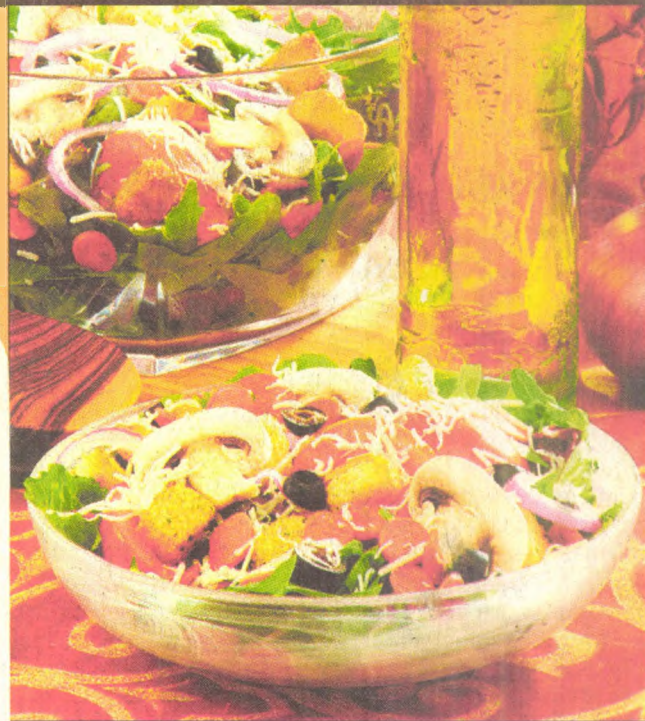


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Chili volunteers

Organizers of the 15th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff are looking for 100 volunteers for the event, scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 10, in downtown Plymouth. Organizers are looking for some 100 volunteers for the Oct. 10 Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff. Volunteers are scheduled for

3- to 4-hour shifts throughout the day and receive a shirt, lunch and, organizers promise, "a great time." All net proceeds from the chili cookoff are given to local charities.

Register to volunteer by calling Habitat for Humanity Western Wayne County at (734) 459-7744 or www.Habitatwcc.org at the Volunteer Scheduler. E-mail registration is GLRChiliCookoff2010@yahoo.com

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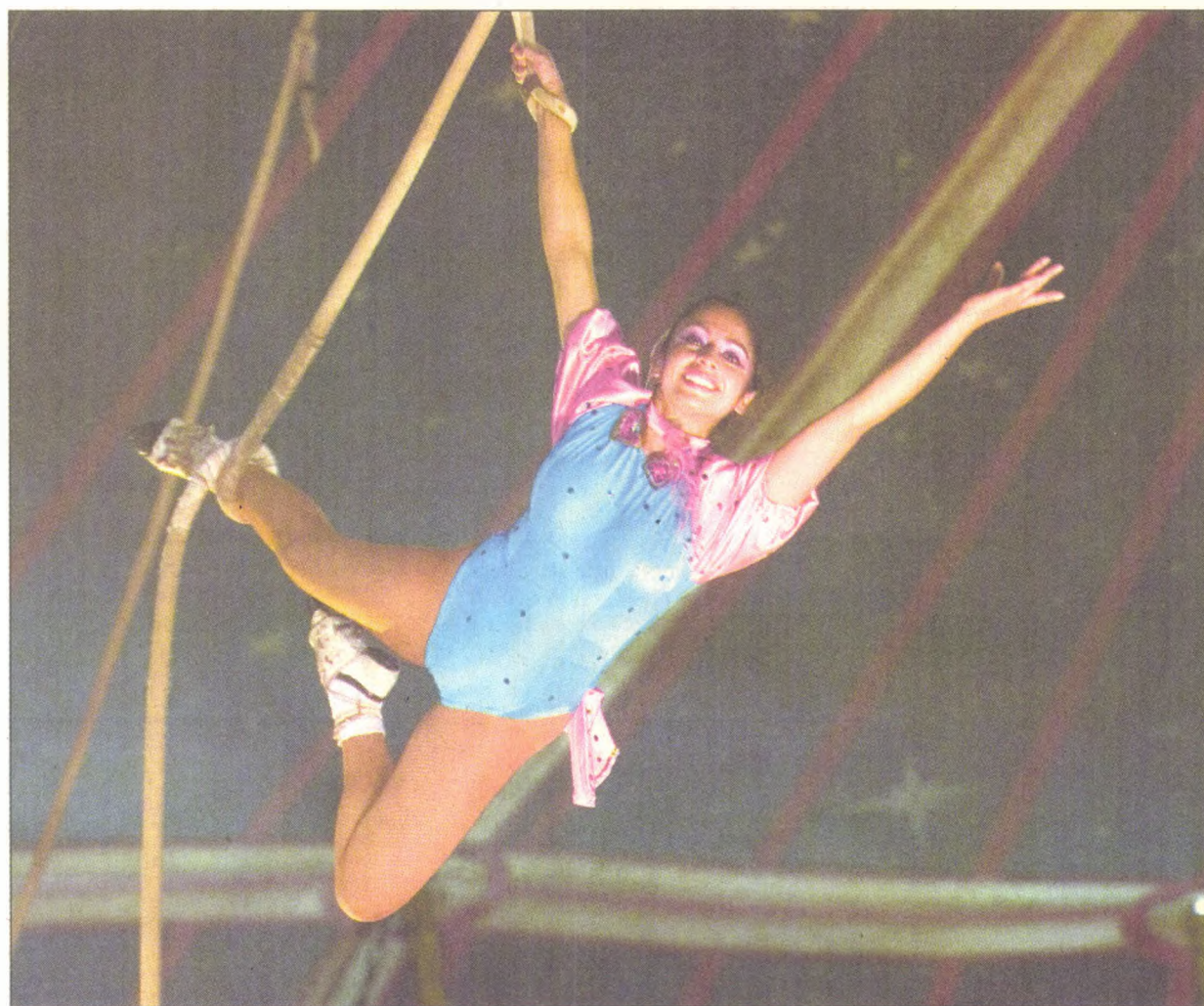
What's growing in your garden?

