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Happy birthday

Plymouth Township officials and employees recognized their oldest peer recently by marking the 90th birthday of receptionist Bernice Rudick. Rudick, born in Kenton, Ohio, Sept. 1, 1919, has lived in Plymouth since 1942. She has been on the Council on Aging board, as well as serving with the Friendship Station card club and a member of the Plymouth Elks. Rudick and her late husband, William, had five children, all graduates of Plymouth-Canton Schools. Rudick has worked for the township for 13 years.



Plymouth Township receptionist Bernice Rudick recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

Pasta prowess

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. serves up its annual Spaghetti Dinner 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, during Plymouth's Fall Festival. The club's major fund-raiser supports Rotary A.M.'s projects on behalf of Tanger Center and other community programs for children with special needs. The feast takes place in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth; look for the Rotary A.M. tent in the northeast corner of the park. In case of inclement weather, drive-up-to-go service will be available at the corner of Union and Ann Arbor Trail. Diners will be treated to mostaccioli pasta with a choice of Italian meat or marinara sauce, salad, garlic bread, a giant Jimmy John's chocolate chip cookie and choice of beverage. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$9 for adults the day of the event and \$4 for children 12 and younger. Advance tickets are available at International Minute Press, 1058 S. Main in Plymouth - (734) 414-6203 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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 more information, call Ed or Judith at (734) 722-1772.

Service-based Fall Fest 'time for Plymouth to shine'

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

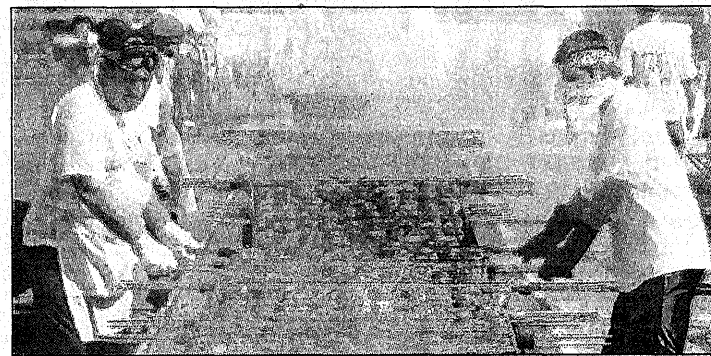
Some are better-attended and some are better-known, but none of Plymouth's many events has deeper roots in the community than the Plymouth Community Fall Festival. The Fall Festival — this year's starts Friday and runs through Sunday, Sept. 13 — is a community event in the truest sense. Organized and run by volunteers representing a range of service clubs, individual festival events and food booths raise money for those groups'

projects, from supporting high school athletes and musicians to providing opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to rescuing stray animals and more.

"I just think it's a wonderful event. The fact that all these community groups come together to raise money is unusual," said Colleen Brown, president of the Fall Festival committee. "I think this is just a really wonderful coming together of all these groups."

"The great thing about this event is that

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Volunteers are responsible for the success of the Plymouth Fall Festival's signature event, the Rotary Chicken Barbecue.

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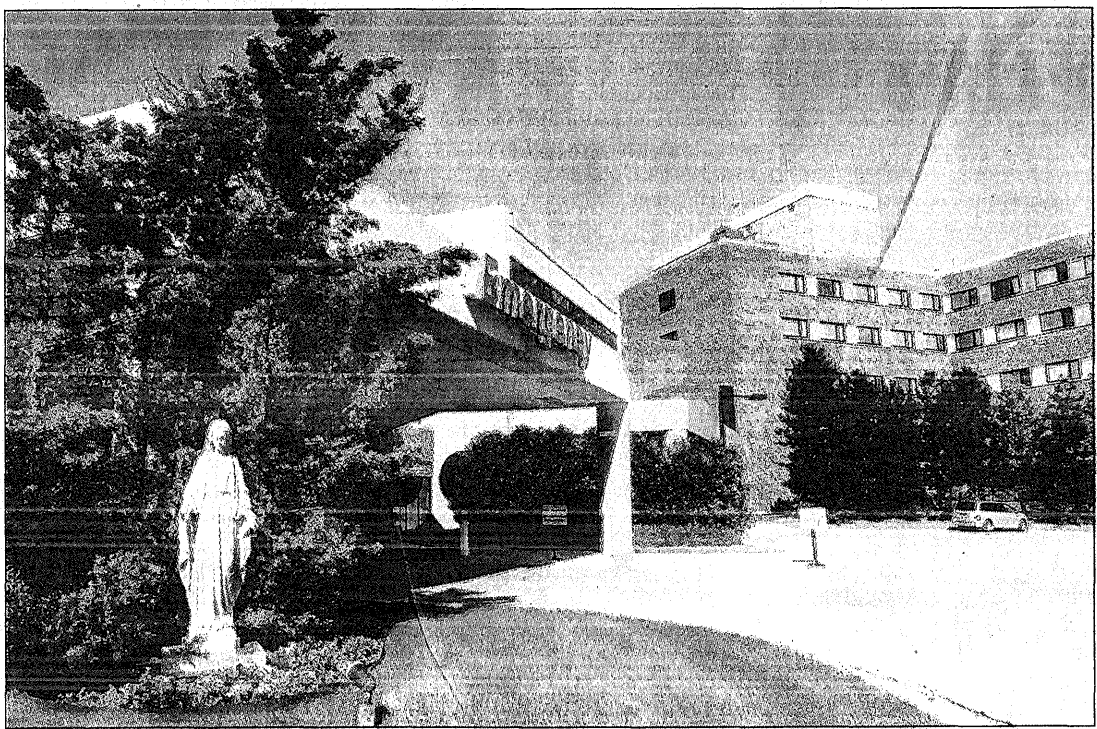
Sunday, Sept. 13

• 5K Run/Walk for Cancer
Begins at 9 a.m. on St. Mary Mercy hospital grounds, (Five Mile and Levan Roads). The event for cancer awareness is a celebration of life for cancer survivors, for those who have cancer, and an opportunity for family members and friends to participate to honor or remember a loved one. Proceeds go to St. Mary Mercy's Cancer Services. For information or to register, call (734) 655-8670, go to stmarymercy.org or Active.com.

• Community Open House, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
"Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," the open house will immediately follow the 5K, offering fun, music, games, food, health information and screenings, and a variety of activities for everyone. All activities are free.

Friday, Oct. 9

• Black-Tie gala
Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Event begins with hors d'oeuvres and a cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by a gourmet dinner, dancing, and musical entertainment by Simone Vitale Band. Tickets are \$100 per person. Proceeds benefit Clinical Research for the Graduate Medical Education program. Corporate and individual sponsorship opportunities available. Call St. Mary Mercy Hospital Foundation, (734) 655-2980.



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St. Mary Mercy Hospital will soon celebrate 50 years in Livonia.

St. Mary Mercy changes, expands while keeping to its core mission

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
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See page A3 for more on St. Mary Mercy Hospital
• First girl born at new St. Mary Hospital in 1959
• Quick response for heart attack victim

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EXPANSION

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GOP hopeful: Cut red tape, biz tax

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Michigan needs to cut red tape, eliminate its business tax and create a more business-friendly environment in order to regain economic strength.

That's the word from Pete Hoekstra, a nine-term Republican congressman from western Michigan, who spoke in Plymouth Township Wednesday evening to alumni of the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business. Hoekstra, who represents an 11-county district along Lake Michigan that includes Muskegon, Holland and Cadillac, is a candidate in next year's gubernatorial race.

"We need a commitment to growth. We can grow this state," Hoekstra told about 70 people during a meeting of the region's Ross alumni club at the

Hilton Garden Inn on Sheldon Road. "We just need to embrace growth."

Hoekstra is a U-M business school graduate and was a marketing executive at Herman Miller, the Zeeland-based furniture-maker, before being elected to the House of Representatives in 1992.

He said state regulations have hampered business, citing several examples, including a biodigestion plant in his district, which produces methane gas, that he said took two years longer to get up and running, because of bureaucracy, than a similar facility in Iowa.

He also blasted Michigan's business tax, which replaced the single business tax nearly two years ago, calling it too complex. Hoekstra said he could support a plan to raise the state sales tax by a penny, to 7 percent, in order

to replace the business tax — if the move was revenue neutral.

"Create an environment where business can be successful and we will be surprised, maybe, at what our (economic) stars are" a decade from now, he said.

State officials, he said, need to make better use of state resources and assets; he suggested leasing state rights of way for wind turbines, and having tree-growers plant and care for trees in the rights-of-way, with the agreement they would later harvest them, rather than paying workers to plant and maintain the trees. He called on people to generate other revenue ideas.

"If it gets to be a billion-dollar idea, half the business tax is gone," he said.

Lansing, he said, needs a mentality that understands busi-

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Boosters hit jackpot with Bingo fund-raiser

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After about 20 years of being sponsored by a local professional organization, the Plymouth Community Fall Festival's popular Bingo night has been passed to a new service group.

Festival Bingo, scheduled this year for 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday at The Gathering, is being organized by the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters, which supports the award-winning marching band shared by the three local public high schools.

"Our marching band's incredible," said Sandy Kline, the Boosters' Bingo chairwoman, who has two sons in the band, a bass drummer and a trombonist. "It's really quite a booster organization, too."

The Bingo, which typically attracts about 300 players, had been run by the Plymouth Business and Professional Women. Kline had become involved through that organization, and when BPW members decided they wanted a break, they looked to the Boosters.

"They knew the Boosters were a big group with a lot of bodies," Kline said.

The Bingo is highly anticipated, Kline said; some players even arrive early to stake out their spots.

Boosters will be selling Bingo booklets, with an assortment of cards and eligibility for all four jackpots, for \$25 each. Individual game cards will sell for \$1 each.

Kline said the night's final jackpot will be \$500 if there are more than 300 players, \$300 if there are fewer.

She said the BPW donated Bingo game cards and equipment to the Boosters, which made taking over the fund-raiser less daunting.

"If they hadn't donated all that to the marching band, to the Boosters, I don't think we could've started it from the ground up," she said.

For more on the Plymouth Canton Marching Band, visit the Web site www.pcmb.net. For more on Fall Festival Bingo, visit www.plymouth-fallfestival.com and click on the "Bingo" link.

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Carnival rides like the Big Slide are popular attractions at Plymouth's Fall Festival.

FESTIVAL

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The proceeds or the profits from the event come back into the community, which makes Plymouth the special place that it is," City Manager Paul Sincock said.

The festival has its origins in an annual Rotary Club of Plymouth-sponsored picnic; this year's festival is the 54th. The Rotary's chicken barbecue in Kellogg Park, still the festival's signature event, is from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (or until dinners are sold out) Sunday, Sept. 13.

Brown got involved with the festival 10 years ago, selling corn dogs to benefit softball at Canton High School. She remained involved after her girls graduated from Canton; this is her fourth year as committee president.

It's shaping up to be a good year for festival participation, Brown said: "We have a lot of participation this year."

The festival means extra work for Sincock and city employees. Streets need to be closed, public spaces cleaned

and kept clean, equipment installed for temporary cooking facilities and police officers on hand to patrol the crowds. The city also handles the rental of temporary toilet facilities.

City employees are often out late working — and then back at it early, Sincock said.

"People don't see that. They just come down and, you know, the park looks nice," he said.

The festival committee is billed for city services; this year's costs will come to roughly \$20,000.

But Sincock isn't complaining about the work. It pays dividends throughout the year, he said, when the groups that benefit step up to take care of special needs in the community.

"That's a great win for the community," he said. "I often say that Plymouth is very service-based."

Sincock said the festival offers something for everyone and thus attracts a diverse mix of people.

"It's a great mix of folks that come to the event. It's really a good mix of young and old and it's a time for Plymouth to shine," he said.

HOEKSTRA

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ness. "I see it as core to solving Michigan's economy," he said.

Hoekstra noted the many major political developments he's seen while in the House: the Republican takeover of the House in 1994; the impeachment of President Bill Clinton; the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and their aftermath; and the new administration of President Barack Obama.

"You thought you lived the textbook ... and then you find something you never thought was going to come up," he said.

Addressing health care reform, he called for a more bipartisan approach from Obama when the president speaks to a joint session of Congress on the issue on Wednesday.

"Everybody does want reform. Everybody believes the current system is broken," Hoekstra said. "He has to get some independents and some Republicans on board and then we can move forward."

Hoekstra said that, for him, a health care bill should provide: easier access to health care when it's most needed, tort reform, increased competition among insurers, tax fairness between those whose insurance is provided by their employers and those who buy it themselves with after-tax dollars, and the ability to get preexisting conditions covered

by insurance.

Hoekstra also:

- Said most town hall meetings on health care haven't been like the ones that make the news. "They're not anything like what you see on TV. ... It's been a very civil dialogue," he said.
- Nevertheless, Hoekstra said Americans have become frustrated with a variety of issues: the budget deficit, the \$787 economic stimulus package, the government decisions regarding General Motors Corp. and Chrysler Corp., and health care reform.

- Said Americans are looking for Obama to become more of a "centrist."
- "If he does that, I hope the Republicans are there to accept that offer to work with him," he said.
- Said Americans see their political leaders as "elites" who are "no longer responsive or listening to what they are saying."
- "Every time we as leaders believe we have the answers and don't look to the people we lead ... that is the time we did the worst," he said.
- Mark Vertin of Rochester said he liked what he heard.
- "Good speaker. He covered a lot of ground," Vertin said.
- Vertin said Hoekstra's message about state government resonated with him. "You've got to cut that red tape if you're going to bring business in," he said.

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

Ladies night

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce in partnership with downtown retailers and eateries present Plymouth's annual Ladies Night Out 5-10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17. The evening is a night for ladies to enjoy an evening on the town with friends.

Visit the participating stores and enjoy shopping, gifts, samples, prizes and refreshments. Several restaurants will also have special drinks, appetizers and more.

Participating stores this year include B.E. Unique Co.; Bella Mia; Brass & Iron Bed Shop; The Candy Trail; Creatopia; Dearborn Jewelers; Delta Diamond; Gabriel's; GiGi's Mode; Glassworks; Hands on Leather; Home Sweet Home; Magnolia Fresh Flower Market; Merle Norman; Michigan Custom Boutique & Fine Yarn; Michigan Made & More; Penniman Gallery; RSVP; Sideways; TranquiTea and Vic's Mart: All Things Purses. Restaurants include 1999 Tavern; Cellar 849; Compari's/Fiamma Grille; Kilwin's Plymouth and Sean O'Callaghan's.

Back by popular demand, Mr. 48170 will again be handing out roses to the first 500 ladies, courtesy of Ribar Floral.

For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

Democratic club

The Plymouth Democratic Club Energy and Environment Forum takes place 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, at the Plymouth District Library on Main Street. The event will feature the latest information and updates on Michigan green jobs and legislation, energy policy, environmentally-friendly lawn care, green tips and more.

The panel of speakers includes State Rep. Marc Corrivau, Tiffany Hartung from Sierra Club, Trevor Anderson from Repower

AROUND PLYMOUTH



Keller concert

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. The Paul Keller Orchestra has recorded six CDs, enjoyed two European tours, and performed at every local music festival. The PKO has held forth every Monday night, for nearly twenty years, in Ann Arbor. 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 North Territorial Road in Plymouth, one mile east of Beck Road. For more information, call (734) 453-5280.

America, James Amar from the Community Democratic Club on Petroleum, Consumer Demand and the Price of Energy, Jeff Copeland of Al Organic Lawns and Alana Hart, vice-chair of the Environmental and Energy Democratic Caucus for the State of Michigan.

The club will collect supplies for the Salvation Army Plymouth Corps. They are in dire need of laundry and dish soap, diapers, baby wipes, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner and soap.

Call for crafters

The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual juried, handmade-only Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at West Middle School in Plymouth.

The event will feature some 1,500 customers, food and drawings.

Hand-made and juried art and crafts will be sold from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 17 at West Middle School. The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Society sponsors this show and uses all of the proceeds to provide college scholarships for Plymouth

Canton students.

Call Sandy Downs at (734) 340-4229 or e-mail Judy Stone at JBSTONE716@COMCAST.NET

Council on Aging events

- Free hearing tests Monday, Sept. 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Library.
- Please RSVP to the Plymouth Community Council on Aging at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236. Deadline to register is Sept. 24. The tests will be sponsored by Fluke Hearing Instruments.
- Free Community Musical Concert "Voices In Time," featuring songs from the 1940's through the 1980's. The Plymouth Park Apartments partnered with the Plymouth Community Council on Aging will host this program 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14 at Plymouth Park Apartments, 107 N. Haggerty Road. Call for transportation (734) 459-8888 (48 hour notice).
- Senior Flu Shot Clinic, Monday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street. Appointment required, call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 (no Walk-Ins). Medicare Part B, HAP, Care Choices and Priority Health Cards accepted, all others \$25.

Lobster fest

St. John's Episcopal Church

hosting its third annual Lobster Fest Saturday, Sept. 19.

This is an opportunity to purchase absolutely fresh live lobsters flown in from Maine. The lobsters will be available for pick-up at the church on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 19, 4-5 p.m. Orders must be pre-paid and received no later than September 14. The price is \$15 for 1-1/4 lb. lobster. Order forms may be downloaded on the St. John's web-site: www.stjohnsplymouth.org.

Orders may also be placed in person by coming into the church office, Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., located at 574 S. Sheldon. Call the church office, (734) 453-0190, Ext. 10 for additional information.

Euchre night

The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club hosts a euchre tournament Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Summit on the Park's Maple/Oak Room.

Registration starts at 7 p.m., with the games beginning at 7:30 p.m. The event will feature lots of prizes with a cash bar and food for purchase.

The Summit is located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. Register to play by calling Debby at (734) 282-2340 or dtorzzy@hotmail.com.

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

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DAVID SPIVEY, president and CEO of St. Mary Mercy



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Robotic intervention, for stroke, is also available through the Michigan Stroke Network, which allows 24-hour daily access to neuro-endovascular technology "that can mean the difference between life and death for our stroke victims," said Jodi Galdes, MD, Emergency Medicine.

RECOGNITION

The hospital has been honored for clinical quality and patient safety throughout the last decade including the 2004 National Quality Award (Trinity Health), the 2005-2008 HealthGrades Distinguished Award for Clinical Excellence and Distinguished Award for Patient Safety and 100 Top Hospitals Award from Thomson Healthcare for large community hospitals for the last three years.

And change continues at the Livonia hospital. In July 2010, St. Mary, through an affiliation with the University of Toledo College of Medicine, will begin graduate medical education residency programs in Internal Medicine and Family Medicine Residency.

"We have grown as the community has grown and I think our service offerings have very much been in keeping with the Felician principle of responding to the needs of the time. That's been our objective for the last 50 years," said David Spivey president and CEO of St. Mary Mercy, adding, "Beyond being a health-care provider we

are a significant employer, one of the largest employers in Livonia with 1,700 full and part-time people.

"We sponsor a variety of involvements with community organizations and we try where we can to utilize local businesses and vendors," Spivey said.

As part of the Saint Joseph System, St. Mary Mercy taps into services and programs regionally as well as nationally with its affiliation with Trinity Health, the third-largest Catholic Health System in the United States.

The Saint Joseph system, which spans five counties in southeastern Michigan, includes seven hospitals, five outpatient health centers, five urgent care facilities and more than 25 specialty centers. The regional system includes a team of nearly 13,000 nurses and staff, and 2,400 physicians.

About 75 percent of St. Mary Mercy patients live in Livonia, Plymouth, Northville, Farmington Hills, Redford, Westland, Wayne and Garden City, as well as a portion of Farmington.

The hospital is an integral part of Livonia and other western Wayne County communities.

"I think Livonia would not be the Livonia it is today if St. Mary hadn't developed into the hospital that it is," according



Sister Mary Renetta Rumpz

Mom looks back on first birth 5 decades ago

Patricia McGarrie of Livonia is thankful her daughter, Laurie, was overdue a couple of weeks almost 50 years ago when she was due to deliver.

That meant she could go to the newly-opened St. Mary Hospital in her hometown instead of driving to Pontiac, especially since she almost delivered her second child on the way to the hospital not even a year earlier.

As it turned out Laura Marie (who prefers to be called Laurie) McGarrie was born 15 minutes after midnight Dec. 10, 1959, and was the first baby girl born at St. Mary Hospital.

Another baby at the hospital, a boy, was born shortly before Laurie.

