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### Youth search

The Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission (PCYAC) is accepting applications for new members.

The applications can be found on the City of Plymouth Web site ([www.ci.plymouth.mi.us](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us)) under the Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission tab. Applications can be dropped off at City Hall until Friday, Oct. 9, at 4 p.m. and interviews will be held in City Hall Commission Chambers at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12.

Applicants must be entering the 7th through 11th grade and reside in either the City of Plymouth or Plymouth Township.

### Dog delight

"If I'm going to gorge myself on hot dogs, I want my winnings to give food to people who don't have any," said Matt Holowicki, the Plymouth-based winner of the first Hiller's Hot Dog Eating Competition Sept. 12. He ingested 14 Winter's Wieners in the allotted 5 minutes.



Matt Holowicki (center, in black tank top) of Plymouth won the Hiller's hot-dog eating contest.

Holowicki took first prize in the contest, winning a Pistons four-pack (tickets, dinner and parking) and a \$1,000 donation from Hiller's

to his chosen charity, which is Gleaners Food Bank.

Justin Hiller, Vice President of Hiller's Markets, selected eight contestants from a stack of applicants and exceed the event.

Check out the contest on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BU91xWYLX2Q>

### Diners crawl

Seventeen restaurants and food providers are slated to participate in Penn-Taste-Tic, the downtown Plymouth restaurant crawl 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23. "Crawlers" can walk around Downtown Plymouth enjoying samples and treats from many of their favorite Plymouth eateries.

Proceeds from the Crawl go to support the Chamber of Commerce and the Penn Theatre. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the Chamber office at 850 West Ann Arbor Trail. Tickets must be purchased by 4 p.m. the day before the Crawl.

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



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### Yum time

Shirley Jallad of Plymouth and her granddaughter, 4-year-old Jenna Jallad, enjoy their Rotary barbecue chicken dinner during last weekend's Plymouth Fall Festival. They were enjoying one of more than 10,000 chicken dinners sold during the event. For story and photos, please turn to A8.

## Former ice fest chief questions board's decision

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mike Watts, who for 19 years organized the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, wishes the popular festival well.

But Watts, owner of Watts Up, Inc., whose three-year contract with the festival's governing committee wasn't renewed in favor of Signature Professional Group, thinks the decision — which the committee's vice chairman said was made in an effort to infuse the festival with "fresh ideas" — was misguided and intimates it may have been politically motivated.

"The idea that someone totally unfamiliar with this event ... its objective and purpose ... produce or promote the festival better with 'fresh ideas,' and that 'it was time for a change' is ridiculous," Watts wrote in a statement released earlier this week. "By all measures our tenure as the festival manager ... has been a success. The next of the entire statement at Watts' Web site, [www.wattsup.com](http://www.wattsup.com).)

Watts took issue with Signature owner Sam Walton's claims he wants to "increase the festival's value to Plymouth businesses," "get service clubs, schools, churches and other organizations involved and 'turn this into a world-class event ... turn this back into a community festival.'"

"The event has consistently been one of the largest, most renowned festivals of its kind in the country," Watts said. "I say that he is taking over an already established world-class event."

Watts also said the decision not to renew his contract "was directly motivated by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, its representative to the Board of Directors, Steve Alexandrowski, and their influence on the incoming mayor and Ice Spectacular President, Ron Loiselle" (Loiselle is currently Plymouth's mayor pro tem).

"The DDA has for the past three years attempted to dictate to the Ice Spectacular organization how they want certain aspects of the festival run, but were unwilling to financially support the non-profit event," Watts wrote in his statement. "Their policies and requests have been inconsistent with the needs of the festival as determined by a vote of the Ice Spectacular Board of Directors."

Alexandrowski dismissed any idea the DDA will be involved in the festival.

"That's just not true," he said. "The DDA will have no control; the ice festival committee is an

## And the winner is ...

Hard work, persistence pay off for Salem grad in NYC theater

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth area will be represented in New York City when the Innovative Theatre Awards, which honor the best in Off-Off-Broadway theater, are announced Monday during a ceremony at New World Stages on West 50th Street.

Elyse Mirto, a 1986 Plymouth Salem High School graduate, is nominated for a Best Lead Actress ITA for her role in *Any Day Now*, a new family drama by Nat Cassidy.

Mirto, who moved to Manhattan 18 months ago after a decade in Los Angeles, where she had film and television roles, says she happily adapted to life there: auditioning, rehearsing, acting and learning how to produce shows. She joined a company, WorkShop Theater, where she recently produced readings of *Any Day Now* to attract interest from major theaters.

"Just cause you don't see us on *Grey's Anatomy* every day doesn't mean we're not out there making a living," Mirto said during a recent phone interview.

Mirto said she knows a number of people from the Plymouth area who work in theater in New York; meeting people early on, she said, "I



Elyse Mirto, foreground, in a scene from 'Any Day Now,' at the Manhattan Theatre Source in January. Mirto, a 1986 Plymouth Salem graduate, relocated to the New York City from Los Angeles a year and a half ago, in part because of a desire to do more live theater. She is nominated for an Innovative Theatre Award for her role in 'Any Day Now.'

realized I had a lot of friends here." She shares an apartment with Cletus Karamon, a stage lighting designer and a 1982 Salem graduate.

Mirto credits Gloria Logan, the drama department director at Centennial Educational Park for her entire 30-year career there, for giving her a good start.

Logan, who retired in 2000, remembers the teenage Mirto as hard-working and determined. She said she tries to visit New York twice a year, and that she often catches up there with Mirto and other former Park Players.

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## Bosch doubles work force at township tech center

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While the recession and resulting layoffs have cut Plymouth Township's daytime population over the past year, officials say, a major employer is countering that trend.

Robert Bosch L.L.C., which provides automotive and industrial products and consumer goods, has more than doubled the work force at its technology center on Haggerty Road. Bosch's North American chassis systems control division and its roughly 330 employees moved into the tech center over a recent six-week span from a leased facility in Farmington Hills.

The move should give the township an economic boost, said Supervisor Richard Reaume, as the additional

employees will be shopping, lunching, banking and fueling their vehicles in the neighborhood.

"You could see some of those people looking for homes in the area" now that their employer has a permanent site, Reaume said.

The newcomers to the tech center join about 320 Bosch employees in three other divisions: automotive electronics, starter motors and generators, and electrical drives.

A Bosch spokeswoman said Wednesday that the move allows Bosch to cut the amount of space being leased in Farmington Hills, the company's headquarters, and take advantage of the "synergies" that come with locating the four divisions in the same complex.

"As we strive to operate effi-

ciently in today's economy, the integration of our team at the Plymouth Township technical center provides us an ideal location in close proximity to our customers and the means to optimize Bosch's internal technical resources to bring safety technologies to North America," Ronaldo Reimer, regional vice president at the North American chassis systems control division, said in a press release.

Bosch's automotive chassis products include electronic stability control, automatic emergency braking and emergency braking assist systems. Spokeswoman Chandra Lewis said the chassis systems control division includes sales and administration, research and design, and application engi-

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# Rosiek named publisher of newspaper group

Sue Rosiek, executive editor of the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Newspapers*, has assumed the additional responsibility of publisher for the group of community newspapers.

The announcement was made by Susie Ellwood, chief executive officer of Detroit Media Partnership, which manages the business functions for the *Detroit Free Press* and *The Detroit News* and serves as sales agent for the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Newspapers*. "Sue is a highly talented, multi-faceted leader who drives excellence throughout her organization. She has been an integral part of the successes at these newspapers as well as being an



Rosiek

reflects the great work she does."

Rosiek has held various positions at the *Observer & Eccentric*, including reporter, community editor and managing editor.

She is a member of the Board of Trustees of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System.

Rosiek also is a member of the Livonia Community Marketing Consortium

active community member," Ellwood said. "Sue is dedicated to local reporting and I am pleased that her title now accurately reflects the great work she does."

and a founding member of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle, a pooled fund of the Canton Community Foundation,

She also serves on the Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza Committee, Farmington Public Schools Turn Around Achievement Awards Committee and Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast.

Rosiek and husband, Steve Barnaby, have one son, Ian Barnaby. They live in Plymouth Township.

Rosiek is a graduate of Michigan State University with a B.A. in journalism.

Detroit Media Partnership, L.P. manages the business functions of the *Detroit Free Press* and *The*

*Detroit News*. As the largest newspapers in Michigan, with two of the most visited Web sites in the market, the *Free Press* and *The News* combine to reach a weekly audience of 2.1 million people.\*

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Gannett Co., Inc., owner of the *Free Press*, is the general partner in DMP; MediaNews Group, owner of *The News*, is the limited partner.

SOURCE: 2008 Scarborough Report - August 2006-July 2007, Detroit DMA

# MIRTO

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"Elyse gave 200 percent. She was exactly what you would want every theater student to be," said Logan, of Northville. "She was willing to work just as hard as she had to."

Mirto came into theater with talent, Logan said, and worked to develop that talent into skill. That, and some luck, has paid off for her, Logan said.

"She always wanted to be in the theater," she said. "Very few people make a living just doing stage work."

Mirto's path from Salem runs through Western Michigan University, London, Chicago and Hollywood, where she admittedly arrived with stars in her eyes — and left because of a desire to do more live theater.

In L.A., Mirto said, it was repeatedly suggested that she lose 10 pounds. "Suddenly, all your credentials don't matter," she said.

She added: "It became so much about a look and who you are and who you know."

She had landed commercial, film and television roles (including on *Numbers*, *Cold Case* and *Chicago Hope*), but began missing the stage.

The death of a brother, Christopher Mirto, in a motorcycle accident cemented her resolve to follow her stage dreams.

"Life is short. And at the end of the day you go home with yourself," she said. She got back into theater in L.A., and a few years later switched coasts.

"There're some seriously talented people in this city," she said of New York. "I feel like, as an actor, I am challenged here."

What qualities does she bring from Plymouth that work for her out East? People she meets, Mirto said, tell her she has a friendliness that she identifies with the Midwest.

"That's not such a bad quality," she said. "I'm pretty OK now with being from the Midwest."

She's looking forward to the ITA ceremony, and says she's up against strong competition in the best lead actress category. "It's a nice night to be swanky," she said.

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neering, which involves fitting a Bosch chassis product to a specific vehicle platform.

Reaume said Bosch planned to make the recent consolidation when it open its technology center in the township in

early 2007. "They had a long-range view of things," he said.

The complex on Haggerty, 225,000 square feet, sits on a 76-acre campus and was designed for future expansion. Bosch invested about \$2.25 million in updates, but expects the savings brought about by the consolidation to recover that outlay in as little as a year.

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Check in for the self-guided tour is at Northville Square located at 133 W. Main Street

For information on "Tour the Town," visit [www.downtownnorthville.com](http://www.downtownnorthville.com) or call 248-349-0345 (Northville Downtown Development Authority) or 248-547-5576 (IMJ Communications).

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

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.

Ladies night

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

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

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

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

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

Happy trails

Join the Friends of the I-275 Pathway for trail cleanup day on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 9 a.m. until noon. The final cleanup of the year will be in Farmington Hills on the section of the trail north of 8 Mile.

Volunteers should bring clipper, pruners, tree-loppers, or



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Blarney blast

The staff at the Plymouth Bennigan's hosts "Bennigan's Blarney Blast," a benefit for the National Breast Cancer Foundation, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at its Plymouth location, 40441 Ann Arbor Road, off Don Massey Drive. The Blast, a fund-raiser for the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc., will feature special menu items and prizes. Bennigan's staffers Kellee Keeton, Beth Mazurek, Amy Henderson, Carol Matuszewski, Lee Kempisty and Michelle Stretke surround the inspiration for the party, cancer survivor Mary Ary, center, wearing the pink shirt.

any kind of hand tool to trim hedges and cut back brush. Wear work gloves, long pants and long-sleeved shirts, and bring a bike to get from your car to the work site. Parking is available at many nearby businesses.

For more information call John Bailey at (248) 310-4206, or visit the Friends of the I-275 Pathway on Yahoo! groups or Facebook.

Yard sale

Plymouth Garden Club is sponsoring a Yard Sale on Thursday, Sept. 24, and Friday, Sept. 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 12211 Hillside, Plymouth (Beacon Hill Subdivision).

The proceeds will support college scholarships granted to Plymouth-Canton community students and other local charities.

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution-DAR-Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter meets for a sandwich luncheon Monday, Sept. 21, at noon at the Plymouth District Library, 222 S. Main, in Plymouth.

The program features "Current Happenings with Reflections Relation to the Constitution," with guest speaker State Rep. Marc Corriveau. Members are asked to wear red, white and blue and bring a bell. Please donate men's white socks, shampoo, liquid body soap and spray deodorant for the vets in Veteran's Hospitals.

For more information, contact (734) 459-4764.

Variety show

The Canton Chieftettes Pom Pon Teams present their annual variety show, "Master

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independent board."

Watts also took issue with the idea the festival "needs to make it more apparent all central Plymouth businesses can participate, not just those surrounding Kellogg Park."

Watts said he's solicited "every business in the downtown Plymouth area, and many in Plymouth Township, even going so far as to go door-to-door handing out information to businesses."

"Most businesses chose not to participate because they could reap the revenues generated by the festival but not support it and save a few hundred dollars we needed to provide them with an ice sculpture," Watts said. "Ironically, many would purchase ads in local publications that published unofficial and unlicensed guides. ... Those advertisements would cost as much or more than our participation, and did not help the festival."

Alexandrowski agreed Watts worked hard at soliciting local businesses; it just wasn't enough, he said.

"Mike did try, he tried hard," Alexandrowski said. "It just wasn't successful."

The other irony Watts pointed out was the recent effort pushed by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, the DDA and local businesses to "shop Plymouth," because local retailers needed the business to make it through tough economic times.

"We support that effort and have always shopped in Plymouth when we could," Watts said. "However, now we are supposed to quietly accept the fact that a Wixom business has been hand-picked to replace a Plymouth business that has been here for 28 years, and has worked diligently to



Three-year-old Ellie Brandon examined a sculpture in front of a Main Street business during the 2009 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. The 2010 festival is scheduled for Jan. 22-24.

promote and bring business to the benefit of the community?" Alexandrowski acknowledge Signature Professional Group is based in Wixom, but pointed out Walton is a Plymouth resident.

"Sam lives in Plymouth," he said. "We have full confidence in him."

Alexandrowski said he understands Watts would be "upset" about the move, but said he hopes no ill will form.

"We do thank Mike for his years of service," he said. "It was just time for a new approach."

Watts said he would miss promoting the ice festival.

"We will miss the Plymouth Ice Spectacular, but mostly because of the people who came together each January to support it by carving beautiful sculptures, competing in the many competitions and by donating their time and effort to educate the students interested in learning the art form," he said.

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## CRIME WATCH

### Police net two drug arrests in one hour

Police in Plymouth Township made two drug-related arrests in an hour's time on Friday afternoon.

The first, of an 18-year-old Plymouth man, came in the area of Hines Drive and I-275. A patrolling officer noticed an unoccupied Chevrolet sedan parked in a turnaround and, checking out the car, saw a package of rolling papers for "blunt" marijuana cigarettes in plain view, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report.

Nearby, the officer encountered a man who smelled of marijuana and whose eyes were red and watery, police said. A search of the man turned up a pipe, apparently used for smoking marijuana, in a pants pocket, police said.

The man was arrested on a charge of possession of narcotics paraphernalia. The officer later found flecks of suspected marijuana in a drink container in the Chevrolet, police said.

The second arrest came about an hour later in the area of I-275 and Ann Arbor Road. A patrolling officer saw a woman driving a Ford Escort turn east onto Ann Arbor Road from the northbound freeway off-ramp without using a turn signal, police said. The officer also noticed the car's windshield was cracked.

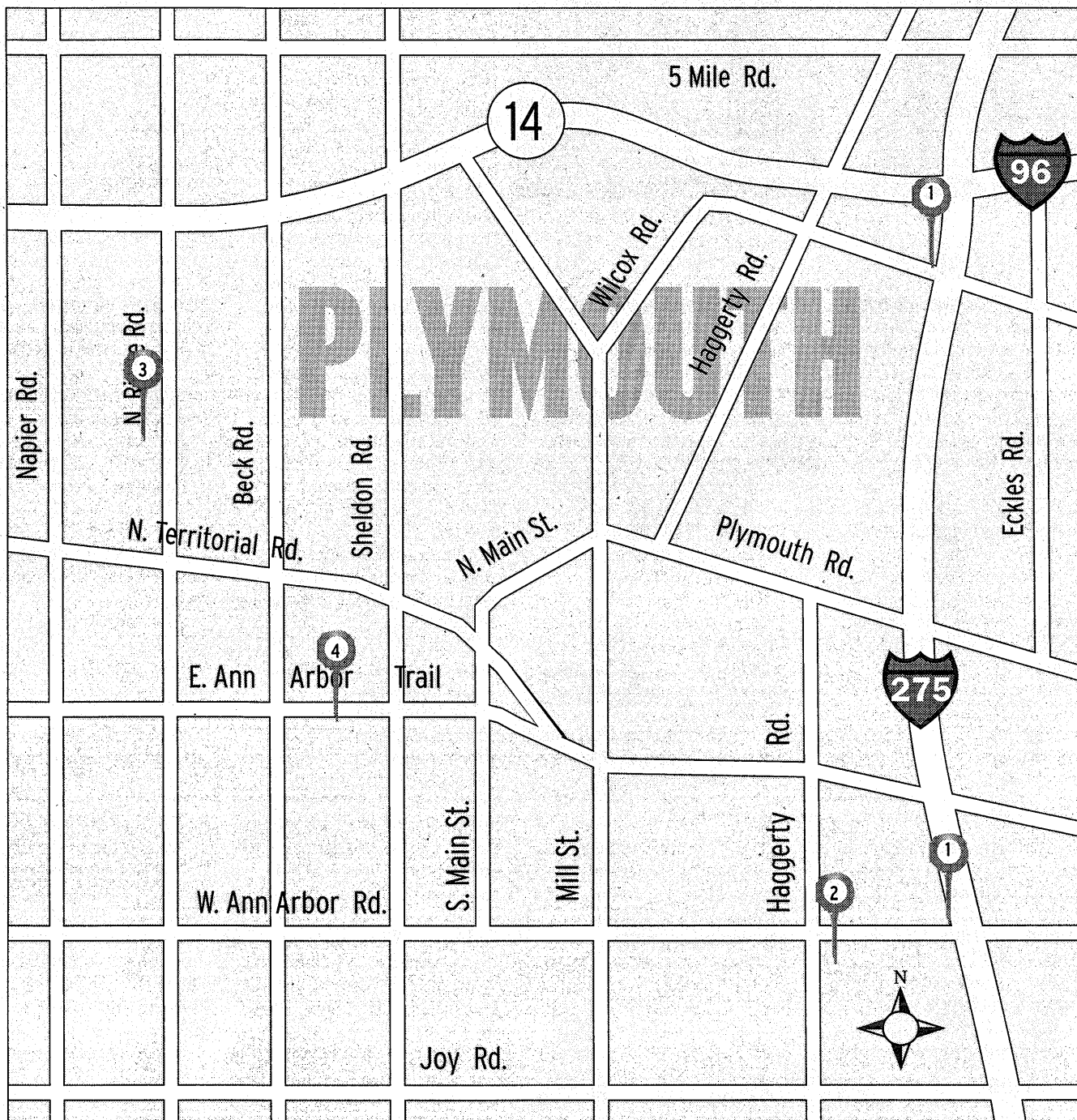
The officer pulled the 22-year-old township woman over nearby and asked if she had any drugs or alcohol, police said. She denied having drugs but said she may have an open container of beer, police said. She consented to a search of the car, police said, and admitted having heroin in her purse.

Police said the substance, 1.5 grams, tested positive for heroin. The woman was arrested on a drug-possession charge.

### Shoplifter confesses

A 21-year-old woman admitted shoplifting a package of 50 computer discs from the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township last week, saying she wanted to get a present for a friend but didn't have enough money for the discs.

The woman, who was issued a citation to appear in court on a larceny charge, made the confession at the police station on Saturday, the day after the incident was reported, police said. Police had identified her as a



suspect, the report said, and she had agreed to come into the station.

The shoplifting occurred about 5:30 p.m. Friday. A Kmart security guard told police she saw a woman conceal the package of 50 discs in her purse and walk out of the store without paying for them. The guard confronted her outside, the police report said, and the thief opened her purse, dumped out the package and fled in a white Pontiac Grand Am.

The guard was able to get a license-plate number.

### Shed burglarized

A Toro lawn mower, a toolbox and the tools in it and a pair of jack stands were among the things reported stolen from a shed at a house on Linden in the township, police said.

The shed had been left unlocked, the victim told police. The burglary occurred between Sept. 3 and

Thursday, the victim said.

### SUV burglary

A satellite-based navigation system and an iPod were reported stolen Sept. 5 from a Ford Explorer parked in the driveway of a house on McLumpha. The Explorer had been left unlocked, police said. The theft occurred Sept. 4 or Sept. 5.

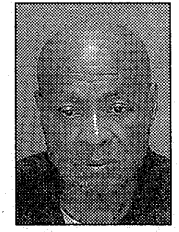
- By Matt Jachman

## Beating, burglary land life sentence for career criminal

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 57-year-old man with a lengthy criminal history will likely spend the rest of his life behind bars after his Sept. 10 sentencing in Wayne County Circuit Court in the brutal beating of a woman at her Plymouth Township workplace.

Leevester Hathorn, whose criminal record dates from the early 1970s, was sentenced by Judge Brian Sullivan to life in



Hathorn

prison on a charge of armed robbery, 75 to 100 years on a charge of assault with intent to murder, and 20 to 50 years on a breaking-and-entering charge.

Charged as a fourth-time habitual offender, Hathorn had been convicted of the charges by a jury after a four-day trial last month. The victim, Lisa Mindrick, was at work at Gibbs Technologies on Helm Street on May 24, 2008, a Saturday, when she was severely beaten. She suffered brain hemorrhaging, a broken vertebra in her neck and blood loss. She was treated at the University of Michigan Hospital and has undergone extensive rehabilitation.

Police believe a crowbar or similar tool was used, but no weapon was recovered. The victim's personal laptop computer was stolen.

DNA evidence found on a doorknob linked Hathorn to the scene, and police located him in March after he was arrested in an unrelated robbery in Woodhaven. He pleaded guilty to a charge of unarmed robbery in that case, and was already incarcerated at the time of his attempted murder trial.

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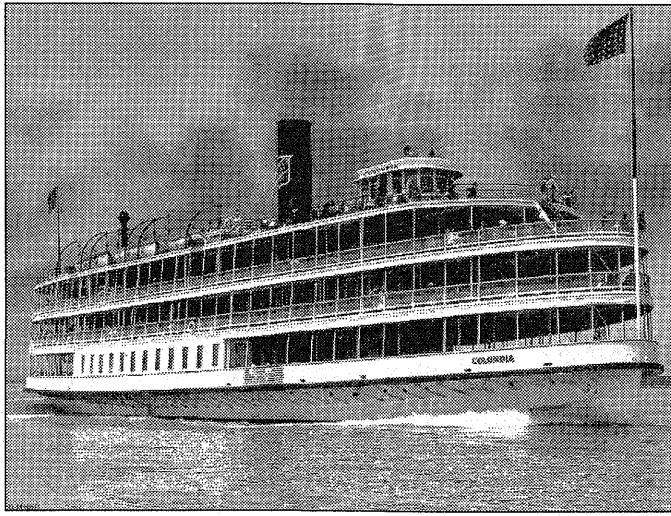
# Cruise kicks off Bob-Lo boat restoration

Remember riding the boat to Bob-Lo Island? Remember the names of those two boats? One was the Ste. Clair, the other Columbia. The former is no more, but the latter is now the focus of the SS Columbia Project, committed to restoring the National Historic Landmark Vessel to its former glory.

Plymouth and Canton residents can relive those memories at the project's first official fund-raising event, a cruise on the Detroit River aboard the M.V. Friendship, 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19.

The event will celebrate the beginning of work on the ship and to raise awareness and resources for the full restoration of the SS Columbia, the Bob-Lo boat that plied the waters of the Detroit River for 89 years.

