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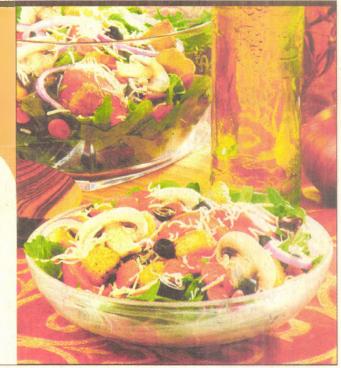
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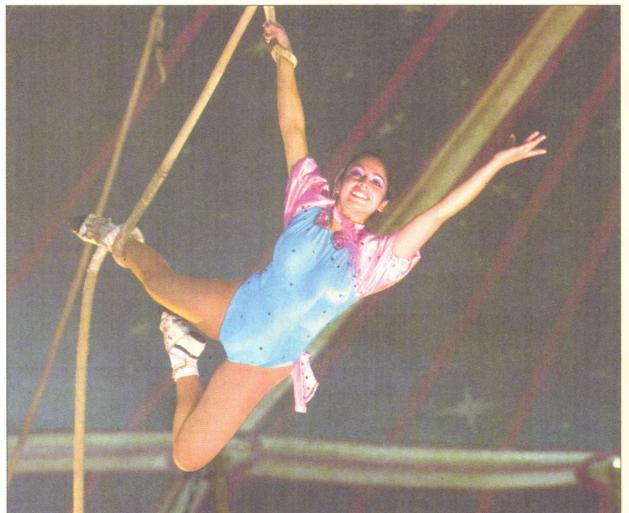
What's growing in your garden?

Gardens are at their peak now, with tomatoes ripening, corn ready to pick and zucchini plants simply overflowing with tasty summer squash.

If you're harvesting a backyard vegetable garden or fruit trees this summer, share the bounty - in pictures and recipes - with Plymouth Observer readers. Send a photo of yourself in the garden and tell us how you prepare one of the vegetables or fruits you're growing. Send us a favorite recipe.

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Send jpg and e-mail to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@ hometownlife.com or write to her at the Observer & Eccentric, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Deadline for submissions is Aug. 24.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The North Starlets performed at dizzying heights when the Kelly Miller Circus came to Plymouth for two shows Tuesday at Central Middle School.

High-wire act

Big-top circus delights Plymouth crowd



Four-year-old Nicholas Hammons is thrilled to be this close to an elephant, because "Elephants are his favorite animal in the whole wide world," according to his dad, Bob Hammons. They are from

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Forget your smart phones, your electronic readers, your laptops with streaming video. Folks in Plymouth were treated to some old-school entertainment Tuesday.

The Kelly Miller Circus, an Oklahoma-based tent circus with clowns, acrobats, jugglers, trained animals, a trapeze artist and live music, was in town for two shows, wowing hundreds of people on the grounds at Central Middle School. The circus visit was sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club.

'They don't get this experience too often," said Nikki Grenillo of Canton Township, who brought her four children and her mother, Sue Kaunisto of Plymouth Township. "It brings you back to seeing them when you were a

Grenillo's children — Jonny, 7, Joey, 5, Ben, 3, and Tea, 17 months — liked the performing animals the best: Tigers

that walked on their hind legs, jumped over each other and moonwalked, parading elephants, a dog that pushed a fellow canine in a baby stroller.

Grenillo had taken her children to Kelly Miller on its previous stops in Plymouth. She was pleased that even her youngest was enjoying Tuesday's show.

"It's amazing that it captured a 1-year-old's attention as long as it did," she said.

Kaunisto said the show reminded her of circuses of long

"I remember taking the kids to Ringling Brothers all the time" at Joe Louis Arena, she said.

Clark Ewing of Plymouth Township, who was there with a granddaughter, also was reminded of circuses of years past — at Olympia Stadium, the State Fairgrounds, and in a tent at a Detroit location he couldn't quite recall.

"It's different but it's still got a lot of similarities," he said of

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Plymouth ready to cheer for 3-Day walkers

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dorothy Twinney remembered pinching a nerve in her back about a week before the 2009 Breast Cancer 3-Day walk, and how grueling the injury made the 60-mile trek to raise money and awareness for breast cancer research.

With so much going on in her business world — she owns Pandora Outside the Box Marketing - and with the rigors of raising a pair of "mini-Twinneys" (her

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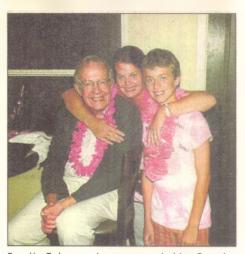
affectionate moniker for sons Bryan, 10, and Marc, 12), and the pain of last year's walk still lingering in her mind, Twinney had decided not to walk this year.

Or so she thought. While getting ready to be a guest bar-

tender for her friend and Plymouth City Commissioner Ed Hingelberg's fund-raiser at Fiamma Grill, Twinney re-read a thank you note she'd written to supporters who helped her last year, and knew, despite the lateness of the decision (some two weeks before this weekend's walk), she had to take part.

"I knew I couldn't not walk," said Twinney, who recently lost her stepmother to cancer that was initially treated 30 years ago and whose mother is a two-time breast cancer survivor. "When I thought about all the women in my life who have

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Dorothy Twinney got some support at her Breast Cancer 3-Day fund-raiser from dad Walter W. Miller Jr. and one of her 'mini-Twinneys,' 12-year-old Marc Miller Twinney.

Plymouth cyclist marks 25 years of helping MS patients

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Tony Welsh always kept himself in good shape. But it was through helping others, a quarter-century ago, that he discovered his true fitness passion — cycling.

A friend from college had invited Welsh to join him on the MS Society's inaugural Michigan bicycling event, a fund-raiser to help people suffering from multiple sclerosis, a disease that attacks the nerves and can affect a person's ability to move and speak. Welsh didn't even have a bike.

"I borrowed a bike, I rode the 75 miles," and has been cycling ever since, said Welsh, 57, of Plymouth. "I just fell in love with biking. ... It

combined two passions of mine," that is, staying fit and helping others. Welsh, the vice president of field operations

at AAA Michigan in Dearborn, has since biked in other fund-raisers, including for the Makea-Wish Foundation and the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

"It's just a good way I've found to give back to a lot of people," Welsh said.

Last month, he participated in the Great Lakes Breakaway Ride, sponsored by the MS. Society's Michigan chapter. It was the chapter's, and Welsh's, 25th such ride.

This year's 200-mile mid-Michigan ride (there is also a western Michigan ride and

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battled this disease, and all the women who are going through it now ... all of a sudden my bad back and harried schedule seemed like pretty silly reasons not to tie up a pair of sneakers and schlep 60 miles."

Twinney got involved after watching "a sea of pink" hoofing through Hines Park. Sitting in her car, she realized it had been years since her last mammogram. The test showed some disturbing things and left Twinney worrying for a couple of weeks before further tests showed she was fine.

In the interim, she was terrified she might have to have "the talk" with her sons.

"I realized we might have to sit down and talk about it, and I was terrified," said Twinney, who calls walking the 3-Day a "life-altering" weekend. "I don't want the mini-Twinneys to grow up in a world where they have to be scared."

Teammate Dan Dwyer - they're part of "Breast of Plymouth," which also consists of Hingelberg, Lisa Carney, Kate Hondorp, Kerie Zale, Dwyer's sister Mary, a Beverly Hills resident who is the team's only survivor, and

Kristin Rolfsmeyer — will for the first time likely be walking for someone who didn't survive the disease. Dwyer's wife's aunt, he said, wasn't expected to live to see the start of this vear's walk.

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"I've been fortunate to say the people I've walked for are survivors," said Dwyer, in his second term as Plymouth's mayor. "It's eerie for me ... by the time I walk this year, that won't be the case.'

Dwyer, Twinney and the others are looking forward to the walk, but are particularly eager for the second day (Saturday), when walkers make their way through downtown Plymouth. In years past, thousands of people have lined the streets and filled Kellogg Park, cheering and supporting the some 3,500 walkers who make the trek.

Dwyer and Twinney acknowledged there's no feeling like it.

'It's remarkable," Dwyer said. "There are cheering stations along the way, and you walk through other downtowns, and they have fewer people than downtown Plymouth gets. Downtown Plymouth is the highlight of the walk for everyone. That's all everyone talks about Saturday night. There's no

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Walkers say the trip through downtown Plymouth, with its thousands of cheering fans providing their support, is the highlight of the Breast Cancer 3-Day for the Cure.

comparison."

Dwyer said it's easy for the tears to flow when walkers encounter that level of sup-

"It is almost overwhelming when you walk through that," the mayor said. "You don't walk through crowds of people cheering for you every day. It's people you know, faces you know. One (walker) starts crying, and then everyone's crying."

Twinney says that "sea of pink" can have a life-altering

effect for women, the way it did for her.

"These are the decisions if you don't make them, it could have dire consequences," Twinney said. "I believe I'm not the only woman who sees that sea of pink and decides to do something (get a mammogram). I think we're so close, (a cure) is within reach. That means the mini-Twinneys won't have to worry, not about their wives, not about their daughters."

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CRIME WATCH

CDs stolen from car

Sixty-five compact discs were reported stolen recently from a car parked in a driveway on Partridge Drive in Plymouth Township.

The car had been left unlocked, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. The theft was reported on Aug. 4.

A blanket was reported stolen from a second unlocked vehicle in the same driveway, police said, but was found dumped on a neighbor's lawn.

Bike theft

A mountain bicycle was reported stolen from outside an apartment complex on Heritage Drive.

The victim told police she had set the bike against a wall at the complex on July 30 and noticed that it was missing on Aug. 6. The bicycle was not secured.

Lights go out

Seven solar-powered outdoor lights were reported stolen from outside a house on Jackson Drive on Saturday. The lights were taken between shortly after midnight and about 7 a.m., the victim told police.

- By Matt Jachman

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Aug. 4-10:

• Tuesday, Aug. 10 - Residential rescue runs on Wilson, on N. Mill, on Union, on Deer Court and on Northville Road; vehicle fire on Keel; industrial rescue run on Port; vehicle accident on Ann Arbor Road west of Ridge.

 Monday, Aug. 9 — Downed wires on Schoolcraft and on Haggerty at the CSX crossing; residential rescue runs on Terry, on Edinburgh, on Northville Road, on Lilley, on Tavistock, on Sycamore and on Newporte; carbon monoxide detector run on Robinwood; investigation at Rocker and Ann Arbor Road; industrial rescue run on Sheldon.

• Sunday, Aug. 8 -Residential rescue runs on Van Buren, on Joy, on Mill and on Haggerty; rescue run at a public building on Haggerty; carbon monoxide detector run on Robinwood; rescue run on Sheldon.

. • Saturday, Aug. 7 — Residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Hillcrest. on Newport, on Sheridan, on Woodgrove and on Holbrook; fire on Penniman; commercial rescue run on Main; rescue run on Burroughs.

• Friday, Aug. 6 — Rescue run on Haggerty; residential rescue runs on Garland, on Plymouth Road, on Hilltop, on Wintercrest, on Forest and on Grant; special runs on Lynn and on Haggerty.

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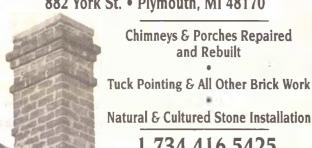
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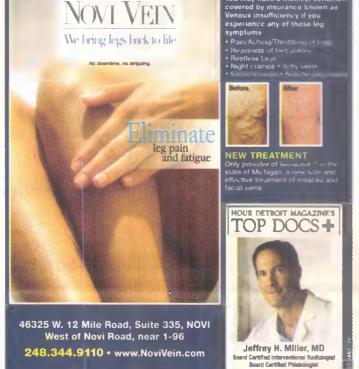


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At Noon Downtown Wednesday, August 18...Tom Seley

Farmington native Tom Seley is excited to bring his musical program that's appropriate for kids ages 7-12. Seley will play his popular songs while kids and their families sing along. In Birmingham, Seley started an after-school sing-along every Tuesday at his school when vocal music was canceled due to budgetary constraints. After two years of playing songs with the kids, he decided to write an album, Eat Your Books and Read Your Vegetables, specifically for 7- to 12-year-olds. He realized little quality music existed specifically for this age group. Younger kids enjoy Raffi, Barney and Sesame Street; but once kids reach the age of 6 or 7, they consider this music "baby-ish." Popular music on the radio, with its boyfriend/ girlfriend themes, is not yet appropriate for these kids. Passionate about filling this need for fun and appropriate music, Seley, a longtime guitarist and singer/songwriter, has written 30 songs for tweens. His music is available on his website, at CDbaby.com, and on iTunes. To learn more about Seley and listen to his music, visit www.MrSeley.com.

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Randy Brock Group (Clasic Rock/R & B)

The Randy Brock Group was formed in 1996 as a power trio with Randy Brock on guitar, Mike Rowe on Bass and Brian Deming on the drums. The line-up now features Sam Galizia on drums and Tony Karam on

For the past 12 years, the band has been a staple of the Detroit live music scene developing their style and talent and have gained a reputation as

one of the hardest working bands in Detroit.

In addition to local venues, Randy and the band have played all over the country and opened for some of the most legendary names in music such as Journey, Ted Nugent, Eddie Money and CCR.

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Aug. 20 **Bluescasters (blues)**

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Be sure to look for this article in the Observer every Thursday to find more information about each week's "Plymouth Music in the Air" performance.

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AROUND PLYMOUTH

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Chiefette car wash

The Canton Chiefettes hold a car wash Tuesday at the Plymouth Super Center, 400 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

A portion of each car wash price will be donated to the Chiefette organization throughout the entire day. The Chiefette Squads will be on site from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and again from 4-8 p.m. Donations gratefully accepted.

Bingo night

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

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

Court, who will give free blood pressure and sugar testing.

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

Preschool openings

Plymouth Christian Preschool, a division of Plymouth Christian Academy, has openings for 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds, and young 5-yearolds for the 2010-2011 school year. Check the school's website for information about preschool, kindergarten, elementary, or secondary programs, and call the school office to request a tour of the facilities.

Plymouth Christian Academy is located in Canton on Joy Road between Lilley Road and Morton Taylor/Main Street. For more information, check the website at www. plymouthchristian.org or call (734) 459-3505.

Jazz @ the Elks

The Elks are adding a Sunday outdoor jazz concert to their August repertoire.

The concert, featuring a vari-

ety of jazz legends, Sunday, Aug. 22, 2-6 p.m. The lineup includes Ron Kischuk at 2 p.m., with the Tartarsauce Traditional Jazz Band, Judie Cochill, vocalist. At 3 p.m., jazz legend George (Sax) Benson Quartette plays. The Sven Anderson Trio with vocalist Janet Tenaj appears at 4 p.m. and the concert wraps up at 5 p.m. with the John Trudell Quintette and a surprise vocalist.

This event takes place rain or shine on the grounds of the Plymouth Elks on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth just west of Haggerty. There is no cover charge, and food and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Then on Tuesday, Aug. 24, from 7-10:30 p.m., will be the ongoing Jazz @ The Elks event. Sven Anderson Trio will provide an evening of great jazz from Cole Porter to Salsa. There is no cover charge but donations are appreciated.

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two fall rides, and routes vary in length) took cyclists from Fenton to the campus of Michigan State University and back. Welsh captained a team of 23 people, including a son, Kelly, a newly minted doctor who practices in the emergency room at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.

"It a lot of fun," Welsh said. "You get in a with a good group of people.'

The team raised more than \$18,000, and donations are still coming in, Welsh said Tuesday. The total included a \$5,000 donation from AAA Michigan, which also provided team

Day two of Welsh's ride — a 100-mile trek back to Fenton — didn't go exactly as planned. Thunderstorms were threatening, and Welsh dropped out after 60 miles.

"It's not very pleasant if you get caught in a downpour," he said. Some cyclists finished the route, though; Welsh doesn't know if they encountered storms.

This year's routes varied from 30 miles to 200 miles. Welsh said the event has evolved over the years to accommodate cyclists of all

"It's not a race. You're not out here to prove, necessarily, that you're the next Lance Armstrong," Welsh said.

Participating cyclists raise money in a variety

gathers online donations, Welsh said.

Society's Michigan chapter.

Welsh said his 25 years in the Bike MS event have introduced him to a number of people who live with MS, including some co-workers whom he didn't know had the disease. More than 18,000 people in Michigan live with MS, according to the MS Society's Michigan chapter.

Tony Welsh (left), with his son Kelly Welsh, participated

of ways, Welsh said. One woman on his team

had a series of bake sales, and a male teammate

in the Great Lakes Breakaway Ride, sponsored by the MS

The fund-raisers' success over the long haul have kept Welsh motivated, he said.

"I have seen the good that these type of things do for the people who suffer from MS," Welsh said. "They've made so much progress, and it's because of these type of events.

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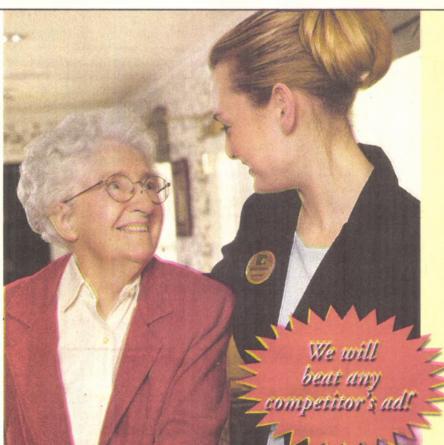
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Kelly Miller. The clowns and the high trapeze act were his favorites.

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"I like the whole theme of it excitement," he added.

Tuesday's afternoon performance included fireeater Brian LaPalme, Roxie Montana's dog-and-pony show, and the Poema family of Argentina, performers for eight generations, which featured father Adrian juggling his children with his feet. In circus-speak, that's called a Risley act. The performers were introduced by ringmaster John Moss.

There was also Elvis impersonator Fridman Torales, who danced atop a tower of rolling cylinders, each layer separated by a small platform, called the Rolla Bolla.

