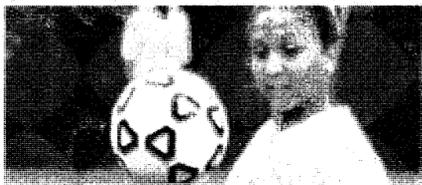


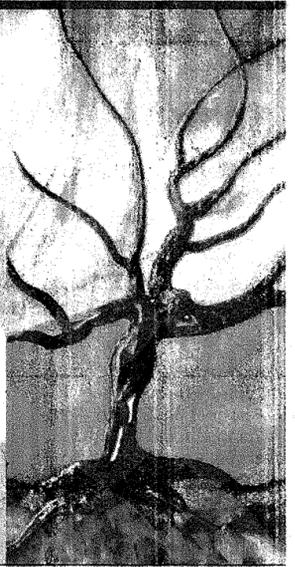
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Tax deadline extended

The Westland council has approved an extension on the deadline to pay summer property taxes without penalty until Tuesday, Aug. 31.

Volunteer gardeners

The city of Westland's DTE Energy Community Garden needs volunteers 4-7 p.m. Wednesdays for weeding and harvesting.

The food being grown in the garden will be donated to Gleaners Food Bank of Southeast Michigan for distribution to children, seniors, disabled people, working families and other individuals in need of emergency food.

Volunteers should plan to bring their own gardening tools, sunscreen, drinking water and closed-toed shoes. The DTE Energy Garden is located at 38155 Cherry Hill, west of Newburgh.

Reappointments

The reappointments of Sam Durante and Doug Vaughn to the Westland Planning Commission were confirmed by the council Monday. Both were appointed to terms that will expire July 7, 2013.

Cool creations

The temperatures may be in the 80s and 90s, but the William P. Faust Public Library is thinking cool by offering two classes in felting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 13.

Hobby Lobby instructor Kris Rehtzigel will discuss methods of felting wool, using patterns and project assembly in Felting Fun: Making Mittens, as well as show how to create mittens from recycled sweaters.

Participants will work on their own pair of mittens and must know how to either hand or machine sew. Feel free to bring your own sewing machine.

Space is limited, so reserve your seat by stopping by the reference desk or calling (734) 326-6123.

It's polka time

You don't have to be Polish to enjoy a good polka and that's what Wayne County Parks is offering Saturday, July 10, at its Polka Fest 2010.

This year's Polka Fest will be from noon to 9 p.m. at Hines Park's Warrendale Picnic Area. Admission to the festival is free.

Polka Fest 2010 will feature performances by traditional Polish dancers in authentic costumes and top polka bands including, Michigan Polka Hall of Famer Marshall "Big Daddy" Lackowski and his La-Dee-Da's, the Duane Malinowski Polish Orchestra and the Syrena Polish Folk Dance Troupe.

There also will be a beer tent and food concessions available.

The entertainment schedule includes Duane Malinowski Polish Orchestra from noon to 4 p.m.; the PRCUA Tatro Dancers 4-5 p.m.; and Big Daddy Lackowski and his La-Dee-Da's 5-9 p.m.

The Warrendale Picnic Area is located off of Warren Road, just east of Telegraph Road in Dearborn Heights.

For more information, call (734) 261-1990.

Council OKs concessionary proposal for court

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Union employees of Westland's 18th District Court should soon have an agreement that will allow early retirements, but also includes a two-year pay freeze and other concessions.

The council unanimously approved the proposal from the court to members of the 18th District Court Association,

a sub chapter of the Police Officers Association of Michigan, that is similar to agreements reached with other city employee unions.

Like city workers, the court staff would be allowed to purchase generic time for up to five years to reach 25 years for retirement. The employees would be allowed to use banked sick/vacation days to purchase the generic time at 5 percent of their wages per year.

The employees would have to be eligible to retire by June 30, 2014.

The court will realize a cost savings from having fewer employees and new hires being added at lower pay and benefits than current staff, court magistrate/deputy administrator David Wiacek said.

Other changes approved by the council include a two-year pay freeze, elimination of longevity pay after 2010, employ-

ees moving to a less expensive insurance plan, a lower tier insurance plan for new hires, no retiree health care for new hires and a defined contribution pension plan for new hires.

Councilman Dewey Reeves wasn't happy that the council hadn't been provided with a proposed agreement with the court union, but rather a summary memorandum.

"There is no letter of under-

standing. It is based on this approval. It includes what was discussed at the study session, the reductions asked for by the city," Wiacek said.

"It would have been nice to have that (letter of understanding). I feel I have been handcuffed into approving this," Reeves said. "We're going on what we were told. That's my personal feeling."

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Beauty is in the eye of the beholder and according to the judges, Nina Temple from Clarkston and Christopher Salutes from Livonia had enough mud to be crowned queen and king of Mud Day 2010.

Getting down and dirty

Kids and adults wallow away time at Mud Day

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What do you get when you mix 20,000 gallons of water with 200 tons of dirt and add hundreds of kids?

The Wayne County Parks' annual Mud Day, which attracted mud aficionados Tuesday from as far away as Grand Blanc to the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park for several hours of glorious, wallow-in-the-mud pleasure.

"You're never too old," said 34-year-old Tracey Risch of Garden City. "The best part is getting down and getting dirty. It's a great exfoliation."

Risch and her children were among newbies like Christopher Salutes of Livonia, who rolled in the mud, crawled in the and coated every square inch of their bodies with mud. For Christopher, being

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Police pursue leads in festival shooting incident

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton man is recovering from a gunshot wound to his leg as Westland police search for a man who opened fire at the Westland Summer Festival carnival.

The shooting occurred at approximately 11 p.m. Sunday just as the fireworks, which

draw a large crowd, were finishing.

"What we know so far, is that there were large numbers of young people at the carnival at that time," Westland Police Chief Alan Ramsden said. "A fight broke out, possibly more than one. We're still trying to determine that. One

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MUD DAY

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the muddiest kid around came with a crown.

"I just kept piling on the mud. It wasn't that hard," said the 11-year-old Livonia youth, who was named king of Mud Day.

Not one square inch of his body showed through the sticky layer of mud. Even his ears were filled with the brown goo. According to Christopher, the idea of getting so muddy was his mother's.

"It sounded like it would be fun," a mud-less Sheryl Salutes said. "I've meant to do it in the past and it worked out this year."

If Christopher was the muddiest kid at Mud Day, the honor of being the cleanest went to Suzette Elliott's children — Brenden, 4, and Peter, 6. The Grand Blanc residents may have come the farthest for Mud Day and went home the cleanest.

"They don't like it," Elliott said. "I think they saw it on the kids' faces and were mortified."

The Elliotts, along with their grandmother Lenore Elliott of Holly, stood in the shade, watching the mayhem and friends Nina Temple and her brother Dominic of Clarkston.

"We're originally from Westland, so I knew about it," Nina's mother said. "We drove an hour, but it was worth it for something like this. I don't let them get muddy at home."

It also was worth a crown. Nina who spent 15 minutes packing mud on her shoulder-length hair, was named queen of Mud Day.

"The best part was getting my hair done," the 10-year-old said. "I put it up and they just piled on the mud."

Kids looking for parents and parents looking for kids made their way to the stage to get help, but counselors for the Livonia Family YMCA had another way of doing buddy checks. They held up signs.

"We came with 100 kids and there's probably 25 of them in the mud and all of the counselors," said camp director Danielle Haase of Westland, who knew the job came with a layer of mud.

Standing beside her was counselor Conor Mahinske of Redford, who proudly admitted to doing a belly flop in the mud pit.

"I'm going over there to get



Nathan Tamm from Westland goes deep sea diving in the murky mud puddle.



In one of several Mud Day games, youngsters - and a few adults - crawled across the pit on their stomachs.



Alex Lux from Westland washes up in the mud pit.

clean so I don't have to wait in line," he said, nodding toward the rinsing area set up by the Western Wayne County Hazmat Team.

"We have a lot of Homeland Security equipment and this gives us a

chance to use it. We have to see if it works," said Farmington Hills Fire Lt. Steve Biebel, who counted the number of children and adults who came through the area. "We were here last year and did 400 per hour.

We were here three hours and did 1,300-1,400 people. If something were to happen at a Detroit Tigers game or at a U-M football game, we have to see what we can handle."

The Hazmat team hosed most of the mud off the participants before sending them to the portable showers.

Harmony Carribeau of Westland made it through the rinse-off without shedding any mud. Her 15-month-old son, Scott David didn't like it.

"It was ice cold, so he didn't want to do it," Carribeau said. "He loved the mud, he sat right down and started playing. He got mommy muddy."

It was about the same reaction Beth Anead of Garden City got from her 2-year-old granddaughter Izzy.

"She hated it, she cried," Anead said. "She hates getting muddy, but that's OK, we had fun."

Anead also had a post-Mud Day game plan. She had brought her three children and a niece and nephew, whom she sent to get hosed off. She planned on wearing her mud home.

"I'm going home and take a nice shower so I can get the mud off," she said, adding that "I'll have the kids clean the car while I'm in the shower."

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Famous Dave's gets OK to add patio seating

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While some restaurants are struggling, the Westland Famous Dave's Restaurant is expanding.

On Monday, the council voted to approve a revised site plan for a patio addition on the east side of the restaurant, located on the south side of Warren Road, west of Central City Parkway.

"This is an existing business that is looking to expand. This is not a smokers' patio like some of the other requests we've had," Planning Director Bruce Thompson said. "It's to expand the business with 46 additional seats."

The patio would be 1,400 square feet and be enclosed with a decorative metal fence. The plan had been reviewed

by various city departments and there were no objections. The plan, according to Thompson, meets current ordinance requirements and the existing site plan.

"On behalf of the administration, we appreciate the work Famous Dave's does — the first Famous Dave's in Michigan was opened here," Mayor William Wild said. "We appreciate their efforts and this expansion."

Appearing on behalf of Famous Dave's and local owner Blue Ribbon Restaurants, project general contractor John Pastor said that Westland has been awesome for the restaurant.

"Thank you. I'll be back in two weeks for the liquor license extension (to allow the outside service)," Pastor said.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Free wash

Need a car wash? Stop by Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church at 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, between 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 31. The church is holding a free car wash for the community.

Keep walking

In the mood to walk, but don't like the weather? Westland Shopping Center has the answer - mall walking.

Westland Shopping Center opens its doors before usual operating hours for people who want to walk for exercise. Walking begins at 7 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Enter through Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen on the northeast end of the mall. All other doors are locked until approximately 8.30 a.m. On Sunday all doors are opened at 10 a.m.

Westland Walkers also hold a meeting at 9.30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Community Room on the lower level. Call (734) 425-5001 to check when a meeting has been scheduled.

It's easy to become a member of Westland Walkers. Just fill out a registration card available at the Customer Service booth in East Court. Return it to the Customer Service Associate or put it in the Walkers Box located on the side counter.

Westland Shopping Center is at Wayne and Warren roads in Westland.

Class reunion

John Glenn High School Class of 1975 will hold its 35th reunion Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Livonia Marriott. Reservations and tickets can be purchased online at www.jghsclass75.com. For more information, contact Loren Zeidman at (248)877-0909 or by e-mail at l_zeidman@americancredit.com.

Farmers market

Fresh fruit, vegetables, baked goods, sausages and flowers will be offered at the Westland Farmers Market 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through October. Look for the market on the east side of Westland Shopping Center along Wayne Road just south of Ashley's.

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man was shot in the leg. It was a fight that escalated."

Police weren't releasing a description of the suspect, who was reported to have fired

three shots from a semi-automatic handgun. The victim was apparently the person the gunman was intending to shoot, Ramsden said.

"The victim says he doesn't know anything. He's not the most cooperative witness — he's not talking or really doesn't know anything,"

Ramsden said. "We've got good leads and we're pursuing them."

With hundreds of people at the carnival, Ramsden said, the shooting incident could have resulted in more injuries. The fireworks display, which traditionally closes the festival, draws crowds estimated in

the hundreds of thousands.

"Most people don't watch the festival fireworks in the carnival area. There is no place to sit," Ramsden said. "The carnival seems to attract people who are not interested in the fireworks."

Following the shooting, Ramsden said the carnival

operator cooperated with police by shutting down about 45 minutes earlier than planned.

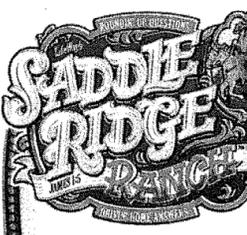
There hadn't been any earlier problems at the festival, which began Wednesday, Ramsden said. There were no major problems at the festival last year, but there were stabbing incidents in 2007 and 2008, both occurring in the carnival area located in the parking lot between City Hall and the police department.

"Residents should know that every single officer who wasn't

working the day shift was ordered in to work and three-quarters of them were there for the fireworks, up to and including the chief — I was there in uniform," Ramsden said.

"I don't think we could do anything different. The fact is, we're there as visible as can be. I was no more than 50 yards from the shooting with hundreds of people around. It's a reactive situation," he said.

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Promoter revs up for Michigan Avenue cruise

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

There wasn't a lot of cruising on Michigan Avenue when Don Nicholson was in high school but he's changing that. For a third year, the Westland promoter is gearing up for an upcoming event that's sure to burn rubber.

Classic car lovers can get a jump start on the Woodward Dream Cruise by Cruisin' Michigan Avenue July 10, from Wayne to Dearborn. The daylong event is expected to draw 20,000 cars and 150,000 spectators to five communities along the route that includes Westland.

