

Absentee ballots to go out

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Nearly 800 absentee ballots, which will include the City Commission race and two ballot proposals, are expected to be delivered to Plymouth residents this week.

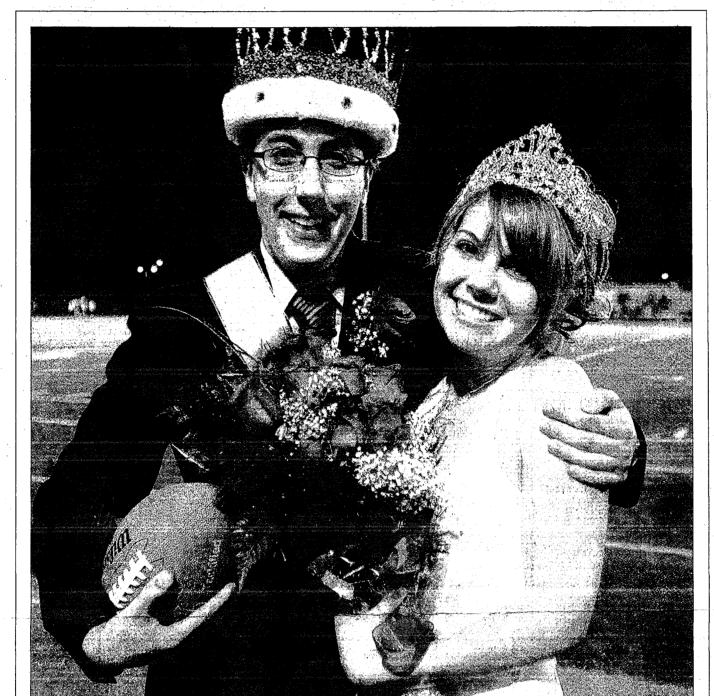
"We expect them to be at the post office on Monday," said Maureen Brodie, deputy city clerk.

Residents will vote to fill four City Commission seats, as well as decide the fate of a new city charter and a \$10 million bond proposal to fund city road repairs.

Residents who are seeking information on the bond proposal will have an opportunity to attend an informational meeting during Monday night's commission meeting.

City Manager Paul Sincock said city residents will get a 52page booklet in the mail that details the city charter proposal and the road bond issue.

We're required by state law to publish the entire proposed charter," said Sincock. "I would not think it will be high on people's



Hectic holiday Salvation Army gets ready for Christmas rush

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Christmas, the song goes, comes but once a year.

For the folks at the Plymouth Salvation Army, though, the one time it comes lasts pretty much the entire year, which is how long they work on filling the needs of needy families around the area.

And so it is that Salvation Army officials are looking for such people, and for local families and businesses who wish to adopt them, as part of the corps' annual Adopt a Family program.

'We're busy with Christmas right now in terms of contacting families and businesses that will adopt

reading lists, but there's a lot of interesting information."

The information is also available on the city's Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

For the first time, voters will be required to show picture identification or sign an affidavit if one isn't available.

"If they state that they do not have picture identification, voters will be asked to sign an affidavit attesting they are not in possession of one," said Brodie. "A ballot cannot be issued to the voter unless the voter displays picture identification or signs the affidavit."

Photo identification can include a current state driver's license or personal identification card, federal or state government-issued ID, a U.S. passport, military ID card with photo, a student identification card from a high school or institution of higher learning or a Tribal ID card with photo, she said.

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Rock Royalty

Brandon Verdi and Rachel Castro are the 2007 Salem High School Homecoming king and queen. The halftime ceremony capped off a week of festivities.

Students must retake MEAP portion

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Thousands of Plymouth-Canton Schools fifth- and sixth-graders will have to retake a portion of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program writing test as a result of a Jackson newspaper reporter being allowed in a classroom during testing and reporting information about the test.

Director of Secondary Education Mike Bender said students who

have taken the test will re-take Part 1A, Writing from Knowledge and Experience. Those who have not yet taken that portion of the test will wait until the state issues a new test.

'Twelve of our 16 elementary schools have already given Part 1A to fifthgraders, while four of our five middle schools have administered that portion," Bender said. "According to guidelines from the Department of Education, only those that have the role to assist with the administration of the test and students are allowed in

the room."

Bender noted the district has a window from Oct. 8-26 to give the MEAPs, which includes about eight hours of testing. He said the Part 1A generally takes about 50 minutes for students to complete.

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According to a Michigan Department of Education release, the delay caused by the breach of information will result in delays in final MEAP results.

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Commission hopefuls lay out election positions Incumbent focuses on parking, roads | City run seems 'natural' to DDA chair

Wright



BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Gerry Sabatini believes he may have the solution to the perceived parking problem in downtown Plymouth, one that helps both motorists and business owners.

"I would favor converting Main Street (from Mill Street to Ann Arbor Road) to two lanes of traffic," Sabatini said. "One lane would be used for a center turn lane, and one of the curb lanes would

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BY TONY BRUSCATO

STAFF WRITER

Mike Wright, chairman of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, said his run for one of the four seats on the City Commission in the Nov. 6 general election

seemed like a "natural" next step in a commitment to a city where he's lived the past 22 years.

"I've had a very fulfilling experience on the DDA, and it seemed like a natural step

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families who need help," said Capt. Jim Irvine, commander of the Plymouth Salvation Army, which services Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville. "And we're already getting calls from families asking for the help."

The program is based on need. Families apply and are asked for proof of residence and income. Those who are approved get the traditional "fixin's" for a Christmas dinner, plus toys to be given as Christmas presents.

No one who shows a need is denied, according to Laurie Aren, director of family and community ministries.

"If they present the need, and we can verify that need, no one is turned away," said Aren, who replaced Bill Moritz in September. "If a family isn't adopted (by someone else), they get to go through our toy shop.'

According to Aren, the people coming in for help don't fit traditional "perceptions" of needy families. She said last year, 110 families who'd never sought help from any sort of agency asked for assistance. Of those, 89 were from Canton.

Already this year, Aren pointed out, the corps has received some 20 calls for help. Many of them are couples where one spouse has lost a job, or where wageearners have had to take pay cuts.

"People are trying to make ends meet," Aren said. "Toward the end of the

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More charges dropped against wife in beating case

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

The state has taken another hit in its case against the Canton woman accused of stabbing her husband with a utensil inside Max & Erma's earlier this year.

The domestic violence charge against Kelly Campbell-Baumgartner, 46, has been dropped and now

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only two charges remain against her.

Campbell-Baumgartner was in 35th District Court Friday morning for a preliminary hearing, but the prosecutor in the case, Luke Skywalker, asked Judge Mike Gerou to postpone the proceedings since he had just been assigned the case.

Gerou, who was reluctant to adjourn the hearing, agreed

to combine the pretrial exam with a trial management conference on Oct. 29.

Accused of injuring her 86year-old husband, William Baumgartner, during an argument on April 22, Campbell-Baumgartner was initially charged with felonious assault, domestic violence, assault and battery and drunk and disorderly conduct. The felonious assault and domestic violence charges have since been dismissed. Upon their entrance to court together, Campbell-Baumgartner softly touched her husband's arm to motion him to sit. Baumgartner, a former longtime Plymouth resident, previously testified that his wife didn't hurt him at the restaurant, but did admit that she had hit him earlier that day.

Last year, the Canton woman pleaded guilty to stabbing her mother with a fork.

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Search begins with public input Firm schedules forums to hear suggestions

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The Salem High School cafeteria will be the setting for two, hour-long community forums designed to help the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education create the job description for a new superintendent.

The search firm Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates will administer the two forums, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24 and Thursday, Oct. 25. The information will lead to selection of a candidate to replace Jim Ryan, who will resign Feb. 28.

"This is an open process and we hope the community will take this opportunity to give us their thoughts on the type of individual they want to lead our district," said P-CCS Board President Judy Mardigian. "This is a very important step in the selection process, and we want to hear from as many people as possible.

"In fact, if there are other groups that wish to participate, we will be happy to schedule a special forum for them," she said. "Those interested should contact the community relations department or contact the Board via the district Web site."

The Board of Education has also identified more than two dozen community and internal school district groups that have been invited to forums with the search firm this month. The list includes students, teachers, parents, administrators, community leaders and a variety of other groups from the Plymouth and Canton area.

Those attending the community forums are asked to complete a leadership profile assessment form beforehand

WHAT THEY'LL ASK

Here's a sample of what the search firm will ask: What do you consider to be the two or three most significant strengths of the district? What do you consider the two or three most important challenges facing the district? Two or three characteristics you'd like to see in a new superintendent.

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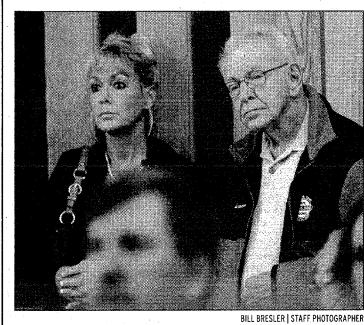
and bring it to the meeting. Those who are unable to attend also can share their opinions with the Board by completing the form, which is available on the district's Web site at www.pccs.k12.mi.us.

The seven members of the Board of Education began giving their assessments this week in individual meetings with Roger Garvelink, senior consultant with HYA.

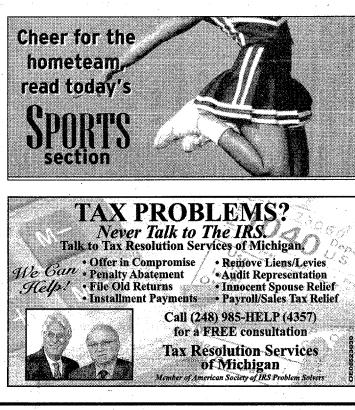
"Giving us the strengths of the district and its challenges is helpful to us as we market the district and recruit candidates," said Garvelink. "The more responses we get the better because we feel the more people who become involved in the process the more accurate description we'll have of the challenges and the kind of person they need."

Garvelink said strengths of the district given by some school board members include the quality of staff, parent involvement, the high achievement of students and the quality of the district's facilities.

Among the challenges are state funding, the rising cost of doing business, attracting and retaining quality staff and community understanding of the cost of a quality education.



Kelly Campbell-Baumgartner, 46, sits in 35th District Court Friday with husband William Baumgartner, 86.



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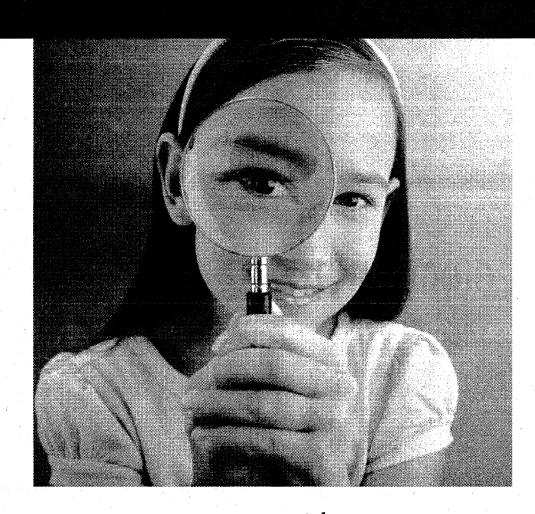
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weekly Farmer's Market, the Great Pumpkin Caper, community shred day, the Old Village Restaurant Crawl and Santa's arrival, among others. Toney said she's grateful for the gesture, but doesn't want the event to lose its focus. "It's very heart-warming to know the people I've worked

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"That would free up prob-

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Sabatini, an incumbent

city commissioner complet-

ing a two-year term, is seek-

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general election. And part of

his theory on public service, of

which he's participated since

he moved to Plymouth nearly

24 years ago, is making a dif-

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20-year career as executive

vice president and general

Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau makes him

arena.

who owns laundromats in

Plymouth Township and Dundee, is no stranger to poli-

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THE SABATINI FILE

Who: Gerry Sabatini Family: Wife, Barbara, married 24 years, two children Residence: Lived in Plymouth 23 years

University of Detroit; master's degree, Central Michigan Hobbies: Civic organizations,

committee and 15 years on the Zoning Board of Appeals, eight as chairman. "I'm not saying I was the only one, but I definitely was a voice for those changes.

'You can make a difference," he added. "It just takes a sincere interest, and that's always been in my heart. I want to see things better for the next generation." That theory actually started

several generations ago, begin-

Family: Wife, Nancy; children

Education: Bachelor's degree,

Hobbies: Loves jazz, working

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In fact, Wright said maxi-

THE WRIGHT STUFF

Who: Mike Wright

Wayne State University

around the house

sion."

Alex and Nick

Education: Bachelor's degree, reading, family activities

"That's why I tell people,

ning with his grandparents and parents, and which he has handed down to his two chil-

dren. "My parents were very active in church and school activities, and we helped out in the neighborhood shoveling snow and cutting grass," said Sabatini, the second oldest of nine children. "I love community service, have done it all

my life, and I can't imagine life without it. It's a lot of fun." Sabatini said he'll vote in favor of the \$10 million road bond on the November ballot, but only because it doesn't raise taxes above what residents were used to paying before the previous road bond issue was paid off.

"I was only in favor of it provided the tax rate was no higher than it is today," Sabatini said. "If it was going to be higher, I wasn't going to support it because I'm a taxpayer, too. I want the voters to know we're going to try to repair the

roads that are left, but we have to be realistic in that not all may be done."

Sabatini said while he continues to favor the current fire service contract with Plymouth Township, he's interested in researching lower-cost alternatives.

"It's my responsibility as a commissioner to find the best reasonable cost of the services we provide," he said. "If there are less expensive ways to save money and achieve the same services, then I support other alternatives.

With the latest tax increase by the state, people really start paying attention to their local government, too," he added. "I don't want to be in a position to increase our taxes."

Also on the ballot in the city commission race are Anthony Guilliom, Chris Lynn, Jason Vorva, Dave Workman and Mike Wright.

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"It's appropriate it be a shared expense for residents of the community," Wright said of road repairs. "A lot of the streets have been done, and those folks have an obligation to vote in support of the bond issues so their neighbors will have streets as nice as they've got. It's a ripe opportunity to finish the job, and finish it right.'

Wright said he's also interested in keeping downtown Plymouth vibrant. "We have a great downtown,

but not one you can take for granted," Wright said. "It's the balance of the right mix of merchants, commercial and residential."

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Youth panel seeks members

Young people looking for a chance to get involved in their community have a perfect opportunity.

The Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission is looking for new members, and anyone who wishes to apply can do so by Oct. 19.

The PCYAC is open to students in grades 7 to 11 who live in the City of Plymouth or in Plymouth Township.

The Youth Advisory Commission was the idea of **Commissioner Michele Potter,** who saw the need for youth to have a voice in their community.

"Kids at this stage in their lives are trying to assert some independence from adults, and don't necessarily want to act upon what adults deem as appropriate for them," said Potter. "We hope the commission gives them a sense of belonging, the knowledge their voice is heard in the city and the township, and a chance to

month there isn't enough

(money) to go around. But

qualify for state programs."

To help pay for the pro-

gram, the Salvation Army

uses its annual Red Kettle

Campaign, which kicks off

Christmas Eve. Last year, the

According to Kelly Boelter,

the kettle campaign coordi-

nator, a successful campaign

will take nearly 6,500 man-

hours servicing kettles at 19

locations. With only about 5

percent of those manhours

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Nov. 16 and runs through

campaign brought in more

than \$189,000; this year's

goal is \$205,000.

they're working, so they don't

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take ownership of issues that affect them."

The 11-member PCYAC acts in an advisory capacity to the city commission and township board, fosters increased involvement in municipal government, studies issues and conducts forums on youthrelated concerns.

The PCYAC holds monthly meetings and participates in a variety of activities - they helped raise money to replace the fountain in Kellogg Park and organize a Battle of the Bands contest for Fall Festival.

Applications can be found on the City of Plymouth's Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us and must be turned in by Oct. 19 to Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main in Plymouth. Interviews are scheduled 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 22. at city hall.

For more information email Potter at mpotter@ ci.plymouth.mi.us or call Jeanne Knopf-DeRoche, (734) 455-4343.

tant for us to fill this year," Boelter said, noting the continually dragging Michigan economy. "We're down sites (they lost three Farmer Jack locations) and the need is up.

The struggling economy actually could work in the corps' favor, if you listen to Irvine, a Salvation Army veteran. He said people tend to be more generous, particularly at the kettles, when times are hard.

"People feeling the pinch remember it ... and they're more sensitive to it," Irvine said. "That loose change they're carrying goes into the kettle."

Irvine said the kettle campaign and the Christmas program won't just benefit the area for the holidays.

"Everyone we do at Christmas is not only for Christmas," he said. "It's the biggest and busiest time, and what we do in that six-week period sets the tone for the level of services we provide throughout the year."

For more information on the Christmas program, call the Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464.



"From the residents' perspective, we are all one community, it's just not sensible there be animosity," Wright

Township.

said. "We need to work together because our residents believe they are in the same community. The differences ought to be invisible."

As for the possible move to a public safety department, where police officers are trained also as firefighters, Wright said it comes down to service levels.

"It makes sense to look at other options, but we need to provide the same level of service at the same, or less, cost," he said. "If we can't achieve that objective, it wouldn't make sense to change."

Wright said he will vote in favor of the \$10 million bond proposal on the ballot, which if passed will continue the city's road improvement



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Family member is better suited to be a trustee

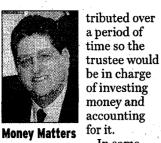
Dear Rick: Is it proper and safe to have your business attorney also be the trustee of your revocable trust or would it be better to have two of my children be trustees (there are four children)? My big concern is the cost involved.

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I am not a fan of using professional trustees for livings trusts whether they are attorneys, CPAs or banks. I think in the great majority of situations, family members are better suited to handle the duties of trustee.

It is important to understand what a trustee does. A trustee is in charge of managing the trust. In many living trusts, the sole duty of the trustee is to accumulate assets and then to distribute those assets immediately upon death.

In other situations, as opposed to distributing the money upon death, it is dis-



 In some

 Rick Bloom
 trusts, the

 trustee makes

decisions as to whether the beneficiary can have access to their money at different points in time. It's not unusual for a trust to have a grandchild as a beneficiary and that grandchild would not be entitled to receive mandatory distributions until they are 30 years of age. Before that time, the trustee has the discretion for distributions and is responsible for managing the money on an ongoing basis.

In cases such as these, I generally prefer the trustee being someone who knows my values and who would make decisions not purely based upon dollars and cents, but rather what I would want done if I were still around. Obviously, a professional trustee does not have that insight and would make decisions based upon the strict interpretation of the trust.