From 19-year-old deckhand to full Captain of the Columbia, Captain Art Herrala will be on board to share 43 seasons of life stories, including, finding



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Noted marine photographer Bill Taylor took this photo of the SS Columbia during the interwar period.

the love of his life because of the Columbia. Joel Stone of the Detroit Historical Society, who crewed as a DJ aboard the Columbia, is compiling music for the cruise to span the 89 years of the ship's journeys to Bob-Lo Island.

Guests are invited to bring their own memorabilia, share memories,

and reminisce about this magnificent floating time machine as they dine on pizza delivered by the J.W. Westcott II mail boat and view both the Columbia and its sister ship, the Ste. Claire. Guests will have the opportunity, if they would like, to share their memories on camera for the benefit of generations to come.

Participants will begin their journey back in time steps from where the Columbia was launched 107 years earlier.

The Friendship will depart from the dock behind the Portofino Restaurant, 3455 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte. The dock adjoins the site where the Columbia was built in 1902. Boarding will begin at 1:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$30 per person. Additional information about the cruise and the SS Columbia can be found at [www.sscolumbia.org](http://www.sscolumbia.org) or by calling (212) 228-3128.

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# W-W seeks line of credit to cover costs

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

No one is immune to Michigan's poor economy and getting paid late just adds to the cash flow problem.

That's the situation causing the Wayne-Westland Board of Education to authorize the administration to seek a \$6 million line of credit. The money won't be borrowed unless necessary.

"More than 50 percent of Michigan school districts are in the situation of borrowing. We've avoided doing it for 10 or 12 years," said Gary Martin, deputy superintendent of administrative and business services.

The district has been drawing down its fund balance — effectively a savings account — for several years, Martin said, leaving it currently at \$10 million or 9 percent of the general fund budget.

The state's change of its fiscal

year to an Oct. 1 start means the school districts don't receive a state aid payment until three months after the start of their fiscal year. As a result, Martin said the district can have a cash flow problem, hence the need for the line of credit.

"We run many federal programs that require funding and then we get reimbursement," Martin said. "There are two ways to borrow. We could borrow from the state, but the line of credit will be more cost-effective. The problem is that the state gives you the money in a lump sum. With the line of credit, we can borrow only what we need at intermittent times."

The district won't borrow on the line of credit unless it becomes necessary, Martin said.

"In 2000, the state was on the same fiscal year as the us, but was having financial and cash flow problems," he said. "They put that problem on the schools by changing their fiscal year."

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## Barefoot fund-raiser

Plymouth-based Barefoot Productions hosts its first garage sale fund-raiser, with a selection of furniture, children's items, household goods, holiday decor, clothing and more, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 25-26 at the former Walker-Buzenberg building, 240 N. Main (near the railroad tracks), in Plymouth. Barefoot Productions, now in its fourth season, hosts the garage sale in conjunction with its fall production, "The Good Doctor," which opens Oct. 8. For more information about Barefoot Productions, visit [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com) or call (734) 582-9688.

Plymouth-based Core Sport Pilates Fitness Studio sponsors a charity golf outing Sunday, Oct. 4, at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center to benefit Ian Flannigan, who suffers from a brain stem lesion.

Proceeds will cover travel expenses for Ian's continued rehabilitation at Johns Hopkins. Ian travels to the Kennedy Krieger Institute, located on the Johns Hopkins Medical Campus, 3-4 times per year.

Four years ago, Ian Flannigan was living the life of a normal 11-year-old boy when he suddenly started complaining about his neck hurting when shopping one day with his family.

Within the hour, he was on the couch in so much pain that his parents, Lisa and Brian, rushed him to the nearest

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health care facility. After several tests, Ian was diagnosed with a brain stem lesion which has left him very weak and unable to walk without assistance.

The family says Ian's goal is to walk independently again someday and "maybe even ride a bike and play soccer - all of the normal things that teenagers do." To make this possible, Ian has received strength and flexibility training from Core Sport in Plymouth and physical therapy from the Detroit Medical Center, when he is not traveling to the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore, Md.

Ian started attending Core Sport in April after his mother met Jaime White, Core Sport

owner, when she was shopping downtown and passed by the studio. Because of Ian's determination, White was inspired to plan a golf outing for him.

"We are very fortunate to work with such a great kid like Ian," White said. "He inspires all of us through his determination. I am very proud to have Core Sport involved on his road to recovery."

The feeling is mutual. Lisa Sullivan, Ian's mother, said she's "delighted to have Ian attend Core Sport. She believes "Jaime and Ian work well together and that the training has given him a better outlook."

Currently, Ian attends Core Sport once or twice per week.

## Best and brightest

Community Financial, headquartered in Plymouth,

has been named for the fourth consecutive year as one of "Metropolitan Detroit's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For." The credit union was one of the top companies selected, from more than 1,000 nominations and over 400 applications submitted. The annual award and program is presented by the Michigan Business and Professional Association (MBPA).

"We are proud to acknowledge the commitment, mutual respect and superior member service of all our team members who made this award possible," said Bill Lawton, Community Financial's president and CEO. "Also our ongoing training programs, leadership development and decision making processes help us maintain a talented and dedicated team."

The award program was established to honor companies that recognize employees as their greatest asset. Participants are required to fill out an extensive survey and winners are selected based on independent research that evaluates each entry on a variety of best practices in human resource management.

## Healthy living fair

Heartland Health Care Centers presents a free "Healthy Living Fair" 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Sept. 22, at the Canton Summit On the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

The event will celebrate National Rehab Awareness Week and will feature exercise specialist with equipment demonstrations; information on home health services; durable equipment products; healthy cooking demonstrations; free blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol screenings; hearing and low-vision testing; and much more.

Educational presentations will be featured throughout the event. Experts will also present information on fall prevention. A complimentary breakfast and refreshments will be provided.

"We hope the community will take advantage of the free services and educational presentations, said Laura Ross, Admission Director, Heartland Health Care Center-Canton: "With the wide range of partners participating, we're confident that there will be something for everyone. Helping people remain at home is what we're all about. It should be a lot of fun."

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## Peace candles

Students from Dearborn Heights Montessori Center, Livonia Montessori Center and Plymouth-Canton Montessori School will participate in the United Nations' International Day of Peace Monday by joining other Montessori students from around the world to sing "Light a Candle for Peace." For 24 hours and beginning in New Zealand, the song will be sung around the world.

"Each of our schools has been given a designated time to sing," said Kay Neff, founder of Dearborn Heights Montessori and its satellite schools in Livonia and Canton. "The Montessori curriculum emphasizes the concepts of peace and respect for one another, and participation in this special day is very meaningful for our students and staff."

Established by a U.N. resolution in 1982, International Day of Peace is celebrated every September 21. Over the years, "Peace Day" has grown to include millions of people around the world who participate in all kinds of activities and events.

For additional information, visit [www.dhmontessori.org](http://www.dhmontessori.org). To hear the song, visit the Web site [www.shelleymurley.com/singpeace.htm](http://www.shelleymurley.com/singpeace.htm)

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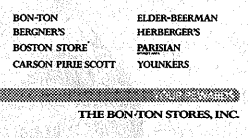
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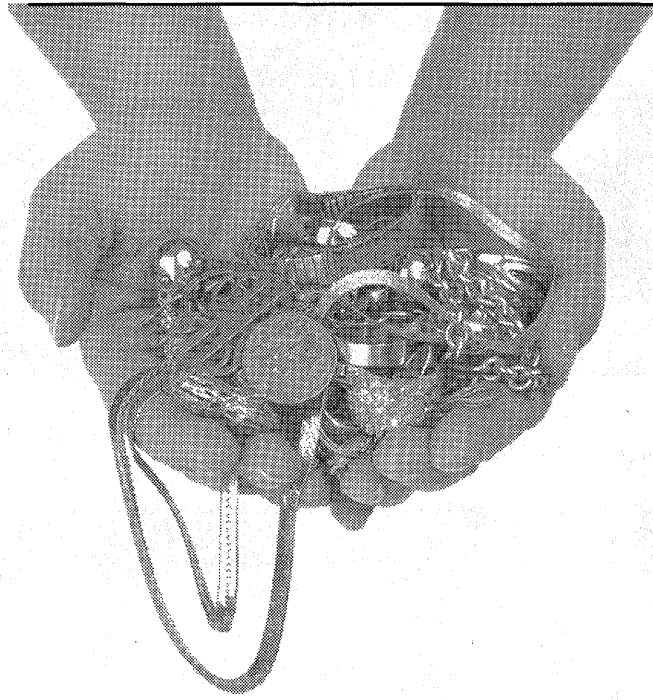
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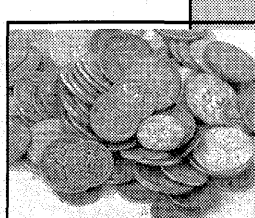
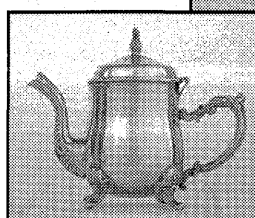
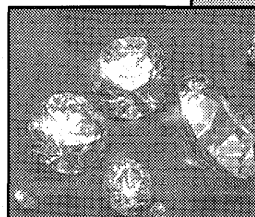
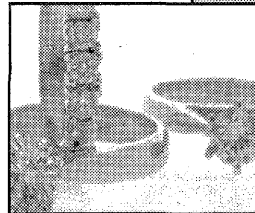
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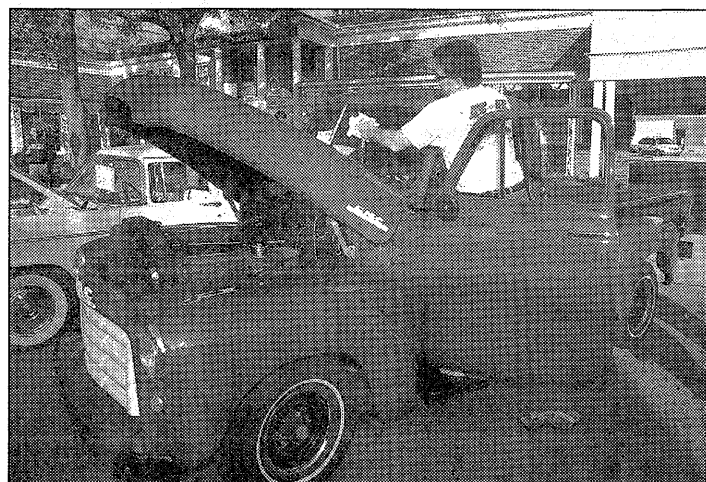
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## Weather, chicken fans bless 54th Fall Festival

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sunshine, hungry crowds and busy carnival rides added up to a successful weekend for the 54th annual Plymouth Community Fall Festival.

Attendance was up over last year, judging from ride ticket sales, and the Rotary Club of Plymouth, which began the festival tradition in the 1950s with an annual chicken barbecue, sold out of 10,400 chicken dinners on Sunday.

"As the weather goes, so goes the festival," said Colleen Brown, festival committee president. "We couldn't ask for better weather."

Community groups new to the festival reported being pleased with their festival fund-raising efforts, and some of the artisans and crafters with booths on Union Street said it was their best event of the season, Brown said.

"I thought Friday and Saturday nights the park (Kellogg Park) was extremely full. Everybody was having fun, too," Brown said.

"Any time we sell out it is a huge success for us," said Paul Opdyke of the Rotary's chicken barbecue committee. "It was an excellent day, beautiful weather.

We couldn't ask for a better day or a better crowd."

Opdyke said the Rotary's proceeds from the barbecue hadn't yet been totaled. The barbecue is the festival's signature event and a major Rotary fund-raiser. About 700 volunteers assisted in the barbecue, he said.

Brown said there were no incidents at the festival, aside from a few bee stings, which is "standard." This year, she said, the festival won some television air time on WXYZ Channel 7.

"It was different for us, and that was fun," she said.

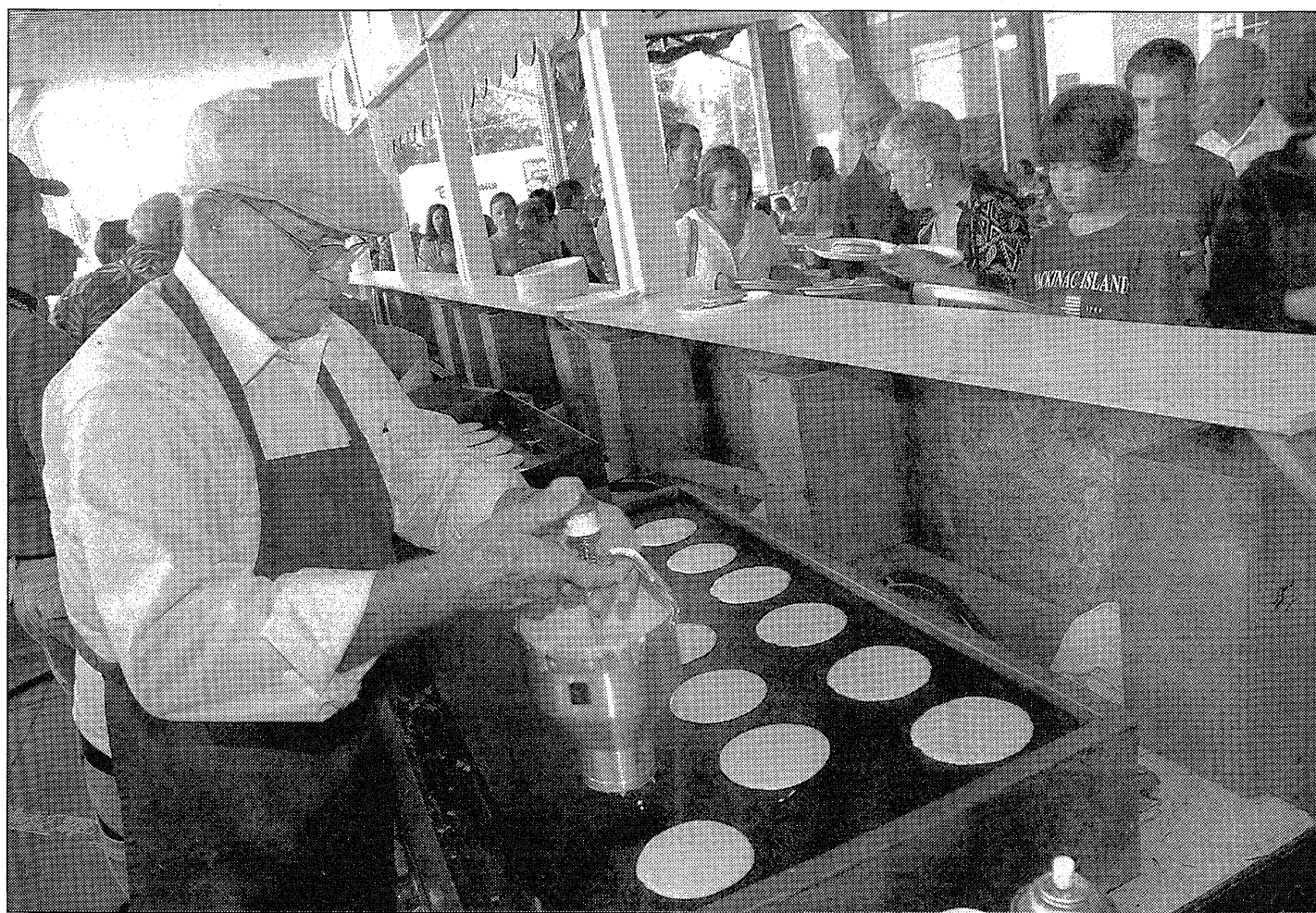
The nice weather also brought out the show and antique cars, which were displayed on Penniman and on Main. "We filled up both streets, which doesn't always happen," Brown said.

Alexander Condit, 8, of Plymouth, was at the festival for the rides on Friday afternoon.

"They seem to enjoy it," said his mother, Dana, who had two younger children, Adam and Anya, in tow. She said she regularly takes the family to Plymouth events.

"It just was a great weekend all around," said Brown.

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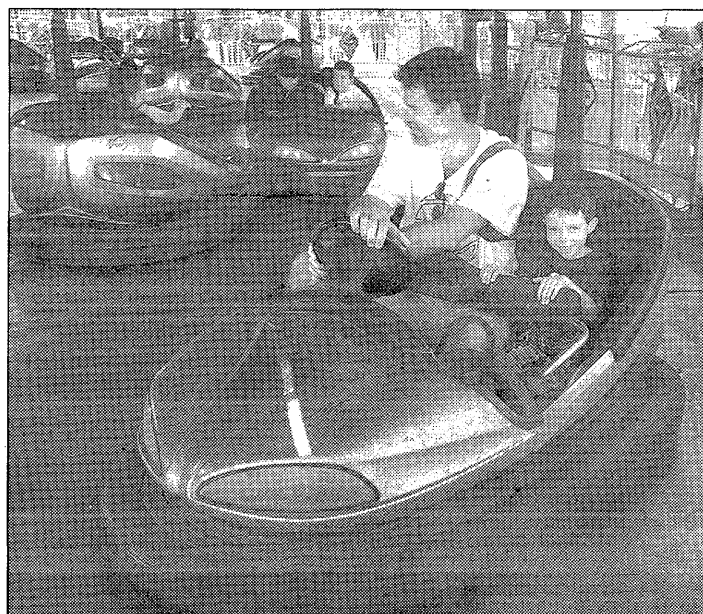
Saturday morning at Plymouth Fall Festival means Kiwanis pancakes, and Kiwanian Jim Vermeulen took his turn on griddle duty.



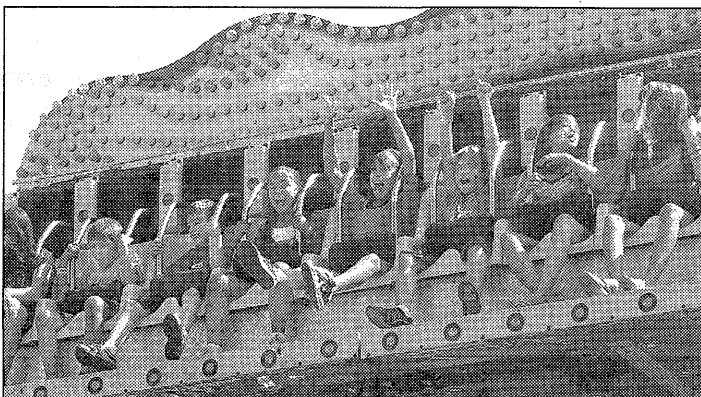
Lori Slevin, daughter Kiley Slevin and their Miniature Schnauzer, Zeus, wait to compete in the "shortest tail" competition at the Optimist Club's Pet Show.



At the Trailwood Garden Club Perennial Trade, Barbara Bray gives Coreopsis to fellow gardener Chris Rodzik.



Dad Rob Church is at the wheel of the dodge 'em scooter car so Brendan Church hangs on. Father and son are both from Plymouth.



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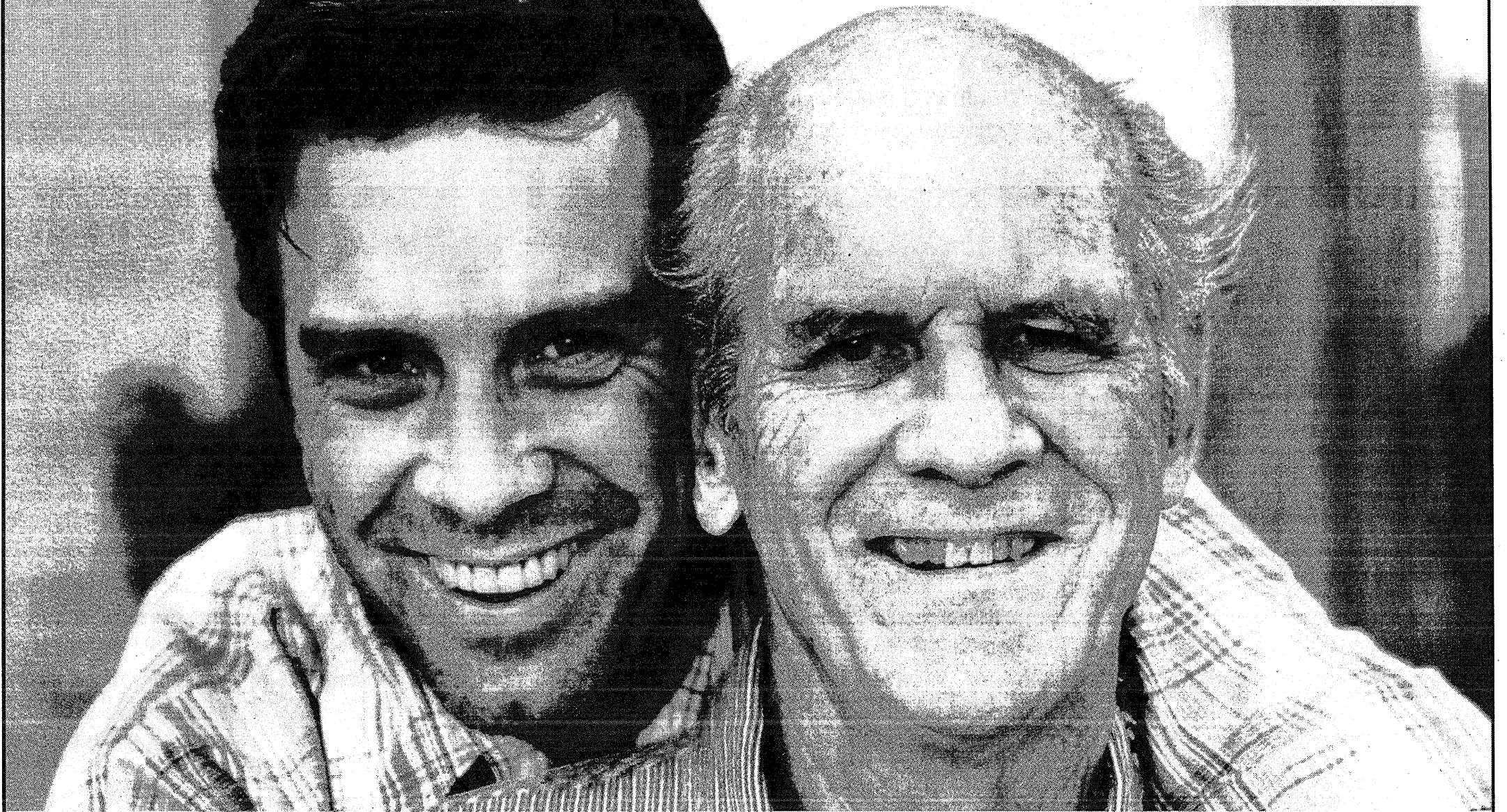


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## OUR VIEWS

### Library card month: Good time to get one

We have a question: Do you know what month it is? You're correct if you say September, but you would be even more correct if you said it's Library Card Sign-up Month.

We know parents just spent the better part of August getting their kids ready for school, stocking up on the school supplies students will need this year. But how many of you thought about a library card? It's most likely the most important school supply of all.

Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning. You need only look to the growing number of adults who have turned to their local library to use computers to look for work, prepare resumes, or check out books to enhance their skill to realize how important a library card is.

Big or small, libraries are an important part of the community, not because of the books, magazines, newspapers, CDs and DVDs they make available to the public but their ability to put the world at your fingertips. For kids, the library is great place to get help with homework, to check out books, play games or use the Internet.

Here's a short list of things you can do at your library:

- Check out your favorite graphic novel.
- Attend preschool story hour with your child.
- Research the purchase of a new car.
- Travel to another planet in a sci-fi novel or on the Internet at [pds.jpl.nasa.gov/planets/ornin-epanets.org](http://pds.jpl.nasa.gov/planets/ornin-epanets.org).
- Borrow an audiobook for your next road trip or commute.
- Learn how to use a database or computerized catalog.

The best part of having a library card is that it's free. No hidden fees, no interest charges. It's one card everyone should have in their wallet. If you don't have one, stop by the library today and get one. It's your key to the world of books and so much more.

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

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

• In response to the story "54th Fall Festival revs up in Plymouth."