"This end of town doesn't have a lot of events going on. Michigan Avenue is so perfect for cruising. It's a lot wider," said Nicholson, a 1973 graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia. "Last year, we saw license plates from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio. It's bringing business from out of state."

Nicholson has always been a car lover. In high school, he drove a 1970 LTD. In the 1980s, he helped a friend build a car one winter. Today, Nicholson owns a 1968 Triumph Spitfire, but don't expect to see it at the

cruise. He says "all the parts are there it just needs to be put together."

And Nicholson won't have time because he's too busy organizing not only the Michigan Avenue, but Telegraph cruise July 24. Telegraph was the place to be in the late 1960s for teens in cars.

"On July 10, there'll be everything that's ever been built and ones you never knew were built," said Nicholson. "We'll have the Monkee Mobile, Model Ts."

FESTIVE TIME

A number of activities add to the festivities. Seven free concerts along the route feature music by bands from the past and present. Alexander Zonjic jazzes up the corner of Michigan Avenue and Inkster road as part of the Inkster Jazz Festival while Frigid Pink and Salem Witchcraft play at the Michigan Vet Fest. Both coincide with the cruise.

The Michigan Vet Fest, at the Elks Lodge on Michigan Avenue in Dearborn, raises money for veterans in need. The concert is free but donations are requested for Veterans Haven.

Over the years, Nicholson's Charity Car Shows have raised thousands of dollars for non-



Working on the third annual Cruising Michigan Avenue are Anthony J. Rzuclido (from left), director of the Emergency Vehicle Show, Gayle Napolitano-Nicholson, vice-president, and Don Nicholson, president, of Don Nicholson Enterprises, LLC.

profits. This year, vendors like Community Living Services, Wayne Rotary Club and St. John's Lutheran Church in Redford will be selling a variety of items, including T-shirts at Cruisin' Michigan Avenue.

Nicholson originally became involved with car shows and event photography at the Detroit and Milan dragways in the early 1990s. Nicholson raced cars there in the mid-1980s. He jokes, "Dyno" Don Nicholson is "not me." "Dyno" Don, who

raced in the 1960s and 1970s is listed among the top 50 drag racers by the National Hot Rod Association. Don Nicholson of Westland prefers promoting classic cars.

After gaining experience in track car shows at Milan, Nicholson put on his first event. He is the originator of Autos for Autism, a fund-raiser for the Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City. In 2001, he founded Don Nicholson Charity Car Shows and held the

event at the Automotive Hall of Fame. The main show each year benefits the Western Wayne Skills Center in Westland. It takes place the last Monday in June. The school trains young adults with special needs.

"This is our eighth one," said Nicholson. "All proceeds go to the program. I love working with special needs. All of the plaques this year were made by students."

In addition to the plaques awarding recognition to vehicles in 40 different classes, one owner wins the People's Choice Award. Redford sculptor Sergio De Giusti designed the bronze trophy.

RAISING FUNDS

"Our biggest goal is to surround ourselves with charities," said Nicholson. "Last year, we raised \$97,000 the day of the cruise to help different charities. We also award a scholarship for the T-shirt design."

Nicholson's especially proud of the fact that the Michigan Avenue Cruise is gaining recognition. It is now a part of Autopalooza, a celebration of Southeast Michigan's automotive heritage. The website, www.autopalooza.org, lists cruises, races and shows during summer,

including Cruisin' Michigan Avenue. He's also proud of House Resolution No. 105, offered by state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, that declares the second Saturday in July as Cruisin' Michigan Day. The event promotes the state and recognizes the area's contributions to the automotive industry.

"To be able to do this is phenomenal and positive for the communities," said Nicholson, "and helps charities." Nicholson is active in community service in a variety of areas. On July 1, he became president of the Wayne Rotary. In the meantime, he and his wife, Gayle, are busy organizing the Churchill High School Reunion Sept. 11 at the Nankin Mills Pavilion. He and Gayle were high school sweethearts. They married seven years ago. In August, they're planning a trip to Seattle, he on his motor scooter. Gayle is taking a plane. The trip will provide background for the book he will write on Rotary clubs.

Cruisin' Michigan Avenue starts at noon and runs to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 10. Cruisers have been known to show up as early as 7 a.m. For information, visit the website, www.cruisimichigan.com, or call (734) 658-5296.

Car shows and cruising: It's a family affair

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

Cruising is a family affair for Craig and April Zygumt and their three children. The Canton couple and Konner, 6, Abigail, 11, and Olivia, 10, spend every weekend of the summer and some weeknights involved with car shows and activities like Cruisin' Michigan Avenue on July 10.

April bought their bright yellow 2006 Mustang convertible with black racing stripes in memory of her daughter, Collette, a special needs child who died at age 3.

"I enjoy car shows, cruises. It's not all a guys' sport anymore. If guys can do it, why can't we," said April Zygumt. "We enjoy having fun as a family. We go to car shows. The kids help detail the car and make a little bit of money on the side doing other people's wheels."

Zygumt is continuing a family tradition. Her father had a '56 Chevy that he restored when she was growing up in Alma.

"We'd go to car shows and had friends," said April. "I want to share that with our kids. My son wanted a yellow Mustang for his birthday. He now has his (toy) show car."

Craig grew up in Livonia surrounded by the history of the car companies in the Detroit area. Today, he and April serve on the board of the Mustang Owners Club of Southeastern Michigan.

"We particularly enjoy Mustangs," said Craig Zygumt. "You can go to a car show and have 20 Mustangs and no two are alike. It's interesting to see what they do to personalize the cars. I'm 44. I grew up in '60s

and '70s. It's nice to see those cars. It's a classic now."

Like April, Craig enjoys the camaraderie of the car clubs, shows and cruises. They recently drove to Pennsylvania with seven couples for a car show. April is social director for the Mustang club. She's also involved with promoting the Telegraph and Michigan Avenue cruises when she isn't working part time as a vet tech at Westland Veterinary Hospital.

"It's a good way to connect with friends," said Craig. "We've met a lot of people through involvement with clubs. We have parties and go on overnight trips. The cars are what we have in common."

Mel Guthrie especially enjoys cruising in his Monkee Mobile, a 1966 GT convertible, one of two surviving from *The Monkees* television show. The Northville car buff even drives it to work at the Guthrie Lumber

Company in Livonia. The car is rumored to have been used in *I Dream of Jeannie* before it became the Monkee Mobile.

"Ever since I was a kid I loved watching *The Monkees* and *The Monkee Mobile*," said Guthrie, who grew up in Plymouth. "I was at a parade and saw a Batmobile go by and thought if someone can own that I can own *The Monkee Mobile*. I started looking into it and found there were only two Monkee Mobiles. I thought I'd never own it."

Then one night at a party Guthrie ran into a friend who had a catalog for a car auction. Before long, he was on his way to Scottsdale, Ariz., for the Barrett Jackson car auction. That was 2 1/2 years ago.

"I drive it," said Guthrie, 50. "I'm going to have as much fun as I can."

In January, Guthrie had the car trailered to Tecumseh for

an event with Davy Jones, The Monkees lead singer. Guthrie also had drummer and vocalist Mickey Dolenz autograph the car about two years ago at a comic convention.

Although Guthrie also owns a purple '68 Charger, '72 Ford Mustang convertible, '67 GTO, '78 Trans AM, and '74 AMC AMX, he'll be driving *The Monkee Mobile* to Cruisin' Michigan Avenue.

"The cruise keeps getting bet-

ter every year. You get to visit friends and see all the cool cars," said Guthrie. "Don Nicholson puts on a good show. Most of them can't believe it's a real Monkee Mobile."

Mike Rey, president of the Mustang Owners Club of Southeastern Michigan (www.mocsem.com), is excited about the cruise as well. He'll be driving his 2005 Mustang GT.

"I have been the last couple of years. Last year, we had 91

cars. We usually have 40 to 60 cars show up," said Rey of the club members who live as far away as Tennessee and Ohio. He's also looking forward to the club's 22nd annual car show with about 500 cars in August at Ford World Headquarters.

"The Michigan Avenue Cruise brings a lot of people into the businesses along the route," said Rey of Brownstown. "They're getting the traffic like they've never got before."



The Zygumt family - April (from left), Abigail, 11, Konner, 6, Olivia, 10, and Craig - pose with their 2006 Ford Mustang GT convertible they'll take to the Cruisin' Michigan Avenue July 10.

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Scoop the Newshound

Struggling economy can't mask overall optimism

The last few weeks are a reminder that the global economic crisis is far from over. Ongoing problems in the European community and high unemployment here in the United States are symptoms of a troubled economy.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

The question I am asked often is when will things get back to normal. I don't know, but I do know that eventually this will be behind us. The U.S. economy will once again flourish. My confidence in the U.S. economy is not based upon our elected representatives in Washington or Lansing but, rather, the American people. Our country and our economy have been through difficult times in the past and each time we have risen to the challenge and have overcome our difficulties. I have no doubt that will happen once again.

Earlier this week, we celebrated our country's 234th birthday. There is no doubt we are faced with numerous problems and challenges. Whether it is nearly double-digit unemployment, abnormally high foreclosure rates or falling home prices, the economy is struggling. However, we should never forget that despite our difficulties, we are still the largest and strongest economy in the world. No other economy comes close to ours. We are still, despite everything, the envy of the world.

As Americans, we have much to be proud of — we are the freest and richest country in the history of the world. We also are a beacon of liberty and freedom to the rest of the world. Does anyone have any doubt that if people could choose to move anywhere in the world, there would be a rush to our shores? There is a reason why freedom-loving people throughout the world want to come to the United States.

In this 24/7 news-media world, a focus on the negative

may just be human nature. However, take a step back and focus on the positives. If nothing more, focus on the fact that throughout our history, we are still the land of opportunity. Our society is full of people who entered life without certain advantages and have achieved greatness here.

Look at every level of our society, from business, arts and entertainment, sports and politics, and you will see large numbers of people who overcame difficulties to reach unprecedented levels. As Americans, we are the can-do people. We have proven it time and time again and I have no doubt that we will overcome our present difficulties and once again reach new heights.

I believe that America's best days are still to come.

There is no doubt that we have real problems in this country — high unemployment, high foreclosure rates and, probably worst of all, a lack of confidence in our future. For those who are unemployed or who have lost their homes, a doom and

gloom feeling is understandable and nothing anyone says can relieve the anxiety they feel.

However, don't forget that our country has been through numerous turbulent times. Whether it's been world wars, depressions or recessions, this country's resilience is unmatched in the annals of the world.

On the heels of this Independence Day holiday, I believe all citizens deserve a pat on the back for a job well done.

There is no doubt there's plenty of work ahead. However, Americans can and should look forward to the future knowing that there are better days ahead. Never forget how lucky we are to live in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Good luck!

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Visit the Observer at Art in the Park

Visit the Observer at Plymouth Art in the Park Friday, Saturday and Sunday for a chance to win prizes and meet Scoop the Newshound. Look for the Observer at Booth 143 in Kellogg Park.

Kids ages 12 and under are invited to participate in the Observer Coloring Contest. Kids can color Scoop the Newshound and be entered in a daily drawing for a VIP Car Pass to African Safari Wildlife Park in Port Clinton, Ohio (maximum of six people per car). Scoop will pick his favorite picture every day. All artwork will be on display at the event.

Scoop will be on hand 3-5

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And at the top of each hour during Art in the Park, the Observer will give away movie passes for two to Emagine Theaters and Buddy's pizza coupons to one lucky winner. Come by and spin the [hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) wheel for a chance to win. Every hour one name will be selected and that person will spin for a chance to win.

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Rouge bug hunt scores first-of-its-kind insect

The results from Friends of the Rouge's Spring Monitoring are now available and the organization reports finding a species of caddisfly that may be a first time record for the state of Michigan.

Friends of the Rouge biologist Bruce McCulloch identified the small aquatic insect collected in early March from a site on the Johnson Creek in Salem Township. Surprised to learn that the species had not been collected in the state before, Friends of the Rouge asked Professor Mike Wiley of the University

of Michigan to confirm the finding. The species was also found at a site on the lower branch of the Rouge in Canton.

Caddisflies are unusual insects in that they create cases out of materials like pebbles and sticks to protect themselves during the larval stage where they live in the water prior to hatching into flying insects. This particular type of caddisfly does not make a case until just before hatching. Caddisflies are all considered sensitive insects because they require cold, well-oxygenated water to

survive and are not found in poor quality rivers.

In addition to the rare caddisfly, results from the Spring Bug Hunt showed an improvement at six of 37 sites. The highest score for any site in the watershed was found at a new site on a Johnson Creek tributary called Sump Drain. Most sites on Rouge tributaries were considered fair with only one of 48 sites sampled rating poor.

The complete report is available online at therouge.org/687847/index.html and a Google map showing the

results is at therouge.org/687846/index.html.

The Spring Bug Hunt is part of a long-term monitoring program that was created in 1998 to train local residents to collect information about the health of Rouge streams. It is coordinated by Friends of the Rouge, supported by the Alliance of Rouge Communities and conducted in partnership with Wayne County Department of Public Service Water Quality Management Division.

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Internet City offers 'affordable solutions'

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

Internet City has a complete staff to meet all your computer needs. You'll get the absolute best rates in town - guaranteed. We are a fully functional computer retailer and service center with all of the experience you would ever expect. We are located in Garden City (Internet City I) and Westland (Internet City II) for your convenience.

We have extensive, combined work experience and have been working on computers since the age of DOS. Internet City prides ourselves in the ability to bridge the gap of technical jargon into "laymen's terms," for the benefit of the customer's understanding of what we need to do for them. We also offer reasonable phone support at no charge, which brings us to our motto: "Affordable Solutions."

