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Park place

Both levels of downtown Plymouth's central parking deck opened late this week, and maintenance and repairs to the deck are largely complete.

The upper level opened Tuesday after a newly applied concrete sealant had time to cure, and the lower level opened Thursday after the completion of striping, said John Buzuvis, assistant operations director at Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority, which manages the deck.

The \$225,000 project, begun in July, had limited the number of spaces available in the deck at times, and had forced the DDA to totally close the deck for part of August.

The opening of both deck levels came just ahead of this year's Plymouth Fall Festival, which began Friday.

Cox congrats

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox presented Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume with a resolution honoring the township for being cited as a Top 100 "Best Place to Live" community.



In the August issue of Money Magazine, Plymouth Township was named the 28th "Best Place to Live," making it the third time in recent years the township has received recognition for its wonderful community.

Only five other communities in Michigan were recognized this year, with Plymouth Township ranking the highest.

Purse pleasure

The Plymouth Historical Museum will benefit from patrons wishing to accessorize next weekend.

The museum hosts the "Vic's Mart Purse Benefit," 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, with 1,000 purses from Vic's Mart in downtown Plymouth on hand for purchase. The museum gets 30 percent of the proceeds.

Vic's Mart will also pick up the tab for anyone wishing to tour the museum that day.

Vic's Mart - All Things Purses is located at 470 Forest in Plymouth, and can be reached at (734) 335-7935.

For more information on the fund-raiser, call the museum, located at 155 S. Main (at Church) in Plymouth, at (734) 455-8940.

Ice fest board makes changes for 'fresh ideas'

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Next January's Plymouth ice festival will have a new producer and promoter, who says he wants to reinvigorate the show and boost community participation in it.

The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular's nonprofit governing committee approved a one-year contract Tuesday with Signature Professional Group, an events producer. The three-year contract with longtime festival producer Watts Up Inc. had expired and was not renewed, said Steve Alexandrowski, the committee's vice chairman.

"The board felt it was time for some fresh ideas," Alexandrowski

said. While "the previous producer had done a fantastic job in the past," he added, "it was time for a change."

Signature owner Sam Walton, who grew up in the area and was busy with Plymouth Community Fall Festival events Friday, said he's thrilled to be a part of the ice festival. He said he wants to increase the festival's value to Plymouth businesses and get service clubs, schools, churches and other organizations in the community more involved in it.

"We want to get back to the basics and really turn this into a world-class event for Plymouth," Walton said. "We really want to turn this back into a community festival."

Walton said that even though his contract hasn't been formally signed, he's got to hit the ground running to

get the festival going by late January. The tentative dates for the 2010 festival are Jan. 22-24.

Ice festival fund-raising, which has been slipping in recent years due to the state's poor economy, is at the top of the agenda, Walton said. He said he also wants to make it more apparent that all central Plymouth businesses can participate in the festival, not just those surrounding Kellogg Park, where most of the displays have been located.

"We want to be able to draw people around the community and we want to emphasize that all businesses are a part of it," he said.

Signature's fee will be a percentage of the money raised; Walton said it's around 20 percent.

He said it's uncertain whether Japanese ice sculptors will return for the next festival, but that he wants the show to include some kind of international element.

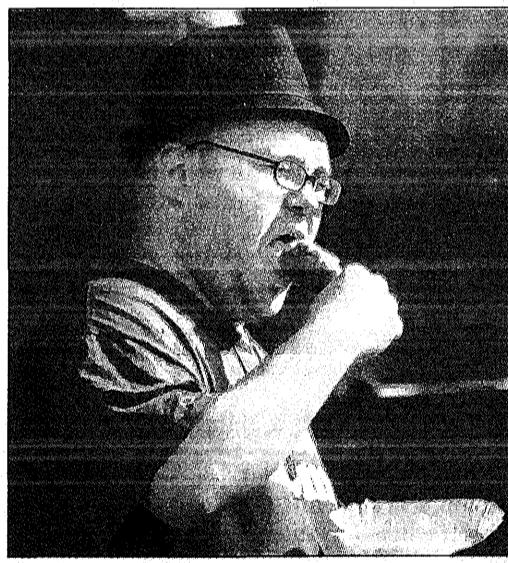
Alexandrowski said the ice festival remains vital to Plymouth.

"This is still the largest ice show in the state, to our knowledge," he said. "It brings thousands of people downtown in a slow time of year, post-Christmas. The bars and restaurants are full that weekend."

Said Walton: "It's an absolute dream of mine to be involved in something that has such a lion's share of attention downtown."

Watts Up president Mike Watts could not be reached Friday.

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Festival fun

Main Street became a midway (above) as Fall Festival began Friday afternoon. Friday and Saturday events included bingo, the 5K run, a car show, craft show, the pancake breakfast and spaghetti dinner and others. Chris Quigley (left) bites into "The best corndog I've ever had," sold by the Canton Chiefs softball team. He's from Fenton. Canton Chiefs tennis players (right) Megan Liung and Catherine Sanctornum want you to stop by for a fresh lemonade. For more on the festival, which continues Sunday, please see page A8.



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'Blast' brings bucks for breast cancer research

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mary Ary doesn't think she's all that special.

That's why Ary, a manager for the Bennigan's restaurant in Howell who helped open the Plymouth Bennigan's in 1987, was surprised to find staffers now working the Plymouth Bennigan's are holding a fund-raiser in her honor to benefit the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

The fund-raiser — Bennigan's "Blarney Blast" — is scheduled for 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Plymouth location on Ann Arbor Road near I-275.

"I don't think I'm anyone special," said Ary, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in October and whose treatment

has included three surgeries. "I feel funny being the focus. But now I'm finding out one in eight women are affected by breast cancer, so I know it's not about me. It's about helping people realize you can get through it and survive."

Lee Kempisty, the general manager at the Plymouth Bennigan's, agrees it's not all about Ary, but her struggle was the impetus behind the fund-raiser.

She said current and former employees are solidly behind the idea largely because of Ary.

"It's close to our hearts because of Mary, who is a very dear friend of ours," said Kempisty, Bennigan's general manager since October. "We're all of that age where breast cancer is becoming prevalent in our age group. Everyone has

been touched by it in one way or another."

The fund-raiser actually starts Monday, when Bennigan's starts selling \$1 and \$5 coupons. Patrons pay for the coupon and their name will be written on it, and it will be hung on the wall, much as is done in many fast-food restaurant fund-raisers.

Then, Sept. 26, Bennigan's will present a special Blarney Blast menu featuring aptly named specials such as The Best Rack in Town (baby-back ribs); Boobies on the Barbie (char-grilled chicken platter); and Smothered Breasts (smothered chicken).

The event will also feature "Boobie" prizes, and Bennigan's will refill for \$1 any old-time Bennigan's mugs presented by patrons.

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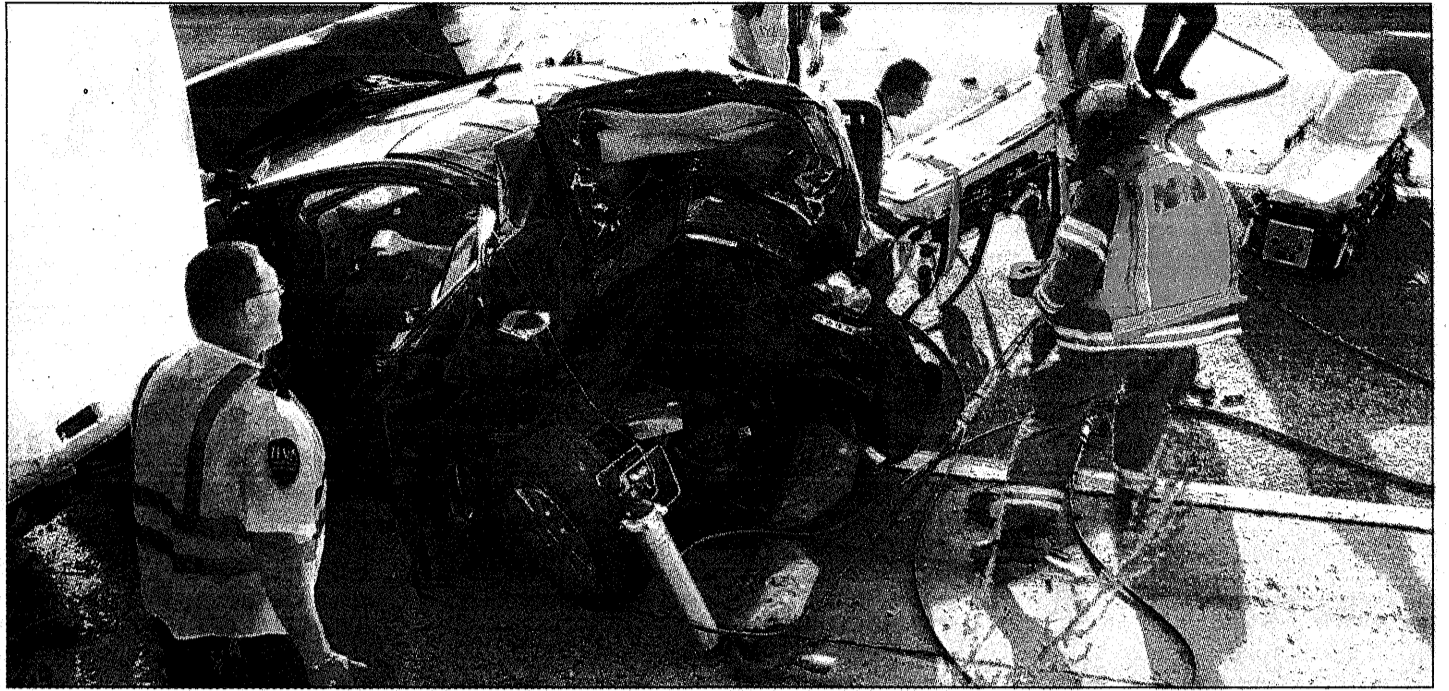
Two hospitalized after rush-hour freeway crash

Northbound I-275 was closed south of M-14 in Plymouth Township late Friday afternoon as police investigated a four-vehicle crash that left two people seriously injured.

The crash reportedly involved three passenger cars and a semi-tractor. Both of the injured people were rushed to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti, one in critical condition and one in serious condition, a trooper at the Michigan State Police Metro South post in Taylor said. The trooper did not know the victims' ages or genders.

Plymouth Township police and fire department personnel were on hand to assist; the accident investigation was being handled by the MSP.

Northbound lanes of the freeway remained closed through the rush hour and into Friday evening.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

After prying the car open with hydraulic tools, rescue workers prepare to move a victim from the remains of the Lincoln MKX that was rear ended by a semi-truck.

AROUND PLYMOUTH

"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

College planning

The Plymouth District Library hosts college and career counselor Sheryl Krasnow on Thursday, Sept. 17, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Krasnow will present "College Planning: Strategies and Timetable," a free program which will include information on college selection, testing timetables, the college application process and entrance essays. Parents and students are encouraged to attend.

Call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 to register.

Variety show

The Canton Chieftettes Pom Pon Teams present their annual variety show, "Master Music Mix," 1:30 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, in the Gloria Logan Auditorium in Salem High School.

Tickets are on sale now for \$5 and are available from Chieftette team members and parents, or they can be purchased for \$6 at the door on show day.

For more information visit the team's Web site at www.canton-chieftettes.com

AAUW meets

The Plymouth/Canton branch of the American Association of University Women invites all those interested in advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research to attend its branch meeting, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth (located on Sheldon just north of North Territorial).

The meeting will feature a presentation by Ashley Higgins on her experience at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.

AAUW membership is open to all. For more information contact Esther Nelson at enelson1c@att.net or (734) 981-4938.

Mom2Mom sale

The Plymouth Canton Mothers of Multiples host their semi-annual Mom-to-Mom sale Saturday, Sept. 26 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail, at Sheldon Road, in Plymouth.

Admission is \$1, cash only, strollers are welcome after 10 a.m. This is a department store style sale with boys and girls fall and winter clothing,

ranging in size from newborn up to size 10 along with toys, baby gear, strollers and maternity clothes.

Contact pcmomms@hotmail.com target= _blank>pcmomms@hotmail.com with any questions.

Clothing bank

The Plymouth-Canton Community School Clothing Bank, which provides clothing to needy families in the community, is now open for the school year.

The Clothing Bank is now taking donations of clean, gently used clothing and new undergarments. Hours of operation are 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday.

To make an appointment, call (734) 416-6179.

Garden club meets

The Plymouth Garden Club begins its 2009-10 meeting schedule at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14 at the Garden Club Park, located at the corner of Forest and Sutherland in the city of Plymouth.

This will be a pot-luck luncheon. Bring your own place setting & chair. For more information check out the club's Web site at www.Plymouthwnfga.googlepages.com or contact (734) 340-2062.

Lobster fest

St. John's Episcopal Church hosts 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.

Pet a Pet

PET-A-PET, Inc. is looking for enthusiastic, friendly pets and their owners to visit facilities one hour a month. Pets must be up to date with vaccinations, proof required.

Visits to Heartland-Canton on the second Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.; call Pat Glinski, (313) 278-4428. Visits to Heartland-Plymouth on the fourth Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.; call Lyn Ehrman, (734) 455-4885.

BLAST

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To help make the fundraiser a success, Kempisty and her staff reached out to former and current employees and friends of the restaurant, many of whom take part in Bennis' St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

"They all come out of the woodwork for St. Patrick's Day," Kempisty said. "We knew they'd come out to support our cause."

Frankly, the restaurant could use the exposure. Since the corporate Bennis' went out of business in July 2008, the Plymouth store — which is actually owned by LaBelle Management and was not

PARTY AT BENNIGAN'S

- **What:** 'Blarney Blast' fund-raiser for breast cancer research
- **When:** 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26
- **Where:** Plymouth Bennis', 40441 Ann Arbor Road, off Don Massey Drive
- **Why:** To raise money for the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.
- **Details:** For more information, call the restaurant, (734) 459-8907

affected by the corporate bankruptcy — has suffered "significant" business losses. Being stuck along Don Massey Drive, and with visual lines of sight from the exit ramps to I-275 blocked by a line of trees, Bennis' has

had trouble convincing people it's still open.

"Unless you drive down Don Massey Drive, you don't see us," a frustrated Kempisty said of Bennis', one of 11 Michigan stores owned by LaBelle. "Look at how many people have lost their jobs and businesses have been closed ... we get that it's the economy, too. But I had a lady approach me at Art in the Park and say, 'But you closed in July.' It's frustrating."

In an effort to modernize the restaurant, Kempisty is taking down the old Laurel and Hardy posters and the like, and are replacing such items with more contemporary fare.

They've added televisions, extended the bar and they've had a presence at many off-site

events, such as Art in the Park and the Plymouth Farmers Market.

"People don't relate to Laurel and Hardy any more," Kempisty said. "We want to have things younger people can relate to. They don't relate to Bonnie and Clyde."

She's hoping the Blarney Blast is a two-fold success, raising lots of money for breast cancer research and bringing in a new clientele to the restaurant.

"Yes, I want to give money to breast cancer, but it's also great for us," Kempisty said. "By the end of it, we may have hooked someone who will come back. It brings people in who might not even know we're here."

"We've been honest with our guests ... if we can't get you

back in here, we're going to be hurting," Kempisty added. "We don't want to close."

Meanwhile, Ary will be the focus leading up to the Sept. 26 fund-raiser. She's not entirely comfortable with that, but she understands it's for a couple of good causes — the restaurant's survival and cancer research.

And she's grateful for the support.

"I can't believe the people who came out of the woodwork," Ary said. "I'd be walking through the grocery store and these women would be hugging me. I can't tell you how many strangers hugged me. They knew how you felt and where you were coming from ... so you don't feel so alone."

