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## PIPELINE

### Faith grants

The Plymouth Salvation Army, which has programs to help low-income and needy people with rental assistance, utility bills, food and more, now has a way to reach out to those who've recently lost their jobs.

"Faith Stimulus Grants" are grants intended to help the newly unemployed. Using matching funds from the Plymouth Community United Way, the Plymouth Salvation Army (which covers Canton, Plymouth, Northville and Belleville) may be able to assist with rent, utilities, medical care and food (spiritual counseling and volunteer opportunities are also available).

To provide the assistance, Salvation Army staffers must be able to verify applicants' end-date of work. Proof can come in the form of a letter of separation or proof of unemployment from the state.

Laurie Aren, the Plymouth Salvation Army's director of Family and Community Ministries, said she understands the reluctance to ask for help.

"We know that reaching out is hard," Aren said. "We know you have been our donors and now may be in need. We want to help you, as you have helped us so faithfully in the past."

Faith Stimulus Grant funds expire Sept. 30. For more information call the Plymouth Salvation Army, (734) 453-5464.

### Just like eBay

Parents wanting to pay on-line for everything from athletic pay-to-play fees to meals are now able to do so after Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials went on-line this week with a PaySchools option.

On-line payments for high school and middle school athletic fees and cafeteria accounts are now available, with plans to add to elementary school cafeteria accounts and other fees coming in the near future, according to James Larson-Shidler, the district's assistant superintendent for business services.

Benefits of the program include 24/7 access on-line, the ability to view account history and the assurance of private and secure transmissions. The district, for example, does not see any banking or credit card information, Larson-Shidler pointed out.

The link includes frequently asked questions and easy-to-follow instructions on how to get started.

Once it's up and running, the on-line payment option can be linked on the district's Web site at [www.pccs.k12.mi.us](http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us).

## County, IT firm open tech center

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's appropriate that football season has started, because Wayne County and Plymouth Township officials apparently made a game-saving tackle that kept alive a partnership with technology expert Secure-24 both sides say should be mutually lucrative.

The county and Secure-24, which provides IT security products and systems, along with Plymouth Township and various government officials, cut the ribbon Tuesday on the \$5 million, 18,000-square-foot Wayne County Technology Resource Center on Helm Court in Plymouth Township. Among the guests were Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards and Wayne County Commissioners Laura Cox, R-Livonia, whose district includes Plymouth, and Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, whose district

includes Westland and part of Livonia.

The facility was designed to "offer and deliver critical IT services" to all 43 communities in Wayne County, as well as "creating capacity for private business IT services," according to Secure-24 vice president of sales Matt Wenzler. The center provides communities Information Technology infrastructure and disaster recovery services.

"Michigan doesn't have the kind of inclement weather issues that would cause us problems," said Wenzler, who pointed out Michigan is one of three states never to have a federally declared natural disaster. "They're using it as an economic incentive for out-of-state business to come here."

It was almost built to attract business to northern Ohio, which is where Secure-24 management had actually decided to build the center before Wayne County Executive



JAMES WALLACE

Matt Wenzler of Secure-24, Tahir Kazmi of Wayne County, Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Wayne County Commissioners Laura Cox and Joan Gebhardt cut the ribbon on the new technology center in Plymouth Township.

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## Tea party: Youngster brews up winning story

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A flair for creative writing, and love of tea parties inherited from her grandmother, gave Paige Bimberg the winning edge in a national contest.

Paige, 11, who is soon to be a sixth-grader at East Middle School, placed first in her age group this summer in a writing competition sponsored by Laura Schaefer, author of *The Teashop Girls*, and the online tea store Teas Etc.

Paige's story, "Blossomed," describes the surprise and delight experienced by girls attending a tea party during which the narrator's grandmother serves a flowering tea, steeping it in clear glass. The flower "was beautiful, and it gave me a sense of life and happiness," the narrator says.

For her win, Paige took home a clear teapot — for serving flowering tea — and a copy of *The Teashop Girls*, a novel for young readers.

"It was really cool," Paige said during a recent visit to TranquiliTea, the tea specialty shop in downtown Plymouth.

Paige has been, well, steeped in tea traditions by her paternal grandmother, Carol Bimberg, who hosts formal tea parties with Paige, sister Caroline, 8, and their friends. They've even tried a flowering tea.

"Since we're sort of the hosts, we can do whatever we want, and it's fun having my friends over," Paige said. "We try to do something new" with every tea party, she said.

Carol Bimberg, a regular at TranquiliTea, heard about the contest and told Paige about it.

"I was so proud," said Paige's mother, Rebecca Bimberg. Paige has been writing detailed, colorful stories, based on family experiences, since she was a first-grader,



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Paige Bimberg of Plymouth Township Paige, 11, placed first in her age group this summer in a writing competition sponsored by Laura Schaefer, author of *The Teashop Girls*, and the online tea store Teas Etc.

she said.

"We're always looking for ways to encourage her interest in writing," she added.

Writing is a favorite creative outlet for Paige, who will be entering East's talented and gifted program.

"It's fun, because when you don't feel like talking, you can write it down," she said.

"This person who can be so quiet puts out these stories, these pages and pages," her mother said.

TranquiliTea owner Colleen Cannon said Paige learned about formal teas the way many young women, and even young men, do — through an older female relative who passed on the tradition.

"I'm just thrilled the winner came

from our store," Cannon said.

Paige, her mother, sister and her father, Gary, an attorney, live in Plymouth Township.

Paige's winning story, "Blossomed," can be found on the Web at [www.worldteanews.com/index.php/Features/Blossomed.html](http://www.worldteanews.com/index.php/Features/Blossomed.html).

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## District brings back 50 teachers

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrators issued layoff notices in April, as required by the teachers union contract, they were expecting to lose some 200 students to Canton charter schools, so 50 teachers were issued pink slips.

After a summer where many fewer students left for charter schools and enrollment didn't drop the way they thought it might, officials have brought all 50 of them back.

"(Enrollment) is still a moving target, and there are positions to be filled," Ray Bihun, the district's assistant superintendent for human resources, told Board of Education members at their meeting Tuesday. "That's why we're able to bring all these teachers back."

When administrators looked at enrollment figures toward the end of last school year, it appeared Plymouth-Canton was down more than 480 students from their Fall 2008 student count.

But when they went back to the figures earlier this month, turns out the district as a whole

is actually up some 30 students. Enrollment is down at both the elementary (69) and middle school (49) levels, but is up at the high school park (149).

In a memo to board members, Bihun said a "steep decline" in enrollment in the March/June numbers, the district reduced staffing by 8.5 teachers at that level. Since then, enrollment has climbed, classrooms were added back at Bentley, Farrand, Dodson, Hulsing, Isbister and Workman elementaries, necessitating the return of 6.5 full-time equivalents.

While middle school numbers didn't change, enrollment at the high schools - up 149 students - allowed the district to bring back six teachers.

Figures provided by Bihun show the district expects to have 18,844 students, up 31 from the September 2008 head count. Current numbers (which will certainly change by the Sept. 8 opening of school) show 8,335 students in 16 elementary schools, 4,306 middle schoolers in five schools and 6,203 at the district's three high schools.

"I'm very optimistic," Bihun told the board.

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**TECH**  
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Robert Ficano and Plymouth Township officials made them an offer they decided not to refuse, a deal that included tax incentives that drew the firm back into the state.

"We were going to leave until we were arm-wrestled to the ground by Wayne County and Plymouth Township," Wenzler said. "We were headed to Ohio, but Wayne County and Plymouth Township enticed us to stay here."

Both sides are calling the deal "a unique private/public partnership" that will reduce costs and create capacity for

IT services for both government and private enterprise.

"It's the wave of the future," said Ficano, who said the deal would save the county some \$2 million per year. "In the past, government did its own IT work, and we couldn't keep up with the private sector. This shows we have the ability to think out of the box, and it shows government can function with a private entity."

Secure-24 invested an initial \$5 million to build the facility and expects its total investment to exceed \$10 million over the next several years. The facility, officials said, brings 40-50 jobs to the township now, but Secure-24

officials say the facility will generate more than 250 jobs in the county.

"It's not just the jobs we are creating, it's the jobs other companies create," said Secure-24 CEO Matthias Horch. "We're enabling them to grow their businesses."

Edwards said Secure-24's decision to build in the township, while helped along by the tax incentives, still shows "Plymouth Township keeps attracting businesses to the community."

"There's a quality of life here that's outstanding," Edwards said. "This community has a lot to offer."

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# MDOT ready to ride on bike trail project

BY BRAD KADRICH  
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Dave Duffield has waited some seven years for the Michigan Department of Transportation to do something about the deteriorating bicycle path that runs along I-275 from Michigan Avenue to Hines Drive.

Now he's excited that he'll only have to wait another year or so.

Duffield was one of dozens of people who ran through MDOT's open house-style meeting at Fellows Creek in Canton to get a glimpse at improvements MDOT will make along the route, which runs through both Canton and Plymouth Township.

Duffield, an avowed and enthusiastic bicyclist from Northville, uses the portion of the I-275 path that's farther north, from Six Mile to north of 12 Mile, to get to work. And he's happy with the plan.

"I've been beating this drum for seven years now," said Duffield, an at-large board member of the League of Michigan Bicyclists, a group whose charter is to fight for bicyclists' rights. "Needless to say, I'm ecstatic."

MDOT is in the process

of advertising for a contractor for the \$4 million project and, according to MDOT project manager Gorette Yung, expects to have one chosen by October. She said work is expected to begin in the spring and by complete by fall 2010.

She said work will be done in a design/build mode, meaning as the design work is complete, the building will be done. She said the speed this model provides was essential to funding for the project.

"We need to capture the federal stimulus money," Yung said. "Design/build speeds things up and allows us to allocate money within the time frame required."

The project calls for some 7.5 miles of the trail to be rebuilt. Work entails reconstruction of the trail, rehabbing of the pedestrian bridge over the Lower Rouge River, and replacement of bridges over Tonquish Creek, Smith Drain, Fellows Creek and Wiles Drain.

Traffic signals will be installed at various intersections, ramps required by the Americans with Disabilities Act will be revamped and trail-blazing signs will be installed.

When it's completed, some residents believe the trail will actually help Canton's business climate, because bicycling groups who've avoided it in the past will use the trail now, bringing them into contact with Canton businesses.

"Organized rides would start using it, and it would bring people into the businesses," said Canton resident Theresa Beaver. "And it won't just be bikers. You've got Rollerbladers and walkers who use the trail, too."

The MDOT project will reconstruct a trail used not only for recreational bicycling, but also for people — like Duffield — who use it to get to and from work. And for residents like Diane Bancroft, who lives in the farthest northeast corner of Canton Township and who rode with Beaver to Thursday's meeting, the trail provides a more emotional boost.

"It would be great to see it come back again," said Bancroft, who said the trail has been deteriorating for years. "As a resident who feels disconnected, this will connect me to my township again. I'm very excited about that."

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**CORRECTIONS**

• In the story, "Bond work on target as schools get remodeled," about Plymouth-Canton school construction projects in the Aug. 23 *Plymouth Observer*, the quote from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Deputy Superintendent Ken Jacobs, speaking about work being done on the E.J. McClendon

Educational Center on Harvey, should have read, "This was always part of the plan from the start ... This was a need, not a want."

• A story that appeared in the Aug. 20 *Plymouth Observer*, about the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees' approval of the first reading of a measure that could

hike township water bills, incorrectly stated the voting results. The vote was 5-2, with Clerk Joe Bridgman voting no in addition to Trustee Steve Mann. Voting yes were Supervisor Richard Reaume, Treasurer Ron Edwards, and Trustees Kay Arnold, Michael Kelly and Robert Doroshewitz.

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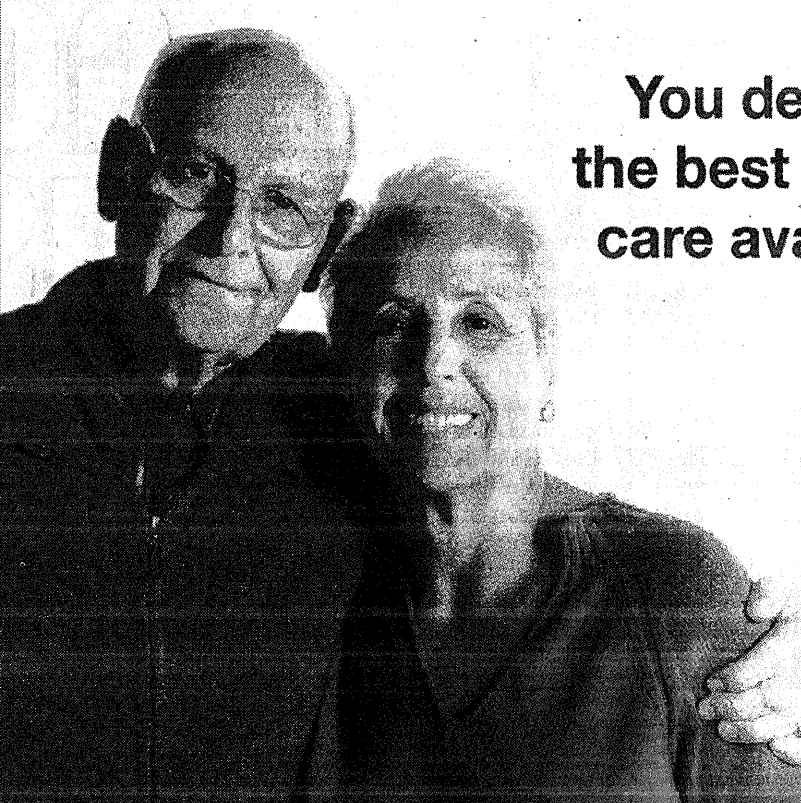
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**McCotter hours**

The staff of Congressman Thaddeus McCotter (Michigan District 11) will conduct office hours 9-10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, at the Canton Summit Senior Center and the same day from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library.

This time is set aside so that the citizens served by the congressman have the opportunity to speak with a staff member one on one regarding any federal issue that they might have.

Congressman McCotter has two offices in the district to serve his constituents. The Livonia office can be reached by calling (734) 632-0314 or the Milford office is available at (248) 685-9495.

**Chieftettes clinic**

Youngsters who would like to be a Junior Canton Chieftette have their chance. The Chieftettes 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 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 Chieftettes annual variety show on Sept. 19.

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

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

**Life screening**

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts a Life Line Screening health event to scan for risk of abdominal aortic aneurysm. Life Line Screening uses hospital quality ultrasound technology. The screening will be held Aug. 28 at the Township Friendship Station, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Register for the stroke, vascular disease and heart rhythm



**Trying out**

Auditions for the BeckRidge Chorale's 2009-10 season take place Tuesday, Sept. 1, and Tuesday, Sept. 15, at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. Singers can register for an audition by visiting [www.beckridgechorale.org](http://www.beckridgechorale.org).

package for \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Call to pre-register (888) 653-6441.

**A few good men**

First Step is looking for a few good men to speak out as October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month approaches.

Men as allies of First Step and anti-violence supporters can attend a meeting at First Step's Plymouth office, 44567 Pinetree, 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8. For information, call Ed or Judith at (734) 722-1772.

**Tiger trip**

The Plymouth Historical Museum is selling tickets to the Detroit Tigers vs. Cleveland Indians baseball game at Comerica Park on Tuesday, September 1, 2009. The tickets are in the upper deck.

A luxury coach will pick up fans at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth, at 5 p.m., with a 5:15 p.m. departure for the ballpark. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. The coach will leave for Plymouth shortly after the game ends.

The \$40 ticket price includes one upper deck seat and a round-trip luxury coach ride to the ballpark and back from the Museum. Buy tickets at the Museum 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. There may be someone in the administrative office on Mondays, but call 734-455-8940 before coming to the Museum on that day.

Tickets can also be purchased through PayPal from

the Museum's Web site at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html>

**Junior Miss**

Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss is looking for contestants to participate in this years 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 [pcjrmiss@yahoo.com](mailto:pcjrmiss@yahoo.com). Officials are also still looking for volunteers interested in helping.

**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.

**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 5:30 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 Sept. 14. 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)

**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.

**Scrapbooking fund-raiser**

The Salvation Army of Plymouth and Creative Memories consultant Cassie Hull are teaming up to host an all-day Scrapbooking event to help-raise funds for the

Salvation Army's Coats for Kids program.

Those interested in scrap-booking can join us for the Sept. 26 event, called Croptoberfest, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at a cost of \$35, which includes 12 hours of scrap-booking, meals, and a goodie bag. There is also a half-day option of six hours for \$20.

For more information, or to register, contact Cassie at the Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464, or by e-mail at [cassiekh@gmail.com](mailto:cassiekh@gmail.com). Those unable to attend can still help the Coats for Kids program by donating \$15 to help purchase a coat for a child in need. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth.

**Senior Fest picnic**

The annual Senior Fest Picnic will once again be held at Waterford Bend Park on Wednesday, Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the PCCA Office, 201 Main Street, ticket prices are \$7 for PCCA Members and \$9 for guests. Lots of prizes, raffles, chicken lunch and entertainment.

Tables are \$50. Interested vendors should call Bobbie at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

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## CRIME WATCH

### Visiting couple's minivan stolen from motel

**1** A 1997 Dodge Caravan belonging to a Huntington, Ind., couple was reported stolen from the parking lot at the Red Roof Inn, on Ann Arbor Road just east of I-275 in Plymouth Township, on Saturday morning.

The man told police he and his wife were staying at the motel in order to attend Canton Township's Paws in the Park dog festival, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said. He last saw the Caravan at about 3 p.m. Friday, he told police, and discovered it was missing at about 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

### Trailer stolen

**2** An 18-foot flatbed trailer was reported stolen Friday from the parking lot of the Steak and Ale restaurant on Ann Arbor Road between Haggerty and I-275 in Plymouth Township.

The owner, a township police report said, is a man from Sussex, Wis., who was staying at the nearby Comfort Inn. He told police he left the trailer in the lot at about 10 p.m. on Aug. 20 and returned at about 5 p.m. on Friday to find it missing.

### Change, please

**3** Some change was reported stolen from a Ford F-150 pickup truck as it sat in the driveway of a house on Elmhurst in Plymouth Township. The theft occurred on the night of Aug. 19 or early the next morning.

The pickup and a Ford Taurus also parked in the driveway had both been gone through, the victim told police. Both had been left unlocked.