Types of include computer repair and maintenance, house calls/networking, computer upgrade, software and hardware, quality web design, troubleshooting, new and used computers, video editing, hardware/software sales, on-site service, new system set-up/home networking, at home computer classes, upgrades, hardware/software installation, virus scan and removal, system id and evaluation, used copier hard drive removal, internet configuration, data transfer and back-up, data recovery, Windows repair and upgrade. We also have a Media Department, via Sound Pictures, Inc. Sound Pictures will transfer all of your

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

I first decided to open our business when I realized how hard it was to get honest, fair, legitimate customer service involving my own experience with personal computer repair. We all hate to part with our computers and truly want them to be placed into dependable hands. Internet City realizes those concerns our customers are faced with who want to



Internet City, with two locations in Garden City (above) and Westland (below), prides itself in offering "affordable solutions" to all your computer needs.



get their computer fixed in a timely matter, but, more importantly, correctly the first time. With that in mind, I started repairing computers in my home in 1997.

Observer: Why did you choose Garden City?

I decided to locate in this community because we truly believe Westland and Garden City are the places to be. I have lived in the Westland/Garden City area most of my life, with the exception of my Naval career where I served as a Search and Rescue Medic. I truly have a lot of faith in this city and love the community. This was illustrated while being a member of the Garden City Jaycees and becoming their president in 1999.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Our business is unique. We strive to give you that feeling of coming into that "Mom and Pop" store atmosphere. Our goal is to make you feel comfortable and to give you that one-on-one, individual service. So many customers who take their computers to larger computer outlets sometimes get "lost in the shuffle" in a production type of environment. Internet City does not want to make our customers made to be felt that way. We pride ourselves on our ability to be honest with our customers as well as the ability to gain their trust to accomplish our goal of individual service to them. As Internet City grows, we will continue this achievement with more, smaller based store locations in an effort to create that one-on-one, individual experience.

Everyone employed at Internet City loves discovering new knowledge and understanding of computer technology as well as relaying that information onto our customers. We are constantly keeping up with that ever-changing technology not only as an effort to improve our service, but as an effort to pass along that information to our customers.

Observer: Is there any other information you'd like to share with our readers?

We are an honest, straightforward, computer repair store that strives to give you old fashioned, dependable service since 1997. We are small in size, but BIG in customer service, which is the only way we like it. "Affordable solutions" are what we offer.

Chase perfection, achieve excellence

Good morning Michigan! Today's success tip is simple but challenging. I live

by it and yet it's difficult to put into words.

Vince Lombardi put it this way: "Perfection is not attainable. But if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence."



Clarity Patton Newhouse

It's true that chasing perfection can be dangerous. But only if we're unable to recognize and appreciate excellence when we catch it.

We could brainstorm lots of analogies, like:

- To get an A on a test (90 percent or higher) we'd better study for 100 percent. If we only

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study for 90 percent then we're likely to end up with 80 percent when we crack under pressure.

- To close 10 new deals, we'd better attempt at least 12 in case some fall through.

- To break an Olympic record, train to go even faster or even further because "race day" may not bring out your personal best (I heard a great story about this years ago at a seminar; wish I still remembered who the athlete was).

Here's one! Goal: 0 typos. Result: fewer typos than if I had a more lenient goal.

The simple truth is that we often fall short of our potential. But that doesn't mean we should lower our goals. Instead, try aiming even higher. If

you want to win any Olympic medal, go for the Gold!

Or to paraphrase Vince Lombardi - To achieve excellence, strive for perfection. And have a Sunny Day!

Clarity Patton Newhouse

P.S. Imagine if we all had the following work ethic: "There's only two things I had to do to win the Olympic gold," said Olympic Gold Medalist Peter Vidmar, "train when I wanted to, and train when I didn't."

Clarity Patton Newhouse is Quality and Business Development Manager for Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury in Garden City. She writes "A Sunny Note" to brighten the day with encouraging insights for business and life. "A Sunny Note" also is published online at ASunnyNote.com for readers across America and beyond.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Community award

Allstate Insurance Agent Barney Knorp of Westland has received the company's Agency Hands in the Community Award for volunteerism in the community. With this award comes a \$1,000 grant from The Allstate Foundation to Livonia Storm Girls Fastpitch, where Knorp volunteers.

"Allstate believes that it's important for corporations to take an active interest in the communities they serve," said Thomas F. Clarkson, vice-president of Allstate. "We're proud that our agents are personally involved in their local communities and that we're able to recognize them in a way that assists the non-profit organization they support."

Through the Agency Hands in the Community grant program, Allstate agents and Allstate personal financial representatives are recognized for outstanding commitment to community service with a

\$1,000 donation to the charitable organization where they volunteer. To qualify for the grant, agents or personal financial representatives must show evidence of volunteer work that has had a positive impact on the local community. Established in 1952, The Allstate Foundation is an independent, charitable organization made possible by subsidiaries of The Allstate Corporation. The Allstate Foundation partners with non-profit organizations on community initiatives that promote "safe and vital communities," "tolerance, inclusion, and diversity" and "economic empowerment."

Resource workshop

In an effort to help communities diversify industry, move the region forward and create jobs, Wayne County, in partnership with the University of Michigan's Community Economic Adjustment Program, is hosting a Community Resource Workshop at Henry

Ford Community College to give businesses an edge on economic recovery.

"This workshop will directly link Wayne County's local communities and community agencies with representatives from the state and federal government, which helps the region continue to move forward, diversify and grow," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "Together, participants and businesses will discuss projects, funding opportunities at the state and national level, and subsequent proposals for development."

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

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

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OUR VIEWS

Be responsible

Don't drive and text even if cops can't prove it

Michigan's ban on texting while driving went into effect a week ago today.

The civil infraction is a primary offense, meaning someone can be pulled over for that reason alone. The fine for a first offense is \$100, for a second offense, \$200. It does not carry any points.

Some motorists think the new law is difficult to enforce. They believe a police officer won't be able to tell the difference between a driver who's texting and one who's dialing his cell phone to make a call.

They wonder how far a police officer and the court system will go to prove someone was texting, such as trying to get access to their cell phone records.

These motorists are missing the point: Texting is dangerous.

An 18-month study of long-haul trucks with video cameras found that when the drivers texted, their risk of getting into an accident was 23 times higher than when they weren't texting, according to a *New York Times* article.

Not only do texting drivers put themselves at risk, they endanger their passengers, other motorists and their passengers and pedestrians.

If you must read, write or send a text while driving, pull over and stop. Whether the new law is enforceable or not, it's the safe, responsible thing to do.



Local police have begun enforcing the state's ban on texting while driving, which went into effect July 1.

COMMUNITY VOICE

How did you plan on celebrating the Fourth of July?

We asked this question at Henry Ruff Elementary in Garden City.



"We celebrated at our church, they have a big barbecue."

Lisa Gibbons
Garden City



"We went camping with our family and friends. This probably is our 10th year of doing that."

Dawne Falk
Garden City



"I celebrated the Fourth by going up north to Petoskey. It's been a tradition since I married my wife."

Steve Rogers
Garden City



"I had no plans, I thought I might have to work."

Philip Tapper
Garden City

LETTERS

The best thrift store

I am writing to tell you about the best thrift store: The DAV in Westland. Considering today's economic climate, it's a matter of survival to make every dollar count. In the case of my personal situation of facing a financial crisis, I found myself making drastic life changes in order to support my family and to keep a roof over our heads. One of these changes was to stop shopping at regular clothing retailers for new clothes for the family, to now shopping at thrift stores for clothing and household goods.

I researched and shopped as many thrift store locations as I could find. The majority of thrift stores are very large and well-known chains, such as the Salvation Army, Value World and St. Vincent DePaul. Well, one day I came across a thrift store called the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) thrift store. Wow, I was impressed! I found so many great buys that on my first visit, I left the store with entire grocery cart overflowing with clothes.

I'm not trying to take away from the good things that the large chains do to support the less fortunate but right now, I am less fortunate and I need to shop for the best deals and that's exactly what I found to be the case at the DAV.

I had an opportunity to speak with a volunteer with one of the previously mentioned "large thrift stores" and was told how prices have gone up to maximize margins so that they could do more charity work. I don't have a problem supporting charities, but sometimes it's almost laughable to see some of the prices at these large thrift stores for used goods. Garments have gone up in prices, household goods that have been priced to nearly new retail prices and things such as used furniture priced in a way that makes me shake my head.

The DAV store has great prices, it's very well organized. It's clean and has an appealing atmosphere. Their racks are easy to shop, meaning that the racks are not overstuffed and that makes shopping easier. Items, such as pants, are clearly marked with sizes that make finding your appropriate size so much easier.

Although you can find great buys all week long, Sundays are my favorite because you can buy five garments (with each week's special color tags) for \$1, meaning that you can literally clothe an entire family for less than a \$10 bill. Oh, and you can find a sofa for as little as \$35.

I considered writing about this store over a year ago but I didn't because I felt that if everybody found out this place that it would leave me with less great finds for my own family. I now feel that I can't be selfish and I hope that others can benefit from my favorite thrift store. I also hope that this will help raise awareness about this great store and that when readers are ready to donate their clothing and/or household goods that they will consider donating to the DAV.

This store not only helps disabled American veterans, but I feel that they truly help people like family throughout the com-

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community help keep clothes on their backs.

The DAV store is located right on the northeast corner of Middlebelt and Ann Arbor Trail.

James Salamy

Letter's inaccuracies

Recently, a very angry and perhaps slanderous letter was sent to the editor of the Observer/Eccentric newspapers. This letter contained many inaccuracies and as a matter of fact, had only two correct statements in the entire letter.

I assume this attack took place because of a letter I posted in the electronic version of the Observer defending a fellow councilperson. I made no personal attacks. I simply stated my version of what happened based on my actual attendance at the meeting in question.

The first part of this letter written by a former council member, debated the virtues of past councils having budget balances and better finances. This fact was one of the two correct statements in the letter. The current council could simply point out that we have decreasing not increasing revenues, as in the past. We are also working hard to change contracts and policies that were instituted in the past and are now too costly for the taxpayer.

The next part rambled about "advisors" and political endorsements. The advisors that are supposedly on the "same page" as stated in the letter actually agree on very little when it comes to major issues or budget concerns, as I stated. One only needs to attend a budget session or council meeting to witness that. I did not say they never agree. They did agree on the endorsement of Ms. Bryant in the last election and this is the only other fact in the letter. The letter writer omitted that he was unsuccessful when seeking that same endorsement from the mayor and other sitting council members.

Now to address some of the complete fabrications and slanderous statements made against me personally by the author of the letter:

Jo Johnson spoke from the podium at a council meeting and asked the council to take a 10 percent pay cut. After the meeting

I approached her, another woman and Chuck Pickering to talk about this issue. I said: "I think the council should roll back their pay raises for the last five years and then freeze it". She said: "that would be great". Mr. Pickering then interjected; "Ms. Johnson, are you aware that the council has had only one raise in the last 10 years?" Ms. Johnson admitted that she did not know that. My point was made; the council has been trying to lead by example for years by refusing raises and people have forgotten those votes.

I never said that "I would not take a cut," as was alleged in the letter to the editor.

The next rant was about the Vietnam Memorial outside of city hall. I never said that I had anything to do with that particular memorial. If one had listened more carefully (meetings are recorded) I said, and I quote; "the one memorial outside of city hall". I was referring to the Tom Teran Memorial, not the Vietnam Memorial. I worked with the Jaycees when they funded and dedicated this memorial. I did, however, state that I raised funds for the Vietnam Memorial in Lansing, which is true and I still have the donor plaque in my home.

It is also untrue that I have never been a member of the VFW men's auxiliary. I sat on the charter committee to start the auxiliary several years ago, but sadly did not renew my membership because the meeting nights were the same as council meetings. I also have never been asked "to leave" a VFW post for "politicking." This statement is both ludicrous and a vicious lie. I have always observed the protocol and decorum of the VFW, have never broken any rules, and remain friends with many of the members, officers and commanders.

I was also criticized in the aspect of "what have you done lately." Although most of my veteran's projects, and Westland community fund-raising took place between 1977 and 2000, I still have done a few things besides the extra demands (outside of city business) of a council position.

In the last five years or so, I have been a member of the executive committee for Relay for Life (four years) and chaired the committee that dedicated Central City Drive, as Veterans Memorial Parkway.

As a final thought, the letter writer made the assumption that I spend less time on the job than he or council members of the past have. First of all, he simply has no idea how much time I spend working with citizens that contact me, budget preparations, meetings and training outside of city hall that I attend at my own expense, and research for issues that face our city. Secondly, 99 percent of us would agree that times are tough and changes will be necessary to secure our city's future.

It should be obvious to anyone with critical thinking skills that current national, state, and local economic and societal factors would demand more time on the job - not less.

Michael A. Kehrer
Westland city councilman

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues. In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

The issue: Police, fire retirement payouts

Roger's article might seem inflammatory but her point is valid. Employees with more money retired than working while city can't afford to hire.

Godbout is right, you can't correct all sins of the past but those involved with these latest decisions (allowing these buyouts with high pensions, promotions ...) should be able to explain what good did it do for the CITY. We already know what good it did for some of the employees!

WLCitizen

My point is, this has always been in the contract, or at least for many years. The buyout package did not create this scenario.

Reading the article and reading the posters comments, it sounded like everyone thinks this is new retirement "rate of pay". Officers have been getting this rate of retirement pay for a long time.