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.

We'll share the results with readers in an upcoming issue featuring Observerland gardeners and their recipes.

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.



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

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High-wire act

Big-top circus delights Plymouth crowd

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 kid."

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 ago.

"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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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 Canton.

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 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 bartender 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 was 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 Make-a-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 Rolfsmeier — 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 year's walk.

"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



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 support.

"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 Edinburg, on Northville Road, on Lilley, on Tavistock, on Sycamore and on Newport; 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 at the CSX crossing; 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.

- 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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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-year-olds 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 variety of jazz legends, Sunday, Aug. 22, 2-6 p.m. The lineup includes Ron Kirschuk at 2 p.m., and the Tartarsauce Traditional Jazz Band, Judie Cochill, vocalist. At 3 p.m., jazz quartet 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.

Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780 is located on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth near Haggerty. Call (734) 453-1780 for more information.

CYCLIST

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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 uniforms.

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 abilities.

"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



Tony Welsh (left), with his son Kelly Welsh, participated in the Great Lakes Breakaway Ride, sponsored by the MS Society's Michigan chapter.

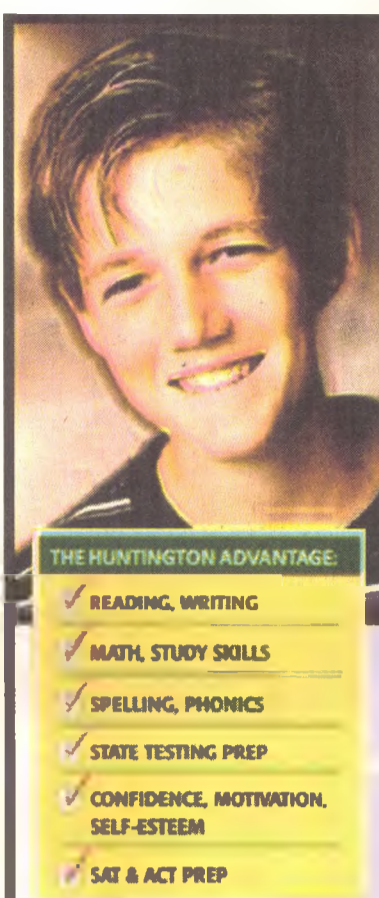
of ways, Welsh said. One woman on his team had a series of bake sales, and a male teammate gathers online donations, Welsh said.

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.

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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CIRCUS

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

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

Tuesday's afternoon performance included fire-eater 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 Riskey 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 Taviana Brown, the office manager and a retired trapeze artist.