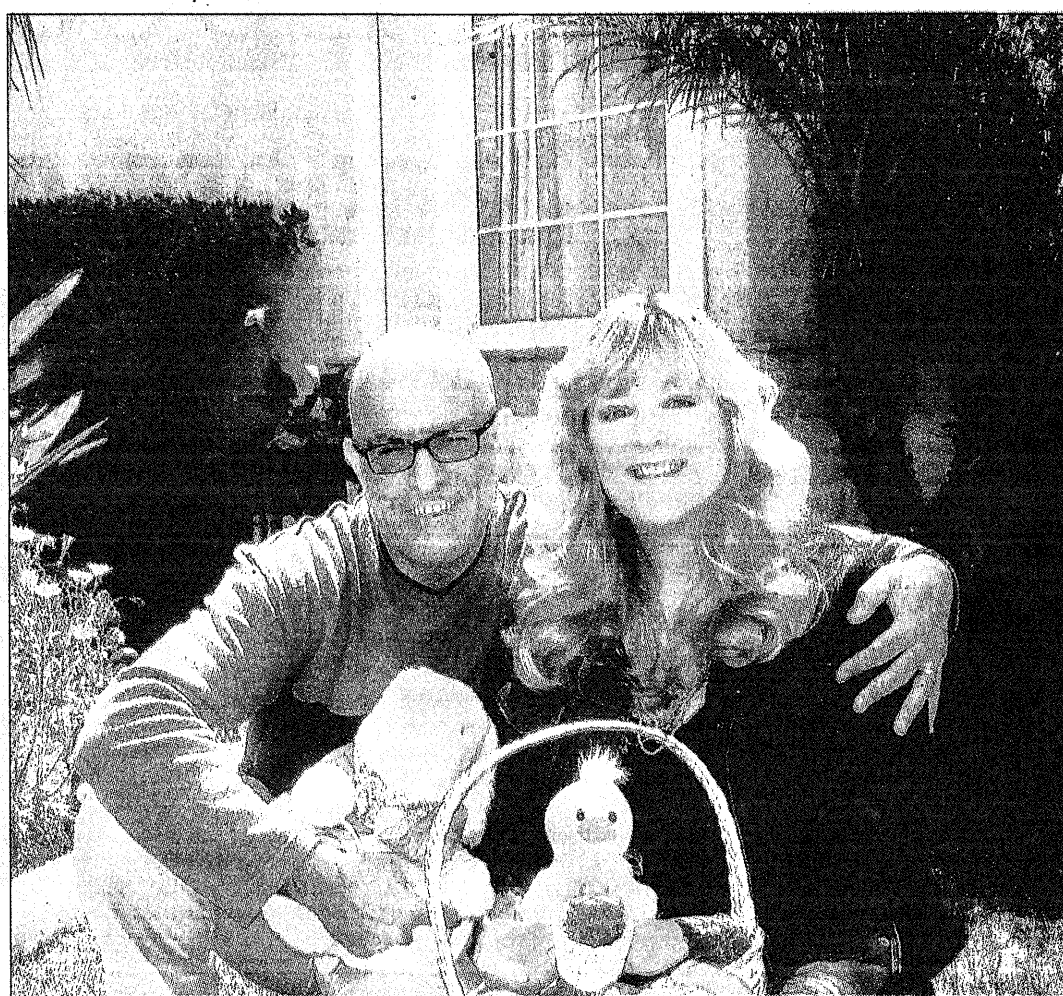
"He just beat her," McGarrie says.

To commemorate the milestone, The Felician sisters, who operated the hospital, gave McGarrie and her husband, Tom, an Infant of Prague statue and Livonia city officials awarded her a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond.

While McGarrie was recuperating from the delivery, she says she remembers looking out the hospital window.

"It was surrounded by farmlands and way off in the distance I could see the beginning of construction for subdivisions," she says. "I often thought, 'What is this hospital doing way out here?' But, there was a need for it as the subdivisions sprung up all around."

McGarrie, even five decades after the delivery, still seems amazed by the idea that all



Laurie (McGarrie) Ariane was the first baby girl born at the newly opened St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. To commemorate the milestone, the Felician Sisters, who operated the hospital at the time, gave McGarrie an Infant of Prague statue and city officials awarded her a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond. She lives with her husband, Shahram, in Laguna Niguel, California. They have a daughter, Sasha, age 6.

the rooms were brand new when she was a patient.

"I was the first person who was ever in the bed," she says.

McGarrie, who has three living children (one died shortly after birth less than

a year before Laurie was born), says after she gave birth to Laurie she was most thankful she was healthy.

"And I was really happy to have a hospital nearby, especially in the winter," she says.

Laurie, who will celebrate her 50th birthday in December, and her husband, Shahram Ariane live in California. They have a daughter, Sasha, age 6.

— by Diane Gale Andreassi

Heart attack patient praises quick

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

When Paul Favero, 46, suspected he was having a heart attack his wife drove him to St. Mary Mercy, a hospital he refers to as small and close to home, yet equipped with the latest technology.

He learned that at 1 a.m., April 23 when he became nauseous and was having chest pains.

"I knew something was wrong," according to the Salem Township resident. "It was nothing like I ever felt before."

"They got me right in, I told them what was happening and they hooked up the EKG," he says. "They took blood and they pretty much said, 'You're having a heart attack.'"

Favero had emergency angioplasty and two stents.

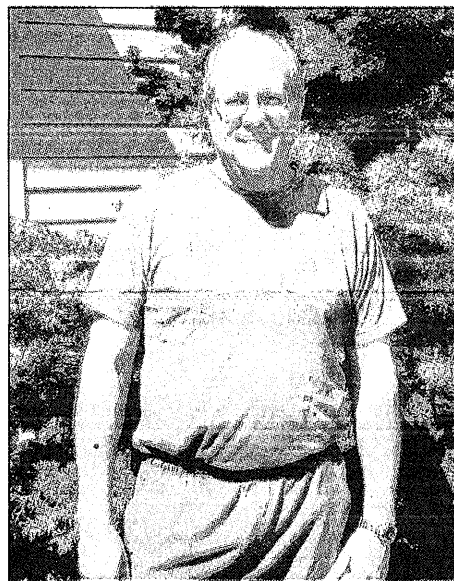
HEART ATTACK

"I was surprised I had a heart attack," he says. "I was surprised at how quick and efficient they were. Afterwards they talked about the statistics and that one in three adults who have heart attacks don't survive it. I was pretty scared. One blockage was 98 percent blocked and the other was 90 percent."

The father of three boys, 11, 13 and 15, says there wasn't any permanent damage to his heart, because he had such quick care.

"I know it's a smaller hospital, but I think that's to their benefit," says Favero, whose wife, Holly, is a nurse practitioner at St. Mary Mercy.

"I pretty much saw all the same people and I was there for three days," he says. "I've had surgeries at other hospitals and sometimes you don't see the same person



Paul Favero credits St. Mary Mercy for saving his life after he had a heart attack

twice."

PPCI PROCEDURE

St. Mary Mercy is the third community hospital in Michigan to be approved for the emergency angioplasty, also called, Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PPCI) procedures since Michigan granted non-open heart surgery facilities the ability to perform emergency angioplasty in 2003.

It has emerged as the preferred treatment for heart attack because clinical evidence has shown that it results in a reduction in the overall death rate.

Individual survival rates also increase when PPCI is performed within 90 minutes of the onset of a heart attack, accord-

ing to medical experts.

"Many studies have demonstrated the superiority of PPCI over medication therapy for treatment of blocked arteries," said Freida Craig, director, Cardiovascular Services, St. Mary Mercy.

The hospital has met required standards and stringent criteria recommended by the American College of Cardiology (ACC), and adopted by the Michigan Department of Community Health to ensure the quality and safety of the program.

"Interventional cardiologists and the catheterization laboratory staff also must meet the experience and skill criteria outlined in the national standards," added Craig.

The non-open heart surgery hospital must have an agreement with an open-heart facility and a protocol to transfer a patient within 60 minutes, should emergency open-heart surgery be required. St. Joseph Mercy in Ann Arbor, also a member of Trinity Health Systems, is St. Mary Mercy's tertiary facility.

IN CHARGE

Dr. Chamon Sohal, director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at St. Mary Mercy, oversees the interventional program. Sohal is associated with Allen Park Cardiology, PC, and performs over 1,000 catheterization laboratory procedures per year.

"I had no symptoms before that night," Favero says.

In fact, two days after his heart attack, his 50-year-old brother, who lives in Chicago, also had a heart attack.

"They concluded it was probably hereditary," Favero said.

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Leaders of the pack

P-C Educational Park team excited to put new structure in place

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Bill Zolkowski interviewed with the search committee seeking a leader for its new "park principal" leadership structure at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the plan's vision of the park excited him.

Six months after being chosen to be that leader, and just days before Tuesday's first day of school, Zolkowski's excitement hasn't waned.

In fact, it's been heightened by a matching enthusiasm displayed by the other administrators chosen to implement the plan, which calls for one over-arching park principal, three associate principals (one at each of the district's three high schools) and three assistant principals at each high school.

"It's going to be the Park's year," said Zolkowski, who left his job as principal at Thurston High School in Redford to return to Plymouth-Canton, where he served as an assistant principal for two years. "You can already feel the sense of 'park.' People are feeling good about things."

Zolkowski was hired to "set the vision" for the new leadership. His vision includes everyone in the system taking an active role in leadership, less a chain of command flow chart and more a flat-line, everyone-pitches-in model that allows for more leaders to take ownership of the overall flow.

"We're trying to build a flatter structure here, so that more and more people share



The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park will feature a new leadership structure that includes a park principal, three associate principals and nine assistant principals.

in the power and have not only the ability, but the capacity, to make decisions," Zolkowski said.

In the new system, the associate principals will be the building managers at Canton, Salem and Plymouth high schools. In addition to the "plant management" stuff, the associate principals will also take on a student caseload for things such as discipline and advising, as will each of the nine assistant principals.

It's different than it had been done recently, when building principals had drifted away from day-to-day direct

responsibility for the students. And it's certainly different - in scope and size - from the way it's done in districts outside of - and smaller than - Plymouth-Canton, which with some 19,000 students is the state's third-largest.

Carrie Lawler, the new associate principal at Canton High School, came from Macomb Dakota High School in Macomb County, which she said has some 2,500 students. While the district has two high schools, they aren't in a "park" setting like they are in Plymouth-Canton, and Lawler's responsibilities

weren't as student-driven.

Lawler sees herself and the three assistant principals as a team, with herself as "captain."

"We all work together to make sure the building is running OK," said Lawler, who also worked in the Oxford school district. "Beyond instruction, there's a plant-management aspect, and I'm the point person for all of that."

"Everyone is taking a discipline caseload," she added. "The flat structure is a good structure. We're all comfortable taking a role in the leadership."

Allie Suffety, one of three

THE TEAM

Bill Zolkowski is the new park principal for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, who heads up the new leadership team at the park.

The team under him:

Position	Salem	Canton	Plymouth
Assoc. principal	Pat Fitzpatrick	Carrie Lawler	Erin MacGregor
Assist. principals	J. Calvin White Allie Suffety Shailee Patel	Lawrence Straughter Nancy Laws Mark Pogliano	Kim Villarosa Cheri Steckle Bruce Siegel

assistant principals at Salem High School, has been with the district some 32 years, most recently concentrating his efforts in the alternative education program.

He said he's seen the "sense of park" sort of dissipate over the last few years, and believes the students - whom he says are obviously the most important thing - are going to find "a more comfortable environment" with the new leadership structure.

"The adult-student contact will be greater ... I think they'll feel safer and have more of a sense of belonging," Suffety said. "The students have always had that, and (administrators) have sort of splintered that. I think seeing us together will give (students) more of a sense of belonging."

Lawler smiled when she considered the task, though, with more than 6,000 students at the high school park alone, and some 19,000 in the district.

"The size is huge, I'm going to have to get some comfortable shoes ... the sheer number of students and the fact they're always coming and going ... it's a little daunting," Lawler

admitted. "But they've established traditions here, and I have confidence that will continue."

It's been a good summer, with members of the leadership team getting to know each other, construction projects at many of the schools finishing up in time for the start of school and students getting ready to walk through the doors.

Team members know it's not always going to be that smooth, but right now they aren't worried about unforeseen obstacles.

"We don't know what we don't know, and we'll stumble over some of that," Zolkowski said with a smile. "But everyone is confident in each other. We'll get past the stumbles and get it done."

Lawler said the team is not only looking at the short-term, but long-term responsibilities - and benefits - as well.

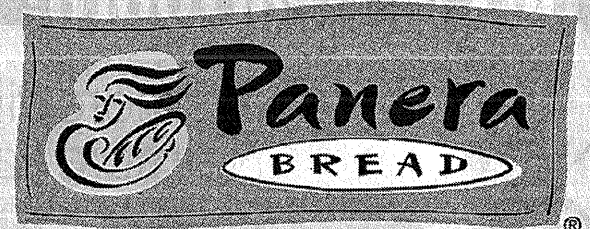
"We're going to stay with the kids the whole four years, and they'll know they've got someone they can go to, someone who cares," she said. "Education doesn't happen overnight. It's happening one kid at a time."

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W-W leader details need to reinvent district

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bad economic news has hit the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, and Superintendent Greg Baracy knows it all too well.

"We can't any longer maintain the status quo," he said of the lack of legislative action on school funding during the largest deficit since the Great Depression. "There is absolutely no relief in sight."

Speaking at Westland Rotary, Baracy cited the "ongoing structural problem" of the last decade. There's been no inflationary increase in school funds in eight years, he said, and money taken back by the state three of those years.

Michigan's lost some 107,000 students in the last five years, and the per-pupil funds that accompany them. "They're moving out of the state with their families," said Baracy, adding new graduates are also leaving for jobs.

He detailed the district's 21st Century Schools Initiative, which began in June. District officials and the school board have already cut over \$18 million from the operating budget. The district also includes students from Canton.

The 21st Century effort aims toward district reform, including cuts, and reimagining and doing differently the work of educating students. Baracy said 17 percent of payroll goes to the state's retirement fund for educators, and health insurance costs \$15,000 average per staffer.

"We're at a point where we're trying to be proactive," he said.

In Wayne-Westland, a citizen committee and the school board are working on what the superintendent called "right-sizing," which could include closing buildings. The plans could include reconfiguration of grade levels.

Baracy pointed out the need to be transparent, to avoid the difficulties experienced by the Livonia school district with its recent Legacy effort.

"We're going to have to look at our schools and possibly some school closings," Baracy said. Some buildings are now at 50 percent capacity, which is too low.

"It's very emotional for



Baracy

Wayne-Westland schools in 1994, and said that went well

adults," he said of school closings, adding students tend to have few problems when buildings close. Baracy was involved in closing several

although some parents were emotional.

New opportunities, like instrumental music and foreign language in elementary, will be possible, if savings come through.

He described the Big Three automakers' fate: "You know what happened to them. We're no different." School districts need to avoid state takeover or

bankruptcy, Baracy said.

The Wayne-Westland district now has about a \$9 million annual deficit.

One Rotarian was concerned about young teens in the same school as 18-year-olds. The plans aren't complete, Baracy said, but probable configurations would be K-4, 5-6, 7-8 and the current 9-12 for high school.

He said research shows children and teens so grouped do well educationally and developmentally.

He agreed the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center has a great reputation and serves students well. Baracy's concerned about new state requirements for graduation that limit electives students can take.

"I'll bet there aren't many people in this room that use Algebra II," which is required, he said. Baracy favors courses like electronics and computer-aided design that teach similar concepts to students who have trouble with Algebra II.

The district hopes to present the plan to the school board this coming January and begin implementation in fall 2010.

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Participants include 1999 Tavern; 336 Main Martini & Piano Bar; Boule Artisan Bakery; Box Bar & Grill; Cellar 849 Winery; Compari's on the Park; E.G. Nick's; Grape Expectations Wine Bar & Merchant; Kilwin's Plymouth; Nico & Vali; Panera Bread; Plaka; Sean O'Callaghan's; Simple Sandwich; Sweet Afton Tea Room; Sweets 21 and Zapata's. Attendees will get a chance to vote for their favorite restaurant.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are only available at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, located at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, in downtown Plymouth. Adult tickets are \$20 each, and children 10 and under are \$15. For more information

on the Crawl, call (734) 453-1540.

Harvest Days

Maybury Farm in Northville is gearing up for the annual family experience known as Harvest Days and the kickoff of the sixth annual Maybury Farm Corn Maze, sponsored by Meijer.

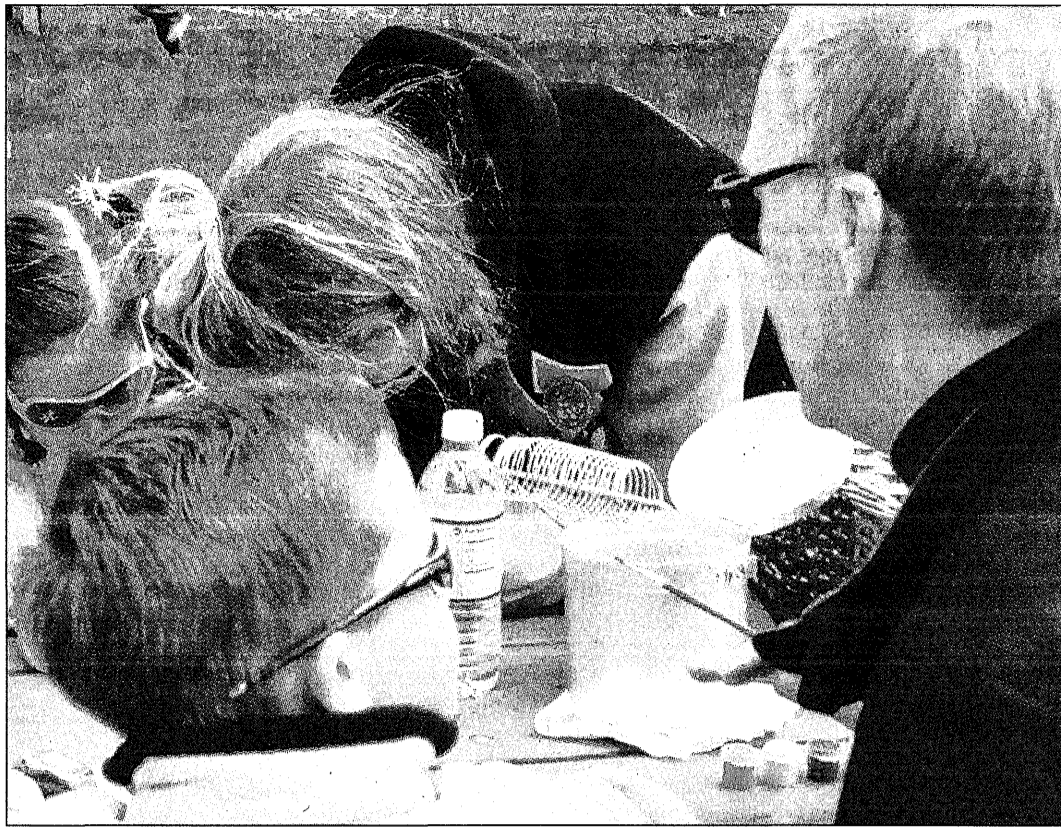
Harvest Days take place noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19-20.

Some of the events scheduled for either or both days include applesauce and ice cream making, canning demonstration, music, drum circle, Derby Hat display, plus the kickoff of the Maybury Farm 2009 Corn Maze.

Just in time will be the canning and applesauce demonstrations - a perfect Fall event - set for both days from 1-5 p.m.

The farm's harmonica-playing ice cream maker will demonstrate both old time methods as well as new methods for making ice cream 1-5 p.m. Sept. 19.

There will be a Derby Hat display that features special custom designs 1-5 p.m. Sept. 20, and a drum circle presentation by Brian



Face-painting will be one of many activities for youngsters at Maybury Farm's Harvest Days Sept. 19-20.

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"Tourism Cares is delighted to present this scholarship to Matthew in recognition of his commitment to his travel, tourism, and hospitality education," said Bruce Beckham, executive director at Tourism Cares. "Thanks to the generous donors whose contributions have made this scholarship award possible, motivated students and aspiring industry professionals, like Matthew, are rewarded for their excellence and encouraged to pursue their future endeavors in this industry."

In addition to the monetary award, Carl will be given an opportunity to attend the Tourism Cares Experience the Industry Student Program at the National Tour Association's Annual Convention, which is held mid-November in Reno, Nev.