**Dan43 wrote:**

"I hate to say this, but I think the Fall Festival should go away. I grew up in the City of Plymouth and always enjoyed it, with all of the different kinds of foods and entertainment. I went on Saturday night for the first time in many years and the atmosphere was very lacking. There seemed to be far fewer vendors and people, aside from teenagers milling about the carney rides. The event simply does not compare to Art in the Park or the Ice Spectacular."

**jeremycalifornia wrote:**

"I totally disagree. I have never been to Plymouth or even heard of the fall festival. I was visiting from Sacramento, California for a big convention for my company. I randomly found Plymouth fall festival on the internet, and rented two limos and brought 50 of my top associates to Plymouth Friday night. Everyone was amazed at the small town atmosphere and charm that the festival provided. I loved the \$1 buttered corn on the cob and the ring of fire was my favorite ride. From the outside looking in, I was so impressed that I will definitely attend next year and bring more people. What an outstanding festival put on by a small town way off the map. Way to go Plymouth!"

Jeremy Rose  
Senior Vice President, ACN  
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## COMMUNITY VOICE

### Would you leave Michigan if you could, and why or why not?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



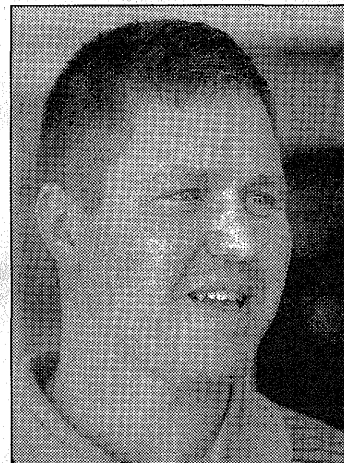
"Yes, I would. I would move to Tennessee tomorrow if I could. ... I would love to be in Tennessee. I have family there."

Lori O'Brady  
Garden City



"No. Because I grew up here and all my family's here. There's no reason to leave."

Sheri Rogers  
Plymouth Township



"Big debate. My wife wants to. She hates the (winter) weather. I hate it. ... Family and friends keep us here."

Kevin Riley  
Canton Township



"We'll see. I'm just trying to hang in there. I'm the last of the Mohicans. ... I'm pursuing a business endeavor here, though. ... We're going to come back. ... It just won't be the same."

William Wall  
Plymouth

## LETTERS

### Thanks, Plymouth

Our team, Save the Treasured Chest, from Clarion, Pa., recently participated in the Michigan Breast Cancer 3 Day and had the privilege of walking through the streets of Plymouth.

We are writing to thank you for the support and encouragement, which were phenomenal. A special thanks from our team to the city and the citizens of Plymouth for taking the time, for making the effort and for making special memories for each of our team members. You made each of us feel welcomed, appreciated and honored — walking through your town was indeed a high point of the walk.

Our team consists of five women, each with their own special reason for participating in the 3 Day. We've walked in several cities over the past years and will definitely consider returning to the Michigan 3 Day, as well as recommending it to other walkers because of the thoughtfulness and generosity of the citizens of Plymouth.

Rose Weaver, Jodi Rhea, Terri Corbett, Cindy Nave, Milissa Bauer  
Clarion, Pa.

### No more steps

Of course the board was willing to approve the current contract for a year. The teachers did not have to give up anything. Not only did the teachers not give up anything, but also continued step raises.

We need IMMEDIATELY to get rid of the step raises! What about teachers participating in contributions to offset health care cost? What about reductions in pensions? What about reductions in sick days? What about reductions in holiday pay?

Everyone is losing some if not all of their benefits; what makes the teachers so special? We need a long-term teachers contract with decreases in overall benefits, or elimination of benefits.

Do what the auto companies have done. Get rid of ALL current teachers and administrators, and hire new college grads at much lower salaries and less benefits. There are a lot of unemployed teachers that will work for a lot less money and less benefits.

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education needs to get a clear message to reduce their cost, and STOP playing games. Taxpayers are tired of paying for lack of accountability from overpaid teachers and administrators.

Things MUST change.

Keith Martin  
Plymouth

### Exercise caution

For a variety of reasons, individuals often believe adding another person's name to a real estate deed is a useful tool. Older individuals frequently believe adding their children's names to title will avoid the perceived burdens of probate court after they die. Individuals in relationships often add a partner's names to real estate as a modern substitute for marriage.

"Joint Tenancy with Rights of Survivorship" (JTWROS) is one form of real estate ownership in Michigan that is commonly used when adding a name to title. Rarely, however, is it properly understood. Even real estate professionals often lack complete knowledge of JTWROS, which leads to poor client counseling and potentially dangerous results down the road.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

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Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

JTWROS is considered "indestructible" in Michigan. To illustrate how it acquired this description, let us consider a common scenario. Mom has a falling out with her daughter, Jane. She adds her son, Bob, to her house title as a JTWROS. She later reconciles with Jane and no longer wants her to be cut out of receiving part of her home when she dies. Since Bob is now a JTWROS, she must obtain Bob's cooperation to accomplish her wishes. She may not independently act to ensure Jane will share ownership of the home upon her death. She also may not sell the property or borrow against it without Bob's consent. She has truly lost independence over her home by adding Bob as a JTWROS.

The same restrictions would apply in other types of relationships. For instance, consider Jack, who has owned a condominium for many years alone. He becomes involved with a girlfriend, Mary, who eventually moves in. If Jack adds Mary to title as a JTWROS, and the relationship later ends, Bob will find himself in a precarious arrangement. Bob's property upon his death will always go to Mary, unless she voluntarily executes a deed back to Bob.

Moreover, Mary will have to consent to any sale or financing of the property. Bob may attempt a costly and difficult partition action in court to solve his dilemma, but complete legal victories are never assured, which is compounded by the indestructible nature of JTWROS.

Additionally, many people mistakenly believe that JTWROS offers real estate protection against creditors. A married couple's real estate, which is known as Tenants by the Entireties, does allow protection from the separate debts of a spouse. Many individuals falsely believe the same is true for JTWROS. The Michigan Judgment Lien Act, however, makes no such exception for JTWROS. Section 6018 of the act clearly states all interests in real estate are attachable by a judgment creditor.

Revisiting our example of Bob and Mary, if Bob adds Mary as a JTWROS to his condo, and a money judgment is acquired against Mary, a judgment lien may be placed on Bob's condominium since she is a shared owner in the property. The judgment lien will remain in full effect until Mary dies. This means if Bob wishes to sell or borrow against the property during Mary's lifetime, he will be faced first with resolving Mary's money judgment.

Michigan's JTWROS is a viable form of ownership that does serve legitimate purposes. If unmarried people equally invest in property, for example, JTWROS may be a fair and reasonable option to protect their interests.

In the end, it is always up to individual property owners to choose options with which

they feel most comfortable. However, having a comprehensive understanding of JTWROS is critical in determining if it is the right choice for one's personal circumstances.

Maggie Lourdes, Esq.  
Plymouth

### No puppy mills

Bob Barker's message has been around a long time: "Have your pet spayed or neutered." So why do we have so many dogs coming into the shelters?

Yes, we have a lot of families in hardship, but the real problem is over population. We have too many breeders mass producing dogs. The pet trade has created this huge demand for small breeds, designer dogs, teacups with the pet stores leading the way.

Not only are they pumping dogs into our communities, but they are also selling sick dogs that will rack up big vet bills. Buyers beware. Detroit has approximately 20 licensed pet stores. Most all of them (15) have records showing they are not working with "local breeders" (source: [PetShopPuppies.org](http://PetShopPuppies.org)). They are working with out-of-state commercial breeding operations everyone is calling puppy mills.

Petland-Novi, Petland-Westland, The Family Puppy-Novi, Family of Pets-Roseville, Family of Pets-Troy and Westland Dog Food Co. (yes, them too) have the most reported sick dogs.

They are sick because they come from puppy mills where breeding dogs are kept for years in cages without proper or any vet care. Sometimes they are bred every cycle until they can no longer "produce." They are then killed, abandoned or sold to another mill. There is no socialization or human companionship. All of these conditions make for many unhealthy litters.

I find it interesting that the pet stores will not provide breeder information until you buy the dog. Why is that? I want to know where my next family member is coming from, especially if I am spending over \$1,000 on the dog.

Don't be fooled when they say, "Our puppies come with a health certificate from a licensed veterinarian." This only means that the puppy has had a very brief "wellness" examination by a veterinarian. It does not include testing the parents for genetic disorders, or for diseases such as Giardia and Brucellosis, which are contagious to humans.

So if you are looking for a dog, stay far away from the pet stores. All you need to know is, reputable breeders do not sell to pet stores. You can check the breed clubs code of ethics and most of them state they do not work with pet stores.

What you can do? Do not rescue a dog from a pet store. They will just fill the cage with another poor puppy. Rescue from your local shelter instead. It just feels good! There are plenty of no-kill shelters and some even have purebreds. If you have your heart set on a purebred, there are many purebred rescue groups you can find on [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com).

Sept. 19 is Puppy Mill Awareness Day. Groups around the country will be holding events to educate the public about puppy mills. The southeast Detroit meetup group is having a Memorial Rally at the Westland Petland 1-4 p.m.

Leroy Brown  
Plymouth

## Wine and roses at Plymouth Ladies Night Out

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

If you've had your eye on Kid Rock's Made in Detroit clothing line, tonight's the time to buy.

GiGi's Mode will offer 10 percent off Made in Detroit merchandise during Ladies Night Out, happening 5-10 p.m. tonight throughout the streets of downtown Plymouth.

The trendy boutique is among dozens of shops, salons and restaurants participating in the annual event presented by the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce.

According to Teri Fry, event manager for the chamber, local businesses are planning all sorts of treats including refreshments, prizes, pampering and great prices.

At GiGi's Mode, located at 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, owner Beverly Whitby has stocked up on extra Made in Detroit merchandise, ranging from signature tees and hoodies to fitted track jackets and military-style hats. But Whitby also hopes to highlight other offerings at her store, like American-made Heart and Crown T-shirts, lightweight Raj scarves, Big Buddha handbags and knee-high scrunch boots by Naughty Monkey.

"We also have a great short suede bootie by Volatile with an open toe," Whitby said.

Around the corner at 294 S. Main St., That's Awesome will feature storewide discounts and an expanded selection of Jack-E-Ohs jewelry. The boutique, attached to Salon Awesome, also will raffle off a



GiGi's Mode will mark down Made in Detroit merchandise during Plymouth's Annual Ladies Night Out tonight.

gift basket stocked with \$200 worth of merchandise.

At Sean O'Callaghan's Public House, 821 Penniman Ave., Ladies Night Out happens to coincide with the tavern's annual Halfway to St. Patty's Day Party.

"That's automatically going to be a big party right there," said owner Kevin Khashan.

In honor of the occasion are \$5 Corned Beef Melts, \$3 whiskeys, \$4 Guinness drafts and live music by the Sean O'Reilly Band. Ladies also can take advantage of Thursday Happy Hour prices from 3 p.m. to close, including \$3 drafts, \$4 wine and half-off select appetizers like Scotch Eggs, Calamari,

Cheeseburger Sliders and Spinach Dip.

Fry said Ladies Night Out has been extremely popular the past five years and she doesn't expect the sagging economy to put a damper on attendance.

In fact, hours have been extended in anticipation of the crowds.

"It's great for the retailers. It brings lots of people into town," Fry said.

Every guest is invited to stop by the Chamber of Commerce at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, where Mr. 48170 will be passing out free roses provided by Ribar Floral.

"We expect more than 500 ladies having fun with their moms, their cousins, their daughters," Fry said.

### LADIES NIGHT OUT

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### MALLS & MAINSTREETS

#### Borders treasure hunt

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#### Goodwill sale

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 customers to donate clean, gently

used clothing and home textiles. In exchange for every item, customers will receive one coupon for 20 percent off apparel and 15 percent off fragrances, cosmetics and home merchandise.

The sale generates millions of pounds of clothing donations sold in more than 2,300 Goodwill stores. Revenue funds job training, employment placement and other community programs for people who need it most in local communities.

Other participating Parisian stores are located at Village of Rochester Hills and The Mall at Partridge Creek in Clinton Township.

#### Fashion In Detroit

The Motor City will transform into Fashion City during Fashion In Detroit at the Detroit Zoo Oct. 1-2. The event features runway shows by Farmington Hills native Peter Soronen, Troy's Joe Faris of "Project Runway" fame, Betsey Johnson, Felicia Couture, Kevin Christiana, Marlaine Stone, Kevan Hall, Carhartt, DivaGroove and Kid Rock's Made in Detroit. Tickets are \$75 per day. Visit [www.fashionindetroit.com](http://www.fashionindetroit.com).

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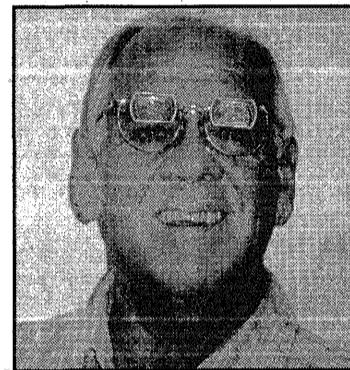
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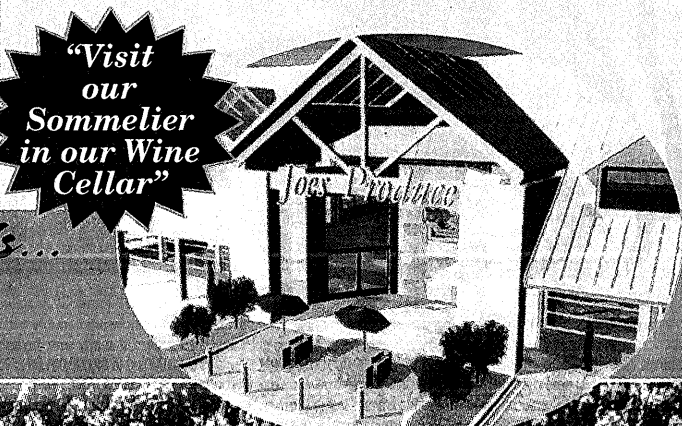
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## VICTORY IS SERVED

### Efficient Chiefs sweep past Franklin

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As usual, 5-foot, 10-inch outside hitter Jordan Kieilty was the go-to person for Canton in Tuesday's varsity volleyball match against Livonia Franklin.

The senior co-captain came through with four-point service runs at the end of both the second and third games and put the icing on the cake as the host Chiefs earned a convincing 25-9, 25-15 and 25-15 win in the KLAAs South Division contest.

But Kieilty came up big across the board. She wound up with nine kills along with 10 assists and four aces as Canton improved to 2-0-0 overall and in the South. Franklin dropped to 2-5-2 and 0-2-0.

"Jordan Kieilty again had the most kills, she is our strongest player and best leader," Canton head coach Mary Kryska said. "She is a person I'll never take out of the game, because even when you put in all your subs like today, you still need that backbone that keeps everybody together. "And that is pretty much Jordan, so everyone looks to her all the time."

Kieilty had a solid supporting cast, too. Canton also featured strong production at the stripe from senior outside hitter Torry Riley (five aces) and senior middle hitter Allison Trapp (five aces).

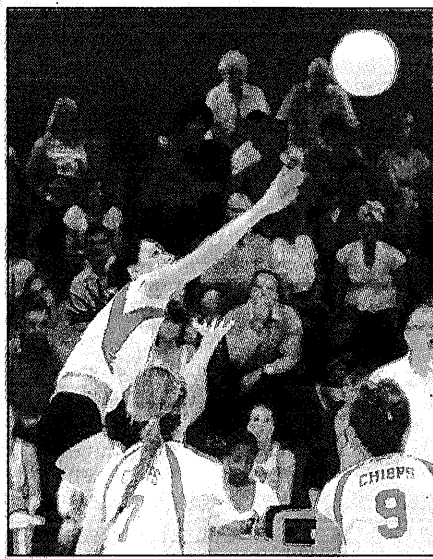
Senior defensive specialist Lauren Masuga, like Riley, also served well and also collected 11 defensive digs to lead in that category.

"It (strong serving) keeps them anticipating every single time," Kryska said. "It keeps us aggressive and keeps our momentum going."

She hopes that will again be the case Thursday, Sept. 24, when the Chiefs visit division rival Livonia Churchill. The match could determine which team gains an upper hand in the division.

Meanwhile, the Chiefs' long serving stints all night kept the Patriots on their collective heels, Franklin head coach Linda Jimenez said.

"When they served it to us, we couldn't receive (well)," Jimenez said. "We couldn't pass the ball to get our offense going."



Up in the air and ready to block for Canton during Tuesday's match against Franklin is sophomore outside hitter Kristen Muir, who has support from senior Jordan Kieilty (No. 7) and junior Tori denBoer (No. 9).

"But when they serve that many serves in a row consistently, I give a lot of credit to (Canton's) servers."

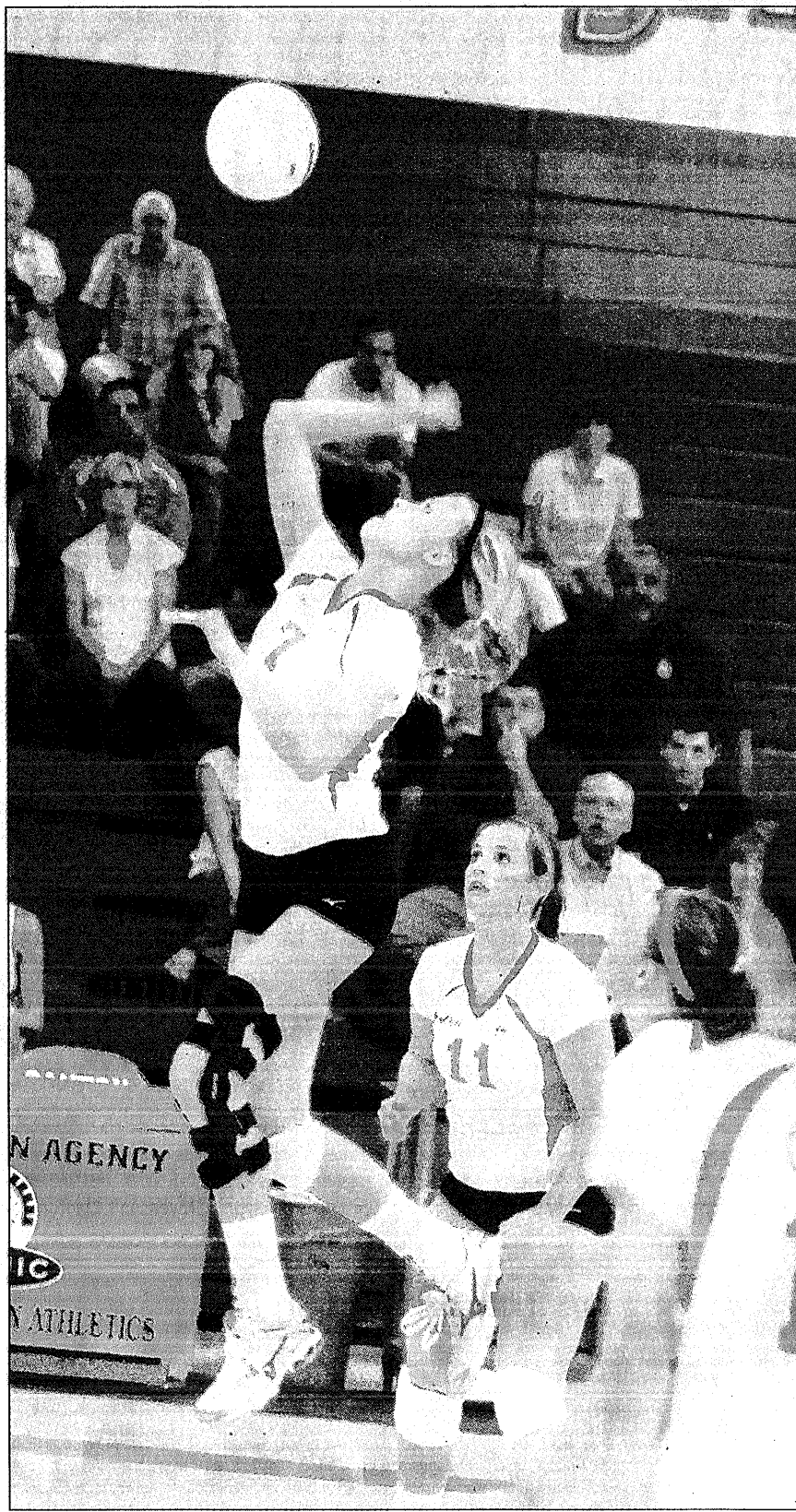
Franklin's top performers for the night included seniors Liz Holloway (four blocks, three aces, five digs) and Savannah Haig (four blocks) and sophomore Nicole Williamson (six digs).

"I thought we blocked well," Jimenez added, looking for positives to build on.

Aggressive serving and improved communication during the match were other key elements to the triumph, stressed Canton's Kryska.

"We definitely came out aggressive serving yet again, just like our last match against (Westland) John Glenn," Kryska said. "We also communicated a lot better this time, which is something we've been working on a lot in practice."

Other players sparking the victory for the Chiefs included sophomore outside hitter Kristen Muer (six kills, nine digs) and senior setter Traci Breitmeyer (seven digs, 10 assists).



Hammering the ball toward the Livonia Franklin side of the net Tuesday night is Canton senior Jordan Kieilty, while teammate Jackie Waite (No. 11) watches.

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## GAME WRAPS

### Motor City Giants

Tryouts for the Motor City Giants 9U competitive travel baseball team continue from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday on the baseball fields located behind UAW Local 735, at 48055 Michigan Ave. in Canton (just west of Beck Road).

The Giants participate in the KVBSA league and several tournaments with the basic objective to allow players the opportunity to improve skills, gain confidence and have fun.

For more information, call coach Eric Justice at (734) 846-5418 or e-mail him at madyreag@wowway.com.

### Call in those scores

Each result on the high school varsity level is critical for every team in its season-long drive toward achieving its goals. Thus, the *Observer Newspapers* is your primary source to read about these lofty achievements and the sports staff is here to provide the most thorough information dealing with those events.

In order for this to happen, coaches and statisticians are asked to call Plymouth/Canton Sports Editor Tim Smith at (313) 222-2637 or e-mail him at tsmith@hometownlife.com with scores, individual highlights and comments regarding the latest activity — win or lose, home or away. Results will be compiled and appear in the upcoming edition of the *Plymouth/Canton Observer*.

### O&E men's golf

The *Observer & Eccentric* Men's Open golf tournament is scheduled for Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 19-20, at Livonia's Fox Creek and Whispering Willows golf courses.

Entry fee for the 36-hole medal play event is \$95 (cart not included). Maximum handicap is 20 and you must have a current U.S. Golf Association index to participate.

Entries, open to the first 120 who sign up, close at noon Thursday, Sept. 17. (Entry forms should be sent with a check or money order payable to T.J.W., Inc.)

Pairings and starting times will be available after noon Friday, Sept. 18, by calling (248) 476-4493.

### Cardinals 9U tryouts

The 9U Canton Cardinals Travel Baseball Team will be holding a third and final tryout 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at Heritage Fields Nos. 1-2. Players should arrive 15 minutes early to get organized and start warming up and are asked to bring baseball equipment and plenty of water.

To be eligible, players must be a resident of Canton, Plymouth, or attend a Plymouth-Canton district school. Players must be 9 years old or younger as of April 30, 2010.

To pre-register, e-mail or call travel baseball co-commissioner Alan Zidnik: l.zidnik@sbcglobal.net; (734) 397-5739.

### Kain scores winner

Albion College controlled the action, but it was extended to overtime for the third time this season as it battled Mount Union College in a non-league women's soccer match Saturday afternoon at Alumni Field.

Unlike the first two matches of the season, when the Britons tied Wittenberg and Wilmington, Rachel Kain (Canton/Canton H.S.) lifted Albion to its first victory of the season when she scored in the 92nd minute.

# On football Fridays, all roads lead to PCEP

There was a lot of buzz leading up to last Friday's football game between Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rivals Canton and Plymouth.

In fact, there was a lot of traffic en route to the sprawling campus as football families, band families and pom-pom families converged on PCEP — not to mention all of the other students, friends and plain old football fans.

Halftime was great, with one performance after another from talented musicians



Tim Smith

and dancers from both high schools crammed into about 10 minutes.