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CORRECTION

An item in Thursday's Malls & Mainstreets feature should have stated:

Parisian at Laurel Park Place in Livonia will host its semi-annual Goodwill Sale Sept. 16-29. Conducted by The Bon-Ton Stores, Inc. and Goodwill Industries, the event invites custom-

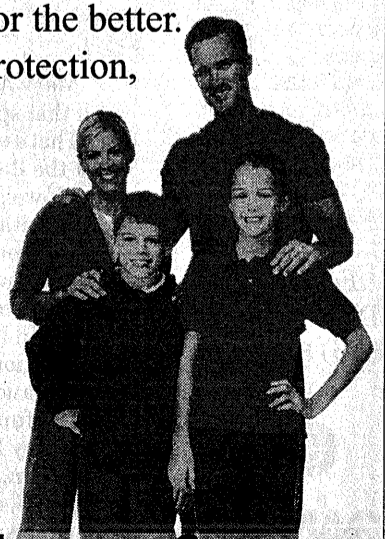
ers to donate clean, gently used clothing and home textiles. In exchange for every item, customers receive one coupon for 20 percent off on apparel, shoes and accessories merchandise and 15 percent off on cosmetics, fragrances and home store merchandise.

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A Dickens doozy

Spotlight Players bring classic play to stage

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Christopher Plum of Plymouth was a student at Northwood Elementary School nearly 30 years ago, he played the lead role in his school's production of the Charles Dickens classic *Oliver Twist*.

So when, nearly 30 years later, he found out his neighbor, Brett Moore, was playing the same role in the Spotlight Players' production *Oliver*, which opens Friday, his interest was piqued.

Plum, who helped Moore with some of the songs, decided he wanted back on stage. He auditioned for — and got — the role of bad guy Bill Sykes.

"I'm not in theater at all, I'm in education in Detroit," said Plum, who takes to the stage with more than 50 other cast members in the Spotlight Players' season opener at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. "(But) it's a real special play for me, because I was in it. It reminds me of a time that was really good. When the opportunity came along, I had to take it."

The show features a cast of local actors of all ages and follows the well-known story of an orphan (Moore) in Victorian London as he makes his way from the cruel workhouse to the even crueler streets, finding a home amidst a gang of loveable pickpockets and a best friend in The Artful Dodger (Jeffrey Selewski).

Patrons will recognize such songs as *Consider Yourself*, *As Long As He Needs Me* and *Where is Love*, made famous in part by Lionel Bart's 1968 movie adaptation.

The music is a large part of the show's charm, according to the woman who will direct the production.

"It has some very memorable songs ... we tend to get an older crowd, which we love, and they are very familiar with the music of this show," said Barbara Bloom of Novi, president of the Spotlight Players and manag-



Oliver (Brett Moore) and cast sing 'Consider Yourself' during rehearsal for the Spotlight Players production at the Village Theater.

'OLIVER!'

- **What:** The Spotlight Players' production of 'Oliver!'
- **Where:** The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton
- **When:** 8 p.m. Sept. 18 and Sept. 25; 2 and 8 p.m. Sept. 19 and Sept. 26; 2 p.m. Sept. 20 and Sept. 27
- **How much:** Tickets are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office, (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.cantonmi.org/village theater or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door. Box office opens one hour prior to showtime. Tickets are \$18/adults; \$16/seniors and students under 19.
- **Details:** For more information, (734) 480-4945 or www.spotlightplayers.org

ing director of the group's youth program. "It's a great family show, it involves lots of kids, so it's a chance to get the kids to perform with the adults. We thought it would make a really great season opener because it has such a great, broad appeal."

Like his neighbor (Plum), Brett Moore is appearing in

his first production for the Spotlight Players. Moore, though, does have experience, having been in shows as part of the Plymouth Uptown Players at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

When Moore, a singer who is a sixth-grader at West Middle School, found out the Spotlight

Players were doing a musical, he wanted in.

"I wanted to do a musical," said Moore, the son Pat and Jenny Moore. "Before the audition, (Plum) helped me sing a couple of songs. That helped."

The 54-member cast includes performers from a variety of communities, including Canton, Plymouth, Westland, Novi, Ypsilanti, New Boston, Walled Lake and Ferndale.

Family 'shocked' by Canton grad's death

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sharon Moss of Plymouth didn't know Lisa Danek all that well, though her sister had hung out with the former Plymouth-area resident some.

So Moss, and the rest of her family, were shocked to hear that Danek, 39, had been charged with second-degree murder in the stabbing death of her boyfriend (and Moss' cousin) Charles Bell Jr.

"My dad called to tell us ... we couldn't believe it," Moss said. "I think there are problems in most any relationship, but I was shocked."

Bell, a 1984 graduate of Canton High School, was found stabbed to death Sept. 3 after Big Sandy, Tenn., police responded to a 9-1-1 call that said a man had "fallen on a knife."

According to reports in *The Camden (Tenn.) Chronicle*, Danek, 39, of Big Sandy, Tenn., was taken into custody the night the body was discovered. The paper said Danek was being held without bond pending arraignment.

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation followed up with the investigation, the newspaper said, and preliminary autopsy results led to Danek being charged



Danek

with second-degree murder. She was being held in the Benton County jail without bond pending arraignment.

Big Sandy police said the situation "appeared to be a domestic situation that went bad," according to the newspaper, which reported police officers had responded to the residence in the past on domestic calls.

Though problems in the relationship were known, Bell's death stunned his family back home.

"It's tragic," said James French of Plymouth, Bell's uncle. "He had a new girlfriend and a new daughter, and he left Michigan to try and start over. He thought if they just got out of Michigan things would change. Unfortunately, they didn't."

Bell leaves behind four children, including a 3-year-old and an infant he fathered with Danek. Funeral arrangements were pending at press time.

"Now the family just needs to get together and take care of the kids," French said.

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Technological advancement

Replacement program allows district to keep up

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Plymouth-Canton students left school last June, many of them left behind aging computers rapidly becoming obsolete in an age of ever-advancing technology.

By the time they returned to the classrooms Tuesday, the oldest computers had been replaced with new ones as part of a plan to keep the district abreast of technology.

District officials got started on the 10-year plan this year by replacing more than 1,700 computers which were 7-years-old or older - many of which were more than 9 years old - and replacing them with newer models compatible with current software.

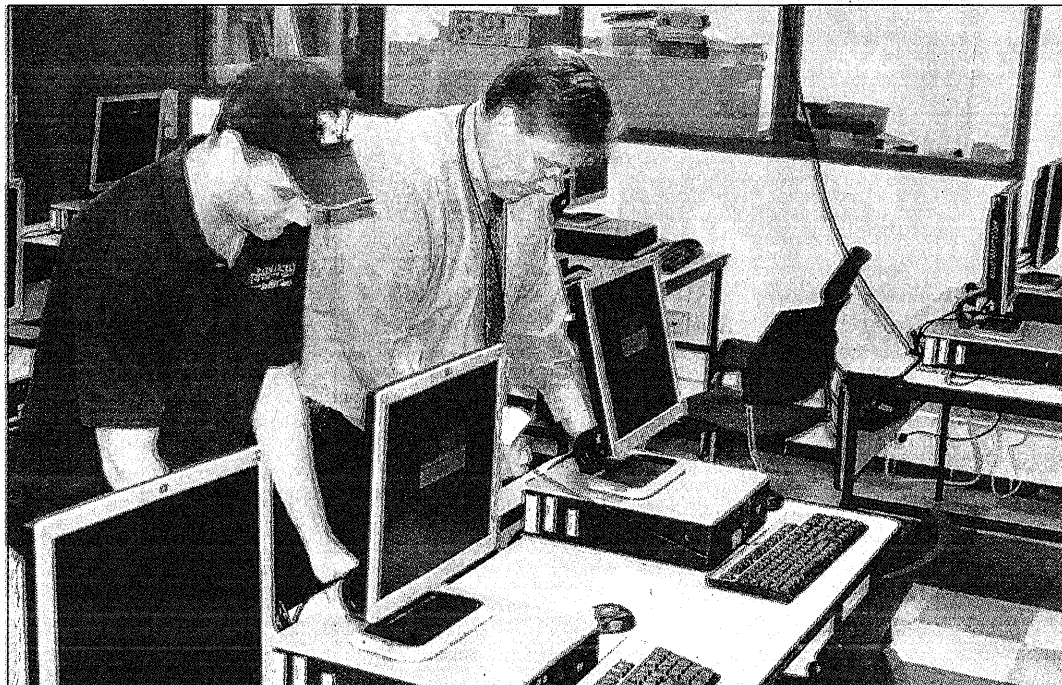
"They no longer operated with all the new applications ... they were slow," said Jim Casteel, the district's director of information technology. "Teachers use them more and more for instruction. They need computers that can support the curriculum."

The \$1.1 million replacement project was paid for through federal dollars and by money freed up when the district's telephone lease ran out. Money also was freed up, officials said, because many of the projects undertaken under the 2004 bond program came in on time and under budget.

"You can't underestimate how well we've taken care of the bond money," said Frank Ruggierello, the district's director of communications. "That's what makes programs like this possible."

The plan, according to Casteel, is designed to:

- Support the delivery of instruction through the use of



Jim Casteel and Mike Kubus install new computers - part of a district-wide replacement program - in the Salem High School Media Center.



Mike Kubus makes sure one of the new computers is up and running.

technology;

- Provide both students and teachers with the tools needed to succeed;
- Provide the latest hard- and software technology for both teachers and students and, perhaps most importantly;
- Give the district a "sustainable equipment replacement plan."

"Technology changes, and you have to meet the needs of the teachers and the students," Casteel said. "More and more instruction is dependent on using the Internet to get information."

"Without new tools, students won't be able to function and they won't have the tools when they go out into the work force."

Not surprisingly, the biggest replacements came at the high schools, where Plymouth got 337 new machines, Salem got 356 and Canton got 337. The elementary and middle schools got replacements ranging from 11 to 68 per building.

The plan leaves computers in the classrooms with two workstations, a capability that can be expanded to four workstations, allowing teachers

and students to get maximum effort out of each machine.

"It allows for higher-end machines to be fully used," Casteel said. "This allows more students to connect to each computer."

The plan, which replaces between 100 and 625 computers per year through 2018 and which will be paid for through the E-Rate money and IP savings, gives district officials a clear look at their technology needs long into the future.

"Now you know what you need to replace, based on age," Ruggierello said. "You also know where the money is coming from to replace it."

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Madonna University

• Named to Madonna University's Dean's List in recognition for superior academic achievement during the Spring/Summer 2009 term were the following Canton residents:

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- Ann Espinoza
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- Melissa Elizabeth Povlich
- Johanne Ray-Hepp
- Alyson M. Sloane
- Liza M. Terkoski
- Robin Marie Tramel
- Sarah Tupacz
- Brittany L. Warner
- Christine Diane Zuerner

• Named to Madonna University's Dean's List in recognition for superior academic achievement during the Spring/Summer 2009 term were the following Plymouth residents:

- Kathleen F. Carty
- Rachel Choate
- Marina Dalkovska
- Kristi Nicole Durkin
- Karie Ann Eichhorn
- Kyle T. Harold
- Erika Lynn Henaughen
- Kendall Marie Henaughen

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Scott Richard Kus
Chris LeBlanc
Jennifer Jean Machnee
Carla Momongan
Cynthia Marie Richter
Angela Savastano
Sarah Elizabeth Sherwood
Mary Angela Stock

Walsh College

Walsh College Graduates 496 at 93rd Commencement; Canton resident Robert J. Mullenax, who earned a master of business administration from Walsh College in Troy, was the second-place graduate recipient of the college's Charles M. Bauervic Foundation Writing Award for best research paper on the free enterprise system.

Walsh College honored 496 graduates at its 93rd commencement ceremony.

Grand Valley State University

Sarah Thomas and Paige Visser, both of Canton, were recipients of Faculty Scholarships to Grand Valley State University.

To be considered, the recipient must have a 3.6 high school grade point average, a minimum ACT score of 29, and attend a scholarship competition. The award is renewable for three consecutive additional years with a minimum of a 3.5 GPA or better.

Thomas is the daughter of Timothy and Donna Thomas. Visser is the daughter of Dave and Maureen Visser.

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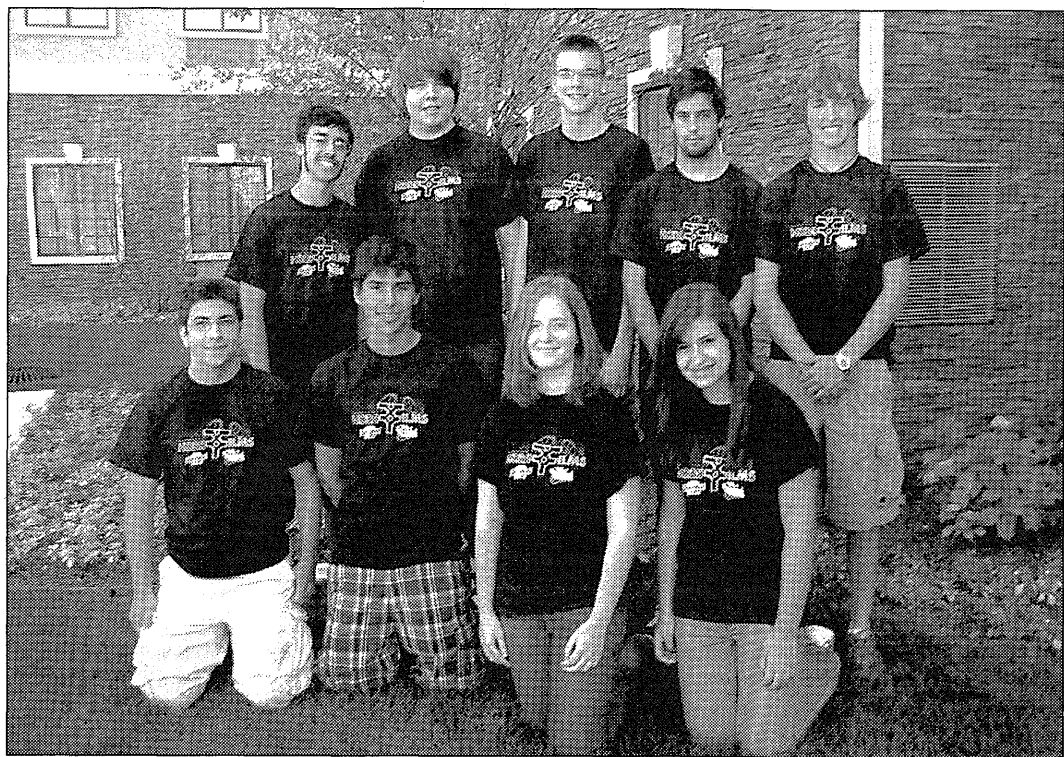
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Members of the Fresh Film-Detroit film crew include (front, from left) Joe Wafer of Plymouth, Ben Corona of Plymouth Township, Kristen Riggs and Danielle Allen of Canton, and (back) Nick Rossano of Detroit, Jesse Gilbert of Shelby Township, Eric Schendel of Canton, Peter Kangas of Iowa City, Iowa, and Garrett Roodbergen of Vicksburg. Their movie didn't win, but it got good reviews.

Teens don't win, but get positive reviews for film

They didn't win a national movie contest, but a young film crew including five Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township teens still scored positive reviews for *Zero to Hero*.

"Very simple yet intriguing. Camera work was top notch," wrote Adam McKay, writer-director whose credits include *Anchorman* and *Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby*.

"Easy story, great character set up," said writer-producer Chris Henchy of *Land of the Lost*.

Reviews by McKay and Henchy appeared on a Web site for Fresh Films, the nation's top filmmaking com-

petition for teens.

In a week-long competition that ended Wednesday, a Detroit-area teen film crew competed in online voting on fresh-films.com against young filmmakers from Dallas and Orlando, in hopes of garnering the most votes for a superhero short film.

The Orlando team won, but the local film crew already had said they were honored to be chosen among thousands of applicants nationwide to shoot

Zero to Hero, about a quiet, bullied high school guy who becomes an unlikely hero.

The local film crew included Danielle Allen, Kristen Riggs and Eric Schendel of Canton; Ben Corona of Plymouth Township; Joe Wafer of Plymouth; Nicholas Rossano of Detroit; Jesse Gilbert of Shelby Township; Garrett Roodbergen of Vicksburg; and Peter Kangas, who came all the way from Iowa City, Iowa, to join the fun

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Civil War veteran to be remembered Sunday

A memorial service will be held for Civil War veteran Abner Delos Austin, a lifelong Livonia resident, at 5 p.m. Sunday in Clarenceville Cemetery.