I recognize where there is ongoing management involved, someone in your family may not have the necessary skills to perform some of the functions required of a trustee. However, to me that is not the issue. The real issue is who has control of the trust. As far as I am concerned, a trustee doesn't necessarily have to have the knowledge to perform all the duties because they can hire professionals to assist them.

In addition, by having a family member involved as opposed to a professional trustee, there is no doubt there would be some control over

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fees. Unfortunately, many of the fees charged by attorneys and financial institutions are outrageous and there is very little that a beneficiary can do because, after all, they're not in charge of the trust.

I am not saying there is never a time and place for professional trustees. However, I believe those situations are few and far between. Where there are difficulties within the family, sometimes a professional trustee can be a benefit. However, in most situations I would name a family member and let them hire the expertise needed.

In your situation at hand, why only name two children as successor trustees? After all, let's never forget the main purpose of a good estate plan is to promote family harmony. If assets are distributed equally to children upon death, having them all involved tends to limit disagreements. If only two of the children are successor trustees, the others may feel slighted.

If you are going to engage the services of a professional trustee, it is important to understand the fee structure before you name them in your trust document. In addition, a provision you may wish to consider is allowing the beneficiaries in certain situations to fire the professional trustee and higher a new one. This would allow the beneficiaries to have some power and to be able to keep a check and balance system over the professional trustee.

In addition, if you name a bank, it may not be around at your demise. We have seen many bank mergers over the last number of years and I have no doubt we will see more in the future. Therefore, your trust document should address this issue.

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Memorial art show

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An artist's reception will be held 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, as an opportunity for friends, family and fellow artists to celebrate the life and talent of this popular area artist and writer who passed away suddenly June 29.

The show may be enjoyed during regular business hours at D & M Art Studios, 8691 N. Lilley in the Golden Gate Shopping Center in Canton (across from Mettetal Airport). For more information, call (734) 453-3710.

Museum programs

The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts the following programs:

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 6-7 p.m. - Join the Plymouth Historical Museum and the Plymouth Preservation Network for "Ghosts of Plymouth." Sanford Burr, Plymouth Historical Society president, guides participants through the Baptist Cemetery (at the end of Pearl Street in Old Village). Sanford will recount stories of the lives of those buried in the cemetery. No Rain Date.

Cost is \$10 per person, with a limit of 25 people on tour. Tickets available at the Plymouth Historical Museum during museum hours: Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. or purchase tickets through PayPal at:

www.plymouthhistory.org/ walkingtours.html

■ Wednesday, Oct. 31, "Things That Go Bump in the Night" - Jill Andra Young talks about her experiences capturing spirits (orbs) photographically at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Admission price include refreshments and a stroll through the museum's "haunted" Main Street. Event will take place in the evening.

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Competing for the crown

The 10 participants for the first Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss Scholarship Program are local high school seniors (back row from left) Melissa Klusek (Salem High School), Lauracindy Plague (John Glen High School), Katherine Lu (Canton High School), Erin Wheeler (Ladywood High School), Alyssa Coligado (Ladywood). In the front row from left are Megan Vish (Divine Child High School), Erica Straub (Ladywood), Whitney Askew (Plymouth High School), Meaghan Priebe (Plymouth High School) and Amanda Schimm (Canton High School). The girls will be evaluated and receive scholarships in scholastics, interview, fitness and self expression. An overall winner will be chosen as Plymouth-Canton's Junior Miss and then represent the communities at Michigan's Junior Miss competition in Ann Arbor in March. The Plymouth-Canton program will be at 6 p.m., Nov. 10 at Discovery Middle School in Canton. Tickets for the program are \$10. For more information, contact Marissa Sarnecky at (313) 215-3512.

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Music of the Heart

Plymouth First United Methodist Church presents a musical celebration of wellknown hymns written by Charles Wesley, personal, passionate expressions of faith which have been widely sung for three centuries, in honor of the 300th anniversary of the lyricist's birth.

The concert, set for 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, will feature selections performed by the Plymouth Community Band and Organist Marcia Van Oven, historical commentary, and audience sing-along.

Admission is free; a freewill offering will be received to benefit the church's Noteworthy concert series and AIDS victims in Africa. First United Methodist Church is located at 45201 North Territorial Road in Plymouth, a mile east of Beck Road. For more information 734-453-5280.

Great Pumpkin caper

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will again host "The Great

Pumpkin Caper" 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30. Downtown merchants invite parents to bring their children trick-ortreating in the safety of downtown Plymouth.

The annual Costume Contest will also be held in Kellogg park between 5:30-6:30 p.m. Participants can pick up a ticket number at the stage in Kellogg Park, and the winners will be announced at 7 p.m. First- and second-place will be awarded for each age group (6 years & under, 7-13 years).

This event is made possible by the generosity and community spirit of the downtown Plymouth merchants. Chamber officials also thanked the afternoon Plymouth Rotary Club for serving as crossing guards, to help keep the children safe.

The Scarecrows in the Park will also be available for viewing in Kellogg Park along Main. The scarecrows are decorated by businesses, clubs and families in Plymouth.

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However for many of these people, Michigan **Optometrist Dr. Sheldon** Smith has the answers they have been seeking. "People don't know that

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Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people who have lost vision from these types of eye diseases. A Fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

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Many patients seeking to help themselves end up using weak, clumsy handheld magnifiers. Conversely Dr. Smith prescribes hands-free devices that are easier to use. "We use the same

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glasses focus on distance objects like TV, passing neighbors or scenery" the doctor said, "but they can be set up for closer tasks as well.

"They can even help with driving" the doctor explained. Michigan is one of 46 states that allow bioptic telescopic glasses for driving.

Mr. Charles Willim age 81 of Taylor MI came to get his driver license restored after macular degeneration reduced his vision to 20/70. Dr. Smith fit him with special driving telescopes that improved his vision to 20/ 40. A few weeks later Charles passed his road test and is now a licensed driver again. "Those telescopic glasses are pretty darn good" he said.

Buddy Standafer age 70 of Westland had diabetic eye problems. He came to reinstate his driver license and read better. His regular vision was 20/200 but with special driving telescopes he saw 20/50. **Prismatic reading glasses** got him reading newsprint. Two months later his license was restored. "Now I see the traffic lights much better. I am happy to be on the road again. I tell a lot of people about Dr. Smith" Buddy said.

Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes are another way to help make reading a little easier. There are as many low vision devices as there are various activities. Dr. Smith also



Buddy Standafer wearing driving telescopes

counsels his patients on using sun filters and nutritional supplements to safeguard the vision from getting worse.

Special glasses and telescopes range in price from \$600 to \$2,500. "Every patient is unique, with different amounts of vision and individual goals," says Dr. Smith. "My objective is to help each patient do what matters most to them. Whatever the goal, I try to match it with a device to meet that need. People really improve their quality of life and independence."

If you or someone you know is struggling to do the things they love because of severe vision problems, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help. There is help available. You just need to know where to find it. You can reach Dr. Smith and Suburban Low Vision of Michigan at 1-877-677-2020.

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Corriveau recall effort is just politics as usual

OUR VIEW

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

The anti-tax zealots are forging ahead with recall efforts against Michigan legislators who voted in favor of two tax measures as part of a package to achieve a constitutionally required balanced budget.

The pressure has been intense in some districts where Democrats won by narrow margins in the last election and in the few districts where Republicans bucked their party and voted for one or both of the tax increases.

This recall crowd has put a big target on Democrat Marc revenue than expenses." Corriveau, who represents the 20th House District, which traditionally has been represented by a Republican.

While voters may be unhappy with the Legislature's (and Corriveau's) decision to raise taxes, they should see this recall effort for what it is - politics as usual.

Voters elected Corriveau to make tough decisions in Lansing. Certainly the decision to raise taxes at the last Chili thanks minute to stave off what would have been a devastating state government shutdown was one of the toughest state lawmakers have had to make in recent memory.

Corriveau didn't like raising taxes any more than the next guy. But he voted with his conscience, and decided modestly raising taxes was a better option than having a state shutdown. He felt that was the responsible thing to do.

Voters should also be aware that this recall effort is being led by Leon Drolet, a Macomb County Republican and former state representative who was term limited out of office, and his Michigan Taxpayers Alliance. This is not something that is being led by local voices. Drolet and his group like to say how Michigan government is out of control and taxing its citizens to death.

However, according to the most recent Census Bureau Smokeless Tobacco. Our media sponsors data, Michigan ranks in the middle of the pack -26th among the 50 states — in state and local taxes as a percentage to total personal income. And the state ranks near the bottom nationally in the number of government employees. Not exactly out of control.

Nobody likes taxes, and it is understandable that residents would be upset about the Legislature's decision. If residents of the 20th House District, which includes Plymouth, Northville and part of Canton, believe that is enough of a reason to throw Corriveau out of office, the best way to do it is by not re-electing him next year. That is the great thing about democracy.

But people should realize this recall effort is really about smearing Corriveau's name, because he is in a district where he is already vulnerable.



"The state constitution says we need to have a balanced budget, at the end of the day you need to have more

- Diane Ulin, Plymouth

The 12th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-Off Sunday, Sept. 30, was a sizzling success. Sanctioned by the International Chili Society, events like this are successful because of the time, effort and financial support from so many individuals and businesses. As chairperson and president of the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-Off, I would like to thank those supporters.

The financial sponsors include Motor City Harley Davidson of Farmington Hills, Meijer, BMW Motorcycles of SE Michigan, Andersen Windows & Doors, Caviston Insurance Agency, Atlas Home Improvement, Blue Green and U.S. are the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and WYCD 99.5 Young Country. Support sponsors are Greko Printing & Imaging of Plymouth, Bell & Sons Bar and Restaurant Supply in Redford, Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches of downtown Plymouth, Absopure Water and Native West.

Many thanks to all the restaurants who participated in the Restaurant Chili Challenge, including this year's winner in both the Best Judged and People's Choice categories, The Omelette & Waffle Cafe. Other participating restaurants included Station 885, Compari's on



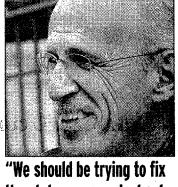
"I think it stinks, but with the economy in Michigan I could see it coming."

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Also thanks to go our great entertainment, country singer Rissi Palmer, Auston Scott and Yankeville, plus Taylor Brown, who sang the national anthem; dance teams Tollgate Cloggers, Center Stage Dance Co., Children's Dance Theatre and the Jimmy Barrios Salsa Dancers; Dale and Brad for running the Chili Bike Show; Kathy and the whole crew at J&J Concessions; Jill Andra Young Photography; Carl Berry on security; Mike Shelton from MotorCity Harley Davidson, Rigid and the whole MotorCity Harley Hog Chapter for their block captains; the Michigan State Police, the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, the Michigan Federal Reserves and the Plymouth police department.

Thanks also to Terri Bennett and Sue at Specialty Pet for helping out at the "Hottest Dog in the Coolest City" contest; all the bike show ballot counters; the Christian Motorcycle Association Riders; the parking crew and especially to all the volunteers who came out for the charity, Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County;

the Canton Chiefs High School baseball team along with their parents for setup and takedown; all 80 chili judges who hopefully had no indigestion afterward; all 107 chili and salsa cooks who supported the event; all 25,000 who came to town and the city of Plymouth for having this great downtown to hold the event in. Thank you from the bottom of my chili pot!

Annette Horn Chili Cook-Off president

Thanking Corriveau

I would like to thank Rep. Marc Corriveau of Northville for making the right decision to protect our students. police officers, firefighters, veterans and all Michigan residents by supporting a budget that makes sense for Michigan.

Times are tough for our state, where financial crisis seems to be the norm year after year. No one in power ever seems to want to make the tough choices that are necessary to get Michigan back on track. Thanks to lawmakers like Corriveau who refuse to take the easy way out, we will hopefully see Michigan move out of the red and into the black.

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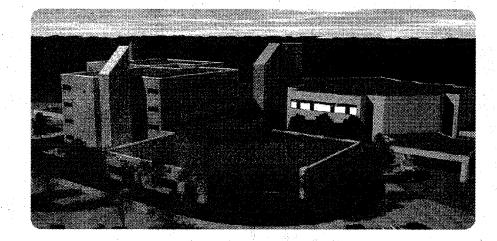
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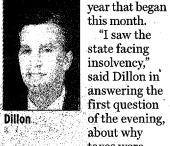
State was going broke without taxes, Dillon says

BY MATT JACHMAN STAFF WRITER

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With no short-term fixes to fall back on and the possibility of Michigan's bankruptcy looming, state legislators had no choice but to raise taxes as they approved a spending plan for the new fiscal year.

That was Rep. Andy Dillon's message Thursday to several dozen people who attended a town hall meeting on the state budget. Dillon, of Redford, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, was instrumental in negotiating the legislative deal that patched a \$1.75 billion gap in the roughly \$42 billion state budget for the fiscal



taxes were raised. "Revenue was a necessary part of the equation."

The budget fix included an 11.5-percent hike in the state income tax —from 3.9 percent to 4.35 percent — a new tax on some services, the details of which are still being clarified, and some \$440 in savings from spending reforms. "We don't have the luxury of just running deficits to get out of a long-term problem," said Dillon.

Before taking written questions from the audience, Dillon used a slide show, with charts and graphs, to make his case at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 345 in Redford. He said:

■ Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the Legislature have discretion over only about \$9 billion, which is less than a quarter of the general fund. Much of the state's spending is either set by the Michigan Constitution or, if the money is from federal sources, the federal government.

Dillon said he would be open to revisiting the Constitution and possibly reallocating some spending.

The state income tax rate has moved down over several years, and residents are spending a greater proportion of their income on services and less on goods, which are taxed. Overall, general-fund revenues have dropped 30 percent since 1999. State government has gotten smaller, with an 18-percent reduction in employees since 2000, and Michigan is 47th out of the 50 states in the number of employees per capita. However, Dillon said, "We have a spending problem, no doubt about it," before touting the spending reforms that are part of the budget plan.

While state spending on higher education has been relatively flat, state colleges and universities have raised tuition by 50 percent over the last five years. Dillon said the state needs to focus on education if it is to pull out of the economic doldrums.

Dillon said he favored an even higher income tax instead of the service tax, but couldn't find support in the state Senate.

"I did my best to avoid it," he said of the service tax, "but at the end of the day, I didn't want government to shut down." He said the service tax is

"not without some headaches" and that the House is committed to working with business leaders to clarify issues before the tax goes into effect in December.

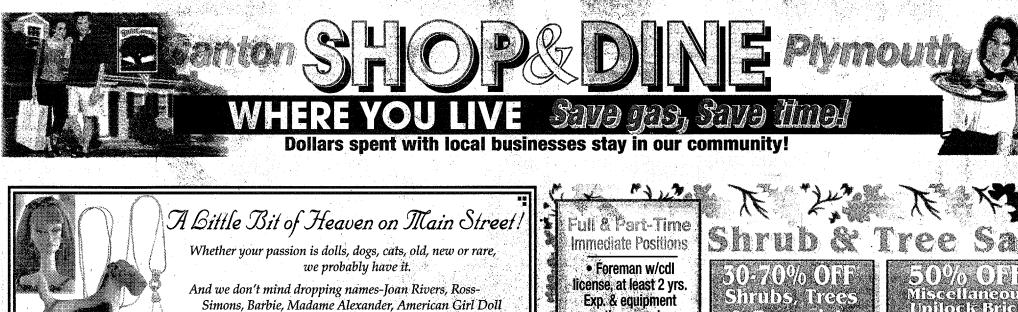
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Afterward, attendee Rhoda Messisco said Dillon "hit on all the points," Messisco said she favors school district consolidation. "I think that would cut down a whole lot," she said. Her friend Eleanor Rollin

had a different take.

"I have to watch my budget," Rollin said in response to the meeting. She said she doesn't like it when officials tell her that a tax increase will only cost someone a dollar here and a dollar there.

"They don't figure that these two and three dollars a month add up," she said.



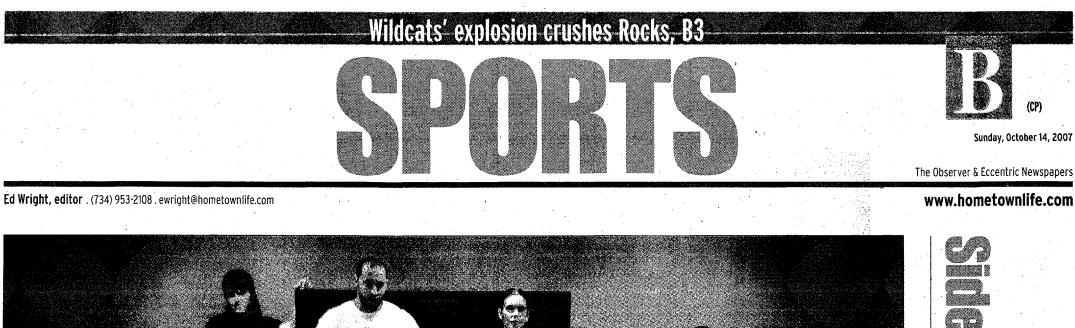
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Detroit Lion Mike Furrey and his wife, Koren, talk to Plymouth and Canton teenagers during a meeting of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at their home Oct. 2. The meetings draw between 40 and 50 students every other Tuesday.

Detroit Lion Mike Furrey's unofficial motto is...

'Tis better to give back than receive

n this era when far too many professional athletes seem to be spending way too much time collecting DUIs, injecting HGH and



counting their fortunes with their CPAs, it's refreshing to hear about someone like **Detroit Lions receiver Mike** Furrey, who invests a good portion of his free time pouring his heart and soul into FCA. That is the acronym for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the largest Christian

sports organization in the

home that bring the most satisfaction to the man who led the National Football League with 98 receptions in 2006.

I get more out of working with these kids than I do playing football, definitely," Furrey said one night last week, as a steady stream of high schoolers piled into his spacious home. "Football is amazing, but without God and my belief, there would be no football. "Football's a game and when I'm done playing, it's over. My relationship with Jesus Christ is going to go on for an eternity. I get my biggest passion out of being around these kids and trying to help them grab on to something."





Hockey tryouts

Tryouts for the Plymouth, Canton and salem boys varsity hockey teams will be held Oct. 29-31 at the Arctic Edge, Compuware Arena, the Arctic Pond and the Plymouth Cultural Center. Canton's tryouts will be held at the

Arctic Edge on Oct. 29 (3-4 p.m.), Oct. 30 (4-5 p.m.) and Oct. 31 (3-4 p.m.).