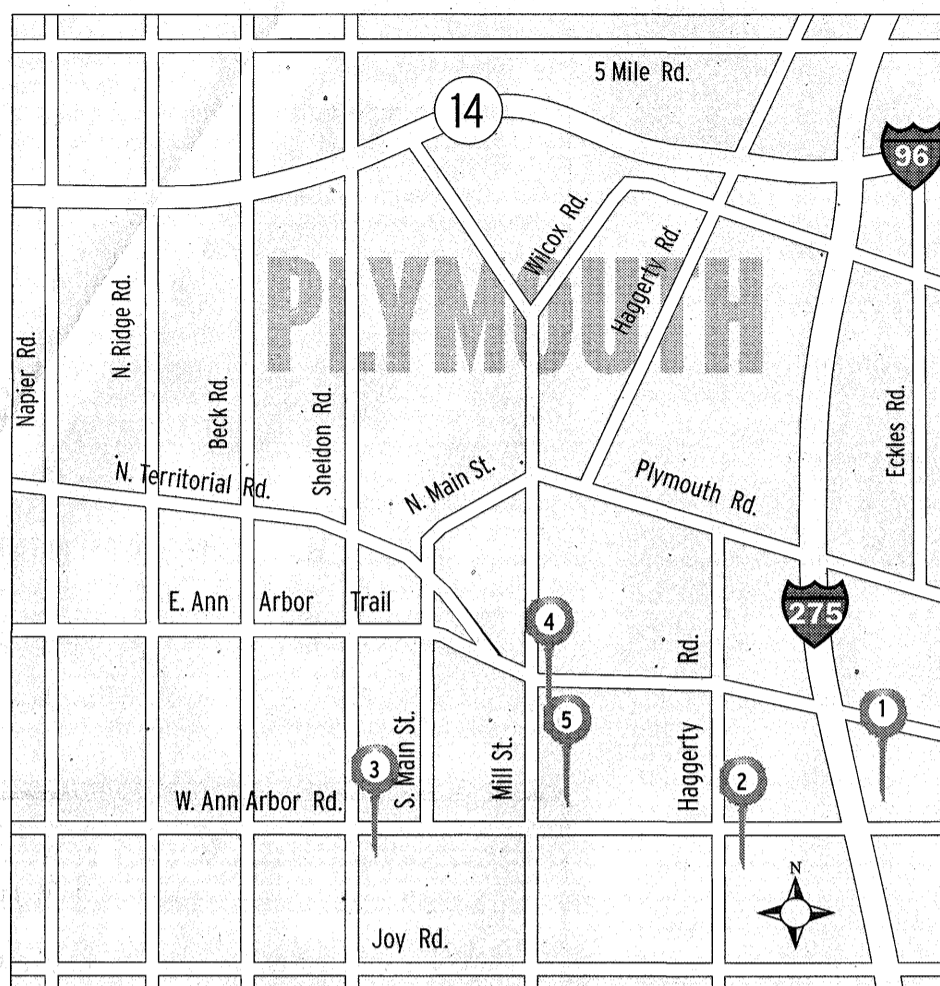
### Vehicle vandalism

**4** The hood of a 2008 Dodge Charger was "keyed," or scratched, on the night of Aug. 20 or early the next morning, as the car sat in the parking lot of an apartment complex on Lilley Road in the township.

### Grill stolen

**5** A propane-powered barbecue grill was reported stolen Saturday from a patio at a house on Newport Drive.

The theft occurred between about 3 p.m. Friday and 10:15 a.m. Saturday, the victim told police.



## FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Aug. 19-25:

- Tuesday, Aug. 25 - Vehicle accident on Main; residential rescue runs on Eastside, on Sheldon, on Wendover and on South Drive.
- Monday, Aug. 24 - Residential rescue runs on Hartsough, on Haggerty, on Jackson, on Greenbriar, on Deer and on Maple; investigation on Pinecrest; vehicle accident at 5 Mile and Haggerty; commercial rescue run on Main; rescue runs on Ann Arbor Trail, on Mill and on Tall Tree.
- Sunday, Aug. 23 - Residential rescue runs on York, on Aspen, on Tavistock, on Eaton, on Canton Center and on Deer; special run at Hines and Wilcox.
- Saturday, Aug. 22 - Residential rescue runs on Wilson, on Northville Road, on Grant and on Sheldon; commercial rescue run on

Plymouth Road; single-family fire on Beech.

- Friday, Aug. 21 - Commercial rescue runs on Napier and on Ann Arbor Road; residential rescue runs on York, on Newport, on Westboro and on Baywood; vehicle accident with wash-down and mutual aid received on Beck south of Five Mile; single-family fire with mutual-aid on Beech; mutual aid received on Plymouth Road.
- Thursday, Aug. 20 - Residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Postiff, on Main, on Canton Center and on Shadywood; commercial rescue runs on Ford and on Main; fire on Tall Tree; mutual aid at Ford and Morrison and on Joy; vehicle accident on Ann Arbor Road.
- Wednesday, Aug. 19 - Residential rescue runs Eastside and on Harvey; vehicle accident at Joy and Lilley; downed wires on Ridge south of N. Territorial; rescue on Main.

-By Matt Jachman

## Static could bring extra 'charge' at the pump

(Safety tips provided courtesy the Plymouth Community Fire Department Web site, www.plymouthwp.org)

You get out of your car to get gas and as you close your car door ... zap! You feel a shock. This is caused by static electricity.

While the static shock may be unpleasant, it is important to discharge the static from your body before touching the gas pump nozzle. On rare occasions, the static electricity spark can ignite the gasoline vapors causing a fire.

Static electricity is more common during cool or cold and dry weather although it may occur at any time. Static electricity is a natural occurring phenomenon and is not unique to the service station environment.

### OUNCE OF PREVENTION

Before using the pump, touch metal or the car door with your bare hand. This will discharge static electricity on your body and will prevent possible fire.

Once the gasoline is pumping, do not get back into your vehicle. This can recharge your body with static electricity. If you must get back into your vehicle, discharge static electricity again before touching the pump nozzle.

### NO CELL

Some cell phone manufacturers have cautioned their customers to switch off their cell phones while pumping gas because of the

remote possibility that the cell phone could act as a source of static electricity.

### Fire Tips

1. Install smoke detectors on each level of the home.
2. Make sure there are two clear ways out of every room and that everyone knows these routes and has practiced emergency escape.
3. Never smoke in bed. Use only sturdy ashtrays and check for spilled butts in furniture.
4. Have your chimney and heating system inspected annually.
5. Take extra care in heating your home with portable or space heaters. Keep combustibles clear, clean regularly, and refuel properly.
6. Never overload electrical outlets, never override or bypass fuses or circuit breakers, and keep cords out of harm's way.
7. Store matches and lighters up high, out of the reach of small children.
8. Never leave cooking unattended, and keep cooking areas clean and clear of combustibles.
9. Never store gasoline inside the home.
10. Store paints, thinners, and other flammables in their original containers, away from heat, sparks, or flame.
11. Keep attic free from combustibles such as old newspapers or magazines.
12. Display large address numbers that the fire department can easily see.

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## Curiosity, camera help document Sheldon Road project

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Take a self-described "curious taxpayer," add a camera, an engineering background and a construction project that dominated the Plymouth area for two years and what do you get?

Gene Dickirson's latest book, *The Sheldon Road Project*, which documents, in more than 200 photographs, the construction of the \$15 million railroad underpass at Sheldon Road south of M-14 during the project's last six months.

Dickirson, a retired Ford Motor Co. mechanical engineer who lives in Plymouth Township, self-published *The Sheldon Road Project* earlier this year. It's his second book; his first, *GDT Speedster From Dream to Reality*, documents the design and building, from scratch, of an open-topped car by a team that included Dickirson and eight other engineering and automobile experts. (The car was sold to a collector in Texas, but the team would like to do another, Dickirson said.)

The underpass project piqued his curiosity in the summer of 2008, when it appeared not much was being

done, Dickirson said. "There was so little progress, it wasn't clear what was going on," he said.

So he picked up a camera and visited the site — frequently. Access wasn't a problem, he said, as long as he kept out of the way of workers. Visits by other onlookers — or "sidewalk superintendents," as he called them — weren't uncommon.

Dickirson apparently arrived on the scene at the tail end of several problems that had slowed the underpass project, and work picked up steam just over a year ago. The underpass was completed, and Sheldon Road reopened, last December.

The curious taxpayer became a curious engineer. Dickirson watched, and snapped, as railroad track was taken up, temporary track was put down, beams were laid, forms were made and concrete was poured.

He noted the coordinated efforts, and the inspection oversight, that helped convince him the project was a good one.

"I was really impressed by the way the team worked together. There was no dawdling on this thing," and no

obvious waste, Dickirson said.

The underpass is important, Dickirson said, because traffic on Sheldon will no longer be stalled by trains, saving many hours over time. Public safety personnel, too, won't be delayed in getting to emergencies.

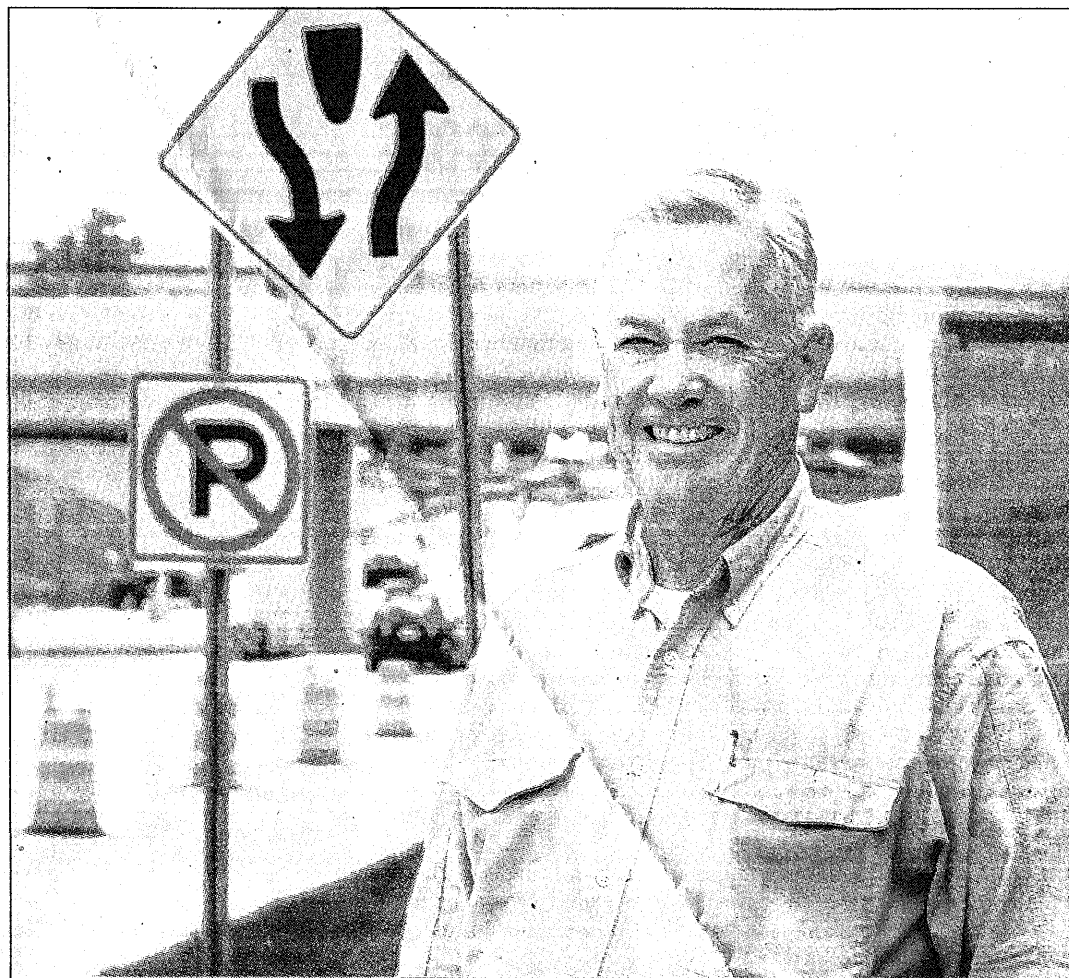
"The way this community continues to grow," despite current economic troubles, Dickirson said, "this is a good thing."

Dickirson, who hails from southern Illinois, worked at Ford in Dearborn for 35 years. He started out in 1963 as a draftsman, worked his way up to designer, then switched tracks and, with an engineering degree he earned while also working, became a mechanical engineer specializing in climate control systems.

His career spanned the transition from slide rule to pocket calculator to computer, he said. "It was a great era," he said.

*'The Sheldon Road Project'* is available at Michigan Made and More in Plymouth, As The Page Turns in Northville, and through online book-stores.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Gene Dickirson's *'The Sheldon Road Project,'* is his second book, coming on the heels of *'GDT Speedster from Dream to Reality.'*

### NEWS BRIEF

#### Carnival time

Come one, come all to the Garden Carnival 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, at the Wayne County 4-H Children's Garden 5454 Venoy, Wayne.

Visit the garden for an evening of fun-filled garden education. Try your luck with bobbing for apples, add some facial color with face painting, look for riches in the compost treasure hunt or go wild with

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# Vendors, volunteers help make first Paws a success

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Humane Society of Huron Valley and the Canton Dog Park initiative got a paw up on awareness over the weekend.

An estimated 2,100 people came to Paws in the Park on Saturday (numbers weren't available for Sunday), with some 200 of them — along with 86 dogs — taking part in the Paw Walk fund-raiser Saturday morning. They dressed in costumes, made floats and generally had a good time.

The day featured performing dogs (the Purina Incredible Dog Team and the Rock 'N' Roll K-9s), and competing dogs (the Ultimate Air Dog long-jumping competition).

Paws in the Park sprang from a conversation folks at Street Marketing had with officials at HSHV, according to Street Marketing's Terri O'Brien, who organized the event. The idea of benefiting HSHV and the Canton Dog Park was too good to pass up. "HSHV had many animals

turned in because of the economy, because people just can't afford to keep them any more," O'Brien said. "We decided to have an event that benefited both the Humane Society and the dog park."

For vendors, it appeared to be a successful event. Joann Julian of Joann's Jewels in Eastpointe, who travels to various events most weekends, had high praise for the event.

"It was an awesome show," she said. "It was well-managed, attendance was great and everyone was very helpful."

O'Brien said the event could never have succeeded without the help of Canton officials and dozens of volunteers. "We couldn't have done it without them," she said — and pointed out that, if nothing else, the event provided a social opportunity and a chance to raise awareness.

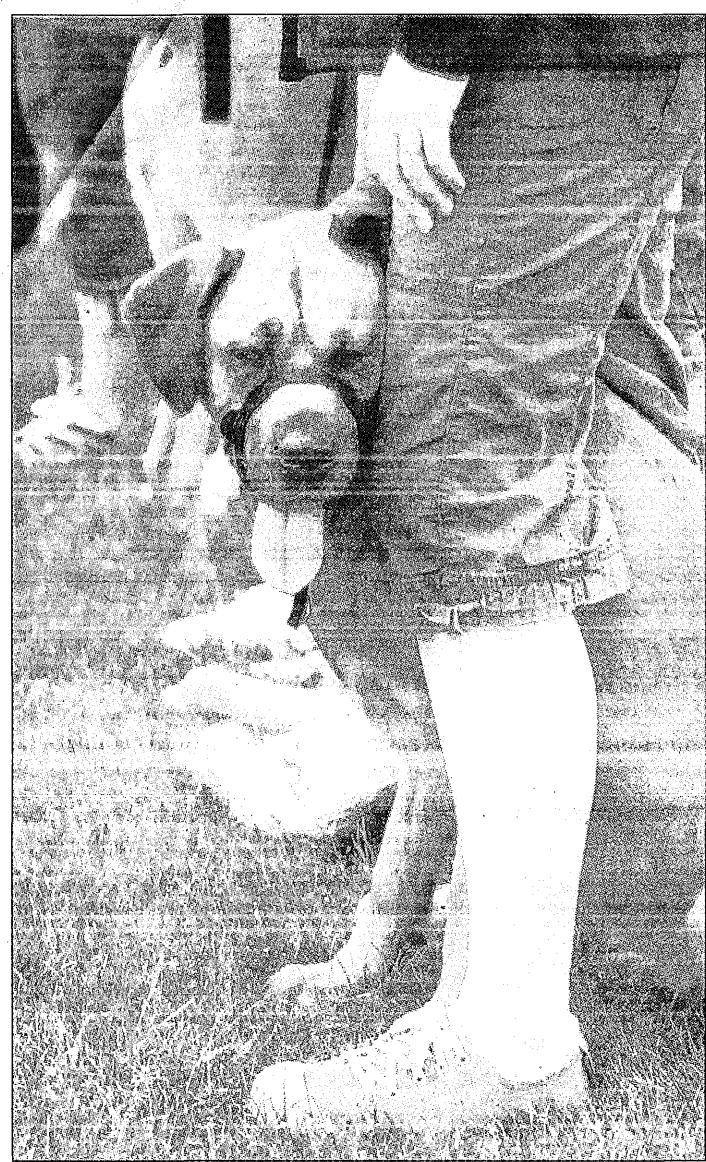
"What we noticed was for a lot of the people their animals are their 'kids,'" O'Brien said. "So this was a chance to come out and have a day with their 'kids.'"

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Joe Janiszewski of Canton and Rocco try out the ramp on the obstacle course.



Nelly hangs out with owner Maureen McCorry.



7 of 9 performs with the Purina dog team.



Bob Hill's dog, Blue, works out on the obstacle course. Dog and owner are both from Plymouth.



No, Janelle Kowal of Livonia didn't get trampled by a dog. She just got paw prints painted on her face at Paws in the Park.

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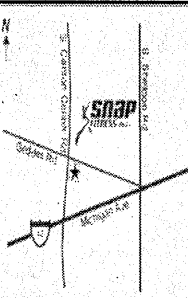
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## Handle college savings plans with careful thought

It's hard to believe that there's only another month or so of summer. One issue many families face every fall is how to pay for their child's college education. This puts pressure on families and this year more than even because of the recession and the high unemployment in Michigan.

Most of the time when I discuss a college education it generally deals with saving. My advice is always to start early and to recognize that the cost of college is increasing faster than anything in our society other than health care.

It is important that parents have a strategy on how to deal with the withdrawals from investments when the money is needed. There is no one right answer when it comes to withdrawals. It all depends upon one's individual situation. However, there are some factors to take into consideration when it's time to withdraw money from a college savings account.

Typically, a college savings plan can be divided into two separate areas - money that is invested in taxable accounts and money that is invested in tax-free accounts, such as 529 plans. I prefer to use the taxable accounts first and once those are exhausted begin withdrawing from the 529 accounts. My reasoning is partly based on what has happened to the market over the last year. Many college saving accounts have taken a beating and the tax ramifications can be considerable.

In a taxable account, if you sell the investment and have a loss, you are going to be able to deduct that loss on your tax return. On the other hand, because of the nature of 529 accounts, losses are not deductible. Therefore, if you have losses, like many people do, you might as well take advantage of them. And because 529 plans grow tax free, you want to take advantage of that opportunity for as long as you can.

Another reason to use taxable money first is the new American Opportunity Tax Credit. We used to have something called the Hope Credit to provide relief for college tuition. The Hope Credit expired last year and has been replaced by the American Opportunity Tax Credit.

The American Opportunity Tax Credit is available only for 2009 and 2010 and provides



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom

a \$2,500 credit for qualified education expenses. The old Hope Credit was an \$1,800 credit.

Another good thing about the American

Opportunity Tax Credit is it can be used for any year of college. The Hope Credit was only available for the first two years of college.

In addition, the income limits to take advantage of the American Opportunity Tax Credit have increased from the Hope Credit. If you were single, the maximum amount of income to qualify for the Hope Credit was \$58,000. That has now been increased to \$90,000. For married couples who filed returns jointly, the income limit has risen from \$160,000 to \$180,000.

The American Opportunity Tax Credit allows you to obtain the tax credit on your federal return for 100 percent of eligible costs up to \$2,000, plus 25 percent of college cost of more than \$2,000. In other words, to take advantage of the full \$2,500 credit you will need at least \$4,000 in college costs.

