly stir in heavy cream and bring to a simmer. Season with nutmeg, salt, and pepper. When cream has thickened, stir in ¼ cup of parmesan cheese. Then, stir in cooked ravioli, and gently simmer for 1 to 2 minutes. Serve with parmesan, garlic bread, and salad. Makes 2 servings.

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The menu on July 17 includes Ricotta Gnocchi with Fresh Marinara Sauce, Broccoli Patties, and Raspberry Clafoutis.

Programs run from noon to 1 p.m. Each session costs \$20.

Fun, food

Tri-county — Look for free giveaways, including coloring books for kids and coupons for Tubby's Grilled Submarines, at Park-it Family Fun Nights held this summer throughout Metro Detroit.

Tubby's Grilled Submarines is a sponsor of the events, which include live music, bouncy houses, kids' activities, and a family movie under the stars.

Park-it Family fun Nights will be in Canton Thursday, July 22 and in Wayne, Thursday, July 29. For more information visit www.parkitforfun.com

Tea time

Northville — The Anglican Church of Livonia, His Church Anglican, presents "Tea at the Garden" July 17, at 18677 Fox Hollow Court, off Beck, north of Six Mile. Choose an 11:30 a.m. or 2 p.m. sitting for tea. Garden walks follow at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Bring your favorite tea cup to the event. Tickets are \$20. Call Hazel Lilley at (248) 474-5971.

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'30 Under 30' Realtor honoree remains committed to Detroit living

BY JULIE BROWN
 O&E STAFF WRITER

Austin Black II of Max Brook Realtors in Detroit likes living in the city of Detroit.

"I am committed to staying in Detroit," said Black, a 2003 graduate of Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., with a bachelor of science degree in urban planning. He was born in Detroit, moved with his family at age 10 to Okemos, Mich., near Lansing, and then to Troy. He graduated from Birmingham Seaholm High School in 1999.

Black, 29, has been honored as a 2010 "30 Under 30" honoree by *Realtor Magazine*, a publication of the National Association of Realtors, and appeared on the magazine cover. This is the 10th anniversary of the program.

"It was definitely an honor," he said of the recognition, which went last year to Max Brook colleague Christian Grothe. "It was something I always wanted to accomplish."

Black is approaching five years in the real estate field, almost three with Birmingham-based Max Brook. His interest in real estate development goes back to college days, and he put his

passion for architecture and urban planning to good use by co-founding City Living Detroit, a nonprofit organization that promotes and educates the local community about urban living.

That includes a website and events focusing on urban living, such as housing fairs and bus tours. "We've published a magazine several times just to give an idea of what Detroit is all about," Black said. He always had an interest in real estate development, honed through internships, and transitioned into real estate after college graduation. He lived in Rome, Italy, and Washington, D.C., during his studies.

He's single and lives in Detroit's Midtown area by Wayne State University. "I love it. I love being around a diverse group of people."

He likes being able to walk places, and recently walked to the Detroit River and then had dinner with friends.

"There's so many people that want to make a difference," Black said of Detroit.

He finds some organizations have begun to embrace young people. He's on a couple nonprofit boards, including the Boll Family YMCA and the Ambassador Board for

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit.

He's also with the Leadership Team for Leadership Next of United Way of Southeastern Michigan. Also keeping Black involved is Detroit Declaration, a new group working to revitalize the city and region, including involvement in election campaigns. That group's Facebook page has already drawn thousands of fans.

He's passionate about his community, and pleased the National Association of Realtors sees brokers and agents becoming more actively involved in their communities.

He plans to stay in Detroit after he has a family, and will figure out educational options. He's beginning a blog for city parents. "They want to try to stay and make it work because they are passionate about the city." That blog's in early development stages, and will focus on raising a family in the city. He'd like parents to contribute and eventually have events where they can meet.

Being African-American and living in the suburbs, Black didn't feel excluded. Since a young age, he's been

exposed to many cultures. "Growing up, I never really had any issues," he said, adding he felt especially welcome at the Ivy League Cornell.