The only thing new is getting the new terms for retirement in the contract and of course working with less officers.

analyticthinker

Local pubs cater to World Cup fans

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

If there's a slump in the economy, you wouldn't know it looking at the World Cup fans who have packed many local bars and eateries since the games began June 11.

The World Cup wraps up Sunday in South Africa, but soccer lovers in western Wayne County are filling the seats at area pubs.

The final game (2:30 p.m. ET time Sunday) features The Netherlands and the winner of the semi-final matchup of Germany versus Spain. The Netherlands will play in its third World Cup final - and first in 32 years.

An estimated 715.1 million people watched the final match of the 2006 World Cup held in Germany, when Italy won the championship. Some believe that this year's final will be among the most-watched sports events ever. Kevin Khashan, owner of Sean O'Callaghan's in Plymouth, has opened at 10 a.m. daily during the World Cup games. His customers walk away winners, because they get a deal.

"Every time there is a game on, we have food and drink specials," Khashan said. "We cater to soccer all year long."

"There's a wide variety of Europeans - German, English - and some people from South Africa," Khashan said. "It's a lot of fun."

World Cup fans also are spending time at Kickers, in Livonia, too, according to Pete Stoyanovich, Kickers owner.

Internationally, soccer is the world's most popular sport, said Stoyanovich, a former

kicker for the Miami Dolphins and Indiana University. He was also a member of the under 19 Junior National Soccer Team.

"Obviously, I'm following them," Stoyanovich said. "A lot of dollars, outside of this country, are made in soccer. I think the game here in America has come a long, long way. The professional teams continue to grow and the newer stadiums are being built compared to 20 years ago. Any Saturday or Sunday morning, there are kids playing soccer on every field in the community. There is much more interest than ever."

FANS = BUSINESS

As far as the World Cup bringing him business, Stoyanovich said, when the American team played, business picked up.

It looked like St. Patrick's Day at Claddagh's Irish Pub in Livonia during the first few World Cup games, according to Kevin Downey, a door man, at the Haggerty Road eatery and pub.

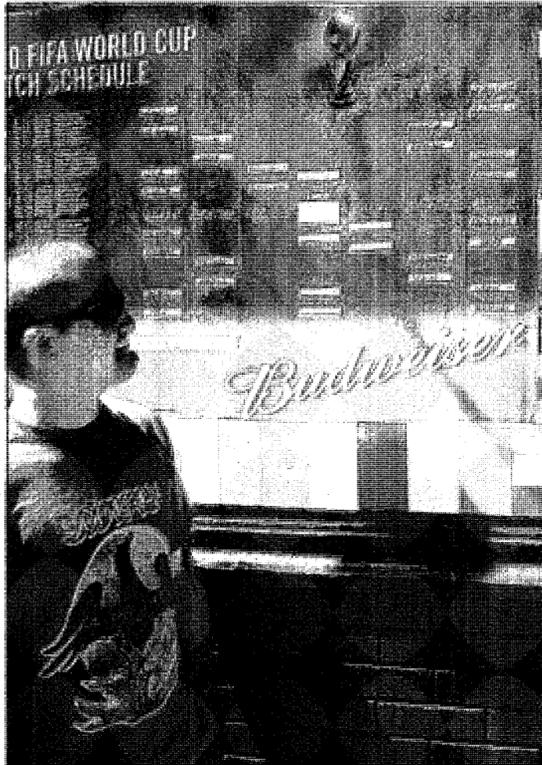
"It was so busy," he said referring to the World Cup fans as "soccer hoologans."

"People painted their faces," Downey said. "They were real rowdy, drinking and having a good time."

The Northville Sports Den has been packed with soccer lovers, especially when the United States went up against England.

"There were some Europeans, some young people who played soccer, families and pretty much anybody," bartender Angie Leonardo said.

Buffalo Wild Wings, with locations in Westland and Livonia, saw a spike in busi-



Chris Williams of Plymouth checks out the FIFA World Cup schedule in front of Sean O'Callaghan's in downtown Plymouth last weekend. Williams is a former soccer player and a fan.

ness when the American team played, "but for the other games we really haven't had that much," said Cathy Tallent, a manager in the Livonia eatery. "We got a few tables in to watch a game, but not near what we thought. As we go toward the finals, we expect that it will get busier."

Brian Smith, manager of Doc's Sports Retreat on Victor Parkway in Livonia, says the World Cup crowds are fun. A lot of customers take it all the way and come dressed with face paint, wigs and costumes. Groups of 20 and 35 came to watch.

"It's a fun environment," Smith said, adding any group of 10 or more watching the World Cup will receive a 10-percent discount off their bill.

"Everyone is happy their teams are in it and continue to

be successful," Smith said. "I would definitely say it's almost as close to the Red Wings going for the Stanley Cup."

Known as the FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) World Cup, the championship has been awarded every four years since the first tournament in 1930, except in 1942 and 1946 when it was not contested because of World War II.

Seven national teams have won the title during the 18 previous World Cup tournaments. Brazilian teams have won the World Cup a record five times and is the only team to have played in every tournament. Italy, the defending champion, has won four titles, while Germany is next with three titles. Other former champions are Argentina, England and France.

Radcliff Center is holding massage therapy orientation

The Massage Therapy program at Schoolcraft College will host an orientation session 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, at the Radcliff Center in Garden City.

The session is an opportunity for those who are interested in a career in massage therapy to learn the requirements for earning a certificate or associate degree, as well as explore career opportunities in this rapidly growing healthcare field.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet instructors in the program, as well as current students, and tour the facility. The orientation is open to the public, however, it is mandatory for any student who plans to enroll in the program for the fall 2010 semester, which begins Sept. 1.

The Radcliff Center is at 1751 Radcliff, just south of Ford. For more information, call (734) 462-4746 or send an e-mail to massage@schoolcraft.edu. A Massage Therapy Information and Application Packet also can be downloaded from the Schoolcraft website at www.schoolcraft.edu/pdfs/admissions/mas.pdf. To learn more about Massage Therapy and other Limited/Restricted Enrollment programs at Schoolcraft go to www.schoolcraft.edu/programs/limited.asp.

Massage therapy is one of the fastest growing specialties in healthcare and is recognized as a valuable preventive

health option as well as being a beneficial treatment modality following injuries and illness. Students at Schoolcraft College can earn either a certificate or associate degree in massage therapy. Massage therapists may be employed in a variety of healthcare settings including hospitals, managed care centers, rehabilitation and sports medicine clinics, and group and private practices.

Those who complete the certificate program, which typically takes about one year to earn the 34.5 credit hours, are ready for the National Certification Exam (NCE) and the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Exam for licensure.

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William Gabriel
City Controller

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, July 22, 2010, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearings, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearings is to solicit public comments on the following:

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Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

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Garden City Public Schools
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Attn: Scott Johnson, Executive Director of Business Services

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Bids must be submitted by July 26, 2010, 2 p.m.

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Report: Warren man assaults vendor at festival Woman finds TVs, clothing, jewelry taken from home

Gross Indecency

On July 4, a Westland woman told police she went to Target, 35401 Warren Road, with her 16-year old daughter, who waited in the vehicle. While the daughter was in the car, the girl said there was a man sitting on a 10-speed bicycle leaning against the building. A short time later, she said the man approached her and she could see his genitals exposed through the leg of his shorts, police said.

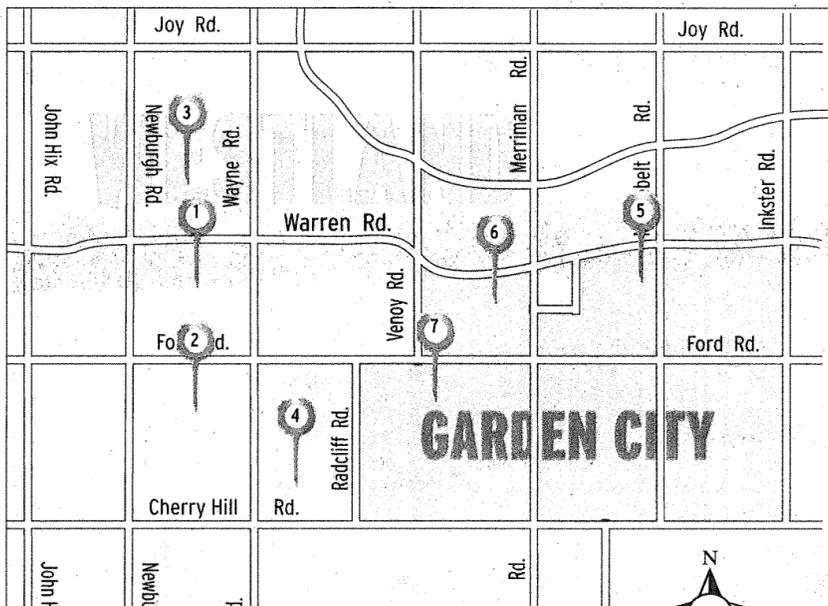
The man allegedly proceeded to masturbate directly in front of the girl, who told him to stop. She reportedly said the man asked, "Do you like this?" The girl reportedly said she again told him to stop, adding that she would call the police.

The man reportedly rode away on the red bicycle. He was described as a white male, 20 years old, 6 feet tall, very thin, clean shaven with brown hair and wearing a baseball cap and sunglasses. The man was reported to be wearing blue shorts and no shirt.

Assault

A Warren man, unhappy he wasn't allowed to sell items during the Westland Summer Festival fireworks, was cited Sunday for allegedly assaulting an authorized vendor, police said. The alleged victim, a Walled Lake man, told police about 8:40 p.m. he was assaulted and pointed out the Warren man.

The Walled Lake man reportedly said he was working as a vendor during the fireworks and knows the Warren man works for a different company, which wasn't allowed at the festival. He reportedly said the Warren man came to



his booth and, upset about not being allowed to sell items, started making threatening comments to the Walled Lake man and his co-workers.

The two men exchanged words and the Warren man left, the Walled Lake man told police, but he returned a short time later and punched him in the face.

The Warren man reportedly admitted arguing with the Walled Lake man, adding that he had punched him after the other man grabbed his arm. The officer issued a citation and told the man to leave the festival, which he did.

Carjacking

A resident of an apartment at 36800 Parkcrest Drive told police July 6 that an armed man stole her 2005 Honda Odyssey. The woman told

officers she argued with her husband and went for a drive through Hines Park. When she returned to the apartment at about 3:25 a.m., the woman said she was in the car composing her thoughts when a masked man appeared at the vehicle window.

The man was holding a very large black handgun, the woman said, demanding she give him the car. She complied and the man drove away in her car, she said. The woman, who was only able to describe the suspect as a white male, said she had to wait about 20 minutes before calling police so that she could compose herself.

Later that morning, officers found the vehicle, valued at \$12,000, in the area of Hines Drive and Newburgh. Damage was reported to the bumper and the dashboard wiring.

Larceny from a vehicle

On July 4, a resident in the 435000 block of Florence told police that someone stole her purse after she left it in her vehicle overnight. The car was unlocked and the windows were down. The purse was valued at \$50.

On July 2, a resident in the 32000 block of Mackenzie told police that someone stole his wallet from his vehicle. The man said he left the wallet in the vehicle because he planned to go out again but then changed his mind and stayed in. The next morning, he said a friend found his wallet in the front yard. His identification and \$65 were reported missing. The man wasn't sure if the vehicle had been locked.

By LeAnne Rogers

Home invasion

A 47-year-old woman who lives in the 29400 block of Rush reported thousands of dollars of items taken from her home during a break-in between July 3-5.

The woman found her screen door cut and the wooden door ajar when she returned home. Police believe entry was gained through a kitchen window.

According to the police report, there was a lot of search activity inside the home, and two TVs were stolen along with a wooden TV stand and a surround sound system.

The woman also reported 20 African-style dresses stolen, as well as children's clothing, many pairs of shoes and a jewelry box which contained expensive jewelry.

Attempted home invasion

A resident in the 31570 block of Rush reported a delayed home invasion incident which he believes occurred between June 29-July 1.

He saw a side door window was scratched by an unknown blunt object like a rock, and when he was cleaning, he saw a handprint on a window and called the police, who were able to lift a palm print as evidence from the window.

Nothing was taken from the home.

Home invasion

A woman checking on her vacationing friend's home in the Lathers and Middlebelt

area reported someone broke into the home sometime before July 3.

She reported hearing noise sometime during the night but when she checked, she saw nothing, according to the report.

In the morning, her son noticed the cover from the hot tub was open and they found a bedroom screen in the grass. They found an Xbox system was missing.

Police asked that the owner contact them when she returns home to identify other items that might be missing.

Police noted in the report that one of the family members posted a message on Facebook that the family would be away on vacation for a week.

Theft

Police arrested a 20-year-old Garden City man and a 28-year-old Detroit man for allegedly trying to steal a catalytic converter from a 1998 Chevy Monte Carlo parked at Auto One, 30615 Ford, about 1:30 a.m. July 1.

When police called the Auto One owner, he told them the car was left by the car owner for service.

Police reportedly found marijuana and a digital drug scale in the pockets of the Detroit man. They also reportedly found a receipt in his pocket for a tool purchased just hours before at Auto Zone that was used to try to cut and remove the catalytic converter.