The one hiccup with the American Opportunity Tax Credit is that eligible college costs cannot be paid from a 529 or even a Coverdell Education Savings account. Therefore, depending upon the cost of college you need to make sure you coordinate the 529 and American Opportunity Tax Credit.

The American Opportunity Tax Credit is only available for 2009 and 2010, therefore, you generally want to use this credit first before you touch your 529 plan.

For those who have children going to college in the fall, now is the time to coordinate the different accounts and know what accounts you should access and what accounts you should let grow. A good, well-thought-out strategy always works to your benefit. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [money-matters@hometownlife.com](mailto:money-matters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).

# Plymouth gears up for Fall Festival

The Plymouth Fall Festival annually brings some new events as well as the "old reliables," and the 2009 festival, scheduled for Sept. 11-13, is no different.

Among the events for the annual Festival, which centers around Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth, are:

- The first Party Lot, which promises "a rockin' party, Plymouth-style," takes place Sept. 11-12 and will feature two evenings filled with live entertainment. Sponsored in part by E.G. Nicks, Budweiser, WRIF-101.1 FM and Signature Professional Group, The Party Lot will fuse a lively mix of music, spirits and fantastic food.

Kicking off the party on Friday, Sept. 11, 2009 RIFF Rock Girl, Sarah Myrand, will be on-site broadcasting live from E.G. Nick's with WRIF's on-air midday talent, Meltdown, from 3-7 p.m.

Live entertainment will include Mass Transit Friday, Sept. 11, see [www.masstransitband.com](http://www.masstransitband.com); and Global Village featuring a three-piece horn section, powerful vocals and a driving rhythm section, Saturday, Sept. 12, see [www.gvparty.com](http://www.gvparty.com).

The Party Lot hours are 6-11 p.m. Sept. 11-12. The Party Lot will be located off of Harvey Street and Ann Arbor Trail in the parking lot behind E.G. Nicks in downtown Plymouth. Admission to The Party Lot is \$3; minors under 21 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information, call (248) 960-0700.

- Fall Festival Taste Fest - The Plymouth Fall Festival 7th Annual Taste Fest is Friday, Sept. 11 at Station 885, 885 Starkweather Road. The Taste Fest will feature more than 30 area restaurants sampling their finest fare from 6-8 p.m. Tickets are available now at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, 850 W Ann Arbor Trail. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. Contact Colleen at (734) 455-1614 or [cbrown57@comcast.net](mailto:cbrown57@comcast.net) for more information.

- Plymouth Fall Festival Antique and Classic Cars from 1979 and older Sept. 12-13, with the pre-registration "Cruz Night," Friday, Sept. 11.

Pre-registration cost (before Sept. 11) is \$10 for one day, \$15 for two; same-day costs are \$15 and \$20, respectively.

Registration forms can be found online at [www.plymouthfallfestival.com](http://www.plymouthfallfestival.com); mailed forms must be received by Sept. 9. For more information call Dave Reeves, (734) 455-4018, or Chris Gurriere, (734) 756-7781.

- 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.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Downtown Plymouth becomes a carnival for Fall Festival, scheduled this year from Sept. 11-13.

For additional information call (734) 459-7146.

- 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.

- Fall Fest crafts - The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for the Craft Show, which takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 11-13. The show will be on Union Street north of Ann Arbor Trail. 10' X 10' foot spaces will cost \$75

per day or \$200 for the weekend. Jewelry Vendors are juried and must have their applications in by June 30. All other vendors are awarded spots on a first come-basis.

Applications can be downloaded at [www.plymouthfallfestival.com](http://www.plymouthfallfestival.com) or for more information e-mail Colleen Brown at [cbrown57@comcast.net](mailto:cbrown57@comcast.net) or call her at (734) 455-1614.

- Business booths - The Fall Festival is accepting a limited number of applications from businesses interested in having a booth at the Fall Festival.

A 10-foot by 10-foot space is \$800 for the weekend. The Fall Festival runs Sept. 11-13. Applications can be downloaded at [www.plymouthfallfestival.com](http://www.plymouthfallfestival.com) or for more information call or e-mail Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614 - [cbrown57@comcast.net](mailto:cbrown57@comcast.net).

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The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction September 2, 2009 at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing at 6375 Hix, Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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# LOCAL OPINION

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

## OUR VIEWS

# Studies would help ease traffic pain

After two recent fatal crashes at Five Mile and Ridge Road, Plymouth Township officials are asking Wayne County traffic engineers to study the intersection for possible safety improvements.

Is it time for stronger traffic control there? Residents in the area obviously think so, and we agree.

Neither investigation is complete, but in both crashes, police said, the victims were driving north on Ridge through the intersection when their vehicles were struck. The intersection has a stop sign for traffic on Ridge, but no stop sign for Five Mile traffic, which has the right of way.

In both crashes — the first killed a 73-year-old Milan woman, and in the second a 65-year-old Northville man died two weeks after the accident — the cars being driven by the victims were going northbound on Ridge, and proceeded into the intersection after stopping at the stop sign.

Therein lies the problem, at least according to some residents: Drivers may not realize traffic on Five Mile has the right of way. Residents think the intersection would greatly benefit from a four-way stop sign. Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington said the township has asked for a traffic study, citing the two fatalities. A spokeswoman for the county's roads division told the *Observer* the study would be conducted, by details such as when it will be done or how long it will take weren't available.

In our opinion, the answers to those questions should be "Soon" and "Quickly."

And while they're at it, we'd like them to study the traffic patterns at Ann Arbor Road and McClumpha, an intersection that draws an awful lot of traffic and has problems with school buses turning to head down to the high school park.

Officials have been reluctant to put anything there, but we think it's time for another look. Anything that can be done to make the roads safer, particularly an intersection used by a great number of our children, should be done.

One resident, frustrated by the two fatalities at Five Mile and Ridge, asked the rhetorical question: "How many more people have to die before something is done? We think the answer should be clear:

None.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

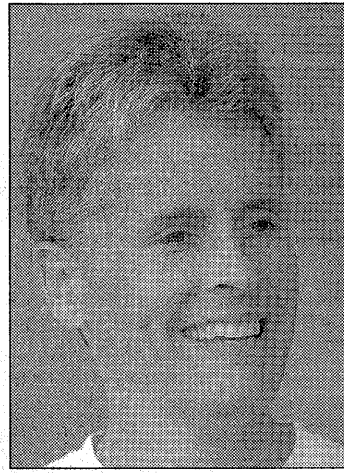
### What's the first thing you think of when you hear the words "back to school"?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"I'm happy. Keeps them busy."

**Sandra Allain**  
Plymouth Township  
Who was with sons Thomas, a second-grader, and Louis, 3



"I think of going to the store and buying calculators and backpacks and new shoes. ..."

**Mike Bellaire**  
Canton Township



"Shopping. The kids need their school supplies. New crayons, new pencils, new shoes."

**Angela MacLellan**  
Plymouth Township  
Who had daughters Caroline, a second-grader, and Elizabeth, a first-grader, in tow



"School supplies. ... I would give them as gifts ... It's top of mind because of TV."

**Mike Brace**  
Plymouth

## LETTERS

### Hometown pride

We walked through Plymouth again as part of our 60-mile 3-Day Breast Cancer walk journey. The walkers were so excited that, as I sat in the Medical Tent getting ice for my back and having my blistered feet wrapped, there was a woman who had dual stress fractures in her ankles who was trying to figure out how she could get to the edge of Plymouth to walk through; she was looking forward to the Plymouth cheering station just that much.

Short of closing ceremonies, most of us looked forward to the Plymouth leg of the walk more than anything (stress fractures and all). And we weren't disappointed.

From the pink fountain, wonderful folks cheering us on, food, popsicles, ice bags, sunscreen, signs, houses offering to let us use their powder rooms and more — we were welcomed into Plymouth with open arms and great, big, bursting hearts.

It made me prouder than ever to be a gal from Plymouth.

Thanks to all the hard work of the 1,800 walkers, countless crew volunteers, and all the friends and loved ones who supported us all, almost \$5 million was raised this year for support and research geared specifically to ending breast cancer.

Thank you, Plymouth, for being the highlight of the weekend. There couldn't have been a better halfway point.

Everyone deserves a lifetime. Plymouth gets this. Thank you.

**Dorothy Twinney**  
Plymouth

### No place like home

This year was my fifth walk on the 3-Day journey to raise funds for breast cancer research, and breast cancer awareness.

Over the last five years I have walked through several communities. There is not one area that I have walked through that comes out for us like Plymouth does. I will never forget three years ago, our first walk into Plymouth — pink ribbons on every tree, in the subdivision we walked through, pink roses on the fences, the homeowners passing out candy and water, and Kleenex because there wasn't a dry eye passing through this wonderful community.

The reception for the last three years as we head toward downtown, has grown bigger and bigger. To say that it leaves you speechless is an understatement. The way this city comes out for the 3-Day walkers is so incredibly awesome.

I personally want to say to every supporter, if you came out to cheer us on, or you put your sprinkler on for us to walk through, or if we were just in your prayers ... thank you!

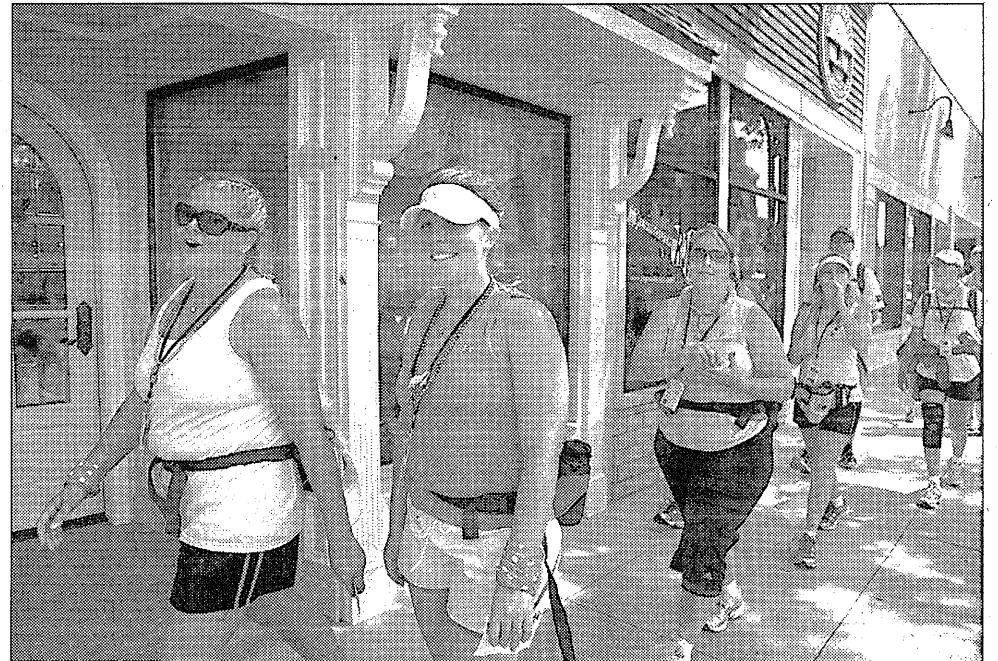
It means so much to each one of us. I will continue to walk this walk until I no longer have to, or until I can't.

I am proud to say I'm from Plymouth!

**Ginger Aguilar**  
Plymouth

### Plymouth pride

As a Plymouth Township resident and a Breast Cancer 3-Day walker, I was so proud of my hometown last Saturday. Most of us walk in the 3-Day for very personal reasons and that makes the walk very emotional.



Many of those who participated in the Breast Cancer 3-Day walk expressed their thanks for the support they received as they made their way through downtown Plymouth.

As I walked through downtown I was overwhelmed by the amount support Plymouth showed all of us walkers. It was a high point of the walk! It truly made me proud to call Plymouth my home.

**Alli Phillips**  
Plymouth Township

It was a pleasure to see such a display of human kindness, support, and belief in a cause. For all of this, I cannot say thank you enough. I hope to visit your great town again!

**Staci Brown**  
Gaylord

### Walker thanks

I would like to thank the city of Plymouth and all those who came out to support the Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk this past Saturday.

This was my second year participating in this great event and the second year that Plymouth has taken my breath away. Making our way down Ann Arbor Trail we could begin to see the crowd, but once we hit the corner and saw the pink fountain and all the people, it was amazing.

Feeling all the love and support from family, friends, and even strangers really lifted our spirits and reminded us of how many lives breast cancer has affected.

I hope and pray that the Breast Cancer 3-Day will continue to make Plymouth a part of the route for years to come. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

**Kim Riley**  
Canton

### Out-of-towner thanks

To the citizens of Plymouth, Last weekend, I was a first-time walker in the Breast Cancer 3-Day.

What a joy it was to walk through your town! You were amazing! The pink fountain, music, people cheering and handing out water, ice, and whatever we needed will remain in my heart. You graced our path with signs — each time I read one, it helped me keep going just a little bit further.

You truly went above and beyond to welcome us and support us. I always thanked the people along the way, and usually the response was "but you're doing the hard part by walking." But the walking would have been so much harder without your wonderful citizens. You cooled me off, lifted my spirits, and cheered me on.

### Economic loyalty

A 1966 Pontiac is parked in the Murray's auto store lot several days before the Dream Cruise. Two-door hard top, green in color, and a wonderful example of what Detroit used to produce.

Several spaces down, a 25-year old BMW convertible, white in color, is parked. No styling at all, just an ugly white box, something the Russians could have made then.

Now there is no more Pontiac brand, and the BMWs of today are the prime example of the concept of making cars people want to buy.

How could this happen? How could the BMW change from an ugly duckling to a lovely swan and the Pontiac from a beautiful swan to a dead duck? Has nothing to do with free trade, or blaming the workers, and the unions that represent their interests (heck, I'll bet the BMWs in this country were produced by union autoworkers in Germany!).

It has everything to do with the Big Three's management, and losing their way morally and becoming culturally bankrupt, worrying much more about their CEO bonus, and executive pay rather than concentrating on making cars that people want to buy. THIS CAN CHANGE.

Anyone who doubts the spirit and will of the American companies and their workers is making a big mistake and is doing so at his own risk. Maybe it started with that old, ugly BMW with that all important BMW logo on the back deciding we're going to make great cars. The Big Three will do the same, starting with the blue Ford logo being put on world class autos.

Economic loyalty to this country is our salvation for getting out of this mess. I know we can do it.

**Dave Travis**  
Livonia

## 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 letter headlined "Frustrated with McCotter":

MrScott wrote:  
"McCotter I have found does listen. Further, as for Levin and Stabenow, you might do better talking to a cement wall as I have found. Have you heard Stabenow's latest revelation?"

MulberryBank wrote:  
"Dear Ms. Zuber,  
"Thank You for trying! I do not think Representative McCotter is open to listening. He told me his wife was a nurse and that 'we' had the best the "health industry" could offer. And, hopefully, on her ward it is. Other wise we have 40 million citizens with no-care and are 37th through-out the world.

"A headline in a German newspaper said, "Americans fight for expensive inadequate health care."

"I have Medicare for my cancer. Was in the pharmacy-line to get an apre-chemo shot. The man in front of me was attempting to get the same shot for his wife. Those of us in line were willing to help kick-in for the shot, until we learned of it's price. My \$10 co-pay shot was priced to him at \$1,200!"

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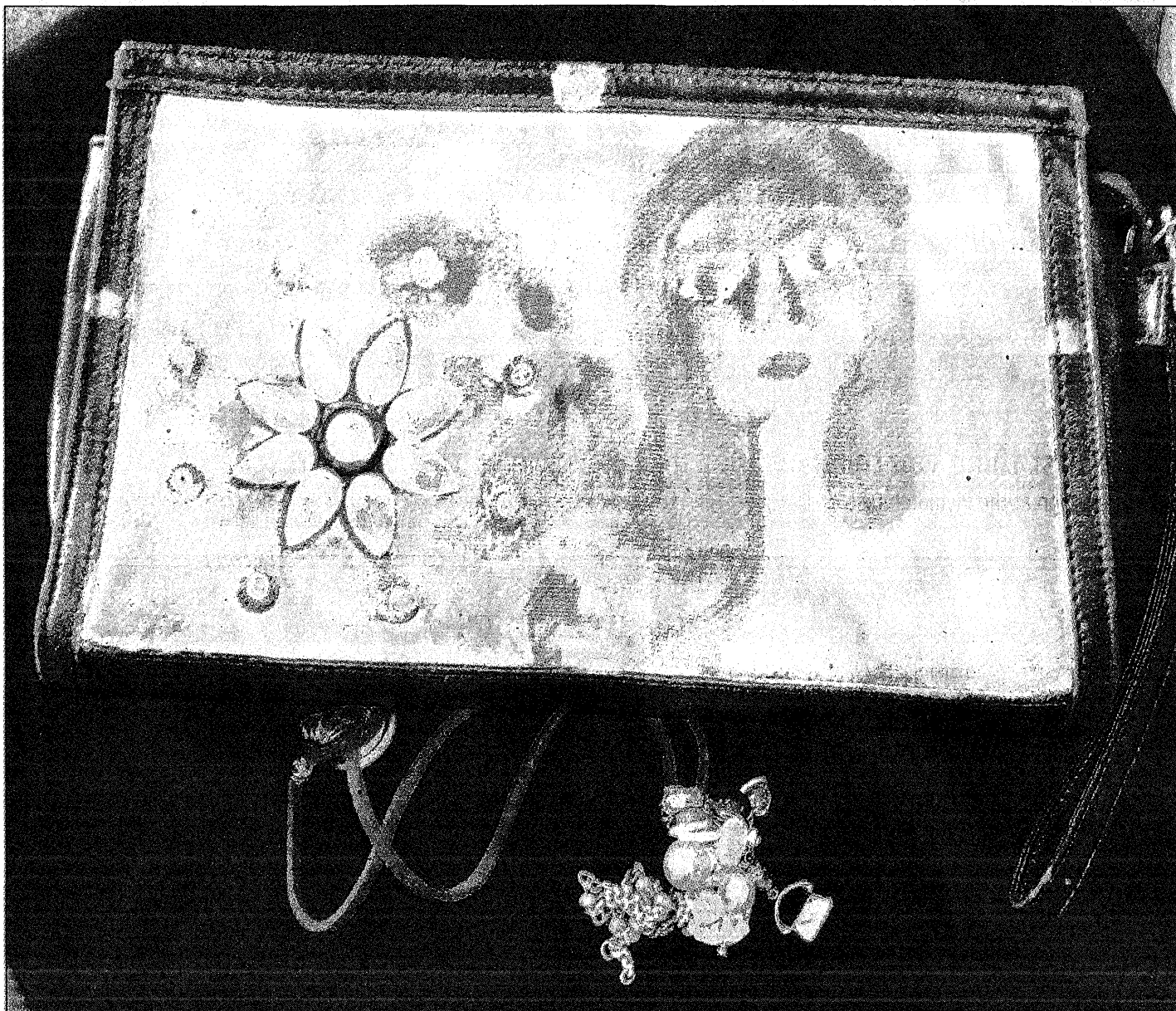


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Community Editor

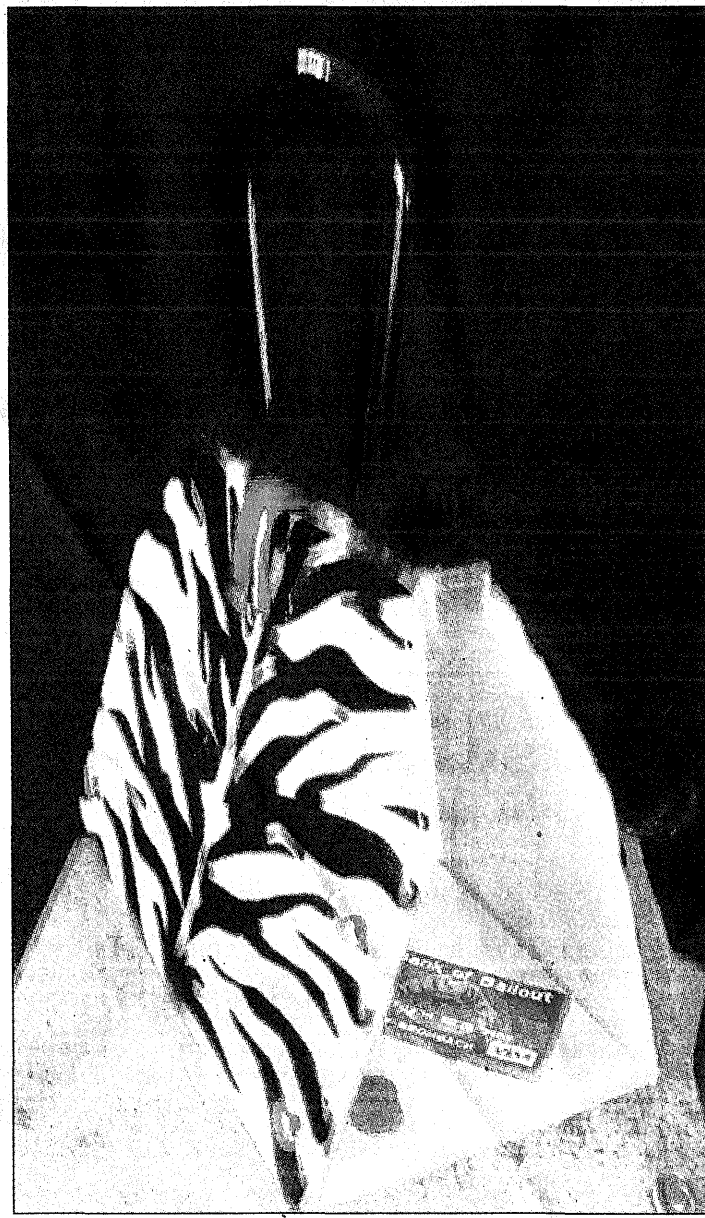
Susan Rosiek  
Executive Editor

Grace Perry  
Director of Advertising





Gwen Joy of Redford is known for her whimsical works, such as this hand-painted purse at 'Handbags & Heels,' at River's Edge Gallery, 3024 Biddle, in Wyandotte.