Plymouth's trvouts will be held at Compuware Arena on Oct. 29 (4:30-5:30 p.m.), Oct. 30 (4:30-5:30 p.m.) and Oct. 31 (4-5 p.m.).

Salem's tryouts will be held Oct. 29 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the Arctic Pond; Oct. 30 from 5-6 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center; and Oct. 31 from 5-6 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

A sports physical must be on file with the student's home athletic department before they can participate in tryouts. The cost for tryouts is \$45, which includes all three dates. Checks may be made payable to the PCS Hockey Booster Club. Teams will be selected on Wednesday, Oct. 31. There will be a mandatory parent meeting on Friday, Nov. 2, for all players who make a team. The purpose of the meeting will be to collect the players' pay-to-participate fee of \$1,550, inform the parents of the Booster Club's functions and sign parents up to work the Whalers parking lot fundraiser.

PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ed Wright

United States.

On autumn Sundays, the 30-year-old Furrey relies on his extreme athletic skills to help the Lions rack up victories.

But it's the Tuesday night FCA meetings that draw up to 50 teenagers to his Canton

Rapid growth

The first FCA meeting Furrey and his wife, Koren, hosted last year drew just four

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Plymouth High School student Megan Mihelick, who serves as a "Huddle" leader, talks to her group during a break out session of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting.

AA Soccer Championship Game

WOW, WHAT A DISTRICT!

This week's District-soccer tournament hosted by Northville may be the most talent-rich in the state. Following is how the brackets shape up:

MONDAY: (A) Salem at (B) Livonia Churchill, 5:30 p.m.; (C) Livonia Stevenson at (D) Canton, 7 p.m.; (E) Redford Union at (F) Northville, 7 p.m.; and (G) Plymouth at (H) Farmington, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5:30 p.m.; and E-F winner vs. G-H winner (both games at

Northville). SATURDAY: Championship game (winner advances to Regional semifinals at Stevenson vs. Southgate District champion).



Canton's Sherif Hassanien works to move the ball downfield against Stevenson's Dylan Green.

TOM HOFFMEYER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

'Til we meet again

Canton edges Spartans in shootout

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

The Western Lakes Activities Association boys soccer championship trophy will stay right at Canton High School for another year.

The Chiefs, getting a sterling performance from senior goalkeeper Kevin Krause, repeated as WLAA champion by handing host Livonia Stevenson its first defeat of the season, 2-1, in a double-overtime, sudden-death shootout. Canton, which improved to 12-

3-4 overall, avenged a 2-0 setback

to the No. 2 state-ranked Spartans only a week earlier. The two teams meet again in the rubber match in the opening round of the Division 1 district tournament, 7 p.m. Monday at Canton.

Last year, the Western Division champion Chiefs captured the WLAA title with a double-overtime shootout win over rival Salem.

And this time, the Chiefs led 1-0 from the 23rd minute through the 76th minute thanks to Eric Caron's goal off a cross from Sherif Hassanien. The play came off a counter-attack.

"We went in with a better mentality as far as winning 50-50 balls, and stressing a faster speed of play because Stevenson plays a ridiculously high-pressure game," Canton coach George Tomasso said. "Playing a team three times in a row is challenging and you can't show everything. We're playing them three times in 13 days, but you have to love it because of what's at stake and the competition."

Meanwhile, the Spartans (16-1) eight good chances to score, but could only get one past Krause - that coming with only 4:55 left in regulation on Adrian Fylonenko's rocket shot from 25 yards out.

Greenfield signs

The Detroit Ignition has re-signed defender Jonathan Greenfield for the 2007-08 season, the club announced today. Per club policy, the financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

Greenfield began his Major Indoor Soccer League career with the Milwaukee Wave in 2004-05, and was acquired by Detroit in the 2006 MISL Expansion Draft.



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kids. But through word-ofmouth marketing throughout the P-CEP campus, attendance multiplied much like Furrey's receiving yardage last fall.

Part of the initial lure for the students was the chance to spend time in the presence of professional athletes like Furrey and Lions back-up quarterback Dan Orlovsky, who is also a regular contributor to the "Huddle."

But it's the Furreys' and Orlovsky's strong commitment to steering the youths in the right direction that brings the kids back week after week.

"Mike, Koren and Dan are great," said Ryan Williams, a senior at Plymouth and one of the Huddle's four student leaders. "It's cool that Mike and Dan are professional football players, but we've learned that they're great role models, too.

Talking it out

The twice-a-week meetings at the Furrey household are casual, yet productive.

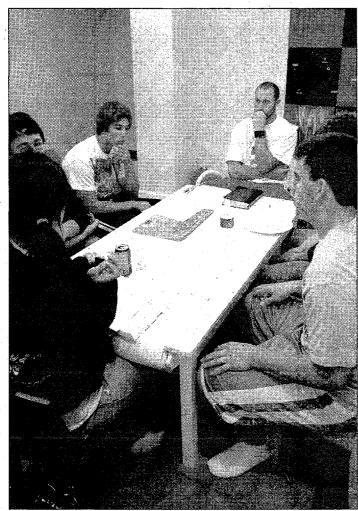
"We'll get together with the four leaders during the weeks when we don't have meetings and talk about what's been going on at school, what's been bothering them or distracting them on their daily walk," Furrey explained. "Then we pick the topics that will be discussed at the following week's meeting.

[®]Myself, Koren and Dan are really hands on when it comes to talking about the concerns the kids bring up, but it's totally in their hands when it comes to picking the topics."

The students also organize social events like bowling outings and nights at the movies, as well as community-service projects.

"Last year, right before Christmas, we went to a Target and bought a lot of

CHASE 7-MONTH CD



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Detroit Lion Mike Furrey listens intently to a FCA participant's question during a meeting at the Furrey home on Oct. 2.

stuff for a Detroit family that couldn't afford to buy a lot of gifts for their kids," said Williams. "I'll never forget the looks on the six kids' faces when they were opening up the gifts that they never thought they would be getting. Stuff like CD players, video games. I'll never forget it."

Give-and-take

Furrey said he gets much more out of the FCA meetings than he puts into them.

"I was in these kids' shoes one time and I've been through a lot of what they're going through now and what they're going to go through," he explained. "To be able to give back and serve as a reference is very satisfying. "One thing we want to

teach them is to not be afraid of their faith and that's it's OK to do stuff like this."

Judging by the steady flow of teenagers that entered the Furreys' front door on the night I was there, it was apparent that their message is getting through.

It was also obvious by the way the kids interacted with Mike Furrey that, regardless of how many passes he catches on Sunday afternoons, there is one acronym that applies to how he's reached out to help them during one of life's most challenging stages: MVP.

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Chargers spike Rocks' hopes for a division championship

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill's front-row aces Kyndra Abron and Kristen Nalecz provided the hammers in Wednesday's Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division match against visiting Salem.

But it was the Chargers' back-row specialists - Lindsey Graciak, Jordan Kerr and Shannon Warner - who nailed down the four-game victory over the Rocks, 25-22, 25-11, 23-25, 25 - 9.

Churchill is now 27-2-3 overall and 6-0 in the Lakes. Salem slipped to 31-11-2 and 3-3 in the division.

"Kyndra is a fantastic player she's a big part of what we do - but we have other kids who are equally effective," said Churchill coach Mark Grenier. "Other teams focus on Kyndra, as they should, but we have other kids who do a nice job, too.

"We fought some injuries and sickness early in the season, but now that we're healthy hopefully it will make a difference for us as we make a push for the second half."

Abron, a senior who has committed to play volleyball at Michigan State University next year, registered 26 floor-punishing kills, seven more than hardhitting teammate Nalecz.

Defensively, Graciak, Kerr and Warner combined for 47 digs.

Except for a long stretch in their Game 3 victory and portions of Game 1, the Rocks were never able to get into a flow on offense.

"Our serve-receive was horrible tonight," lamented Salem coach Amanda Suder. "And we couldn't pass to the target, so we weren't able to make any plays at the net.

"Jansan (Falcusan) had 20 assists, but it's hard to set the ball when you're running all over the place like she was tonight.

"Churchill is a very wellcoached team and they're very scrappy. I thought we did a good job at times on Kyndra tonight, but we couldn't finish."

Judging by the way the first game unfolded, it appeared as if

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CANTON 3, NORTHVILLE 1: On

before winning 25-11.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

20-25, 25-16, 25-21 triumph. The Chiefs are now 16-7-1 overall and 5-1 in the division.

"Everyone was excited for the match," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "We had some minor changes in our line-up this week due to an injury and illness, but you wouldn't have been able to tell."

Several Chiefs stepped up in the key division showdown, most notably Marie Martin, who turned in a 10-kill, nine-block performance. Also playing well for the winners were Jordan Kiely (nine kills and a team-high 19 digs); Lauren McPartlin (nine kills), Hannah Mills (15 digs) and setter Kacy Moran, who had 31 assists.

"Kacy really showed her captain abilities by leading her team out on the court," said Barnes. "She made great choices, encouraged her hitters to run plays that were working and she was very accurate with her passes.

"Defensively, I thought we adjusted to Northville's hitters very well."

PLYMOÙTH 3, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 0: On

Wednesday, the Wildcats dominated the Patriots, 25-23, 25-12 and 25-20, to improve their record to 14-6-3 overall and 4-2 in the WLAA's Western Division.

Rachel Heaton led the winners' attack with 15 kills and 12 digs. Also playing well for Plymouth were Mandy McManus (12 kills) and Kate Spangler, who accumulated 17 assists and 10 digs.

PCA 3, ROEPER 1: On Thursday, the Eagles soared to an exciting 17-25, 25-21, 28-26, 25-14 victory over Roeper. The win improved the Eagles' record to 12-8 overall and 4-4 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division. Sara Ross did it all for PCA,

contributing 17 service points, 19 digs, 12 kills and 31 assists. Other key contributors were Jenna Misch (20 digs, six points and eight kills) and Jessica Murphy, who chipped in with 14 kills and five points. After going 1-1-1 in pool Wednesday's match was going play at the Oct. 6 University of Michigan-Dearborn to be a five-game nail-biter. A Invitational, the Plymouth Falcusan kill knotted things up at 22-all before Churchill swept Christian Academy volleyball the final three points to take the team found a silver lining. The Eagles claimed the Game 2 was all Churchill, tournament's Silver Bracket which raced to a 20-6 advantage championship after sweeping Waterford Mott in the quarterfinal round. Dearborn The Rocks trailed by as many as 17-9 in the third game before Edsel Ford in the semis and rallying behind some scintillat-Michigan Independent Athletic ing defense by Alyssa Matchette Conference rival Oakland Christian, 25-19 and 25-23, in and strong front-row play by Kelly MacDonald to win, 25-23. the championship contest. Game 4 was hardly ever in Following pool play, the 20team field was separated into doubt as the Chargers built a 9-1 three brackets - gold, silver and lead before coasting in with a bronze - based on their record. Matchette was sensational for PCA was the 10th-seeded team. "Oakland Christian had beat the Rocks, racking up 41 digs. The MacDonald sisters us twice - on Tuesday and Thursday - the week before, - Kelly and Kerry - recorded nine and six kills, respectively. so it was extra sweet to be able Churchill has lost only twice to come back and beat them in despite returning just four playthe final," said PCA coach Missy ers from last year's state champi-Henry, whose team improved to 10-8-1. "The girls played very well all day." "It's nice to have the anchor Each coach was given a medal in the middle (Abron) back and a couple of other returners, but to give to who they thought we're really a different team was their team's most valuable player, but Henry said the entire than we were last year," said Grenier. "This team is carving team deserved the honor. "Everybody played well - this The way they're playing, was a total team effort." it could be a path that leads Racking up huge stats for straight to Battle Creek, the site the Eagles were junior middleblocker Megan Greve, who had 12 blocks, 37 kills and 25 service Wednesday at Canton, the Chiefs points; senior setter Sara Ross forged a first-place tie with (75 assists, 40 digs, 28 kills and the Mustangs in the WLAA's 20 service points); junior libero Western Division with a 25-12, Miriam Monroe (70 digs and

35 service points); and junior outside hitter Jessica Murphy, who tallied 34 kills 60 digs and 16 points.

PLYMOUTH 3, WAYNE 0: On Monday, the Wildcats dominated the Zebras from the opening serve, outscoring them 25-12, 25-12 and 25-14. Briana Beyer led the winners with 37 digs. Also shining for Plymouth were Ashley Becszlko (seven kills, five digs), Lindsay Jewett (11 digs) and Megan Quinlan (four kills and seven digs).

The victory improved Plymouth's record to 13-6-3 overall and 3-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

SALEM 3, JOHN GLENN 0: On Monday, the Rocks made a statement against the Rockets, winning 25-21, 25-11 and 25-12. Junior setter Jansan Falcusan was outstanding, recording 24 assists and a pair of service aces. Also making major contributions to the winners' cause were Kerry MacDonald (11 kills, zero attack errors, eight digs), Kelly McDonald (seven kills and 15 digs), Kelly Gitre (five service aces) and Alyssa Matchette (14 digs).

CANTON 3, FRANKLIN 0: On Monday, the Chiefs rolled to an impressive three-game sweep of the Patriots to improved their record to 15-7-1 overall and 4-1 in the WLAA's Western Division.

Lauren McPartlin led a balanced attack, racking up 10 kills - with no attack errors - and two blocks. Also making life miserable for Franklin were Marie Martin (six kills, three blocks and no errors), Jordan Kielty (six kills), Ellie Kenny (six kills) and Gina Waite, who sparked the Chiefs' defensive effort with a team-high 13 digs. Setter Kacy Moran contributed a match-high 27 assists.

"Overall, I'd like to see us play more aggressive," said Canton coach Jennifer Barnes. "We picked it up with quick tempo sets more in the second and third games. We really struggled with serving in game one, but I was very impressed with our hitters and how many of them had no errors or very few errors.

"We really need to improve our serving and keep hitting with minimal errors for our game against Northville on Wednesday." PCA 3, INTER-CITY 0: On Tuesday at PCA, the Eagles powered their way to a three-game sweep: 25-17, 25-20, 25-18. Jenna Misch led the Eagles to the lop-sided victory by posting nine kills, 17 digs and 10 service points. Also shining for the winners were Sara Ross (eight kills, 20 assists, nine digs and eight points); and Jessica Murphy (seven kills, 12 digs and nine points). The win improved PCA to 11-8 overall and 3-4 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division.

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SWIM RESULTS

Aumiller, Alexis Thornbury, Casey Zimmerman, Emily Nelson), 148.68; 2. Northern, 1:52.00; 3. Northern, 1:53.92.

100 backstroke: 1. Kristin Hartwig (S), 1:07.80; 2. Kayla Knight (WLN), 1:09.29; 3. Katie Gorman (S), 1:0.38.

100 breaststroke: 1. Sara Spala (S), 1:17.03; 2. Shannon Pawloski (WLN), 1:18.05; 3. Whitney Aumilier (S), 1:21.16.

400 freest yle relay: 1. Salem (Emily Nelson, Allison Burke, Katie Gorman, Emily Bair), 4:00.49; 2. Northern, 4:09.95; 3. Salem, 4:11.83.

CANTON 98 WALLED LAKE WESTERN 86

THURSDAY AT CANTON HIGH SCHOOL

200-yard medley relay: 1. Western (Lexi Fregonara, Sarah Krueger, Adina Bohr, Christine Johnson), 1:59.42; 2. Canton, 2:06.75; 3. Canton,

200 freestyle: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 1:51.44; .Kayla Eyster (C), 2:11.26; 3. Christine O'Keefe (C), 2:12.01

200 IM: 1. Sara Krebs (C), 2:31.76; 2. Meghan Sears (C), 2:38.99; 3. Maddy McLean (C), 2:41.95.

'CATS ARE 3RD

Plymouth earn a third-place medal at Saturday's University of Michigan-Dearborn Invitational.

The Wildcats went 2-0-1 in pool play with victories over Detroit Henry Ford and Dearborn Edsel Ford, and a split with Royal Oak Shrine.

In the quarterfinal round of the gold bracket, the Wildcats upended Livonia Stevenson, 19-25, 25-19 and 18-16 before falling in the semis, 25-10, 25-8.

Mandy McManus enjoyed a super afternoon, recording a team-high 41 kills. Also shining for Plymouth were Ashley Becszlko (18 kills), Lindsay Jewett (31 digs), Kate Spangler (33 assists) and Katie Salo.

50 freestyle: 1. Lexi Fregonara (WLW), 26.31; 2. Kari Schmitt (C), 26.87; 3. Maddy McDuff (C), 28.76. 1-meter diving: 1. Mallory Hudak (C), 166.55; 2. Robyn Piwowar (C), 147.95; 3. Jessica Krueger (WLW), 145.75.

(10) Dutterfly: 1. Adina Bohr (WLW), 1:00.35; 2.
 Catherine Irwin (C), 1:05:19; 3. Sara Krebs (C), 1:14.02.
 100 freestyle: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 58:77; 2.
 Kari Schmitt (C), 59:81; 3. Kayla Eyster (C), 1:00:28.

500 freestyle: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 4:59.57; 2, Monica Blaesser (C), 5:26.57; 3. Christine Johnson (WLW), 5:48.41.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Western (Stephanie Standriff, Kristin Jacob, Megan Neyens, Adina Bohr), 1:58.16; 2. Western, 2:03.25.

100 backstroke: 1. Lexi Fregonara (WLW), 1:06.45; 2. Catherine Irwin (C), 1:09.79; 3. Christine Johnson (WIW) 110.43

100 breaststroke: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 1:12.68; 2. Sarah Krueger (WLW), 1:14.31; 3. Maddy McLean (C), 1:21.16.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Western (Lexi Fregonara, Christine Johnson, Sarah Krueger, Adina Bohr), 3:58.95; 2. Western, 4:23.73; 3. Western,

CANTON'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 5-2.

SALEM 124 WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 59 THURSDAY AT SALEM HIGH SCHOOL 200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Whitney Aumiller, Sara Spala, Emily Bair, Katie Gorman), 2:01.82; 2. Northern, 2:07.68; 3. Salem, 2:08.55. 200 freestyle: 1. Allison Burke (S), 2:12.07; 2 Kayla Knight (WLN), 2.14.24; 3. Amanda Price (S),

2:51.79

Andrea Wozniak (WLN), 27.24; 3. Kristin Hartwig (S), 27.96

1-meter diving: 1. Katie Koetting (S), 224.25 points; 2. Bri Waldie (WLN), 187.75; 3. Lauren Bennett (S). 87.75

100 butterfly: 1. Emily Bair (S), 1:06.27; 2. Kelsea

Emily Nelson (S), 58,48; 3, Lauren Bell (WLN), 1:02,75

200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Whitney

200 IM: 1. Emily Nelson (S), 2:23.14, 2. Caitlin Heaney (S), 2:42.97; 3. Katie Thompson (WLN), 50 freestyle: 1. Katie Gorman (S), 26.98; 2.

