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PIPELINE Outdoor cafes

Spring is here and restaurants throughout Metro Detroit are opening umbrellas and moving tables to the great outdoors. We want to let our readers know where they can dine alfresco, but we need your help. If you own a restaurant and you've recently opened or re-opened your patio, or if you plan to introduce outdoor dining for the first time this year, send a quick e-mail to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. We plan to feature outdoor cafes in an upcoming edition of our Food & Wine page. Bon appetit!

Tees for Tots

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. hosts its 12th annual Golf Classic June 2 at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton.

The annual event raises money to assist children with autism and other challenges. It also funds efforts of the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. to "improve the lives and futures" of children in the community through support of Tanger School and its Sandra Sagar Scholarships.

Golfers get a chance to meet former Detroit Tiger first baseman Dave Bergman, a member of the 1984 World Series winners.

The cost is \$165 per golfer (\$600 per foursome) and includes registration and breakfast at 8 a.m., an 18-hole scramble which starts at 9 a.m. sharp, golf cart, lunch, banquet dinner, awards and prizes.

For tickets and sponsorship information, contact Dick Schmidt at (734) 454-7335.

Home, sweets, home

Readers love their Plymouth candy shops and home stores.

And when we goofed on a couple of the aforementioned, in a feature story on the new downtown Kilwin's, which appeared on Page A6 of Sunday's Observer, we heard about it all right.

For the record, the story misstated the number of candy stores located, or soon to arrive, in downtown Plymouth, leaving out the venerable House of Fudge on Forest.

It also misidentified a vacant former home store where another candy shop is soon to open. The candy shop will be in the former Eclectic Home on Main Street, not Bohemian Home. Bohemian Home, also on Forest, is very much alive.



Charlie Volker led the Young Marines of Canton in Plymouth's annual Memorial Day parade a year ago.

Parade, ceremony highlight city's observance

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In an era of increasing financial pressures, local residents can still count on Plymouth's Memorial Day parade.

With new backing, this year's parade, featuring the Plymouth Canton High School marching band, local veterans, the Village Voice singers and more, is to begin at 8:30 a.m. Monday at Main and Wing streets. It will be followed by a 9:30 a.m. ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park, at Main and Church, the parade's end point.

"So many other communities have abandoned this very, very important recognition," said Steven Monaghan, commander of Plymouth Township's American Legion Post 112, this year's parade organizer.

With the city's monetary support of the parade the victim of bud-



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The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 led off the 2008 Memorial Day Parade in downtown Plymouth.

get-cutting, Monaghan said, the Plymouth Lions Club stepped up to help financially, showing "still, there's a great spirit of patriotism."

Monaghan said parade expenses run about \$1,500, mainly for the city labor involved in closing streets and making sure the event runs safely.

The parade is a long-time community favorite.

Participants will include local veterans groups; Boy Scout, Cub Scout and Girl Scout troops; a Young Marines detachment from Canton Township; politicians; a Knights of Columbus color guard; the high school marching band; and Elks and Lions clubs members.

At the park, follow-

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Family first for departing DDA director

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sherrie Pryor, who worked to build a better Plymouth in three different jobs with the city, is stepping down as operations director of the Downtown Development Authority at the end of the month.

Pryor, who has been in charge of the DDA for nearly three years, said she wants to spend more time with her family, including her first grandchild, Adam Pryor, who is three months old.

With her son living near her in the city of Wayne, a new grandson, and her own parents getting older, "it just feels like the right time to do this," Pryor said.

At the same time, Pryor expressed love for her "dream job" of DDA director, saying she's had her eyes on the job since she was in college studying urban planning. She said she'll miss working with people at the roughly 200 businesses in the downtown district, and with members of the public she meets. "It's all good people here," she said.

Pryor, 40, began working for the city through an internship program in 1998, focusing on Old Village revitalization projects, such as a streetscape, the repaving of Starkweather, a spring cleanup, and programs to aid business owners. "It was good preparation for this job," she said.

She later worked for Plymouth's Department of Municipal Services; her job title was secretary, but she was involved with tree plantings, planning the construction of Wilcox Park, and "just a lot of good, meaningful projects," she said.

She became the DDA director in July 2006.

City Manager Paul Sincock said Pryor's commitment and passion for her work will be missed.

"Sherrie is a dynamic



The Plymouth DDA's Sherrie Pryor steps down at the end of the month to devote more time to her family.

"Sherrie is a dynamic leader and advocate of our downtown merchants. She is great at promoting a positive image as well creating harmony and teamwork among our merchants and her efforts are a key factor in the success of our downtown."

PAUL SINCOCK, City Manager

leader and advocate of our downtown merchants," Sincock said. "She is great at promoting a positive image as well creating harmony and teamwork among our merchants and her efforts are a key factor in the success of our downtown."

City commissioners said at Monday's meeting they would replace Pryor, but Sincock said it's possible the job won't be exactly the same. No selection process has been announced.

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Orlewicz lawyer: Judge erred on verdict form



Orlewicz

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Last month, the Michigan Court of Appeals granted a new trial to a man convicted of manslaughter because Wayne County Circuit Judge Annette Berry failed to include "not guilty" among the possible verdicts at which the jury could arrive.

Jean Pierre Orlewicz is hoping for the same conclusion in his case.

Elizabeth Jacobs, the appellate attorney for Orlewicz, the Plymouth Township teen convicted last year in the November 2007 death and beheading of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen, has

filed a motion in Wayne Circuit Court claiming Berry did the same thing in Orlewicz's case.

Judge Bruce Morrow will hear Jacobs' motion in a June 19 hearing. Morrow is hearing the case in the first place because of strong language Berry used with Orlewicz while sentencing him following his April 2008 conviction on first-degree murder charges.

Orlewicz was convicted of luring Sorensen to the Canton home of Orlewicz's grandfather, stabbing him and then disposing of the body after beheading him. Orlewicz was convicted largely on the testimony of a Westland teen who pleaded guilty to lesser

charges in exchange for his testimony.

Morrow is also scheduled to hear arguments by Jacobs that Berry failed to allow adequate investigation into Orlewicz's mental state in the original trial. Morrow drew some heat from the higher court last month for hearing arguments behind closed doors, with neither Orlewicz's nor Sorensen's family — or the public or media — allowed to attend.

Maria Miller, a spokeswoman for the Wayne County Prosecutor, declined comment. Neither Berry nor Jacobs could be reached for comment.

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

Day camp

The Plymouth Salvation Army is accepting applications for its 2009 Summer Day Camp.

The program will run for nine weeks, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., June 15-Aug. 14. Applications are available in the business office located at 9451 South Main St., in Plymouth.

The summer program will consist of field trips, structured recreation, character building, and crafts. Pre-care and after-care are made available for working families. In recognition of current economic hardships, weekly rates of \$55 have not been increased. An application fee of \$10 will be necessary to secure a spot. Limited scholarships are available to qualifying families and proof of income will be required. Interested parties wishing to underwrite scholarships may contact Major Pat Irvine at The Salvation Army.

For details, call the Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464.

Bottle drive

Local residents can save themselves the hassle of returning cans and bottles and support the Canton Chiefettes Pom Pom Team at the same time by donating returnables to the Canton Chiefettes during their spring bottle drive on Saturday, May 30.

The Chiefettes will travel around neighborhoods in the Plymouth-Canton school district from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to collect returnable bottles and cans. Supporters can also drop off their returnable bottles and cans to the Canton North Building (also known as Phase 3) between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For more information contact Chiefette parent Kimberly Mabie at kmabie@comcast.net.

Summer camps

Plymouth-Canton Community Education is offering a number of summer camps and programs for all ages - preschool to adult.

One of the most popular courses is the Safety Town Program for kindergarten and first graders, which teaches kids about house emergencies, emergency vehicles, fire safety,

bicycle safety and stranger danger.

Registration is now open for all courses. For details visit the Community Education Web site www.pccs.k12.mi.us or call (734) 416-2937.

PLAV car show

PLAV Post 166, located at 39375 Amrhein in Livonia, will hold a combination open house and car show noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 23.

The general public is invited (bring your cameras) with special emphasis on owners of "oldies" and car club members. For additional details contact Roger L. Kehrier at (734) 453-2031.

Barbecue contestants

The Plymouth Knights of Columbus are looking for contestants for their BBQ Cook-off (Chicken and Ribs) scheduled for Saturday, July 18.

Interested contestants can call Steve for further information at (734) 546-8756.

Tiny Tots

The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool hosts an Open House 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 27. Anyone considering sending

children to preschool in the fall is invited. Parents are welcome to bring their children, who must be 3 years old by Dec. 1.

The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth. If you have any questions about our school, call Sheila Johnson, (734) 453-5464, Ext. 27.

Women's evening

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth hosts an evening of reflection for women on Friday, May 29, beginning with Mass at 6 p.m. celebrated by Most Rev. Daniel E. Flores and Rev. John C. Riccardio.

Dinner will follow in the parish social hall with guest speakers Genevieve Kineke and Teresa Tomeo. Both women were invited to attend the prestigious 2008 Pontifical Council for the Laity's International Conference.

Kineke is the author of "The Authentic Catholic Woman" and the founding editor of the Catholic women's magazine, *Canticle*. Wife and mother of five, she will explore the vocation of woman of every age and state of life, celebrating the joy found in the true feminine genius. Teresa Tomeo is the nationally syndicated Catholic talk show host of Catholic Connection, as well as author of several books, and a professional speaker and media consultant.

Cost is \$25 and seating is limited by reservation only. Contact Mary at jomary913@aol.com, or call the parish offices at 734.453.0326.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church is located at 47650 N. Territorial (at the northwest corner of Beck, one block south of the Beck Road exit on M-14).

Democratic Club

The Plymouth Democratic Club hosts a Town Hall meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, at the Plymouth District Library on Main Street.



All aboard

Dr. Ross W. Anderson, a Canton orthodontist (center), recently completed an original acrylic painting which he placed on long-term loan to West Middle School in Plymouth. Inspecting the piece of art is Elden Zang (left), Anderson's seventh-grade art teacher in the 1970s. Current West Middle School principal Clint Smiley (far right) organized a presentation of the project to a 7th-grade art class. The painting honors Anderson's K-12 school teachers, including Zang and Graham Martin (PCEP art teacher), and depicts a steam locomotive traveling on the Transcontinental Railroad. The coast-to-coast railway was completed 140 years ago, celebrated with the placement of the "Golden Spike," on May 10, 1869. Anderson, a 1977 Salem High graduate and a 1984 Michigan graduate, has practiced orthodontics in Canton since 1990. For a consultation about orthodontics (or the Transcontinental Railroad) visit www.ParkwoodSmiles.com or call (734) 459-4430.

The program will be "U.S. Health Care Reform," presented by Herbert Smitherman Jr. The meeting will explore the exploding cost of health care in America today, which is not just one of the greatest threats to the well-being of our families and the prosperity of our businesses, but to the very foundation of our economy.

Smitherman, assistant dean of community and urban health at the Wayne State University School of Medicine, presents his views on what needs to change in American healthcare, to improve health and improve competitiveness in the global marketplace.

Space is limited, so please RSVP to PlymouthDemocrats@gmail.com by May 25. For more, visit the club's Web site at www.plymouthdemocraticclub.com

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Career seminar

Keller Williams Realty in Plymouth hosts a 59-minute Career Seminar for anyone who's ever thought about a career in Real Estate.

The seminar is designed to show why now is a great time to get into real estate, with answers to questions about commissions, costs and what it takes and the potential to succeed. It takes place 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, in Plymouth.

For more information and to reserve a seat, call (734) 459-4700.

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PARADE

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ing the parade, the marching band and the Village Voice singers will perform the

national anthem and *God Bless America*, Boy Scouts with the rank of Eagle will lead the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance, and there will be a rifle volley salute by the color guard from the local Vietnam Veterans of America chapter. The guest speaker will be Lt. Col. Ted Wells of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, who is assigned to the Selfridge Air National Guard base.

Monaghan, a Marine veteran from the Vietnam War era, said Memorial Day has continued significance.

"It sets aside a day as the one time of the year to pause and give meaningful reflection to the men and women who gave their lives to protect our freedom," he said.

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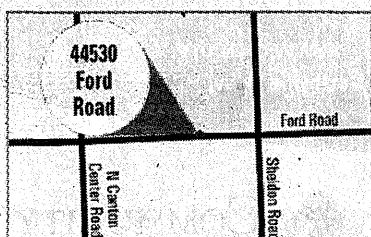
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The Plymouth Housing Commission has developed its 2009 Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It will be available for review by May 21, 2009 at our office in Tonquish Creek Manor, located at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

In addition, a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2009 in the Community Room at Tonquish Creek Manor at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited.

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Madonna University graduates 1,000

Nearly 1,025 graduates joined Madonna University alumni ranks during the sixty-second commencement ceremony, Sunday, May 3, at Compuware Arena, in Plymouth. Approximately 760 students received a bachelor's or associate degree, with the remainder earning a master's degree.

An honorary doctorate degree was bestowed upon Edward M. Parks, CPA, of Birmingham, Mich. The Distinguished Alumnus Award was given to Dr. Michael Harbut '78.

During a special honorary doctorate conferral last October, at the University's Gala, Madonna University President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, CSSF, presented Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, with a Doctor of Humanities degree. He was honored for his extraordinary life of service to the Church and many areas of the world as a representative of the Holy Father. As a special advisor to

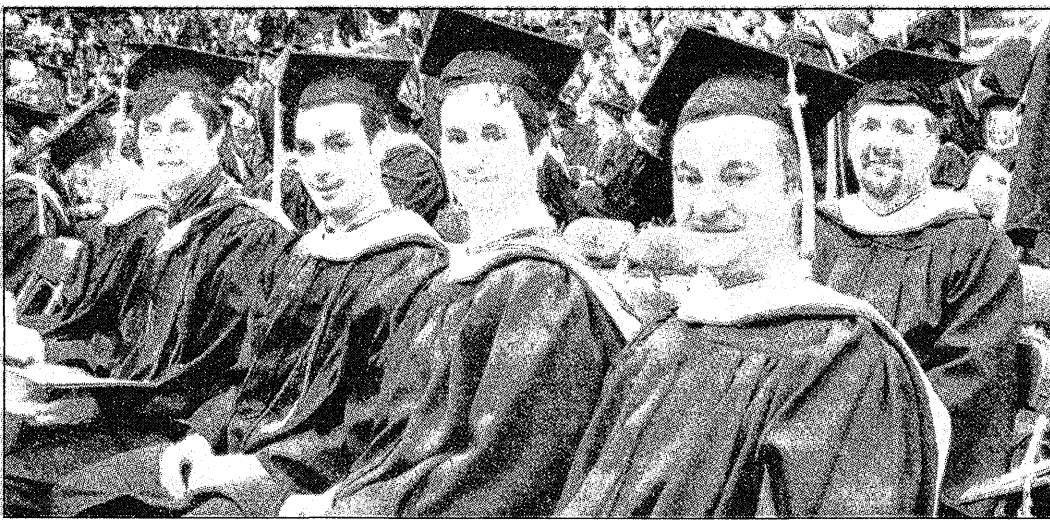


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Cody Pickren, Northville, B.S., international business & economics-IBE; Doron Drai, Livonia, B.S., IBE; Cory Maupin, Fenton, B.S., business administration; Dean Perry, Livonia, B.S., business administration; Mark Sigler, Canton, B.S., accounting.

the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land, the Apostolic Pro Nuncio supports the work of the Franciscans and is particularly committed to priestly formation and Catholic higher education (Madonna is a

Catholic, Franciscan university.) Presiding over the commencement ceremony was Madonna University Vice President for Academic Administration Ernest I. Nolan. The invocation was given by

Teresa Thompson, dean of the College of Nursing and Health, with vocals performed by graduate Kendra Ritter, of Howell. The mace bearer was Dr. Nancy O'Connor, graduate nursing program chair.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

For PCEP cops policing is all about students

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As a 1999 graduate of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Canton Township Police Officer Joe Mullally has seen it all.

Well, almost all. "I can walk the halls and know if the students are up to good or no good," said Mullally, 27, who resides in Canton. "I would say 95 percent of the students that walk the halls are good kids."

Mullally has spent the last two years patrolling P-CEP's three high schools, along with Ed Jagst, 36, who has also been at the Park for two years. They are School Resource Officers stationed at the high schools to enhance the level of policing on the campus that consists of more than 6,000 students.

"It's a good experience being out here, with a lot of benefits," said Jagst, who is a nine-year veteran of the police force and in his last year as an SRO. "As an officer you get to know the layout of the school and it's great working with the kids."

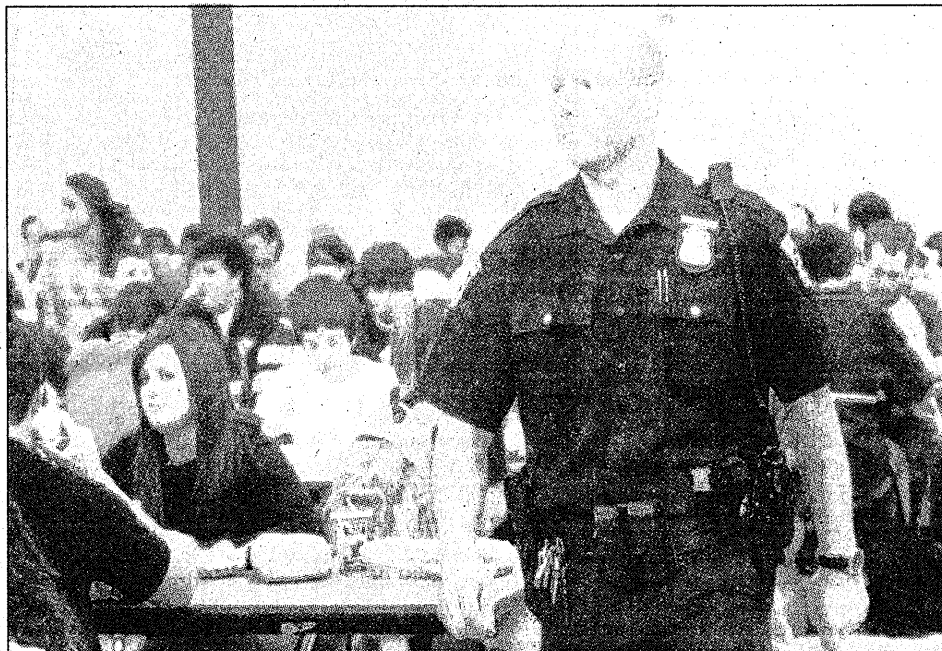
"The fun part is when students stop to tell you about their experiences and how they've changed," he said. "Some former students come by to tell you what they're doing now. Even some of the regulars (those who have been in trouble) come up and talk. Hopefully they've learned from their mistakes."

While Jagst works the afternoon shift, Mullally is on duty at 6 a.m.

"I do traffic enforcement in the morning and ticket speeders, patrol the subdivision behind the school and patrol the parking lots," Mullally said of her early morning duties. "Later, I may have a counseling session with students involved in a fight, teaching class or meeting with assistant principals."

"It's a totally different way of policing than what you do on the road," Mullally said. "Here, you learn the juvenile justice system, counseling of students and school discipline. We work on cases from beginning to end, where on patrol you send the cases straight to the court."

Mullally said drug and alcohol cases are down at the high schools, while tobacco usage is up. The two handled



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Canton Officer Joe Mullally walks through the lunch room at Plymouth High School.

approximately 80 drug and alcohol cases this year.

"I'd consider that a very good number, considering there are more than 6,000 students," said Mullally, who noted the figures don't include fights, truancy and trespassing incidents.

Mullally said after putting together lesson plans for teaching criminal law, search and seizure, criminal investigation and arrest techniques in the classroom, he has a new appreciation for teachers.

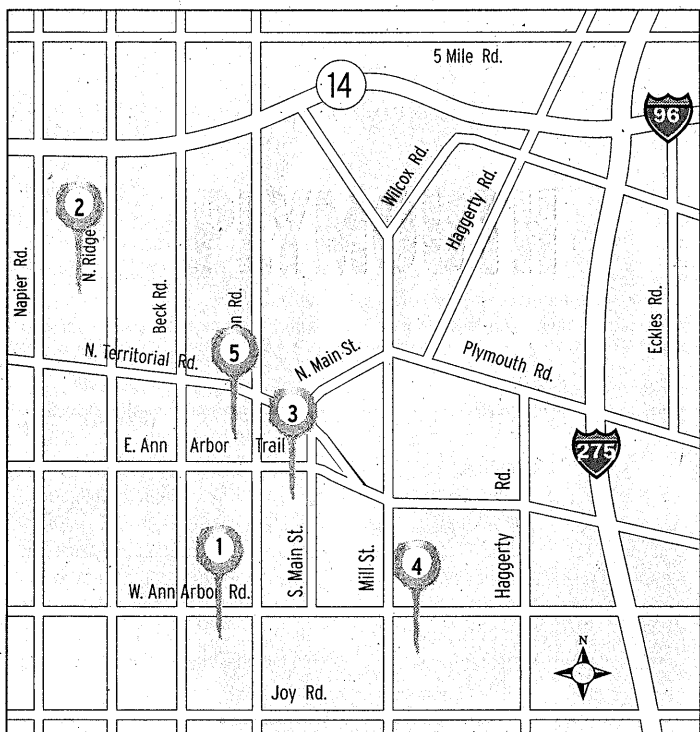
"I've never had so much respect for teachers," Mullally said. "It's a lot of work to teach 5-6 hours a day. I teach two hours and I'm tired."

Plymouth High School sophomore Katelyn Quinlan of Canton said after a while most students get used to seeing police officers patrol the campus.

"At first some people were scared something was happening in the schools, but by now we're used to them," Quinlan said. "But, I have seen a change. People don't skip class as much because they're walking around the school."



Police in the schools develop a bond with students. For instance, Sarah Dillon is on the JV soccer team coached by Officer Joe Mullally.



Building site raided for equipment

1 Several pieces of construction equipment — scaffolding, two extension ladders and an aluminum-bender — were reported stolen May 14 from a site on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township. The equipment had been secured by a locked cable, the complainant told police. A township police report said the cable appeared to have been cut.

Vandalism

2 A driver-side window on a 2008 Honda was broken out Sunday night, police said. The car was parked outside a home on Grant Drive in the township at the time; the vandalism was reported Monday morning.

Nothing was reported stolen from the car.

Trailer stolen

3 An empty, 12-foot box trailer was reported stolen May 14 from a parking lot on Sheldon

Road in Plymouth Township. The victim reported seeing last seeing the trailer in early May.

Wheel theft

4 All the wheels and tires on a 2009 Chevrolet Malibu parked outside a home on Newport Drive in the township were reported stolen on May 14. The car was left on blocks, police said. The theft was discovered by a newspaper deliveryman, police said.

Bicycle theft

5 A black Cube-brand mountain bicycle was reported stolen May 12 from the attached garage at a house on Amherst Court in the township. The victim told police she last saw the bike around noon the previous day.

She told police the garage had been secured; it was not reported how the thief or thieves got into the garage.

By Matt Jachman

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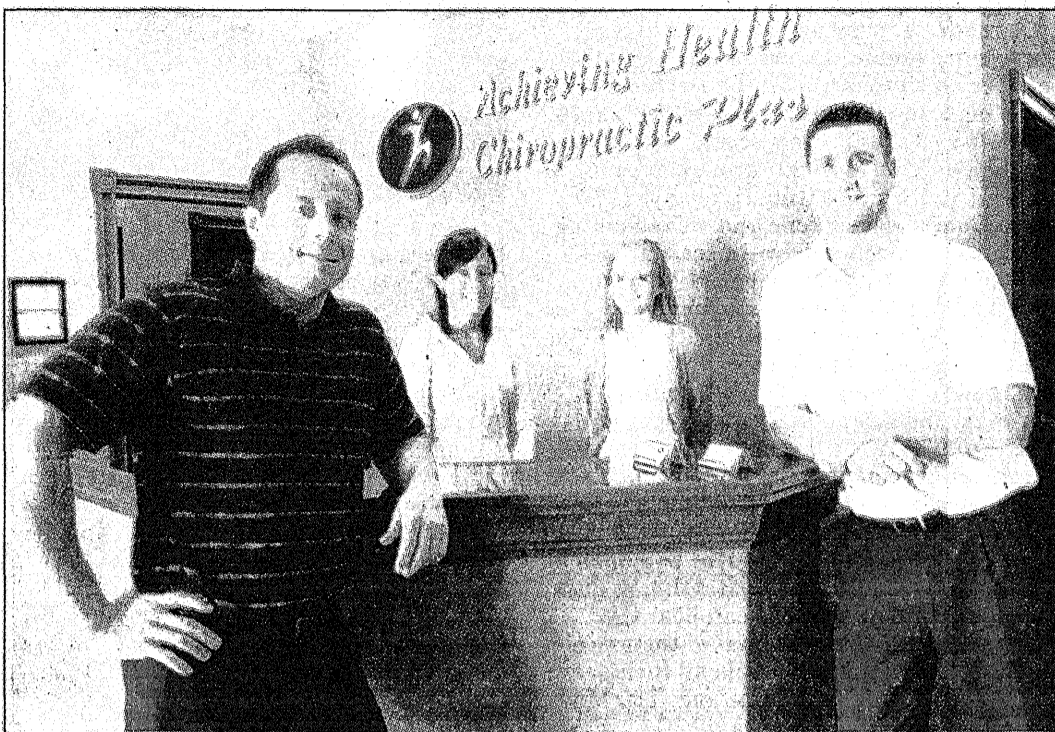
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Dr. Doug O'Bryan, office manager Amy Shortt, massage therapist Christy Zarek, Dr. Jason Mathis of Achieving Health Chiropractic Plus.

Clinic works to 'Achieve' total health

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

Achieving Health: Achieving Health Chiropractic Plus is a multi-disciplinary clinic offering chiropractic care, massage therapy, personal training (by a certified personal trainer) and nutritional counseling by a licensed dietitian, along with foot and ankle treatment by a podiatrist.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Achieving Health: We are one of the only chiropractic facilities accepted by the medical community. We use more of a physical therapy approach in treating low back and neck pain. We have been told by numerous patients we are very thorough with our examinations and take pride in educating our patients on how their daily activities may be the cause of their overall health problems.

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

Achieving Health: Both Dr. Doug O'Bryan and Dr. Jason Mathis have been treating chiropractic patients in other offices getting great results, but they both felt chiropractic is much more than just treating patients' spines in order to truly improve their patients' overall health and wellbeing, other areas (stress management, exercise, diet and posture) of patients' lifestyles needed attention also.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Achieving Health: We chose the Plymouth area because Plymouth seemed to be a more health-conscious community. Also, we felt there was no other health care facility in Plymouth that offers the type

ACHIEVING HEALTH

- **Business name:** Achieving Health Chiropractic Plus
- **Business address, including city:** 40020 Five Mile, Plymouth
- **Your name and title:** Drs. Jason Mathis and Doug O'Bryan
- **Your hometown:** Woodhaven
- **Business opened when?:** Opened February 2009; started construction October 2008
- **Number of employees:** 4 (two doctors, one chiropractic assistant, one massage therapist, registered dietitian, podiatrist)
- **Your business specialty:** Chiropractic care, massage therapy, nutritional counseling and personal training.
- **Hours of operation:** Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Saturday by appointment
- **Business phone and Web site:** (734) 420-3434; www.lets-achievehealth.com

of care we do. Both Dr. Jason and Dr. Doug felt Plymouth deserved the type of care offered at Achieving Health Chiropractic Plus.

Observer: How has the business changed since it opened?

Achieving Health: As a result of our strong work ethic and philosophy our reception by the local community has greatly exceeded our expectations at this point; therefore, we have teamed up with three local fitness centers (gyms) to accommodate our patients' exercise needs.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Achieving Health: Unfortunately, on a financial basis some people prioritize their health as a luxury and not a necessity. So, when the economic conditions are

as such it requires a little bit more time and effort to explain how important it is to remain healthy in order to continue to work on a daily basis.

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

Achieving Health: In the near future we anticipate having an official grand opening celebration in late June after extensive exterior improvements are made by Mr. Jim Hiller, our landlord. This office has been vacant for almost 10 years and Mr. Hiller had the faith in us to invest a considerable amount of money in order to comply with the township requirements to reopen this property.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Achieving Health: During the construction phase, Dr. Doug was finishing some of above ceiling electrical wiring where he had to access it by crawling into a 9x30-inch air duct opening. During this time Dr. Jason had gone out to get them something to eat. When Dr. Jason returned he found Dr. Doug had become lodged in the opening with just his feet hanging out. It was very amusing because he had been there for about 20 minutes and instead of helping him at first, Dr. Jason did everything he could to take a picture, but it would not show up because of the lighting.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Achieving Health: To be very understanding. Some people may be suffering during these economic conditions and if you have the ability to help, do so. At Achieving Health Chiropractic Plus we have never nor will we ever turn a patient away due to a financial situation.

BUSINESS MILESTONES

Growing jobs

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm announced Michigan's aggressive strategy to diversify the economy and attract investment to Michigan has resulted in 16 job-creating projects, which will generate more than 3,900 new jobs, retain another 360 and bring more than \$103 million in new investment to communities across the state. The projects include two auto suppliers diversifying into the high-tech medical and alternative energy sectors; an expansion by a company founded by former Pfizer employees; a start-up manufacturer of small-scale wind turbines; and a brownfield redevelopment that will transform an abandoned site into a new center of economic growth and activity. "We are working every day to bring new jobs to Michigan and show companies that we have the talent, work ethic and tools to help them grow," Granholm said.

Among the projects:

- **Velesco Pharmaceutical Services** - The company was founded by former Pfizer employees in 2007 and provides analytical and drug formulation to small- and medium-sized pharmaceutical companies. The company plans to invest \$1.8 million to expand in Comstock Township to manufacture clinical trial supplies and enhance operations in Plymouth Township. The project will create 109 total jobs, including 35 directly by the company. The MEDC estimates that increased economic activity created by the project will create an additional 74 indirect jobs.

Grand opening

Expert Heating and Cooling will host a grand opening on June 1 at its new Canton location, 7320 Haggerty Road. The company also has a location in Woodhaven.

Expert Heating and Cooling is a "Factory Authorized Dealer," which means they are required to maintain

a level of excellence, standards provided by Carrier Corp. Less than 5 percent of the dealers receive this distinction. For more information, call (734) 676-4488, or visit www.expertheatcool.com.

Karmann appointment

Steffen Leopoldsberger has been named business manager of Karmann Classics in at Karmann USA, a subsidiary of the Wilhelm Karmann Company, in Plymouth Township. Leopoldsberger will be responsible for the development of Karmann Classics - Karmann USA's new aftermarket group - and will manage all aspects of the business.



Leopoldsberger

He reports to Erik Roeren, Karmann USA's president and CEO. Since joining Karmann as a product design engineer in 2001 with Wilhelm Karmann GmbH in Osnabrueck, Germany, Leopoldsberger has gone on to hold various key management positions with the company. Most recently he served as business manager for Karmann Manufacturing's General Motors group in Plymouth. He also has served as an advanced design engineer and manager of Prototype & Testing for Karmann Technical Development.

A native of Hannover, Germany, he holds a degree in automotive engineering from the University of Applied Sciences in Hamburg. Leopoldsberger is married and has one child. The family resides in Northville.

New retail leases

LaKritz-Weber & Company announced this week that they have reached multiple lease agreements in the Canton Center Plaza at Canton Center and Geddes roads in Canton. Snap

Fitness will lease a 2,650 square feet at 4011 S. Canton Center Road, and Oakwood Physical Therapy will lease 4,430 square feet at 4121 S. Canton Center Road.