Farmington Hills artist Mary Brombach crafted this glass purse with glass 'surprises' inside at 'Handbags & Heels,' at River's Edge Gallery.

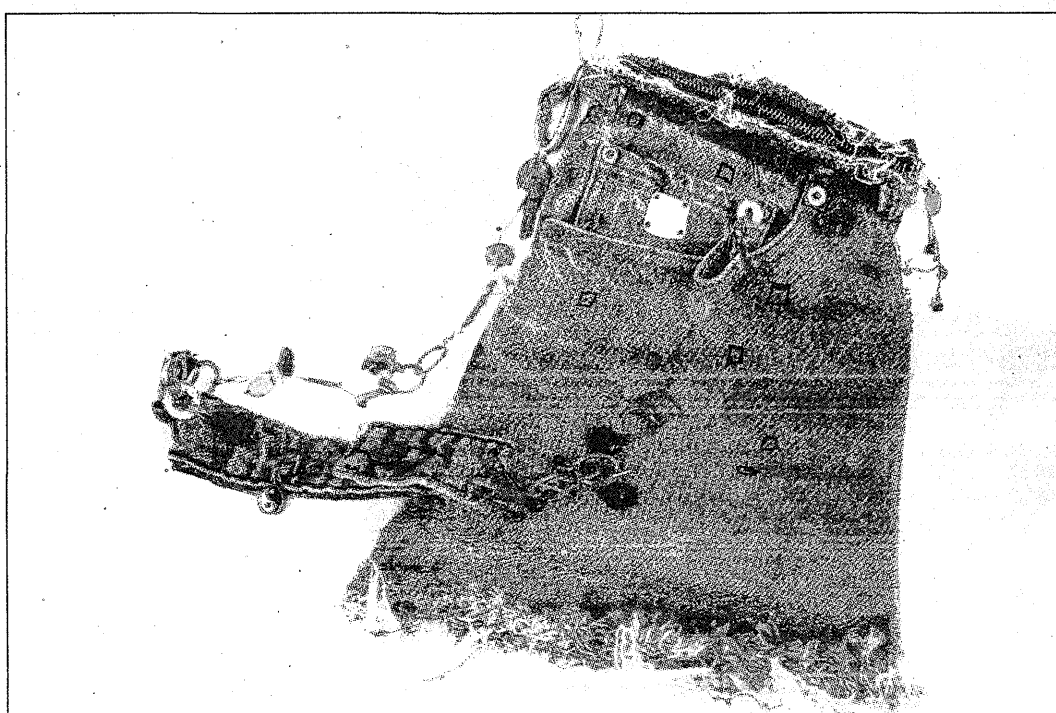
**Legally Blonde**

Ticketmaster in the center court location at Twelve Oaks mall will begin selling tickets to *Legally Blonde The Musical* from 8-10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28. Metro Detroiters, theatre lovers and *Legally Blonde* fans alike will have the opportunity to purchase tickets to the Fisher Theatre's presentation of *Legally Blonde The Musical* before the general public, exclusively at Twelve Oaks Mall, in Novi.

The first 50 people in line will receive *Legally Blonde* T-shirts. Breakfast goodies will be available while supplies last. All attendees will receive a Twelve Oaks VIP Pass, with special discounts and giveaways from more than 50 stores and restaurants throughout the mall. A look-alike of Elle's four-legged friend Bruiser will be on site.

Tickets will go on sale to the general public at 10 a.m. following the presale.

Customers can also enter the "Live Like Elle" contest in Center Court or online at [www.shop12oaksmall.com](http://www.shop12oaksmall.com) through Aug. 28. The grand prize winner will win two tickets to the show, a one-night stay at the Hotel Baronette, a \$50 dinner at California Pizza Kitchen and a \$200 Twelve Oaks Mall Gift Card. One



Denim purse by Westland artist Kelly Darke at 'Handbags & Heels,' at River's Edge Gallery, 3024 Biddle, in Wyandotte.

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**Fashionable art**

Local artists, Mary Brombach of Farmington Hills, Kelly Darke of Westland and Gwen Joy of Redford, are showing their works in an accessory-themed exhibition called "Handbags & Heels," at River's Edge Gallery, 3024 Biddle, in Wyandotte.

Brombach is a glass artist who works with "slumping"

techniques. She made a life size glass purse sculpture with handmade glass surprises inside for the exhibit.

Darke, a multi-media and textile artist known for a funky style, reuses designer fabric swatches, wire and bright colorful threads.

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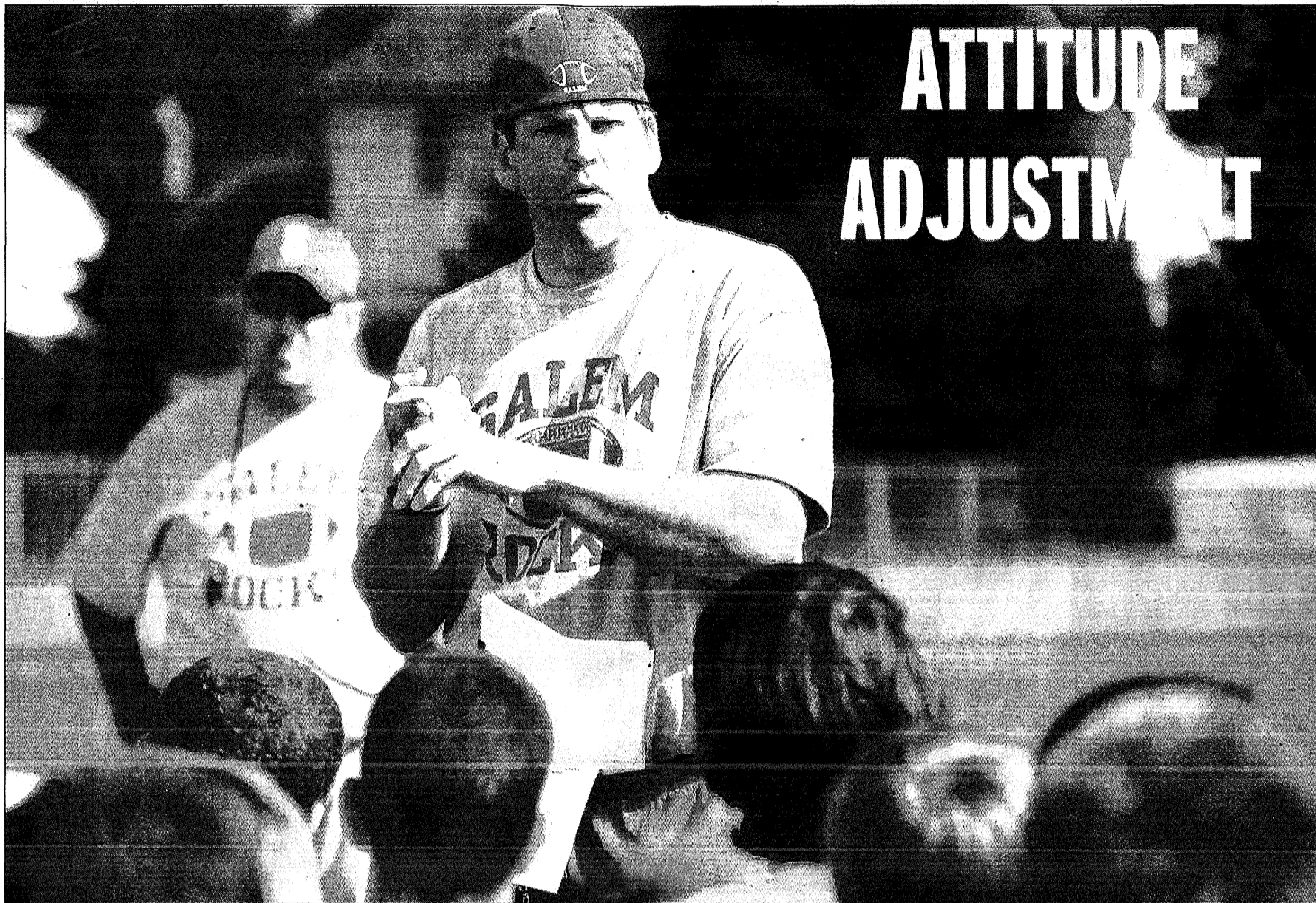


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# HOMETOWN LIFE

2009 FOOTBALL PREVIEW - PART 2



ANNA MARIE WILSON

Salem head varsity football coach Kurt Britnell, talking things over with his team during a pre-season practice, is putting a positive stamp on the proceedings thus far.

## SIDELINES

### Wildcats break record

Plymouth's varsity girls golf team set team records twice in two days, with Tuesday's 390 score enough to win the 12-team Franklin Invitational at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia.

The Wildcats were paced by tournament medalist Kelsey Murphy, a talented freshman who registered an 18-hole score of 80 for the day. In the top-10 were freshman Sarah Thompson (102) and sophomore Lindsay Dean (102) while junior Chloe Marentic and freshman Mandy Kirsch tallied scores of 106 and 120, respectively.

On Monday at the Huron Valley Invite at Prestwick Village Country Club in Highland, the Wildcats registered a 393 for the record that would fall the next day.

The medalist was Murphy, with 79, with Thompson tallying a 97. In 11th place was junior Chloe Marentic (105), followed by Kirsch (112) and senior Liz Cizek (134).

### Alumni soccer at PCEP

The Salem and Canton annual Men's Soccer Alumni Game is slated for 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12. The contest will follow the annual Salem-Canton varsity boys soccer contest at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and will be played at the varsity soccer stadium.

All alumni players from any year are invited to attend.

Salem players can contact coach Ed McCarthy at (248) 561-2846 and Canton players can contact coach George Tomasso at (734) 812-2290.

### Travel baseball tryouts

Football might be in the air, but there's still time for youngsters to try out for 2010 travel baseball teams. Both of the tryouts are Sunday, Aug. 30. Following are the details:

■ The 2010 Canton Cardinals are holding tryouts from 2-4 p.m. Sunday for 9U and 4-6 p.m. for 10U. The age groups are determined by the player's age as of April 30, 2010. Players should arrive 15 minutes early to fill out registration forms and warmup. Tryouts will be at Fields 1-4 at Canton Sports Center.

To pre-register, contact Alan Zidzik for 9U at (734) 397-5739; Jim Good for 10U at (810) 397-6272.

Greater Canton Youth Baseball-Softball Association seeks to attract the most-talented players who are willing to commit to weekend tournaments and play between 30-50 games. The season runs from April through July.

■ Also on Sunday will be tryouts for the 2010 Motor City River Sharks 10U travel baseball team of the Kensington Valley Baseball/Softball Association. The River Sharks, helmed by Canton High School boys cross country coach Bill Boyd, are permitted to bring in three out-of-district players, so Plymouth and Canton youngsters will have an opportunity to impress.

Registration is 1:30 p.m. with tryouts following from 2-4 p.m. at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. For more information, send and e-mail to motorcityriversharks@gmail.com.

### Sunday Night Mixers

Superbowl in Plymouth is hosting a mixed bowling league on Sundays, with action beginning at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13.

League president Chico Rodriguez said he needs couples who are interested in joining the fun to hurry and sign up. Contact secretary Sandy Carpenter, (734) 637-3363, or Rodriguez, (734) 453-2980; rosecater@comcast.net for more information.

## ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT

## Salem won't be solemn with new coach Britnell leading the way

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Who knows whether Salem's varsity football team will have a worst-to-first renaissance under new coach Kurt Britnell in the KLAAs Kensington Conference's Central Division.

But beginning with Friday's 7 p.m. opener against Plymouth, folks will get a good read on how quickly the work ethic and positive attitude Britnell is preaching is sinking in to the players on the 2009 Rocks.

"Since I've been here with these guys, I've never talked about winning and losing," said Britnell, a former quarterback during his high school days at Salem. "But it's just doing the right things, paying attention to details. It sounds cliché, but if you do the right things all the time and worry about the details, the scoreboard will take care of itself."

But just to make sure the players

don't forget, the word "Attitude" is emblazoned on their team T-shirts.

"There are some things that you don't have any control over," Britnell said. "But you can control your attitude and your work ethic. That's been our message."

Salem is trying to begin a new era, one that would be much more successful than the last one. The Rocks went 1-8 in 2008 and have managed to scratch together only 13 wins over the past decade.

### MIXING IT UP

Britnell, starting his first job as a varsity head coach, said he does like what he is seeing out of the team during workouts, and will now see how it does under the bright lights of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

He has talent at the quarterback spot to start the process.

Lanky senior Jake Peterson (6-7), described as a "pure quarterback," and

"Flutie-like" senior Brian Maksimovic are vying for the starting spot, but both figure to be key players regardless.

"Peterson has a decent arm, he can make all the throws," Britnell said. "Max is like our Doug Flutie, a scrambler guy throwing on the run. He makes plays, too and he can be a multiple offensive threat" including lining up at wide receiver or in the slot."

When Maksimovic is not at quarterback, he'll be one of several key targets for Peterson to throw to. The others are senior Alex King, juniors Drew Thompson and Matt Morton.

"They all have really good hands, they catch it with their hands and separate a little bit," Britnell said. "They tend to get yards after the catch. And we'll have junior Kenneth Middlebrooks who will push for some time."

Augmenting the wide-outs will

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### FAST FACTS

School: Salem.

Head coach: Kurt Britnell, 1st season.

League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's record: 1-8.

Notable losses to graduation: Drew Grabowski (second-team All-Area); Heath Parling (second-team All-Area); Justin Bash; Anthony Mullins.

Starters returning: Jake Peterson, Austin Root, Brian Maksimovic, Blake Abbey, Dana Baltazar, Ed Merhi, Ethan Walsh, Mike Grodus.

2009 schedule: Aug. 28 (vs. Plymouth at PCEP); Sept. 3 (Walled Lake Northern); Sept. 11 (Livonia Stevenson); Sept. 18 (at Novi); Sept. 25 (South Lyon East); Oct. 2 (at Northville); Oct. 9 (South Lyon); Oct. 16 (at KLAAs crossover); Oct. 23 (vs. Canton at PCEP).

## Britnell's pumped to bring winning back to Salem

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Turning around a program beset by losing and negativity in recent years drives Salem head football coach Kurt Britnell, even though he sometimes gets some unsolicited opinions on the subject.

During last week's Kensington Lakes Activities Association coaches' meeting, several coaches from other high schools came up to Britnell and said "Oooh, that's a tough job you're taking on over there," said the Rocks' new coach.

"I just said 'Let's get it on.'"

Britnell is amped up on different levels. He is a former starting quarterback at Salem who later was an assistant coach there before moving over to Plymouth High School.

In 2008, he was offensive coordinator for the Wildcats but came over to fill Salem's top spot after Parker Salowich decided to return to North Farmington. It is his first crack at a varsity head coaching position and he intends to hold onto it for a long time.

A classroom teacher, too, Britnell explained the approach he carries to the

gridiron.

"You teach them, you show them what you're doing, you don't just hoot and holler," he said. "Sometimes you get on them a little bit, but you have to teach them."

### READY TO ROLL

However he does it, Salem certainly needs a boost, having managed just 13 victories over the past decade or so. In 2008, the Rocks were 1-8.

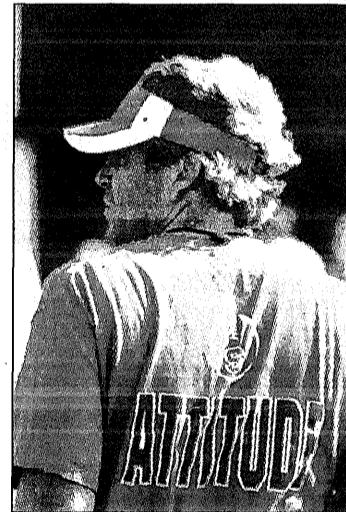
And Britnell is ready for the challenge.

"We don't talk about the past," said Britnell, an energetic, positive guy who directs

the Rocks with passion and purpose. "We don't say if you don't do this that this (losing) is going to happen again. It's about what you do today. You learn from your mistakes, you just get better every day."

During the two or three weeks of practices leading up to Friday's season opener (7 p.m. against Plymouth at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park), players found out that things move so quickly that there isn't time to dwell on things that might not be going well.

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BRIAN ABBEY

The back of Salem head coach Kurt Britnell's T-shirt says it all about what he's trying to change with this year's team.



ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Teammates swarm around Canton's Bobby Budlong (No. 5) after he scored the clinching penalty kick against Salem in the Gary Balconi Invitational Soccer Tournament.

## Soccer invitational yields exciting day

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Gary Balconi sat in the stands Saturday to watch the annual high school soccer tournament bearing his name and must have been riding on cloud nine.