Now, the game itself turned out to be a competitive disappointment. Canton, plowing the Turf Field for long run after long run, rolled to a 49-7 victory over the Wildcats.

(By the way, at the same time the Chiefs and Wildcats

renewed acquaintances, Salem played Livonia Stevenson on the other football field at PCEP.)

Chiefs head coach Tim Baechler sounded relieved after it was over, and his team had a 14-0 lead just 75 seconds or so into the KLAAs South Division matchup thanks to a pair of TDs by senior running back Adam Payter (who rushed for something like 220 yards, mostly in the first half).

"To be honest with you, I hate this week," Baechler

said after his happy players rushed off to begin enjoying the weekend afterglow before going back to work again Monday. "It's just high emotions, it's a tough week to prepare, everybody wants to get involved."

"It just makes the game a little bit more intense because everyone's so excited about it. I'm glad this week is over."

Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk probably wished the week never happened. Of course, the 3-0 Chiefs

and 2-1 Wildcats get back to work Friday and teams that can't turn the page — after great weeks or not-so-great weeks — might get into a heap of trouble.

Canton is right back at PCEP against another undefeated rival in Westland John Glenn and the campus should once again be raucous and electric.

It sure was for the Canton-Plymouth game, even with the outcome never in doubt.

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The Salem varsity girls swim team will bank on the ability and leadership of co-captains (from left) Emily Nelson, Kelsey Mathias and Lauren Seroka.

## Young Salem leaders jump in

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

### GIRLS SWIM PREVIEW

For Salem varsity girls swim coach Chuck Olson, his 30th season with the squad is having a unique beginning.

With repairs having been done to the home pool, the Rocks had to share facilities elsewhere at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park during impor-

tant preseason workouts. And the graduation of seven seniors left Olson with a relatively inexperienced squad for 2009.

Of the team's tri-captains, two are underclassmen, a

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## 'Refresher' course on tap for Plymouth

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

### CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW

Two state qualifiers from the 2008 Plymouth varsity girls cross country team graduated.

But that doesn't phase head coach Mary Kerwin. Just ask her whether this is going to be a rebuilding season.

"This year they are saying that it's a rebuilding year for us," Kerwin said. "People talk and I just laugh. We just like to run. I don't like it when coaches use the word 'rebuilding.'"

According to Kerwin, any successful cross country program needs to stay the course. But that's more of a "refresher" than "rebuilding" situation.

"I feel you have to keep building your program every year to keep it successful," Kerwin said. "We have a lot of talented and driven runners on my team and I am always proud to say that I am their coach."

Of course, returning state qualifier Nicole Traitses, a sophomore, will be Plymouth's No. 1 runner.

Right behind her will be seniors Kelly Hahn, Paula Green, Julie Forster, junior Britta Swanson, sophomore Tricia Pniewski, freshmen Julie Hahn and Lindsey Gryniwicz, senior Ashley Liakos and sophomores Elyse Gryniwicz and Constadina Manettas.

"We graduated two of our top five runners

from last year," the coach said. "But the team is stepping up to fill the gaps and make us a solid team again this year."

"The girls have been working hard and they all have great attitudes."

### Plymouth boys harriers

After finishing 12th last season at the Division 1 state meet, hopes are high for continued success for Plymouth's varsity boys cross country team.

Wildcats head coach Jon Mikosz, who earned Coach of the Year honors last season from the *Observer*, is confident the 2009 team could do one better than 2008, when Plymouth went to the state meet for the second time in its seven-year history.

Top runners Joe Porcari, Matt Neumann, Warren Buzzard, Derek Gielarowski and Stephen Balaze are poised to again lead the Wildcats, already off to a 1-0 start in the KLAAs South Division after Tuesday's win over Westland John Glenn.

Other varsity performers include Jimmy Eiben (a tri-captain along with Neumann and Buzzard), Garret Neumann, Jimmy Maciag and Justin Heck.

"I think we are going to have a good year," Mikosz said. "We have the potential to be

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# KLAA's OK

## Salem coaches see future for invitational

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's a start, and for that the Salem cross country coaches who organized Saturday's first ever KLAA Invitational are thrilled.

Of course, their teams fared pretty well at Willow Metropark in New Boston, too.

The Salem boys finished sixth out of nine teams (156 points), while the girls (80 points) took a third-place finish (behind first-place Brighton and Livonia Churchill). There were 12 teams in the girls 5K run.

Victorious in the boys 5K run was Canton, with 53 points. The Chiefs had six medalists (top 21), led by Zack Speitzer (sixth, 16:51) and Keith Zech (seventh, 16:52).

"We feel we host a pretty good meet," Salem boys coach Geoff Baker said. "So everyone who comes out will be happy with how the meet (is) run. Hopefully ... it will pick up next year."

Concurring was Salem girls coach Dave Gerlach.

"It was a big success," Gerlach said. "Not as many teams as we'd like, but that's OK for the first year."

Invited were the boys and girls squads from all 24 teams in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, in just its second season after a merger of the old Western Lakes and Kensington Valley conferences.

The coaches hope their idea

of an all-conference invitational will catch on, but realize it will likely take word-of-mouth from this year's event.

Salem also hosts the annual Wayne County Invitational, which will be Saturday, Oct. 10, also at Willow Metropark.

The top two teams in each race received trophies, while the fastest 21 boys and girls earned medals for their efforts.

Baker said positive signs included performances from Jimmy Daniels (17th, with a personal best 17:32) and Steven McEvilly (26th, 17:59).

"We're pleasantly surprised with the way everybody ran," Baker said.

According to Gerlach, "it was a great start to our racing season. We ran as a team and we pack-ran, which really helped our score."

To that end, four of his runners earned medals, spearheaded by Victoria Tripp (eighth, 19:36) and Jordyn Moore (11th, 20:07). Other Salem medalists were freshman Adelaida Jepperson (18th, 20:23) and Autumn Burin (21st, 20:28).

Other Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams at the invite included the Canton and Plymouth girls, finishing in fifth and ninth place, respectively.

Top runners for those squads included Canton's Bianca Kubicki (seventh, 19:31) and Plymouth's Nicole Traitses (19th, 20:26).

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Salem's No. 1 singles player Brett Foster, belting a forehand, came away with a 7-5, 6-3 win Tuesday over Livonia Stevenson's Clayton Northey. The Rocks also won the KLAA Central Division match, 7-2.

### BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

#### SALEM 7, LIVONIA STEVENSON 2 Sept. 15 at Stevenson

**No. 1 singles:** Brett Foster (Salem) defeated Clayton Northey, 7-5, 6-3. **No. 2:** Jacob Scott (Salem) def. Josh Rochette, 6-0, 6-2. **No. 3:** Dion Walker (Salem) def. Kevin Francisco, 6-3, 7-5. **No. 4:** Vince Sabatini (LS) def. John Kang, 6-3, 6-2.

**No. 1 doubles:** Brock Foster-Josh Perrin (Salem) def. Josh York-Paul Franchina, 6-2, 6-0;

**No. 2:** Mike Keum-Andy Steinman (Salem) def. Paul VanGilder-Kyle Fan, 6-4, 6-2. **No. 3:** Kaeman Holman Rayos-Marcus McCarthey (LS) def. Cody Hazen-Alex Zultowski, 7-5, 5-7, 12-10 (super tiebreaker). **No. 4:** Zenik Pelekh-Greg Selewski (Salem) def. Lukis Rudis-Jeff Sondergaard, 6-2, 6-0. **No. 5:** Tyler Foley-Elliott Stout (Salem) def. Sean Wallace-Jacob Ratliff, 7-6, 7-5.

**Stevenson's dual match record:** 4-3 overall, 2-3 KLAA Central Division.

#### PLYMOUTH 9 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0 Sept. 15 at Plymouth

**No. 1 singles:** Aaron Zhang (P) defeated Zach Ernat, 6-1, 6-0. **No. 2:** Matt Dwan (P) def. Nik Hubbard, 6-1, 6-0. **No. 3:** Andy Mitchell (P) def. Tommy Ruark, 6-1, 6-0. **No. 4:** Pat Bailey (P) def. Andrew McGrath, 6-1, 6-2.

**No. 1 doubles:** Grant Senkbiel-John Lopus (P) def. Mitch Dean-Khari Stargell, 6-4, 6-1;

**No. 2:** Drew Leist-Ian Flemming (P) def. Carlo Tejada-Nick Stone, 6-3, 6-0. **No. 3:** John Heize-David Choos (P) def. Conner Monroe-Wayne Woodard, 6-0, 6-0. **No. 4:** Cameron Earls-Akash Yerukola (P) def. Shane Wiechert-Jacob Toarmina, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3. **No. 5:** Kyle Brzezinski-Kyle Yergenson (P) def. Ion Villaroman-Josh Wakeford, 6-0, 6-1.

**Glenn's dual match record:** 2-7 overall, 2-4 KLAA South Division.

## Plymouth YMCA eyes Liberty Mutual grant

Liberty Mutual will soon donate a \$2,500 Responsible Community Grant to 20 youth sports organizations demonstrating their commitment to doing the right things on and off the playing surface.

The Plymouth Family YMCA is hoping to be one of the recipients.

"The Liberty Mutual Responsible Sports program targets many of the issues we see happening at youth sport-

ing events by shining a positive light on what it means to be a responsible coach and a responsible sports-parent," said Greg Gordon, vice president of Consumer Marketing at Liberty Mutual. "Beyond that, Liberty Mutual is making a significant financial contribution to support the efforts of local organizations like Plymouth Family YMCA."

The ongoing, community-based program offers mean-

ing, easy-to-use educational resources for youth sports parents and coaches, including access to on-the-field game and practice preparation tools as well as self-paced online courses filled with learning tools, videos and topics addressing youth sports issues.

The Responsible Sports program, including community grants, comes at a crucial time for communities where youth

programs are under pressure from increasing numbers of participants, limited volunteer activity and mounting program-administration costs.

Through the resources provided by the grants, it is hoped that "our organizations thrive even under challenging circumstances."

For more information, contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or go to [www.responsiblesports.com](http://www.responsiblesports.com).

### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### Canton Cardinals 9U baseball tryouts

The 9U Canton Cardinals Travel Baseball Team will be holding a third and final tryout 5-to-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27 at Heritage Fields Nos. 1-2. Players should arrive 15 minutes early to get organized and start warming up and are asked to bring baseball equipment and plenty of water.

To be eligible, players must be a resident of Canton, Plymouth, or attend a Plymouth-Canton District school. Players must be 9 years old or younger as of April 30, 2010.

To pre-register, e-mail or call travel baseball co-commissioner Alan Zidnik: [l.zidnik@sbglobal.net](mailto:l.zidnik@sbglobal.net); (734) 397-5739.

#### 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.

Cost is \$100 per skater per eight-week session. For more information, contact Learn to Skate director Theresa McKendry at [learntoskatearcticedge@yahoo.com](mailto:learntoskatearcticedge@yahoo.com).

#### Sunday Night Mixers

Superbowl in Plymouth is hosting a mixed bowling

league 6 p.m. Sundays. League president Chico Rodriguez said he needs couples who are interested in joining the fun to hurry and sign up. Contact secretary Sandy Carpenter, (734) 637-3363, or Rodriguez, (734) 453-2980; [rosecater@comcast.net](mailto:rosecater@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](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us) for up-to-date changes if any.

#### Date hoops league

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

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

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

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

## CROSS COUNTRY

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better (then 12th place at the state meet). We will have one of the best 1-2-3 (combos) in the area and our four and five are coming along very well right now."

The Wildcats also ran well at Saturday's Detroit Mercy

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Titan Invitational at Cass Benton, with their top five runners within the top 26 — more than 300 runners participated.

Those included the following: fifth place, Porcari, 16:34; seventh, Matt Neumann, 16:42; 12th, Buzzard, 17:06; 17th, Gielarowski, 17:22; and 26th, Balaze, 17:35.

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### BOYS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

**PLYMOUTH 15 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 40 Sept. 15 at Cass Benton Park Individual winner:** Derek Gielarowski (Plymouth), 18:12.

**Other Plymouth finishers:** 2. Stephen Blaze, 18:54; 3. Jimmy Maciag, 18:59; 4. Garret Neumann, 19:03; 5. Justin Heck, 19:07.

**John Glenn finishers:** 6. Ruban Maya, 19:11; 7. Jason Suarez, 19:21; 8. Ryan Boes, 21:46; 9. Mike Dalton, 21:57; 10. Kevin Wacker, 22:43.

**Dual meet records:** Plymouth, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAS South Division; John Glenn, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAS South.

**CANTON 16 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 45 Sept. 15 at Cass Benton Park Individual winner:** Zack Speitzer (Canton), 17:03.

**Other Canton finishers:** 2. Keith Zech, 17:18; 3. Paul Rakovitis, 17:21; 4. Mitch Clinton, 17:28; 6. Bradon Conley, 17:48.

**Franklin finishers:** 5. Nik Gherardini, 17:32; 7. Bobby Wilson, 18:13; 10. Joe Steckel, 19:04; 11. Mike Witt, 19:49; 12. Ryan Deery, 19:53.

**Dual meet records:** Canton, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAS South Division; Franklin, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAS South.

### GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

**GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS SALEM 20 NORTHVILLE 39 Sept. 15 at Willow Metropark Individual winner:** Victoria Tripp (Salem), 20:33.00.

**Other Salem finishers:** 2. Jordyn Moore, 20:41; 4. Autumn Burin, 20:51; 5. Kelly Kerwin, 20:59; 8. Kara Booms, 21:23; 9. Shannon Flynn, 21:39; 10. Ade Jepperson, 21:44.

**Northville finishers:** 3. Alex Drayback, 20:50; 6. Gina McNamara, 21:17; 7. Erin Dunne, 21:14; 11. Katie Vandervoort, 21:55; 12. Emily Sklar, 22:41; 13. Alex Rodriguez, 22:50; 14. Claire Courtney, 22:57.

**Dual meet records:** Salem 1-0 overall, 1-0 in

the KLAA Central Division; Northville, 0-1, 0-1 in the KLAA Central.

**CANTON 27 FRANKLIN, 28 Sept. 15 at Cass Benton Individual winner:** Megan McPherson (Franklin), 19:34.00.

**Other Franklin finishers:** 3. Brittany Dilley, 21:00; 5. Tiffany Lambie, 21:21; 9. Megan Wickens, 22:37; 10. Mallory Church, 22:34.

**Canton finishers:** 2. Bianca Kubicki, 20:48; 4. Emily Southern, 21:17; 6. Abigail Gorzalski, 21:29; 7. Katie Grimes, 21:59; 8. Rachel Rohrbach, 22:03.

**Dual meet record:** Canton 1-0 overall, 1-0 in the KLAA Central Division.

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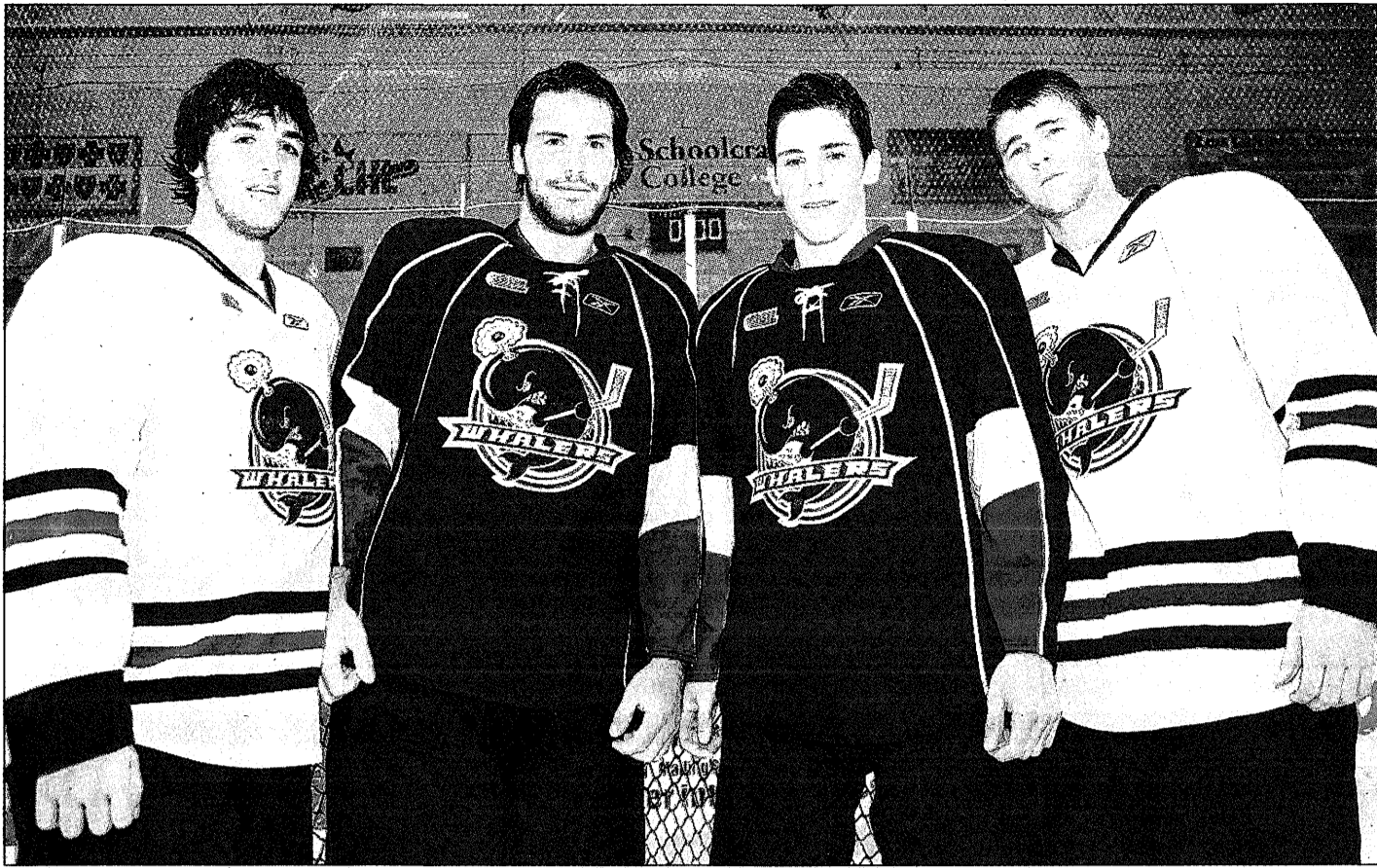
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WALT DMOCH

Not only is it the 20th season for the Plymouth Whalers OHL franchise, the team will be sporting new Reebok EDGE jerseys, unveiled last week at Compuware Arena by players (from left) Josh Bemis, Leo Jenner, Tyler Seguin and Joe Gaynor.

## Whalers to don sleek new uniforms

The Plymouth Whalers — in association with the Ontario Hockey League, Canadian Hockey League and corporate partner Reebok — unveiled their new jerseys after practice Sept. 9 at Compuware Arena. The new Plymouth jerseys are on display in the Compuware Pro Shop and can be purchased by fans. Each of the CHL's 60 teams

introduced new home and away EDGE jersey designs for the 2009-10 hockey season. By upgrading to the Reebok EDGE Uniform System, the CHL joins both the National Hockey League and American Hockey League in the evolution of the game. The NHL and Reebok first launched the system at the 2007 NHL All-Star Game,

before going league-wide for the start of the 2007-08 season. No CHL team will be wearing an alternative, third jersey this season. But Plymouth will wear a special game jersey on Sat. Oct. 24 against Belleville in their annual Pink Out! For Breast Cancer Awareness. The jerseys will be predominantly pink in acknowledgement of

the event. Plymouth starts the 2009-10 season on Thurs. Sept. 17 in Windsor with the home opener on Sat. Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. against Oshawa at Compuware. For information on Whalers ticket packages or to plan a group event, visit [plymouth-whalers.com](http://plymouth-whalers.com) or call 734-453-8400.

## Salem varsity, alums nip Canton in hockey action

Before a large throng of former players and spectators Saturday night, Salem got the best of Canton twice — both by 2-1 scores — both in a matchup of current varsity boys soccer teams and the subsequent alumni tilt. The No. 10-ranked varsity Rocks (6-2-2) got past always-tough Canton in an entertaining battle at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in the opener. Scoring the opening goal of the night

was Salem's Dan Martin, from Lachlan Savage. The difference maker was Alex Tramel's goal, on a feed from Mohammad Pourmandi. Both of the Rocks' goals were perfect corner shots. Canton (5-2-2) got on the scoreboard when Connor Ferguson found the back of the Salem goal. In the alumni match that followed, Salem's 2-1 win was sparked by a two-goal performance from 1999 1st-Team All-

State selection Brett Stinar. CANTON 6, FRANKLIN 0: Connor Ferguson and Mitch Posuniak scored two goals Tuesday to spark Canton to another varsity boys soccer win in the KLAASouth Division, this one against Livonia Franklin. Combining for the shutout were goalkeepers Kai Walther and Brandon Laabs. The Chiefs improved to 6-2-2 overall and 3-0 in the KLAASouth, good for first place.

## 'Cats slam Rockets

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Front-court presence helped catapult host Plymouth to a 3-0 victory over Westland John Glenn in a matchup of KLAASouth Division volleyball teams. The Wildcats (2-0) earned hard-fought wins of 27-25, 25-23 and 25-19 largely due to the work up front by senior middle blocker Kelly Smoltz (six kills) and junior outside hitters Dani Risi (14 kills) and Kayla Bridge (10 kills). And it was Smoltz to finish the deal, with several tips, spikes and blocks, to score Plymouth's final points and send the home fans home happy. "Nothing gets past Kelly," said interim head coach Sarah Marody, filling in for Kelly McCausland (who missed the game due to a funeral). "She can pass, she can hit and she reads the court well."

Marody said the 3-0 result was not indicative of how tough the Rockets (9-7-1, 0-2-0) fought. "They have a great coach, they're well-disciplined girls and it was a competitive game," Marody said. "But our defense was outstanding, nothing hit the floor (and) they were communicating." John Glenn veteran head coach Julian Wargo credited the Wildcats' front-row play along with his team's habit of falling behind early in the games. "We dug ourselves into a hole early in all three sets, falling behind as much as seven points," Wargo said. "When you spot a team like Plymouth that many points, it's hard to battle back."

Wargo noted that Smoltz, Risi and Bridge "changed how we ran our offense. We were able to close the scoring gap and nearly pulled ahead a couple of times in all three sets, but we just couldn't put the ball away when we needed to." John Glenn did receive strong efforts from several players. Those included middle blocker Halie Baker (10 kills), outside hitter Brittani Robinson (seven kills) and libero Brooke Zywick (15 digs). Contributing six assists each were setters Lauren Baker and Sarah Headrick. Other Plymouth players to help the cause were senior setter Katie Salo (26 assists) and junior libero Mariah Tesarz (31 digs).

### Salem rocks to win

Salem got off to a triumphant start in the KLAACentral Division with a 25-23, 25-23, 25-11 volleyball victory over Northville. Top performers for the Rocks (8-2-1, 1-0-0) included Nicole Merget (12 kills, 4 blocks, 8 digs), Kerstin Johnson (5 kills, 2 aces, a team-high 19 digs), Lauren Aschermann (12 digs and no serve-receive errors), Kerry MacDonald (25 assists, 4 aces, 3 blocks, 9 digs) and Lauren Dworzanin (5 kills, 10 digs, 2 aces). "I was very impressed with our defense tonight and the way we controlled the night with blocking," said Salem head coach Amanda Suder. "Overall it was a great way to start the conference (schedule)." Salem would have kicked off division play last week, but a home matchup with South Lyon East was postponed due to a scheduling snafu. That match is expected to be held 7 p.m. Thursday.

### PCA victorious

Host Plymouth Christian Academy improved to 7-1-1 overall with Tuesday's 3-0 victory over Livonia Clarenceville. The Eagles swept to victory by scores of 25-14, 25-13, 25-16. Head coach Kelly Blackney credited her squad with playing poised volleyball from the beginning, setting the tone. "Our goal was to set the pace for the game, to maintain control and to make them play to us," Blackney said. "I feel we accomplished that. We have a lot of work to do, but we have had a strong beginning to the season."