In both transactions, Adam Goodman and Gabe Schuchman of LaKritz-Weber & Company represented the landlord, Canton Gateway, LLC. Louis Ciotti of Signature Associates represented Snap Fitness and Lynda Pietryga of The Farbman Group represented Oakwood Physical Therapy. LaKritz-Weber & Company specializes in the retail tenant representation for large box users, specialty tenants and restaurant users. Their specialty also includes the leasing of shopping centers and freestanding retail properties as well as the sales of shopping centers, retail use buildings, sale leasebacks and land sites.

Brownfield grants

Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc., of Plymouth recently teamed with 11 communities in Michigan and Ohio to secure federal grants totaling more than \$6 million for brownfield redevelopment projects.

The SME Brownfields Team capitalized on its extensive grant-writing experience to achieve a perfect batting average for the Fiscal 2009 grants - all 16 grant applications SME submitted were successful.

The grants supported efforts for Albion, the Downriver Community Conference (Wayne and Monroe counties), the City of Hastings, Huron County, Ingham County, Lenawee County, the City of Lincoln Park, Oakland County and the City of Ypsilanti.

The team also prepared successful applications for Defiance and Ottawa counties in Ohio.

SME and its staff have secured more than \$85 million in state/federal grants, loans, tax credits and tax increment financing for municipal and private brownfield redevelopment projects.

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

Andrew McLeod: Drain cleaning, sump pumps, garbage disposals, water heaters, frozen pipes, copper repipe, flooded basements, faucets, sinks and toilets.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

McLeod: We're family owned and operated, and we're always honest and dependable.

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

McLeod: We wanted to make sure our children had a future and be able to help others in need or our services.

Observer: How did you decide to locate in the Canton community?

McLeod: Canton has great schools for our children and the Canton community has a lot to offer a small business.



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Andrew McLeod is owner of Handy Andy Sewer Service.

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- Address:** 4064 Amanda Court, Canton
- Your name:** Andrew McLeod
- Your hometown:** Grew up in Warren, MI (now live in Canton)
- Business opened when?:** June of 2008
- Number of employees:** 2

- Your business specialty:** Plumbing and sewer
- Business hours:** 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Business phone/Web site:** (734) 846-8020, www.com



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Drive-in returns with sneak peek

Families looking to stretch their entertainment and travel budgets have another choice for holiday entertainment this weekend: the Compuware Arena Drive-In Theatres, located at 14900 Beck Road (between 5-Mile and M-14) in Plymouth Township.

A venue that specializes in featuring first-run, double-feature family-oriented movies on three screens, the Drive-In is offering a sneak peek weekend May 22-24. The Drive-In starts to a seven day a week operation from June 12 through Sept. 6. "This is a very exciting time of year for us at Compuware Arena and we're looking forward to another drive-in season," said Compuware Arena Manager Mike Henry. "We had our most successful year with the Drive-In last year and anticipate more fun and excitement this summer."

Prices to attend the Drive-In run \$9 for everyone 13 and older and \$7 for children from 4-12. Children 3 and under are admitted free of charge. Students showing a current ID are admitted for \$7 every Sunday through Thursday.

As in past seasons, the gates will open at 7:30 p.m. with the movies starting at dusk, or around 9 p.m. Patrons can hear the movies on the FM radio dial of their car.

Movies showing this weekend include:

- Screen 1 - Hannah Montana: The Movie (G); Race to Witch Mountain (PG)
- Screen 2 - Monsters vs. Aliens (PG); Hotel for Dogs (PG)
- Screen 3 - X-Men Origins: Wolverine



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The drive-in screens return to Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township for a 'sneak peek' holiday weekend.

(PG-13); Fast & Furious (PG-13)
The Compuware Arena Drive-In Theatres is also available for corporations, private events and client parties and is available as a fundraiser for schools, churches, charitable events and sports teams of all types. Group rates are available for 25 or more at special drive-in pricing. For more information, contact Meghan DeSantis at (734) 453-8400.

In addition, the restaurant at Compuware Arena - CJ's Brewery - offers a Dinner and a Movie Offer. Call CJ's at (734) 453-4455.

The Compuware Arena Drive In Hot Line can be reached at (734) 927-3284. Go on-line to <http://compuwarearena.com/drivein.html>.

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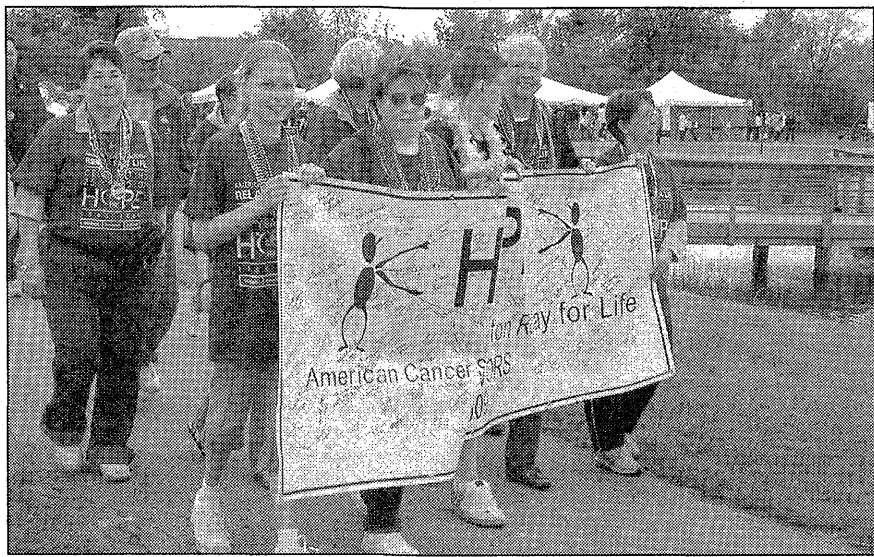
The Canton Relay for Life raised more than \$261,000 thus far to fight cancer from this year's 24-hour walk at Heritage Park last weekend. There were 66 teams that raised money, celebrating more than 225 cancer survivors.

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy and Dr. Sal Jafar, medical director of radiation oncology for Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, spoke at the opening ceremony to kick off the 2009 Relay For Life.

Entertainment rocked the amphitheater throughout the day, including several performances by the Central City Dance groups.

The event started under rainy and cloudy weather conditions.

"The weather didn't keep us down," said Sarah Cousineau of Canton Township, chair of the 2009 event. "It was a bit of a damp, overcast start, but the sun came out and so did the community. The cold temps at night sent some participants to the Summit for a few warm hours of sleep, but many stayed and braved the cold. It was a fun, amazing day."



More than 60 teams participated in Canton's Relay for Life over the weekend. Each team raised money, and celebrated more than 225 cancer survivors.



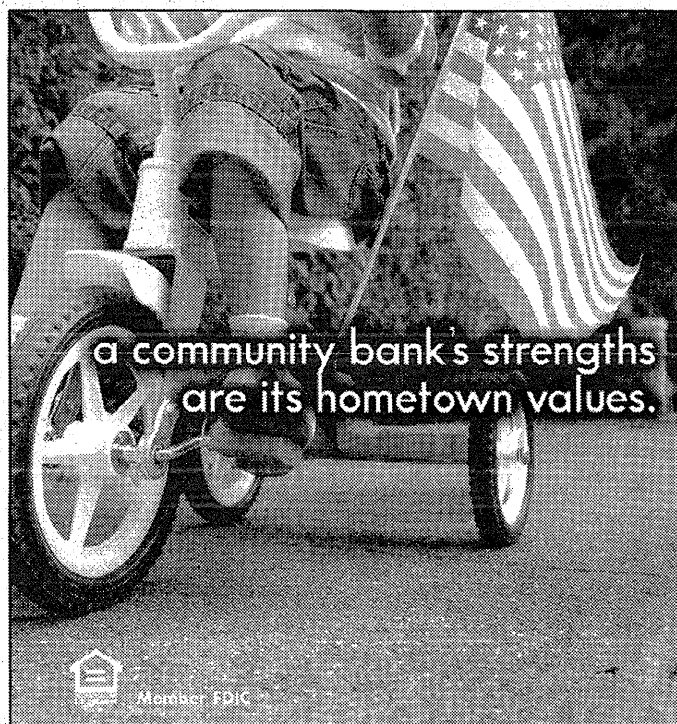
Members of the Spotlight Players theater group formed a team and walked - in costume, of course.

Local artist Sharon Lee Dillenbeck of D & M Studios paints a pillar as part of the studio's 2009 Pillar Painting Contest, which raised funds for the American Cancer Society. A total of 10 pillars were painted by local artists during the Relay. The pillars will be on display at different locations around the community, including the library, township hall, and the Village Theater.



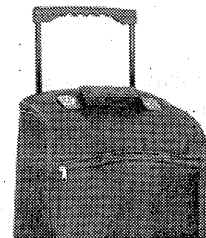
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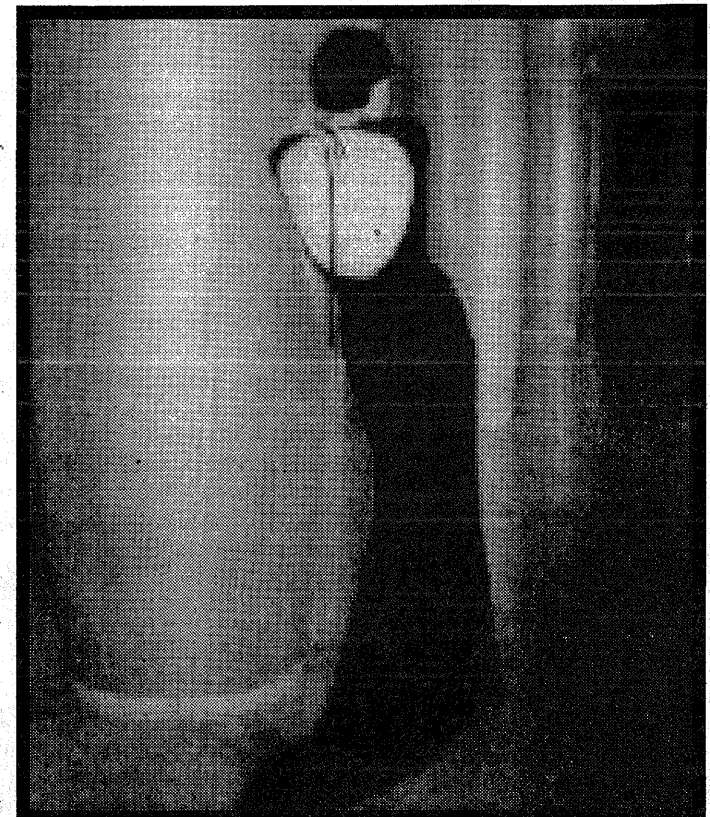
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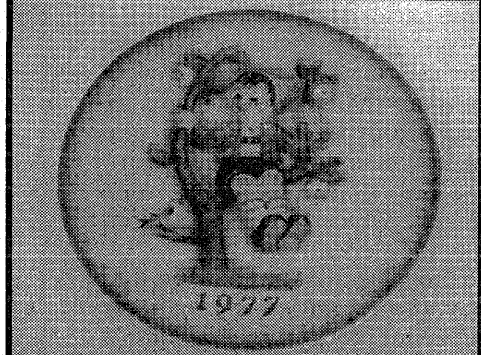
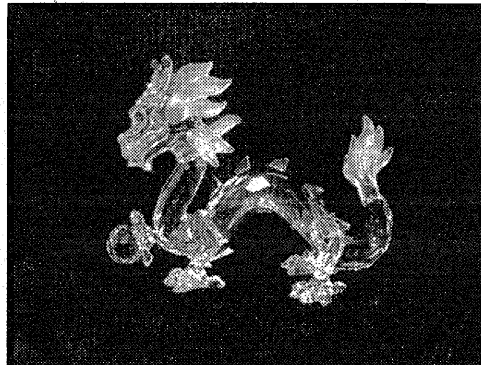
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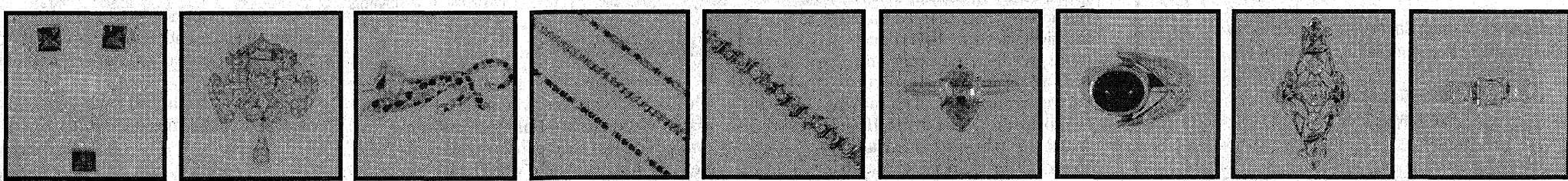
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OUR VIEWS

Take time to honor our fallen warriors

For many, this weekend is the unofficial start of summer, three days in which to reopen cottages and swimming pools and gather with family and friends for picnics. And there's plenty of time to do those things this Memorial Day weekend, but there also needs to be time to reflect and honor our war dead.

Yes, Memorial Day is a time for families, but it also must be time to give thanks and honor those brave men and women who have given their lives in service to their country. For more than two centuries, Americans have been called to defend the founding ideals of our democracy; more than one million have died in answering that call. Memorial Day is meant as a time for a grateful nation to remember those who died in defense of our freedoms.

Our local communities and veteran groups will do their part to remember our fallen heroes. In Plymouth, for instance, a Memorial Day parade will be held at 8:30 a.m. Monday, with a service to follow in Veterans Memorial Park.

The Canton Veterans Memorial Association will conduct its annual Memorial Day ceremony at noon on Monday at the Veterans Memorial in Heritage Park (behind the Administration Building). John Spencer will lead the ceremony, which will include an opening prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and placing of a wreath at the memorial. Spencer will also read the names of Canton's servicemen lost in the Civil War, World War II, Vietnam and Iraq. Members of the Plymouth-Canton Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America color guard will also be on hand, adding a rifle salute.

Those are just a couple ways you can honor our service personnel. In respect for their devotion to America, we can take time to say a prayer for peace. Since congressional approval of a joint resolution in 1950, the president has been calling on Americans to also observe each Memorial Day as a day of prayer for permanent peace.

We also can participate in the National Moment of Remembrance. No matter where you are at 3 p.m. Memorial Day, whether it's scrubbing the pool cover, playing a game of horseshoes or watching the Detroit Tigers, pause for a moment of silence. It's not too much time to give for those who gave so much, from the battlefields of the Revolutionary War to the desert sands of Iraq and mountains of Afghanistan.

As Moment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada has said: "It's a way we can all help put the memorial back in Memorial Day."

We bill ourselves as the "land of the free and the home of the brave." Let's remember why we can say that. Let's take the time, even if it is only for a moment, to honor our veterans and fallen warriors. We must remember, we must keep the traditions alive, lest we lose those freedoms that our war dead preserved for us.

Residents key to food drive success

Lots of organizations do tons of good works in this community, and we like to recognize them when they do.

But when considering the success of the 2009 National Letter Carriers food drive last week, there's really only one place to look for the reason.

That would be you. The people.

That was you who put more than 70,000 pounds of food out near your mailboxes, You who made sure the Plymouth Salvation Army's food pantry shelves would be stocked for the foreseeable future.

You who cared enough, even though you have your own struggles, to help take care of people who have less than you do. You who saw neighbors, and maybe some families and friends, who were struggling and decided to help.

A rather large assist goes to the letter carriers, of course. They're the ones who hauled it all away — to the tune of more than 33,000 pounds in Canton, more than 25,000 pounds in Plymouth and more than 11,000 pounds in Belleville, participating for the first time. They do it every year, without quarrel, without fanfare and they deserve our thanks and respect.

But it's you who provided what Maj. Jim Irvine, the Plymouth Salvation Army's corps officer, called "a miracle." Irvine, noting that this wasn't a bunch of corporations kicking in to help — although they get plenty of that kind of help, too. This was just regular folks doing what they could to help.

That would be you.

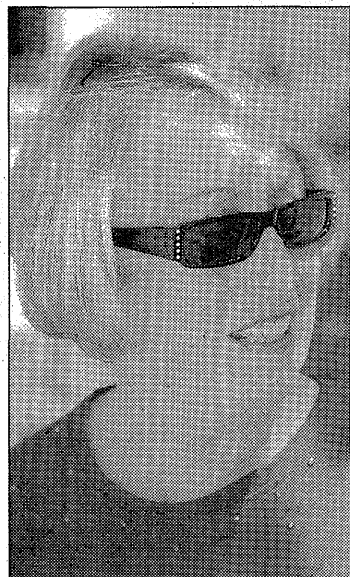
COMMUNITY VOICE

Are General Motors and Chrysler doing the right thing by dropping many of their dealerships?
We asked this question outside the U.S. post office branch on Penniman in downtown Plymouth.



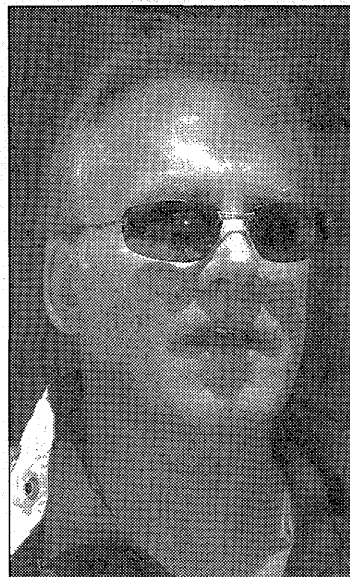
"I don't know that I know the answer to that. ... I guess you have to do what you have to do."

Virginia Thomas
Canton Township



"No, but I don't know what they're going to do at this point. They're kind of between a rock and a hard place."

Cheryl Andre
Canton Township



"Right or wrong I (don't know). ... But I don't understand it. What are they saving?"

Russ Mack
Plymouth Township



"Yes. 'Cause they got too many. There's one on every corner. ... Hard luck for those who are out of work."

Julie Lazenby
Plymouth Township

LETTERS

Unfortunate situation

After thoroughly enjoying an excellent and amazing band concert on Thursday night, I took a few minutes to reflect on recent developments in the concert band program at the Plymouth Canton Educational Park. My conclusion is that the dismissal of PCEP music instructor Amy Boerma is a sad and truly unfortunate situation.

I don't know any of the details surrounding her dismissal and that's not likely to change. Nor do I believe that I should know all of the details. I support the Board of Education and I trust the judgment and wisdom of Dr. Bee and Mrs. Kaminski at Plymouth High School. That being said it is still a truly unfortunate situation.

For a period spanning nearly 10 years, Amy Boerma has been a band teacher for one or more of my three children. I believe that Amy Boerma is an excellent band teacher. She is patient with her kids, she encourages them, and she supports them. She helps them to develop and hone their musical skills.

Most of all, I believe that she truly loves the kids and cares that they learn and grow. And they did learn and grow under her direction. Their outstanding performances at the recent band concert attest to her effectiveness as a band teacher. Based on these observations and from the comments of my children, I firmly believe that her dismissal was not related to her music instruction.

But something happened. I don't know what, but it must have been big and it must have been serious. I feel sorry for all the parties — for the kids, for the parents, even for the school administration that has had to deal with this very difficult situation. But most of all, I feel sorry for Amy Boerma, an excellent music teacher who loved her kids and loved her craft. Amy cared deeply for her kids and they cared for her. But apparently, that was not enough.

It is a truly unfortunate situation.

Randy Commissaris
Plymouth

Showcase excellent

For anyone who has not attended the Showcase and Taste of Plymouth, you really should experience it. The event was conducted May 11 and shows all at one time a sampling of the many places and people who make Plymouth such a great place to live.

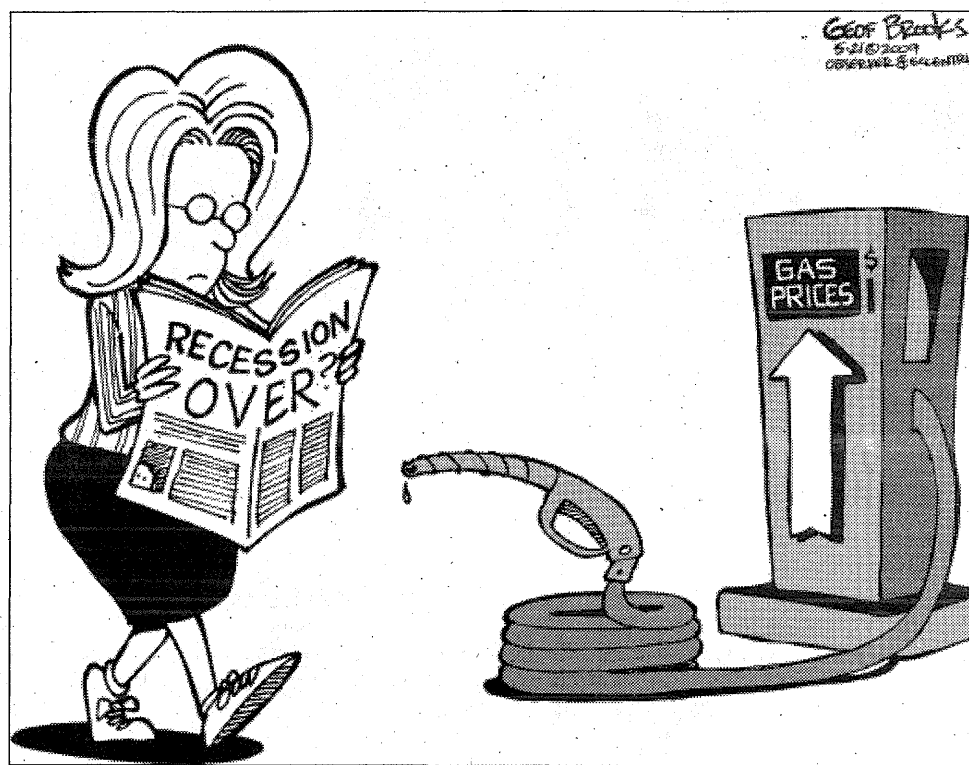
The introduction to the winners of five scholarships given by the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs was an honor for these young people. It was also special to have recognition of a chosen volunteer from the many service clubs that truly enhance the life of a community.

I know that an event like this can only happen by the efforts of many people. On behalf of those who came and enjoyed it so much I would like to thank them! It truly takes lots of dedicated people to make a town a "hometown!"

Ennice Taylor
American Legion Auxiliary 112

Look at bigger picture

In response to the article "Association puts up roadblock to man's effort at going green" (May 17, *Canton Observer*), I believe the homeowners association needs to look at the bigger picture. Solar panels will become more prevalent in the upcoming years as we are forced into the "going green" parade. Don't get me wrong, I am all for making changes that help our way of living. If we are going to use the help of Mother Nature, they need to accept the change and understand that



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appearances of homes, cars and many other items are going to change. Dan Hall is doing the right thing for himself and our world. It's not like he is asking to paint his house bright pink with purple polka dots.

Ric Anger
Canton

Get with the program

In regards to the story "Association puts up roadblock to man's effort at going green," I find it beyond belief an association would deny any effort by any homeowner to 1) take advantage of a federal tax credit put in place to specifically encourage energy savings and 2) use a lame excuse as "aesthetics." If we don't all cooperate and get with the program, no one will have anything "pleasant" to look at in the future.

I refer your readers and the members of the association to this site, in particular http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2009/05/greenjobs_greenhomes.html.

I would also point out to readers page A5 in the same edition of the paper an article titled "Green Schools" wherein it is reported that Wayne County CEO Robert Ficano will recognize four of our elementary schools for implementing energy saving activities at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Environmental and Interpretive Center.

Along with Canton's excellent recently activated single stream recycling program, our township is on the road to getting with the program. Perhaps the three members of this association and neighbors who object to solar panels on roofs need to reconsider their priorities. The federal agencies, the county and our township are in sync. Why not homeowners?

M. Weckerle
Canton

Argument is weak

I think it is absolutely ridiculous that the Pheasant View Homeowners Association wants to prevent Mr. Hall from installing energy efficient solar panels on his roof. Their defense that the panels "won't look good" is

very weak. What about TV satellite dishes? Does the homeowners association ban those too? Unlike a dish, a solar panel lays flat on the roof, making it unnoticeable. And what if people point and notice? I think it would be great advertising for the Canton community that one of our own is doing something to go green.

Cameron Scharchburg Beyer
student, Eastern Michigan University
Canton

Fight associations

I was appalled when I read the article about the homeowners association at Pheasant View. I live down the street and also deal with a homeowners association that thinks they are above the law and God. How dare they make a decision against being "green" here or anywhere in the United States? Especially in Michigan where if we were more "green" conscious our automakers might still be making cars, our gasoline might cost a fraction of what it is now, our heating bills would be less, our air would be more fit to breathe, and I could go on forever.

How dare the homeowners association think they can sit up on their "high horse" and make decisions that are harmful to their homeowners and lay the precedent for other HOAs to use as fuel for the fire? Do we not live in America where we have inalienable rights over and above the HOAs' whims?

Wouldn't it be fantastic if some attorney who reads this would call Dan Hall and say they would represent him pro bono and finally put these HOAs in their place? Which one of you is up to the challenge?

Ruth Fuchs
Canton

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Jewelry designer makes fashions from feathers and beads

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
O & E STAFF WRITER

Roddie Harris fell into her career as an accessories designer by accident.

Literally. The Birmingham resident spent 35 years as a display trimmer for Saks Fifth Avenue, Lord and Taylor, Parisian, and shops in California, where she was born.

One day at work, Harris fell off a ladder and fractured her knee in three places. While she recovered from four surgeries in one year, Harris devoured fashion magazines and found new inspiration.

"Vogue came out with this magazine all about feathers. There were couture items done by Versace, Ralph Lauren, Dolce and Gabbana," Harris said in an interview from her home at The Willets. "It was different and I had never seen it. I thought I could try and see what I could do."

Harris began making a small necklace, combining feathers and beads using gold wire and stitching.

"As I worked on it I added more and more ideas and it kind of developed from that," Harris said.

One piece led to another, and now Harris incorporates fabric and found objects to fashion unique and whimsical accessories. One belt blends lace, a pair of old reading glasses, and an antique watch face for a romantic feel.

Each creation is one-of-a-kind and sells for \$150-\$1,000 under her label, Collier de Plume.

Harris does most of her work at her studio in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where she and her husband of 35 years have a second home.

She has sold her work at the Traders Mart there, as well as Imelda's Closet in Birmingham. Now, she makes pieces to order.

Celebrity Photojournalist Linda Solomon is a fan of Harris' work.

"I've never seen anything like it," Solomon said. "She's amazing. She's just so talented, she should be famous."

Solomon photographs the red



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Roddie Harris models one of her unique and whimsical belts, fashioned from silk flowers, feathers and beads. At left, each piece by Roddie Harris is one-of-a-kind, like this romantic necklace made from ribbons, beads and found objects.

carpet at the Academy Awards every year, and said when Harris attended the Oscars in one of her creations, stars took notice.

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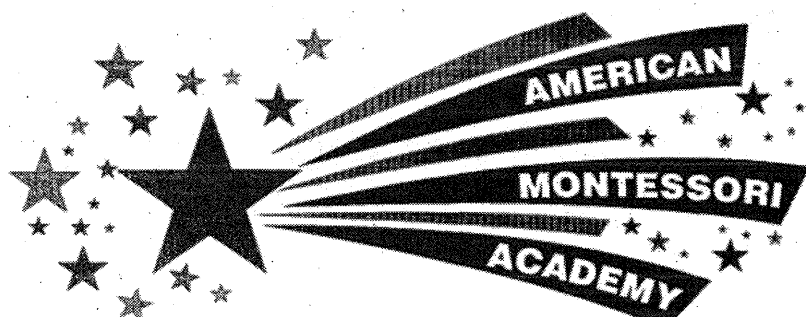
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Blaha

for Pistons basketball. His trademark colloquialisms such as, "two and 22 to play" and "a high glass gun that goes" have thrilled Pistons fans of all ages for three decades.

Blaha handles play-by-play duties on either television or radio for all 82 regular-season games plus pre- and postseason games on FSN Detroit and WDFN — the Pistons' flagship stations. He also hosts the *Pistons Weekly* television program, which airs Sunday nights on WDIV TV4 at midnight, and has handled play-by-play duties for Michigan State football since 1971. In

2002, he was made an honorary alumnus of Michigan State University.

Born in Detroit, Blaha graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics from Notre Dame University and earned an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan. He lives in Troy and Gaylord.

Blaha enjoyed a banner year in 2008 when he was named Michigan's Sportscaster of the Year for the second time by *The Detroit News* (2003, 2008) and enshrined in the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame. He was also honored by Michigan State as an honorary letterman and member of the "S" Club. Blaha was honored with the Ty Tyson Award for broadcasting excellence by the Detroit Sports Broadcasters Association in 2003.

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Investors must take responsibility for investments

A number of investor frauds have been uncovered over the last year. The largest fraud case has been the Madoff affair where investors lost tens of billions of dollars. Although, the people who perpetuated these frauds are the ones who are solely responsible, there have been some missteps by investors which made these frauds easier to achieve. By studying these cases we can see that although they are all different, they have common elements. Ultimately, investors are responsible for their investments.

One common element is many of these frauds touted unrealistic returns. One of my rules for investing is if something sounds too good to be true, it is. When investors are promised 20 percent returns without risk, the red flag



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

ought to go up immediately. Investors must be reasonable.

Before deciding on an investment it is important to know what similar investments are paying. If, for example, five-year certificate of deposits are averaging a 5 percent return, yet you are pitched a five-year certificate that pays 10 percent, your radar should immediately kick in because something does not make sense.

I recently watched a story about the Madoff affair on the PBS program, *Frontline*. The high return — 20, 30 and even 40 percent — some investors were promised.

was mind-boggling to me. When investors are promised returns such as these, something's not right.

One element of the Madoff scandal which is common with other investments scams is the intimidation of investors. In the *Frontline* story, a number of investors interviewed stated that they felt intimidated whenever they asked questions. I've stated many times, your investment adviser works for you.

As investors, we have a responsibility. When we fail to meet that responsibility it ends up costing us money.