The ceremony is being coordinated by local Civil War living historians and will be attended by Austin's great-grandson Edward V. Austin, formerly of Northville, and his great-great-granddaughter Kristina Austin Scarcelli, a resident of Canton Township.

"I am very proud of Abner," Austin Scarcelli said, "and I enjoy sharing that pride with others. Yet I'm filled with sadness, too, each time I visit Abner's grave because so many who fought to protect our freedom have been forgotten."



Abner Delos Austin

singer/songwriter/recording artist, Austin Scarcelli will present a vocal performance of *God Bless America* in honor of her great-great-grandfather.

Austin volunteered for enlistment in the U.S. Army in 1862 at age 16. He was living on a family farm at Six Mile and Inkster roads. He became a private in Company I of the 24th Michigan Infantry of the famous Iron Brigade. He served in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, where he was wounded July 1, 1863. Abner Austin was honorably discharged in 1865 and was a member of

the Grand Army of the Republic until his death in Livonia in 1901.

The Union victory at Gettysburg, July 1-3, 1863, was the turning point of the Civil War which had, until then, largely favored the Confederates. Austin's bravery on that first day of fighting played a part in that turning point, according to Mike Gillett, captain of the Fort Wayne Battalion, an umbrella group of Michigan Civil War re-enactors, and one of the coordinators of the event.

Gillett became acquainted with Austin's story while looking for headstones of Civil War veterans in Clarenceville Cemetery in the winter of 2008. He stumbled upon a memorial plaque left by Austin Scarcelli on Austin's grave. He later contacted Austin Scarcelli through a Google

search and shared his appreciation of her efforts in keeping her ancestor's memory alive.

Austin Scarcelli became fascinated with the Civil War as a young girl. Her interest in her genealogy was later fostered by her high school American history teacher. With the help of an aunt, Austin Scarcelli began unraveling the details of her great-great-grandfather's life as well as that of his older brother, Charles W. Austin, who served in the 5th Michigan Cavalry in Gen. George Armstrong Custer's "Wolverine" Brigade. Charles Austin also saw active duty at Gettysburg and was later a prisoner for 10 months in the infamous Andersonville prison camp.

"I might never have known that Abner existed had it not been for my high

school history teacher, who impressed so strongly upon me how important it is to have a 'relationship' with my ancestors," Austin Scarcelli said.

Gillett, a self-proclaimed aficionado of old cemeteries, said each grave has a story. "Not all can be told. But we must do what we can with those we can," he said. "We re-enactors are both teachers and torch bearers."

The memorial, which will include an authentic Civil War musket volley, will be attended by members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Clarenceville Cemetery is on the south side of Eight Mile Road between Middlebelt and Inkster roads in Livonia.

Right at home - BaseLine Folk Society finds new roots in Plymouth

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Metro Detroit folk fans will be visiting Plymouth on a regular basis with the addition of a coffeehouse-style music series to the local arts scene.

The BaseLine Folk Society, which brings together amateur and professional folk, traditional and acoustic musicians for monthly open-microphone concerts, opens its fifth season Saturday at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts — the Plymouth Community Arts Council building on Sheldon Road.

BaseLine — the name refers to the thoroughfare of the same name (also known as Eight Mile) and the music from the deep-toned stringed instrument — had made its

home at the Northville Art House but had outgrown that venue, said founder Mike Mullen.

Mullen says his definition of folk music is broad, with the emphasis on acoustic instruments.

"We're really not interested in the labels. It's kind of the old saying, 'You know it when you see it,'" said Mullen, who plays guitar, mountain dulcimer and Celtic harp.

BaseLine's coffeehouses feature up to eight open-microphone performers, who sign up on a first-come basis (those who don't make the list are guaranteed a spot the next month), plus a half-hour feature performance by an established musician or group. There's a host, too, who also performs.



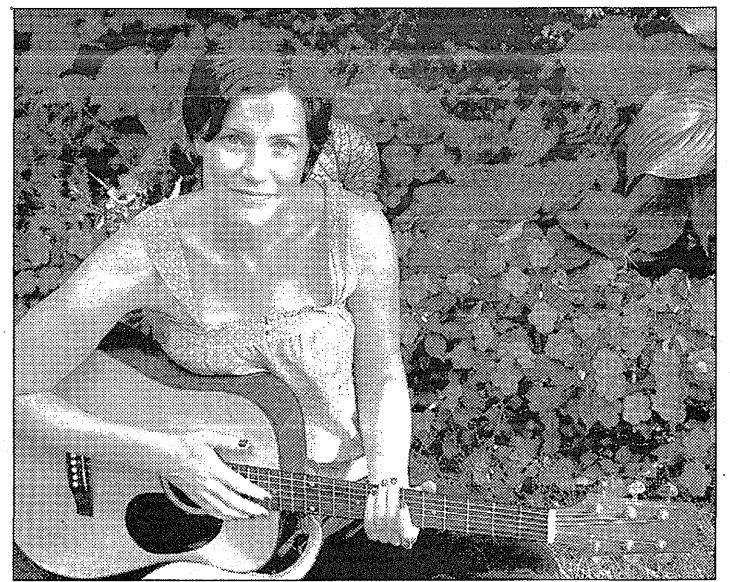
The folk group Circle of Friends, who reprise the music of Peter, Paul and Mary, will be the featured performers on Saturday when the BaseLine Folk Society opens its fifth season at its new home, the Plymouth Community Arts Council. From left are George Stewart, Mary Foley, Dean Barnett and Gordon MacDonald.

Shows are 7 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month, through May. Circle of Friends, which offers a tribute to 1960s folk legends Peter, Paul and Mary, is the feature group for the season opener, and the host is Susan Hoy, a Northville singer-songwriter.

The open mic segments, Mullen said, draw everyone

from beginning performers to professionals who want to try out new material. At least half, he said, perform original music.

The feature performers, he said, come from a variety of styles; Mullen said he tries to listen to audiences and that his own taste is secondary when it comes to picking the



Northville singer-songwriter Susan Hoy will host the BaseLine Folk Society's season opener, 7 p.m. Saturday at the Plymouth Community Arts Council building. With a growing audience, BaseLine, which offers coffeehouse-style open-microphone performances on the third Saturday of each month, is relocating to Plymouth after four seasons at the Northville Art House.

headliners. "There's a lot of really interesting acoustic music going on," he said.

Audiences, he said, are very much into the music and supportive of the performers.

"The audiences that we have they are always so encouraging — and they listen," Mullen said.

BaseLine was an informal group for its first four years,

with Mullen and a core of volunteers, but Mullen said the group is getting more organized, including applying for nonprofit status, putting together a governing board and building a Web site.

BaseLine will be offering memberships for the first time; they're \$25 for individuals and \$50 for families and good for the entire season. Nonmembers pay a \$5 cover charge at the door.

BaseLine's season opener at its new home, the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, is at 7 p.m. Saturday. Open mic performers can register between 6:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. The building is at 774 North Sheldon, at Junction, Plymouth.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH AMENDMENT TO WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-2009-10

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. C-2002-01, CODIFIED AS SECTIONS 73.040H AND 73.050 A, B, AND C OF ARTICLE I, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH; PROVIDING FOR WATER RATES; PROVIDING FOR SEWER SYSTEM RATES; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF UNENFORCEABLE PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR PRESERVATION OF EXISTING CHARGES, RATES AND ENFORCEMENT ACTION(S); PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Ordinance C-2002-01 codified as Sections 73.040H through 73.050 A, B and C of Article I of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Plymouth are amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE.

73.040. Water Rates.

A. through G. Unchanged.

H. Other Charges. This section provides for the new construction water rates.

73.050. Sewer System Rates. This section provides for sewer disposal use rates, minimum sewage rates and single residences unmetred water rates.

SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

This section provides that any person that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 3. REPEAL.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violations of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office Clerk of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

Joe Bridgman, CMC
Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2009 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2009 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

Application 1466, The applicant is in the ARC zoning district and is proposing to have neon window signage in each of the tenant spaces per each tenant needs. The applicant is asking for a variance that prohibits neon to allow each tenant to have neon window signage.

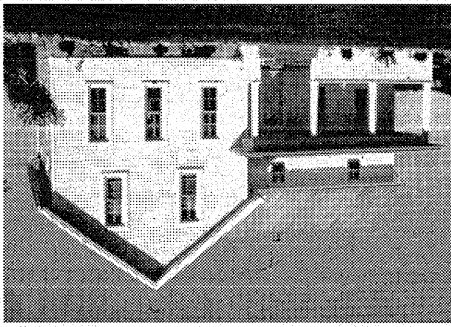
Application 1467, The applicant is in an R-1 zoning district and is proposing a 12 x 30 rear addition to the existing home. The minimum required rear yard setback is fifty (50) feet; this proposed addition would create a rear yard setback of forty (40) feet, encroaching into the required rear yard setback by ten (10) feet. The applicant is asking for a rear yard setback variance of ten (10) feet

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

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Police crack larceny case, expect trio to be charged

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Police expect felony charges against three people, two 16-year-old boys and a 20-year-old woman, who were questioned Tuesday in connection with dozens of larcenies from unlocked vehicles in Plymouth.

Valuables such as i-Pods, satellite-based navigation systems, video game equipment and cash were reported stolen Tuesday from about 35 vehicles parked on streets, in

driveways and, in at least one case, an open garage on the city's north side, north of Penniman Avenue, said Police Chief Wayne Carroll. The thefts occurred Monday night, Carroll said.

"We were getting hit hard" and officers were taking report after report, Carroll said. In addition, several people called police to say their vehicles had been gone through, but did not want to file formal reports, the chief said.

Police began to crack the case

about noon Tuesday, Carroll said, after getting a call about a suspicious person.

A 16-year-old boy was found asleep in a vehicle parked on Evergreen near Farmer, and, in plain view in the vehicle, officers saw some of the items of the kind that had been reported stolen, Carroll said.

The vehicle's registration led police to a house in Plymouth, and police used a warrant to search the house, finding many more of the stolen items, Carroll said. A 16-year-old boy

there was questioned and his 20-year-old sister arrested, Carroll said.

"They've all given us statements about their participation," the chief said. The woman was later released pending further investigation.

Many of the stolen items have been recovered, and police are working to inventory them, link them to specific theft reports and have the owners claim them. Information on each case must be compiled before warrant requests are sought.

Some items, such as wallets or

purses from which valuables had been taken, and a telescope taken from one vehicle, are believed to have been thrown away, Carroll said.

Carroll praised his officers credit for breaking the case, saying that vehicle burglaries are typically tough to solve unless someone is caught in the act or can be traced later through a pawn slip.

"A little bit of luck and a lot of hard work," the chief said.

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Socially responsible investing can deliver solid returns

Q: Dear Rick: My husband and I have been investing for about 20 years. On the whole we've done pretty well. I know you've written about socially responsible investing in the past. I want to change our portfolio and make it more socially responsible. My husband doesn't want to make any changes. His thought is if we invest in a socially responsible manner, we won't make as much money. We have been fans of yours for years and we trust your opinion. If we invest in a socially responsible manner, how much will our return suffer?



Money Matters
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A: In the past, socially responsible investing underperformed more traditional investments. However, that is no longer the case. In the past, there weren't many socially responsible investments and there was no competition in that sector.

Over the last couple decades there has been an explosion in the number of investment alternatives for the socially responsible investor. In fact, in the mutual fund arena, there are socially responsible mutual funds in just about every asset class.

It used to be that if you were a socially responsible investor you could not invest internationally or in index funds, but that 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.

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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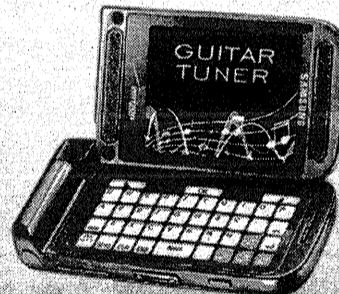
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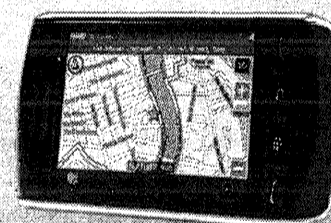
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54th Fall Festival revs up in Plymouth

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Greeted by sunshine that poked its way through cloudy skies, the 54th annual Plymouth Community Fall Festival opened Friday afternoon.

The festival, which continues through Sunday in central Plymouth, offers free entertainment, meals and snacks, carnival rides, a craft fair, an antique and classic car show and more. It's a major fundraiser for local service clubs, school band and sports boosters and other organizations.

"I just love the whole environment, the wonderful people and all the kids enjoying themselves," said Susan Rebmann of Plymouth, who was visiting the festival Friday afternoon with her chihuahua, Chico.

Rebmann said she's been attending Fall Festival since she was about 12 years old — more than 20 years. She said the event provides the area with a sense of community.

In the craft show on Union Street, Heather Wright was selling bowls, bracelets and purses made out of used vinyl records, plus hair clips and jewelry made from other recycled items, like water bottles and plastic milk jugs. Wright, who has many tattoos, calls her business Painted Lady

FALL FEST CONTINUES

The 54th Fall Festival continues today (Sunday) with the 5K fun run, which starts on Farmer at Theodore at 8 a.m., and ends at the Central Middle School track; the annual Rotary Chicken Barbecue and the car show.

Trashions. "I'm all about recycling," she said.

The craft show, along with some of the food booths, were among the best-attended festival events Friday afternoon; other areas, such as the dining areas in Kellogg Park, were still being set up.

Wright, who's been making the area art show for just three months, said her booth had attracted some shoppers. "I've done all right so far" for a Friday afternoon, she said.

Down the street, Peggy Seven displayed many of her folk-art paintings of village and landscape scenes. With no formal training, she's only been painting for 16 months, she said.

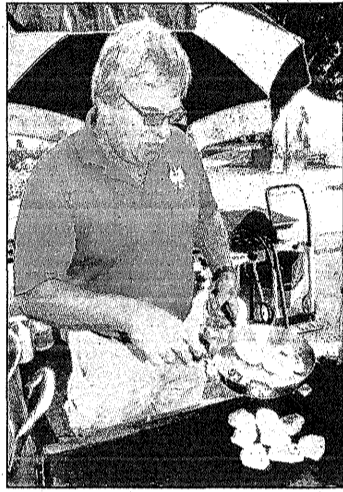
"I just decided I wanted to try painting," said Seven. It's just her second festival, said Seven, who called her artistic inspiration "a message from God."

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Jeni Ogle enjoys cotton candy with friends Deven Hill and Kelsey Tomei.



Nothing says Fall Festival like a plate of potato pierogis from the Polish Centennial Dancers. John Wioncek fries them up.



Artist Peggy Seven began painting a year ago.



Rick Decker and Scooter of Plymouth check out Fall Festival on Friday afternoon. Scooter thinks it smells pretty good.

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Pay(ter) dirt for Canton in 49-7 romp

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The bleachers on both sides of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Turf Field were jammed Friday night for a highly anticipated tilt between two of the park's inhabitants.

But all it took was 1:11 for the Canton varsity football field to strike twice against Plymouth and the Chiefs were off to the races — literally — in a 49-7 romp.

On the opening play from scrimmage, Canton senior running back Adam Payter took the handoff from senior quarterback Kevin Delapaz and burst through the defense. Payter didn't stop, galloping 80 yards for the touchdown.

"I couldn't believe it," Payter said about the first of Canton's many big gainers out of a T-formation of three backs lined up behind Delapaz.