Top contributors for the Eagles included junior setter Brianna Harris (28 assists), sophomore middle blocker Kristin Malcolm (16 kills, 10 digs), junior middle blocker Folake Olojo (13 kills), sophomore outside hitter Amy Zinn (10 digs) and junior libero Abby Bartes (10 digs). Meanwhile, the Eagles won Saturday's Huron Valley Invitational, knocking off Lutheran Westland in the finals to claim the eight-team tourney. "The girls really had to work well together," said Blackney, whose team overcame early injury trouble.

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### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### Plymouth YMCA offerings

Registration is underway for Plymouth Family YMCA youth sports leagues planned for this fall, including the following: • Community Co-Ed Soccer: Leagues run from Sept. 14 through Oct. 24 with the following age brackets — ages 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11. Contests will be Saturdays at Hulsing Elementary. Cost is \$64 per member and \$96 per community member. • Community Girls Volleyball: Leagues for ages 8-9 and 10-12 run from Sept. 14 through Oct. 24. Games are Fridays at New Morning School. Cost is \$71 per member and \$103 per community member. • Kickers Soccer: This league for players ages 4-5 runs from Sept. 17 through Oct. 22 at Hulsing Elementary with the cost of \$60 per member and \$92 per community

member. Players will be placed on teams and receive three weeks of instruction followed by three weeks of games. Jersey is included in the fee. • Community Basketball League: Registration begins Sept. 14 for leagues for boys and girls in several divisions (between ages 4 and 11). Sessions will be Nov. 2 through Dec. 18 and Jan. 18 through March 19, 2010. For more information, or to register on-line, go to [www.ymcadetroit.org](http://www.ymcadetroit.org).

#### S'craft roller hockey

Tryouts for the 2009-10 Schoolcraft College roller hockey club will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Total Roller Hockey facility, located at 46039 Grand River, between Beck and Taft roads, in Nov. Tryouts are open to all students attending Schoolcraft College. For more information, call

(248) 669-9831; or visit [www.totalsportscampus.com](http://www.totalsportscampus.com) You can also contact Bob Zeuner at [rzeuner@wideopenwest.com](mailto:rzeuner@wideopenwest.com).

#### CYO hoop signup

St. Genevieve is accepting registrations for the upcoming CYO basketball season through Oct. 1. Eligibility is open to boys and girls in grades 4-8 from parishes St. Priscilla, St. Maurice, St. Aidan, Our Lady of Loretto and St. Genevieve. For information, call Tim Jeter at (313) 701-4046; or e-mail [StGenAD@yahoo.com](mailto:StGenAD@yahoo.com).

#### UDM hoop clinic

The University of Detroit Mercy men's basketball program will stage its second annual coaches clinic on Saturday, Sept. 26 at Calihan Hall. The clinic will feature on the court demonstrations from Titan head coach

Ray McCallum, along with Michigan coach John Beilein, Minnesota coach Tubby Smith, IUPUI's Ron Hunter, UCLA assistant Scott Duncan and Detroit Pistons' assistant coach Pat Sullivan.

The cost of the clinic is \$25 per coach during the early registration period, with the cost moving to \$35 to register on the day of the clinic.

For teams wishing to bring their whole staff, a special \$50 per coaching staff discount will be given.

To pre-register, send name, phone number, and school/team affiliations to [stacey.barns@udmercy.edu](mailto:stacey.barns@udmercy.edu); or call 313-993-1731 (by Friday, Sept. 25).

All registration payments should be made out to: UDM Athletics — Men's Basketball; 4001 W. McNichols Road, Detroit, MI 48221 (Checks should be made payable to UDM Athletics.)

## SMITH

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One fan who makes weekly rounds to watch prep football games (no, he's not a college scout or sports writer) insisted that Eastern Michigan University had nothing on Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and its jammed-packed bleachers on both sides of the gridiron. EMU hosted a high school slate of seven games in Week 1 of the still-new season. Maybe that's a bit of a stretch.

But win or lose, all three teams in the park (including Salem, looking to break into the victory column for new coach Kurt Britnell) have a unique situation that other schools would love to have. It's like being at a college game, with school colors and chants and bands and ... I swear I saw some tailgating going on in the parking lot. Maybe they'll be cooking again Friday. Hopefully, the traffic jam won't be as nasty. Tim Smith is sports editor of the Plymouth-Canton Observers. He can be reached at (313) 222-2637 or via e-mail at [tsmith@hometownlife.com](mailto:tsmith@hometownlife.com).

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Week 4 Thursday, Sept. 17	Brad Emons	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith	Jim Toth
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Farmington (1-2, 1-2) at Rochester (1-2, 1-2), 7 p.m.	Rochester	Farmington	Rochester	Farmington
Birmingham Seaholm (0-3, 0-2) at Farmington Harrison (3-0, 2-0), 7 p.m.	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
Friday, Sept. 18				
Dearborn Heights Robichaud (1-2, 0-1) at Redford Union (1-2, 1-0), 7 p.m.	Union	Union	Union	Union
Garden City (0-3, 0-1) at Dearborn Heights Crestwood (1-2, 1-1), 7 p.m.	Garden City	Crestwood	Crestwood	Crestwood
Dearborn Divine Child (3-0, 0-0) at Livonia Clarenceville (1-2, 1-1), 7 p.m.	Divine Child	Divine Child	Divine Child	Divine Child
Dearborn Heights Annapolis (3-0, 1-0) at Redford Thurston (2-1, 1-0), 7 p.m.	Thurston	Thurston	Annapolis	Thurston
Plymouth Salem (0-3, 0-1) at Novi (1-2, 1-0), 7 p.m.	Novi	Novi	Novi	Novi
Westland John Glenn (3-0, 1-0) at Plymouth Canton (3-0, 1-0), 7 p.m.	Canton	Canton	Canton	John Glenn
Plymouth (2-1, 0-1) at Wayne (2-1, 0-1), 7 p.m.	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Wayne
Livonia Stevenson (1-2, 1-0) at South Lyon (0-3, 0-1), 7 p.m.	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson
Livonia Franklin (2-1, 1-0) at Livonia Churchill (1-2, 0-1), 7 p.m.	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin
Saturday, Sept. 19				
Rochester Hills Lutheran N'west (2-1, 1-0) at Lutheran Westland (0-3, 0-1), 1 p.m.	Northwest	Northwest	Northwest	Northwest
<b>Last week</b>	<b>9-2 (.818)</b>	<b>9-2 (.818)</b>	<b>5-6 (.455)</b>	<b>11-0 (1.000)</b>
<b>Overall</b>	<b>28-13 (.683)</b>	<b>29-12 (.707)</b>	<b>23-18 (.561)</b>	<b>33-8 (.805)</b>

**GIRLS GOLF RESULTS**

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 188 CANTON 225	PLYMOUTH 185 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 209
Sept. 11 at Whispering Willows Churchill scorers: Jackie Burdette, 41 (medalist); Jordyn Shepler, 44; Stephanie Panaretos, 50; Shelby Longworth, 53; Magie McGowan, 56; Margo McClain, 70.	Sept. 11 at Idyl Wyld Plymouth scorers: Kelsey Murphy, 42 (medalist); Sarah Thompson, 44; Chloe Marentic, 49; Maggie Furlong, 50; Mandy Kirsch, 51; Christy Pattison, 60.
Canton scorers: Mary Elizabeth Winther, 52; Erin Lixie and Paige Osler, 56 each; Kayla Lagola, 61; Megan Baumgart, 67; Kayire Lobb, 69.	Franklin scorers: Alexis Smith, 47; Georgia Patrick, 52; Mackenzie Meyers, 54; Mariah Barcus and Lauren Beahon, 56; Haley Szpara, 57.
Churchill's dual match record: 3-1 overall, 3-1 KLA South Division.	Franklin's dual match record: 1-3 overall, 1-3 KLA South Division.

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**The GAM Marker: What does it mean to a golfer?**

By Jim Evanoff

A Golf Association of Michigan (GAM) Marker signifies that a course has official United States Golf Association (USGA) course ratings and slopes and has been measured accurately, all completed by your state golf association. For many golfers, the terms, "course rating," and "slope," shown on golf course scorecards are mysteries.

Golfers want to know what the terms mean and why they are important to the golfing experience. In order to answer these questions, the objectives of the USGA, the developer of the rating system, and of GAM, licensed by the USGA to determine the ratings of Michigan courses, must be understood.

In a nutshell, the rating and slope values result in a USGA handicap system intended to make golf more enjoyable by enabling players of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis. The system provides a fair, course-handicap for players, regardless of ability and can be adjusted

as a player's skill level changes. Golf course rating is a complex process based upon data gathered by the USGA while observing real golfers on real courses and is periodically revised as new data is obtained. More than 100 authorized golf associations and several-thousand golf clubs utilize the system. Courses must be re-rated at least every 10 years, or after significant course changes, to maintain a certified USGA rating.

The two basic premises that underlie the system are that players will try to make the best scores at every hole in accordance with USGA's Rules of Golf and will post every acceptable round score on all courses that have been rated in accordance with USGA's procedures.

The goal is for the golfer to obtain a USGA Handicap Index, which compares any golfer's scoring ability to that of a scratch golfer on a course of standard difficulty, defined by the USGA as having a Slope Rating of 113. The index is portable from course to course. The golfer can convert this index to a specific course handicap

based on the USGA Slope Rating Chart. The USGA course rating represents the course's playing difficulty for a scratch player under normal playing conditions and is based on hole yardage and course obstacles that affect scoring ability. The Slope Rating is an indicator of the relative difficulty of a course for players who are not scratch golfers. Courses are rated from each set of tees for both scratch and bogey golfers and the number of handicap strokes received in a match is determined from the slope rating.

At this point, a few more USGA definitions are required before briefly describing the rating procedure. A "scratch" golfer can play to a course handicap of zero on any USGA rated course. A male scratch golfer, for rating purposes, can hit tee shots 250 yards and reach 470-yard holes in two shots. A female scratch golfer hits tee shots an average of 210 yards and can reach 400-yard holes in two shots. A male "bogey" golfer has a course handicap of approximately 20 on a course of standard difficulty (Slope of

113), can hit tee shots an average of 200 yards and reach a 370-yard hole in two shots at sea level. A female bogey golfer has a handicap of approximately 24, can hit tee shots on average of 150 yards and reach a 280-yard hole in two shots.

These scratch and bogey yardage capabilities are important since the GAM rating teams evaluate the effects of golf course obstacles in proximity to the shot landing areas. The obstacles include landing area topography, fairway widths, green target size and surface, recoverability and rough, bunkers, out of bounds/extreme rough, water hazards, trees and psychological shot effects. Factors such as roll on soft or hard fairways, tee pad elevation, doglegs and prevailing winds can also affect the actual course playing length. When the rating process has been completed, the obstacle values, which are on a 0 to 10 scale of difficulty, are totaled and multiplied by relative weight factors and converted to strokes that affect the final USGA Course Rating and Slope.

Obtaining accurate USGA course yardages is the first and key step in the above process. Each hole must be measured from all tee positions as defined by USGA procedures. Measurements are made from permanently placed GAM markers to the center of the green, utilizing electronic measuring devices. Measurements are made along the male scratch golfer's line of play as intended and designed by the course architect.

Hopefully this description of the rating process clears up some of mystery and results in increased enjoyment of the game for golfers of all abilities.

Full details on Course Rating are contained in the "USGA Course Rating System Guide" and "The USGA Course Rating System," available only to authorized golf associations, such as the Golf Association of Michigan.

Jim Evanoff is the GAM Chairman of the Course Rating Department.

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# Wildcats to make waves

Doug Schade has high hopes for the 2009 Plymouth Wildcats varsity girls swim team.

And why shouldn't he? The coach oversaw last season's team (second in the KLAA South Division, seventh in the conference) and the current group "should be more competitive than it's ever been in the past."

## GIRLS SWIM PREVIEW

Back from last season are top swimmers Sijia Hao (all events), Michelle Chang (all events), Stephanie Matsui (all events) and Chantel Cote (freestyle). All four competed in last year's Division 1 state meet.

Schade said junior captains

Rachel Hutha and Abby Kelly provide depth and speed in the pool.

"We also have a strong group of freshmen swimmers led by Laura Erickson, Emily Weiner, Emily Toro, Sammy Visai and Carolyn Stoddard," Schade added. "Overall, we have 48 girls on our team this year and I look forward to seeing all our athletes improve."

## SALEM

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responsibility he would rather bestow on seniors.

But when those younger captains are state qualifiers in junior Emily Nelson and sophomore Lauren Seroka (along with senior Kelsey Mathias), Olson can easily make the adjustment.

"This is the first time I've ever had underclassmen as captains," Olson said. "It's a little different, but it's working."

Nelson, Seroka and Mathias are helping the girls mesh as a unit and the goal is to approximate the 2008 team's success.

"The three of them get along very well and they assume different responsibilities for the team," he said.

Meanwhile, the Rocks opened the season with a 132-53 victory over Livonia Churchill last week in a KLAA

crossover dual meet.

Although Salem finished fifth in the KLAA Central Division, Olson said that is an extremely tough division and that the Rocks were fourth at the 11-team conference meet and 14th out of some 70 teams in the Division 1 state meet.

His tri-captains were all part of that experience, which only helps the '09 team get an understanding of what it will take to compete.

## TALENTED TRIO

They have talent, too.

Seroka was an All-State selection in the 200 free and 500 free and qualified for the state meet in "every event last year except the 50 free," Olson said.

"Besides being very talented," Olson said, "Lauren does a good job with leadership."

Ditto for Nelson, a state qualifier in the 200 IM, 100 back and two relays (medley, 400 free) while barely missing the cut in the 200 IM. "She'll

be swimming everything," Olson said.

The "veteran" of the group, Mathias, is a strong performer in freestyle, backstroke and butterfly events whether on her own or in relays.

Backing the top three are sophomore Maggie Sneedman (freestyle, backstroke), freshman Abby Aumiller (free, fly, back, IM) and freshman Joyce Lamoureaux.

"She (Lamoureaux) will do all the strokes, too," Olson said. "She has a lot of talent. I think she'll progress pretty quickly."

Aumiller could make the kind of splash as a freshman that Seroka made last season. "I hope so," Olson said. "I think she can be a pretty good one."

As for Sneedman, the long-time coach is optimistic that she will help the cause: "She made a lot of improvement over last year."

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Bidding documents prepared by **TMP Associates, Inc.** will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; Builders Exchange, Grand Rapids; Construction News Service, Grandville; and Reed Construction Data, Novi, MI.

Bidders may obtain one (1) set of bidding documents by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith Inc.** The bid division being bid is to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00300) and the Proposal Execution Form (Section 00400). **The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.**

There will be a pre-bid meeting at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 in the Salem High School cafeteria, located at 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scopes of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. **Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.**

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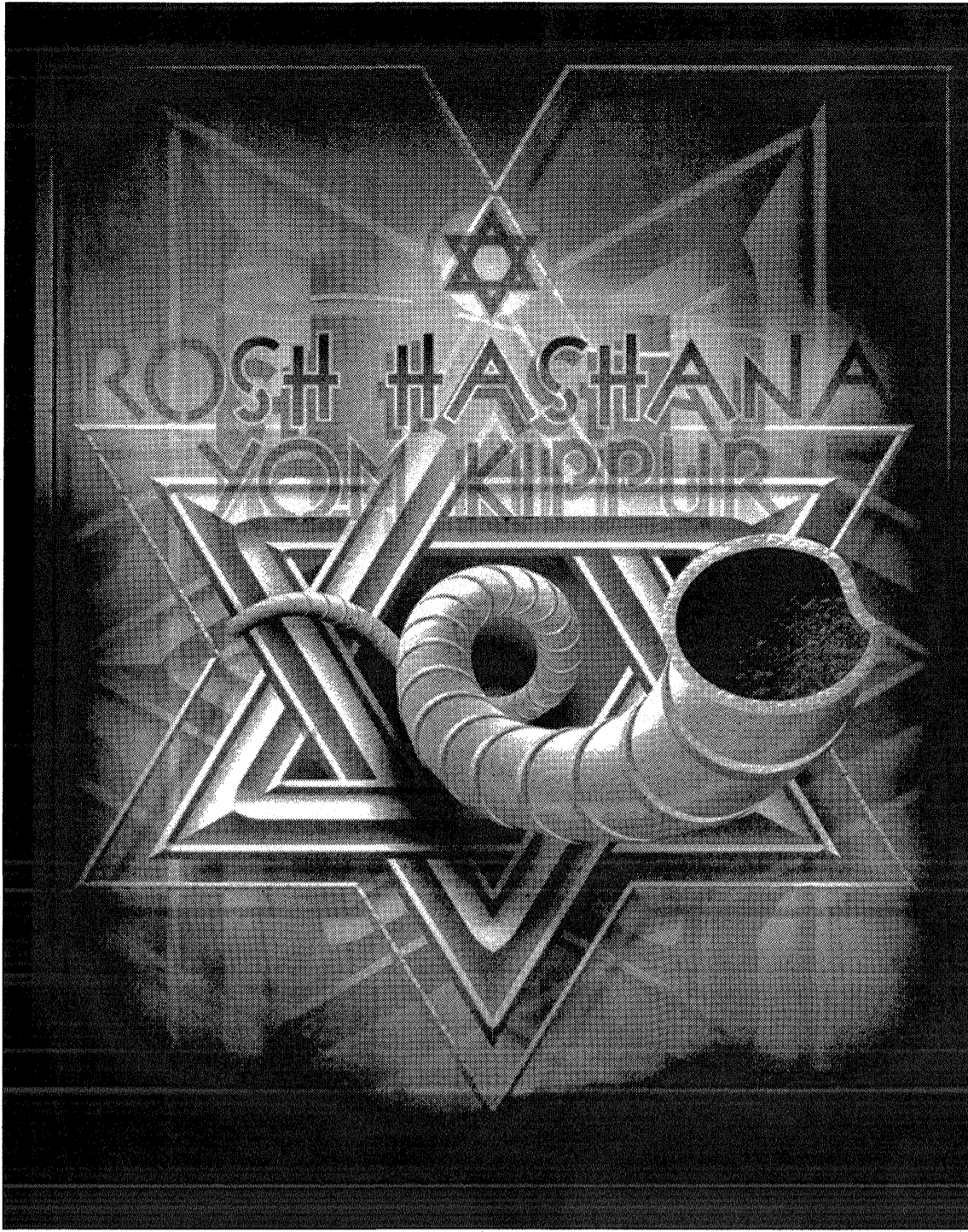
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**This project is to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates.**

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# Bet Chaverim observes high holy days at church



BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Jewish high holy days are marked by celebration, atonement, fasting and for a Canton congregation there's always a sense of thanksgiving.

Twenty-some families in the Bet Chaverim congregation will drive to the historic Cherry Hill United Methodist Church on Ridge and Cherry Hill to celebrate the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, a time for atonement.

"It's their church, but they're fantastic," said Roberta Malkowski, president of Bet Chaverim. "They allow us to use their space as if it's our own space."

The Jewish congregation has had services at the church, built in 1882, for more than 10 years. Rev. Merlin Pratt, pastor of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, says he attended Rosh Hashana and other Jewish services last year and was able to grow in his own beliefs by being exposed to the Jewish religion.

"I've learned so much about my own faith," Pratt said. "It's enriched my own faith to celebrate some of those biblical celebrations with them."

Congregation Bet Chaverim converts the Methodist sanctuary into a Jewish synagogue by adding The Torah, which are the five books of Moses, and other religious symbols, like prayer books.

### NEW YEAR TRADITIONS

This year Rosh Hashana begins at sundown Friday, Sept. 18. Greeting cards are sent wishing friends and family a "L'Shanah Tovah," a Happy New Year.

While some Jews observe two days and others observe one, it's a time for family gatherings, special meals and treats — usually including apples and honey to symbolize a sweet new year. In the synagogue, a ram's horn or shofar is blown to herald the New Year.

This year marks the 5770 year on the Jewish calendar, which is based on the lunar cycle. The 20-some families in

### HIGH HOLY DAYS

Services at Congregation Bet Chaverim in Canton Rosh Hashana: 7 p.m., Sept. 18 and 10 a.m., Sept. 19  
Yom Kippur: 7 p.m., Sept. 27 and 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Sept. 28

The Bet Chaverim congregation live in Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Northville and Garden City, which makes the Cherry Hill United Methodist Church a convenient location.

### WELCOMING GESTURES

Church members do everything to make their "Jewish brothers" as Rev. Pratt refers to the members of Bet Chaverim, comfortable. The synagogue's name is on the sign outside and they're mentioned on the Cherry Hill United Methodist Church Web site.

"We started out (in 1994) as a small group of families who came together in peoples' homes and we found a need for a Jewish organization in western Wayne County," Malkowski said.

Rabbi Peter Gluck has been with the congregation from the beginning and has kept the group together. He was out of town and couldn't be reached for this article.

"He's the spiritual leader guiding the congregation through the years," Malkowski said.

After Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, which begins at sundown Sept. 27 this year, is the most solemn of the Jewish holidays, a day of fasting, repentance and judgment.

It is the day when Jews pray and reflect on the past year, asking forgiveness for transgressions. At the conclusion of the day, families will break the fast with a festive meal.

"It's basically a time we get very solemn and reflective," Malkowski said.

Services are open to all. You don't have to be a member of the congregation to attend.

"It's important to us that anyone who wants to celebrate a holiday will have a place to go," Malkowski added.

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# FILTER



The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan performs at "Music Under the Stars" last year.

## Students make friends, polish skills in Livonia orchestra

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
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The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan (LYPM) keeps student flutist Chris Tarnowski, 13, on a positive note by challenging his musical abilities and giving him opportunities to perform in concert.

"I thought it would be fun to play something outside of my school band," says Tarnowski, a student at Holmes Middle School in Livonia.

"I've learned new themes and what it feels like to play more advanced music," he adds. "It's really fun."

And he doesn't seem to mind meeting for practices every Saturday throughout the school year.

Orchestra members, who range in age from five to 19, perform at least twice annually, in January and May, at concerts at Stevenson High School. Next year's schedule hasn't been finalized, according to David

Lindenmuth, LYPM president.

"We're waiting to schedule concerts, because all of our musicians participate in their school musical programs," says Lindenmuth, a Livonia resident. "We're always looking for additional concert opportunities. That's why the kids are with us and we try to give them every opportunity."

Last year the group included 124 young people from all over Michigan, however most live in Wayne and Oakland counties. This year is the LYPM's 51st concert season.

### PERFORMING TOGETHER

"We are a group that lets young musicians have an opportunity to play with other musicians," Lindenmuth says. "When they take music lessons, they play either alone or with the teacher. This is an ensemble experience for young musicians. It's for parents who want more for their kids and kids who want to be involved with music."

The orchestra's Web site,

www.lypm.org, says it doesn't limit membership to those with polished performing skills, noting "We do a great deal of polishing here."

Conductors place the youngsters in groups based on class where they will be "challenged without being overwhelmed," according to the Web site.

### MUSICAL SIBLINGS

Lindenmuth's children, Kristi, 9, and Danny, 12, got involved after Danny learned by accident that he had musical talent.

"The first time he picked the violin up at home, to my surprise, he played what anyone would have to call music," Lindenmuth wrote on the Web site.

Kristi followed in her brother's path.

"It's really fun to perform in concert," says Kristi says. "It makes me better as a flute player and it gives me experience. If you play alone it's not the same as playing with a group."



Kristi Lindenmuth

Routen says. "We play more complicated pieces and I learn more for school and other things."

### MAKING FRIENDS

For Janna Scott's two children, Aaron, 17, who plays the trumpet and April, 15, who plays flute and piccolo, the LYPM offers much more than music instruction.

Scott home schools them and the orchestra provides a social outlet along with important musical instruction.

She underscores the group's discipline and "fun factor." "They actually really enjoy

playing music," she says. "It's a great opportunity for the kids, it really is."

The LYPM is not music lessons, but rather an organization dedicated to developing ensemble performance skills.

"There's professional conductors and teachers and they really help the kids," said Scott, a Canton resident.

The cost to be part of the LYPM is from \$175 to \$250 depending on the child's group.