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A: In the past, socially responsible investing underperformed more traditional investments. However, that



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

is no longer the case. In fact, most asset classes offer multiple funds to choose from. The explosion in socially responsible investment alternatives has also produced another benefit and that is performance. In the past, most who invested in a socially responsible manner were willing to give up performance to achieve goals. However, with the growth in socially responsible investing and the subsequent explosion in the number of investment alternatives, another benefit has been that these investment companies are more sensitive to performance. Today you can be a socially responsible investor and have solid rates of return. One Web site I recommend is www.socialfunds.com.

This site has a wealth of educational and informative information regarding socially responsible investing. The key to socially responsible investing is that there is no one definition as to what is "socially responsible investing." Some will define it as investing in companies that do not participate in the alcohol, tobacco or gaming industry. Other investment houses define socially responsible investing as companies with good environmental records who do not get involved with military operations. The key is to review the funds prospectus to see how the particular fund itself defines socially responsible investing and then make sure that their definition matches your own. The

number of socially responsible investments has exploded over the last couple of decades and as an investor you no longer have to sacrifice return to accomplish your goals. Just like every other type of investor, socially responsible investors should not forget the fundamentals of investing; costs and fees do matter and as investors our primary goal is to make money. Therefore, when doing your research and analyzing different socially responsible investments, don't forget about performance. Just as with other investments you should know the cost and fee structure, the same is true in regards to socially responsible funds. There is no reason to pay more in fees or costs just because a fund is socially responsible. In today's world with many investment options, you don't have to accept lower returns to be a socially responsible investor. There are many investment options and the key, as with every other investment, is to do your research.

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Appalachian Trail beckons 'adventurous' Plymouth walker

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As Eric O'Shaughnessy neared the end of collegiate life and contemplated the natural course of life - getting a job - there was one thing of which he was certain.

He wanted an adventure before moving too far along the path of life.

That's why O'Shaughnessy, 23 of Plymouth Township,

found himself hiking the Appalachian Trail this summer, making the 2,178-mile trek in roughly four months.

"I sort of wanted a pause before I got too deep into the 'real world,'" said O'Shaughnessy, a Canton High School graduate who earned a bachelor's degree in environmental economics and policy from Michigan State University in 2008.

O'Shaughnessy decided

while still in school he would graduate, then work for a year to save up money for whatever trip wound up appealing to him.

While traveling the world or going abroad were ideas that came to him, O'Shaughnessy, who had hiked the first 340 miles of the trail before, settled on the Appalachian Trail because "there are lots of pretty things to see in this country."

While he had been prepared to give up the job he landed, it turned out O'Shaughnessy was granted a leave by the Washington, D.C., firm with which he took a job - "Our HR boss said he'd always wanted to do it," the youngster recalled.

So O'Shaughnessy and his friend, Jeff Brandt, found themselves in Springer Mountain, Ga., to start the trek April 26, with the 2,178 miles beckoning.

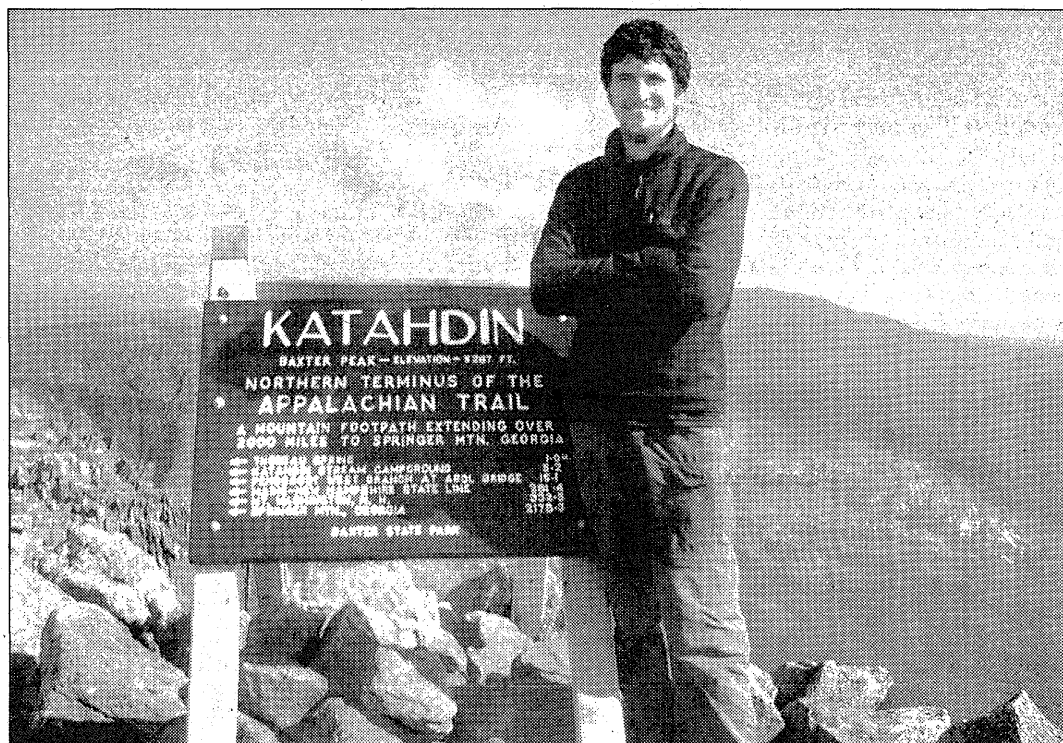
The length of the hike intrigued O'Shaughnessy who, among his other accomplishments, has run a marathon.

"I wanted to do something long, and something challenging," O'Shaughnessy said. "The trail has the reputation for being tough. I wanted something tough."

Apparently, he got what he wanted. Brandt, the friend with whom he figured to complete the hike, had to give it up some 700 miles in after suffering a stress fracture in his leg, according to O'Shaughnessy.

Others would have left the trail with their friend rather than take on the last 1,400 miles alone. O'Shaughnessy quickly decided he would finish the hike, a decision that didn't surprise his family.

"When (Brandt) pulled up lame, I knew I wasn't going to get (Eric) off the trail," said his father, John O'Shaughnessy. "But the only rules I had were call me once a week and text me at least every couple of days. He was very good about that."



Eric O'Shaughnessy of Plymouth Township was all smiles after completing the 2,178-mile hike along the Appalachian Trail, which ended at Mount Katahdin in Maine.

O'Shaughnessy said he'd carry 2-3 days worth of food with him at a time, coming off the trail long enough to hitchhike into a town every few days to replenish his stores. Occasionally, he said, he'd see other people - "In some places you're literally hiking through someone's back yard," he said - but O'Shaughnessy was largely alone the vast majority of the way.

He never worried about getting lost - thousands of people make the trek every year, he said, and the traditional route is "pretty well marked" - and inclement weather - particularly in Maine, he said, where it was an unusually wet summer - sometimes made him wonder why he was doing it.

But giving up never really crossed his mind.

"Most people who start this quit, because they realize 'What's the point?'" O'Shaughnessy said. "You have to really know why you're out there. I'd done a section of it

before, and I knew there were times it was going to suck. I was prepared for that mentally."

He got a late start - most people start in March - but made his way quickly along the trail, occasionally coming across other hikers. By the time he hit Maine, though, he'd outdistanced them and was, again, largely alone. That's when he had to summon his inner strength.

"You try to get in the zone of not thinking about it, and you take the elements in stride," he said. "When it's pouring rain and you're freezing, you sort of ignore it. You have to pretend you like it."

Approaching the end, at Mount Katahdin in Maine, O'Shaughnessy said he wished it wasn't over.

"I was very goal oriented," during the hike, O'Shaughnessy said. "Mount Katahdin was in my head, and that's what keeps you going. At the end, I wished it was still

going."

His father, who went out to Maine to claim his son at the end of the hike, had nothing but respect for the accomplishment.

"I didn't think he was crazy," the elder O'Shaughnessy said. "It's nothing I would want to do. He's an adventurous kid, he'd done a little of it before, so I wasn't even really surprised. I applaud him. How many people really do it?"

The hardest part might be figuring out what to do next. O'Shaughnessy said Brandt wants to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa. Whether that happens or not, O'Shaughnessy said topping the Appalachian Trail might be tough.

"Talking with friends I met along the way, we thought, 'How do you top this?'" O'Shaughnessy recalled. "But it's a big world. I'm sure I'll find something."

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Health care protesters, supporters converge on McCotter's office

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On one side of the street, people yelled "Health care for all."

On the other, "Kill the bill." A rally scheduled Thursday afternoon by Organizing for America, created by the Democratic National Committee, to protest Congressman Thaddeus McCotter's stance against health care reform, brought supporters and opponents of the bill to both sides of Laurel Park Drive near McCotter's Livonia office.

Organizing for America brought 150 people together to protest the Republican's not conducting a meeting with constituents to discuss health care. The group carried signs that read "Standing Together for Health Care Reform" along with other homemade signs supporting health care reform.

Signs across the street opposing President Barack Obama's plan read "No to Socialism," "Bankrupt America, Yes He Can, Obama" and "End the Fed." The opponents and supporters numbered about the same, representative of the 50/50 split among Americans nationwide on the health care issue.

Erik Shelley of Redford, who was collecting signatures on a petition to protest the lack of a town hall meeting with



Mary Brown of Canton, a supporter of health care reform, responds to the opposing side's chant of "Kill the bill."

constituents, said McCotter's avoidance of a public town hall meeting is a "bad idea."

Shelley, who once ran against McCotter as a Green Party candidate, said it "chokes democracy if we can't talk to our representatives."

Joan Reyes of Livonia supports Obama's health care plan. "We can get health care for everybody so the unemployed will have coverage," she said. She'd like to see the public

option included in the final package: "We need to give people peace of mind who have a pre-existing condition, and people who've been out of work for a while."

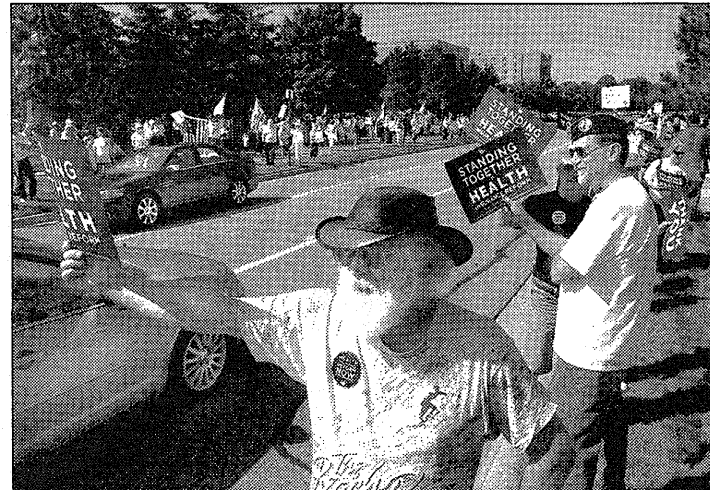
Across the street, opponents spoke just as fervently.

Tammy Graham of Belleville opposes changes to the current health care system and likes it just the way it is. "I don't want to see it become a socialistic system and the costs for my

children and my children's children," she said.

Graham added that Congress needed to take a clear look at everything. "We're moving too fast," she said.

Another opponent, Jeff McQueen of Rochester, thought any health care reform should include a more expanded discussion of other aspects of the health care industry. "If it was the plan of government to take over one-



Dave Shuman, a Livonia resident, carries a sign in favor of health insurance reform.

sixth of our economy, it would include tort reform, some insurance reform and allow people to buy insurance across state borders," McQueen said.

McQueen thought prescription drug companies and doctors have "too cozy" of a relationship. "Too many people are taking pharmaceutical drugs that we don't really need," he said.

McCotter could not be reached for comment Friday afternoon, but his spokesperson, Anne Tyrrell, said McCotter has conducted "town hall meetings by phone" on three occasions. Telephone calls go to constituents and, if they choose to do so, the recipient can respond. McCotter received input from 30,000 constituents through these

calls, Tyrrell said. Town hall meetings draw about 200-300 people, she said.

"The protest (organized by a group formed by the National Democratic Committee) proves his point that town halls are not productive," Tyrrell said. "Clearly a lot of these people were brought in to protest." Organizing for America officials said they gathered 150 people from within McCotter's district for the protest.

Tyrrell said a majority of McCotter's constituents are opposed to the president's current plan. "Seniors have concerns, and the average constituent is against having a government-run plan in place," Tyrrell said.

Cap and trade opponents attract protestors at rally

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A rallying cry was heard for jobs and affordable energy at Burton Manor in Livonia Thursday.

Farming and business officials and others spoke out against the cap and trade legislation passed by the U.S. House of Representatives, highlighting the impact on American jobs, families and businesses.

Outside, a small group of protesters lobbied against Big Oil and its efforts to stop the legislation.

At the rally inside, Charlie Owens, state director of the Michigan Chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business, said it was easy to let this issue "slip to the back" when Congress is debating health care, and concerns about the economy and national security. Owens thanked



Ari Ruttenberg of Huntington Woods, Abby Clark of Lansing, Deb Tutro of Dearborn Heights and Mark Neisler of Ann Arbor protest in favor of cap and trade legislation and green energy.

Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, for his opposition to the cap and trade legislation.

Doug Roberts Jr., director of environmental and energy pol-

icy of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, said the state of Michigan has been in a recession for nine years and has 15-percent unemployment. On the cap and trade legisla-

tion, Roberts said: "It is a massive energy tax on all of us." The state would lose as many as 60,000 jobs, he said. A new study by Emphasis Energy said the bill would send jobs overseas and make the United States more dependent on foreign oil, Roberts said.

Roberts urged the crowd to contact U.S. Sens. Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin to vote no on the package.

Wayne Wood, president of the 47,000-member Michigan Farm Bureau, asked the crowd how happy they would be if the price of food went up 30 percent. That's how much he estimated the cost of food would increase with the increased costs of natural gas, electricity and petroleum to farmers, which would increase costs of fuel, fertilizer and chemicals.

'HUGE CONCERN'

"This is a huge concern for farmers because energy expenses account for 60 per-

cent of a farm's total operating costs," Wood said.

The bill provides an incentive to plant trees, but trees that produce fruit do not qualify, Wood said. Wood worries that incentive will hurt Michigan's diverse agricultural mix as absentee land owners of farmland could plant forests, further reducing cropland. "Overall it is detrimental to Michigan agriculture," Wood said.

Scott Hagerstrom, state director for Americans for Prosperity, told the audience every job matters. He cited figures from the Heritage Foundation that Michigan can expect a 58-percent increase in gasoline prices and a 90-percent hike in electricity rates

by 2035.

Hagerstrom cited a study at Universidad Rey Juan Carlos in Spain of that country's green jobs program. "Every green job created by government intervention destroys 2.2 real jobs in the private sector," Hagerstrom said. Since 2000, Spain has spent \$753,778 on each green job, he added.

Frank Beckmann, host of a radio show on WJR 760, also criticized the legislation. "This legislation doesn't contain one shred of information on how to save the planet," Beckmann said. Instead, it outlines how it will tax to put money into government coffers, he said.

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Eva Davis
Library Director

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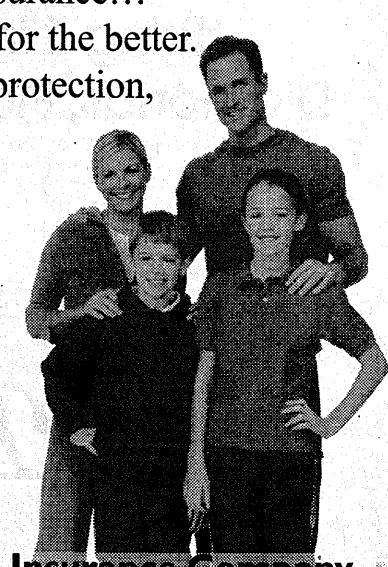
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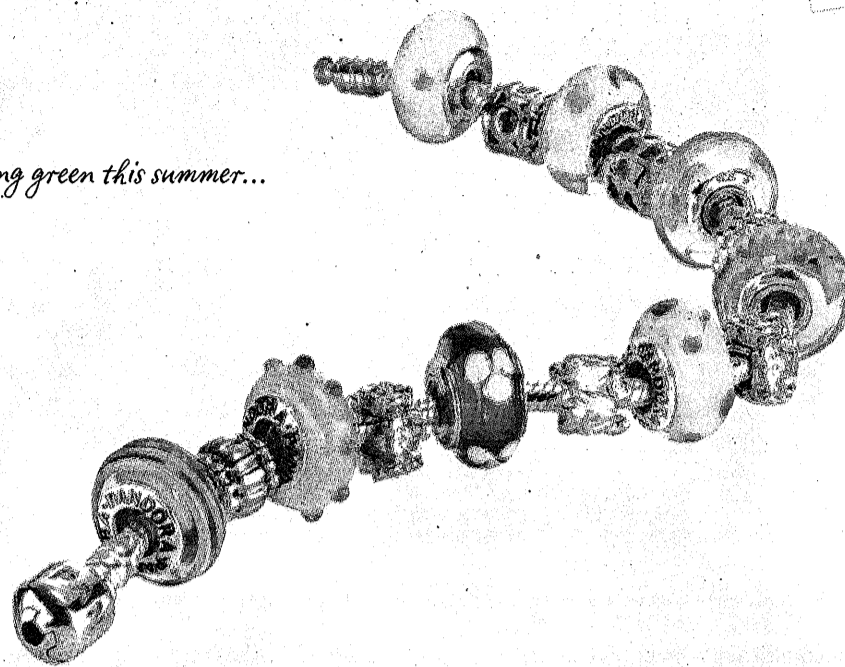
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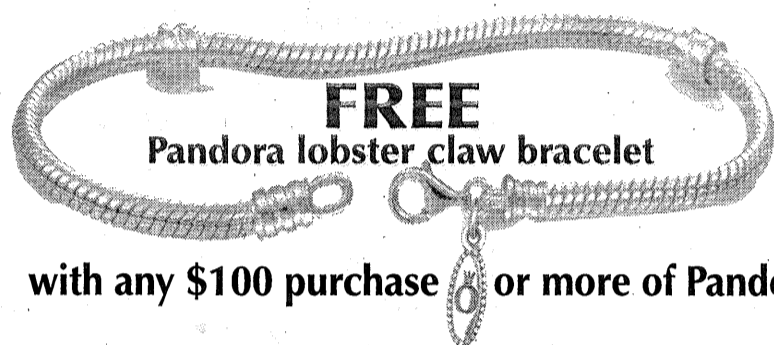
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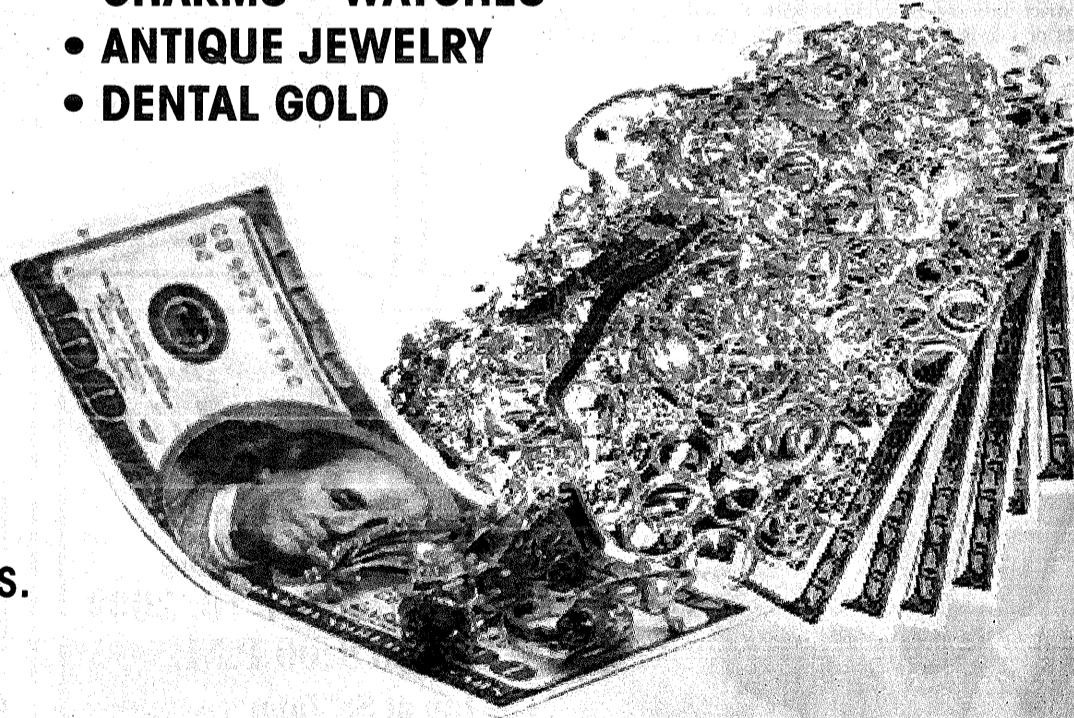
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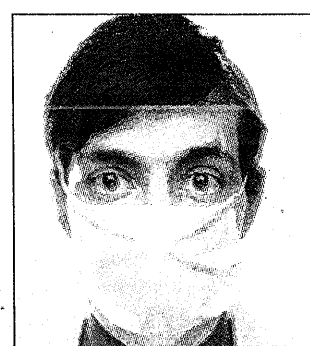
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Rocks take it on chin

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Labor Day weekend started early for Salem's defense Thursday night.