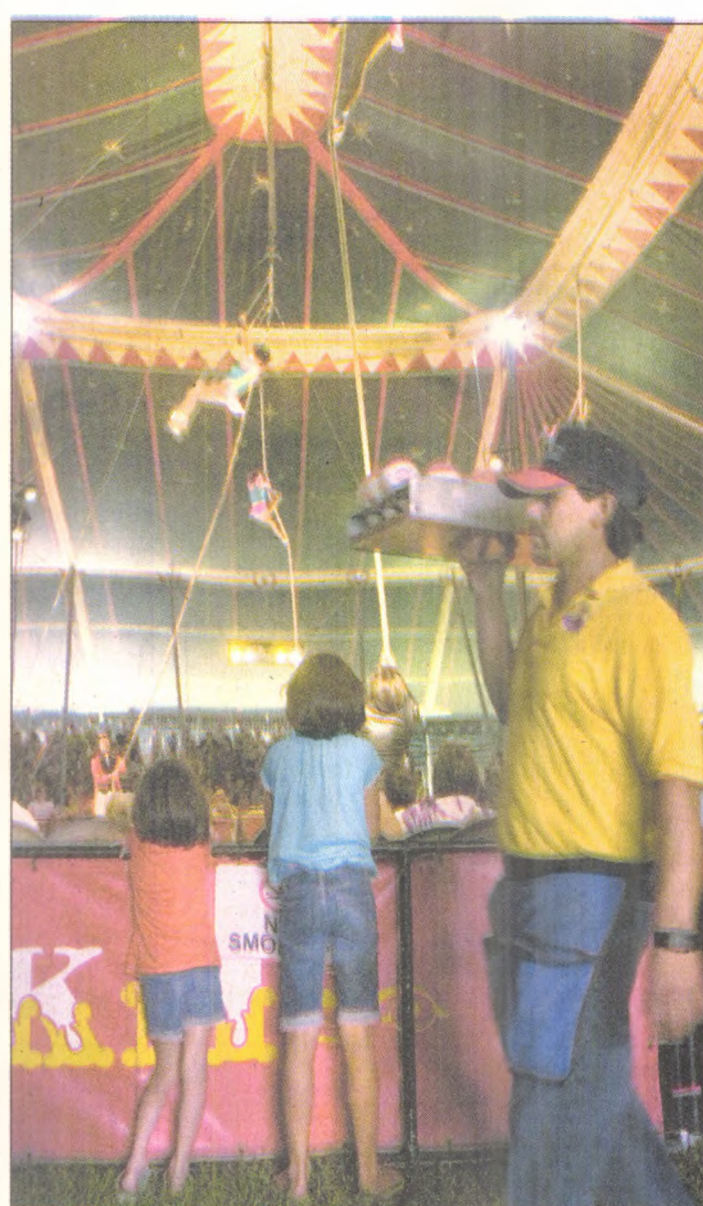
Both Plymouth shows were packed, Brown said Wednesday, and the evening show was a sellout. The tent can accommodate an audience of 1,500.

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."



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



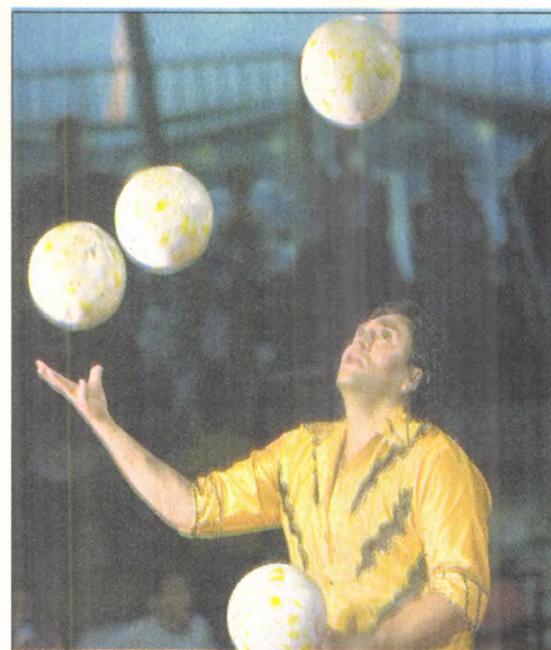
Kids watch the performers fly through the air with the greatest of ease.



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



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



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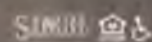
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Injury prompts Canton grandma to ask for playground safety

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

Brenda Jablonski's 9-year-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."

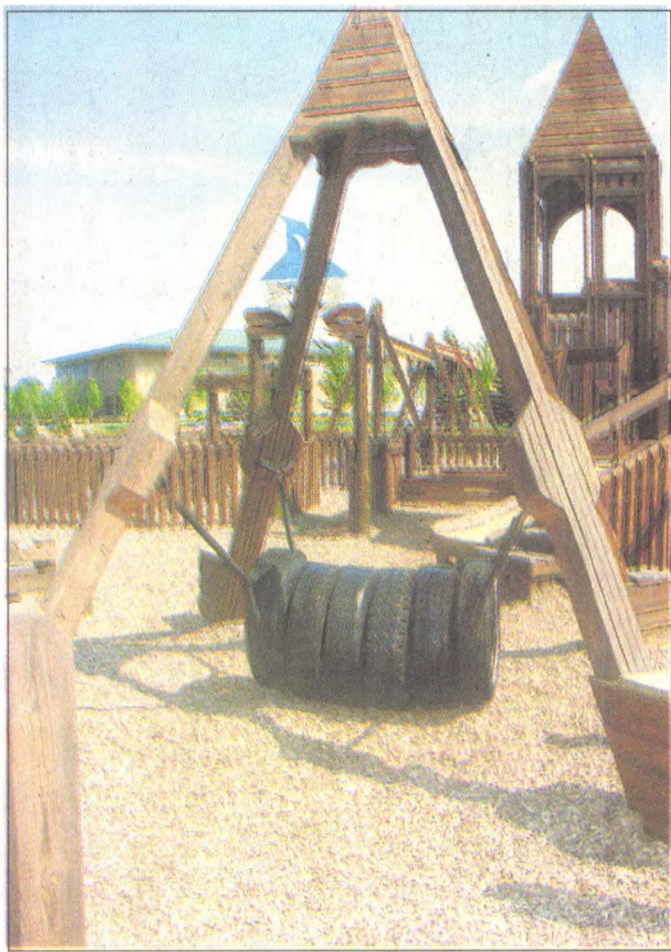
Jablonski, who has lived most of her 46 years in Canton, had taken Ethan to the Heritage Park playscape early last week along with her own daughter, 10-year-old Ashley, and Ethan's sister Cheyenne, 6. Ethan climbed up the wooden structure, which has tires attached to it, only to fall.