Slayton (WLN), 1:10.07; 3. Sandy Nahra (S), 1:11.20. 100 freestyle: 1. Whitney Aumiller (S), 58.27; 1

50 freestyle: 1. Emily Bair (S), 5:34.24; 2. Allison Burke (S), 5:48.39; 3. Devin Bromley (S), 6:11.69.

FOOTBALL

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Wildcats' offensive explosion crushes Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

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Every time Plymouth's football team scored a touchdown Friday night against Salem, the P-CEP pep band played a stirring rendition of the University of Michigan fight song.

By the mid-way point of the second quarter, the musicians had played "The Victors" so many times, they didn't need their sheet music.

The Wildcats scored on seven of their eight first-half possessions and cruised to a 55-6 victory over the Rocks, who were celebrating their homecoming.

Due to the MHSAA's 35-point mercy rule, the entire second half was played with a running clock — at least when it wasn't stopped by flying penalty flags. Altogether, the teams were whistled for 23 infractions totaling 209 yards.

The triumph improved Plymouth's record to 5-3 and moved them within one game of the school's second playoff berth. Salem slipped to 1-7.

The Wildcats cap their regular season with a home game Friday night against winless Romulus. The contest, which will kickoff at 7 p.m., will be played on the P-CEP junior-varsity field.

Salem closes its season on Friday against Canton.

We finally put it all together," said Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk. "After the Walled Lake Western game last week (which the 'Cats lost, 40-15), we talked about how we have to stop the mistakes. When the defense makes a play, the offense has to come to play.

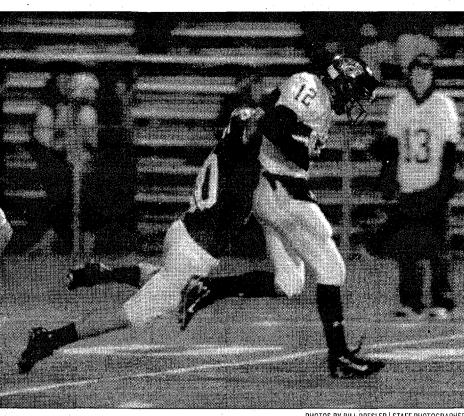
'This win is a tribute to my coaches. We all met after last week's game and said we have to discipline our kids and practice harder and faster. We had a great week of practice and the kids were focused tonight."

Among the most focused was senior running back Myron Puryear, who only had eyes for the end zone. Puryear raced for 128 yards on just 10 carries and four scores.

"When Myron comes to play, he's the best back in the league," said Sawchuk. "He's tough. He's not real fast - he runs a 4.6 or 4.7 40 — but he has great football speed."

When Puryear wasn't eating up huge chunks of yards on the ground, Plymouth quarterback Matt Skubik was racking them up through the air. The slender junior completed 6-of-7 aerials for 199 yards. Three of his spirals found wide-open Connor McKinney, who registered a 144-yard night and a TD.

"Matt really stepped up tonight," said Sawchuk. "We're challenging both of our quarterbacks (Skubik and C.J. Gregory). Neither of those guys has clearly taken control of the position, so we're going to go with the younger guy. We'll have him on a short leash and if he doesn't get it done, C.J. will be right back in there.'



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Connor McKinney fights for more yardage despite the efforts of Salem's Rob Wildman during Friday night's cross-campus battle. McKinney had a career night, catching three passes for 144 yards and a touchdown.



Puryear sprinted 40 yards to pay dirt on the first play of the second quarter to make it 21-6;

Puryear scored from five yards out with 8:29 left in the half to up the Wildcats' lead to 28-6:

Terrance Guthridge dove in from the 1 to make it 35-6;

Guthridge added another 1-yard TD with 10:43 left to make it 41-6 (Korona missed his only extra point of the night); and

Puryear outran the Rocks' defense from 45 yards out on the final play of the first half to give his team a 48-6 halftime. cushion.

The lone second-half TD came when Plymouth's Travis Mewton scooped up a Salem fumble and dashed 60 yards to paydirt. He later added an interception to halt a Rock drive.

Salem junior quarterback Heath Parling completed 5-of-11 passes for 58 yards. Jeremy Epley hauled in two Parling passes and played well from his free safety position on defense.

The Wildcats forced five Salem turnovers. Guthridge and senior strong safety Kyle Wallath picked off passes along with Mewton.

Plymouth picked up 418 yards of total offense while Salem was held to 204.

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Churchill stymies Chief gridders, 20-7

Canton's football team's chances of qualifying for the Division 1 state playoffs for the ninth straight year took a serious hit Friday night when it was upended by Livonia Churchill, 20-7, in a Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over game played on the Chargers' home turf.

The setback dropped the Chiefs to 4-4 heading into Friday's season finale against Salem. Teams that register six wins earn an automatic playoff berth while a select few 5-4 teams get in each year based on a number of criteria.

The last time Canton failed to reach the postseason was 1999 when it went 4-5.

The Chargers improved to 7-1.

In a contest dominated by both teams' defensive units, the Chiefs held a 7-0 advantage through the first two-and-a-half quarters thanks to a 10-yard scoring pass from senior quarterback Adam Powers to junior running back Nick Sweda. The play, which was followed by Dan Stoney's extra point, came at the 7:48 mark of the second quarter.

The Chargers knotted the game at 7-7 with 6:59 left in the third quarter when a pair of Ryans – Whittum and Dolan - made a

momentum-altering defensive play. Whittum's hit on Powers forced a fumble, which Dolan picked up and ran to pay dirt. Whittum's ensuing extra point made it 7-all.

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Whittum gave the Chargers the lead for good with a 32-yard field goal on the first play of the fourth quarter. The multi-talented senior tacked on a 30-yard field goal with 7:25 left to up Churchill's lead to 13-7. The Chargers sealed the

deal on Jeff Ricketts' 39yard TD run with 3:45 to play.

Matt Kowalis paced the Chargers offense with 105 yards on 26 carries. Churchill guarterback T.J. Tilley completed 4-of-8 passes for 57 yards.

Sophomore Alex Dixon was the Chiefs' top ballcarrier, picking up 51 yards on 13 attempts. Sweda added 37 on 12. Powers was 3-of-6 through the air for 29 yards.

Churchill's defense, which stopped Canton on four fourth-down plays, was led by Devin Moynihan (20 tackles), senior linebacker Darius Miller-Wells (eight tackles and two sacks) and Eliot Sylvester, who was in on 11 stops.

Powers led all Canton defenders with 11.5 tackles. Tevin Brooks was next with 7.5.

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Salem's Brandt Thomas (33) and Anthony Mullins perform a chest bump after Mullins' 62-yard touchdown run in the first quarter of Friday night's game against Plymouth. Mullins' finished with 120 yards on 12 carries.

Salem junior running back Anthony Mullins proved to be the bright spot for the Rocks as he rushed for 120 yards on 12 carries

Mullins' 62-yard TD gallop with 6:20 left in the first quarter trimmed Plymouth's lead to 7-6. The Wildcats had grabbed an early 7-0 advantage on a 23-yard scoring strike from Skubik to McKinney, and Mike Korona's ensuing extra point.

The Wildcats put the game on ice by scoring the next six times they touched the ball:

Puryear scored on a 5-yard TD run that was set up by a 63-yard pass from

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Soccer-playing twins have built-in advantage

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's soccer-playing twins Tyler and Trevor Floyd are far from identical - both on the field and off.

One's a little faster (Trevor); the other's a better playmaker (Tyler).



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One's more of a finesse player (Tyler), the other's more physical (Trevor) Tyler is addicted to sports -- "I could watch Sportscenter 24/7," he admitted

while Trevor is more interested in computers and his salt-water aquarium.

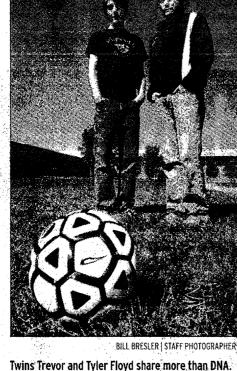
And, as Tyler put it, looks-wise, you wouldn't know they were twins unless you knew they were twins.

"Last year, we had a class together and the teacher didn't even know we were twins until our birthday," said Tyler, whose hair is a few shades lighter than Trevor's.

One trait the Floyds do share is that their advanced soccer skills have been instrumental in helping Plymouth evolve into one of the most dangerous teams in the area heading into this week's Division 1 District tournament.

In the past month, the Wildcats have knocked off state-ranked Canton, 1-0, and battled state-ranked Northville to a 3-3 draw - thanks in large part to the Floyds numerous contributions.

Trevor, a forward, has tallied several timely goals during his two seasons on the varsity, including the game-winner against cross-campus rival Canton earlier this season and a game-tying net-finder in last season's 2-2 tie with highly-regarded



The Plymouth seniors also share a deep love for

soccer, which they've played since they were 8.

Northville. Tyler, the Wildcats' center-

midfielder, may not get his name in the

stat book as much as his brother, but he

has exceptional vision in the heart of the

field and is a key component in the team's

The four-year varsity player is also a

bona fide leader and was chosen to serve

ers," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich.

"They're both great kids and great play-

"They both make things happen with pure hustle.

"They've been playing together their entire lives, so they have good chemistry out on the field. They bring good sense to our team and they're both outstanding leaders."

The brothers' soccer talents surfaced quickly during their early rec league days. Before too long, they were playing together for premier club teams.

*We played together growing up until our freshman year at Plymouth," said Tyler. "But we got split up because I made the varsity and he made the junior varsity. Although I'm sure he was disappointed that he didn't make the varsity, he was cool about it and was very supportive of me."

Trevor said the two have a built-in advantage after having played together for so long.

We connect pretty good out there," he said. "For one thing, he knows my strength is my speed so when he's possessing the ball, he'll look to give me a through ball or to put it over my head so I can outrun the defender.'

Probably the most twin-like trait the two share is in the classroom. With one year of high school to go, both Trevor and Tyler have identical 3.65 grade-point averages.

"Our parents (Rick and Lisa) have always stressed to us that getting C's wasn't an option," Trevor said, smiling. The family took a trip to remember last summer when they traveled to Germany with a select soccer team and took advantage of the opportunity to check out several World Cup soccer matches.

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Unbeaten Steelers crush Meteors, 38-13

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity football team improved its record to 5-0 Sunday with a 38-13 triumph over the Westland Meteors. The winners' offense was paced by Lowell Wade, Michael Kennedy, Kory Ignani and Mathew Walsh. Defensively, the Steelers were spearheaded by Alex Brown, Richard Mitchell and Joshua Kuhn.

The Steelers' junior-varsity contingent crushed the Meteors, 36-0. The offense was engineered by quarterback Anthony Convertino, who led several scoring drives. Also assisting in putting points on the board were Bobby Deeg, who was successful on four extra-point kicks. Other standouts were Lucas Callahan and Bill Adams, who played well on both sides of the ball. Anthony Colaluca turned in a stellar effort for the Steelers' defense. The Steelers freshmen contingent routed the Meteors, 27**JUNIOR FOOTBALL REPORT**

counter-attack.

as a captain this season.

0. The offensive line was driven by Jacob Stephan, Ben Phillips, Jordan Harlow and Justin Goethe. On defense, Gregory Williams turned in the hit of the day while Kevin Justice was in on several tackles.

The junior freshmen continued their strong play. Offensively, Matthew Danis and Nolan Kerwin played key roles on the offensive line while Andrew Estey and Ben Kandah were heavy hitters on defense. The game was cut short due to an injury to a Meteor player.

Lions roar

The Canton Lions varsity football team extended its record to 5-0 with a 26

received strong blocking from Clay Behrman, William Askew and Nick Weber. Defensively, and Brandon Lee.

suffered its first setback of the season, 14-6, to the Brighton Bulldogs. The Lions grabbed an early lead thanks to Daniel Kilgore's TD run, but the Bulldogs' defense proved to be stingy the rest of the day. Shining stars in the loss were strong running; and Daniel, Paulot, Shane Raymond and Jake Stropes, all of whom

The Lions junior freshmen played a hard-hitting game with Brighton. The offense was led by Jacob McCall, who connected with Mitchell McKenzie on a long pass play; and linemen Trevor LaPere and Guido Constantino. The defense was anchored by Carter Kahl, Sean Lee and Jason Arnold, who returned a Bulldog fumble for a touchdown.



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Plymouth Christian's Ross Gerulis (left) battles Canton Agape's Mark Mullett for possession of the ball during Thursday afternoon's cross-town game. Gerulis scored three times in the Eagles' 3-0 triumph.

Gerulis leads PCA over Agape

BY ED WRIGHT scoreless.

Gerulis's goal parade started approximately 10 minutes into the second half when he rocketed a shot past Ruffin after getting behind the Wolverines' defense about 12 yards from the front of the net.

Gerulis struck again 10 minutes later with a net-finding rocket from 15 yards out.

He sealed the deal with approximately 18 minutes left when his high laser-like shot which had the velocity of a well-struck 3 iron - squeezed between the bottom of the cross bar and the top of

Ruffin's outstretched fingers. Bryson Machonga and Jordan Machonga both tallied assists for the winners.

Bryson, a senior, nearly added a pair of goals himself, however, his high, hard shot mid-way through the second half was secured by a leaping Ruffin.

Another was wiped out when he was called for offsides. Zinn couldn't have played

much better between the pipes for the Eagles.

"He's played well all year," said Machonga. "We lost a couple of one-goal games to some state-ranked teams earlier this year and the reason we kept it close was the job Brent did in net."

Several players turned in strong efforts for the Wolverines, including Donald Mullett, Daniel Walker and Jared Miller.

Defensive standouts were Kyle Durham. Nathan Emminger The Lions freshmen unit

Allante Wheeler, who provided blocked well.

STAFF WRITER

The ball is significantly big-

ger than Ross Gerulis is used

roundings hasn't stopped the

Plymouth Christian Academy

soccer field like he usually does

senior from excelling on the

On Thursday at Canton's

Eagles' 3-0 triumph over cross-

Gerulis focused solely on

Independence Park, Gerulis

notched a hat trick in the

town rival Canton Agape.

golf during his first three

vears at PČA, but when the

Michigan High School Athletic

Association switched the boys

golf season to the spring earlier

this year, it opened the door for

Gerulis's return to the soccer

"Ross is a fantastic golfer;

in fact, he's probably going to

get a college scholarship," said

PCA coach Larry Machonga. "I

knew he was a very good soccer

player, too, because I coached

school. He's been a great addi-

tion to our team and has had

some great games, including

record to 8-8 heading into

opener against Lutheran

Monday's Division 4 District

The victory improved PCA's

him when he was in middle

pitch.

today's.'

But the change of sur-

to, as is the target.

on the golf course.

0 trouncing of previously unbeaten Brighton. The Lions' touchdowns were scored by Marcus Houston, Kevin Buford and D.J. McMillian. The Lions

Hall and Daniel Jipping The Lions also scored a TD through the air on a Jamal Eiland-to-Scott Gring TD strike. Lucas Bunting added five extra-point kicks.

the Lions were led by Paul

Baumgart, Eric Jipping and

Askew also turned in strong

defensive performances.

Farris Abraham. Behrman and

The Lions junior varsity unit

flexed its offensive muscle and

outscored the Bulldogs, 59-

scrimmage was a 50-yard

touchdown run by Malcolm

Hollingsworth, who added

four more TD runs later in

the afternoon. Jordan Ciciotti

Leading the runners into

linemen Luke Denzer, Daniel

Tidwell, Danny Stropes, Collin

the end zone were offensive

and Westen Price also found

paydirt against Brighton.

38. The Lions first play from

westland. The setback dropped Agape to 15-2-1. Both teams' goal-keepers – PCA's Brent Zinn and Agape's Joel Ruffin - excelled in the first half, which ended

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Both teams then became more defensive-minded in a pair of 15minute sudden-death overtime periods, forcing penalty kicks. In the five-shot series,

Stevenson made its first three attempts as Brian Klemczak, Kendal Snow and Dylan Green found the back of the net before Krause stopped Joey D'Agostino's kick.

Canton answered with four

straight, the first ironically coming from Krause followed by Caron, Scott Zech and Kyle Breitmeyer. Stevenson keeper Conner Burton, who came on at the start of the second half for starter Justin Collins, then kept the Spartans alive by thwarting Joe Krizanek's attempt.

With each team making four-of-five, it came down sudden death with Krause stopping Brady Thom, and Mark Edwards sewing up the victory for the Chiefs.

"He (Krause) had four key saves," Tomasso said. "He was in position and he used his footwork to keep Stevenson from scoring. Number seven (Fylonenko) has a wicked left foot, but other than that goal, the rest of the time he was a game changer."

Tomasso, a former All-State goaltender himself from Canton who played at Eastern Michigan University, took a direct and simple approach with his goalkeeper heading into the shootout.

"I just tried to calm him down,"

said of his senior. "It was nice he took the first (penalty) shot and made the first shot. It gave our team a boost of confidence. I told him to react rather than guess because shooters shoot at different speeds. Most of the time you'll only stop one goal (in a shootout), but he came up with two."

Stevenson, the Lakes Division champion, now can focus on the state tourney. Last year the Spartans reached the Division 1 championship game before losing to Traverse City West, 1-0.

