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## PIPELINE

### Corriveau coffee

State Rep. Marc Corriveau will be holding a coffee at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman on Monday, Aug. 24 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to come and meet Corriveau and have their concerns or issues addressed.

### Rouge friends

Friends of the Rouge recently received \$1,000 from Henniges Automotive for support of the Rouge Education Project (Friends of the Rouge's school-based water quality monitoring program).

"The enthusiastic support from sponsors like Henniges Automotive is amazing," said Emily Hughes, Rouge Education Project, Program Manager. "This project is a great opportunity for a business or organization to get involved in a local environmental education initiative."

Last year, 10 sponsors helped to support the 2008-2009 Rouge Education Project through the Adopt-a-School campaign. The campaign has attracted over \$50,000 in sponsorships, which supports 23 of the 53 participating schools. Contributions assist with school program registrations, water quality testing equipment, workshop participation, and program T-shirts, as well as the program administration.

Friends of the Rouge hopes to have all of the schools in the project supported by local sponsors. Currently many schools are supported in part by the U.S. EPA's Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project grant.

All or parts of 48 communities are located in the Rouge watershed, which includes parts of Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties. These 48 communities have a combined population of nearly 2.5 million people.

### Cutest baby

Personalized Nursing LIGHT House sponsors its first Cutest Baby Contest during the Plymouth Fall Festival Sept. 11-13. Winners will be announced Sunday, Sept. 13 at 5 p.m.

Parents should send one 5x7 (or smaller) picture with the required \$10 entry fee by Sept. 1. Mail entries to Cute Baby, c/o Teresa Smith, 575 S. Main, Ste. 6, Plymouth, MI 48170. Child must be 36 months old or younger.

For more information, call (734) 451-7800.



Michael Puzzuoli (from left), Max McLean and Mike McLean, all of Sterling Heights, dressed in pink and showed up in downtown Plymouth to support (and surprise) relatives who were walking in the Breast Cancer 3-Day.

## Show of support Plymouth turns out to cheer 3-Day walkers

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They came up Ann Arbor Trail from the east, some more slowly than others, about halfway in to Saturday's 20-mile portion of the Breast Cancer 3-Day.

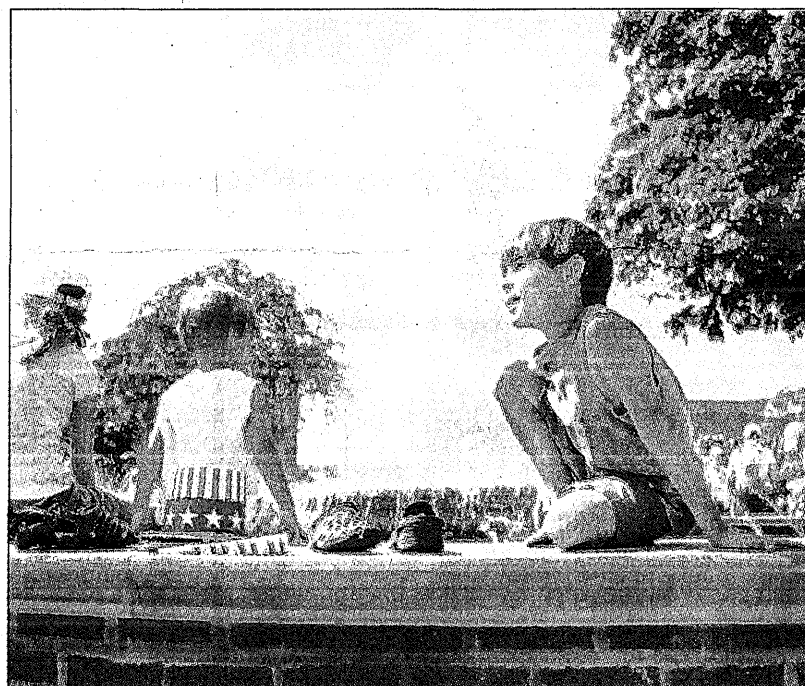
As they drew closer to downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park, noise levels grew. A van drove by blaring from the 3-Day, A4. Celebration. And, a couple of blocks from the park, the applause started.

Thousands of people, in some places four-five rows deep, rose as one, clapping and cheering as the women and men walking in support of breast cancer research made their way into town. It was the Kellogg Park cheering station, and it was a welcome sight to walkers, some nearly out on their feet.

"This is awesome," said a very tired, but smiling, Katie Nelson, a 19-year-old walker from Rochester. "You don't feel the pain when there are so many people cheering."

Some 2,000 walkers — supported by about 1,200 crew members and, of course, the thousands willing them on — made their way through Plymouth Saturday morning and found some help waiting. People spritzed them from water bottles, offered them fruit and iced treats and applauded their efforts during some five hours the cheering station was open.

Plymouth Police handled crowd control, members of the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club were on hand to help control street traffic and volunteers of all sorts made sure



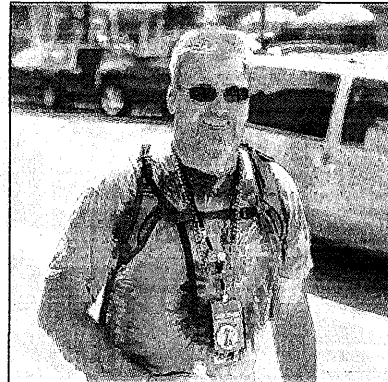
Ben Housey, 6, of Troy, cooled his heels in the pink water of the Kellogg Park fountain while waiting to cheer on his mom, Amber, who was participating in the 3-Day.

walkers knew their efforts were appreciated.

Plymouth City Commissioner Ed Hingelberg, walking in the event for the second straight year, figured the show of support would be the talk of the night at the camp site where walkers would bed down.

"Being a city commissioner and seeing this ... I had tears in my eyes coming in," Hingelberg said. "You have no idea what this means to the walkers. It's mile after mile of nothing but hot ... it's a shot in the arm like you wouldn't believe."

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Tim McDonnell of Pinckney walked in support of his wife, who just completed her first year of breast cancer treatment.

## Township board expects to hike water, sewer fee

BY MATT JACHMAN  
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Water bills are expected to go up in Plymouth Township this fall as officials try to reconcile a drop in water demand with the cash flow needed to pay the system's fixed costs.

The township Board of Trustees, with a 6-1 vote Tuesday, approved the first reading of an ordinance amendment that calls for a nearly 18-percent hike in the combined water and sewer rate, from \$6.24 to \$7.35 per thousand gallons. The measure, if a second reading is approved next month, is likely to take effect in October.

For a household with moderate water usage (10,000 gallons every three months) the increase would take quarterly bills from nearly \$80 to almost \$91. Typical household bills include a meter charge of \$15.69 and a service charge of \$1.80 in addition to the water and sewer charges.

The increase comes despite a new contract with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department that cut the wholesale water rate the township pays the city by 23 percent. Other factors, such as sewage disposal costs and infrastructure — in which the township recently invested some \$2 million in improvements through a bond sale — are pushing up the retail price. The \$1.11-per-thousand increase approved Tuesday was tacked onto the sewer portion of the combined rate.

The township is also contending with decreased water demand, which means less water sales revenue. Demand fell by about 10 percent from 2007 to 2008, and is on track to fall another 5 percent this year, officials said. The drop is being blamed on cooler, rainier summers and, in a recessionary economy, fewer employees using water at township businesses during the work day.

The township is expected to sell just over 1.3 billion gallons of water this year, the lowest volume, Treasurer Ron Edwards said, since 1996.

Township Supervisor Richard Reaume noted Tuesday that in 2007, the township was hit with about a 30-percent wholesale water price increase, but only passed part of that on to consumers. Last year's wholesale increase, about 12 percent, wasn't passed on at all.

Trustee Steve Mann cast the lone no vote Tuesday.

"I just think it's too much of a significant increase at this time," Mann said, adding he recognizes the need to cover fixed costs.

"We still do have a little bit of cushion in the fund, and maybe it's better to smooth this increase out over a couple of years," he added.

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## Olympic success was in seniors' cards

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was supposed to rain, possibly. It looked like it would rain.

And then ... it didn't rain. And that was good news as hundreds of seniors gathered Monday at Nankin Mills in Hines Park for the opening ceremony of the 2009 Western Wayne County Senior Olympics.

More than 600 seniors spent the week competing in more than 25 events, including running, golf, bowling, swimming, billiards, tennis, creative writing and volleyball.

Plymouth and Plymouth Township (along with Redford) were designated hosts for the event, which runs through Friday's medals ceremony.

"Thank God the rain held off," said Bobbie Pummill, director of the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, who hosted the euchre tournament at the Plymouth Cultural Center. "(The opening ceremony) went very well."

The euchre tournament drew 74 card players from across the county, and Plymouth euchre enthusiasts fared pretty well. Michael Benninger



The Western Wayne County Senior Olympics euchre tournament drew 74 card players to the Plymouth Cultural Center Monday.

and Kathleen McNulty were bronze medalists in the men's and women's tournaments, respectively.

Pummill said the players and, just as importantly, the volunteers who helped work the event

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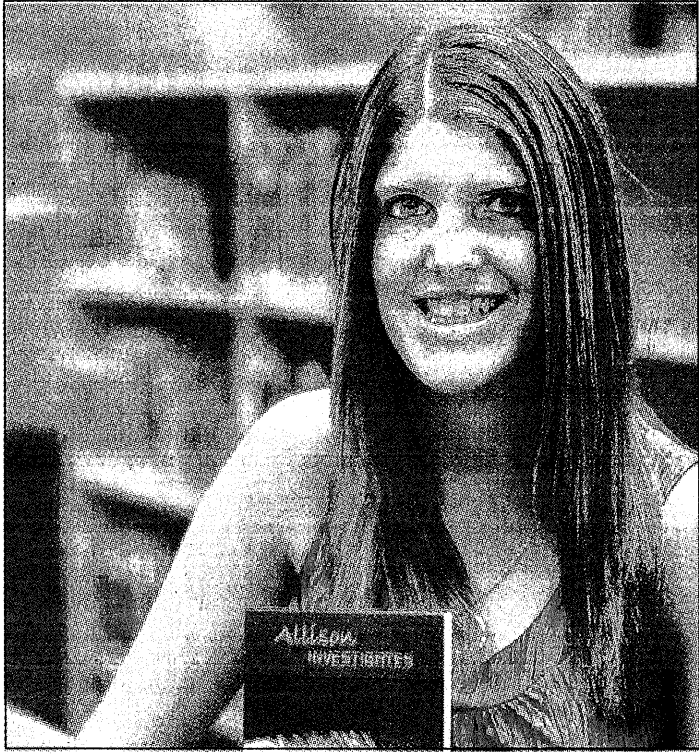
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Author Taylor Joseph of Canton has penned her second book, a mystery about an inquisitive teenager thrust into the world of skateboarding and organized crime.

# Teen pens a new chapter with second book

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton teen Taylor Joseph has had a whirlwind summer. She's learning to drive. She is 16, after all. She's spending a little time with friends. Oh, and she's promoting her second novel.

Taylor's new book and first mystery, *Allison Investigates* (Four Star Publishing, \$12.95), hits bookstores in September. It tells the 202-page story of an inquisitive teen and aspiring detective who, along with three friends, is thrust into a subculture of skateboarders and organized crime while investigating a neighbor's stolen car.

Step aside, Nancy Drew. Taylor visited police stations and car dealerships to research her new novel. Unlike

her title character, though, Taylor isn't interested in becoming a detective.

"I just thought it was something I wanted to write about," she said, sitting Thursday afternoon outside the Canton Public Library. "I like being creative."

Taylor's latest book is billed as a fast-paced adventure that takes Allison and her friends from their teens to young adulthood in the most memorable summer of their lives.

The novel follows Taylor's debut, *The Crossing*, which has sold several thousand copies and tells the story of a 12-year-old Mexican girl's struggles to escape poverty and cross the border into the United States. It can be bought at major bookstores or on amazon.com.

Taylor, who will be a junior at Salem High School this fall

and is the daughter of Larry and Monica Joseph, promoted *The Crossing* with book signings in 12 states. She appeared on 15 radio programs and has made a television commercial promoting literacy, although she needs more sponsors before it will air.

One school system in Plano, Texas, invited Taylor to speak to eight schools in two days. "They treated her like a queen," Larry Joseph said.

Taylor spends most Saturdays and Sundays writing, so she doesn't have much spare time. Still, she enjoys what time she can squeeze in with friends to play sports. She also has a Web site, www.taylorjoseph.com.

Taylor started taking writing seriously when she was only 8 years old. "She's always been artistic and creative," Joseph said.

### SIGNING DAY

- Who: Taylor Joseph, 16, of Canton
- What: She'll sign copies of her second book, *Allison Investigates*
- Where and when: 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, northwest corner of Six Mile and Haggerty in Northville; 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Borders in Canton, on Ford Road between Sheldon and Lilley.

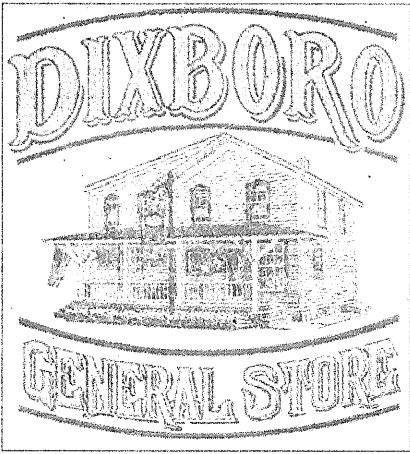
Even before *Allison Investigates* hits bookstores, Taylor already has nearly finished her third novel about a powerful king who has everything but peace, after his wife dies giving birth to a third child. The Joseph family, which also has a 14-year-old son, Evan, is negotiating with a New York agent who may become involved in publishing the next book.

Taylor said she wanted to thank all the teachers across the country who have invited her to their classrooms to talk about her books and to promote literacy. "It's a very important issue," she said.

She still isn't sure if she will make a lifelong career out of writing. "Only if I become a best-seller," she said, smiling. Otherwise, she may become a nurse.

That is, after she learns to drive.

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# Stolen truck may have had mechanical failure

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Police say mechanical failure may be behind the disappearance of a 1997 Ford F-150 pickup truck that was reported stolen in Plymouth Township on Friday.

The truck was found on Saturday afternoon, having crashed into the side of a barn off of Powell Road, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said. The crash damaged one side of the barn considerably, police said. The trucks doors were pinned shut by the way the truck was wedged into the barn, and the truck cab's rear sliding window was locked, police said.

The truck had been reported stolen the night before by a 16-year-old Whitmore Lake boy, police said. The teen told police he parked the truck on Chandler Drive outside the house of some friends at about 8:40 p.m., and that it was gone when he returned to it shortly before 11 p.m.

Police theorize the truck's transmission failed, slipping into neutral, and that it then coasted south on Chandler, crossed Powell and struck the barn. A police sergeant put his patrol car into neutral, starting from the spot on Chandler the boy said the truck was parked, and police said the patrol car followed that path. An Internet search, police said turned up service bulletins and a recall notice, due to a transmission cable, for the 1997 F-150.

## Drug arrest

A 21-year-old Milford man was arrested on drug and drug paraphernalia charges Saturday morning. Bafter police found him in a car, blocking a driveway, on West Hill Top Drive.

The suspect was in a Hyundai, a police report said, smelled of alcohol and marijuana and had bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. He tried to move the car, but police told him he couldn't, and he agreed to let an officer move it for him.

The officer found suspected marijuana around the gearshift and the center console, police said, and a grinding instrument, with suspected marijuana in it, in a bag on the

## CRIME WATCH

passenger seat. The man was arrested. A more extensive search of the car turned up suspected marijuana in three different pill bottles, police said. Police said the substance later tested positive for marijuana.

## Bike stolen

A Schwinn bicycle was reported stolen from outside a house on Beech Drive on Monday. The complainant told police the bike had been left unsecured and had been taken between about 6 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Monday.

## FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Aug. 12-18:

• Tuesday, Aug. 18 - Commercial rescue runs on Main and on Beck; residential rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road, on Woodland Place, on Parkview, on Sheridan and on Northville Road; rescue run to a public building on Haggerty; special run on Chandler.

• Monday, Aug. 17 - Residential rescue runs on Risman, on Northville Road, on Jackson and on Sheldon; special run on Ann Arbor Road; rescue run at a public building on Haggerty.

• Sunday, Aug. 16 - Residential rescue runs on Newport, on Beacon Hill and on Ann Arbor Road; special run on D Drive; mutual-aid run on Westview; brush fire on Ann Arbor Road.

• Saturday, Aug. 15 - Residential rescue run on Junction; commercial rescue run on Five Mile; open burn on Holbrook.

• Friday, Aug. 14 - Rescue run at Main and Ann Arbor Trail; residential rescue runs on Eastside, on Westbury, on Micol, on Shadywood, on Oregon, on Weston, on Chestnut, on Franklin and on Starkweather; industrial rescue run on Schoolcraft.

• Wednesday, Aug. 12 - Vehicle accidents with wash-down on Forest and on Haggerty south of Ann Arbor Road; vehicle accident on Haggerty; mutual-aid-received run on Northville Road.

work our volunteers put in. That made us feel good. We're proud of our Plymouth people."

Winners will receive their awards at a banquet beginning at noon Friday at the Schoolcraft College Vista Tech Center in Livonia.

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

## Citizens Committee

The Citizens Committee meets 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25, in the Dunning Room at the Plymouth District Library.

The agenda hasn't been established but, according to organizers, will likely revolve around discussions involving what Plymouth Township officials discussed at their Tuesday meeting, including sewer and water rates and amending the General Fund budget.

## Junior Miss

Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss is looking for contestants to participate in this year's program, which takes place Friday, Nov. 20 at the Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton. Senior girls who will graduate from high school in 2010, reside in Plymouth or Canton and are interested in participating should go to the [www.ajm.org](http://www.ajm.org) Web site and register as a contestant.

The program is for senior girls who reside in Plymouth or Canton, no matter which high school they attend.

Questions should be directed to Marissa at [pjrmrmiss@yahoo.com](mailto:pjrmrmiss@yahoo.com). Officials are also still looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping with the program.

## YMCA camps

The Plymouth Family YMCA is still accepting registrations for its summer day camp held at the First United Methodist church on North Territorial.

There are spots available for each of the remaining weeks, Aug. 24-28 and Aug. 31-Sept. 4. Full week or part-time camp is available. It is a great chance to have some fun before the summer ends.

For more information, please contact the YMCA office 734-453-2904 or go to [www.ymcadetroit.org](http://www.ymcadetroit.org).

## Golf scramble

Hickory Creek Golf Course hosts a Junior Golf Scramble 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25.

The event takes place at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Superior Township, just west of Canton off of Ford Road. Cost is \$25 for golf, pizza and prizes.

For more information contact Tami Bealert via e-mail at [trainwithtami@yahoo.com](mailto:trainwithtami@yahoo.com) or by calling (734) 731-0238.

## Chiefettes clinic

Youngsters who would like to be a Junior Canton Chiefette have their chance. The Chiefettes are hosting a Kids' PomPon Clinic for children ages 5-14 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Canton High School gym in

## AROUND PLYMOUTH



## Teachers academy

Jill Dean, a local fifth grade teacher at Dodson Elementary School in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, had been selected to attend the 2009 Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy at the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, N.J. Dean was one of 200 highly-qualified third- through fifth-grade teachers from around the country selected to attend the intensive one-week, all-expense paid professional development program this summer. During the Academy, held last month, teachers discovered new ways to excite students using experiments that demonstrate various math and science concepts including force, gravity and probability. The Academy curriculum works to deepen teachers' understanding of these principles by conducting hands-on experiments that teachers can share with their students in the classroom. Dean was nominated by her former fifth grade student, Gregory Payne of Canton.

the Phase III building.

Cost is \$40 per child and includes a T-shirt and snack. Discounts are available for additional siblings. Parents are invited to come see their daughters perform at noon and all girls attending the clinic will be invited to perform at the Chiefettes annual variety show on Sept. 19.

Registration is from 8:30-9 a.m. the morning of the clinic. Pre-register at [www.cantonchiefettes.com](http://www.cantonchiefettes.com) before Aug. 27 and receive a \$5 discount. Registration is limited to the first 100 participants.

For more information e-mail [PomClinic@cantonchiefettes.com](mailto:PomClinic@cantonchiefettes.com)

## Learning Spanish

Fun, interactive, educational bilingual Spanish classes for toddlers through elementary children are available through Bilingual Fun, which teaches Spanish through music, movement, games and hands on activities.

Registrations are now being taken for fall classes. Arrange for a free trial class at [www.bilingualfun.com](http://www.bilingualfun.com) or by calling (877) 686-7399.

## Perennial exchange

The Trailwood Garden Club, a branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, will sponsor a perennial exchange at the Plymouth Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 9-11 a.m.

It will be located at the east end of Kellogg Park at Union and Ann Arbor Trail. This is a free-bring something, take something event. Members will answer any inquiries about our club as well as general gardening questions.

For additional information

call (734) 459-7146.

## Tour of hope

New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering a one-hour Tour of Hope in their new home at 315 Griswold in Northville.

This tour will give insight into how New Hope was started, the types of grief support services they offer, testimonials from people who have been helped, and the vision of the future from the founder and CEO, Cathy Clough of Plymouth.

Tour dates include 9 a.m. Aug. 21; 6:30 p.m. Sept. 16; and 9 a.m. Oct. 16.

To attend one of the tours, RSVP to New Hope at (248) 348-0115 or e-mail [griefhelp@newhopecenter.net](mailto:griefhelp@newhopecenter.net).

## Grief workshop

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring an eight-week grief workshop, From Grief to New Hope beginning on September 14th. This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support.

Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses. The workshop will meet for eight consecutive Monday nights from 7-8:45 p.m. at Ward Church, located on 6 Mile and Haggerty in Northville.

For registration information call Barb at Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5943. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center

for Grief Support call 248-348-0115 or visit our Web site, [www.newhopecenter.net](http://www.newhopecenter.net)

## PCA golf outing

A golf outing to benefit Plymouth Christian Academy, a preschool through 12th grade educational organization serving the Plymouth-Canton and surrounding communities, is being held Monday, Aug. 24, at Fox Hills Golf Club in Plymouth.

The 18-hole scramble tournament on the Golden Fox course will have an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$100 per golfer and includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, prizes, course contests, silent auction and keynote speaker. Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are also available.

Jim Nill, vice president/assistant general manager of the Detroit Red Wings, is the keynote speaker and featured guest for this event. The goal of this golf outing is to establish an exciting day of golf that raises money for a locker room expansion project at PCA.