Eight varsity teams took to the four fields on the sprawling campus of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and the season-opening day featured plenty of excellent, sometimes compelling soccer.

Each having won twice earlier during the Balconi Soccer Tournament, both Canton and Salem squared off in the championship match at the varsity soccer stadium. A second-half tally by senior

midfielder Yusef Bazy lifted the Chiefs into a 2-2 tie.

The 60-minute contest ended that way, with the Chiefs and Rocks officially finishing 2-0-1 — although both teams did proceed with a round of penalty kicks which Canton prevailed in.

Those point-blank 1-on-1 chances were only tacked on to the end of the match to determine which side would receive Balconi medals.

But they also enabled both teams the chance to get in some practice on the tie-breakers.

"The PKs were just like practice," said Canton head coach George Tomasso. "To play three games in one day is always a

very hard task to complete and we played very well in the first two games.

"We've got some things to iron out, but Salem is one of those great teams and to be on their competitive level, with them being pre-ranked No. 1 on the season, I think puts our boys at a very good, confident level."

### MAKING THE SHOT

The clinching PK was off the foot of Canton forward Bobby Budlong, who rifled his shot into the cage past Salem's Dan Adsit.

"After you score it's just a relief," said

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PHOTOS BY ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Diving to make a stop Saturday against Salem is Canton goalkeeper Kai Walther, who registered two shutouts earlier in the day to propel the Chiefs into the finals of the Gary Balconi tourney.

## SOCCER

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Budlong, who assisted on both of his team's regulation markers. "Before my shot I just looked to the right corner, and be sure to give a little fake there, and then just hit it the other way."

Salem head coach Ed McCarthy said it is "a little bit of a stretch" to be called a No. 1 team although he agrees the Rocks should again be extremely competitive.

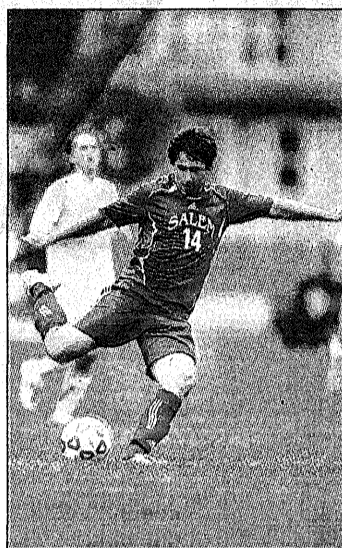
He credited the Chiefs for rallying from a 2-1 halftime deficit. Salem senior midfielders Evan Antich and Alex Tramel scored to overcome an early Canton lead (Mitch Pasuniak opened the scoring).

"I thought it was great the way they (Chiefs) fought back on a great individual effort by Bobby Budlong for that second goal," McCarthy said. "He got the assist, but he did a fantastic job of hitting that first strike that there's no way a keeper can hold on to that and then the rebound was right there. It was an exciting game."

### NO MISTAKE

On the tying goal, Budlong smoked a hard shot from the right side of the cage that Adsit managed to get in front of. But there was nothing he could do as Bazy knocked in the rebound, with 26:39 to go in the second half.

Both teams had chances



Driving the ball Saturday is Salem's Alex Tramel, who scored one of his team's goals against Canton.

to go ahead. Salem's Tramel sent a crossing pass over to Jeff Cantin for a sharp-angle shot with 21 minutes remaining, but Canton keeper Kai Walther dove to knock it aside. A rising shot by Salem senior midfielder John Krutty drifted over the crossbar a few minutes later.

At the other end, a Canton player's bid missed the mark as his shot dribbled through the goal-mouth.

Tomasso said playing on par with Salem would give his team a boost entering the Kensington Lakes Activities Association regular season (the Balconi games are registered as nonleaguers).

"It's really discouraging in these 60-minute games to

go down by a goal," Tomasso noted. "But we just kept our focus, we kept defending and we just worked really hard to get that equalizer in the second half."

The Chiefs might not have earned medals without the excellent work of Walther in goal. Earlier Saturday, he blanked University of Detroit-Jesuit (1-0) and Dexter (2-0).

"Kai had an outstanding day today, he made at least seven outstanding saves during the day and made a lot of good saves as well."

Salem, meanwhile, nipped Novi-Detroit Catholic Central 3-2, with Sal Savage netting two of the Rocks' goals and then defeated Plymouth (1-0).

The Wildcats did get past Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 1-0.

### POSITIVE PROOF

Following the championship tilt, McCarthy reiterated how important soccer is to the Plymouth-Canton community.

One of the main architects for that was Balconi, a former athletic director in the district.

"Gary Balconi was here today and it was fantastic to spend a few minutes with him," McCarthy said. "The whole community takes great pride in the soccer that goes on here."

Saturday provided ample evidence that Balconi definitely was on to something when he launched the tournament in the early 1990s.

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# Salem nips Wildcats 2-0

BY TIM SMITH  
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Two days after the dust cleared from another Gary Balconi soccer tournament, two of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's three teams got together for a Kensington Lakes Activities Association conference crossover tilt.

Salem scored a pair of first-half markers and that was enough Monday night as the Rocks blanked Plymouth 2-0 to improve to 3-0-1 on the young season. The Wildcats dropped to 2-2-0.

"It was a good start against a good Plymouth team," said Salem head coach Ed McCarthy. "It's always a more fun, more intense game when we play against each other in a campus rivalry."

Salem head coach Jeff

Neschich said his team played a solid game, but the Rocks could not solve Canton goalkeeper Dan Adsit (6 saves).

"We had our chances, but we didn't capitalize on them," Neschich said. "They're a strong team."

The Chiefs got on the board first when senior midfielder Alex Tramel deposited a shot past Plymouth junior goalkeeper Kyle Brindza. Assisting on the tally was junior midfielder Dan Martin.

Canton went up 2-0 when senior forward Sal Savage set up Martin.

### Eagles clipped

Plymouth Christian dropped a 4-1 decision Tuesday to Auburn Hills Oakland Christian in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference opener for both squads.

Scoring for the visiting

Eagles was freshman Dan Ross on a penalty kick with about 30 minutes to go in the match to cut an early deficit to 2-1.

Ross took the shot after sophomore teammate Alex Chapman was fouled in the box.

But perennial powerhouse Oakland Christian tacked on two more goals past senior goalkeeper Jordan Allen to seal the victory.

"The score is not indicative of how we played," said Plymouth Christian co-coach Larry Machonga. "We had numerous scoring chances but we didn't take advantage of them. But we're looking forward to the next time we play those guys at the end of September."

Scoring three goals for the Lancers was "Mr. Soccer" hopeful Caleb Stanko.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Cool happenings

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

Drop-in Hockey sessions take place 4:30-5:50 p.m. weekdays and 10-11:50 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.

### Sunday Night Mixers

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### Fall hoops league

Madonna University will sponsor a Sunday fall basketball league at 1 p.m. (ages 11-13) and 3 p.m. (ages 14-16) beginning Sept. 13 (through Oct. 25).

Each player will be guaranteed a minimum of seven games and will receive instruction prior to each game. (Game times will vary each week.)

The cost is \$125 per player (includes reversible jersey).

For more information, visit [www.madonnacrusaders.com](http://www.madonnacrusaders.com) (click on summer camps link at the top of the page).

### Whaler alum game

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

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. Rosters will be provided the days of the scrimmage.

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# SALEM

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be tight ends Ethan Walsh (junior), Matt Kelty (senior) and junior Rodney Polk who is a good blocker. Walsh adds to the equation as a solid kicker, too.

### MOVING THE CHAINS

The Rocks will employ a zone-style offense with one tailback at a time. It will either be junior Brad Trublowski (tough to bring down despite being just 5-9, 160) or sophomore Evian Pardo.

"Trublowski is a real hard downhill runner, it always seems like he's falling forward and that's a good thing," Britnell said. "Pardo is more of a slasher guy, he has quick feet."

With an offensive line that Britnell said should provide ample pass protection, the Rocks could enjoy some long, productive drives this season.

Up front will be plenty of size and strength: 5-10, 200-pound senior center Blake Abbey; 6-4, 330-pound senior guard Ed Merhi; 6-4, 275-pound senior guard Dana Baltazar; 6-2, 285-pound senior tackle AJ Smith; and 5-10, 185-pound junior tackle Devin Burke.

"I think if we need a couple yards we can get 'em," he emphasized. "(The offense) has a chance to be a ball-control offense, without a doubt, that can just grind out yards, get first downs and make them quick games.

"We have passing potential. Jake is very accurate and the receivers have good hands. So I think we can be multi-faceted in our run-pass ratio and really keep teams guessing."

### DOGGED DEFENSE

Many of those linemen will see double duty on defense, with seniors Gunnar Eisenmenger, Mike Guido, Chris Sweet and Colin Gross expected to be part of a deep rotation.

Manning the linebacker spot will be hard-hitting seniors Mike Grodus, Austin Root and junior Ethan Walsh.

Salem's secondary includes seniors Derek Draplin, juniors Davon Mullins and Drew Thompson and Alex Smith.

"We're athletic, that's the key," Britnell added. "... We'll tag-team tackle and rip-and-strip the ball. I like our style of defense, I like our mentality of defense. We've looked good lately against both the run and the pass."

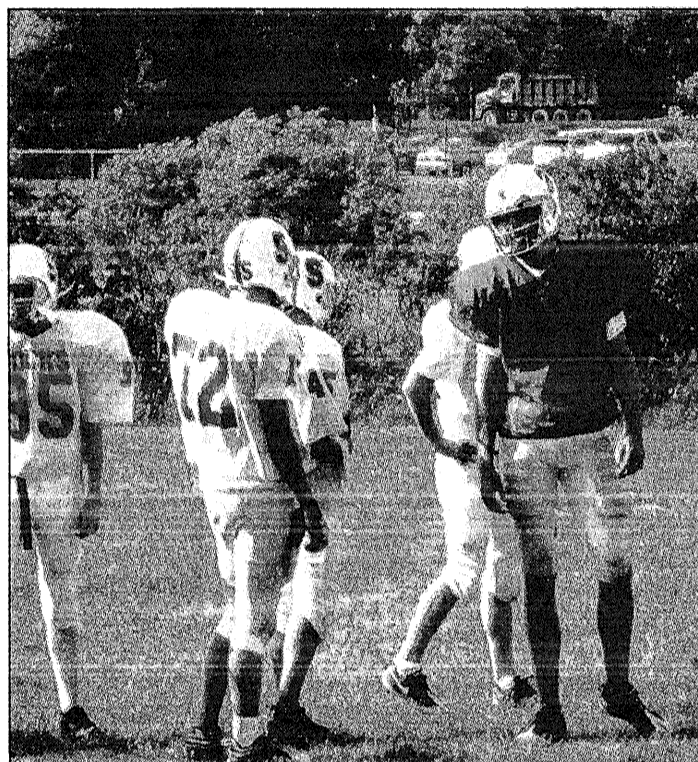
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## Let's get it started

With the high school football preseason finally over with, players such as Canton's Chris Merbler and kicker Nick Dibendetto (right) can't wait for the points to count, which they will beginning Friday night. Canton will visit Brighton while Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rivals Plymouth and Salem will hook up at 7 p.m.



Salem senior quarterback Jake Peterson (red shirt) shouts out instructions before a play during Tuesday's scrimmage.

# BRITNELL

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"Let's go, reps, reps, reps," said the coach during an afternoon session when players might have been dragging from the morning drills.

Just in case anybody needed a reminder about the new regime, the team shirts have a key word on the back — "Attitude."

With seniors Blake Abbey, Derek Draplin, Brian Maksimovic, Jake Peterson, Austin Root, AJ Smith and Oronde Watkins, along with junior Ethan Walsh forming a so-called "leadership committee," Britnell is confident the positive vibe he and his staff (including another ex-Plymouth coach in Ricky Styes) is trying to establish will take hold throughout the locker room.

### MESSAGES COUNT

"Those eight guys, through their leadership by action is really pushing the message that we're sending: great attitude, you work hard, structure, great character and doing the right things can help you be successful," Britnell said.

Changing a culture and having a team committed to turning things around won't guarantee the Rocks will suddenly become a contender in the KLAACentral. But Britnell is almost beaming about how the team has meshed throughout August.

"It's like night and day, they've improved so much in two weeks," he said. "They've grasped the philosophy of what we're doing on offense and defense. ... They're really enthusiastic, and parent and booster support and alumni support has been incredible with the e-mails and phone calls even to this day. There's a positive change going on."

Noticing a new approach

next door is Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk, who hated to see both Britnell and offensive line coach Styes leave for Salem.

"Kurt left because he had an opportunity to be a head coach," Sawchuk said. "I'm proud of him and he'll do a great job over there. And who wouldn't want their assistants to aspire to be head coaches, you know?"

### TRUE BLUE

But Britnell bleeds Salem blue and he has plenty of bounce in his step these days.

"It's more special for me being here coaching *this* team than it is going against Plymouth (Friday)," Britnell said. "It's special when you step back and take a look at it, because of the relationship I built with those guys over there, the players and coaches. ... There's no bad blood, but obviously we want to win. It's going to be like playing your brother."

Britnell also is excited about leading the Rocks to a comeback this season because it would give a number of the seniors a chance to taste some success at the varsity level and establish a template for 2010 and beyond.

"The program's been down a few years," Britnell said. "I want to do it (coach) for all the guys that have been here. This senior class, as a JV team went 5-4. We want them to set the tone for the future."

Of course, the Rocks could stumble against the Wildcats. Although the scoreboard is important, Britnell is more interested in how his team would mentally deal with any early season setbacks.

"That may happen, but how are they going to respond?" summed up Britnell. "They have nothing to lose, absolutely nothing to lose."

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### PREP GRID PICKS

#### Week 1

#### Thursday, Aug. 27

Farmington (6-4) at Southfield (11-2), 5:30 p.m.  
Waterford Kettering (4-5) at Wayne (1-8), 7 p.m.  
Westland John Glenn (4-5) at Waterford Mott (4-5), 7 p.m.

#### Friday, Aug. 28

Ferndale (8-2) at Redford Thurston (6-4), 7 p.m.  
Garden City (2-7) at Dexter (1-8), 7 p.m.  
Dearborn Edsel Ford (8-2) at Redford Union (4-5), 7 p.m.  
Livonia-Stevenson (10-3) at Livonia Franklin (5-5), 7 p.m.  
Hartland (9-3) at Livonia Churchill (3-6), 7 p.m.  
Livonia Clarenceville (9-2) at Detroit University Prep (3-6), 7 p.m.  
Plymouth (6-4) vs. Salem (1-8) at CEP, 7 p.m.  
Canton (10-2) at Brighton (3-6), 7 p.m.  
Pontiac (0-0) at North Farmington (2-7), 7 p.m.  
Bloomfield Hills Lahser (11-2) at Farmington Harrison (4-5), 7 p.m.

#### Saturday, Aug. 29

Dearborn Heights Annapolis (6-4) at Lutheran Westland (4-5), 1 p.m.

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## Stocker wins O&E golf tourney; Plymouth's Coury takes 3rd

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Darci Stocker surprised even herself during Saturday's Observer & Eccentric Women's Golf Open held at Livonia Whispering Willows.

The school teacher from Flint, a late entry in the O&E after the tournament was washed out on Aug. 8, carded an impressive 18-hole round of 74 to win the Championship Flight low gross honors over two of her playing partners — six strokes over Livonia's Janina Jacobs and eight shots better than two-time defending champion Susan Macinkowicz of Chesterfield Township.

A regular on the Michigan Women's Golf Association circuit, the varsity girls coach at Davison High School took

home the first-place trophy and a \$90 gift certificate.

"I won my club championship at the Fortress in Frankenmuth, but I was terrible in the Michigan Women's Open and didn't make the match play," said Stocker, who played collegiate golf at Oakland University.

"I hit the ball the best I've hit it all summer. I had one birdie and lots of pars. I only three-putted once."

An overnight rain softened up the course.

"This is my first time ever on this course (Whispering Willows)," said Stocker, who played collegiate golf at Oakland University. "They have some challenging holes, but it's fair. It's a great course and a great course for women. The greens were tough, a little

grainy and tough to read."

### ANDREWS RULES 1ST FLIGHT

As dominant as Stocker was in the Championship flight, even more impressive was Livonia's Shellee Andrews in the first flight.

Andrews, playing in her first tournament ever, shot an 87 to win by eight strokes over Peggy Stevens (Livonia) and nine over Barbara Coury (Plymouth).

"With two kids I've never had a chance to play, but now they're a little older," said Andrews, who won a first-place trophy and an \$80 gift certificate. "I've never broken 90, the best I've shot is a 92. You can call it beginner's luck. I was finally hitting my drives and I putted better than I've ever putted before. Usually I'm

around 40 puts, but today I had only one 3-putt."

Andrews plays co-ed softball and volleyball leagues, but recently joined an 18-hole Thursday morning league at Whispering Willows.

She had a home course advantage despite her lack of tournament experience.

"I've never taken a lesson," said Andrews, a Southfield High alum. "I got a tip from my husband. I changed my hand placement and moved my position forward. I also changed where to place the ball below my feet."

First flight low net honors (69) were shared by Stevens and Coury, while Sroka had a 72 to earn Championship Flight low net.

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### GOLF RESULTS

#### OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC WOMEN'S GOLF OPEN

#### Aug. 22 at Whispering Willows Championship Flight Results

**Low gross:** 1. Darci Stocker (Flint), 37-37-74; 2. Janina Jacobs (Livonia), 44-40-84; 3. Susan Macinkowicz (Chesterfield Township), 42-40-82; 4. Sonia Physh-Dennison, 41-47-88; 5. Michelle Sroka, 48-42-90; 6. Pat Witek, 50-45-95.

#### FIRST FLIGHT RESULTS

**Low gross:** 1. Shellee Andrews (Livonia), 44-43-87; 2. Peggy Stevens, 49-46-95; 3. Barbara Coury (Plymouth), 52-44-96; 4. Kathy Brennan, 56-42-98; 5. Pat Cheal, 52-47-99; 6. Denise Buechel, 55-48-103; 7. (tie) Monica Oliver, 51-53-104; Lu Stockton, 55-49-104; and Joan Cleland, 55-49-104; 10. Elaine Crawford, 58-51-109; 11. Meghan Davis, 55-56-111; 12. Pat Shelton, 55-59-114; 13. Linda Cox, 65-49-124.

#### OVERALL LOW NET:

1. (tie) Stevens and Coury, 69 each (\$67.50 gift cards); 3. Sroka, 72 (\$50).

#### CITY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS & CHALLENGE

Aug. 8-9 at Fellows Creek G.C. Individual medalist: Kevin Ryan (Westland), 70.

#### CITY CHALLENGE SCORERS

Westland (376): Kevin Ryan, 70; Claud Johnston and Jim McComb, 74 each; Briann Gabbart, 77; Rick Fontaine, 81. Canton (395): Zach McCurley and

Matt Wiley, 73 each; Bob Selberg, 79; Ross Gerulis, 84; Ken Eck, 86.