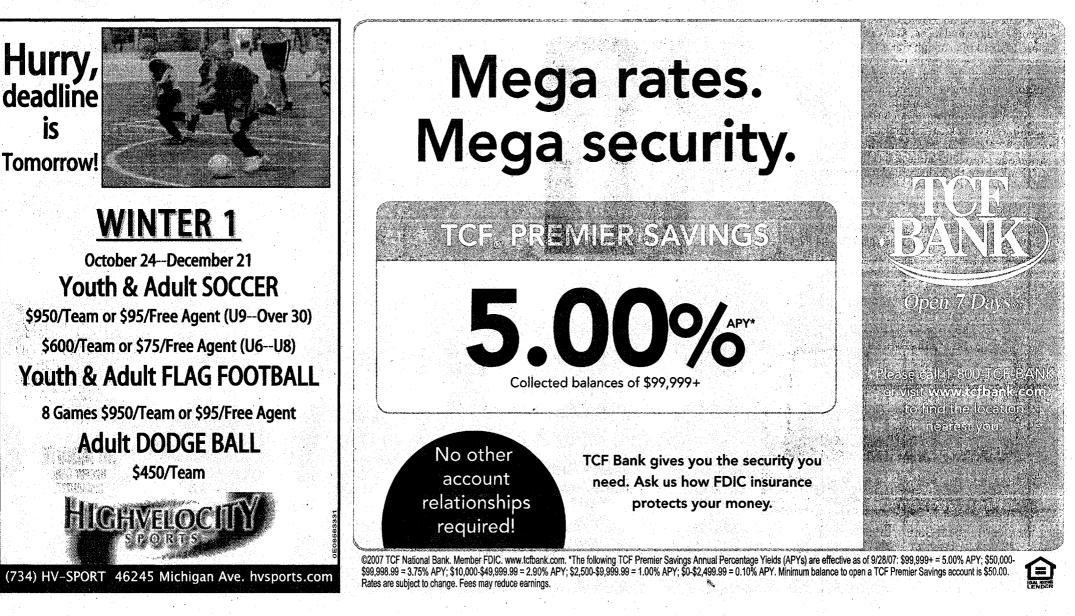
"We certainly want to make this into a positive," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "Sometimes your fears come true

... that things have come too easily for us. The fact that we had to suffer somewhat, play from behind, go to overtime and penalty kicks, is a great experience and hopefully will prepare us for what lies ahead in the tournament. But I'm sure we would have loved to get the victory because it would have been a great thrill for the boys. But it wasn't to be and

Canton found a way to win." The loss could also be analyzed simply as not putting the ball into the net when the opportunity presented itself for the Spartans.

"We had some good chances, but the hardest part of this sport is the finishing touch," Richters said. "We've been fortunate this year in that when we needed one to go in, it's gone in. But tonight our finishing was not as good as it needed to be."

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Julie TwoMoon sands of dollars of supplements that they do not even need. People are more willing to dedicate hours of their time to pursuits

that yield external modification with little internal change. I am not advocating against any of these techniques; in fact, I fully support people doing things that help them feel more beautiful, powerful, sexy and happy.

However, doing entirely external modifications without working to enhance your health and beauty from the inside does not make sense.

How a body ages is directly proportional to how the body is treated while aging. Nutrition is the No. 1 factor in anti-aging medicine, yet few people seem to understand good nutrition. Some think artificial sweeteners, diet foods and low-carbohydrate, packaged foods are the ideal recipe for longterm health.

Others consume vast quantities of fast foods, hydrogenated oils and other junk as long as their figure supports the consumption. Eating in these ways will give you minimal nutrition and can cause great harm.

Nutrition should be common sense. I tell my patients all the time to first think of food from the perspective of where it comes from. Eat foods as close to the sun, that is, recently harvested, and as close to their natural form as possible. If you sit for a moment and think about what this statement means, you could easily identify foods that you regularly consume that do not come close to fitting the criteria. We all can. Foods close to their origins and close to the sun are full of vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and essential fats. These are the substances that promote graceful aging, weight loss, and mood enhancement, prevent heart disease and help sustain a long life.

risty Robinett never goes ghost hunting alone. The psychic medium cringes at the thought of running into an evil person in the dark, but not apparitions. She's encountered spirits since childhood when her parents, who were extremely religious, told her "it was of the devil.'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

STAFF WRITER

For years Robinett denied her gift of seeing spirits even though



You need to consume at least five servings of fresh fruits and vegetables a day. This is not punishment; it is a reward full of great options, taste and potential. Many people don't eat fruits and vegetables because they have always bought the wrong ones or ones prepared in the wrong way.

Many children have never been offered peaches that did not come from a can in which they had been soaked in corn syrup. Not only does this ruin the true flavor of the peaches, but it creates the false impression that peaches taste like processed sugar. In addition, I strongly disagree with those who claim that there is no difference between organic and conventional fruits and vegetables. I have purchased organic for 12 years now. and overall I have found organic foods are stronger in flavor and have much better appearance than conventionally processed foods.

You need to drink water. Dehydrated skin becomes saggy and loose. Many people never come close to drinking enough water to satisfy their tissues. The correct formula is half your body weight in ounces each day. This ensures all your cells are maintaining correct osmotic balance and that your body is able to eliminate waste effectively.

Practice prevention through treatments such as acupuncture, massage, chiropractic and general medicine that encourage a healthy body, relaxation and overall immune and cellular health.

Think about the value you place on your health, and then set a plan, find a practitioner and get going to look better, feel younger and enjoy aging.

Julie TwoMoon owns Breathing Waters Health Center in Plymouth Township. She can be reached at (734) 414-7669.

she kept receiving information from them about murders and even has the journals she kept during the time of the Oakland County child killings. Today, Robinett volunteers her time to help law enforcement agencies with investigations of missing persons, murders, suicides, and arsons in addition to psychically profiling criminals.

Most ghosts are friendly, or at least the woman in white in Plymouth doesn't cause any harm. She occasionally can be seen walking around Kellogg Park carrying a baby. Robinett, a Livonia resident,

is currently writing a book for

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Ectoplasm can be seen in this photograph of a Livonia cemetery. Many paranormal investigators believe ectoplasm, which looks like fog or smoke in a photo, is actually a spirit or ghost. The spiritual energy or psychic phenomenon is not usually seen before the image is taken.

MICHIGAN'S HAUNTING EXPERIENCE

What: An evening event to explore paranormal activity or ghosts When: 5:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30 Where: Blackhawk Bar & Grill, 8940

North 32nd Street, Richland, Mich. 49083

Costs: \$10 for paranormal speakers (5:30-7:45 p.m.), \$10 to hear Michigan Ghost Stories (8:15-9:15

p.m.), \$10 for paranormal investigation of the Blackhawk Grill (9:45-10:45 p.m.), and \$10 for seance (11:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.), or \$40 for the entire event. To order tickets, go to http://paranormalwomenleague.com/hauntingexp.htm or call (734) 891-7444. For more information about Kristy Robinett, visit www.tangledwishes.com.

Symphony season travels to Europe after leaving America



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Volodymyr Shesiuk loves his adopted country so much he and the Livonia Symphony Orchestra music committee have programmed an entire concert of American composers on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Clarenceville High School in Livonia.

The 2007-2008 season travels to Europe following the opener which features selections by George Gershwin, Richard Rogers and Christopher Tew, a former orchestra violinist now living on the East Coast.

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LIVONIA SYMPHONY SEASON OPENS

What: The Livonia Symphony Orchestra opens the 2007-2008 season with American composers George Gershwin, Aaron Copland, Richard Rogers, and Christopher Tew When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 Where: Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt,

south of Eight Mile, Livonia Tickets: \$17 adults, \$5 children/students, and available at all Livonia libraries and at the door the night of the concert. For more information, call (734) 421-1111 or visit www.livoniasymphony.com



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Women of faith to gather for daylong retreat

STAFF WRITER

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Teresa Chisholm is looking forward to the Catholic Women's Conference sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit. Chisholm is an attorney expecting her first child around Christmas. The daylong event on Saturday, Oct. 27, will be a retreat for her.

"I went for the first time last year. It was a great day jampacked full of motivating speakers. It's nice to be strengthened by seeing other women there trying to live the faith," said Teresa Chisholm of Farmington Hills.

"For me everyone needs to have some time for retreat away from our busy schedules to be refreshed in the Lord. When the baby comes it will be very busy. It will be nice to have some time to reflect."

Chisholm is especially interested in hearing Sister Prudence Allen speak. Sister Allen co-founded the ENDOW program which Chisholm is co-facilitating at her parish, St. Gerald's in Farmington. ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) was started as a study group for women to look at the writings of Pope John Paul II, but since



Bishop Daniel Flores

has expanded to include other church documents. The church in general and Pope John Paul II in particular provided us with so many great documents on the teachings of the church," said Chisholm. "Often the people in the pew don't read the documents. ENDOW gives us an opportunity to have important discussion with other women on the topics of our day."

Sister Allen is just one of an unbelievable lineup of speakers, says Judy Maten, coordinator for the Archdiocese Office of Evangelization and organizer of the conference. Bishop Daniel Flores; Patricia Cooney-Hathaway, associate professor of spirituality and systematic theology at Sacred Heart Major



Immaculee Ilibagiza

Seminary, and Immaculèe Ilibagiza will also speak. Ilibagiza is author of the book, Left to Tell, Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust.

"Bishop Daniel Flores is the newest auxiliary bishop and oversees the Spanish ministries in the archdiocese," said Judy Maten. "Immaculèe Ilibagiza survived the 1994 genocide by living in a 3 by 4-foot bathroom with 7 other women for 91 days. She speaks around the world as a crusader for peace and a love for God that eliminates hatred, revenge and suffering.

"I encourage any and all women to attend. This isn't just for Catholic women or a certain age group. The witness of faith speaks to all. It's about a relationship with Christ. It's that



Patricia Coooney-Hathaway

walk of faith we're all called to. It's so important for the men to support the women and encourage their wives, mothers and girlfriends to attend this. The fellowship that comes out of women gathering together in faith is precious.

Mary Elliott says the conference has been life changing for her. This will be the fourth time the Livonia woman has attended. Elliott and her husband Greg teach sixth grade catechism at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth.

"It leaves me with a special gift each year. The first time was a gift of mercy and forgiveness and a peaceful soul. Last year it was a gift of friendship and women in my life," said Mary Elliott.

Elliott now serves on the committee coordinating the conference. She heard Ilibagiza speak at the Detroit Institute of Arts



Sister Prudence Allen

this summer.

"Her story can tap into everyone's heart and apply to all of our lives," said Elliott. "I can see truly when women walk away they walk away with gifts, pearls and treasures, to plug through another day in life.

The conference has helped Elliott "to be a better mother, wife, a friend." She's especially excited about this year's conference because daughter Stephanie, 22, will accompany her for the first time.

"It's important for young women to hear these messages because they will be able to embrace something that many women of my generation may not have had a chance to embrace," said Elliott. "I was a Catholic girl from a good Catholic family and went to St. Damian's in Westland for 8 years. I didn't ever waver in my faith, but they just never intro-

CONFERENCE What: Women Encountering Christ in Friendship and Love is the fifth annual Catholic Women's Conference sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit When: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday,

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Oct. 27 Where: Macomb Community College Sports & Expo Center, 14500 E. 12 Mile, Warren Cost: \$45 adults, \$35 for full-time college or high school students, and includes conference and lunch. Religious are free of charge but must register. Registration using secure PayPal is available by visiting www.aodwomensministry.org. Mail-in registration forms available by sending e-mail request to A0Dwomensconference@wowway. com or calling (734) 459-9558.

duced us to all these things to keep the fire going and share all of this."

Maureen Karby loves working with Elliott and the more than 16-member committee on the conference. It takes 10 months to put on the day-long event.

"The conference is steadily growing from 700 the first year to over 2,000 last year," said Maureen Karby, event coordinator and a Plymouth resident. "We all work together for one purpose - to bring the message of the Lord to these women. I know we're going to have our best conference.

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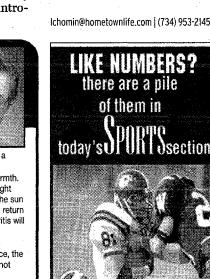
For the treatment of psoriatic arthritis, nothing brings more relief than the ultraviolet light that comes with the summer months. Autumn means the earth has tilted away from the sun and the ultraviolet band so therapeutic for psoriasis is lost. In fact, the band does not return until the spring. During this six month period; you run the risk that your psoriatic arthritis will

The flare shows itself by painful joints, aching tendons, and daily fatigue. In some individuals the joint pain is minimal but fatigue and stiffness dominates. In this instance, the physician must be alert to realize the patient is experiencing a flare of arthritis and is not depressed by a long, gray winter

Recognizing the weather-related change in psoriatic arthritis is important because dicine exists to help you get through the winter months and beyond if needed. Having such therapy at hand is recent and the medical community is still in the process of catching up with this advance.

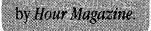
If you have psoriasis or psoriatic arthritis, make a point of bringing your condition to the attention of your doctor. That information may provide the answer for an otherwise puzzling seasonal change in your status.

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Livonia Arts Commission exhibits best works in state

A gala reception was held Friday evening, Oct. 5, as the Livonia Arts Commission celebrated their 10th Annual Fine Arts Exhibition in the Atrium of the Civic Center Library. Artists and their guests along with elected officials from the state, county and city, enjoyed the festive evening with food, music by the jazz ensemble The Men of Note, and an awards ceremony. Ribbons were presented to three winning artists.

More than 300 entires were received from artists across the state of Michigan. The field of entries had to be juried down to 85 by artist Lucille Procter Nawara. She has taught at several local universities and colleges and is currently an adjunct instructor of watercolor at **College for Creative Studies** in Detroit. In addition, she has exhibited at numerous American museums and her work has been acquired for the permanent collections of the Detroit Institute of Arts, National Endowment for the Arts and a number of corporations.

Best of Show was awarded to Margie Guyot for her oil titled White Owl. Second Place went to William Murcko, for his oil portrait Lady in the Red Hat. A resident of Mackinac Island,



William Murcko took Second Place for his oil portrait, Lady in the Red Hat, in the 10th annual Livonia Arts Commission's Fine Arts Exhibition.

Murcko came all the way down for the reception. Third prize was given to Susan Fisher for her lithograph and silkscreen titled Veering.

Other prizes included the Juror's Choice given to Marat Paransky, Mayor's Choice to Gerard Panyard, and Art Commission's Choice to Julie Sabit.

Honorable Mentions went to Bettina Edwards, Cristin Richard, Geoffrey Merrill, and Katrina Ruby. Sponsor Ribbons were given to Marianna Defer-Pfeifer, Jerry Power and Julie Haw. Artists in the exhibition

from Livonia included Allen

Brooks, Regina Dunne, Sherry Eid, Doug Frank, Pamela Grossman, Beverly Johnston, Tresa Lee Meyer, Loretta Neville and Katrina Ruby.

The exhibition will be on display in the Fine Arts Gallery on the second floor of the Civic Center Library until Oct. 29. The Gallery is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

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Visit Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, Westland, Livonia: Garden City Bakery. or Sorella's Pastry Shoppe, Livonia, and mention that you want to support Cupcakes for a Cause. Each bakery will donate part of their proceeds to the program. Also participating are retailers at Oak Plaza, Westland.

Along with selling cupcakes, Paperbacks and Things, Toarmina's Pizza, Miss Helen's Dance, Carlo's Mexican Restaurant, Divine Hair Salon, and Dr. Rita Patel, DDS, will be hosting a Children's Special Day on Oct. 20, with games, good and fun for the family. Proceeds will be donated to the CancerCare for Kids program. Oak Plaza is located on Wayne road, north of Warren, south of joy, between Wendy's and Arby's. For more information, call

Mary Denning at (734) 261-3680 or visit the Cupcakes for a Cause Web site.





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Sandy (Gary) Phillips, and Ron Converse. Dearest grandmother of eight and great grandmother of four. Dear sister of Barbara Field and Leigh Smith. Friends may call upon the family Monday 2-9 at the Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home, 2125 W. 12 Mile Rd., (2 blks. W. of Woodward), Berkley. Instate, Tuesday 10:30 AM until time of Service at 11AM at the St. John Episcopal Church, 26998 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Memorials may be made to the church and/or to St. John's Hospice. Share your memories at: www.sawyerfuller.com

ELEANOR M. FISCHER

83, Livonia, MI. 10-11-07. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

DONALD GERDS

October 10. 2007, Age 85. Beloved husband of the late Esther for 50 years. Dear father of Edward (Becky), Thomas and Catherine (William) Fox Loving grandfather of Emily, Crystal Rachel and Seth. Funeral Monday 11 a.m. (in state 10 a.m.) at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland., Farmington (just W. of Farmington Rd.). Visitation Saturday Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River., Downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Memorial contributions may be made to Salem United Church of Christ. www.thayer-rock.com



Age 80, died October 11, 2007. 87 Passed away Sept. 25, 2007. Born Beloved Wife of 57 years to Byron. May 23, 1920, P.H.S. Grad class of Loving mother to Sheryl Schmidt, 1940, Grad of Meinsinger Art School, Wayne Co. O.L.G.C. parishioner, Boy Scout Leader, Holy Name Society member. Retreat leader, long time Fo. Mo. Co. employee. Disabled Am. Vet, Coast Guard, 1944. Began Passage Gatty Am Legion Post 670 Church St. in Plymouth in early 40's. Survived by : Brother, Edward in Melbourne, Fla; Former wife Rosemary and children, Kathleen (Corcoran), Jeanine, Ronald, Dennis and Paulette (Roberts) and by current wife Pauline and children, Dennis, Candice & James. Also survived by 13 Grandchildren and 13 Great Grand Children. Loved and never forgotten. "Miss Me-But Let Me Go !'



MAKI AVENDI NULAN October 10, 2007, in Harbor Springs age 89. Beloved wife of the late Edmund T. for 40 years. Loving mother of Patricia Gillard (John), Mike (Jenny), Timothy, Mary K. Connor (Jack), Jane E. Birtwell (Jack), and Thomas. Dear grandmoth-er of fifteen and great-grandmother of Sister of Raymond Avendt. Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmon & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (between 13 -14 Mile) Sunday 4-8 PM with Scripture Service at 7 PM. Funeral Mass Monday 10 AM at St. Regis Church, 3695 Lincoln (at Lahser), Bloomfield Hills. Visitation at church begins Monday at 9:30 AM. Rite of Committal Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorials to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, 3434 M-119, Suite F, Harbor Springs, MI 49740, or University of Detroit Mercy, "Fund For UDM", 4001 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221.



IN MEMORY OF RAYMOND RICHARD PANKAU (PARKER) Sept.16, 1929-Oct.16, 2006

It's been a year since you left us We miss you every day We know you're in a better place While here you found the way

You accepted Jesus in your heart You depended on Him it's true He didn't leave or forsake No matter what you went thru

He carried you ever so gently To be with Him forever No more pain or suffering No more of that...no never, never

We have the hope in God's promises We believe just what He said That He goes to prepare a place for us By His Word we are gracefully led

O grave where is your victory O death where is your sting Our Dad's with Jesus our Savior With angels he will now sing

Papa, We will see you again! Love you!

to benefit **Three Cities Art Clubs**

Thomas Kinkade fans will want a chance to bid on the featured item at the Three Cities Art Club's fund-raising auction Saturday Oct. 20, at Richard's Restaurant, 39305 Plymouth Road, west of Newburgh. Admittance is free and appetizers will be served. Arrive anytime after 12:30 p.m. for advance preview of live auction items plus, as an early bird, you will get first pick from the bargain tables. If you have never been to an auction, this is a free, no pressure opportunity to learn how it works and join in on the competitive bidding.