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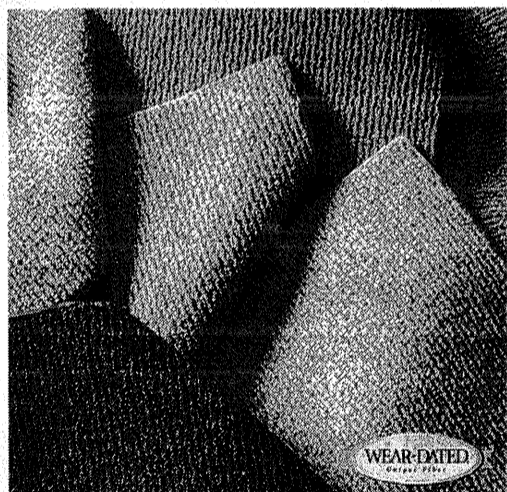
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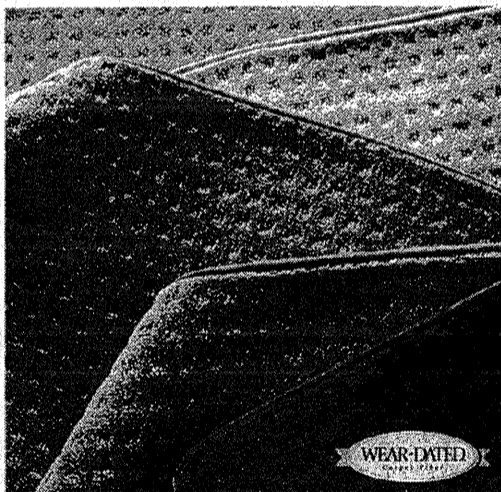
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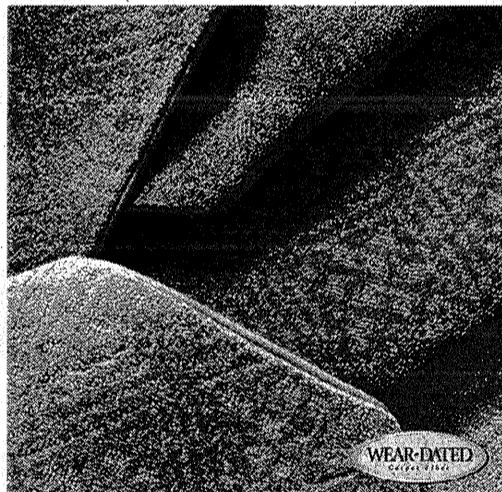
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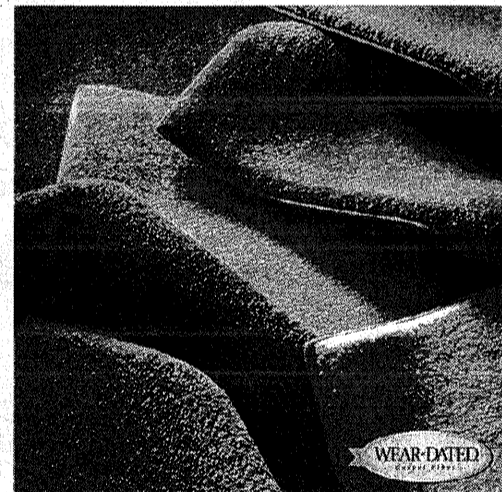
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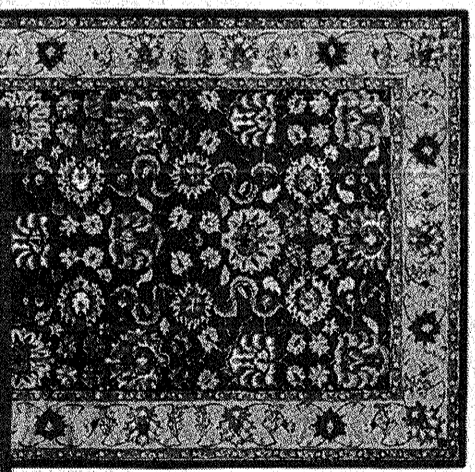
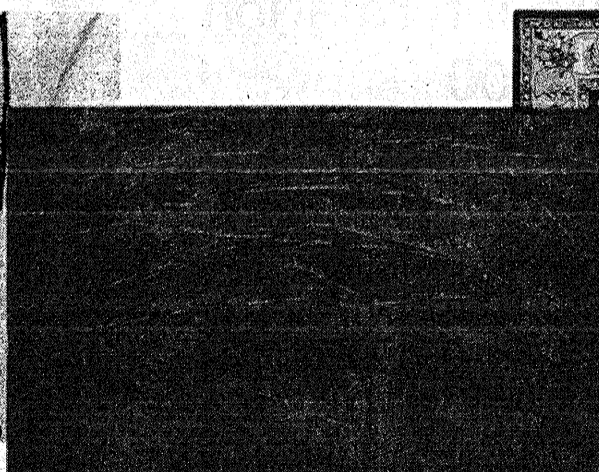
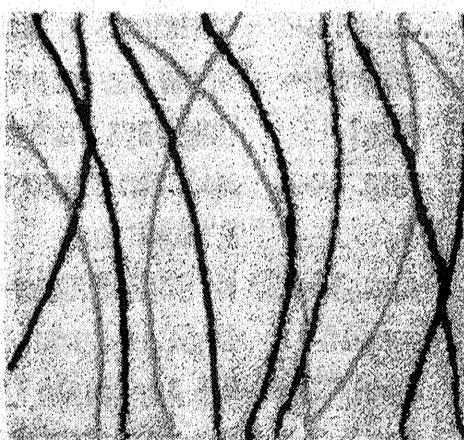


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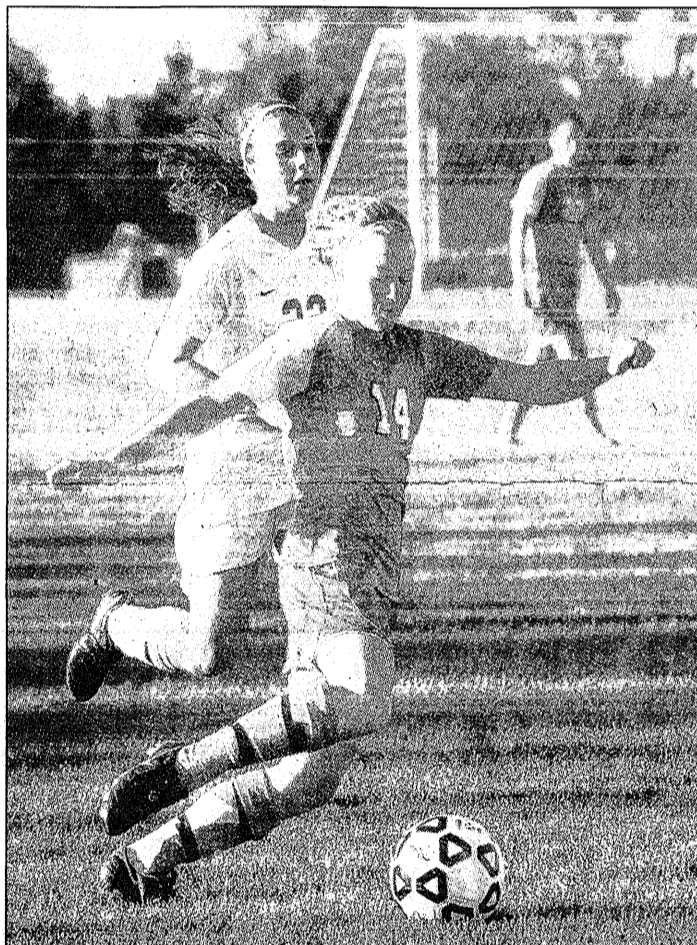
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HOMETOWN LIFE



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Canton's Megan Trapp is pursued by Northville's Andrea Stark during Monday's KLAA Kensington Conference title game. The Mustangs won, 3-2, following two overtimes and a shoot-out. At right, Canton's Lisa Pierce (14) stays two strides ahead of Northville's Ali Hawksford during Monday's KLAA Kensington Conference title game. The Chiefs rallied from a 2-0 deficit late in the second half before falling in a shoot-out.



Nipped at the wire

Canton's dramatic comeback falls short in shootout loss to Mustangs

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

During the final 11 minutes of regulation in Monday night's KLAA Kensington Conference title game at Northville, Canton accomplished the soccer equivalent of climbing out of the Grand Canyon and scaling Mount Everest.

Unfortunately for the Chiefs, they got knocked off at the base of the summit by a group of sharp-shooting Mustangs.

Canton erased a 2-0 deficit with a pair of late goals separated by just 2:46, forcing two 15-minute overtimes and a shoot-out. However, Northville prevailed, 3-2, when it laseder all five of its shoot-out shots into the back of the net.

The Mustangs, who improved to 10-2-3, earned a berth in Wednesday's KLAA Association championship contest against Brighton. The valiant Chiefs, who suffered their first loss since a season-opening setback to Novi back in March, slipped to 11-2-1.

"The girls showed a lot of character to come back from a two-goal deficit like they did," said Canton coach George Tomasso.

"I thought they played with every ounce of heart and every ounce of emotion to make up for what they did in the first half. They made a few mistakes in the first half, but I'll forget those mistakes after the way they performed in the second half and in the overtimes."

Northville coach Ron Meteyer said his team's five-for-five effort in the shootout was at least partly the result of extra time at practice dedicated to penalty kicks.

ROCKS UPEND FRANKLIN

Salem's girls soccer team dominated Livonia Franklin, 5-0, Monday night to improve its record to 7-5-3.

Tabitha Mann earned the shut-out for the Rocks, who received a hat trick and assist from Kristina Klusek. Abbi Giaier and Mackenzie Rogers added goals to the winners' cause. Giaier, Taylor Burgoon, Madeleine Vala and Kristen Thompson all chipped in with helpers for Salem.

"Kristina really got us going and I thought everyone played quick, smart soccer today," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "From back to front, we played with energy and with a purpose."

"Last year we lost in the Regional final in a shootout to Ann Arbor Huron, so we know how important it is to practice those shots," he said. "It's also important to identify in practice which kids were the best at making their penalty kicks."

"What happens in practice doesn't always translate to game-day situations, so with about 10 minutes left in the second overtime, I call each of the kids over who were on my list, looked them right in the eye and asked them, 'How do you feel about this tonight?' Either they tell me, 'Coach, I can't do this tonight,' or 'I'm ready.'"

Both teams nearly found the back of the net in the first five minutes of the contest. The Chiefs' Lisa Pierce banged a shot off the crossbar two minutes in. Less

Please see **SOCCER, B3**

GAME WRAPS

Canton softball team destroys John Glenn

Amy Dunleavy homered and doubled, while Sam Partain added three hits Monday as Canton defeated Westland John Glenn, 16-0, in five innings.

The Chiefs improved to 24-5 overall and 13-3 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. The Rockets slipped to 0-25 and 0-16, respectively.

Canton, which scored 10 times in the opening inning off Glenn starter Allie Murphy, also got two hits apiece from Kaitlyn Mattson and Sam Podorsek.

Canton freshman Alyssa Kara Boucher, who struck out five, limited Glenn to four hits, two by Stacey Truskowski.

Canton baseball team destroys John Glenn

Dan Stoney had two hits and two RBI Monday as Canton rolled to a five-inning 10-0 mercy-rule win over host Westland John Glenn.

The victory improved the Chiefs to 18-9 overall and 9-7 in the KLAA. The Rockets slipped to 10-20 and 3-13, respectively.

Nick Tomilenko had two hits and scored two runs, while Nick Sweda and Joe Galanty each went 2-for-4 with an RBI to pace Canton.

Winning pitcher Kevin Delapaz worked the first three innings before giving way to Andrew Tidwell. The duo combined on a three-hitter and fanned six.

Glenn starter Andrew DeLuca, who took the loss, fanned four.

Chief, Wildcat golfers prevail

Canton's boys golf team improved to 9-0 May 14 with a 160-175 victory over Westland John Glenn in a match played at Hilltop Golf Course.

Andrew Rickerman fired a 37 to earn co-medalist honors along with John Glenn's Andy Myers.

Also scoring for the Chiefs were Jeremy Lindlbauer (38), Zach Conrad (41) and Brendan Muir (44). Dominic Bonell (46) and Travis Hall (49) played but did not score for the winners.

On May 15 at the Woodlands Golf Course, Plymouth upended Wayne Memorial, 145-171, to improve to 7-2.

James Bryan and Zebra Kevin Sample were co-medalists after firing 35's.

Also scoring for Plymouth were Andrew Overmeyer (36), Justin Bauer (36) and Ryan Bauer (38). Tyler Berquist and Trevor Birdwell shot 42's for the 'Cats.

Coaches: Please report results

Local high school athletic coaches are encouraged to report the results of their team's contests to Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright so that the area's student-athletes receive the publicity they deserve.

Wright can be reached at ewright@hometownlife.com or (734) 578-2767.

The deadline for Thursday editions of the Observer is Tuesday at 11 p.m.

The deadline for Sunday editions is Friday at 11 p.m.

27th Canton Cup set to kick off this weekend

The Canton Soccer Club is set to hold its 27th Annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament Friday through Sunday at various locations in Canton.

The largest tournament of its kind in Michigan, the Canton Cup will be held Friday from 5-9 p.m., Saturday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Over 8,500 players will travel from across Michigan, Ontario, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and Illinois to take part in over 900 scheduled games. More than 560 teams will be participating in the tournament, surpassing last year's record of 511 teams. Teams will be comprised of boys between the ages of 8 to 19; and girls aged 8 to 15.

Each team is set to play a three-game minimum with playoffs scheduled for each age group. Teams will be divided into premier, select, travel and recreational divisions.

Over 45 fields will be used to host this massive competition, including 24 fields at Independence Park, 12 fields at Heritage Park, and five fields at Griffin Park.

Preparations are still being made by over 100 volunteers and staff for the tourna-

ment, which is sanctioned by the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association and the United States Youth Soccer Association.

More than 35,000 spectators are expected to attend.

Tournament highlights will include the Michigan Bucks, the 2005 National Professional Development League champions, taking on the Cincinnati Kings in an NPDL contest sponsored by the Canton Sports Center on Saturday afternoon at Independence Park.

In an effort to "go green" for the 2009 Canton Cup, the Canton Soccer Club will be emphasizing eco-friendly options during the event, including utilizing programs printed on recycled paper and presenting trophies made from recycled materials to younger age group winners.

The Canton Soccer Club is currently comprised of approximately 2,500 players with over 160 teams competing in in-house, travel, select and premier leagues.

For more information on the 27th Annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament, visit the Canton Soccer Club Web site at www.cantonsoccerclub.com or the tournament Web site at www.cantonsoccerclub.com.



JOHN KEMSKI

Lady Warriors edge Waterford, 9-7

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team wrapped up its regular season Monday with a 9-7 victory over Waterford United in a game played at Waterford Kettering High School.

The Lady Warriors rallied in the second half after trailing 5-4 at the break.

PCS's defensive effort was anchored by senior captain Natalie Sitko. Offensively,

senior captain Edra Burris and junior Lauren Allard scored three goals each while Kaytlin Hill, Sarah Coleman and Nicole Rottell netted single goals.

"Allard and Coleman had outstanding games at both ends of the field," noted PCS head coach Dave Medley. "It was nice to see them come on."

"This is a very young team. I look for a championship run

over the next couple of seasons. Right now, we're loaded with talented freshmen and sophomores. However, our focus is on the present and this season is not over just yet."

The Lady Warriors were set to open the post-season playoffs Wednesday against top-ranked Bloomfield United

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JOHN KEMSKI

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem lacrosse team honored its seniors prior to the May 8 home game against Bloomfield United. Pictured are (front row from left) Natalie Sitko, Nicole Rottell, Chelsea Olson, Melissa Giannini, (back row from left) Elyce Ohrn, Stephanie Pettovello, Abbeygail Epelman, Emily Cox and Edra Burris.

Extra-inning surge propels Wildcats over John Glenn

PREP BASEBALL

Plymouth's baseball team split a pair of KAAA South Division games Monday and Tuesday leaving the Wildcats with a 17-10 overall record and 9-7 mark in the division.

On Tuesday, plated five runs in the top of the eighth inning to pull out a 7-2 thriller over host Westland John Glenn. The extra-inning outburst made a winner out of sophomore starter Mike Nadratowski, who yielded just six hits and one earned run while striking out 10 in seven innings of work. Matt Skubik pitched a one-two-three eighth for the winners.

Offensively, Ronnie Goble and Travis Mewton led the Wildcats' 10-hit attack with three safeties each. Mewton knocked in three runs while Goble scored three times. Skubik, Nadratowski and Luke Merandi drove in single runs for the 'Cats.

On Monday, a six-run third inning led Wayne Memorial to a 7-3 triumph over Plymouth. The Wildcats outthit the Zebras, 10-4, but were done in by six fielding miscues.

Senior right-hander Cliff Buttermore took the loss after giving up seven runs in five innings. He struck out eight and gave up just four hits. Skubik had two RBI for Plymouth, which received two-hit efforts from Mewton and Michael Rose.

SALEM 17, S.L. EAST 7: On Monday, the Rocks rode the hot bats of Heath Parling, Sam Ott and Justin Bashi to a decisive victory over the Cougars. The win lifted the winners to 20-9, thus making the Class of 2009 only the third class in the past 23 years at Salem to register

back-to-back 20-win seasons. "It says a lot about this class to win at least 20 games two years in a row because so few teams in the state win 20 each year," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger.

Parling, Ott, Kyle Powell and Bashi all notched three hits.

Among Powell and Parling's hits were home runs.

Ott's first hit of the game gave him the school's single-season hit record, eclipsing the old mark set by Chris Trott. The senior became the first Rock to hold the single-season hit record and the career hit mark simultaneously.

Chris Kordick earned the mound victory for Salem, which improved to 13-3 in the KAAA Central Division. The Rocks broke open a tight game with eight runs in the sixth inning.

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"I'm looking for a strong effort from this group as stranger things have happened," Medley said. "We have played so many games without a starter or two. This looks to be the first time we will be at full strength this season."

PCS 15, A.A. GABRIEL RICHARD 6: On Friday, the Lady Warriors won despite the absence of several senior players.

Stepping up to lead the victory were senior captains Burris, Emily Cox and Stephanie Pettovello, who teamed up with several junior-varsity players who were promoted for the game.

Leading the scoring barrage

were Hill and Burris, both of whom netted four goals; freshman Stephanie Bower (three goals); and Taylor Birman and Allard, who registered two net-finders each.

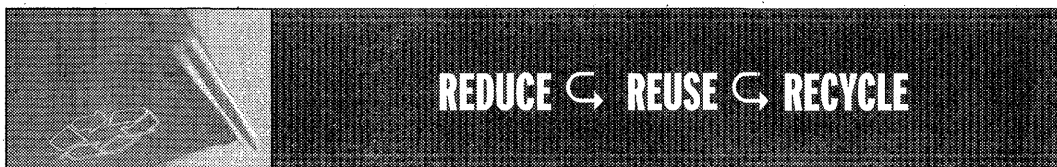
Sophomore goalie Meaghan Elridge was brilliant, stopping 25 shots.

"Meaghan is a real consistent player and she's getting stronger as the season progresses," Medley said.



Northern stars

The Plymouth Christian Academy baseball team returned home from a trip Up North this past weekend with a first-place trophy. The Eagles (9-6) captured the Traverse City Christian Invitational by defeating TCC, 14-1, and Buckley, 9-5. Matt Dodson struck out 11 while spinning a three-hitter in the opener while Jon Slater's rocked a towering home run. In the nightcap, Slater tossed a six-hitter for the winners. Pictured with the championship trophy are (front row from left) Caleb Middleton, Slater, Kevin Bottorff, Daniel Slater, Matt Hagelin, (back row from left) Dan Smith (coach), Joe Bottorff (coach), Reid Barber, David Baum, Justin Govan, Austin Smith, Dodson and Dale Slater (coach).



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Plymouth's Kelly Dobbs (left), pictured during a game last week against Westland John Glenn, scored all of the Wildcats' goals in their 4-2 victory over Livonia Stevenson Monday night.

Fantastic '4'

Dobbs accounts for all Wildcats' goals in 4-2 victory over Spartans

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The way Plymouth's Kelly Dobbs is playing these days, you can't stop her; you can only hope to contain her. Livonia Stevenson couldn't do either Monday night. Dobbs was a force for the Wildcats, netting all of their goals in a 4-2 victory on the Spartans' turf. Plymouth improved to 10-3-2 with the impressive triumph.

"To score four goals like that against a great team like Stevenson is amazing," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "Twenty years from now, Kelly will look back and be talking about this game. "They were playing a flat-four (defense) and trying to keep their shape, but she took the ball right at them. It was like she was saying, 'Stop me', but they couldn't." Dobbs, er, Plymouth led 3-0 before the Spartans netted a

goal just before halftime. The senior captain tallied her final goal mid-way through the second half. Stevenson's final goal came on a penalty kick with approximately one minute to play. Dobbs now has a team-high 16 goals on the season. Sophomore Marissa Williams earned the victory between the pipes for the Wildcats.

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than three minutes later, Canton goalkeeper Samantha McPartlin made a diving, one-handed effort to deny Stacy Clough. The Mustangs threatened again at the 34:40 mark, when Camille Unca blasted a high, rising rope that McPartlin was able to one-hand into the crossbar. The hosts broke the scoring ice with 7:40 left in the first half, when Mallory Weber secured a pass 12 yards in front of the net and right-footed a ground-skimmer into the lower-left corner of the net. Lauren Lokey provided

Northville with a seemingly untouchable cushion with 74 seconds left in the half when she lofted a high shot that eluded McPartlin's reach and found a seam just under the bar. Northville keeper Elana Ryznar stepped up big time during the opening moments of the second half when she pounced on the ball just before Canton's Tracey Rymph could cock her right leg. Eight minutes later, Ryznar made a spectacular stop on a rebound shot off the foot of Canton's Megan Trapp. The Chiefs' comeback kicked in with 11:07 left, when Lisa Pierce converted a

rebound shot. Less than two minutes later, Megan Staub completed the remarkable rally when her shot from 16 yards out glanced off the hip of a Mustangs defender and past Ryznar. "It seemed like we got a little complacent in the second half," Meteyer said. "And when the first overtime started, we didn't have the look of a confident team. But I think our depth wore them down a little bit in the overtimes." Converting shots in the shootout for Northville were Jeanette Dolmetsch, Kelsey Fiscus and Tori Wright. Meteyer praised the play of central defenders Dolmetsch and Kelsey Baskins.

Patriots' day

Franklin wins boys and girls KLAA South Division meets

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tuesday's inaugural girls and boys KLAA South Division track-and-field meets had a Patriot-ic feel to them. Livonia Franklin's trophy case is about to get a little more crowded as the Patriots' girls and boys teams earned first-place hardware in the event held at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity stadium. The Franklin girls chalked up 150 points to edge cross-town rival Livonia Churchill by three points. Westland John Glenn finished a distant third with 82. Plymouth (69), Canton (58) and Wayne Memorial (14.5) rounded out the girls field. "After going 5-0 this season in the division in dual meets, we lost by two-and-a-half points to Churchill in Friday's Regional, so we really wanted this bad," said Franklin coach Dave Bjorkland. "Churchill got us in the conference meet, the city meet and the regional, so it feels good to finally come out on top against them." Several Patriots rose to the occasion Tuesday, including sophomore Megan McPherson, who won the 1,600-meter run (5:21.87) and the 800 (2:25.76) before placing fourth in the 3,200. "Megan really stepped up for us, running in all four distance

PREP TRACK

events," Bjorkland noted. "We asked just to try to score in the two-mile and she did it. Megan had a great day." The Patriots' 800 relay team of Corinne Haro, Jen Mueller, Ashly Butkowski and Kathryn Chinavare set a school record as did 300-meter hurdler Sennecca Scott, who broke the tape first in both hurdles events. Also earning first-place points for the Patriots were discus thrower Savannah Haig and pole vaulter Emily Quint. The Chargers were paced by first-place individual showings from high jumper Senclair McDonnell, shot putter Taylor Byron and Sara Kroll, who won the 400-meter dash. John Glenn's Chanel Payne had a day to remember, winning the long jump and the 100-meter dash. Her teammate, Aubrie Scott, won the 200. Plymouth's Molly Slavens won the two-mile in 11:47.51. The Patriots' title in the boys' meet was sparked by an incredible performance in the field events, during which Franklin built a 64-37 lead over the Chargers. "It feels great," said Franklin coach Pat Kelsner. "It seems like we've finished a lot of meets this year two to three points behind

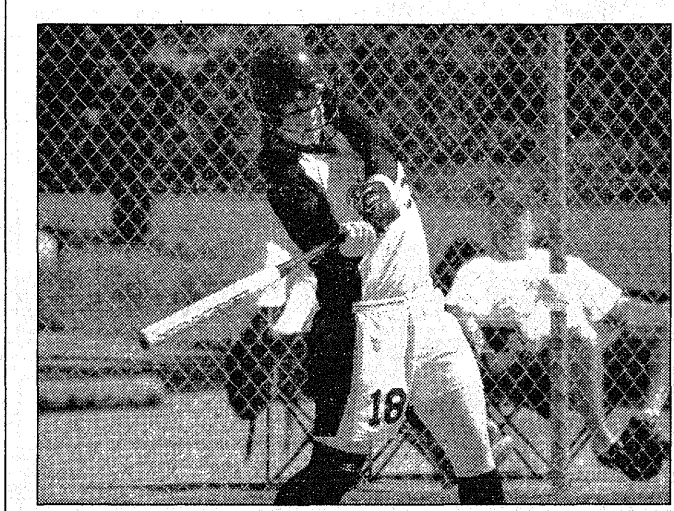
Churchill, but we finally got them today. "The field events have been our strength all year. They got us a nice big lead to day and we were able to hang on. We had four throwers score in the shot put then Nate Coleman came up huge in the discus with his personal best." Franklin's Cadet brothers — Hudson and Isaac — won the high jump and long jump, respectively. Dave Fortin added to the Patriots' field-events onslaught by out-performing all comers in the shot put. The Chargers were bolstered by first-place efforts from pole vaulter Derik Peterman and sprinter Anthony Frezzell, who nipped Wayne's Parish Clayborn by .05 in a thrilling 200 dash final. Plymouth's Warren Buzzard was a double gold medalist, taking the 1,600 in 4:35.25 before winning the 800 in 1:59.74. Teammate Derek Lax crossed the line first in the 3,200 with a time of 10:10.75. Wayne's Renaldo Powell won the 110-meter high hurdles in 14.36. Canton's Hayatt Ali was the 300 hurdles champion with a 42.24 clocking. John Glenn's Jeremy Langford earned the Rockets first-place points in the 100 when he scorched the track with a time of 10.95.

TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS

51.82; 4. Canton, 52.39; 5. Plymouth, 54.59.
400 DASH: 1. Sara Kroll (LC), 1:00.06; 2. Ashly Butkowski (LF), 1:00.68; 3. Stephany Brown (WJG), 1:01.75; 4. Beth Swanberg (C), 1:01.91; 5. Rochelle Woods (WM), 1:02.27; 6. Megan Kelly (LC), 1:04.16.
300 LOW HURDLES: 1. Sennecca Scott (LF), 47.57; 2. Mandy McManus (P), 50.29; 3. Dayna Esper (LC), 51.08; 4. Shannon Niznik (LF), 51.48; 5. Lache Walton (WJG), 52.73; 6. Jenna Hamed (P), 53.33.
800 RUN: 1. Megan McPherson (LF), 2:25.76; 2. Tiffany Raisanen (LC), 2:29.12; 3. Kelly Hahn (P), 2:30.77; 4. Lizzie Gatzek (C), 2:32.33; 5. Emily Clairmont (LC), 2:38.11; 6. Victoria Church (LF), 2:41.89.
200 DASH: 1. Aubrie Scott (WJG), 27.01; 2. Rochelle Woods (WM), 27.29; 3. Chloe Taylor (LC), 27.29; 4. Ashly Butkowski (LF), 27.81; 5. Kathryn Chinavare (LF), 28.17; 6. Krystal Whitlow (P), 28.28.
300 RUN: 1. Molly Slavens (P), 11:47.51; 2. Bethany Pilat (LC), 11:52.54; 3. Sarah Thomas (C), 12:10.36; 4. Megan McPherson (LF), 12:15.89; 5. Alexis Hickson (LC), 12:49.42; 6. Paula Green (P), 12:50.34.
1,600 RELAY: 1. Churchill, 4:14.32; 2. Franklin, 4:17.56; 3. Canton, 4:19.70; 4. Plymouth, 4:23.22; 5. John Glenn, 4:36.48.

KLAA SOUTH DIVISION BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET May 19 at PCEP Stadium
FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Franklin, 114; 2. Livonia Churchill, 104; 3. Canton, 82; 4. Plymouth, 79; 5. Westland John Glenn, 62; 6. Wayne Memorial, 51.
DISCUS: 1. Nate Coleman (LF), 144 feet, 1 inch; 2. T.J. Arancibia (WJG), 139-3; 3. Brandon Dare (LC), 136-7; 4. Sean McAuiliffe (LF), 134-8; 5. Jason Foster (C), 133-3; 6. Kyle Brindza (P), 128-10.
HIGH JUMP: 1. Hudson Cadet (LF), 6-1; 2. Ben Spreitzer (C), 5-11; 3. Chris Barnard (LC), 5-11; 4. (tie) Pawan Dhalwal (P) and Keith Zech (C), 5-9; 6. (tie) Matthew Mills (WM) and Terance Watson (WM), 5-9.
LONG JUMP: 1. Isaac Cadet (LF), 21-1.25; 2. Renaldo Powell (WM), 20-10; 3. Davarius Jenkins (WJG), 20-3; 4. Adam Payne (C), 19-10.75; 5. Matthew Roberson (P), 19-9; 6. Richard Haley (WM), 19-8.
POLE VAULT: 1. Derik Peterman (LC), 15-0; 2. Joseph Marlow (LC), 12-5; 3. Kevin Beadle (LF), 12-1; 4. Nick Alaniva (C), 11-9; 5. Grant Senkbell (P), 11-5; 6. Chris Barnard (LC), 11-5.

SHOT PUT: 1. Dave Fortin (LF), 47-11.25; 2. Sean McAuiliffe (LF), 46-9.5; 3. Deon Clemons (LC), 46-1; 4. Jay Woolfork (LF), 44-10; 5. Nate Coleman (LF), 44-7; 6. Kyle Brindza (P), 44-4.
300-METER RELAY: 1. Plymouth (Warren Buzzard, Matt Neumann, Justin Heck, Derek Lax), 8:12.31; 2. Canton, 8:13.68; 3. Franklin, 8:35.91; 4. Churchill, 8:36.97; 5. John Glenn, 8:46.71; 6. Wayne, 9:38.0.
110 HURDLES: 1. Renaldo Powell (WM), 14.36; 2. Cameron Wludyka (LF), 15.32; 3. Brandon Piliagian (P), 15.87; 4. Sherif Hassanien (C), 16.31; 5. Sergio Pavan (WJG), 16.34; 6. Hayatt Ali (C), 16.55.
100 DASH: 1. Jeremy Langford (WJG), 10.95; 2. Mike Baumgardner (P), 11.02; 3. Devon Easterling (LC), 11.30; 4. William Ayler (WJG), 11.35; 5. Parish Clayborn (WM), 11.40; 6. Paul Voegelé (LC), 11.41.
500 RELAY: 1. Wayne (Richard Haley, Michael Safford, Devin Hines, Parish Clayborn), 1:30.19; 2. Churchill, 1:30.86; 3. Franklin, 1:31.82; 4. John Glenn, 1:32.82; 5. Canton, 1:33.00; 6. Plymouth, 1:36.49.
1,600 RUN: 1. Warren Buzzard (P), 4:35.25; 2. Joseph Porcari (P), 4:35.77; 3. Matt Neumann (P), 4:37.35; 4. Joshua Andaloro (LC), 4:38.72; 5. Zack Spreitzer (C), 4:46.95; 6. Joshua Fletcher (WM), 4:51.53.
100 RELAY: 1. John Glenn (Kyren Boyd, Stefan Anthony, Jerome Scates, Jeremy Langford), 43.05; 2. Franklin, 43.07; 3. Wayne, 43.80; 4. Churchill, 44.13; 5. Canton, 45.97; 6. Plymouth, 46.24.
300 HURDLES: 1. Hayatt Ali (C), 42.24; 2. Ian Guerin (LC), 42.64; 3. Winston Roberts (C), 42.88; 4. Sergio Pavan (WJG), 43.04; 5. Ben Spreitzer (C), 43.30; 6. Brandon Tower (LF), 44.11.
800 RUN: 1. Warren Buzzard (P), 1:59.74; 2. Josh Hahn (C), 2:00.61; 3. Keith Zech (C), 2:03.44; 4. Nelson Kenne (WJG), 2:05.90; 5. Justin Heck (P), 2:06.10; 6. Nathan Wise (LC), 2:08.04.
200 DASH: 1. Anthony Frezzell (LC), 22.70; 2. Parish Clayborn (WM), 22.75; 3. Devon Easterling (C), 2:03.44; 4. Nelson Kenne (WJG), 2:05.90; 5. Justin Heck (P), 2:06.10; 6. Nathan Wise (LC), 2:08.04.
3,200 RUN: 1. Derek Lax (P), 10:10.75; 2. Thomas Windle (LC), 10:11.51; 3. Joseph Porcari (P), 10:13.12; 4. Austin Jones (LF), 10:18.00; 5. Derek Gielarowski (P), 10:34.24; 6. Quinn Osgood (LC), 10:35.30.
1,600 RELAY: 1. Canton (Ryan Randall, Keith Zech, Jordan Wisniewski, Hayatt Ali), 3:30.79; 2. John Glenn, 3:33.2; 3. Churchill, 3:34.99; 4. Franklin, 3:35.28; 5. Wayne, 3:36.46; 6. Plymouth, 3:36.85.