The Rocks defenders must have been all "tuckered" out from chasing after Walled Lake Northern senior quarterback Jason Tucker at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in a KLAAs football crossover.

Salem took a 42-18 pounding to fall to 0-2 and the biggest reason was Tucker. He was here, there and everywhere with a slick, deceptive style of running as well as picking apart the defensive secondary at times.

Tucker also accounted for nearly 350 all-purpose yards and had a hand — or feet — in five of Northern's six touchdowns. He threw for nearly 200 of those yards.

"He (Tucker) was tough," said Salem head coach Kurt Britnell, following the setback. "But we came out flat in the second half in all phases. We didn't tackle well, we didn't sustain anything on offense."

"I don't know if last week, with everybody telling everybody what a great moral victory it was (a tough loss to Plymouth) that they just thought they could walk in here and win. But we didn't take care of business like we should have."

ANSWERING FOR A WHILE

Northern head coach Brett Moore, after watching his team celebrate in front of the visiting bleachers with Knights' fans who made the trek, also served up kudos in Tucker's direction.

"He read right, he did some things that we expected out of him and he played a good game," said Moore, whose team already equaled its 2008 victory total. "Our line got a push off the ball, he had faith in his line, he felt he had some time and he just executed well."

Meanwhile, Salem played hard during the first half, answering three Northern

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Ann Arbor Pioneer's Maxwell Preissner (left) and Canton's Mitch Posuniak are so close to the action Friday that they can't seem to watch. The teams finished in a scoreless draw.

Chiefs make points in scoreless tie

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With the way coach George Tomasso was smiling, one would have thought his Canton varsity boys soccer team scored a bushel full of goals Friday.

As it turned out, the Chiefs did not score any against visiting Ann Arbor Pioneer at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

But neither did the always-tough Purple Pride as both squads competed — hard — and finished 80 minutes of play in a 0-0 tie.

"We had many opportunities," said Tomasso following the non-conference match. "It's tough not to convert, but it's a positive sign."

"Because, if we're getting this many chances against a quality team like this, it's still the beginning (of the season). So I feel everything that happens now is a positive."

Canton (3-1-2) came the closest to finding the range, however.

OH SO CLOSE

With about two minutes to go in the first half, senior forward and co-captain Brandon Tolinski drove a shot that beat Pioneer goalkeeper Saul Lopez cleanly.

But it clanked off the crossbar to the dismay of Canton fans who turned out for the late afternoon tilt.

"He did a great job to get open, he had the right timing on the shot, it just was unfortunate the ball bounced off the post and out instead of off the post and in," Tomasso noted. "All you can ask is create goal-scoring opportunities, which Tolinski's been doing."

The Purple Pride (2-3-1), a team that is based out of the Southeastern Conference, could not find the mark behind Canton's two goalies. Senior Kai Walther played the first half and junior Brandon Laabs shut the door throughout the final 40 minutes.

"I really feel this was a whole team

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Canton freshman midfielder Daniel Oversea (No. 18) maintains keen focus on the ball even while high in the air during Friday's varsity soccer match against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Canton boys netters won't be on the downswing in '09

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Although Canton took it on the chin Thursday to PCEP rival Canton in a varsity boys tennis match, Chiefs head coach Barb Lehmann isn't too down.

After all, the Chiefs lost nine top players from the 2008 KLAAs South champions to graduation.

"It (heavy-duty losses) made it difficult to kind of replace that," the veteran coach said. "But I think they did excellent, we had some phenomenal matches even though the score (Plymouth won 7-2) doesn't always show it."

Lehmann, of course, has a good cast of players who were part of last year's team (10-0 in the South), although many of them have been locked into new positions on the lineup card.

For example, No. 1 singles player Ryan Hanz and No. 2 singles player Riley Hoernschemeyer were Nos. 3-4 on the pecking order a year ago.

BOYS TENNIS PREVIEW

Juniors Adam Payne and Varun Bandri, the Nos. 3-4 singles players, were in the doubles lineup in '08.

"The transition has been real good," Lehmann said. "Adam had a great match today. Varun struggled a little bit today against Andy Mitchell; he's a great player. But Varun learned from it."

Hanz, also a junior, and senior Hoernschemeyer are expected to step right into the top spots.

"Ryan is an outstanding player," the coach said. "His level of focus and commitment ... he maintains it through from the moment he steps on the court and even before, when we're riding on the bus."

Hoernschemeyer, meanwhile, is a fourth-year varsity player who keeps improving.

"He's a phenomenal volleyer, his feet are quick and his reactions are very quick," Lehmann said.

Plymouth netters down Canton, B4.

DOUBLE PLAYERS

At No. 1 doubles will be junior returnees Jimmy LaFontaine and Steve Lee.

"They're very strong teammates, they coordinate and connect very well together," she continued. "Their net play is great and their serves are really coming through."

Up from JV to fill the No. 2 doubles spot are juniors Jordan Anderson and Kristian Maticic. Both were singles players last year.

"They've got the skill and the talent to pull off some phenomenal shots," Lehmann said. "Their cross-court and long game is excellent."

"But where they're going to see their biggest change is (getting) experience together as a (doubles) team."

Also back are senior Kartik Bhatt and junior Austin Payne, who will play No. 3 doubles, and senior Andrew

Tidwell, part of the No. 4 duo with junior newcomer Rocky Willette.

Bhatt-Payne (victorious Thursday against Plymouth) are "real strong, they are playing extremely well together."

Tidwell-Willette is the team's X-factor.

"They are baseball players, but they have athletic talent," she said. "They have athletic competitiveness, skill and drive and their learning curve is going to be huge."

At the fifth doubles spot are junior newcomers Luke Freeman and Ashwin Kumar, who won Thursday.

"I think they will have some strong competitors and some not-as-strong, from school to school," Lehmann said. "But it will definitely give them experience."

Rounding out the roster are No. 6 doubles players Jason Bohl and Alan Halim, both promising sophomores who will be looking for the opportunity to crack the lineup.

SIDELINES

Whalers to unveil uniforms

The public and media are invited to come to the Plymouth Whalers practice next Wednesday at Compuware Arena. Unveiled right after practice (scheduled from 1:45-3:15 p.m.) will be the team's brand new team uniforms.

The Canadian Hockey League and corporate partner Reebok Hockey is launching the new EDGE Uniform System. All 60 Canadian Hockey League teams will be introducing new jerseys for the 2009-10 season.

Donnelly Memorial Race

Mark next Sunday, Sept. 13 on your calendars for the 13th annual Trish Donnelly-Runnion Memorial Road Race, to take place starting from the Plymouth Cultural Center. All proceeds from this event will go to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and fund two scholarships at Salem High School in Plymouth.

A 5K (3.1-mile) race and 1-mile fun run/walk are the top events of the day, which begins with registration at 7 a.m. The opening race, the 5K run, begins at 8:15 a.m.

Trish Donnelly was a cross country runner at Salem and later earned a teaching degree (she was a student teacher at West Middle School in Plymouth before teaching in Caro and Brighton).

She lost her battle with breast cancer in January, 1997 and over the past dozen years more than \$30,000 in scholarships have been awarded to Salem students and another \$40,000 has been earmarked to breast cancer awareness programs at Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital.

For more information, call (734) 495-9512 or (248) 474-3511 or visit www.salemcrosscountry.org (look under "Race Hosts.")

Bowling for gridders

Please join the Plymouth High School Football Boosters for a fun night at the Super Bowl on Ford Road in Canton, 8:30 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Sept. 12. The evening is a fund-raiser for Plymouth Wildcats football, and cost is \$20 per adult (including two nine-pin tap games, shoes, pizza and pop).

Alumni are also encouraged to attend to support the Wildcats.

There also will be a 50/50 raffle, plus a silent auction and raffle with lots of items. Please contact lgoble64@aol.com if you have questions or have an item to donate.

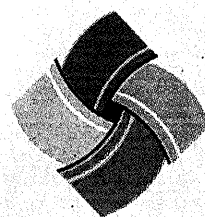
Arctic Edge shavings

Arctic Edge on Michigan Avenue in Canton is hosting a "Learn To Skate" program Saturdays from Sept. 26 through Nov. 14 with sessions from 10-10:45 a.m. and from 11-11:45 a.m. Each class is 30 minutes with 15 minutes of full ice practice time.

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Canton Leisure offerings

Canton residents can begin registering for Fall 2009 Leisure Services programs and classes online starting 6 p.m. Wednesday. Interested individuals can register at www.Cantonfun.org, where complete course descriptions are also available in the Discover catalog, which was recently mailed to Canton residents.

In person registration will begin 9 a.m. Thursday at the Summit on the Park. Proof of residency will also be required for in person registration. Due to the large number of participants using online program registration, registration fast passes will no longer be necessary for in person registration.

A wide array of classes is available. Space is limited, so early registration is strongly suggested.

For more information, visit Cantonfun.org and download the Fall 2009 Discover Brochure or call (734) 394-5460.

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.

Krueger golf outing

Salem High School Wrestling Boosters are hosting the first annual Ron Krueger Memorial Golf Outing on Sunday, Sept. 13, at Fox Hills Golf Course near Plymouth.

There will be a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The cost for a four-person scramble, which includes 18 holes of golf with cart; lunch, dinner, open bar, contests and prizes is \$100 per golfer.

There also will be a comprehensive lesson clinic available (\$100 including open bar and dinner) while a dinner-only option is \$50.

For information about sponsorship and advertising opportunities or for registration information, go to www.wrestling.salemrocks.com or contact Larry Root at (734) 414-4560. Krueger, who died in November 2008, is remembered for his dedication and coaching ability, which sparked the Rocks to be a wrestling power from the early 1970s until the '90s.

ROCKS

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touchdowns with six-pointers.

Tucker's first TD was a five-yard boot around the left end with about seven minutes to go in the first frame to put the Knights (1-1) up 7-0.

But a fumble recovery by Salem's Michael Grodus early in the second helped set up a 40-yard scoring march.

On a third-and-long situation, Salem senior quarterback Jake Peterson (just 7-of-20 for 113 yards and a touchdown) completed a clutch nine yarder to junior Drew Thompson to move the ball down to inside the one.

Punching it in from there was Peterson, on a sneak, but a two-point try did not click and the Knights held their 7-6 edge.

BOUNCING BALL

If there was a momentum swing, it might have been on the ensuing kickoff. Salem tried a squib kick in an attempt to get the ball right back.

Although a Northern player in the front line got his hands on the ball he couldn't control it. Unfortunately for the home

team, neither could the Rocks. "I thought we had that one, but what are you going to do?" Britnell said. "That's how the game is."

With a 52-yard distance to go, Tucker threw and ran his team down the field in just six plays. A 13-yard strike to senior wide-out Mike Neill (4-45) was good for the score and Ben Cosgrove hit his second of six extra points for a 14-6 lead.

Hard-nosed Salem junior running back Brad Trublowski (15-108) then put a charge into the PCEP fans with an up-the-middle 74-yard touchdown run. Another try for a two-point was denied.

The teams again traded TDs before the intermission. First Tucker hit senior back Adam Chuchila on a 19-yard crossing route to give the Knights a 21-12 lead with about three minutes to go.

Peterson got it back to 21-18 at the break, in large part due to long gainers to sophomore Evian Pardo (17 yards) and junior Ethan Walsh (15 yards), the latter good for the score.

However, the Rocks learned things were different as soon as the second half began.

Northern embarked on a scoring drive of 76 yards in eight plays to open the third

quarter and this time the Rocks could not respond. Finding the end zone from inside the 10 was sophomore running back Tyler Watske (10-74).

THE CAPPER

Then, to pretty much finish the deal, Tucker (who else) scored on a 56-yard run with 10:19 remaining in the contest.

Like he did throughout the game, he stutter-stepped his way through a hole and hit the gas.

And the Knights coasted to victory.

"It's one bad thing and it kind of builds from there," summarized Britnell. "We did a good job in the first half bouncing back from adversity but we just couldn't sustain that in the second half."

Britnell's disappointment on how the game unfolded did not extend to senior linebacker Austin Root, who played an excellent game throughout.

"Root's just all over the place," the first-year varsity coach said. "He's a great football player, he's the heart and we need to find more guys to help support him in what we're doing."

Their next chance to do that is 7 p.m. Friday against Livonia Stevenson.

Chiefs rout Lakeland 35-0 for second straight victory

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tim Baechler sounded frustrated because a new contraption to record statistics for his Canton varsity football team remains on the fritz.

But Baechler didn't need a page of statistics in front of him to know how much his Chiefs dominated Thursday's Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover game at White Lake Lakeland, by a neat-and-tidy 35-0 count.

It was 28-0 at halftime and Canton (2-0) didn't need to throw a pass until the fourth quarter, enabling the Chiefs to grind out yards and snuff out minutes off the scoreboard.

"We kept it on the ground, pounded it and had some nice, long drives," said Baechler, whose 2-0 team will face undefeated Plymouth next Friday as divisional play begins. "That's been kind of one of our philosophies — if you control the clock, you control the game."

Lakeland (0-2) managed just 10 offensive snaps in the opening half, largely because

Canton senior quarterback Kevin Delapaz had his offense on the move.

The Chiefs led 14-0 after the opening stanza and doubled that edge at the intermission, with running back Rohn Gaudi scoring two touchdowns and Delapaz and tailback Davion Stackhouse adding one each.

The most electrifying touchdown of the night came in the third. Fullback Adam Payter broke through the line on a trap play and ran 73 yards for the TD.

"Our offensive line did really well," Baechler said. "I'm very happy."

If only his hand-held stats gizmo did the job it would have been a perfect evening.

(Actually, by late Friday, Canton's stats were finally available with Payter gaining 180 yards in 14 carries and Gaudi converting nine carries for 50 yards.)

Wildcats hang on

Plymouth senior running back Jernarian Caldwell had a standout game Thursday night, scoring four touch-

downs and gaining 178 yards on the ground to pace the Wildcats to a 32-30 victory over host Brighton.

The Wildcats improved to 2-0 on the season with the KLLAA crossover victory and now will face division rival Canton at 7 p.m. next Friday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The loss dropped Brighton's mark to 0-2, as the Bulldogs opened with a 6-0 loss to Canton.

Caldwell needed just 13 carries to total his yardage and scored on runs of two, 45, 46 and 49 yards.

Also having a solid game was junior quarterback Victor Hicks. He rushed 11 times for 80 yards and scored on a one-yard plunge while completing both of his passes for 48 yards.

Junior wide-out Brennen Beyer caught only one pass, but it went for 43 yards and junior back Jerel Jenkins gained 25 yards on the ground.

Defensively, Plymouth was sparked by senior Darrell Cohn (two sacks) and junior Jake Morris (an interception).

Preview: Vet tankers gear up for Chiefs

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With a host of talented seniors in the fold, led by state qualifier Maggie Carlson, it promises to be a very solid season for Canton's varsity girls swim team.

Carlson last year qualified for a third consecutive season in the 200 IM and 100 breast for the Chiefs and coach Ed Weber's squad also features Chrissy O'Keefe (formerly a state qualifier in relay events and a talented freestyler) and senior diver Mallory Hudak, a regional qualifier the past two seasons.

Weber has a raft of senior leaders besides his co-captains (Carlson, O'Keefe, Ashley Meadows and Abigail Phillips)



Carlson

Zimmerman.

Of course, Carlson will make the most waves. "She earned our Most Valuable Swimmer award last year and we look forward to another promising season" from her, the veteran coach said.

But there are juniors, sophomores and freshmen who could make Weber's job tougher when it comes to figuring out who to put into the lineup every night.

Top juniors include Kelly

and Hudak. There also are seniors Katie Evans, Kirstyn Kelley, Laura Kushner, Miranda Madias, Juliana Mi, Anjali Patel and Kelsey

Bedro (100 breast), Kaitlyn

Dugas (100 fly, 100 back), Kayla Eyster (state qualifier in the 100 free last year), Catherine Irwin (state qualifier in the 200 IM), Sara Krebs (200 IM, 100 breast), Robyn Piwowar (regional qualifier in diving), Kari Schmitt (state qualifier in 100 free) and Sara Schmitt (200 free).

Notable sophomores include freestylers Kaitlyn Munoz and Caroline Wall, with incoming freshmen Delaney Adams (flyer), Abby Madison (IM), Annelise Niermann (breast-stroke), Caitlyn Orr (freestyler) and Emily Pettit (backstroke) joining the team.

The Chiefs open their dual meet schedule on Sept. 15 at home against Livonia Ladywood.



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SOCCER

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effort tonight and I give credit to the whole team," the coach said. "Because every one of them played for each other, we didn't give up a goal so defensively we did our job as a unit."

DEFENSIVE ENERGY

After the near miss by Tolinski, both teams did have some decent offensive chances in the second half.

But hustle by the midfielders and defenders on both teams kept any potential danger to a minimum.

For example, Canton sophomore defender Connor Furgason cleared the ball away from the goal-mouth with about 33 minutes to go in the game, just ahead of the on-rushing Ugochukwu Uche.

At the other end, a direct kick in front of Lopez by Canton senior defender Jon Dugan (another co-captain) deflected off the front wall of Pioneer defenders and bounced toward Lopez, who scampered out to kick the ball to the sideline.

long through-ball from midfield

With about 15 minutes left in the game, the Chiefs survived back-to-back header attempts by Uche on the doorstep.

The first was flagged down by Laabs while Uche — momentarily open near the left post — couldn't get much oomph on the second bid.

Canton worked a nice crossing play with about nine minutes remaining, only to have Lopez come up big. Freshman midfielder Bobby Budlong threaded a feed over to Tolinski, but Lopez rejected the low, hard shot.

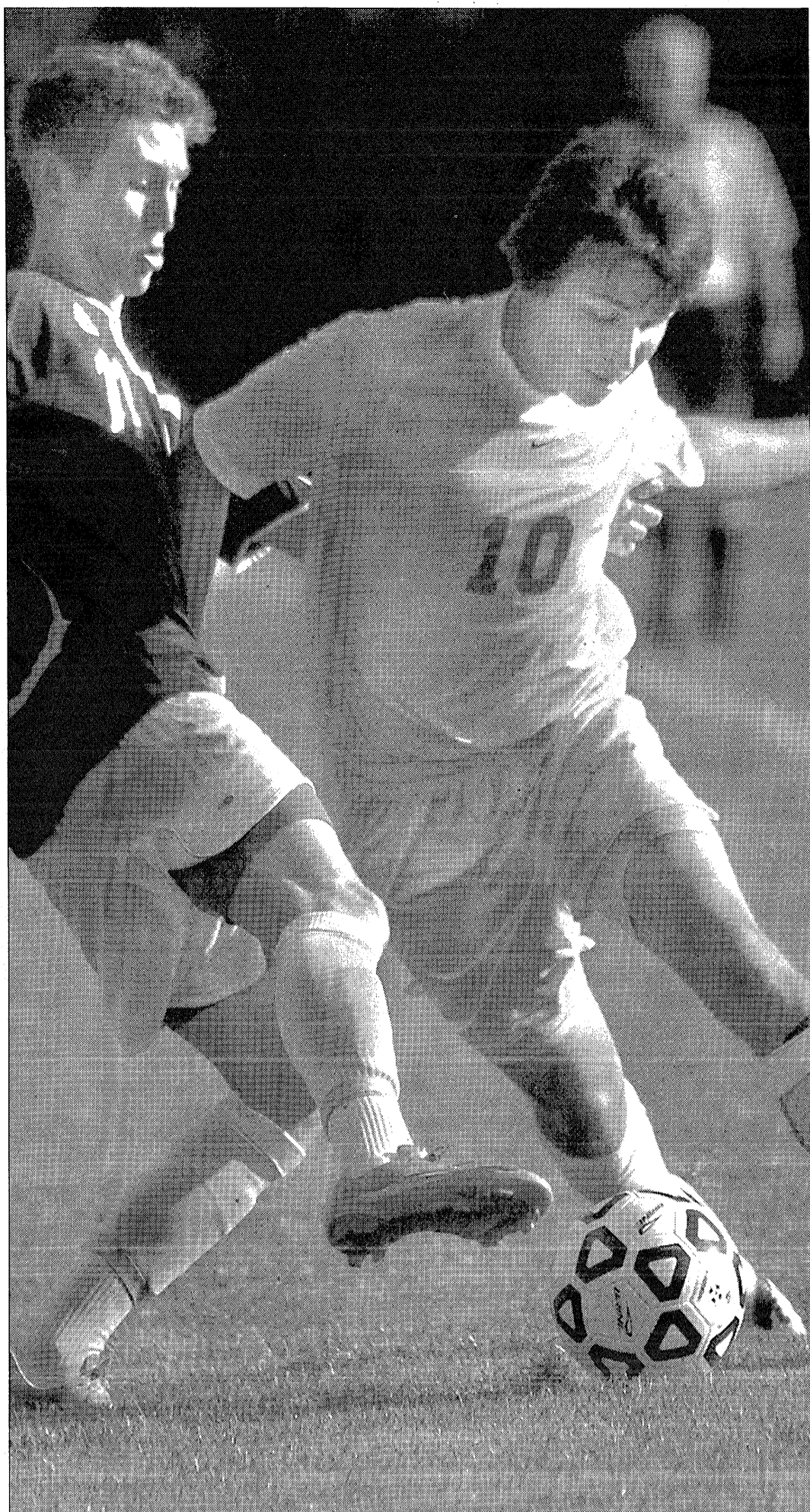
Then in the final two minutes, Lopez later slid far out to get in front of a shot by sophomore forward Mitch Posuniak.