The latter caught the imagination of Henry Stamper, 9, who was there with his mother, Kellie Stamper.

"It was amazing and I don't think anyone could ever do that," Henry said.

Kelly Miller, founded in 1938, travels in a fleet of about 35 vehicles, from big rigs and red circus trucks to the recreational vehicles used by the 78 cast and crew members. Its arrival in each host community is marked by a tent-raising, in which the elephants are used to pull up the tent poles, that's open to the public.

The circus is in the midst of a 38-week tour that began in February, said Tavana Brown, the office manager and a retired trapeze artist.

Both Plymouth shows were packed, Brown said Wednesday, and the evening show was a sellout. The tent can accommodate an audience

Brown said the circus workers liked spending time in Plymouth and were impressed by its downtown.

"We all enjoy Plymouth very much. It's a beautiful little town," she said. "Everybody walked into the downtown and went shopping and had lunch."



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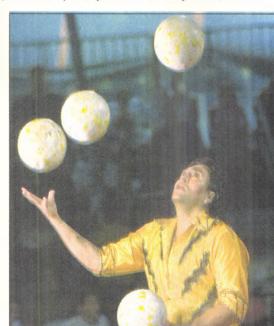


It looks like mom, Maria Kallas, is enjoying the show. Little George Kallas prefers to play with his toy.

It's not a couple of wild animals, it's Kelly Andonian and Charlotte Jewett. Both live in

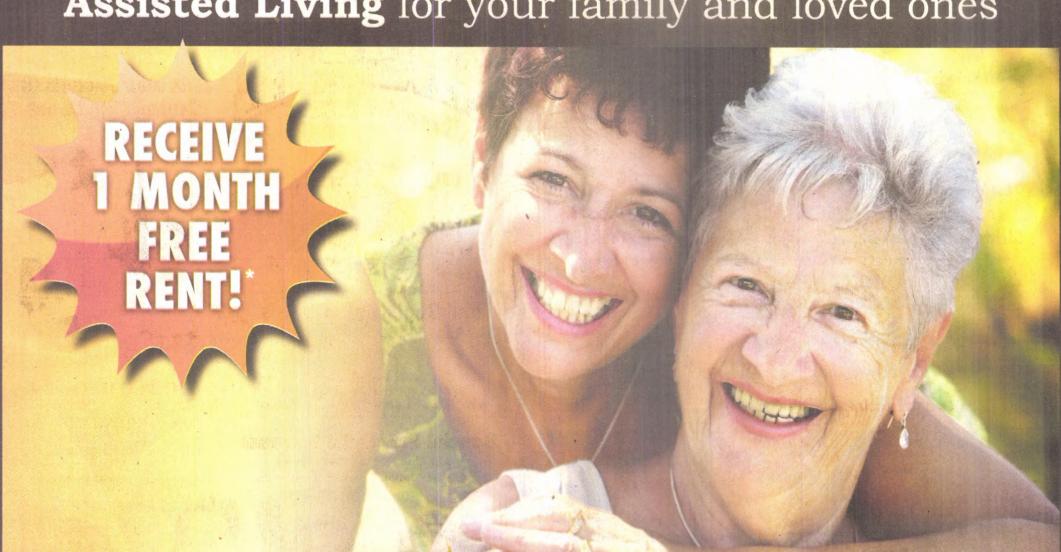


Brian Socia and 2-year-old twin daughters Avery and Tatum watch the animals at the circus.



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Injury prompts Canton grandma to ask for playground safety

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER'STAFF WRITER

A Canton woman whose grandson was injured on a Heritage Park play structure has criticized the equipment as unsafe for children.

Brenda Jablonski's 9vear-old grandson, Ethan Zadorski of Deerfield, climbed a three-pronged structure while she was looking away, then fell and hit his face on a wooden section protruding nearly halfway up one of the support beams.

Jablonski rushed Ethan to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti, where she said doctors used 15 stitches to sew up the boy's bleeding cheek.

"There's a small piece of his cheek that's gone," she said. "My grandson is scarred for life."

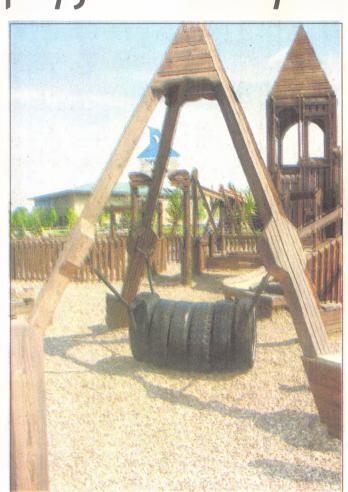
Jablonski, who has lived most of her 46 years in Canton, had taken Ethan to the Heritage Park playscape early last week along with her own daughter, 10-yearold Ashley, and Ethan's sister Cheyenne, 6. Ethan climbed up the wooden structure, which has tires attached to it, only to fall.

"I took him to what I thought would be a safe place to play," she said. "I don't know why they ever built something like that."

Abe Vinitski, a Canton parks supervisor, said he checked with the equipment manufacturer and was told that, in 30 years, the company had "never heard of an injury like that.'

Still, he said, "Our No. 1 priority is the safety of our children on the play-

Vinitski said the township has two audits each year by a certified playground inspector, and he said Canton



Ethan Zadorski fell after climbing up this piece of playground equipment - hitting his face on a wooden section that protrudes nearly halfway up a support beam.

employees frequently look for safety issues on play equipment.

"Through our inspection process, we are constantly monitoring the safety of our playground equipment to make sure we have safe playgrounds for our kids," Vinitski said.

Jablonski, accompanied by Ethan's mother, said she met with township employees Friday to discuss issues such as making the play structure

"I want to make sure they alter this equipment, at the very minimum," she said, adding later, "I personally

wish they would take it out altogether."

Jablonski acknowledged that Ethan, who lives on a farm, is a rough-and-tumble boy who loves to climb. She said he has even hinted he would like to be a stunt man when he grows up, and she said he "hardly cried at all" when he fell and injured his face.

"He's always going to climb," Jablonski said. "For a little boy, he's a tough guy."

Yet, she said, "a piece of his cheek is gone, and he's never going to look the same."

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District adds 3 high school teachers

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

While looking at an overall decline in the number of students overall in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, administrators watching a sharp spike in high school enrollment were at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting asking for more teachers.

Using a show of hands rather than a formal vote, board members voted 5-1 (Trustee John Jackson was absent) to approve the hiring of three additional teachers at the high school level to help deal with an enrollment nearly 200 students higher than administrators had projected during budget talks in March.

At the time, Ray Bihun, the district's executive director of human resources, had projected some 6,210 students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. However, as staffers began dealing with schedules a month prior to the start of school, they discovered they're scheduling for some 6,400 students. As Trustee Adrienne Davis pointed out, that's a significantly higher number than full-time teachers he was

the 5,400 that were registered at The Park in 2004.

"The Park is growing," Bihun told board members Tuesday. "It's a thousand kids difference (from 2004-05). That's a huge growth."

Bihun told board members higher class sizes would be necessary to deal with the increase if the new teachers aren't added. Classes would be tight, Bihun said, even with the addition of the three teachers; without them, class sizes in the district's CORE courses - math, English, science — would rise, if only slightly. Students are already on waiting lists for elective courses, some of which are either full or were cut in the face of a reduction in staffing that accompanied budget discussions.

The additional high school teachers would also alleviate a prospective hike in class sizes in the district's Smaller Learning Communities program, which helps keep class sizes down among freshman and sophomore courses.

Bihun pointed out that, even after adding the three requesting, the district would still meet the staffing reductions called for in the 2010-11

budget. "I can feel comfortable with it," board President Steven Sneideman said. "The difficulty is there have been times in the past we thought we would exceed (projections) and

then (the extra students) didn't

show up. Board Secretary Judy Mardigian, the only dissenting vote, was concerned with the budget complications and preferred to see how the numbers shook out closer to the start of school.

"I understand there's a need," Mardigian said. "Historically, those numbers have dropped. I would suggest you wait to see how it plays

Staffing at the other levels in the district is down, Bihun pointed out, particularly at the elementary schools, where the district has cut 11 teachers. The head count from September 2009 at the district's 16 elementary schools is down nearly 400 students.

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Police, residents strengthen their ties

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Although they live in a quiet, well-kept subdivision on Canton's far northwest side, Fred and Linda King realize they and other Hampton Ridge North residents can't assume their neighborhood is immune to crime.

Fred King, a Ford Motor Co. retiree who chairs a neighborhood watch group, cited the theft of money, a laptop computer and other items from autos, along with a forced entry into an unoccupied home, as among the more recent crimes in the subdivision near Ann Arbor Road and

The residents encourage

each other to leave night lights here — first to recognize suson, they keep a watchful eye for suspicious activity, and families going on vacation alert neighbors to check on their homes. If they notice something amiss, they call Canton police.

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"It's their job to check it out," King said, "and they do."

Hampton Ridge North has one of Canton's 31 Community Watch groups with close ties to township police, in hopes of discouraging crime or solving it when it happens.

"I think both the Canton Public Safety Department and ourselves would agree that it's important for the residents to be the eyes and ears of the police department," King said. 'That's what we encourage

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picious behavior and then to have the courage and support to call it in."

Just last week, nearly 300 Community Watch activists joined Canton police and firefighters for an informal gathering, National Night Out, intended to strengthen their ties. Part of a nationwide event Aug. 3, the three-hour evening allowed children to visit with crime-fighting dog McGruff, get an up-close look at police and fire vehicles and play in inflatable bouncers.

Children and adults scarfed down hotdogs as they talked with police officers and firefighters, and a disc jockey kept the mood upbeat by spinning

Canton police Sgt. Mark Gajeski called National Night Out and, more importantly, Community Watch as important ways to help educate residents to make the township a safer place. Gajeski also keeps in touch by sending e-mail and cell-phone alerts to residents who sign up for services such as Nixle.

"It helps because I send out information on what's going on, and it goes out to the Community Watch people," Gajeski said. "It's just one more thing that helps them when they're looking out for things in the neighborhood. It results in more calls to us, and it helps us do our jobs more efficiently. The police can't be everywhere

National Night Out came after public safety officials recently released results of a community survey indicating that 98 percent of respondents feel safe in Canton. Though

Crime-fighting dog McGruff made an appearance at National Night Out, a gathering of local Community Watch residents, police officers and firefighters.

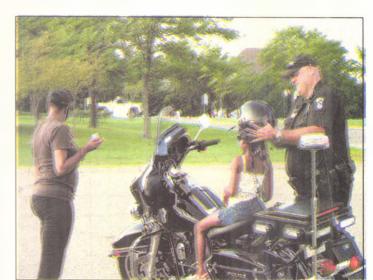
informal and mailed to just 400 homes, local authorities said the survey nonetheless provided one snapshot of local

King said Hampton Ridge North's neighborhood watch program has empowered residents to play a role in protecting their 130-home subdivision. Program leaders serve as block captains to keep other residents involved and to welcome new residents.

And when there's trouble, they call Canton police for help and feel confident it will

"The police department has just been great," King said.

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Sitting on a police motorcycle was just one of the fun things children did during National Night Out, an event that celebrates ties between residents, police and firefighters.

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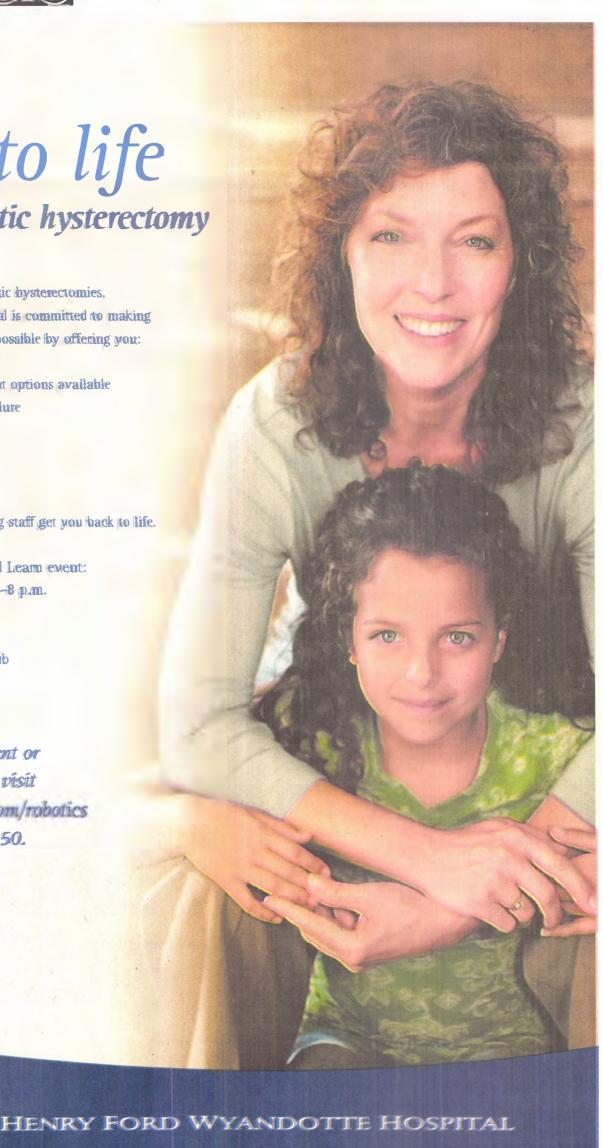
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Tiny tots

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



MoveOn rallies, seeks support for anti-corruption pledge

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

About 30 MoveOn members gathered at the corner of Six Mile and Newburgh Tuesday afternoon to urge U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter to support the group's Fight Washington Corruption pledge.

The pledge calls for overturning the U.S. Supreme Court's Citizens United ruling that government may not ban political spending by corporations in candidate elections. Moveon. org said the pledge calls for lawmakers to pass the Fair Elections Now Act to "empower grassroots fueled candidates and radically erode corporate lobbyists' influence."

On Tuesday, MoveOn members stood along the northwest corner of Six Mile and Newburgh, not too far from McCotter's Livonia office, holding up signs that read "Support Fair Elections," "Overturn Citizens United" and "End Corporate Welfare."

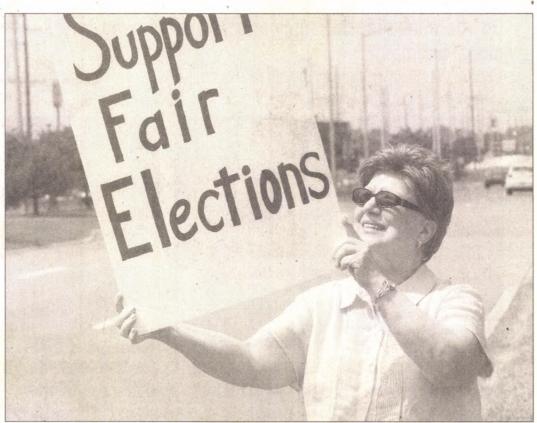
Janet Moore of MoveOn said the group also wanted lobbyist reform to prohibit congressional members from working for companies as lobbyists for at least five years,

"From now to the election, we're trying to get elected officials to sign onto the pledge,"

Moore said.

Marcina Cole, MoveOn's council coordinator in Oak Park, said the pledge is part of the group's campaign to make government work for the "98 percent of the people who aren't represented by corporate lobbusists."

"Some of us don't have jobs; some of us are in foreclosure," Cole said. "We want accountability in Congress. We want change, and we want it now."



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Protester Gloria Parrello of Plymouth attended the rally to remind people about the need for the Fair Elections Now legislation.

Jill Farber-Bramson of West Bloomfield said she was picketing because of the Citizens United ruling. Companies are now allowed to fund billions into campaigns, she said. "That takes away the elections from the people," she said.

Khaya Davidson of Farmington Hills said she had time to show up that day at the rally. "We want to end tax cuts for the rich," she said. "Government is being hijacked by corporate interests."

Edward Lilly of Farmington Hills said he wanted "elected officials to represent us, not lobbyists,"

Ken Hymes of Redford also

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wants the Citizens United ruling overturned. "I'd like to see a government of the people, by the people and for the people," Hymes said. "People need to get involved and hold people accountable."

Hymes added that the supply-side trickle-down economy "doesn't work." "The disparity of wealth is why we are at where we are today," Hymes said.

Joanne Hughes of Livonia carried a sign that read "Support Fair Elections." "I'm concerned about the special status given to corporations in our elections," Hughes said. "I would like corporate America to have less power in our elec-

tions."

Gloria Parrello of Plymouth also attended the rally to remind people about the need for the Fair Elections Now legislation. "(The ruling) allows companies to make big contributions to candidates," Parrello said.