Thomas Kinkade's limited edition lithograph, Autumn On Mackinac Island (valued at \$425), was donated by Parkside Gallery of Plymouth in their continued support of the arts and Three Cities Art Club. Martin F. Webber has donated a number of gift certificates for their art supplies. Sharon Dillenbeck, owner of D & M Art Studio located in Canton and a member of Three Cities Art Club since 1986, has once again donated over \$200 in new art supplies to be auctioned off. Showroom of Elegance Fine Jewelry donated a beautiful pair of earrings valued at \$70 and a gift certificate. Everyone will have a chance to bid on these items and other valuable merchant gift certificates from community-minded businesses such as Clearly You (skin care) and Michigan Made and More.

When you arrive, register at the welcome table to obtain a bidder ID number paddle upon which you can write down the Lot Number, title and bid amount for items that you successfully bid on so you can collect them upon payment when you leave. Bargain tables from 50-cents to \$25 (pay as you go canisters on the honor system) will contain a wide assortment of goodies such as jigsaw puzzles, picture frames, small appliances, art supplies, books, magazines and more. Throughout the live auction, bargain items not sold move down to lower priced tables. In addition to the auction, members of the club will have framed originals, matted prints and note cards available for sale.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dulong-McGuire

Gary and Sharon Dulong of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Rochelle Dulong, to Robert Daniel McGuire, son of Michael and Marjorie McGuire of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She will graduate with a pharmacy doctoral degree in May 2008 from the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy.

The future groom is a 2002 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and 2006 graduate of Western Michigan University in aviation administration. He is a lieutenant

Kidd-Honeycutt

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Kidd of Plymouth (originally Nottingham, England), announce the engagement of their daughter, Alison Louise Kidd, to Jeffrey Donald Honeycutt, son of Janet K. Honeycutt and of the late James I. Honeycutt of Canton. A May wedding is planned in the United Kingdom.

The bride-to-be graduated from Salem High School in 1993. She received a license as a cosmetologist from the Douglas J. Aveda Institute in Ann Arbor.

Ludwig-Lucas

Phil and Jackie Ludwig of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer LeighAnn Ludwig, to. Joseph Anthony Lucas, son of Patricia Lucas of Livonia and Jerry Lucas of Clarkston.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of South Lyon High School and works as a dental assistant for Dr. Ryan Breasbois in Howell.

The prospective groom is a 1999 graduate of Clarenceville High School and works as

Jeffries-Beehler

Tim and Karen Jeffries of Canton Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Kara Renee, to Jake Beehler, son of Wes and Terry Beehler of Canton Township. The bride-to-be is a 2004graduate of Canton High



in the United States Army stationed at Hunter Airfield in Georgia.

An December, 2007 wedding is planned for St. Kenneth's Catholic Church in Plymouth.



The future groom is a 1989 graduate of Canton High School. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in communications from Eastern Michigan University.



Hi-Lo driver for Plastipak in Westland. A November 2008 wedding is planned.





RUTH MARY HYMES

Age 92. Beloved mother of Suellen, passed away on August 11, 2007 at her daughter's home in Seattle. Ruth was born on April 4, 1915 in Winnipeg, Canada to Rev. and Mrs. A.G. Ward, early pioneers of the Assembly of God Church in Canada. Ruth married Gene Hymes of Ottawa, Kansas on March 25, 1939 in Toronto. In 1945, Gene and Ruth settled in Farmington and opened the Farmington Radio Store, later Radio and Television Store, on Grand River, in downtown Farmington. Both Gene and Ruth were active in community affairs for many years. Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Gene in 1993, her sister Ellen Blakeman and her brother, Rev. C.M. Ward. Ruth is survived by her daughter, Suellen of Seattle, two granddaughters, Jana and Rebecca, of El Paso, Texas, and one great-grandson, Marcus, age six. A graveside ceremony will be held on Friday, October 19th at 1:00 p.m. at Oakwood Cemetery on Grand River in Farmington.

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In Memory Of

In Loving Memory JEFF STEMBERGER October 4, 2006

We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday and days before. Now all we have are memories, and your picture frame. God has you in his keeping, we have you in our hearts. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal.

Love your wife and sons, Kathy, Nicholas, and Nate Stemberger



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E. NOREEN SHAW 6/25/16 - 9/30/07

(Eleanor) Noreen Shaw died on September 30 in Naples, FL. Mrs. Shaw was born in 1916 in Butte, Montana, moving to Flint, MI in 1923. In 1932 at age 16, Noreen was valedictorian of her Northern High School class in Flint and began working at Chevrolet Motors. She married Charles F. Shaw in 1939, and they were married for 58 years until his death in 1997. In the early 1960's, after her four children were in school, Mrs. Shaw pursued her goal of a college degree. She graduated magna cum laude in mathematics in 1967 from the University of Michigan Flint campus and taught high-school math in Michigan until she retired. Upon retirement in 1984 she and her husband moved from Bloomfield Hills, MI, to Marco Island, FL, and in 2000, Mrs. Shaw moved to Naples, FL. Always active in her community. at her death she was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, the American Association of University Women, Welcome to Florida International, and a life-time member of the Order of Eastern Star. Mrs. Shaw, although unassuming by nature, was quite adventurous and instilled this spirit in all of her chil-dren. She loved to travel, from a 1934 cross-country train-trip with friends to Western Canada and San Francisco, to extensive US travel with her husband and four children, to trips to Europe, the Middle East, Taiwan and China well into her 80's. She played bridge and golf for decades and had her first hole-in-one at the age of 89. When she turned 90, Mrs. Shaw engaged in a fight against lymphoma and won, only to succumb to other illnesses at 91. She is survived by her four children Charles Shaw, Jr., of Chicago, Karyll Shaw of East Lansing, MI, Deborah (Stephen) Marquardt, of London, England, and Kristi (Kevin) Brown, Kenilworth, IL, one sister, Eileen Webb, 13 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on October 26th at 9 am at Kenilworth Union Church, Kenilworth, IL. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in memory of E. Noreen Shaw to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, PO Box 27106, NY, NY 10087-7106, or visit and go to: Make a Gift.

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Three Cities Art Club is comprised of adult artists specializing in oil, watercolor, acrylics, colored pencil, pastels, photography and more. Members are from Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties and meet monthly in the lower level of Canton Township Hall (Canton Center Road. south of Cherry Hill) for demonstrations, workshops and social events for a nominal annual dues of \$20.

Each event includes a Popular Vote competition where members enter recent artworks to be voted on by those attending for a chance to win ribbons and cash prizes. At the end of the club's season, the artist with the most points is honored with a solo art exhibition at a local gallery. Members are eligible to receive discounts on art supplies, have the opportunity to meet people with similar interests, qualify to exhibit and sell their artwork and win prizes. Everyone is welcome and can attend up to three events prior to paying the annual fee.

Donations for the auction will be accepted through the morning of Oct. 20. Contact Marilyn Meredith at (248) 557-3800 weekdays, (734) 397-2348 nights and weekends or by e-mail at threecitiesartclub@hotmail.com to' make donation arrangements. Proceeds help educate members, provide funds for art show awards, contribute to the operation of the club and promote the arts in our communities.

School and is presently working on her associates degree in massage therapy from Schoolcraft College. She will then be pursuing her degree in nursing as she continues her employment at an accounting firm in Farmington.

The prospective groom is a 2003 graduate of Canton High School and a 2005 graduate of the Los Angeles Recording Workshop. He is presently

Carlson-Wolicki

Elizabeth Buckley of Chicago and Mark Anthony Wolicki of Chicago were wed Aug. 11, 2007, at St. Patrick's Church in Chicago with the Rev. Thomas Buckley officiating. The reception was held at the Mid-Day Club in Chicago.

The bride is the daughter of Patricia and Stephen Carlson of Chicago. Elizabeth graduated from Princeton University in 2004. She is in her third year at the University of Chicago Law School.

The groom is the son of Melvin and Rosalie Wolicki of Livonia.

Mark is a graduate of Stevenson High School. He graduated from Northern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in business. He is employed as Sellerson Troob Trading in Chicago.

The bride was attended by maid of honor Meghan Fraley and bridesmaids, Haley Campbell, Julie and Susan

Event planning course offers basic knowledge

The Redford Community Center will offer continuing education courses for event planners, coordinators, and consultants or those that aspire to become event planners 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23 to Nov. 20, at the center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford. For more information, call (313) 387-2650 or visit www.eloquets.com. The event planning course will empower individuals with the

employed at an automotive design research company in Ann Arbor and is interested in attending flight school to pursue a career as an airline pilot in the future.

A January 2008 wedding is planned.

WEDDING



Carlson, Katherine Eng, Lisa Giovannini, Christina Harber and Sandra Wolicki. The flower girl was Mary Petracca.

The groom was attended by best man John Rarog and groomsmen John Brown, Matthew Campbell, Erick Giovannini, Brian Nygard, Dan Piekarski, John Tripp and Edward Wong.

The couple honeymooned in Tahiti. They are making their home in Chicago.

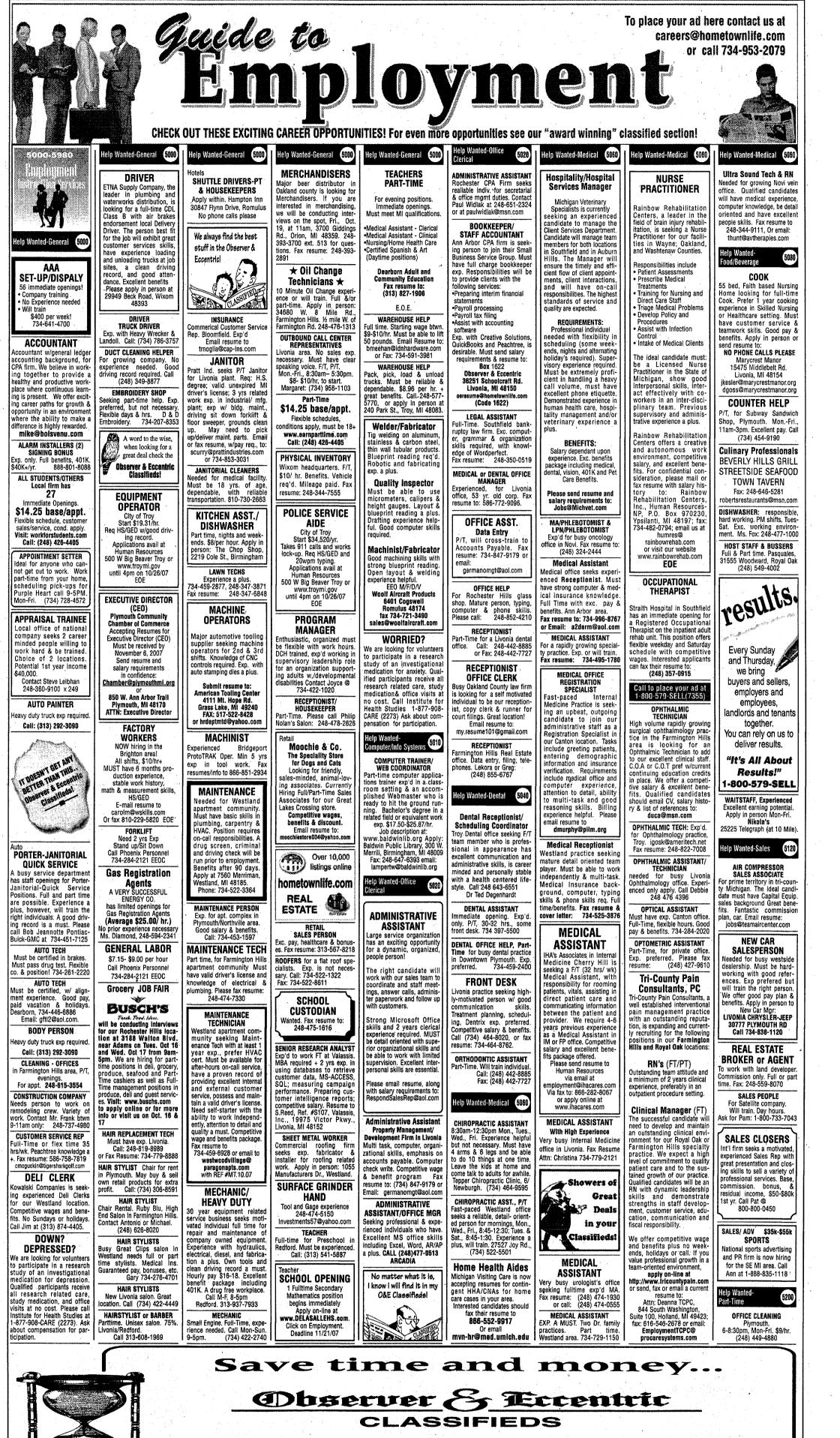
basic knowledge needed for event planning.

Each session covers every aspect of event planning includ-ing marketing, business etiquette, budget planning, event coordinating, time management, vendor procurement, customer retention, creativity, and design. This power packed course will provide individuals with entrepreneurship opportunities.

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A 25th reunion, 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

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St. Francis de Sales

A 40-year class reunion is planned for

Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007, at Ginopolis on

the Grill, Farmington Hills. Dinner and

dancing. For more information, contact

Gloria (Mishik) Bobrowski at (734) 462-

Zuccarini at (734) 425-3788, kzuc@aol.

A 20-year reunion 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23,

2007 at Grecian Center in Southgate, For

more information and to make reserva-

A 40-year reunion at Fellow's Creek Golf

Club in Canton Township, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Nov. 24, 2007. \$50 per person; no tickets

for more than 200 classmates. For more

sold at the door. Missing contact info

info, e-mail Sue Egbert at s.egbert67@

sbcglobal.net before Oct. 20 or contact

Vicki Porter Wood at 734/718-3559 or

734/641-7771 or Fran Mancuso Belanger

WSDP, the student radio station with the

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celebrating its 35th anniversary on 6 p.m.

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at 734/673-0500.

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Birmingham Seaholm Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. For more information and to make reservations, call Sharon at (734) 261-3264. **Bloomfield Hills Andover**

Class of 1997

A 10-year reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, at The Sea Grille in West Bloomfield. For more information and to make reservations, call Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or e-mail rsculbert@sbcglobal.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Trust Estate**

Estate of Carl T. Francavilla, deceased, date of birth: November 27, 1926.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Carl T. Francavilla, Grantor of the Carl T. Francavilla Trust dated July 10, 1991, who lived at 11867 Fox Ridge Drive, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170, died on April 26, 2007.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the decedent, his estate, or his trust will be forever barred unless presented to Frances R. Francavilla, Trustee of the Carl T. Francavilla Trust within 4 months after the date of publication of this

James P. Spica, Attorney, Warner Norcross & Judd LLP, 2000 Town Center, Ste. 2700, Southfield, MI 48075. Telephone No.: (248) 784-5000.

Frances R. Francavilla, Trustee, 11867 Fox Ridge Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170. Telephone No.: (734) 455-2308

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net. **Dearborn Fordson** Class of 1969

Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com. **Dearborn Heights Riverside**

Class of 1977

A 30-year reunon, 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007, at Warren Valley Banquet Center in Dearborn Heights. For information, call Sharon at (734) 261-3264.

Detroit Central High School Class of 1952

A 55-year reunion Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007. For more information, call Selma Cohen at (248) 541-7864.

Detroit Cooley

Class of 1947 A 60th reunion luncheon 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River, Farmington Hills. For information, contact Dave Vaughn at (248) 380-6939 or Reta (Ansell) Steinhaus at (248) 851-

Detroit Christ the King Elementary Class of 1963

A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734) 354-0223 or e-mail denplace@bigfoot.com.

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Class of 1952 Seeking alumni for a 55th reunion Oct. 21 at the American Polish Century Club, For more information, call (586) 468-2259 or (586) 286-3352 **Detroit Girls Catholic Central**

Class of 1967

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2007** 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 1, 2007 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

- Application 1446, 13725 Ridgewood, Plymouth Twp: The applicant is proposing a detached garage with an actual roof height of eighteen (18) feet but a measured height of fifteen (15) feet. The required maximum measured height is twelve (12) feet. With the proposed variance, the applicant is requesting a variance of three (3) feet in accessory structure height.
- Application 1447, located at 9065 Oakview Rd, Plymouth Twp: The applicant is requesting two variances: first, he is proposing a detached garage with a roof height of fourteen (14) feet. The required maximum measured height is twelve (12) feet. With the proposed variance, the applicant is requesting a variance of two (2) feet in accessory structure height. Secondly, he is requesting a variance in accessory structure square footage. He is proposing a garage 27' x 28' equaling 756 square feet; the ordinance states a maximum square footage of 650 square feet or maximum lot coverage of 7%, whichever is greater. The applicant is requesting a variance of one hundred six (106) square feet in accessory structure size.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734-354-3210.

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Searching for classmates of the class of 1967 for a 40th reunion this summer/fall. Contact Diane Kangas (Krok) at (586) 446-9011 or Mary Mezzardi (Winowiecki) at mmezzadri@hotmail.com. **Detroit Henry Ford**

Class of 1977

Looking for classmates for a 30-year reunion. Information at henryfordhighschool.com.

Detroit Mackenzie

Class of 1957 Looking for graduates to attend a reunion scheduled for Oct. 19, 2007. Call Eleanor at (734)425-8278.

Detroit Osborn

Classes of 1970, '71, '72

Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007, Best Western Sterling Inn, Sterling Heights. Alumni can update their addresses by either calling Sharon at (734)261-3264 or e-mailing celebrationstoremember@vahoo.com. Visit Web site at ctrinc.divincinet.com

Detroit Redford High School

Class of 1954 Friday, Oct. 19, 2007, at Embassy Suite, Livonia. \$40 per person. Classes of 1953 and 1955 are invited. For more information, www.redfordhighschoolreunion. com or Doug King at (248) 478-3621 or dking000@ameritech.net. **Detroit Sacred Heart**

Alumni weekend

Dinner bash 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, Sacred Heart Activity Building, \$20. Reunion Mass 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, Sacred Heart Church. Contact Barbara (Battle) Hunt at (313)568-7303. Maxine (Jaggers) Adames at (313)526-6322 or Almeta (Carruth) White at (313)862-2064 Farmington High School Class of 1977

Looking for classmates to plan 30th reunion. Call Elaine (Stewart) Conn at (248) 476-4821 or shakaconn1129@vahoo. com.