MIKE BURNARD

This 'Cat can hit

Plymouth junior third baseman Amanda Burnard, pictured during Monday's win over Wayne Memorial, laced three hits in the Wildcats' 20-0 three-inning victory over Westland John Glenn Tuesday. The win lifted the 'Cats to 23-7 overall and 12-4 in the KLAA South. The Rockets slipped to 0-27 and 0-16, respectively.

Powell's late HR powers Rocks over Cougars, 6-3

Salem's softball team displayed a flair for the dramatic in its 6-3 victory over pesky South Lyon East Monday afternoon. With the game knotted at 3-all in the bottom of the seventh, freshman Alexis Powell hammered a two-out, three-run home run to clinch the "W" for the Rocks, who improved to 24-10 overall and 12-4 in the KLAA Central Division. Salem won the division by two games over Northville. Powell's round-tripper, coupled with her brother Kyle's home run on the adjoining baseball field, made the Powells the first Salem brother-sister combination to homer on the same day. The Rocks trailed 3-2 entering the seventh, but scored the tying run on Heidi Schmidt's RBI double that scored Emily Pitcole. Schmidt and Christina Parsons, who had singled, scored on Powell's fence-

clearing blast. "It was a nice win for us," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "It was another one of those games where you take it down to the wire and whichever team is hitting better will pull it out." Schmidt pitched the first five innings, scattering eight hits while striking out seven. Briana Lee picked up the win after entering the game in the sixth. **MADONNA TOURNAMENT** On Saturday and Sunday, the Rocks went 3-2 in the Madonna Invitational tournament. They defeated Lincoln Park, 11-6, Livonia Ladywood, 7-1, and Birmingham Marian, 9-6. Leading the hit parade against the Railsplitters were Parsons (two doubles, RBI), Mary Cox (two singles, RBI) and Powell, who stroked a two-run triple and added two more RBI. Starting pitcher Alyssa Meagher

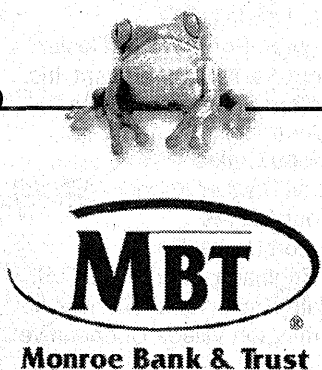
yielded 10 hits without walking a batter in three innings. Cox pitched the fourth and fifth innings, striking out four of the six batters she faced. In the win over the Blazers, Schmidt hurled a three-hitter over five innings. Pacing the Rocks' 13-hit attack were Cox and Schmidt, who laced three hits a piece. Pitcole and Powell added a pair of safeties. "Our defense played well behind Heidi," said Southerland. "That was a big factor in holding them to just one run." The Rocks notched 17 hits against Marian, including three each from Powell, Pitcole and Lee. Powell ripped two triples while Pitcole slugged a two-run three-bagger. Schmidt and Mary Johnso contributed two hits a piece. Salem's two losses were to tournament champion Carlton Airport and Milford.

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The GAM Marker: What does it mean to a golfer?

By Jim Evanoff

A Golf Association of Michigan (GAM) Marker signifies that a course has official United States Golf Association (USGA) course ratings and slopes and has been measured accurately, all completed by your state golf association. For many golfers, the terms, "course rating," and "slope," shown on golf course scorecards are mysteries.

Golfers want to know what the terms mean and why they are important to the golfing experience. In order to answer these questions, the objectives of the USGA, the developer of the rating system, and of GAM, licensed by the USGA to determine the ratings of Michigan courses, must be understood.

In a nutshell, the rating and slope values result in a USGA handicap system intended to make golf more enjoyable by enabling players of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis. The system provides a

fair, course-handicap for players, regardless of ability and can be adjusted as a player's skill level changes. Golf course rating is a complex process based upon data gathered by the USGA while observing real golfers on real courses and is periodically revised as new data is obtained. More than 100 authorized golf associations and several-thousand golf clubs utilize the system. Courses must be re-rated at least every 10 years, or after significant course changes, to maintain a certified USGA rating.

The two basic premises that underlie the system are that players will try to make the best scores at every hole in accordance with USGA's Rules of Golf and will post every acceptable round score on all courses that have been rated in accordance with USGA's procedures.

The goal is for the golfer to obtain a USGA Handicap Index, which compares any golfer's scoring ability to that of a scratch golfer on a course of standard difficulty, defined by the USGA as having a slope rating of 113. The index

is portable from course to course. The golfer can convert this index to a specific course handicap based on the USGA Slope-Rating Chart. The USGA course rating represents the course's playing difficulty for a scratch player under normal playing conditions and is based on hole yardage and course obstacles that affect scoring ability. The slope rating is an indicator of the relative difficulty of a course for players who are not scratch golfers. Courses are rated from each set of tees for both scratch and bogey golfers and the number of handicap strokes received in a match is determined from the slope rating.

At this point, a few more USGA definitions are required before briefly describing the rating procedure.

A "scratch" golfer can play to a course handicap of zero on any USGA rated course. A male scratch golfer, for rating purposes, can hit tee shots 250 yards and reach 470-yard holes in two shots. A female scratch golfer hits tee shots an average of 210 yards and can reach 400-

yard holes in two shots.

A male "bogey" golfer has a course handicap of approximately 20 on a course of standard difficulty (slope of 113), can hit tee shots an average of 200 yards and reach a 370-yard hole in two shots at sea level. A female bogey golfer has a handicap of approximately 24, can hit tee shots on average of 150 yards and reach a 280-yard hole in two shots.

These scratch and bogey yardage capabilities are important since the GAM rating teams evaluate the effects of golf course obstacles in proximity to the shot landing areas. The obstacles include landing area topography, fairway widths, green target size and surface, recoverability and rough, bunkers, out of bounds/extreme rough, water hazards, trees and psychological shot effects. Factors such as roll on soft or hard fairways, tee pad elevation, doglegs and prevailing winds can also affect the actual course playing length. When the rating process has been completed, the obstacle values, which are on a 0 to 10

scale of difficulty, are totaled and multiplied by relative weight factors and converted to strokes that affect the final USGA Course Rating and Slope.

Obtaining accurate USGA course yardages is the first and key step in the above process. Each hole must be measured from all tee positions as defined by USGA procedures. Measurements are made from permanently placed GAM markers to the center of the green, utilizing electronic measuring devices. Measurements are made along the male scratch golfer's line of play as intended and designed by the course architect.

Hopefully this description of the rating process clears up some of mystery and results in increased enjoyment of the game for golfers of all abilities.

Full details on course rating are contained in the "USGA Course Rating System Guide" and "The USGA Course Rating System," available only to authorized golf associations, such as GAM.

Jim Evanoff is the GAM Chairman of the Course Rating Department.

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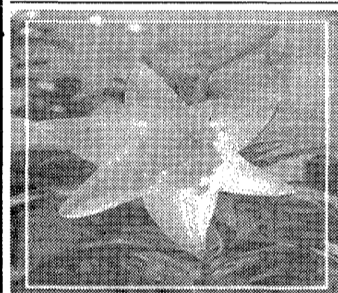
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KATHLEEN BARNES

Loving Wife, Mother, Aunt, Sister, and Friend. Kathleen Barnes, resident of Troy, Michigan, died peacefully on Friday, May 15, 2009. Kathy was born May 28, 1956 and was a graduate of Grosse Ile High School, and attended Western Michigan University. She is survived by her loving husband of over 29 years, Donald Barnes Jr., and six beautiful children, Donald III, Kelly, Michael, Margaret, Kathleen, and Abigail; her mother Ruth Tompkins Butler, brothers and sisters Diane (Fraser) McNeilly, Dr. Susan Chamberlain (Tom Sims), Charlie (Caryn) Butler, Amy (Craig) DeSimone, Dr. Michael (Jennifer) Butler, and James (Terri) Butler; mother and father-in-law Donald (Margaret) Barnes Sr.; brother and sisters-in-law Robert (Carrie) Barnes, Suzanne Barnes; twenty nieces and nephews, Scott, Sean, Shannon McNeilly; Carly, Megan, Bridgid Butler; Jaime, Ryan Ott; Caroline, Jon Henry Butler; Richard, Christina, Danielle, Nicolas Butler; Michelle, James, Emily, Elizabeth Barnes; Angelica and Emma Barnes. Kathy is also survived by her "adopted" children, Jillian McDonald, Rachel, Mollie, and Anna Hitow, Mike Wilson, Colin Bronsteen, Scott Williams, and soon to be daughter-in-law, Jeannie Castillo. Kathy was an unwavering, devoted mother and wife. Nothing was more important throughout her life than her children and family. She enjoyed spending time at their homes with their large circle of friends and family both in Traverse City and on the beaches in Islamorada, Florida. She loved music, dancing, singing, playing air guitar, her dogs Jake and Harley, gardening, drawing, playing cards, golfing, the holidays, being near the water and out in the sun, trips with girlfriends, and sunsets. Kathy embodied loyalty and friendship, and was a loving and nurturing mother and friend to all. Funeral mass Thursday May 21st at 10 a.m., St. Thomas More Church, 4580 N. Adams Rd., Troy. Memorial tributes to Troy Boys & Girls Club.

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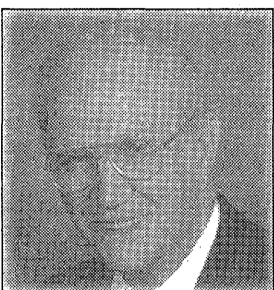
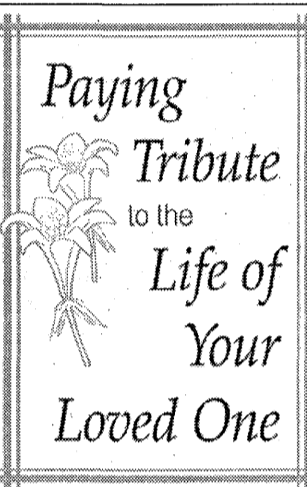
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RACHELLE (BONZACK) CASARI

November 15, 1959 - May 16, 2009. Age 49, of Sandusky, OH and formerly of Dallas, TX, passed away Saturday, May 16, 2009 at her home surrounded by her family. She was born November 15, 1959 in Detroit, MI to Carolyn (Scheier) and Eugene Bonzack. Rachelle was raised in Livonia, MI and received her bachelors degree from Madonna College. Following graduation she moved to Dallas, TX where she was employed by The Gap and most recently as a claims adjuster for the Farmers Insurance Co. She loved life and traveled extensively. She enjoyed cooking for her family and friends and was an avid Dallas Stars fan. Following a cancer relapse last year, Rachelle moved to Michigan and Ohio to be closer to family and friends. Rachelle is survived by her parents, her faithful companion dog Bailey, sister Roberta (Ray) Ducharme of Brighton, MI, brother Ronald Bonzack of Milford, MI, nieces Megan & Kelly Ducharme, nephew Joey Bonzack and aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Rose & Sylvester Bonzack and Ruth & Francis Scheier. Friends are asked to join Rachelle's family with a celebration of her life at one of her favorite spots, Shield's Pizzeria of Southfield, MI, at 1:00 p.m., on Sunday, May 31, 2009. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Stein Hospice Service, Inc., 1200 Sycamore Line, Sandusky, OH 44870. Please share your memories with Rachelle's family at www.grofffuneralhomes.com.



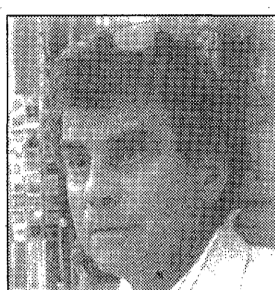
MARTIN J. CASERIO

Former General Motors Group Vice President and Assistant to GM's President passed away peacefully May 16, 2009 at the age of 92. An executive with GM for over four decades. Married for 64 years, he is preceded in death by his dear wife Josephine who passed away in 2008. He is survived by his four children: Richard Caserio (Patricia), Kathleen Stroh (John), Joseph Caserio (Karen), Patricia Clark (Kevin). And his seven grandchildren: Vincent and Martin Caserio III, Kristin Stroh, Catherine and Timothy Clark, Jacqueline and Michael Caserio and the late Carolyn Caserio, and his younger brother, John Caserio. Memorial Mass, Thursday 11 a.m. at St. Hugo of the Hills Stone Chapel, 2215 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at church 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial tributes to the Martin J. Caserio Endowment Scholarship Fund, Michigan Technological University, 1400 Townsend Dr., Houghton, MI 49931 or the charity of donor's choice. A. J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary & share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



KENNETH D. DOLETZKY
May 15, 2009. Age 74 of Livonia, MI. Donations may be made to Huron Valley Lutheran High School or Charity of Choice.

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TORBETT "TORB" GUENTHER

Age 61, lifelong Plymouth resident, passed away May 13, 2009. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1966. He then attended Kendall School of Design in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He served his country in the U.S. Army. He was a manufacturer and an inventor who held many patents. His company, C.D. Sparling in Plymouth, makes equipment for the handicapped. The building that houses his business is the building in which the Alter car was made, he restored that building to its original condition. He attended St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth. He was interested in everything and everybody; he was a brilliant, wonderful, yet humble man. A gifted artist, his lawn is decorated with his artwork. When he was 18, he designed and made a plaque that was placed on Plymouth High School. That plaque is still there today. Torb is survived by his wife, Dolores; his children, Bob (Nola) Wellman, Alice (Don) Jordan, Hooker Wellman, Dan (Jennifer) Wellman, Amy (Glenn) Goodsmith, and Jack (Donna) Wellman; his brothers, Kim Guenther and Mike (Paula) Guenther; his grandchildren, Jimmy, David, Charley, Sean, Billy, Kris, Alan, Rebecca, Jeremy, Brendan, Richard, and Annie; his great-grandson, Max; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Geneva and Harold Guenther, and his brother, Peter Guenther. A memorial service will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Rd., Plymouth, Saturday, May 23, 11 a.m. Friends may gather at church beginning at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Plymouth Historical Society or the Salvation Army in Plymouth. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. To leave a condolence or share a memory www.schrader-howell.com

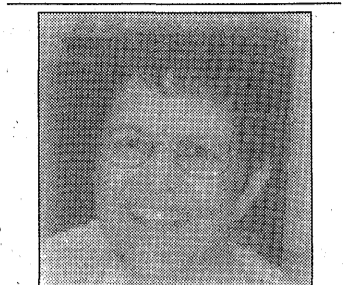


RUTH M. HOEPRICH

Age 93, of Plymouth, passed away May 16, 2009. Born in Baltimore, Maryland on July 13, 1915 to parents George and Susan McCauley. She worked as an Educational Secretary, starting in the Utica Schools and moving to the Plymouth/Canton Schools in 1961 and finally for New Morning School in Plymouth, until she was 89 years old. She was the founder and the 1st President of the Plymouth Educational Secretary's Association. A devoted member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Plymouth. Ruth had a love for music, she played the Banjo and the guitar. Married Frederick Hoepflich on June 1, 1938 and in the summer of 1983 he would proceed her in death. Together they were blessed with three children: Susan (Laurence) McGee, Christine (Robert) McWatt and F. Michael, jr (Carolyn J.) Proud grandmother of Andrew (Angela B.) Ferguson, Eric (Shelby Eccles) Ferguson, Daniel (fiancee, Stephanie Berry) Ferguson, Paul Michael (Jennifer P.) Hoepflich and Leanne Marie Hoepflich. Step-grandmother of Derek McWatt, Maggie McWatt, Stephanie (Samuel) Smith, Diane (Bill) Hellar, Katie (Daniel) Merritt and Michael (Dawn) McGee. Great grandmother of Jacob, Noah, Luke and Vaughn. Step-great-grandmother of Alix, Nicole, Leo, Riley, Madison, Abigail and Aubrey. Sister of Nancy "Peggy" Cole. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Friends may visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth, Friday 4:00 p.m. until time of funeral service at 7:00 p.m. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made the First Church of Christ, Scientist of Plymouth or to the Salvation Army of Plymouth. Share memories at schrader-howell.com.

EDITH M. PEDERSEN

May 16, 2009. Age 87. Beloved wife of the late Jens. Dear mother of Soren (Tanya) Pedersen. Also leaves three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Services were held on Wednesday. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com.



MARY LOUISE PELLOW

A longtime resident of Canton, MI, Mary peacefully passed away on May 17, 2009 after battling cancer. Born on March 10, 1950 in Tupper Lake, NY, she was the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth LaVigne. Mary had a zest for life and made the most of every day—from working as a hospice nurse to volunteering for numerous organizations. She greatly enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She was the beloved wife of Carl, dear mother of Monica (Robert) Livingston and Lance (Gina) Pellow, and wonderful grandmother to four grandchildren. She is also survived by her mother, brother and two sisters. Mary was preceded in death by her father and brother. Mary was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. The family will receive friends and relatives on Friday, May 22 at 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. followed by a luncheon at St. John Neumann. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice and Home Care, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 or The Wild Center, 45 Museum Drive, Tupper Lake, NY 12986.

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FILTER

Redford violinist lets loose at Jazz Cafe

BY WENSY VON BUSKIRK
O&E STAFF WRITER

Zhelin has no problem pulling off intricate classical pieces by Tchaikovsky, Haydn and Rachmaninoff.

But the Redford-based master violinist is looking forward to letting loose with some John Coltrane and Jamie Foxx as she performs at Jazz Cafe at Music Hall 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 27.

"I'll be playing jazz, a little bit of hip hop, and a little bit of R&B," Zhelinrentice "Zhelin" Scott said during a recent interview with Filter. "I like to mix it up."

Zhelin, 31, began playing violin at age 9, in the public school strings program in Long Beach, Calif. After earning a Bachelor of Science in Music at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2001, she accepted a full scholarship to pursue a Master's Degree in public policy at the University of Michigan.

"I've stayed ever since," she said.

Zhelin has won many awards for her music, and has performed across the United States and in Japan. Her CD, *Live at the Karas House*, was released in 2006, and she also appears on the CDs *Hallelujah*, *Street Jazz* by Mark Mixx, and *Ron Otis Reunion*, all released last year.

In addition to playing piano and violin and directing music for her church, Abundant Faith Cathedral in Detroit, Zhelin recently opened for Martha Reeves at the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated National Convention at the Renaissance Center.

She is due to appear on the upcoming A&E reality show "D's House."

At the Jazz Cafe, Zhelin will be joined on stage by Ray Burton (bass); Sonny Winston (sax and flute); Mark McGruder (keyboards); and Steve Bibbs (drums).

Zhelin said she has been rehearsing with the band since she booked the gig last month, and is looking forward to playing a mix of music, including contemporary radio hits like "Blame It" by Jamie Foxx.

She said she loves playing jazz.

"I like being able to improvise. I like the freedom of melodic movement," she said. "The freedom of expression, that's what I love."

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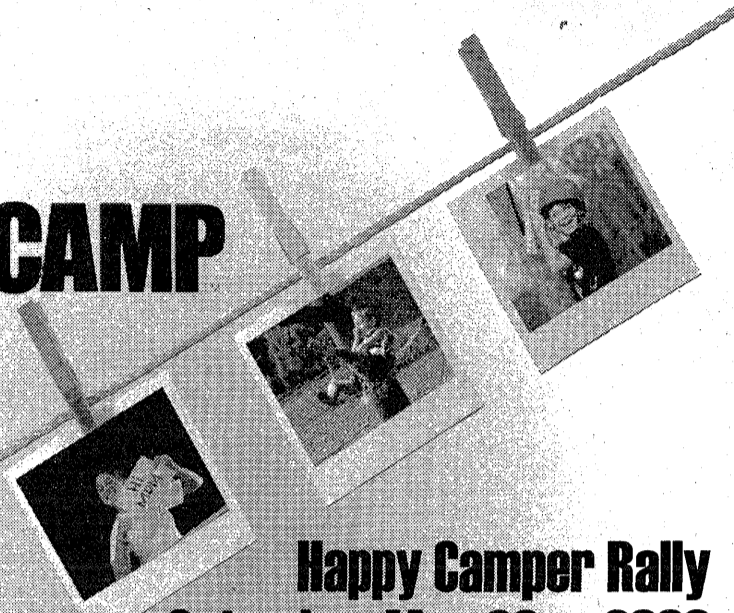
Music Hall at 350 Madison Avenue in Detroit. Zhelin's show is part of the Discovery Series with Judy Adams, which presents new and emerging talent from the metro Detroit area Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

The performances are recorded for broadcast, and bands have the opportunity to win a \$5,000 cash prize and a slot on the stage at the Jazz on the River Festival at Elizabeth Park in Trenton.

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Call (313) 887-8500 or visit www.jazzcafe-detroit.com for more information, or visit www.myspace.com/zhelin.

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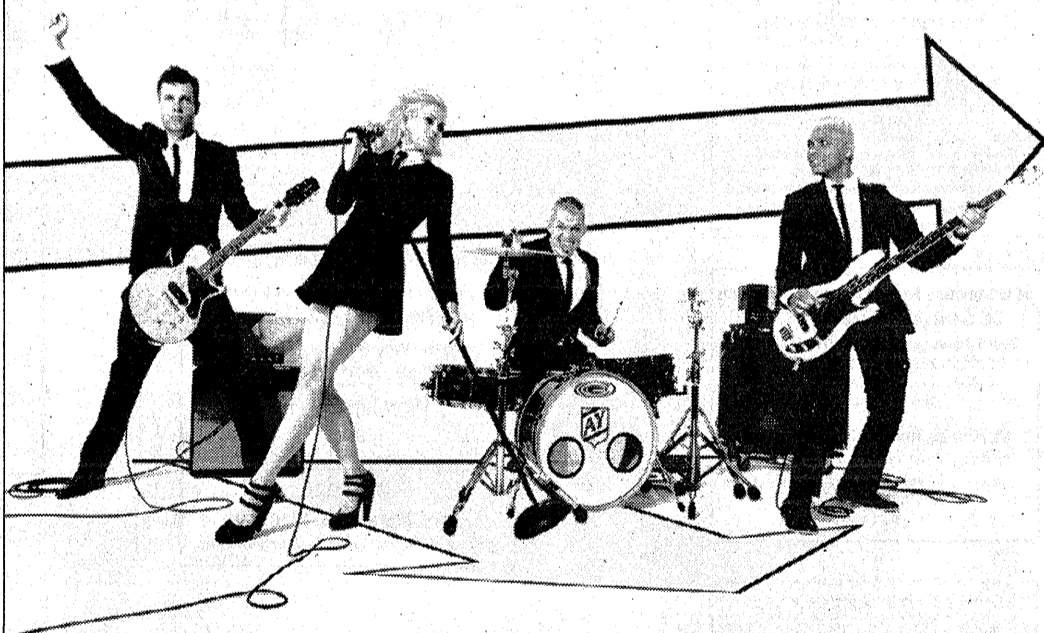
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College for Creative Studies: Annual Student Exhibition, through May 29, (313) 664-7464, www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu/seo.
CPop Gallery: CPop's farewell exhibit, "It's All About C," through May, 4160 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9901, wcpop.com.
GalleryVT: Allen Brooks Photography, through May 24, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, (734) 394-5300, www.canton-mi.org/village theater.
Lemberg Gallery: James Stephens Short Stories, through June 6, 23241 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 591-6623, www.lemborgallery.com.
Lotus Arts Gallery: Kathleen Graf, through May 27, 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth (888) 889-4ART, www.lotusartsgallery.com.
Northville Art House: "Saints & Angels: Colonial Arts of Latin America," through May; Call for Entries, Art in the Sun, June 27-28; classes for adults and children, 215 W. Cady, (248) 344-0497, www.northvillearts.org.
Northville Tipping Point Theatre: Behind-the-scenes of live theatre through artist's brush, through May, 361 E Cady St. At Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, June 5-20, (248)344-0479 or (248) 347-0003. Art House artist reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 5, www.northvillearts.org.
Orchard Lake Fine Art Show: July 24-26, includes artist awards, demonstrations, entertainment, kids activities and a youth art competition, Orchard Lake St. Mary's Schools, Orchard Lake, (248) 684-2613, www.HotWorks.com.
Paint Creek Center for the Arts: Student and Faculty Art Show, May 29-June 13. Opening Reception 7-9 p.m. Friday, June 5; "Amy Sacksteder: Still," through June 13, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.
Plymouth Art in the Park: July 10-12, Kellogg Park.
Plymouth Community Arts Council: Emerging Artists Exhibit, through May 26; Behind the Lens "Peace Project," May 30-June 12, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, (734)416-4278, www.plymoutharts.com.
Susanne Hilberry Gallery: Anne Lise Coste, through May 30, 700 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 541-4700, www.susannehilberrygallery.com.
Visual Arts Association of Livonia: "Artistic Expressions" through May 29, Livonia City Hall, (734) 838-1204, www.vaalart.org.
White Chapel Memorial Park: "Voices of A Never Ending Dawn," historic World War I documentary, Black Tie Film Premiere 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 23, public screenings at 1 and 3:30 p.m. Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 621 W. Long Lake Rd., Troy, (949) 439-8735. Also www.PolarBearDocumentary.com.

BENEFITS

AIDS Partnership Michigan: Solstice, live jazz, wine, strolling dinner, dancing, silent auction, casual chic attire, 7 p.m. June 20, \$95, 34500 Woodward Ave., Birmingham, www.aidspartnership.org.
Detroit Historical Society: Society benefit May 30, 5 p.m. benefactors preview party, \$75/person; 6 p.m. patron level ticket holders, \$50, guided tours through collection and archives. Strolling reception. Casual. Collections Resource Center, 6325 W. Jefferson Ave., on grounds of historic Fort Wayne, Detroit, (313) 833-7938 or www.detroithistorical.org.
Detroit Opera House: BravoBravo!, 7:30 p.m. June 15, \$95, jazz sophisticate attire, www.bravobravo.org, (313) 961-3500.
St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook: "The Producers" opening night fundraising event, 6:30 p.m. May 29, \$75 includes private pre-party, 8 p.m. show, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 737-3587 or www.StDunstansTheatre.com.
St. John's Golf & Conference Center: Art Dash, May 21, \$275 per couple includes dinner and one dash for your choice of artwork, benefits Arbor Hospice Foundation, (734) 794-5152, www.arborhospice.org.
Temple Israel: Banding Together, Concert to benefit the Yaldeinu Fund, for children orphaned in our community. Featuring Yom Sheini and the Teen Tefillah Team, Kidz Klez, teen rock bands from Frankel Jewish Academy, 7:30 p.m. May 24, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield (248) 661-5700.

BLUES

Callahan's: Summertime blues concerts, 8 p.m. Bernard Allison/ Deb Callahan Band, May 28; Ana Popovic/Broken Arrow Blues Band, June 10; Papa Chubby/JoAnne Shaw Taylor, June 13; Duke Robillard Band, June 17; Ronnie Baker Brooks, June 18; Cedric Burnside & Lightnin' Malc & Olm, June 19; Roomful of Blues, July 12; Tinsley Ellis, July 24. 2105 South Boulevard, south of the Palace, Auburn Hills, www.atcallahans.com, 248-858-9508.

BOOKS AND LITERATURE

Borders Birmingham: Author Annie Barrows discusses "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" and autographs books, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, Borders Birmingham, 34300 Woodward Ave. (248) 203-0005



Sunday in the Park

Gary LaKind and Michelle Rott Rosenblum, both of West Bloomfield, play painter George Seurat and his model in Village Players' production of the Stephen Sondheim musical "Sunday in the Park with George," May 29-June 14 at the Village Players Playhouse, 34660 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. The play, rare to local theatres, won a Pulitzer Prize for its insightful examination of the artist. Seurat's pointillist masterpiece "A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte" is recreated on stage. For tickets, \$17, Call (248) 644-2075 or visit www.birminghamvillageplayers.com:

CHORAL

First Presbyterian Church: Music for a Cathedral, 7:30 p.m. May 22, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, (248) 644-2040 x136, ttrenney@comcast.net.

CLASSICAL/CHAMBER MUSIC

Chamber Music Society of Detroit: Yefim Bronfman, piano, May 30; 2009-10 series announced: American String Quartet with Lynn Harrell, cello, Sept. 12; Tokyo String Quartet, Oct. 3; Vladimir Feltsman, piano, Nov. 14; James Ehnes, violin with Jon Kimura Parker, piano, Dec. 5; Berlin Philharmonic Woodwind Quintet, Jan. 30, 2010; Shanghai Quartet with Yuja Wang, piano, Feb. 13, 2010; Arnold Steinhardt, violin with Alan Alda, Actor, March 20, 2010; The Celebration of the Bach Chaconne, Steven Isserlis, cello with Dienes Várjon, piano, March 27, 2010; Parker Quartet, May 22, 2010; Emanuel Ax, piano, Feb. 6, 2010; Richard Goode, piano, April 10, 2010; Yuja Wang, piano, May 15, 2010, deadline for subscription renewals, all concerts 8 p.m. Saturdays, Tickets, \$25-\$75, Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 West 13 Mile, Beverly Hills, (248) 855-6070 or visit www.ComeHearCMSD.org.
Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings: Final Concert, 8 p.m. June 20, Seligman Center, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org.
Oakland Brass Band: Gone Fishin', 8 p.m. June 12, Berkley High School, 2325 Catalpa, (248) 931-5169, www.oaklandbrassband.com.
Max M. Fisher Music Center: A Musical Collaboration, May 21-23; Beethoven & Tchaikovsky, May 29-31; Season Finale, June 4-6; A Midsummer Night's Dream, June 13; 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at www.detroitcitysymphony.com.

CLUBS

Eclipse Lounge: Motown Party, May 23; DJ RC, May 30, free, 21 and over, inside Greektown Casino-Hotel, Detroit, www.greektowncasino.com/Dining/EclipseLounge.
Soundboard: Boz Scaggs, June 17; Sinbad, July 25; Melissa Etheridge, June 26; Gary Allan, Aug. 21; An Evening With Natalie Cole, Oct. 3, MotorCity Casino Hotel, Detroit, www.ticketmaster.com, www.motorcitycasino.com, 513-5030.