"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 Vinitzki, 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 playgrounds."

Vinitzki 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," Vinitzki said.

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

"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

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. Bihun said, even with the addition of the three teachers; without them, core 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 full-time teachers he was

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 Sneiderman 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 out."

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 Napier.

The residents encourage

each other to leave night lights on, 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.

"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

here — first to recognize suspicious 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 tunes.

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 at once."

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 attitudes.

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 arrive.

"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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The event draws some 1,500 customers and features food and drawings.

For information on how to take part, call or e-mail Judy Stone at JBSTONE 716@comcast.net or Alice Chrenko, (248) 348-9610 or dachrenko@hotmail.com.

New school opportunity

Plymouth Children's Nursery will be offering a bilingual English/Spanish program for 4-6 year olds this fall.

This popular co-op school has been in business since 1962 and is now working in partnership with the Bilingual Fun Company to offer an enrichment bilingual program.

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Tiny tots

The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool has added a fourth class to the schedule. Parents can now register their 4-year-olds for the Monday/Wednesday/Friday PM class. The class time is from 11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.; tuition is eight monthly payments of \$130. There are also openings for 3-year-olds in the Tuesday/Thursday classes.

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.

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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 lobbyists."

"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."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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

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.

one area that had 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 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 Mike Bender.

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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.

COMMUNITY VOICE

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.



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Nick La Pensee
Livonia



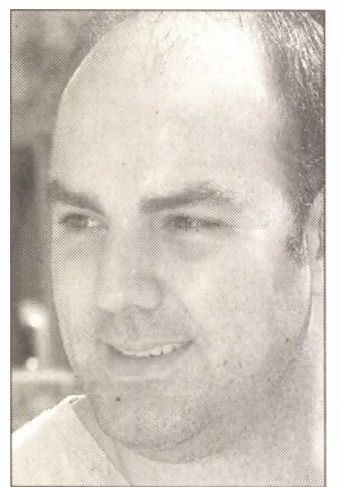
“Not really. Because we usually get a little heat once in a while.”

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
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LETTERS

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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,
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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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- Climbing student achievement scores on MEAP and other tests
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- Improving diversity
- 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 a 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?

Apathy was the landslide winner in last week’s Michigan primary election.

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 Township and Plymouth voters did slightly better, with just over 31 percent 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 drive-through.

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 out of it.

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 races.

“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

An article about the finances of a variety of school districts around the country stated that some school districts (none in Michigan) have been involved in sophisticated financing techniques in order to cover budget short-falls.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

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-

ing transaction. 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 commission-based 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-

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 investment.

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 want.

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 understand.

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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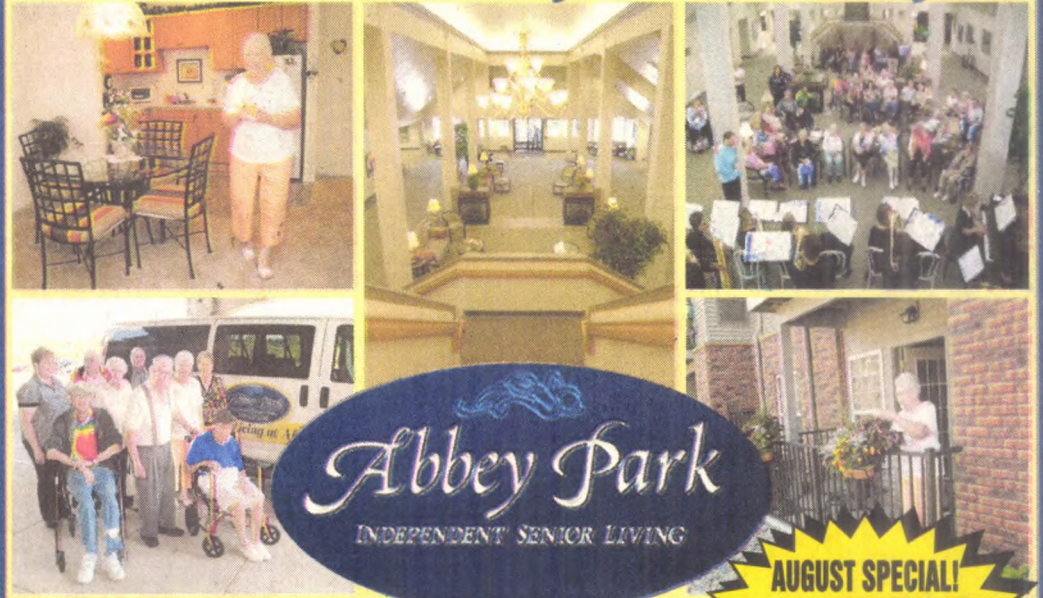
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Area grid teams have fresh start