By Sue Buck

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August 6	RYZ Featuring Gerard Gibbs	Willow Creek at Michael's Ford Rd. Between Haggerty and Lilley	
August 13	Randy Scott	IKEA Ford Rd. and Haggerty	
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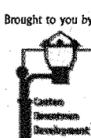
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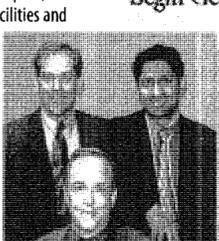
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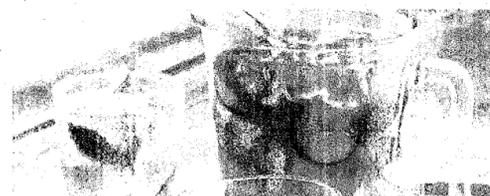
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SECTION B

SPORTS

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Horsepower

'Little guy' Rehagen Racing stands tall against the big guys



Westland's Dean Martin is a driver, partner and manager of racing programs for the Livonia-based Rehagen Racing that competes in the Grand-Am and American Iron series.

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As advertised, driving a Ford Mustang is "anything but the typical go-around."

That slogan holds true for the Rehagen Racing operation, which is housed just off Industrial Road in Livonia.

Its 14,000-square foot warehouse is typically jam-packed with Mustangs being overhauled and prepped for both professional and customer club racing teams, along with performance upgrades for street vehicles. The business also serves as Ford parts distributor for racing teams.

As a Ford Powertrain Systems Analysis Technical Specialist, Larry Rehagen is entering his 34th year with the company. And the Livonian



The Livonia-base Rehagen Racing No. 52 car, driven Ken Wilden, enters "the keyhole" during a recent event held at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio.

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shows no signs of retiring — from work or racing — anytime soon.

While Rehagen continues to work at Ford, Dean Martin, whom Rehagen met at Ford, came aboard as the team's manager of the racing program in 2003.

Martin, who oversees five full-time employees and up to

30 team and crew members on racing weekends, directs Rehagen Racing's Grand-Am Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge and NASA American Iron Series teams.

In 2009, Rehagen Racing realized a dream by capturing the Grand-Am Koni Challenge title. Ken Wilden of Oakville, Ontario was also overall driver

points champion.

Not bad for a low budget operation, which competes against the giants such as Roush Racing, which ironically leases its warehouse to Rehagen.

"We're definitely the little guy," said Martin, who resides in Westland and also doubles as a driver. "And we've always

been the little guy. It started out that we were just a bunch of engineers getting together on the weekends and racing. We've put together a good group of guys — all dedicated, all want to win. And they're all really intelligent and talented guys. That's our strength. The

Please see RACING, B2

Woodard steps away quietly as Wayne basketball coach

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne Woodard always displayed a grace and reserved demeanor on the bench as Wayne Memorial boys varsity basketball coach.

And sticking to his personality, Woodard quietly resigned early last month without little fanfare after 10 seasons. He compiled a

respectable 127-91 overall record, which included two Western Lakes Activities Association playoff crowns, one WLAA regular season championship and three divisional titles (including his past two seasons in the KLAASouth).

Woodard was named Observer Coach of the Year in 2003-04 after guiding Wayne to a 17-6 record and a WLAA crown. His 2007-08 team finished 19-3 and won the WLAA as well.

Woodard coached several outstanding players during his stint including guard Gary Johnson, who led the University of Central Florida to two NCAA Tournament berths and is still playing professionally in Europe.

Woodard, whose full-time teaching responsibilities for next fall will move him from Wayne to rival Westland

John Glenn as a social studies instructor, thought the timing was right to decline another season as the Zebras' coach.

"I enjoyed my times at Wayne," Woodard said. "We played for five conference championships and in four district finals. I met a lot of great people and I enjoyed kids. It's the kids I'll miss the most."

Woodard, however, has not removed himself entirely from coaching scene.

This fall he'll take over the John Glenn varsity tennis team where he'll be coaching his sons Wayne, Jr., who will be a junior, and Michael, an incoming freshman.

"I'll be able to watch my kids play and I'll still catch (basketball) games here and there," Woodard said.

A replacement has not yet been named for Woodard, who is a former Glenn player.

Recently named Wayne-Westland dual athletic administrator Greg Ambrose, who took over his new duties on Tuesday, could not be reached available for comment.

Former John Glenn boys and girls basketball coach Mike Schuette, who served as Woodard's JV coach, confirmed Tuesday he has applied for the Wayne varsity cage post.

"I hope he gets it," Woodard said. "He did a good job for me."



Wayne Woodard

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CYO champs

Garden City's St. Raphael School recently captured the 2010 CYO Softball championship with a 5-2 victory over St. Patrick of White Lake in eight innings. The squad, made up of seventh- and eighth-graders, defeated All Saints of Canton, St. Damian of Westland and St. Edith of Livonia en route to gaining the CYO championship. Pictured above are team members (bottom row, left to right) Lauren Hamann, Halee Warren, Taylor Jones, Taylor Bejma, Stassie Wickett, Rikki Vroom, Abby Joseph, (standing, l-r) Meghan McHugh, coach Bob Warren, coach John Watson, Gabby Quintana, Hanna Warren, Katlyn McIntosh, Rachel Spellman, Haley Merriman, coach Kevin McHugh and Gary Joseph.

Nagengast, Anthony are top FHS athletes

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lynn Nagengast and Charles Anthony were named the top female and male athletes in the Farmington High School Class of 2010.

Nagengast received the John K. Cotton Award and Anthony the Dr. Zae Aschenbrenner Award.

The late "Jack" Cotton was the first Farmington Public Schools athletic director and was instrumental in starting a girls sports program.

The Aschenbrenner Award was established in 1948 in



Anthony



Nagengast

honor of the team doctor who donated his time and medical skills to the school's sports teams.

Senior athletes are nominated by their coaches, and the winners are determined by a vote of the varsity coaches and school administrators.

Nagengast was a four-year standout in volleyball and the field events in track and field. She also played basketball for three years, including two varsity seasons.

In track and field, she received the Bettie Wade Award as the most outstanding athlete as a junior. She was the team MVP this year. As a sophomore, she was named Trackwoman of the Year.

Nagengast was the city and league champion in the discus, shot put and high jump.

Please see ATHLETES, B2

SIDELINES

Dayton bags Bucks

There's a logjam atop the Great Lakes Division of the Premier Development League following the Michigan Bucks' 2-1 men's soccer setback Saturday to the host Dayton (Ohio) Dutch Lions at Miami Valley South Stadium.

Dayton (6-1-5) and the Chicago Fire Premier (7-3-2) each have 23 points to lead the division followed by Forest City London (6-1-4) and the Bucks (6-3-2) with 22 and 20 points, respectively. The four teams are currently fighting for two playoff spots in the Central Conference.

The Bucks took a 1-0 advantage in the 55th minute on Kenny Uziogwe's ninth goal of the season off an assist from Stewart Givens.

It appeared that things might get a bit easier for the Bucks to hold the lead when defender Evan Schwartz was shown his second yellow card of the day, leaving Dayton with only 10 players the final half hour.

But the Dutch Lions countered with a pair of counter-attack efforts against the depleted Bucks' defense starting in the 67th minute on Hans van deHarr's goal followed by Bas Ent's game-winner in the 75th minute.

The Bucks would throw every-one forward the last 10 minutes in an effort for the equalizer. A ball fell to the feet of Uziogwe from five yards out and his half volley sailed over the bar.

Bucks goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrandt (Livonia Stevenson/Oakland University made seven saves, while Dutch Lion counterpart Oscar Moens had six stops.

After a date Wednesday in Cincinnati against the host Kings, the Bucks' next home match will be Saturday, July 10, at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac when they play the biggest match of the season against the Chicago.

Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are on sale at Ultimate Soccer or by visiting www.bucksoccer.com.

Falcon car wash

The Farmington High cross country teams will have a car wash fund-raiser noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 10, at the Silver Dairy on Grand River, between Power and Orchard Lake roads. A donation is requested.

Youth grid camp

Powerhouse Gym of Farmington Hills will sponsor a youth football camp Saturday, July 24, at Harrison High School.

The camp is part of an effort to re-establish ties between the Farmington Rockets and Harrison football programs, according to Tim Mumford, manager of Powerhouse Gym and a former Harrison player.

The camp is open to all players in the 7-14 age group, however. The cost is \$35. Lunch and a Powerhouse Gym T-shirt are included. The camp hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The camp instructors will include the Harrison coaching staff, former Detroit Lion Ron Rice and former MSU and Harrison star Mill Coleman. There will be a cheerleading camp the same day at Harrison, too. For more information and registration, contact Mumford at 248-875-9962.

Fall ball signup

Registration is continuing for returning teams looking to participate in the Redford Leisure Services fall softball leagues. Registration for new teams wanting to sign up will begin Monday, Aug. 9.

All teams are guaranteed a 12-game (doubleheader) schedule. Fees are \$350 per team, plus all umpires will collect \$14 per team at the field before the start of each game. Each team will need to supply a new ball before each game. Games begin the week of Aug. 30. For more information, contact Redford Leisure Services at (313) 387-2650.

Sinnery hurls no-hitter as Rams win thriller

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The cover of the current edition of Sports Illustrated proclaims: Pitchers Rule.

Brandon Sinnery of the Michigan Rams is another example on why the balance of power has shifted to the mound.

The 6-foot-4, 160-pound sophomore right-hander from the University of Michigan faced the minimum 21 batters Monday evening and threw a no-hitter as the 20-and-under Rams edged the 22-and-under Blue Knights, 1-0, in a Livonia Michigan Collegiate Baseball League game at steamy Bicentennial Park.

The Rams, who improved to 16-4-1 in the Collegiate League, tallied the game-winning run in a bottom of the fourth inning



Sinnery

on RBI single by Sam Ott (Salem/Eastern Michigan) single scoring Alex Pierce, who earlier had singled.

Sinnery's bid for a perfect game was dashed when Blue Knights lead-off batter Pat Schlenke reached base on an infield error in the first inning, but the runner was quickly erased when he was caught stealing following one Sinnery's 11 strikeouts on the night.

No other Knight runner reached base the rest of the game. "Brandon's got a fastball, curveball, cutter and changeup," Rams manager Rick Berryman said. "He throws highs 80s

(MPH) and mixes speeds on fastball very well."

In 21 appearances, including eight starts this spring at U-M, Sinnery went 4-0. The Worcester (Mass.) Academy grad pitched 55 innings with an earned run average of 4.55.

In attendance for Sinnery's summer league gem was new U-M pitching coach Matt White. "Brandon's built like a fungo, but he can pitch," Berryman said. "He's a very competitive young man. It was a very dominant pitching performance."

So far this summer, Sinnery is 3-1 for the Rams with his only loss a 1-0 setback to the 22-and-under first-place Michigan Bulls. In 27 innings, Sinnery has allowed just two runs (both unearned) on just six hits and five walks.

"He's in unbelievably in good shape," Berryman said. "He's staying in Ann Arbor this summer lifting weights, getting stronger and still maturing."

Meanwhile, Blue Knights starter Brady Cooper was sterling in defeat, allowing just the one run on five hits in seven innings He struck out six as the Blue Knights fell to 7-10. Brett Mazmanian, Jeff Sorenson (Livonia Stevenson) and Bobby Thomas collected the other hits for the Rams.

The Rams return to Collegiate League action at 8:15 p.m. Friday at Livonia's Ford Field to face Advanced, which was start at six-game set in just four days.

"That's really going to test our pitching staff," Berryman said.

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Farmington hosts 4-mile Founders Fest road race

The annual Farmington Founders Festival Road Race will take place Saturday, July 17, on the streets of Farmington.

The four-mile run is scheduled for a 9 a.m. start at Shiawassee Park, which is located at the corner of Power and Shiawassee.

Awards will be given to the men's and women's overall and master winners, as well as the top three in each age group.

The age groups are 12-and-under, 13-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79 and 80-

plus. Results will be posted on runmichigan.com. The entry fee is \$16 (no refunds) for those who pre-register by Friday, July 9. The cost is \$25 for race-day registration (cash or check only).

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RACING

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financial aspect is what we need some help with. If we had a budget, we'd be pretty unbeatable."

Rehagen Racing, fielding three different teams with the FR500C Mustang this season, has recorded 10 top ten finishes in seven different events on the Continental Tire circuit.

Two of the Rehagen Racing's major sponsors, Stay-Nu Oil and Bizrate.com, do help defray the operation costs.

Rehagen Racing's best result this season came April 10 in the Barber 200 at the Motor Sports Park in Birmingham, Ala. when Martin and co-driver Bob Michaelian (Seal Beach, Calif.) captured the 76-lap event.

Meanwhile, Michaelian and Wilden are coming off a sixth-place finish (June 19) at Mid-Ohio averaging 75.389 MPH. Rehagen racing also recorded the best speed during the January Test Days (107.44 MPH) at Daytona, Fla.

"Races are typically two-and-a-half hours with a mandatory driver change every 30 minutes," Martin said. "We run on road courses, but also on street courses, too."

The Continental Tire Series has three races remaining with the next stop July 16-17 at the New Jersey Motorsports Park. That is followed by a trip to Trois-Rivieres, Quebec (Aug. 13-14) and the season finale at the Miller Motorsports Park in Tooele, Utah (Sept. 10-11).

Rehagen Racing is currently fifth in the manufacturers points standings with Roush Performance in third and Fall-Line Motorsports in the lead.

Michaelian is seventh in driver points followed by teammates Ryan Winchester of Mason City, Ia. (15th) and Martin (33rd).

"It's tough," Martin said. "This season, the biggest challenge we have is the rules changes. The sanctioning body makes the rules, and our biggest challenge is trying to create parity between the Mustang and like the BMW and the new Porsche."