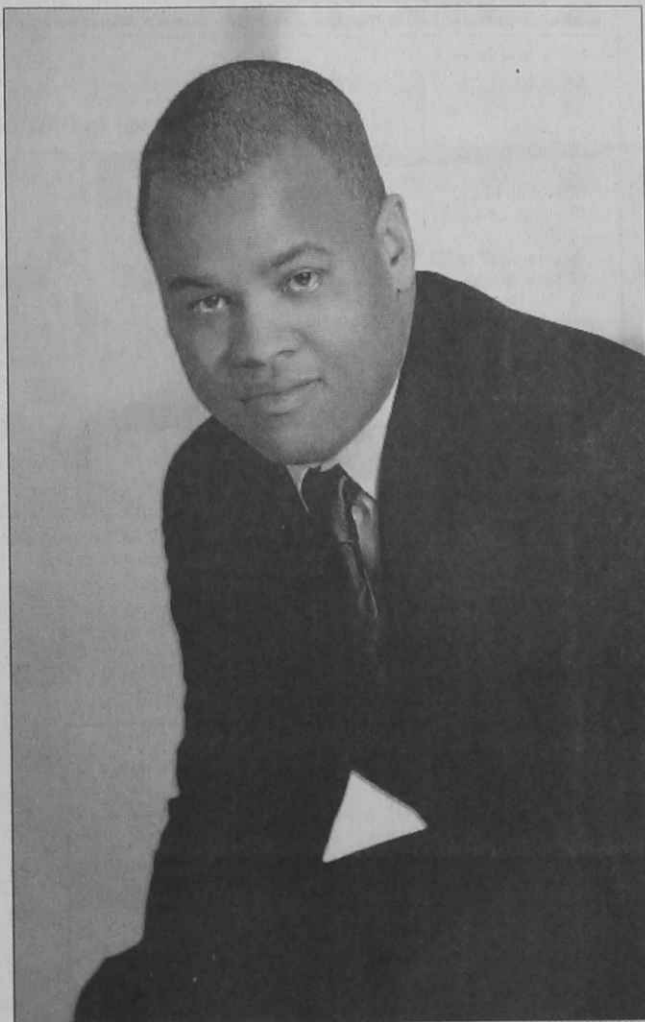
"It was like a melting pot of the different cultures."

His interest in family life in Detroit is both civic-minded and personal. "I want to be around other people who are committed to raising their kids in the city," Black said.

In his real estate work, Black has done much marketing through the Internet. He has an "Urban Living Update" blog, including new projects and restaurants, "what it's like to live in the city." Facebook and Twitter help keep him connected as well, especially for those who are relocating to Detroit.

For more on Black, visit www.austinb2.com/.

"Over the past 10 years, we have watched the younger generation of Realtors respond to the evolving needs of homebuyers, sellers and investors in today's dynamic real estate environment, bringing tremendous value to their clients and community," said NAR President Vicki Cox Golder, owner of Vicki L. Cox & Associates in Tucson, Ariz., in a statement. "This year's '30 Under 30' recipients have



Austin Black II, a graduate of Cornell University and Birmingham Seaholm High School, is a 2010 Realtor Magazine "30 Under 30" honoree.

a strong passion for homeownership and a dedication to revitalizing the market. As we have witnessed with past honorees, these Realtors

bring fresh perspectives to the industry while working diligently to advance the future of real estate."

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 8-12, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	
337 Amberwood St	\$115,000
3624 Camden Ct	\$150,000
3898 Forester Blvd	\$73,000
3548 Riverside Dr	\$135,000
Beverly Hills	
17824 Beechwood Ave	\$196,000
16909 Locherbie Ave	\$140,000
Birmingham	