**Wayne (427):** Ted Salvatori, 78; Bill Hawley, 84; Mike Lorenz, 85; Rick Stoner, 88; Buddy Stoner, 92.

**Livonia (no score):** Steve Mato, 86; John Jordan, 89; Tyler Bledsoe, 91; Mike Mato, 109.

#### WESTLAND RESULTS

**Men's championship flight:** 1. Ryan, 70; 2. McComb, 74; 3. Gabbart, 77; 4. Fontaine, 81.

**Men's senior flight:** 1. Johnston, 74; 2. Bob Decker, 86; 3. Brian Pilarski, 112.

#### CANTON RESULTS

**Men's championship flight:** 1. Z. McCurley and Wiley, 73 each; 3. Selberg, 79.

**Men's first flight:** 1. Gerulis, 84; 2. Eck, 86; 3. Tim McCurley, 89.

#### WAYNE RESULTS

**Men's championship flight:** 1. Salvatori, 78; 2. Hawley, 84; Lorenz, 85. **Men's senior flight:** 1. R. Stoner, 88; 2.

B. Stoner, 92; 3. Doug Tompkins, 98.

#### LIVONIA RESULTS

**Championship flight:** 1. S. Mato, 86; 2. Jordan, 89; 3. Bledsoe, 91; 4. M. Mato, 109.

#### WOMEN'S RESULTS

**Championship flight:** 1. Sandy Felan, 80.

**Senior flight:** 1. Linda Grandfield; 2. Darlene Hawley; 3. Bev Woodard.

#### OPEN DIVISION RESULTS

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# MIAC castoffs bolster PCA hopes

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The breakup of the Metro Conference makes things tougher this season for the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, Plymouth Christian Academy included.

But for Eagles' varsity boys soccer co-coaches Larry Machonga and Evan Baker, having always strong programs such as Lutheran Westland, Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett and Ann Arbor Greenhills in the MIAC is a welcome

challenge.

"Fourteen of our 18 regular season games will be against conference opponents, many who are ranked in the top 10," Machonga said. "But come district time, we'll be prepared."

The Eagles (11-9 in 2008 in the MIAC Blue Division) benefited from the Metro's demise another way, with former Canton Agape Christian standout Don Mullett (a senior outside-midfielder) and his sophomore brother Dan Mullett (a midfielder-defender) joining PCA.

"We have a lot of returning players

and with Canton Agape going down we picked up a couple players and they're starting," Machonga emphasized. "He (Don Mullett) is a great acquisition and just a wonderful team player."

The Mulletts join a balanced squad comprised of equal contingents of seniors/juniors and sophomores/freshmen.

Leading the returnees is senior forward Jordan Machonga, who led the Eagles in 2008 with 18 goals and 14 assists.

"He's having a good season already," coach Machonga said. "He

scored two goals in the first invitational and is drawing interest from some colleges."

Returning senior midfielder Blair Robinson possesses perhaps the hardest shot on the team and provides excellent skills in dribbling and passing the ball.

Other key players include senior outside-defensive back Matt Zandee and junior center-defender Travis DeKruyter, both solid two-way performers who the Eagles can count on.

Some youngsters who can provide a shot in the arm offensively include sophomore midfielders Alex

Chapman, Josh Middleton and freshman midfielder Dan Ross.

One area of potential concern is goalkeeping, only because senior Jordan Allen is taking over the reins from three-year starter Brent Zinn (starting on a scholarship at Division 3 Cedarville University in Ohio).

But Machonga is very confident that Allen will capably take over the important job. "Jordan fills a huge pair of shoes and he's doing extremely well."

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## TEE TIME *Your local golf guide*

### Playing from outside the teeing ground

By Jeanne Myers

The teeing ground is defined as a rectangular area two club-lengths in depth, the front and sides of which are defined by the outside limits of two tee markers.

In match play, if you play from outside the teeing ground, you do not get a penalty, but your opponent may immediately require you to cancel that shot and play from inside the teeing ground. He is not required to do so, and I suspect if you hit that tee shot out of bounds, he will be very silent! On the other hand, if you have a career shot, I'm sure he will ask you to cancel and re-putt correctly.

Suppose you are playing a match and hit your tee shot out of bounds from the wrong teeing ground. This

is easy to do on many of our courses with unmarked holes. Obviously, a wrong teeing ground is outside the teeing ground. Your opponent does not recall your shot and require you to play from the correct teeing ground. Your ball was put into play, but is now out of bounds. Under penalty of one stroke, you are required to play from where you last played, so you must play again from the wrong teeing ground. And, interestingly, you may not tee the ball because the original ball was not played from the teeing ground of the hole being played. Therefore the wrong teeing ground is really part of it through the green and the ball must be dropped. That's adding insult to injury, isn't it?

In stroke play, the situation is very different. The penalty for playing

from outside the teeing ground is two strokes, and you must correct the mistake by playing from within the teeing ground. If you do not correct the mistake before teeing off on the next hole, you are disqualified. In the case of the 18th hole, you must declare your intention to correct your mistake before leaving the putting green. The tee shot played from outside the teeing ground and all subsequent shots before the correction is made do not count.

Let's look at an example of the correct way to deal with this situation if it happens to you. You and your fellow competitors, after finishing the 10th hole, play from the teeing ground of the 15th hole instead of the 11th hole. You realize your error before finishing the 15th

hole, and return to the 11th tee and complete the round. Each of you adds two strokes to his score for the 11th hole. All the strokes made on the 15th hole do not count. But remember, if you didn't realize your mistake before teeing off on the 16th hole, you are disqualified.

Many competitions are played on golf courses that do not have hole signs. A Committee in charge of a competition should put some identifying marker on the holes so that players do not play from wrong teeing grounds. However, it is the responsibility of every player to know the stipulated round which is one of the conditions of the competition. A stipulated round consists of playing the holes of the course in their correct sequence, unless otherwise authorized by the

Committee. Therefore, a lack of hole signs will not absolve a player from penalty.

A further word about tee-markers—Before and during the first stroke from a teeing ground the tee-markers are fixed, and may not be moved. After that, they are obstructions. Therefore, if by chance, your tee shot caroms off a tree and comes to rest next to a tee marker, you will get relief from the tee marker for your second shot under the movable obstruction rule.

Jeanne Myers is currently an Assistant Tournament Director for the Golf Association of Michigan and also served as the Chairman of the USGA Women's Committee and is a Past President of the GAM.

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## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

### Greko picked as community printer for local events

Greko Printing, a full-service printer in Plymouth, has established itself as the commercial printer of choice for several events within the Plymouth-Canton community.

Most recently, Greko Printing served as the official printer of both Plymouth's Art in the Park, a family-oriented arts and crafts festival, and the Green Street Fair, a local green initiative.

In the coming months, Greko Printing will showcase their wares at a variety of community events, including:

- The 14th annual Great

Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off in Plymouth, set for Oct. 4. See [www.greatlakeschili.com](http://www.greatlakeschili.com) for details.

- The 54th annual Plymouth Community Fall Festival in Plymouth from Sept. 11-13. See [www.plymouthfallfestival.com](http://www.plymouthfallfestival.com) for more information.

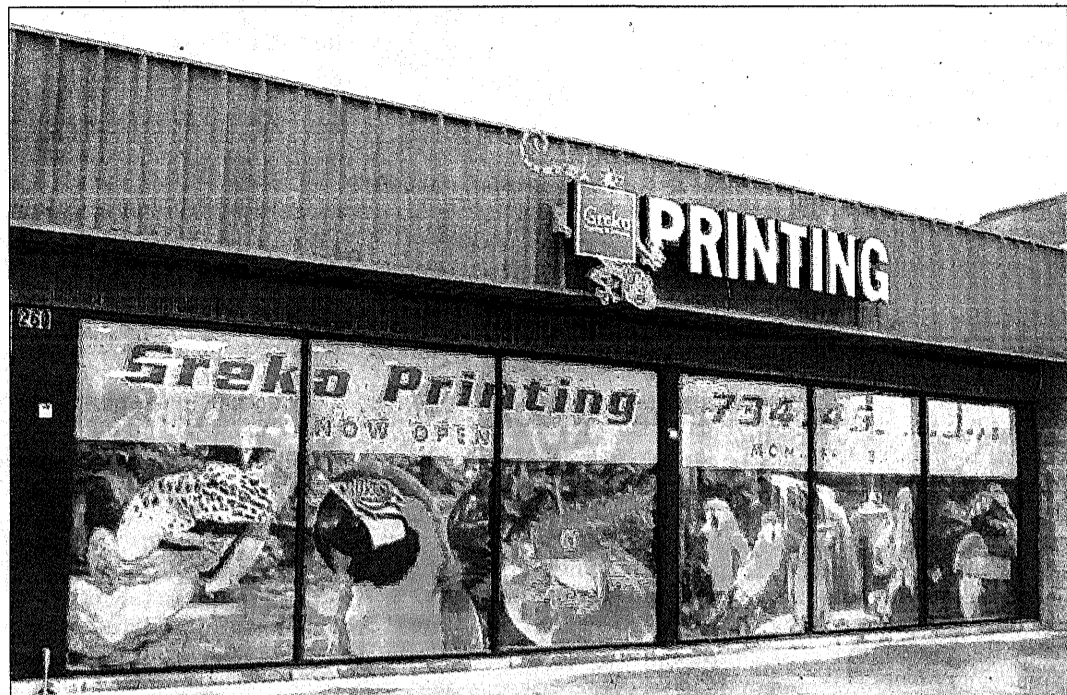
- Michigan Meetings & Events Conference and Expo in Plymouth Sept. 29. Visit [www.michiganmeetingsandeventsnetwork.com](http://www.michiganmeetingsandeventsnetwork.com)

- They were also the printer for Paws in the Park last weekend in Canton.

"We are thrilled to repre-

sent the fine businesses of Plymouth and Canton at local events," said Tony Grech, owner, Greko Printing. "We are even prouder to have been selected as the printer of choice at these events. We continually strive to elevate our community by providing high-end, unmatched quality printed products."

Greko Printing has also branched out to serve as the official printer for both Campus Martius Park's "Summer in The Park" series and the Detroit Windsor International Film Festival.



Greko Printing of Plymouth has been chosen the official printer for a variety of Plymouth and Canton events.

This is the second year that Greko Printing has represented Campus Martius Park and the first year providing full-

service printing for the Detroit Windsor International Film Festival. Greko Printing is offering

free resume packages to anyone that is unemployed. For more information, please call (734) 453-0341.

## CHAMBER CHAT

### Community breakfast

The Good Morning Plymouth Community Breakfast, hosted by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by TDS Metrocom, is set for 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 14600 Sheldon (just north of the M-14 exit).

Make your business more successful, make yourself more valuable to your company. In

30 minutes, Cliff Suttle will provide you invaluable techniques you can use immediately to connect with any business contact.

An elevator speech is a short description of what you do. It is often canned and people can tell that you are talking at them, not with them. An anti-elevator speech allows you to connect instantly with any business contact and create more business relationships.

Join professional speaker and author Cliff Suttle who will talk about giving an anti-elevator speech. You can say Cliff wrote the book on this subject, because he actually did write the book "The Anti-Elevator Speech". He will show you the techniques to network in a much more productive way, leave a lasting impression and connect with business contacts and potential customers in seconds. At this breakfast everyone will walk out the door with skills they can put to use immediately to help their business.

This Community Breakfast is also a great opportunity for you to network with many other Chamber members.

To attend this event, call (734) 453-1540 or e-mail [teri@plymouthmich.org](mailto:teri@plymouthmich.org). The cost is \$12 and can be paid in advance. Cancellations must be received 48 hours prior to the event, since the Chamber is liable for all meals.

### Chamber workshops

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.

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 high you 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, Nov. 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.

## BUSINESS MILESTONES

### X-Tracker chosen

SKF Automotive Division announced its X-Tracker wheel hub bearing unit has been selected by General Motors because of its extreme durability and stiffness, for the groundbreaking Supercar, the 2009 Corvette ZR1.

The SKF X-Tracker design improves a vehicle's camber stiffness, which allows the driver to create smoother, faster cornering speeds. This cornering performance also improves the car's stability control due to enhanced brake response.

"Through continued collaboration with GM, we were able to provide a sophisticated technology that meets the demand of today's high-performance vehicle drivers," said Jim Seta, director of sales, Car Business North America, SKF. SKF's X-Tracker wheel hub bearing units are manufactured in several of SKF's global facilities. This technology has been standard content on the ZR1 and other high-performance luxury vehicles, including the current Cadillac STS-V and 2009 Cadillac CTS-V, since it was introduced last year.

### Radio show

Scott Harris, a motivational speaker from Plymouth, has founded a nonprofit 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 is a call-in show which is also available live on [www.WMUZ.com](http://www.WMUZ.com) through streaming audio. Harris also intends to archive the show on his Web sites, [www.compulsivenomorestop.com](http://www.compulsivenomorestop.com) and (coming soon) [www.changingchoicefoundation.org](http://www.changingchoicefoundation.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 addiction and any types of behaviors that are destructive.

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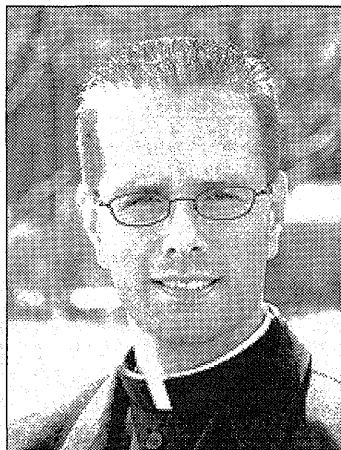
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NEW PATIENTS

# New associate pastor trades career for the priesthood

BY LAUNA WAKENHUT  
CORRESPONDENT

Parishioners of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Livonia welcomed one of the Archdiocese of Detroit's five newly-ordained priests as their associate pastor last month. The Rev. Raymond E. Arwady, who grew up in Northville and Troy, is an identical twin and the last-born son of Lester and Judy Arwady, now of Sterling Heights. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 30 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit.



the Rev. Raymond Arwady

At 36, he represents a growing trend of men choosing the priesthood later in life, after having successful educational and employment careers in the secular world. Holding his B.S. in mechanical engineering and his master's in engineering management from Oakland University, Arwady worked at General Motors' Pontiac Truck Product Center for nearly six years before hearing the call to the priesthood.

"I began to feel at around 27 or 28 years old that I had achieved almost everything in life that I thought would make me happy," Arwady explained, "and then I realized that I was not all that happy."

"I consider myself a product of my generation, drawn to what I call material gluttony."

He was making \$60,000 a year in a career that held promise. He was a homeowner, with a \$37,000 SUV, a growing investment portfolio, and a large circle of friends.

Although he rejected the call from God when he first heard it, he continued to pray. Eventually he found himself increasingly drawn to reading scripture, praying the Rosary, and frequently visiting Jesus present in the tabernacle.

"Once I became convinced through prayer that God loves me more than I love myself, wants my happiness

more than I want it, and knows better than I do what will make me truly happy, then I could take that initial leap of faith and say 'Yes' to God. Only then could I give it all up to follow Jesus."

## ENTERING THE SEMINARY

In 2002, Arwady began his studies at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, where he received his bachelor of philosophy, followed by his master of divinity, as well as his bachelor of sacred theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. He and his twin brother James, who will be ordained May 22, 2010, were among the first few Detroit seminarians who had the opportunity to complete a 10-week spiritual formation program offered by the Institute for Priestly Formation at Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. The program, highly regarded by many bishops and seminarians, is an option for all Detroit seminarians.

Arwady said he believes the two greatest challenges facing the Catholic Church in the United States today are catechesis and evangelization.

"If we were to add a third I'd say the attack on the human family. There is much disharmony in families today. It seems to me that we Catholics do not know much about our own faith,

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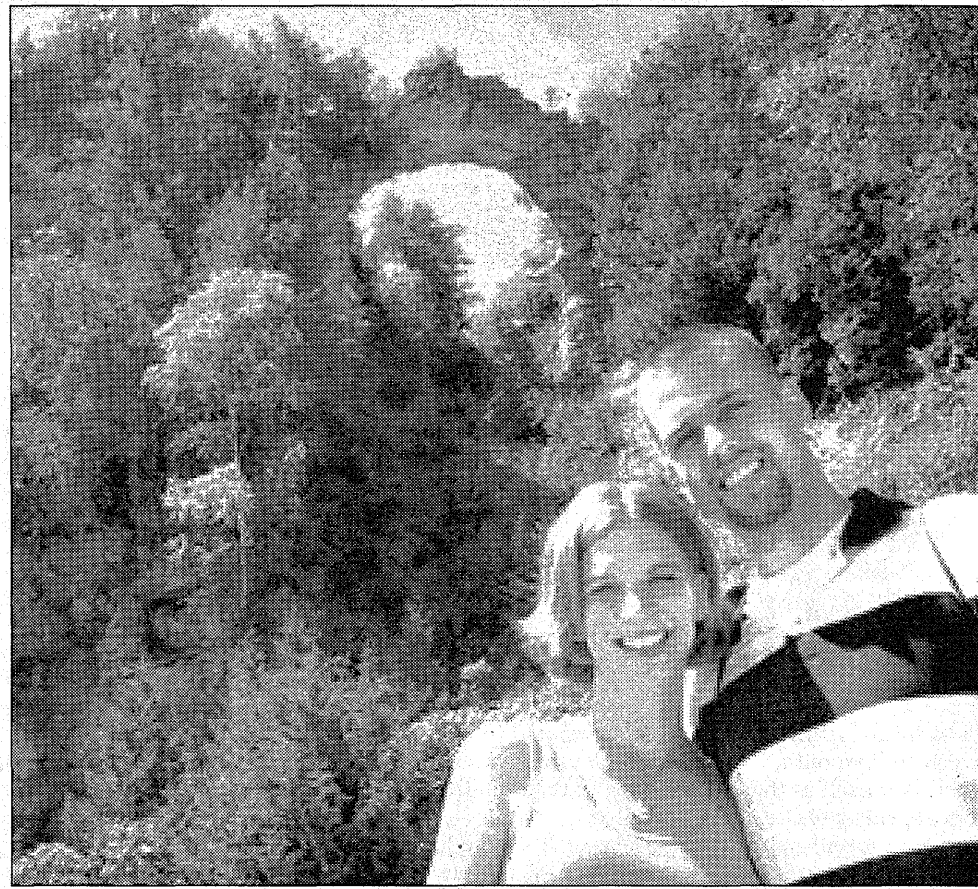
nor do we seem to be zealous or have a readiness to share it with others. I see parishes clustering and merging, schools closing, and vocations dwindling. Evangelization and Catechesis are the cure. We need to reprioritize our lives and put God first. We need to return to the basics of family prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, and the daily use of our Bibles if we expect to grow as a Church."

## SETTLING IN

Arwady is happy to be at St. Michael's and said he is "adjusting to the rhythm of his new lifestyle." He is surprised to find out how difficult adjusting to a new life can be, especially one as busy as the life of a parish priest.

"I had forgotten how difficult it was to adjust to the new life of a seminarian seven years ago and now I have to do it all over again."

St. Michael's is the oldest Catholic parish in Livonia. Established in 1931, it serves about 1,500 families and runs a formally recognized "School of Distinction," with approximately 800 students from kindergarten through 8th grade. He has been meeting as many of those parishioners as he can, "getting to know the people so I can serve them better." His hope for his ministry is simple: "To bring as many souls as possible into deeper relationship with Christ and to heaven, and to never grow weary in serving God and His people."



Matthew and Andrea Machemer of Westland are excited about his new position as music minister at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia. He grew up in Eastpointe and has a bachelor's degree in music education from Concordia University Chicago.

# New music director joins Livonia Lutheran church

Matthew Machemer was installed as music minister Sunday, Aug. 23, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia. He is serving as church organist and oversees all choirs and musical ensembles in the congregation.