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 practice.

"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 last season.

"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 equipment.

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



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.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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 official practices.

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 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 (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 in."

"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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JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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

Hills mom wins O&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 tournaments 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



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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

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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."

Southerland added that over her 25 years as a Salem coach, Verduce always had her finger on the pulse of the department.

"I know I can speak for the coaches at the Park when I say if we needed anything, all

we had to do was ask Marge," Southerland said. "We always knew Marge would have the answer."

According to Tom Willette, co-athletic director at PCEP, Verduce's work ethic was something to behold.

"Marge was a tireless worker who had a passion for high school athletics," Willette said. "Her dedication to the job was unquestionable."

"She will be missed for her work abilities, but more importantly because of (the) impact she had on all of the student-athletes and coaches over her nearly 40 years at PCS athletics. She was a great lady."

Willette echoed what anybody else who ever stopped by the Salem athletic department is saying in the wake of her passing.

"How do you replace someone with the knowledge and experience that Marge had?" Willette asked. "You don't."

Verduce, a Northville resident, would have turned 72 in October. She continued serving Salem athletics while receiving treatment for her cancer.

She is survived by daughters Catherine Verduce and Marie (Steven) Frankowiak, son Michael Verduce and grandson Mark Frankowiak. Services were Friday at Northrop-Sassman Funeral Home in Northville.

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

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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 one TD.

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 match.

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 grade-point 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 two-day, 36-hole weekend event, 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

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 Hills.

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 caring 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, said. "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.

PRACTICE

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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 the postseason.

"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 excit-

ed 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 of it."

PCA football coach Mike Rumschlag and Athletic Director Rick Swilley so far have 15 players to work with, but continue to look for additions to the roster.

"We're looking to get more kids to come out for PCA," Swilley said.

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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 pick-up 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 Rebin 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 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 fielder's choice.

"We played really well that game, and we had great pitching from Gooding," Corej said.

Coach's Corner took a 3-0 lead in the first inning and added another in the ninth. Gooding struck out the Columbus side to end the game.

FOOTBALL

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

"We spend the off season shuffling paper and watching 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.

"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 (Ulna 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 Konkol of Northville and three ahead of Canton's Lu Stockton.

Stanley and Konkol each



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

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC WOMEN'S GOLF OPEN RESULTS
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. Ulna Murray, 87; 11. Audrey Hopkins, 88; 12. Cynthia Pinkard, 91; 13. Pat Witek, 96.

First Flight (low gross): Alica Stanley (Livonia), 91; 2. Kathy Konkol (Northville), 93; 3. Lu Stockton (Canton), 94; 4. (tie) Elaine Crawford and Arlene Shields, 96 each; 6. Chris Milsik, 98; 7. Gail O'Brien, 99; 8. Joan Cleland, 100; 9. Shellee Andrews, 103; 10. Faye Bessette, 105; 11. Barb Coury, 108; 12. Sandra Clancy-Koendlarfer, 109; 13. Pat Shelton and Denise Buechel, 111 each; 15. Meghan Davis, 112; 16. Monica Oliver, 116; 17. Joan Penoyer, 119.

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

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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 14-and-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, 4-3.

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 370-foot 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 innings.

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.

Branon 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 runs.

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 winning 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.

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

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

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

To pre-register for more information, contact coach Bill Boyd - 734-718-7782; motorcityriversharks@gmail.com.

Livonia Travel baseball

Tryouts for the 1011 Livonia Travel baseball team 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 running from April through July); 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.

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. 28.

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

Tennis tryouts for the Garden

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 fifth- and sixth-grade girls (7:30-9 p.m.) and seventh- and eighth-

grade girls (6-7:30 p.m.). Soccer tryouts will be conducted 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 October.

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

at (734) 464-0556.

Junior golf tourney

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

The free event is on a first-come, first-serve basis (limited to the first 144). Lunch and T-shirt 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 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

school students who spend 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 here.

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.

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 2-½ 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 1-½ 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?

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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 years.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Innovator award

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.