Soon thereafter, both sides were shaking hands after a job well-done.

"It's nice to see that, even after we graduate 12 seniors," emphasized Tomasso, "that we have players to step up and create opportunities and do the best they can to try and get a positive outcome."

"And even though we tied 0-0, it was definitely a positive outcome."

The Chiefs begin play in the KLAA-South Tuesday at PCEP against Wayne Memorial.



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Working his way around Ann Arbor Pioneer's Liam McGhee Marley is Canton junior forward Phil Baciak (No. 10).

P-C Steelers youth football teams sweep Belleville

YOUTH FOOTBALL

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity football squad dominated the Belleville Cougars last Sunday with a 25-0 victory.

Leading the offense to the win was quarterback AJ Convertino, who had several great plays on the ground and in the air, including a 60-yard strike that led to a Steelers touchdown. Augmenting his throws was hard, determined running by Jalen Bryant and key blocks from Jonathan Conn that paved the way into the end zone.

Two-way player Aaron Tellis had key contributions both on offense and defense for the varsity (ages 13-14). Meanwhile, Rodney Allen, Jr. stood his ground against Belleville's tough offensive line and Jacob Boucher anchored the defense with his "no quit" attitude.

The Steelers' JV squad (ages 11-12) delivered on both sides of the ball in a 19-6 win over the Cougars. Center Ben Phillips led the O-line, which only allowed one touchdown. Having an outstanding game was blocker Jacob Stephan, who flattened a Cougar defender — creating a huge hole for Chris Bryant to slip through and run down the field for Plymouth-Canton's second TD.

Christian "Big Baby" Mayberry controlled the line of scrimmage for the Steelers defense, with considerable help from Kevin Justice and Nick Lanava, who both took control of the secondary.

The freshman squad (ages

8-10) showed no mercy in their 48-18 win over Belleville. Dylan Stackhouse gained huge yardage out of the backfield scoring two rushing TD's, while Joshua Stein had unparalleled O-line play, opening huge holes for a handful of rushing TD's.

Lou Baechler played extremely well on both sides of the ball, creating havoc at noseguard and scoring two touchdowns. Meanwhile, Isaac Emminger played stellar at cornerback with a pair of interceptions while Christian Pearson blocked a punt and made several huge tackles on the defensive line.

Opening strong

The Junior Freshmen Plymouth-Canton Steelers (ages 7-8) started their 2009 campaign in grand style on the road last Sunday versus the Belleville Cougars.

Logan Walkley — playing in his first ever football game — exploded into the spotlight with a breakout game. Logan tallied two touchdowns for the Steelers: the first off a 75-yard interception return and the second on a 60 yard run.

Ian Gozdor, Zachary Sweet, and Jake Cain each brought the Steelers faithful to their feet with big yardage runs.

Defensively, the Steelers limited the host Cougars to only four first downs and one touchdown while forcing five turnovers.

McGinnis lifts Madonna University spikers

Mary McGinnis racked up 27 kills and Livonia Franklin's Liz Dempsey added 14 as the Madonna University women's volleyball team won its opener Friday against Northwestern Ohio, 3-2, in the Embry-Riddle Labor Day Classic held at the ICI Center in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The 5-0 Crusaders, who beat UNO for the second time this season, needed five games to earn the victory, 25-21, 25-23, 20-25, 24-26, 15-7.

Setter Inta Grinvalds collected 51 assist-to-kills, while Amanda Koszela paced the MU defense with 26 digs.

Dempsey and Grinvalds contributed 15 and 14 digs, respectively.

Katie Czarnecki finished with six blocks, while Karie Altman and Marie Martin (Canton) had five apiece.

Roshelle Watercutter paced Northwestern Ohio (1-4) with 23 kills.

Lions lose opener 18-0 against Lake Area Hawks

Big plays made the difference as the Canton Lions Varsity lost the home opener 18-0 against Lake Area Hawks.

Within the 1st six minutes the Lions fell behind two scores, 12-0 as the first offensive play for the Hawks went for a 70 yard touchdown.

This was followed by a successful on side kick recovery

and subsequent score. Once the Lions received the ball they settled down and drove three possessions that netted 10 first downs and field position inside the 10 yard line.

Once again the big play bit as an errant pass was snagged by the Hawks defensive back who nearly returned the ball to the house for the final Hawks score in the last minute of the

3rd quarter. For the game the Lions ran more offensive plays and converted more 1st downs and challenged getting right back into the game throughout the 3rd quarter.

Robert Daoud while playing his first football game, lead the offensive backs in yardage, while Antonio Ochoa, Dean Underwood, Nathan

Dzwonkas and Anthony Kenney contributed with solid blocking. Andrew Hunt, Kenny Arnold, and Nathan Michalik all took in passes from quarterback, James Hall who completed 3 of 5.

Defensive standouts for the game were Daniel Tidwell (in on a game high 17 tackles), Austin Fisher and Forrest Hall with multiple tackles and sacks.

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Wildcats get best of Chiefs to run record to 2-0

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two of the three solid varsity boys tennis teams that make their home at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park got together Thursday afternoon. When it was over, Plymouth's Wildcats gained early season bragging rights over Canton with a 7-2 KLAAC crossover win. Plymouth improved to 2-0, having opened the year with an impressive win over Livonia Churchill; Canton dropped to 1-1. Wildcats' head coach Tom Kimball said his team was pumped up to face the Chiefs

and it showed as Plymouth won all four singles flights in two sets each. "They're playing solid, fundamental tennis," Kimball said. "Some of the unforced errors are disappearing, situations they get put into they're adapting to, (they're) able to make changes when they fall down in a set." Canton head coach Barb Lehmann, although disappointed with the loss, said her team played much better than the final score indicated. "It was a lot closer than that (7-2)," she said, "because a lot of the games and matches were easily closer than you could tell.

"... It (momentum) switched back and forth, but as it progressed Plymouth was a little more consistent today, got a few more tennis balls over the net." Setting the tone at No. 1 singles was Plymouth sophomore Aaron Zhang, who won 6-4, 6-1 over Canton's Ryan Hanz. "He (Zhang) was just crushing the ball," Kimball said. "He played amazing, beautiful tennis." Plymouth followed up with wins at No. 2-4 singles, as Matt Dwan, Pat Onoro and Andy Mitchell each were victorious in two sets. In doubles play, the Wildcats were led by the No. 1 tandem

of Pat Bailey-John Lopus and No. 2 doubles players Drew Leist and Grant Senkbiel. Plymouth also won at No. 4 doubles, behind the efforts of Josh Heinze and David Choos. Canton came back with victories at No. 3 (Kartik Bhatt-Austin Payne) and No. 5 doubles, the latter featuring Luke Freeman and Ashwin Kumar. "They (Freeman-Kumar) never let it go," Lehmann said. "They were very calm, collected and kept playing their own game and played great right through the end." **PLYMOUTH 7, CANTON 2**
Sept. 3 at PCEP
No. 1 singles: Aaron Zhang (P) defeated Ryan Hanz, 6-4, 6-1; No. 2: Matt Dwan (P) def.

Riley Hoernschemeyer, 6-0, 6-4; No. 3: Pat Onoro (P) def. Adam Payne, 7-5, 6-3; No. 4: Andy Mitchell (P) def. Varun Bandri, 6-4, 6-0. **No. 1 doubles:** Pat Bailey-John Lopus (P) def. Jimmy LaFontaine-Steve Lee, 6-1, 6-4; **No. 2:** Drew Leist-Grant Senkbiel (P) def. Jordan Anderson-Kristian Maticic, 7-5, 6-2; **No. 3:** Kartik Bhatt-Austin Payne (C) def. Hank Eckardt-Ian Fleming, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5; **No. 4:** Josh Heinze-David Choos (P) def. Andrew Tidwell-Rocky Willette, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 5:** Luke Freeman-Ashwin Kumar (C) def. Kevin Standifer-Cameron Earls (varsity debut), 6-4, 6-3. **Plymouth's dual match record:** 2-0 overall; **Canton's dual match record:** 1-1 overall. **PLYMOUTH 9, LIVONIA CHURCHILL 0**
Sept. 1 at Plymouth
No. 1 singles: Aaron Zhang (P) defeated Matt Cezat, 6-0, 6-2; No. 2: Matt Dwan (P) def. Zhen Deng, 6-1, 6-3; No. 3: Pat Onoro (P) def. Mike Houghan, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Pat Bailey (P) def. Vishal Joshi, 6-2, 6-2. **No. 1 doubles:** Andy Mitchell-John Lopus (P) def. Rushi Patel-Joe Mulka, 6-1, 6-3; No. 2: Drew Leist-Grant Senkbiel (P) def. Ryan

McPherson-Fred Beshara, 6-1, 6-4; No. 3: Hank Eckardt-Ian Fleming (P) def. Eric Stromberg-Kyle Appel, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Josh Heinze-David Choos (P) def. Alex Zuccarini-Mike Ingalls, 6-1, 6-0; No. 5: Joe Lindbauer-Mitch McKinstry (P) def. Tejas Joshi-Mayuresh Iyer, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3. **Plymouth's dual match record:** 1-0 overall. **CANTON 9, WAYNE MEMORIAL 0**
Sept. 1 at Wayne
No. 1 singles: Ryan Hanz (C) defeated Brandon Harnos, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Riley Hoernschemeyer (C) def. Zach Williamson, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Adam Payne (C) def. Zach Lankton, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Varun Bandri (C) def. Stephen Gush, 6-3, 6-2. **No. 1 doubles:** Steve Lee-Jimmy LaFontaine (C) def. Jeremy Powell-C.J. Kulas, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Kartik Bhatt-Austin Payne (C) def. Abhishek Roy-Josh Higgs, 6-2, 6-0; No. 3: Jordan Anderson-Kristian Maticic (C) def. Stephen McNamara-Michael Battaglia, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Andrew Tidwell-Rocky Willette (C) def. Michael Toms-Michael Hood, 6-0, 6-0; No. 5: Alan Halim-Ashwin Kumar (C) def. Josh Bradford-Josh Talbert, 6-0, 6-2. **Canton's dual match record:** 1-0 overall.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Whalers roll at Ice House

The Plymouth Whalers first pre-season game — played Saturday, Aug. 29, against Saginaw at the Kensington Valley Ice House in Brighton — was billed as the Battle of Brighton. And although the Whalers and Spirit battled the OHL way in a 7-2 Plymouth victory before nearly 700 fans, there was a tremendous spirit (no pun intended) of cooperation among all sides. Proceeds of the game went towards the Kensington Valley Hockey Association, who worked tirelessly with the staff of the Kensington Valley Ice House for six weeks to insure the game was a success on and off the ice. "This is more difficult than planning a wedding," said Kelly O'Neill, vice president of the Kensington Valley Hockey Association. "The Whalers organization has been great to work with. They're a grassroots organization and so are we. It's really about building hockey in the community and letting everybody know how much fun the sport is, so we really appreciate the Whalers coming out."

Cool happenings

• Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena is offering open skating sessions through Nov. 7 from 12 noon to 1:20 p.m. Tuesdays-through-Fridays with the fees as follows: adults, \$5; kids (under age 16) and senior citizens (over 55), \$4. Skate rental is \$2. For more information, contact the Open Skate Line (734) 455-6620 or go to www.ci.plymouth.mi.us for up-to-date changes if any. • Meanwhile, "Back to Basics" skating school is slated for Plymouth Cultural Center with several choices for those of all ages who want to learn or improve whether for figure skating or ice hockey. The classes (\$100 each) take place Mondays from Sept. 14 through Oct. 26 between 6:30-7:20 p.m.; Thursdays from Sept. 10 through Oct. 22 between 10-10:50 a.m.; Saturdays from Sept. 12 through Oct. 24 between 10-10:50 a.m. Call (734) 455-6620 for more information. **Arctic Edge shavings**
Arctic Edge on Michigan Ave. in Canton is hosting a "Learn to Skate"

program Saturdays from Sept. 26 through Nov. 14 with sessions from 10-10:45 a.m. and from 11-11:45 a.m. Each class is 30 minutes with 15 minutes of full ice practice time. Cost is \$100 per skater per eight-week session. For more information, contact Learn to Skate director Theresa McKendry at learntoskat-earcticedge@yahoo.com. **Canton Leisure offerings**
Canton residents can begin registering for Fall 2009 Leisure Services programs and classes online starting 6 p.m. Wednesday. Interested individuals can register at www.Cantonfun.org, where complete course descriptions are also available in the Discover catalog, which was recently mailed to Canton residents. In person, registration will begin 9 a.m. Thursday at the Summit on the Park. Proof of residency will also be required for in person registration. Due to the large number of participants utilizing online program registration, registration fast passes will no longer be necessary for in person registration. A wide-array of classes is available.

Space is limited, so early registration is strongly suggested. For more information, visit Cantonfun.org and download the Fall 2009 Discover Brochure or call (734) 394-5460. **Plymouth YMCA offerings**
Registration is underway for Plymouth Family YMCA youth sports leagues planned for this fall, including the following:
• Community Co-Ed Soccer: Leagues run from Sept. 14 through Oct. 24 with the following age brackets — ages 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11. Contests will be Saturdays at Hulsing Elementary. Cost is \$64 per member and \$96 per community member.
• Community Girls Volleyball: Leagues for ages 8-9 and 10-12 run from Sept. 14 through Oct. 24. Games are Fridays at New Morning School. Cost is \$71 per member and \$103 per community member.
• Kickers Soccer: This league for players ages 4-5 runs from Sept. 17 through Oct. 22 at Hulsing Elementary with the cost of \$60 per member and \$92 per community member. Players will be placed on

teams and receive three weeks of instruction followed by three weeks of games. Jersey is included in the fee. • Community Basketball League: Registration begins Sept. 14 for leagues for boys and girls in several divisions (between ages 4 and 11). Sessions will be Nov. 2 through Dec. 18 and Jan. 18 through March 19, 2010. For more information, or to register on-line, go to www.wmcdetroit.org. **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 (click on summer camps link at the top of the page).



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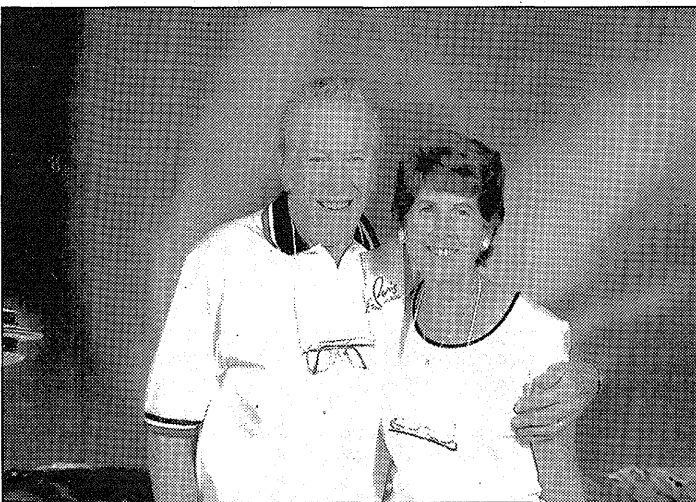
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MILESTONES



Donald and Patricia (Preville) Ulivi of Garden City

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Donald and Patricia (Preville) Ulivi of Garden City will celebrate their 50th anniversary Sept. 12. The couple married in 1959 at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Detroit.

Their children are Janice, Paul, Debbie, Sharon, Kristen and Jill. They have 14 grandchildren.

Donald has been retired from Ford Motor Company for 15 years. The couple is active at church and has square danced for more than 25 years. The Ulivis have enjoyed many years of camping with their children and grandchildren.

They plan to celebrate their



Donald and Patricia Ulivi in 1959

anniversary with family and friends.



Paul and Juanita Diefenbach of Westland

64 AND COUNTING

Paul and Juanita Diefenbach celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary at Coach Insignia, the restaurant on top of the Renaissance Center in Detroit, with their daughters Kathy and Diane, son-in-law Terry and granddaughter Karen. Paul retired from the city of Westland's building department in 1987 and Juanita (Nina) retired from J.L. Hudson's. They have five children, 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.



Paul and Juanita Diefenbach on their wedding day in 1945.

VANCE-BECKERT

Paige Bryant Vance and Phillip Lloyd Beckert, Jr. plan to wed in 2010.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Joanne Vance of Roseville, and Teddy K. Vance of Palm Bay, Fla.

Paige is a graduate of Baker College and is employed at Ikon Office Solutions in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé, son of Catherine and Richard Berger of Idaho Springs, Colo. and Phillip L. Beckert and Maryann Beckert of Wayne.

Phil is a graduate of Wayne State University and LMU



Vance-Beckert

Munich and is employed at Robert Bosch, LLC in Farmington Hills.

Plans for a wedding in Las Vegas, Nev., or another exotic locale are under way.

STEVENS-GRUBER

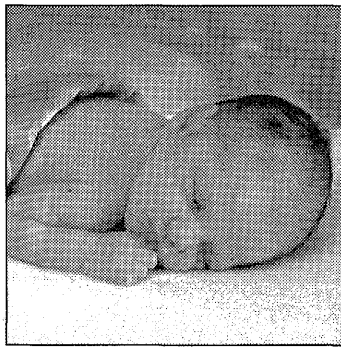
Laura Evelyn Stevens and Tristan Andrew Gruber announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Robert and Kathleen Stevens of Livonia. Her fiancé is the son of Terry Gruber and Barbara Schutzgruber of Ann Arbor.

An October 2009 wedding is planned at St. Joseph's Church in Detroit.



Stevens-Gruber

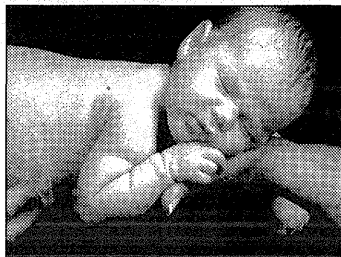


Delaney Grace O'Neil

DELANEY GRACE O'NEIL

Delaney Grace O'Neil was born at 8:07 p.m., July 30, 2009 at Providence Park Hospital, Novi. She weighed 5 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 18 inches.

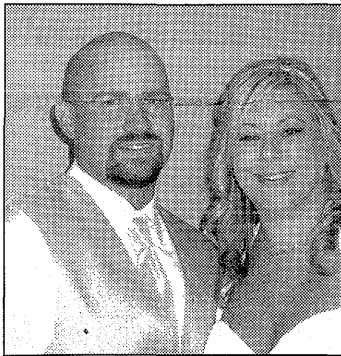
Proud parents are Casey and Meg O'Neil of Livonia. Grandparents are Mike and Debbie O'Neil and Joe and Mary Pat Mysliwiec, all of Livonia.