1378 Fairfax St	\$1,075,000
250 Millrace Rd	\$445,000
2456 Pembroke Rd	\$190,000
1587 Penistone St	\$119,000
327 Southfield Rd	\$130,000
327 Southfield Rd	\$166,000
383 W Brown St	\$143,000
881 Wallace St	\$137,000
1400 Washington Blvd	\$715,000
Bloomfield Hills	
2456 Hickory Glen Dr	\$205,000
4124 Lakeridge Ln	\$215,000
Bloomfield Township	
1268 Circle Ct	\$460,000
750 N Shady Hollow Cir	\$345,000
5200 Rectar Ct	\$350,000
5108 Woodlands Ln	\$110,000
Clarkston	

5377 Bristol Parke Dr	\$335,000
6770 Langle Dr	\$215,000
6458 Olympus Dr	\$166,000
Commerce Township	
5035 Surfwood Dr	\$425,000
Davisburg	
10120 Creekwood Trl	\$260,000
Farmington	
23025 Maple Ave	\$119,000
Farmington Hills	
37689 Mckenzie Ct	\$360,000
35135 Pennington Dr	\$154,000
27948 Quail Hollow Rd	\$149,000
32340 Salvador St	\$112,000
38317 Saratoga Cir	\$105,000
36721 Tanglewood Ln	\$163,000
22435 Tuck Rd	\$36,000
27925 W 14 Mile Rd	\$274,000

Lake Orion	
237 Atwater St	\$52,000
903 S Long Lake Blvd	\$133,000
Novi	
23746 Cranbrooke Dr	\$89,000
28191 Dixon Rd	\$188,000
23873 Heartwood	\$163,000
Oakland Township	
5642 Stonehaven Blvd	\$450,000
Oxford	
807 W Peninsula Ct	\$197,000
Rochester	
202 Walnut Blvd	\$171,000
Rochester Hills	
372 Essex Dr	\$205,000
774 Medinah Dr	\$194,000
1597 Northumberland Dr	\$150,000
1855 Rapids Way	\$285,000

197 Winry Dr	\$178,000
South Lyon	
25450 Meadow Ct	\$30,000
Southfield	
23344 Grayson Dr	\$35,000
20456 Norwood Dr N	\$218,000
25385 Saint James	\$62,000
29469 Southgate Dr	\$38,000
Troy	
1592 Brentwood Dr	\$105,000
6312 Country Ridge Dr	\$553,000
3796 Edenderry Dr	\$272,000
3854 Forge Dr	\$183,000
563 Hartland Dr	\$170,000
2107 Prescott Dr	\$163,000
1150 Prosper Dr	\$223,000
Walled Lake	
540 Decker Rd	\$30,000

2015 Dorchester Dr	\$160,000
475 Woodland Hills Dr	\$154,000
Waterford	
6549 Cloverton Dr	\$38,000
3438 Fort Dr	\$69,000
3427 Signet Dr	\$115,000
West Bloomfield	
3601 Ashview St	\$74,000
6288 Aspen Ridge Blvd	\$115,000
2200 Island View Dr	\$97,000
2103 S Hammond Lake Rd	\$285,000
6140 Trailwood Ln	\$450,000
3305 Winchester Rd	\$202,000
7907 Woodingham	\$124,000
White Lake	
938 Sloane Ct	\$200,000
Wolverine Lake	
11104 Egret Ln	\$130,000