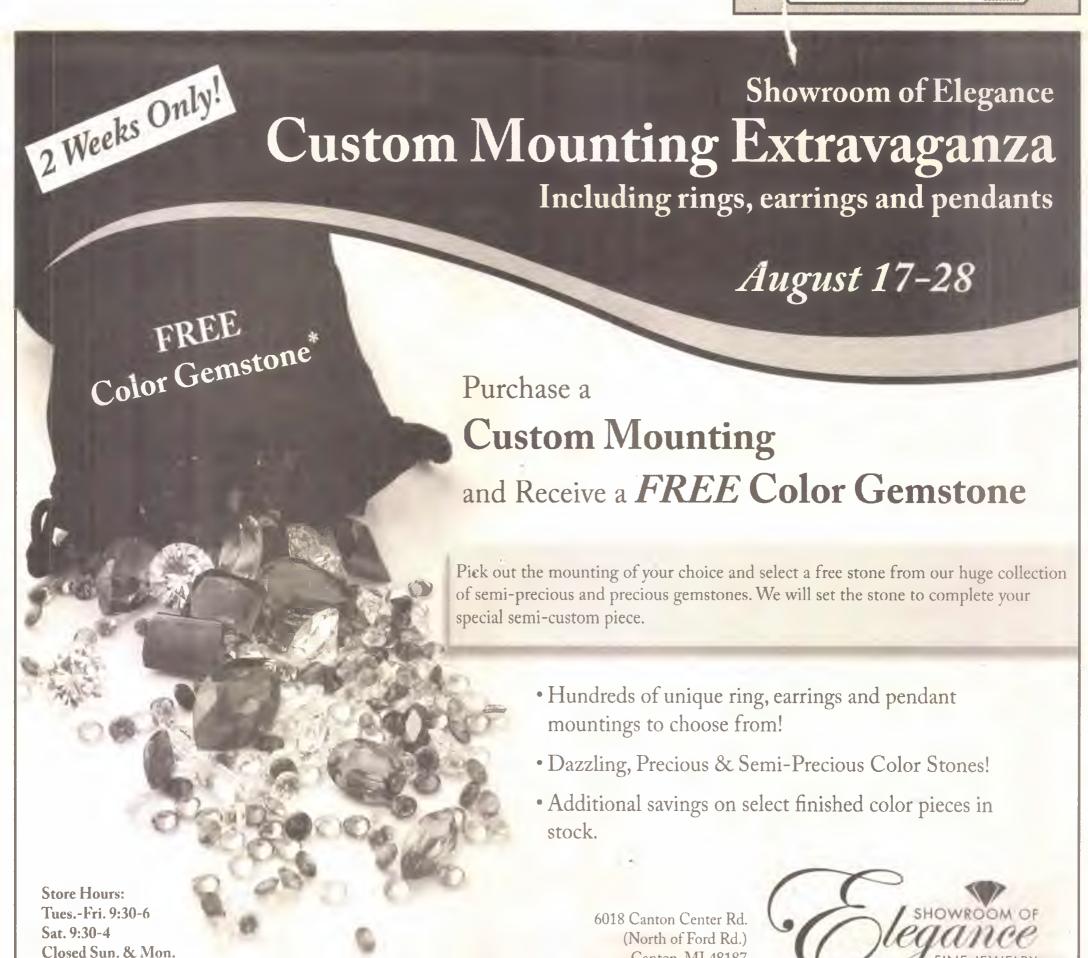
Moore said that they visited McCotter's office after the rally and informed his office about their efforts to fight corporate corruption. Moore said she expected the group will follow up with his office at a later date.

McCotter could not be reached late Wednesday for comment on the Fair Elections Now legislation.



Kent Hymes (left) of Redford would 'like to see a government of the people, by the people and for the people.' Next to him is Janet Moore of Clarkston.





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OUR VIEWS

Totally team AYP success a credit to all

For the first time in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools history - "history" being a relative term, since No Child Left Behind isn't all that old — all three high schools at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park reached adequate yearly progress as prescribed by federal regulations.

Considering it's the third-largest school district in the state with some 19,000 students, that's a pretty impressive achievement. Neither of the state's two largest districts — Detroit and Utica public schools — made it.

There's a lot of credit to spread around when considering success at such high levels. In order for the district to reach AYP, all three high schools, all five middle schools and all 16 elementary schools had to make the grade, put together through a complicated formula that includes achievement on MEAP tests, the Michigan Merit Exam and a variety of other factors that might leave even the federal government a little bumfuzzled.

The bottom line, though, isn't as fuzzy: For the first time, all three PCEP high schools made the grade. The performance was made possible when some of the subgroups at Salem High School finally did the same, the

And you've got to tip your hat to the district's Board of Education, Trustees have made millions of dollars worth of cuts over the last eight years or so, and thus far have largely been able to keep the cuts out of the classroom. Board members have made it clear student achievement is their top priority and have used whatever sway they have with district employees - through planning, budget recommendations and other means - to be certain Plymouth-Canton students are consistently put in a position to succeed.

been holding the school back. The elementary and middle schools have regularly achieved AYP success and this year the district's subgroups all did the same. The news is

one area that had

almost equally as possible at the district's last non-AYP school, Starkweather. The alternative education center made big strides in participation

and grew in graduation rate, though it hasn't yet hit the federally mandated 80-percent level yet.

While the news is good all around, so is the credit. You have to start with the students, who continually work hard while beating the tar out of state and countywide averages. You definitely have to credit the teachers, who've never worked harder to make sure they're putting students in the best possible position to learn. The district's Smaller Learning Communities at the freshman level give teachers a more intimate group to teach. They take all the details, study them, then adjust their teaching strategies to give students the best chance to soak it all in.

The district's leadership team is also largely responsible, starting with Supt. Dr. Craig Fiegel and Deputy Supt. Ken Jacobs. Dr. Cindy Swift, the district's assistant superintendent for instruction, heads up the instructional team that includes Director of Elementary Education George Belvitch and Director of Secondary Education

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Managing a district of this size — 25 buildings, 19,000 students — in these economic times is a challenge on the best days. Managing a district of this size and still ensuring student success is all the more impressive, given the circumstances.

Everyone — board members, administrators, teachers and, especially, the students — should take a bow.

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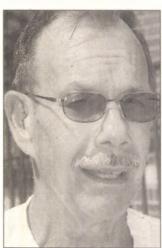
Do you think that this summer's persistent heat boosts the argument in favor of global warming?

We asked this question outside the U.S. Postal Service station on Penniman in downtown Plymouth.



"No. Global warming is a cyclical thing. It's a cycle. This is just weather."

Nick La Pensee Livonia



"Not really. Because we usually get a little heat once in a while."

Ed Benedict Plymouth Township



"No. I just believe the weather goes in cycles and we can't measure far back enough to determine whether we're in another (warming trend) or not."

Bob Brown Canton Township



"I think climate change is subtle enough that it's not something you can say a hot summer means there's global warming or that a cold winter means there's not."

Andy Prain Phoenix, Ariz.

LETTERS

Picnic thank-yous

Please join me in shouting out a huge thank you to the generous volunteers and sponsors who contributed to yet another great Plymouth Township Fourth of July family picnic.

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I was truly humbled by the people that gave so much of their time and talent to volunteer and asked for nothing in return. Volunteers worked themselves to exhaustion on a very hot day and not a single one complained (at least not to me, anyway). Temperatures near the grills and in the prep rooms were well over 100 degrees. These people didn't give up their holiday for some personal gain, they did it only because they wanted you to have a great day.

Please remember that next year and don't forget to say "thank you" to every volunteer you see. Or maybe consider volunteering yourself. I have to admit that in the past I never paid much attention to who the sponsors are for these events. I am guilty of tuning out the list when I glance at the logos on the posters and in the programs. You too? Well, that is about to change for me and maybe it could for you. too.

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Bob Doroshewitz

Plymouth Township trustee, chair, Good Old Fashioned 4th of July

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Lucky to have Fiegel

On May 12, 2008, after a six-month search, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education selected Craig Fiegel as Superintendent.

Fiegel was selected based on what board members described as his experience as an educator, administrator and with school budgetary issues. "We are very pleased to present Dr. Fiegel as our district's new superintendent," said Board of Education President Judy Mardigian. "He is certainly very capable and I believe he has all the qualities and experience our district needs at this time. The Board of Education has committed a great deal of time to this process and we believe it was worth it. I am comfortable we have selected the right person for the job."

One of the biggest challenges Dr. Fiegel has is learning about the district and the people of the community. He appears to have succeeded at everything he was asked to accomplish with the exception of playing school board politics.

In less than two years on the job, if I

hadn't read the headlines "Scores Drop on Fiegel's Report Card" I would have thought we are lucky to have someone like Dr. Fiegel running the third largest district in the state.

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· Fiegel has "out of the box thinking" The board went into private session to

criticize Dr. Fiegel, for the article didn't mention any of his "failures." Apparently the Board of Education didn't have the courage to condemn him in public. "Sneideman wouldn't be specific about the complaints" in long range planning, other than to say he needs to "increase collaboration with the board and staff." What does this mean? The facts suggest our community schools

have a great superintendent who based on objective and unbiased results is doing a great job in an relatively short time. Rather than making headlines for a dropping "report card" based upon the board's subjective review, we should be acknowledging and hailing the great progress we are making under his leadership and offer him a contract extension.

We are lucky to have Craig Fiegel in these difficult economic times.

> David J. Winter Plymouth

If Michigan's crises don't motivate voters, what will?

pathy was the landslide winner in last week's Michigan primary

Despite months of hype about the tough nerd and the Tea Party, the angry mayor and the ex-Marine,

more than three-

quarters of the state's voters — the voter participation rate was not quite 23 percent - greeted the election with a collective yawn. Plymouth

Matt Jachman Township and Plymouth voters did slightly better, with just over 31 per-

cent casting ballots. Lines at polling places were short or nonexistent, and voting in many cases took not much more time than ordering lunch at a fast-food drivethrough.

The field of gubernatorial candidates was whittled from seven to two, even though the vast majority of voters didn't bother to make their voices heard.

In local state House and Senate races, even a meager showing was enough to move some candidates to the November ballot, because so few people bothered to vote in the first place. Apathetic voters give motivated voters a disproportionate share of power in deciding who gets to the next round.

There are so many pressing problems in the state — high unemploy-

ment, a near decade-long recession, falling (still) state revenue, the further decline of Detroit and other urban centers, cuts in vital local services like police and fire protection and a pending (again) state budget fiasco — one would think the electorate would be especially motivated.

With so much at stake, voters must do their part, and the people we pick to lead us out of this mess must have the confidence that comes from knowing the majority is in their corner.

But with so few taking part in the process, it's hard to see how political solutions will have the oft-demanded "consent of the governed."

Some blame Michigan's closed

primary system — in which, unlike in the general election, voters can't cross party lines - for at least some of the primary disaffection. It's not an ideal system, but it doesn't do voters any good to drop

Those who do, if they bother to vote in the November election, will find their choices have been narrowed for them, often by a small minority of voters.

On the other hand, meeting people who take their citizenship seriously enough to vote was reassuring.

Among those who turned out at the polls Tuesday in Plymouth and Plymouth Township, many said they were motivated by a sense of duty, even though they weren't uniformly

thrilled by the candidates in the race for governor or any of the local

"That's what you do on election day," Garon Stephens of Plymouth said after casting his ballot at the Cultural Center.

With only 82 days until the general election, the outcome of which will play a large role in determining whether our state recovers or continues to stumble, here's hoping more of Michigan's 7.2 million voters adopt that view.

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Understanding is key to investment

n article about the financ- ing transaction. es of a variety of school

districts around the country stated that some school districts (none in Michigan) have been involved in sophisticated financing Money Matters techniques in order to cover budget short-

Rick Bloom

falls. Unfortunately, the programs did not turn out as advertised. In fact, instead of saving money, it has cost these districts millions of dollars.

The strategy utilized by the districts was very complex and sophisticated and required a variety of banks and financial institutions. Basically, they used variable interest rate debt obligations to finance the school district as opposed to using fixed-rate obligations, which school districts have traditionally used. In addition, the schools locked in these financing deals with high ongoing fees to financial institutions for decades. If the school districts had utilized traditional fixed-rate debt obligations, the fees paid would have been significantly less to the banks and financial institutions involved in this strategy.

There are some lessons to learn examining the mistakes made using the exotic financ-

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For as long as I've been involved in the financial world, I have preached to investors the importance of understanding the cost of any financial transaction. Investors should know the costs involved to buy, sell and hold every investment. Costs and fees are important to understand before entering into any financial transaction.

One thing became quite clear in reading the article and that is the school boards never understood the costs and fees involved. Furthermore, the school boards did not understand that they were liable to pay tens of millions of dollars in fees if they attempted to terminate the financing arrangement early. Why these school officials did not seek the advice of someone independent - who would not be making any fees on the transaction - is beyond me.

This is similar to individuals who go to financial advisers who sell them commissionbased products and do not understand the conflicts of interest involved. I believe all investors must be able to identify all conflicts of interest with anyone who is recommending products to them or who is recommending other types of financial services.

Another lesson can be learned by looking at the board members who were interviewed after the financing deal had imploded. The gen-

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eral view was that because the investment vehicles were very complex, the board members never truly understood them or the risks involved. This applies to institutions as well as to individuals. No one should ever become involved with an investment that they do not understand. When investment vehicles are so complex that an investor does not understand what is involved, it's a sure sign he/she should avoid that invest-

At a minimum, whenever you enter an investment, you must understand how you can make money, how you can lose money and how you can get your money out when you

Some of the best investments I've ever made are the ones I walked away from. In order to protect our money as individual investors, we must stay within our comfort zone and invest in what we truly under-

Understanding an investment, identifying conflicts of interests and seeking independent advice will not guarantee success as an investor, but it certainly will increase the chances.

Good luck!

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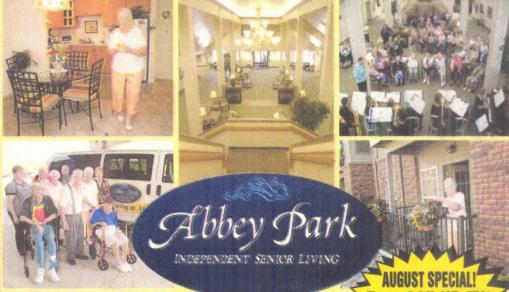
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Area grid teams have fresh start

BY DAN O'MEARA OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The actual kickoff is still two weeks away, but a new football season got under way Monday in Farmington and around the area with the start of prac-

"It's always exciting," North Farmington coach Todd Schultz said. "You get a fresh start, a fresh team. You always have faces changing, but you get a new shot at a new season. I think everybody gets excited for that.' The dean of area coaches is

Farmington Harrison's John Herrington, who begins his 49th year in coaching and 41st as head coach of the Hawks. Herrington, whose teams have won a

dozen state titles, said it didn't seem like nine months had passed since the end of "I don't feel we've been away much

with the summer program, the passing league and the camps," he said. "It doesn't feel like it's been that long. "It will seem like it Thursday when we

put the pads on. We've been doing all this touch football during the summer." The first day is always long at

Farmington High. Coach John Bechtel and his staff start at 8 a.m. passing out

That's followed by two meetings and lunch before the Falcons hit the field at 2:30 p.m. The second session takes place in the evening.

Bechtel, who begins his 13th season

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JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Herrington begins his 41st season as Harrison's only head coach.



Canton players Robert Lincoln and Austin Golles listen up while Chiefs' head coach Tim Baechler instructs them on an upcoming drill during the first official day of practice.

Back to work

Football officially begins for 2010 high school squads

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth football players lined up to do sprints to begin the afternoon practice Monday, the first day Michigan high school grid squads could hold offi-

On the backs of T-shirts was the Wildcats' new slogan — "Bleed For Your Brothers

"The only thing it can do is breed togetherness and family," Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk said about the phrase. "Hold each other accountable. That's what they're going for."

Sawchuk, new offensive coordinator Marquis Mosely and other coaches are now helping the players gear up for today — when full pads can be worn and Saturday's annual "Black and Silver" intrasquad scrimmage (11 a.m. at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park turf field).

"We want a good tempo (on day one), be ahead of where we were in our (summer) camps and be ready to go when the pads come on," Sawchuk said. "As we get into Thursday, a lot of the teaching stuff with the X's and O's should be

"Then it's just executing and we move

on from there."

Plymouth will be looking ahead to the regular season opener at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, against campus rival Salem, where head coach Kurt Britnall is starting his second year at the helm.

Other football fields at PCEP were also in full swing Monday, with the Rocks and Canton Chiefs also going through opening sessions on an overcast, humid day with afternoon rain instead of scorching sun.

Following Canton's practice, junior lineman Cory Peters swigged some

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we had to do was ask Marge,"

Southerland said. "We always

knew Marge would have the

co-athletic director at PCEP,

Verduce's work ethic was

who had a passion for high school athletics." Willette said.

"She will be missed for

her work abilities, but more

importantly because of (the)

impact she had on all of the

over her nearly 40 years at

student-athletes and coaches

PCS athletics. She was a great

Willette echoed what any-

body else who ever stopped by

the Salem athletic department

"How do you replace some-

one with the knowledge and

experience that Marge had?"

Verduce, a Northville resi-

Willette asked. "You don't."

dent, would have turned 72

serving Salem athletics while

She is survived by daugh-

ters Catherine Verduce and

Marie (Steven) Franckowiak,

grandson Mark Franckowiak.

Northrop-Sassman Funeral

son Michael Verduce and

Services were Friday at

in October. She continued

receiving treatment for her

is saying in the wake of her

passing.

cancer.

"Her dedication to the job was

something to behold.

unquestionable.

According to Tom Willette,

"Marge was a tireless worker

Hills mom wins 0&E tourney

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Jennifer Pattison can't remember the last time she was in the winner's circle.

"I think it was my first ever ... no, it was many years ago," said the stay-at-home mom from Farmington Hills, who captured the Observer & Eccentric Women's Golf Tournament Saturday at Livonia's Whispering Willows. "I normally don't play in tourneys and I do not play well under pressure."

Pattison, however, ran away from the field in the championship flight with a 75, five shots better than Deb Horning of Bloomfield Hills and defending champion Susan Macinkowicz of Chesterfield Township.

Pattison, a Dearborn High grad who played golf at Winthrop College (S.C.), is an 8-handicap.

She played an efficient round with birdies on the par-3 fifth and seventh holes. She didn't have any double bogeys.

"I was getting up and down, I had some good chips, I was scrappy," Pattison said. "I did not hit great, but I got up and down. I kept it in play."

Pattison plays regularly in the Tuesday night Swift League at Salem Hills and does get out occasionally during the twilight hours at

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jennifer Pattison of Farmington Hills won the Observer & Eccentric Women's Golf Tournament Saturday at Livonia's Whispering Willows.

Salem's Verduce had all the right answers

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Marge Verduce was The Answer Lady of Salem High School's athletics department ever since it started in the early 1970s.

Salem athletes, coaches and parents could always rely on the longtime athletic department secretary to steer them in the right direction whenever they needed information about schedules, physicals and anything else, for that matter.

Sadly, those answers now will have to come from elsewhere following Verduce's Aug. 1 death at age 71 following a lengthy battle against cancer.