Madeline Elizabeth Barringer

MADELINE BARRINGER

Proud parents Jeffrey and Andrea Barringer, of Northville, announce the birth of their daughter, Madeline Elizabeth Barringer, on July 23, 2009. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and measured 21 inches. Her brothers Jonathan and Zachary; grandparents Rick and Kathy Barringer of Farmington Hills and Joe and Adele Bologna of Lake Orion, welcome her. Elizabeth is a family name, after Great Grandma (G.G.) Elizabeth Lawson.



Richardson-Tulppo

RICHARDSON-TULPPO

Elizabeth Marie Tulppo and Christopher Ryan Richardson were married June 5, 2009, at Laurel Chapel in Livonia.

The bride, daughter of Judith L. Stonik of Westland and the late Fred Tulppo, is a 1999 graduate of Wayne Memorial High, and a 2005 graduate of Schoolcraft Community College. She is employed as the office manager for Cleaning Authority, Plymouth.

The groom, son of Tim and Sheryl (Cookie) Carner of Garden City, is a 1997 graduate of Wayne Memorial High and is employed by Consumers Energy as a machine operator in Royal Oak.

Matron of honor was Megan Tulppo Ake, sister of the bride, and Jennifer Pacitto Picano, a childhood friend, served as bridesmaid.

Best man was longtime friend Dave Flynn. Matt Halaberda, also a longtime friend, served as groomsman. Zachery Richardson, the couple's son, was the ring bearer.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at St. Mary's Cultural Center, Livonia.

The couple, with their son, honeymooned at the Nick Hotel in Orlando, Fla. They will continue to make their home in Westland.

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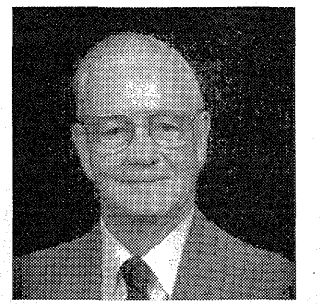
ANNE LOUISE INGALL (KUHN)

Was born on Adams St. in Plymouth Oct. 2, 1922 & died in Plymouth Sunday, August 30, 2009. Anne spent her entire life in Plymouth & still lived in her home of 63+ years on Hartsough St. There was no better place on earth for her. She loved her home town. Anne worked her entire life with her first "real job" being at the Ford Phoenix Plant right here in Plymouth which was very unique back in 1942 as it was an all woman plant & they earned the same wage as men at that time. She was one of the "Rosie the Riveter" gals. She retired from Burroughs Corp., worked a few years at Plymouth K-Mart & then was the "Ticket Lady" at the Penn Theater until health issues forced her to retire at 80+ years old. She was an active member of the Plymouth VFW Auxiliary for many years. She was pretty much home bound the last couple years but still very much involved with her family. She especially loved cats, politics, her country & her home town. Anne was the last surviving child of 13 born to John & Hattie Kuhn of Plymouth. She is preceded in death by her husband, Dave Ingall, a daughter, Bonnie Jewell Crackel (Ingall), a granddaughter, Tammy Crackel, her sister, Inez Cramb, & brother, Chuck Kuhn. She is survived by her son, David Ingall & daughter, Marie (Norm) Long (VanEvery) both of Plymouth & her precious kitty, Patches; 7 Grandchildren: Mark (Carol) Wells, Michael Wells, Robert Wells, Anthony Wells, Jennifer (Ivan) Ortiz, Jim (Roxanne) Crackel & Scott (Wendy) Crackel. Also 14 Great Grandchildren: David, Steven, Emily, Whitney, Amber, Anne, Nick, Philip, Jessica Wells; Lexus & Jasmine Olds, Jim, Jessica & Chelsea Crackel and 6 Great Great Grandchildren. One nephew, Richard (Joan) Cramb & one niece, Judy (Dale) Shepherd; Dear Brother-in-law, Larry Ingall, & Sister-in-law, Harriet (Oliver) Ackerly of Florida. Visitation was September 4th and Saturday September 5th; Memorial Services were held Saturday September 5th by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Dave and Marie give thanks to God for his timing, mercy and love. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com.



JEAN C. ORTNER

July 2, 1939 - August 27, 2009. Beloved Wife of the late Richard. Dearest Mother of Greg Herbert, Lynne Herbert and Noelle Frederickson. Loving Grandmother of Kyle. Mrs. Ortner was Born in Parkersburg, WV, and graduated from West Virginia University. She was the owner of The Great Frame Up in Farmington Hills. Funeral Service was Monday at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Visitation was Sunday 4-7 pm. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans. www.mccabefuneralhome.com



ROBERT W. SEAWARD

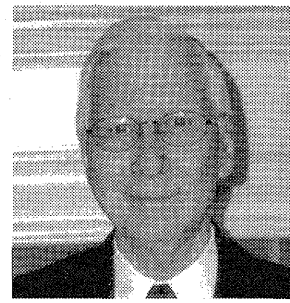
Age 89, of Flushing, formerly of Westland, died September 1, 2009. Robert was born in Kittery Point, Maine. He served in World War II as a U.S. Navy salvage diver, and retired from General Motors, where he was a general supervisor of maintenance. He was a member of Church of the Holy Spirit in Livonia, and was a Mason for over 60 years. Surviving are his sons, Neil (MaryBeth) of Flushing, and Edmund (Linda) of Winterset, Iowa; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Robert was preceded in death by his wife of over 50 years, Neva. The family would like to extend their thanks to Woodhaven Senior Community, Clarebridge Memory Care Assisted Living, McLaren Visiting Nurses, and Home and Hospice Advantage. Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will be held 4:00PM Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at Church of the Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, 9083 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48150. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or to the Church of the Holy Spirit. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 6063 Ford Rd., Grand Blanc Twp. where online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharfuneralhomes.com

JEAN L. WELCH

Of Livonia, died Tuesday, September 1, 2009 in the loving care of her family. She was 86 years old. Mrs. Welch was preceded in death by her loving husband Robert Eadon Welch (d.1951). She is survived by her loving daughters Janet Welch (Ben Hare) and Jill Welch (Scott Potter) and grandchildren Andrew Eadon Harwel, Bryan Welch Potter, Mara Elliott Harwel, and Kristin Welch Potter. Graveside services were held at Evergreen Cemetery, Brown City, Thursday, September 3, 2009, 12 Noon. For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors in Milford at: 248.684.6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

SANDRA L. JUAREZ "Sandee"

Age 60 of Royal Oak and formerly of Ferndale died September 2, 2009. Sandee was an avid University of Michigan and Michigan State Fan and loved Tiger Woods as she would often refer to him as her "adopted son." She enjoyed Bob Seger's music and took great pleasure in reading, crocheting and crossword puzzles. Mother of Tanya (Jeff) Lundberg of Northville and Krystyn Juarez (Zack Brintle) of Raleigh, NC, daughter of Eileen Pingle, sister of Alberta Roberts, Cindi (Tom) Wilkos, Tami (Christ) Azarias, Kim (Richard) Morelli, Albert (Debbie) Pingle, Michael (Kelly) Pingle, Richard (Donna) Pingle, Mark (Jeanne) Pingle, Robert Pingle and Tim Pingle. Sandee is also survived by her precious grandson, Nicholas, her granddog, Lucy along with 18 nieces and nephews and many other loving family members. Sandee was preceded in death by her infant brother, Kirk and her step father, Albert Pingle. Funeral Service Saturday, September 5 at 5:00 pm at Gramer Funeral Home, 705 N. Main, Clawson. Visitation Saturday 12:00 pm until the time of service at 5:00 pm. Online condolences may be made at www.gramerfuneralhome.com



JOHN W. TERRY

Age 79 of Canton, August 31, 2009. Beloved husband of Rosemary. Dear father of Thomas (Dr. Geraldine) Terry, Douglas (Anita) Terry, Cynthia (Mitchell) Rickey. Also six grandchildren Patrick, Cody, Grace, Maxine, Claire and Ann. Private funeral services were held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorial offerings in his memory to the Canton Library would be appreciated. You may leave a message of condolence at vermeulenfuneralhome.com

JUDITH ANN RADEMACHER

Died suddenly on August 15, 2009 in Peachtree City, GA. She was born to Henry and Anna Lee Moss in Detroit, Michigan on April 8, 1928 and attended Michigan State University, earning a degree in journalism with honors in 1950. While at college, she met her husband, Albin John (Jack) Rademacher, a veteran of World War II, and they married on May 26th, 1951. They raised their three daughters, Lee, Carey & Amy in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan then later returned to the North Carolina mountains where they enjoyed driving tours, golf and gardening. Judy was a remarkable person, known for her generosity and genuine concern for the well-being of others. She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Anna Lee Moss; brother, Robert Moss; and husband, Jack Rademacher. Survivors include; daughters, Lee Singleton of Boston, MA, Carey Pung of Birmingham, MI, and Amy Faber of Peachtree City, GA; six grandchildren, Stolle and Jamie Singleton, Andrew and Jason Pung, Matthew Faber and Rachel Humphries; and one great-grandchild, Margaret Humphries; cousin, Doug Jackson of Alma, MI; sisters-in-law, Alice Moss of Traverse City, MI, Phyllis Lyons of Walnut Creek, CA, Barbara Rademacher of Vero Beach, FL and Rosemary Corgan of Alma, MI. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, August 19th at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Peachtree City, GA. Memorial donations may be made to Holy Trinity Catholic Church or the American Heart Association. Carl J. Mowell & Son Funeral Home Peachtree City, GA. 770-487-3959 www.mowellfuneralhome.com

CHRISTINE M. BAYER

Age 85, died August 29, 2009. Beloved wife of the late Helmut E. Bayer for 61 years. Loving mother of Katherine Bayer and Richard (Susan) Bayer. Dear grandmother of Christopher (Alice), Brian (Hope) and Adam (Leslie) Bayer. Great-grandmother of seven. Funeral service was held Wednesday 10am (In-state 9:30 am) at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Ave., Farmington, MI 48335 Visitation was held Tuesday 12-8 p.m. at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33603 Grand River Ave., Farmington (1 blk w of Farmington Rd.). Memorial contributions may be made to Salem United Church of Christ or the American Heart Association. www.thayer-rock.com



ELIZABETH BUZA

Age 79, of Westland. Loving wife of the late Colman. Dearest mother of Juanita Buza Jensen, David J. (Cheryl) Buza and Russell B. (Cindy) Buza. Proud grandmother of five grandchildren: Nicholas, Brady, Casey, Dana and Erin. Loving sister of Gilbert (Bupps) Greaves. Visitation was on Wed at Vermeulen Funeral Home 980 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland (btwn Ford and Cherry Hill). A Funeral service on Thursday 10:00 AM at the funeral home. Interment Mt. Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

EUGENE LOUIS BORTNICK

08-21-31 to 8-30-09. A lovingly blessed husband, father and grandfather who knew the most beautiful things in the world could not be seen or touched. They were felt with the heart. Private services have been held at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI on 9-1-09. Eugene would have deeply appreciated condolences be made in the form of a donation to his minor children's educational trust fund at Huntington Bank (account# 03381725603) or mailed to Mrs. Bortnick, P.O. Box 28, Union Lake, MI 48387. Special thanks from Eugene and his family to Brooks Patterson, David Potts, Carl Levin and American Veterans for their help and thoughtful considerations. An on line guest book is available at www.wintfuneralhome.com

JUNE L. BUTLER

Passed away August 29, 2009 at age 86. Beloved wife of Patrick for 61 years. Loving mother of Joanne, Kathy (Wes) Butler-Vincent, Patrick (Elizabeth Jane), Mary (Gary) Gorecki, Julie (Sanford) Altschul, Susan, Laura (Ed) MacGregor and Bill (Bonnie). Proud grandmother of Jennifer, Justin, Sean, David, Casey, Hannah, Megan and Emily. She was born in Grand Rapids March 26, 1923, graduated from Aquinas College and taught in a one-room schoolhouse. She moved to Plymouth in 1952, where she raised eight children. Many wonderful memories will keep her close in spirit and thought. She will be deeply missed. A Memorial was held on September 2, 2009. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, Livonia, Michigan. vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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NEIGHBORS

Clubs pitch in to keep memorial garden blooming

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

A veterans' park to honor those who served their country got some extra help this summer. Several Plymouth-Canton garden clubs were joined by the Plymouth-Canton branch of the American Association of University Women and other volunteers to make the park at Main and Church in downtown Plymouth shipshape.

"This was such a great idea," said Trailwood Garden Club past president Marilyn Detmer. "This was Bob's (Zaetta) baby and you can't say no to Bob."

Zaetta was among committee organizers who got the park, dedicated July 4, 2006, in place. His wife, Shirley, AAUW program chair, was among some 20 women and AAUW family members who weeded this summer.

The flowers, purchased by the park committee, were planted by the Trailwood Garden Club, Canton Garden Club, Plymouth Garden Club, Lakepoint Garden Club and Allen O'Dell of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Garden beds are being maintained by AAUW members and their families, with city workers cutting grass and clearing snow.

Trailwood club members planted one small and one very large bed, said Plymouth Township resident Detmer. Begonias, salvia and vinca form a patriotic red, white and blue motif.

"We do some of the beds downtown already," said Trailwood's Marge Berndt of Plymouth Township. "We have two planters downtown (on Main at Ann Arbor Trail) and then we do Township Hall," added the club corresponding secretary.

Shannon Allison of Plymouth Township's also a Trailwood gardener. "I like to be able to drive by and point to my grandchildren, 'This is what my garden club did.'" She and the other women, known for their purple hyacinth



A bee investigates a flower in the garden.

vine, enjoy each other's company and like to honor servicemen and women.

"Without them, we wouldn't have our freedoms," Allison said.

LONGTIME VOLUNTEERS

About 20 people from AAUW, including husbands, are helping at the Plymouth Community Veterans' Memorial Park. Bob Zaetta and others worked on the project some 14 years, his wife said.

"We decided it would be a good partnership," she said of AAUW's weeding. AAUW was particularly interested because branch president Jan Blumberg of Canton and her husband, Terry, lost their son, Trevor, killed in Fallujah, Iraq, in Army service.

"Jan is very special to us," Shirley Zaetta said of Blumberg, a Garden City elementary school principal.

The garden work is continuing. "It's been great and our members have really taken an interest," she said. "We're really proud of what we've done."



Hard-working garden club and AAUW members gather in the park for a photo.

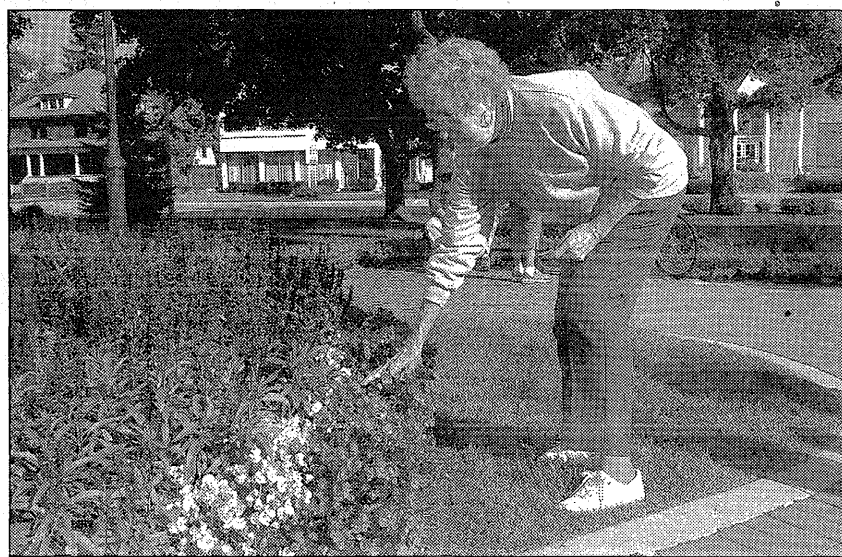
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A NOD TO YOUTH

She appreciates the garden clubs putting in the flowers, as well as the respect shown by the nearby Central Middle School students and other community young people.

"They have shown great respect and I think that's nice to say about our kids who come through here," Zaetta said. "I think that's wonderful for your community to have this in your town."

The park to honor veterans includes a number of memorial symbols: the Civil War Lady, Spanish American Cannon, World War I Pyramid, Plymouth Rock, the Bronze Plaques, and the Korea and Vietnam monument. Those who died in service to their country are memorialized.



Marge Berndt gives the garden a little care.

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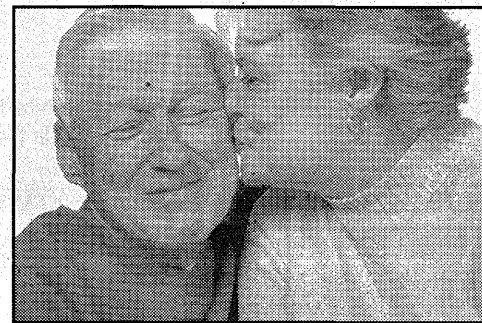
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Jim Madaus of WWJTV and Jo-Jo Shutty-MacGregor make their way down the runway during the 35th Annual Redford Suburban Celebrity Fashion Show last year at Burton Manor in Livonia.



Longtime hosts Rich Fisher and Doris Biscoe step up to the podium once again for the annual Redford Suburban League Celebrity Fashion Show.

Vendors wanted

The Redford Suburban League is selling table space for its 36th annual Celebrity Fashion Show Wednesday, Oct. 21, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Skirted tables sell for \$45. Vendors will set up starting at 7 a.m. on show day. The boutique will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be available for \$15.

Call Sara Gorman at (313) 937-8583 or Josetta Howes at (248) 960-0853 to reserve a space.

The annual show will feature fashions by "The New" Dress Barn in Farmington and Men's Warehouse in Novi. They will be modeled by celebrities, and commentators will be Doris Biscoe and Rich Fisher.

Tickets for the show are

\$45 per person. The boutique opens at 9 a.m. and luncheon will be at noon, followed by the fashion show, entertainment and raffle.

Proceeds will benefit Burger School for Students With Autism in Garden City.

Auditions

Schoolcraft College will audition prospective actors for two of its fall-winter pro-

ductions at 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 8-9, in the Liberal Arts Theatre on campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

Auditions are open to the public, as well as faculty and students, for *Butterflies are Free* and *King Lear*. Call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5270, for additional information.

Getting crafty

The Village Painters present

its 13th annual Treasure Chest Art & Craft Show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 at the Judge Alexander Blue House, in the Greenmead Historic Village, 20501 Newburgh, Livonia.

The boutique-style decorative painting show and sale will include handpainted accessories, furniture and seasonal decorations for the home. Visitors will get a

chance to work on a beginning project, with help from members of Village Painters, at the "learn to paint" tent.

Admission is \$2 for adults. Children under 12 are free. The fee admits visitors to both the craft show and Greenmead Flea Market.

More information visit www.villagepainters.net or call (734) 753-5232.

Runners flock to zoo

Thousands of runners and walkers are expected to lace up their running shoes and head over to the Detroit Zoo on Sunday, Sept. 20, for the annual Bank of America Run Wild for the Detroit Zoo. Proceeds from the Run Wild event benefit the Zoo's Ruth Roby Glancy Animal Health Complex and veterinary care.

The event includes 5K and 10K runs as well as a noncompetitive one-mile Fun Walk. Runners in the 5K and 10K events will start at the zoo's 10 Mile Road entrance and wind through the scenic streets of Huntington Woods surrounding the Zoo. Walkers will follow a course past award-winning animal habitats as they stroll through zoo grounds.

The run has been recognized as a quality physical activity event by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness. The Governor's Council endorses local, regional and state events to acknowledge an organization's ability to plan and carry out a quality event that significantly contributes to the health and well-being of Michigan residents. Bank of America Run Wild for the Detroit Zoo exemplifies this core value, according to Marilyn Lieber, president and CEO of the Governor's Council.

"By endorsing local events all across the state, we hope to bring attention to the importance of physical activity and

encourage our citizens to take responsibility for their health," said Lieber.

The Bank of America Run Wild for the Detroit Zoo begins at 8 a.m. with the 5K run, followed by the 10K run at 8:45 a.m. and the untimed Fun Walk at 9 a.m. Online registration is available at www.detroitzoo.org (click on Events, then Run Wild) until September 15, and registration will also be available at the zoo on Sept. 18, 19 and 20.