After the Wildcats had a three-and-out offensive series, losing a fumble at their own 30 (recovered by junior Bryden

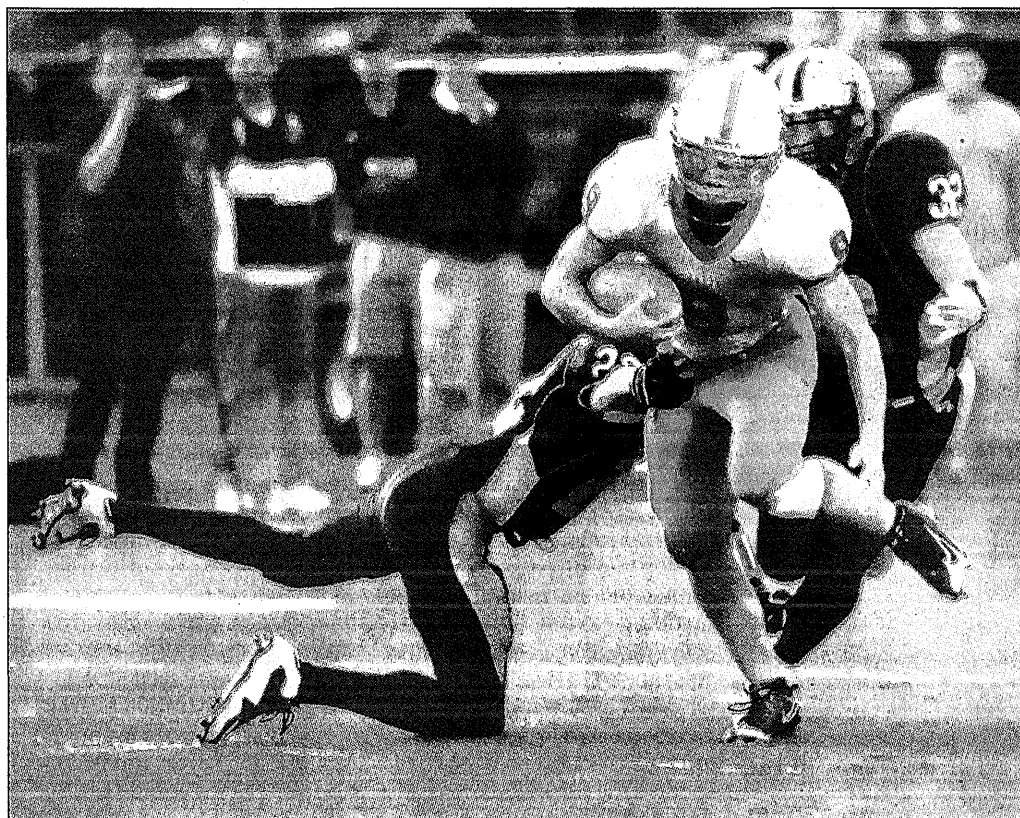
Garrett), it was Payter again. He took the ball down to the 17 on the first play and scored his second TD of the game on the next to make it 14-0 in rapid fashion.

GETTING THE JUMP

"What we wanted to do was jump on them quick," said Canton head coach Tim Baechler, whose team improved to 3-0 and 1-0 in the KLAAs South Division. "Get a great start and take the emotion and intensity they were going to come out with and take it right out of their sails and jump on them fast."

"I didn't know it would be that fast. It was a bonus." Payter had a lot to do with the way the game went, rushing 12 times for 220 yards.

But the 5-foot-9, 175-pound back said it was all about the team getting pumped up for the PCEP rival as well as solid execution up front by his blockers.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ripping through Plymouth's defense as he did all night Friday is Canton running back Adam Payter (No. 9). Trying in vain to stop him are Wildcat defenders James Emminger (No. 32) and Jacob Morris.

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Defense revs up Chiefs

VOLLEYBALL

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

This year's Canton varsity volleyball team plans on diving and scraping to victory as much as possible and Wednesday provided a snapshot of that as the Chiefs swept Westland John Glenn.

Despite a slow start that Canton head coach Mary Kryska owed to the team not having its customary early season tournaments to sharpen up, the Chiefs came away with wins of 26-24, 25-23 and 25-9 in the KLAAs South Division and regular season opener. "We struggled (early in the

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CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW - PT. 1

Young Salem squad set to step it up

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A quality nucleus, led by senior captain Jordyn Moore, more than makes up for the fact that Salem varsity girls cross country head coach Dave Gerlach doesn't have the kind of numbers he had earlier during his 15-year tenure.

"This is the fewest number of athletes I've ever had," said Gerlach, with 23 girls on a squad that until a few years ago boasted 35 or more.

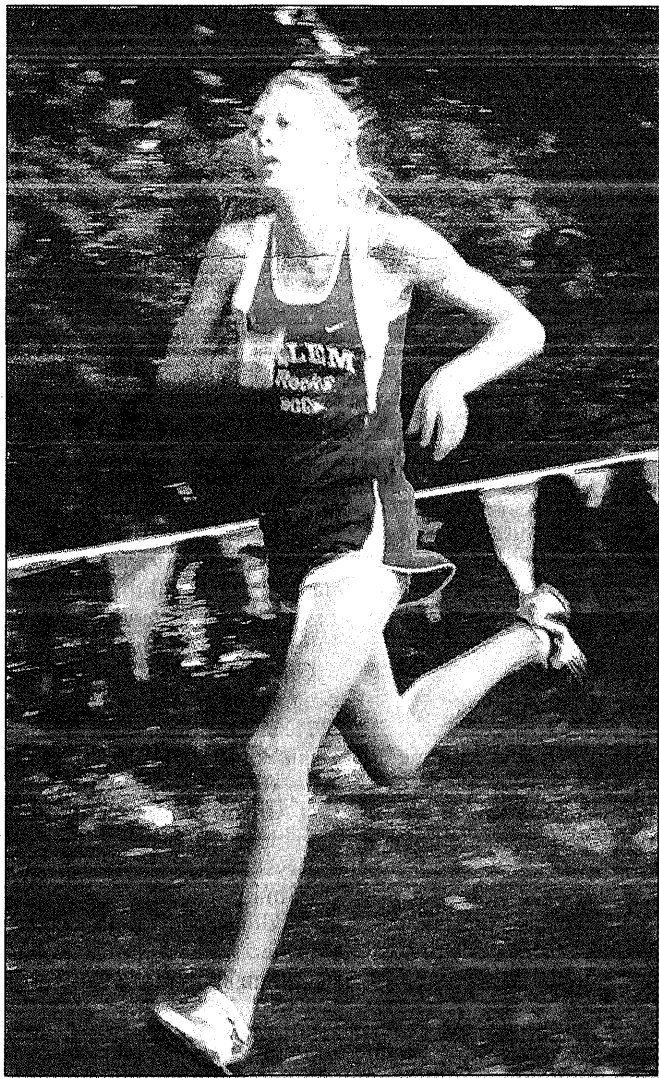
But numbers aren't everything if talent isn't there. Gerlach does have plenty of that among his top returnees.

There is Moore in the front of the pack. She is a returning state qualifier and first-team All-Observer selection who tallied a personal-best mark of 19:25.9 in 2008.

"She (Moore) really does set the tone," Gerlach said. "She knows what she wants and as a leader, she's trying to make sure everybody else is on the same page."

Gerlach said Moore is a very determined, "goal-oriented person" and so is junior Victoria Tripp — another Salem returnee who was a state qualifier and first-team All-Observer selection last year. Tripp will be looking to best her previous top mark of 19:27.1 seconds.

The Rocks will be relying on the efforts of junior returnee Kara Booms and sophomore returnees Kelly Kerwin and Autumn Burin as they work to contend in the KLAAs Central Division and Kensington Conference.



Jordyn Moore of Salem is looking to repeat her state-qualifying success of a season ago.

Salem placed second and fifth, respectively, in the division and conference in 2008.

Promising newcomers who could help the squad right away include freshmen Shannon Flynn, Alexis Foley and Adelaida Jepperson.

Gerlach said there is plenty of potential to make some noise, perhaps beginning

with Tuesday's meet against Northville at Cass Benton Park.

"I don't know where this team is going to go," he pointed out. "I know where this team *wants* to go. The attitude is wonderful and they've worked very hard."

"The thing I keep telling

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WALT DMOCH

Here's a player to watch this season at Compuware Arena — center Tyler Seguin, one of the Whalers who attends high school at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Tyler-made

NHL prospect Seguin to set pace for Whalers

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For two decades, it's been Hockeytown thanks to the dominance of the Detroit Red Wings.

But it's also been Hockeytown-West with the Plymouth Whalers of the OHL also stringing together season after season of playoff-brand pucks.

Season 20 for the Whalers



starts this week and head coach Mike Vellucci is as enthusiastic as ever.

"Every year they pick us for the middle of the pack and we end up at the top of the pack."

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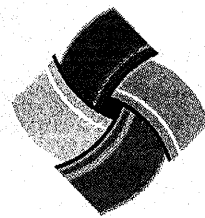
Vellucci said during a recent interview at Compuware Arena. "Twenty years in the league and we've only missed the playoffs one time and that was the first year we had a franchise."

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Salem gridders bow to Livonia Stevenson

Livonia Stevenson pulled away in the second half to earn its first football victory of the season with a 34-7 triumph over Salem at the Plymouth JV field.

The Spartans, now 1-2 overall and 1-0 in the KLA Central, led 14-7 at halftime.

Stevenson jumped out to a 6-0 advantage after one quarter on Mike Beyer's 3-yard TD run, but Salem came back with a TD in the second quarter.

Stevenson's John Pauley then answered on an 11-yard run to make it 14-6 after senior Austin White ran in for the two-pointer.

The Spartans put it away with a pair of White runs, 5

and 3 yards, in the third quarter. Stevenson's Troy Whalen also returned an interception 31 yards for a scored in the final quarter.

"We're just glad to get a win," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said.

Defensive standouts for the Spartans included inside linebacker Duran Onwuemene, outside linebacker Mike Roy and defensive back Bryan Koessler.

The loss drops Salem to 0-3 overall and 0-1 in the KLA Central.

Salem head coach Kurt Britnell could not be reached for comment on Friday night.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 9 WAYNE MEMORIAL 0

Sept. 10 at Plymouth

No. 1 singles: Aaron Zhang (P) defeated Brandon Harnos, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 2:** Matt Dwan (P) def. Michael Gabriel, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Pat Bailey (P) def. Zach Williamson, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:** Andy Mitchell (P) def. Zach Lankton, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Drew Leist-John Lopus (P) def. Stephen Gush-Jeremy Powell, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 2:** Ian Fleming-Grant Senkbiel (P) def. Josh Estep-C.J. Kulas, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 3:** Hank Eckhardt-Cam Earls (P) def. Stephen McNamara-Michael Battaglia, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:** Josh Heinze-David Choos (P) def. Micheil-Hood-Josh Higgs, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 5:** John Halpin-Sourdeep Baudyopydyar, 6-2, 6-0.

Plymouth's dual match record: 4-0 overall, 4-0 in the KLA.

PLYMOUTH 8 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1

Sept. 9 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Aaron Zhang (P) defeated Stephen Payne, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 2:** Walter Woods (LF) def. Matt Dwan, 6-3, 6-0; **No. 3:** Pat Bailey (P) def. Aaron York, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 4:** Andy Mitchell (P) def. Tim Crouson, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Kyle Brzezinski-John Lopus (P) def. Joe Trudell-Bill Shafer, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 2:** Drew Leist-Grant Senkbiel (P) def. Peter Lee-Joe Kosinski, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 3:** Hank Eckhardt-Ian Fleming (P) def. Mike Kaplan-Alex Wood, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 4:** Josh Heinze-David Choos (P) def. Chase Semonick-Conner Benson, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 5:** Jason Guck-Cameron Earls (P) def. Joe Batas-Austin Tarplin, 6-4, 6-0.

Plymouth's dual match record: 3-0 overall, 3-0 in the KLA.

SALEM SPLITS: On Wednesday against Novi, Salem's Brett Foster won at No. 1 singles over Carson Crandall but the Rocks lost 8-1. Thursday saw Salem earn an 8-1 triumph over visiting South Lyon. All Salem flights were victorious except No. 3 singles.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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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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 in 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.

Sunday Night Mixers

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

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

Cool happenings

Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena continues to be a busy place. Open skating sessions through Nov. 7 will take place 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.

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.

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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).

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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).

Scoring's no problem for PCEP teams

SOCCER

Canton scored nine goals on 9-09-09 — six in the first half — and went on pummel host Westland John Glenn 9-1 in a Wednesday matchup of KLA South varsity boys soccer teams.

Tallying twice each for the Chiefs (5-1-2, 2-0-0) were freshman midfielders Bobby Budlong, Daniel Ovesea, sophomore defender Tyler Wittingham and sophomore forward Mitch Posuniak with junior forward Phil Baciak chipping in with a single goal.

John Glenn's Nelson Kenne scored on a penalty kick, which at that time made it a 2-1 game.

"Then had the PK to make it 2-1 and we worked hard and took over with the finishing to put some goals in the net," said Canton head coach George Tomasso, who called it "another good division win for us."

Splitting goalkeeping duties were senior Kai Walthers and junior Brandon Laabs.

Wildcats mercy Wayne

Host Plymouth routed Wayne Memorial 8-0 on Wednesday to improve to 3-3-1 overall and 1-0-1 in the KLA South.

The game ended early in the second half due to the eight-goal mercy rule. Earning the shutout was senior Josh Hill.

Registering the three-goal hat trick for the Wildcats was junior midfielder Nick Russ. Adding two was senior midfielder Dan Conklin, while senior defender Dan Jasewicz and freshman Brenton Zuzo (in his varsity debut) also scored.

"As a freshman he looked good in the tryouts," said Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich, about bringing Zuzo up from the junior varsity, adding that the youngster played well.

Shutout for Salem

Sasa Miskovic made four saves Thursday as Salem blanked South Lyon East, 2-0 in a KLA Central varsity boys soccer match.

For the Rocks (5-2-2, 2-0-0), Dan Adsit got his team on the board with a first-half goal with Mohammad Pourmandi adding on an insurance marker in the second half.

Assisting on both goals was Alex Tramel.

Cats break 9-hole school mark

GIRLS GOLF

With Kelsey Murphy's score of 42 leading the charge, the Plymouth varsity girls golf team set a new school record for a nine-hole match on Friday in a 185-209 victory over Livonia Franklin at Idyl Wild Golf Course.

Murphy wasn't the only Wildcat to break 50, as Sara Thompson and Chloe Marentic registered scores of 44 and 49 strokes, respectively.

Chipping in with a 50 was Maggie Furlong, with Mandy

Kirsch right behind her with a 51. The sixth Plymouth score was Christy Pattison's 60.

Franklin's top golfer was Alexis Smith, who tallied a 47.

Plymouth improved to 3-0 on the season heading into a very busy week. The Wildcats will host Canton, Westland John Glenn and Livonia Churchill over three days beginning Monday.

VOLLEYBALL

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match) to find the open spots and execute a good offense," Kryska explained. "We didn't make very good offensive decisions, but we never hung our heads low."

But Canton improved as the match went on and wound up winning convincingly in the third game.

Strong defense and serve-receive were key elements to the triumph.

"This year our motto for defense is 'don't think, just go' and there were a few great dives that no one thought would make it back over the net and they did," said Kryska, about the way Canton battled against the Rockets. "We won a lot of long rallies which I was happy about."

Defensive standouts included Lauren Macuga (27 digs), Kristen Muir (14 digs) and Jordan Kieley (10 digs).

They also contributed elsewhere. Kieley was strong up front with 12 kills and 10 assists and Muir collected five kills along with seven aces.

Other Canton players stepping up were Traci Breitmeyer (15 assists, 7 digs, 5 aces), Leah Powers (7 digs), Torry Riley (6 digs, 3 kills, 3 aces) and Allison Trapp (3 kills, 1 solo block).

Kryska lauded the efforts of Anna Larner and freshman Erica denBoer who "stepped up when we had our upper-classmen struggle."

The Chiefs warmed up during the first two games and took it to John Glenn (3-6-1, 0-1-0) in the clincher.

"In the third game, we served them off the court," she said. "Their passers strug-

gled and broke down because of our aggressive serving."

For John Glenn, junior Brooke Zywich had 31 digs.

Plymouth prevails

A steady stream of accurate serves Wednesday propelled Plymouth to a 3-0 victory over Wayne Memorial in the Wildcats' opening volleyball match both for the season and KLA South Division.