"I would always go in and talk with her when I dropped stuff off," 2010 Salem graduate Chris Kordick said. "So about twice a month, I would chat with her. She never mentioned anything that she was sick. She always looked healthy."

Kordick said Verduce "was the face of the athletic department for the students. She'd always greet me with a smile and always asked if there was anything I needed."

Veteran Rocks softball coach Bonnie Southerland described Verduce as a unique person with a wealth of knowledge who "went out of her way to help out the coaches in any way she could."

her 25 years as a Salem coach, Verduce always had her finger

on the pulse of the depart-"I know I can speak for the coaches at the Park when I

say if we needed anything, all

Southerland added that over

Cards of sympathy can be sent to the Verduce's family at 41324 Windsor Court, Northville, MI 48167.

Home in Northville.

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SIDELINES **U-M** grid captains

Mark Moundros of Farmington Hills was named a captain of the 2010 University of Michigan football team Monday.

Moundros, a former North Farmington



standout. and fellow fifth-year senior Stephen Schilling were elected by their teammates.

Schilling of Bellevue, Wash., will represent the offense, and Moundros was selected as the defensive captain.

"This team chose two worthy seniors to represent this program as captains," coach Rich Rodriguez said in a press release.

"Mark and Stephen are great representatives of the University of Michigan, both as students and football players.

"They will work with our other seniors to lead this team throughout the season.

A three-year letterman, Moundros will be a two-way performer for the Wolverines. He practiced at linebacker throughout the spring and is the team's starting fullback.

Moundros has recorded 15 special-teams tackles during his career. He has rushed the ball three times for 14 yards and one touchdown, and he has caught four passes for 13 yards and

Schilling has started more games than any other Wolverine, starting 36 of a possible 37 games. He played left guard last year after starting at right tackle for two seasons.

Schilling was an All-Big Ten honorable mention in 2009 and the co-recipient of the Hugh R. Rader Jr. Award as Michigan's top offensive lineman.

WMU netter honored

Junior Amanda Moccia (Livonia Stevenson) was among three Western Michigan University players named to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-Academic Team.

Moccia, who helped the Broncos to a 16-11 dual match record and the Mid-American Conference Tournament finals for the sixth year in a row, was joined by teammates Rachel Denny (Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart and Jill Pastunink (Zeeland West).

It was a record 16th straight season the Broncos had a player earn the honor, which no other NCAA Division 1 program can

Players must carry a 3.5 grade-point average or better for the current academic year to be considered.

Moccia, an Academic All-MAC selection carrying a 3.9 gradepoint average in biomedical sciences, finished the 2009-10 season 19-14 in doubles and 14-23 in singles.

She has 105 career wins entering her senior year.

O&E men's golf signup

Registration is still on for the Observer & Eccentric Open men's golf tournament.

The O&E Men's Open, a twoday, 36-hole medal event, will be Labor Day weekend, Sunday-Monday, Sept. 5-6 at Fox Creek and Whispering Willows courses, respectively

Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, and will be open to the first 120 golfers. The entry fee is \$95 (cart not included. There will be a Senior Division (50-and-over) with a maximum handicap of 20 (U.S.G.A. index required to participate). A total of \$2,500 in prizes, including money for the low and net scorers for each flight, will be offered.

For more information, call (248) 476-4493; or visit www. golflivonia.com.

Mary Angela Run will benefit Angels' Place

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, August 12, 2010

The eighth annual Mary Angela Run will start at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, at the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington

For the third year, the event will benefit Angels' Place, a non-profit organization that provides housing and services for people with developmental disabilities.

The event, which includes chip-timed 5K and 10K runs and a one-mile fitness walk/ children's run, is done in memory of the

Mary Angela DiGiovanni. "Mary Angela was a car-

ing and dedicated person who wanted to help many different people, and we believe that Angels' Place has the same ideals," race coordinator and Mary Angela's aunt, Sue Vincent,

"We have had a great turnout every year with nearly 1,000 people attending, and we're hoping to have another great event this year."

The event has raised approximately \$40,000 each year for the past seven years for charitable causes.

The 23-year-old DiGiovanni, who was involved in a fatal car accident in January of 2003, was a University of Michigan public health student with a desire to improve health care and help people in need. Her family has pledged that her life will continue to reach out and help others.

"We're grateful to the DiGiovanni family and all of their relatives who have put

so much time and effort into making this a wonderful event to benefit Angels' Place," said Cheryl Loveday, Angels' Place executive director.

"This event has always proved to be a wonderful tribute to Mary Angela and everything that she believed in. It will be a blessing to all of the people who benefit from Angels' Place."

Registration is now open with a standard entry fee of \$25, or \$50 for a Mary's Angel sponsorship, which includes a special Mary's Angel T-shirt and recognition on event signage. Participants may register in advance or on the day of the event beginning at 7:30 a.m.

For more information on the Mary Angela Run, or to register for the event, please visit www. angelsplace.com.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

High school football teams won't practice with full pads until Thursday, including Canton's Chiefs. But at least they were on the field beginning Monday as work begins in earnest for the 2010 season.

water while waiting for a ride home. He was glad that football was back: "It's really something, coming out here and smelling the fresh grass and fresh paint."

Meanwhile, Peters said the first practice was grueling and repetitive, but a necessary starting point as the Tim Baechler-coached Chiefs look to once again play deep into

"Our expectations are to go the states again and win it this time," Peters said. "Most importantly, we just want to

get back into shape and get the season going."

Canton also will scrimmage Saturday (8 a.m. at PCEP), while Salem's scrimmage takes place Saturday evening.

The Chiefs' season opener is Aug. 27 at Walled Lake Central.

HISTORIC DAY

A couple of miles east on Joy Road, Plymouth Christian Academy gridders Eric and Daniel Jipping relaxed after taking part in Monday's first practice for PCA's new football program.

"It's going to be fun," said Eric, a junior lineman. "I think it (football program) will stick and we'll have a team for years to come. I think we're all excited to have this opportunity to play football."

Concurring was his younger brother, freshman Daniel, who isn't sure where he might play when the Eagles open Aug. 27 at Rochester Hills Lutheran

Northwest. "It's definitely a special thing, the first year," Daniel said. "I'm just glad to be a part

PCA football coach Mike Rumschlag and Athletic Director Rick Swilley so far have 15 players to work with, but continue to look for addi-

tions to the roster. "We're looking to get more kids to come out for PCA,"

tsmith@hometownlife.com

Coach's Corner splits AAABA games

BY DAN O'MEARA OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Coach's Corner/Canton Sports was fighting elimination Wednesday in the 66th annual All-American Amateur Baseball Association National Tournament following a 7-4 loss Tuesday night in Johnstown, Pa.

The 20-and-under Livonia Collegiate Baseball League representative opened with a 4-1 victory over Columbus (Ohio) on Monday, but it dropped into the losers' bracket after host Johnstown Delweld rallied in the eighth inning Tuesday.

Coach's Corner was 32-8 going into its third game at noon Wednesday against Chicago Metro, which also was 1-1 after it beat Maryland Tuesday, 5-0.

Coach's Corner had a 4-2 lead and starting pitcher Tom Hansen (Madonna University) was cruising along going into the eighth inning Tuesday.

Delweld sent 11 men to

the plate and scored five runs on three doubles and a single to take the lead. Matt Donaldson's bases-loaded double made it 7-4.

Hansen started the eighth but didn't get an out. The loss went to reliever Kevin Delapaz (Canton), a pickup from the NFWB Cobras. Austin Delmotte came on to finish the game.

Coach's Corner had 12 hits with Garrett Gumm, Brad Lineberry, Steve Pelletier (Farmington Hills) and Garrett Rebain getting three apiece.

"We played extremely well; we just lost," Coach's Corner assistant coach Frank Corej said. "Our kids played their hearts out.

'We outplayed them the whole game. We had 'em right there and let it slip away. We didn't get any breaks, and they put the hits together. They had one lucky inning.

Pelletier had RBI singles in the first and third innings, scoring Gumm and Lineberry, who doubled in front of

Pelletier to score Gumm (double) in the third.

Coach's Corner got its fourth run in the seventh after Gumm, Drew Adamiec and Lineberry loaded the bases with consecutive singles. Pelletier hit into a double the postseason. play, but Gumm still scored his third run of the game.

In the opener Monday, MU's Jeremy Gooding (Livonia) struck out 14 and pitched a complete game. He allowed three hits and three walks over nine innings.

MU's Spencer Sarel led an 11-hit attack by going 4-for-5; Adamiec and Gumm added two hits each.

Delmotte and Dan Stoney had RBI singles, and Pelletier knocked in a run with a field-

"We played really well that game, and we had great pitch- son shuffling paper and ing from Gooding," Corej said. Coach's Corner took a 3-O lead in the first inning and added another in the

ninth. Gooding struck out the Columbus side to end the game.

as head coach, said the coaches were especially eager to get started with practice.

"We spend the off seawatching film," he said. "Administratively, there's a lot to get ready for. Sometimes, it's the first day of practice when you remember why it is you do this thing.

"From the players' perspective, the kids worked hard this off season. Today was kinda the reward, because it's what they've been working for.

"Nobody has lost a game and expectations are high. The goal of every program is to build on those expectations."

Schultz and the Raiders focused on defense Monday. After switching from a 5-2 last' year, it's their second year of running the 4-3.

"Last year everything was new," said Schultz, who enters his 23rd season and seventh as North's head coach. "This year the guys at least had a year under their belts, running this defense, and it was nice they had remembered a decent chunk of it.

"We like to go defense the first day we're allowed to hit. We want to come ready to hit and get 11 guys to the ball. We do make that a priority on hitting day."



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Harrison's Gairus Coleman hauls in a pass on the first day of practice.

The Hawks, who were district finalists last year, did offense in the morning and defense in the afternoon. They even spent time working on the punt team.

"It was pretty much a complete practice, starting off with individual skills and then installing the passing game," Harrison said. "It was well organized, and we got a lot done."

Farmington, a playoff team that lost to Harrison in the first round, also accomplished a lot on both sides of the ball and special teams.

"Our goal is to get most of the offense and defense in by Wednesday, which is an awful lot in three days," Bechtel said. "When we get the pads on Thursday, we can start refining and getting better at the details of all this stuff."

Herrington thought it was a good sign when all 56 players arrived a half hour before practice began. "They were out there doing

things on their own before the 8 o'clock start time," he said. "They're self-starters. They want to win and have a done great job in the summer and all off season."

Schultz had a carpe diem message for his players at North. It was time to get serious about the sport and a season that will go all too quickly.

"Before you know it, you're doing the walk down the tunnel at Holland Field for the last time as a senior," he said. "We're expecting our kids to pay well in every opportunity we have, to be thankful for the opportunity to play this great game."

The Falcons will have a veteran team with nine starters back on offense and defense, many of whom begin their third year of varsity ball.

"It was good to see those kids in a senior role," Bechtel said. "The maturity of our football team is so much higher than it's been the last couple years. It just puts everyone in good spirits."

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nearby Whispering Willows after her 2-year-old Jessica goes to bed.

"The greens were nice," Pattison said. "They rolled great today, faster than normal, but they were quite nice."

For her efforts, Pattison won the first-place trophy and \$110 gift certificate. Pattison also said she will be back to defend her O&E title in 2011.

"I was having a good time," she added. "And it was nice to have another walker (Uhna Murray) out there with me. I had a nice time."

Horning took runner-up honors, along with a \$90 gift certificate and trophy when she defeated Macinkowicz in a two-hole playoff.

In the first flight, Livonian Alice Stanley captured low gross honors with a 91, two shots better than Kathy Konkel of Northville and three ahead of Canton's Lu

Stockton. Stanley and Konkel each



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Deb Horning of Bloomfield Hills shot an 80 at Saturday's Observer & Eccentric Women's Golf Open at Whispering Willows in Livonia.

received trophies for their efforts and took home gift certificates of \$100 and \$80, respectively. Stockton also cashed in with a \$55 gift card.

Low net honors and a \$75 gift certificate went to Detroit's Suzanne Madej, who was one of 21 members of

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WOMEN'S GOLF OPEN RESULTS Aug. 7 at Whispering Willows Aug. 7 at Whispering Willows Championship flight (low gross): 1. Jennifer Pattison (Farmington Hills), 75; 2. Deb Horning (Bloomfield Hills), 80 (won playoff); 3. Susan Macinkowicz, 80; 4. Suzanne Madej, 81; 5. Whitney Drake, 82; 6. Cindy Hill, 83; 7. Jane Kersjes, 84; 8. Jackie McFarlane, 85; 9. Ellen Howell, 86; 10. Unha Murray, 87; 11. Audrey Hopkins, 88; 12. Cynthia Pinkard, 91; 13.

First flight (low gross): 1 Alica Stanley (Livonia), 91; 2. Kathy Konkel (Northville), 93; 3. Lu Stockton (Canton), 94; 4. (tie) Elaine Crawford and Arlene Shields, 96 each; 6. Chris Milsk, 98; 7. Gail O'Brien, 99; 8. Joan Cleland, 100; 9 Shellee Andrews, 103; 10. Faye Bessette, 105; 11. Barb Coury, 108; 12. Saundra Clancy-Koendarfer, 109; 13. Pat Shelton and Denise Buechel, 111 each; 15, Meghan Davis, 112; 16. Monica Oliver, 116; 17. Joan

Low net: 1. Madej (Detroit); 2. (tie) Macinkowiz (Chesterfield Township), Kersjes (Plymouth) and Hill (Ypsilanti).

the Michigan Women's Golf Association to participate. Three others - Macinkowicz, Jane Kersjes (Plymouth) and Cindy Hill (Ypsilanti) shared third and each won \$50 in gift cards.

A total of 30 golfers teed off with a course rating registering at 71.9 and with a slope rating of 124.

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Dodgers finish 3rd in Koufax tourney

The Concealed Security Dodgers finished third in the American Amateur Baseball Congress Sandy Koufax 14and-under national tournament Aug. 1 in Surprise, Ariz.

The Dodgers won three of their first four games before losing to the eventual champion, Arizona All-Star Academy,

Arizona proceeded to mercy West Covina (Calif.) in the final game, 14-6, and finish the tournament with a 5-1 record.

Concealed's Alec Padilla pitched a complete game against Arizona, allowing six hits and striking out five.

Zach Schmidtke hit a 370foot homer and added an RBI triple in the seventh inning, missing a second home run by a couple feet.

Zach Tallman was the leading hitter in the tournament with a .667 batting average. Ryan Mergener went 3-for-3 versus Arizona.

The Dodgers opened with a 12-8 win over Southmoore, Okla. A six-run sixth made Brett Davis the winning pitcher after he worked the final 2.1

Tom Daffern went 4-for-5 with four RBI and scored two runs: Tallman and Davis had two hits each. Davis knocked

in three runs, and Tallman and Austin Stevens (Livonia) scored three runs each.

Concealed mercied Puerto Rico in its next game, 12-4. Davis got the win again after he pitched six innings and gave up nine hits.

Brandon Waack (Canton) was 2-for-2 with one RBI and scored twice. Stevens and Kevin Nisun (Livonia) each doubled and had an RBI.

Mergener was 3-for-4 with two RBI; Schmidtke had two hits and two RBI, and Tallman added to the run total with an RBI triple. He also walked three times and scored three

The Dodgers were outhit, 14-6, in an 18-1 loss to West Covina. Tallman was 2-for-2 with the lone RBI.

Concealed rebounded with a 4-3 win over Brooklyn (N.Y.) in nine innings. Stevens drove in the wining run with a two-out, two-strike double.

Padilla pitched the last three innings and was the winner in relief of Mergener, who worked the first six.

With two on and two out in the bottom of the ninth for Brooklyn, Bies showed his fielding range by making a big defensive play for an assist on the final out.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

WYAA evaluations

The Westland Youth Athletic Association will be conducting baseball evaluations for Bronco (11-12) and Pony (13-14) age groups beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at Jaycee Park, located next to Mike Modano Arena, in Westland.

For more information, e-mail Greg Hovermale at hovermale@sbcglobal.net.

Chiefs baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the 2011 Motor City Chiefs under-9 baseball club will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, and 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 at UAW Local 735 Field, 48055 Michigan Avenue, Canton.

If unable to attend either tryout date, an evaluation can

occur before Aug. 17. For more information, call (734) 377-3123, or e-mail motorcitybaseball@gmail.com.

Riversharks tryouts

The Motor City Riversharks of the Kensington Valley **Baseball-Softball Association** will host 2011 tryouts from noon-1:30 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 14-15, and 2-4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at UAW Local 735, 48055 Michigan Ave., Canton.

Players do not have to attend all three tryout dates.

Players must be willing to

commit to 40-to-50 games including weekends and tournaments, with the schedule running from April through

To pre-register or for more information, contact coach Bill Boyd - 734-718-7782; motor-

cityriversharks@gmail.com. Livonia Travel baseball

Tryouts for the 1011 Livonia Travel baseball program will be Aug. 12-15, at Bicentennial Park, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads.

The Tryout schedule includes: Under-9 - 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 (contact manager Matt Fournier at mattfournier22@ sbcglobal.net; or mfournie@

livonia.k12.mi.us;

Under-10 - 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 (contact Bruce Rosen for manager opportunities at mblr1218@aol.com);

Under-11 - 9-11 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 15 (contact Bruce Rosen for manager opportunities at mblr1218@aol.com);

Under-12 - 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12 and 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 (make-up date; contact manager Brian Dewhirst at wd219@aol.com);

Under-13 - 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 and Sunday Aug. 15 (make up date; contact manager Bruce Rosen at mblr1218@aol.com).

For additional information, visit www.livoniabsa.com.

TRYOUTS

Wildcards softball

Tryouts for the South Farmington WildCards travel fastpitch softball teams will take place four of the next five Saturdays at City Park on Shiawassee between Farmington and Power roads.

