



Country music star Josh Gracin performed at the Meijer Taylorfest in July 2008. He will also be performing at the Annual WYCD Downtown Hoedown on May 15. Photo: Devin Cade

What's up this weekend? Springtime festivities downriver

BY DELANEY CADE

With warm weather finally approaching, it is time to get outside and enjoy the nice weather. The annual WCCS (Wyandotte Catholic Consolidated School) Spring Fling will be this weekend. Some events that will be at the fling will include live bands and Vegas games. The Spring Fling will be at the Yack Arena in Wyandotte on May 8 and 9. This event is a family event with rides and food available for purchase. If you are looking to get out of Wyandotte for the weekend Detroit it hosting the annual WYCD Hoedown. The WYCD Hoedown is scheduled for May 15 through 17. This annual event consists of country music stars performing for free in downtown Detroit. Country music star Rodney Atkins will perform on Friday, May 15. Some of his hits include "It's America" and "These are My People." Other performers include Jack Ingram, Luke Bryan, Kevin Costner and Modern West. The performers will take the stage at 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. The Eli Young Band, Lee Ann Womack, Darryl Worley, Josh Gracin and Phil Vassar will be performing from 4 p.m. through 10 p.m. on Saturday May 16. Famous for their hits "Chicken Fried," and "Whatever it is," The Zac Brown Band will play on Sunday May 17. Among the final performances of the weekend will be Jason Michael Carroll and Willie Nelson. If Detroit is too far for your weekend entertainment, the new Pinnacle Race Course opens in early June. A fun way to keep busy over the summer is going to Pinnacle Race Course in New Boston. Live horse racing will return to the new track on Friday, June 6. Live horse races will be Sundays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays all through the summer and up to October 24. Simulcast racing is also available every day at Pinnacle Race Course. Indoor seating and outdoor seating are both offered. The Corporate Pavilion and covered patio are great for enjoying outdoor races. Pinnacle is family friendly and is the only thoroughbred track in Michigan; it is enjoyable for all ages. The race course is located at 18000 Vining Road in New Boston.



Disney's Hannah Montana's Miley Cyrus stars in *Hannah Montana: The Movie*, where she is faced with the ultimate question...Hannah Montana or Miley? Photo: Sami Michael

The big question, Hannah or Miley?

BY SAMI MICHAEL

This spring, the Hannah Montana craze topped the box office with *Hannah Montana: The Movie*. Being Hannah Montana has taken over Miley Stewart's (Miley Cyrus) life. She is choosing Hannah Montana instead of family and friends; she misses Lily's (Emily Osment) birthday party, her grandmother's birthday, and even the chance to say goodbye to Jackson (Jason Earles) before he heads off to college. After getting in a fight with Tyra Banks over a pair of shoes, Miley's dad, Robby Ray (Billy Ray Cyrus), decides to scheme up a plan to help her get a grip on life. He tricks her into thinking she will be going to perform as Hannah Montana in New York, when really she gets sent back home to the quaint Crawley Corners, Tennessee. Miley starts to reconnect with her home life, not to mention with an old friend, Travis Brody (Lucas Till), who she falls for. She finally seems to be just plain-old Miley away from all the spotlights when she finds herself in a sticky situation: she volunteered her "friend" Hannah Montana into doing a fundraiser concert to save the town. Miley then calls on her best friend Lily to pretend to be Hannah. This movie just seemed like a really long episode of Disney's TV series Hannah Montana. Of course there had to be singing and dancing, but not just any dancing, line dancing. It was a typical plot, someone faced with a huge decision in their life, what (or in this case, who) will they choose? Unless you are a thirteen-year-old girl who is absolutely obsessed with Hannah Montana/ Miley Cyrus, then I suggest you see something else.