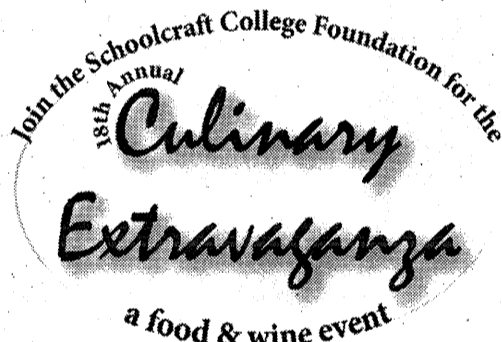
Plymouth won by scores of 25-15, 25-9 and 25-12.

The serving of Katie Salo and Kayla Bridge was perfect (each at 100-percent proficiency) and Salo added 12 assists and five defensive digs.

Bridge led the team with 17 digs while adding five kills.

Also sparking the victory were Dana Risi (12 digs, 5 kills, 5 aces), Mariah Tesarz and Andrea Haidar (each with 8 digs).

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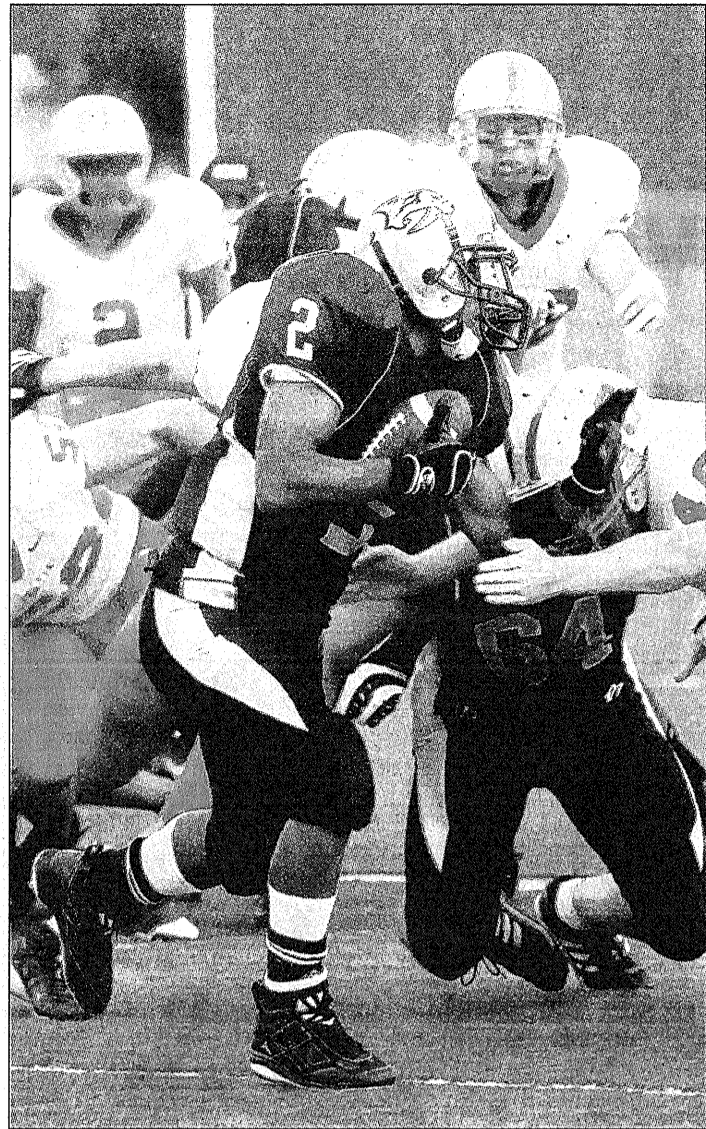
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Plymouth senior running back Jernarian Caldwell (No. 2), who rushed for 36 yards Friday night, tries to find a seam against the stingy, physical Canton defense.

ROMP

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"Going out our whole team was so amped up, we were just so excited to get out there and play," Payter said. "Our whole line did a great job, blew them off the ball all day."

The Chiefs actually finished with approximately 425 yards of offense, about 380 on the ground. Meanwhile, Plymouth (2-1-0, 0-1-0) tallied about 115 yards on offense.

"We told them they'd trap. They got blown off the football, they outphysicaled us," Wildcats head coach Mike Sawchuk said. "They were more ready than we were, bottom line."

Sawchuk said his team didn't have a good week of practice, somewhat surprising for such an intense matchup.

"I've got to be a better coach," he added, with plenty of disappointment in his voice. "I can't let them have bad practices."

NOT ENOUGH

Highlights were few for Plymouth, although junior kicker Kyle Brindza launched a laser of a punt out of his own end zone in the first half that soared some 70 yards in the air.

Junior quarterback Victor Hicks (8-of-16, 65 yards) did his best to ignite the offense

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MIKE SAWCHUK, Plymouth Head Coach

with a mix of scrambling and throwing.

But other than a 65-yard drive in the first quarter — featuring a 10-yard toss to junior Brennen Beyer, who caught three passes for 22 yards — culminating with a 9-yard TD run by Hicks, the Wildcats could not muster much against Canton.

Plymouth briefly made it a game following the Hicks touchdown, where he gave second effort and lunged head first over the goal line with 1:18 left in the opening stanza.

The Plymouth defense forced a punt and Hicks tried to navigate what would have been a game-tying march.

He found junior wide receiver Jacob Morris (three catches, 24 yards) on back-to-back passes of 10 and 7 yards to move the Wildcats down to Canton's 37.

But the third time wasn't a charm; the quarterback lofted a long pass down the left sidelines intended for Morris, only to have it picked off by junior Ryan Powell.

It was icing-on-the-cake time from that point on.

Junior Davian Stackhouse (six carries, 46 yards) scored on runs of 3 and 28 yards in less than a minute to make it 49-7 and a running clock with 4:10 left in the third.

BEAUTIFUL THING

Baechler, meanwhile, was surprised the game didn't become the "four-quarter battle" he had expected.

But he emphasized his team merely played mistake-free football.

"It's about turnover margin, taking care of the football and playing great run defense and not giving up the big pass play," Baechler said. "I think every coach in America would tell you that."

"If you emphasize it and the kids do it, it's a thing of beauty."

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WHALERS

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even come close to that (in the OHL)."

Spearheaded by playmaking center Tyler Seguin (described by hockey experts as another Steve Yzerman), Livonia forward Austin Mattson, Farmington Hills defenseman Austin Levi and goalie Matt Hackett, Vellucci has plenty of talent on the 2009-10 roster.

That nucleus hopefully will spur improvement from last year's fourth-place record of 37-26-5 in the OHL Western Conference.

Another plus is that Vellucci is behind the bench from day one.

The Whalers last year managed to overcome a sluggish start, with Vellucci replacing Greg Stefan as head coach at mid-season and ultimately leading a mini-playoff run before bowing out in six games to eventual OHL and Canadian Hockey League champion Windsor.

"Now they know exactly what my system is and what I expect from them," he said. "I'm hoping to have a good start this year and we'll be that much better."

UP-THE-MIDDLE STRENGTH

It all starts in goal, of course, with the 6-foot, 2-inch, 170-pound Hackett (a Minnesota Wild NHL draftee). The netminder had a 3.04 goals-against average and 34-15-3 ledger last season and sparkled with a .913 save percentage.

"I see him making the NHL, definitely," Vellucci said. "What makes him so good is his poise and his size. He is very calm in there, he doesn't get rattled very often. He's just a very sound, technical goalie."

Backing him up is 17-year-old Scott Wedgewood, who picked up plenty of experience during training camp while Hackett suited up in the Minnesota camp.

The goalies will benefit from a big, strong and mobile defense that Vellucci expects will reduce the number of pucks entering the Plymouth net.

Back on the blueline will be 6-5 bruiser Leo Jenner, not to mention 6-4 Levi, 6-3 Colin McDonald, 6-2 Anthony Donati and 6-1 Clarkston native Josh Bemis.

Add to that group two players who also have been with the Carolina Hurricanes NHL camp — 6-3 Michal Jordan and 5-10 Beau Schmitz.

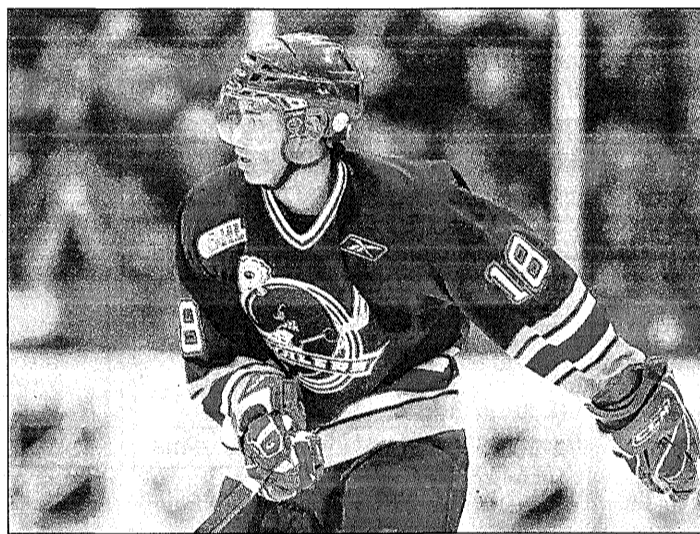
"I'm very excited about our defense this year," Vellucci said. "I wouldn't say we have any big names other than Jordan and Schmitz, who are touted as blue chippers. But I like the way our defense is rounded out."

Jordan has offensive punch, too, as demonstrated by last year's tally of 12 goals and 30 assists. Schmitz collected 37 points.



RENA LAVERTY

Livonia native Austin Mattson (right) is being counted on to become a regular contributor this season for the Plymouth Whalers.



WALT DMOCH

One of the mainstays for the Plymouth Whalers this season will be defenseman Austin Levi of Farmington Hills.

FUTURE STAR

Up front, Compuware fans will be thrilled all winter by the wizardry of Seguin (21 goals, 46 assists, 67 points), who can skate like the wind and make Houdini-like passes on the fly.

Vellucci said Seguin is projected to be an early pick in the first round of the 2010 NHL Entry Draft.

"He's going to be talked about quite a bit," the veteran coach said. "He has exceptional speed, he sees the ice very well. He's just an all-around player who's been compared to Steve Yzerman."

"Even Yzerman was here last year to watch him play and expressed what a good player he is. Those are big shoes to fill."

Despite the loss of top goal-scorers Chris Terry (39 goals) and Matt Caria (34 goals), other players have the ability to pick up the slack. Those include wingers AJ Jenks (a Florida draftee) and captain Ryan Hayes, who last year tallied 21 and 26 goals, respectively.

LOCAL FLAVOR

Livonia's Mattson and Westland forward Tyler J. Brown provide hometown talent.

Vellucci has high hopes for Mattson, the team's first-round pick who played last season with Sioux City (Iowa)

of the USHL.

Tyler J. Brown scored 13 goals last year, but faded down the stretch. The Whalers are hopeful he will be able to put a full season together this time around.

Another Tyler Brown (Tyler G., from Ontario) is yet another forward who could have a breakout season, while fourth-round draft pick Stefan Noesen (who is living in Northville after moving with his family from Texas) will be "a good player for us."

The Whalers boast a fifth player logging NHL camp time this September in left winger Jamie Devane (Toronto).

Plymouth perhaps drew the short straw as far as the schedule goes, opening up Thursday night against the champion Spitfires in Windsor (115 points last year).

But Vellucci knows his squad enters that game knowing it can hang with that juggernaut.

"Windsor lost 12 games all year and we beat them four out of the 12 times. We gave them all we could," Vellucci said. "So I went into the summer and we knew we were losing a few players and I tried my best to replace them."

"I feel very good about our team going into the start of the season."

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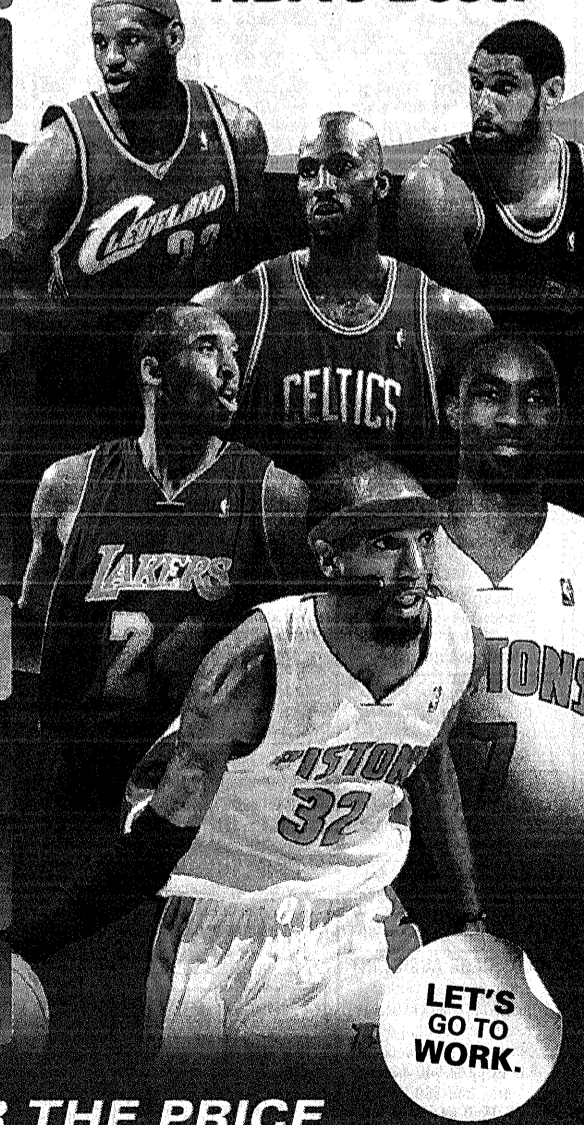
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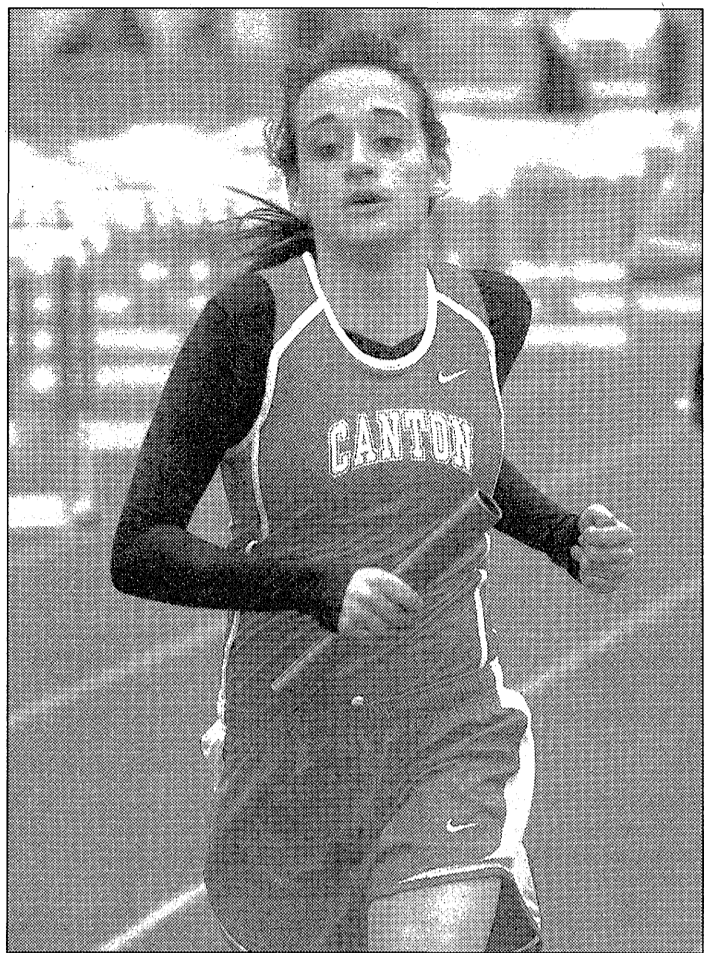


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One of the top returnees for Canton's varsity girls cross country team is Bianca Kubicki, shown from a 2008 meet.

XC PREVIEW

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them, having a small team isn't necessarily a bad thing. ... It's how hard we work and the quality. Be a smaller team with good quality. We'll see what happens."