"Right now the BMW really has an advantage on us. They've made a slight rules adjustment recently that will help us, but that's the biggest uphill battle we have is basically the rules package. The rules, to be honest, are just a floating target. They make adjustments through the course of the season to create

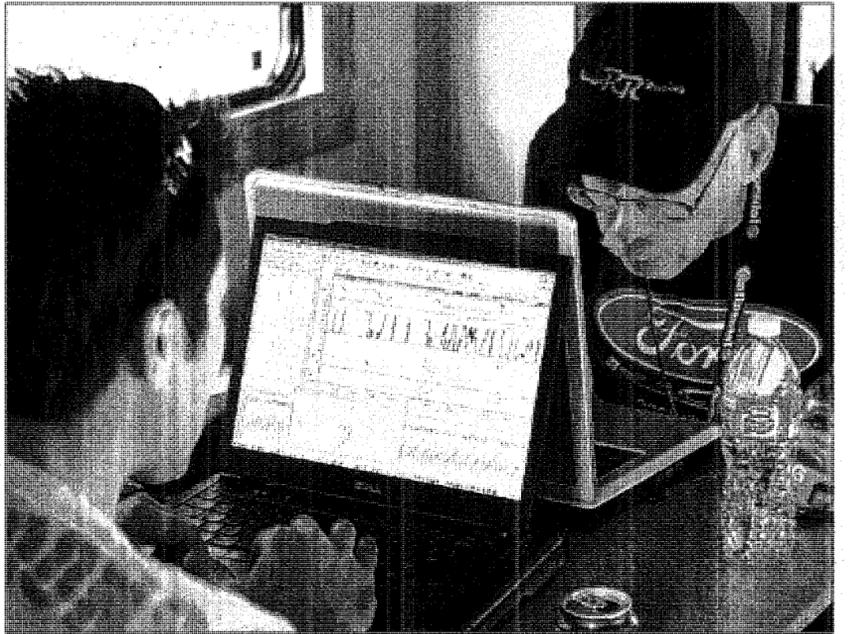
parity through between all the different makes because we've got the Porsche 997, the new Porsche Cayman, the new BMW V-8 - actually the old BMW with a straight V-6 is still out there as well. The new Camaro is out there. They've got the new Mustang, and we are now the old Mustangs."

Leveling the playing field is always the goal with the circuit's sanctioning body.

"They're trying creating a new rules package that basically gives each make an opportunity to win," Martin said. "We're fighting a little bit, the rules package, and we're also fighting the Roush car. Roush is driving the same year Mustang that we are. With all the development they've done on their car, they've stepped it up a bit and I'll say they're the Mustang to beat, for sure."

It's like the small market Kansas City Royals trying to stay up with the huge conglomerate called New York Yankees.

"We're a little bit behind in the fact that we don't have the resources that those guys do," Martin said of Roush. "And rumor has it they've thrown a lot of resources at it (this season). We're doing the best we can with what we've got. We're



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Rehagen Racing boss and partner Larry Rahagen (right) of Livonia and driver Bob Michaelian analyze car data on their computers during a recent Grand-Am Road Racing Series race in Lexington, Ohio.

looking forward to getting into the new (2011) Mustang and trying to be more competitive with that."

Tough economic times have also changed the landscape for all sports car racing teams in general.

"The economy, oddly enough, was better last year," Martin said. "It seems like the racing industry trails a little bit behind what a market does. Realistically, this genre of racing is fueled by a more wealthy guys. And those are the guys that got hit the hardest in the past few years. They had their budgets

already in place over the last few years, so when last year hit, they've kind of taken a step back this year. You saw a little bit of it last year, but it's really more significant this year."

"It targets more the guys that had that \$5 million to \$50 million network that were out there. And throwing \$300,000 to \$400,000 a year to play in racing was O.K. back then. Now we've seen that their perceived wealth has gone down with the market, so they're kind of holding back. When the market comes back and the

perceived wealth on paper starts to come back, those guys you'll see will be back and playing a little bit more."

But while finances are always a concern, Rehagen Racing has come a long way from its infant stages and first podium victory at Road America in 2000.

"We're still doing well," Martin said. "We're beating the factory teams. We're nipping on the heels of the Roush team. It's a significant accomplishment considering the resources."

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ATHLETES

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She was undefeated in the OAA White Division in the throwing events.

At the regional, she scored in all three events, qualified for state in the discus and placed 14th at the Division 1 meet.

Nagengast led the Falcons to back-to-back OAA and Stafford Relays championships and a first-place finish in the Ambrose Relays.

A three-year varsity volleyball player, she holds school records for kills and digs. She

was Farmington's Player of the Year as a senior and an all-league selection.

Nagengast, who will attend Michigan State University, and Anthony are OAA and FHS scholar athletes.

Anthony was a track and field standout, too. A four-time, all-state sprinter, he finished fifth in the state in the 100-meter dash and made the All-Observer first team.

He was the school's Trackman of the Year twice and won the Rex Cawley Outstanding Athlete Award the last two years.

Anthony, who earned a track scholarship to the University of Detroit

Mercy, was a member of Farmington's all-state sprint relay teams, and he also excelled in the long jump.

He led the Falcons to three consecutive OAA White championships and helped win a seventh straight city title in May.

Anthony played two years of varsity basketball, averaging 8.5 points and six rebounds last season. He is fourth all-time in blocked shots.

He won the Trevor Gaines Award for rebounding twice, and he also received the Matt Mikel Award for free throw shooting this year.

Anthony also won the team's Falcon Award, which includes athletics, academics and attitude. As a running back, he played four years of football, too.

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FIRST TEAM

Marissa Williams, Jr. GK, Plymouth: The third-year starting goalkeeper brought aggressiveness, brashness and agility to the position, giving up just 0.50 goals per game and nabbing 16 shutouts

Williams really put on a show during the state tournament, winning three of five games by prevailing in shootouts and carrying the Wildcats to the Division 1 final against Novi (a bitter loss in overtime).

"Her confidence in the pipes, especially when we got to the PK shootouts those three games in the playoffs, she was phenomenal," Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich said.

"The first one (a 1-0 district win over top-ranked Northville) might have been the best one, where she stopped the first two PKs against Northville. That was just huge."

She also was a force against defending state champion Portage Central in the D-1 semifinal, prevailing 2-1 in a shootout.

Williams was named All-KLAA, All-District, All-Region and third-team Division 1 All-State.

Kayla Kimble, Sr. Def., Liv. Stevenson: The Division 1 third-team All-State selection and two-time first-team All-Area selection was once again the backbone of the Spartans' defense.

Kimble, headed to NCAA Division II national champion Grand Valley State, also earned All-KLAA, All-Region and All-District honors as a senior.

"Kayla was asked to do a lot for the Spartans this year," Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki said. "We counted on her to organize the backline, mark the other team's best player, and be the catalyst for starting our attack."

"She did all those things and more. Kayla is a great complement to any soccer team. Our returning players are going to realize what a hard game soccer can be, next year, when Kayla is gone."

Kelsey Shapiro, Sr. Def., N. Farmington: An outstanding defense was largely responsible for the Raiders having a 12-5-4 record, and Shapiro was a driving force behind that. A repeat member of the all-area first team, she will continue playing at Ball State University.

With Shapiro in the lineup, North had a goals-against average of less than one per game over four years. With a knack for turning corner kicks into header goals, Shapiro had seven goals and two assists this year. She is an academic all-state player and a D-1 honorable mention.

"She's a tremendous player, but what sets her apart is she works so hard," coach Tim Russell said. "One of her goals this year was to score more goals, and she made a commitment to that. Defensively, she's always been great."

"It's not that easy to defend a good dribbler one-on-one, but she was able to stop people coming in on her, including all-state caliber players. She's been doing that since she was a freshman. If she's not the best defender I've seen in our division, she's one of the best."

Hallee Kansman, Jr. Def., N. Farmington: Kansman, who made a verbal commitment to play at Eastern Michigan University, is another reason North was so good on defense. The Raiders had a 12-game unbeaten streak (9-0-3) the second half of the season with eight shutouts.

Kansman, who had six goals and one assist, also has the ability to score in a crowd on set plays. She rebounded from injuries to both knees early in her high school career to be not just a contributor but a major force for the Raiders.

"It's phenomenal she's as good as she is," coach Russell said. "She struggled through two reconstructive knee surgeries and was an amazing defender this year. If you didn't see her wearing a brace, you wouldn't know there was anything wrong with her knee. I said: 'If anybody can handle that, it's her because she's so intense. When she gets her game face on, watch out!'"

"Sometimes, coaches and teams get lucky and get one very good defender on their side. We've been fortunate to have two. Not only that, but (Kansman and Shapiro) have been terrific role models for the other girls as soccer players, leaders and all-around good people."

Melanie Pickert, Jr. Def., Canton: The state-ranked Chiefs rolled to a 17-2-3 record in 2010 and a major reason was the play of Dream Teamer Pickert in the back.

2010 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SOCCER FIRST TEAM

Marissa Williams, Jr. GK, Plymouth
Kayla Kimble, Sr. Def., Liv. Stevenson
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Hallee Kansman, Jr. Def., N. Farmington

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Meehan Hughes, Sr. Def., Plymouth
Kristina Klusek, Jr. Def., Salem
Kelsey Rothermel, Jr. Def., Liv. Churchill

Allyson Krause, Soph., MF, Canton
Kirsten Evans, Jr. MF, Farmington
Paige Brennan, Soph. MF, Liv. Ladywood

Jessica Heck, Sr. MF, Plymouth
Kelly Capoccia, Soph. F, Liv. Ladywood
Alex Johnson, Sr. F, Garden City
Jessikah McClendon, Sr. F, Canton

SECOND TEAM

Maddie Reed, Jr. GK, Liv. Ladywood
Kristen Jolly, Sr. GK, Clarenceville
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April Messick, Sr. Def., Farm. Mercy
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Rachel Blackney, Soph. MF, Liv. Churchill

Alejandra Mesa, Jr. MF, Liv. Franklin
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COACH OF THE YEAR

Jeff Neschich, Plymouth
Churchill: Nicole Marlow, Rachel Zukowski, Kaylie Secord, Darcy DeRoo;
Franklin: Erin Roulier, Lexi Smith;
Stevenson: Ashley Welch, Amanda Jenaway, Molly McConnell; John Glenn: Katie Yax, Andee Samborski, Jenna Williams, Ashley Bailey; Wayne: Avalon Felan, Emma Karson, Aimee Papineau; Ladywood: Sydney DeGosh, Dominique Sarnecyck, Allison Bielski; Lutheran Westland: Taylor Wiemer, Angelia Morrison; Clarenceville: Teresa Parent, Ashley Murphy; Farmington: Laura Bremer, Tasha Ivanac, Melissa Kucukarslan; Harrison: Lisa McFarland, Chelsea Potrykus, Abby Davis, Olivia Jones; Mercy: Kara Weber, Katie Coerd, Kirstie Racinski, Elaina Weber; North Farmington: Jenna Bachrouche, Morgan Moffatt; Jessie Trimmer, Stephanie Wald, Vicki Yu; Canton: Alyssa Cottrell, Christy Balewski, Robyn Mack, Traci Brielmeyer, Megan Trapp; Plymouth: Katie Krajewski, Jen Babcock, Stephanie Dillon, Zoe Foster, Vittoria Miller, Alyssa Burris; Salem: Megan McCormack, Katelynn Krause, Tori Kaye; Garden City: K.C. Anderson, Becca Collins, Bailey Terrell; Redford Union: Ryan Ellequin, Lindsey Gehlhansen, Courtney Gustaffson, Angela Mancini.

Pickert kept trouble in Canton's end of the pitch to a minimum, making the job easier for goalkeepers Samantha McPartlin and Kayla Bridges.

In 2010, she was a key part of a defense that featured 16 shutouts and a paltry 0.30 goals-against average.

"She has been a solid defender for our program for the last three years," Canton coach George Tomasso said. "She helped maintain over 40 shutouts in her high school career so far."

Pickert was named to the first-team Division 1 All-State, All-KLAA, All-District and All-Region honors.

Meehan Hughes, Sr. Def., Plymouth: Hughes, like her fellow co-captain Jessica Heck, brought leadership and on-field abilities to the table as the Wildcats went on a 5-0 run in the postseason to reach the D1 final against Novi at Michigan State University (a 2-1 loss on an overtime penalty kick).

"What an incredible season Meehan had," Neschich said. "She held our back line together all four years of her high school career."

"As the season went on and the games got more intense, and as we got in the playoffs, she just stepped up her game. She was just solid."

She was named to the All-Conference and All-District teams and deservedly earned All-State honorable mention honors.

Kristina Klusek, Jr. Def., Salem: The junior was as reliable as always for the Rocks, who banked on strong defense to compile a solid 11-6-3 record - with shutouts in nine of those 11 wins - and just miss earning a Division 1 district title (losing in OT on an own goal).

Klusek tallied 10 goals and six assists while spending most of the



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Jeff Neschich Plymouth Coach of Year

season at center-back. For her contributions, she picked up third-team Division All-State honors and was named to the All-KLAA, All-District and All-Region teams.

"Her work ethic is outstanding and she is one of the most competitive players I've ever coached," Rocks coach Joe Nora said. "Kristina is a big part of why our defense played so well together. Her communication and direction got better all season and ... (she) is always there to make the big play at the perfect time, like her goal against Pinkney in the districts that got us back in the game."

Kelsey Rothermel, Jr. Def., Liv. Churchill: The junior defender earned All-KLAA, All-District and All-Region honors after making third-team Division 1 All-State as a sophomore.

Rothermel had two goals and added three assists.