mewithoutYou's new album *It's All Crazy! It's All False! It's All a Dream! It's Alright!* is to be released May 19. Photo: Nathan Bogart

mewithoutYou changes up style with new album

BY NATHAN BOGART

mewithoutYou's new album entitled *It's All Crazy! It's All False! It's All a Dream! It's Alright!* is to be released on May 19th. The album is completely different from all that mewwithoutYou had released prior and fans may either love it or hate it. They are known for Aaron Weiss's spoken word and intensive yelling, which separates them from any band I have ever heard, and in the new album Weiss seems to have decided he enjoys singing more. Dropping their normal, overly-intense, passionate musical and lyrical style, they picked up a more happy and celebratory sound. Though, I love their old distinctive style, I still highly enjoyed this album. Being used to their old powerful and gripping sound, I could not help but laugh when I heard this album. Ninety percent of it speaks about animals and different types of food, which is not surprising due to Weiss's strange nature. mewwithoutYou was started as a side project in 2001 with members Aaron Weiss, his brother Michael and guitarist Christopher Kleinberg. After a few years, the band lost Kleinberg and picked up Greg Jehanian on bass guitar. The band is known for their incredibly well written lyrics that people think of more as classical poetry rather than musical lyrics, as well as their experimental sound including instruments such as accordion and harp. Weiss is highly respected by fans for his devout beliefs, his honor to celibacy, his veganism and his overall lifestyle, which sometimes takes place inside of communes. Their first album contained a lot of yelling, but over the last two albums they have gradually lost their intensive nature and this new album only contains one song with yelling. *It's All Crazy! It's All False! It's All a Dream! It's Alright!* is far different from their early sound, but still expresses a similar message. *It's All Crazy! It's All False! It's All a Dream! It's Alright!* is sure to make a stir with fans of experimental music as well as folk lovers. Being a big fan of mewwithoutYou, I could not recommend this album enough. I miss some of their original, distinctive qualities that this album lacks, but I believe it is a solid album nonetheless. So, if you are a fan of breath-taking lyrics, wide-ranging instruments and strong beliefs, then I highly suggest buying this album.

Who says your only young once?

BY DEVIN CADE

Zac Efron stars in the movie *17 Again* as Mike O'Donnell, a popular high school student that is an excellent athlete. He gives up basketball and a chance to go on to college when he finds that his girlfriend is pregnant. He decided to propose and be a good father to his child, but quickly he realizes his life is all wrong. Matthew Perry plays the adult Mike and things are not the same as when he was 17. He is at a stand still with his career; he cannot get a promotion and is separated from his wife, Scarlet. He stays with his nerdy best friend Ned, who is a software genius. Feeling down about his life, Mike then decides to visit his high school again and remember the days where he had everything. He explains to a janitor that things were so much better when he was 17. Mike then heads home and sees the same janitor about to jump off a bridge. He gets out and runs over, but the janitor is gone and Mike falls in. Mike then becomes 17 again and now has to explain to his friend Ned what has happened. After some convincing Ned agrees to act like Mike's father. Mike has to go back to school, but things are not as easy this time, having to make friends again and attend to school with his own children. He discovers many secrets about his kids. After spending some time with Scarlet he realizes all the reasons why he had fallen for her. When Mike needs to be in divorce court but cannot due to his new look, he goes as a seventeen year old with a letter from Mike. The letter reminisces about high school and how he and his wife fell in love. When the 17-year-old Mike reads the letter in front of the court room he tries to win Scarlet back. It takes the 17 year old some time to realize that he hadn't been as good a husband or father as he should have been. When put into the exact situation he was in high school Mike has to decide between his dream job and his family, will he completely change his life or will he go back and try to fix his life? While it is in the range of a "chick flick" I would still highly recommend this movie to anyone for a funny yet touching story.



The star of the *High School Musical* series, Zac Efron, makes his first major movie debut in *17 Again*, a non-musical movie and proves his acting talents. Photo: Devin Cade

Speak Out what did you think of the Sara Panzau presentation?



"I thought it was very heartfelt. She still went up there to try and help people."
Freshman Nicholas Raptis



"It taught me not to do dumb stuff or else there will be consequences."
Sophomore Melissa Creighton



"I thought it was good because it showed her experience."
Junior Brady Mullins



"It was really good. I thought it was inspiring."
Senior Alyssa Aubin



"I thought it was definitely the best assembly we've ever had since I've been here. [It was a] great message."
Science Teacher Brian Cotner