Canton will compete

Eric Pahl is optimistic about his young and improving Canton Chiefs varsity girls cross country team, which looks to build on last season's 3-2 record in the KLAASouth Division.

"It is my belief that we

should be a competitive team this year with a little luck," said Pahl, now in his fifth season coaching the team. "We had a lot of girls put in a lot of time during the summer and they are off to a good start. But it is still early."

Top returnees include juniors Bianca Kubicki (personal best of 18:54), Rachael Rohrbach (19:27) and, Abigail Gorzalski (20:28) and sophomore Emily Southern (20:55).

One runner who is looking to crack the varsity lineup is sophomore Katie Grimes, who wasn't on the 2008 team but is showing much potential early on.

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Salem program in fast lane with influx of youngsters

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Geoff Baker's been around Salem's varsity boys cross country program for a long time, with 2009 his 23rd season as head coach.

But rarely has Baker had such an infusion of promising talent. With 10 freshmen on the roster, he likes what the Rocks might be able to do for this and several years to come in the KLAASouth Division.

"You're not going to win a ton of meets with freshmen," Baker emphasized. "But we want to build the future. By having this many freshmen it's good to look at the future and build on it. I see some good potential."

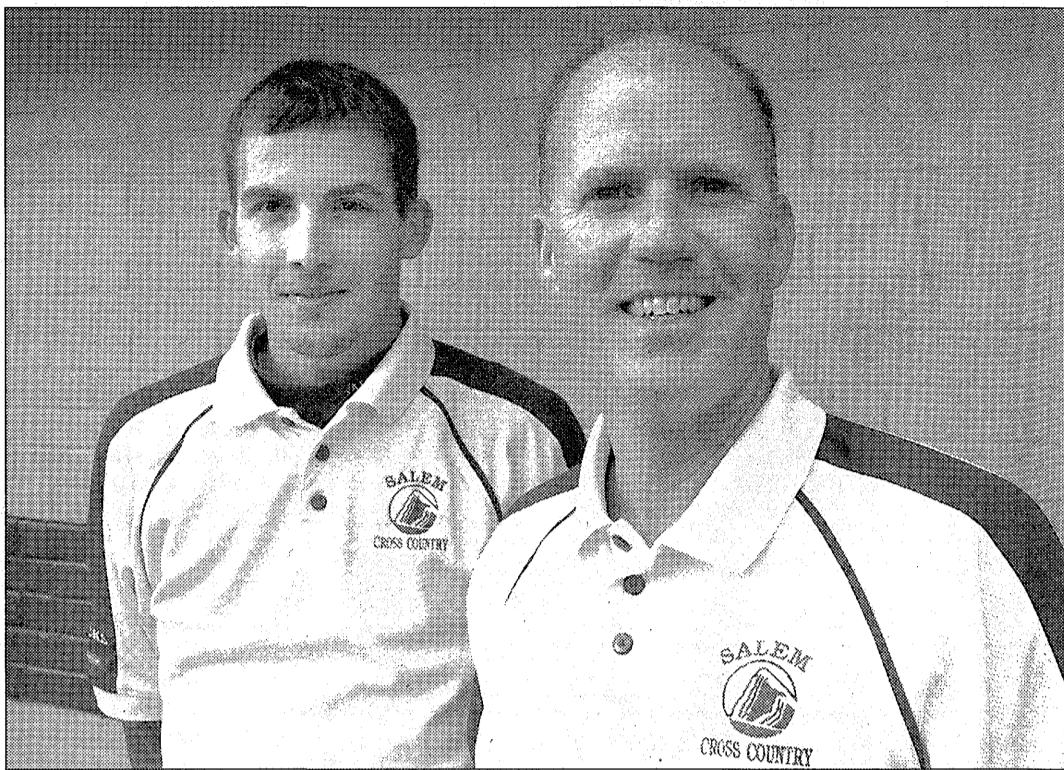
Don't get him wrong, though. The Rocks still will be a competitive bunch, spearheaded by senior captain and state qualifier Mike Charara.

"He leads by example, he's a hard worker and he has some good goals set for himself this year," Baker said. "He should be our number one all year long."

Charara is aiming to shatter his personal best time of 16-minutes, 42-seconds. "He'd like to break 16 (minutes)," Junior Jimmy Daniels will be second among the Salem pack, also looking to improve upon his previous best of around 17:30.

"He's looking to break 17 this year," Baker said. "He's had a good summer of training."

Also in the top five will be seniors Robert Cowing (18:21),



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Back for another season at the helm of Salem's varsity boys cross country team are head coach Geoff Baker (right) and assistant coach Steve Aspinall.

PREVIEW

Matt Krupansky and freshman Steven McEvilly.

"He (McEvilly) was our number three at our time trial last week," Baker said.

He listed juniors Andy Rabe and Tom Patterson as two more runners who could crack the varsity lineup (the top five score, with the sixth runner for tie-breaking purposes).

A major reason for the influx

of youngsters is the relatively new middle school cross country program, up and running for a couple seasons. Five middle schools funnel runners to the Rocks.

"They (middle schoolers) are getting an idea of what cross country is," Baker said.

"... We've talked about having middle school cross country for a while and we think we're finally reaping some benefits from it with the amount of freshmen on our team."

The coach did not want to put the spotlight on too many of those ninth graders just yet. He figures there time will come.

Salem hosted and took part in Saturday's 1st Annual Kensington Lakes Activities Association Cross Country Invitational at Willow MetroPark in New Boston.

On Tuesday, the Rocks will face Northville at Cass Benton.

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Golden anniversary



Donald and Alice Snowden of Canton



Donald and Alice Snowden in 1959

Donald and Alice (Wierzbicki) Snowden of Canton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Sept. 12. The couple wed in 1959 at St. Raphael's Church in Garden City.

Their children are Laura Snowden North of Canton and Allen C. Snowden of Ann Arbor. They also have four grandchildren.

Donald retired eight years ago from Ford Motor Company, where he worked for 37 years. Alice is a homemaker.

The Snowdens enjoy traveling and dining out with friends. They planned to be on vacation while celebrating their milestone anniversary.

Pokorski - McLean



Jennifer Lynn Pokorski, daughter of Michael and Theresa Pokorski, of Mattawan, Mich., is engaged to Logan Dillon McLean, son of Donna McLean and Donald and Bonnie McLean, of Farmington Hills.

The future bride is a 2002 graduate of Paw Paw High School. She is a licensed veterinary technician, graduating from the Veterinary Technician Program at Wayne State University in 2006. She is employed by Vet-Select in Novi.

The future groom is a 2000 graduate of North Farmington High School. He is the proprietor of Pi Lawn Care in Redford.

A Nov. 7 wedding is planned in Livonia.



Kmet-Arlen

Andrea Kmet and Erik Arlen announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Gerald and Ann Kmet of Westland, is a 2000 Livonia Franklin graduate. She graduated from Wayne State University in 2008 and is employed at University of Michigan Hospital.

Her fiancé, son of Jean Arlen of Plymouth and Scott and Nancy Arlen of Canton, is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Canton and a 2002 Central Michigan University graduate. He is employed at HVA.

An October 2009 wedding is planned at the Marriott in Livonia.



Karsten-Rosowski

Kate Karsten and Gary Rosowski of Northville announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Ned and Laurie Karsten of Zeeland, graduated from Zeeland High School and Western Michigan University. She is employed by Mullen Advertising.

Her fiancé, son of Don and Mary Jane Rosowski of Westland, is a graduate of Divine Child High School and Western Michigan University. He is employed by Team Detroit.

A November 2009 wedding is planned in Northville.

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.

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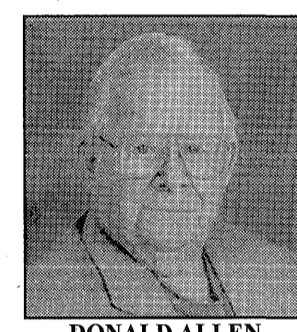
■ Hear an overview of different spring-flowering bulbs and get tips on proper planting techniques. And find out how to design a bulb garden at 7 p.m., Sept. 16.

■ 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.

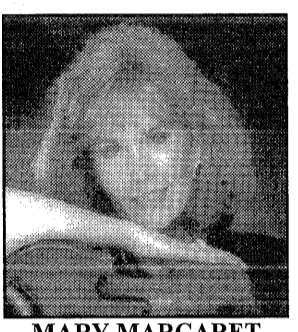
Local stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506. For information, log onto www.EnglishGardens.com.

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HAROLD W. HAGGARD

Age 79, September 9, 2009. Dear husband Joan. Loving father of Alan (Madeleine), Stephen (Julie), John (Heather) and Marian (Chester Hawkins) Haggard. Grandfather of 9 and great-grandfather of 1. Service Wednesday, September 16, 11 am, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia. Family suggests memorials to Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook, Novi 48377. Generations Funeral & Cremation Services



MARY MARGARET STOLBERG

September 5, 2009, at age 53. Beloved sister of Ann Brigid, Barbara & Donald Howard Stolberg. Iso survived by her Father Donald William Stolberg, her aunts, Julia Brigid Howard and Ann Howard O'Hare, and numerous Loving cousins and friends. Preceded in death by her mother, Mary Julia Howard Stolberg. "Life is a song; God's love is the music". Mary Margaret was a very talented Violinist who throughout her life was a member of the Stolberg String Quartet, and performed with the Savannah Symphony, Grand Rapids Symphony, Detroit Symphony, Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony, and Michigan Opera Theatre. She was a Loving and caring Suzuki Violin Teacher, who taught at the Steppingstone School for Gifted Education and the International School in Farmington Hills. Mary Margaret was also a creative and hard working designer, who worked in her mother's Firm "Village Designs" until it closed in 2007. Mary Margaret was a Life-Long Member of the Detroit Federation of Musicians and Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Funeral Services previously held through the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, (248) 474-5200. Memorial tributes in Mary Margaret's memory strongly suggested to the American Cancer Society. heenev-sundquist.com

DONALD ALLEN

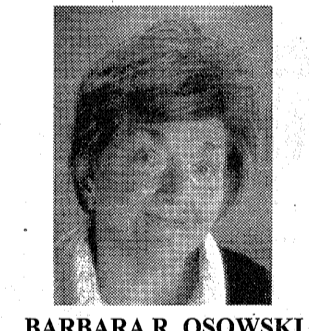
93 years old, of Farmington Hills, died on 9/6/09 at Botsford Commons Assisted Living. He was born Feb. 9, 1916 in Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada to John Charles Allen and Elizabeth Wilkes Bailey Allen. Loving husband for 58 years to the late Verta May Willacker Allen. Donald lived in Farmington Hills for 64 years and worked as a plasterer and carpenter. In the early 1940's he was in the Civilian Conservation Corps; he also was a Mason and was very active in his church. His retirement years were filled with his many interests including fishing, hunting, gardening, cooking, playing cards and woodworking as well as his volunteer activities such as driving for FISH and delivering Meals on Wheels. He is survived by his daughters Audrey M. (Richard) Cairns, Patricia L. (Edward) AuBuchon, Anita M. (Michael) Williams, Janice K. (Gerald) Goffin, Sandra J. (Ronald) Barton, and Nancy A. (Michael) Pride. He was predeceased by his son Karl D. (Sue) Allen and his siblings Audrey, Dorothy, Douglas and Bernard. He has 20 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be on October 3, 2009 at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington Hills, 26165 Farmington Rd. There will be visitation time at the church at 10:00am and the service at 11:00am. The family requests no flowers. Donations can be made to the American Lung Association, 25900 Greenfield, Suite 401, Oak Park, MI 48237, for pulmonary fibrosis research in honor of Verta and Karl.

JOSEPH H. HUDSON

September 8, 2009. Age 94 beloved husband of Lorraine. Dear father of Rodney (Ruth) Susan Giffin, Alan (Lisa) and Peggy. Grandfather of Jeremy, Shannon, Roxane, Adam, Nathan and Natalie. Service Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel) 36100 Five Mile Road (One Mile West of Farmington Rd) Friday 1:00PM. Visitation was held Wednesday 3-9PM and Thursday 1-9PM.

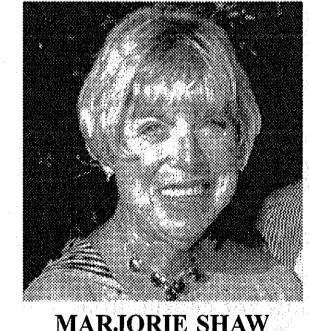
KENNETH MCRAE JR.

80, of Farmington Hills, September 8, 2009. Dear husband of Mary E.; loving father of Douglas K., Kathleen A. (Gerald Luttman) and Christopher W. (Maureen); proud grandfather of Megan, Kiera, Eleanor and Eliza. Kenneth is also survived by his sister-in-law Norma Welch; he is preceded in death by his sister Janet Coleman. A Memorial service will be held 6:00 PM Thursday, September 17th at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). The family will receive guests from 5 PM until time of the service and until 8 PM after the service.



BARBARA R. OSOWSKI (nee: LUBANSKI)

September 5, 2009 in Farmington Hills; Age 72. Beloved wife of Daniel. Dear mother of Claudia (Stephen) Bean and the late Christopher. Grandmother of Christopher, Blake and Margaret Bean. Sister of the late Jerome (Kathleen) Lubanski. She was laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery with her family in attendance. Memorial Mass will be on Friday, September 18, 2009 at 10am at St. Coleman Catholic Church, 32500 Middlebelt (S. of 14 Mile Rd.) Farmington Hills. www.SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com



MARJORIE SHAW 1931-2009

Beloved wife of Andrew. Dear mother of Andrew Jr., Thomas, Patrick, Jack and Mary Kay. Grandmother to Andrew Shaw III. She was a Detroit Public School teacher for thirty years. She was also a member of Wayne State University Theatre's support group The Understudies and a University of Michigan Alumnae. She was a longtime volunteer at the Detroit Institute of Arts. A memorial service will be held in California.

IN MEMORY OF RICK CHAVEY

Who passed away on Sep 15, 2006. Hard to believe it is three years, we miss you. Ewa Chavey

LINDA MARY COMBS

Age 59, of Davison, formerly of Pontiac. Passed away Wednesday, September 9, 2009. She was born Mary 29, 1950 in Lapeer, the daughter of Russell L. and Myrtle M. (Clyne) Welch Linda graduated from the Dayton Bible College in 1971. She worked as an advertising representative in the newspaper industry for over 22 years. Linda worked many years for the Oakland Press and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Linda was a devout Christian, most recently attending the Cross Roads Community Church in Mayville. She is survived by three sons: Russell (Rachel) Combs Jr. of Buffalo, NY, Shawn (Kristina) Combs of Alexandria, VA, Jason (Meri) Combs of Davison; five grandchildren: Hannah, Morgan, Merik, Elaina & Rebekah; five siblings: Larry (Debbie) Welch of North Branch, Russell Eugene (Janis) Welch of Elba, Diana Welch of Brown City, Ken Welch of Columbiaville, and Kim Bond of Marlette. Linda is also survived by her son-in-law Jeff Eick of Howell. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Cassandra (Casey) Eick and her parents. Services were held at Muir Brothers Funeral Home, Lapeer, MI (810-664-8111) with burial at Green Corners Cemetery, Hadley, MI. Memorials requested to be made to Cross Roads Community Church of Mayville or U of M Cancer Center.

ROBERT H. DUPUIS

Age 80, September 8, 2009. Beloved husband of Marilyn. Dear father of Michael (Mary) Dupuis, Mary (Rob) Sammel and Ann (Andy) Provo. Grandfather of Ryan, Kevin, Matthew, Grant, Jacqueline, Aly and Cara. Services were held on Friday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Plymouth. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

Think healthy at Canton pet event, adopt at the zoo

BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER

Why merely walk your dog when you can spice up your end of the leash with Tai chi, the ancient Chinese form of graceful exercise.

An expert will show you how to combine the fluid, meditative movements with walking at the 2nd Annual Canton Heart & Bark, a health and wellness event for dogs, cats and their owners.

Jeanette William, Canton Leisure Services recreation specialist, says the Tai chi demonstration is perfect for the Lower Rouge River Trail, the site of Heart & Bark, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19. Walking the secluded trail, located at Morton Taylor Road and Michigan Avenue, is almost a meditation in itself.