Fall auditions are Sept. 19 at an undetermined time or place. To schedule an audition call (734) 634-5250. For more information go to www.lypm.org. It is recommended at entry level (and required for the more advanced groups) that members take private lessons. Musicians should demonstrate competency and show a deep personal interest in musical performance. Students must also participate in their school musical education programs where they exist.

### MEET THE CONDUCTORS

■ Linda J. Ignagni of Livonia, a founding member of LYPM, has travelled Eastern Europe performing on television and at social events. She played in symphony orchestras in Saginaw, Flint and Nashville.

■ Carl Karoub of Northville performed with the Detroit, Milwaukee, New Orleans, Dallas, Toledo and Windsor symphony orchestras.

■ Julia Kurtyka, who performs with the Michigan Opera Theatre, is a courtmaster of the Grosse Pointe Symphony, as well as co-founder and director of the Pointes Area Youth Orchestra. She lives in Livonia.

■ Timario Wilson of Ann Arbor has 15 years experience teaching in classrooms, small groups and one-on-one.

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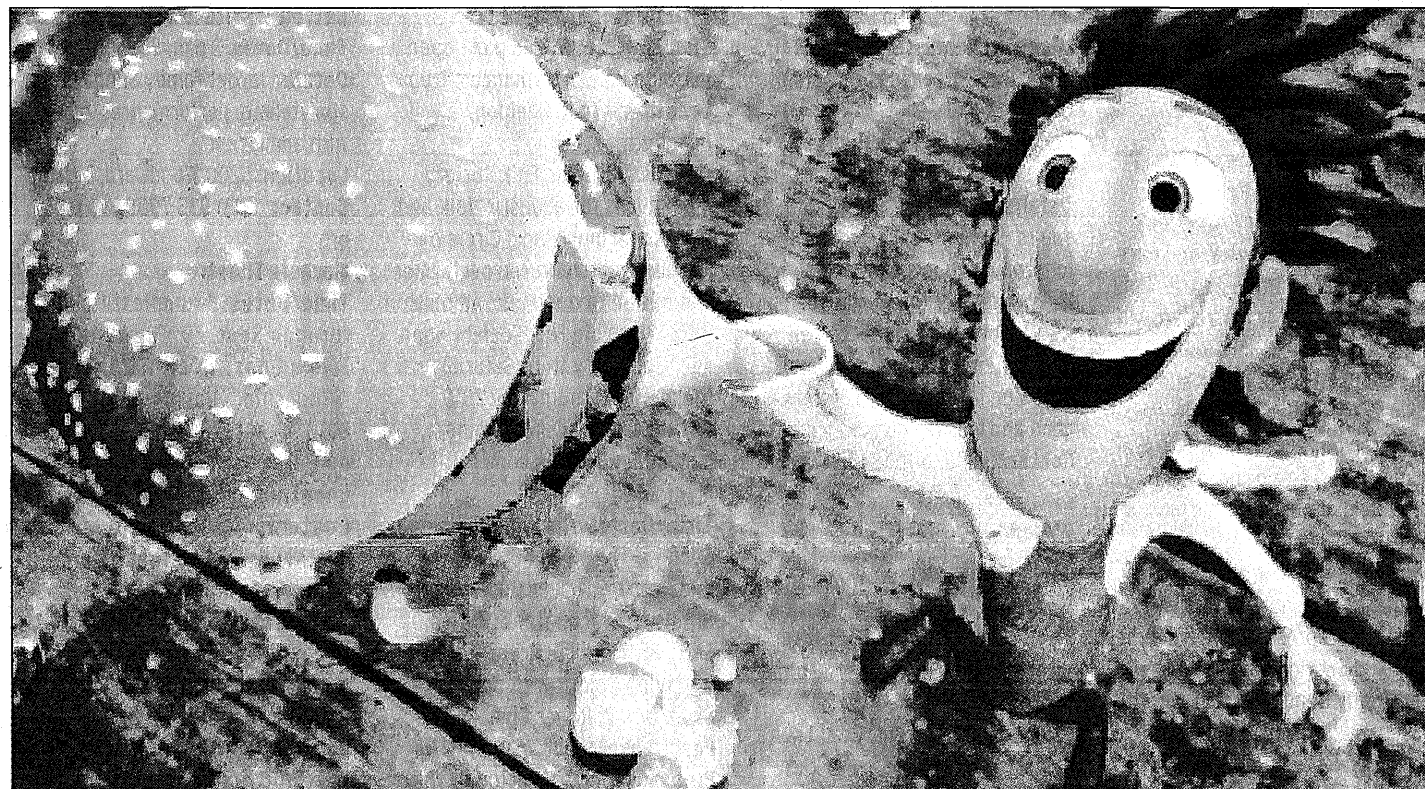
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Select AMC Entertainment theaters will show "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" Sept. 19 and 26 in "sensory-friendly" settings.

## Viewers may sing, dance, shout at sensory-friendly screening

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Viewers can expect to hear lots of laughter when the family-friendly animated film, *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*, debuts this weekend nationwide.

But audiences at some select AMC Entertainment theaters — where the "Silence is Golden" rule will be suspended — may see a range of other reactions, from singing to dancing.

"The thing about this show is it's very welcoming," said Carin Yavorcik, Autism Society media specialist.

The Autism Society and AMC Entertainment teamed up last year to bring families with autistic members and other disabilities, "sensory friendly" screenings of first-run movies.

Autism affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others. It often comes with sensory challenges, such as hypersensitivity to light or sound, and children or adults affected by autism may

not understand the social boundaries of movie theatre etiquette.

During sensory-friendly screenings, AMC movie auditoriums will bring up lights and turn sound down. Families may bring in their own gluten-free, casein-free snacks, and no previews or advertisements are shown before the movie. Audience members are welcome to dance, walk, shout or sing.

"It's a national program in 46 markets and 81 theaters," Yavorcik said. "We started doing it last August (2008) with the Howard County, Maryland chapter."

She said a local member had taken her autistic daughter to the movies and was asked to leave.

"She (the girl) was having a good time with the movie, getting up and dancing. I think the movie was *Hairspray*. The mom thought, I can't be the only parent this happens to."

That experience led to a special movie screening.

"It was a huge success and we started doing it regularly."

AMC chooses the movies, which always are first-run family shows.

Yavorcik said many families with autistic children otherwise would have to wait for films to be released on DVD.

"This gives young people a chance to talk in their peer group about the cool movies that have come out." Screenings are monthly, although *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* will be shown twice. Show times are 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 and Saturday, Sept. 26.

Buy tickets at the screening and view the film at one of these four theaters:

- AMC Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia
  - AMC Taylor 10, 22265 Eureka, Taylor
  - AMC Gratiot 21, 35705 South Gratiot, Clinton Township
  - AMC Forum 30, 44681 Mound, Sterling Heights
- Upcoming shows are *Where the Wild Things Are*, Oct. 17; *A Christmas Carol*, Nov. 21; and *Planet 51*, Dec. 5.
- For more about the Autism Society visit [www.autism-society.org](http://www.autism-society.org).

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### ART

#### Detroit Artist Market

**Time/Date:** Through Oct. 17  
**Location:** 4719 Woodward Avenue, in the Detroit Cultural Center  
**Details:** "Landscape - A Modern Sequel" with works by Yoriko Cronin, Andrew Krieger, Nicole Macdonald, Catherine Peet, George Rahme, and Corine Smith.  
**Contact:** (313) 832-8540 or visit [www.detroitartistsmarket.org](http://www.detroitartistsmarket.org)

#### Eastern Michigan University

**Time/Date:** Elements of Photography and Coping with the Unknown, through Oct. 2  
**Location:** Photography in the University Art Gallery, 900 Oakwood on EMU's Ypsilanti campus; Coping in the Ford Gallery, in Ford Hall, north of Cross Street at Normal Street on EMU campus  
**Details:** Photography exhibit features work of nationally and internationally acclaimed photographers. Coping shows the work of Joe Meiser and Adrian Hatfield.

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

#### Farmington Hills City Gallery

**Time/Date:** "Studies of Place and Views of Space" through Sept. 25  
**Location:** Costick Center at 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Works by Rachel Reynolds and Robert Zahorsky  
**Contact:** (248) 473-1856

#### Holocaust Memorial Center

**Time/Dates:** Through October, "Portraits of Zinkov," an exhibit of compelling paintings by Alan Zola Schulman  
**Location:** 28123 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

**Details:** The portraits in this eight-week exhibit are based on the "Zinkover Memorial Book," a collection of Yiddish and Hebrew narratives with low-quality black and white photographs from the town of Zinkov, Ukraine  
**Contact:** (248) 553-2400, Ext. 23

#### Livonia City Hall

**Time/Dates:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., through Sept. 30  
**Location:** On Five Mile, just east of Farmington Road, in Livonia

**Details:** The Livonia Artist Club exhibits

paintings, colored pencil, collage, pastels and photography of approximately 25 artists; the club meets at 7 p.m., the third Monday of the month at the Civic Center Library in Livonia  
**Contact:** For more information call Doree Dziobak at (734) 416-1774

#### Lotus Arts Gallery

**Location:** 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth  
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#### Northville Art House

**Location:** 215 W. Cady Street, downtown Northville  
**Contact:** (248) 344-0497, or visit [www.northvillearts.org](http://www.northvillearts.org)

#### Village Theater at Cherry Hill

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Sept. 27  
**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton  
**Details:** Private collection of 19th century paintings on display  
**Contact:** (734) 394-5300 or visit [www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater](http://www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater)

### COMEDY

#### Go Comedy!

**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays  
**Location:** 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale  
**Details:** Improv most nights. Three original sketch comedies 8 p.m. Thursdays: Jeremy Conn and Garrett Fuller, both of Garden City, in their one-act comedic play, "Travel Earth Timeshares," through Sept. 24. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays  
**Contact:** (248) 327-0575; [www.gocomedy.net](http://www.gocomedy.net)

#### JD's House of Comedy

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

#### Jazz Cafe at Music Hall

**Time/Date:** 9 p.m. third Thursdays  
**Location:** 350 Madison Ave., Detroit  
**Details:** Show Up, and Go Up, open call, free  
**Contact:** (313) 887-8532, [www.jazzcafe-detroit.com](http://www.jazzcafe-detroit.com)

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A fund-raising cruise to benefit The S.S. Columbia Project will sail from 2-5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19, on the Detroit River. The fun and festive cruise aboard the M.V. Friendship will depart from the dock behind the Portofino Restaurant, 3455 Biddle, in Wyandotte. Boarding will begin at 1:30 p.m.

The cruise will celebrate the beginning of work on the ship and to raise awareness and resources for the full restoration of the S.S. Columbia, the beloved ship that plied the waters of the Detroit River to and from the amusement park island for 89 years.

From 19-year-old deckhand to full Captain of the Columbia, Captain Art Herrala will be on board to share 43 seasons of stories, including finding the love of his life because of the Columbia. Joel Stone of the Detroit Historical Society, who crewed as a DJ aboard the Columbia, is compiling music for the cruise to span the 89 years of the ship's journeys to Boblo Island.

Guests may bring their own memorabilia and share stories as they feast on complimentary pizza delivered by the J.W. Westcott II mailboat. They'll view both the Columbia and its sister ship, the Ste. Claire and will have an opportunity to share stories on camera for the benefit of generations to come.

The suggested donation is \$30 per person. For more information visit [www.sscolumbia.org](http://www.sscolumbia.org) or call (212) 228-3128.

Built in 1902, the Columbia is America's oldest surviving passenger steamship, and one of only two remaining works by naval architect, Frank E. Kirby.

The Observer & Eccentric wants to share your memories of Boblo Island and its boats with other readers. Send photos and stories (no more than 200 words please) to Sharon Dargay, [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com) or mail to Observer & Eccentric, 615 Lafayette, second level, Detroit, MI 48226.

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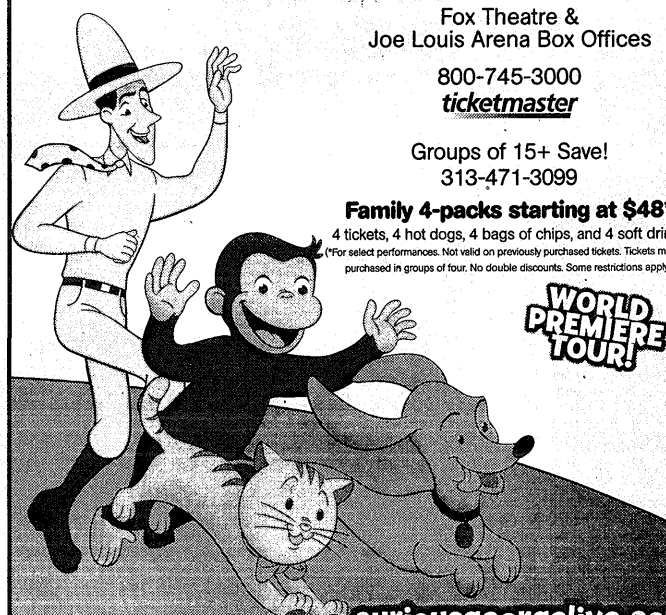
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Howdy Doody

**SOMETHING DIFFERENT**

**Detroit Institute of Arts**  
**Time/Date:** 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20  
**Location:** 5200 Woodward Ave., in Detroit's cultural center  
**Details:** Howdy Doody, America's most famous marionette, and part of the Detroit Institute of Arts' Paul McPharlin Puppetry Collection, will appear in the museum's Rivera Court with Ed Kean, writer and composer for "The Howdy Doody Show," which ran on NBC from 1948 to 1960. Kean will play piano and, along with members from the Mosaic Youth Theatre entry-level camp, lead the audience in songs made famous by the show. Howdy will welcome a representative from the US Postal Service, who will unveil a new Howdy Doody stamp. Free with museum admission. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 for ages 6-17, and DIA members are admitted free  
**Contact:** (313) 833-7971

**Rock Financial Showplace**  
**Time/Date:** Wednesday, Sept. 30-Sunday, Oct. 4  
**Location:** Located on Grand River Avenue, just west of Novi Road, in Novi  
**Details:** 20th Annual Fall Detroit Camper & RV show with more than 200 recreational vehicles on display. Booths will feature parts and accessories, campground information, on site RV financing and RV rentals. Open 2-9 p.m., weekdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Admission, age 13 and up, is \$8; children, ages 12 and under, are admitted free. Seniors admitted for \$5 Wednesday-Thursday, Sept. 30-Oct. 1. For more information call (517) 349-8881 or visit marvac.org

**Polka Booster Club of America**  
**Time/Date:** Doors open 12:30 p.m., buffet dinner at 1:30 p.m., dancing from 3-7 p.m., Sept. 20  
**Location:** Msgr. Hunt K of C Hall, 7080 Garling Drive, Dearborn Heights  
**Details:** 42nd Anniversary Dinner Dance, featuring Jersey Polka Richie; Admission \$20 includes dinner, beer, wine and pop  
**Contact:** Terry at (734) 422-1901 or

Joanna at (313) 561-8389

**Michigan Renaissance Festival**  
**Time/Date:** Weekends through Oct. 4  
**Location:** 12500 Dixie Highway, Holly  
**Details:** Tickets are \$18.95 for adults, \$9.95 for children and \$16.95 for students and seniors. Sept. 12-13, "Wonders of the World" theme with a world market, bocce ball tournament, Italian opera competition, sign language interpreters on hand and leashed dogs welcome.  
**Contact:** (800) 601-4848 or visit www.michrenfest.com

**COMEDY**

**Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia**  
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays  
**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, www.kicker-sccomplex.com

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

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

**CONCERTS**

**The Ark**  
**Time/Date:** Greensky Bluegrass, Sept. 17; Ellis Paul and Ari Hest, Sept. 18; The RFD Boys, Sept. 19; Ralph's World, Sept. 20; Michelle Shocked, Sept. 20; Fred Eaglesmith, Sept. 21; Dougie MacLean, Sept. 22; Steeleye Span with Maddy Prior and Cara Dillon, Sept. 23; Anne Hills, Sept. 24  
**Location:** 316 South Main, Ann Arbor  
**Contact:** (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

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

**JWH Center for the Arts**  
**Time/Date:** 6:15-6:45 p.m., open mic sign up; performances, 7 p.m.  
**Location:** 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth  
**Details:** BaseLine Folk Society open mic is for acoustic, folk and traditional musicians; Circle of Friends is the featured performer in addition to open mic. Admission is \$5. BaseLine Folk Society open mic runs every third Saturday of the month through May 2010.  
**Contact:** Mike Mullen, founder, mjmmullen@yahoo.com

**Magic Bag**  
**Time/Dates:** The Killer Flamingos, Sept. 18; The Mega 80's, Sept. 26 and Oct. 3, 9, 17 and 30; Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, Sept. 25; Marshall Crenshaw, Sept. 27; Living Colour with Second Skyn, Oct. 2; Roger Clyne & The Peacemakers, Oct. 4; Domestic Problems, Oct. 10; Portugal. The Man, with Hockey and Drug Rug, Oct. 13; Greensky Bluegrass with covert Operations, Oct. 16; Fran Healy and Andy Dunlop, Oct. 22; Fifth Way with Arazi and Ghosts of August, Oct. 23; Mason Jennings with Crash Kings, Oct. 24  
**Location:** 22920 Woodward, Ferndale  
**Contact:** (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

**Palace of Auburn Hills**  
**Time/Dates:** King of Leon with Glasvegas, Sept. 22; Miley Cyrus, Oct. 6  
**Location:** 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills  
**Contact:** (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com

**Penn Theatre**  
**Time/Dates:** 8 p.m., Oct. 30, Plymouth Community Band  
**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth  
**Details:** Free  
**Contact:** (734) 453-0870. www.penntheatre.com

**FAMILY**

**Bakers Keyboard Lounge**  
**Time/Dates:** 2-5 p.m. Sundays  
**Details:** Jazz for Kids Program  
**Location:** 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit  
**Contact:** (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

**Detroit Institute of Arts**  
**Time/Dates:** 2 p.m. Sundays  
**Details:** Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission  
**Location:** 5200 Woodward, Detroit  
**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

**Marquis Theatre**  
**Time/Dates:** "Rumplestiltskin," through Sept. 20; "Pinky the Flying Ghost," Oct. 17-25; "Pinocchio," Nov. 14-Jan. 24, 2010, tickets, \$8.50, ages 3 and up  
**Location:** 135 E. Main, Northville  
**Contact:** (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com

**Palace of Auburn Hills**  
**Time/Date:** Sept. 30-Oct. 4  
**Location:** 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills  
**Details:** Disney on Ice  
**Contact:** (248) 645-6666, (800) 745-3000, Palacenet.com or www.ticketmaster.com

**Penn Theatre**  
**Time/Date:** Noon, Oct. 3  
**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth  
**Details:** Guy Louis and Chautauqua Express; \$4 admission  
**Contact:** (734) 453-0870. www.penntheatre.com

**FILM**


**Henry Ford IMAX**  
**Location:** 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn  
**Contact:** (313) 271-1570

**Penn Theatre**  
**Time/Dates:** "Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs," 7 and 9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 18; 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 19-20; and 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 24. "The Proposal," 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26; 5 p.m. and 7:05 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 27; 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 1;  
**Details:** \$3 admission  
**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth  
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**Redford Theatre**  
**Location:** 17360 Lahser, Detroit  
**Contact:** www.redfordtheatre.com



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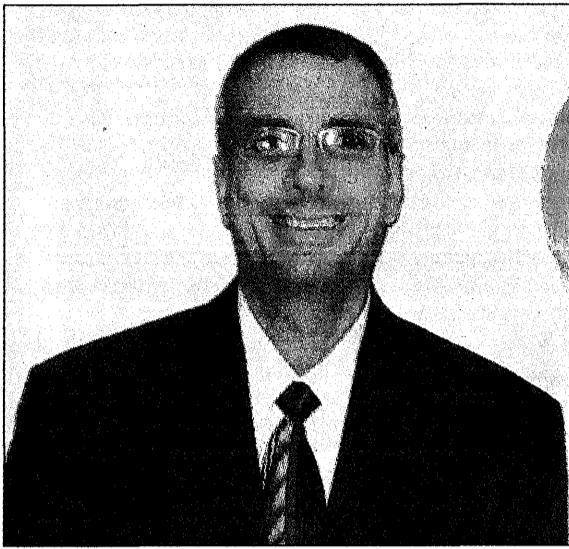


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# Plymouth Strictly Business

## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Bill Collett of Canton opened ComForcare Senior Services at 127 S. Main, Suite 3, in Plymouth back in May.

## Firm provides personal care of seniors

**Observer:** Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

ComForcare: We specialize in providing professional personal care and companionship services for individuals in many settings including their homes, independent living facilities, nursing homes, hospitals or wherever clients reside. Services are provided primarily to seniors, but individuals with disabilities, accident victims, new mothers or those recovering from a recent illness or surgery can also benefit.

**Observer:** How did you first decide to open your business?

ComForcare: I started my career as an aeronautical engineer conducting wind tunnel tests for the defense industry. In 1999 I moved to Canton where I continued my career in the automotive industry supporting wind tunnel and power train testing. I have always been interested in the concept of being a small business owner. When the downturn in the economy led to my layoff in late 2008, I saw it as the perfect opportunity to start my own venture.

After looking into several opportunities, I was drawn to ComForcare Senior Services due to a personal experience my family had finding care at home for my aging mother while she was recovering from spinal surgery. Our population is aging and more families are looking for a solution to care for their parents after surgery, illness, or just from the natural aging process.

**Observer:** Why did you choose Plymouth?

ComForcare: I think in this type of a business it

### COMFORCARE SENIOR SERVICES

- **Business name and address:** ComForcare Senior Services, 127 S. Main, Suite 3, Plymouth
- **Your name and title:** Bill and Margaret Collet, owners
- **Your hometown:** Canton
- **Business opened when:** May 26, 2009
- **Number of Employees:** Currently 9
- **Hours of operation:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; however, ComForcare is on-call 24/7 for client support
- **Your Business specialty:** Non-medical home care services
- **Business phone and Web site:** (734) 414-1981; www.westernwayne.comforcare.com

is important to part of the community in which you are supporting with services. I live down the road in Canton. Plymouth is central to the area we are serving and was the best choice to locate the office.

**Observer:** What makes your business unique?

ComForcare: ComForcare is unique in that it helps people from all walks of life, not just senior citizens. Even though helping seniors is a large chunk of the business we also care for individuals with disabilities, accident victims, new mothers or those recovering from a recent illness or surgery. We are in the business of helping anyone who needs it.

**Observer:** How has it changed since you opened?

ComForcare: I see that the need for home care in the area continues to grow and I believe we will see a consistent demand for our business.

**Observer:** Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience as a small-business owner?

ComForcare: My wife is a school teacher so she is able to help support the business during the summer months. It has been an interesting dynamic interacting with her in the new role of business

partner. Fortunately, we have complementary skills and talents so we work well together!

**Observer:** How has the recent economy affected your business?

ComForcare: The economy hasn't affected our business at all. We are on track to meet all of our goals for the year. The home care industry is constantly growing and the aging population will continue to increase. Our services are affordable and present an attractive alternative to assisted living or nursing home options for individuals that want to stay in the familiar surroundings of their home.

**Observer:** Any advice for other business owners?

ComForcare: It is important to have a plan and stay focused on the tasks that will make the business successful.

**Observer:** What's in store for the future of your business?

ComForcare: My focus is to grow the Plymouth office while maintaining focus on quality care and establishing a reputation of excellence. By focusing on my client's satisfaction, I believe that growth will follow. The potential to expand our office is always there and it is something we will look at in the future.

## BUSINESS MILESTONES

### IKEA networking

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and its partners with the Western Suburban Area Council of Chambers presents a regional networking event 8-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, at the IKEA store, 41640 Ford Road, in Canton.

Join 12 suburban Chambers from the western suburbs gathering under the roof of IKEA in Canton to do some serious morning networking. The event will also feature breakfast, a special presentation from the Store Manager, gift card raffles and shopping IKEA before it opens.

Space is limited to 20 members per Chamber for this event. It will be on a first come, first served basis with payment. If necessary, a waiting list will be started. The cost is \$5 for Chamber members (\$10 for non-members) and must be paid at the time of reservation.