For more information, contact Julie Dart, PCA Director of Development, via e-mail at [JDart@plymouthchristian.org](mailto:JDart@plymouthchristian.org)

## Sweetest Day dance

PLAV Post #166 and VFW Post #6695 will co-host a Sweetest Day Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 17, at the VFW Post located at 1436 Mill in Plymouth.

Tickets, which are tax deductible, are \$10 each and are available at the VFW lounge/club room. Entertainment will be provided by Benny Spear, of Benny and the Jets (specializing in 50s and 60s music) along with Greg Jaqua (an Elvis impersonator). There will be door prizes offered throughout the evening along with a cash bar.

For more information, call (734)459-6700.

## Tiny Tots Preschool

The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool still has openings for classes beginning in September.

There are three classes available: Monday-Wednesday-Friday mornings from 8:45-11:15 a.m. for 4-year-olds; Tuesday-Thursday mornings from 8:45-11 a.m. for 3 year olds; and Tuesday-Thursday afternoons from 11:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. for 3 or 4 year olds.

Tuition is \$130 a month for the Monday-Wednesday-Friday class, and \$95 a month for either Tuesday-Thursday class. There is a one time registration fee of \$35.

For more information, call (734) 453-5464 or view the Salvation Army's Web site at [www.misalplymouth.org](http://www.misalplymouth.org).

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helped make it a success.

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# Walkers complete annual 'feet' for charity

BY BRAD KADRICH AND JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITERS

Loretta Lewis, a Rochester resident diagnosed in October with breast cancer, almost never finds herself unable to speak.

But when Lewis, having just completed her worst chemo treatment yet, listened to her 19-year-old daughter, Lindsey, explain she'd formed a team to walk in her mom's honor at this year's Breast Cancer 3-Day, she couldn't form the words to express what she was feeling.

"The fact Lindsey has a team on my behalf ... I just can't ... I'm never speechless, but I must have cried 100 times," Loretta Lewis said Saturday, watching as her daughter's team, and thousands of other walkers, made their way through downtown Plymouth on the second day of the walk. "I never imagined this for myself. It's been amazing and wonderful."

Lindsey Lewis decided to form the team after her mother's diagnosis. The thought germinated as Lindsey, having gone through her third tailbone surgery in a matter of months, watched television during her recovery.

"I was on the couch for weeks, and I saw commercial after commercial about it," Lindsey recalled. "I took care of the whole thing and my



Bridget Powers of Chicago (left) explains the various buttons she was selling to Loretta Lewis of Rochester and her daughter, Lindsey. Powers was selling the buttons to raise money for next year's walk, which she intends to do.

mom never knew. Plus, (the walk) started on my mom's birthday (Loretta turned 47 on Friday), so that was cool."

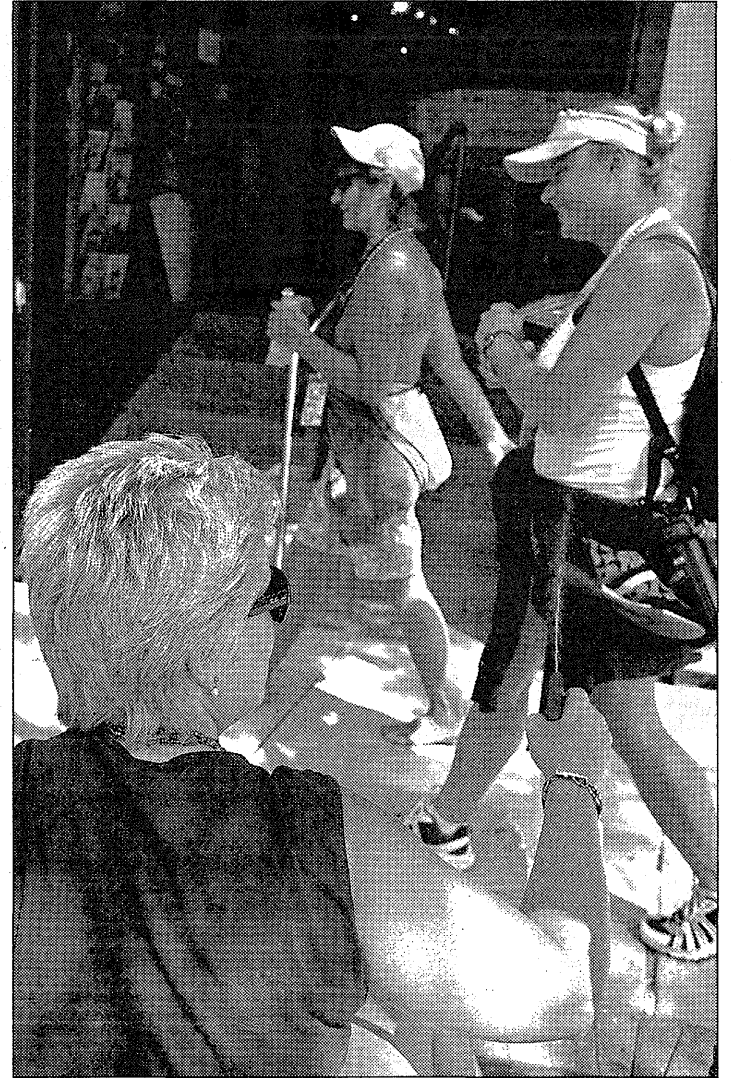
Jean Southward of Carson City, Mich., and husband Ron, who celebrated their 34th anniversary over the weekend, were also in town this weekend for the walk. Jean has breast cancer and was part of a large cheering section in Saturday.

"I'm one month out of chemo," said Jean, who walked the walk seven years ago and had two daughters in this year's walk. "I had this gut feeling it might be me someday. Lo and behold, it ended up being me."

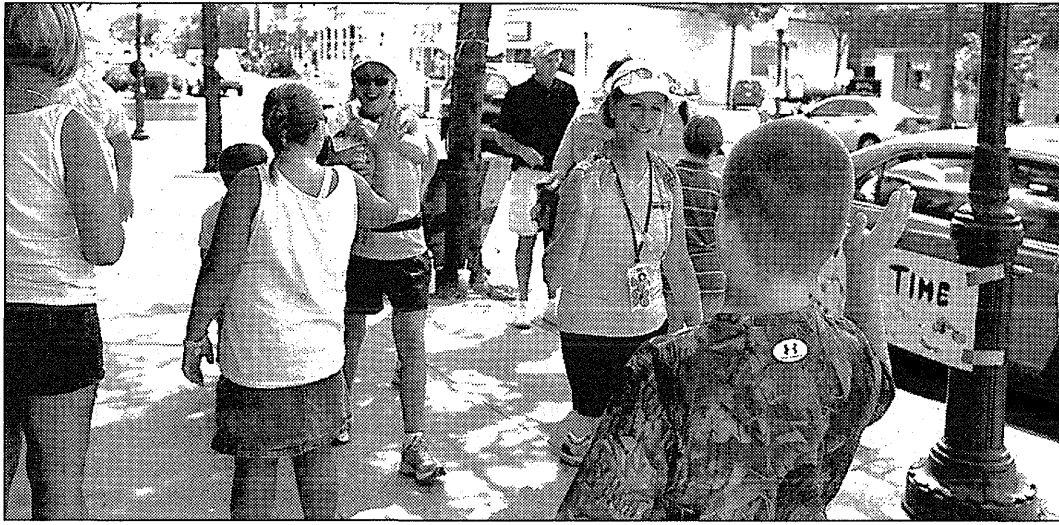
Sisters Kimberly Peiler of Canton and Kristen Wegener of the Dallas, Texas, area were cheering on walkers. The sis-

ters, with Kimberly's 5-week-old baby Alex, were cheering on the Coconutter Strutter team, all friends from South Lyon High School where they were in band together.

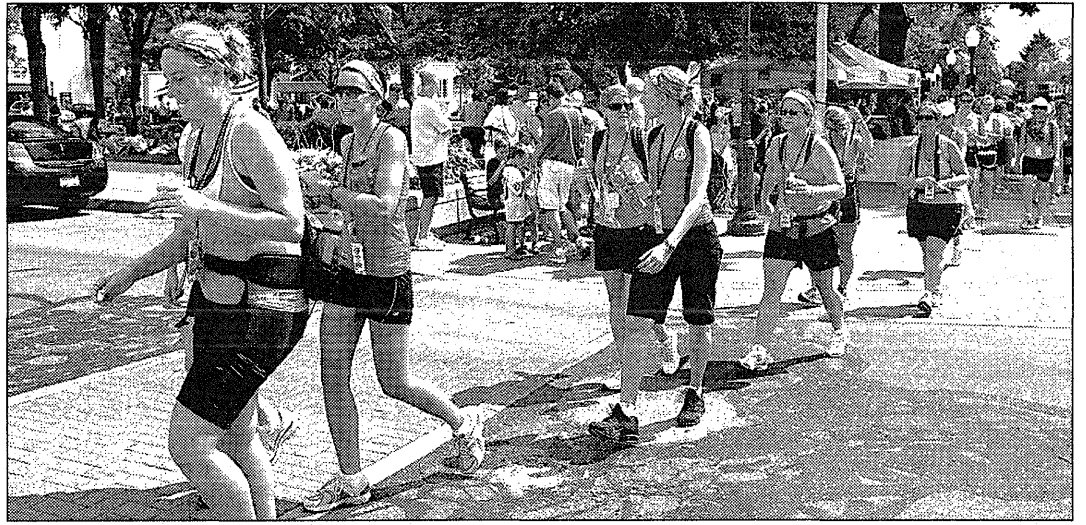
"They've done these for three years now," Peiler said. "We're cheering them on. They're fit, so they can walk 60 miles. We just love our friends and the cause is important, too."



Carolyn Williams of White Lake gives walkers a cooling spritz of water. Williams participated in the 2008 3-Day, and said the reception she got in Plymouth was one of the most uplifting experiences of her life.



Walkers in the Breast Cancer 3-Day got high-fives from folks along the street as they passed through downtown Plymouth Saturday.



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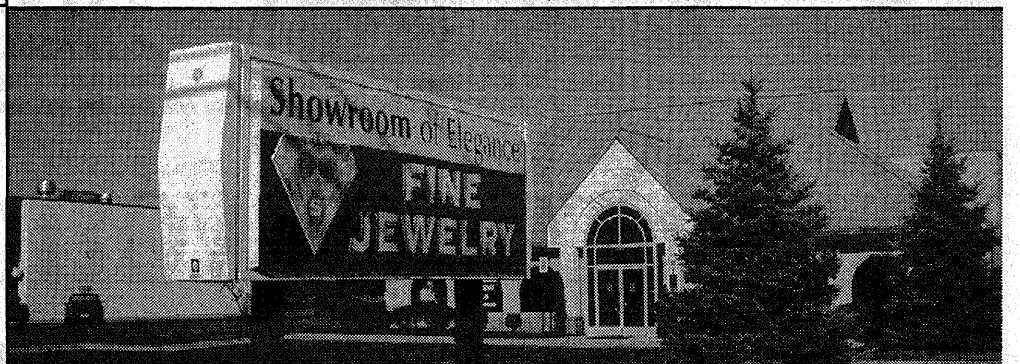
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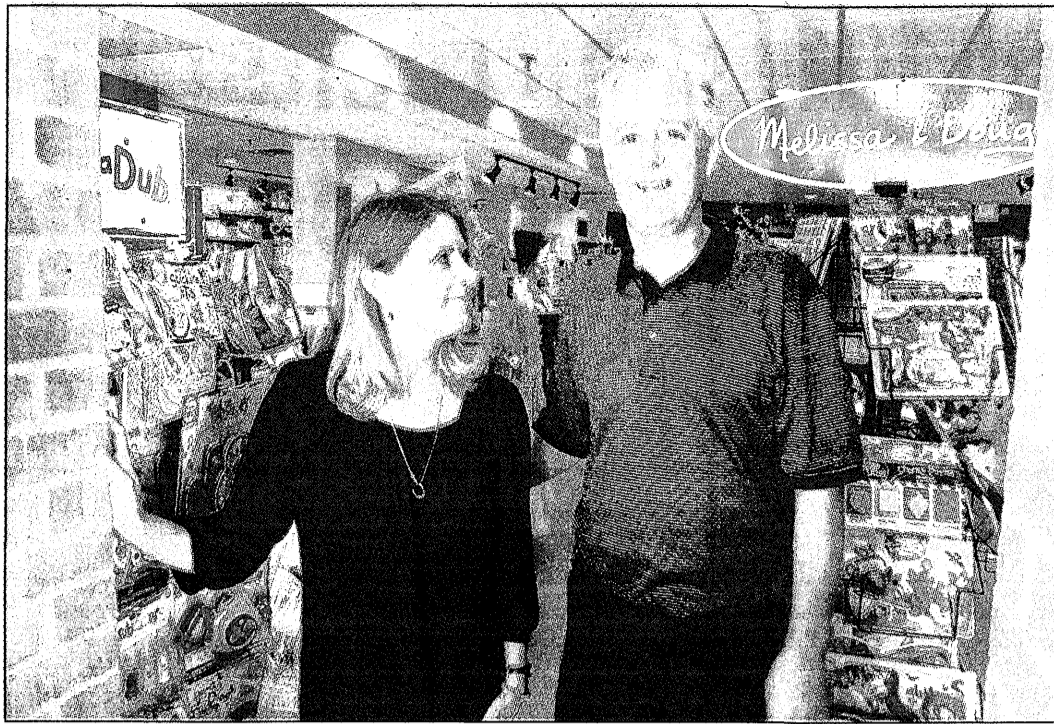
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Elle and Charles Dale just opened the Genuine Toy Company, a sort of 'back to basics' toy store in Plymouth.

## New Plymouth store finds its niche with back-to-basics toys

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you're looking for electronic games with enhanced graphics and the latest digital gadgetry, you won't find them at the Genuine Toy Co.

But if you want toys that call for more interaction and imagination from the kids — and sometimes Baby Boomer grownups — who play with them, the new store in downtown Plymouth is your place.

"We try to find things with a twist," said Charles Dare, who co-owns the Genuine Toy Co. with his wife, Elle. "We don't want to have what everyone else has."

Genuine Toy specializes in the kinds of toys many parents, or even grandparents, grew up with: wooden puzzles and train sets, science, fossil and art kits, wind-ups and rubber balls, wagons, tricycles, costumes and board games. The Dares say their store has been met with an overwhelmingly positive reaction since it opened Aug. 3, with more than 330 people already signed up for its catalogs and rewards program.

The Dares, who live in Plymouth, said they've been

planning their store for over a year. Charles is a former banker and, more recently, financial adviser at Merrill Lynch, while Elle has had a variety of jobs, including designing Web sites, training people on computers, and working with abused children in Chicago through the child protective services agency in Illinois.

One thing they didn't have to plan much — the store's location. The Dares said they knew they wanted to be in downtown Plymouth, and described their store as a good fit for the area.

"It's such a family oriented community," Elle Dare said.

She said the vision for their store came out of their own experience of looking for unique toys for their children. Though they can find such toys on the Internet, she said, that shopping experience doesn't allow buyers to pick up and try out the toys, and savings are offset by shipping costs.

"We couldn't think of anything we'd rather do than own a toy store," Charles Dare said.

The enthusiasm has extended to Charles' daughter Rachael, 12, and son Henry, 9. Rachael helps out around the store while

Henry "is our best customer," Elle Dare said.

Genuine Toy Co., the Dares said, has tapped into a retro appeal that has meant a comeback for toys like Erector Sets (which they carry) and Lincoln Logs (they carry similar kits from Roy Toy).

"People have told us, 'I'm coming back without the kids,'" Elle Dare said.

The store has also benefited from other trends, they said, such as the push to support local businesses, concerns about hazardous materials in some toys (new regulations have made toys safer, they said), and a back-to-basics movement among some families. Genuine Toy has a large selection of puzzles and board game.

The Dares compared Genuine Toy to the stores found in art and science museums, and in a lot of resort towns. They want it to be an alternative to the area's traditional, mostly big-box, retailers. "We need to be unique and different," Charles Dare said.

Genuine Toy Co. is at 550 Forest Avenue, Plymouth. The Web site is [www.genuinetoyco.com](http://www.genuinetoyco.com).

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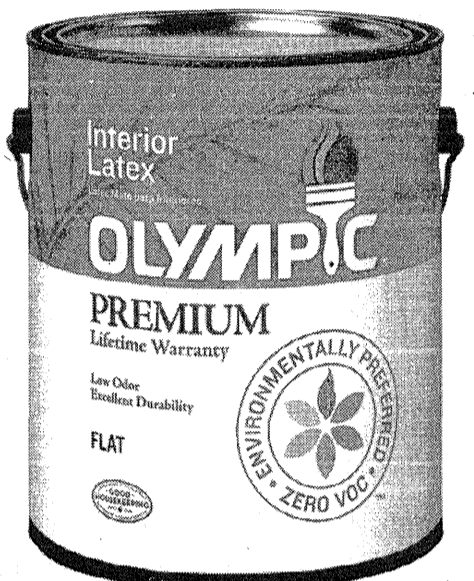
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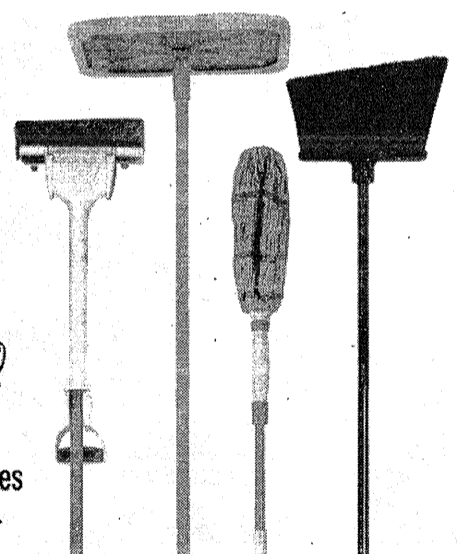


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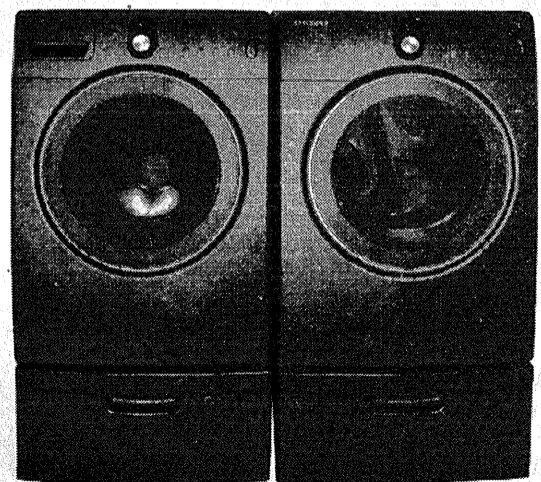
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## At 101, she credits the Lord for her good life

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dorothy Steele had but one wish as she blew out three candles on her birthday cake: "Please bring our country back to worshipping God."

It's reflective of Steele's strong belief in God and her upbringing. Her parents were Methodist missionaries in India, where she grew up and went to school.

"I lived this long because I love the Lord, it makes a difference in one's life," she said. "If you want to live the good life, you have to love the Lord."

"She's always had a strong faith," said her granddaughter Debbie Day of Bloomington, Calif., who flew in for a visit with her son Josh that "fortunately coincided" with a 101st birthday party at the Marquette House in Westland where Steele now lives.

Steele actually turned 101 July 8, but the celebration was delayed by her move from her son's house in Canton, where she had lived for four years.

"She has trouble walking," said her son, Charles. "This was hard to do. It wasn't an easy adjustment for her, but they made it nice for her here."

Steele wore a tiara, received a bouquet of pink roses and was serenaded by songs like *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*, sung by Darlene's Family Affair, a musical troupe from St. Richard's Catholic Church which visits the facility once a month.

Steele was born in Bangalore, India, in 1908. When she was 6 years old, the family returned to the United States for three years. She attended a one-room schoolhouse in Marseilles, Ohio, for one year and then a school in Cleveland across the street from the Rockefeller estate.

The family returned to India, and Steele was sent



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dorothy Steele received a tiara and bouquet of roses to mark her 101st birthday. Steele was born in Bangalore, India, in 1908.

to an American boarding school 1,000 miles away from her family. At age 16, she returned to the U.S. to complete her education, majoring in home economics at Ohio Wesleyan University, where she met her late husband, Russell Steele.

He planned to be a doctor and went on to study at Western Reserve University in Cleveland. She moved to Cincinnati, where she studied to be a nutritionist at Christ Hospital. At the time, Russell was assigned to finish his medical internship in Panama.

The couple married in 1932 and, when Russell received his degree, she joined him in the Central American country. The Steeles lived in the Canal Zone while Russell worked for the Panama Canal Co. They raised their four children — Ann, Janice, James and Charles — there.

"I never worked after I was married," Steele said. "All women should do is raise their children."

The family also moved to Washington, D.C., where Russell studied to be a psychiatrist, which were needed by the military. He

was sent to Japan, where he worked for 18 months before they returned to the U.S. According to daughter-in-law Ramona Steele, the family was held up in Australia on their trip home to accommodate the war brides headed to the U.S.

Russell eventually retired from the Army in 1962 and the couple traveled, visiting places like Italy, Sweden and Greece. According to Steele, all of the countries she lived in and visited were interesting.

"The best place, I probably should say, is the United States, but the most beautiful place was in India. The school I went that was in the mountains," she added.

The Steeles eventually moved to California to live with their daughter Ann. Not long after, Russell died, and in 1994 she bought a home there and fixed it up.

Longevity runs in her family. She had an aunt who lived well into her 90s, and her mother died at age 99.

"Her mother really wanted to make it to 100," Charles Steele said.

The 101st birthday party was subdued compared to the celebration held last year. According to Charles Steele, relatives "came from Maine to California and Michigan to Florida" to celebrate. In addition to her children, Steele has 34 grandchildren and so many great-grandchildren that she has lost count.

"We had 60 people come, we had a big shindig," he said. "It was fun."

Looking back on her 101 years, Steele said the airplane may be the most memorable invention.

"When I was a child, I read about the flying carpet in *Arabian Nights*, but I never thought I would fly in the air," she said. "The story came true for me."