"You don't hear any cars," she said, noting the trail's quiet surroundings. "It follows the lower Rouge River and it's a wildlife area. We stood out there the other day and had deer walk up."

"The trail just opened recently. What's better than to incorporate things people already do there? A lot of people walk their dogs there."

More than just a dog walk, the event will incorporate health and wellness information for humans and their pets, a "Dash for Doggies" fun run for kids 12 and under at 11 a.m., a pet tricks contest, owner/pet look alike contest, food, raffles, giveaways and vendors.

Dash for Doggies, along a half-mile course, will benefit the development of the Canton Dog Park. All participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt. For details, call (734) 394-5460.

Each contest costs \$5 to enter, with proceeds going to the Human Society of Huron Valley.

Admission to Heart & Bark is free.

The Humane Society of Huron Valley will offer a low-



A visitor to Canton's first annual Heart & Bark offers his four-legged friend a sip of water. The second annual event, offering contests, a kid's fun run, trail walks, health tests for humans and health information for their pets, runs 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19, at Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail, Morton Taylor Road and Michigan Avenue.



cost micro chip clinic for both dogs and cats. Cats must be in a carrier.

"Twenty-five dollars for microchipping is super cheap," William noted. "We're partnering with the Human Society of Huron Valley and there will be lots of different vendors. We'll have health screenings for pet owners and chair massages."

Representatives from local pet stores, veterinary clinics and other pet-related businesses will be on hand with merchandise and to answer pet care questions. Oakwood Healthcare System will give free blood pressure and glucose screenings to pet owners.

"It's proven that being with animals lowers your blood pressure and reduces stress. Even nursing homes are incorporating pets."

For more information visit Cantonfun.org or call (734)

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ADOPT A PET

The Detroit Zoo and the Michigan Humane Society offer an easy way to find that perfect furry companion through their semi-annual "Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo" adoption event.

Hundreds of dogs, cats, puppies and kittens will be looking for permanent new homes, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 26-27, at the zoo, located on 10 Mile (I-696 service drive) and Woodward in Royal Oak.

Animal rescue groups and shelters from throughout Michigan will be on hand with pets. They set their own adoption fees and policies. Adopters must present a driver's license or state ID card if they are deemed qualified to adopt an animal.

Puppy passes will be given to the first 25 visitors who are interested in adopting puppies. They'll be allowed to enter the event at 9:45 a.m.

All potential adopters will get an opportunity to spend time in the "get acquainted" area with an animal before adopting it.

For more information visit www.michiganhumane.org or call the Humane Society at (248) 283-1000

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Chic fashion event benefits diabetes research

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER



Roar into fall with fashions from Parisian. See them during the Cause for Celebration fund-raiser on Sept. 20. This asymmetrical zip-front sweater in charcoal is by Calvin Klein. Cotton. Misses' sizes S-XL. \$89.50. Skinny jeans in black by Calvin Klein. Cotton/Elastane. Misses' sizes 2-16. \$49.

A fashion show at Parisian will satisfy the chic in you and while you munch free appetizers, sip drinks, relax with complimentary spa services and shop at a discount, you know your \$10 donation is going to a good cause.

All proceeds from Cause for Celebration, sponsored by Parisian, Ford Motor Company and StyleLine Magazine, will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

For four years Parisian has hosted the event that keeps growing in popularity, according to Jill Engle, special event coordinator for Parisian Laurel Park.

"It's extraordinary to have an event of this magnitude be a \$10 ticket," Engle says. "With everything going on it would be a \$25 ticket. We've kept it at a \$10 ticket to make sure it's attainable. Some people bring their families."

Cause for Celebration has drawn up to 780 people at Parisian in the past. This year 1,500 tickets have been printed "and we're hoping to sell out," according to Eileen M. Wirsing, account manager for Ford Global Walk Team Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Patrons will enjoy music provided by Silver Sounds DJ, more than 20 door prizes including complimentary meals and gift certificates, platform modeling throughout the store, an exclusive 20 percent off shopping pass all evening and 15 percent off on cosmetics and fragrances. International fashion designer, Victor Alfaro, will meet customers and talk about styles. In fact, one of the door prizes is a \$100 gift certificate for his merchandise.

A pre-sale is available until Saturday, Sept. 19, which means guests may select their merchandise in advance and leave their payment information with any sales associate to ring up on the day of the event.

Erica Lyons Trunk Show will be on display with limited time only fashion jewelry pieces and discounts will apply.

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Door prizes have been donated by Compari's on the Park, Fiamma Grill,

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PAIN IN THE ANKLE AND THE FOOT

In most instances, the key element for a physician in the diagnosis of joint pain is obtaining a history of the patient's illness. Identifying that the patient has both ankle and foot pain illustrates the need for an accurate history.

As this column has discussed in the past, ankle swelling most often occurs because of a problem with the heart, liver, or kidneys. Foot pain most often occurs with injury such as a fracture or from gout.

However, ankle and foot pain together have other causes; the combination of the two problems leads a physician to consider peripheral vascular disease or an underlying nerve problem as the source of the trouble. Another possibility is rheumatoid arthritis.

The physician uses the history to guide the ensuing physical examination and the choice of laboratory tests to request. The saying in medicine is: "You only find what you are looking for." The interview with the patient provides the clues the physician uses to go in the right direction.

The need to obtain a clear history has a financial side. When the history and the examination reveal a possible diagnosis the physician can obtain a lesser number of tests and the most cost effective ones to confirm the diagnosis. Naturally, this approach brings down the cost of care.

Ankle and foot pain together have limited causes. Your doctor may dwell on the timing of and appearance of the combination not because of an obsession with detail, but because the need to know yields important practical information.

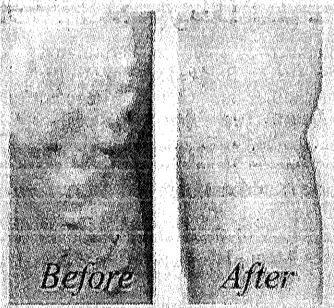
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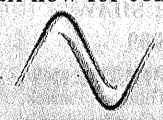


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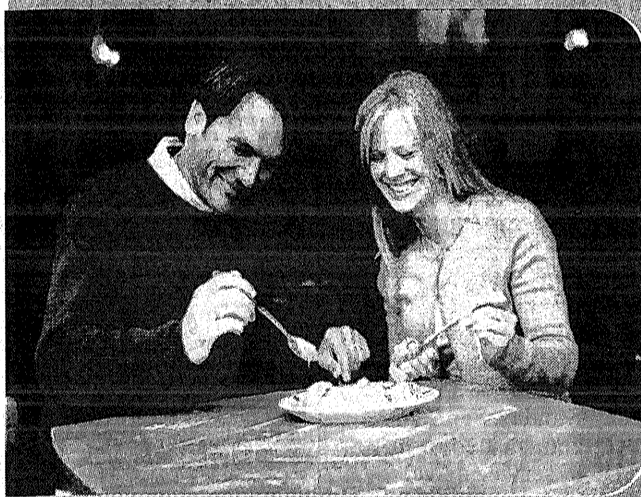


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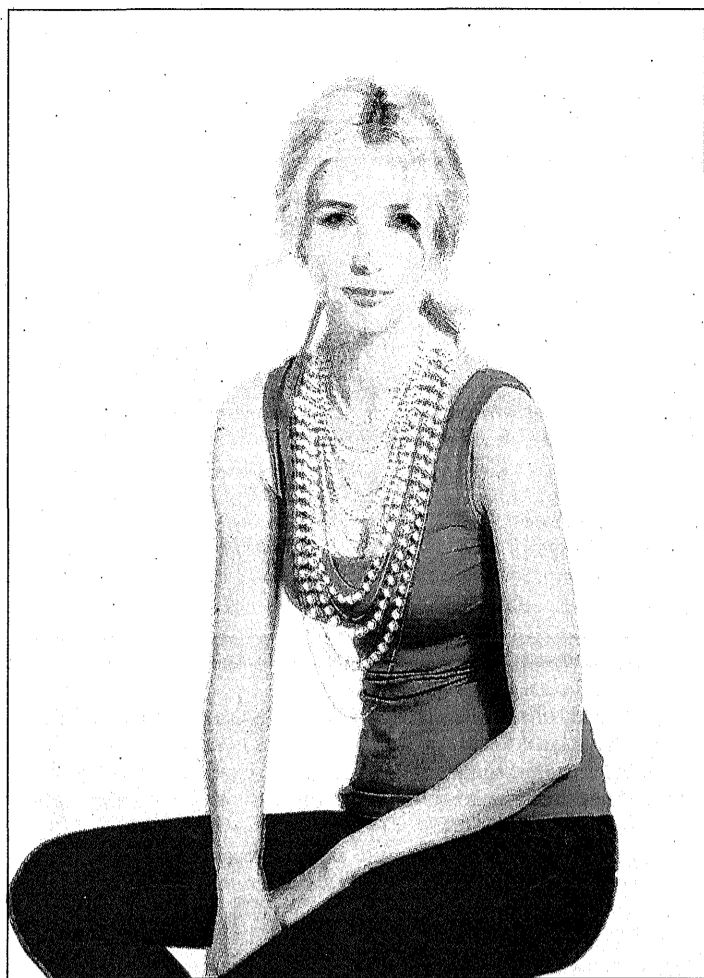
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Celebrate big pieces, lots of layering and touches of color in accessories this season. Accessories, like these imitation pearls by Relativity, (\$48) will be shown during a fashion show at Parisian on Sept. 20.



See fall fashions, like these plaid boots by Donald Pliner, \$350, at Cause for Celebration, a fund-raiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

PARISIAN

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Station 885 and St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth; Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, Bahama Breeze and California Pizza Kitchen in Livonia; Johnny Carinos; Rocky's of Northville, Zap Zone Extreme, Laurel Park Place, StyleLine Magazine and Parisian.

Cars from Blackwell Ford will be on display inside the store during the event.

Businesses donating complimentary food and beverages the night of Cause for Celebration are Bar Louie, Sweet Lorraines, Coffee Beanery and Max & Erma's in Laurel Park; Buffalo Wild Wings, Mitchell's Fish Market, Bravo Cucina Italiana, Claddagh Irish Pub, Romano's Macaroni Grill and Embassy Suites in Livonia; Dearborn Inn; Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland; Melting Pot of Novi and PF Chang's in Northville.

"It's so important that when people are able to go out for dinner that they support those who support the community," Engle says. "The restaurants are volunteering their time, food and beverages. The economy is where it is, but there are wonderful businesses that are donating to the community."

The Detroit Ignition also donated three prize baskets and more than 50 soccer balls.

Adding an extra touch of pampering, participants also will receive complimentary spa treatments, including mini manicures and chair massages from Indigo Salon & Day Spa, on Cherry Hill in Canton.

"We look forward to seeing our regular customers and meeting new friends as well," Engle says. "It puts a smile on my face every day when I come into work knowing we really do make a difference in our community." JDRF's mission is to find a cure for Type 1 diabetes and its complications.

"JDRF is greatly appreciative of Ford Motor Company's invaluable support," Wirsing says. "We are also immensely grateful to Parisian for their work to make this successful event happen."

CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION

What: Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Fashion Show

When: 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20

Where: Parisian at Laurel Park, located at Six Mile and I-275, in Livonia

Details: Private shopping event with discounts all evening; a \$10 donation goes entirely to JDRF. Tickets available at Parisian customer service and at the door the night of the event. For more information call (734) 953-7500

COPING WITH DIABETES

Diabetes is a group of disorders in which the body has trouble regulating its blood sugar levels. Type 1 diabetes occurs when the body's immune system attacks and destroys certain cells in the pancreas.

Beta cells normally produce insulin, a hormone that helps the body move the glucose contained in food into cells throughout the body, which use it for energy. But when the beta cells are destroyed, no insulin can be produced, and the glucose stays in the blood instead, where it can cause serious damage to all the body's organ systems.

People with type 1 diabetes must take insulin—undergoing multiple injections daily or having insulin delivered through an insulin pump—and test their blood sugar by pricking their fingers for blood samples six or more times a day.

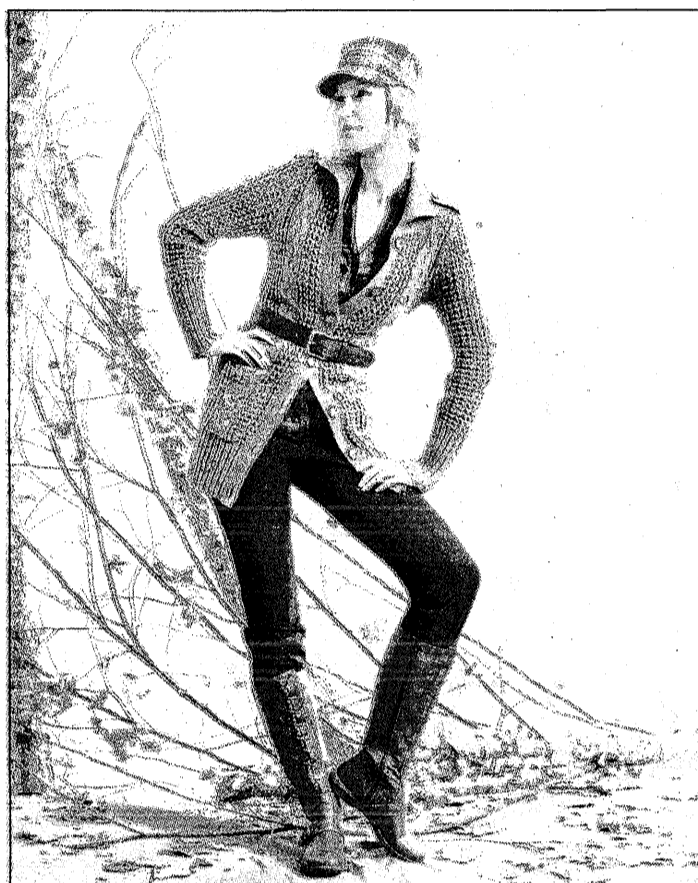
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Scientists do not know exactly what causes type 1 diabetes, but they believe that autoimmune, genetic and environmental factors are involved.

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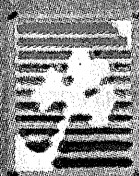
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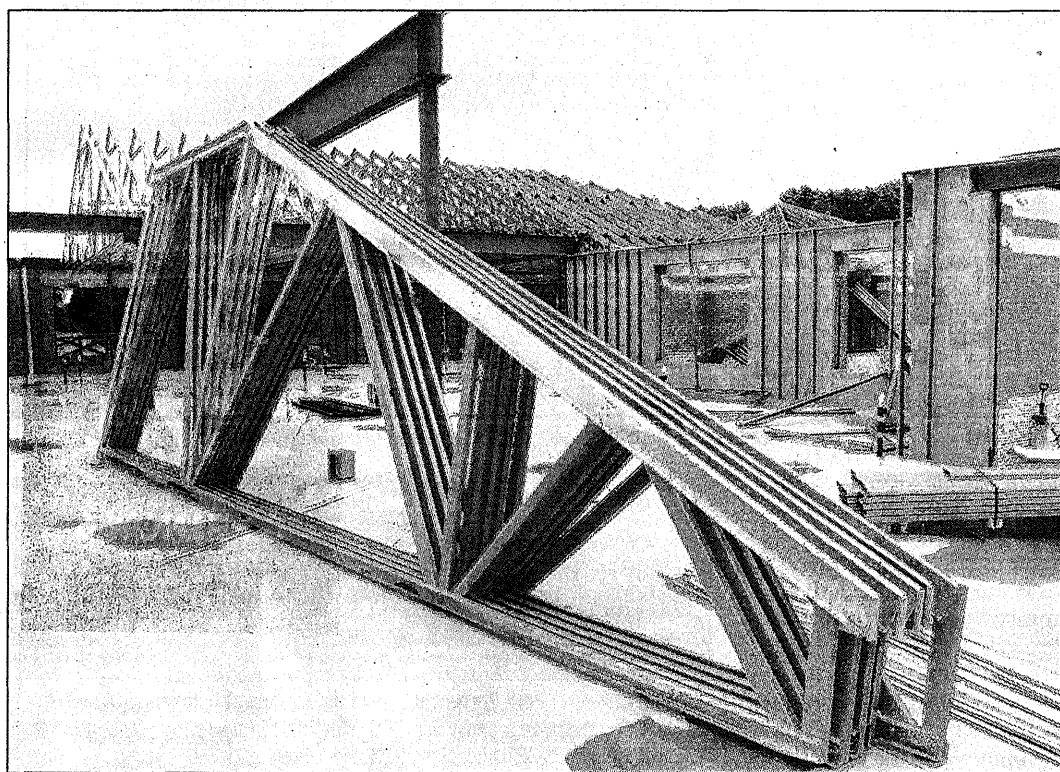
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Steel trusses were ready to be hoisted into place this past summer as Angela Hospice undergoes a major expansion.