Machemer grew up in Eastpointe with parents, Melvin and Susan, and his brother, Joel. His musical interest grew through the influence of his family and by the piano lessons he began at age 5. Throughout his elementary and high school years he actively participated in nearly all school music ensembles.

Machemer attended Concordia University Chicago and graduated in December 2007 with a bachelor's degree in music education with an emphasis in choral music. During his time at

Concordia he was involved with a variety of choral and instrumental groups, took organ and voice lessons, and served as a substitute organist at various local congregations.

In January 2008, he was hired as parish musician at St. John Lutheran Church in Wheaton, Ill., where he directed children's choirs, adult instrumental groups, composed music, planned worship and played piano and organ for regular worship services.

Machemer has had pieces published by Concordia Publishing House and has been a contributing composer in their Acclamations project.

He and his wife, Andrea, live in Westland.

## RELIGION CALENDAR

Religion calendar items appear on Thursdays on a space available basis. To submit an item, e-mail [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com) or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Attn.: Sharon Dargay. Item must include the venue address and phone number and any admission costs for events. Items must be submitted at least a week in advance of publication. For a complete listing of events online please go to [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com).

### 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 Gomułka, secretary of the Detroit chapter, at (248) 477-6411, or Robert Mitchell, chapter president, at (313) 204-5103.

**Bethany fun**  
■ Bethany Together Dance, 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 29 at Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, just east of Inkster Road, in Redford. Dance until midnight. Admission fee is \$12. For more information, call Loretta from Bethany East at (586) 264-0284.  
■ Free concert with Air Margaritaville, for Bethany West and Bethany South Downriver, 4:30-7 p.m., at Lincoln Park Days 3525 Dix, in Lincoln Park. Bring your favorite refreshment and a chair. Call Kathy M. for information (734) 513-9479.

**Open house**  
6:30-8 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 2, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Center, 14175 Farmington

Road, just north of I-96, Livonia. Toddler (starting at 18 months), preschool, pre-K and day care are available. The center is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday. If you have questions, call Maureen at (734) 513-8413.

### SEPT. 3-9

**Bethany dance**  
8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 5, at St. Robert Bellarmine 27101 W. Chicago Road, at Inkster Road, in Redford. Admission \$10 includes refreshments. Tango lesson runs from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Call Diane K. for information at (734) 261-5716.

### SEPT. 10-16

**Mom-to-mom**  
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, at Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon, west of I-275, north of Michigan Ave., in Canton. Presented by Mothers of Preschoolers. Admission \$1. For more information e-mail to [CCMopsMom@gmail.com](mailto:CCMopsMom@gmail.com).

### SEPT. 24-30

**Health fair**  
9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 26, at Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia. Includes free bone density screening, free body fat analysis, cholesterol screening on site for \$12 per person with onsite counseling regarding results, free blood pressure screening, massage therapy and other services. Call (734) 427-8743 for more information.

**Movie**  
See "Fireproof" at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26 at Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia. The screening is free and it's followed by six weeks of free classes on Fireproofing Your Marriage, 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Sept. 30 - Nov. 4. Free Bible classes are available for children of all ages during the class. Call (734) 427-8743 for more information.

### 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 movement 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 [gery@energeticarts.org](mailto:gery@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

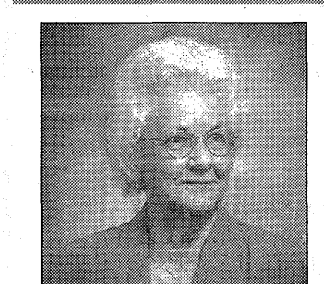
10 a.m. Wednesday Kids Matinees and 4 p.m., Saturday family movie, at Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia. Guitar Praise game precedes the film on Saturday. Children in second grade or younger can play prior to the film; those in third grade and up can play after the movie. Pizza will also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

### Hall rental

■ Volkmar Hall located in Good

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MARIE DAWES

August 21, 2009, age 85. Beloved wife of the late James L. Dear mother of James N. (Deborah), Donald L. (Rosemary), Thomas J. (Kimberly), and the late Jeanette Hanvy. Grandmother of 12. Great-grandmother of seven. Marie was a 53 year resident of Livonia and a Deacon at Ward Church. Share a memory at: [www.mannsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mannsfuneralhome.com)



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**RELIGION**

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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.

**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



**Taking the stage**

The Paul Keller Orchestra, a 15-piece big band, plays a concert at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27. This concert is part of the noteworthy - concerts with a cause - series of First United Methodist Church. Admission is free; a free-will offering will be received to benefit Habitat for Humanity. The church is located at 45201 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth Township, a mile east of Beck. For more information, call (734) 453-5280.

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. 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 age is 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 ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

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**Support**

■ A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (non-perishable 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.realifelymouth.com.





■ The Clothing Bank has moved to a new location west of Canton Township. Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need is available 10 a.m. to noon the fourth Saturday of each month, at 41711 Joy Rd. Call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to 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.oa.org

■ St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's 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 McNutt 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.

# Your Invitation to Worship

<p><b>CATHOLIC</b></p>	<p><b>UNITED METHODIST</b></p>	<p><b>PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)</b></p>	<p><b>LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD</b></p>
<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: First Fri. 7:00 p.m. First 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. <small>CE08026544</small></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 <small>CE08026497</small></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 <small>CE08026503</small></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. Bayer and Anthony M. Croston <small>CE08026502</small></p>
<p><b>St Genevieve Roman Catholic Church</b> St. Genevieve School - PreK-8 29015 Jamison • Livonia • 734-427-5220 (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 <small>CE08026546</small></p>	<p><b>NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b>  175 Years "On the Trail" 36500 Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne &amp; Newburgh Rds. 734-422-0149 Worship Service and Sunday School @ 9:15 am Rev. Marsha M. Woolley Deacon Paul Perez Visit our website: www.newburgumc.org <small>CE08026446</small></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 <small>CE08026703</small></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 <small>CE08026517</small></p>
<p><b>CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE</b></p> <p><b>PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 45901 W. Ann Arbor Road • (734) 453-1525 Sunday School - 9:45 A.M. Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M. Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M. NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN LEARNING CENTER (734) 455-3196 <small>CE08026523</small></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 <small>CE08059897</small></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 Vaparis Parish Office 734-420-0131 Office Hours M-F 10:00 am - 2:00 pm www.nativitygocchurch.org <small>CE08059415</small></p>	<p><b>EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN</b></p> <p><b>WARD</b>  Evangelical Presbyterian Church 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 <small>CE08051677</small></p>
<p><b>LUTHERAN-ELCA</b></p> <p><b>ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, ELCA</b> Farmington Hills 23225 Gill Rd. 248-474-0584 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 <small>CE08059908</small></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 <small>CE08026511</small></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 <small>CE08059687</small></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) <small>CE08026555</small></p>			

For Information regarding this Directory, please call Donna Hart at 734-582-8342 or e-mail: dhart@dnp.com

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Brett Moore (left) as Oliver; Robert Doyle as Mr. Bumble; and Leah Page Cooley as Widow Corney in Spotlight Players' production of 'Oliver.'

## Spotlight Players sing way through start, end of season

Spotlight Players kicks off its new season with *Oliver!*, the classic musical based on Charles Dickens' novel. The show features a cast of local actors and follows the story of an orphan, played by Brett Moore in Victorian London as he makes his way from the cruel workhouse to the streets, where he joins a gang of lovable pickpockets and finds a friend in The Artful Dodger, played by Jeffrey Selewski. Barbara Bloom choreographed the family-friendly show and directed the cast that includes actors from age 8 to 60-plus. Shows are at 8 p.m. Sept. 18-19, 25-26 and at 2 p.m. Sept. 19-20, and 26-27 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. The Village Theater has free parking, is handicap accessible and has a concession stand. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors and students under 19. They're available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at [www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater](http://www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater) or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door. Box office opens an hour before showtime.

Spotlight Players, the resident adult theater group for the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, follows *Oliver!* with a drama, *Crimes of the Heart*, in November. *Barefoot in the Park* will open in February 2010 and *Oklahoma!* rounds out the season in April 2010. Here's what's planned at other community theatres this fall: ■ Barefoot Productions kicks off its fall season with *Mister Roberts*, Oct. 8-25 at the Walker/Buzenberg building, 240 N. Main, Plymouth. (734) 582-9688 ■ Rosedale Community Players Farmington Players includes *Twelve Angry Men*, *Last Night of Ballyhoo*, *Twigs* and *Funny Valentines* in its 40th anniversary season. Exact running order and show dates are to be arranged. The Redford troupe is searching for a new home and has found a temporary stage at Bushnell Congregational Church in Detroit. (313) 532-4010 ■ Farmington Players starts its new season with *And the Winner Is*, a play written by Mitch Albom, Oct. 2-17. The Players' home is the Barn Theater, 32332 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 553-2955

# Hear rock, country, gospel music at Michigan State Fair

Watch horses prance, enter contests, ooh and aah your way along aisles of vegetables and perfect pastries, eat cotton candy, take a spin on a gut-wrenching ride, watch acrobats and drill teams, dancers and rock musicians and much more at the Michigan State Fair.

The nine-day event starts Friday, Aug. 28 at the fairgrounds, located at Eight Mile and Woodward in Detroit.

In addition to the livestock, agricultural displays, home and community arts exhibits, the fair offers a myriad local performers, as well as celebrity musicians.

Mark Farner, formerly of Grand Funk Railroad, kicks off a series of free nightly concerts in the fair bandshell. Farner performs at 7 p.m., Aug. 28. Farner sang with Grand Funk Railroad on such memorable hit songs as *Closer to Home*, *Foot Stompin' Music*, and *We're in an American Band*.

The Detroit area Gospel Show takes the stage from 4-9 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 30.

Dennis Edwards and his Temptations Review will perform at 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 31 — Motown Day at the fair.

Pete Rivera, original lead singer of Rare Earth will appear with Mike Pinera, original lead singer of Blues Image, Jerry Corbetta, original lead singer of Sugarloaf, and local Detroit bass player and session man Larry Prentiss. Performing as The Classic Rock All-Stars, the band will appear at 2 p.m. and as the Temptations Review opening act at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 31. Red, Cavo and Pop Evil rock out at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 1.

The fair will feature the final Michigan competition of the Colgate Country Showdown at



Red



Pop Evil

3 p.m. and 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 3. The showdown includes musicians who have won competitions at various locations around the state. The winner of this country music competition will compete for the national title.

Starship starring Mickey Thomas will perform at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4. The show will feature a complete retrospective of the biggest hits of the Jefferson Airplane, Jefferson Starship and Starship.

Survivor will take the stage at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 5, fol-

lowed by country artists Jake Owen and Love and Theft at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6. The bandshell series ends at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 7, with Billy Squier, who is touring with his band for the first time since 2001. The concert series is free. Admission to the Michigan State Fair is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, age 3-12 and senior citizens, age 62 and older. Children under 2 enter free. Fair hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. (313) 369-8250.

### GETOUT

#### ART

##### 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's degree thesis show

**Contact:** (734) 487-0465 or e-mail to [jlockel@emich.edu](mailto:jlockel@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

##### 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

**Location:** 215 W. Cady Street, downtown Northville

**Contact:** (248) 344-0497, or visit [www.northvillearts.org](http://www.northvillearts.org)

##### Village Theater at Cherry Hill

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday through Aug. 30

**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

**Details:** "Michigan Comics: Mirth, Mockery, Mayhem," features more than 100 pieces of original artwork — editorial cartoons, gag panels, comic strips, comic books, graphic novels and other works on paper — and showcases the talents of 40 Michigan artists

**Contact:** (734) 394-5300 or visit [www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater](http://www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater)

#### BENEFITS

##### Dawn Farm Jamboree

**Time/Date:** 1-6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 13

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**Contact:** (734) 485-8725 or visit [www.dawnfarm.org](http://www.dawnfarm.org)

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##### 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

##### Go Comedy!

**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

**Location:** 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

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**Contact:** (248) 327-0575; [www.go.comedy.net](http://www.go.comedy.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](http://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](http://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.kickerscomplex.com](http://www.kickerscomplex.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](http://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](http://Palacenet.com)

#### CONCERTS

##### The Ark

**Time/Date:** 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](http://www.theark.org)

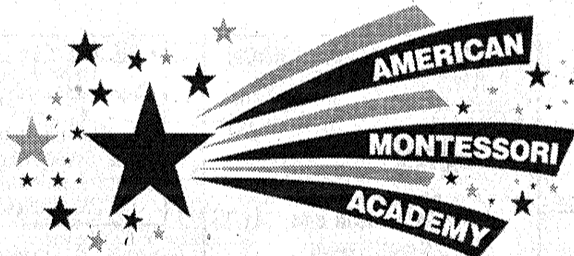
##### Canton jazz series

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28 at Sam's Club on Ford Road

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# New classes, tasting events offer expert tips on wine, spirits

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

If you've ever sat at a nice restaurant and wished you had a clue about what drinks complemented the food you just ordered, maybe taking a class at a local college, specialty store or wine bar is all you need to make your taste buds dance.

You don't have to be a wine snob to know the difference.

"From a social gathering standpoint it's becoming more popular and not as scary for people to understand what to do," said Shawn Loving, Schoolcraft College culinary arts department chair.

Schoolcraft College's fall enrichment classes give students a chance to learn about the new wines of Tuscany (class begins Monday, Sept. 28, for three weeks) and Bordeaux (class starts Monday, Nov. 2) with instructor/consultant and wine guru Lee Hershey.

In Oakland County, Oakland Community College is hosting "Wine Tasting Viva France," 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays, now through Sept. 8. Students will "travel" through France tasting wines from the most important regions while learning how to decipher different French wine labels. The cost is \$149. For more information, go to [www.oaklandcc.edu/ce](http://www.oaklandcc.edu/ce).

Other area community college enrichment classes will take students to regions around the world to learn about wines that are coming from New Zealand, Chile and Africa.

"They are doing much better and becoming much more popular and much more popularly priced," said Darlene Levinson, OCC Culinary Studies Institute instructor.

If you want to try something new, drinks with fresh herbs and savory flavors are among the latest drink trends, Levinson said.

"Some students are interested in know-

ing what's out there," she said. "They want to know about wines and how to read a wine menu."

If you think you know it all, there's always something new to learn.

"This weekend I'm having a girl party," said Levinson, who plans to serve friends pureed cucumbers, mixed with lemonade and lemon vodka.

Or, she said, you can use soda water and fresh herbs, like rosemary and thyme, from the garden. "There's a big movement to make drinks fresh and not use mixes," she added.

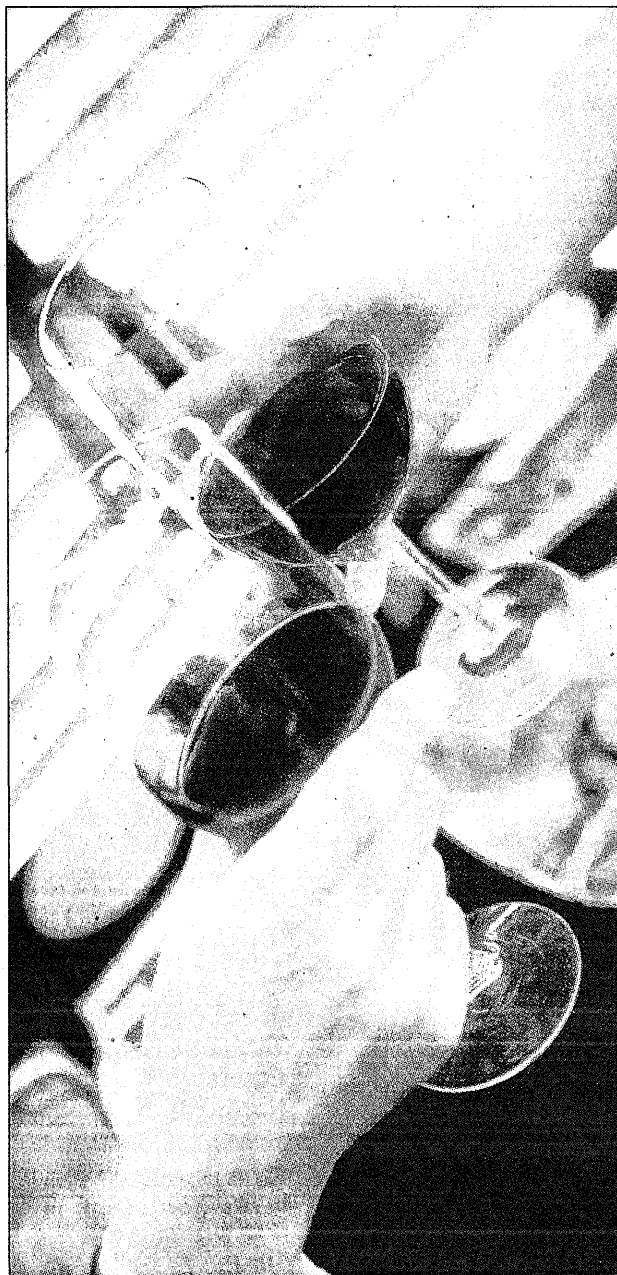
In one of her classes, Levinson says, "We taste something every week. Sometimes I put out 10 different vodkas and we taste the differences or 10 different whiskeys and taste the differences. That's a lot of fun."

Loving, of Schoolcraft College, said, "I always followed a myth that wines had to be expensive. It's fun to know this red wine goes well with this protein or meat. It's a fun challenge to coordinate wines and spirits as opposed to be standoffish. It's more relaxing and inviting as a whole."

Area restaurants and wine shops also offer a variety of tasting events.

Grape Expectations, 555 Forest Ave. in downtown Plymouth, will host an Italian Wines/Wine Tasting Dinner at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15. Patrons will sample wines from the Piedmont region and specifically from the winery Beni Di Batastolo. Go to Grape Expectations on the Web at [www.gewinebar.com](http://www.gewinebar.com) or call (734) 455-9463.

WineStyles, 17386 Haggerty in Livonia, offers a variety of wine events each month. On Tuesday, Sept. 1, WineStyles offers Ladies Night from 5-9 p.m. Flights of wine (a sampling of six different wines) are just \$10. For more information, go to [www.winestylesstore.com](http://www.winestylesstore.com) or call (734) 464-9600.



## Let fall culinary classes stir up your passion for good food

The Food Network and the popular movie, *Julie and Julia*, have put culinary arts in the spotlight.

Personalities, like Emeril Lagasse and Rachael Ray and the economy are feeding our basic instinct to learn how to cook, and bake well in our own homes.

Community colleges are offering a wide range of classes this fall through continuing education programs for cooking enthusiasts who want to spice up their international culinary repertoire, learn a new technique for cutting vegetables and herbs or create decadent desserts at home.

Schoolcraft College in Livonia offers an extensive list of classes from indoor grilling and breadmaking to intricate pumpkin carving and cake decorating.

Popular continuing education classes at Schoolcraft involve preparing vegetarian meals, making homemade baby food and healthy food preparation.

Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn offers culinary adventures to tempt anyone's sweet tooth with offering such as gourmet chocolate confections and "stuffed" cupcakes.

Oakland Community College's "Decadent Gourmet Apples" class lets students create five applies covered in rich caramel, enrobed in four flavors of chocolate and sprinkled with layers of crunchy toppings. Learn how to create a gourmet fresh fruit bouquet at an OCC this fall.