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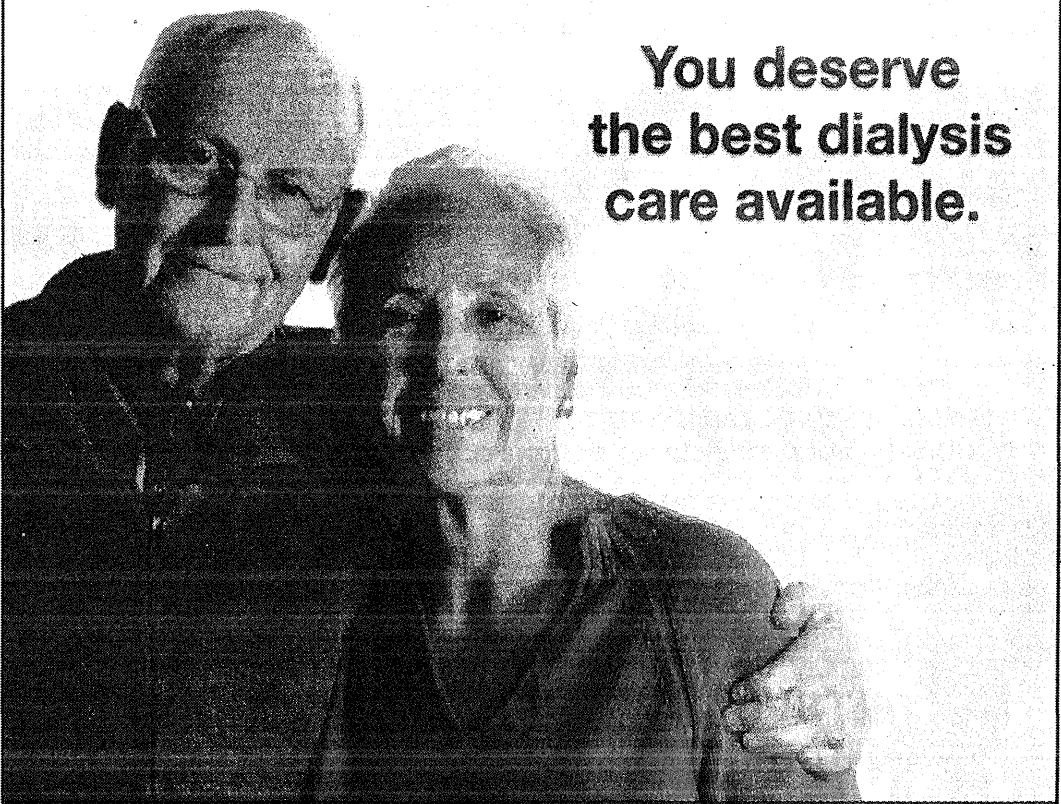
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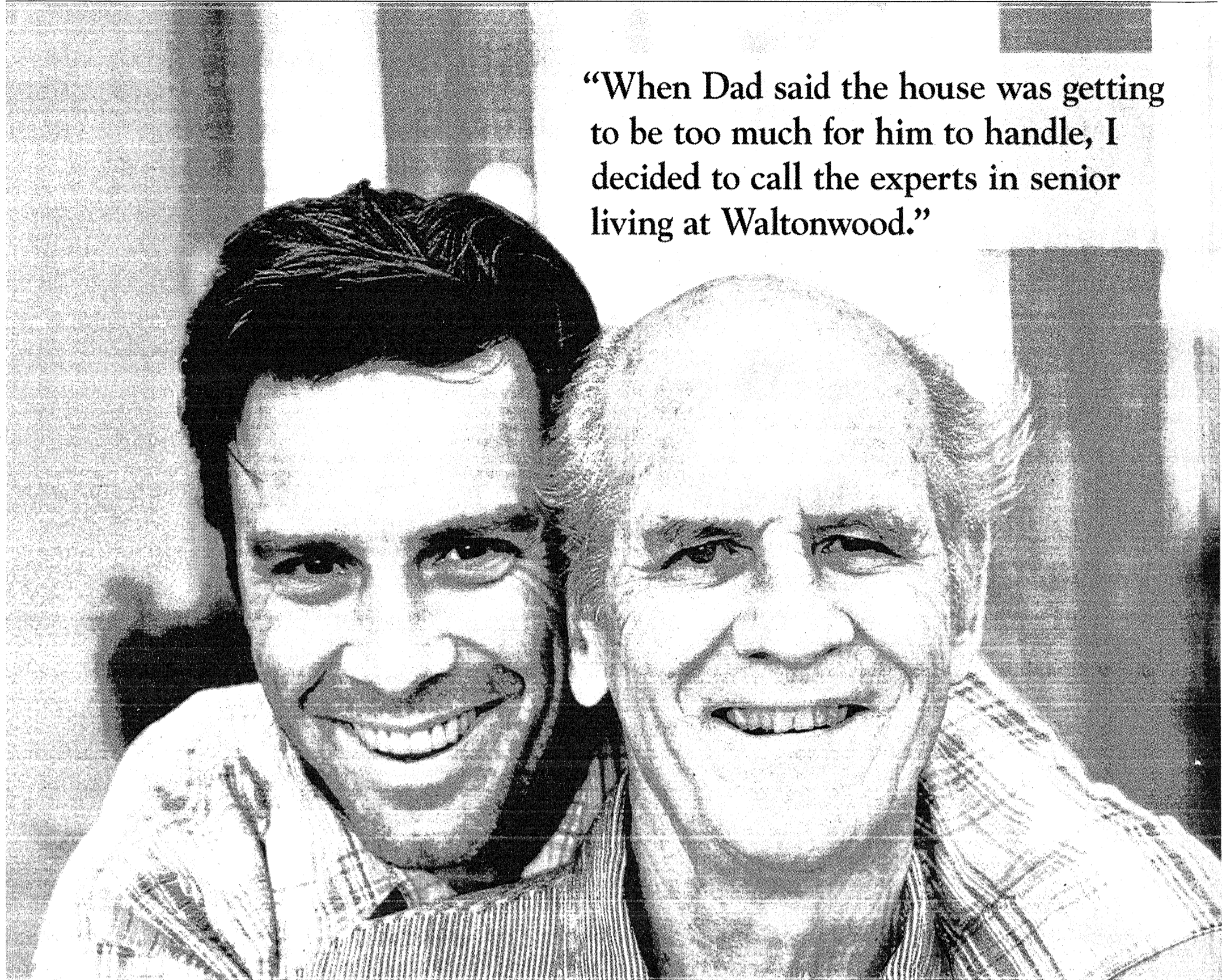
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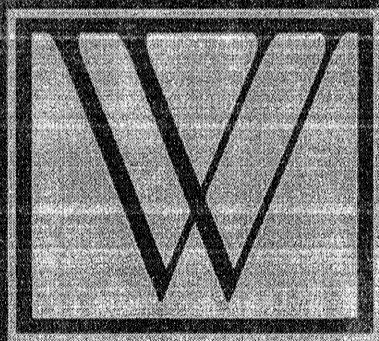


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Berman, who graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy Dental School in 1985, is offering free cleanings for children under the age of 14 and half-off cleanings for adults.

"There's been such a downturn in the economy, and we want to do our level best to help people in the community so their oral care is not neglected," Berman said. "It's our way of giving back to the



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community that has supported us for all those years."

Berman said going for regular dental check-ups "is an important part" of main-

taining one's overall health. He said dental patients are faced with decisions concerning their dental coverage because large clinics and dental maintenance organizations "offer discounted services that appear wonderful on paper." In reality, according to Berman, these plans pay only 50- to 70-percent of their fees.

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The discounted cleanings are but one way Berman said he tries to give back to the community.

He has for the last six years offered scholarships to high school students entering college and the practice donates dental services and has other pro bono programs to help the needy.

They also volunteer time in kindergarten classes in Plymouth and Canton to teach students about oral health, brushing their teeth and other facets of dentistry and oral care.

"Our obligation extends beyond mere financial matters," Berman said. "We feel a responsibility as health professionals to ensure that our patients have their dental needs met."

## Pets take center stage at new festival

The high-flying Purina Incredible Dog Team, featuring Tony Hoard and Rockin' Rory from "America's Got Talent 4" will perform live at Paws in the Park, the new pet festival being hosted in Canton's Heritage Park Saturday and Sunday.

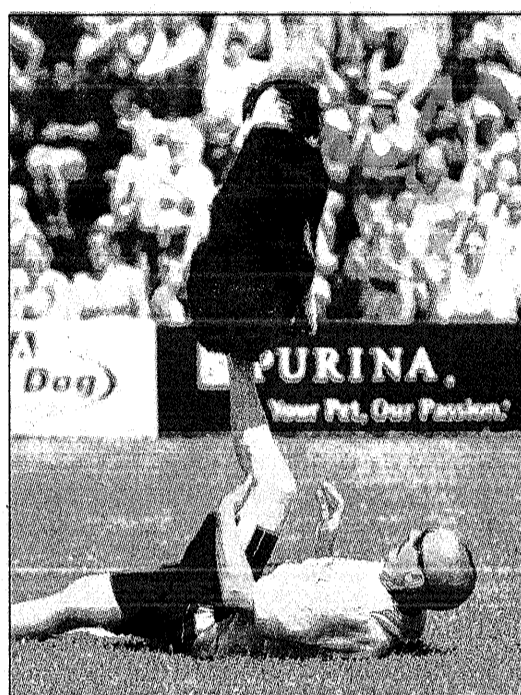
Hoard, Rory and an entourage of athletic canines are a part of the Purina Incredible Dog Team. Daily performances at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. Paws in the Park will feature entertainment, adoptions, education, food and shopping for pet owners and their pets.

The canine show is part of the first Paws in the Park, which features a one-mile Paw Walk to benefit the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

Owners will be encouraged to dress their dogs in costumes and create floats to win great prizes from the event's sponsors, including a year supply of dog treats from Three Dog Bakery in Plymouth and dog food for a year from Canidae Pet Foods. There is a \$15 minimum donation to participate in the Paw Walk.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. and people and their pets can walk between 9 and 10:30 a.m. The first 500 people to pre-register will receive an official Paws in the Park bandanna and one admission ticket to get into Paws in the Park.

The Humane Society of Huron Valley, along with other local shelters, will have on-site pet adoptions both days. To register for the walk log onto [www.pawsintheparkusa.com](http://www.pawsintheparkusa.com).



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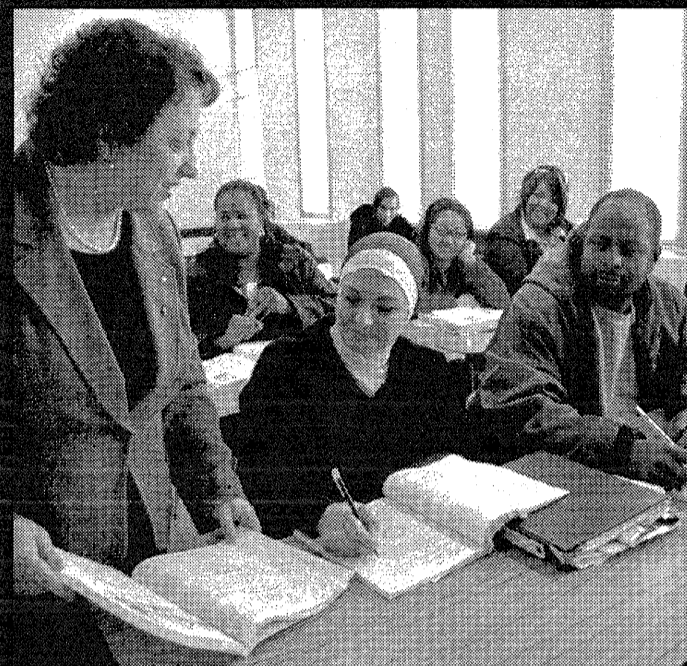
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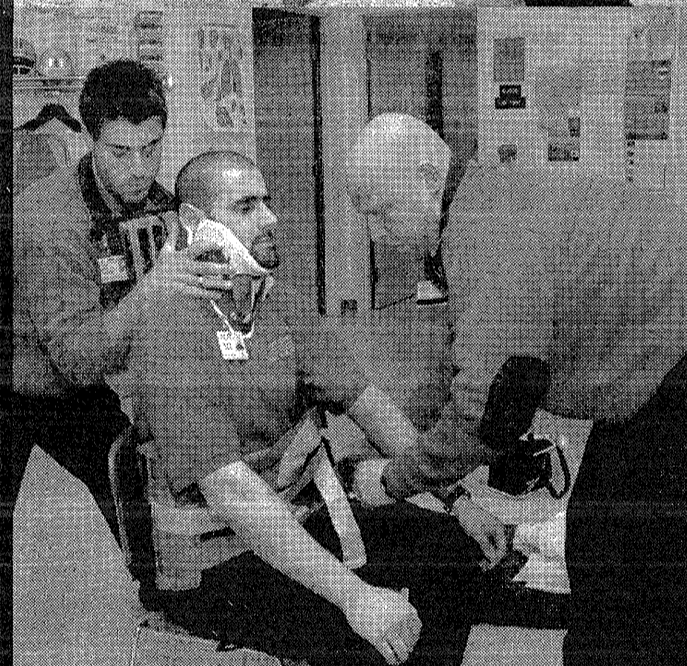
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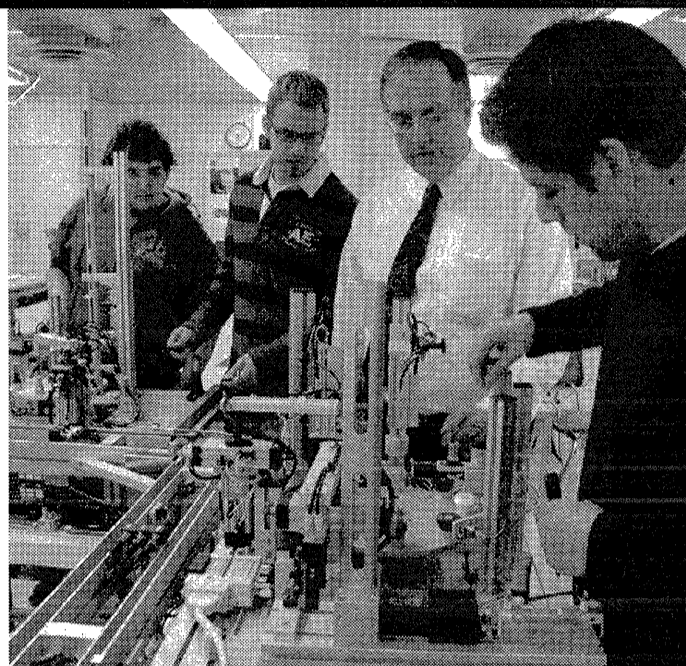
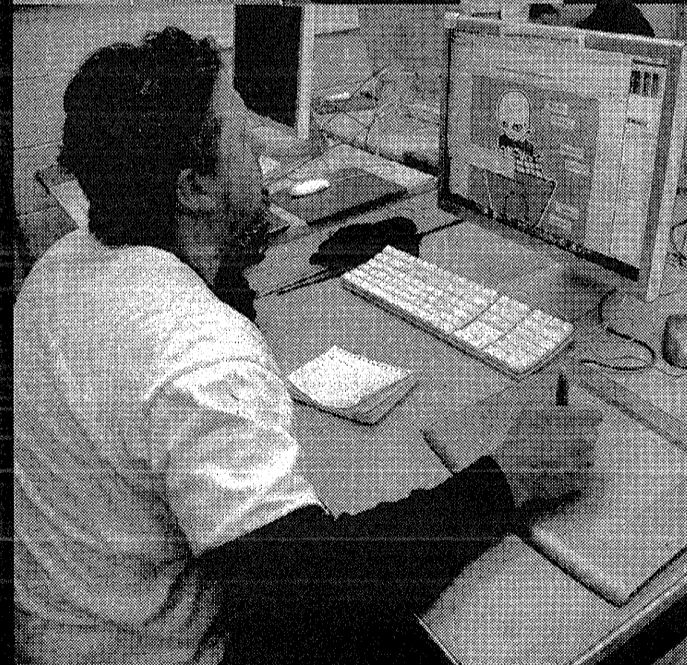
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## OUR VIEWS

### Walk support an 'awesome' sight to behold

Voices rang out from all corners over the weekend, praising the Plymouth community for its support of the annual Breast Cancer 3-Day walk.

We'd like to add ours.

You can start with local officials, who dyed the Kellogg Park fountain pink, made sure the streets were safe for the walkers and made sure walkers had a place they could stop, rest, get some water and some much-needed support.

But, as City Manager Paul Sincock is always quick to point out, it's the community itself — the residents, business owners and visitors alike — who really shine. They lined the route by the hundreds, four-five rows deep in a lot of places. They banged their inflatable whacking sticks, they cheered, they spritzed the walkers with spray bottles many walkers said "felt like heaven."

In short, they provided a midway break and, far more importantly, a spiritual lift absolutely necessary as the walkers hit roughly the 10-mile mark in a 20-mile second day. And the walkers, most obviously from out-of-town, were grateful.

"This is awesome," said a very tired, but smiling, Katie Nelson, a 19-year-old walker from Rochester. "You don't feel the pain when there are so many people cheering."

Well, we're pretty sure they felt the pain and, of course, all of the credit goes to those men, women and children who took up the cause and hoofed it 60 miles over three days to raise money for breast cancer research.

The list of walkers included former Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer and current Commissioner Ed Hingelberg, who undoubtedly spent much of Saturday night at the campground hearing the praise heaped on his community.

"Being a city commissioner and seeing this ... I had tears in my eyes coming in," Hingelberg said. "You have no idea what this means to the walkers. It's mile after mile of nothing but hot ... it's a shot in the arm like you wouldn't believe."

It really shouldn't come as a great surprise — Plymouth has, after all, proven itself time and again as a community that supports worthy causes.

Anyone wondering why the Plymouth community lays such proud claim to its status as a town with a "hometown" feel with a heart as big as all outdoors needed only to be in Kellogg Park Saturday to find out.

Because it's true.

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

Here's a look at what readers are saying about stories on our Web site, [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

• In response to a story about Plymouth Township calling for a traffic study after a pair of fatal accidents near 5 Mile and Ridge:

Livoniaguy wrote:

"A traffic study does not need to be performed. What needs to happen is that drivers have to start paying attention. A stop sign is already there for Ridge Rd traffic. There is absolutely no vision impairment whatsoever at the intersection. Drivers can see a long distance either way there. If I'm at a stop sign, and see a semi barreling down the road, I don't go out into the intersection. Maybe that's just me."

polyglot1947 wrote:

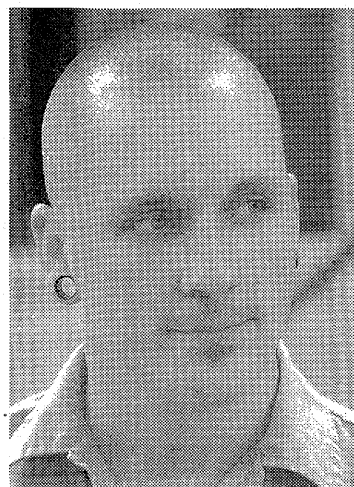
"Some intersections may have posted signage that says 'Cross traffic has right of way' or 'Cross traffic does NOT stop.' If these signs were accompanied by a flashing red light on the signage, it may call attention to the nature of the intersection.

Five Mile is the route taken for all the semi-trucks hauling refuse to the land-fill. Perhaps the land-fill people could underwrite the cost of the extra warning signage, so that other drivers unfamiliar with the area do not get hurt by the trucks screaming by. Commerce and safety can co-exist, and the hope is that the traffic study is not some drawn out affair that only results in more lives lost."

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### With the U.S. Postal Service in financial trouble, would you be in favor of cutting mail delivery from six days a week to five?

We asked this question outside the post office in downtown Plymouth.



"I think the Internet has taken a lot of the flow, so, yeah, it might be for the better."

Christopher Bur  
Plymouth



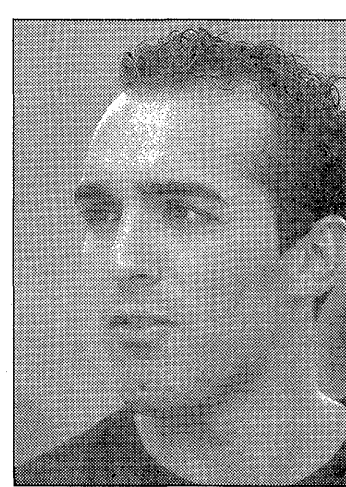
"Actually, I do. I'd miss my mail on Saturday, but it's not really a necessity."

Amy Triebwasser  
Canton Township



"Oh, yeah."

Dawnta Campbell  
Westland



"I think that they should. Why not?"

Derek Blue  
St. Clair Shores

## LETTERS

### What's good about America

On Saturday, I witnessed an example of what makes America America.

As I watched, wave after wave of pink washed by my observation point. Women of all ages, shapes and conditioning filed by; the young high school student followed by, in one case, a 72-year-old woman. The strain of the event and the heat of the day showed in their walk and the perspiration of their bodies.

Their face was another thing. As onlookers shouted encouraging words their faces exposed the determination in their hearts. A shout from an onlooker "Thank You" got their attention. A middle-aged woman, her bald head glimmering from the hot sun, was the author of the phrase. The compassion and determination of their being could be seen in their eyes.

Some simply said "fight the fight" to the onlooker while others left the trail to embrace her and give her words of encouragement.

If you have never experienced this event mark it down on your calendar for next year.

James D. Anulewicz  
Farmington Hills  
director of Municipal Services, Plymouth Township

### Stop the foolishness

National health care and now state health care reforms to quote "save money and give us better benefits," yet not one legislator/senator nor congressman/senator nor administration person wants to be included in it.

That should tell us all something immediately.

We need to stop this foolishness and let private sectors work it out.