Medals will be presented to the top male and female runners in various age groups. All participants will receive commemorative T-shirts as well as free admission to the zoo on race day. A Post-Race Party will follow the event. Regular Zoo admission applies for non-race participants.

"Bank of America is happy to continue its support of this outstanding community event," said Bank of America Michigan President Kieth Cockrell. The Bank of America Run Wild for the Detroit Zoo is also supported by Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association (SEMVMA).

The zoo is looking for 200 volunteers to assist at the event. For information, visit the Run Wild section of the zoo's Web site or contact Linda Denomme at (248) 541-5717, Ext. 3806, or ldennomme@dzs.org.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

All about herbs

Coleen French of French Garden Creations will present "Herbs from Head to Toe" at the Farmington Garden Club, noon, Monday, Sept. 14. She'll talk about ways to use herbs, such as making hair conditioners, eye creams, facial masks, body lotions and more. There will be an opportunity to buy a small personalized body lotion. French also will have other products for sale. The club meets at the Visitors Center in Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile Roads. Guests are welcome. For more information call, (248) 473-0822.

At English Gardens

Learn tips for creating a beautiful fall garden and discover the best plants for seasonal interest at 7 p.m., Sept. 9.

Hear an overview of different spring-flowering bulbs and get tips on proper planting techniques. And find out how to design a bulb garden at 7 p.m., Sept. 16.

Bring color into the garden with favorite plants. Experts also will offer information on proper planting and

care for the best results at 7 p.m., Sept. 23.

Get tips on keeping your lawn healthy through the winter and into next spring at 7 p.m., Sept. 30.

Local stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506. For information, log onto www.EnglishGardens.com.

Children's garden

Gaffield Children's Garden at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, officially opens Sept. 13. The garden, constructed from a kid's point of view, allows children to explore in a natural setting. Young visitors can climb into an over-sized bird nest and pretend they're a hatchling, wend their way through a maze, discover magical creatures in a fairy and troll knoll, or just get their hands dirty in a digging pit. The garden also features a butterfly and hummingbird garden, a builders' garden, a water-play zone, habitats hiking trail, and much more. An open house will be held on its official opening day, but the garden is open now for visitors. Matthaei Botanical Gardens are located at 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. www.lsa.umich.edu/mbg/

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Andover and Lahser High Schools Class of 1969

Joint 40th reunion Oct. 3, at the Birmingham Athletic Club. Andover graduates e-mail to Liz Buckner at Bucknerliz@gmail.com. Lahser graduates contact Linda Hague Sykes at lsykes@woh.rr.com.

Birmingham High School Class of 1953 and 1954

55th reunion weekend, Oct. 9-10, at Centerpointe Marriott, in Pontiac. Call Denise Baldwin at (248) 540-4078 for details.

Dearborn Heights Riverside Class of 1967

42-year reunion is planned for Sept. 18-19, 2009. Event includes: Friday night graduate-only get-together with pizza and salad (\$10) at DeLuca's, 27424 W. Warren Road, Westland; Saturday night dinner at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets for Saturday event are \$35 per person. Contact Gerry Porta for more information at (734) 718-9401 or gwiatr@gmail.com.

Detroit Cooley Class of 1954

55th class reunion, Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Marriott Courtyard, 333 E. Jefferson, Detroit. A reception will be held at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. An informal gathering also will be held Friday, Sept. 18, at the Marriott. Tickets are \$55 per person. Rooms have been reserved at the Marriott-Courtyard. Contact Daneen (Stark) Gallo at (734) 462-2786.

Detroit Pershing Class of 1960

50th reunion festivities in September 2010 will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

Detroit Redford Classes of 1954-1955

5 p.m., Oct. 13, at the Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth; \$45 per person. See www.redfordhighschoolreunion.com for details. Class of '54 contact Doug King at dking000@ameritech.net. Class of '55 contact, Mary Morris Hunter at m.morris.rhs55@wow-way.com.

Detroit St. Brigid Class of 1959

Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact szonyek@att.net with any information about

classmates.

Detroit St. Casimir High School Class of 1959

Planning a Sept. 13, 2009, class reunion. All upper and lower classmates invited. Contact Judy (Zimski) Coogan at JudyCoo@hotmail.com or (734) 675-0148, or Pete Rakowski at PJcruisin@wow-way.com.

Detroit St. Thomas

Reunion for anyone who attended Detroit St. Thomas Apostle, 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy. There will be a complete sit-down dinner including all drinks and music. The cost per person is \$45. For information, call Rose Ann Filar-Novik at (248) 770-1271.

Detroit Western

Classes from 1930s-60s

Multi-class reunion luncheon Sept. 18 at Dearborn Golf Course. Call (248) 427-0673 or (313) 565-4997.

Farmington High School Class of 1970

Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the group on Facebook by searching Farmington High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dblehn@aol.com.

Fordson High School

Classes of 1943-45

65th reunion, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 25, at Park Place, 23400 Park Street, one block south of Michigan Avenue, west of Outer Drive, in Dearborn. Cost is \$25 per person and includes luncheon. Send a check payable to "Fordson 65th Reunion" to Tom Novacheff, 50729 Raintree Circle, Chesterfield Township, MI 48047. Canceled check is your receipt. For more information, call Delores Dysarz Haush at (313) 278-4707.

Class of 1954

55-year reunion Oct. 1 at the Stitt American Legion Post 232 in Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at (313) 581-6623.

Class of 1984

25-year reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Nov. 28, Burton Manor in Livonia. Cost is \$65 per person and includes dinner, dancing/DJ, and full bar. A photographer will be on-site taking and selling group and individual photos. Invitations will be mailed out in October. E-mail Michele (Tonna) Belczak at michelebel@sbcglobal.net or Melanie (Monaghan) Scharboneau at mscharboneau@yahoo.com to provide current mailing address.

Garden City High School East Class of 1959

3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 high school tour; 6:30 p.m. Albert's On The Alley; 11 a.m. Saturday Sept.

19, Garden City Museum tour; 6 p.m. to midnight party at K. of C., 30759 Ford Road and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, picnic and old car show at Garden City Park large pavilion. Bring your own picnic and some to share. For more information, call Lana Clark at (734) 721-2331, Jim McKendrick at (734) 788-5165, Carl Gowan at (517) 548-1523, or Jim Porth at (734) 522-1845.

Garden City High School Class of 1960

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Class of 1984

25-year reunion riverboat cruise Saturday, Sept. 19. Boat leaves Rivard Plaza dock at 7:30 p.m. To order tickets, or get more info e-mail gchscsclassof84@yahoo.com

Garden City West

Class of 1979

Holds a 30-year class reunion on Oct. 24, 2009 at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road in Westland. Classmates should register on the private Web site, http://www.classcreator.com/Garden-City-MI-Garden-City-West-1979, to get all information. Tickets will go on sale in the upcoming months on the Web site. E-mail questions to gcw79reunion@yahoo.com.

Ladywood

Class of 1969

Reunion on Sept. 19, at Embassy Suites, Livonia; For additional information, call Marilyn Refalo Maher at (248) 762-8816 or Lou Kennedy Neville at (734) 776-9048.

Lincoln Park High School

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year reunion. Contact Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or nc6897@sbcglobal.net.

Livonia Bentley

Classes of 1968-1970

Combined class reunion Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel Detroit-Livonia, I-275 and Six Mile. For details, visit www.bentley686970.org to e-mail, or call Connie (Scarlett) Flynn class of 1968 at (734) 812-7936, Bev (Valentine) Wilkie class of 1969 at (248) 366-6492 or Colleen Siombor class of 1970 at (734) 455-1395.

Classes of '78, '79, '80

Combo-Class Reunion Friday, Nov. 27, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100, Livonia. Tickets are \$50 before Nov. 1 and \$60 after. Doors open at 6 p.m. The event includes food, live music and an open bar. Visit www.bentleyclassof1979.com. Contact bentleyclassof78@yahoo.com or call John at (734) 358-3272.

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969

A 40th high school reunion is in the planning stages. The dates are set for Nov. 13-15. For information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail Kayniniulu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebrieger at Klivingstone@nu-core.com.

Livonia Stevenson

Class of 1979

30th reunion, 6 p.m., Nov. 28, Station 885, 995 Starkweather, Plymouth. Tickets cost \$35 per person before Nov. 14 and \$50 per person after the date and at the door. Contact Lisa Falk at lisannefalk@comcast.net

Milford High School

Class of 1978

Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail milford78@gmail.com.

Plymouth High School

Class of 1969

40th class reunion 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday Sept. 19, at the Plymouth Elks Club. Dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person. Cash bar. For more detail or to RSVP contact phs1969@aol.com. Looking for missing classmates. Contact phs1969@aol.com with your name address telephone number and e-mail address.

St. Mary of Redford

Class of 1969

40-year reunion, Saturday Nov. 14, 2009 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus in Livonia. If interested in helping to plan the event or contacting classmates call Mark Coulter at (734) 453-5423 or e-mail to mculter@gr-lakes.com.

Visitation High School

Class of 1959

50-year reunion party Sept. 12. Call Charleen at (248) 652-6817.

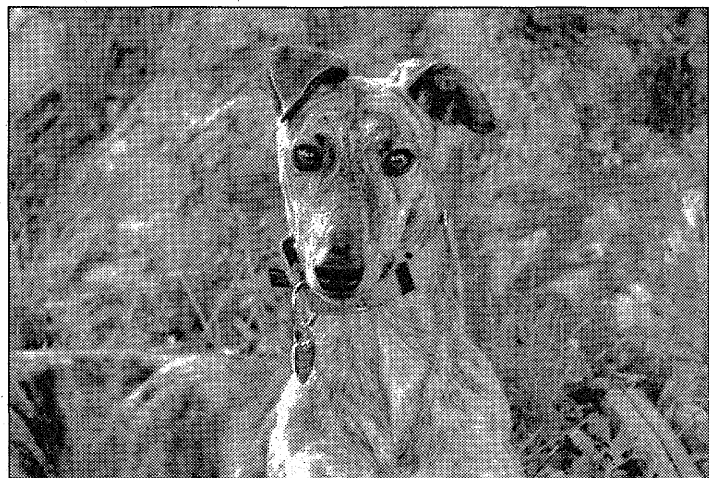
Westland John Glenn

Class of 1984

25th reunion, 6-11 p.m., Oct. 3, at Wayne Tree Manor. \$45. Send checks to 25th Class Reunion, PO Box 222, Wayne, MI 48184. For more information e-mail to kellybel-lym3@yahoo.com or MPRESS66@hotmail.com

Class of 1969

40th Reunion Weekend, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 9-10. Friday activities: 6:45 p.m. football game JGHS vs. WMHS; 7:30-11:00 p.m. social mixer at Hilton Garden Inn, near airport. Saturday activities: 10:30 a.m. tour of John Glenn High School, 6 p.m.-midnight reunion dinner at Hilton Garden Inn. For tickets and information, contact Jghs69@aol.com; Facebook JGHS Class of 1969 or Sandra Shepherd Legg at (313) 273-7950. Registration deadline, Sept. 5 at JGHS69@aol.com.



Tom is looking for his forever home.

DOG OF THE WEEK

Tom is the featured adoptable greyhound at Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption this week:

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on the quiet side, or maybe one that has another dog, or maybe even a home where someone is there a lot.

If you want to meet me call Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption at (866) 438-4739 or visit our Web site at www.greyheart.org.

Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption has several "meet and greet" adoption events scheduled for September, including at these local stores: noon to 4 p.m., Sept. 6, Canton PetCo, 43435 Ford Road, Canton.

Ford volunteers make a difference at home, worldwide with work

Thousands of Ford Motor Co. volunteers are reaching out and pitching in to create a better world by participating in community service projects during the fourth annual Ford Global Week of Caring now through Sept. 12.

It's a worldwide effort involving thousands of Ford volunteers on six continents. Locally, the effort is anchored by a Ford Accelerated Action Day on Friday, Sept. 11, when hundreds of volunteers will be out in local communities throughout Metro Detroit, including Redford, Wayne, Westland and Royal Oak.

More than 8,000 Ford employee and retiree volunteers are on the job in nearly 200 locations from North and South America to Africa and Asia. They are renovating shelters, repairing schools and feeding the hungry. The volunteers will contribute almost 30,000 man hours to helping those in need.

"Ford employees and retirees are embracing their role as citizens of the global community and sharing their time and energy to make the world a better place," said Jim Vella, president, Ford Motor Company Fund and Community Services. "We are fortunate to have the resources and dedicated volunteers that can make a real difference on a global scale. It is very gratifying work, especially

during these difficult times," said Vella who lives in Canton Township.

This year, as part of Global Week of Caring, nonprofit agencies in the United States also will benefit from a Ford Accelerated Action Day on Friday, Sept. 11. Community Building is the theme of this concentrated one-day effort to ease the most pressing shelter and safety projects, and help nonprofit partners better serve people who need a helping hand.

"Ford is building for the future with new cars and trucks that meet the needs of our customers and provide a solid foundation for long-term business success," said Janet Lawson, director, Ford Volunteer Corps. "We also are dedicated to doing our part to build a better world by helping to improve people's lives and the communities where they work and raise their families."

The Ford Volunteer Corps, established in 2005, continues Ford's legacy of caring worldwide. Through the Volunteer Corps, Ford employees and retirees participate in a wide range of volunteer projects in their communities. For more information on programs made possible by Ford Motor Company Fund and Community Services, visit www.community.ford.com.

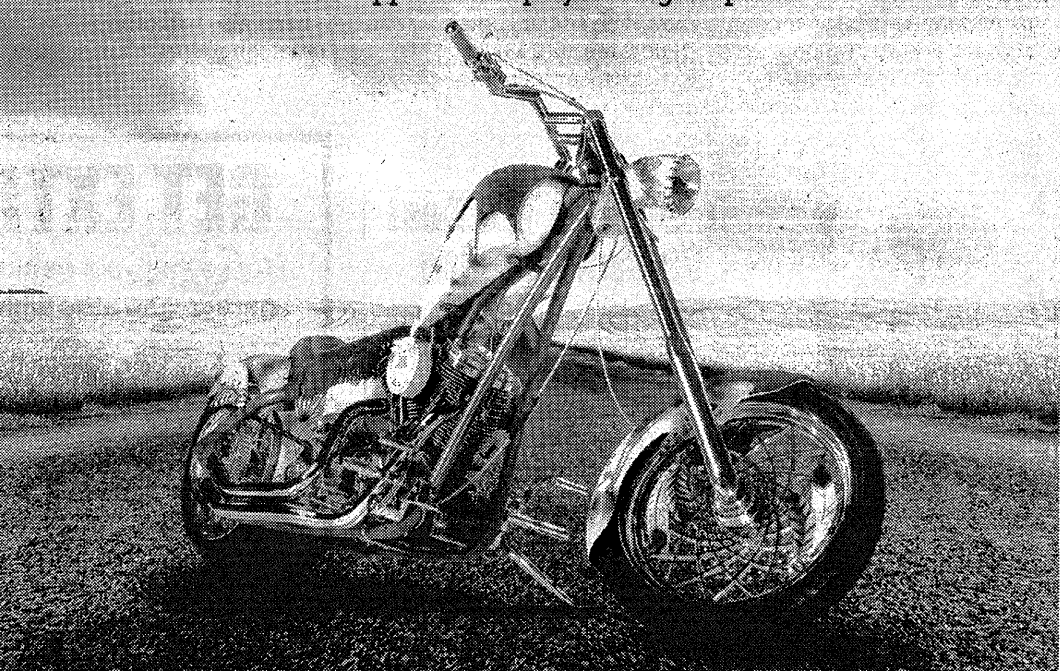
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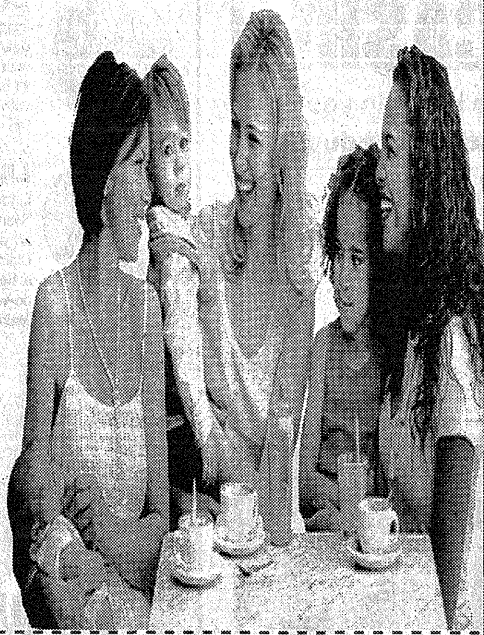
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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

SEPT. 7-13

Foot screening

The American Diabetes Association will offer free foot exams 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, at Botsford Wellness Complex, 39830 Grand River Ave., Novi. The organization recommends that people with diabetes inspect their feet daily for problems, like a blister, cut, or splinter can lead to serious infection, gangrene or even amputation. (248) 433-3830, Ext. 6697.

Bike ride

The Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will offer a one-day road ride in addition to its Mountain Bike Event on Sept. 12. The routes are designed to offer something for everyone of all cycling abilities: the 12-mile route in Island Lake Recreation area is a flat, easy ride and the 24-mile route in Kensington Metro Park offers beautiful scenery along the way. The 45 mile route will take riders to the GM proving grounds in Milford. All routes start and finish at the Dodge Pavilion at Island Lake Recreation Area. Check in opens at 8:30 a.m. and routes open at 9 a.m. Bike MS rides are open to age 13 and older. For more information call (800) FIGHT-MS or visit www.bikemsni.org

Blood pressure class

Priority Health offers a free class, 7-9 p.m., Sept. 9, in conference room 1 at William Beaumont Hospital, 4949 Coolidge, Royal Oak. Register by calling (888) 389-6647 or visiting priorityhealth.com.

Canoe To Care

DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital will hold its seventh Canoe To Care day of outdoor family fun from 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12, at Heavener's Canoe Rental in the Proud Lake Recreation Area, 3500 Wixom Road in Commerce. This annual event includes canoeing, a picnic supper, and a drawing for a free canoe or kayak. Proceeds will be used for cancer support at the hospital's Charach Cancer Treatment Center. Cost is \$30 per canoe and includes a picnic and canoe rental for two adults or teens. Children 12 and

under free. (248) 937-5077.

Childbirth class

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia, offers "Let's Get Ready to Have a Baby," 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12. Learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery and make the entire experience more rewarding. There is a fee, and registration is required. Call (734) 655-1162, or visit stmarymercy.org and click on classes & events.

SEPT. 14-20

Families in Action

A 10-week educational program for people with a loved one who has been diagnosed with a mental illness, starts Sept. 16 at St. Regis Parish School in Bloomfield Hills and Sept. 17 at Oakwood Heritage Hospital in Taylor. Sessions run from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays in Bloomfield Hills and Thursdays in Taylor. The goal is to help families better understand mental illness, how it affects the family and what they can do to help. \$20 fee per person or \$30 per couple. For more information or to register call (248) 348-7197 or (734) 427-1435. Space is limited and preregistration is a must.

Sibling tour

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers a class, 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, for children, ages 1-13, who are expecting a new baby brother or sister. Kids will learn the safe way to hold the new baby, and talk about how it feels to be a big brother or big sister. Parents are invited to come and learn how they can help kids be the best older sibling they can be. There is a \$10 fee per family. Pre-registration is required. Call (734) 655-1162, or visit stmarymercy.org and click on classes & events. The hospital is located at 34675 Five Mile, at Levan, in Livonia.

SEPT. 21-26

Baby Basics

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Get the basics of baby care and breastfeeding all in one class designed for first time

parents. They'll learn the skills of feeding, bathing, diapering, skin care, soothing and safety. Dr. Sunil Menawat will discuss infant illness and child immunization. There is a fee. To register, call St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1162.

ONGOING

Fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail jeanieweaver@charter.net.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meet 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 at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information call (248) 559-7722 or visit www.oa.org.

Breast cancer support group

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Caregivers support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Wayne metro caregiver support

Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Ave., Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

Parkinson Support

Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For information, call (248) 433-1011.

CPR classes

Classes range from basic CPR for people who wish to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar or call (248) 937-3314.

Arthritis support group

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

Tai Chi classes

At 165 E. Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills (7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday), and 38121 Ann Arbor Road (11 a.m. Wednesday, and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Presented by nonprofit Michigan Tai Chi Association in Livonia. For details, call (734) 591-3530.

Recovery, Inc.

The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help, community-based organization that helps people

with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail marthapaul@sbc-global.net.