COMEDY

Fox Theatre: Heavyweights Of Comedy featuring Bruce Bruce & Lavell Crawford, with special guest John Witherspoon and host Sammore, May 23, (313) 471-6611, www.ticketmaster.com.
JD's House of Comedy: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8

p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.
Jazz Cafe at Music Hall: Show Up, and Go Up, 9 p.m. third Thursday of every month, open call, free, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafedetroit.com.
Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia: Colin Moulton, through May 23; Jimmy Dore Special Engagement, May 27-30, 36071 Plymouth Road, (734) 261-5500, www.kickerscomplex.com.
Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle: Open Mic 8 p.m. most Wednesdays; 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com.
Royal Oak Music Theatre: Comedy Central Live Mike Birbiglia-I'm in the Future Also, Sept. 27; Norm MacDonald, Oct. 2, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak, (248) 399-2980, www.royaloakmusictheatre.com.
The Second City: "Kwame A River: The Chronicles of Detroit's Hip Hop Mayor," through May 31, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com.

CONCERTS

Clutch Cargo: Framing Hanley and Red, July 2, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac, (248) 645-6666.
Comerica Park: Kid Rock, July 17-18; Vans Warped Tour, July 31; tickets on sale 10 a.m. April 17, 1-800-745-3000, Ticketmaster.com, www.warpedtour.com.
Detroit Institute of Arts: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 & 8:30 p.m., 5200 Woodward Ave. Phil Kline, "Zippo Songs: Poems from The Front," May 22; Sara Lee Guthrie and Johnny Irion, with Detroit singer and guitarist Robert Jones, May 29, (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.
DTE Energy Music Theatre: Eddie Money, May 22; John Michael Montgomery, May 30; Nine Inch Nails/Jane's Addiction, May 31; Coldplay, June 2; Creedence Clearwater Revisited, June 12; Clay Walker, June 13; The Music of Led Zeppelin: A Rock Symphony, June 20; The Legends of Motown, June 21; Earth, Wind & Fire and Chicago, June 24; New Kids on the Block, June 25; The Fray with Jack's Mannequin, June 27; Rock The Bells 2009 Festival, June 28; Bad Company/Doobie Brothers, July 1; Blue Oyster Cult/Over the Rainbow, July 8; REO Speedwagon/Styx with .38 Special, July 9; Brad Paisley w/Dierks Bentley, July 10; Judas Priest w/Whitesnake, July 15; Toby Keith w/Trace Adkins, July 19; YES/Asia, July 20; Smokey Robinson, July 23; Def Leppard and Poison w/Cheap Trick, July 24; Big & Rich w/Cowboy Troy, July 25;

Incubus, July 26; Dave Matthews Band, July 28; Anita Baker, July 31; Travis Tritt, Aug. 1; Mayhem Festival, Aug. 2; The Temptations/The Four Tops, Aug. 6; Moody Blues, Aug. 9; Nickelback, Aug. 12; Jimmy Buffett and The Coral Reefer Band, Aug. 13; Mötley Crüe's "Crüe Fest 2," Aug. 15; Demi Lovato w/David Archuleta, Aug. 18; B.B. King w/Robert Cray Band, Aug. 19; Jeff Foxworthy, Aug. 21; Kenny G, Aug. 23; Creed, Aug. 25.
Fillmore: Tragically Hip, May 29-30, Rise Against, June 24, 2115 Woodward, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.
Fox Theatre: Unwiggled & Unplugged: An Evening with Christopher Guest, Michael McKean and Harry Shearer, May 29; Aretha Franklin, July 11, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.
Magic Bag: The Sounds of Seattle Tour, May 30; Neil Innes, June 7; Backyard Tire Fire, June 11; The Tennessee Three, June 19; The Lemonheads, June 21; Taylor Hicks, June 22; The Ciks, June 23; The Church, June 25; Leon Russell, June 26; Dr. John, June 27; Live The Who, July 10; The Original Wailers, Aug. 7; The Why Store, Aug. 14; 40oz. To Freedom, Aug. 16; AJA, Aug. 21, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.
Meadow Brook Music Festival: John Fogerty, May 29; Crosby, Stills & Nash, June 6; "Regeneration Tour" with ABC, Wang Chung, Heaven 17 and Cutting Crew, June 27; Counting Crows w/Augustana, July 8; 1964 The Tribute, July 9; Comedian David Alan Grier, July 11; ABBA The Tour, July 16; Lyle Lovett & His Large Band, July 17; Chris Isaak, July 19; Gordon Lightfoot, July 23; Detroit Symphony Orchestra, July 25, 26 & 31 and Aug. 1-2; Jackson Browne, July 27; Comedian Jim Gaffigan, Aug. 7; George Thorogood & The Destroyers/Jonny Lang, Aug. 16; Peter Frampton, Aug. 22; O.A.R. with special guest Brett Dennen, Sept. 4.

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Majestic Theatre: Peaches, May 21; Doves, May 30; Fischerspooner, May 31; Amanda Lepore, June 7; Blackendfest featuring Mayhem, June 13; X, June 17; The Gories/The Oblivians, June 27; Leftover Crack/Casualties, July 1, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, www.majesticdetroit.com.

Northville Friday Night Concerts: Lady Sunshine & the X Band, June 12; Shawn Riley Band, June 19; Gia Warner, June 26; Randy Brock Band, July 3; Mass Transit Band, July 10; The Kris K Band, July 17; Soul Academy, July 24; Fifty Amp Fuse, July 31, 7-9 p.m., Town Square, (248) 349-7640, www.northville.org.

Palace of Auburn Hills: Billy Joel/Elton John "Face 2 Face Tour," May 21; Yanni, June 5; Keith Urban w/Taylor Swift, June 6; Dane Cook, June 12; No Doubt w/Paramore and Bedouin Soundclash, July 3; Beyonce, July 18; Jonas Brothers w/Jordin Sparks and Honor Society, July 26; The Wiggles, Aug. 14; AC/DC, Aug. 16; Aerosmith w/ZZ Top, Sept. 16; Frank Caliendo/Bill Engvall, Oct. 24, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com.

Royal Oak Music Theatre: Sonic Youth, June 29; Gogol Bordello, June 2; The Derek Trucks Band, June 9; Robin Trower, June 20; Wilco, July 21; Fleet Foxes, Aug. 5; The Decemberists, Aug. 11, 318 W. Fourth, Royal Oak, (800) 919-6272, www.royaloakmusictheatre.com.

St. Andrew's Hall: The Derek Trucks Band, June 9; Metric, June 15; Robin Trower, June 20, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

DANCE

Detroit Opera House: Pilobolus, Oct. 31-Nov. 1; The Cincinnati Ballet presents "The Nutcracker," Dec. 3-6; Ballet Hispanico, Feb. 13-14, 2010; Tchaikovsky Ballet presents "Sleeping Beauty," March 26-28, 2010, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, (313) 237-3426, www.michiganopera.org.
University Musical Society: Compagnie Heddy Maalem "Rite," 8 p.m. Oct. 15; Compagnie Marie Chouinard, "Orpheus and Eurydice," 8 p.m. April 25, and "Rite of Spring," 2 p.m. April 26, www.ums.org.

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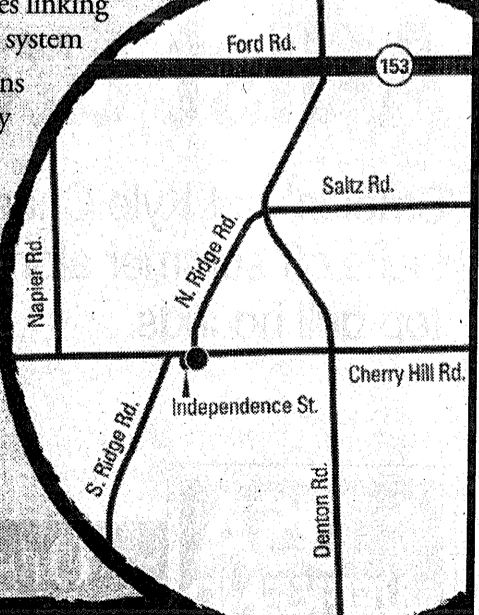



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BravoBravo! Brings Cherry Poppin' Daddies to the D

What do you get when you cross a punk rock rhythm section, a jazz horn section and a jazz keyboardist? The Cherry Poppin' Daddies. The ska band formed in 1990 is celebrating its 19th year of rocking to sold out crowds with hits such as "Zoot Suit Riot," "Diamond Light Boggie" and more. Presented by the Hard Rock Café Detroit, the Cherry Poppin' Daddies will take the main stage of BravoBravo! this year, 7:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, June 5 at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway.

Truly an event for music lovers this year, Bravo Bravo will feature over 10 national and local acts including DJ Capt'n 20, The John Arnold Trio, Malik Alston & the Linwood Ensemble and DJ Frank Raines from Funk Night Detroit. The evening will also feature sounds by the internationally known Chuck Flask, John Johr with a surprise guest presented by Paxahau and Movement Festival.

"This year Bravo Bravo! is really offering something for everyone. With our headlining entertainers the Cherry Poppin' Daddies offering up the best blend of big band and jazz resulting in the boogie beats known as the ska sound, along with the

rest of our entertainment lineup, there is something for everyone," said event Co-Chair Carmen Ross.

Last year's BravoBravo! event sold out with a record crowd of over 2,000 young professionals partying for a cause.

BravoBravo! has become one of the most talked-about and highlighted Detroit fundraisers of the year, as revelers enjoy the sights, sounds, and tastes of Detroit. BravoBravo! offers five indoor areas and an outdoor tent for taking in local music acts, lounging and noshing on food from Detroit's best restaurants and bars.

Tenth Anniversary BravoBravo! guests will discover the theater's main floor covered with a platform joined to the stage to create a large lounge area for mingling and dancing. Unique furnishings to complete the transformation from theater to posh nightclub will be provided by Colonial Party & Event Rental.

Tickets will be available in person at the Detroit Opera House box office or by phone at (313) 237-SING, or online at www.MichiganOpera.org. Attendees must be over 21. For more information, visit www.bravobravo.org.



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20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit, (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskey-boardlounge.com.
Detroit Institute of Arts: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances and more starting at 2 p.m. every Sunday, free with admission, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.
Fox Theatre: Thomas & Friends Live! On Stage, A Circus Comes To Town, June 13-14, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.
Marquis Theatre: "Rumpelstiltskin," Aug. 8-Sept. 20; "Pinky the Flying Ghost," Oct. 17-25; "Pinocchio," Nov. 14-Jan. 24, 2010, tickets, \$8.50, ages 3 and up, 135 E. Main, Northville, (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.
Maybury Farm: Inside Maybury State Park, Beck Road and Eight Mile, Northville, (248) 374-0200, www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org.
Northville Tunes on Tuesday: Park Ranger Boy, June 16; Tom Hodgson, June 23; Rick Kelley, June 30; Gemini, July 7; The Music Lady, July 14; Guy Louis and the Chautauqua Express, July 21; Palamazo, July 28, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Town Square, (248) 349-0203, www.northvilleparksandrec.org.
Palace of Auburn Hills: The Wiggles "Go Bananas Live," Aug. 14, (800) 745-3000, www.ticketmaster.com.

FESTIVALS

Comerica Cityfest: Featuring De La Soul, Buddy Guy local acts, tastings and 2nd Avenue Street Market, July 1-5, free, \$10 tasting coupons, New Center area, Detroit, (313) 872-0188, www.comericacityfest.com.
Movement 2009: May 23-25, Hart Plaza, Detroit; Opening party featuring The Prodigy, May 22, www.paxahau.com.
St. Mary's Polish Country Fair: 50 carnival rides (including a spinning roller coaster), expansive KidZone, Vegas and Bingo tents, live music and dancing, authentic polish food and all-American favorites, May 22-25, 3535 Indian Trail in Orchard Lake, at the intersection of Orchard Lake and Commerce Roads, free; parking, \$7;

all-day ride passes, \$22, \$19 in advance at Meijer, (248) 706-6775, www.stmaryspolishcountryfair.com

FILM

Detroit Shorts: A festival of 60 short films presented by Detroit Film Center, May 28-31, Broadway District, Detroit, panels, workshops and filmmaker roundtables also offered; four awards will recognize Best Local, Best Student, Best International and Best Overall films, www.detroitfilm.org/detroitshorts.
Detroit Film Theatre: 50c movies, mini-festival of great comedies, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 12, Modern Times, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 13, Seven Chances and Sherlock Jr., 2 and 4 p.m. Sunday, June 14, City Lights, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. See www.dia.org/dft or (313) 833-7900.
Henry Ford IMAX: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, (313) 271-1570.
Magic Bag: "It Came From Detroit," music documentary, May 21, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-1991, www.themagicbag.com.
Main Art Theatre: Midnight Madness returns, beginning with "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," May 22-24, 118 North Main Street, Royal Oak, (248) 263-2111, landmarktheatres.com.
Penn Theatre: "Lili," May 21; "Grease," May 28, shows at 7 p.m., \$3, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com.
Redford Theatre: "Mutiny on the Bounty," May 29-30; "Labyrinth," June 12-13; "Mary Poppins," June 26-27; Charlie Chan double feature, July 10-11; "Laura," July 24-25; "Lawrence of Arabia," Aug. 7-9; "Planet of the Apes," Aug. 21-22, 17360 Lahser, Detroit, www.redfordtheatre.com.

JAZZ

Jazz Cafe at Music Hall: Zhelin, master violinist, May 27, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafedetroit.com.

MORE MUSIC

Palmer Woods Music in Homes: Violinist Gabriel Bolkosky and pianist Sarah Bob play Beethoven sonatas and other memorable gems, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 30; Detroit-born violinist Jason Amos, and New York violinist Jannina Barefield, who grew up in Palmer Woods, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 20, (313) 891-2514, palmerwoods.org.
Royal Oak Music Theatre: AEG Live presents Asher Roth and Kid Cudi

live at the Royal Oak Music Theatre on Saturday, July 18, 318 W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak, (248)399-2980. Buy tickets at www.romtlive.com, all tickets.com outlets, or (800)919-6272.

Trinity House Theatre: Common Room Variety Show, May 29-30; Rachael Davis and May Erlewine, June 5; The Laws w/ Bill Bynum and Co., June 6; Jason Harrod, June 12; Neil Woodward, June 13; Jennifer Daniels, June 19; Black Jake and the Carnies and Orpheum Bell, June 20; Chrome Folk BBQ, June 26; Edie Carey, June 27; 38840 Six Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-6302, www.trinity-house.org.
Village Theatre at Cherry Hill: elmoTHUMM, May 23, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, (734) 394-5300, www.canton-mi.org/village-theater.

MUSEUMS

Charles H. Wright Museum: Freedom's Sisters of the Future workshop, for young women ages 12-21, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 23. The focus is on setting and achieving life-long goals. Advance reservations required. 313-494-5823, CThomas@MAAH-Detroit.org, 315 East Warren Ave., Detroit, (313) 494-5800, www.mah-detroit.org.
Cranbrook Art Museum: Forum Gallery openings, student work, 5-9 p.m. Fridays, each week of the academic year; 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (877) 60-CRANBROOK, www.cranbrook.edu.
Cranbrook Institute of Science: "Hatching the Past," through Sept. 6; Planetarium shows Friday nights and weekends; 11 permanent exhibits, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3200, <http://science.cranbrook.edu>.
Detroit Institute of Arts: "On Life and Loss: The Polish Photographs of Roman Vishniac and Jeffrey Gusk," through July 12; "American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell," through May 31; "Learning by Line: The Role and Purpose of Drawing in the 18th Century," through June 15, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-7900.
Detroit Historical Museum: "Detroit's Chinatown: Works in Progress" through July 4; "Detroit's Classic TV Personalities" through Sept. 6. Standing exhibits include Streets of Old Detroit, Frontiers to Factories, The Motor City, and The Glancy Trains, 5401 Woodward, Detroit, www.detroithistorical.org, (313) 833-1805.
Detroit Science Center: "Star Trek: The Exhibition," 5020 John R, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitsciencecenter.org.
Greenfield Village: Civil War Remembrance May 23-25, with re-enactors. Concert and world premiere of 1874 poem "The Last Camp

by Port Huron resident J. Wesley Benedict, 7 p.m. Saturday in the Town Hall, recited by University of Michigan professor and Metropolitan Opera tenor George Shirley. Accompanied by Dodworth Saxhorn Band playing original musical score by Michigan composer E. George Osius. Tribute to nation's military at noon Monday on Village Green, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, (313) 982-6001 or thehenryford.org.
Plymouth Historical Museum: "In the Presence of Lincoln," through Nov. 4, 155 S. Main St. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Admission, \$5; \$2 for students 6-17; \$10 for families. Tour groups can be accommodated, (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org.

OPERA

Detroit Opera House: "Nabucco," Oct. 17-24; "A Little Night Music," Nov. 14-21; "Don Giovanni," April 17-24, 2010; "Tosca," May 8-15, 2010, Michigan Opera Theatre, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, www.michiganopera.org.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Detroit Historical Society: Weekly "Behind the Scenes" series, 6 p.m. May 28. Tour of the College for Creative Studies. Cost: \$20 society members, \$30 for guests. Tickets not sold the day of the tour. Meet at 5401 Woodward Ave. (313) 833-1801, or www.detroithistorical.org.
Green Drinks Detroit: 2nd monthly Green Drinks Detroit Happy Hour Networking Event, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, Majestic Café on Woodward in Detroit Connect on issues of sustainability and green living in metro Detroit, www.greendrinksdetroit.com, (313)345-2004.
Penn Grill & Bar: Karaoke Tuesdays, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., 820 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 453-3570.
Powwow: North American Indian Association of Detroit presents "Teaching Our Traditions Powwow" May 30-31, Bishop State Park, Brighton, rustic camping available, (810) 229-8977, www.naiavets.org.

THEATER - COMMUNITY

Emergent Arts Company: "The Mousetrap," May 21-24, Arthur Miller Theater, The Walgreen Center, 1226 Murfin Ave. Ann Arbor, (734) 330-7815, www.emergentarts.com.
St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook: "The Producers," 8 p.m. May 29-June 13, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, outdoor Cranbrook Greek Theatre next to the indoor theatre, (248) 737-3587, www.StDunstansTheatre.com.

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Canton hosts splash pad party

With temperatures now on the rise, everyone is invited to cool off at the Canton Leisure Services Splash Pad Party. This kick-off-the-summer event will take place 5:30-8 p.m. Friday, May 29 at Heritage Park.

You can splash and splash for free with your family, friends and neighbors all evening long, but the splash pad won't be the only source of entertainment. A variety of activities will be available, including dancing, games and crafts, as well as a local DJ spinning family-friendly tunes. Canton Leisure Service's Mobile Rec team will also be on hand with a rock climbing wall and sports bouncer. All of the entertainment will be at no charge and concessions will be available for a nominal fee.

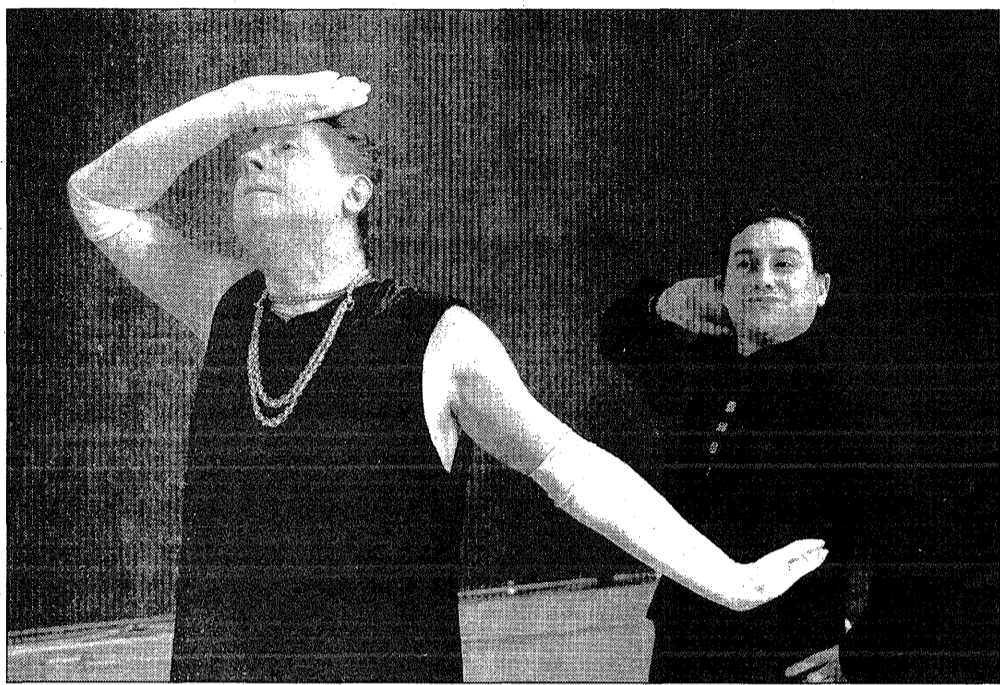
The Heritage Park Splash Pad has a zero-depth surface that does not hold standing

water, so even small children and toddlers can enjoy this outdoor aquatic play area. With water elements ranging from gentle mists to dynamic interactive play, there's something for everyone on those hot summer days, including a rainbow semicircular shower. Water shoes are recommended for children and adult supervision is required at all times. Please remember that no pets are allowed at the Splash Pad.

So grab the kids, a towel and a lawn chair and join the fun at the Splash Pad, just east of The Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, and say goodbye to spring and hello summer!

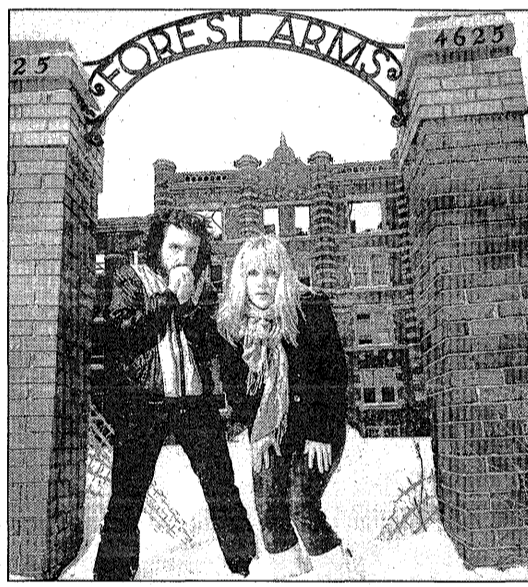
For more information on the Splash Pad Party or any of the family fun events Canton Leisure Services has to offer, visit cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

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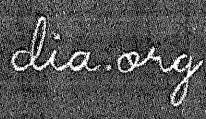
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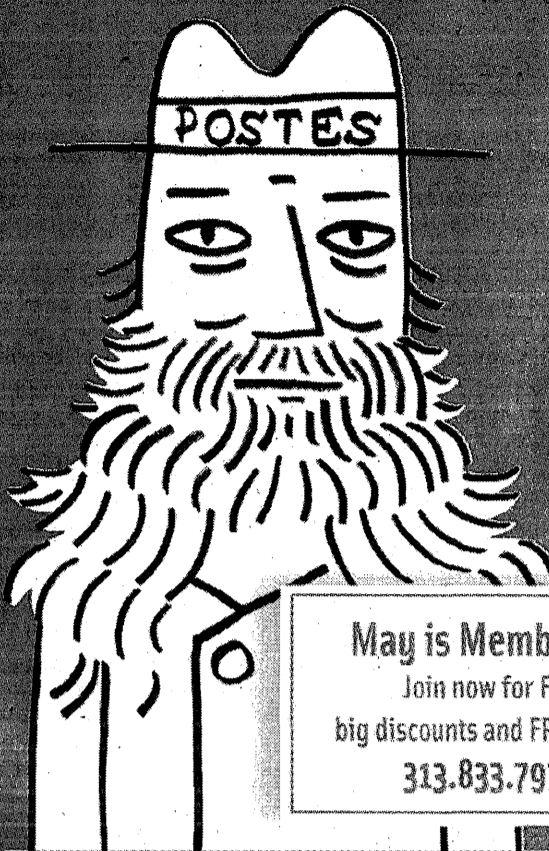
St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook will become the first local theatre group to present "The Producers" May 29-June 13 at The Greek Theatre on Lone Pine Road between Cranbrook and Lahser in Bloomfield Hills. Mel Brooks' Tony Award-winning romp tells of two theatre producers, Max Bialystock (Mitch Master of Bloomfield Hills) and Leo Bloom (Patrick Kilbourn of Troy) who cook up a scheme to oversell interest in a Broadway flop. When "Springtime for Hitler" becomes an unexpected hit, madcap complications arise. The play opens with a fund raising event on May 29, (\$75), which includes a private pre-party with hors d'oeuvres, desserts, beer, wine, and VIP seating. General admission tickets are \$20, adults; \$18, students and seniors. Call (248) 737-3587 or visit www.StDunstansTheatre.com.



Hard Lessons release CD

Oak Park-based The Hard Lessons are celebrating the release of their new CD "Arms Forest" with three local club dates. They'll play The Belmont May 21 and Small's Bar May 22, both in Hamtramck; and Lager House in Detroit May 23 with an early all ages BBQ. The indie rock band is husband-and-wife team Augie Visocchi (vocals, electric and acoustic guitars, fuzz bass, mandolin, piano, kazoo, percussion, vacuum) and Korin Louise Visocchi (vocals, piano, synthesizers, Hammond organ bass, autoharp, glockenspiel, cornet, percussion). The couple got inspiration for their hauntingly defiant CD from the abandoned Forest Arms Hotel in Detroit, and their music and liner notes contain many Detroit references. Visit www.myspace.com/thehardlessons.





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GREAT WINE WALK

FARMINGTON HILLS — Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute will celebrate the 14th year of its popular Great Lakes Great Wine Walk Around Tasting 6-8:30 p.m. tonight, May 21, at the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

Samples of over 500 wines, as well as signature foods from Metropolitan Detroit's top restaurants, will again be offered on the third floor of the campus' J Building.

Participants are invited to stroll, taste and enjoy the music of the Sheila Landis Trio while enjoying food from such famed dining establishments as Steve & Rocky's, Peabody's, NoVI Chophouse, Traveling Tea Times, the Cookie Lodge and others.

Admission, \$55 at the door, benefit culinary student scholarships, or travel expenses for the school's competing culinary teams.

The Orchard Ridge Campus is located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696.

BLU MYNT OPENS

GARDEN CITY — The Blu Mynt, owned by Mo Berro, recently opened at 31408 Ford, just west of Merriman, in Garden City.

The restaurant serves Middle Eastern cuisine like hummus, tabbouleh, shish tawook and shwarma, as well as hamburgers and subs. Lunch specials start at \$6.99, and dinner specials at \$10.99. The Blu Mynt also offers a new feature aimed at attracting younger patrons later in the evening. Along with a coffee and juice bar — the business doesn't sell alcohol — Berro has a hookah bar for customers over age 18.

"People smoke flavored tobacco — it's for the lounge and that time after dinner. It's been very popular," said

Berro. "We have an area with couches like you would have at Starbucks and a television. Any age can come. It's a good place to hang out. There's no other place like it in Garden City."

SIVE DAILY SPECIALS

PLYMOUTH — 5ive

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LA HOOKAH LOUNGE

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CANTON MARKET CONTINUES

CANTON — Canton Farmers Market continues 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays at the Bartlett-Travis House, located at 500 N. Ridge. It will be open every Sunday through Oct. 25 rain or shine at the historic site.

New and returning vendors will offer a wide-variety of merchandise, as it becomes available, including fresh fruits and vegetables, bread, baked goods, flowers, herbs, jellies, jams, cider, honey and much more. Opening day will include the Spice Up Your Summer Cook Off Series challenge, featuring the Best Burger Blowout. Call (734) 398-5570 x 5 or visit www.leisure.cantonmi.org.

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Women Habitat workers build for the cause

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, May 2 and 9, women volunteers began making a dream come true for one new partner family by starting the build of a new Habitat home in Pontiac. The building day was in recognition of National Women Build Week, May 2-10, sponsored by Lowe's with Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County.

Debbie Hendrickson, construction manager for the affiliate, said this is the second year for the local women's effort.

"To encourage women to come out

and build with us. Also just be part of the solution for poverty housing, and let women know they can do this stuff, too," she said of reasons for the build.

Last year, about 20 women plus some extra service people just as helpers with food were involved. "We're hoping about 20 again, 15 to 20 people," the Oxford resident said just before the event on May 2. Organizers continued the build on Saturday, May 9, both Saturdays within National Women Build Week.

There are homes nearby Raeburn Street in Pontiac where the women worked, she said, but not right on that street. "We're just continuing work in the neighborhood."



Hendrickson agreed women who haven't grown up taking shop or fixing their own homes may doubt their skill levels on home improvement. If encouraged, "they certainly can do this as well," she said.

She noted women have housing needs, including for their children.

"It's so much harder for a single mom to make the wage and provide for the family. This is certainly quite a large need in our area," Hendrickson said.

Organizers appreciate



The Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County volunteers were proud of their accomplishments.

Lowe's underwriting, which involves time, money and resources. They had Women Build clinics at Lowe's in Pontiac leading up to the event. See the affiliate Web site at habitatoakland.org for details on efforts of Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County.

Developed through the partnership between Lowe's and Habitat for Humanity, National Women Build Week celebrates the compassion, dedication, talents and abilities of women from all walks of life. The goal is to both showcase the accomplishments of Habitat's women volunteers and invite new women volunteers to

join the effort to provide decent, safe, affordable housing.

Sally LePla, Habitat executive director and a Rochester Hills resident, said, "The Women Build effort is of growing importance and has been for the past few years."

Women can "raise walls and build a new home for a family. It's very exciting to see the women out on the build site, because they bring a candor and camaraderie," LePla said.

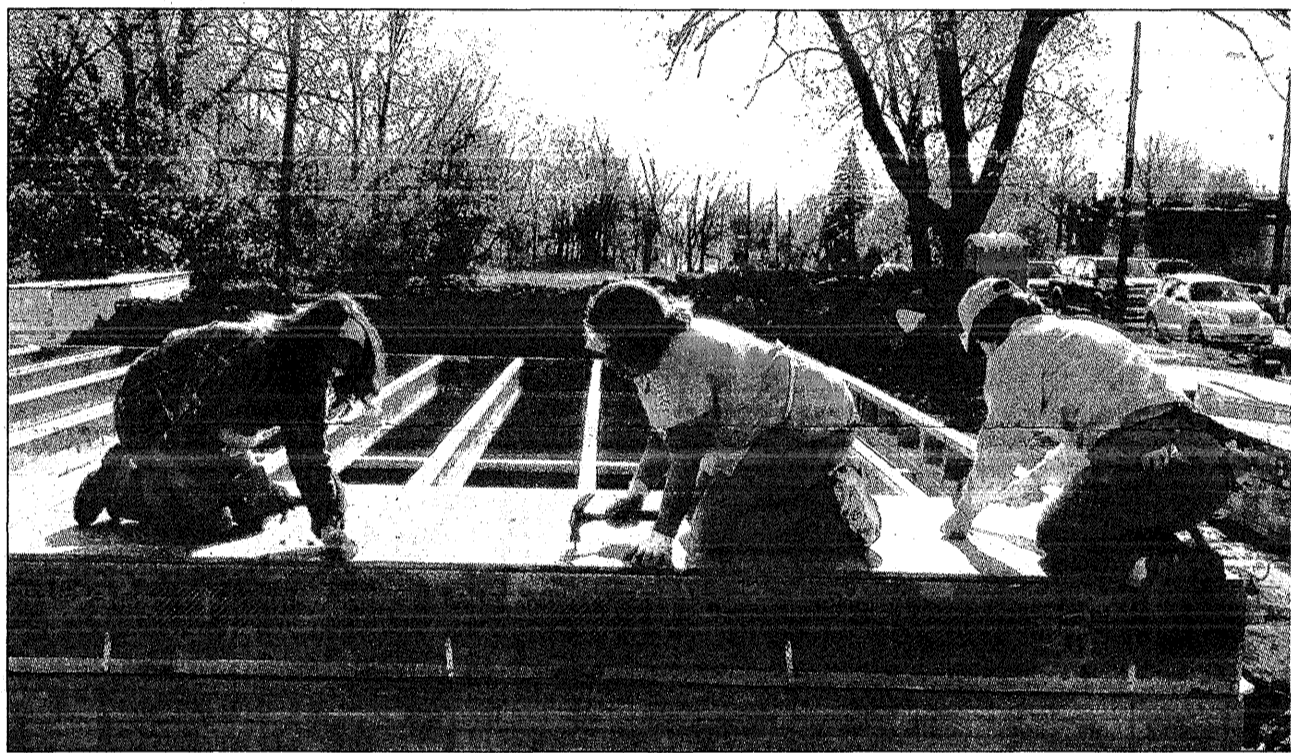
There are lots of additional volunteer opportunities, LePla said. "We'd welcome anyone who's interested in volunteering." Call her at (248) 338-1843, Ext. 223.