Bradley

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; TranquilTea- 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.

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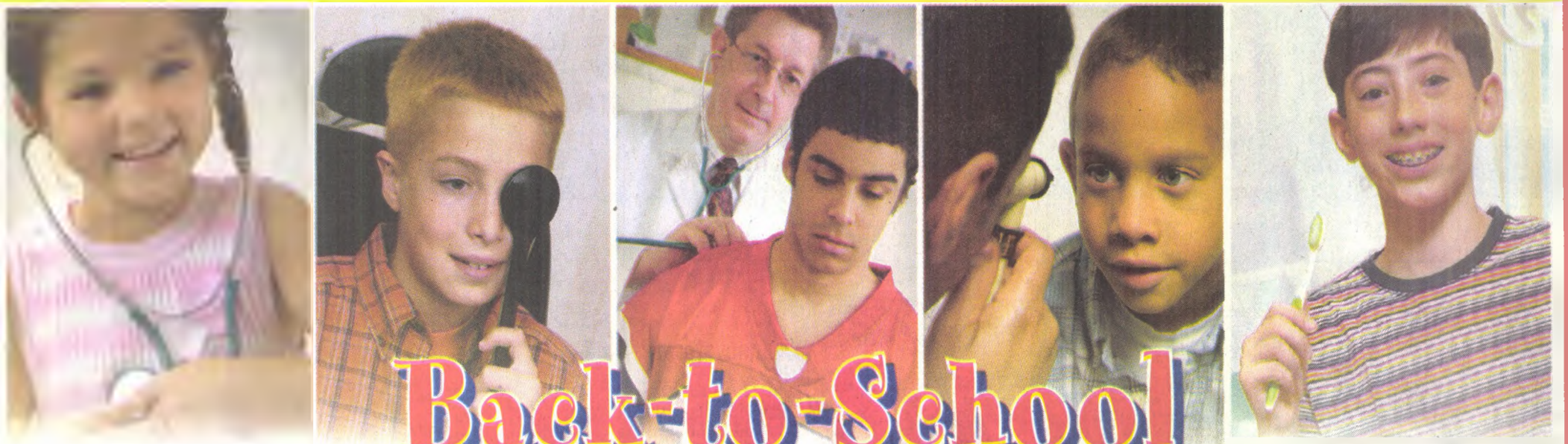
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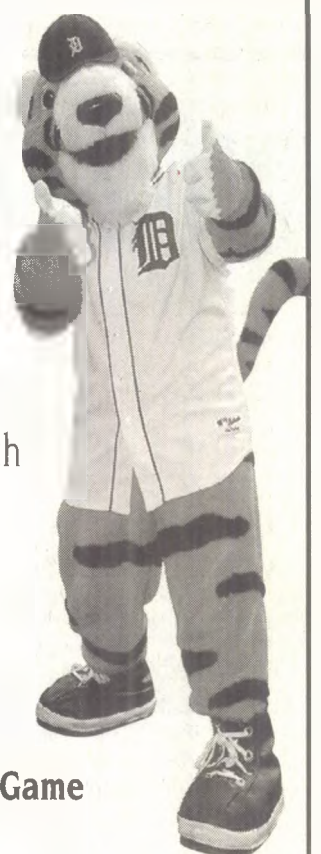


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Rev your motor and head out to Woodward Dream Cruise

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 all-around 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:



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



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

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.

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.

"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 Sereiox 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.

That's OK. It just means the 3rd Annual Beehive Jive, sponsored by Paul Mitchell Schools, is underway. The fund-raiser for FernCare Free Health Clinic, runs 1-5 p.m. and consists of professional hairstylists creating piled high hairdos, while onlookers donate and vote for their favorites. Winners are announced at 4:30 p.m. as hair models take to the stage.

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

LIGHTS AND SIRENS

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

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 Rzcudlo, describing the Lights and Sirens cruise that will take place 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," Rzcudlo'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

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.

For more about Woodward Dream Cruise events visit www.woodwarddreamcruise.com.

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Contact: (734) 420-0775
City Gallery
Time/Date: Through Sept. 9
Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Photography by Jennifer Berkemeier
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

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18
Location: Reno Hall's Studio 164 on the University of Detroit Mercy's McNichols Campus, 4001 W McNichols, Detroit
Details: Non-equity auditions for "Proof." To audition, provide a recent headshot, resume, one modern monologue and be prepared for cold readings. Participants must register through the UDM Theatre Company's Facebook. Search for "Proof Auditions" at www.facebook.com/udmtheatre
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Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings
Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield
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Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com
Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia
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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
Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle
Time/Date: Dwayne Gill, Aug. 12-14; Kevin McPeck, Aug. 19-21; Kelly Taylor, Aug. 26-28
Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak
Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.edycastle.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; 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 & Rub, Aug. 31; Chris Knight, Sept. 7; The Straws, 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, Sept. 25
Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org
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Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.
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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, Ferndale
Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com
Orchestra Hall
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Aug. 15
Location: 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit
Details: Cellist Yo-Yo Ma and The Silk Road Ensemble; tickets \$25-\$75
Contact: (313) 576-5111; www.detroit-symphony.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 service lot at St. Antoine and Atwater, adjacent to the GM Renaissance Center
Details: Free concert on at the