Bob Johns  
Plymouth

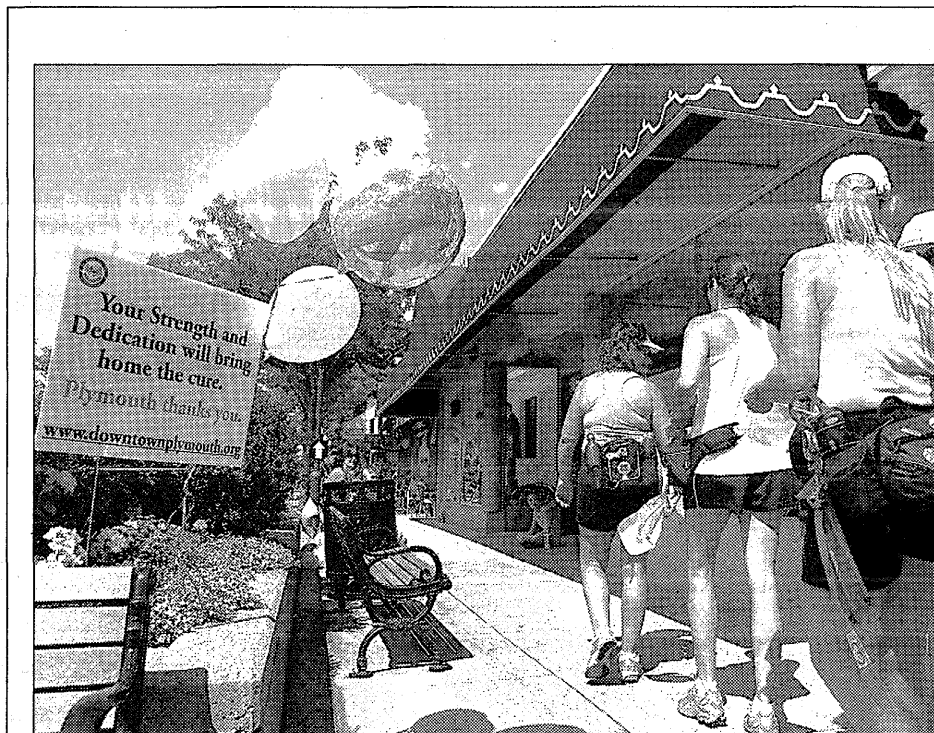
### First to worst

Shame on Sens. Levin and Stabenow for suggesting we throw up a hand to keep from getting hit in the face again by mentioning protective tariffs!

We sure don't need a trade war when the current war on the middle class is going so well. With the wage productivity gap widening as we speak and the disparity between the incomes and wealth of the richest among us compared to that of the poorest at an all time high, Edmond Burke's two-class society is nearly a reality!

It has been a mere 29 years since the U.S. led the world in the import of raw materials and the export of finished products. Now, we not only lead the planet in the export of jobs and raw materials but claim first place in the export of raw materials and the import of finished goods.

Not only that, we have to import a healthy share of the oil that we need. Surveys indicate that we are among the least happy societies of the top 40 industrialized nations, having fallen from a lofty position in just three decades, largely because happy societies tend to be egalitarian with a strong safety net to guard health



### Awesome support

There was plenty of praise to go around for all the support of the Breast Cancer 3-Day event and we add ours in "our Views" at left. Above, walkers making the Breast Cancer 3-Day trek through Plymouth were greeted by signs, balloons and crowds of people cheering on their efforts.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats. Web: [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) E-mail: [bkadrich@hometownlife.com](mailto:bkadrich@hometownlife.com) Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com). Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

care and quality of life for all.

Our net, sadly, has become very tattered. Wow, this "free trade" coupled with "supply side-trickle-down economics" has been a rousing success, for the top 2 percent of us. In this global economy, those on top can make money anywhere in the world. The rest of us are pretty much bound to eking out an existence here.

We 98-percenters take heart, however, way out in front in that "race to the bottom." I guess the goal of American economic conservatives is to trade places with China, making her the \$14 trillion economy while we become the \$2.6 trillion economy. Explain to me again how 30 years of "free trade" and deregulation on virtually every economic front has helped us do anything but fail. That sucking sound has become deafening.

Mitch Smith  
Canton

### 'Yes' to leashes

To the recently printed letter, "Obey Leash Laws," I give a resounding YES!

I am so surprised that so many people in my own neighborhood walk their dogs without leashes. The dogs casually stroll through homeowners' yards (using shrubbery as fire hydrants) as their owners walk, bike, drink coffee and don't pay attention to where their dogs are.

I am a walker, as well, and do not enjoy being charged by unleashed dogs. Incidents are reported all the time on the news where owners say "he was such a nice dog, I don't know what happened" after someone was attacked. The leash law is clear: It is unlawful for owners to allow (knowingly or unknowingly) their dogs to be unleashed or not in reasonable control by its owner while leashed, in any place open to the public. Oh, and please "scoop the poop," too.

D. Gambino  
Canton

### Frustrated with McCotter

I visited the Livonia office of Rep. Thaddeus McCotter to express my support for health care reform. Unfortunately, I was unable to meet with Rep. McCotter in person, but I told his office staff member that I strongly believe that something needs to be done to improve Americans' access to affordable health care. I am very frustrated with Rep. McCotter's stance on health care reform and with his inflammatory, unhelpful comments equating the Obama plan with Dr. Kevorkian.

Dawn Zuber  
Canton

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## 2009 BOYS SOCCER PREVIEW

# Pitch men

## Canton kickers ready for new era

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

George Tomasso knows his Canton varsity boys soccer team took a hit to graduation, but the veteran coach would rather look at the glass as half-full.

"We'll be a very competitive team," Tomasso said. "We have a lot of talent in our youth and it's going to be very exciting to see how they develop in this program."

Of course, the Chiefs "graduated 12 seniors, the whole starting lineup," Tomasso said about a team that went 11-6-2 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association-South Division in 2008.

Tomasso, however, said there are other KLAA teams in the same boat, noting that Northville and Livonia Stevenson graduated eight and nine players, respectively.

Although younger players will have glowing opportunities, the Chiefs still have some important players returning in senior co-captains Brandon Tolinski (forward), Matt Edwards, Yusef Bazy (both midfielders) and Jon Dugan (defender).

"They display great senior leadership," Tomasso said. "They all came in in shape. Hey, if this is the beginning, I can't wait to see the end with these four."

"Their leadership shows how badly they want to win. They all lead by example very well."

Those veterans will be bolstered by impressive sophomores Mitch Pasuniak (forward) and defender Connor Ferguson, both players on the U16 Michigan Wolves Academy.

"He (Pasuniak) is going to help our offense out greatly," Tomasso said. "He has a great finishing sense."

Ferguson is described as a defender with a "strong understanding of the game."

Tomasso said four other seniors will be counted on to be contributors, including starting goalkeeper Kai Walther, midfielder Kevin Zamanski, forward Jon Allen and defender Jordan Norton.

Those players — and others — will hopefully cushion the blow of having 2008 mainstays Scott Zech (a midfielder who signed with Oakland University) and forward Joey Krasinak (16 goals) graduate.

"We've got three freshmen that made varsity and we have three sophomores on varsity and they're all quality players," the coach said. "Plus, there's a pretty strong junior class and a pretty strong senior class. It's almost like we reloaded."

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Canton senior goalkeeper Kai Walther (left), shown during the 25th Annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament, will provide experience at a key position for the Chiefs this season.

## SIDELINES

### HRs sink Haeger

Former Madonna University golfer Charlie Haeger made his debut Monday night with the Los Angeles Dodgers, allowing three earned runs on five hits and two strikeouts over seven innings in a 3-2 loss to the visiting St. Louis Cardinals.

The 25-year-old right-handed knuckleballer gave up a two-run homer to Rick Ankiel and a solo homer to National League leader Albert Pujols.

The Redford Catholic Central High grad and former Plymouth resident was called up last week from the Triple-A Albuquerque (N.M.) Isotopes of the Pacific Coast League, where he was an All-Star posting an 11-6 record with a 3.55 ERA.

Haeger has had a pair of stints with the Chicago White Sox (2006-07) and San Diego Padres (2008). In 20 major league appearances, he is 1-3 with a 5.83 ERA.

### Fishing club meeting

The monthly meeting of the Huron Valley Sportfishing Club will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at American Legion Post 200, located at 11800 Michael Street in Taylor (take Brest Road west off Telegraph Road to the hall).

The featured speaker will be C.J. Baker, charter captain and Silver Streak representative. He will discuss the science of and bring in the newest UV-activated spoons and spinner blades for display and purchase.

Food and drinks will be available, along with 50/50 and fishing tackle raffles.

For more information, e-mail rmontre@juno.com.

### Golf outing

Wolverine Sports & Conservation Club will hold its golf outing Sunday, Aug. 23, at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia. Cost is \$85 for individual golfers and \$325 per foursome.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. and crossover start at 11 a.m. Dinner will be held following golf at the Conservation clubhouse located at 27531 Grand River. For more information, call (248) 478-2464.

### MU men No. 20

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) announced its 2009 men's soccer preseason coaches' poll Tuesday, with the reigning Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) regular season and tournament champion Madonna University men's soccer team tabbed at No. 20 in the poll.

Madonna, which defeated Grand View (Iowa) in the NAIA national championship opening round, is the lone WHAC team in the top 25. Defending national champion Bethel (Tenn.) opens the year in the top spot.

MU opens the 2009 season Friday (Aug. 21) in an 8 p.m. tilt against Bethel College in Mishawaka, Ind.

### Churchill Meet Team

Livonia Churchill will stage its Meet the Team Night beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20 at Carli Auditorium.

Athletes from all three athletic seasons and their parents are requested to attend.

For more information, call Churchill athletics at (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46117.

### Punt, Pass & Kick

The city of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation's 2009 NFL Punt, Pass & Kick competition for ages 8-15 will be Wednesday, Aug. 26, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center's soccer fields, 15100 Hubbard (between Farmington and Merriman roads). Registration, which is free, starts at 5:30 p.m. Competition begins at 6 p.m.

Age classification is as of Dec. 31 of the current year. No football shoes, cleats or turf shoes are allowed. Only gym shoes will be permitted.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

# Improving Wildcats eager to show stuff in KLAA

Varsity squads set for soccer invite - B3

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Up-the-middle strength is a big reason Plymouth varsity boys soccer coach Jeff Neschich is eager for the 2009 season to open at Saturday's annual Gary Balconi Invitational, which the Wildcats are hosting at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"In conjunction with the OAA scrimmages we had last weekend, it's a good way to start the season," said Neschich, whose team will face Midland Dow at 10 a.m. in the Balconi opener. "It's a good way to get a good look at the kids on the team."

Regardless of how the team does Saturday, the Wildcats will then gear up for the Kensington Lakes Activities Association opener at 7 p.m. Monday against Salem at PCEP.

Neschich already is feeling good about his team just because it went 2-1 at the Oakland Activities Association scrimmages against quality teams such as

Juniors Derek Austin and Evan Lewandowski are other forwards who could make a splash. "They had a great showing at preseason scrimmages," the coach said. Both Neschich and longtime assistant coach Billy Joker are trying to foster an environment where players are in 'friendly competition' for PT, and push one another to sharpen skills as much as possible.

Rochester Adams, Clarkston and Stoney Creek.

"I think we showed we can play with anybody," he said. "And there are quality teams coming in for that (Balconi tournament), too."

In any case, led by returning co-captains and all-KLAA players in seniors Vin Nguyen (midfield) and Danny Jasiewicz (who can play defense and forward), Neschich expects the Wildcats to be better than the .500 squad of 2008.

"We'll be a stronger team. We're solid up the middle with Danny and Vin," Neschich said. "They both are very strong players. Both of them were among the top goal scorers the last couple years."

### VYING FOR TIME

Also key to the squad's prospects are

goalkeepers Kyle Brindza and Josh Hill, a junior and senior, respectively.

"Both played last year and are competing for the spot this year," Neschich said. "Both are strong goalies."

Starting in the back to give the goalies help will be junior Steven Jahn, senior Joe Boxstancz and senior Sam Maccini (with Jasiewicz also capable of putting in minutes on the defensive end of the pitch).

Jahn is a "mainstay on central defense out there," the coach said.

Younger defenders who could make contributions include sophomores Mike Ambrose, Mike Shackelford and Zach D'Agastino.

At midfield, Nguyen will spearhead a solid group that includes junior returnees Nick Russ, Joe Klonowski and Andrew Yoder.

"He (Russ) has looked strong in the preseason," Neschich said. "We're expecting good things out of him this year."

Senior Dan Conklin, junior and first-year player Caleb Divins and junior Mitch Yoder are other midfielders who will chip in.

The Wildcats should be capable on offense, with Nguyen and Jasiewicz leading the charge, augmented by junior returner Ian Griffiths.

Juniors Derek Austin and Evan Lewandowski are other forwards who could make a splash. "They had a great showing at preseason scrimmages," the coach said.

Both Neschich and longtime assistant coach Billy Joker are trying to foster an environment where players are in "friendly competition" for PT, and push one another to sharpen skills as much as possible.

"I'm hopeful we do (have good depth)," Neschich said. "But it depends which boys step up and play. I think we have a lot of options and have a lot of quality soccer players."

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# Salem returnees to lead '09 charge

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Any team losing 10 key players to graduation is bound to be impacted to some degree, but Salem varsity boys soccer coach Ed McCarthy is optimistic that a new wave of contributors will keep the Rocks very competitive.

Matching 2008 will be a stretch, however. Salem went 22-1-4 last year and was ranked No. 1 in Division 1 before falling to Saline in a double-overtime regional final matchup.

"Defense is the big question," McCarthy said about the 2009 season. "If our back line is able to be effective among the best in Kensington Lakes, we should be able to compete for a conference championship and make a run in the state tournament."

Providing ample support for Miskovic will be Krutty, one of the components to what McCarthy said was the best defensive team in the state last season. He will be augmented by juniors Tommy Halewicz, Brandon Barfuss and sophomore Jake Genrich.

Salem's defensive unit from 2008 took a hard hit, losing several players, including "Mr. Soccer" Kevin Cope who is now at Michigan State University.

Salem opens the regular season at Saturday's annual Gary Balconi Invitational, followed by a 7 p.m. Monday game against Plymouth at

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## Waza wows 'em

The Waza FC West U12 soccer squad won all four games in the Hamburg Invitational Tournament held on August 8-9, to secure the Division 1 championship. Members of the team include: (top row, from left) Josh Johnson, Johnny Rodriguez, Aaron Parker, James Weekley, Logan Ryan, Coach Dan Diac; (bottom row, from left) Zach Obsniuk, Dominick Payne, Max Montini, Ammar Chisthi, and Logan Stefanko.

THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP FOOTBALL**  
 FRIDAY, AUG. 28  
 Plymouth vs. Salem at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, 7 p.m.  
 Canton at Brighton, 7 p.m.

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
 SATURDAY, AUG. 29  
 Walled Lake Central Invitational, 9 a.m.

**BOYS SOCCER**  
 MONDAY, AUG. 24  
 Salem vs. Plymouth at PCEP, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 25  
 Ply. Christian at Oak. Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Novi at Canton, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26  
 Plymouth at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.  
 Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUG. 27  
 W.L. Western at Canton, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 29  
 Salem at Lake Orion, TBA  
 Inter-City Baptist at Ply. Christian, 11 a.m.  
 at Stafford Field

**GIRLS GOLF**  
 THURSDAY, AUG. 20  
 Chelsea Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 21  
 Monroe-Jeff. Inv. at Raisin River, 8:30 a.m.

**BOYS TENNIS**  
 MONDAY, AUG. 24  
 Ply. Christian at South Lyon East, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUG. 27  
 Ply. Christian at Plymouth (Scrimmage), 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 28  
 Ply. Christian at Fowlerville Tournament, 8 a.m.

**GIRLS SWIMMING**  
 THURSDAY, AUG. 27  
 WSU Warrior Relays, 5 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Tecumseh, 6:30 p.m.

**BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**  
 SATURDAY, AUG. 29  
 South Lyon Invitational, 10:10 a.m.

The Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association had its 10th of 14 tournaments July 30 at Bay Pointe Golf Club in West Bloomfield. The tournament produced 22 winners from a handicapped field of 104 players (50 years and older) representing 17 communities in southeast Michigan.

David Ruelle of Waterford shot the low score of 73. Kyu Kim of Bloomfield Hills leads the field in the Briegel Cup standings (low gross score relative to age).

The prize winners by flight are: **Flight A (Gross/Net)** — first place: Michael Bailey, Westland (74/65); second: (tie) Greg Frontier, Waterford (75/66); Tom Pilon, Plymouth (74/66); fourth: (tie) Thomas Johnson, Beverly Hills (77/67); Sal Petrusis, Howell (75/67); David Ruelle, Waterford (73/67).

**Flight B (Gross/Net)** — first:

Dennis Kline, Clarkston (77/63); second: Anthony McCauley, Detroit (80/65); third: (tie) Jack Galsterer, Grosse Pointe Woods (80/67); Steve Germond, West Bloomfield (81/67); Gerald Hopkins, Waterford (81/67).

**Flight C (Gross/Net)** — first: Bill Crecelius, Ann Arbor (84/66); second: Thomas Yagley, Madison Heights (84/67); third: (tie) Richard Irwin, Plymouth (87/69); Richard Meger, Beaverton (88/69); Mark Miller, Livonia (86/69); Martin Schine, West Bloomfield (88/69).

**Flight D (Gross/Net)** — first: (tie) Peter Baldori, Howell (93/62); Steven Smith, South Lyon (89/62); third: (tie) William Floyd, Livonia (90/66); Richard Styzewski, New Hudson (95/66); fifth: Maurice DeCock, Macomb (94/67).

The MPSGA had its ninth tournament July 27 at Coyote

Preserve Golf Course in Fenton. The tournament produced 24 winners from a handicapped field of 99 players (50 years and older) representing 18 communities in southeast Michigan.

Bill Crecelius of Ann Arbor shot a hole-in-one on the par-3 17th hole. Mike Phillips leads the field in the Briegel Cup standings (low gross score relative to age).

The prize winners by flight are as follows:

**Flight A (Gross/Net)** — first place: Brian Kuehn, Ann Arbor (76/65); second: Kent Griffiths, Hartland (80/70); third: (tie) William Dean, Kentwood (82/71); Jim Mlynarczyk, Northville (78/71); fifth: (tie) Bill Davis, Davisburg (82/72); Dan Feiten, Commerce Twp. (80/72); Charles Mutz, Clarkston (78/72); Tom Pilon, Plymouth (81/72).

**Flight B (Gross/Net)** — first: Robert Prevost, Ypsilanti (86/70);

second: (tie) Donald Dahn, Romeo (87/72); Chuck Hirschert, Hartland (86/72); Bruce Jellison, Hartland (85/72); fifth: (tie) Vance Edgar, Clarkston (89/73); Paul Sleboda, Auburn Heights (87/73).

**Flight C (Gross/Net)** — first: Martin Schine, West Bloomfield (86/66); second: Ed Taggie, Canton (91/69); third: (tie) Richard Irwin, Plymouth (89/70); Daniel Moore, Plymouth (91/70); fifth: Frank Majkowski, Commerce Twp. (94/72).

**Flight D (Gross/Net)** — first: Richard Hall, Westland (84/59); second: John Pullum, Macomb (97/71); third: Steven Smith, South Lyon (101/73); fourth: Daniel Hajduk, Dearborn (103/74); fifth: Richard DeMara, Grosse Pointe Woods (100/75).

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# TEE TIME

Your local golf guide

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 Golfers can get better with age

By Susan Smiley

Robert Chandler has been around the links more than a few times. The 89-year-old St. Clair Shores golfer has been playing the game since he was 15 years old and doesn't intend to stop anytime soon.

"I love the game," said Chandler, who has worked as a ranger for Sycamore Hills Golf Club for 15 years making him both the oldest ranger on staff and the ranger with the most seniority. "I started playing when I was 15 — some of my friends played and got me into it — and I have never stopped playing since then."

To date, Chandler has played 413 golf courses including Turnberry — the site of this year's British Open. As you might expect, Chandler was

rooting for "the old guy" Tom Watson because he wants people to know that you are never too old to play good golf.

"Even now I'm still tweaking my game," Chandler said. "I read this, I read that, I try this and I try that. The sad thing is I am playing courses I've played a good many years and now to hit to where I want to be I have to hit two or three clubs more than what I used to hit. Things change no matter what you do."

To help him get some needed distance off the tee, Chandler recently purchased a nitrogen-infused driver. So far it seems to be helping his game and his golf partners have noticed.

"All my buddies want one now too," Chandler said.

Mary Shaull, 80, of West

Bloomfield, swears by her Dunlop graphite driver. Now she is in the market for a new putter.

"My drives are good but my putting is terrible," admits Shaull, who just learned to golf 15 years ago through a community education class.

Shaull played softball for most of her life and didn't think about picking up golf until a couple of women on her softball team took her out on the links.

"I was a pitcher for a slow-pitch team and a woman who was part of the Lady Birds golf league kept saying 'You could play! I know you could play!'" said Shaull. "She and another player took me out a couple of times and I was just terrible."

But that didn't stop Shaull from

joining the Lady Birds four years ago. When she started, she was bringing up the rear of the C flight and now this season she rests in first place of the B flight. She is proof that it is never too late to learn something new.

"I love golf because when you are on the course that's all that matters," she said. "It takes you away from stress and things you would rather not think about. Plus it gets me out of the house and gets me out with younger women. Even though some of the women I play with have been golfing for decades, we can still play together and enjoy the round."

While Chandler laments his loss of distance over the years, he believes some things do get better as you mature.

"I watch some of the high school

girls who play at Sycamore and a little girl who weighs about 112 pounds hits a 9-iron 130 yards and I can tell you I couldn't do that on my best day!" Chandler said. "But definitely my course management is a lot better than it was when I was younger."

Chandler and Shaull both usually play twice a week and plan to continue playing and perfecting their games for a long time to come.

"Without golf I would be lost," Chandler said. "I work a couple of days a week at Sycamore and I play two days a week. I'm just a ranger but I sure enjoy it. I love the game and I love the people."

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# Plymouth alum Warner to backstop another strong MU team

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As an All-State goalkeeper off a state championship team from Livonia Stevenson High, Jen Barker provided instant credibility when she committed to play for the



Barker

first Madonna University's women's soccer team.

Barker then helped launched the Crusaders into the national limelight en route to NAI A All-America

honors.

On Tuesday, one of MU's inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame inductees coached the Crusaders for the first time in a 5-2 scrimmage victory over neighboring Schoolcraft College.

"I'm pleased across the board, I think the girls were ready to play," said Barker, who took over in June for Paul Thomas as MU's head coach. "We had different players get on the board, just not the forwards. We showed we have some versatility and we're slowly building the gaps that were left from last year. I

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think we're going in the right direction."

After playing Friday in another exhibition match at the University of Detroit Mercy, the Crusaders will officially open their season, Aug. 26-27, in San Diego, Calif., with a two-game set against Point Loma Nazarene and Cal-State San Marcos.

The Crusaders, coming off a 15-4 season and a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season title, are ranked No. 25 in the 2009 NAI A preseason poll.

Nine starters return for MU led by WHAC Offensive Player of the Year Jessica Austin (Livonia Franklin), a senior who had a team-best 15 goals to go along with two assists in 2008.

First-team All-WHAC performer Lauren Hess (Livonia Ladywood), another senior, will anchor the midfield, while WHAC goals-against leader Brittany Warner (Plymouth), a sophomore transfer from Oakland University, helps solidify the back line.