LePla, who was at the local Women Build, noted the affiliate's ReStore now carries pink tool belts, so women can make a "statement that women can do many, many things."

The affiliate also needs new or gently used furniture, as well as bathroom fixtures and those for the kitchen, she added. A deconstruction crew can come to your home and remove items if you're planning to remodel. Those used items are then sold in the Habitat ReStore, supporting the Christian ministry to provide affordable housing.

The week leading up to Mother's Day was selected for its significance to many volunteers, as families with children make up a staggering number of those in need of adequate housing: more than 12 million children — one in six — live in poverty housing in the U.S. alone.

Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County, located at 150 Osmun St. in Pontiac, has already built 96 homes, housing approximately 280 people, about 185 of them children/teens from newborn to college age.



Volunteers work on the home during the local part of National Women Build Week, May 2-10, sponsored by Lowe's with Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County.

Senior community can offer waiver

Q: We are an age restricted community and we are wondering if we can provide any hardship waivers or automatic waivers to people who are not 55?

A: Some age restrictive covenants provide governing boards to provide hardship waivers or even automatic hardship waivers. However, developers must realize that

there are no exceptions to the 80 percent requirement under federal law and communities may create exceptions only if the exceptions do not result in

a violation of the 80 percent requirement. When the age 55 or older occupant of the unit passes away, leaving an underage 55 widow or widower, a hardship exception may be granted automatically or at the board's discretion only when there is room to do so, and the 20/80 ratio has not yet been reached. A recommended approach is to impose a bright line covenant (for example, each unit must be occupied by at least one person 55 years of age or older) while including the community documents the flexibility to grant hardship exceptions or waive enforcement for a certain period of time, while allowing those with sudden hardships time to relocate but these exceptions can be made only if the community would still satisfy the 80/20 ratio.

Q: I am wondering if there is any case law that suggests that one can have an untrained pet as a reasonable accommodation for depression.

A: At least in California, that is the case based on several cases out of the California Courts as well as the 9th Circuit confirming the use of an untrained pet as a reasonable accommodation. An accommodation should state that the co-owner/tenant has a disability and explain how the requested accommodation will be helpful. In addition, the applicant should include a note from his or her service provider, such as a doctor or therapist, verifying the need for a support animal. The applicant need not disclose the details of the disability nor provide a detailed medical history. Obviously, the applicant requesting an emotional support animal as a reasonable accommodation must demonstrate a relationship between his or her ability to function and the companionship of the animal. Federal law does not require the applicant, however, to provide proof of training or certification of the animal.

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BRIEFS

Weir Manuel

Weir Manuel Realtors announced that Carole Eizelman has joined the Weir Manuel team in the Birmingham office. A Realtor for 31 years, Eizelman spent the past six years as a producing manager at her former employer serving Bloomfield Hills, Rochester and Troy. She is the recipient of a President's Circle Realtor Award.

Kelly Sweeney, owner and CEO of Weir Manuel, said, "We are proud that Carole chose to make the move to our elite team of real estate professionals. She has an exceptional background in real estate and has a tremendous track record of client satisfaction."

Weir Manuel Realtors is a leading real estate company providing brokerage and property management services in Southeast Michigan, with more than 150 professionals in three Michigan offices: Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Rochester. Its award-winning interactive Web site, which includes live assistance, is at www.weirmanuel.com.

May 28 Summit

The Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors with Bank of America will present an Affordable Housing Summit Thursday, May 28, exploring key topics and mortgage alternatives in today's residential lending environment.

The free event includes a panel discussion about industry trends featuring MCAR CEO Walt Baczkowski and experts from Bank of America, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, Southwest Housing Solutions Corporation and Freddie Mac.

Attendees will also learn about flexible solutions for homebuyers, including homebuyer education and counseling programs, down payment assistance and bond programs. Home financing and the local econo-

my will also be addressed.

Bank of America representatives will be on hand to talk about how the company can help Realtors meet their clients' needs with FHA and VA loans (with flexible guidelines and a dedicated fulfillment team), Neighborhood Champions Protected Mortgage (for teachers, firefighters, police and medical professionals) and other home financing solutions, including refinancing options.

The summit runs 9:30 a.m. to noon at MCAR's Troy location. Continental breakfast and check-in begin at 9 a.m. Seating is limited. Send your name, company/organization and phone number in an e-mail to: NL_Event_Central@bankofamerica.com.

BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present a Mid-Year Economic Forecast on Wednesday, June 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Centerpoint Marriott, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway in Pontiac.

John Augustine, CFA, Chief Investment Strategist, Fifth Third Private Bank, will lead the forecast, presenting what the housing industry can expect for the remainder of 2009. He is a frequent media guest on CNBC and Bloomberg. He has been practicing portfolio management for more than 17 years.

Registration fees, including lunch, are \$30 for BIA members and \$50 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present a certified graduate course, Profitable Business Through Quality Process. The course will be held at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills on Monday, June 8, from 8 a.m.

to 3 p.m. The seminar counts toward Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR), Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB), Graduate Master Builder (GMB), Graduate Master Remodeler, and Master Certified Sales Professional (MCSF) designations.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builder Professional Services Group, Inc. will present methods to help participants exceed customer expectations and increase repeat business by delivering exceptional service to their customers.

Participants will learn key strategies for creating value and providing a quality building/remodeling experience for homeowners. Registration fees are \$155 for National Association of Home Builders Professional Remodelers Council (NAHBR) members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests.

For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present Green Built™ of Southeastern Michigan Training on Wednesday, June 10, from 9-10:30 a.m. at association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Construction and Development Services, LLC will discuss building with materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement.

Topics will include building more energy efficient, more durable and more environmentally sustainable homes with emphasis on indoor environmental quality. There is no charge. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 2-6, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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6335 Raintree Dr \$110,000
595 Sandalwood Ct \$240,000

Farmington Hills
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38271 Remington Park \$173,000

Garden City
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Livonia

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Thursday

PUZZLE CORNER

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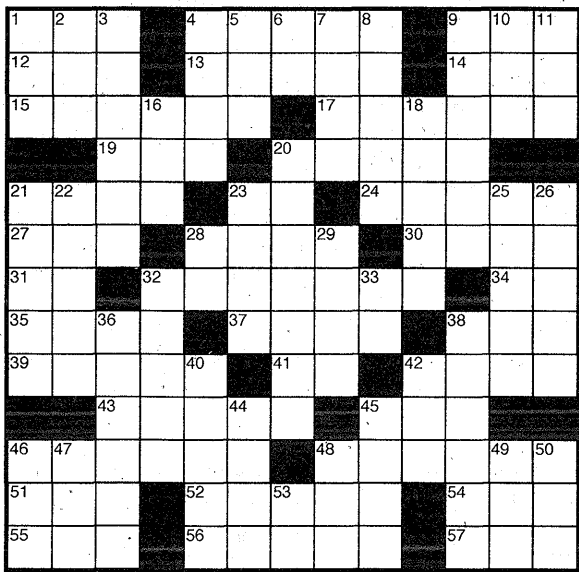
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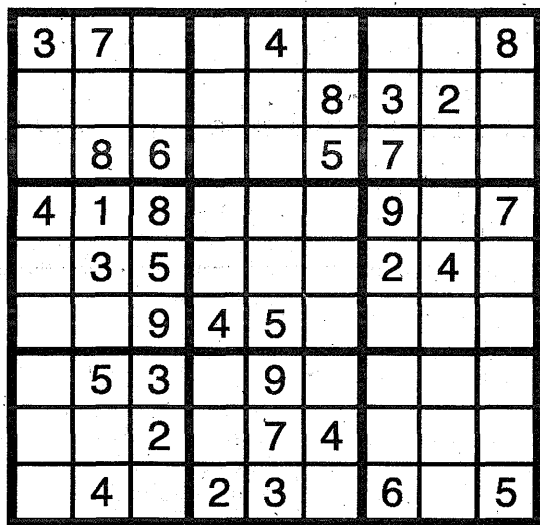
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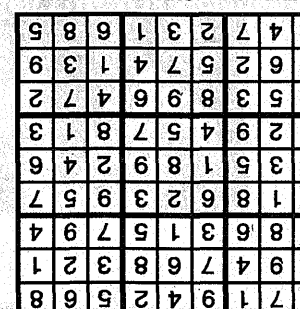
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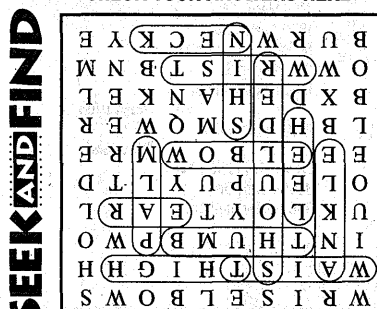
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Pickups Remain Vital Segment for Chevrolet and Nissan

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By Dale Buss

There's a reason that General Motors, Nissan, and other pickup-truck makers continue to advertise their brands so heavily.

"Pickup-truck sales tend to lead the country out of recessions," said John Schwegman, group manager of Chevrolet truck and product marketing. "And we think that market recovers quickly."

All the manufacturers hope to tap into an expected deluge of demand once the federal government releases substantial chunks of the hundreds of billions of dollars of construction funds included in the economic-stimulus package. Some already are making blatant appeals in that direction. A recent TV ad for GMC's Sierra line, for example, puts it: "Sierra: Because America can't rebuild itself."

In the meantime, of course, the pickup-truck market is a mere fraction of its former self, populated by financially squeezed and ever-more-demanding core buyers. They are construction contractors, farmers, ranchers and other small-business owners as well as "mixed-use" buyers who might also utilize their trucks for recreational purposes such as hunting, fishing and jaunts to a vacation home.

Because of these characteristics, there are some strong commonalities in how leading players in the market are marketing their pickups now:

- Feats of mechanical derring-do are less important but still glorified, most prominently in the TV-advertising

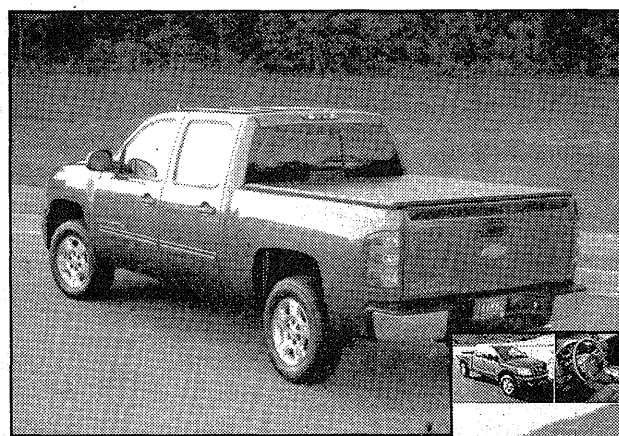
launch campaign for the new Ram. The centerpiece was the Dodge Ram Challenge, a "real-life, high-energy product attribute demonstration pitting American icons against one another on an obstacle course built in the rough California terrain," as Chrysler put it.

- Most OEMs continue to slather thousands of dollars of incentives on the hood of each new truck that they want to sell — simply because in this economy, lush incentives amount to mere table stakes. "With the tough economic climate, everyone's looking at every penny they're spending and factoring that into the purchase consideration more than they ever have been," said Schwegman said.
- And more truck marketing now concentrates on features such as enhanced fuel economy, hauling utility, and reduced cost of ownership.

First-quarter sales for the Silverado line, GM's largest truck nameplate, plunged by more than 45 percent, according to Edmunds.com data, and are projected to come out at only about 270,000 units for all of 2009, down more than 60 percent from their 2005 peak of 706,000 units.

And, of course, GM is the only one of the Detroit Three that hasn't refreshed its product line in the last several months.

So in Silverado advertising, Schwegman is focusing on what he described as the long-term attributes of the line: "power, pulling and payload." He also is



The XFE version of the Chevrolet Silverado provides a fuel-economy burst.



Nissan's Titan has been refreshed for 2010; here's the 2009 model

emphasizing what he described as the products' segment-leading costs of ownership and resale value.

"Our 100,000-mile power train warranty, for one thing, is a key to cost of ownership — and Ford doesn't have it," Schwegman noted. "Dodge has a version but it isn't as comprehensive."

GM also is touting the XFE (for "extra fuel economy") versions of Silverado and Sierra. Utilizing lighter-weight materials, a slightly different axle ratio, and a tonneau cover as standard, GM engineers were able to squeeze out an extra half-mile per gallon on the highway and the city. "In the current environment," Schwegman said, "every half-mile counts."

Nissan has always brought up the rear in this segment with its Titan line, a position on which it seems to be solidifying its hold. Edmunds.com projects that Titan will sell only 18,000 units for all of 2009, which would represent an 80-percent fall from its 2005 sales peak.

But Vinay Shahani, director of truck

marketing for Nissan USA, said that "there's no way we can sit this out; we have to play the game." So Nissan is taking what he called "a very pragmatic approach to marketing [Titan] in this environment."

Among other things, that means Nissan is focusing on the inherent value of Titan. For example, it is launching the 2010 Heavy Metal edition of the vehicle, which features a chrome billet grille, side rails, rear-view mirror's and wheels for a package price of about \$1,200 — on separately valued components that would total about \$2,500.

"That speaks value to the customer and allows the dealers to have a very strong message," Shahani said.

In advertising, he said, Titan's new theme is "Look closer." "It allows us to focus on ours versus competitive models, and consumers will find that our value proposition is outstanding," Shahani explained. "It underscores the much more pragmatic approach we need to take in this kind of economy."

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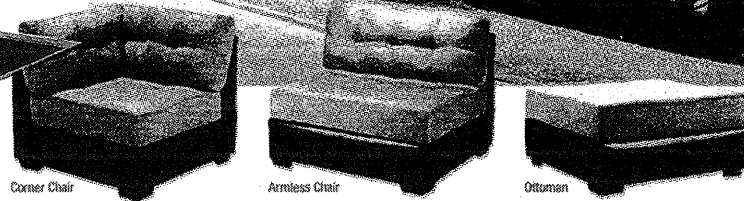
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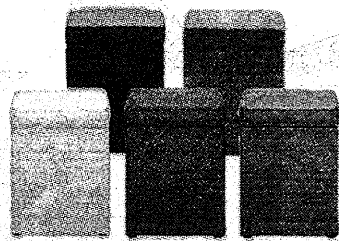
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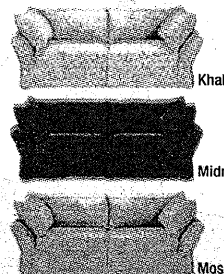
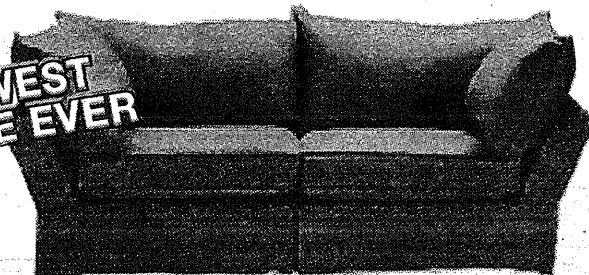


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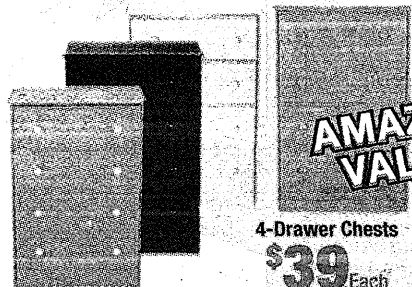
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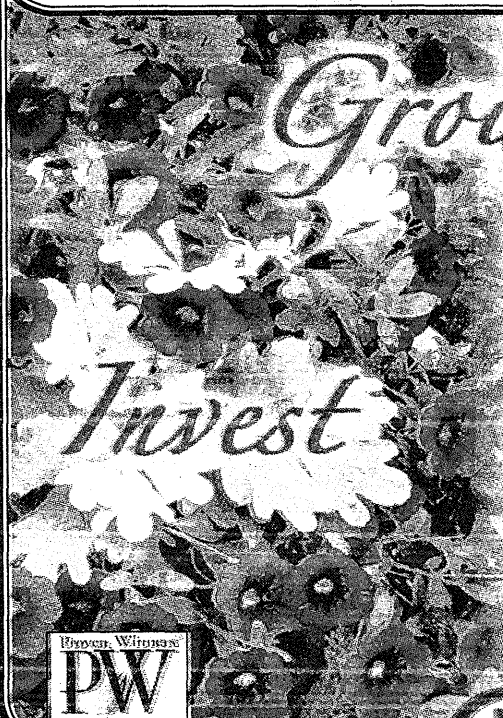
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Spring and summer gardening can be a great whole-body workout to shed extra winter weight. Weight-bearing activities such as digging and lifting can build muscle, and aerobic activities such as raking, mowing and hoeing can burn calories. A 180-pound person will use 202 calories during 30 minutes of digging, spad-

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You'll also want to protect yourself from excess sun exposure. Wear a hat and use a sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15. Drink adequate fluids to avoid becoming dehydrated, and retreat to someplace cooler if you feel yourself getting overheated.

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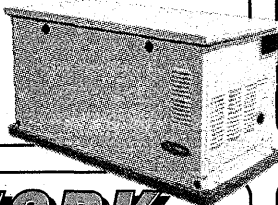
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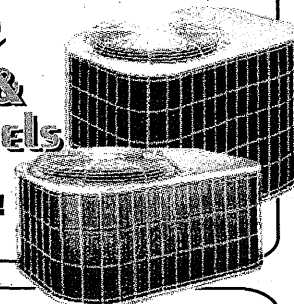
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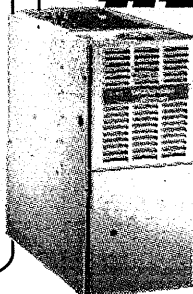
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MAINTAIN YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM TO SAVE MONEY AND LANDSCAPING LONG-TERM

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Even the most serene of backyards can turn into a swamp overnight if you're not maintaining your home septic system.

In Oakland County along, there are 80,000 onsite sewage disposal systems on resident and commercial properties.

If and when a septic system fails, untreated domestic waste can spread all over your yard — and wreak havoc on your perfectly pruned landscaping.

Not only will this be a disappointment, it can be a hazard to your health. Bacteria and viruses from human waste can cause dysentery, hepatitis and typhoid fever. Many serious outbreaks of these diseases have been attributed to contaminated drinking water.

If you're planning to put time and effort into your garden or landscaping this summer, it's important to keep up with routine maintenance on your septic system to avoid destroying your scenery and hard work.

For the long haul

Proper septic maintenance and operation have a huge impact on how well a

system works and how long it will last. And for many homeowners, it is their sole responsibility to keep on the maintenance.

Oakland County recommends that homeowners have their septic tanks pumped every two to three years. Jim Carothers of Al Pearson's Septic Cleaning & Repair suggests two years is ideal.

"If you feel that you're using your tank a lot, then I suggest pumping it every year," Carothers said. "With the economy the way it is, everyone is pulling back somewhere. A lot of my work lately is people having problems because they haven't been maintaining their systems. This ends of being a costly service if you don't take care of it. Eventually, you'll be paying thousands of dollars for repairs if you go without maintenance."

Replacing an entire septic system can cost anywhere from \$3,000 to \$10,000 compared to \$100 to \$300 to have your tank routinely pumped.

Dan Rose, owner of Rose Excavating in South Lyon, said there are simple warning signs to watch for when a septic problem is on the rise.

"The first sign is your drain is going slow or water is coming up in your yard," Rose said. "If the septic field is lower than the tank, then you'll start getting wet spots in your yard, and that means sewage isn't going down anymore."

Rose said many homeowners in the South Lyon area operate septic systems on their property.

"In South Lyon, just about everybody past Dixboro Road going into Brighton

have septic fields," he said. "Going south, just about everyone from 8 Mile Road toward Ann Arbor has septic fields. Only the South Lyon city limits are hooked up to sewers, but there are still a lot of subdivisions in nearby areas that aren't hooked up."

How it works

A septic system consists of two parts: a tank and a drainfield. Household wastewater flows into the tank where it will stay for at least one day. The tank is designed to retain waste and heavy solids that will settle at the bottom. The scum is broken down over time, but the tank can't break down all of it on its own. For this reason, tanks need to be pumped routinely. As more wastewater enters the tank, water is pushed out into the drainfield. If too much water is pushed into the tank at a time, this can result in untreated wastewater flowing into the field.

What not to flush

There are other measures homeowners can take to maintain their septic systems besides a routine pumping.

What you put into your septic system will greatly impact how it operates. The National Environmental Services Center (NESC) recommends avoiding putting solids into your tank, whether that be by flushing them or putting them down your kitchen and bathroom sinks. Avoid allowing food scraps, grease and cooking oils to go down your kitchen sink, too.

In the bathroom, the toilet should not be used to dispose of plastics, paper towels, facial tissues, tampons, sanitary napkins, cigarette butts, dental floss, condoms, kitty litter, etc. Try to stick to wastewater and toilet paper that breaks down easily and quickly.

LET A PROFESSIONAL DO THE GRUNT WORK

Gardening and landscaping are pleasing hobbies for many homeowners, but not all aspects of home and garden care are as enjoyable as planting a flowerbed.

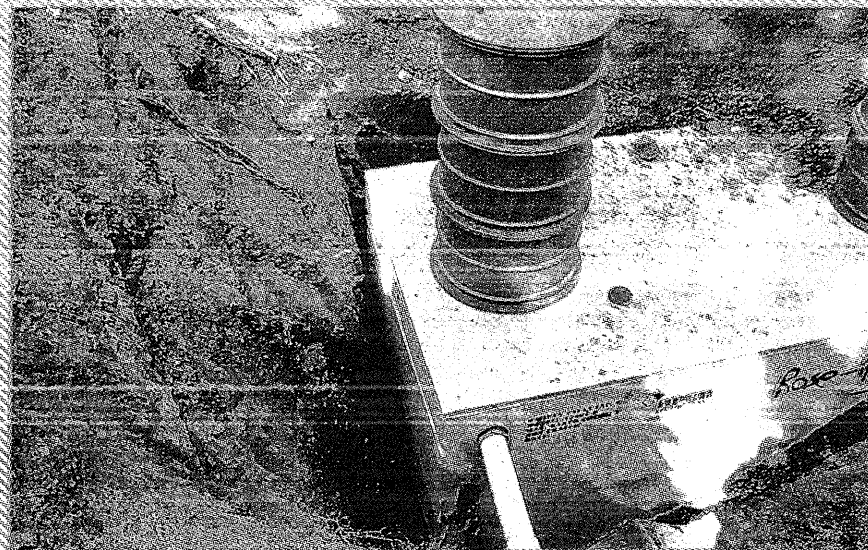
Hire a professional for the following services:

- Septic system cleaning, repair, replacement and installation
- Gravel driveway repair — driveways should be repaved and regraded every 8-10 years. Lack of maintenance can result in mud puddles, sink holes and car damage.
- Product hauling — hire a professional to transport top soil, sand and gravel for larger projects.
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The NESC also recommends using household cleaners in moderation, as it makes sense to keep all toxic and hazardous chemicals out of your septic tank system. Even small amounts of paints, varnishes, paint thinners, waste oil, anti-freeze, photographic solutions, pharmaceuticals, antibacterial soaps, gasoline, oil, pesticides and other organic chemicals can destroy helpful bacteria and the biological digestion taking place within your system.

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Garden Superstars for Spring 2009

From picture-perfect roses to containers that are works of art, spring 2009 promises wonderful color and exciting new products for garden lovers everywhere.

"People want shrubs and plants that look great, are easy to grow, are good for the environment and perform well in their gardens," says Susan McCoy, garden writer and trend spotter. "That's just what the new products this spring promise to deliver."

McCoy reveals a few of her favorite garden superstars for spring 2009 to help scratch that itch to get out in the garden after a long winter.

Let the Sun Shine

McCoy loves "Sunny Knock Out," the newest addition to the Knock Out Family of Roses (www.TheKnockOutRose.com). It lives up to the Knock Out reputation for blooming continuously with little to no effort, and is naturally resistant to rust, mildew, blackspot, Japanese beetles and rose midge, making it easy



Sunny Knock Out blooms continuously with little or no effort.

to avoid harsh chemicals. It is bright yellow, the latest trendy color, and has a mild, sweet fragrance. From Canada to the Gulf states, you can expect the same profusion of sunny blooms on this compact shrub that grows up to 4.5 feet tall, making it perfect to mix

in flower beds, for mass plantings or as a specimen plant.

Tropicals Sizzle in Your Garden

Add lots of color right up until fall's first frost with the new Sun Parasol Crimson mandevilla. This easy tropical from Costa Farms (www.SunParasol.net) has huge crimson red, bell-shaped velvety blooms that cover the 12- to 15-foot vines, making it perfect for hanging baskets, containers, climbing up a trellis or in a landscape. Available in "Pretty" and "Giant" sizes, Sun Parasol Crimson comes in a 10-inch hanging basket or a 6-inch pot with or without a trellis. Either way, the saucer-sized blooms will add some tropical zest to your garden landscape, decks, patios and apartment balconies. Plant these beauties in six to eight hours of sun each day.

Pot up Some History

For instant garden style, McCoy loves the latest "designer" containers and accessories from Campania International (www.CampaniaInternational.com). The 2009 Chicago Collection reflects the city's prairie style and art deco traditions with clean lines and minimal design. If you appreciate historical craftsmanship, the 18th century Colonial Williamsburg collection contains an array of garden containers, including cast-stone replicas of urns that blend a refined look with a contemporary feel. From window boxes to birdbaths, their accents will add an elegant touch inside or outside your home.

Grow 'em Right

Start your containers off right with peat-free, organic potting soil. The Organic Mechanics (www.organicmechanics.com) "Container Blend" is made of 100 percent organic materials from recycled agricultural waste products. With this rich potting mix, you'll water less but your container plants will flower more and look greener. Plus the nutrient-rich product is reusable, a real cost benefit for gardeners. Perfect for all your containers, hanging baskets and window boxes, it is available this spring in Mid-Atlantic garden centers and Whole Foods stores.

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The saucer-sized blooms of Sun Parasol Crimson mandevilla add tropical zest to your garden.

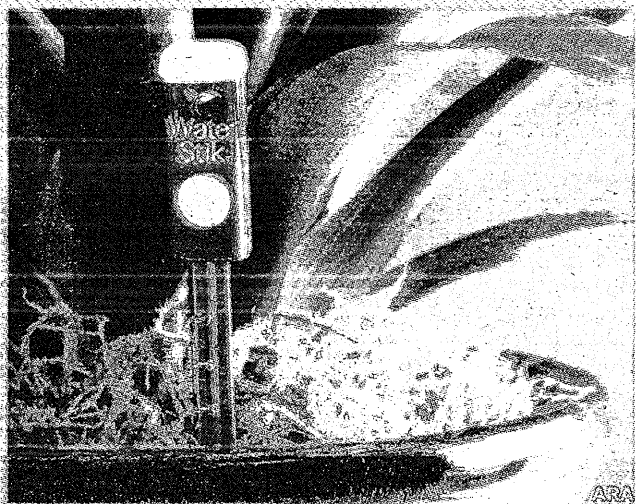
Tickled Pink

This first-ever pink blueberry — "Pink Lemonade" — is a sweet new introduction from Briggs Nursery (www.BriggsNursery.com), and one of the most exciting new plants McCoy has seen in years. The pink blueberry bush provides delicious fruit rich in antioxidants plus four seasons of color — white flowers in spring, bright pink fruit in summer, great fall color and finally dusky auburn stems in winter. Growing about five feet around, this ornamental shrub looks great as a hedge border or stand-alone shrub with the added benefit of tasting great in cereal and pies, or to feed the wildlife.

Drowning With Love

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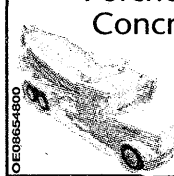
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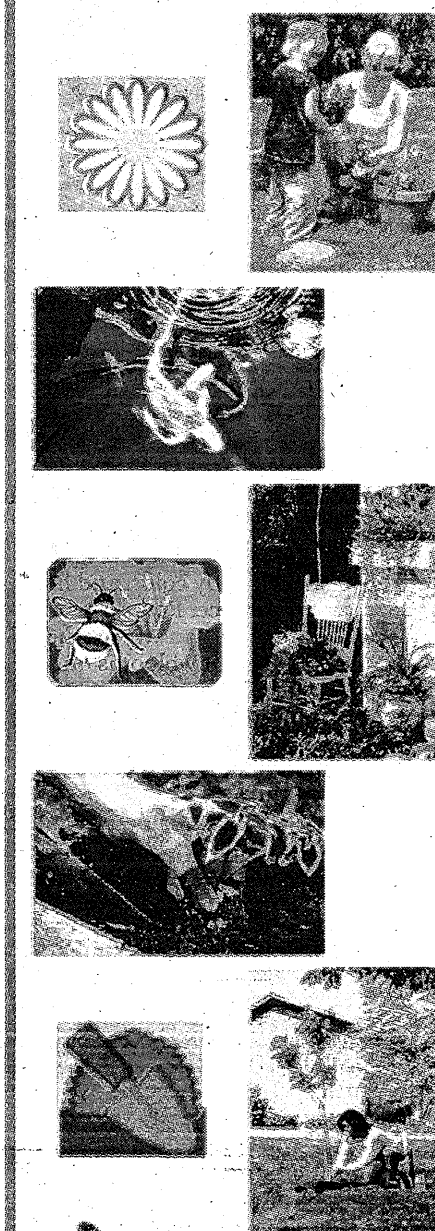


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But the researchers aren't just pouring water on our coals; they're coming up with solutions, too. Chemists at Kansas State University found that marinating meat for an hour in spice blends can reduce the formation of HCAs by 80 percent or more. They credit the antioxidant properties of spices with this change. Other researchers suggest that marinades may buffer the heat that causes the problematic chemical reaction, or that a combination of sugar, oil, and acidic ingredients decreases the carcinogenic compounds.

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For safe and delicious grilling with marinades:

- Choose lean cuts of meat, which will drip less and produce less smoke. Trim excess fat.