For more information or to make a reservation, contact the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540 or e-mail [teri@plymouthmich.org](mailto:teri@plymouthmich.org)

### Fall seminar series

Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union hosts free financial seminars this fall. All are welcome to attend. The seminars will take place at the credit union's Plymouth branch located at 8817 Sheldon Road at the northwest corner of Sheldon and Joy. Reserve your seat by calling (734) 432-0212 extension 301.

• Wednesday, Sept. 23, "IDENTITY THEFT, FRAUD & SCAMS," presented by Detroit's FBI. Learn how fraudsters capture your personal information to use your credit and take your money. Also hear what new money scams are on the rise.

• Wednesday, Oct. 14, "NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR IRAs IN 2010," presented by Local Financial Specialist. Hear from a local Financial Specialist how new tax rules for 2010 may allow you to convert an existing Traditional IRA into a Roth. Distributions from Roth IRAs are tax-free making this a great opportunity.

• Wednesday, Nov. 11, "COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID NIGHT," presented by College Financial Aid Representative. Go through the FAFSA (free Application for Financial Aid) process and see how your information is used to calculate the outcome. Grants, student loans and scholarships will also be discussed, as well as tuition rates and other college expenses.



### Top tracker

Neil De Koker, president and CEO, Original Equipment Suppliers Association (left), is presented the 2009 SKF X-Tracker Award by George Dettloff, CEO, SKF, North America, during an award ceremony at OESA's corporate office in Troy. SKF named De Koker the recipient of its 2009 SKF X-Tracker Award. The award was created by SKF in 2003 to recognize an individual within the automotive community who overcomes adversity to achieve extraordinary results in their professional endeavors.

For more information, please call Emma Teller at (734) 432-0212, Ext. 204.

### Wheel bearings

SKF announced it will supply Chrysler LLC with tapered front wheel bearings for its 2500/3500/4500/5500 series Dodge Ram full size and chassis cab truck platforms. These bearings are the largest wheel bearings SKF has produced for a light truck vehicle application in North America. They are designed and engineered to provide enhanced handling and performance, and greater stability for these full size trucks.

The SKF bearings are orbitally formed, third generation bearings that provide ease of assembly into the vehicle, improved stiffness for enhanced brake performance, and require no maintenance.

"These large trucks need the benefits of superior performance and handling, and our new wheel bearings provide that," said Gregg Rasmussen, vice president, SKF Car Business North America. "We worked closely with Chrysler to ensure a solution that is robust and responsive in meeting the needs of the application."

The front wheel bearings were engineered at SKF's facility in Plymouth, Mich., and are manufactured at its Tudela, Spain, plant.

## CHAMBER CHAT

### Free workshops

There are still three more workshops this month on utilizing the Internet to enhance and grow your business. If you are interested in attending upcoming workshops, please contact the Chamber immediately, since seating is limited.

• Next week's workshop is "Search Marketing," presented by Meaghan McCann, Search Ad Marketing, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

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

• Final Workshop is "Social Media for Business," presented by Meaghan McCann Wednesday, Sept. 30, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

The business development series is intended to serve as a benefit of membership with no cost to attend these excellent workshops. We can accept up to 35 people for each session. To register for a workshop, please contact the Chamber at [teri@plymouthmich.org](mailto:teri@plymouthmich.org) or call 734-453-1540. Members can attend all sessions or choose to attend individual sessions. All workshops will be at the Plymouth Community Chamber offices at 850 West Ann Arbor Trail.

### Downtown restaurant crawl

Seventeen restaurants and food providers are slated to participate in Penn-Taste-Tic, the popular downtown restaurant crawl, on Wednesday, Sept. 23 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. "Crawlers" can walk around downtown Plymouth enjoying delicious samples and treats from many of their favorite Plymouth eateries.

This event is a great outing for friends, co-



Wes Graff

workers or family to have a fun evening together trying the best selections that Downtown Plymouth has to offer. Proceeds from the Crawl go to support the Chamber of Commerce and the Penn Theatre.

Tickets for Penn-Taste-Tic are \$20 and can be purchased at the Chamber office at 850 West Ann Arbor Trail. Tickets must be purchased by 4 p.m. the day before the Crawl. For more information, call the Chamber at 734-453-1540.

### Community & Business News

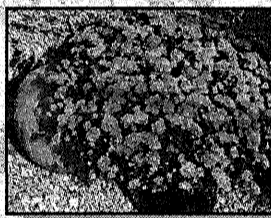
• The Central Parking Deck in downtown Plymouth is now fully open with three hour parking on the first level and eight hour parking on the second level. During the summer the deck was renovated causing parking issues in the downtown. Now, with the deck fully reopened, there are 200 available spaces that will alleviate the parking problems experienced in the last two months. Also, Consumers Energy has completed their construction work on the streets. We hope you can start coming downtown for lunch and after work to patronize the merchants and restaurants after a long summer of construction projects.

• Synergy Dance Academy cuts ribbon on new location - Lynn Taylor, surrounded by friends and family, opened her new Synergy Dance Academy at 500 South Main with an open-house on Saturday during the Fall Festival. She was formerly co-owner of another dance studio in downtown Plymouth. Lynn says that the new studio location on Main Street, just south of the Mayflower building, is attracting much more attention from potential customers due to her visible Main Street location.

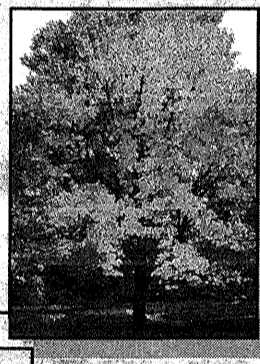
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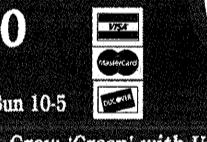


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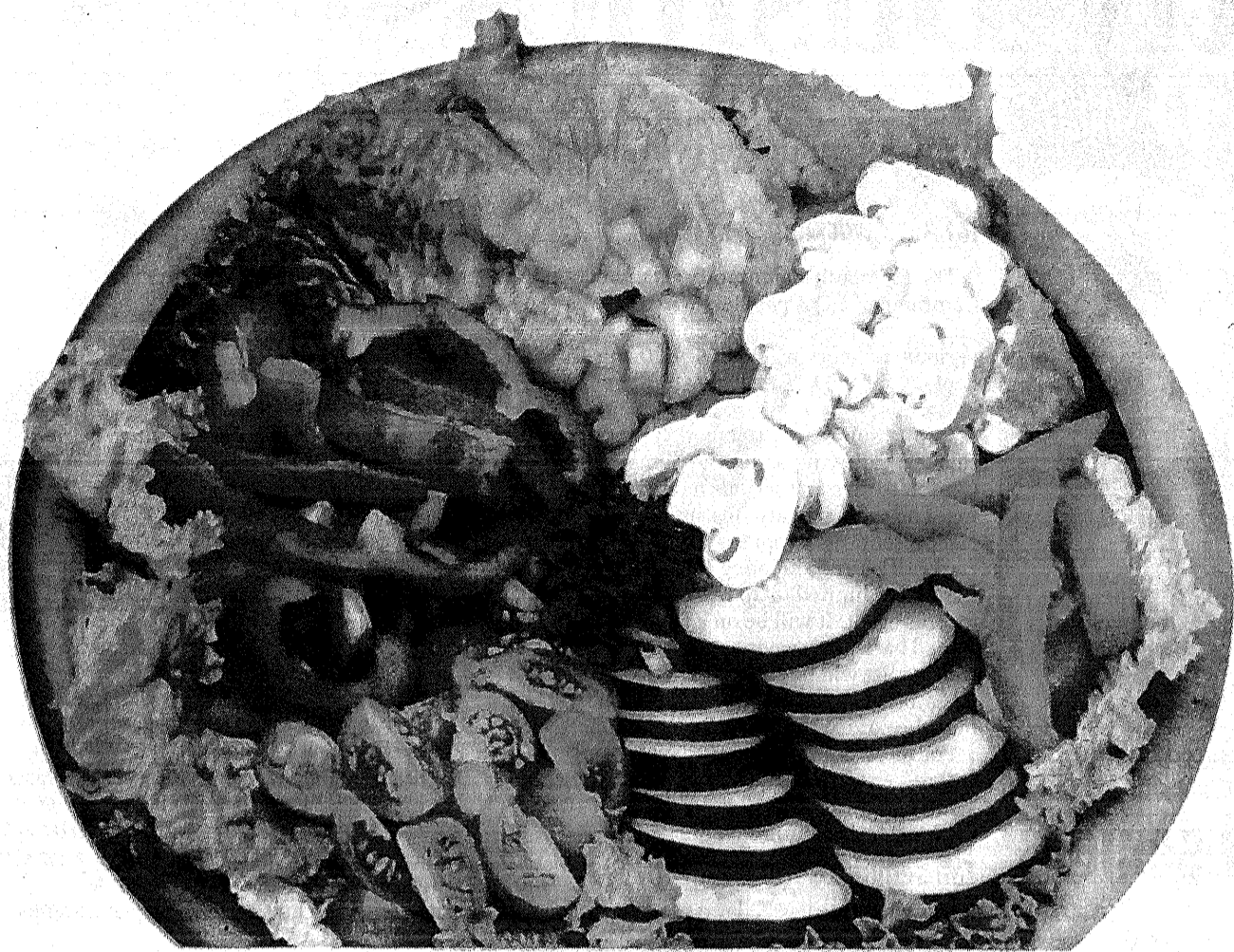
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### Market activities

**Canton** — The Canton Farmers Market is in full swing each Sunday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., rain or shine, through Oct. 25 in Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road.

Upcoming special programs include Mark Reintgen, guitarist, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sept. 20; a hike on the grounds, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and pole barn open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. with farming displays and Joe Chasney the strolling juggler from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Oct. 4; Recreation Station Bouncer, Oct. 18; and Andy Smoger, strolling balloon maker, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 25.

### Chili cookers wanted

**Garden City** — Got a favorite chili recipe? It might be a winning one, as well.

All it takes to find out is \$25 and a reservation in Garden City's second annual Chili Cook-off.

The event will be held from noon to dusk, Oct. 10, in the Farmer's Market lot in downtown Garden City. Proceeds from the entry fee will benefit local charity. Awards will go to the Best Chili Recipe and the People's Choice Award.

Register by fax at (734) 261-6604 or drop off registration at the Downtown Development Office, 29213 Ford Road.

Download an entry form from [www.downtowngardencity.org](http://www.downtowngardencity.org).

### More chili fun

**Plymouth** — Don't forget the Great Lakes Chili Bike Show runs 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 4 in downtown Plymouth.

The Chili Cook-off will feature a traditional Red Chili, a Green Chili and a Salsa competition. Top winners will receive trophies and prizes. Peoples Choice Chili samples will be available at noon and competition samples at 1:30 and 3 p.m. for a \$1 donation per sample.

The Bike Show takes place noon-4 p.m. on Main Street at Kellogg Park.

The Restaurant Chili Challenge will run from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Penniman Ave and in Kellogg Park. A dozen restaurants will vie for the "Best Chili in Plymouth" award. Bowls of chili will be a \$4 donation or you can sample them for \$1 donation per 2 ounce sample.

Other activities will include live

entertainment from noon to 5 p.m., a children's activity area and "Hottest Dog in the Coolest City" costume contest, with judging at 2 p.m. in the park.

Anyone interested in cooking in the Red/Green/Salsa or Restaurant Chili Challenge should contact Annette Horn at (734) 776-9669. [www.greatlakeschili.com](http://www.greatlakeschili.com)

### Prepared for charity

**Tri-county** — Hiller's markets are featuring two new dishes in their prepared foods counters every two weeks, with sales profits benefitting charity.

The program, called Good Deeds in the Making, offers dishes that are favorites of local individuals, including celebrities.

"There are many ways to leverage community connections," stated Jim Hiller, CEO of Hiller's Markets. "Friends support each other's causes. I am grateful to these devoted individuals for helping us find yet another way to make a difference."

Here's the schedule of foods, individuals and charities:

■ Through Sept. 21: Jill Syme's stuffed cabbage and Lila Lazarus' quinoa with roasted vegetables; charity is Kids Kicking Cancer.

■ Sept. 22-Oct. 5: Rabbi Paul Yedwab's petite quiche with spinach, mushroom and Jarlesburg and Gail Posner's black bean salad; benefits Forgotten Harvest and Ministrelli Women's Heart Center.

■ Oct. 6-19: Tony Payne's Buffalo chili and Samira Cholagh's kibbie; benefits Agree Foundation at Temple Israel and the Chaldean Foundation's Adopt A Refugee Family Program.

■ Oct. 20-Nov. 2: Lisa Diggs' corn and smoked whitefish fritters and Daniale Karmanos' tuna pasta; charity is Buy Michigan Now and DKWIO.

■ Nov. 3-16: Janice Cherkasky's diabetic apricot salad and Jeff Loeb's pasta; benefits Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and Hiller ALS Center at WSU.

Local Hiller's stores are at 3615 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, (734) 677-2370; 425 N. Center Street Northville, (248) 344-4001; 15455 Haggerty, Plymouth, (734) 420-5555 and 6433 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7100, in addition to Berkley, Union Lake and Commerce Township.

## I'm kickstarting my way to a vegan diet

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

"Whether you're drawn to chocolate, cookies, potato chips, cheese, or burgers and fries, we all have foods we can't seem to resist — foods that sabotage our best efforts to lose weight and improve our health. But PCRM's Vegan Kickstart will help you win the food fight."

After digesting those words from the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine Web site last week I embarked on a journey to lose weight, vanquish high cholesterol, (doctor's orders) lower the fat content of my food, hike the vegetable and fruit portions and be kinder to animals by not eating them or their dairy by-products.

I took the PCRM's 21-Day Vegan Kickstart plan that began Tuesday, Sept. 8 and is now into Kickstart Day 10. It's not too late to join. Those who do will find recipes, eating tips, encouraging messages and a forum for information sharing.

They'll also receive daily e-mail messages cheering them on.

The diet is based on research by Neal Barnard, M.D., PCRM president and one of America's leading health advocates. The Web site, [www.pcrm.org](http://www.pcrm.org) (click on 21-Day Vegan Kickstart) says the program is designed for "anyone who wants to explore and experience the health benefits of a vegan diet."

What's vegan, you ask? Think vegetarian with no dairy allowed.

I can't remember the last time I ate red meat, or even chicken — I limit myself to salmon or tuna — so I figured the vegetarian part of the diet would be a snap.

"Beans are a wonderful source of fiber, are low-fat, and contain no cholesterol," the Web site suggests. I've eaten plenty of them — along with soy-based products — since I "kick started" last week.

I'll admit, the non-dairy part of the diet has challenged cheese-and-eggaholic me. I weaned myself off the last few eggs I had in the fridge, along with carton of Egg

Beaters over the first few days of the challenge — no cold turkey for me — but have gone without since then.

I cleaned the parmesan and cheddar out of the fridge a week before the challenge started and to my surprise, I haven't missed it. My only downfall was a family birthday dinner last Sunday. My brother and sister-in-law thoughtfully served both a homemade meat lasagna and a vegetarian squash lasagna. The vegetarian selection was delicious and I wasn't about to scrape out the ricotta.

I'm back on track this week and trying harder to make the plan work.

"I bet you are feeling good and can already notice an increase in your energy level," Day 7's message guessed.

I do. And I've already dropped a pound.

If you've taken the 21-Day Vegan Kickstart, send me an e-mail with your tips. How are you faring on this challenge?

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# 'Good Neighbor' Realtor gives back to her community

BY JULIE BROWN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Michelle M. Phaup owns Clarkston Realty Inc. in Clarkston, and her nonprofit, Lend a Helping Hand Inc., is close to her heart.

Inspired by a colleague's 12-year-old granddaughter who was diagnosed with terminal cancer, Phaup began her mission to help ease the financial burden of families faced with catastrophic illness. Since 1989, Phaup has sponsored fund-raising events that have raised more than \$2 million to help people pay for uncovered medical expenses.

Phaup also serves as a canine foster mom, and writes a newspaper column for a Clarkston newspaper spotlighting outstanding local charities and volunteers.

"I've been doing the fund raising for 20 years," said Phaup, a Clarkston resident recently tapped by the National Association of Realtors as a finalist for this year's Good Neighbor Award. She and other volunteers had raised a large sum for a bone marrow transplant, and learned there would be a hefty tax bite. She went through the process of forming the nonprofit Lend a Helping Hand in 2002.

"By doing that, I could also help more than one person at a time." She works with all volunteers and noted, "It's rewarding to be helping as many people as you can."

Their Web site's at [lendahelping-hand.org](http://lendahelping-hand.org), and recently got help at



Michelle Phaup is a finalist for this year's Good Neighbor Award.

Washtenaw Community College conference. IT professionals volunteered their time and expertise, and won an award for their work on Phaup's group's site.

The girl diagnosed with cancer at 12, Shannon Clark, died at 17. Shannon had been told she'd live six months to a year.

"She was a remarkable kid," Phaup said of Shannon, who would visit sick children in the hospital to allay their fears, answering questions they were reluctant to ask adults. "It taught me how your whole life can change by giving and helping someone."

Shannon's grandma, Phyllis Braun, is now retired.

Phaup has been a canine foster mom more than 10 years, currently with Canine Companion Rescue Center in Clarkston. She's worked with other such groups in the past.

Mom to a grown daughter, Phaup earned her bachelor's degree in economics and business administration from Kalamazoo College. She's attended graduate school in business at the University of Michigan and intends to complete that degree.

Ten top individuals, Realtors who volunteer, were announced recently by the National Association of Realtors as finalists for *REALTOR Magazine's* 2009 Good Neighbor Awards.

Now in its 10th year, the Good Neighbor Awards program recognizes Realtors who generously volunteer their time to help others. The Realtors often donate countless hours and dollars to organizations that help those in need and make their community a better place to live, the association Web site notes.

"I was excited and surprised," said Phaup, nominated by Amy Serra Albright of RE/MAX Encore of Clarkston, current North Oakland County Board of Realtors president. "I was always impressed by things people were doing. It is a big honor."

In November, five winners will be selected from among the 10 finalists and will receive travel expenses to the 2009 Realtors Conference & Expo in

San Diego, national media exposure for their community cause, and a \$10,000 grant for their charity. That will be Lend a Helping Hand for her.

"There's a computer we really need." They try for donations for office equipment, and "We would probably save it for people who need it."

Now, when someone who's ill comes to them they start fund raising. The Good Neighbor grant would give a head start on fund raising for patients.

In her free time, Phaup, in real estate 22 years, enjoys traveling, and has visited 49 states and some 50 countries. She's also an exercise instructor who enjoys working out.

Five honorable mentions will receive a \$2,500 grant. The winners will be announced in the November issue of *REALTOR Magazine*.

"Realtors build communities and play an important volunteer role for organizations across the country, helping improve the quality of life for those less fortunate or in need," said NAR President Charles McMillan, a Realtor and broker with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Dallas-Fort Worth. "Despite today's busy world, the Good Neighbor Awards finalists still find ways to give their time in service to others. They are truly inspiring and deserve to be recognized for their hard work."

The National Association of Realtors Web site contributed to this report.

# Follow bylaws for board removal

**Q: We are not happy with our Board of Directors and are attempting to remove them. We served a petition to remove the board on the secretary but the president hasn't called a meeting. What can we do?**

**A: Check your bylaws to make sure that you filed the petition to remove the**

**board and, presumably, to call a special meeting properly; that you secured the appropriate signatures, and that the persons**

**who signed the petition had the authority to do so. If the board refuses to call a special meeting, get a lawyer and remind the board of its responsibilities. Failing same, you will need to seek a circuit court order to compel a special meeting of the association.**

**Q: I am purchasing a condominium from a seller in a resale situation. The seller has not paid his assessments to the association. How can I insure that those assessments are paid?**

**A: Make sure that your purchase agreement makes it clear that the seller is responsible for all due back assessments and any additional assessments which may have been levied, but which may not be due. Also, get a letter from the association at least five days before closing insuring that you know exactly how much is due and owing. Don't close unless you have done so.**

**Robert M. Meisner** is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@meisner-associates.com](http://bmeisner@meisner-associates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

# Tax system changes will boost Michigan job growth

Michigan's net negative migration of 465,000 residents since 2001 is well-documented. The primary reason: Michigan's inbound migration rate has dropped to nearly zero. The result is income losses equating to billions of dollars. Not to mention hundreds of millions of dollars in lost payroll taxes, sales and use taxes and property taxes.

Michigan's migration woes will continue as long as the current job market and future prospects remain much brighter elsewhere.

Reversing this trend involves creating a business environment that results in consistent job growth. A significant tool for attracting and retaining businesses, regardless of economic conditions, is tax policy.



Michael C. Stoskopf

Joshua Barro is a staff economist for the Tax Foundation. In his paper "2009 State Business Tax Climate Index (SBTCI)", he states, "... most mass job relocations are from one U.S. state to another

... [meaning] that lawmakers must be aware of how their states' business climates stack up to others in their region and nationwide."

According to the Tax Foundation's 2009 rankings, how did Michigan do?

The good news, as far as overall taxation, Michigan ranked

## COMMENTARY

20th. The bad news: Michigan's Corporate Tax Index, composed of the factors by which businesses evaluate states when deciding to relocate, ranked a dismal 48th.

These rankings inspired me to do a little research.

I compared, by state, three telling economic measures from 2004-2008: Gross Domestic Product; Per Capita Income; and Population. The "Top 7 States," based on their 2009 SBTCI Overall Rank, had positive growth rates in all three measures. They also performed markedly better than the 42 other states combined. Finally, as a group, they significantly outperformed Michigan, which

had negative rates across all measures.

Attributing Michigan's poor performance to the worldwide automotive recession is certainly reasonable. However, by and large, businesses continue not selecting Michigan for their operations. This should serve as our "wake-up call" for immediate action.

The absence of a major tax is the dominant factor in vaulting the "Top 7 States" to the top of the rankings. Property taxes and unemployment insurance taxes are levied in the seven states, but there are several that do without one or more of the major taxes (i.e., corporate, individual income, or sales).

Michigan faces many difficult decisions with economic

consequences. However, just as critical, we must create a business environment that results in consistent job growth, thereby ensuring a viable economic future for Michigan.

There is an old sports adage, "To BE the best, you must BEAT the best."

Now is the time for our elected leaders in Lansing to make Michigan one of the best states for business. Creating a comprehensive, new, business-friendly tax system will encourage job growth and economic vitality for years to come.

**Michael C. Stoskopf** is executive officer of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, based in Farmington Hills.

## HOMES SOLD - WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of June 1-5, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

43459 Applewood Rd 1447 Yosemite Blvd	\$152,000 \$288,000	32325 Donnelly St 6168 Gilman St	\$50,000 \$45,000
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43802 Cherry Grove Ct E	\$127,000	30104 Hennepin St	\$25,000
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365 Maple St	\$180,000	32086 Fairchild St	\$66,000
1490 Maple St	\$288,000	39060 Huron Pkwy	\$160,000
48487 Meadow Ct	\$220,000	39248 Huron Pkwy	\$178,000
49922 Pointe Xing	\$145,000	38503 Meghan Ln	\$103,000
322 Red Ryder Dr	\$120,000	7345 Mohawk St	\$55,000
		6321 W Morgan Cir	\$94,000
		39033 Willow Creek Pkwy	\$64,000
		39089 Willow Creek Pkwy	\$160,000
		6111 Wilmer St	\$45,000

## HOMES SOLD - OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of June 8-12, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

2445 Hempstead Rd 3134 Phillips Rd	\$122,000 \$103,000	25579 Portico Ln 25585 Portico Ln	\$140,000 \$120,000
		41643 Terra Ln	\$125,000
		30249 Viewcrest	\$240,000
		3629 Tremonte Cir S	\$82,000
		3895 Lakeview Blvd	\$225,000
		1954 Cloverdale Dr	\$375,000
		139 Drace St	\$175,000
		530 W Third St	\$508,000
		2390 Arizona Ct	\$166,000
		538 Augusta Dr	\$218,000
		658 Lockport Rd	\$136,000
		2174 London Bridge Dr	\$94,000
		251 Mystic Vly	\$295,000
		956 Norcross Dr	\$280,000
		90 Orcharddale Dr	\$135,000
		1770 Skyline Dr	\$318,000
		1101 Shetland Dr	\$270,000
		21321 Andover Rd	\$58,000
		17145 Bonstelle Ave	\$150,000
		17501 Madison St	\$48,000
		27045 Marshall St	\$77,000
		29400 Murray Crescent Dr	\$153,000
		30845 Red Maple Ln	\$122,000
		1642 Carpenter Dr	\$365,000
		2506 Cheswick Dr	\$253,000
		585 Colebrook Dr	\$62,000
		6485 Fredmoor Dr	\$150,000
		2835 Marcus Dr	\$125,000
		301 W Big Beaver Rd	\$80,000
		31101 Alexa Dr	\$150,000
		515 E Walled Lake Dr	\$229,000
		6752 Buckland Ave	\$85,000
		6535 Duffield St	\$85,000
		2499 Empire Dr	\$80,000
		7212 Heather Heath	\$230,000
		6245 Lindsay Ct	\$300,000
		7357 Oak Tree Dr	\$159,000
		4857 Panorama Cir	\$465,000
		6072 Pickwood Ct	\$300,000
		7670 Rosewood Ln	\$276,000
		7334 Westchester	\$123,000

## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

### Business change

Weir Manuel Realtors, a leading Michigan independent real estate firm, announced that it has joined the Coldwell Banker brand and has absorbed Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate to form Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel. The announcement was made by Weir Manuel CEO Kelly Sweeney and Coldwell Banker Schweitzer CEO Paul Schweitzer. The new company is one of the largest real estate firms in the state. Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel has 465 sales professionals and 11 offices in southeast Michigan. Kelly Sweeney, who served as Weir Manuel's CEO since 2000, will retain that role in the new firm.

