

By JULIE BROWN

For children, the library will have a half-hour film showing at 10 a.m. on Thursday and Saturday, July 26 and 28. The films ("Paul Bunyan" and "Johnny Appleseed") are intended for children in the early elementary grades.



are offered. Often, local school pools are open to the public during the summer months and can provide for a refreshing dip. Local tennis courts, both in public parks and school facilities, can provide an arena for working on your backhand.

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price to the Fisher Theater where a customer pays \$16 for the play only. Then the theatergoer may go for dinner somewhere else and spend more money, usually increasing the cost of an evening's entertainment.



Ashton said the restaurant's luncheon prices increased 10 percent last year. An average price for lunch at his restaurant now for one person is \$5. For dinner it is \$9, he said.

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Both last week and four weeks ago, we asked readers to respond to the following question:

HAS THIS SUMMER'S GASOLINE SITUATION CAUSED ANY CHANGES IN YOUR ENTERTAINMENT PLANS? DO YOU GO OUT LESS FREQUENTLY, SHARE DRIVING WITH OTHERS, AND/OR SEEK OUT ENTERTAINMENT CLOSE TO HOME?

Cathleen Tierney of Troy wrote: "You better believe it! I only try to drive to and from work and my girlfriend and I take turns every week. I ride my 10-speed usually after work because everything I need is in my vicinity."

"I have a cottage up north so we make sure the car is full of people to save on gas instead of two or three cars making the trip. Also, if I'm going someplace (say to visit) I will try to kill two birds with one stone and visit everyone I know in that area, or go shopping and to all my other errands in one area," she said. "If gas prices get too ridiculous I for one will park my car and use my two feet God gave me."

Bill Kreifeldt of Birmingham wrote: "The gas situation in combination with a new home which includes an in-ground pool plus an April baby, we've gone out less this summer and given up season tickets to some things."

A Birmingham woman, who asked not to be identified, wrote: "Our lifestyle cannot change because of the gasoline situation, because our lifestyle has always, especially since marriage, been very simple. My husband drives only back and forth to work and takes me occasionally out but seldom far, because he doesn't like driving in traffic."

work and did my grocery shopping often on the way home or all at once on a Friday or Saturday. Now unemployed, whenever possible, small shopping is done on bicycle, a habit I still have from the old country.

"It is not in our interest to misuse goods and comforts; but I am afraid very few people think the way my husband and I do. We use what nature has given us; we walk. Unfortunately, walking or bicycling is very restricted — no bicycle roads, and sidewalks are in limited areas only, i.e., few sidewalks are outside of residential areas."

Kristi Pryomski of Holly wrote: "The only entertainment plans my husband and I have for this summer will be to get to work and back home again. I work in Birmingham, he works in Flint, and we live in Holly. (Believe me, in rush hour traffic it really can be entertaining).

"Our vacations are being planned at home working on our house. That's about the only place the gas situation will take us."

DO YOU THINK THE QUALITY OF TELEVISION PROGRAMMING HAS DECLINED IN RECENT YEARS? IF SO, DO YOU WATCH LESS TV BECAUSE OF THIS?

What is your opinion? Write your answer, clip the coupon, and mail it to the Intermission column.

Use additional paper if you want to send a more complete response. Letters may be edited, if space limitations require it.

Letters selected from those submitted will appear in the Thursday, Aug. 16, edition.