Senior forward Kaila Moore (Howell), who had five game-winning goals a year ago,

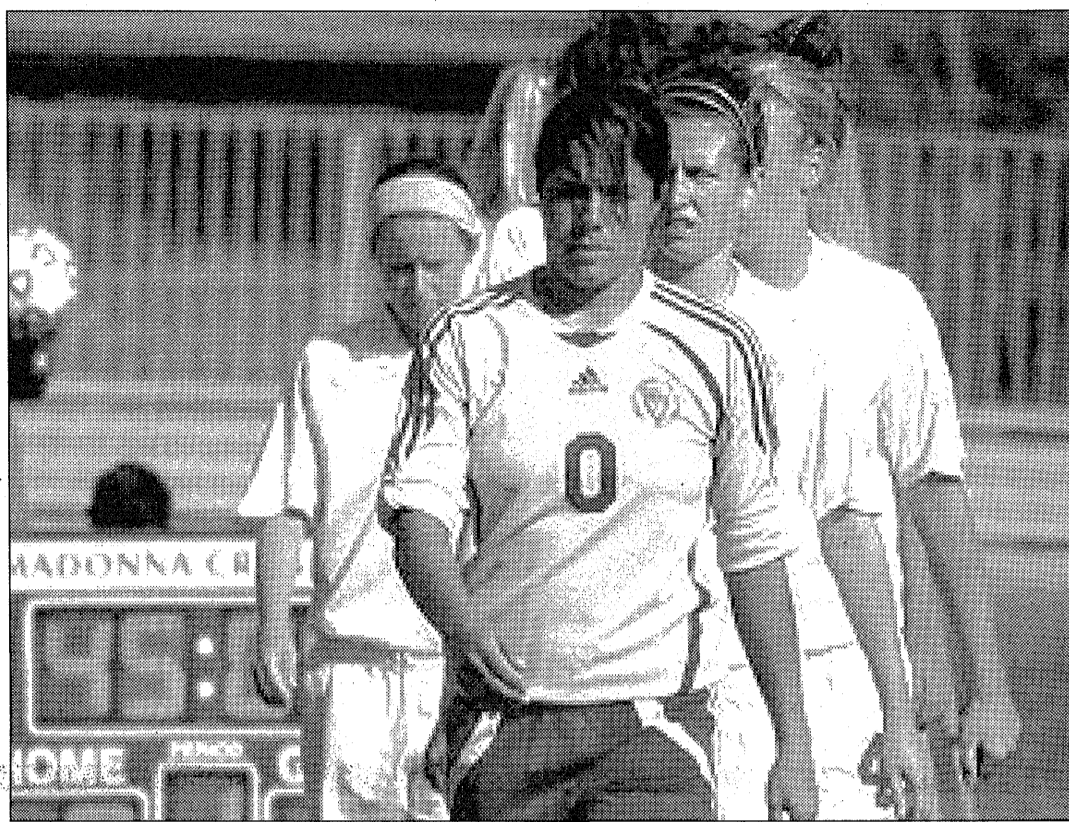
also gives MU a nice one-two forward punch to complement Austin.

Other starters returning include senior defenders Gina Leone (St. Clair Shores Lakeview) and Lisa Melasi (Fenton); along with midfielders Jaclyn Ventimiglia (Macomb Lutheran North), a senior; Diana Brda (Franklin), a sophomore; and Sarah Rokuski (Algonac), a junior.

Barker was also encouraged Tuesday by the play of two freshman - forward Jackie Vaquera (who had a goal) and Lauryn Dostillio (Sterling Heights), who stood out defensively.

"Those two kids are brand new to the college game and they showed well," Barker said. "It was nice to see that Lauryn is a good fit on defense and that she was able to do things that we were looking for back there."

Rounding out the Crusaders squad are midfielders Ellen O'Rear (Madison Heights Bishop Foley), Molly Perkins (Franklin), Trisha Bender (Walled Lake Northern), Nicole Rodriguez (Woodhaven), Rachel Thompson (Livonia Stevenson), Andrea Mareel (Warren Regina); defenders Katie Kozlowski (Dearborn



MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

Canton native Brittany Warner, an alum of Plymouth High School, again will be goalkeeper for Madonna University's women's soccer team.

Heights Crestwood), Chelsea Budlong (Novi) and Chelsea Shrewsbury (Milford); and goalkeeper Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville).

"It's a good group, it's nice to see them in a game situation after practicing against each other the last two weeks," said Barker, who is

assisted on the sidelines by Kelly (Delaney) Grodzicki and Lizz Szkrybalo.

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## Wingman

Westland youth gets ice time with pros at JLA

For a child with dreams of being a professional ice hockey player, a recent day at Joe Louis Arena was exceptionally inspiring.

Thanks to the Detroit Red Wings, Warrior Hockey and The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit, Jagr Bugaski, II, experienced every hockey fan's dream last month - ice time at Joe Louis Arena and coaching from former player Jiri Fischer (now director of player development) and current player Darren McCarty.

"He's doing good," said McCarty, who watched Jagr skate on the ice from the players' bench. "He's got the spunk. He's got the determination. That's what it's all about."

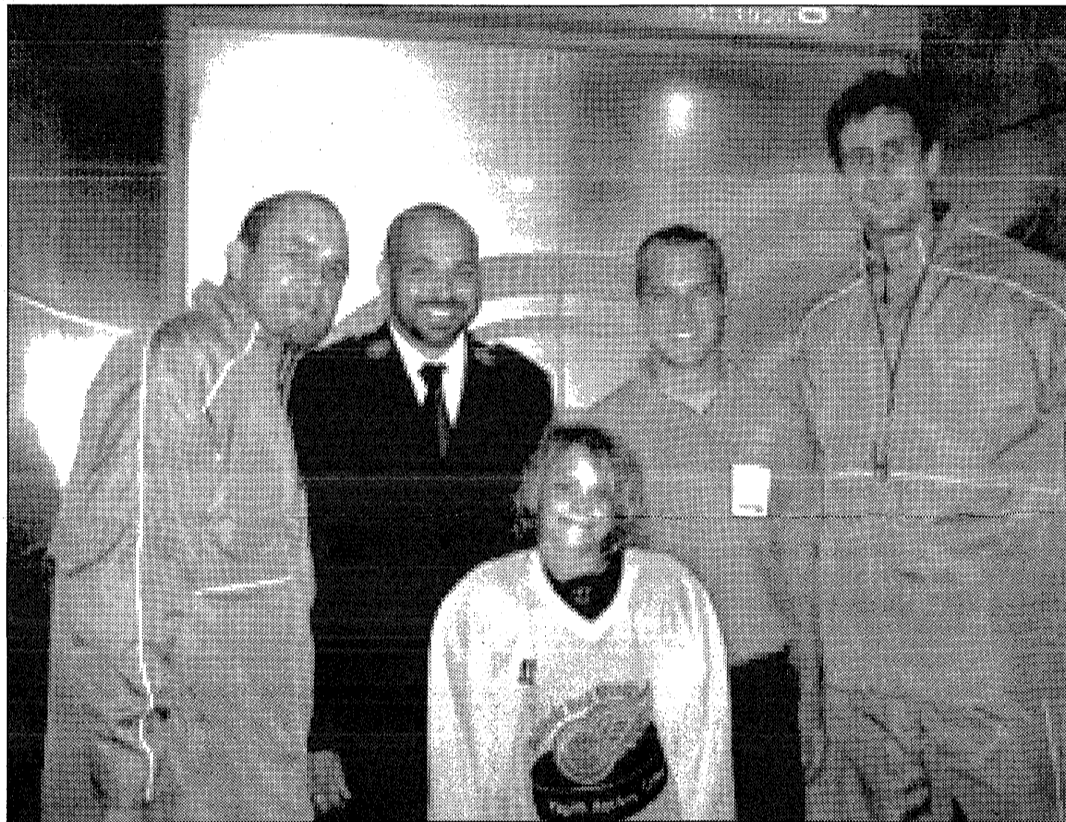
The Red Wings and sponsor Warrior Hockey donated a scholarship for the Westland youth to attend the organization's 2009 Youth Hockey Camp, July 13-14.

"The camp can be expensive, and we saw it as a great opportunity for someone like Jagr to experience the Joe," said Red Wings Youth Hockey Manager Phil Pierce. "He's trying hard. If you have a passion for hockey, once you get out there, you're just going to get better and better."

In addition, Warrior Hockey of Warren donated Jagr's equipment, excluding skates and a helmet.

"We got him outfitted in complete Warrior gear," said Jason Reynolds, the company's regional brand representative. "When we gave it all to him, you could tell he was trying to contain his excitement."

The Salvation Army received a \$15,000 grant from the Detroit Red Wings Foundation earlier this year to help fund the nonprofit's



Standing with Detroit Red Wing Darren McCarty (left), served as a coach for the youth hockey camp, are Capt. Derek Rose, commanding officer of The Salvation Army's Wayne/Westland Corps; Jagr Bugaski of Westland; Andrew Barylski, director of community and youth ministries and STRIVE hockey coach for The Salvation Army Wayne/Westland Corps; and Jiri Fischer, director of player development for Detroit Red Wings.

STRIVE (Student Training for Integrity, Vitality, and Education) Youth Hockey program.

Jagr first discovered hockey while attending STRIVE last spring, at The Salvation Army's Wayne-Westland branch located at 2300 Venoy Road in Westland.

Hockey soon became his passion.

The STRIVE mission is to help meet the spiritual, mental and physical needs of the whole child through an organized floor hockey program at The Salvation Army's participating community centers.

This allows children like Jagr the chance to experience a sport they may not previously have considered, often due to economic constraints.

Hiding under a long, sweaty mop of golden blond hair, Jagr worked the ice with his fellow camp-goers on July 14, then got an exclusive tour of the Red Wings' locker room.

Prior to his two-day stint on the Joe's ice, he had no more than four hours of actual ice time. He played just 16 weeks of floor hockey at The Salvation Army's Wayne-Westland Corps.

The STRIVE team is run by

Andrew Barylski, director of community and youth ministries.

"Jagr's two-day adventure with the Detroit Red Wings is a perfect example of what can happen when programs like STRIVE help kids discover their passion," Barylski said. "We're beyond thankful that the Red Wings and Warrior Hockey were kind enough to give him that experience."

Fall STRIVE hockey begins in late September. To register for the Wayne-Westland team, call (734) 722-3660. For another center, visit www.sal-mich.org

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Eight teams will go at it Saturday on four fields at the annual Gary Balconi Invitational Soccer Tournament.

The three varsity teams who play at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park will be joined by Midland Dow, University of Detroit-Jesuit, Dexter, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central and Walled Lake Northern.

Hosting this year's tournament is Plymouth, with the Jeff Neschich-coached Wildcats facing Midland Dow at 10 a.m. on the freshman field located at the corner of Canton Center and Joy roads.

Other 10 a.m. contests include: Canton and U-D at the varsity soccer stadium; Salem and Catholic Central on the varsity football field; and Dexter and Walled Lake Northern on Field 4 (also at Canton Center-Joy).

The winners will play games at 11:45 a.m. at the soccer stadium and freshman field, while consolation games take place at the other two locations.

Rounding out the day will be 3 p.m. contests across the board.

"He (Balconi) was one of the ADs there who really supported soccer during the early years," said Neschich, a player on Salem's 1981 debut team and an assistant coach at Canton during the early to mid-1990s when Balconi launched the invitational. "He promoted it and pushed it."

Each game will last 60 minutes and will count on overall records, although not in conference ledgers. If games are deadlocked after regulation, the tie will remain on the teams' records.

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## BALCONI INVITE

**WHAT:** Gary Balconi Invitational Soccer Tournament. Eight varsity teams will compete at four locations on the campus of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

**WHEN:** Beginning 10 a.m. Saturday with further games at 11:45 a.m. and 3 p.m.

**10 A.M. GAMES:** Game 1, Canton vs. University of Detroit-Jesuit (at PCEP Soccer Stadium); Game 2, Dexter vs. Walled Lake Northern (at Field 4, corner of Canton Center and Joy Road); Game 3, Plymouth vs. Midland Dow (at Freshman Field, corner of Canton Center and Joy Road); Game 4, Salem vs. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (Football Varsity Stadium).

**11:45 A.M. GAMES:** Game 5, Winners Games 1 vs. 2 (at PCEP Soccer Stadium); Game 6, Consolation Games 1 vs. 2 (at Field 4, corner of Canton Center and Joy Road); Game 7, Winners Games 3 vs. 4 (at Freshman Field, corner of Canton Center and Joy Road); Game 8, Consolation Games 3 vs. 4 (Football Varsity Stadium).

**3 P.M. GAMES:** Game 9, Winners Games 5 vs. 7 (at PCEP Soccer Stadium); Game 10, Winners Games 6 vs. 8 (at Field 4, corner of Canton Center and Joy Road); Game 11, Consolation Games 5 vs. 7 (at Freshman Field, corner of Canton Center and Joy Road); Game 12, Consolation Games 6 vs. 8 (Football Varsity Stadium).

## SALEM FROM PAGE B1

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Rocks do have a number of top performers returning this year, including first-team all-state goalkeeper and senior co-captain Sasa Miskovic, senior defender John Krutty, senior midfielder and co-captain Lachlan Savage, among others.

"Sasa has outstanding communication skills in

helping our back line remain organized," McCarthy said.

Providing ample support for Miskovic will be Krutty, one of the components to what McCarthy said was the best defensive team in the state last season.

He will be augmented by juniors Tommy Halewicz, Brandon Barfuss and sophomore Jake Genrich.

In the midfield will be Savage, another returning starter who led the Rocks with 14 goals and 11 assists.

"Lachlan has excellent vision and is a strong finish-

er," the coach said. "He will be a key to our success."

Also at midfield is senior and returning starter Alex Tramel, who brings an outstanding shot with quick release that helped him score five goals in 2008.

Other players who will help Salem maintain control of the ball in the midfield will be junior Dan Martin and senior Mohammad Pourmandi.

Other likely starting midfielders will be Evan Antich and Scott O'Connor.

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# Schoolcraft's Lady Ocelots primed for special encore

BY JIM TOTH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

And you thought 2008 was a special season for women's soccer at Schoolcraft College? Posting an 8-2-3 regular-season ledger and advancing all the way to the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament was undoubtedly a remarkable feat by the Ocelots a year ago.

But listening to Deepak Shivraman on the brink of kicking off the 2009 campaign, the veteran head coach feels this year's squad is capable of even greater achievements thanks to a solid core

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of returnees and host of talented and enthusiastic freshmen.

"We had a good run last year. We made it to nationals again, and we were competitive, but both (games) were one-goal losses," said Shivraman, ready to engage in his third season leading the women's program. "I loved the '08 team, but I really believe these girls can be better. Their attitude has been great, their work-ethic phenomenal and we are so much further along than last year at this time."

Despite losing key components like Plymouth High's Clare Baptist (offense) and Samantha Harrington (defense), much of Shivraman's excitement stems from a quintet of returnees who excelled at various positions. Kristen Dondzila (Salem) tops that list as her play as the last line of defense in goal was instrumental in the Ocelots keeping opponents off the scoreboard. Jessica Lusardi made her presence felt defensively, Dena Sana (North Farmington) enjoyed a standout year in the midfield and Stephanie Gutowski (Livonia

Stevenson) and Britney Pickett provided enough spark in other areas to make the Ocelots a well-rounded unit overall.

"We had a prolific goal scorer in Clare, and on the other side, Samantha could really lock things up for us in the back," Shivraman said. "But we have some experienced and extremely talented players coming back and I think we found a rich group of freshmen who are fast and skilled."

Jenny Giegler, Alycia Barringer, Brooke Ehman, Maddie Evans and Jammie Montorosso fit nicely into

that category.

The Ocelots will play a trio of scrimmages prior to the start of the regular season which kicks off Saturday, Aug. 29, with road contest against Sussex (New York). Shivraman believes the upcoming scrimmages against NCAA Division II powers Saginaw Valley State and Tiffin (Ohio) University will be instrumental in gauging just how far the program has accelerated compared to that of last year.

"They (Saginaw Valley and Tiffin) are both perennial powers and then our third scrimmage is against

Madonna and that will be a great test for us as well," Shivraman said. "The key for us will be to keep everyone healthy because we do have a lot of youngsters and they tend to get excited and want to go at everything 100 miles per hour."

"My message to them has been to approach this not as a challenge, but an opportunity. Go out and make the most of it because Schoolcraft is a phenomenal place to be, not just academically, but athletically-wise as well. It's unique and you have a wonderful opportunity in front of you."

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Whaler alum game

The Plymouth Whalers start their 20th season in the Ontario Hockey League with their annual training camp, Aug. 26-29 at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

Several special events will augment the camp itself, including the first-ever Whalers' Alumni Game set for 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, also at Compuware.

Whalers alumni currently committed to playing in the game include Pat Peake (1990-93), Chris Terry (2005-09), John Vigilante (2002-06), Steve Ward (2004-07), Andrew Fournier (2003-08), Tom Sestito (2004-07), Damian Surma (1998-2002), Dan Pawlaczyk (1993-97), Shaun Fisher (1997-2000), Bill McCauley (1992-95), David Liffiton (2001-04), Zack Shepley (2003-08), Kris Purdy (1997-2000), Scott Holsinger (1997-99), Jamie Lalonde (1997-2000), Duane Harmer (1993-95), Jeff Mitchell (1992-95) and James Ramsay (1998-2001).

More alumni are expected to be added to the roster.

The game is the caper to a busy week. The 2009-10 training camp begins with off-ice testing Wednesday, Aug. 26, followed by scrimmages 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. both Thursday and Friday, Aug. 27-28.

The scrimmages are open to the public and media.

Rosters will be provided the days of the scrimmage.

The Whalers then will open the preseason at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, in Brighton against Saginaw at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

Proceeds of the game will support the Kensington Valley Hockey Association. Tickets for the game are currently being sold at Brighton Ford, 8240 Grand River Ave., just north of I-96, in Brighton. For more information, call Brighton Ford at (800) 836-8206.

Training camp concludes with the alumni game; tickets for the event are free. Following the contest, fans are invited to re-connect with Whalers alumni in a reception at CJ's Brewery at 5 p.m.

### Cool happenings

Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena continues to be a busy place even during the summer.

Drop-in Hockey sessions take place 4:30-to-5:50 p.m. weekdays and 10-to-11:50 a.m. on Sundays through Aug. 30.

There also are open skating sessions (noon to 2:15 p.m. weekdays; 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Saturdays) and "Sticks and Pucks" (2:30-4:20 p.m. weekdays; 12:30-2:20 p.m. Saturdays), also until the end of this month.

For more information, contact the Open Skate Line (734) 455-6620 or go to [www.ci.plymouth.mi.us](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us) for up-to-

date changes if any.

### Youth baseball tryouts

The Livonia Baseball Club will stage 2010 travel tryouts for its under-10 team from noon to 2 p.m. and its under-12 team from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 30 and Sunday, Sept. 20 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park (Diamond No. 7). For more information, call Mike Turbin (under-12) at (313) 303-9728 or Joe Jakacki (under-10) at (734) 469-4217.

### Churchill Meet Team

Livonia Churchill will stage its Meet the Team Night beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at Carli Auditorium.

Athletes from all three athletic seasons and their parents are requested to attend.

For more information, call Churchill Athletics at 734-744-2650, Ext. 46117.

### Stevenson Meet Team

Livonia Stevenson will hold its Meet the Team Night from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19 at the high school auditorium.

Attendance for all ninth- and 10th-graders, along with newcomer athletes and parents, are requested for an introduction meeting at 7 p.m. Juniors and seniors should report for specific sports breakout meetings with their parents at 7:45 p.m.

For more information, call Stevenson athletics at (734) 744-2500.



### Orioles place 3rd

The 14-and-under Livonia Orioles defeated the Durand Tigers, 7-6, to earn a third-place finish, July 10-12, in the 22nd annual Grand Blanc Tournament. The Orioles posted a 3-2 tourney record with wins over Elba, the Central Michigan Stars and Durand. Members of the Orioles include (front row, from left): John Shatter, Josh Carlson, John Szymanski, Brandt Chopp, Steve Ivasie; (back row, from left) Dylan Bremer, Mark Leja, Blake Burnett, Cody Carrier, Dan Harris, Riley Brown, Zack Konchel, Kevin Murdock. Not pictured is Donnie Esper, Kain Anquetil and coach Eric Carrier.

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Loads of bargains! Women's &amp; men's clothing home decor, tables, chairs, pictures, mirrors, decorative, office &amp; home items.</p> <p><b>BLOOMFIELD HILLS</b> GARAGE/YARD SALE Aug. 28-29, 9am-4pm. CASH ONLY! Baby and children's clothes, toys, baby strollers, Step 2 Playhouse, small electronics, TV's (27 and 31 inch), men's and women's clothes, yard equipment, books, DVDs, Pro Form treadmill, household items and much more! 2640 Broadway, W/Maple and W/Cranbrook.</p> <p><b>CANTON</b> Garage-Moving Sale 7685 Provincial, Canton. August 21-22, 8:30-5:00pm. East of Sheldon/North of Warren, Furniture, dorm items, wall art, books.</p> <p><b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b> Aug. 20-23, 9am-5pm. Baby stuff, toys, books, clothes, misc. 32245 Shrewsbury; off Northwestern Hwy, W of Middlebelt.</p>	<p><b>Garage Sales</b> <b>7110</b></p> <p><b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b> - 31595 Alameda. Huge Sale - 8/20-22, 9-5pm. 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Aug 21-22, 9am-4pm. 47615 Wellesley Ct., NW 10/Beck.</p> <p><b>NOVI</b> Olde Orchard Condo Sub-Wide Yard Sale - Saturday 8/22. If storms occur then Sun 8/23. Located off 10 Mile Road, 1/2 mile west of Haggerty, 8am - 3pm.</p> <p><b>OAK PARK</b> GARAGE SALE August 21 &amp; 22, 10am-5pm. 8456 Colgate, Oak Park, just S. of the Zoo. Furniture, tools, Vintage Clothes &amp; Buttons, Jewelry, Antiques, etc.</p> <p><b>PLYMOUTH</b> Huge Multi-Family Sale! 8848 Briarwood, Ann Arbor Rd. &amp; 275. Thurs-Sat, 9-4pm. Lawn equip, kids, baby, household stuff &amp; more.</p> <p><b>ROCHESTER HILLS</b> 199 Bellshire, Thurs-Sat, 9-4. Multi-family. Furniture, clothes, household, toys, bikes, books, videos, seasonal, pool table, air hockey, prom dresses.</p>	<p><b>Garage Sales</b> <b>7110</b></p> <p><b>SOUTH LYON</b> Aug. 19-22. Wed, Thurs, Fri, 9am-5pm. Sat, 9am-1pm. North of South Lyon, South of Silver Lake Rd. Huge Sale! 28415 Pontiac Trail. 313-580-4656</p> <p><b>SOUTH LYON</b> Tanglewood Golf. Multi-Family Sale. Baby items, boys/girls clothes, etc. Aug. 21-22, 9am-3pm. 23400 &amp; 23380 Spy Glass Hill N</p> <p><b>SOUTHFIELD</b> HUGE MULTI-FAMILY - 21162 Midway, 9 Mile &amp; Lasher. Thurs-Sun, Aug. 20-23rd, 9am-6pm. Antiques, collectibles. Something for everyone!</p> <p><b>WEST BLOOMFIELD</b> Craft supplies, brass lighting fixtures, DVDs, CDs, LPs, household goods. 10-4, Fri (8/21)/Sat (8/22). 7397 Oak Tree Dr. 14 Mile/Drake</p> <p><b>WESTLAND</b> - HUGE! Fri, 8/21 &amp; Sat, 8/22, 9am-5pm. 8249 Ravine, S. of Joy, W of Wayne. 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 Dr. Berman: Our practice is very family oriented. We strive to create a relaxed professional atmosphere. We offer all phases of Cosmetic Dentistry including veneers, all porcelain crowns, white fillings, Invisalign, and bleaching (Zoom and tray). Our office features the most up to date technology that includes digital radiography (up to 70 percent less radiation), intraoral cameras and cable television in every room.