"Kelsey has started every game for three years," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "She's excellent as far as position sense and great at winning balls on the defensive end. She's a captain, a leader for us on-and-off the field. She's great competitor with a bright future ahead of her."

Allyson Krause, Soph. MF, Canton: The Another All-State first-team honoree, Krause showed poise and solid all-around ability in just her sophomore year and was an offensive force with 10 goals and 11 assists for the Chiefs.

In addition to the All-State selection, Krause was named to the All-Conference, All-District and All-Region teams.

"She is a dynamic and a dangerous player," Tomasso said. "Ally is already proven to be one of the most creative players in Canton's history. Her on the ball skills and her off the ball knowledge rates her as one of the state's best as a sophomore."

With two more seasons to go in her high school career, Krause has a chance to be part of a real powerhouse before all is said and done.

Kirsten Evans, Jr. MF, Farmington: A repeat member of the all-area first team, Evans led the Falcons in scoring with 16 goals and 12 assists from her center midfield position. In the last two seasons, she has accounted for 35 goals and 53 points. A three-year varsity player, Evans received a Division 1 all-state honorable mention from the coaches association. She's also a member of the Michigan Hawks club team and the Olympic Development Program.

"Kirsten is a tremendously skilled athlete with a great competitive spirit," coach Matt Gasparotto said. "She has the ability to change a game when she has possession of the ball."

work ethic in training and high level of play in game helped push Ladywood soccer to the next level. I'm thrilled that she'll be running our midfield for the next two seasons."

Jessica Heck, Sr. MF, Plymouth: The senior leadership provided by co-captain Heck was instrumental to the outstanding postseason run for the Wildcats, who came within a whisker of winning the Division 1 state championship.

Heck scored three key goals during the state tournament playoffs, and also was strong and steady in the midfield, earning All-Conference and All-District accolades.

"She was just the vocal leader of our team and really had a fantastic senior season," Neschich said. "She was one of the keys to our success this year."

Heck will continue her soccer career at Grove City College (Pa.), an NCAA Division III Christian school.

Kelly Capoccia, Soph. F, Liv. Ladywood: The sophomore forward enjoyed a breakout season in 2010 with a team-best 16 goals to go along with 10 assists.

Capoccia earned second-team Division 1 All-State honors along with All-Catholic, All-District and All-Region laurels.

Her game-winning goal in the regional final against Ann Arbor Skyline put the Blazers in the Final Four for the first time since 2003. She also had all four goals in a 4-0 win over Central Division rival Warren Regina.

"Through hard work and determination, Kelly has developed into a premier goal scorer," Shingledecker said. "Every time she steps onto the field, her goal is to improve."

Alex Johnson, Sr. F, Garden City: A mainstay in the Garden City lineup the past four seasons, Johnson registered 18 goals and picked up 10 assists in earning All-District, All-Region and All-State Honorable Mention accolades. Splitting duties at midfield and forward, Johnson was the "go-to girl" much of the season as the Cougars finished 11-6-4 overall.

"She scored most of our goals and was a quarterback back there feeding a lot of people," Garden City coach Bill Torni said of Johnson, who will continue her soccer playing days at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. "She gained more confidence this year and really took charge being able to score goals."

Jessikah McClendon, Sr. F, Canton: McClendon's playmaking and finishing abilities were key to the Chiefs' KLAA South, KLAA Kensington Conference and overall KLAA titles - as well as a District 1 district championship.

The fourth-year varsity player scored in Canton's 3-0 victory over Garden City in the district title matchup at Dearborn Edsel Ford, showing her ability to come through in the clutch during her career.

Her offensive skills were duly noted, as she was named to the All-KLAA, All-District and All-Region teams. She capped it all off with an All-State honorable mention award and graduated with 52 goals and 29 assists in her career.

"She has been a prolific goals scorer for the Canton soccer program," Tomasso said. "Jess has been an important asset to our program."

COACH OF THE YEAR

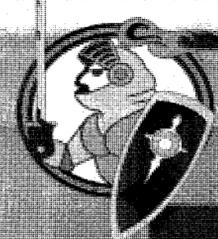
Jeff Neschich, Plymouth: Preaching a defensive "break-don't bend" posture, veteran coach Neschich enjoyed the most successful season of his career as he led the Wildcats to the Division 1 state finals against Novi at Michigan State University.

Plymouth went on a 5-0 tournament run to get there, beating top-ranked teams such as Northville, Canton and Portage Central. The bid for a title came up short only because of a disputed penalty kick in overtime against Novi, but Neschich couldn't have been prouder of the way his team (16-5-4) competed all year long.

"I think it started off with a great group of girls," said Neschich, who praised his senior leaders (Meehan Hughes, Jessica Heck, Katie Krajewski and Carley McQuiston) for their positive influence on the younger players.

"And I've got to give a lot of credit to our assistant coach, Mario Ramirez. But the girls bought in to what we were telling them to do... and they really had great desire. I think it was fantastic."

Neschich has been a longtime soccer coaching presence at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, going back to 1986-96 when he was coach of Canton's boys and girls junior varsity teams. After a 1997-01 stint as Redford Thurston's head boys coach, he became the first boys varsity coach at new Plymouth High School in 2002 and added girls varsity duties in 2005. He currently is still coaching both the boys and girls teams.



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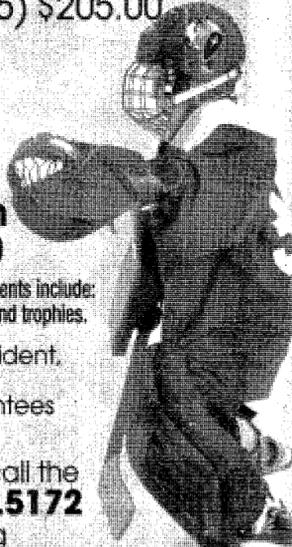
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"A trend is definitely re-used and recycled," said Raychel Rork, president of Art In The Park Inc. "It's that shabby chic kind of thing. You'll definitely see it in clothing — jeans with all kinds of crazy things sewn on — and jewelry. Jewelry might incorporate typewriter keys or Scrabble pieces. There's something unique and funky about that. People are going to garage sales and remaking things into art."

More than 80 new artists will join the show that features work from more than 400 painters, potters, photographers, weavers, sculptors, woodworkers and other artists. Thousands of pieces — from folksy to fine art — will be available for sale.

"My mom's philosophy — she's Dianne Quinn — is that we want to have something for everyone. That also means the price," said Rork, who along with Quinn, founded, directs and manages the fair. "We know everyone can't afford a \$2,000 painting for living room, but we want everyone to be able to take something home."

The show is juried, meaning that everyone who wants to exhibit must submit photos of both their art and their booth. Some artists return from year to year, but "just because they got in last year doesn't mean they'll get in this year," Rork said.

"It's pretty strict. It's about quality but we still want it to be affordable."

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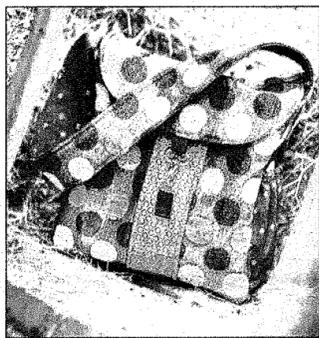
When: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, July 9; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 10; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 11.

Where: Main, Forest, Ann Arbor Trail, Penniman and Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

Details: More than 400 artists will exhibit their works, including original pieces of art including paintings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, fiber, fine glass, woodwork, mixed media, photography, and folk art. The show includes a special section of art by youngsters and teens, as well as live entertainment, food, kids' activities, chalk murals and "living" murals.

Shuttle: Visitors may park at the ACH Plant (formerly Visteon Plant) located at 14425 Sheldon, just off of M-14 in Plymouth and take the free round trip shuttle service. The shuttle will run continuously all weekend. The drop off point is Plymouth City Hall, located in the heart of the art fair. Shuttle hours are 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. July 9; 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. July 10 and 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. July 11.

Contact: www.artinthepark.com or call the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540.



Allendale fiber artist Stephanie Stevens will include handmade purses at her booth during Art in the Park, July 9-11.

mural," which is new to the fair this year.

Kristin Dillenbeck, the daughter



A glass piece by Ruth Bolles of Muskegon

of Canton's D&M Art Studio owner Sharon Dillenbeck, will incorporate human figures into her canvases.

"These are live models in front of the mural. She paints on their bodies or they blend in with the mural."

Local artists will reproduce two of the Warhol images "in vibrant colors" on the street each day.

The fair also will add a butterfly tent and bird aviary to its children's activities this year. Both are interactive and will include live creatures.

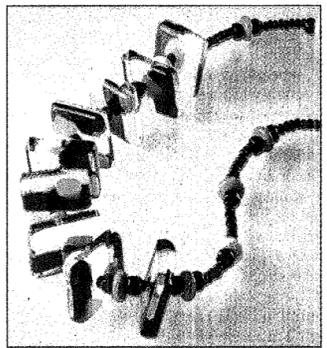
"It's not art, but it's something for the kids to do," Rork said.

She said the variety of activities,

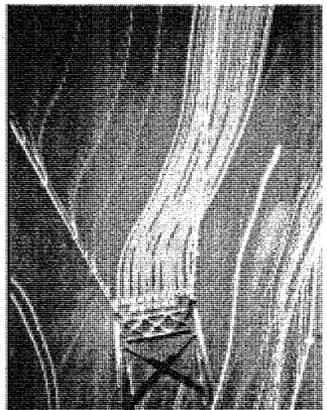
along with quality items that range in price from a few dollars to several hundred, set the fair apart from other outdoor art festivals. Art in the Park is the second largest art fair in Michigan, held a week before the Ann Arbor fairs.

"Some people get overwhelmed by Ann Arbor and they prefer to come to Art in the Park instead," she said, adding that many artists exhibit at the Plymouth show before heading to Ann Arbor.

"You could come and spend nothing, spend \$10 or thousands of dollars and have a great day at Art in the Park."



Suzanne Beavis of Perrysburg, Ohio, will show jewelry, like this necklace, at Art in the Park, in downtown Plymouth.



Sooney Kadou's photography includes local landmarks, like this picture of the Ambassador Bridge. The Huntington Woods artist will display work at Art in the Park, in downtown Plymouth.



A ceramic vase by James Johnson of Fulton, Ill. He's one of more than 400 artists who will display their work at Art in the Park in downtown Plymouth.

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8th Wonder Theatre stages musical by Michigan native

The classic tale of Orpheus and Eurydice takes a 20th century twist in *Blackwater Ballad*, performed by the 8th Wonder Theatre July 23-25 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, in Canton.

The new musical, set in the bayous of New Orleans in 1932, is written by award-winning Michigan playwright Joseph Zettelmaier and musician Brian Lillie. It tells the story of traveling musician Orlando Duval, who arrives in the small town of Blackwater Creek and captures the heart of Euralie, the daughter of the local sheriff. Their plans to wed in secret are dashed by betrayal and murder, forcing Orlando to make the hardest of choices.

Lillie provides the music for the production. He was one of 15 writers from around the U.S. chosen to attend ASCAP's prestigious Lester Sill Songwriting Workshop in Los Angeles, Calif., and also is a founding member of The Michigan Artists Music Alliance (MAMA), which is the official Folk Alliance affiliate of Michigan. Lillie performs around Michigan and Ohio at such popular venues such as The Ark and the Gypsy Cafe, opening for notable acts.

Joseph Zettelmaier, a playwright and Michigan native, wrote both the book and lyrics. He recently saw his plays *Dr. Seward's Dracula* and *All Childish Things*

produced at the Planet Ant Theatre. *All Childish Things* went on to be nominated for the American Theatre Critics Association Award. Zettelmaier's other plays include: *Language Lessons*, *The Stillness Between Breaths* and *Point of Origin*, all produced at the Performance Network. The *Stillness Between Breaths* also went on to be performed at the National New Play Network's Festival of New Plays in 2005. Zettelmaier also wrote *Night Blooming*, which was performed at the Blackbird Theatre, and *Fever Dreams* at the Treetown Festival. He is an adjunct lecturer at Eastern Michigan University, where he currently teaches dramatic composition, and the playwright mentor for Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor as well as an associate artist at the Performance Network.

Curtain times for *Blackwater Ballad* are 8 p.m. July 23-24 and at 2 p.m. July 24-25. Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, and \$10 for groups of 15 or more. They're available at www.cantonvillage theater.org or by calling (734) 394-5300.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

For more information about 8th Wonder Theater, visit www.8thwondertheatre.com or call (734) 394-5300.

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ART

Art & Ideas

Time/Date: Through July 31

Location: 15095 Northville Road, south of Five Mile, Plymouth

Details: "Inner Worlds & Animals" paintings by Charles Aimone and sculpture by Joan Painter Jones, Contact: (734) 420-0775

Costick Center

Time/Date: Through Aug. 2; gallery hours are noon-4 p.m.

Location: 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Dean Rogers shows colored pencil works

Contact: (248) 473-1856

COMEDY

Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

Contact: (248) 327-0575; www.gocomedy.net

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows

Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Comedy festival July 7-10; Bill Bushart, July 14-17; Greg Lausch, July 21-24; BT, July 28-31

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

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Steve Bills, July 8-10; Heywood Banks, July 15-17; Greechy Guy, July 22-24; L.A. Hardy, July 29-31

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

CONCERTS

The Ark

Time/Date: Dailey & Vincent, July 8; The Lucky Stars, July 9; Richie

Havens, July 10; Mat Kearney & Jane Carrey, July 11; Kenny White, July 13; Loudon Wainwright III, July 14; Rani Arbo & daisy mayhem, July 15; Cherryholmes, July 16; Carrie Newcomer, July 17; Bill Kirchen CD release party, July 25; Tiff Merrit & Dawn Landes & the Hounds, July 29; Finvarra's Wren, July 30; Harry Manx, July 31

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.