The 10U tryouts will be 9:30-11:30 a.m. Aug. 14 and Sept. 11; 12U, 2:30-5 p.m. Aug. 21 and 28; 14U, 12-2:30 p.m. Aug. 21 and 28; 16U, 10 a.m. to noon Aug. 21; 16U, 9-11:30 a.m. Aug

For more information, con-

tact Gabrielle Sack, 248-912-8926, gabriellesack@gmail. com; or Bill Stimetz, 248-890-7135, stimetb@hotmail.com.

RU soccer tryouts

Redford Union High School will be conducting boys soccer tryouts Aug. 11-13 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at MacGowan Elementary, 18255 Kinloch.

For more information, contact coach Jim Gibbs at (313) 995-4235.

GC tennis tryouts

City boys team this fall will be 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt. For more information, call (734) 762-8350.

St. Fabian tryouts

Tryouts for St. Fabian's girls volleyball, boys soccer and coed cross country teams are scheduled for Aug. 11-12.

Volleyball tryouts will be held at Instant Replay, 24016 Haggerty Road, in Farmington Hills for fifthand sixth-grade girls (7:30-9 Tennis tryouts for the Garden p.m.) and seventh- and eighthgrade girls (6-7:30 p.m.). Soccer tryouts will be con-

ducted at Soccer/Soccer, located on the southwest corner of 12 Mile and Drake roads, for both fifth- and sixth-grade and seventh- and eighth-grade teams from 6-8 p.m.

Cross country tryouts will be held on the Oakland Community College grounds for those in grades five through eight at 6 p.m. both days.

For more information, contact Bob Abraham at (248) 207-7058 or Lee Suurmeyer at (248) 476-7615.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Elks Soccer Shoot

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage its annual Elks Soccer Shoot at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16 at the Livonia **Community Recreation Center** soccer fields, located at 15100 Hubbard (off Five Mile between Farmington and Merriman roads).

There is no registration fee. Boys and girls age divisions, determined as of Aug. 1, 2010, include 7-and-under, 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. First-place finishers advance to the state contest in

For more information, call (734) 266-2410.

Salem tennis camp

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

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

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

Churchill Team Night

The Livonia Churchill High 2010-11 fall, winter and spring sports Meet the Team Night for athletes, parents and coaches will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18 at the Carli Auditorium.

Topics include team rules, team selection process, criteria for postseason awards, team philosophy and sportsmanship.

For more information, call the Churchill athletic office at (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46117.

Stevenson Team Night

The Livonia Stevenson 2010 fall sports Meet the Team Night for athletes, parents and coaches will start with an introductory session at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, at the high school auditorium.

All junior and senior athletes and parents should attend from 7:45-9 p.m. Individual team meetings will be in assigned rooms.

Athletic and academic eligibility, physical and medical information, season schedules, team rules, team photos and sportsmanship will be among the topics.

For more information, e-mail Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman at lhyman@livoniapublicschools.org.

Churchill pom clinic

The 12th annual Livonia Churchill varsity pom pon clinic for ages 6-14 will be from 10 a.m. until noon, Saturday, Aug. 21, at the high school.

The cost is \$35 per person (includes T-shirt, music and snack).

Participants will be invited back to perform their routine at a varsity boys soccer game.

For more information, or to pre-register, call Robin Schwarz (734) 466-2410.

at (734) 464-0556.

Junior golf tourney

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

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

Registration for ages 10-12 and 13-14 - a nine-hole event - is at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21. Tee times are at 8:30 a.m. Registration for ages 15-16 and 17-18 – an 18-hole event – is at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 22. Tee times are at noon.

Golfers can only register at www.wolverinesports.org.

For more information, call Bob Murray at (734) 751-4466.

Youth triathlon

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage its annual Youth Triathlon on Saturday, Aug. 21 at the Clement Circle Park, located on Harrison between W. Chicago and Plymouth roads (east of Middlebelt).

The registration fee is \$10 per person. Pre-registration is required at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile).

Race check-in will be at 8 a.m. (8-and-under); 9:15 a.m. (9-10); 10:30 a.m. (11-12); and 11:30 a.m. (13-14).

For more information, call (734) 266 - 2410.

Punt, Pass & Kick

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage its 2010 NFL Punt, Pass & Kick competition for ages 8-15 on Wednesday, Aug. 25 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center soccer fields, located at 15100 Hubbard (off Five Mile between Farmington and Merriman roads).

Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. and free competition follows at 6 p.m.

Age classification is as of Dec. 31, 2010. No football shoes, cleats, turf shoes allowed. Winners advance to sectional competition.

For more information, call (734) 266-2410.

Fall softball leagues

Registration is underway for Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation men's and co-ed fall softball with the projected starting date Aug. 16.

The cost is \$400 per team (plus non-resident fees).

To register, visit the Livonia **Community Recreation Center** at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

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Students from the Conservation Leadership Corps listen to engineering director Nick Petouhoff talk about the design of a new seat at the Johnson Controls Technical Center Campus in Plymouth.

JCS, students partner for environment

First, Johnson Controls went school students who spend out into area parks to work with some 80 students participating in the Conservation Leadership Corps, a summer jobs program promoting environmental stewardship and

leadership skills development. Last week, it was the students' turn to do some learning.

Plymouth-based Johnson Controls hosted the students last week for a Professional Development Day designed to give CLC students a professional development learning experience and provide them with information on the importance of sustainability, energy efficiency and renewable resources in the fields of automotive interior design and engineering, building efficiency and hybrid battery technology.

The Detroit Conservation Leadership Corps program consists of teams of high

six weeks during the summer completing vital conservation projects to preserve public lands and improve access to Detroit parks.

During the program, the 80 members completed hands-on conservation projects, build job skills, develop a strong work ethic and gain a personal sense of stewardship for the environment.

Each member of the Corps gains valuable job experience and earns a meaningful wage and more importantly, the young people develop into leaders and leave with a sense of accomplishment and pride for their communities.

'We're proud to bring the CLC program back to Detroit," said Charles A. Harvey, vice president of diversity and public affairs for Johnson Controls. "With the addition of a professional development

day, it is our intent to show the students first-hand how they can turn their experience and enthusiasm for sustainability and environmental conservation into rewarding careers."

Created and sponsored by Plymouth-based Johnson Controls, the Student Conservation Association and The Greening of Detroit, the program is in its third year

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

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Innovator award

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Joan K. Bradley, PharmD, is one of three recipients of the Detroit regional 2010 AT&T Innovator of the Year Award. Bradley was honored at the Westin Book Cadillac Detroit hotel on July 27 at a regional conference hosted by Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP) and sponsored by Pfizer.

The AT&T Innovator of the Year Award is given to a woman in business who has effectively leveraged technology for innovation and success in business. The focus of the day-

long conference was "Health Care - Policy, Trends, and Opportunities.' Bradley and her company,

The JB Ashtin Group, Inc., a scientific communications company based in Plymouth, provide services to support the development, commercialization, and lifecycle management of products for the company's

pharmaceutical and biotech clients. Bradley was recognized for designing and implementing a customized, web-based, platform to support a pharmaceutical client's large-scale speakers' bureau program.

"It is important to recognize the women who have produced innovations for improving the healthcare industry and to showcase those limitless possibilities to other female entrepreneurs. Women-owned businesses are the leaders in the economic recovery of our country. We are proud of their achievements," said Barbara Kasoff, president and CEO of WIPP.

"AT&T plays a key role in the health care industry with innovations available through our network, and we are proud to recognize the women for their accomplishments in this field," said Dan Youmans, president of AT&T Washington.

By winning recognition as the Detroit regional 2010 AT&T Innovator of the Year, Bradley will be in the running for the National AT&T Innovator of the Year Award, which will be presented at the WIPP Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 28.

Business News

• Business mixer: The Business 2 Business Mixer is scheduled at Showroom of Elegance, 6018 Canton Center in Canton, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12.

Participants should bring business cards for exchanging with fellow business owners in the Plymouth, Canton and Northville areas.

For more information, call (734) 455-8722. • WDIV's Vote 4 the Best Contest is going on through Labor Day. Many Plymouth businesses have been nominated including Genuine Toy Company- Best Toy Store; Dairy King- Best Ice Cream: Plymouth Historical Museum-Best Museum; Plymouth Yoga Room- Best Yoga Studio; Art in the Park- Best Festival; Plymouth Coffee Bean- Best Coffee Shop; TranquiliTea-Best Tea House; Penn Theatre- Best Theater; Magnolia's- Best Flowers; Fiamma Grill- Best Brunch; Spa Julianna- Best Day Spa; Sideways-Best Gift Shop; and many more. Go to WDIV's website - clickondetroit.com - and search "Plymouth" to find out all the local entries and vote for your favorites.

Co-chairs named

Leave A Legacy-Southeast Michigan has named its co-chairs for 2010-2011, including Christopher Belcher of Plymouth.

The co-chairs will oversee a regional public awareness campaign in southeast Michigan focusing on the need for individuals to support their favorite charities through a charitable bequest in their wills or estate plans. The Co-Chairs are:

Belcher is a Vice President with Fifth Third Private Bank in Southfield/Ann Arbor.

Founded in 1997, the Southeast Michigan program of LEAVE A LEGACY is a campaign conducted by the Planned Giving Roundtable of Southeast Michigan to inspire people to make charitable bequests, a type of planned gift to be distributed sometime in the future to a charity meaningful to the donor. LEAVE A LEGACY is a national broad-based community campaign that involves all types of nonprofit groups and is conducted by professionals, who assist donors with charitable estate planning.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Riverboat cruises path to family fun

Observer: Tell us about your business.

Princess Laura: We have a beautiful tour boat that is a replica of an 1880s riverboat. We feature lunch and dinner tours on beautiful Belleville Lake and we also do private charters and group tours. We have many specialty cruises such as our upcoming Motown Cruise on Friday, Aug. 13. This is a 2-1/2 hour moonlight tour featuring a DJ playing Motown music. We also have a Blues Cruise on Aug. 27 where our DJ will be featuring Rhythm and Blues. These both include light snacks, and are both BYOB.

Princess Laura Riverboat is also great for family outings. On Saturdays at noon and Sundays at 1 p.m. we offer a one-hour tour for only \$6.50 per person. On Thursday evenings beginning Aug. 26 we have a Pizza Tour with Pizza from Benito's. The cost is only \$12.50 for adults and \$6.50 for children under 12. It includes a 1-1/2 hour tour with a whole pizza for every two people.

Observer: How did you get started?

Princess Laura: When I left my job on the railroad my really good friend in Kalamazoo had a tour boat and it looked like a lot of fun. I bought my first boat 1990, The Silver Queen on Silver Lake near Ludington. We went down south near Louisiana for while, then Indianapolis. I really missed the beauty of Michigan and decided to come back so I bought the Princess Laura in 2007.

Observer: Why did you locate your business here?

Princess Laura: Belleville Lake is a beautiful waterway and has great docking facilities. The people and



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the City of Belleville and the surrounding area have been very welcoming and helpful. The area has a great population base that has been very supportive. Observer: What makes your

business unique?

Princess Laura: We offer a great low-cost activity that is really different from what people usually do. It gives people and families an opportunity to enjoy the lake and beautiful boat ride. Our Friday and Saturday night Dinner Cruises are a great way to spend a summer evening. We offer a choice of chicken or baby back ribs with a special price for children under 12. Both the Cruises and our service are only the best. We

pride ourselves on taking care of our customers and they always leave happy. We have a lot of return business and we get a lot of customers from referrals.

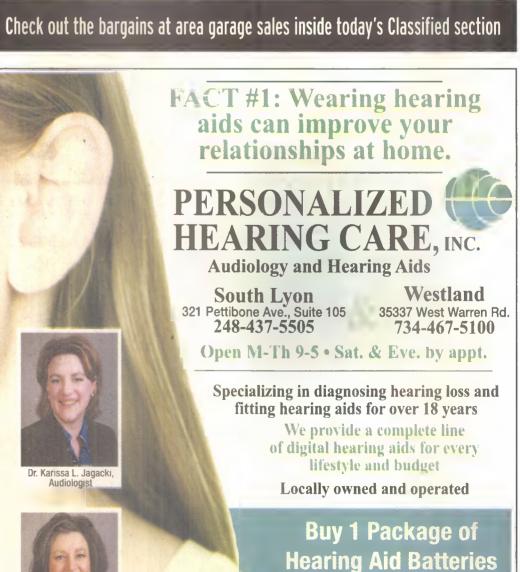
Observer: How has your business changed since you opened?

Princess Laura: Business has been increasing steadily. We have three times the passengers this year than we did last year. Our business has been growing fast as more and more people find out about us. Observer: What is in store for the future of your business?

Princess Laura: We expect to continue to grow especially as Michigan gets stronger. We love it here and look forward to serving the areas for many

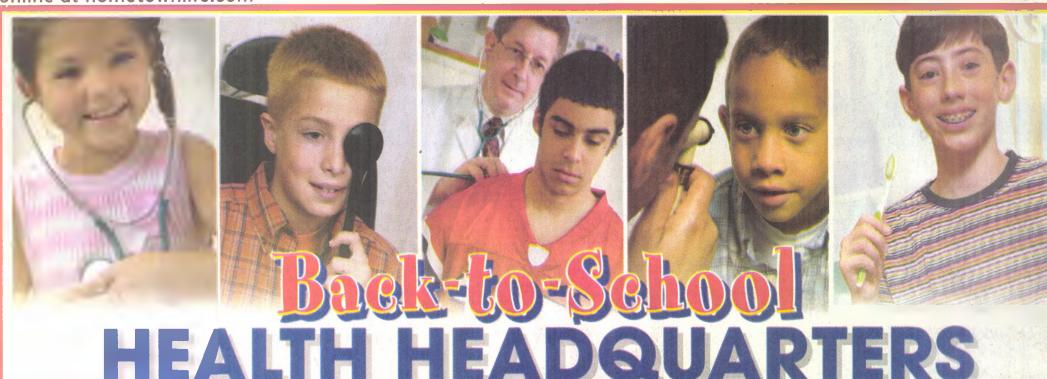
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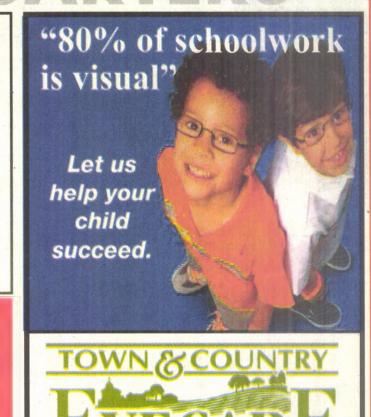
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Rev your motor and head out to Woodward Dream Cruise

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

It's about 35 miles from Canton — give or take a few — to the epicenter of the Woodward Dream Cruise in Royal Oak

MapQuest Livonia to Royal Oak and you're looking at about a 20-mile trip. It's about the same for Farmington Hills and about 30 miles for Westland.

That's a whole lot of driving to attend an event that's all about more driving.

Is it worth making the trip to the world's largest one-day vehicle cruise, exhibit and allaround nostalgic auto heritage event, now in its 15th year?

Yes, because if you own a vintage or collectible car or like watching them, you'll be in Motor City paradise. If not, you'll still find plenty of fun activities during Woodward Dream Cruise week, starting Tuesday, Aug. 17 and leading up to the big event on Saturday, Aug. 21.

We've picked out a few favorites:

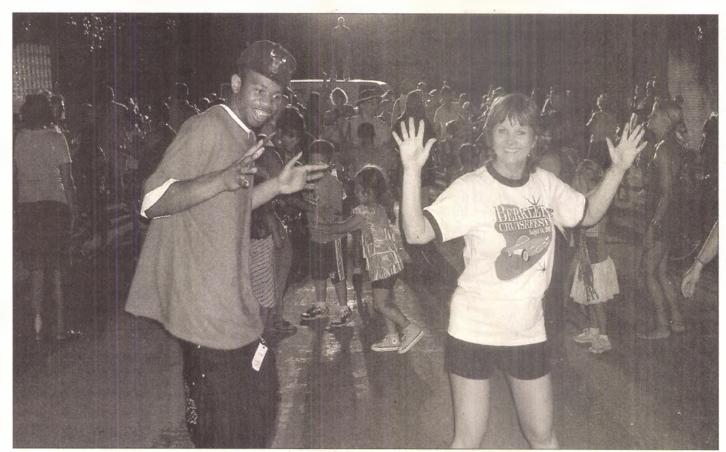
JUST FOR KIDS

No, you won't find youngsters behind the wheel at the second annual Kids Cruise in downtown Royal Oak, but they will get a chance to climb in trucks and touch emergency vehicles at the Explore-A-Truck display during Kids Cruise, 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, at Fifth and Center Streets.

New this year is a climbing wall and musical "petting zoo" that allows children to touch and handle instruments. Kids will get a chance to make a noodle art project, try face-painting and play on a giant, inflatable slide. The Mydols, The Detroit School of Rock and Pop, Casual Smile and the Hype Syndicate will play live music. An outdoor showing of the movie, Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, wraps up the fun at sundown.

DINE AND DRIVE

All week Hunter House in Birmingham will serve retro music and cars along with its famous sliders.



Dancers strut their stuff at last year's Berkley CruiseFest.

The diner on Woodward, just north of Maple, will kick off classic car viewing and patio dining on Monday, Aug. 16. British Bike Night starts at 6 p.m., followed by Toppermost with Beatles tunes from 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17. Laughing Mad Men Classic Rock runs 6-10 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 18-19, with an Elvis Presley tribute planned from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20, followed by Toppermost from 7-10 p.m. The Whatabouts join the line-up from noon to 4 p.m. on Dream Cruise day. The sliders all come topped with grilled onions, ketchup, mustard and dill pickles and range from \$1.80 for a hamburger to \$2.80 for a double cheeseburger.

DANCE, DON'T DRIVE

Put on your dancing shoes and head to 12 Mile, west of Woodward in downtown Berkley for a little family fun with the Tri-Community Coalition's annual street dance. The street will be closed to moving vehicles, letting dancers kick up their heels to DJ'd music from 7:30-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20.

Aug. 20.