"It's an exciting day for all of us at Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel," Sweeney said. "Our new entity delivers great strength, depth and value to the marketplace. We have created an outstanding platform for our sales associates and a strong foundation from which we can execute our strategic growth plan. We see tremendous opportunities in Michigan as the real estate market begins to stabilize. While others continue to pull back, we plan on investing heavily in our people and our operations."

### Career Seminar

A Real Estate Career Seminar will be held at Keller Williams Plymouth, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17. Call (734) 459-4700 to reserve a seat.

Keller Williams Realty of Livonia will hold a free 59 minute Real Estate Career Seminar at their offices at 36642 Five Mile Road 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13. Call (734) 266-9000 to reserve a seat.

### Real Estate Agents, Appraising & Staging

Thinking about a career in real estate? Is working in real estate your dream? Keller Williams Realty is seeking experienced or non-experienced people in the real estate field. The candidates must be hard working and have a passion for learning.

There's a free seminar every week: Tuesday or Saturday, 11 a.m. to noon at 27555 Executive Drive (off West 12 Mile and Halsted), Farmington Hills 48331.

For more details, contact Steve Leibhan, (248) 553-0400, Ext. 2500.

### Careers in field

A free 59-minute Career Seminar will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, for those interested in real estate careers. Questions regarding startup cost, commission and success potential will be answered. It will be at Keller Williams Realty, 36642 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 266-9000 to reserve a seat.

### Homebuyers

A Homebuyer Seminar will be held 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 and 26, at Keller Williams, Farmington Hills

Market Center, 27555 Executive Drive, Suite 100 - southeastern corner of 12 Mile and Halsted. RSVP: (248) 893-1550.

### Investors

Learn about legal updates concerning the real estate industry including mortgage debt relief, first-time buyers, lead paint, license requirements, energy credits, Proposal A, military housing relief, etc. Presented by Loretta Chmura, Educational Director, Middleton Training. This seminar will give Realtors 2.0 hours Continuing Education Credits. Sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, Sept. 10; 5:30-9:30 p.m. at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742. ([www.REIAofOakland.com](http://www.REIAofOakland.com))

### Real Estate as a Second Career

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

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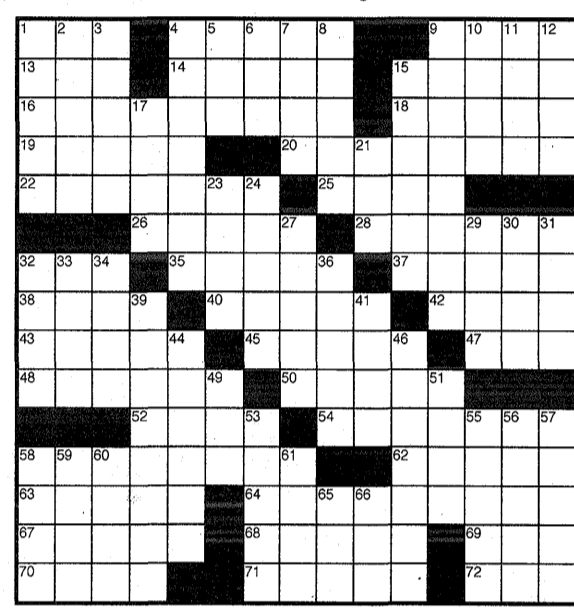
- ACROSS**
- Average guy
  - Watered silk
  - Hogshead
  - Physicist
  - Georg —
  - More or less
  - Showy lily
  - Maze
  - Listen in
  - Small gift
  - Fan's favorite event (2 wds.)
  - Limbs animal
  - Door frame
  - Eavesdrop
  - Japanese floor covering
  - Cousins of "um"
  - Fish finder
  - Hearsay
  - So-so grades
  - Carouse
  - 11th President
  - Used eyelets
  - Troubleshot
  - Hwys.
  - Vein opposite
  - Heroic tales
  - Low-cal
  - Baggage handlers
  - Makeshift desk
  - Ernest or Julio
  - Wheel turners
  - Arrow supply
  - Hen's perch
- DOWN**
- Sudden shocks
  - Chicago's airport
  - Hearth residue
  - Weasel relatives
  - Geisha's accessory
  - Type of microscope
  - "Bambino" of baseball
  - Social mores
  - Came from behind (2 wds.)
  - Swift costar
  - Svelte
  - Petruchio's bride
  - Gaul conqueror
  - Barks shrilly
  - Tumbler's pad
  - Former queen of Jordan
  - Slightly tinted
  - Tars a road
  - Omnia vincit —
  - Penicillin source
  - Vexes
  - Bruins
  - Get wind of
  - Faction

**PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED**

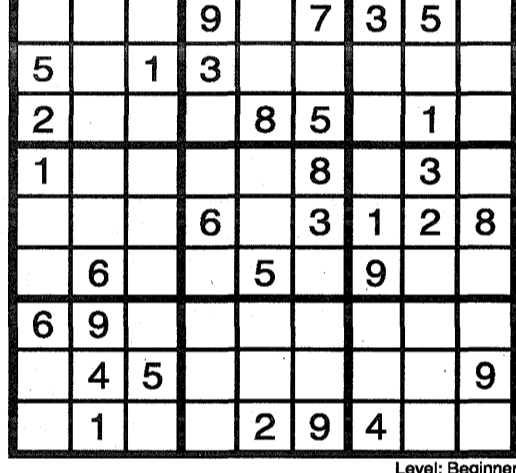


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- ACROSS**
- Concrete reinforcer
  - Like navel oranges
  - Fast sled
  - Most dull
  - Gizmos
  - Up till now
  - Dueler's pride
  - Woman's hat
  - Vexes
  - Michael Caine role
  - Twang, as a guitar
- DOWN**
- Unriddle
  - Scarlett's home
  - Dendrite's partner
  - Ink spot
  - Word plays
  - No —, and/or buts
  - Compete for



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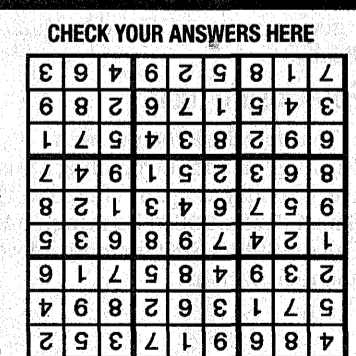
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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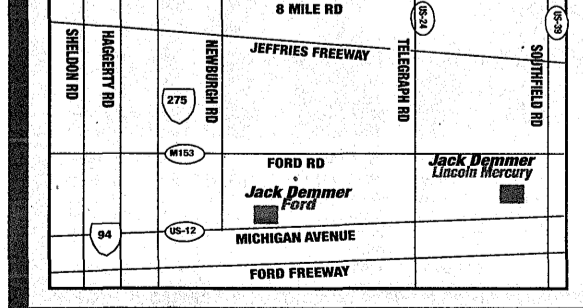


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 <p><b>Auburn Hills 248-652-6500</b> GREAT HOME BY SCHOOL Well-maintained Colonial next to Elementary School! Fam Rm w/gas FP, skylight, deck, hardwoods. Updated LR &amp; bath. 6 mo old SS refig. Hm Warranty. A Great Buy! (29074705) \$109,900</p>	 <p><b>Farmington Hills 248-851-1900</b> ROLLING OAKS RANCH W/BEAUTIFUL POOL Spacious ranch w/curb appeal &amp; large lot. New updated kitchen. Newer roof &amp; furnace. 3 season sunroom. Enjoy parks, paths &amp; commons. Walk to elementary school. (28137578) \$175,000</p>	 <p><b>Livonia 248-851-1900</b> GORGEOUS NEWER 4 BR UPDATED CONTEMPORARY Contemporary colonial among newer homes. Gourmet kitchen &amp; appliances, granite &amp; tile. Great room w/ fireplace. First floor master w/jacuzzi. (29106629) \$290,000</p>	 <p><b>Livonia 248-348-6430</b> Highly Desirable 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath 1st floor condo. No stairs to climb! New Kitchen, carpet, paint &amp; all appliances stay. Set in a private wooded location just steps away from pool and clubhouse. (28162574) \$65,000</p>	 <p><b>Redford 734-591-9200</b> Built in 2004, All new Hdw on 1st flr &amp; upper bth 1/2 &amp; full bth. New sump pump in bsmt &amp; lighting t/o SS appl. Corian counters, fresh paint. New AC &amp; carpet. OPEN SATURDAY 9/19 1-3 pm (29113458) \$119,900</p>	 <p><b>Southfield 248-723-0055</b> LOTS OF POTENTIAL ON A LARGE LOT Three bedrooms, 1.5 bath brick ranch, partial fin bsmt, 2 car att garage. Room to room. Bank owned is sale. Make an appointment today. (29045495) \$40,500</p>
 <p><b>Belleville 734-455-7000</b> PACK YOUR BAGS...THIS IS THE ONE! No need for a vacation home! Here's the best of both worlds! 3 BR/2 BA, lake front property w/30' deck, hot tub, pool &amp; 75' boat dock - all on Belleville Lake. (29113549) \$290,000</p>	 <p><b>Farmington Hills 248-348-6430</b> Botsford Commons 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths The best buy at Botsford! Freshly painted, neutral decor, nestled deep in complex on a peaceful court. (29117744) \$99,000</p>	 <p><b>Livonia 734-591-9200</b> Desirable Green Brier Estate. Lge Ranch w/lge extension. Up/grd for disabled access &amp; comfort. Includes ramp entrance. Lrg eating area, grand rm &amp; bath. 2 Nat fireplaces. 2 car att garage. Lge treed lot. Bsmt (29114346) \$236,500</p>	 <p><b>Macomb Twp 586-532-5500</b> BEAUTIFUL &amp; MOVE IN READY! Upgrades! Inviting Flr plan, beautiful Lndscpg, lg Bdrms, 3 FULL Baths, Den, GR w/nat Frlc, Mstr Bdrm w/skylites &amp; Bay Wndw, throughout. Full Bsmt &amp; More! (30716558) \$199,900</p>	 <p><b>Redford 248-348-6430</b> Cozy Brick Ranch with many updates: kitchen, appliances, roof, electrical, Florida room with wood stove and vaulted ceiling, finished basement with 4th bedroom &amp; full bath. (29029108) \$102,500</p>	 <p><b>Sterling Heights 248-723-0055</b> SPACIOUS TRI-LEVEL Brick 3 BR home w/ open floor plan. Updated kit w/ appl, FP in family rm. Newer windows &amp; doors. Lease for \$1100. Subject to third party approval. (29034856) \$129,900</p>
 <p><b>Birmingham 248-548-9100</b> BIRMINGHAM 1928 FIVE BRTUDOR Most classic features still intact. Wrought Iron bannisters, ornate crown molding, new "slate" roof w/ copper gutters &amp; downspouts. Pewabic tile, 4 frics. 621 (29012125) \$950,000</p>	 <p><b>Ferndale 734-591-9200</b> PRICED TO SELL! AWESOME STARTER HOME. 3 BDRMS, 1 BATH COLONIAL WITH SOME UPDATES INCL CARPET, WATER HEATER, AND KITCHEN FLOORS AND COUNTER TOPS. (29046148) \$50,000</p>	 <p><b>Livonia 248-437-3800</b> Just Listed! Impressively updated colonial just like a new home. Replaced window, furnace, hot water heater, floors &amp; new roof. 3 season rm. www.realestateone.com/29109645. (29109645) \$219,900</p>	 <p><b>Marion 248-437-3800</b> Super Starter Home! On almost 1 acre. This move in ready ranch offers: updated kit, updated baths, hrdwd flrs thru-out, great freeway access, &amp; more! www.realestateone.com/29117103. (29117103) \$129,900</p>	 <p><b>Redford 734-455-7000</b> "CAPE COD" CLASSIC! Top of the line move-in shape brick 3 BR "Cape Cod" in quiet, wooded setting. Redone Kitchen, BA, windows, roof, furn, &amp; much more! All appl, like new. Awesome! (29070531) \$94,900</p>	 <p><b>Walled Lake 248-348-6430</b> A Lot For The Money! 1450 sq ft ranch Main flr w/3 bedrooms, 2 baths, French drs &amp; wood flrs. 2 more bedrooms &amp; baths in the fin w/o bsmt. Lg yard w/covered patio. Newer tear off roof, kitchen &amp; floors. (29111693) \$103,000</p>
 <p><b>Birmingham 248-548-9100</b> NICE BRICK RANCH ON WIDE LOT 143x128 LR/DR w/beamed ceiling, Refin. hrdwd flrs, Frlc in LR. FR. New granite kit w/all new appls. MBR w/new bath. 3 BR &amp; 2 baths. 2 car att. gar. Lg bsmt. 764 (29106613) \$399,000</p>	 <p><b>Garden City 734-591-9200</b> Great curb appeal on tree lined street. Well maintained. Presently used as Multi-Fam. Can be converted back to 1 fam. Updated kit &amp; bath. Huge LR w/et plaster, neutral decor. part fin bsmt w/full bth &amp; BR (29116590) \$128,900</p>	 <p><b>Livonia 734-591-9200</b> Very desirable loc. Move right into this well cared for spac brk rch w/ semi priv backyd, drive/wy on dead end st, newer furn &amp; CA, newer roof &amp; electrical, vinyl wind. Large bsmt w/storage. FR &amp; lg breezwy (29099689) \$180,000</p>	 <p><b>Milford 248-348-6430</b> \$60,000 In Updates! 3 acres in Milford with 4 bedrooms and 2 baths. Great house for entertaining. Move-in condition. (29057240) \$234,900</p>	 <p><b>Redford 248-851-4100</b> ATTENTION FIRST TIME BUYERS! Cute ranch home features fireplace, HWF, formal DR, LR, double closets in master bedroom &amp; large kitchen. Updated electrical &amp; bath. 1 year home warranty. (29006079) \$80,000</p>	 <p><b>Waterford 248-684-1065</b> Lease this renovated home w/ updates thru-out: roof, siding, carpet, BA, paint, flooring, windows. 1-car gar. full bsmt. Deck/wooded yard. washer/dryer include. (29111915) \$750</p>
 <p><b>Brighton 248-437-3800</b> Pristine Beauty! Enjoy the park like setting in the backyard from the spacious deck. Beautiful hardwood floors on 1st floor &amp; master bedroom. www.realestateone.com/29080887. (29080887) \$227,000</p>	 <p><b>Garden City 248-851-4100</b> ADORABLE REMODELED &amp; UPDATED ON ONE ACRE Updated kitchen cabinets. Updated bath w/ceramic floor &amp; new tub. New carpet in LR, refinished HWF in bedrooms w/ceiling fans. 2 car garage. (29113022) \$120,000</p>	 <p><b>Livonia 248-851-4100</b> HOST POOL PARTIES FOR FAMILY &amp; FRIENDS! Beautiful 40x20 inground pool, meticulously landscaped in large fenced yard. Open flr plan w/vaulted ceilings. Kitchen has 2 pantries. Fin. bsmt, lots of updates. (29065540) \$165,000</p>	 <p><b>Milford 248-684-1065</b> Gorgeous Cape Cod w/ 1958 sq ft of country living space in Milford Twp. Enjoy 3 BR, 3.5 BA, Fin LL; upgraded granite kit on 1.68 acres. Contact: 248-684-1065. (29110304) \$229,900</p>	 <p><b>Redford 734-591-9200</b> Move in Ready. Sharp Bungalow on quiet street. Large Family Room has 2 full baths. Hardwood flooring in living room. Corner lot - Won't last long. (29083737) \$74,900</p>	 <p><b>Wayne 734-284-5400</b> WELCOME HOME Move right in! All repairs have been done. Great Open Floor Plan. 3 BR, 2 full baths. Open Kitchen &amp; nook, master ste w/ garden tub. Skylights, lrg deck, C/A. (29048440) \$125,000</p>
 <p><b>Brighton 248-851-4100</b> 4 BR 3.1 BA HOME PATIO W/HOT TUB Vaulted ceilings, wonderful fireplace in LR. Master bath shower w/multiple shower heads + jetted tub. LL features 2nd kitchen, BR w/bath, workout room. (29107490) \$300,000</p>	 <p><b>Garden City 734-455-7000</b> GARDEN CITY RANCH! 3 bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, well-maintained ranch. Beautiful neighborhood. Fenced yard. Garage. (29069023) \$109,900</p>	 <p><b>Livonia 734-455-7000</b> SO MUCH HOME FOR SOOO LITTLE! Huge rm sizes t/o. Upgrades galore. 2 mstr BRs, newer roof, air, furn. Great kitchen (16x23)! Never BAS, paint &amp; carpet, easily changed to 4 BRs. Immed. Occup. (29106042) \$154,900</p>	 <p><b>Northville 248-348-6430</b> 5 Bedroom, Backs To Woods Newer built home in Brooklane. 5 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Open floor plan and daylight lower level. Wonderful master suite, large private lot backing to trees. (29085566) \$450,000</p>	 <p><b>Redford 734-591-9200</b> Redford Ranch, 2 Bedrooms, Mstr BR has a sound proof wall, All int drs are 6 panel, HW floors, Roof 03, siding, windows, HWT 04, BA 05, Gutters 08. (29028255) \$50,000</p>	 <p><b>Wayne 734-455-7000</b> GREAT POTENTIAL AWAITS THIS HOME BUYER! 3 bedroom brick ranch with central air, newer windows and electrical. Full basement and 2 car garage. (29074881) \$29,900</p>
 <p><b>Canton 248-348-6430</b> Wonderful Opportunity! Extensive Updates 3 bedroom brick ranch. Newer Kitchen &amp; baths. Furnace, roof, hardwood floors 2 car att garage. Fireplace in family room, fenced yard. Plymouth/Canton schools. (29114263) \$169,900</p>	 <p><b>Garden City 734-455-7000</b> DON'T MISS THIS GREAT HOME! Full brick ranch in nice quiet neighborhood of like homes. 3 BR/1.1 BA, hrdwd flrs under carpet. Fin bsmt w/rec rm &amp; FP. Oversized 2 car gar. Immediate Occupancy! (29096021) \$95,000</p>	 <p><b>Livonia 734-591-9200</b> Spacious Brick/vinyl Tri-level Featuring a new gourmet kitchen with radiant floor, granite countertops, maple cabinets &amp; more. Updated baths, fresh paint throughout. Near Livonia Rec Center (29082876) \$149,900</p>	 <p><b>Northville 248-348-6430</b> Charming and Immaculate Walk to downtown Northville! Cozy, yet bright &amp; cheery home! Updates: wind, roof, furn, HWH. Lt new carp t/o. Cove cell, gas FP w/brk hearth in LR. Fl rm w/skylight. (29110092) \$320,000</p>	 <p><b>South Lyon 248-437-3800</b> Just Listed! Custom open flr plan ranch situated on a one acre cul de sac private setting. Extensive decking on 1st flr. Lrg kit. w/island. www.realestateone.com/29116426. (29116426) \$239,900</p>	 <p><b>Webster 248-437-3800</b> Own Your Own Private Rustic Retreat. Snuggled on 10 acres amongst a wooded forest. Post and beam w/1st flr mstr. Detached rec. bldg w/heat, full bath &amp; huge patio. www.realestateone.com/29105905. (29105905) \$280,000</p>
 <p><b>Farmington Hills 248-851-4100</b> LOVELY HOME, GREAT VALUE. GRANITE KITCHEN Stunning great rm w/soaring ceiling, bridge overlook &amp; fireplace. Remodeled kitchen w/granite counters &amp; tiled floor. Master suite w/jacuzzi. 3.5 car gar. 2 decks. (29107822) \$345,000</p>	 <p><b>Green Oak 248-437-3800</b> Almost 3000 SF of Luxury! Finished daylight LL offers addl 1000 sf living space w/family rm w/bar, guest rm, exercise rm, &amp; full BA rm. Wooded back yard. www.realestateone.com/29112974. (29112974) \$449,000</p>	 <p><b>Livonia 248-851-1900</b> UPDATED RANCH ON A COURT IN LIVONIA 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, full finished basement. Hot tub, fenced yard, 2 car garage, sidewalks. Move right in! (28071438) \$143,500</p>	 <p><b>Plymouth 248-851-1900</b> HISTORIC VICTORIAN IN DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH Features a huge addition w/new master suite, all new baths, large GR &amp; breakfast rm. Wood floors t/o 1st flr. New granite kitchen. Newer electric, plumbing, roof, more. (29116971) \$385,000</p>	 <p><b>Southfield 248-723-0055</b> PRESTIGIOUS SHERWOOD VILLAGE Over 3100 sq ft, 4 bedroom, 4.2 bath Colonial. Dining room, hardwood floors, fireplace, fin bsmt, kit appliances, att garage w/ side entry. (29041222) \$240,000</p>	 <p><b>Westland 734-455-7000</b> GREAT FAMILY FLOOR PLAN! Large master BR w/walk-in closet. Formal dining room, breakfast nook, finished basement, new furnace &amp; much more! (29039958) \$149,900</p>
 <p><b>Farmington Hills 248-851-4100</b> BEAUTIFUL MEADOWGLEN HOME. FINISHED BSMT 4 BR, 3.5 bath colonial. Family rm w/ca-theatrical ceiling &amp; gas FP + doorwall to deck. FR opens to large kitchen w/eating space. Formal DR, private library w/wood flrs. (29006066) \$485,4100</p>	 <p><b>Green Oak 248-437-3800</b> Country French Custom Home. Private lot w/view of nature preserve &amp; pond. A true Chef's kitchen w/high-end Viking 6 burner stove &amp; Viking profress. refig. www.realestateone.com/29119009. (29119009) \$399,900</p>	 <p><b>Livonia 248-851-4100</b> 1800+ SQ. FT. 4 BEDROOM HOME Cool shaded front yard, large back yard &amp; an above ground pool w/privacy fence &amp; deck for summer enjoyment. Large bedrooms including master w/WIC. (29111160) \$119,000</p>	 <p><b>Plymouth 248-851-4100</b> WALK TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH! UPDATED HOME Open floor plan. Clean &amp; move-in condition. Great rm/DR combo w/doorwall to deck. Updated kitchen &amp; bath, HWF, crown molding, recessed lights, newer furnace, C/A (29041933) \$175,000</p>	 <p><b>Southfield 248-723-0055</b> TEMPTING TWYCKINGHAM SUB Colonial w/ over 3000 sq ft. 4 bedrooms, 2.2 baths, dining room, family room w/fireplace, kit appliances stay, central air, 2 car garage (29112701) \$130,000</p>	 <p><b>Westland *CREAM PUFF!* Ultra sharp 3 BR Westland ranch that's updated to the max! Gorgeous kitchen w/appliances, refinished hardwood floors, custom trim and much more! (29069047) \$98,500</b></p>

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