Hospice gives human touch to end-of-life care

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

When Angela Hospice's Bob Alexander asked Westland Rotarians if a loved one had been in hospice care, many said yes. A father-in-law got hospice care the last three months of his life. A mother was cared for briefly. "I've never heard a bad thing about hospice care," said Rotarian Margaret Harlow of Wayne, speaking for many.

Alexander, business development manager for the Livonia-based hospice, spoke Sept. 10 to a Rotary audience. "Hospice is a real organic thing," he said, noting it's different from most medical care.

Hospice came to southeastern Michigan in the 1970s, with the Felician Sisters' Angela Hospice starting in 1985. Sister Mary Giovanni was working in the sisters' infirmary and then St. Mary Hospital.

She saw the contrast between those who received the sisters' care and other patients at the end of life. "They were cared for medically very capably, well," Alexander said of the others. They lacked touch and human comfort, however.

Sister Giovanni heard Dame Cicily Saunders, a

doctor and Englishwoman who created the modern hospice movement, speak. The Livonia hospice began in the basement of Madonna University.

TEAM APPROACH

Alexander, a community development graduate of Central Michigan University, noted its interdisciplinary team approach. There's a nurse, social worker, aide, a spiritual caregiver and often others such as physical therapists.

"How can we help you?" is the focus. "It's an open-ended question intentionally," said Alexander, who also studied at the University of Michigan and is a married dad of two grown children and grandpa to twins.

It's hard for many families to give up on curative care despite a terminal diagnosis, he said. Alexander cited a 2007 study of 4,500 terminally ill people showing that those who chose hospice care actually lived longer than those only with curative care.

"We are not down on curative therapies," he said. "We think they're great."

PRECIOUS TIME

Those at Angela Hospice often hear from families who say they wish they'd

known of hospice sooner. Having hospice care gives time to deal with relationships and resolve conflicts.

"We see so many wonderful blessings of family during the time of hospice care," said Alexander, a Waterford resident. They're invited into what he thinks is the most challenging time of life.

Angela Hospice currently cares for 170 patients, most of them at home. Alexander urged his audience to interview a couple hospices for comparison, and to have doctors acknowledge the hospice option.

Doctors' training often makes them reluctant to "give up," he said, and families can help by introducing the hospice option early in the discussion.

The facility on Newburgh north of Schoolcraft now has 16 beds. It's being expanded to 32 inpatient beds, with work ideally to wrap up next spring. Hospice officials had to get approval all the way from the Vatican for the Catholic facility's expansion.

"We're so excited about it," Alexander said. Square footage for patients and their families will more than double to 46,000 feet.

Angela Hospice can be reached toll free at (866) 464-7810 or online at www.angelahospice.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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

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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

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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

2:30 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-Thursdays). 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@sbcglobal.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.

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SPOTTING TRENDS, NOT FADS OR BLIPS



WORKWISE
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The economic downturn has prompted renewed interest in trend-spotting among businesspeople and consumers. Almost everyone is searching for signs of an improved economy. Layoff stability, surely a negative factor in good times, is now cause for near-celebration. Spotting a real trend is more complicated than you might think.

Adam Gordon's "Future Savvy" defines a trend as having significant patterns in data. "It must be a change that affects a wide range of people and that has, or will eventually have, broad social, economic or political implications," Gordon writes (AMACOM, \$24.95). However, you can't view a trend in isolation, assuming that it will remain static, unchanged by "other elements," he points out, "setting in motion further changes, all of which will cumulatively affect the total net outcome."

BLINDERS

Josh Calder, analyst at GeoFutures in Washington, D.C., says that after 10 years in trend analysis and 14 years as a futurist, he's settled on a definition of a

trend as "an ongoing change in a factor over time." But he feels that many businesspeople have their blinders on by focusing almost exclusively on tasks crossing their desks.

"Too busy doing your job?" he asks. "Too busy to know what's going on outside of your industry? Change may be occurring in a place that's hidden from you, even if you're doing your own job well. For example, a year ago, some people had no idea what Twitter was, and now it's affecting almost every industry."

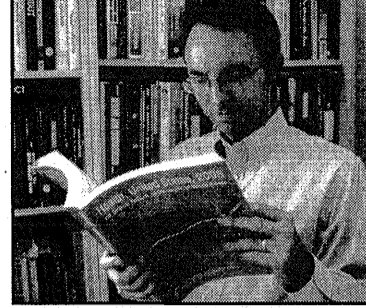
Futurist trainer Paul Higgins, director of Emergent Futures Pty. Ltd., in Melbourne, Australia, believes that "people miss subtle signs of change and therefore are slower to figure out new trends and changes. Instead, they generally notice two things, the familiar (events or issues consistent with their current patterns of thinking) and the extremely novel. The latter causes them to react to information that doesn't gel with their current ways of thinking or shocks them." Calder would agree, noting "that there is a lot of false trend-spotting, especially in the media. A lot of reporters will see a couple of examples and consider it a trend. Look for some verification."

And don't think that you have to go it alone. Calder mentions that "the trend-spotting process is reinforced by having multiple heads involved. You want diversity of interest and opinion for checking each other's ideas for strength and relevance."

CLARITY



Josh Calder is in Hyderabad, India, on an expedition with clients to examine how the country is changing and to spot consumer trends. Based in Washington, D.C., he is an analyst at GeoFutures.



Josh Calder, based in Washington, D.C., is an analyst at GeoFutures, where he's involved in extensive research about trends.

Credit: Josh Calder

Calder further maintains that companies and industries need to establish and sustain a reward structure for "looking up from what's immediately in front of them. You have to convince people that it's worthwhile." A short-term program of six to 12 months won't produce long-term benefits.

The process, though, is rewarding intellectually and practically on its own terms; so it makes sense not to wait for your company or industry to catch up with you. Calder recommends taking these steps:

- systematically identifying trends of interest to you and your work;
- identifying a meaningful change that could impact one of them;
- developing a time-frame for your industry, which could range from six to 12 months for a service business providing new offerings, ten years for a pharmaceutical company or longer for an energy

- company;
 - seeking out early indicators in the speeches, publications, web sites and behaviors of thought leaders and early adopters; and
 - measuring the trend by obtaining relevant data from sources, beginning with the Internet.
- Throughout the process, ask yourself about the relationship between any endorser of the trend, including yourself, and the trend, itself. Gordon, the author, cites "future-aligners," or "future-influencers." The first, he says, are motivated to find advantage for themselves, while the second are attempting to improve the world. Let's hope for a third type, the aligner/influencer, out for himself and the world.

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15 Spring month
16 Diamond or Simon
17 Inoperative (hph.)
18 Rock
19 Cold War org.
20 Like globetrotters
22 Square dance
24 Nothing but
25 — Enterprise
26 Gangplank locale
28 Weep
31 Card game
34 Antler
35 Greenish-blue
36 Diva's rendition
37 Mr. Yeltsin
38 — Vonnegut Jr.
39 Thomas Hardy heroine
40 Has regrets
41 Take by force
42 Watch carefully
43 Heavy string
44 Life story
45 Blue or harvest
47 14-line poems

DOWN
1 Hasta —, Juan!
2 Suborn
3 Magpie or Mineo
4 Tendons
5 Festoon
6 Jellystone bear
7 Figgy's dinner
8 Kind of plan
9 Quicker to learn
10 Like gargoyles
11 Short skirt
12 Brother of Evelyn Waugh
13 Pharaoh's amulet
20 Nosegay
21 Revival shouts
23 "The Black Tulip" author
26 Read intently
27 Purple flower

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29 Belonging to us
30 Quilt stuffing
31 Loan figure
32 Heavy hydrogen discoverer
33 Use wrongly
34 Day fraction
35 Ohio city
37 Wild horse
41 Ends up ahead
43 Uncle's kid
44 Gives a leg up
46 Musical drama
47 Smuggle

48 Wield, as authority
49 Hint of color
50 Makes a lap
51 Travel kit item
52 Thickening agent
53 Isn't able to
54 Carrier's partner
58 Plunging neckline

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	1			3		8	2		
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4	9				8				3
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Saturn Sky Will Drive You To Laugh Out Loud, You're So Happy

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I'm not quite sure how I feel about the 2009 Saturn Sky Red Line. It looks great in your driveway, with a look that can compete with a fine European roadster. Once inside, its ride and handling are quick and nimble. And it has plenty of power and acceleration.

Nothing serious, I suppose. Just the fact that getting in and out of the Sky is a chore, and once inside, tall drivers (like me) can feel like they're inside one of those clown cars.

The interior, while it looks like the interior of a nice roadster, is just a little too small and cramped for tall drivers like me. Opening the convertible top helps, but even with the seat all the way back, there is not a lot of leg and hip room.

And forget about using the Sky for anything like shopping. The trunk is tiny and there is no room behind the seats for storage. Heck, there aren't even cup holders.

No, this is not the car for long road trips, doing the grocery shopping or picking up the kids from soccer practice. But you know what? There are plenty of other cars, vans and trucks for those chores. The Saturn Sky Red Line, however, is the kind of car that's built to scoot around town and have some fun doing it. And at that, it excels.

The Sky Red Line will get you noticed. Start with sharp lines and an aggressive look. The Red Line features decorative hood vents, a pronounced fender peak, functional brake cooling vents and black

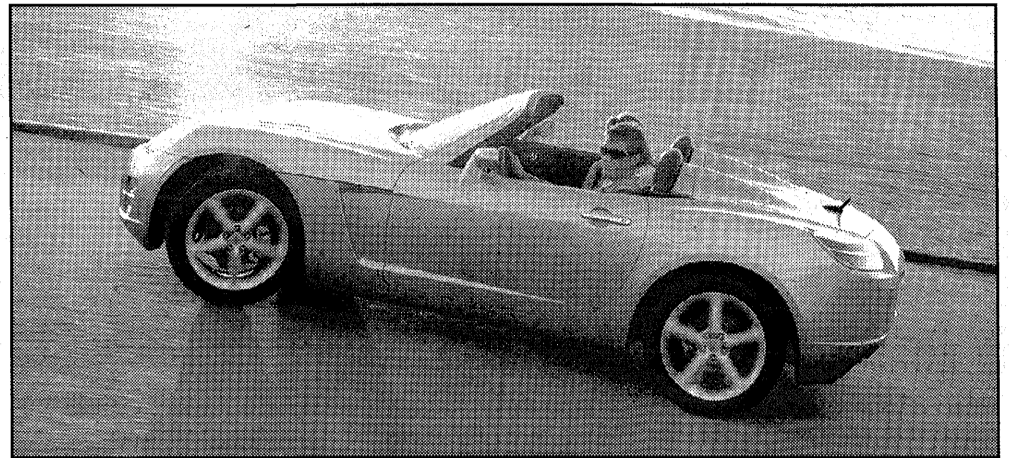
headlamp bezels. The raised peaks on the trunk lid behind the seats remind me of the Batmobile. The Sky Red Line has polished aluminum alloy wheels and dual polished aluminum exhausts; 18-inch wheels on a car this small and low to the ground make for a very cool, sporty look.

Inside the cramped interior, you'll find a well-designed cockpit. The instrument panel features a side-by-side speedometer and tachometer, driver information center and a digital boost gauge. Climate and audio controls are logically laid out. The steering wheel is leather-wrapped and features auxiliary audio controls. The shift knob is also leather-wrapped and the standard leather seats are comfortable and provide good support.

The Sky Red Line comes with power windows and locks, power mirrors and air-conditioning. The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD system with six-speakers. A Monsoon 225-watt, seven-speaker system is also available.

As with all General Motors vehicles, OnStar is standard, and it includes Bluetooth connectivity. With OnStar, you can make and receive calls hands-free, get updated vehicle diagnostics, ask for directions or restaurant recommendations or summon emergency help at the touch of a button. The system also automatically calls for assistance in the event airbags are deployed.

Speaking of airbags, the Sky Red Line has dual-stage frontal airbags. The car also comes with tire-pressure monitoring, remote keyless entry and an engine



The Sky is great if you're not tall but can be hard to get into and out of if you're over 6 feet tall.

immobilizer.

The rear-wheel drive Red Line version of the Sky comes with a Ecotec turbocharged 2.0-liter engine, rated at 194 horsepower and 260 lb.-ft. of torque — more than enough to get a car this size off the line quickly.

The standard transmission is a standard transmission (get it?); a five-speed manual is the tranny that comes with the Red Line. You can get a five-speed automatic if you prefer. I'd normally say that I'd prefer the manual on a roadster, but the thought of me having to use a clutch in the cramped cabin is not very appealing. The automatic in the test vehicle was more than adequate. This powertrain is EPA rated at 19 mpg in city driving and 27 mpg on the highway. Add an extra mile-per-gallon in the highway if you get the five-speed manual. Saturn recommends premium fuel, but it's not required.

The Red Line gives you the ride and handling you'd expect from a good roadster — plenty of road feel without being uncomfortable. With power rack-and-pinion hydraulic steering, the car is easy to maneuver and park, and the steering responds quickly to changes in direction.

The suspension is an independent short/long arm system with coil springs and a 33.3mm stabilizer bar in the front

and a 25.4mm stabilizer bar in the rear. Electronic Stability Control is standard.

The standard four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes are very good. Electronic Brake Distribution is standard; it senses and distributes braking power to the four wheels depending on road conditions, traction levels and vehicle load.

The 2009 Saturn Sky Red Line starts at about \$32,500. Add the automatic transmission (\$995) and you're at \$33,500.

The Saturn Sky Red Line is a sharp car to look at, and fun to drive. If you're looking at something like this, chances are you already aren't expecting to be able to load it up with stuff or be a great passenger car.

But a few more inches of room inside would really be nice.

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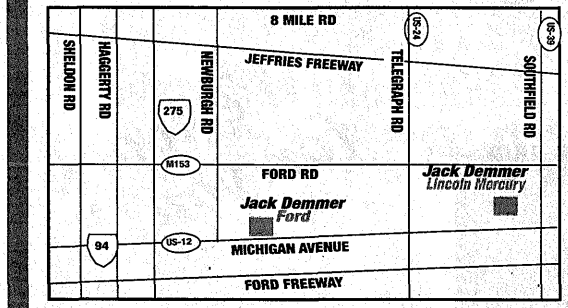
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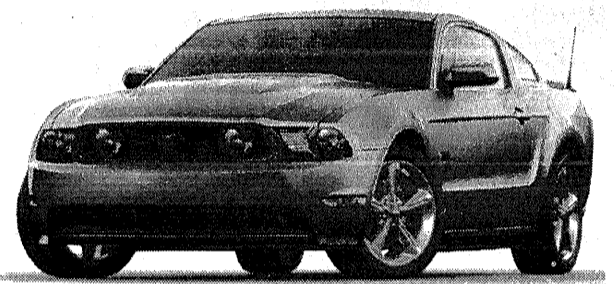


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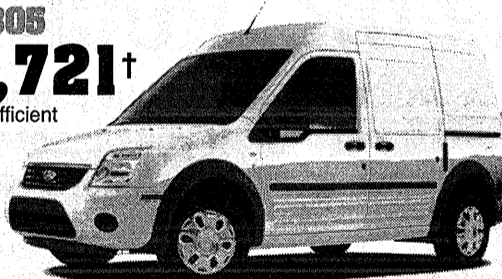
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