**Observer: How did you decide to open your business?**  
 Dr. Berman: After graduation from University of Detroit Mercy Dental School in 1985, I looked for an opportunity to combine my Dental expertise, people skills, and desire to be a business owner.

**Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?**  
 Dr. Berman: When looking for a community to open my business, I was taken by the quaintness of Plymouth's downtown area as well as its reputation for stability and the overall friendliness of the people.

**Observer: What makes your business unique?**  
 Dr. Berman: We give a personalized approach and it is our goal to deliver the finest quality product possible. We are not a large clinic where patients are made to feel like a number. We are a family business and our patients are treated as family.

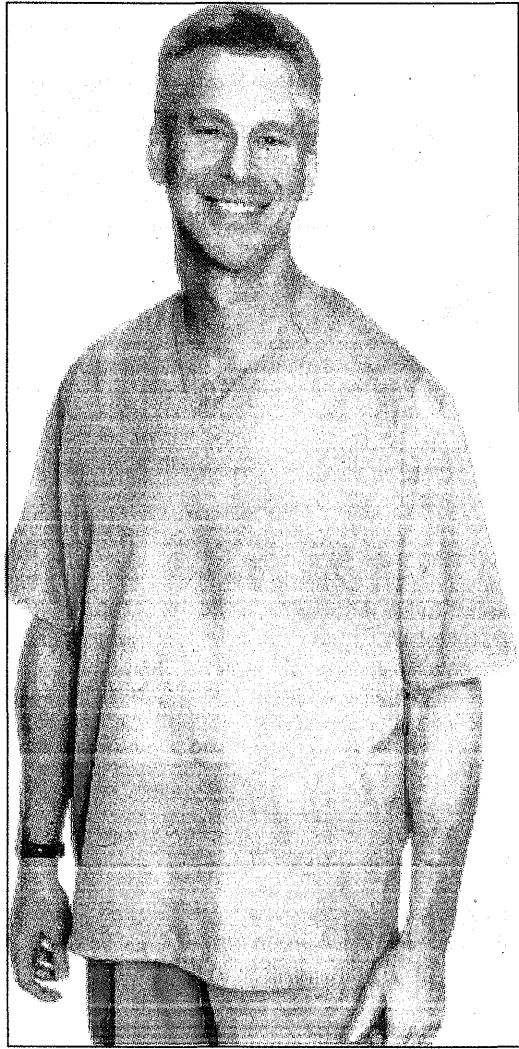
**Observer: How has it changed since you opened?**  
 Dr. Berman: In the 24 years that I have been practicing dentistry, things have changed dramatically. With the advent of Cosmetic Dentistry we are able to help patients achieve the gorgeous smile they always wanted. In order to remain up to date we take continuing education courses so we can offer our patients the most current dental technology.

**Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit about the business?**  
 Dr. Berman: When my wife and I were first married we lived in Plymouth. My wife was in Pharmacy school at the University of Michigan and I was at the University of Detroit Mercy downtown. We loved Plymouth then and it seemed the perfect fit to open a business here.

**Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?**  
 Dr. Berman: We are sensitive to those who are experiencing economic hardships. We offer many different payment options as well as participating in several programs for those individuals who cannot afford dentistry.

**Observer: Any advice for business owners?**  
 Dr. Berman: I have always felt that it is important to give back to the community that supports you.

**Observer: What is in store for your business in the future?**  
 Dr. Berman: We continue to evolve as



Dr. Allen Berman first opened his practice in September 1987.

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- Number of Employees: 6
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- Your Business specialty: Family and Cosmetic Dentistry
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## BUSINESS MILESTONES

### Radio show

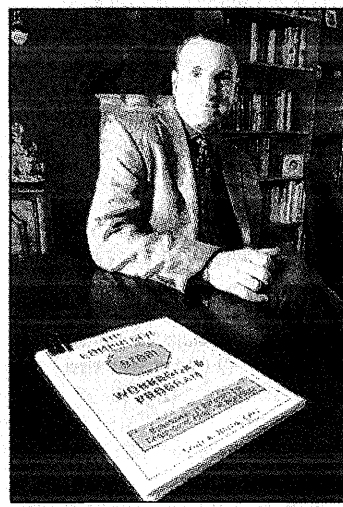
Scott Harris, a motivational speaker from Plymouth, has founded a non-profit organization called Changing Choices Foundation, which now has its own radio show, called, "Changing Choices," and hosted by Harris Fridays from 9-10 p.m. on WMUZ Christian Talk Radio 103.5-FM.

The show, which debuted Friday, is a call-in show which is also available live on www.WMUZ.com through streaming audio. Harris also intends to archive the show on his Web sites, www.compulsivenomorestop.com and (coming soon) www.changingchoicesfoundation.org

Harris has taken his Compulsive No More Christian-based program for the rehabilitative recovery of addictive destructive behaviors and created a secular version, Compulsive STOP! to be used to help people that are involved in legal issues in the court systems.

This year the Compulsive STOP! Program has been implemented in 11 local district court systems, including the newest additions in Cheboygan and Grandville.

The programs address many types of addictive behaviors but primarily shoplifting. Now with the addition of Changing Choices Foundation it is Harris' desire to especially help teenagers who struggle with other addictive behaviors, not only shoplifting, but self-inflicted behaviors such as cutting themselves for example as well as bullying, lying, poor choice making, Internet



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Scott Harris is taking his motivational programs to Christian talk radio on WMUZ-FM 103.5.

addiction and any types of behaviors that are destructive.

However Changing Choices Foundation was founded for the benefit of anyone struggling with destructive behaviors and it's intention is to bring growth, healing, education, and recovery programs to those in need of financial resources to get the help they need.

Harris is currently working on the Web site and informational/promotional materials but because of very limited funds it is taking some time to produce these things. The foundation is also in desperate need of help with items such as the following: 2 laptop computers; a printer; file cabinet, paper, postage, Adobe Writer, Adobe Acrobat 9 Pro, and Office Publisher or Small Business Office Professional.

Anyone willing to help can contact either Barbara Jean

Harris, (734) 239-2752 or Scott Harris, (248) 767-2482.

### School supply drive

Starting this week and running for a month, Hiller's shoppers are invited to donate school supplies at all Hiller's grocery stores, including the Plymouth location, to help Operation: Kid Equip arm every Michigan child with the right supplies to start a new school year.

"Albert Einstein said that 'the value of a man resides in what he gives.' A strong man, a good man, is one who uses his power and reach to help others," says Jim Hiller, CEO of Hiller's Markets, Southeast Michigan's oldest local grocery chain.

Founded in 1941, Hiller's Markets operates seven stores in Southeast Michigan. Dedicated to promoting local companies and cottage industries, Hiller's indicates Michigan products with special shelf tags in every aisle and highlights Michigan companies in its biweekly circular. This partnership with Operation: Kid Equip, a Michigan charity, is another step in the ongoing effort to give Michigan a boost.

Operation: Kid Equip helps homeless, poor and low-income children in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne County. As of August 7, OKE had received parent applications for school supplies from families with a combined total of more than 5,000 children. The most-needed items are: spiral notebooks, filler paper, crayons, washable markers, large pink erasers, blunt tip scissors, rulers, pencils, pens and glue sticks.

We want to help you in this challenging economic climate by providing training to take further advantage of promoting your business on the web. We are fortunate to be able to offer you a series of workshops, described below, hosted by two experts in the field of Web development and social network marketing.

The workshops are designed to help you leave the sessions with methods and inexpensive techniques you can immediately use to enhance your web presence. From first hand experience, we have found that enhancing our web site and using Facebook greatly improved the Chamber's ability to promote the Plymouth Community.

Many Chambers and organizations charge for these types of workshops, but we are fortunate to be able to bring you these sessions with no cost to participate. During these difficult economic times, the Internet solutions presented are something we want to offer you as part of a benefit of membership. We believe they should help you find new ways to attract and retain customers.

If you cannot attend any of the sessions, have someone else from your company join us. They will bring back skills that will make them more valuable to your company and help your business expand their web presence. With only 35 openings for each session, if you are interested in having someone participate, please contact us as soon as possible.

We are pleased to bring you these workshops and look forward to having you or someone from your company participate.

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present a business development series on utilizing the Internet to enhance and grow business. For four weeks in September Jon Bowerman of Powerful Design and Meaghan McCann of Search Ad Marketing will educate our members on Web sites, search engines, search marketing and social networking.

This series is intended to serve as a benefit of membership with no cost to attend these excellent workshops. We can accept up to 35 people for each session. To register for a workshop, please contact the Chamber at [teri@plymouthmich.org](mailto:teri@plymouthmich.org) or call 734-453-1540. Members can attend all four sessions or choose to attend individual sessions.

The schedule is as follows:  
 • Web sites, presented by Jon Bowerman, Tuesday, Sept. 8, 8:30-9:30 a.m. - Is your Web site paying for itself? Is it helping or hindering your online presence? Take control of your most cost-effective marketing tool! In this presentation you will learn new techniques to make your Web site work for you.

• What Search Engines Do, presented by Jon Bowerman, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 8:30-9:30 a.m. - Are people finding your Web site online? A good search engine strategy has little to do with how



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high your ranked, but what you are ranked for. What does this mean? Come find out! You will learn what you can do to make sure people not only visit your site, but also stick around and come back.

• Search Marketing, presented by Meaghan McCann, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 8:30-9:30 a.m. - Can

anyone find your web site? Should you advertise it? How should you advertise it? Learn how to spread the word about your Web site through search marketing. We will discuss the paid and local search advertising options available on providers such as Google, Yahoo!/Bing, Facebook and many more.

• Social Media for Business, presented by Meaghan McCann, Wednesday, Sept. 30, 8:30-9:30 a.m. - Should you or shouldn't you? Do you know enough about it to make the right decision? Attend this discussion and learn how Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn are used for growing businesses.

All workshops will be at the Plymouth Community Chamber offices at 850 West Ann Arbor Trail.

### Police golf outing

The Plymouth Police Officers Association host its first Benefit Golf Outing at the Inn at St. John's Golf Course on Oct. 2. The outing will benefit community programs like youth sports, support breast cancer awareness and help families of officers hurt on the job.

The cost is \$125 per person, \$500 for a foursome and there are hole sponsorships available. Hole sponsors can also purchase a foursome for just \$250. Additionally, there is advertising available in a souvenir program book.

Call (734) 453-3210 to participate or for additional information.

### Auction items

The Chamber is gathering donations for this year's Auction Gala on Friday, November 6. The Auction is the Chamber's largest fund-raising event of the year and is attended by over 400 people. Auction donations can include gift cards, personal services, tickets for concerts or sporting events, cash donations to purchase gifts or any other items of value. Donating to the Auction is a great way to promote your business to the attendees at the event. If you are interested in making a donation, please call Wes Graff at 734-453-1540.

Wes Graff is executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. He can be reached via e-mail at [wes@plymouthmich.org](mailto:wes@plymouthmich.org) or by calling (734) 453-1540.

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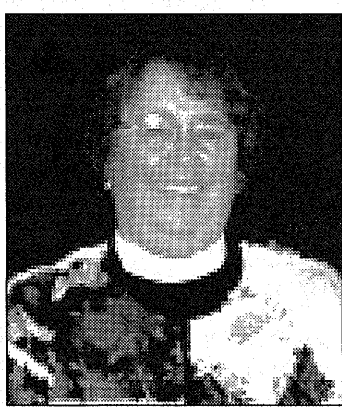
# Veteran member not surprised to see Holy Spirit church reach its 40th

BY JULIE BROWN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

The view from the pew is pretty darn good for Deb Bramigk, a 39-year member of Church of the Holy Spirit, an Episcopal congregation on Newburgh in Livonia.

"It's the people here," the Canton resident said of the church across from Livonia Churchill High School, north of Joy Road. "We call ourselves the Holy Spirit family. We're like an extended family here. It's really a warm feeling to be here. We feel so close here."

She's the church secretary, working with the Rev. Barbara Cavin as priest in charge. Cavin arrived in



The Rev. Barbara Cavin is priest in charge at Church of the Holy Spirit in Livonia.

2002, and has been ordained for more than 20 years, most of it spent in parish minis-

try.

"Our focus is outreach to the community," Bramigk said of the church, marking its 40th anniversary this year. She cites collecting school supplies for the needy in Livonia, as well as gathering towels for the Michigan Humane Society down the street in Westland.

Church members also collect used eyeglasses and prescription bottles. They're involved in the Crossroads ministry through their diocese, working at a West Grand Boulevard site in Detroit to serve soup, sandwiches, coffee and tea.

Holy Spirit members went to the Crossroads site this spring and served food to

some 750 people.

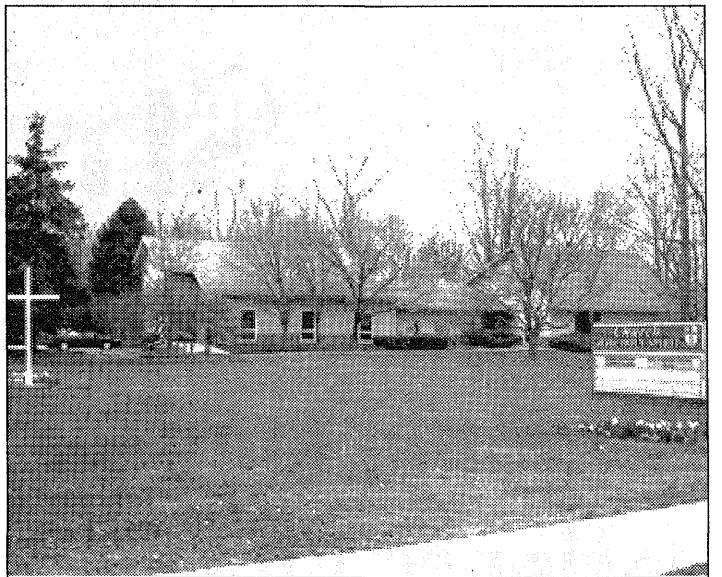
During the school year, Sunday services at Church of the Holy Spirit are 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. There's also Sunday school.

The summer service is held at 9:30 a.m. Sundays, with Sept. 13 the date for the change back to the school-year schedule.

The church combines with St. Andrew's on Hubbard in Livonia and Holy Cross of Novi for a youth group that's popular. The church draws from Livonia, Redford, Canton, Plymouth, Westland and Garden City.

Holy Spirit has about 60 families, and newcomers are welcome.

"I met my husband here,"



Church of the Holy Spirit on Newburgh in Livonia marked its 40th anniversary this summer.

said Bramigk. "We were married here." The couple's son, now 34, was baptized at Holy Spirit, as were their three grandchildren.

The 40th anniversary was observed in July with a picnic celebration. "Some former members came," Bramigk said. "We had our service outside."

The church can be reached at (734) 591-0211. Its Web site is [www.holyspirit-livonia.org](http://www.holyspirit-livonia.org).

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### AUG. 20-26

#### Book bag giveaway

2-5 p.m., Aug. 23, at Plaza Lanes, 42001 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Way of Life Christian Church is sponsoring the outreach. Backpacks with school supplies will be given to the first 100 children who register. Registered children also may bowl. Their parents and other adults may bowl for \$5. The price includes shoes. For more information call Ron Spencer at (734) 697-6107.

#### Food pantry sign-up

Call (734) 459-9557 between 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, Aug. 20-27, to reserve a pick-up time for Trinity Church's monthly food

pantry, scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 29, at the church, 10101 Ann Arbor Road, on the north side of the street, just west of Beck, in Plymouth.

### AUG. 27-SEPT. 2

#### Prayer service

The Metropolitan Detroit Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Moses the Black will hold an akathist prayer service honoring the saint at 7 p.m. Aug. 27 at St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford. St. Moses the Black is the Orthodox Christian patron saint of African-Americans. He was a 4th-century Ethiopian slave and gang leader who repented his sinful life and became a monastic in the Egyptian desert, known for his humility, wisdom and power over demons. An akathist is a hymn that recalls the life of a saint, a holy event, or one of the persons of the Holy Trinity. There will be an informal discussion of the life of St. Moses following the service. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Sharon Gomulka, secretary of the Detroit chapter, at (248) 477-6411, or Robert Mitchell, chapter president, at (313) 204-5103.

### ONGOING

#### AWANA

Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers an AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Drop children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 426-0096.

#### Classes/study

- New Life Community Church, 42200 Tyler, Belleville, offers a jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays, a reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays. (734) 846-4615
- Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is designed to reduce stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit [www.orchardumc.org](http://www.orchardumc.org) for updates.
- Adult and English as a Second

Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening.

For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472.

Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

- Scripture studies, from 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.
- Learner's Bible study, 7 p.m., Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.
- Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions - at Livonia Unity, 28660 Five Mile. Classes include: Monday morning Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m. Call (810) 813-4073 for more information or send e-mail to [gary@energeticarts.org](mailto:gary@energeticarts.org).
- Bible study, 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard Roads. The informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

- Bible talks, 4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.
- Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia invites adults with developmental disabilities and special needs to attend a new Open Arms Bible class the second Monday of the month at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The class will include songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to [elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz](mailto:elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz)

- Tuesday Ladies Bible Study from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5. Call (248) 348-7600.
- A study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith, at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy. A group at 10:30 a.m., Thursday examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey. (313) 274-3820.

#### Concerts

- Rush Hour concert series continues every Tuesday with gathering and refreshments at 5 p.m., concert 5:30-6 p.m., featuring performances by local and national jazz artists at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit. Free. Visit [www.metroumc.org](http://www.metroumc.org).

#### Fellowship dinner

- Dinners will resume Sept. 18 at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

#### Films

- 10 a.m. Wednesday Kids Matinees and 4 p.m., Saturday family movie, at Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia. Guitar Praise game precedes the film on Saturday. Children in second grade or younger can play prior to the film; those in third grade and up can play after the movie. Pizza will also be served following the movie. All events are free. (248) 476-8222

#### Hall rental

- Volkmar Hall located in Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City, is available for rent. For information, call (734) 427-3660.
- St. James Presbyterian, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. For information call the church at (313) 534-7730

#### Prayer

- Music, singing, prayer at 7 p.m. Thursdays at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through entrance #2, at the back of the church. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906.
- 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests. Call (248) 476-8860.
- Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. followed by Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-1455.
- 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month for prayer, spiritual healing and outreach at Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Call (734) 427-3660 for information.

#### Singles

- Single Point Ministries, for ages 30 and older, offers fellowship and related topics at 11:30 a.m., Sundays, in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia. Walking club meets at 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday in the Single Point office. All fitness levels welcome.
- Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit [www.singleplace.org](http://www.singleplace.org). Cost is \$5.

#### Soup kitchen

- Learn about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit by participating in its "Day of Service" program. Dine with guests at the soup kitchen, tour the Earth Works urban garden, and take a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is seventh grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to [crcrane@thecapuchins.org](mailto:crcrane@thecapuchins.org). To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit [www.cskdetroit.org](http://www.cskdetroit.org).

#### Support

- A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available 10 a.m. to noon Saturday mornings at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and utilize if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.
- Are you or someone you know struggling with depression, divorce, grief, addiction, relationship difficulties, or job loss? Real Life Church through its volunteers and partnerships with area ministries

and professionals provides classes, seminars, care, support & recovery groups, counseling, and prayer to help you get through life challenges. Visit the Web site for details on current classes and groups offered as well as location, days and times [www.realifelymph.com](http://www.realifelymph.com).

- The Clothing Bank has moved to a new location west of Canton Christian Fellowship. Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need is available 10 a.m. to noon the fourth Saturday of each month, at 4171 Joy Rd. Call (734) 404-2480, visit [www.CantonCF.org](http://www.CantonCF.org) or send e-mail to [info@cantoncf.org](mailto:info@cantoncf.org) for information.
- Overeaters Anonymous meets 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia, and 7 p.m. Sundays, in Classroom 1 at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia. (313) 387-9797. [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)

- St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets at 10 a.m., the first and third Friday of each month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care is provided. Call Connie McCurt at (734) 895-1426. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. for this weight support group that encourages members to lose weight and keep it off. Call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.
- Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For more information, call (248) 433-1011.

- Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, over-eating, gambling, 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 202 at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 W. Chicago, Redford. For more information, call (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244.
- Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville offers Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit [www.celebraterecovery.com](http://www.celebraterecovery.com) and [www.wardchurch.org/celebrate](http://www.wardchurch.org/celebrate).