Class of 1997

A 10-year reunion. 8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007 (Thanksgiving weekend), Cheli's Chili Bar in Detroit. For information, visit www.fhsclassof1997. com

CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD. **CANTON, MI 48188**

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction October 16, 2007 at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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| 1999 | CHRYS | TOWN CNTRY | S/W | 1C4GP64LXXB505480 |
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Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com.

A 41st and 40th reunion will be held Oct. 20, 2007, 6:30 to midnight. Tickets are \$50. Call Tom Kujath at (248)888-9535. Livonia Churchill High School Class of 1997

10 Year Reunion 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel. For information and tickets send e-mail to CHS97@CHSChargers.Info or visit www. snowdenha.com/chs97.

Class of 1987

The Class of 1987 at Stevenson High School meets for its 20th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. Alumni can update their address by calling Sharon at 734-261-3264; e-mailing to celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com or visiting ctrinc.divincinet.com.

A 40 year class reunion, Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, at the Double Tree Hotel in Dearborn beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Donna Labare Wright at (313) Morris at (734) 676 - 8111 or ronniem67@ hotmail.com.

Class of 1968

Searching for classmates for a 40th reunion on July 19, 2008. Only about 63 percent of the class have been located. Contact Sue (Keith) Johnson at (734) 451-1048 or contact phs40threunion@ charter.net.

Southeastern (Detroit)

A 20-year reunion is being planned for summer 2007. Looking for graduates of June 1987. If interested in attending or know of whereabouts of graduates, contact Terri Banks-Faison at (313) 220-4769 or totfaison@aol.com

Class of 1972

for 2007. For more information, contact

Class of 1966, 1967

Livonia Stevenson High School

Melvindale High School Class of 1967

277 - 8870 or dewcrews@aol.com or Ron

Plymouth High School

Class of 1987

St. Agatha High School

6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Monahan K of C Hali. Dress casual. \$15 at the door. For information, call Jane Linn at (734) 525-4321

Kathy at (586) 263-3075. Westland John Glenn High School Class of 1987 20-Year Reunion 7 p.m. Saturday Nov. 24,

at St. Mary's Cultural Center, Livonia. For more information and to make reservations, call Sharon at (734) 261-3264.

EXTRA SPACE STORAGE

Notice is hereby given that on October 15, 2007, Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Extra Space Storage, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: EXTRA SPACE STORAGE, 6729 N. CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:00 P.M.

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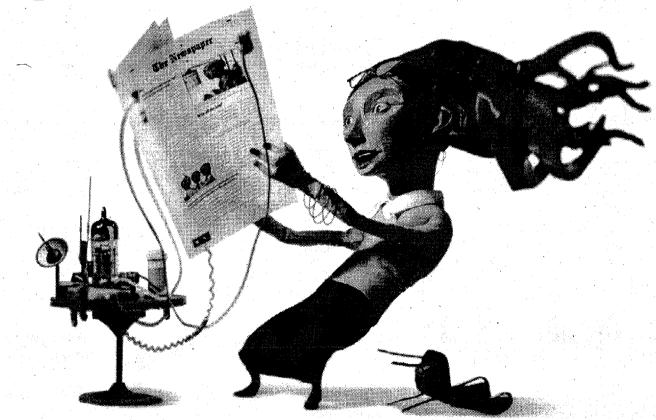
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Exercise may help rebuild your heart

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Anthony from Farmington Hills e-mails and says he suffers with heart problems and does not know if he should exercise.

> Could it be bad for his heart? Actually, Anthony, just the opposite seems to be true. Exercise

could help

the heart



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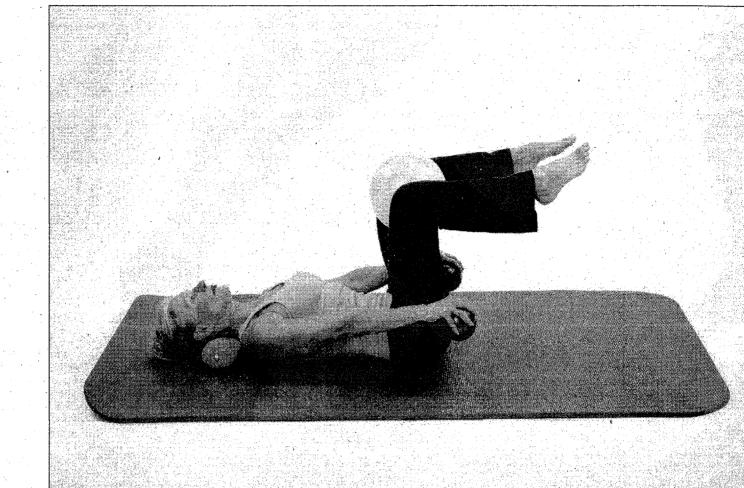
repair itself. Peter Nielsen Researchers

followed a group of people with serious heart failure. They found those who rode a bike for up to 30 minutes a day for four months actually produced more stem cells in their bones and also had more small blood vessels in their muscles. Stem cells can help relieve stress on the heart and may repair damaged parts. Since there are no medications to produce new stem cells, exercise may be the only way to rebuild the heart. But remember to check with your cardiologist before you start any fitness program.

Tim from St. Clair Shores emails asking what he could add to his diet to help battle cancer.

Tim, I get asked this question a lot, and the answer is to try some vitamin C.

A new study found vita-



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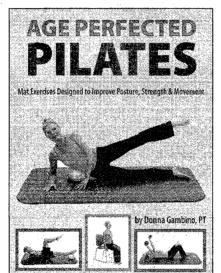
Age-perfected movement

Physical therapist develops exercise program for baby boomers

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Donna Gambino was tired of hearing reasons for not exercising. She knew baby boomers in her Pilates classes were having success in strengthening their muscles and eliminating the aches caused by years of wear and tear on their joints.

As a physical therapist Gambino prescribes Pilates to reduce pain in



"Pilates has been good for all of my clients with back pain. If someone comes to me with pain and can't do the exercise we modify it, said Donna Gambino of Canton. Gambino worked at Providence and Oakwood hospitals before going into private practice as a physical therapist. She teaches Pilates four times a week at Canton Premiere Dance. "No exercise should cause pain - not weight training, aerobics or yoga," said Gambino. "The new book uses three pieces of equipment - a 9-inch ball, small weighted balls no more than 1- to 2-pounds, and a BodyBolster that inflates and deflates to fit the curves of the body. In the past we used rolled up towels to help position a neck or back. You can do the exercises without equipment, but it's good to have when you start. There's a chair workout at the back of the book that you can do anywhere. Many people are sitting in the all-American position all day at the computer and become stiff and sore. You can use the BodyBolster for resistance. Even people with osteoporosis where the risk is fracture, by changing position and using the bolster they can still strengthen and not be at risk

PILATES EVENTS

What: Workshop to learn to do the exercises in Donna Gambino's new book, Age Perfected Pilates

When: Noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct.

Where: Canton Premiere Dance. 2860 Canton Center Road, Suite 325, Canton 48187

Cost: \$25. Space is limited. Books will be available for purchase. To register, send e-mail to infinityhealth@comcast. net or call (734) 377-1055

Book signing: 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at As The Page Turns, 149 N. Center Street, Suite 102, Northville, (248) 912-0085

for damage."

As with any exercise program

You have to think about all of these things - posture, breathing while doing the exercise."

Diane Kwiatkowski makes sure her shoulders are back, abdomen and chin tucked in even when not in Gambino's Pilates classes. Aligning the body is the first step in staving off pain in her back, neck and thighs. At one point the Plymouth-Canton Montessori teacher hurt so much she couldn't grocery shop for more than 10 minutes. Today with 85- to 90-percent of the pain gone she has no problem getting up and down on the floor with her students as they do their work. She's purchased both of Gambino's books.

"I did household chores in tears." said Diane Kwiatkowski, 52. Kwiatkowski first met Gambino when the two were taking Jazzercise classes. Kwiatkowski continues to

min C can actually slow the growth of some types of tumors. Vitamin C is an antioxidant, a nutrient known to prevent some of the damage from free radicals in the body.

Foods packed with vitamin C include oranges and green, red and yellow peppers.

Experts do caution against taking high doses of vitamin D. They are still unsure how the vitamin actually fights cancer.

They are doing more research, which will hopefully lead to a new cancer treatment.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site www.peternielsen. com. Contact him Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

patients with back, neck, knee, and shoulder injuriés so she designed a modified program for orthopedic issues including osteoporosis. The mat exercises use fitness equipment which allows nearly everyone to benefit from the movements without discomfort.

Gambino describes the program in her new book, Age Perfected Pilates, released by Orthopedic Physical Therapy Products (www. optp.com) in Minnesota in September. OPTP approached Gambino about writing Age Perfected Pilates after seeing her first book, On a Roll @ Home, a series of exercises on a foam roller to improve core strength and massage tight muscles. OPTP makes the equipment pictured in the spiral bound Age Perfected Pilates book which is meant to be read while working out on the floor.

Pilates is a series of exercises to strengthen the core muscles in the abdomen, back, buttocks, and inner thighs which are necessary for good posture. Alignment and good posture are key to preventing back problems especially.

Gambino says to check with your doctor first. Gambino started taking Pilates classes in 2001 while working as a physical therapist.

"I wasn't seeing results in my back pain clients and was hearing about Pilates. Even in clinic we don't use machines any more and we don't use bracing as much. You need to get those muscles strong," said Gambino.

'We like people to learn to manage their own pain, take control of their wellness. Pilates allows them to strengthen and do their treatment on their own. The goal of any exercise program is to be strong for whatever you do in your daily living from fly fishing to cycling."

Gambino urges men as well as women to give Pilates a try.

"Some men think Pilates is for girls," said Gambino.

"It's a good workout. Pilates is focused on quality movement. breathing correctly in good alignment. It's very slow and controlled. You don't have to feel the burn. There's a repetition of only 8 to 10 so it's concentrated and focused. That's why it's called mind-body exercise.

do the cardiovascular workout 3 to 4 times a week. "Donna taught me modifications, how to do low impact. Always at the beginning of the class she asks if people have any issues."

Liz Ryda began taking Gambino's Pilates classes three years ago when one of her friends from Jazzercise said Pilates had done more to tighten her abs and make her waist smaller.

"This really targets the abdominal area," said Liz Ryda, a special education teacher at Canton High School. Ryda does Jazzercise 3 to 5 times a week in addition to Pilates.

"I'd always done something to exercise. This is just something different. Sometimes I would have back pain from standing a long time. It's a result of poor posture. I haven't had pain in some years."

On a Roll @ Home costs \$24.95 and is available at www.infinityhealth.org or at The Book Cellar & Cafe, 840 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

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There is no charge. Call (248) 551-1219 for information.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and Indigo Salon Day Spa are hosting a cancer awareness benefit event 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at the salon, 50545 Cherry Hill Rd. in Canton's Cherry Hill Village

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organizers are hoping to raise a minimum of \$4,000 to donate to the American Cancer Society. Donate for a chance to win over \$3000 worth of prizes including tickets to major sporting events, gift certificates from local restaurants, golf courses, and businesses, a full day package at Indigo Salon and Day Spa, product baskets valued at \$300 each, tickets to the village theater and more

Informative mini seminars show how to do a self breast exam. Instructors include Cynthia Aks, DO, breast specialist, St. Mary Mercy Hospital; registered dietitian Judy Swancutt, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, and Trish Tyl, cosmetologist and clinical specialist answer questions about image care.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center is also holding a Locks of Love Hair Cut-A-Thon where all hair/proceeds will also be donated ALL proceeds donated to The American Cancer Society Join The C Club The C Club helps cancer conquerors reclaim, reshape and renew their life after cancer. Find out how during this event.

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GHOSTS FROM PAGE C1

Schiffer Publications on Plymouth's haunted places which is scheduled for release around Halloween next year.

"Plymouth doesn't want to be known as haunted, but it has so much history – the land and houses. I've been called to do different paranormal investigations. Plymouth is actually extremely haunted – Kellogg Park, the land where the Mayflower stood. There's a statue downtown

There's a statue downtown that will wink at you," said Kristy Robinett. "In Westland there are old houses off Wayne between Ford and Marquette. Fox & Hounds (the former restaurant in Bloomfield Hills) was mafia haunted. Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Estate are also haunted."

In the near future Robinett is planning to do ghost walks throughout Michigan from Plymouth to Frankenmuth, Traverse City and Algonac.

"We plan to have an early 19th century guide dress up and tell the history. Almost every large state has a ghost walk," said Robinett. "We're trying to make it historical. What takes so long is doing the research."

In the meantime, Robinett and the League of Extraordinary Paranormal Women host the first annual Michigan's Haunting Experience at the Blackhawk Bar & Grill in Richland on Tuesday, Oct. 30. The event features supernatural speakers including Todd, a radio show personality and founder of NightWatchers Paranormal Group; Nick Reiter, a scientist at a solar photovoltaic research facility in Toledo, Ohio, and co-author of Bridges of Avalon; Thomas "Fiver" Murphy, UFO Investigator with the Southern Michigan **Paranormal Investigators** group; Kathleen Tedsen and Beverlee Rydel, authors of the upcoming Michigan travel guide, Haunted Travels of the Michigan Vacation Guide, and Amy Williamson of Haunted Hillsdale (www.hauntedhillsdale.com), a group interested in the paranormal and ghost hunting in the Hillsdale area including Hillsdale, Branch. and Lenawee counties.

Robinett co-founded the League of Extraordinary Paranormal Women with Williamson to provide ghost research, evidence, discussion and support to women in the paranormal field. Paranormal activities include a wide variety of phenomena such as ghosts, hauntings, reincarnation, telepathy, and extra-sensory perception. The Blackhawk Grill is about a $1 \frac{1}{2}$ hour drive. We have a deal with the Gull Lake Inn for lodging. Ninety-five percent of ticket sales are from metro Detroit. People are carpooling from Jackson," said Robinett. "A lady haunts the restaurant. We're going to do a paranormal investigation and a seance to see what spirits we can get to. The land dates back to the time of the American Indians."



"It's very American music. We are Americans and it's time for us to be proud of our music, to show people it's a real good music," said Volodymyr Shesiuk, the LSO conductor who left his Ukraine homeland for Garden City in 1990.

Shesiuk served as conductor-in-residence of the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow, conductor of the Lviv Philharmonic Orchestra, and chief conductor of the Kyrgyzstan National Opera before joining the LSO as a violinist in 1994.

The season continues with a Dec. 1, Christmas concert; the music of Scandinavian composers on Jan. 26; a celebration of spring March 8, and concludes with the music of Franz Liszt and Antonin Dvorak April 26. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. except for the Christmas concert which starts at 3 p.m.

"The Christmas concert is very special with the Santa Claus Symphony by an American composer with slides and a choir from Clarenceville High School," said Shesiuk. "We've planned

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more family concerts so people can come with kids, grandsons and granddaughters. I'm working closer with members of the orchestra and they're coming up with very nice ideas. In January, a young pianist, Julia Siciliano from Livonia, is performing a Beethoven concerto. For years we had Joshua Cullen (a pianist who debuted with the LSO at age 8). We're trying to keep this tradition of featuring our talented young people."

Tom Bjorklund is especially proud of the outreach program that brings classical music to the schools. Last year, LSO musicians visited five assemblies of elementary students to teach them about the instruments and their role in the orchestra.

"We think it's important to get the word out to younger people about classical music. Last year we passed out vouchers (at the assemblies) to encourage young people and their families to come to LSO concerts," said Bjorklund who's served four years as president of the nonprofit Livonia Symphony Society board of directors who oversee the administrative and fund-raising business of the orchestra. Bjorklund is currently busy trying to secure matching funds for a \$10,000 Challenge Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

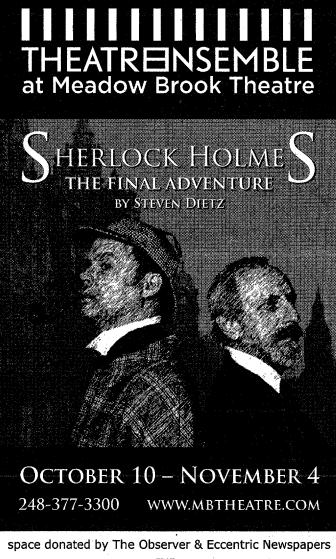
"It's a great time to consider a donation to a good cause," said Bjorklund. "We've had super support from the community. We've also been able to expand the scope of volunteers. There are a lot of positive things that have happened with the LSO. The effort has always been there with volunteers. When you can get a lot of people involved it helps out a great deal."

Right now volunteers are busy working on the Nov. 16 fund-raiser, Ballroom Brilliance, an evening that includes dinner, a silent auction, and performances by the LSO and ballroom dancers. Tickets are \$60. For more information, call (734) 591-0266 or (734) 421-1111.

"It's a fun theme," said Bjorklund. "The country is in something of a craze. My wife's addicted to Dancing with the Stars. There will be dancing. It will be a fun night."

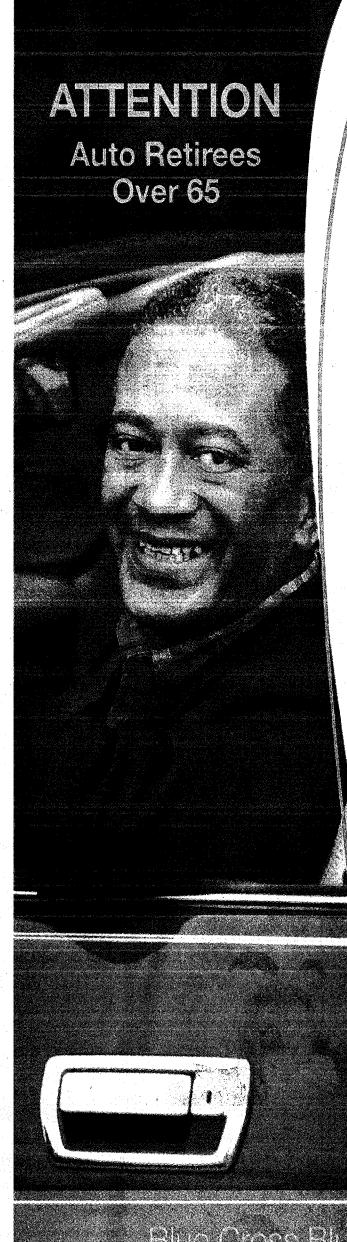
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Members of the Farmington Players are selling costumes just in time to dress up for the fun holiday 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Farmington Players Barn Theater, 32332 West 12 Mile, between Orchard Lake and Farmington Road, Farmington Hills.