For a complete list of continuing education classes and seminars: Schoolcraft at [www.schoolcraft.edu/pdfs/cep/2009\\_fall\\_culinary\\_seminars.pdf](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/pdfs/cep/2009_fall_culinary_seminars.pdf); HFCC is at [www.hfcc.edu/programs](http://www.hfcc.edu/programs) and OCC is at [www.oakland.cc.edu/ce](http://www.oakland.cc.edu/ce).

-Correspondent Diane Andreassi contributed to this story.

## Sample wine, food at festival this weekend

Meadow Brook Music Festival hosts its 9th annual Wine and Food Festival 1-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, and 1-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30.

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 may be purchased for \$10 and include two free soft drinks. Tickets for kids, age 12 to 17 years, are \$5 and those under 12 are admitted free.

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.

Tickets may also be charged by phone to American Express, Discover, Visa and MasterCard by calling (800) 745-3000.

Award-winning wineries from the state of Michigan and across the globe will be on hand showcasing more than 100 varieties of wine including Chardonnay, Merlots, Rieslings, Sparkling, Dry Red and dessert wines. The festival's on-site retail store will have select wines available for purchase at the event. A list of components is attached.

In addition to wine sampling, there will be seminars covering wine, food and other topics of interest. Festival goers will also enjoy continuous live entertainment, glass-blowing demonstrations and special exhibits and displays throughout the weekend.

Presenting sponsor Kroger will host a tent featuring a free sampling of foods made from "Select Michigan" locally grown and produced items created by chefs from the International Culinary School at the Art Institutes of Michigan.

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# Local pros: Market's 'starting to look up'

BY JULIE BROWN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Gary Reggish, owner of Remerica United Realty in Novi, has been in real estate 10 years. The Livonia resident's president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

"Things are absolutely starting to look up," Reggish said. The multiple listing service numbers through June show more homes sold in June than in previous Junes for many years.

"That is awesome news," Reggish said. "June was a record month for home sales."

He's pleased with a 27 percent drop in houses on the market, reducing inventory and helping with supply and demand issues. "That's absolutely a direction we want to be moving in," Reggish said.

The WWOCA president cites good depth of homes available and the \$8,000 tax credit available to first-time buyers. That's getting many people off the fence, as it sunsets Nov. 30.

"We've been working very hard in promoting that it's a good time to buy," Reggish said.

Some people treat the housing market like the stock market, waiting for prices to drop. They may miss a great buying opportunity, he said.

"We're moving in the right direction" toward stabilizing property values. "We're heading toward stability."

He sees people relocated by their employers coming back to Michigan; some were in temporary corporate housing and may qualify for the \$8,000 credit.

Reggish is seeing more sold signs on properties, which boosts additional sales. "When they see movement, they start to buy."

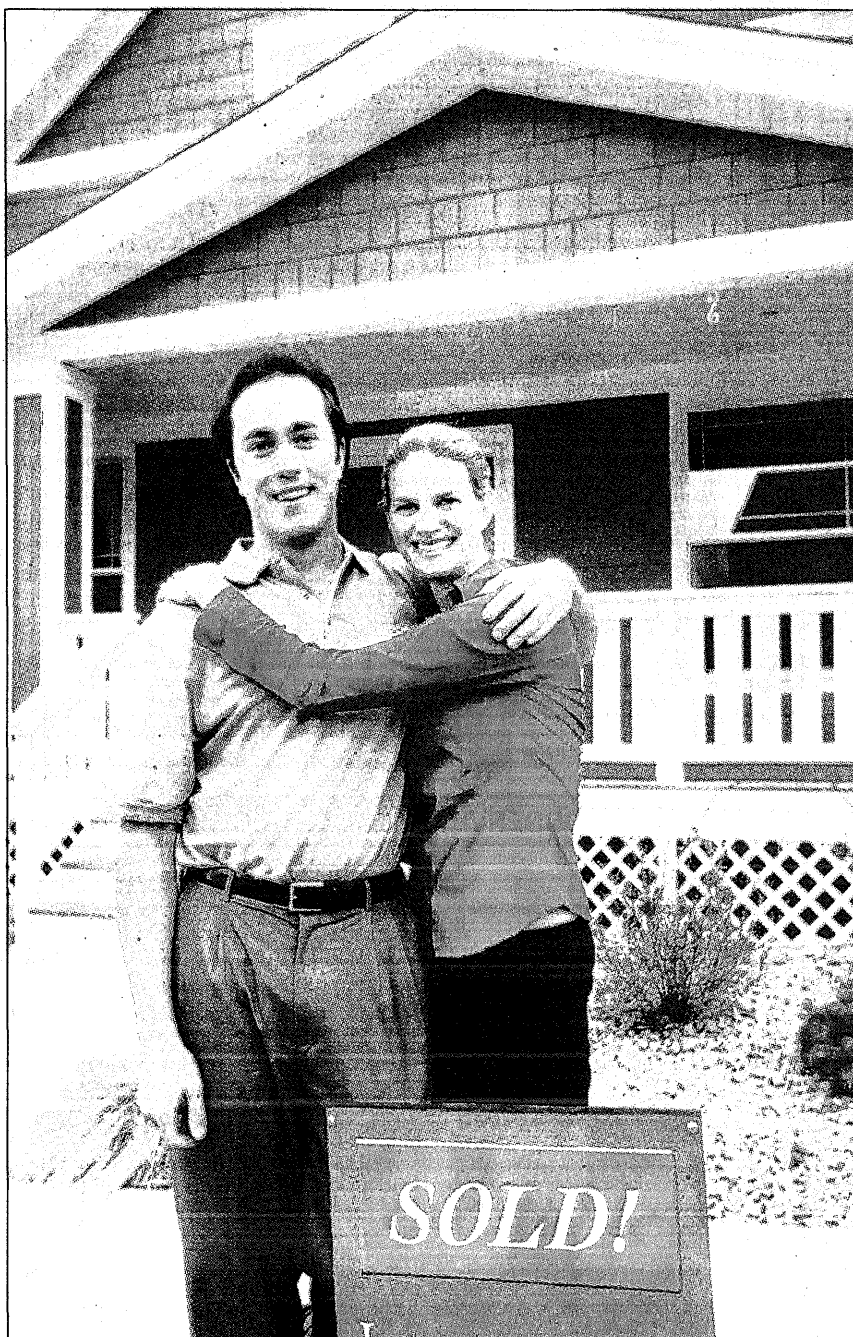
More realistic pricing is also helping. "Same rules have always applied. Price a home right, you're going to get activity and you're going to sell."

In a declining market, as opposed to appreciating or stable, the seller should aim just below recent sales. "We're shooting at a moving target," Reggish said.

The economic downturn in Michigan related to auto company woes has certainly hit housing. "People tend to hold off on spending because they're uncertain about the future," he said, citing older cars on the road and home repairs delayed.

"They're going to have to start investing in goods," Reggish and others at Farmington-based WWOCA are working with Michigan legislators on job creation.

He noted our state has lost some



600,000 jobs since 2000, mostly in auto manufacturing. "That has a huge impact in the salability of our houses." He and others are working at the state level to bring in new companies for job creation and boost small business startups as well.

Michigan is below the national average on small business ownership, Reggish said.

Dan Elsea, president of brokerage services for Southfield-based Real Estate One, also has his finger on the pulse of the housing market.

"There's cause for optimism," said Elsea, a 25-year veteran of real estate who lives in Troy. The main thing he sees is first-time buyers and investors buying, driving down inventory.

"That's always the first sign you look

for in a housing recovery," Elsea said, adding that recovery piece isn't always tied to the economic requirement. For a full recovery, "the economic piece has to kick in at some time. This is the first stage of the good news." The shift will be to a neutral or even seller's market.

Elsea agreed the \$8,000 tax credit helped; until recently, 70 percent of their sales were in the \$100,000 market. They're starting to see activity at prices above that, and he noted great interest rates and housing deals got people to buy.

"They're still staying and buying because 80's still a good price as compared to 120," Elsea said. He anticipates the higher end will improve, with the slowest category the \$500,000 to

\$900,000 or so.

That category was created in the 1990s largely by dual income families, Elsea said, a less stable economic unit. There's also a demographic gap in that category between baby boomers and the next generation of buyers.

Realtor Adam Hammons of RE/MAX Classic in Canton agreed things are looking up in the housing market. "We've been seeing the market since about April pick up," said Hammons, a Westland resident. "We've had a real improvement in sales."

Homes up to about \$80,000 are selling well, and Hammons is seeing movement in Canton in the \$125,000-\$165,000 range. "It's been a great time to buy," he said, adding he sees increased consumer confidence.

Hammons finds the \$8,000 credit has helped but the driving factor is elsewhere, "how much home you can buy for these prices right now." He's a seven-year veteran of real estate, and agreed many consumers were scared and holding off on purchases.

"Now it seems like everyone is relaxing a bit and spending more. I think it's going to continue," he said. Hammons is encouraged that there will even be small increases in values.

"So that's good news."

Ruth Martin, associate broker with Remerica Hometown One in Plymouth Township, said, "I would definitely say it is looking up. We are getting rid of a lot of inventory. There are starting to be some competing offers."

Some investors are picking up foreclosed properties. "The banks are trying to work out the short sales a little faster. I'm very optimistic, absolutely," said Martin, a Livonia resident with 23 years in real estate. "I think the stimulus check is helping a lot of first-time buyers."

Realtor Ron Jaszgur, who owns Homesource Realtors in Southfield, is seeing an upswing. Jaszgur, with 12 years in real estate, noted home sales have increased in the last six-eight months.

"Pricing, on the other hand, is another story," the Commerce Township resident said. There are still homes in good neighborhoods with good schools.

"The volume has definitely picked up," he said. "It's a great time to buy."

He's seeing first-time buyers interested in the credit, up around the \$250,000 point and below. "Obviously, there is pent-up demand for the higher end items," Jaszgur said.

He added high unemployment in Michigan puts a damper on home sales: "Everybody would be buying if they knew they could sell."

# Attorney can advise on land contract

**Q: I have a land contract which allows me, as the seller, to exercise my option to accelerate the unpaid balance because the land contract vendee has defaulted. Do I need to give notice of such acceleration?**

**A:** The answer is no. Under a recent case in the Michigan



Robert Meisner

Court of Appeals the court held that no particular form or type of notice is prescribed for exercising the right to accelerate and that, in fact,

commencement of an action for foreclosure would evidence the seller's desire to exercise and would constitute an exercise of the right and option to accelerate. You should, however, review the contents of your land contract with an attorney to ensure that there is not an additional requirement in your land contract form.

**Q: My property has been foreclosed on and I am trying to get refinancing. I am hoping that the bank who did the foreclosing will extend the redemption period. Do they have any obligation to do so?**

**A:** No, even if the bank's refusal was based on spite or for any other reason, the bank has no obligation to make any concession by extending the redemption period based upon a recent case out the Michigan Court of Appeals. If you do not tender the money before the expiration of redemption period sufficient to satisfy its tolling, you will be out of luck. You should retain an attorney, however, to see if something can be worked out with the lending institution.

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## HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of May 18-22, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Sale Price
Beverly Hills	15719 Kirkshire Ave	\$67,000
Bingham Farms	30200 Bristol Ln	\$212,000
Birmingham	1785 Bowers St	\$150,000
	1256 Cedar Dr	\$263,000
	1199 Henrietta St	\$350,000
	971 N Old Woodward Ave	\$170,000
	2494 Pembroke Rd	\$180,000
	1741 S Etom St	\$156,000
	1382 Westboro	\$430,000
Bloomfield Township	774 Brookwood Walk	\$281,000
	2808 Downberry Ct	\$214,000
	2375 E Hammond Lake Dr	\$175,000
	1733 Hickory Bark Ln	\$174,000
	6830 Orinoco Cir	\$147,000
Clarkston	6645 Almond Ln	\$108,000
	8595 Elkrun Dr	\$310,000
Commerce Township	5074 Greenview Dr	\$187,000
	2464 Ivy Hill Dr	\$240,000
	2516 Ivy Hill Dr	\$240,000
	5311 Weston Ct	\$165,000
Farmington	23610 Bicking Ct	\$75,000
	33880 Glenview Dr	\$210,000
	23340 Longacre Ct	\$190,000
Farmington Hills	29018 Lorikay St	\$55,000
	30484 Randlewood Club Dr	\$135,000
	29254 Stillwater	\$207,000
	29844 Tanglewood Dr	\$125,000
Keego Harbor	2836 Beland Ave	\$35,000
Lake Orion	3415 Blasser Dr	\$157,000
	66 Goldengate St	\$103,000
	3817 Long Meadow Ln	\$197,000
	1822 Valley Ln	\$126,000
Lathrup Village	18202 Wiltshire Blvd	\$100,000
Millford	3380 Morrow Ln	\$60,000
Novi	45167 Nine Mile Road	\$295,000
	2026 Austin Dr	\$50,000
	28380 Carleton Way Dr	\$159,000
	50945 Chesapeake Dr	\$685,000
	45108 Roundview Dr	\$250,000
	45736 White Pines Dr	\$340,000
Oakland Township	5295 Ashmonte Ct	\$405,000
	2647 Invitational Dr	\$635,000
Rochester	144 Linwood Ave	\$439,000
	1619 Springview Ct	\$475,000
Rochester Hills	1793 Apple Ridge Ct	\$283,000
	2522 Brilliance	\$234,000
	633 Millstone Dr	\$190,000
	1036 Olympia Dr	\$315,000
	187 Orchardale Dr	\$185,000
	2931 Pheasant Ring Dr	\$442,000
	123 Strafford Ln	\$100,000
	1834 Streamedge Ct	\$107,000
South Lyon	58735 Carriage Ln	\$70,000
	61391 Dean Dr	\$133,000
	208 Oakbrooke Dr	\$66,000
Southfield	23622 Prescott Ln E	\$379,000
Troy	19405 Addison Dr	\$15,000
	20985 Constitution St	\$132,000
	21420 Potomac St	\$78,000
Walled Lake	3766 Horseshoe Dr	\$163,000
	4949 Rivers Edge Dr	\$389,000
	6579 Veranoor Dr	\$226,000
Waterford	274 Wellsboro St	\$99,000
West Bloomfield	1048 Erskine Way	\$185,000
	4023 Lotus Dr	\$118,000
	3970 Maiden St	\$136,000
	5530 River Park Dr	\$145,000
White Lake	2215 Eastman Blvd	\$290,000
	4236 Foxpointe Dr	\$173,000
	5765 Kingsfield Dr	\$110,000
	5873 Kingsfield Dr	\$151,000
	6138 Palomino Ct	\$60,000
	7393 Westbury Blvd	\$180,000
	9045 Huron Bluffs Dr	\$263,000

## BRIEFS

### Career Seminar

Come to a free 59-minute Career Seminar 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, to find out why now is a good time to get into real estate. Questions regarding startup cost, commission and success potential will be answered. It is offered by Keller Williams Realty, 36642 Five Mile, Livonia 48154. Call (734) 266-9000 to reserve a seat.

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A seminar for individuals considering real estate will be held each Saturday at noon at Home Smart Realty, 20853 Farmington Road. Call (248) 426-6754 to reserve your seat. Offered by Home Smart Realty.

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### BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council presents a seminar on "Financial Planning" on Wednesday, Sept. 9, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Brad Hinkson of Hinkson Construction, Inc. and NABHR chair, will moderate the presentation that will address how to evaluate the financial health of your business, self-diagnosis and how to get back on the right track. There is no charge for council members and \$15 for guests. Advance payment is required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org). ■ Building Industry

Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will hold a Real Estate Continuing Education course on Thursday, Sept. 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at BIA Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Lori Chmura of Middleton Training will present the course that meets the state-mandated requirement for six hours of Real Estate Continuing Education. Registration fees are \$60 for SMC members, \$80 for BIA members and \$125 for guests. Continental breakfast and lunch are included. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org).

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present an overview of the Michigan Uniform Energy Code on

Thursday, Sept. 17, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Construction and Development Services, LLC will present the training including comparison of the four compliance strategies, an explanation of the various methods of demonstrating compliance, a discussion of construction related changes, a description of the different foundation insulation systems, a comparison of insulation materials, and a view of the Sample Cost Scenarios of the different methods.

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  - A Muppet
  - Scientist's workplace
  - Quay
  - Chain dance
  - Versatile vehicle
  - Energetic ones
  - Bishop's rule
  - Mountain pass
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  - Action film highlight
  - "Peanuts" kid
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**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE**

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**SEEK AND FIND**

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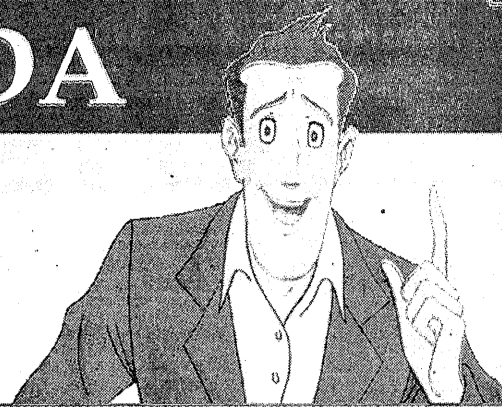
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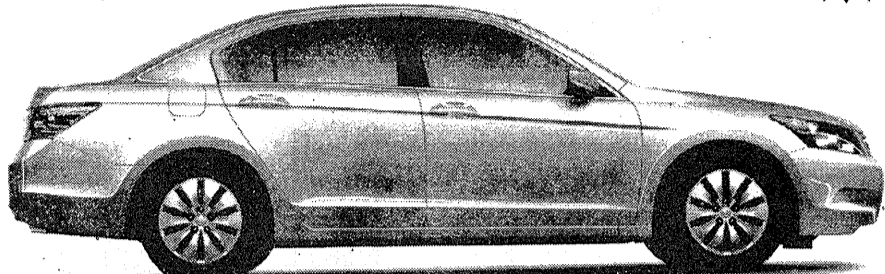
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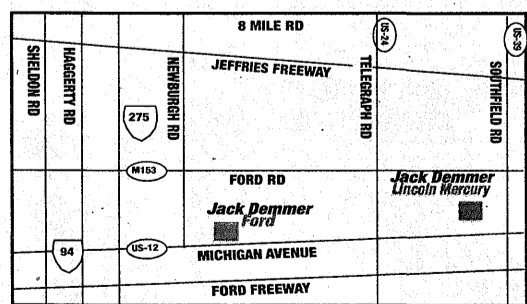
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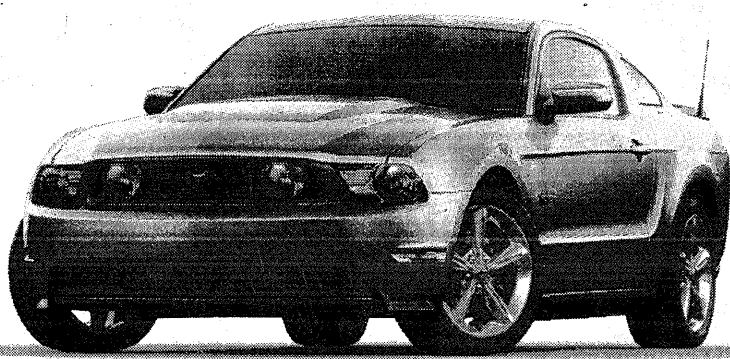
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