- Thrift store: Open Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

#### Worship

- Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills: 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., Sunday and 6 p.m., week days. (248) 851-5100.
- Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes. (734) 522-6830.
- Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland: 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Sunday worship, 9:45 a.m., Sunday school, 7 p.m., Wednesday prayer and Bible study. Youth fel-

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**SYLVIA WICKS GARVEY**  
 August 17, 2009, age 85 of West Bloomfield. Beloved wife of the late Louis P. Garvey. Beloved mother of Patrick (Laura) Garvey, Cindy (Joe) Bradley, Ingrid (Bob) Steff, and Mike (Julia) Garvey. Loving Grandmother of Nickole (Tom) Carlson, Elizabeth (Ron) Keiser, Sean and Kellie Garvey, Katherine and Joey Steff. Great grandmother of Thomas and Chance Carlson. Sylvia was a proud WWII U.S. Navy veteran. Visitation is Thursday 2-9pm at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. In state Friday 9:30am until time of Mass 10am at St. Fabian Catholic Church, 32200 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. [www.mccabefuneralhome.com](http://www.mccabefuneralhome.com)

**SAMUEL HIGGINS**  
 Age 93, August 16, 2009 of Garden City. Survived by his wife Betty. Arrangements by R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, (734) 425-9200. Please sign the on-line guestbook at: [www.rgrharris.com](http://www.rgrharris.com)

**DANIEL LEE KIMEL**  
 Age 79, passed away August 15, 2009. He was born on July 22, 1930, in Detroit, to the late John and Emma (Goebel) Kimel. Daniel is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Patricia Kimel, children: William (Christine) Kimel, Kathy (Alan) Steman; grandchildren: Daniel, Billy, Spencer, Sydney; great-grandchild: Makayla Kimel; siblings: David L. Kimel, and Shirley Kimel. He was preceded in death by his son Ronald, siblings: John Kimel Jr., and Dorothy Heimbarger. Visitation Wednesday, Aug. 19, 1-9 p.m. Funeral Thursday, Aug. 20, 3 p.m. with final visitation from 12-3 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile), South Lyon. Online guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**FRANKLIN BROCKWAY READ**  
 Of Bloomfield Hills, August 13, 2009 Age 95. He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Dorothea "Dorie" Read. Dear father of Stephen H. (Renee) Read of Bloomfield Hills and the late Franklin Brockway Read II and Russell Snavely Read. Loving grandfather of Christopher Polk Read, Jason Read and Ryan Read. Great-grandfather of Logan Hunter Read. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Mr. Read graduated from Cornell University and while at the University he was a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity and was the Circulation Manager of the University Humor Magazine (The Widow). He was employed by Pontiac Motor Division and in 1941 was transferred to GM Corporation Headquarters in Detroit as a member of the Financial Staff. In 1953 he joined the Distribution Staff in organizing the General Motors Training Centers Program. He retired from GM in 1978 after 42 years of service. Mr. Read was an ardent golfer. The Reads were members of the Pine Lake Country Club for over 40 years and maintained a winter home in Pinehurst, NC. The Reads traveled extensively in Europe, China and maintained a condo in Guadalajara, Mexico for many years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Read were active members of All Saints Episcopal Church in Pontiac. A memorial service will be held 11 am Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at All Saints Episcopal Church (171 West Pike Street Pontiac, MI 48341). In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials made to All Saints Episcopal Church, Interment Pine Lake Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the Pontiac Chapel of the Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home (248 338 9288). A memorial reflection can be made to: [www.sparksgriffin.com](http://www.sparksgriffin.com)

**KELSEY LYNN SURSELY**  
 Of Westland, Aug. 10, 2009, Age 41 [www.SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com](http://www.SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com)

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lowship 7 p.m., every other Friday.  
 ■ Due Season Christian Church holds services at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services at 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m., Tuesday Bible study. (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.  
 ■ Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia: 9:30 a.m., Sunday, learning hour is at 9 a.m. for all ages. Starting Sept. 13, Sunday service time changes to 10 a.m. Visit www.livonfaith.org.  
 ■ Garden City Presbyterian Church, Middlebelt one block south of Ford Road: 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music; 10 a.m., youth Sunday school and nursery care; 8:30 a.m. adult Sunday school; 6 p.m., informal gathering with scriptures and discussion every Sunday. Call (734) 421-7620.  
 ■ Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with communion each Sunday; Bible study 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. (734) 427-3660.  
 ■ Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton: 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service, and 10:30 a.m., contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m. (734) 637-8160.

■ Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Sunday, 9 a.m., Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday worship in the chapel. Call (734) 427-1414.  
 ■ New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford: 10:30 a.m., Sundays. (313) 255-6330.  
 ■ New Life Community Church, 42200 Tyler, Belleville: 11 a.m., Sunday. (734) 846-4615 or www.newlifecommunitychurch4u.com  
 ■ Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., Sunday worship. Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery and pre-school programs available at both services. (734) 453-5534.  
 ■ Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour from 9:30-10:40 a.m. Social hour follows each service. (734) 722-1735.  
 ■ Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia: Non-traditional service designed to touch all the senses, 6:30 p.m., every second and fourth Sunday of the month at the church. Step into the light with relevant messages and modern music in a casual atmosphere. (734) 464-0990.  
 ■ Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia: 9 a.m., last Sunday of the month features a contemporary service with church members presenting a short drama on a theme relevant to the

season, a church event, or current newsworthy situation. For more information, call (734) 422-0494.  
 ■ St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday; traditional worship at 9 a.m., Sunday, and contemporary service at 11:15 a.m. Sunday. Call (248) 474-0584 for additional information.  
 ■ St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia: contemporary service, 11:30 a.m., fourth Sunday of the month. (734) 422-6038.  
 ■ St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia: 10 a.m., Sunday. (734) 422-1470.  
 ■ Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, four miles south of Michigan Avenue: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Sunday, 6:15 p.m., Wednesday, 6 p.m., Sunday Bible studies and worship center for all ages includes dinner, child care. Call (734) 699-3361.  
 ■ Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads: 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sundays. (734) 421-1760.  
 ■ Way of Life Christian Church, 9401 General Drive, Suite 100, Plymouth Township: 10 a.m. Sunday: 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible study; 7:30 p.m. Friday, intercessory prayer. (734) 340-5551; www.wayoflifec.com  
 ■ Westwood Community Church, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland: 10-11:15 a.m., Sunday. Come as you are. Coffee and doughnuts, children's church every Sunday

Canton pastor excited about Holy Land trek this fall

BY JULIE BROWN  
 OGE STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Bryan Smith, Geneva Presbyterian Church pastor, has wanted to visit the Holy Land for some time.

"I've been wanting to go to the Holy Land for at least eight to 10 years," said Smith, pastor of the congregation on Sheldon north of Ford in Canton.

He's about to get his chance through a Columbia Theological Seminary of Decatur, Ga., Journey of Faith program.

The program's for mid-career (ages 35-55) clergy with five or more years experience in ordained ministry. "They took a group of 20 of us." The Christian clergy will leave Oct. 28 and return Nov. 11.

They'll have a preparation time retreat in late September at the seminary in Georgia to talk about what will happen, "and begin to sort of think about this in terms of spiritual impact."

Smith had previously talked to clergy colleagues about how transformational it was to visit the Holy Land.

They spoke of getting immersed in the geography of where Jesus did his ministry. "Actually being there kind of infuses a deeper faith." Smith saw the opportunity and applied in June, hearing back three weeks later.

The travel is funded by the seminary in partnership with the Holy Land Pastoral Renewal Program of the CF Foundation, with which Smith was previously unfamiliar. He's not overly concerned



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Rev. Bryan Smith of Geneva Presbyterian Church will visit the Holy Land in October.

about violence in the area due to conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.

"I really don't feel that all. At this point, I'm just feeling really grateful." When he returns this fall, he will share impact of the trip with his church and others.

There may be some from the community who'd like to visit the region, he said.

"I'm just waiting to see what will transpire to see what will be a blessing to others as well."

He answered essay questions, and those doing the choosing read through and picked the 20 clergy, who had to be mid-career and never visited the Holy Land before.

"They wanted this to be people who never had the chance before," Smith said.

BUSY SCHEDULE

The clergy will fly from Atlanta to Tel Aviv in Israel. Their itinerary includes the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes in one day, as part of an overview of Jesus' Galilean ministry.

They'll be at Tabgha, the traditional site of the loaves and fishes, and the Chapel of the Primacy of Peter, the traditional site of Jesus' appearance to the disciples while they were fishing.

On Day Five, the clergy journey to Kursi on the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus is believed to have healed the demoniac and cast the demons into swine. On Day Six, they'll trek to Nazareth and see Mount Tabor.

Other days include a morning walk into Jerusalem, from the Mount of Olives via the Garden of Gethsemane and the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. They'll see the Church of St. Peter on Mount Zion and the Western (Wailing) Wall.

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<p><b>ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH</b>                  Tridentine Latin Mass                  St. Anne's Academy - Grades K-8                  38100 Five Mile Road                  Livonia, MI 48154 • (734) 462-3200                  Mass Schedule:                  Fri. 7:00 p.m.                  Sat. 11:00 a.m.                  Sun. Masses 7:30 &amp; 10:00 a.m.                  Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass                  Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions                  Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. CE08626544</p>	<p><b>Redford Aldersgate</b>                  2 blocks South of Plymouth                  United Methodist                  10000 Beech Daly 313-937-3170                  Summer Schedule Worship at 10:00 am                  www.redfordaldersgate.org CE08626547</p>	<p><b>St. James Presbyterian Church, USA</b>                  25350 West Six Mile Rd.                  Redford (313) 534-7730                  Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 A.M., Sunday School - 10:15 A.M., Thursday Dinners - 6:00 P.M., Thrift Store every Sat. 10am-2pm                  Nursery Care Provided • Handicapped Accessible                  Rev. Paul S. Bousquette CE08626548</p>	<p><b>Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church</b>                  14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, just north of I-96                  734-522-6830                  Sunday Worship 8:30 &amp; 11:00 am - Traditional                  Sunday/Bible Class 9:45 am                  Early Childhood Center Phone 734-513-8413                  Staffed Nursery Available                  Making disciples who share the love of Jesus Christ                  Pastors: Robert F. Beyer and Anthony M. Crockett CE08626549</p>
<p><b>St. Genevieve Roman Catholic Church</b>                  St. Genevieve School - PreK-8                  29015 Jamison • Livonia • 734-427-9220                  (East of Middlebelt, between 5 Mile &amp; Jeffries)                  MASS: Tues. 7 p. Wed., Thurs. 9 a., Sat. 4 p., Sun 11a  <b>St. Maurice Roman Catholic Church</b>                  32765 Lyndon • Livonia • 734-522-1616                  (between Merriman &amp; Farmington Roads)                  MASS: Mon. 8:30 a., Fri. 8:30 a., Sat. 6 p., Sun 9a CE08626546</p>	<p><b>NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b>                  "Open Hearts, Minds &amp; Doors"                  36500 Ann Arbor Trail                  between Wayne &amp; Newburgh Rds.                  734-422-0149                  Worship Service and Sunday School 9:15 am                  Rev. Marsha M. Woolley                  Visit our website: www.newburgumc.org CE08626545</p>	<p><b>ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)</b>                  9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI (between Merriman &amp; Farmington Rds.)                  (734) 422-0494                  Friends in Faith Service 9:00 am                  Traditional Service 10:30 am                  Visit www.rosedalegardens.org                  For information about our many programs CE08626543</p>	<p><b>GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD</b>                  25630 GRAND RIVER at BEECH DALY                  313-532-2266 REDFORD TWP.                  Worship Service 9:15 &amp; 11:00 A.M.                  Sunday School 9:15 &amp; 11:00 A.M.                  Nursery Provided                  The Rev. Timothy P. Halboth, Senior Pastor                  The Rev. Dr. Victor F. Halboth, Assistant Pastor CE08626542</p>
<p><b>CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE</b></p> <p><b>PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b>                  45601 W. Ann Arbor Road • (734) 453-1525                  Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.                  Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M.                  Sunday Evening - 8:00 P.M.                  Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M.                  NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN LEARNING CENTER                  (734) 455-3196 CE08626538</p>	<p><b>ORCHARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b>                  30450 Farmington Road • Farmington Hills                  www.orchardumc.org                  248-626-3620                  Worship: 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.                  Childrens Education provided during both services                  Pastors: Carol J. Johns, Jim Braid, Margo Dexter CE08626547</p>	<p><b>GREEK ORTHODOX</b></p> <p><b>NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH</b>                  39851 West Five Mile, Plymouth Twp., MI                  Sunday Services                  Matins 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am                  Rev. Fr. George Vapouris                  Parish Office 734-420-0131                  Office Hours M-F 10:00 am - 2:00 pm                  www.nativitygochurch.org CE08626549</p>	<p><b>EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN</b></p> <p><b>WARD Evangelical Presbyterian Church</b>                  40000 Six Mile Road                  "just west of I-275"                  Northville, MI                  248-374-7400                  Traditional Worship 8:00, 9:30 &amp; 11:00 A.M.                  Contemporary Worship 9:30 &amp; 11:00 A.M.                  Nursery &amp; Sunday School During the 9:30 &amp; 11:00 Hours                  Evening Service • 7:00 p.m.                  Service Broadcast 11:00 A.M. Sunday WRDT-AM 560                  The WMUZ Word Station                  For additional information visit www.wardchurch.org CE08626547</p>
<p><b>LUTHERAN-ELCA</b></p> <p><b>ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, ELCA</b>                  Farmington Hills 23225 Gill Rd. 248-4740584                  SATURDAY WORSHIP • 5:30 PM                  Sunday Worship &amp; Sunday School                  9:00 AM TRADITIONAL/CHORAL SERVICE                  10:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL - ALL AGES                  11:15 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE                  NURSERY AVAILABLE                  ERIC STENSEN, DIRECTOR OF MINISTRIES CE08626548</p>	<p><b>PRESBYTERIAN</b></p> <p><b>Fellowship Presbyterian Church</b>                  Adult Sunday School: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m.                  Childrens Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.                  Pastor: Dr. Jimmy McGuire                  Services held at: Saint Andrews Episcopal Church                  16360 Hubbard Road in Livonia • South of Six Mile Road                  Nursery provided • www.fellowship-presbyterian.org CE08626541</p>	<p><b>CONGREGATIONAL</b></p> <p><b>North Congregational Church</b>                  36520 12 Mile Rd.                  Farmington Hills (bet. Drake &amp; Halsted)                  (248) 848-1750                  10:30 a.m. Worship &amp; Church School                  Faith - Freedom-Fellowship                  Ministers                  Dr. Mark P. Jensen Rev. Mary E. Biedron CE08626547</p>	<p><b>ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH &amp; SCHOOL</b>                  17810 FARMINGTON ROAD                  LIVONIA (734) 261-1360                  WORSHIP SERVICES                  SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. &amp; 10:30 A.M.                  THURSDAY: 6:30 P.M.                  website: www.stpaulsilivonia.org</p>
<p><b>Timothy Lutheran Church</b>                  A Reconciling in Christ Congregation                  8820 Wayne Rd.                  (Between Ann Arbor Trail &amp; Joy Road)                  Livonia • 427-2290                  Jill Heather, Pastor                  10:00 a.m. Family Worship                  (Nursery Available) CE08626545</p>	<p>For Information regarding this Directory, please call Donna Hart at 734-582-8342 or e-mail: dhart@dnp.com</p>		

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# Take a step back in time at Village Faire

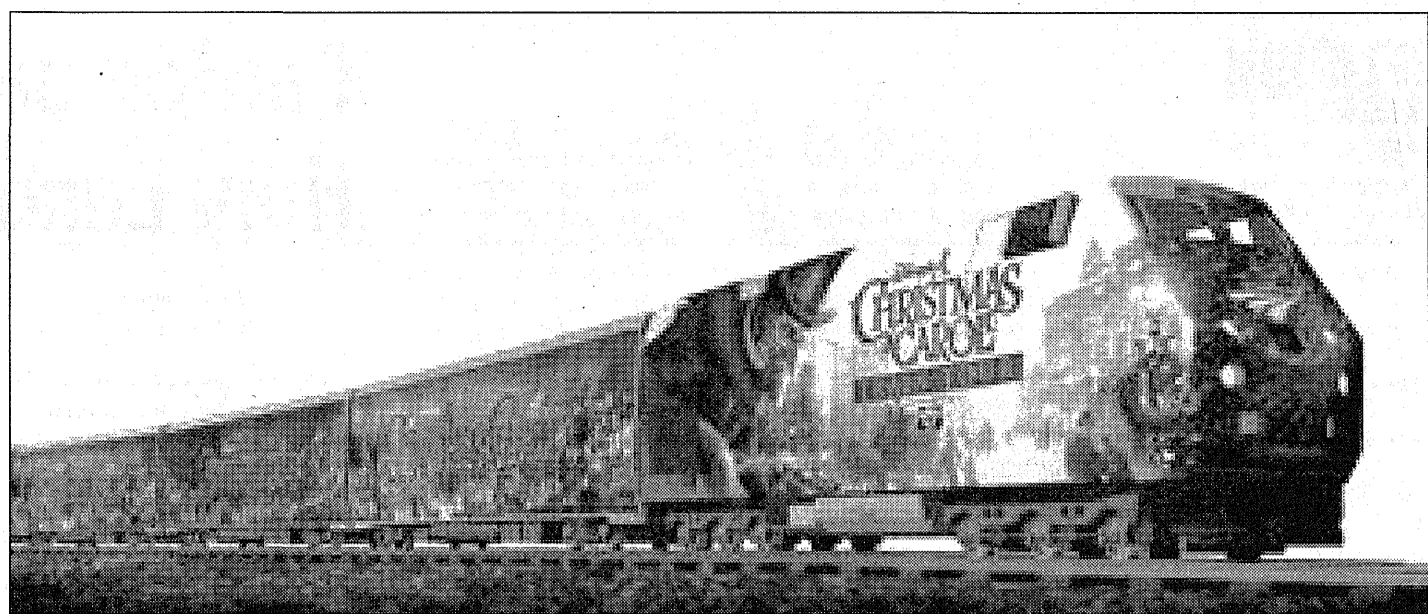
Canton's Annual Village Faire runs noon-4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 30, at Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road.

Visitors will watch historical demonstrations, such as cooking, knitting, blacksmithing, candlemaking and plowing, take guided tours of the Bartlett-Travis House, visit the petting farm, listen to music and try face painting.

The Canon Lions Club will be on hand with a corn roast. Food wristbands will be on sale at the event, and pre-registration is not necessary.

In keeping with the community spirit of the event, visitors can stroll the grounds and enjoy the best in fresh produce and handmade crafts from the Canton Farmers Market. The market is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every Sunday through Oct. 25 at the park.

The Annual Village Faire is free and sponsored by Canton Leisure Services, the Canton Historical Society and Canton Lions Club. No registration is required. To learn more about Village Faire, visit [cantonfun.org](http://cantonfun.org) or call (734) 394-5460.



Disney's "A Christmas Carol" train will roll into Greenfield Village Sept. 4.

# Christmas train rolls into town

Disney's *A Christmas Carol* Train Tour makes a stop, Sept. 4-6, at Greenfield Village during its 40-city tour.

Visitors can expect to see Christmas decorations, hear carolers and see a 3D sneak peek from the movie, *Disney's A Christmas Carol*.

The attraction is free and will be open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Greenfield Village is located at 20900 Oakwood Blvd, in Dearborn.

Many of the exhibits will be inside the train cars, but the film footage will be shown in a state-of-the-art digital 3D theater erected on site.

Visitors can check out the cutting-

edge technology behind the film, as well as artifacts from the Charles Dickens Museum and interactive games that allow users to explore Dickens' London and morph their faces into characters from the movie using HP TouchSmart PCs. HP powers the interactive components of the Train Tour and its technology is used in the production of the movie.

Radio Disney will invite kids to enter for a chance to become a Movie Surfer representing their hometown. Each Hometown Movie Surfer will get a chance to appear on Disney Channel by filming their own Movie Surfer's segment.

Guests also will have a chance to win an HP TouchSmart PC and HP Photosmart wireless printer. This family event is for all ages.

The train tour is traveling cross-country with stops in 40 cities, culminating in November at New York City's Grand Central Terminal.

Disney's *A Christmas Carol*, directed by Robert Zemeckis, stars Jim Carrey as Ebenezer Scrooge, Gary Oldman as his faithful clerk and Colin Firth as his cheerful nephew. The movie opens nationwide Nov. 6 in theatres, Disney Digital 3D, and IMAX 3D.

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**Eastern Michigan University**

**Time/Date:** Elements of Photography, Sept. 3-Oct. 2, Coping with the Unknown, Sept. 8-Oct. 2; Excavations, through Aug. 28

**Location:** Photography in the University Art Gallery, 900 Oakwood on EMU's Ypsilanti campus; Coping and Excavations in the Ford Gallery, in Ford Hall, north of Cross Street at Normal Street on EMU campus

**Details:** Photography exhibit features work of nationally and internationally acclaimed photographers. Artist reception is 4-6 p.m., Sept. 9. Coping shows the work of Joe Meiser and Adrian Hatfield. Artist reception is 4-6 p.m., Sept. 10. Excavations is a master of

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fine arts thesis exhibition by Suzanne Lalonde. Artist reception is 5:30-8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 21  
**Contact:** (734) 487-0465 or e-mail to [jlocket@emich.edu](mailto:jlocket@emich.edu)

**Farmington Hills City Gallery**  
**Time/Date:** "Studies of Place and Views of Space" through Sept. 25

**Location:** Costick Center at 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Works by Rachel Reynolds and Robert Zahorsky  
**Contact:** (248) 473-1856.

**Lotus Arts Gallery**  
**Time/Date:** "Impression & Expressions: Exploring

Modern Printmaking," through Aug. 29. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.  
**Location:** 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth

**Contact:** (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734)453-5400

**Northville Art House**  
**Time/Date:** "Detroit - Perceived Image," the work of Darel Deneau, through Aug. 22. Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m., Thursdays-Saturdays, 1-9 p.m., first Fridays only

**Location:** 215 W. Cady Street, downtown Northville  
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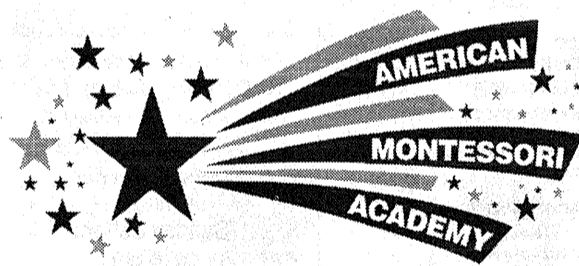
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**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton  
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**Contact:** (734) 394-5300 or visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater

**BENEFITS**  
**Dawn Farm Jamboree**  
**Time/Date:** 1-6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 13  
**Location:** Dawn Farm, 6633 Stoney Creek Road, Ypsilanti  
**Details:** Free admission. Proceeds for the farm that helps recovering alcoholics and drug addicts, raised through an auction, gift tables and sales. Live music by NoteWorthy, hayrides, pony rides, rock climbing wall, children's tent, chair massages, farm tours, live and silent auctions, vendors, food and beverages. Farm fresh eggs available

for purchase  
**Contact:** (734) 485-8725 or visit www.dawnfarm.org

**CAR, CRUISE EVENTS**  
**Botsford Commons "Cruise In" classic car show**  
**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. to dusk, Friday, Aug. 28  
**Location:** Botsford Commons, 21450 Archwood Circle, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Fifth annual event, cars, free outdoor concert with big band sounds  
**Contact:** (248) 477-7400

**COMEDY**  
**DTE Energy Theatre**  
**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 21, Jeff Foxworthy, tickets \$59.50 and \$35 pavilion and \$15 lawn  
**Location:** 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston  
**Contact:** (248)377-0100, Palacenet.com

**Go Comedy!**  
**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays  
**Location:** 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale  
**Details:** Improv most nights. Three original sketch comedies 8 p.m.