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Just the facts: Police work's often rewarding

BY JULIE BROWN

If you're interested in earning a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, Madonna University in Livonia may have what you're after. Barry Sherman, chair of the Criminal Justice Department there, points with pride to the fact that more than 80 past and present Michigan police chiefs are graduates of the Madonna program, started in 1972.

The program has over 300 students now, the largest in the university's School of Social Sciences. In addition to local, state or federal law enforcement, some go into such homeland security work as customs, airport duty or border patrol, noted Sherman, a Highland Township resident and retired Livonia Police Department lieutenant.

About 20 percent of the Madonna police work students are employed by area departments now. The university has a combined master's program with the School of Business where students can combine business graduate work with a concentration in criminal justice leadership. Chief James Ridener of the Westland Police Department was one of the first graduates of that program, which has existed about five years.

Sherman agreed that cadet/public service aide programs open to high

schoolers are a great way to see if you're suited to law enforcement work. To work as a police officer, you need to graduate from a police academy, so a lot of Madonna grads go to Schoolcraft College or Oakland Community College for the police academy.

"They're much more marketable at that point," said Sherman, noting fewer police departments will put officers through the academy now.

"Good interpersonal skills are very important, the ability to communicate," he said of potential officers. "You definitely have to have a thick skin."

He found the satisfaction of helping with problem solving, and even one baby born on duty in his 28 years of work (the fire department arrived just in time).

"It's a job where it is new every day," Sherman said.

A lot who teach firearms use say they'd rather have students with no previous weapon experience, Sherman said, as others may have been unduly influenced by TV shows.

"I think what happens is television puts a glamorous, glitzy type of job." In reality, much of police work is reporting and paperwork; you need to work your way up to become a detective.

Sherman now meets young people interested in the "CSI" type TV shows who want to investigate crime scenes. "Those jobs are not plentiful among police departments."

He's pleased that law enforcement now recognizes the need for higher education, more so than a generation back. "There's a realization that education makes a person much more wellrounded," said Sherman, a graduate of the Madonna criminal justice program himself. There's diversity in the population, and higher education helps to address that.

Women can consider a career in police work, with Sherman noting only about 10 percent of the uniformed force is female. "The momentum for females to come into police work has not really reached the point it should. It's a good career. It's a rewarding career." There are challenges for parents who must balance family duties with shift work.

Sherman can answer questions about Madonna's program at (734) 432-5546 or by e-mail at bsherman@madonna. edu.

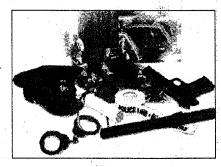
Offering bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. programs is Michigan State University's criminal justice program. William Terrill, associate professor of criminal justice at MSU, noted that more officers now have a college degree, but the overall percentage is still fairly low nationwide, with less than 5 percent of the approximately 16,000 U.S. departments requiring a degree. Terrill recently published a paper on police levels of education and use of force outcomes, finding there was less use of force with more education. "There's a lot of anecdotal evidence," he said, that indicates education helps officers understand their environment and the people they're policing.

A diverse community has prompted some departments to begin to offer "cultural diversity training" in recent years. Terrill, who lives in the East Lansing area, noted it's difficult to say if that translates to better policing at the street level. "At least more departments are making an effort to offer that training."

For young people, he agreed cadet programs and citizen ride-alongs with police are helpful. Terrill encourages students to complete their undergraduate work. "You need the common sense." Officers also need to see beyond what's going on and have empathy, he said.

The traditional officer was a suburban white male disconnected from the community he policed, and Terrill believes it's beneficial to remove that disconnect. "They have a better understanding of the clientele they're policing."

This is Terrill's third year teaching at MSU; he was a military police officer in the 1980s "and thought 'I'm going to go on and study the police." Terrill believes he was at 18 too young to be a military



officer, armed and with those responsibilities. He noted many departments now require officers to be at least 21, and he favors the age of 25.

The professional era of policing came on strong after World War II, with midand large-sized departments professionalized with extensive training. "You couldn't just know the mayor anymore and wind up on the beat the next day," said Terrill, adding that sheriff's departments, notably in the South, tend to be more political.

Terrill agreed those considering law enforcement should realize they'll be largely a social worker. "They're dealing with disputes and interpersonal problems." Some students can have role conflicts when they realize they'll help neighbors resolve disputes over an apple tree.

He also reminds students it's difficult to get in at the federal level, such as being an F.B.I. agent. "They're going to have to start at the local level," the professor said. "It's very difficult to get into the federal system without having local law enforcement experience."

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Gary Whittakers, who bought the farm from Fred Verran 12 years ago, is very pleased with his customers' response to the many features he has added over the years. "Business has really taken off," he said. "Every year

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we try and add something new."

This year, he has added a screened-in porch with a wrap-around outdoor seating area, fully stocked with wooden rocking chairs. Whittakers wanted to give his customers a place to sit and eniov the fresh donuts and awardwinning apple cider.

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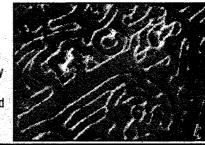
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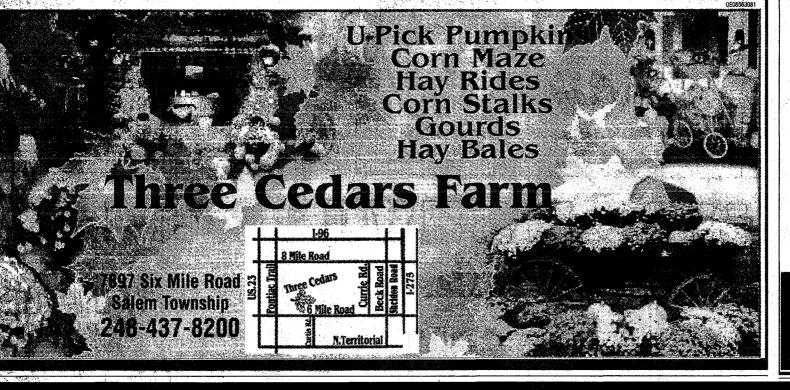
FAMILY BUSINESS

The Whittakers family all work at the farm, including children Jamie, Carrie and Travis and their spouses. This family Brothers Orchards of Grand Rapids." The spirit is one that Gary Whittakers is very proud of and it shows. "We have created a clean, happy atmosphere of life on a farm for the family," he said.

Industrial Packaging in Detroit, said his weekends at Three Cedars Farm are phenomenal," he added. Located at 7897 Six Mile Road, visiting hours are 10 a.m. until dusk Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday to Sunday.

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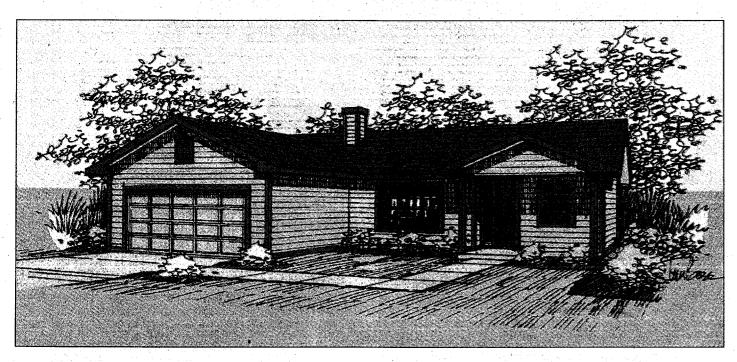


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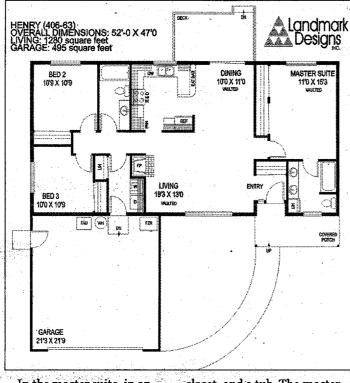
Henry suits smaller family that likes company

Vaulted ceilings abound in the Henry (406-63), increasing the open, airy feeling of an already spacious plan. A small covered porch provides the entry to this home.

One novel feature is the large vaulted living room. The large paned window provides a full view of the front area, and bathes the living room and entry area in soft natural light. A fireplace with a wide tile hearth sets on the wall of the living room. It is centrally located, and can be enjoyed from not only the living room, but also the dining room and the kitchen.

The kitchen is large enough to handle the kids and all their friends for a pizza party, or the holiday family gathering. There is a large pantry cabinet and an eating bar for those Sunday morning brunches. Other kitchen amenities include a dishwasher and a large double sink.

The dining area is also vaulted. Outside the sliding doors, one can walk on the deck, have barbecues, or just



In the master suite, in an attempt to save space, wall closets the full length of the room were used. The master closet, and a tub. The master bedroom is also one of the rooms that are vaulted for that open airy look.

are located on the opposite side of this particular design along with another bathroom with a tub. The utility room is also in this area and contains the washer and dryer. It has a linen closet that is convenient for putting towels and sheets away once they are dried.

If you walk through the utility room, there is a door that goes into the two-car garage. The garage is large enough to house a freezer, water heater, and most important, the forced air unit.

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Condominium operation

Attorney Robert Meisner will offer a course on Condominium Operation: Introduction to the Essentials for Success," 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 16 through Nov. 6, at the Bingham III Office, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, Bingham Farms. Price is \$110 for an attendee. The course is offered through the Oakland Community College Business Technology Center. Continuing education credit available, advance registration needed. For registration details, call (248) 522-3618.

Builders

Rochester Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Education Seminars will offer a 16-hour seminar, How To Build Your Own Home on Tuesday/Thursday, Oct. 30, Nov. 1, 6 and 8, from 6-10 p.m. at Adams High School, 3200 Tienken Road, Rochester Hills.

Designed for those who want to contract their own home construction as well as those who want to work with a builder, the course details each stage of construction as well as your rights and responsibilities. The seminar costs \$199 plus \$30 for textbooks to teacher. Spouse's discount is half of the tuition.

Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, Oct. 26, to Rochester Community Education. Call (248) 726-3165 to register weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

New treasurer, kudos for agent

Weir Manuel Realtors announced that agent Robert Taylor has been elected treasurer of the Michigan Association of Realtors for 2008.

This is a very impressive win," said Kelly Sweeney, CEO of Weir Manuel, "because now Bob is in the rotation to become president in 2010."

Karen Lambert, an agent in the West Bloomfield office of Weir Manuel Realtors, has won the honor of being one of the top 50 "Realtors on the Rise" for 2007 as chosen by Real Estate magazine's editors. The national award winners were featured in the August 2007 issue of the magazine.

Lana Waldorf, also of the West Bloomfield office of Weir Manuel, submitted Lambert's nomination, saying, "Karen Lambert joined Weir Manuel Realtors in 2004 as a Realtor in training. Like many others in Michigan, Karen and her husband, Jim, were facing numerous financial challenges. Rather than adopting a 'poor me' attitude, Karen embraced this challenge with energy and enthusiasm. Through her diligent efforts and the excellent support of her manager and broker, Karen has become a top producing real estate sales



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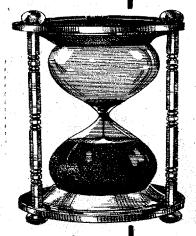




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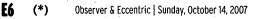


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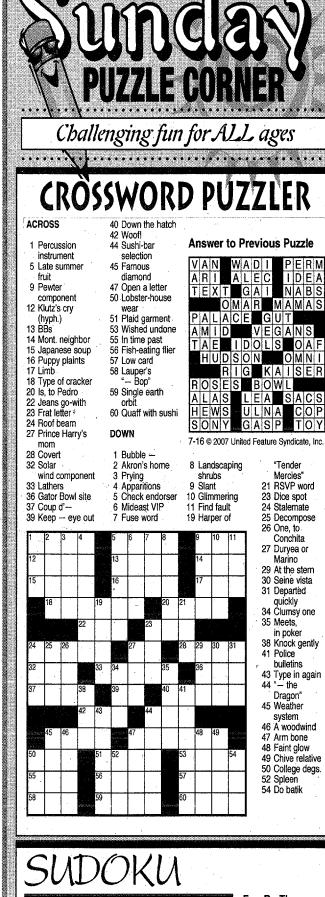




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The 2008 Chevy Uplander is a great choice for those needing a minivan that looks nothing like the tame soccer mom-mobiles of old. When Chevrolet changed the name of the Venture to the more rugged-sounding Uplander in 2005, it also started billing the minivan as a crossover sport van.

While there are some SUV styling cues such as a sevenpassenger seating capacity and a low step-in height, most people would still consider the Uplander a minivan.

The Uplander is built on the same platform as the Saturn Relay, Buick Terraza and Pontiac Montana SV6. General Motors was supposed to redesign the Uplander for 2010, but due to the failure of almost all of its redesigned minivans and because minivan sales are down everywhere, the

Uplander will be phased out after 2009. The 2008 Uplander comes in regular- and longwheelbase sizes. Regular-wheelbase models come in LS trim only, while the extended versions are available in LS or upscale LT trim.

The \$21,105 LS offers 17-inch alloy wheels, full power accessories, air conditioning, a CD/MP3 player and the OnStar communications system.

The LT trim consists of three subsets: 1LT, 2LT and 3LT. The 1LT adds a passenger-side power-sliding door, rear-seat DVD entertainment system with infrared headphones, alloy wheels and a power driver seat.

Moving up to the 2LT adds dual-zone climate control, an overhead console, a trip computer and steering-wheelmounted audio controls.

The luxury-orientated 3LT offers standard leather seating, heated front seats, a power passenger seat, XM satellite radio, the PhatNoise digital media system, which allows owners to store hundreds of hours of music files and/ or movies, a 115-volt power outlet and a Homelink transmitter.

The PhatNoise entertainment system is ideal for family road trips as it also comes pre-loaded with TV shows from Nickelodeon, music from eMusic, audiobooks from Audible and video games from Capcom.

Some noteworthy standalone options on all Uplanders include dual power-sliding side doors, rear parking assist and a remote vehicle starting system.

The Uplander is powered by a 3.9-liter V6 with 240



The 2008 Chevrolet Uplander delivers the bold styling of an SUV, the passenger room and interior versatility of a van and the smooth ride of a sedan.

horsepower that is mated to a four-speed automatic transmission. This new engine cranks out 40 more horsepower than last year and is more powerful than the Uplander's domestic rivals and competitive with the latest powerplants found in Japanese and Korean minivans.

The V6 is a flexible-fuel engine, meaning it can run on E85, which is a blend of 85-percent ethanol as well as regular unleaded fuel.

There are different standard safety features for the Uplander, depending on the trim. All Uplanders include fourwheel anti-lock disc brakes and stability control standard. Front seat-mounted side-impact airbags that provide both head and torso protection are optional on the Uplander LS and standard on the LT. For the 2LT and 3LT packages, Chevy also includes side airbags for the second row.

In National Highway Traffic Safety Administration crash tests, the Chevy Uplander received a perfect five-star rating for protection of front occupants in frontal crashes. For sideimpact crashes, the Uplander earned four stars for protection of front occupants and five stars for the rear occupants.

On the inside, all Uplanders have a two-tone color scheme with faux metal accents that brightens the cabin and makes it seem roomier.

The Uplander is versatile, as most minivans are. The second- and third-row seats can be folded and removed for added storage. Bucket seats come standard in the second row, while captain's chairs with integrated armrests are optional.

The Uplander has a flexible rear cargo system that has three dividers. When the third-row bench seat is folded, the seat and storage system combines to create a level load floor. Total cargo volume is 136.5 cubic feet with the second- and third-row seats folded and 27 cubic feet with all the seats up.

Foldable convenience trays sit between the first- and second-row seats. An overhead rail system contains integrated audio and climate controls, lighting and the backseat entertainment system.

For customers who need easier access to enter or exit a vehicle the Uplander can be ordered with the dealer-installed Sit-N-Lift power seat. Operated by a hand-held remote control, this innovative seat rotates and extends out from the right side of the vehicle's second-row seating area to provide easy transfer from a standing position or from a wheelchair.

The Sit-N-Lift seat is mounted in the original seat attachments and is installed in place of the second-row passenger seat. Available as a regular production accessory and as an accessory kit through GM Accessories, Sit-N-Lift requires no permanent vehicle modifications.

Whether you want a crossover sport van or an edgy minivan, the Uplander should satisfy for a relatively low price compared to its competitors.

2008 Chevrolet Uplander Vehicle class: Minivan / crossover sport van. Power: V6 engine. Mileage: 18 city/ 25 highway. Where built: Doraville, Ga. Base price: \$21,105.

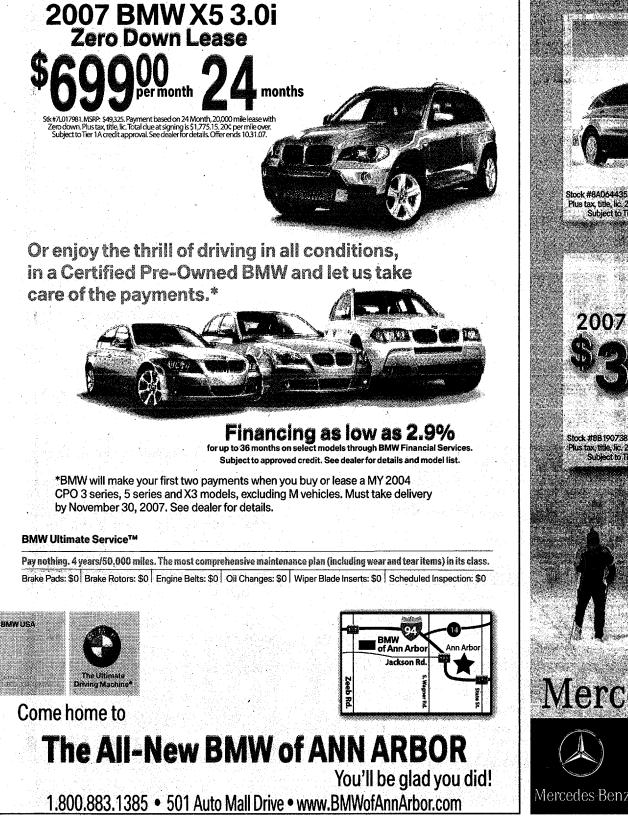
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