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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, 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, Livonia
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
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Time/Date: 3-8 p.m. Aug. 19

Location: 38200 Grand River, Farmington
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Orchestra Hall
Time/Date: 8 p.m., Aug. 26
Location: 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit
Details: Screening of the silent film, "Louis," with live musical accompaniment by Wynton Marsalis, accompanied pianist Cecile Licad and a 10-piece all-star jazz ensemble; tickets \$19-60
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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., Plymouth
Details: "The A-Team," \$3 admission
Coming up: 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 20-21, and 4:40 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 22, "Eclipse"
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 \$3
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Redford Theatre
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Aug. 20; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 21
Location: 17360 Lahser, Detroit
Details: "Monty Python and the Holy 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
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 Kitrechen, 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 said.

"We learned about Darfur. So, two of my friends and I decided to have a benefit concert," she explained.

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.

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"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. Amy wanted to try and organize something like this. We thought it was a good idea."

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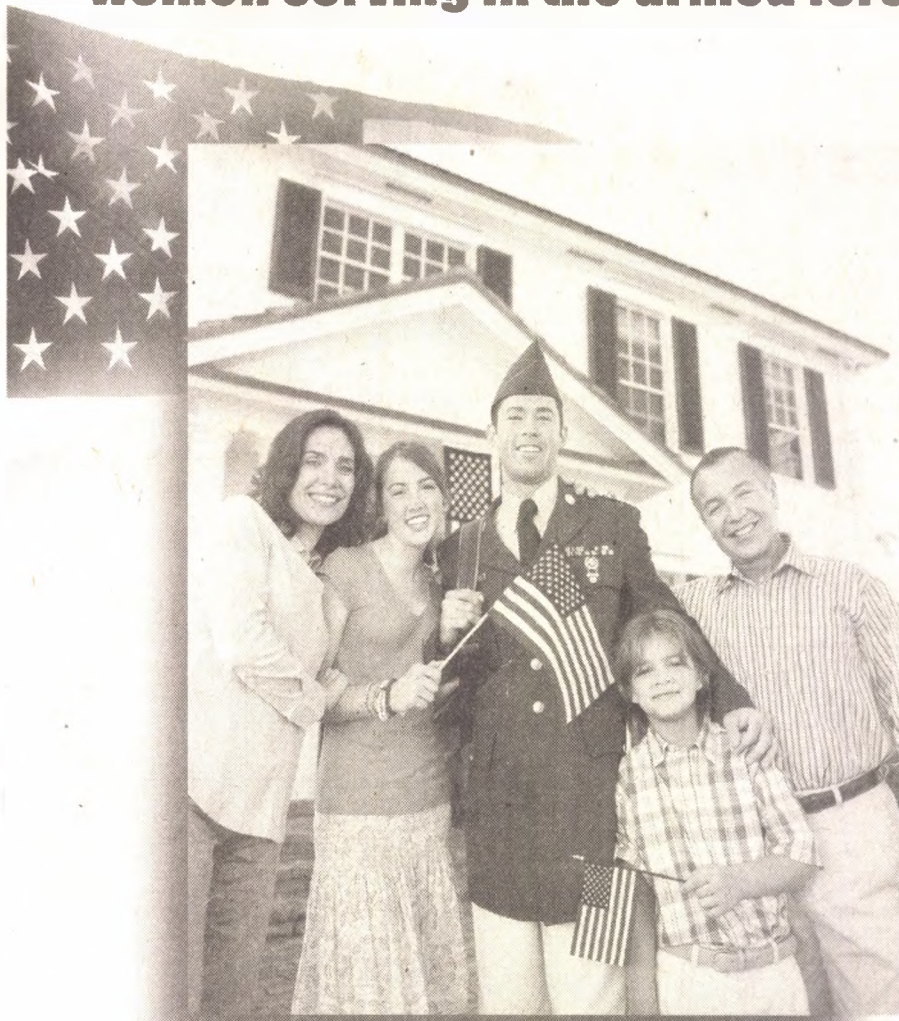
"A couple of years ago was when people knew all about it. It (the violence) has been the worst this year, but people don't even know it's going on."

Totzkay, Allen and Hall will talk about Darfur in short presentations between some of the musical performances.