Location: 5200 Woodward Ave

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

Magic Bag

Time/Dates: Scott Morgan & The Irrationals with Howling Diablos, July 9; James McMurtry, July 10; Roger Clyne & The Peacemakers, July 11; Lez Zeppelin, July 13; Sarah Harmer, July 15; Half Light Music record release party, July 16; Natives of the New Dawn, July 17; Louder than Love, July 23; The Mood Elevator and Fletcher Pratt, July 30

Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale

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

Trinity House Theater

Time/Date: Rachele Eve with the Shams Band, July 10; Krista Detor, July 22

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JULY 8-14

- Canton Christian Fellowship**
Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 14
Location: 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty
Details: Clothing Bank will be open. Clothing is free
Contact: (734) 927-6686, (734) 404-2480 or visit CantonCF.org
- Christ the King Lutheran**
Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. July 12-16
Location: 9300 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Vacation Bible School, "Baobab Blast," for preschool through grade six. No registration fee
Contact: (734) 421-0749 or register at www.ChristTheKingLivonia.com
- Concordia Lutheran School**
Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. July 13 and Aug. 11
Location: Grades K-4, 20805 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills; grades 5-8, 9600 Leverage, Redford
Details: Open house for the school, a tuition-based, congregation-supported, association school that offers Christian education. The school is accepting enrollment now for grades K-8
Contact: (313) 937-2233 or (248) 474-2488
- Congregation Beth Ahm**
Time/Date: 12:30-2 p.m. July 10, 17 and 24
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: "Back to the Sources," lunch and study series will explore the world of Rabbinic text, including Torah commentaries, Talmud, Midrash, and Aggadah. Each session will be self-contained and can be attended separately. To help plan for food and seating and ensure enough copies of study materials for Back to the Sources, advance registration is requested. However, walk-ins will be accommodated
Contact: (248) 851-6880 or e-mail director@cbahm.org
- Orchard United Methodist Church**
Time/Date: 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., July 12-16
Location: 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills
Details: Vacation Bible School, "High Seas Expedition," is open to all children, age 4 through those who have completed fifth grade. Each day includes singing, games, yummy snacks, experiencing Bible adventures, crafts and more. The fee before July 1 is \$25 per child (family maximum of \$65) and includes a CD and an iron-on transfer for a solid color T-shirt
Contact: Julie Wright at (248) 626-3620 or (248) 626-3620
- St. James Presbyterian Church**
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., July 8-10
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Details: Thrift store clearance sale; all items, except those marked "firm," that are \$1 or more are half off. Kathy's Bake Sale also will be open during the sale
Contact: (313) 534-7730
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church**
Time/Date: 7 p.m., July 12 and Aug. 16
Location: 30900 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Workshops are designed to help people in employment transition build a network and use their resources to find that next good job. Workshop leaders are available to work one-on-one with anyone looking for work.
Contact: (734) 422-6038



MARGARET M. CALLAHAN

Age 88, July 2, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Clarence L. Dear mother of Sheila (Dan) Arguelles, Susie (Bob) Cytacki, Kathy Hicks, Molly, Michael and Peggy (Gary) Golasa. Survived by a huge and loving family including 11 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. Sister of George (Mickey) Cochran. Funeral Services were Monday July 5 at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., Garden City. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or donors@stjude.com
www.santeiufuneralhome.com



LLOYD EDWARD DASHER

Age 82 of Sevierville, TN, passed away on June 15, 2010 at LeConte Medical Center in Sevierville. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Gwen Dasher of Sevierville, TN; sons, Wayne Dasher and wife, Cathy of Novi, Michigan and Dennis Dasher of Detroit, Michigan; sister, Joyce Mate and husband, Joe of South Gate, Michigan; grandchildren, Kim Hamlin and husband, Jim, Michael Dasher and wife, Michelle; great-grandchildren, Ryan and Madison Hamlin, Kylie and Troy Dasher; 13 nieces and nephews. Memorial service will be held at then Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses, 32070 W. Seven Mile Rd., Livonia, MI at 2pm on Saturday, July 17th.
www.rawlingsfuneralhome.com

THERESA G. OLEXA

Age 77, July 5, 2010. Loving wife of the late Clarence. Dear mother of Deborah (Wesley Hall) and Michelle (Matthew) Brown. Grandmother of Veronica, Colleen and Annaclara. Beloved sister of Dorothy Selke and Delores Williams. Gerry loved being outdoors and especially working in the yard. She adored all Pomeranians, especially her baby Taffy. Visitation Thursday 4-8 pm with a Rosary service at 7 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. Friday instate 9:30 am until her funeral Mass at 10 am at St. John Bosco Catholic Church, 12100 Beech Daly, Redford. Burial at Holy Sepulchre. www.harjwillfuneralhome.com.

THOMAS E. PILURAS

A memorial gathering will be held at Nankin Mills Picnic Shelter in Hines Park on July 30th, 2010 to celebrate the life of Thomas E. Piluras, class of 1972, Churchhill High school. Please stop by and share any memory you may have of Tom. 6:00pm until Dusk. The family is asking that any donations made will please be sent to: Providence Hospice of Snohomish County, 2731 Wetmore, suite 500, Everett, WA 98201



ALAN FRANCIS OMIILIAN

Age 22 of Plymouth, July 5, 2010. Beloved son of Robert and Gwen. Loving brother of Andy and Lili. Dear grandson of Marian Omilian and Francis Larkin. In state Friday 12 Noon until the 1 PM funeral mass at Catholic Central High School Chapel, 27225 Wixom Road, Novi, MI 48374. Visitation Wednesday 4 - 9 PM and Thursday 2 - 9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association, or to Angela Hospice. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

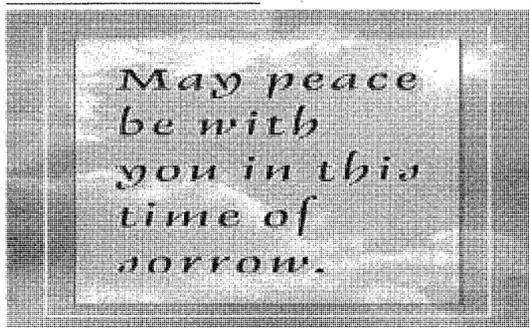


BETTY AMOROSE RUSSELL

Age 79, July 6, 2010. Dear wife of James J. and the late Savino Amorose. Beloved mother of Vicki (Harvey) Pyke, Scot (Ruth) Amorose and Brian (Angela) Amorose. Grandmother of 13. Great grandmother of 12. Loving sister of Joanne Clark, Joyce Klock, Janice McCullough, Terri Taylor-Pearce, Jack Helmer, Jerry Helmer, Dennis Helmer, Duane Willmore and the late Mary Hillner. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 2-9pm at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd. (bet. Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). In state Saturday 10am at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, (1 block South of Ford Rd) 10:30am Funeral Service.
www.santeiufuneralhome.com

LARRY J. NELSON

Age 55, of Tecumseh, passed away unexpectedly July 3, 2010. Larry was born December 25, 1954 in Detroit, Michigan the son of John and Marlene (Schrack) Nelson. On July 1, 1977 he married Birute Theresa Zubrickas in Livonia, MI. He was a graduate of Stevenson High School and Schoolcraft College. He had a passion for buying and selling antiques, and loved the thrill of the hunt. He was involved in the family business for most of his life most recently The Hitting Post in Tecumseh. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and son. His generous heart knew no boundaries and will be sorely missed by his family, friends and the antique community. Larry is survived by his wife, Theresa; children, Christopher, Julia and Andrew; granddaughter, Olivia; parents, John and Marlene, brothers, Eric and Ken; sister, Lori and numerous relatives and friends. Funeral Services will be 1:00 P.M. Thursday, July 8, 2010 at the J. Gilbert Purse Funeral Home, Adrian with the Rev. Fr. Daniel Wheeler officiating. Burial will follow in Brookside Cemetery, Tecumseh. Visitation will be 4-8PM. Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at the funeral home. Condolences to the family may be made online at www.pursefuneralhome.com



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Simple, sophisticated snacks and drinks for summer

Summer is the season for entertaining, but there isn't any reason you have to slave away in a hot kitchen in order to throw a sophisticated summer party.

Opt for simplicity, sophistication and seasonality, and it will be easy to host smashing summer soirees with less time and work involved in preparation. Ingredients like fresh fruits and veggies play to the best tastes of summer, while familiar flavors like coffee can lend an air of sophistication to even the easiest summer treats.

"Convenience is key to making the summer months enjoyable - whether you're organizing a fun afternoon for yourself or having an adult gathering at your house," says Robin Miller, a nutritionist and author of "Robin Rescues Dinner" and "Quick Fix Meals," which is also the title of her show that airs on Food Network. "Having healthy fresh snacks that incorporate seasonal fruits and vegetables to keep everyone refreshed, or fruity drinks mixed with coffee to give a sophisticated and adult flavor, will help make your event fantastic and memorable."

One way to keep things simple is to blend refreshing and tasty, yet convenient, items like Starbucks VIA Ready Brew into your snacks, drinks and even grill rubs for a fresh take on old favorites.

For a quick and delicious start to your next party, here are a couple of recipes for drinks, snacks and great-tasting foods on the grill:

CUCUMBER MINT GIN LEMONADE

Serves about eight

- 1 packet Starbucks VIA(R) Ready Brew
- 4 cups lemonade
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- ½ cup cucumber, peeled, seeded and grated
- 1 cup gin
- 1 cup loosely packed mint
- Ice

Dissolve coffee with a tablespoon of hot water in a pitcher. Add lemonade, sugar, cucumber, gin and mint. Chill for several hours. Serve over ice.

SPICY COCKTAIL NUTS

- 1 cup cashews
- 1 cup walnuts
- 1 cup almonds
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon red vinegar
- ¼ cup honey
- 1 packet Starbucks VIA Ready Brew
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon Chile powder
- ¼ cup dried papaya
- ¼ cup dried mango
- ¼ cup dried pineapple

Toast nuts on a sheet pan for 10 minutes at 300 F. While nuts are toasting, combine all ingredients together, except dried fruit, in a heat-proof microwave container. Microwave for 20 seconds to melt and combine the mixture. Remove nuts from oven and turn temperature down to 225 F. Add toasted nuts to mixture and stir to coat. Spread in an even layer on a baking sheet. Bake for 45 minutes. Stir nuts to evenly coat and bake on all sides. Spread and press dried fruit onto nuts and place back in the oven for 15 minutes. After cooling, break up the mixture and store in an air-tight container.

HIGH OCTANE APPLE-TINI

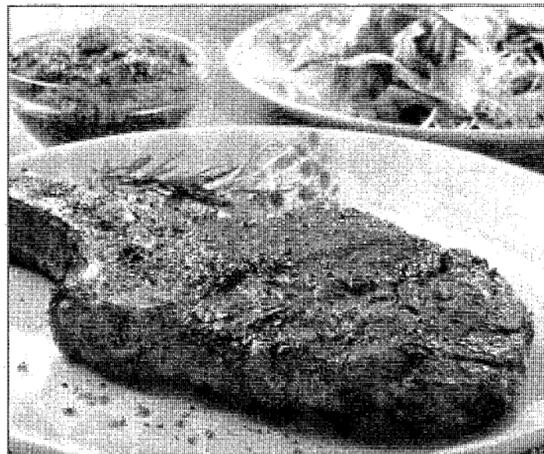
Makes two martinis

- 1 packet Starbucks VIA Ready Brew
- 1 cup apple juice
- 3 tablespoons vanilla vodka
- ½ cup ice
- ½ lime chopped
- 1 apple, sliced into thin wheels for garnish (core is in the center of the wheel)

Dissolve coffee with a tablespoon of hot water in a shaker. Add apple juice, vodka, limes and ice. Place lid on top of the shaker and shake vigorously for 20 seconds. Strain liquid into martini glasses. Place a thin apple wheel on top.



Cucumber Mint Gin Lemonade



SWEET AND SPICY COFFEE GRILLING RUB

- 2 packets Starbucks VIA Ready Brew
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 2 tablespoons black pepper
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar

Stir coffee, salt, pepper and sugar together. Coat it on the meat and grill. For stronger taste, let the coated meat sit up to an hour in the refrigerator before grilling.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

The tragedy is that less than half of those persons who are denied benefits file an appeal. Thus, many thousands of people who deserve benefits never receive them.

Those denied can appeal on their own, but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience.



In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups.

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

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

eligible for these benefits. He offers free phone or office consultations. If Bieske represents you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

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

Bieske represents clients from all over the state of Michigan. Call him at 1-800-331-3530 for a FREE consultation if you have been denied. Or if you are thinking of possibility of applying for Social Security benefits call him for FREE advice.

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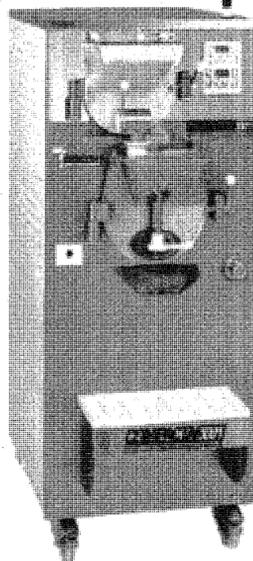
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