"We are a substance abuse prevention nonprofit for Berkley, Huntington Woods and Oak Park. We've done this as long as there's been a Dream Cruise," said Judy Rubin, executive director. "We started it because we thought it was great family drug-free, smoke-free, alcohol-free event. Dancing is sort of a language unto itself and music is fun."

The dance is a part of Berkley's "CruiseFest" that includes sidewalk sales from noon to 5 p.m.; a parade at 6:30 p.m.; children's activities from 6-9 p.m.; a performance by Sereioux from 7:30-9 p.m. and a 70s-80s party from 9:30-11 p.m. — all on Friday, Aug. 20.

"It's a wonderful event.
There's food, music. We're just
one little piece of it," Rubin
noted. "It's a fun and healthy
slice of Americana right here."

BIG HAIR ANYONE?

Forget the engine exhaust. The air will be thick with hairspray fumes Friday, Aug. 20, near Nine Mile east of Woodward in Ferndale.

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"It draws a lot of people. It's fun and gets area salons involved," said Lynn Crinson of Paul Mitchell Schools, Sterling Heights. "Three hours sounds like a long time, but everyone is so excited, the time goes by quickly. They get creative, putting flowers in, using swatches, hair extensions, whatever they need to use. It's awesome."

Students from the school are on hand to create beehive hair-dos for visitors.

"Women who get fed up looking at cars can come play with us."

LIGHTS AND SIRENS

Blaring sirens are music to
Anthony Rzucidlo's ears.
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The Dearborn Heights man coordinates an emergency vehicle show during Cruisin' Michigan Avenue, an annual summer event in Western Wayne County, and this year

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is handling the annual show in Ferndale on Friday, Aug. 20 during Dream Cruise.

"It's not offensive, but it's loud. If you're into it you'll be excited. If you're an emergency vehicle aficionado, it will be like a Christmas gift," said Rzucidlo, describing the Lights and Sirens cruise that will take place a approximately 5:30 p.m. on Woodward between Nine Mile and 12 Mile.

"All the (emergency) vehicles on display get a chance to drive on Woodward, turn around and come back to Ferndale."

Approximately 54 emergency vehicles will be on exhibit from 1-8 p.m. Friday in the Nine Mile area, east of Woodward.

"There's a retired gentleman from Redford bringing a 1953 restored police car. Detroit police is bringing an electric car. We have a 1967 Dodge made into a tactical mobile unit," Rzucidlo's named a few favorites.

The Detroit Fire Department will have a restored 1937 unit on view. It's now used as a hearse for firefighters who have died in the line of duty.

"It's a great variety of vehicles."

THE BIG DAY

Mustang Alley, a collection



Parents and kids alike admire the heavy equipment at the Explorea-Truck display during Kids Cruise, Aug. 17 in downtown Royal Oak.

of vintage Ford Mustangs, will replace the emergency equipment display in Ferndale on Saturday, Aug. 21. The community's 16th annual Ferndale Classics & Cruise Legends Vehicle Show also will run from 10 a.m.-8 p.m., on Saturday.

Live bands play every evening in Ferndale from Thursday, Aug. 19 to Woodward Dream Cruise Day. Look for Western Wayne County's own Paisley Fogg to take the stage at noon on Saturday, Aug. 21.

Cruisers will show off their vehicles from morning until early evening, through Ferndale to Pontiac and every city in between, but for food, cars, and displays all in one place, there's no better place than Memorial Park, on the northeast corner of 13 Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak.

"There will be about 300 or so classic cars, vendor displays, a food court and GM will have a display," said Greg Rassel, Royal Oak director of recreation and public service, describing the action at Memorial Park.

Several car clubs also will display their hot rods, classic wheels, custom and collector vehicles at Northwood Shopping Center, at the southwest corner of 13 Mile and Woodward.

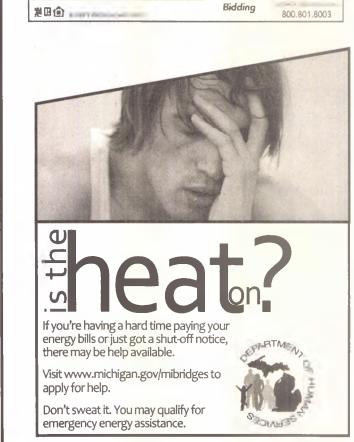
Visitors can park in and around Memorial Park or take a free shuttle from the Consumer's Energy parking lot on Coolidge (east of Woodward) just south of 14 Mile.

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City Gallery

Time/Date: Through Sept. 9 Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills **Details**: Photography by Jennifer

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Contact: (248) 473-1856

Northville Art House

Time/Date: Through Aug. 28 Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville Details: "Conversations in Cloth," exhibit showcasing the work of fiber artists; featured artist at the Northville Art House store is Ann Avery, fiber artist

Contact: (248) 344-0497

AUDITIONS

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Contact: Greg Grobis at grobisgi@ udmercy.edu or at (313) 993-3273

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Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.

ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Andy Hendrickson, through Aug. 14; Nate Bergatze, Aug. 18-21; Coolaide, Aug. 25-28

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

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Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

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Time/Date: Danny Schmidt and Carrie Elkin, Aug. 12; The RFD Boys, Aug. 13; Marcia Ball, Aug. 14; John Lee Hooker, Jr., Aug. 15; The Global Jazz Project, Aug. 17; Open Stage, Aug. 18; Trina Hamlin, Aug. 19; Beth Nielsen Chapman, Aug. 20; Lonesome County, Aug. 21; Suzanne Westenhoefer, Aug., 22; Todd Snider, Aug. 23; Baskery, Aug. 24; Sumkali, Aug. 26; The Siegel-Schwall Band, Aug. 27; Vienna Teng, Aug. 28; Junior Brown, Aug. 29; Sam & Ruby, Aug. 31; Chris Knight, Sept. 7; The Strawbs, Sept. 9; The Spring Standards, Sept. 10; Billy Bragg, Sept. 11; Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Sept. 14; Toad The Wet Sprocket, Sept. 15-16; Vishten, Sept. 19; Aimee Mann, Sept. 21; The RFD Boys, Sept. 24; The Chenille Sisters,

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor Contact: (734) 763-8587; www. theark.org

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m. Location: 5200 Woodward Ave Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.

Magic Bag

Time/Dates: Neon Escape CD release party, Aug. 13; The Ultimate Retro Party with the Mega 80's, Aug. 14; Paul Thorn, Aug. 17; Damage Inc., The Metallica Tribute, Aug. 20; Jon Anderson, Aug. 23; Echoes of Pink Floyd, Aug. 27; Leon Russell, Aug. 28 Location: 22920 Woodward,

Contact: (248) 544-3030, www. themagicbag.com

Orchestra Hall

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Aug. 15 Location: 3711 Woodward Ave.,

Details: Cellist Yo-Yo Ma and The Silk Road Ensemble; tickets \$25-\$75 Contact: (313) 576-5111; www.detroitsymphony.com

Riverfront Plaza Time/Date: 8-10:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 13

Location: At the Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit. Parking available for \$5 at the General Motors surface lot at St. Antoine and Atwater, adjacent to the GM Renaissance Center

Details: Free concert on at the

Detroit River in downtown Detroit by

GET OUT

The Romantics Contact: (313) 567-6700 or visit

www.andiamoitalia.com/detroit.

Stars in the Park

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Aug. 12 Location: Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Summer music series features Farmington Community Chorus Coming up: The Saline Fiddlers on Aug. 19

Contact: (248) 473-1848

Trinity House Theatre Time/Date: Hans York, Aug. 21; Cairn to Cairn, Sept. 10; Stewart Francke, Sept. 11; Matt The Electrician, Sept. 16; Pat Terry and John Austin, Sept. 18; Martyn Joseph, Sept. 23; Nobody's Darlin', Sept. 24 Location: 38840 West Six Mile.

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

Village Theatre at Cherry Hill Time/Date: 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14 **Location**: 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton Details: Tony Lannen Quartet performs jazz; \$10 general admission **Contact**: Tickets by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5460 or online at www.cantonmi.org/villagetheater

FAMILY

Livonia

Bakers Keyboard Lounge Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays Details: Jazz for Kids Program Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit

Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

Detroit Institute of Arts Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays **Details**: Target Family Sundays,

storytelling, performances, free with Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.

org Detroit Zoo

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day Location: I-696 service drive and

Woodward, Royal Oak **Details**: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to

Contact: (248) 541-5717 **Land Rover of Farmington Hills Time/Date**: 3-8 p.m. Aug. 19

14; children under 2 are free

Location: 38200 Grand River,

Conservation presents live bat demonstrations, live nocturnal and flying squirrels), educational exhibits, bat-themed activities for kids and Rob Mies, conservationist

Contact: obcbats@aol.com; www.

Deails: Screening of the silent film, "Louis," with live musical accompaniment by Wynton Marsalis, renowned pianist Cecile Licad and a 10-piece all-star jazz ensemble; tickets \$19-60 Contact: (313) 576-5111; www.detroitsymphony.com

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Aug. 13-14 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 Location: 760 Penniman Ave..

Coming up: 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 22, "Eclipse"

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Time/Date: 8 p.m. Aug. 20; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 21 Location: 17360 Lahser, Detroit Grail," tickets, \$4

Coming up: "Laurel and Hardy Film Festival," 8 p.m. Aug. 27 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Aug. 28; \$6

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Details: Organization for Bat animal exhibits (owls, sugar gliders, from Bat Zone at Cranbrook Institute of Science

batconservation.org; (248) 474-9900

FILM

Orchestra Hall

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Aug. 26 Location: 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Penn Theatre

Plymouth

Details: "The A-Team," \$3 admission Friday-Saturday, Aug. 20-21, and 4:40

Summer matinee series: 'American Tail 2: Fievel Goes West," Aug. 12; "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World," Aug. 19; and "Muppet Treasure Island," Aug. 26; shows at 1 and 7 p.m.; tickets cert," she explained.

penntheatre.com

Redford Theatre

Details: "Monty Python and the Holy

Contact: www.redfordtheatre.com

Friday's Concert for Darfur raises awareness, funds

BY SHARON DARGAY **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Veronica Allen, Amy Hall and Dan Totzkay are taking their humanities class studies to heart.

The three Livonia residents and Churchill High School graduates organized an awareness-raising benefit concert for Darfur, Sudan. starting at 6 p.m., Friday, Aug. 13, at The Barn, 43065 Joy Road, Canton, Admission to "And Yet ... Darfur Benefit Concert 2010" is by donation. Performers include Spencer Kitrchen, Steve Schriener, Serein, Adeline, Good Luck Varsity, and PK Fire with a mix of acoustic solos, rock and rock alternative music.

The former students attended the same advanced humanities class during their senior year at Churchill and learned about "the Holocaust and other genocides," Allen

"We learned about Darfur. So, two of my friends and I decided to have a benefit con-

Totzkay had always been interested in learning about Darfur but also was "disgusted" to learn the deaths of innocent civilians continue

Totzkay said the concert is as much about raising awareness as it is collecting money for www.savedarfur.com.

there.

"When we learned about it, we had deep feelings about it, about how horrible it was. I'd known about 'Save Darfur' for awhile," he said. "Amy, Veronica and myself had been good friends from class. Amy knew a couple of bands and wanted to try and organize something like this. We thought it was a good idea."

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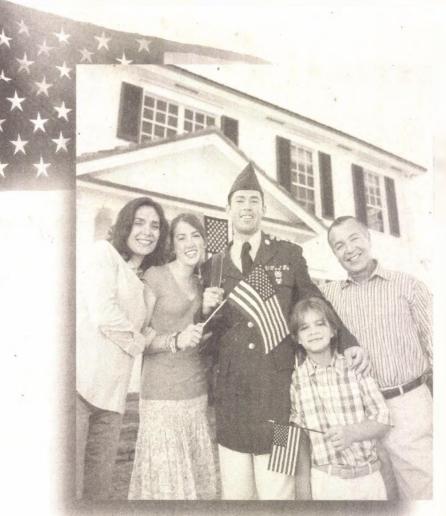
"A couple of years ago was when people knew all about it. It (the violence) has been the worst this year, but people don't even know it's going

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AUG. 12-18

Bible text seminar Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Aug. 13 and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Aug. 14

Location: Berean Bible Church, 35375 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia **Details**: Dr. Daniel B. Wallace will present "The Gospel According to Snoopy - an interactive seminar on the trustworthiness of the biblical text." The seminar will have something of a CSI quality to it, requiring participants to think carefully, as if they were detectives evaluating evidence Cost is \$25 per person and \$40 per couple

Contact: Scott at Berean48150@ sbcglobal.net Blood drive

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 15

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Contact: For more information or to make an appointment call Gary at (734) 716-2057

Hosanna-Palooza

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Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Aug. 14 Location: 9600 Leverne, Redford Details: Music festival with a wide variety of live Christian music

- including contemporary Christian rock bands as well as more traditional fare. Carnival games, a craft fair and concession stands also will be available. Free admission, Craft fair spaces are available for \$30 or

Contact: (313) 937-2233 Mom to mom

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 14 Location: Prince of Peace (ELCA) Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland

Details: The event includes a bake sale and trunk sale. Proceeds from the bake sale benefit local service projects. Participants may donate clothes to sell, or fill a bag the church provides with clothing, for

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AUG. 19-25

Family Fun Fair

Time/Date: 5-10 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 19; 5-11 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20; noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21; and 1-9 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 22 Location: Our Lady of Loretto, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Details: 51st Annual Family Fun Fair with rides, games, Las Vegas-style games in the gym, bingo in the church basement, \$4,999 raffle, craft booths, bake walk, dollar menu food booths. Entertainment includes Terry Bar and the Full Tilt Boogie Band on Friday, Hard Cover and All Wheel Drive on Saturday and Terry Bar on Sunday

Contact: (313) 534-9000

Summer-Fest Time/Date: Aug. 20-22 Location: Warren Road Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland **Details**: Summer-Fest activities include basketball tournament, 3 p.m. Friday; battle of the bands, 6 p.m. Friday; craft show and sidewalk sale, 9 a.m., to 3 p.m., Saturday; Kidzone, 3-6 p.m. Saturday; dinner, 6-7 p.m.; concert, 7-10 p.m.; outdoor

Sunday Contact: (734) 968-9222 or (734)

worship under a tent, 10:30 a.m.,

AUG. 26-SEPT. 1

Financial Peace University Time/Date: Begins at 7 p.m., Aug. 31 Location: In the fellowship hall at Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Dave Ramsey's financial seminar includes 13 informative sessions on saving, spending, debt and investing.

Contact: www.daveramsey.com/ fpu/locate-class/ or call (248) 553-3380.

New church

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m., Aug. 29 Location: Holiday Inn Express, 46194 North I-94 Service Drive, Belleville

Details: Life Pointe Church debuts with worship service, practical preaching, fellowship, food and back-to-school supplies giveaway Contact: The Rev. Billy J. Hales,

(734) 486-3210; RSVP to pastorhales@yahoo.com **Vacation Bible School**

Time/Date: Aug. 27-29

Location: Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia Details: Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School; \$5 per child with a maximum of \$20 per family Contact: Register at (734) 464-

SEPT. 2-15

Prayer service

Time/Day: 10 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia Details: Unity World Day of Prayer involves people of all faiths joining in prayer for the health and wellbeing of the world, as well as for one another.

Contact: (734) 421-1760; www.unityoflivonia.org

ONGOING

AWANA Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m.,

Wednesdays Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through

fifth grade Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study **Emmanuel Lutheran Church** Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

Livonia Unity Time/Date: Monday movement

Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.

Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions

Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@ energeticarts.org. Men's Bible study Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m. Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491 **New Life Community Church** Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial

Sundays Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville Contact: (734) 846-4615 for infor-

arts instruction, both at 10 a.m.,

Nicole's Revival

Time/Date: 9 a.m., Monday-Friday Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture reading Contact: (313) 531-1234 Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday Location: 26701 Joy

Details: Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning

Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey Contact: (313) 274-3820

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Details: Learner's Bible study is

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays

Contact: (248) 374-5920

Ward Presbyterian

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday

Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need

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Midlife career change leads woman to Catholic order

BY BILL EMERICK **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

When she was just 12 years old, Judie Ann Ruggirello answered the call and entered the convent at Fatima Hall, run by the Sisters of the Precious Blood, in Dayton, Ohio. Little did she know at the time it would take almost 40 years before she would realize her dream of becoming a nun.

Now known as Sister Judie Ann, the mother of six children has entered into a new phase of her life, as founder of the Sisters of Christian Love. Admittedly a small group — just her and Sister Susan at the moment — Ruggirello is nonetheless doing big things through her ministry of helping the poor of Detroit and the surrounding area.

RAISING A FAMILY

She's survived not only being widowed with six kids under the age of 12, but also the recent death of one of her sons. Through all of life's challenges, Ruggirello has managed to remain focused on her work.

"God has blessed us," she said of her ongoing ministries of feeding the poor and helping children (and their families) stricken with cancer. "I know we're doing the right thing, otherwise we couldn't do it."

Living and working out of the former rectory at St. Joseph's Church, located off Gratiot in Detroit, Ruggirello and a small group of volunteers assemble and distribute lunches five days a week to the needy who populate the city streets. Monday through Friday, they pack between 75 and 100 brown paper bags — each with the inscription "God Loves Us Constantly" and drive through the neighborhoods in a van, handing out the meals to anyone who asks. Each lunch includes a sandwich, a drink, fruit and a treat, as well as a heart with a cross on it.

"The thing that makes our ministry unique is that we go to the people on the street," Ruggirello said. "They don't come to us like at a soup kitchen."

Through a patchwork of donations and Ruggirello's own pocket, the group also distributes socks, underwear and hygiene kits. "We could do more, but it's just too costly," she said.

While the recipients are certainly grateful for the food, Ruggirello is cognizant of a greater need: "The big thing they need is love," she said. "Anyone can give them a sandwich, but they really need a hug and to know that someone loves them."