Self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Mondays, St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursdays, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft; and 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. Call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org. No charge, contributions collected.

Low vision support group

Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For information, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.

Arthritis Foundation programs

Winter classes begin for warm-water and land-based exercise programs, Tai Chi, and a six-week series that offers keys to successful arthritis self-management, in Canton, Redford and Westland. Call (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

Health enhancement classes

Classes for exercise (including yoga), CPR and childbirth, and support groups for cardiac, cancer, stroke and diabetes patients; eating disorders; Alzheimer's caregivers; and the hard of hearing. The classes are part of an array of offerings at Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Blood pressure (free) and cholesterol (\$5) testing are also available noon to 2 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in Garden City Hospital lobby. No registration required. The hospital also offers free blood pressure testing for senior citizens every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center. For information, call (734) 458-4330. **Free mask fitting clinic**

For CPAP and BIPAP users, most insurances cover new supplies every year, try a new style of mask and learn how to get one 5-6 p.m. every Wednesday, at the Garden City Hospital Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. No appointment needed. For information, call (734) 458-4330.

Study says short kids measure up to their taller peers

Parents of short children often worry about their child's well-being, but a University of Michigan Health System study shows that short children are no different in their social or emotional well-being compared with their taller classmates.

University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital Pediatric Endocrinologist Joyce Lee, M.D., MPH, reports that short children fare just as well as their taller counterparts in terms of popularity, social support, and optimism. She says they are no more likely to experience negative consequences such as depressive symptoms or behavioral problems. "Our study can help reassure parents that children with short stature do just as well socially and emotionally as their taller peers," says Lee, a member of the Child Health

Their findings were similar to previous studies showing that short children report higher rates of teasing and victimization. But children do not experience significant psychosocial problems associated with their height.

Evaluation and Research (CHEAR) Unit at Mott.

DEFINING SHORT

The authors of the study evaluated 712 boys and girls in the sixth grade, who were of short or normal stature. Short stature was defined as a height measuring below the 10th percentile on the Centers for Disease Control growth charts. For example, an 11-

year-old child measuring 4 feet, 5 inches, was classified as short.

The study included teachers' opinions on how popular and social short children were compared with peers. In regards to popularity, short and taller children scored the same.

Researchers also adjusted results for several factors such as race, socioeconomic status and gender and results remained the same. Short children had social and emotional functioning similar to tall children regardless of these factors.

Their findings were similar to previous studies showing that short children report higher rates of teasing and victimization. But children do not experience significant psychosocial problems associated with their height.

"Teasing is common in

childhood," the authors noted. "However we speculate that short children who are called midget, shrimp, or shorty, by their peers may perceive this teasing in a personal way."

REASSURING PARENTS

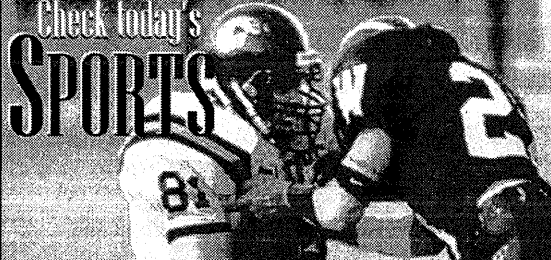
Pediatricians may have more data to back them up when parents express concern about medical treatments that temporarily delay growth. The results of the study allow pediatricians and other primary care providers to reassure parents that these temporary decreases in growth, leading to short stature, are unlikely

to have a significant impact on their child's quality of life, the study says.

Since the approval of growth hormone therapy by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 2003, pediatricians increasingly encounter parents who ask about hormone therapy for their short and even moderate height child.

"Seeking specialty evaluation and treatment purely on the basis that a short child will be happier seems unwarranted," Lee says. "The best approach is reassuring them they are healthy and well."

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Prevention key in fighting against flu

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

It's time to start thinking about how to stay flu free.

Yearly flu vaccinations begin in September and continue throughout the influenza season into January, and beyond, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

While influenza outbreaks can happen as early as October, most influenza activity peaks in January and February.

"It seems the flu has been at a later onset than years ago when we were seeing it in December and January and now we are seeing it in February," according to Sharon McMahon, St. Mary Mercy, R.N., St. Mary Mercy Hospital Infection Prevention specialist.

The shot is usually good for six months, she says.

The vaccine will be trickling into various locations during the next couple of weeks and many more sites will be available in October.

The best way to prevent spreading the flu is to cover coughs or cough into your elbow; use tissues and toss them immediately and use good hand hygiene by washing or using alcohol rubs, McMahon said.

"If you are ill, use self-separation — stay away from coworkers and peers," she said. "Don't spread it."

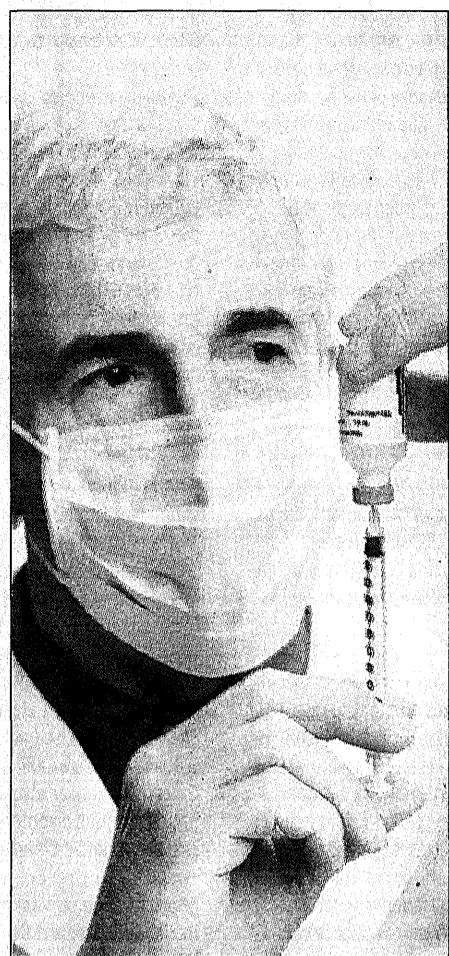
The seasonal flu vaccine shouldn't be confused with the swine flu shot, according to Barbara Harris-Ellis, deputy director Wayne County Health Department.

"I think there will be more confusion this year than last, because of the swine flu," Harris-Ellis said. "We're starting with the seasonal flu vaccine first. Getting the seasonal flu vaccine will not inoculate one against the swine flu. That's a different vaccine."

Don't wait until you get sick to take action to fight seasonal flu, according to Dr. Michael Yangouyian, Garden City Hospital, emergency medicine.

People come to the emergency room usually complaining about having a fever, body aches and coughing. But, once you have the symptoms it's too late to get immunized.

"If you come in within 24-hours of the onset of symptoms we can put you on



anti-viral medication and it will shorten the course," he said.

It depends how the patient is feeling, but most are sent home and told to drink lots of fluids, take Tylenol for body aches and rest.

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses, according to the CDC. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccination each year.

Every year on average 5-20 percent of the people living in the United States gets the flu; more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu-related complications and about 36,000 people die, the CDC reports. Older adults, young children and people with certain health conditions, like asthma, diabetes and heart disease, are at high risk for serious flu complica-

tions. Symptoms include fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle aches, stomach symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, also can occur but are more common in children than adults, the CDC says.

Complications of flu can include bacterial pneumonia, ear infections, sinus infections, dehydration, and worsening of chronic medical conditions, such as congestive heart failure, asthma, or diabetes.

Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing of people with influenza, according to the CDC. Sometimes people may become infected by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose. Most healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning one day before symptoms develop and up to 5 days after becoming sick.

The single best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu vaccination each year.

Certain people should get vaccinated each year either because they are at high risk of having serious flu-related complications, because they live with or care for high risk persons.

During flu seasons when vaccine supplies are limited or delayed, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) makes recommendations regarding priority groups for vaccination.

People who should get vaccinated each year are children 6 months through 19 years old; pregnant women; people 50 and older; people who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities; people who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu.

Consult a physician before being vaccinated if you have a severe allergy to chicken eggs; you have had a severe reaction to an influenza vaccination in the past; if you have developed Guillian-Barré syndrome (GBS) within six weeks of getting an influenza vaccine previously; children less than 6 months of age and people who have a moderate or severe illness with a fever.

For more information about seasonal flu vaccinations, go to www.cdc.gov/flu.



Walkers brave soggy weather during Angela Hospice's first Walk of Remembrance last year.

Give others a 'second chance' with walkathon

Second Chance at Life, an organization dedicated to organ donation, will hold its ninth annual Walkathon, Saturday, Sept. 12, at Hines Park in Westland.

Participants can walk, run, skate or bike — and bring leashed dogs — at their own speed. The event kicks off at 9 a.m. at the Nankin Mills Pavilion.

This family-friendly offers a noncompetitive 5K run, a 4-mile inline skate, a 10-mile bike route, and 2-mile walk. The \$15 fee includes lunch, and, for a donation of \$60 or more, participants will receive a T-shirt.

Second Chance at Life will discount the per person entry fee for teams of 10 or more. Teams that raise \$1,000 or more will receive a gift card.

Second Chance at Life provides financial support to transplant patients in Michigan who cannot otherwise afford prescriptions, medical bills, and other necessities during and/or after a transplant. It also works to increase awareness of the need for individuals to register as organ donors and supports research to improve treatment and care for transplant patients.

For more information, call (734) 748-9690 or visit www.secondchanceatlife.org.



and bereavement manager. "It was a very meaningful and uplifting experience for everyone."

Advance registration is \$20 for adults and \$5 for children 6-12. Participation is free for those 5 and under. All proceeds will benefit Angela Hospice services, including caring programs for terminally ill adults and children, and loss counseling available to the entire community without cost.

For a registration form or for more information, visit www.AskForAngela.com, or call events coordinator Barb Iovan at (734) 953-6045.

LIGHT THE NIGHT

Registration is ongoing for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's annual walk to pay tribute to those battling blood cancer. On Walk night, participants gather at dusk carrying illuminated balloons — white for survivors and patients, red for supporters and gold in memory of loved ones lost. Walks will be held Oct. 2 in Memorial Park, Woodward at 13 Mile, in Royal Oak, Oct. 10 at Community High School, 401 N. Division in Ann Arbor, and Oct. 16 in Bishop Park, Biddle and Elm, in Wyandotte. Register at www.lightthenight.org.

REMEMBERING

There's still time to register for Angela Hospice's second annual Walk of Remembrance, designed to honor, remember and celebrate deceased loved ones.

Registration will start at 8 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, on the grounds of the Felician Sisters at Madonna University, Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia. The event includes 3K and 5K routes, and activities for all ages.

The first walk last year drew 500 participants. "We were so happy with the walk last year," said Rebecca Hyman, social work

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The Botsford Hospital Cancer Center and Gilda's Club Metro Detroit have formed a partnership to bring support programs benefiting those touched by cancer to western Wayne and western Oakland counties.

Gilda's Club at Botsford programs will be led by Gilda's Club staff on Tuesdays at the Botsford Cancer Center in Farmington Hills. The programs are not limited to

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Beginning on September 15, three activities will be offered each week by Gilda's Club at Botsford. These include:

Wellness Group, a weekly support group for adult men and women living with any type of cancer, Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Family Group, a weekly support group for adult family members, caregivers and friends of people living

with cancer, Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Yoga Workshop, weekly yoga class for anyone touched by cancer, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

For additional information about Gilda's Club at Botsford, contact Gilda's Club Metro Detroit at (248) 577-0800 or Botsford Cancer Center Information at (248) 442-0482.

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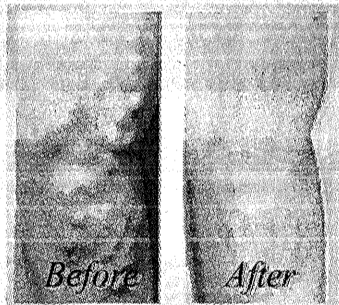


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Before I had the 2009 Toyota Venza for more than a full day, I already knew that Toyota could have a huge hit on its hands. I didn't base that opinion on anything mechanical or aesthetic about it; I hadn't even really had time to do a thorough evaluation of either.

No, I know the Venza could be a great addition to the Toyota lineup because my wife announced at dinner that all the girls in her office wanted me to bring it over so they could check it out for themselves. It's rare that my wife asks me to drive to her office just so her co-workers can see what I'm driving. After 15 years of doing this, they all know I get to drive the latest and greatest.

But the Venza produced some excitement for my wife's co-workers and if that kind of enthusiasm is any indication, the Venza could make the folks at Toyota very happy.

For the one or two of you that didn't make to my wife's office for your own quick peek, let me tell you a little bit about the Venza. The Venza (available as a FWD or AWD vehicle) is new for the 2009 model year. In its press materials, Toyota keeps referring to the Venza as a car; the sticker compares its gas mileage with SUVs, I'd categorize it as a crossover, one of the more popular and competitive segments of the auto industry lately. Although not a big as some crossovers, it's definitely more substantial than, say, a Camry. The Venza checks in at an overall height of 63.4 inches and an overall length of 189 inches.

The Venza has all the styling cues of the Toyota family. Looking at it straight-on, you can tell it's a Toyota right away, with the distinctive winged grille/headlamp combo and

the Toyota badge sitting in the center. The roof line is low and tapers off; there's angled rear hatch, spoiler and wide wrap-around tail lights.

Fog lamps, chrome exhaust tips, and color-keyed outside mirrors are standard. You can order a power moonroof, and a roof rack is available as a stand-alone option.

Nineteen-inch, 10-spoke aluminum alloy wheels are standard with the 4-cylinder version of the Venza; the V6 version gets 20-inch, five-spoke aluminum alloy wheels.

You'd expect a crossover to give you more interior space than a traditional car and the Venza delivers that. There's plenty of head, shoulder and leg room. The rear seats fold down for extra cargo room, and there's a tonneau cover for the rear cargo area.

The center console layout is a little different. The controls are high on the console and tilted at an angle. I like the audio control placement, but I found the climate controls too small and a bit too far to the right. There is a driver information center display high on the center of the dash. The cupholders in the center console are illuminated.

One of the neatest interior features is the mp3 player holder built into the center console. Located right above the cupholders, it fits your iPod or other mp3 player snugly to keep it from flying all over the cabin as you drive, while still allowing easy access to change the song.

The standard seats are cloth; Toyota gives you a couple of packages from which to choose upgraded leather seats. The standard driver's seat is power adjustable; if you get the upgraded seats, you can get power seats for the front passenger and you can heat the seats, as



The Venza, available as a FWD or AWD vehicle, new for 2009, a crossover, one of the more popular segments of the auto industry lately.

well.

If you get the upgraded seat package (\$4,345), you'll also get wood-grain style trim, leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob, power rear door, Smart Key system with push-button start (I've always had mixed feelings about push button starts, but I know lots of people like them), power heated outside mirrors and a rear back-up camera. The back-up camera is a feature I love, and I'm really starting to miss it when the cars I drive don't come with it.

Dual-zone automatic climate control is standard on the Venza, as are tilt steering wheel, remote keyless entry, cruise control, power windows, built-in garage door opener, and power locks. Two front and one cargo area 12V auxiliary power outlets are standard as well.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/six-disc CD changer with satellite radio, an auxiliary audio jack and six speakers. For another \$2,590, you can upgrade to an integrated voice-activated DVD navigation system, with JBL surround sound, hands-free phone capability and 13 speakers. Add \$1,680 to that and you get a rear seat DVD system with a nine-inch display, two wireless headphones and a remote.

The Venza comes with a choice of two engines: the standard 2.7-liter 4-cylinder rated at 182 horsepower, or the 3.5-liter V6, rated at 268 horsepower and 246 lb.-ft. of torque. Either can be ordered with FWD or AWD, and

both engines are mated with a six-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission. The V6 FWD version I drove gives smooth and quick acceleration with pretty decent fuel economy - 19 mpg in the city and 26 on the highway. You'll get a few more mpg's with the 4-cylinder, 21/29.

Crossovers tend to handle in a more car-like fashion than typical SUVs. The Venza's handling is no exception. The ride is comfortable and the electronic power steering makes it easy to handle, but the turning circle is a little wide making tight turns (like pulling into a narrow parking spot) a little tougher.

The Venza comes with ABS brakes, traction control, and vehicle stability control. It has seven airbags, including front and side rear curtain airbags.

The Venza V6 FWD starts at a little under \$28,000. Add the rear DVD system, upgraded seating package, JBL audio system (with navigation) and you're at about \$37,000. Not cheap, but if you can live without some of the toys you can get in for under \$30,000.

And feel free to drop by my wife's office to let the girls check it out.

Write auto critic Dave Menard at Avanti1054@aol.com
2009 Toyota Venza

Vehicle class: Small SUV.
Power: 3.5-liter V6 / automatic engine.
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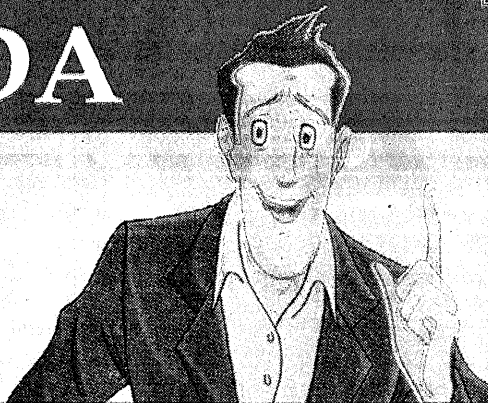
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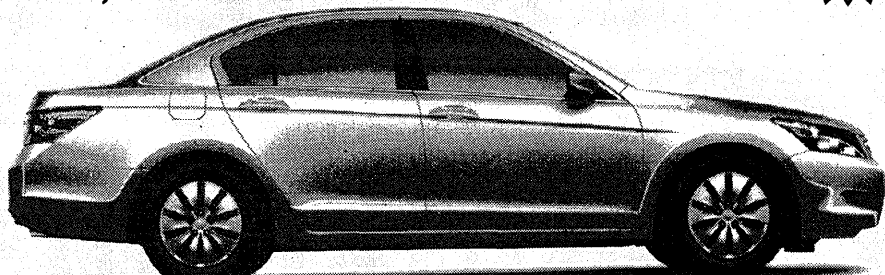
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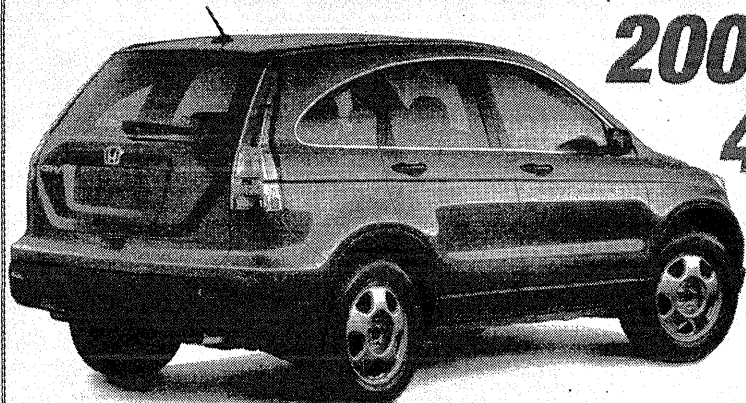
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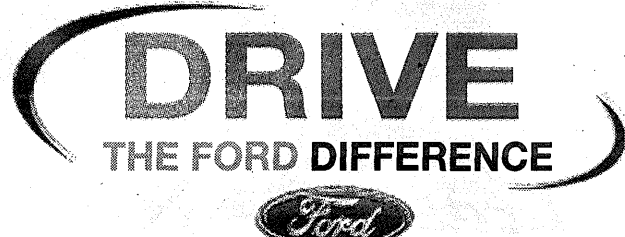
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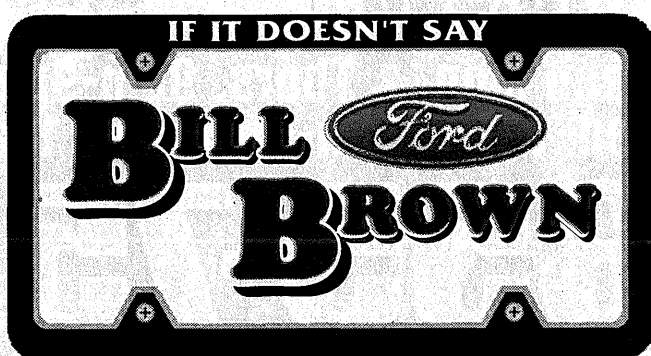
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