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 8-12, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
43539 Argonne Ct	\$124,000
357 Country Club Ln	\$308,000
7564 Embassy Dr	\$166,000
42130 Greenwood Dr	\$113,000
419 Patriot St	\$158,000
239 S Village Way	\$45,000
8388 Sandpiper St	\$189,000
41920 Saratoga Cir	\$100,000
49251 Stanton Ct	\$425,000
48784 Stonebriar Dr	\$190,000
7506 Sussex Dr	\$147,000
Garden City	
28437 Balmoral St	\$93,000
32204 Bock St	\$83,000
28531 Donnelly St	\$50,000
31812 Hennepin St	\$60,000
28642 Rush St	\$72,000
29454 Sheridan St	\$80,000
Livonia	
20257 Angling St	\$89,000
30227 Bobrich St	\$125,000
19578 Gary Ln	\$240,000
16589 Middlebell Rd	\$20,000
29545 Orangelawn St	\$90,000
34933 Parkdale St	\$113,000
16383 Ronnie Ln	\$158,000
15141 Yale St	\$141,000
Northville	
48317 Four Seasons Blvd	\$920,000
47435 Manorwood Dr	\$488,000
44437 White Pine Cir W	\$131,000
48513 Wicker Creel Dr	\$485,000
Plymouth	
467 Arthur St	\$315,000
799 Auburn St	\$105,000
50465 Elmwood Ct	\$295,000
12063 Landers Dr	\$320,000
11365 Maple Valley Dr	\$400,000
49633 Pine Ridge Dr	\$500,000
Redford	
20364 Fox	\$77,000
26620 Grand River Ave	\$21,000
8814 Hazelton	\$74,000
25832 Joy Rd	\$90,000
Westland	
34007 Arrowhead St	\$70,000
39017 Huron Pkwy	\$174,000
29270 Manchester St	\$20,000
6656 Redman St	\$103,000

Picnic

The Wayne County Real Estate Investors Association will be having a picnic at Millward Park in Allen Park on Tuesday, July 6, at 6 p.m. All real estate investors are welcome. Call Bill Beddoes at (734) 934-9091 for directions.

Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty is looking for people that are: positive minded, highly ethical, service-based, self-starting, eager to learn and professional in appearance. Candidates would benefit from previous experience or successes in: service industries, account management, retail sales, small business operations, marketing or event planning. Candidates should have: good people/communication skills, some computer knowledge, a strong work ethic, an optimistic "can do" attitude and a strong desire to achieve results through helping others.

A Career Seminar will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. To reserve a seat, call (734) 459-4700.

Seminar includes: cost vs. income potential, training, company profit share, commission structures.

RE/MAX COO

RE/MAX Regional Services announced that Dane Ellison has been appointed as chief oper-

ating officer to oversee the Georgia, Kentucky/Tennessee, Southern Ohio, and Southeastern Michigan RE/MAX regions.

Ellison has a long record of achievement and results at the highest levels. He has experience in capitalizing on market trends to penetrate key markets, maximizing customer satisfaction while meeting and exceeding revenue and profit expectations, building award winning teams, and constantly developing and improving effective training programs.

Prior to taking up his new position, Ellison was COO of a national franchising company and before that held senior management positions with other organizations.

Howard McPherson, CEO of RE/MAX Regional Services, said: "I am very excited Dane is joining the RE/MAX Regional Services team. In my 35 years in real estate I have never experienced the kind of challenges we have at the present time. I feel his experience, skills, and qualities are ideal to lead our company."

Ellison is a Penn State Executive Leadership graduate, alumnus of South Alabama University, and former U.S. Army Ranger.

Parade of Homes

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan announced the winners of

its 21st annual Parade of Homes architectural judging. Parade of Homes is an exhibition of 30 new model and inventory homes and condominiums, one remodeled home and a number of lots for sale, all located throughout southeastern Michigan. The showcase takes place June 1-30. BIA, Bank of America Home Loans and DTE Energy/MichCon sponsor the event.

In this year's architectural judging, blue ribbons were awarded to the model homes in six categories plus one honorable mention. Winning homes were selected based on the following criteria: best value for the price, best use of space, most innovative design and aesthetic appeal. Before being judged in these categories, participating homes were divided into categories by price.

The blue ribbon homes are:

- Attached Condominiums — Abbey Woods at Abbey Woods in Canton Township built by Abbey Woods, LLC
- Homes Base Priced Under \$200,000 — Marlee at Parkside By The Lakes in Commerce Township built by Parkside By The Lakes
- Homes Base Priced Over \$200,000 and Under \$300,000 — The Barclay at Partridge Creek Village in Clinton Township built by Lombardo Homes
- Homes Base Priced Over \$300,000 and Under

\$400,000 — Country Manor at Hillsborough Estates in Brighton Township built by S & S Homes

• Homes Base Priced Over \$450,000 and Under \$525,000 — Dover at The Manors Of Deerwood in Clarkston built by Robert R. Jones Homes

• Homes Base Priced Over \$525,000 — Hampshire at Cheltenham in Novi by Chamberlane Homes.