The journey to Sisters of Christian Love for Ruggirello, a native of Pontiac, has had its share of twists and unexpected obstacles. She had plans of becoming a nun when she entered the Ohio convent, but following her high school graduation, "I met this Italian guy," and she abruptly changed direction. She married Paul

Ruggirello and they had six children together. Her husband died in 1976, leaving her with the children between the ages of 3 and 12. She found work with an alarm company to provide for her family, a job that allowed her to work from home. Eventually, she made the switch to working in medical record transcription and struggled to raise the kids to adulthood.

FELICIAN CALLING

Ruggirello said she was "very involved" in her local parishes of St. Ephram and St. Michael, both in Sterling Heights, so it wasn't surprising when she heeded the call again in 1994 and joined the Felician-Franciscan Congregation in Livonia. While there, she enrolled at Madonna University and earned a degree in pastoral ministry.

Still, Ruggirello had a restlessness that she

could be doing more.

"They (Felicians) weren't doing what I was interested in doing," she said. "I wasn't sure if I wanted to go into the contemplative life (cloisture) or work with the poor. The Felicians didn't offer either of those."

Ruggirello got her answer one day when she saw a family with young children searching for food in a Dumpster. "That's when I knew I wanted to work with the poor," she said.

That desire led her to found the Sisters of Christian Love in November 2005. From a humble beginning, Ruggirello is hoping to grow the group to at least four members by the end of this year. That number would allow her and her fellow nuns to go from an association of the fol-



Sister Judie Ann at a memorial luncheon in the park with Chuck, whose girlfriend was killed. The poor rarely can afford a funeral service, so this helps provide closure.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

While the Sisters of Christian Love are always in need of monetary donations, Sister Judie Ann would also appreciate any of the following items for her ongoing ministries:

Detroit Zoo passes Thanksgiving basket items Bottled water

Fruit cups

Personal hygiene items

lowing to a full-fledged order, supported by the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Someone who's been touched by Ruggirello's devotion to her ministry is Lynette Mitan of Farmington. Mitan, 64, is a tutor at Madonna University in Livonia and first heard Ruggirello when she spoke to the congregation at St. Lucy Church in Troy earlier this year. Mitan made it a point to introduce herself to Ruggirello after-

'PASSION IN HER VOICE'

"You could hear the passion in her voice," Mitan said. "I was so impressed with her. She's very strong in (requesting) what she needs to accomplish her goals.'

Mitan has since joined the group of volunteers that work through the Sisters of Christian Love in its ongoing ministries.

"Her heart is so that it encompasses the whole picture," Mitan said. "I don't understand except for the grace of God how she accomplishes her mission. Sister is truly serving a population that most people would not consider.'

Although the two women never crossed paths before this year despite their shared connection at Madonna, Mitan said she can see the strength Ruggirello gained during her 12-year association with the Felician order in Livonia.

"She is a woman of fortitude and grace," Mitan said. "She learned a lot from the older Felician nuns. She needed to be prepared for this."

Ruggirello said living at the former St. Joseph rectory has its challenges, as the building is old and in need of repairs. Still, she feels blessed to have a home base to continue her ministries. Besides the lunch program, the group provides support to families with children stricken by cancer. Whatever is needed, be it transportation, spiritual support or all the way to funeral arrangements, Ruggirello and her volunteers provide it. She also brings the Eucharist to home-bound Catholics.

Her life took a turn for the worse this summer when her son, Joe, died July 4 of cancer. Although Ruggirello has comforted others who were mourning, "it's different when you sit next to your own son," she said.

Through it all, the Sisters of Christian Love continue to alleviate the suffering they see around them.

"If it weren't for people helping and volunteering, we couldn't have kept going," she said. "I haven't been here a lot for the last two months" while caring for her ailing son.

Ruggirello said she hopes to recruit new members, and is always on the lookout for donations of any kind. Her address is Sisters of Christian Love, P.O. Box 32694, Detroit, MI 48232 and her e-mail address is srjudieann@

bemerick@hometownlife.com | (313) 223-4340

Crafters wanted First United Methodist Church Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 23

Location: Eight Mile and Taft in

Northville **Details:** 3rd Annual Community Bizarre Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at the church. A great opportunity for local entrepreneurs and artists to showcase their talents and products to hundreds of local customers. Booking now **Contact**: For details and to reserve a place, e-mail to Pat Breslin at

fumcbazaar@gmail.com. Learn more about Village Banking at www.FINCA. org Riverside Park Church of God **Time/Date**: Oct. 22-23 **Location**: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia **Details**: Applications are being

accepted for the annual fall craft show. Rental spaces are 8- by 5-feet and can be reserved for one day at a cost of \$20 or two days for \$30. Tables an additional \$5

Contact: (734) 464-0990; download an application at www.riversideparkchurch.org

St. John's Episcopal Church Time/Date: Oct. 9 Location: 555 South Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Looking for crafters and vendors to participate in a fall craft

Contact: (734) 721-5023 St. Thomas a'Becket Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton **Details**: Accepting applications for handmade crafts only for 20th annual Christmas Craft Show Contact: craftshow@abecket.org or

(734) 844-1232

Fellowship dinner St. James Presbyterian Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford **Details**: Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The

vides the meals **Contact**: (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, pro-

Food Bank

New Hope Church Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill,

Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

Moms **Christ Our Savior Lutheran**

Church Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday

Location: 14175 Farmington Road,

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers. Aimed at mothers of infants through

kindergartners **Contact**: Angle at (248) 427-1020 **Dunning Park Bible Chapel** Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 West Chicago

Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope

Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

Prayer **Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran**

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesday Location: 28680 Cherry Hill,

Garden City Details: Prayer, spiritual healing Contact: (734) 427-3660 **Nardin Park United Methodist**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile,

Farmington Hills Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to

personal requests Contact: (248) 476-8860 St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the

Details: Music, singing, prayer Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at

(734) 464-8906 St. Michael's Church of Livonia Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third

Wednesday

Location: Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia

Details: Parish prayer and **Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction** service follows. (734) 261-1455



GAROLD F. BOVIA

Age 84 of Albion passed away August 6, 2010 in Pinckney, Michigan. He was born February 12, 1926 in Gypsum, Ohio to Garold Francis and Elsie Thelma (Bernore) Bovia. His first wife Helois Johnson Bovia died August 5, 2001. On February 4, 2006 he married Alice J. (Wilbur-Shaw) Bovia who survives. He worked as a Letter Carrier in Wayne and Westland for over 25 years where he retired in 1986. In 1989 he came to Albion. Garold was a member of the Marshall Assembly of God Church and a leader of the Royal Rangers. He enjoyed bowling, reading, traveling and especially his family and friends. He is survived by his wife Alice J. Bovia of Albion; daughters Katherine Sue Urban of San Antonio, Texas, Sandra Meade of Westland and Cynthia Brissette of Walled Lake; sons John Bovia of Pinckney, Larry Bovia of Hamilton, Joel Bovia of Clermont, FL and Jeff Bovia of Westland; 29 Grandchildren; 50 + Great and Great Great Grandchildren; Step-Children Dianna Browning, Alvie Shaw Jr. and Donald Knisley; a sister Thelma Elliott of Temperance, MI and brothers Roland Bovia and Marvin Bovia both of Toledo, OH. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, August 10, 2010 at 1:30 P.M. at J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home, 811 Finley Drive, Albion with Rev. Harry Borsheim officiating. Burial was at Hunt Cemetery in Clarence Township, MI. Visitation for family and friends was Monday, August 9, 2010 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM and 6:00 -8:00 PM at the funeral home. Assistance with Memorial contributions can be made to: Arbor Hospice or Cancer Society envelopes are available

at the funeral home.

LESTER S. BOWDEN Age 84, of Livonia, MI and Lake Worth, FL passed away peacefully in Florida on July 31st, 2010. Les was born on August 7th, 1925 was the oldest of 7 children. He was the husband of Jane Bowden (Wisner). He proudly served his country as a medic in the 28th Regiment, 5th Division in the Marine Corps during WWII. Les was present on Mount Suribachi the day the flagged was raised on Iwo Jima. Les married his wife on April 15, 1944 and spent 66 years together. He was a longtime business man, starting Les Bowden and Associates Insurance Agency in the 1960s. Les loved his wife and family. He also loved caring for their Pomeranian dog, Pepe. His passion was boating, traveling and business. He is survived by his beloved wife Jane Bowden, his daughter Darleen Sweeney, his grand children; Don (Erica) and Debbie (Jason); and great grandchildren David, Aidan and Reid. A memorial service will be held August 17 at 12pm at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions made to the Michigan Humane Society.

ANN MARGARET (KRUSZEWSKI) HUNTER

Age 92, died on August 9, 2010at Marywood Nursing Care Center in Livonia where she resided for the past 2 ½ years. She was born in Lansing, Michigan on August 22, 1917 to Maria and Stanley Kruszewski. She was preceded in death by her husband Maxwell and her son Stanley Hunter; she is survived by her daughter Patricia (John) Haines, her grandchildren Marie Woolum, Mattawan, MI; Mark (Sara) Hunter, Northville; Kristen Hunter, Taylor; Stanley (Julia) Hunter, Endicott, NY; Inga Hunter, New Hartford, CT and 5 great grand children. She was a member of the Wayne Garden Club and the Wayne/Westland Senior Choir. Instate Thurs., 12:30PM until Mass of the Resurrection at 1PM at St. Mary Catholic Church, Wayne, MI. Family will receive friends Wed., 4-8PM at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Contributions can be made to St. Mary Outreach Center, Michigan Humane Society Marywood Nursing Care Center.

GENE "RED" RUFUS JOHNSON

Of Westland, MI, age 69, passed away suddenly Friday August 6, 2010. He was born November 21, 1940 in Pike County, KY. Son of John M. and Ollie Hall) Johnson. Gene came to Michigan in 1956. On May 17, 1958 he married Geneva Cross and she survives. Gene worked for General Motors spring and bumper division in Livonia for 25 years, retiring in 1989. He became an ordained minister in 1975 and became the Pastor of the Ypsilanti Old Regular Baptist Church in 1984. Gene was affiliated with WYAA for many years. His fellowship with God, his church and his family were the most important things in his life. Besides his loving wife of 52 years, Geneva. Survivors include; two sons; Bobby (Susan) Johnson and Ritchie Johnson. One daughter; Angela Johnson, two grandchildren; Joshua and Ashley, one sister; Della (Tony) Valerian and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, two infant sons, three brothers and one sister. Funeral services were Tuesday August 10, 2010 at the Ypsilanti Old Regular Baptist Church in Canton, MI. Burial followed in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, MI. Memorial contributions in Memory of Gene Johnson made to the Ypsilanti Old Regular Baptist Church, 5668 Denton Rd., Canton, MI, would be appreciated. Arrangements by Stark Funeral Service, Ypsilanti, MI.

Please sign his guestbook at: www.starkfuneral.com

MARY ELIZABETH KIT-SON "BETTY"

Age 78, of Farmington Hills, passed away July 29, 2010. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME.

May You Find Comfort in Family Friends

GENEVIEVE LASH

LEXINGTON. Age 79, died Saturday, August 7, 2010, in Port Huron Hospital. She was born November 24, 1930 in Hamtramck, daughter of the late Joseph & Mary "Marie" (Planko) Miciuda. She and Leon Lash were August Hamtramck. Genevieve was a member of St. Edward on the Lake, Lakeport. She was retired as a phar-macist at K-Mart. Surviving are her husband, Leon. One son, Christopher of Lexington. One brother, Cass Miciuda of Sterling Heights. One granddaughter, Stephanie Lash and one great grandson, Aedan. She was preceded in death by a son Mark on October 1, 1979, and a brother, Joseph. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 A.M. Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at St. Edward on the Lake. www.pomeroyfuneralhomes.com

LUANA I. ROHLIN Age 64, August 10, 2010. Dear wife

of David for 43 years. Loving mother of Tamara, Joel and Alexis. Grandmother of Alexander and Jacob. Sister of Dr. Marilyn Van Dyke, Erwin (Ann) Johnson and the late Walton Johnson. Also survived by several cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Retired as a Nurse Educator from Garden City Hospital. Past President of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses, Southeastern Chapter. Michigan Visitation Thursday 2-8pm. Funeral Service Friday 10am at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill). Interment will be at Friends Quaker Cemetery in Queensbury, New York. www.santeiufuneralnome.com



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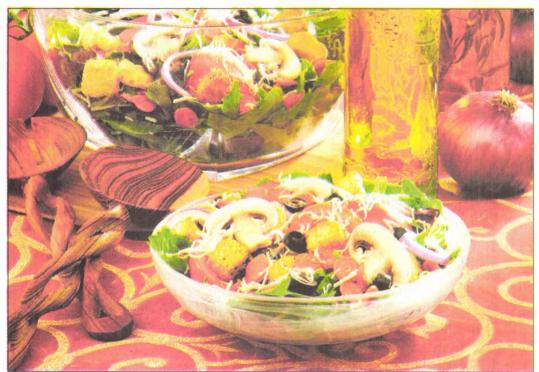
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Croutons dress up a salad.

How to dress a naked salad

No salad deserves to be naked. After all, a dish that can deliver so much taste and nutrition in one meal should always be served with style. With all the healthy convenience items available in supermarkets, it's easy to liven up a lonely bowl of lettuce. Here are some easy ideas from Mrs. Cubbison's Test Kitchens:

Chicken Nugget Caesar Salad — Toss chopped romaine lettuce with bottled Caesar dressing; top with boneless chicken nuggets. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and Caesar Salad croutons. A kid-pleasing meal in minutes!

Hamburger Salad — Toss iceberg or green leaf lettuce with diced tomatoes and pickle slices. Top with grilled, cut up beef, turkey or vegetarian burgers. Drizzle with light or fat-free Thousand Island dressing and top with fat-free seasoned croutons. Great for low-carb diets.

Baja Fish Taco Style Salad — Place baby salad greens in a bowl and spoon bottled black bean salsa over the top. Sprinkle grilled fish fillet pieces over the salsa and top with shredded cheddar cheese, a dollop of sour cream and sea-

Pepperoni Pizza Salad — Arrange a bag of mixed salad greens in a large salad bowl. Top with thinly sliced red onion, tomato wedges,

sliced pepperoni, and shredded Italian blend cheese. Add sliced, fresh mushrooms if desired. Pour a 1/2 cup of bottled Italian dressing over all ingredients and serve with cheese- and garlic-flavored croutons.

Steak and Potato Salad - Start with leftover grilled steak and oven roasted red potatoes. Cut the steak and potatoes into bite sized chunks. Toss meat and potatoes with sour cream, chives and cracked black pepper in a bowl; cover and chill. Serve over fresh salad greens and top with ing your weight from your right foot to the garlic- and French bread-style croutons.

California Chicken & Fruit Salad — Use bagged salad greens and freezer section breaded chicken strips that have been heated and chopped. Add fresh strawberry slices, halved, fresh grapes, and peeled navel orange sections. Sprinkle shredded Monterey Jack cheese and fat-free seasoned croutons and serve with light vinaigrette. A perfect light lunch.

Vidalia Onion & Spinach Salad —Toss a bag of baby spinach with thinly sliced sweet onions and chopped, hard-boiled eggs. Serve with vinaigrette and garlic- and French bread-style and croutons. Saute fresh garlic slices in butter and spoon onto the salad if desired. Courtesy Family Features

Five best-kept secrets to shaping up

When it comes to helping people get into shape, no one does it better than health and fitness expert Denise Austin. She has simple advice that makes a big difference when it comes to making smart decisions about food and fitness.

Here are five of her best-kept secrets: 1. Breakfast Is best. Consider incorporating smart substitutes at meal times, especially breakfast. Start the day with a delicious twist to bacon - try turkey bacon, which has loads of flavor with less fat. Austin recommends turkey bacon with at least 50 percent less fat than pork bacon. One of her go-to morning pick-me-ups is a quick and easy turkey bacon breakfast

2. Hire a workout Spy. E-mail your workout log to a supportive friend every week and you'll be more likely to stick with your exercise program.

3. Girl's Night IN Is good for you. There's a new excuse for girls' night. Research from the Harvard Medical School shows that women who maintain close ties with their gal-pals enjoy such health benefits as lower blood pressure, increased immunity, and even longer life expectancy. So get the gals together at least once a week for some good food and good fun! For extra sizzle, try a new recipe each time - like the Turkey Cobb Lettuce Wraps with Turkey Bacon or other delicious suggestions on www.kraftrecipes.com.

4. Be A Kid Again. Mix up your workout routine by jumping rope to get your blood pumping and oxygen flowing. To be a jump rope pro, stay light on your feet and do small jumps in place. Pump it up by shiftleft while you circle your arms. For a real challenge, jump with both feet together and crisscross your arms in front.

5. Helping Others Can Help You, Too. According to a study by the Corporation for National and Community Service, people achieve a higher level of mental and physical health by helping others. Join the Oscar Mayer Good Mood Mission, www. goodmoodmission.com, to share your good mood and learn how America has helped donate 3 million pounds of food to Feeding America.

GRAB-AND-GO BREAKFAST SANDWICH

Prep Time: 5 min Total Time: 10 min

Makes: I serving 1/4 cup cholesterol-free egg product

1 English muffin, split, toasted

1 low-fat cheese slice

1 slice turkey bacon, cooked, cut crosswise in half

Cook egg product in skillet sprayed with



cooking spray on medium heat 3 minutes or until set, stirring occasionally. Spoon onto muffin half: cover with cheese, bacon and remaining muffin half.