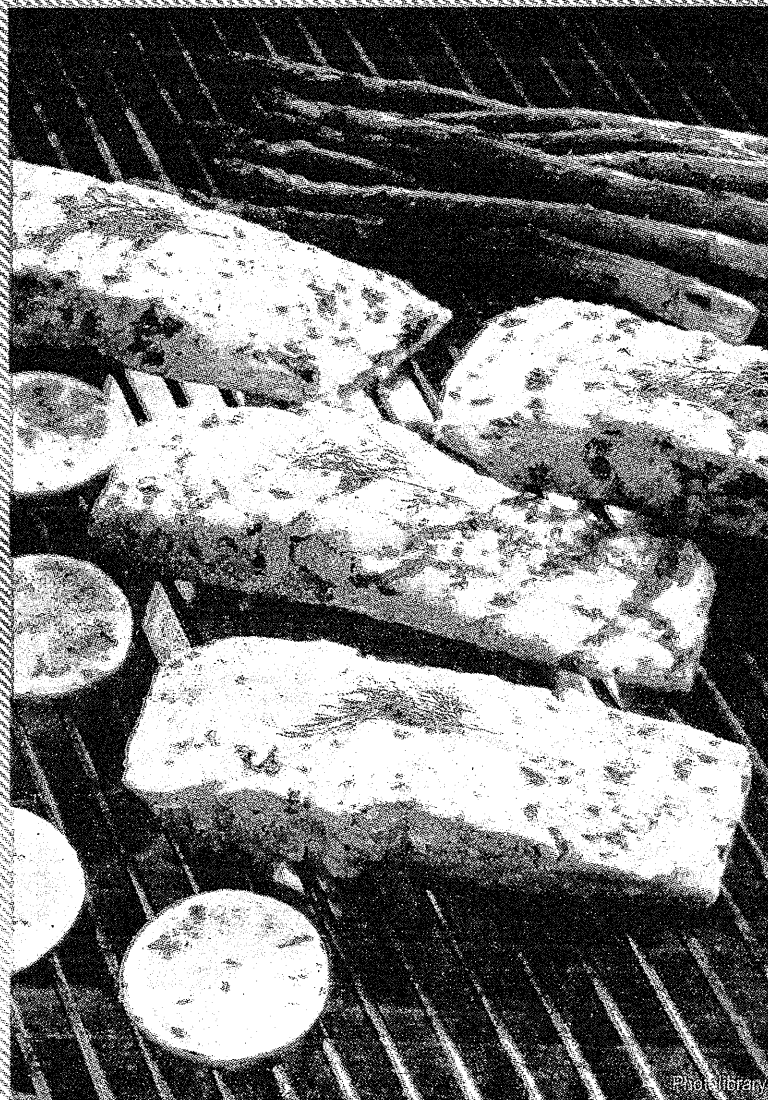
- Prick the surfaces of meats with a fork before marinating to allow flavors to penetrate.
- Marinate foods in the refrigerator — not on the counter — in a glass, plastic, or stainless steel pan.
- Keep in mind that marinades that have been used for raw meat, poultry or seafood need to be cooked thoroughly before eating. So don't baste with them during the last few minutes, don't dip your finger in the pan to taste and don't use the leftover marinade for sauce without cooking it first.
- Consider cooking meats in the microwave for a minute or so before placing them on the grill. Discard any juice that's produced during microwaving. Use tongs or a spatula, rather than forks, to reduce drips when

turning foods on the grill.

- Cook over medium (rather than high) heat to avoid charring foods. Let flames settle down before cooking over coals or wood, and turn the temperature down to medium on a gas grill. If you do char a portion of the food, cut off that section before serving.

- Flip those burgers. Again. They'll cook faster (and produce fewer HCAs) if you turn them often.

- Consider other options, too, like soy burgers and soy hot dogs, portobello mushrooms and other vegetables. These foods don't have the same potential to produce harmful substances that can result from unsafe cooking procedures — but they're delicious when marinated nonetheless!



Staying with the same marinade for the complete meal, Chef Kendall also has this tasty recipe:

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Ingredients:

- 4 tablespoons softened butter
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- 1 to 1 1/2 pounds salmon steak — minimum of 1-inch thick

Directions:

Preheat grill. In a small bowl blend butter, lemon juice and Steak Marinade. Lay salmon on grill using a fish grill plate, skin side down. Spread a thin layer of butter mixture on steaks. Grill eight to 10 minutes or until salmon is just flaky.

Serve with sliced fresh tomatoes as a garnish.

For an online Summer Grilling Guide with many more useful tips and delectable grilling recipes, go to www.frontiercoop.com/grillingtips.

— Courtesy of ARAcontent

Here's a favorite recipe so simple, yet so delicious, from the kitchen of Chef Kendall McFarland, research and development manager at Simply Organic:

MEDITERRANEAN PASTA SALAD

Ingredients:

- 4 cups cooked pasta
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 package of Simply Organic Steak Marinade Mix

Directions:

In a large bowl, toss the pasta with the olive oil and the Steak Marinade Mix. Serve as a warm or cold side dish.

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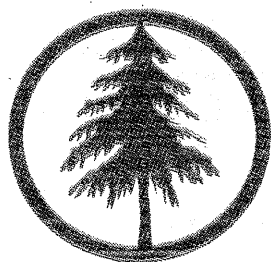
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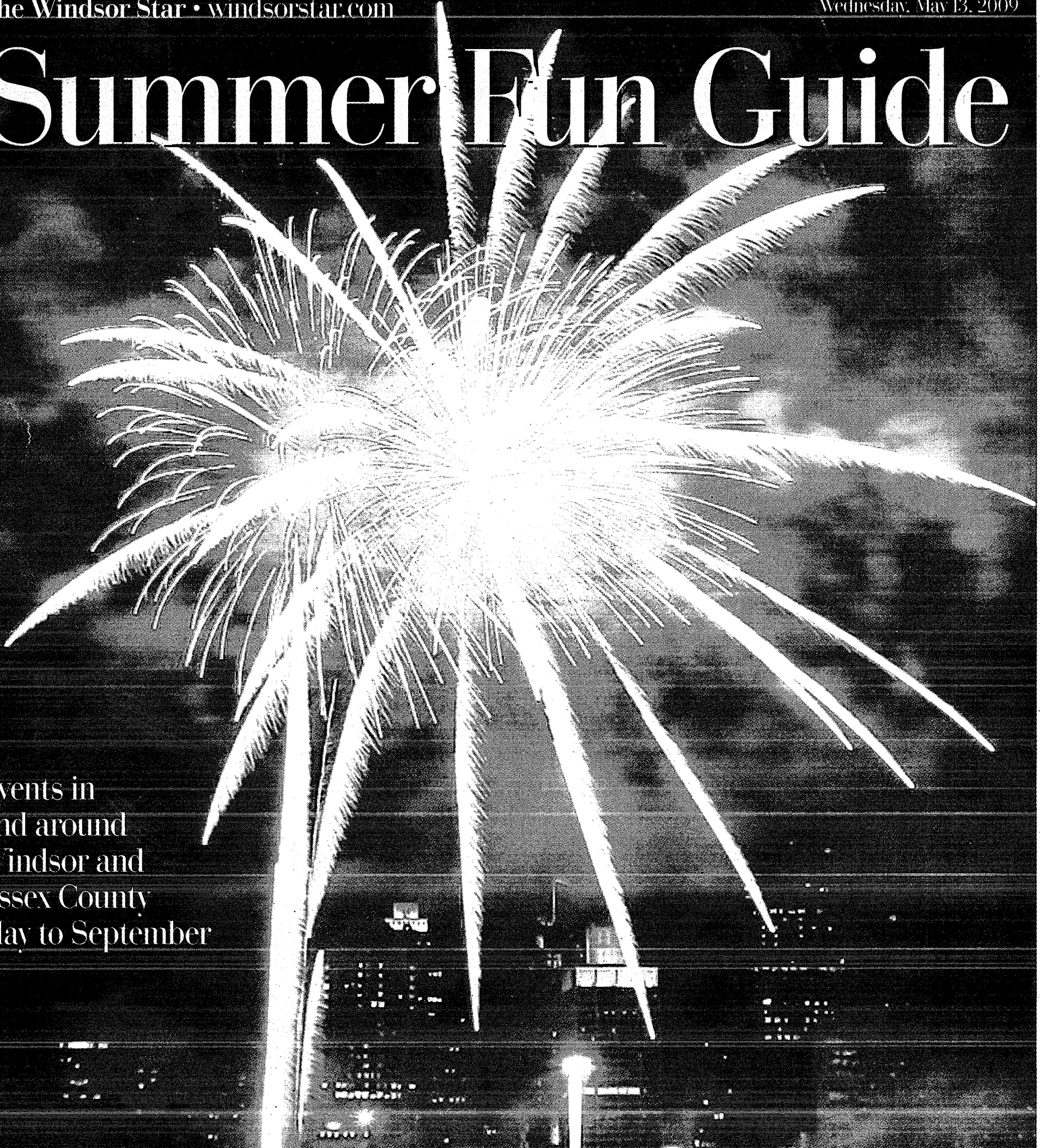
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Date: June 12, 13 & 14 /09

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May 16
Victoria Day Fireworks Celebration
 Location: Comber Fairgrounds, Lakeshore
 Hours: starting at dusk.
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May 20-23
Media City Film Festival
 Each year the festival screens approximately 50 new films and videos, with visiting artists in attendance from around the world. There will also be panel discussions, lectures, receptions, and more. Visit www.houseoftoast.ca or call 519-973-9368 for locations and times.

May 23-24
Tecumseh Art Festival
 Location: L'Essor high school, 13605 St. Gregory Rd., Tecumseh
 Hours: Saturday noon-6 p.m., Sunday noon-5 p.m.
 View artwork and crafts by more than 20 area artists. Admission is free.

May 23-24
Amherstburg Garden Tour

Location: Centennial Park
 Time: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
 Get some garden inspiration as you tour public and private gardens in Amherstburg. Then visit the plant sale and show at the arena and start a garden of your own. Free. Call 519-730-1309.

May 23-24
Monster Madness Live
 Location: WFCU Centre, 8787 McHugh St.
 Hours: 7 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday
 Watch champion monster trucks compete in a face-to-face duel and freestyle motocross performing aerial tricks. Tickets \$16-\$22 for children, \$23-\$28 for adults. Call 1-866-969-WFCU.

May 29
Relay for Life
 Location: Registration at all Scotiabank branches in Windsor, Amherstburg and Leamington
 Walk or run to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society. Call Scotiabank for more information 519-972-3808.



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2009 MUSIC SCHEDULE

<p>Friday, July 10</p> <p>4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Music</p> <p>5:30 pm - 6:45 pm The Unsettlers</p> <p>7:15 pm - 8:30 pm Regular Boys</p> <p>9:00 pm - 10:15 pm Larry Lee & Back in the Day</p> <p>10:45 pm - 12:15 am Persuasion</p>	<p>Saturday, July 11</p> <p>Noon - 12:45 pm</p> <p>12:45 pm - 1:45 pm</p> <p>2:15 pm - 3:30 pm</p> <p>4:00 pm - 5:15 pm</p> <p>5:45 pm - 7:00 pm</p> <p>7:15 pm - 8:45 pm</p> <p>9:15 pm - 10:30 pm</p> <p>11:00 pm - 12:30 am</p>	<p>Music</p> <p>Beatnik Four</p> <p>Nemesis</p> <p>The Unsettlers</p> <p>Robert Penn</p> <p>Larry Lee & Back in the Day</p> <p>Regular Boys</p> <p>Impact 7</p>
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May 29
The Last Five Years
Location: Kordazone, 2520 Seminole St.

Hours: Start 8 p.m.
A provocative musical directed by John Anthony Nabben and staged by Theatre Intrigue. For tickets and information, call 519-252-3244.

May 30
Erie Wildlife Rescue Book Sale
Location: 875 Chappus St.

Hours: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Support the Wildlife Rescue by buying some books at this indoor sale. Call 519-969-3919 or e-mail ewr@bellnet.ca.

May 30
Tattoo and Sunset Ceremony
Location: Riverfront Festival Plaza

Hours: 7 p.m.
Tattoo and Sunset Ceremony featuring brass, reed and pipe and drum bands. There will be performances by a local choir and Highland dancers. Seating is limited, so arrive

early and also take some time to view the displays. Call 519-818-4136.

May 30
Beef in the Burg
Time: 4 p.m.-9 p.m.

Where: Toddy Jones Park, Amherstburg
Enjoy family and fun with all the fixins' at this charity fundraiser. Eat sliced roast beef on a bun then dance it off to live music by Music Express. Call 519-736-8212.

May 31
Fine Flea and Vintage Fair
Location: Forest Glade Arena, 3205 Forest Glade Dr.

Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Support the Hiatus House and shop at this fair, which will include jewelry, clothing, books, mid-century modern ceramics, artwork and more. Admission is \$1. For more information, call 519-945-5871.

May 31
Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion
Location: Scotiabank, 5795 Malden Rd.



The Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion walk/wheel/run fundraiser in LaSalle benefits research of spinal cord injuries.

Hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Walk/wheel/run through the LaSalle trails to raise money for research of spinal cord injury. Call Scotiabank for more information at 519-972-3808.

May 31
Car show/ Schneiders day
Location: Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village, 6155 Arner Townline

Hours: Start at 9 a.m.
Come down to the car show, where Schneiders will bring gifts and their sausage van. Entrance is \$5 for adults and free for children 12 and under. For more information, call 519-776-6909

June 1-Aug. 17
Mondays at the Marina
Location: Leamington Marina

Hours: 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.
Bring your lawnchairs down every Monday for an evening of secular and gospel music, if the weather permits.

June 1 - Aug. 30
Location: Science City, 930 Marion Ave.

Hours: Noon-5 p.m.
Blast through the past of Canadian Space history, from the Black Brant Rocket to the International Space Station. Regular exhibits such as the Fossil Dig, the Human Bubble, the Lagoon, will be available. \$8 adults, \$7 student/senior, \$6 children, kids 3 and under free. Phone 519-973-3667.

June 2
Big Bike for Heart & Stroke
Location: Boppers parking lot on Malden Road, LaSalle

All businesses are welcome to join in this race to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Call Scotiabank for more information 519-972-3808.

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June 4-7

LaSalle Strawberry Festival
 Location: Gill Maure Park
 Bring the family to this delicious festival and enjoy a strawberry eating contest, a carnival, entertainment, fireworks, Elvis impersonators and the Miss LaSalle Beauty Pageant and Little Miss Strawberry pageant, which takes place on Thursday. Visit www.lasallestrawberryfestival.com.

June 6

Community Garage Sale
 Hours: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Location: Walter D. Kelly Funeral Home and Cremation Centre, 1969 Wynadotte St. E.
 Come down to the fourth annual garage sale and support around various charities. The event will include a car wash. For more information call 519-252-5711

June 6

Street Festival in Cottam
 Hours: 3 p.m.-11 p.m.
 Location: Bell River Rd. (road

27) through County Rd. 34 to Hill Street

Bring a lawn chair down for this free community festival, which will include food, games of tug-of-war, a fashion show and musical entertainment. Around 15 local businesses will participate and the event will have kid-friendly activities such as an obstacle course, snow cones and colouring. Call Julie's Tea Room at 519-839-6581, Calabria Pizzeria at 519-839-5611 or Crepe Temptations at 519-839-6363.

June 6

Cottam community yard sale
 Hours: Starts around 8 a.m.
 Location: Throughout Cottam
 The whole community of Cottam will have yard sales throughout the day. For more information, call Gosfield North Communications Co-operative Limited at 519-839-4734.

June 6-7

Art in the Park
 Location: Willistead Park and Manor
 Hours: Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.



Children are silhouetted against the evening sun while riding on swings ride during Summerfest 2008.

JASON KRYK/The Windsor Star

Support the arts at one of Ontario's largest outdoor arts and crafts shows. Exhibits will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, with live music, a wine bar and food available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday. On Sunday, exhibits will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and live music will play from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission

is \$5 for adults, children 12 and under get in for free. All proceeds will benefit rotary projects for the Rotary Club of Windsor (1918). For more information, call 519-253-6382.

June 12-14

Celtic Fest
 Location: Windsor Armouries,

37 University Ave. E.
 Hours: Various times during the day and evening
 Tap your feet along to local and regional Celtic dancers, fiddlers, and pipe bands. These concerts are part of Summerfest and have various costs. Visit www.summerfestwindsor.org or call 519-254-2880.

June 12-14

Carrousel of the Nations
 Location: Charles Clark Square and City Hall
 Hours: Friday 6 p.m. to 12 a.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 12 a.m., Sunday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 Celebrate Windsor's rich culture through world music, dance, art and food.

This annual festival is hosted by the Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children 12 and under.

For more information, call 519-255-1127, e-mail contact@themcc.com or visit carouselofnations.com.

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Leamington TOMATO Festival

AUGUST 14-16, 2009



<p>Wednesday, August 12 Texas Scramble Golf Tournament- Erie Shores Golf and Country Club</p> <p>Thursday, August 13 Talent & Pageant- Kinsmen Recreation Complex</p> <p>Friday, August 14 Craft & Food Vendors All Weekend- Ongoing Stage Entertainment Wine Tasting- Local Vintners Main Entertainment- "Crystal Gage"</p> <p>Saturday, August 15 Soap Box Derby- Roma Club Festival Parade Hottest Tomato Competition Ongoing Stage Entertainment- Guitar Hero Wine Tasting- Local Vintners Main Entertainment- "Nemesis"</p>	<p>Sunday, August 16 Pancake Breakfast 5K Run/Walk- Kinsmen Recreation Complex Custom Car Show Guitar Hero Finals Firefighters' Water Barrel Fights- Leamington Docks</p> <p>KIDS TENT Saturday & Sunday •Face Painting •Food •Games •Rides •Dunk Tank & More!</p> <p>PO Box 195, Leamington, ON N8H 1S7 Website: leamingtontomatofestival.com Email: leamingtontomato@bellnet.com Phone/Fax: 519-326-2878 Vendor & Event Applications Online</p> <p>All Events at Seaciff Park unless Noted</p>
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<p>Ride Day Registration Sunday, May 31, 2009 7:00am - 9:30am at Festival Plaza Downtown Windsor</p>	<p>Pre-Registration Saturday, May 30, 2009 1:00pm - 6:00pm at Rack N' Roll Club 3087 Forest Glade Dr.</p>
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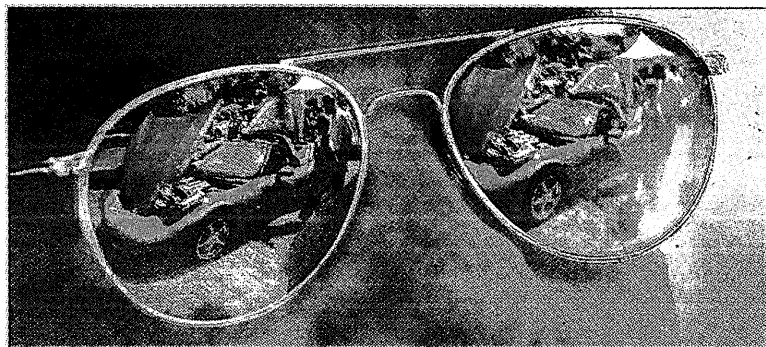
June 12-July 5

Summerfest
 Location: Civic Terrace and Festival Plaza
 Enjoy midway games and rides, children's activities, concerts and more. Target fireworks display is on June 24. Advance all-day midway passes are available until June 20 for \$25. Visit www.summerfestwindsor.org or call 519-254-2880.

June 13
 Amherstburg Firefighters J. "Wimpy" Tiefenbach Memorial Volleyball Tournament
 Location: McCurdy Track Complex
 Hours: Games 9 a.m.-6 p.m., dance at 9 p.m.
 There will be volleyball games and a barbecue during the day, and live music by the Demelo Brothers for the evening dance. Call 519-736-6500.

June 13
 Taste of Leamington
 Location: Leamington Marina
 Hours: All day, fashion show at 10 a.m.
 Enjoy food, wine and live music from Leamington's multicultural communities.
 Festival admission is free, but purchased tickets can be redeemed for food and drink. Call 519-326-2721.

June 13
 Community Garage Sale
 Hours: 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Location: Anderson Funeral Home, 895 Ouellette Ave.
 Community members can come together at this garage sale to support dozens of local charities such as Downtown Mission, Ready, Set, Go and Rafiki Kenya.



TYLER BROWNBIDGE/The Windsor Star
 Enthusiasts from far and wide gather at Coventry Gardens for the annual Windsor Waterfront Corvette Show.

For more information call 519-254-3223.

June 13-14
 Red Bull Air Race
 Location: Riverfront
 Hours: Saturday 11 a.m., Sunday 10 a.m.
 Watch some of the world's best race pilots race above the Detroit River. For ticket information, visit www.redbullairrace.com.

June 14
 Windsor Waterfront Corvette Show
 Hours: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Location: Coventry Gardens (Pillette and Riverside Drive)
 This annual show will feature more than 100 Corvettes, entertainment and vendors selling clothing, food, jewelry and automobile parts. Registration costs \$25 and the show is free for spectators.
 Visit www.corvetteclubofwindsor.com or call 519-967-8447.

June 19-21 and June 26-28
 Carousel of the Nations Around the City
 Location: Throughout Windsor
 Hours: Various
 Explore Windsor's cultural communities in this free festival.

Enjoy entertainment, tours and food in places like Windsor's Chinese, Scottish, Caribbean or Italian Village. For more information, call 519-255-1127, e-mail contact@themcc.com or visit caruselofnations.com.

June 19-21
 Leamington Fair
 Location: Leamington Fairground, 194 Erie St. N., Highway 77
 Hours: Friday 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday 9 a.m.-midnight, Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Bring your kids to watch chicks hatching, to meet Maple the Cow, visit the petting zoo, and take in the horse, sheep, goat and pet shows at this agricultural fair. Stay for the parade of antique tractors, live harness racing, a lawn mower race, demolition derby, and dad-calling contest. Daily admission is \$5, with children 12 and under admitted free. Call 519-326-8082 or e-mail ldasfair@sympatico.ca

June 20
 Beach Jam Volleyball tournament
 Location: Dirty Jersey's Sports Grill, 6675 Tecumseh Rd. E.
 Hours: 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Recreational mixed teams of six can support the Kidney Foundation through beach volleyball. Registration before May 20 is \$180 and after is \$200 per team and all proceeds go to the Kidney Foundation.

If a team raises \$600, the registration fee will be waved. For more information, e-mail erika@mdirect.net, visit www.kidney.on.ca/BeachJam or call 519-977-9211 ext. 23.

June 20
 Tugboat Race
 Location: Dieppe Park
 Hours: 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Watch from the shoreline as 25 tugs from across Ontario and Michigan churn up the water of the Detroit River in this annual Summerfest event. After the race, meet the tug captains at Dieppe Park. Visit www.summerfestwindsor.org or call 519-254-2880.

June 20-21
 Spring Flea Market
 Location: Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village, 6155 Arner Townline
 Hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday

This flea market will have food and refreshments, as well as free parking. Entrance is \$3 for adults and free for children 12 and under. For more information, call 519-776-6909.

June 24
 Target Fireworks
 Location: Windsor-Detroit Riverfront
 Hours: Beginning at 10:06 p.m.
 Arrive early and bring a blanket to the waterfront, because thousands of other Windsorites will gather to be wowed by one of the world's largest fireworks dis-

plays. More than 10,00 pyrotechnic effects will keep your neck craned and your senses delighted for 30 minutes.

Bring a radio to tune into the choreographing music. Visit www.theparade.org/riverdays.php

June 24
 Riverfront Fireworks Party
 Location: On the riverfront, east of plaza Udine
 Hours: Starting at 6 p.m.

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, a full, sit-down meal, wine-tasting, a dessert buffet, and live entertainment right alongside the river before the target fireworks.
 Tickets are \$100. Visit www.summerfestwindsor.org or call 519-254-2880.

June 26-27
 The Second Annual Great Tastes of Ottawa Street
 Location: Ottawa Street
 Hours: Friday 4 p.m.-11 p.m. and Saturday noon-11 p.m.

Explore Ottawa Street in this food and music festival. The event will feature restaurants, a beer and wine garden and live entertainment. Admission is \$2 for adults, free for children 12 and under.

June 26-28
 Battle of the bands, Summerfest Idol and Guitar Hero Competition
 Location: Festival plaza
 Hours: All day

Live your rock star dreams at this live music competition. Registration is required, and there will be a modest entry fee. Visit www.summerfestwindsor.org or call 519-254-2880

June 26-28
 Windsor Elvis Fest
 Location: Dieppe Park and Chrysler Theatre
 Who will reign as the King of rock 'n' roll?

Only time will tell as the Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest competition shakes down over the course of the weekend.
 Professionals, amateurs and youth will compete, and admission to the shows ranges from \$5 to \$35.

Saturday's Cruisin' Classic Car Show, featuring more than 75 cars from Elvis's era will be on display at Dieppe Park free of charge.
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June 27

Wrestlefest
Location: TBA
Hours: 7 p.m.-1 a.m.
Get a ringside seat as you cheer on your favourite wrestlers from Border City Wrestling and Total Nonsense Action.

Visit www.summerfestwindsor.org or call 519-254-2880 for location information.

June 29

Celebrity Storytellers
Location: Festival Plaza
Hours: 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Bring along your sleepy children and join local and celebrity writers as they read children's stories. Visit www.summerfestwindsor.org or call 519-254-2880

July 1

Lakeshore's Canada Day Celebrations

Location: Millen Community Centre and Park
Hours: 9 a.m.-dusk

Kick off Canada Day with a pancake breakfast in Lakeshore, followed by a '50s- and '60s-themed

car show, a local farmer's market, a karate exhibition and fireworks at dusk. Call 519-727-0470.

July 1

Canada Day
Location: Leamington
Hours: Beginning at 7 p.m.
The flames of the barbecue will whet your appetite for the fireworks display later in the evening at the upper park and marina grounds, starting at 10 p.m.

July 1

Canada Day at Point Pelee
Location: Point Pelee National Park

Hours: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Free admission to the park. Meet some of the park critters during the Creature Feature at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., or go on a guided canoe tour at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Call 519-322-2365.

July 1

Pancake Breakfast
Location: Festival Plaza
Hours: 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
Start your Canada Day off right with a pancake breakfast to get ready for the parade. There

will be a minimal fee for the food. Visit www.summerfestwindsor.org or call 519-254-2880.

July 1

Canada Day Parade
Location: Riverside Drive
Hours: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Get your Canada Day facepaint out and get festive with marching bands, the Canadian Cowgirls and others. Then, have your cake and eat it too at the 5,000-piece cake-cutting event at 1 p.m. Visit www.summerfestwindsor.org or call 519-254-2880.

July 1

Celebrity Storytellers (Summerfest)
Hours: 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
Location: Festival Plaza
Bring along your sleepy children and join local and celebrity writers as they read children's stories. Visit www.summerfestwindsor.org or call 519-254-2880.

July 1

Canada Day
Location: Fort Malden, Amherstburg
Hours: 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Play games and bring the kids for a pony ride during the day, and then let the fireworks light up your night on the shoreline of Fort Malden. Call 519-730-1309.

July 1

Ice Cream Festival
Location: Toddy Jones Park, Amherstburg
Hours: 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
Lick the summer heat with hand-scooped ice cream, gelato, soft-serve and frozen yogurt. Join a screaming contest, an ice cream eating contest, and take in live entertainment, buskers and local crafts at this fundraiser for Autism Ontario. Call 519-252-2069.

July 3-5

Lake St. Clair Muskie Classic
Location: Register at Belle River Marina
Hours: Friday 5-9 p.m., Saturday 6 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday 6 a.m.-noon

Take to the waters to hook a prize-winning fish. There will be a barbecue steak dinner and awards ceremony Sunday afternoon. Registration is \$35. Call 519-728-4995.

July 4

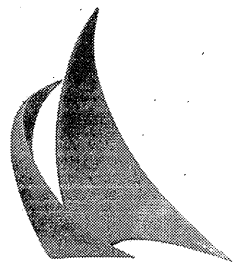
Amherstburg Food and Fellowship Mission Walk/Skate-a-thon
Location: Amherstburg Arena on Victoria Street

Hours: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Support the Fellowship Mission during their first annual walk/skate-a-thon. The Walk/Skate will be followed by refreshments. There is an open skate in the afternoon. A minimum of \$20 in pledges is required. For more information, visit www.aburgmission.ca.

July 4-5

Arts at the Marina
Location: Leamington Marina
Hours 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Enjoy the work of more than 60 artists at the 17th annual Arts at the Marina, which is run by the South Essex Arts Association. Booths will include photography, fine art, jewelry and ceramic art. Admission is free. Call 519-326-2711 or visit www.leamingtonartscentre.com.

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Colchester Ridge Estate Winery

3rd Annual Vintage Release Party

Wine tastings and dinner are included.

Rick Morrison's Quintet will be performing live blues, jazz and funk. Food will be catered by Don Luciano's.

Tickets cost \$55 each and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Each ticket will be eligible to win 2 first-class tickets on VIA rail anywhere in the Windsor-Quebec City corridor.

When: Saturday June 20th

Time: 2PM-7PM

Where: CREW-Colchester Ridge Estate Winery
108 County Rd 50 E, Harrow



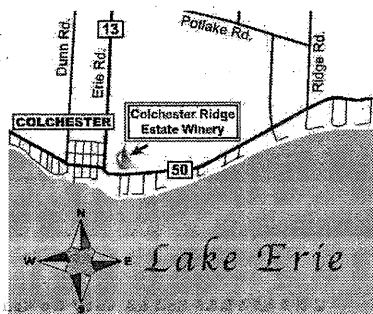
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July 9-12

Essex Fun Festival
 Location: Essex
 Hours: Thursday 5 p.m.-2 a.m., Friday 3 p.m.-2 a.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 a.m., Sunday 9 a.m.-10 p.m.
 Have some family fun in Essex with carnival rides, live entertainment, a parade, food and craft vendors and fireworks finale. Visit www.essex.ca or call 519-776-7336.

July 10-12

Festival Epicure: A Celebration of Food, Wine and Music
 Location: Riverfront Festival Plaza
 Hours: Friday 4 p.m.-1 a.m., Saturday noon-1 a.m., Sunday 2 p.m.-11 p.m.

Taste the best of Windsor at this three-day festival where local restaurants, wineries and breweries can shine. The festival will feature live music and bands like Rare Earth, Beatnik Four, Nemesis and the Unsettlers. All-day admission is \$5. Children under 15 are free if accompanied by an adult. Visit www.festivalepicure.com or call 519-971-5005.

July 10-12

Leamington Scavenger Hunt
 Location: Meet on the Leamington marina patio
 Hours: 9 a.m.-noon
 Form a team of four and participate in this public scavenger hunt through the streets of Leamington. There will be prizes for the winning teams. Call 519-326-0834.

July 11

100 Years of Romance and Friends
 Location: Assumption University Chapel



DAN JANISSE/The Windsor Star

Team members from the Indy Surviveoars, of Indianapolis, Ind., brightened up the 2008 International Dragon Boat Festival at Sandpoint Beach.

After spending two years at the Island of Macao, Kim Ottogalli and Michael Parr have come back to Windsor and will perform with 25 friends. The event is hosted by the Theatre Intrigue Society. For tickets and information, call 519-252-3244.

July 11-12

International Dragon Boats Festival
 Location: Sand Point Beach
 Canadians and Americans can paddle for breast cancer research during this boat festival. On Saturday, enjoy a Cajun street party, complete with beads, music and dancing. Visit www.internationaldragonboats.com.

July 11

Essex County Wine Tour and Steak BBQ
 Location: Pelee Island Winery and Vineyards, 455 Seaclyffe Dr., Kingsville
 Hours: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tour three wineries with the LaSalle Business Association, followed by a steak dinner prepared by chef Georgina Burns. Tickets are \$75 and must be bought in advance. Visit www.shoplasalle.ca for more information.