An Honorable Mention was given to Finished Basements Plus for its basement remodel to a home located in Novi. The company was commended by the judges for bringing the importance of remodeling into the spotlight.

The Parade of Homes models are located throughout southeastern Michigan and can be viewed via open house tours, or online at www.biaparadeofhomes.com.

Featured homes include condominiums and single-family homes ranging in base price from \$95,900 to \$1,299,900. For additional information on the Parade of Homes, please call (248) 862-1016 or visit www.biaparadeofhomes.com. Free Parade of Homes magazines are available at area Bank of America Home Loans locations.

Real Estate Sales and Appraising

Learn about a career

in residential real estate. Attend a free one-hour seminar, or shadow a top agent to get an inside feel of the business.

Seminars are at noon or 6 p.m. Wednesdays. To reserve a spot, contact Keller Williams Realty International, at (248) 893-2500, 27555 Executive Drive, Suite 100, Farmington Hills 48331.

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation. Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

Foreclosures

Foreclosure Tours are held 1 p.m. Saturday, conducted by Home Smart Realty, 23290 Farmington Road at Orchard Street. Located in Law Office Building. Parking lot is in rear. You must pre-register by Friday evening. Call Home Smart Realty at (248) 426-6754.

Free Foreclosure Tours

Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

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- 30 Colony members
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- 33 Sizable
- 35 Roost
- 36 Gulf st.
- 37 Sugar lump
- 38 Advise against
- 40 Lazy swimmers?

- 43 Without covering
- 44 Night crawler
- 45 Gloating cry
- 47 Brown songbirds
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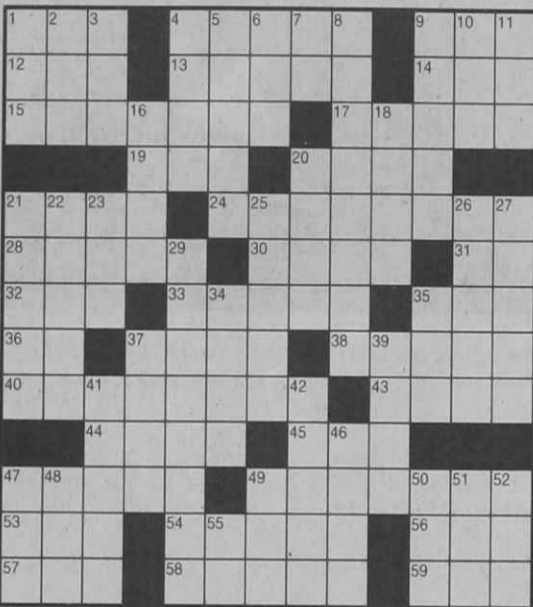
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 14 Mile to Lincoln Woodward to Pierce June 25-26th, 9am
 541, 950 Bannville 1355, 1391 Bird 195 Catalpa 609 Chapin 1180, 1351 Cedar 1450 Edgewood 825, 847, 1144 Emmons 876 Humphrey 192, 752 Lincoln 1136 Pierce 471, 673, 1124 Smith 245 Southlawn 1629 Banbury

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 5455 Forest Way, Telegraph, 1 blk. W. off Quaton, 9-4, Fri & Sat. June 25 & 26. Antique furniture, pictures, Russian art work, nested dolls, medals & watches. Repto Titanic & caste iron toys, some jewelry & much more.
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CANTON - Good Stuff Multi Condo Sale. June 25-26, 10-5. Haggerty Woods Ct. S. of Ford, off Haggerty, Antique books, crafts, electronics & misc.
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 Thursday, 6-24, 9am-3pm. 45955 Maben Rd. 48187. Furniture, Appliances, Toys, Power wheels, Bikes, Much More! ALL MUST GO!
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CANTON: Woods of Central Park Sub Sale. June 24-26, 9-4pm. Off Denton, btwn Cherry Hill/Geddes Rd. Furniture, household, kids items.