Courtesy of Family Features

Easy-to-make breakfast sandwich

Scottish shortbread recipe revisited

An incorrect version of one of the Scottish shortbread recipes ran in the Observer Aug. 5. Here's the recipe again, with the correct amount of sugar:

PEG DUNLOP'S SHORTBREAD

3/4 cup of white granulated sugar

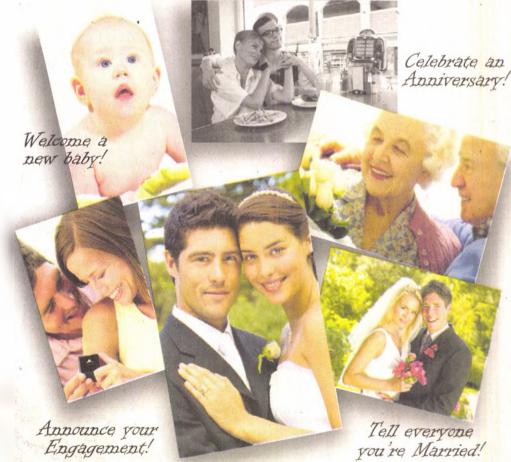
1 cup of butter

1 egg yolk 2 1/4 cups of flour

Beat sugar and butter until light and fluffy. Mix in one egg yolk. Add flour and mix until a semi-stiff dough forms. Press in 8- by 8-inch pan. Prick with fork at one inch intervals and bake in 350-degree oven for 30 minutes. Cut in squares or rectangles while still warm.

This dough also makes good cut out cookies. Roll to 1/4 inch thickness and cut with cookie cutter. Or you can put it through a cookie press. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes.

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Pack dorm fire safety tips when headed to college

BY JULIE BROWN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Lt. Denny Hughes of the Farmington Hills Fire Department has a son who went up to Michigan Technological University as a freshman last year. "I said, 'Hey, we need to sit down and have a little discussion about dorm safety." Hughes recalled.

Their discussion of dorm fire safety is useful for many who'll be heading off to college campuses to

Hughes said students should figure out exits, as he told their son, "I want you to be prepared." A dorm's a bit different from a house because of the size of the building. Students should know how to summon emergency help, whether it's 9-1-1 or some variation.

"We pointed out where the exits were, the secondary exits." If students hear an alarm, they should get out; don't assume it's false, he said. "I think a lot of campuses now have taken a good, strong look at fire safety."

Often, dorms have restrictions on cooking with a toaster oven, hot plate, coffee maker, etc. A student can get distracted with a cell phone or computer and a fire may start when food burns.

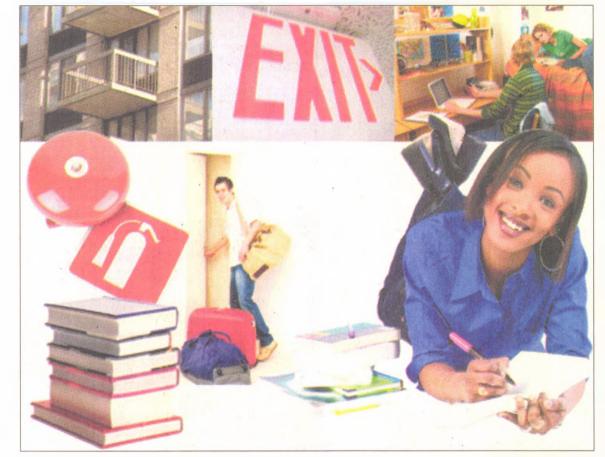
Misuse of extension cords in dorm rooms can also cause fires, Hughes said. "They want to have everything plugged in and there only are so many outlets." With use of a multistrip, you can plug in multiple plugs. There's a device to shut down circuits if overloaded.

"Most people just know them as the multistrips," Hughes said.

Don't use elevators if there's a possible fire, Hughes added. "You may end up exposing yourself to a floor exactly where the fire is. It's mechanical, so there's a risk for failure. The stairwell is still the safest." A stairwell will have an exit right to the outside.

Their son's not a smoker, but some students do smoke in rooms. Some older campuses may not have smoke detectors, he said, and alcohol can be an additional factor. Kids will party, and not have clear

"Typically, cooking is their leading cause of fires," he said of dorms. That's followed closely by careless



smoking and then arson.

Hughes recommends against candle use in dorm rooms, and added halogen lamps can get hot. "There's been a lot of fires attributed to halogen lamps," he said, especially when a piece of clothing is tossed on the lamp.

Tom Kiurski, training coordinator for the Livonia Fire Department, suggests parents and students look together for more than one exit. "Kids are worried about roommates and classes," Kiurski said. 'Parents have to realize growing up is a process."

Young people don't automatically have knowledge about exits and fire alarms, he said.

"You just have to check with the college, because sometimes their policies differ a little bit." Students should know proper, safe cooking, Kiurski said: "You have to keep watching it and not get distracted."

He agreed with Hughes on the use of multistrips to avoid overloading circuits.

"A good idea to have one that's been approved by a testing agency. A big one is UL (Underwriters Laboratories)," Kiurski said.

A Seton Hall fire in 2000 killed three students. "The students heard a fire alarm and didn't see anything big." Later that day, there was another alarm but that one was a real fire. "People weren't taking appropriate action, and we lost three freshmen,"

A website, campus-firewatch.com, has resources on its home page, including videos. "They have a couple things that are good to watch about campus fire safety," Kiurski said, also recommending a link to igot2kno.org with additional safety tips.

"I have a daughter going off to Central this year," Kiurski said. They sat down and watched a video. "Some eye-opening things that might not be on the forefront of their mind. It opens up a discussion."

"There's a big push for more fire safety, more fire drills, not taking them as jokes," Kiurski said, agreeing colleges and universities are better about fire safety now. There's also a push for sprinklers, which don't operate like in movies.

"Each one operates individually and they operate by heat not smoke. They've got a long, proven track record," Kiurski said.

They'll take along a smoke alarm for their daughter's desk at CMU. "She's going to have her own smoke alarm there she can put on her desk. The parents need to get involved," the Livonia firefighter

Also, off campus housing has less control, Kiurski said. "That's where a lot of your kids have their party atmosphere stuff. There's not a lot of control." Residents need to watch for upholstered furniture on the front porch and careless smoking, which contributed to a recent Eastern Michigan University

"You've got to make sure the smoke alarms are there and they're working," Kiurski said, noting some off-campus landlords may not be nearby or attentive.

Home exchange could be a 'lease'

Q: Can a resident in a homeowners association allow out of state and international visitors to use his home in house exchanges without permission of the board?

A: It depends on your condominium and/or



Robert Meisner

The board may treat this as the leasing of a unit and if it meets the leasing requirements. it may be acceptable.

On the other

hand, entering into shortterm lease requirements may cause problems with the secondary mortgage market, state requirements and local ordinances and insurance policies. If short term leases are allowed, a board should draft a resolution spelling out the association's specific exchange policies and educate owners who want to participate in home exchanges. The board should also draft booklets and signs to place in the home so that visitors are aware of the association's rules and understand that they will be responsible for violations. Q: I am buying a condominium and the condominium association where I am buying has applied for

A: The condominium association itself must now submit a request for certification to FHA to get financing for individuals wishing to purchase a unit in that condominium project. In the past, it was the individual who would have to seek FHA approval for a loan with respect to the condominium project, a so-called "spot loan." It may require, obviously, substantial changes to the condominium documents in order to comply with FHA certification requirements, many of which in many associations are long overdue as we are learning from many of our new clients.

FHA approval, says my real estate

agent. What is that all about?

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

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 26-30, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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232 Jotham Ave	\$85,000	
2069 Walnut Rd	\$102,000	
Birmingham		
1060 Bird Ave	\$335,000	
720 Graefield Ct	\$50,000	
1753 Midvale St	\$206,000	
1675 S Bates St	\$430,000	
411 S Old Woodward Ave	\$220,000	
Bloomfield Hills		
227 Barden Rd	\$220,000	
Bloomfield Townsh	110	
4851 Ardmore Dr	\$1,425,000	
3871 Carriage Ln	\$385,000	
558 E Fox Hills Dr	\$27,000	
1036 E Long Lake Rd	\$200,000	
7424 Franklin Rd	\$190,000	
1829 Golf Ridge Dr	\$109,000	
1672 Mark Hopkins Rd	\$210,000	
716 Oakleigh Dr	\$238,000	

757 Tennyson Downs Ct	\$465,000
Clarkston	400.000
4694 Fourth St	\$32,000
5092 Algonquin Blvd	\$124,000
6555 Eastlawn Ave	\$104,000
7954 Perry Lake Rd	\$79,000
7660 Pine Knob Rd	\$257,000
6540 Scenic Pines Ct	\$165,000
6310 Waldon Woods Dr	\$210,000
757 Whispering Trl	\$188,000
Farmington	
24005 Gill Rd	\$140,000
29316 Glenbrook Dr	\$240,000
31541 Lamar Dr	\$122,000
37432 Legends Trail Dr	\$167,000
36547 Martel Ct	\$127,000
30445 Turtle Crk	\$265,000
22814 Vacri Ln	\$196,000
Farmington Hills	4
29216 Arlington Way Ct	\$270,000
21484 Flanders St	\$144,000
23077 Julieann Ct	\$205,000
28523 Lake Park Dr	\$160,000
31815 Nottingwood St	\$167,000
30450 Orchard Lake Rd	\$54,000
30703 Shiawassee Rd	\$35,000
Franklin	333,000
30320 La Brea Ct	.\$470,000
27272 Ovid Ct	\$700,000
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992 McClellan St	\$100,000

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7565 Greenwich Dr	\$350,000
4414 Gwinnett Loop	\$63,000
2750 Morgan Creek Ct	\$305,000
4768 Olde Orchard St	\$75,000
4918 Portsmouth Ave	\$232,000
7420 Sloan St	\$45,000
9671 Timber Trl	\$270,000
Oakland Township	
629 Pebble Beach Dr	\$425,000
66 W Predmore Rd	\$140,000
748 Woodmonte Dr	\$365,000
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48 Roxbury Ct	\$90,000
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222 Belmonte Dr	\$275,000
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2400 Little Trail Rd	\$96,00
1480 Mariner Dr	\$45,00
3400 Sutton Ln	\$450,00
Waterford	
157 Ascot Ave	\$78,00
1035 Cobalt Ave	\$74,00
1824 Colonial Village Way	\$15,00
3641 Covert Rd	\$97,00
3774 Covert Rd	\$235.00
1414 Denver Ave	\$120.00
4277 Ledgestone Dr	\$76,00
4064 Oak Knoll Rd	\$61,00
1229 Orchid St	\$70.00
4437 Seeden St	\$53,00
West Bloomfield	*
6346 Aspen Ridge Blvd	\$118,00
7364 Brookridge Dr	\$170,00
6911 Greenview Ln	\$286,00
4815 Leesburg Dr	\$225,00
6443 Mission	\$275,00
2969 Moon Lake Dr	\$110,00
5471 Nardo Ct	\$150,00
4172 Old Dominion Dr	\$230,00
2629 Saint Joseph St	\$174,00
7340 Silver Leaf Ln	\$157,00
4133 Strathdale Ln	\$350,00
5476 Tequesta Dr	\$125,00
White Lake	
1194 Castlewood St	\$205,00
8911 Sussex St	\$105,00
361 Woodsedge Ln	\$200,00

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These are residential real estate closings ed April 26-30, 2010, at the Wayne County

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42523 Beechwood Dr	\$176,000
45213 Brunswick Dr	\$162,000
649 Cherry Grove Rd	\$125,000
6950 E Spring Dr	\$185,000
45801 Fountain View Dr	\$305,000
41563 Haggerty Woods Ct	\$110,000
39641 Hillary Dr	\$113,000
44425 James Ct	\$175,000
42508 Keystone Ln	\$148,000
7477 Kingsbridge Rd	\$204,000
43538 Lotus Dr	\$155,000
7196 Oakleaf Ct	\$200,000
41953 Old Bridge Rd	\$130,000
1194 Paddington Rd	\$154,000
42552 Proctor Rd	\$177,000
4450 S Sheldon Rd	\$23,000
46733 Southwick Dr	\$285,000
46978 Spinning Wheel Dr	\$170,000
46957 Yarmouth Dr	\$239,000
Garden City	3237,000
31961 Barton St	\$52,000
2054 Helen St	- \$25,000
29911 Leona Ct	\$143,000
32437 Maplewood St	\$77,000
Livonia	
38441 Five Mile Rd	\$140,000
38240 Ann Arbor Tri	\$42,000
10402 Bassett St	\$130,000
16722 Blue Skies Dr	\$173,000
27782 Bobrich St	\$111,000
34761 Bristol St	\$155,000
28609 Clarita St	\$25,000
30850 Dalhay St	\$109,000
37474 Eagle Dr	\$50,000
19552 Gill Rd	\$265,000
34359 Haldane Dr	\$225,000
	\$128,000
9400 Harrison St	
37684 Ladywood St	\$184,000
9618 Melrose St	\$158,000
35451 Northgate Dr	\$165,000
35398 Oakdale St	\$160,000
9061 Oxbow St	\$74,000
30961 Roycroft St	\$110,000

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Please call (734) 459-4700 to reserve a free seat. The seminar will be 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at Keller Williams, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Seminar includes: cost vs. income potential, training, company profit share, and commission structures.

Read up on home prices

The Observer is planning a four-part series on home prices in western Wayne County, Farmington and Farmington Hills. The series will begin next week, Thursday, Aug. 19, and include coverage of homes in varied price ranges in Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton, Livonia, Redford, Westland, Garden City and the Farmingtons.

We've talked to a number of Realtors to get their take on current home pricing, and what's available out there right now. The Realtors also have thoughts on the current market, which they see showing encouraging early signs of recovery.

Please come back to your Observer Aug. 19 and the three following Thursdays to read more.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLER

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- 6 Stubborn dirt 11 Tugged
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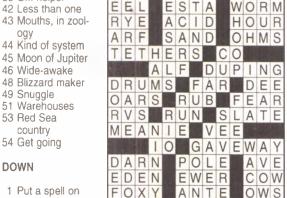
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Answer to Previous Puzzle ESTA



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- 11 Tarzan's mate 23 Moo goo --
- 13 Open wider
 - 16 Cranston or Shepard
 - 20 Put a dent in
 - 22 Go fly —!
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 - 31 Car grill cover 34 Small, in

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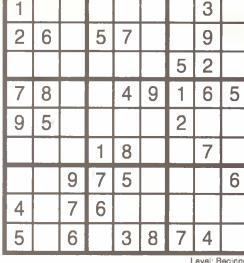
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Word Search — Boating

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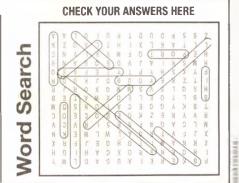
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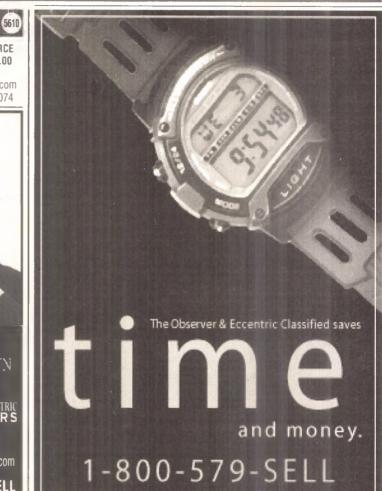
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The U.S. auto market has entered something of a twilight zone with the release of July's numbers, which showed an overall sales increase of about 5 percent over July 2009.

"Dealers told us that they saw buying customers, not tire-kickers," said Albert "Ali Castignetti, vice president and general manager of the Nissan Division of Nissan USA, which saw a 15percent gain for July. "They needed a car and they were credit-worthy.

So why strange?

Well, even July's positive results weren't particularly encouraging overall, given the dark clouds forming over the U.S. economy again. And auto sales motored along last month even while most other economic signals faltered.

What's more, short-term comparisons of this year's vehicle sales with last year's are becoming meaningless because of the extreme comparisons against last summer's extraordinary, one-time sales bump from the federal "cash for clunkers" rebate program.

The comparisons of this July versus last July were skewed somewhat because the rebates of up to \$4,500 became available for the last five days of July 2009. For August and September, making comparisons will be even more potentially misleading.

"August sales could show some strength, but the year-to-year

comparisons will be unusual because of the cash-for-clunkers factor," said Jessica Caldwell, senior U.S. industry analyst for Edmunds.com.

So far this year, through July, OEMs have sold about 6.7 million vehicles in this country, about 15 percent ahead of last year's pace.

For the most part, July sales results were unremarkable. They totaled about 1,050,000 units and produced a seasonally adjusted annual sales rate of 11.6 million units. That was somewhat lower than the SAAR predicted by most analysts, who focused on the fact that American consumers were beginning to come to showrooms again and were swimming in generous incentive offers once they got there.

"We thought this month would be a better sales month, so that is somewhat disappointing," Caldwell said. "It started out so strong. But it was better than June," when U.S. automakers sold 983,000 units and the SAAR was 11.1

Caldwell had predicted that "incentives would draw in a lot of people, and to some extent they did." But, she added, "there's still consumer hesitance. The bottom lines for people, personally, haven't changed a lot in terms of their income and how they feel. People are still struggling."

Emily Kolinski Morris, Ford's chief economist, agreed that "slow



--GM was one of the big winners in July. Its new Buick Regal sedan is one of the

employment gains, uneven creditmarket improvement and declines in home values have led consumers to spend cautiously, particularly on bigticket items like vehicles." And she noted the industry's concern particularly about recent declines in consumer-confidence indices.

Yet both Morris and General Motors Chief Economist Ted Chu made a case for a continued expectation of a steady recovery in U.S. auto sales based on economic fundamentals.

"The underlying trend of modest economic recovery continues," Morris said. Chu said that "every month we have [a SAAR] below 12 million, we believe pent-up demand will continue to accumulate. As long as employment keeps on crawling back slowly and gas prices remain below \$3 a gallon O sales will rise on a gradual basis."

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"We're cautiously optimistic about the rest of the year," said Nissan's Castignetti.

And several OEM executives in particular remained bullish about steadily growing strength in sales of pick-ups, some of their highest-profit vehicles. New offerings of heavy-duty diesel models by Ford and GM, coupled with the prospects of some recovery in the U.S. housing market and pent-up demand by small-business owners, are sparking some promise in that segment

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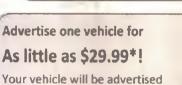
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