Thursdays: Jeremy Conn and Garrett Fuller, both of Garden City, in their one-act comedic play, "Travel Earth Timeshares," through Sept. 24. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays  
**Contact:** (248) 327-0575; www.gocomedy.net

**JD's House of Comedy**  
**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings  
**Location:** 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield  
**Details:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday  
**Contact:** (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

**Jazz Cafe at Music Hall**  
**Time/Date:** 9 p.m. third Thursdays  
**Location:** 350 Madison Ave., Detroit  
**Details:** Show Up, and Go Up, open call, free  
**Contact:** (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafedetroit.com

**Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia**  
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic, 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m.

shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays  
**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, www.kicker-scomplex.com

**Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle**  
**Time/Date:** Open Mic 8 p.m. most Wednesdays  
**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak  
**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

**Palace of Auburn Hills**  
**Time/Date:** Frank Caliendo/Bill Engvall, Oct. 24  
**Location:** 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills  
**Contact:** (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com

**CONCERTS**  
**The Ark**  
**Time/Date:** Diana Jones, Aug. 21; Mindy Smith, Aug. 22; The Pines, Aug. 23; Andrew and Noah VanNorstrand, Aug. 25; Dar Williams with Stephen Kellogg, Aug. 26; Little Feat, Aug. 27; Notorious, Aug. 28; Great Lake Swimmers, Aug. 29; Yid Vicious, Aug. 30  
**Location:** 316 South Main, Ann Arbor  
**Contact:** (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

**Callahan's Music Hall**  
**Location:** 2105 South Boulevard, south of the Palace, Auburn Hills  
**Contact:** www.atcallahans.com, (248)858-9508

**Canton jazz series**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Fridays through Aug. 28, at locations along Ford Road.  
**Details:** Tumbao Bravo, Aug. 21, at Centre Village; Bugs Beddow Band, Aug. 28, at Sam's Club  
**Contact:** (734) 394-5460

**Detroit Institute of Arts**  
**Time/Date:** Friday Night Live concerts, 7 & 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** 5200 Woodward Ave  
**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

**DTE Energy Music Theater**  
**Time/Date:** The B-52s, Aug. 20; blink-182 with Fall Out Boy & Panic at the Disco, Aug. 22; Kenny G, Aug. 23; Creed, Aug. 25; Soul Asylum with Seven Mary Three and Sponge, Aug. 27; Dennis DeYoung - The Music of Styx with Rock Symphony, Aug. 28; Eddie Money with Pat Travers, Aug. 29; Lil Wayne with Young Jeezy, Soulja Boy, Drake, Aug. 30; Michael W. Smith,

Sept. 4; Tesla, Sept. 5; Darius Rucker with Luke Bryan, Sept. 17

**Farmington concerts**  
**Riley Park**  
**Time/Date:** Rhythmicz in Riley Park concerts start at 7 p.m. Fridays  
**Location:** Riley Park in downtown Farmington  
**Details:** Renegade, a country music cover band, plays Aug. 21; and Volebeats, a legendary Detroit-area band known for its vocal harmonies, wraps up the series on Aug. 28  
**Contact:** www.DowntownFarmington.org

**Farmington Hills concerts**  
**Time/Date:** "Stars in the Park" Thursday nights through Aug. 27  
**Location:** Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Rain-out site, Costick Center  
**Details:** Seriuux and Friends offers a Motown Review Aug. 20. The series ends with Uprizin's swinging Caribbean rhythms Aug. 27. No alcohol or pets are allowed in Heritage Park  
**Contact:** (248) 473-1857, www.fhgov.com

**Focus Hope**  
**Time/Date:** 2-8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 22  
**Details:** Hot Summer Nights Music Festival, a free concert, features Paul Miles the Blues Man, Ortheia Barnes, Lola Morales, the Carolyn Striho Bande, Wojamm and Shiron Denise and General Population, with WAE and Peace. The mobile hip hop museum also will be on site. Family-friendly event with children's activities, moon bounce and face painting  
**Location:** 1355 Oakman Boulevard, Detroit  
**Contact:** (313) 598-0408

**Livonia music series**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Thursdays through Aug. 27  
**Details:** Dezie McCullers in a jazz concert Aug. 20 at Civic Center Park, Five Mile and Farmington Road. The series ends Aug. 27 with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra at the Livonia Community Center, Five Mile and Hubbard  
**Contact:** (734) 466-2540

**Magic Bag**  
**Time/Dates:** AJA: A Tribute to the Music of Steely Dan, Aug. 21; The Mega 80's, Aug. 22; Buckwheat Zydeco with

Josh Charles, Aug. 25; The Original Wailers, Aug. 26; Echoes of Pink Floyd, Aug. 28  
**Location:** 22920 Woodward, Ferndale  
**Contact:** (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

**Meadow Brook Music Festival**  
**Time/Dates:** Heaven & Hell with Coheed and Cambria, Aug. 21; Peter Frampton, Aug. 22; GetBack! The Cast of Beatlemania, Aug. 29; O.A.R. with special guest Brett Dennen, Sept. 4  
**Location:** 3554 Walton Blvd Rochester Hills  
**Contact:** (248) 377-0100, Ticketmaster.com

**Northville Friday night concerts**  
**Time/Dates:** Oak Pointe (musical revue), Aug. 21; Steve King and the Ditties (top 40), Aug. 28  
**Location:** Town Square  
**Contact:** (248) 349-7640, www.northville.org

**Palace of Auburn Hills**  
**Time/Dates:** American Idols Live! Aug. 26; The Circus Starring Britney Spears with Ciara, Sept. 8; King of Leon with Las Vegas, Sept. 22; Miley Cyrus, Oct. 6  
**Location:** 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills  
**Contact:** (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com

**Plymouth concerts**  
**Time/Date:** Friday Night Concerts start at 7 p.m. and run through Sept. 4  
**Location:** Kellogg Park, on Main in downtown Plymouth  
**Details:** Randy Brock Group, Aug. 21; Mass Transit, Aug. 28 and Lady Sunshine & the X Band wrap up the series on Sept. 4  
**Contact:** (734) 453-1540


**Redford concerts**  
**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Aug. 25  
**Location:** Capitol Park, north of Plymouth Road and west of Beech Daly  
**Details:** Missing Links Band brings a big band sound to the park on Aug. 25  
**Contact:** (313) 387-2650

**Redford Township Marquee**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m., Friday, Aug. 28  
**Location:** Town Hall complex, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford  
**Details:** Father/daughter duo of Bobby Lewis and Gia Warner; admission free  
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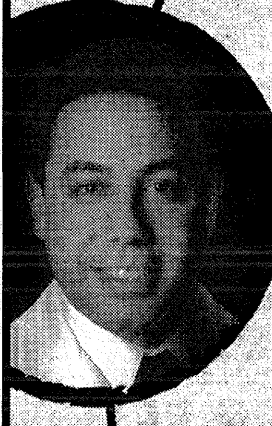
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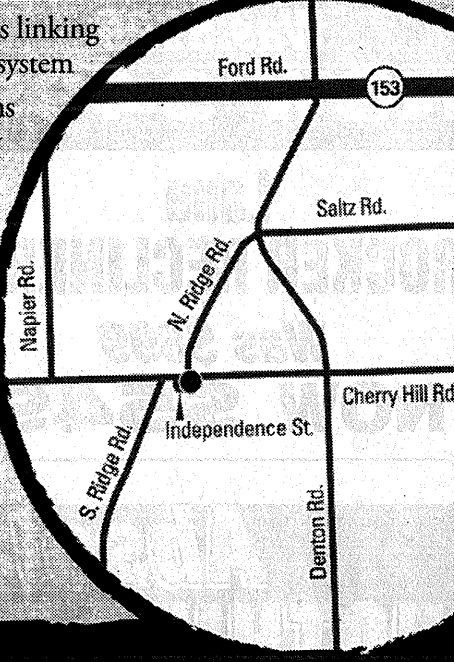
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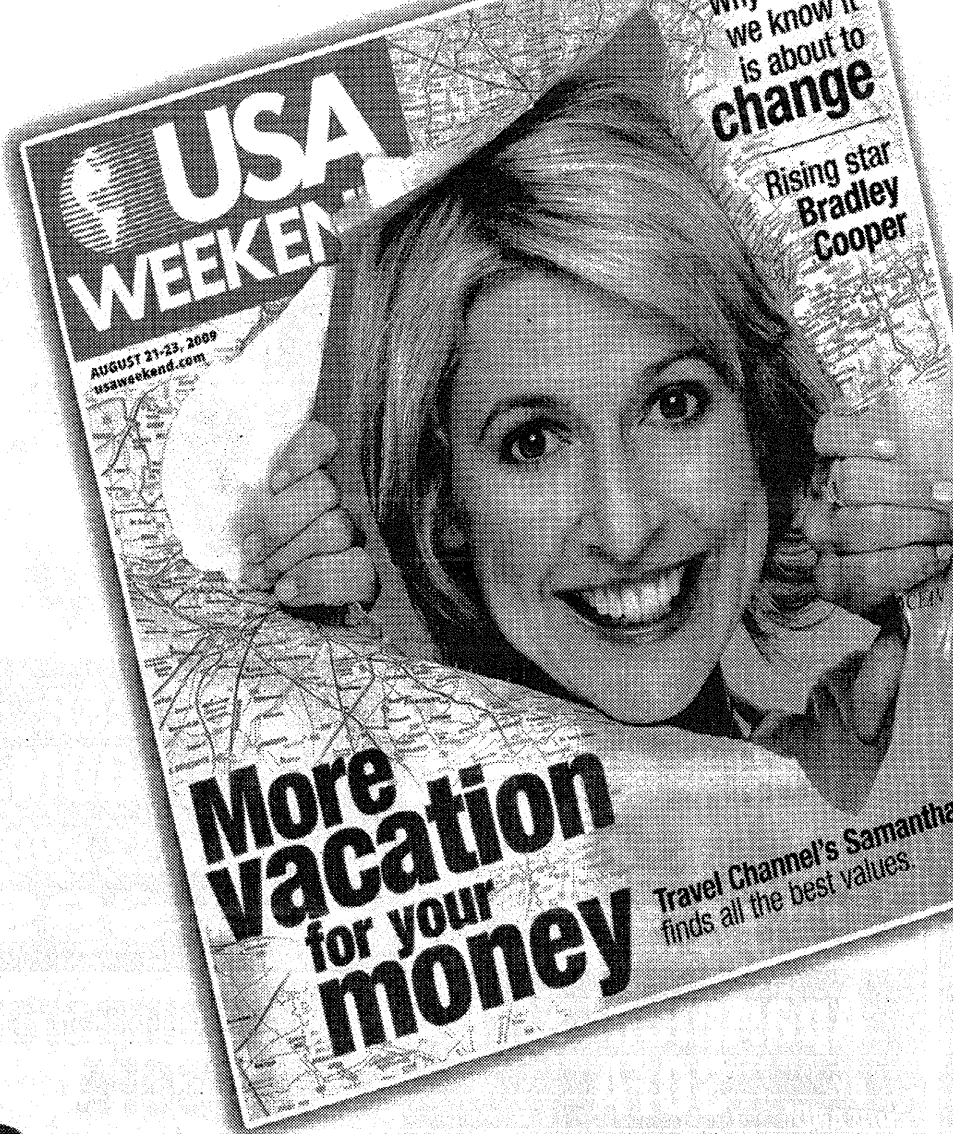
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# Documentary focuses on food and natural healing

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There won't be any typical movie theater snacks served at the concession stand when *Food Matters*, screens next week at the Main Theatre in downtown Royal Oak. And that's just the way Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Program graduate Andrea McNinch wants it.

Through her company, Regeneration Raw, McNinch does corporate consulting, offers one-on-one coaching, teaches classes and workshops on health and wellness through proper nutrition. Eating raw specializes in raw and vegan foods.

"The concessions will be shut down during the showing," McNinch stated. "We will not sell that type of food, but rather will offer movie-goers donated local, organic, whole foods to snack on."

Movie-goers will take home a free bag loaded with healthy snacks, coupons and literature on where and how to stay healthy. Sponsors include VegMichigan, Mind Body & Spirits restaurant, Red Pepper Deli, Eden Organic, Zerbo's Health Foods, Green Drinks Detroit, The Now Project, Gourmet Everyday, iMatter, Slow Food Detroit and more.

She rented out the 175-seat theater for a one-time showing of the 80-minute documentary by producer-directors James Colquhoun and Laurentine ten Bosch, who interviewed several leading experts in nutrition and natural healing. The experts claim we're harming our bodies with improper nutrition, and that the right kind of foods, supplements and detoxification can be used to treat chronic illnesses as fatal as terminally diagnosed cancer.

The film points out that not every problem requires costly, major medical attention and reveals many alternative therapies that can be more effective, more economical and less harmful than conventional medical treatments. The focus of the film is in helping viewers rethink their belief systems about the modern medical and health care establishments.

"Find out what works, what doesn't and what's killing you," McNinch stated.

She realized "Food is our best medicine" when at age 25 she began suffering from migraines and battling other ills, such as colds and skin problems.

She said doctors attributed the problems to aging and wrote prescriptions for symptoms of what they termed were common ailments.

She decided to change her diet instead of consuming prescription drugs.

"It was almost an instant recovery," she states on her Web site. "As soon as I cut out dairy and started eating raw foods, I never had another migraine and there are no cysts or calcifications in my body. The best part is, I look and feel younger every day, zits, illness, PMS and lack of energy are a thing of the past."

In addition to graduating from Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts Program, she also holds a degree in journalism and communication from Oakland University.



McNinch

Her fall workshop schedule includes these topics at local schools:

■ "Raw Foods: Key to Ageless Beauty and Optimal Well-Being," Sept. 26, at Madonna University, in Livonia. The workshop will focus on adding raw and living foods to the diet. Learn the benefits of eating raw-vegan, the equipment used and a few easy and delicious dishes to get started on the path to optimal well-being.

■ "Raw-Vegan Food On A Dime," Nov. 7, at Madonna University, Livonia. Learn how to make simple, delicious raw-vegan food packed with vibrant health the inexpensive way through utilizing local farmers markets, making your own raw trail mixes and using techniques such as sprouting. Class will include food/sprouting demos, lots of sampling along with a packet of recipes and useful tips to get started.

For more on Regeneration Raw, including McNinch's class schedule, visit [www.how2eatraw.com](http://www.how2eatraw.com). For more on the film, visit [www.foodmatters.tv/](http://www.foodmatters.tv/) —Sharon Dargay

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Vintner Chris Lynch will be at the Plymouth store for a bottle-signing from 10 a.m.-noon and 4-7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 25. The store is located at 15455 Haggerty, at Five Mile.

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He'll be at the Ann Arbor store (3615 Washtenaw Ave) 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23 and at the Commerce Township store (39950 W. 14 Mile at Haggerty) 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24

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Tickets for adults are \$18 in advance and \$25 at the event, and include eight free wine samples, wine and food seminars and non-stop live entertainment. Designated Driver tickets are \$10 and include two free soft drinks. Tickets for kids, age 12-17, are \$5 and those under 12 are admitted at no charge.

Tickets are on sale now at [Palacenet.com](http://Palacenet.com), The Palace and DTE Energy Music Theatre Box Offices and all Ticketmaster locations. Tickets will also be available at the Meadow Brook Music Festival Box Office the day of the event. Each ticket is valid for one-day admission to the festival grounds.

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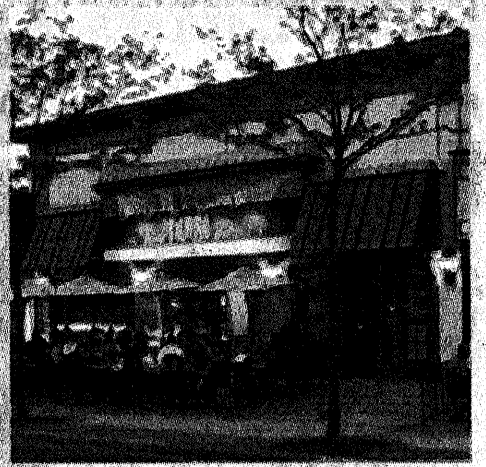




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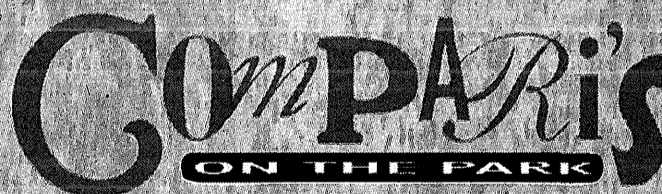
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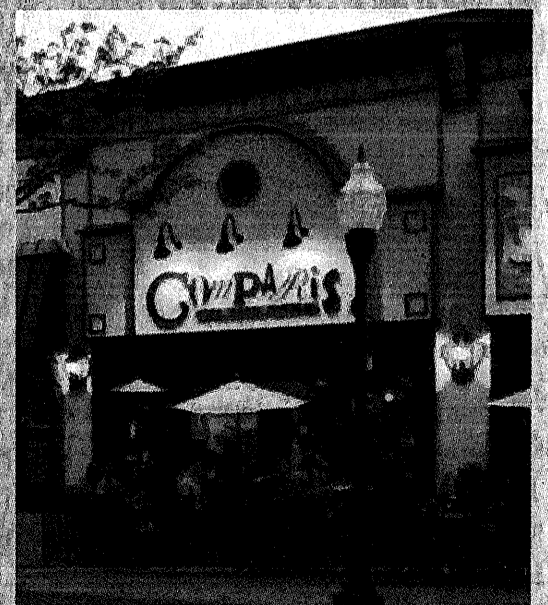


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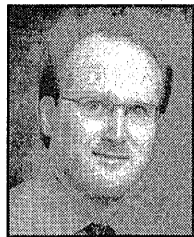
## CAReport



Welcome back: The new Camaro cuts a classic low profile



You're where you want to be -- low to the ground -- inside the new Camaro.



By Dale Buss

Woodward Avenue had its event last weekend, but for much of the summer I've had my own dream cruise going, on the highways and byways of northern Oakland County: In more or less rapid succession, I've been driving the new Chevrolet Camaro, the new Dodge Challenger, and the new Ford Mustang. I'll take a look at each of them in succeeding weeks as summer begins to give way to its end, trying to squeeze just a bit more of the joy of the season out of closer examinations of each of these new muscle cars. Here's to hoping that they all survive the new regulatory pressures of a greener federal administration in something close to their current forms.

Any of these cars, of course, would have felt right at home traversing Woodward during the official Dream Cruise, given that each of these models has venerable roots as one of the original muscle cars that inspired cruising in the first place, and all those endless trips to the Totem Pole and the other places on the avenue that many Detroit-area boomers still recall fondly. No doubt those early versions of these nameplates might still be able to blow away their modern counterparts when it comes to pure horsepower and brassiness. But today's Camaro,

Challenger and Mustang all have their own advantages too. Camaro, of course, is the hottest thing going these days for General Motors, which sorely needs hit vehicles to get Americans to thinking about their products again instead of the company's government-owned balance sheet. And driving Camaro told me that this vehicle is just the ticket for that challenge.

Curiously, around town on Dream Cruise weekend I saw one of the original Camaros, and it became clear to me how close GM has come with the new Camaro to invoking the spirit of the Sixties version. Having seen both of those cars made the in-between versions of the Camaro -- when it essentially was a sibling of the Pontiac Trans-Am -- all the more forgettable.

I remember thinking back in the Eighties that it seemed as if Chevy was styling the Camaro to resemble a poor man's Corvette, which is no way for a proud nameplate to build on its heritage -- and no way to get a car buyer to part with his or her money.

Anyway, the new Camaro delivers on its promise of making us forget its immediate predecessors, including a heavy blast of oomph even from the 3.6-liter, 304-horsepower V6 version that I

drove, which was twinned with a swarthy six-speed manual transmission and a sport suspension. The version turns in a respectable 18 mpg in city driving and a boast-worthy 29 mpg on the highway -- yet, getting away from the light and accelerating in passing lanes were exhilarating even with the V6. Presumably, those exercises would be even more hair-raising if you're driving the 426-horsepower V-8 version.

And the car looked very good doing so. The Imperial Blue Metallic version I drove paled in flashiness with the yellow Camaro that one of my neighbors is driving these days, but no matter: Such is the distinctive low profile cut by Camaro on Michigan roads these days that it turns just about every head it goes by. The 20-inch painted aluminum wheels, rear spoiler and other touches didn't hurt in that regard either.

The new Camaro also delivers on the interior aura and accouterments that you would expect. There are the retro dials and gauges. There's all the road

feel you would want, and the low-slung seats make you feel as if you're sitting in a hole. The unmistakable feel of slight claustrophobia hangs in the air as well because the windshield and windows are very narrow, and Camaro gives you a feeling of being in a box.

True aficionados like that, of course. But I'm betting that there are some aging boomers who are springing for a new Camaro because of the tug of nostalgia but, once they've been inside for awhile, are missing the feeling of air and openness and "command seating" lent by many of today's vehicles.

Another concern that really isn't a problem is that the new Camaro's rear seat is just as useless as many muscle cars' rear seats have been. There's hardly any room back there, or in the trunk. But space for cargo or, really, passengers is not why folks are snapping Camaros off dealer lots as fast as they arrive.

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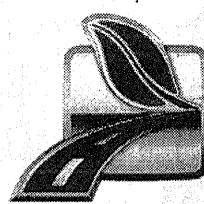
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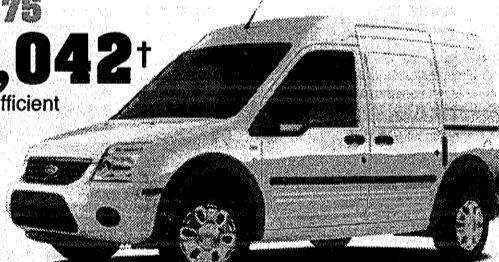


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