FARMINGTON HILLS 22745 Power (South of Grand River). Music store racks & slatwall fixtures, better clothes, LP's, CD's, books, household, lots more. June 25-27, 9am-4pm
FARMINGTON HILLS: 2 Family Moving/Garage Sale. Thur. & Fri. June 24 & 25, 8-5pm. 25796 Westmoreland.
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FARMINGTON HILLS: Multi-Family! Loaded garage, household, unusual, etc. Fri-Sun, 10-5+. 30927 Perry's Crossing, W. off Farmington or S off 14.
FARMINGTON HILLS S. 11, E. Mid, 28845 Raleigh Wed-Sat/ 9am-5pm. Boy's size 4T-8, Girl's size 7-16 & coats, Petites size 6-8, misc.
FARMINGTON HILLS SUB-WIDE GARAGE SALE
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PLYMOUTH - 8800 Corinne Joy & Main. 6/24-6/25, 9-5pm. 300 Perennials, dishwasher, wedding dress (\$50), clothes: boys 0-4, girls 0-2 & 5-7.
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GENERAL MOTORS' SLIMMER COST STRUCTURE IS PACKING A WALLOP

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By Dale Buss

With all the positive things that have begun accruing to General Motors as it attempts to leave 2009 behind, the biggest one of all has only begun to materialize: GM's fast-improving manufacturing-cost position versus its biggest foreign rivals.

That's right: GM likely has begun enjoying a new cost edge. Some analysts say that it already has reached as much as \$2,000 a car over models built by Japanese competitors in the United States and that GM's overall cost advantage may soon become as much as double that amount. Other experts peg GM's improving manufacturing-cost comparison not as optimistically -- but at no worse than a draw compared with any of its major competitors at this point.

GM's improved cost position is showing up in its new vehicles and will make a big difference in the quality and pricing of the upcoming Chevrolet Cruze, a highly touted small car that is due out soon. The consensus is that Cruze will leap-frog GM's last small car, the five-year-old Chevrolet Cobalt -- and pose serious competition to segment leaders such as the Honda Civic and Toyota Corolla.

For a company that perpetually faced a roughly \$2,000-a-car cost disadvantage for most of the last few decades versus

its Japanese rivals, the turnaround in costs is monumental for GM. More than anything else as GM's recovery plays out, this factor could ensure that the company not only is surviving but thriving again as an independent entity within a few years.

"It means the curse they've been carrying for 20-some years is gone," said David Cole, chairman of the Center for Automotive Research in Ann Arbor, Mich., and a long-time student of GM. His outfit recently estimated that GM and Chrysler each has cut the cost of making each U.S. vehicle by \$5,000. "People are going to be surprised. GM is going to be right at the center again of what will be a highly profitable industry."

GM in its restructuring last year wiped out \$30-some billion in debt and reduced it to under \$10 billion now. And that was after GM earlier had gotten the UAW and other unions to let GM off-load its "legacy" pension and health-care costs onto a new, independent entity whose financial risks mainly fall to the unions, rather than to the company.

GM had battled the cost bugaboo fruitlessly for decades. It couldn't make a small car competitively in the United States because of the huge manufacturing-cost differential, seen in the form of a woeful labor-cost



The 2011 Chevrolet Cruze is expected to cut a strong profile for GM when it is introduced later this year.



GM is applying its growing cost savings to improve interiors in new cars like this Cruze.

current workers and turned management of those funds over to the union.

GM soon will be able to test its newfound leverage with Cruze. And while Cruze was under development long before GM filed for bankruptcy, outside analysts and GM executives agree that the company's new cost environment has been enriching Cruze as it is readied for its debut.

"The level of execution is unbelievable compared with the Cobalt," Cole said. He said that an innovative suspension system that creates more trunk room is one major reason, from the Cruze design hatched a few years ago. But the addition of noise-insulation materials around the rear is an improvement that could have been added much more recently, partly as a result of vehicle managers' increasing confidence about costs.

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