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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

Location: St. Damian Community Room, 30055 Joy Road, Westland Details: The American Red Cross needs all blood types. A pint of blood can save up to three lives. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are welcome Contact: For more information or to make an appointment call Gary at (734) 716-2057

Hosanna-Palooza

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Aug. 14 Location: 9600 Laverne, 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 \$40 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

\$2. It does not accept or sell dresses or high heel shoes. Trunk sale participants park their cars in the parking lot, open their trunks, set out tables and sell mom to mom items and other household wares. Prince of Peace members can rent one space for \$10; non-members rent for \$15. This includes one parking spot for a car and one spot for wares. Additional one-car spots are \$10 each for both members and non-members. Mom to mom sellers keep their profits. Prince of Peace uses all parking spot proceeds for its service work at organizations such as the local Salvation Army, Bolde Food and Clothing Center, Wayne County Family Center, and to fill Thanksgiving baskets and provide Christmas gifts to needy children in the Wayne-Westland school district Contact: Mary Rose Cartright at (734) 722-4363 to donate clothing and/or to reserve a trunk sale parking spot or for more information; or leave a message for her at the church at (734) 722-1735

Rummage and bake sale

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 13-14

Location: 30000 Five Mile, Livonia Details: Huge selection to choose from. Free admission. Includes lots

of kids' stuff, holiday and household goods, books, records, games, outdoors, sporting goods, appliances, and more Contact: Beth Hare at ((734) 421-7249

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 worship under a tent, 10:30 a.m., Sunday Contact: (734) 968-9222 or (734) 458-7301

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) 464-0990

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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 well-being of the world, as well as for one another. Contact: (734) 421-1760; www.unityoflivonia.org

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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

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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

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Ward Presbyterian Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Details: Learner's Bible study is held Contact: (248) 374-5920

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

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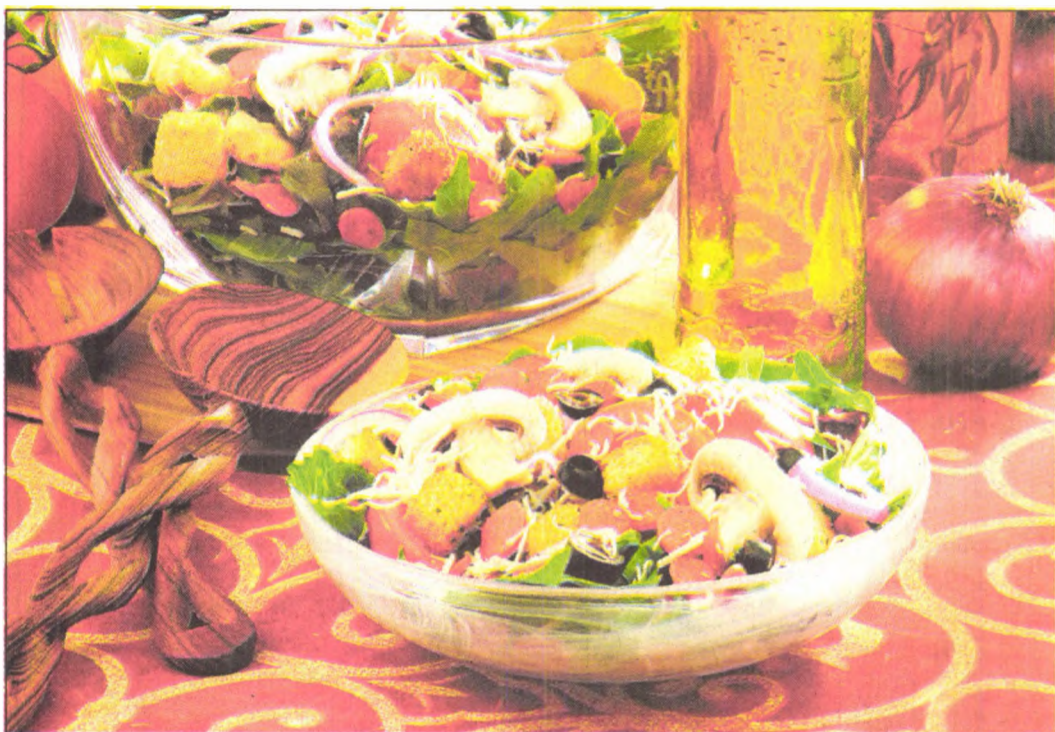
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Croutons dress up a salad.

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 seasoned croutons.

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 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. Sauté 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 sandwich.

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 shifting your weight from your right foot to the

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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.

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Prep Time: 5 min

Total Time: 10 min

Makes: 1 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

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.

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CAReport



By Dale Buss

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 15-percent 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 million.

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



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employment gains, uneven credit-market improvement and declines in home values have led consumers to spend cautiously, particularly on big-ticket 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."

Pointedly, none of the major automakers changed their long-running forecasts for a full-year 2010 sales result of between 11.5 million and 12 million sales, including heavy trucks, which would comprise a gain of around 10 percent or more over 2009 sales of 10.6 million units.

"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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