July 16-19

Bluesfest International
 Location: Riverfront Festival Plaza
 Hours: Thursday 6:15 p.m.-10:55 p.m., Friday 5:45 p.m.-12:50 a.m., Saturday 6:30 p.m.-12:55 a.m., Sunday noon-10:55 p.m.

The 15th annual bluesfest will celebrate the best of the blues and more with artists like Los Lonely Boys, Johnny Winter, Mick Taylor, The Funk Brothers, Steve Earle, David Gogo and many more. A four-day pass is \$35 and visitors must be 19 years or older, except all ages are welcome on Sunday afternoon for family day, where there will be a bike

show and the Bluesfest Idol finals. For more information, call 519-252-8463, e-mail publicist@thebluesfest.com or visit www.thebluesfest.com.

July 17-July 26

The Windsor International Fringe Festival
 Location: Various including Boom Boom Room; The Kelly & Joy Theatres at the Capitol Theatre; Windsor Armories
 Hours: Various
 The Fringe Festival offers theatre from around the world, including artists from the Netherlands, Israel, California and Toronto. The 10-day event will also feature local theatre and includes musicals, children's plays and independent productions. Tickets are \$9 with a one-time \$5 Fringe Button purchase. Buttons and tickets will go on sale at the Chrysler Theatre box office June 15 and can be purchased online. Visit www.windsorfringe.com.

July 17-19

Windsor International Buskers Festival
 Location: Downtown
 Hours: Friday 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday noon-midnight, Sunday noon-7 p.m.
 Street performers from around the globe come to Windsor to show off their skills. Performers include famous hoola-hoopers and the King of Fire. For more information, visit www.passthehat.com.

July 17-26

Buskin' to the Beat
 Location: Corner of Chatham and Pelissier Streets
 Hours: TBA
 This festival celebrates music around the world with everything from Indian dancing to country and western music.

July 17-19

Chalk and Chocolate Festival
 Location: Corner of Chatham and Pelissier Streets.
 Hours: TBA
 Bring the kids down to this free festival, where chalk art and chocolate merge.

July 17-19

SunSplash 2009
 Location: Lakeview Park, Belle River
 Hours: Friday 3 p.m.-9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Enjoy the summer sun at Belle River with vendor booths, a chalk art contest and the annual car cruise, which takes place on Friday. The festival will also include free entertainment, a sandcastle competition and the annual kids fishing derby. Visit www.belleriverbia.com.

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Essex County's Best Agricultural Showcase... **HARROW** Fair Days 2009 155th Year

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100th Anniversary Ruthven Apple Festival

Come join all the fun at the 30th Annual Ruthven Apple Festival!

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 26th & 27th

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 Thornetta Davis, left, and Paul Randolph play with the Pazman's SuperSession Band during the 2008 Bluesfest International at the Riverfront Plaza.

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July 18

All British Car Show and British Beat 66 Performance

Location: Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village, 6155 Arner Townline

Hours: Noon-4 p.m. for car show, 6 p.m. for performance

This car show will end with a rock and roll performance. It costs \$10 to enter a car and \$5 for the general public. Children under 12 get in free. Entrance is \$10 after 6 p.m. Call 519-776-6909.

July 25

The Boblo Third Annual International Music and Jazz Festival and T2B county bash

Location: Boblo Island
 Hours: 1 p.m.-11 p.m.

Jazz fans will enjoy a view of the water while listening to such musicians as Four 80 East, Thornetta Davis, Alexander Zonjic and Friends and Jody Raffoul. The jazz festival ends at 9 p.m., but the county bash will continue until around 11 p.m. in the VIP tent and will include food and drinks

for sale and more music and dancing. Tickets for just the jazz festival are \$25, tickets for the county bash and the festival are \$75. All proceeds from the bash will go to Transition to Betterness, a charity that helps provide comfort to terminally ill patients. Visit www.boblojazz.com or call 519-736-1111 or toll-free at 1-877-222-2126.

July 25-26

Martial Arts Boxing Expo
 Location: WFCU Centre, 8787 McHugh St.

Hours: Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Watch pro fighters and live demos at this expo. Call 519-562-2346 for information.

July 20-24 and Aug. 10-14

Capricorn Pottery Annual Summer Pottery Camps

Hours: Monday to Friday, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
 Kids can learn to hand build and decorate clay at this pottery camp, where a different project is taught daily. Class fees are \$100 per week, plus GST. Contact Gloria at 519-733-8991 to register your child.

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July 31-Aug. 2

Mardi Gras
Location: Leamington's Bourbon Street Patio
Hours: Start 6 p.m.

Dress in your wildest outfits for this costume party with live music, DJs, games, activities, food and drink. Call 519-326-0834.

Aug. 1-2

Military Heritage Days
Time: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Where: Fort Malden, Amherstburg

Visit Fort Malden for a step back in time and watch re-enactments of military history conducted in period costume. Call 519-736-5416 for more details.

Aug. 2

Car Show
Time: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Where: Downtown Amherstburg

Stroll downtown and view a magnificent lineup of collectible cars from various eras. Loads of fun, music, food, ambiance and cars, cars, cars! Call 519 736-4020 for more information.

Aug. 6

Windsor Pride bowling night
Location: Rose Bowl Lanes
Hours: 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.
Get the ball rolling on Windsor Pride with this free night of bowling fun for the whole family.

Aug. 7

Windsor Pride comedy night
Location: Caesars Augustus Ballroom
Hours: 7 p.m.
Featuring performances by comedian Sandra Bernhard and MuchMusic's Trevor Boris. Tickets start at \$25 and are available



The Windsor Star files

The demolition derby is a Comber Fair favourite.

at www.ticketscene.ca.

Aug. 7-9

Essex County Steam and Gas Engine Show

Location: Essex County Steam and Gas Engine Museum in McGregor

Hours: Friday noon-6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The show features vintage tractors and machinery, steam and gas engines, as well as crafts and food. There will be a parade through McGregor at 9 a.m. Saturday. Adults \$5, children \$1, under six free.

Aug. 7-9

Comber Fair
Location: Comber Fairgrounds
Hours: 8 a.m.-1 a.m.

The first Comber Fair took place in 1859.

Celebrate the fair's 150th anniversary with rides, games, singing and lip sync contests, the Miss Comber pageant, as well as car and tractor shows, craft, crop and livestock exhibits and a demolition derby.

Adults \$6, kids 12 and under free.

For more information, visit www.comberfair.on.ca or call 519-687-2211.

Aug. 8

Essex County Winery Tour
Location: Starts from Riverfront Festival Plaza

Hours: Start 10:30 a.m.
Windsor Pride hosts a wine tour through the city. For tickets, visit www.ticketscene.ca.

Aug. 8

Pirates Weekend
Location: Leamington Marina
Time: 6 p.m.

Dress in your finest pirate duds and come to the costume party, including live entertainment and a pirate show.

Call 519-326-0834.

Aug. 8-9

Windsor Pride 2009
Location: Various
Hours: Saturday start at 5 p.m., Sunday start noon

Windsor Pride will search for the city's drag superstar on Saturday, followed by a dance party with DJ Shawn Riker and DJ Jamal. Join the parade Sunday, which starts at University Avenue and ends at the Festival Plaza.

After the parade, enjoy live entertainment and the finale of the Next Top Drag Superstar.

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Leamington, Canada's tomato capital, celebrates in style for five days Aug. 12-16.

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Aug. 8-9
Blueberry Social
Location: John R. Park Home-
stead Conservation Area
Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Pick your own berries and then
relax after your labours by enjoy-
ing some pie, ice cream sundaes,
live music, crafts, and children's
activities. Call 519-738-2029.

Aug. 12-16
Tomato Festival
Location: Seacliff Park, Leam-
ington
Get your feet wet in Canada's
tomato capital in the tomato
stomp contest. The festival also
includes the crowning of the
tomato festival queen, children's
activities, a parade, live music, a
craft sale and a golf tournament.
Parade starts Saturday at 10 a.m.
Call 519-326-2721.

Aug. 14-16
Sun Parlour Sectional Bridge
Tournament
Location: South Windsor
Recreational Complex
Hours: Games held Friday 1
p.m. and 7 p.m., Saturday noon
and 6 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.
Enjoy a game or two of bridge
with some of Windsor's best.
Each game is \$10.

August 15-16
Heritage Homecoming
Location: Centennial Park,
Amherstburg
When: starting at 11 a.m.
Celebrate Amherstburg's her-
itage as the terminus of the Un-
derground Railroad. Join in the
parade at 11 a.m. on Saturday,
and stay for the antique car show,
amateur boxing competition, a
barbecue, picnic and craft sale.
There will be an open-air church
service on Sunday. Call 519-736-
4619.

Aug 21-23
Windsor Psychic Expo
Location: Coboto Club, 2175
Parent Ave.
Hours: Noon-9 p.m. on Friday,
11 a.m.-9 p.m. on Saturday, 11 a.m.-
7 p.m. on Sunday
Have your palm read at the ex-
po, which includes around 50 ex-
hibitors. Along with psychic
readings, the event will also sell
books, tapes and crystals. Admis-
sion is \$8 for the entire weekend.
Visit espmfuture.com.

Aug. 27-30
Tecumseh Corn Festival
Location: Lacasse Park,
Tecumseh
Enjoy some hot, buttered corn
on the cob, midway rides, Miss
Tecumseh pageant, and corny

crafts for kids at this annual festi-
val. Don't miss the Corn Festival
Parade on Saturday at 11 a.m.

Aug. 29-30
Art by the River
Location: Fort Malden
Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Visit Essex County's oldest arts
and crafts show, which features
work from more than 120 Ontario
artists. The show will include
live music and a guided historic
tour. Organizers ask that you leave
your pets at home. Admission is
\$4.50, children 12 and under get
in for free. For more information,
visit www.gibsonartgallery.com
or call 519-736-2826.

Sept. 3-6
Harrow Fair
Location: Harrow Fairgrounds
Hours: Thursday 1 p.m.-10 p.m.,
Friday and Saturday 9 a.m.-11
p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Bring the family to this agri-
cultural fair, which features a
tractor pull, horse shows, farm
animals, carnival rides and live
entertainment. Admission is \$7
for adults, free for children 12 and
under and \$15 for a weekend pass.

Sept. 6
The Tour Di Via Italia Cycling
Races
Location: Erie Street, Parent

Avenue, Giles Boulevard,
Howard Avenue.
Hours: Start 11 a.m.
Watch cyclists from all around
Canada and the United States in
the 51st annual races, the longest
running criterium in North Amer-
ica. Enjoy children's fun races in
the morning and the pro race in
the afternoon. For more informa-
tion, call 519-969-5690.

Sept. 6
Fall Car Show
Location: Canadian Trans-
portation Museum and Heritage
Village, 6155 Arner Townline
Hours: All day from 9 a.m.
Celebrate autumn with a car
show. Food and beverages will be
available. Entrance is \$5 for
adults and free for children un-
der 12. The entry fee for a car is
\$10. For more information, call
519-776-6909.

Sept. 10-13
Shores of Erie International
Wine Festival
Location: Fort Malden
Hours: Thursday and Friday 5
p.m.-10 p.m., Saturday 11:30 a.m.-
10 p.m., Sunday 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
Sample some of the North
Shore's finest wines, food and en-
tertainment at this event.
The festival kicks off Thursday
night with a live concert with

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sical guests throughout the week-
end include The Stills, Serena Ry-
der and Big Rude Jake. Visitors
can enjoy celebratory chefs all day
Saturday and Sunday and vari-
ous wine seminars. Admission
for Thursday night is \$30 in ad-
vance, \$35 at the gate. Admission
for the weekend, including Fri-
day, is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the
gate. All visitors get a free wine
glass with admission. Organizers
suggest that visitors buy tickets
in advance.

Tickets will go on sale in early
July. Call 519-730-1001 or visit
www.soewinefestival.com.

Sept. 11-13
Olde Sandwich Towne Festival
Location: Mill and Russell
Street Parks
Hours: Friday 4 p.m.-midnight,
Saturday 8 a.m.-midnight, Sun-
day 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Celebrate Olde Sandwich
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rade, crafts, sidewalk garage
sales, live entertainment, an an-
tique boat/car exhibition and the
War of 1812 reenactments. For
more information, call 519-728-
1103.

Sept. 12-20
Fall Migration Hike
Location: Point Pelee National
Park
Hours: 8 a.m.-10 p.m. daily
Go on a two hour hike and
watch for migrating birds,
monarch butterflies and dragon
flies. Admission is \$14.70 per per-
son. For more information, call 1-
888-773-8888.

**Sept. 12-13, Sept. 19-20, Sept.
26-27**
Family Migration Hikes
Location: Point Pelee National
Park
Hours: Start at 1 p.m.
Take the family down to Point
Pelee for a one-hour hike and
view migrating birds, monarch
butterflies and dragon flies. Ad-
mission is free with park entry.
For more information, call 1-888-
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Sept. 12-26
Festival of Hawks
Location: Holiday Beach Con-
servation Area
Hours: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Learn about hawks through
talks, wild hawk releases and
hawk workshops.
Visit www.erca.org for more in-
formation.

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Sept. 16-17

The Fall Wedding Event
 Location: Caboto Club
 Hours: 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m.
 Tour five theme rooms and more than 100 wedding exhibitors. The event includes two fashion shows featuring the hottest wedding trends. Admission is \$7. Call 519-978-0676 or visit www.weddingshows.com.

Sept. 18-20

Rendezvous Belle River
 Location: Uptown Belle River
 Hours: 3 p.m.-11 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Celebrate Belle River's french heritage with music, cheese and wine tastings and a kids zone. Call 519-728-4624 or visit www.rendezvousbelleriver.com.

Sept. 19

Doors Open Amherstburg
 Location: various
 Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Take a tour and step inside 16 of Amherstburg's amazing properties and heritage buildings. Free. Call 519-736-8320.

Sept. 26-27

Ruthven Apple Festival
 Location: Colasanti's Tropical Gardens, 1550 Road 3, Kingsville
 Hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
 Celebrate the festival's 30th anniversary with its annual farmer's market, a Saturday morning parade, live entertainment and more than 100 food and crafts vendors. Festival proceeds benefit Community Living Essex County. Admission and parking is free. Visit www.communitylivingessex.org or call 519-776-6483, ext. 246.



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- May 30** "Beef In the Burg" Toddy Jones Park 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Call 519-736-8212
- June 13** Firefighters J "Wimpy" Annual Volleyball Tourney Centennial Park (519)736-6500
- June 19, 20** Kayak weekend Detroit River Heritage Adventure Launch near old Anderdon Tavern www.weccc.org
- July 1** Canada Day Celebrations & Fireworks 3:00 pm to 9:30 pm Fort Malden NHSC www.amherstburg.ca
- July 1** Ice Cream Festival 10:00 am to 10:00 pm Toddy Jones Park www.amherstburg.ca
- July 24,25,26** Verdi Club Italian Community Fest Verdi Club (519)736-4382
- July 25,26** Boblo International Jazz Festival, 1:00 to midnight Boblo Island www.boblojazz.com or (519)736-1111
- August 1 & 2** Military Days and Hands on Heritage 10:00am to 5:00 pm Fort Malden NHSC (519) 736-5416
- August 2** Annual Car Show 11:00 am to 4:00 pm Downtown Amherstburg (519)736-4020
- August 8** Blueberry Social John R. Park Homestead www.erca.org (519)738-2029
- August 15,16** Amherstburg Heritage Homecoming & Underground Freedom Crossing Centennial Park & Downtown Parade (519) 736-4619 or (519)736-7568
- August 22,23** White Elephant Sale, Park House Museum 10:00 am to 4:00 pm www.parkhousemuseum.com
- August 23** Hawk Run Holiday Beach Conservation Area 9:00am www.erca.org
- August 29,30** Art By The River, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm daily Fort Malden NHSC. Visit www.gibsonartgallery.com

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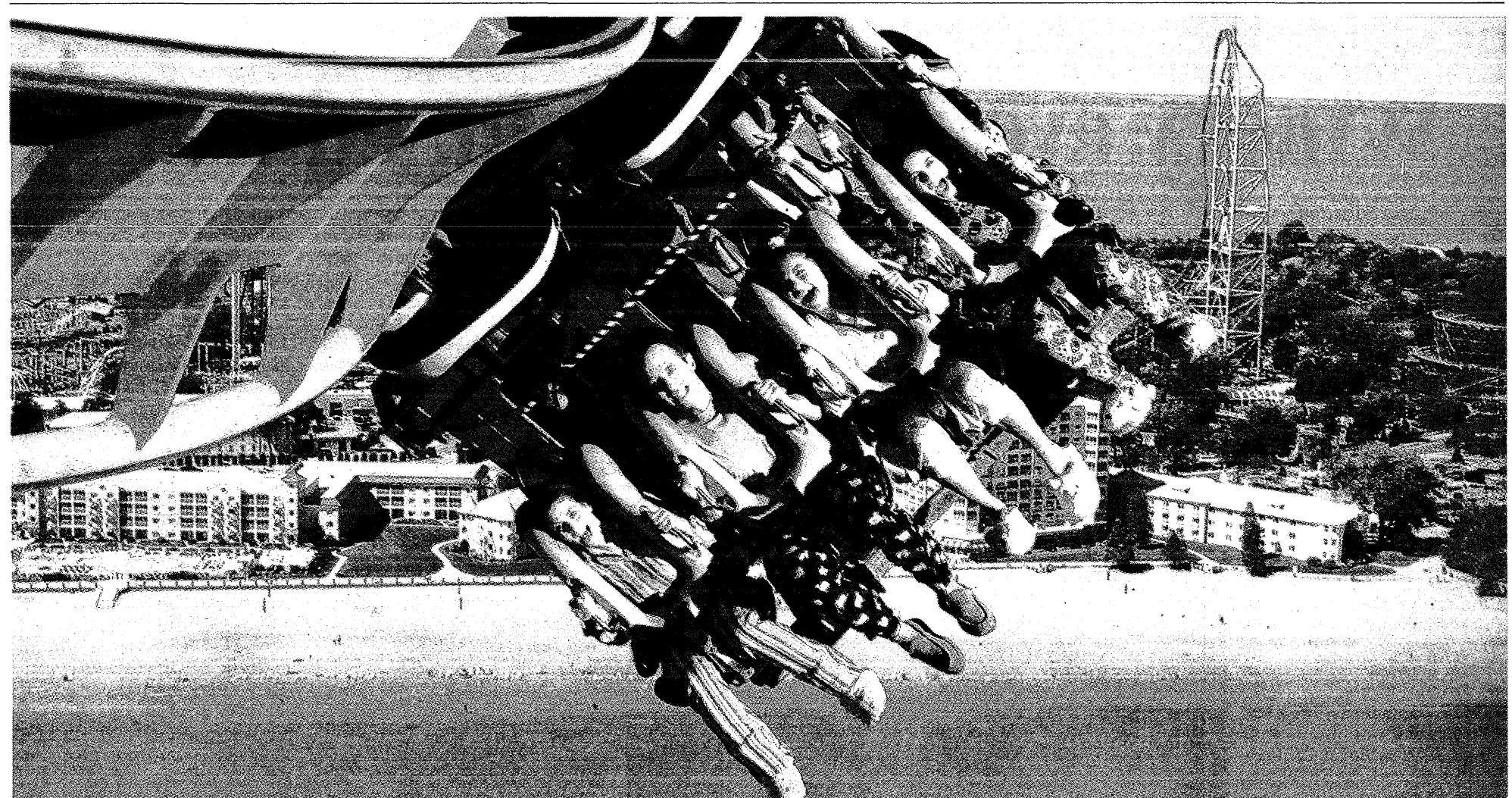
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May 16 Ontario Cheese, Ontario Wine. Pelee Island Winery, from 7:30 p.m.; \$25 per person. Learn how to pair wines and cheeses together. Reservations recommended.

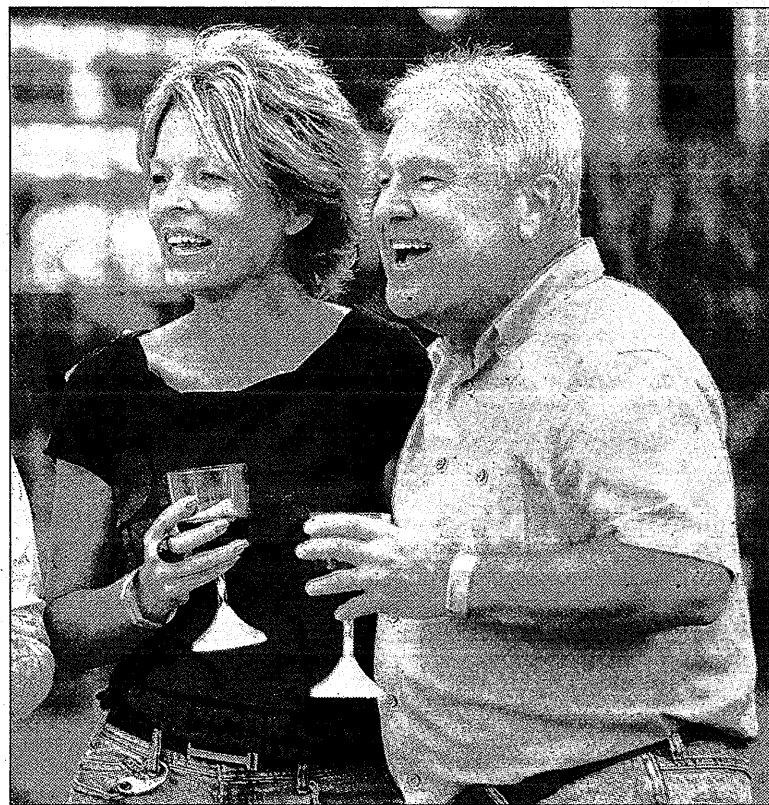
Sunday May 17 Bit of Culture in Viticulture. Aleksander Estate Winery, from noon to 4 p.m. A different local artist is featured all summer long each Sunday afternoon in the vineyard.

May 18 Sangria Saturdays at Mastronardi Estate Winery, from 11 a.m., each Saturday throughout the summer features the popular Sangria made with our Casa Nostra Baco Noir. Cost is \$5 per serving.

May 23 Billy Munnely at Pelee Island Winery. An informative, informal wine appreciation seminar; from 7:30 p.m.; \$35 per person.

May 23 Dinner and Wine Series at Pelee Island Winery's wine pavilion on Pelee Island starts special menus and wines served each month through August, from 7 p.m. A seasonally inspired five-course meal with wine pairings and catered by Conorlee's Bakery. Reservations required. Contact winery for summer schedule.

May 31 Colchester Ridge Estate



NICK BRANCACCIO/The Windsor Star

Connie Campbell and Randy Dupuis enjoy the festivities at The Shores of Erie International Wine Festival last summer. The event, in just its fifth year, has become one of Ontario's top 100 festivals.

Winery. A light luncheon of Thai cuisine food and wine pairings, from 11:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., featuring authentic foods from Thai Palace. Reserve ahead.

June 6-7 Sip into Summer theme, open-house event at area wineries, including Colio Estate, Black Bear, Muscedere Vineyards, Colchester Ridge, D'Angelo Estate, Mastronardi Estate, Erie Shore, Pelee Island, Sprucewood Shores, Wagner Estate and Smith and Wilson Estate. Com-

plimentary herb plant and information available, from noon to 5 p.m. Free admission.

June 6-7 Sanson Estate Winery. Winery offers herb and wine information, serving samples of herb-inspired local foods with fresh herbs and great grill items.

Also, on the weekend Sanson Estate and Wagner Estate Wagner participate in the Art in the Park event at Willistead Park, bringing new elements to an established event.

June 6 Dionysus at Mastronardi Estate Winery; features Pavlo with his PBS production of musicians and dancers; contact winery for tickets.

June 11 Fish Dish at Viewpointe Estate Winery, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., featuring yellow perch and pickerel; limited seating, reservations recommended. Wine-based cocktails featured at tasting bar every Saturday and Sunday in June.

June 18 Wine blending class at Mastronardi Estate Winery, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Class size limited to 20, call for reservations, evening includes a light barbecue and informative class to blend Cabernet and Merlot from winery barrels. Cost is \$60 per person.

June 20 Colchester Ridge Estate Winery's Third Annual Vintage Release Party, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets include wine samplings, and event features Rick Morrison Quintet, with blues, jazz and funk. Special guest, Marty Lowman. Al Fresco dinner by Don Luciano. For tickets and information, contact the winery. Event benefits Canadian Cancer Society.

June 20 Sanson Estate's annual Summer Solstice Celebration; from noon to 4 p.m. Join the winery and the Essex County Land Stewardship to celebrate the natural features of the winery, meet environment experts, learn how to improve the environment and sample local food and wine.

June 25 Thursday's Grill, at Viewpointe Estate Winery. Special and seasonal items offered Thursdays through to August.

June 27-28 Grand opening weekend at Viewpointe Estate winery, on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., culinary demonstrations, tours and tastings. Live music by Karl Lonsbery.

July 19 Erie Shore Vineyards' fifth annual Customer Appreciation Day; from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

July 19 Lunch with Lyse LeBlanc at Mastronardi Estate Winery. Talented winemaker Lyse LeBlanc will prepare a lunch with a local theme in the vineyard. Space is limited, call for reservations; cost is \$35 per person. Another lunch event is scheduled for Aug. 16.

Aug. 9 The 15th Annual SWOVA Vintage Tasting at Sprucewood Shores Estate Winery, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; tickets cost \$50 per person. The Southwestern Ontario Vintners Association and Sprucewood Shores Estate Winery host the winemakers from the region showcasing their best vintage wines, along with food and entertainment. Event sells out, so visit, call or e-mail to purchase tickets soon.

Aug. 15 D'Angelo Vineyards Estate Winery celebrates its 25th anniversary of planting its first vines for its annual summer open house, with wine tastings, tours, food and entertainment. From noon to 5 p.m.; admission is free.

Sept. 10-13 The fifth annual Shores of Erie International Wine Festival at Fort Malden Historic National Historic Site. The event has become one of Ontario's top 100 festivals: The website www.soewinefestival.com offers schedules, entertainment, event and ticket information.

Windsor & Essex County Cancer Centre Foundation's SUMMER EVENTS



McGregor Music Festival
June 14th 12:30pm - 10pm
Tickets \$5.00
Location: Co An Park McGregor

Running from Cancer
July 26th at Tecumseh Arena
Applications: Running Factory or
www.runningfromcancer.com



Joe Hogan Memorial Golf Tournament
September 10th
Contact Doug or Dan
(519) 948-0801



Durocher Charity Classic
September 26th 12:30pm - 10pm
Rochester Place Golf Course
8:00 Shotgun start.
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- Pink smocks for cancer treatments
- Image Enhancement Room at the Windsor Regional Hospital Centre

Event Schedule

Friday July 10

- Erie Street Festival of Food - 6:00 pm -12:00 pm
 The Northern Light Steel Orchestra (steel drums) is back with us this year, with our new Cajun street party proceeds to breast cancer.

Saturday July 11

- Breast Cancer Survivor Races: Sand Point Beach newly named "DRAGON POINT" - 9:00 am
- Erie Street Food Festival 4:00 pm-12:00 am
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Sunday July 12

- Corporate and Community Races: Sand Point Beach newly named "DRAGON POINT"
- Erie Street Festival of Food: 4:00 pm-10:00 pm

Windsor's Little Italy will be closing the street for a weekend outdoor street festival of fine Italian foods and entertainment, all for the cause of breast cancer.

For more information please visit our web site at www.internationaldragonboatsfestival.com
 Or by phone to our Dragon Line 519-739-9588

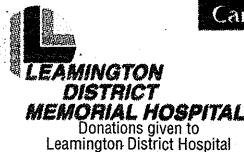
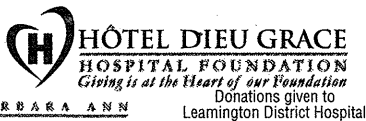
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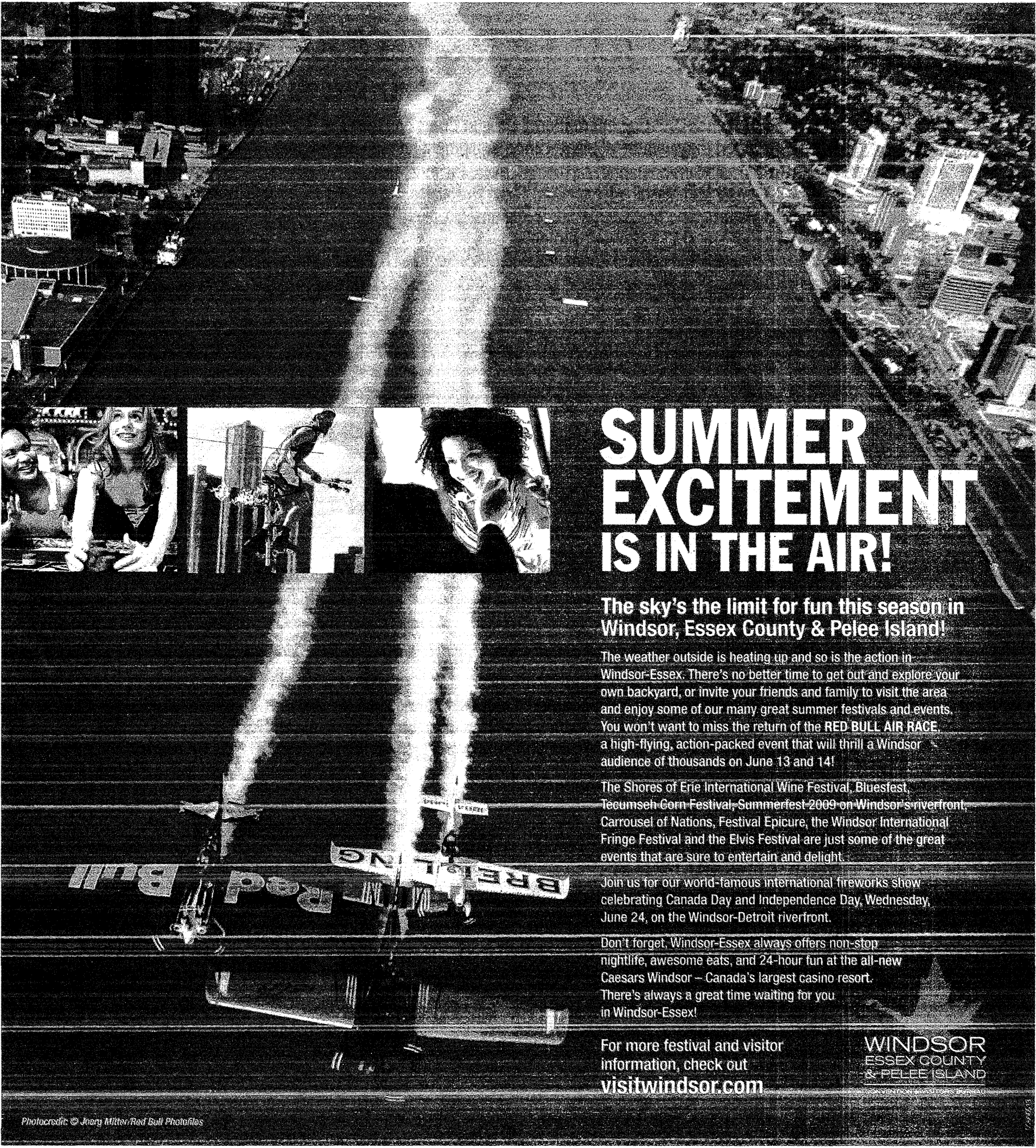


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For more festival and visitor information, check out visitwindsor.com

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