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Footballs for Cancer

The Canton High School Chiefettes Pom Pon Team is participating in the football drop fund-raiser "Footballs for Cancer."

Residents can support the Chiefettes and help fight cancer by purchasing a pink football for $10. Numbers will be assigned to each football and the balls will be dropped by helicopter at halftime during the Canton Chiefs football game Oct. 23.

The ball closest to the center of the field wins $500. Some $1,000 of the proceeds will be donated to the Walk for Cancer campaign.

Footballs will be for sale at upcoming Canton home games Oct. 2 and Oct. 16, or they can be bought by mail by sending checks made out to PCCS Athletics, c/o Sue Heinzman, Athletic Director, Salem High School, 46181 Joy Rd., Canton, MI 48187.

For more information, call Joanne Kokoszka at (734) 453-5233.

McCotter hours

The staff of Congressman Thaddeus McCotter (Michigan District 11) will hold office hours in several locations. This time is set aside so that the citizens served by the congressman have the opportunity to speak with a staff member for assistance regarding any federal issue that they might have.

McCotter's staff will be available 9-10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, at the Canton Summit Senior Center, and 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library.

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

'Pay'ing off

Plymouth-Canton's new PaySchools on-line bill payment program appears to be working.

Through this week, more than $60,000 in fees have been paid by parents using the district's on-line service, which allows parents to pay for lunch accounts, sports fees and other fees using a secure, on-line account.

Some 276 families have paid more than $36,000 for food services, an option open only to high school and middle school students at the moment. James Larson-Shidler, the district's finance chief, said he expects that total to rise when the option is extended to elementary school students later this year.

"People have been very receptive," Larson-Shidler told school board members Tuesday. "It's working very well."

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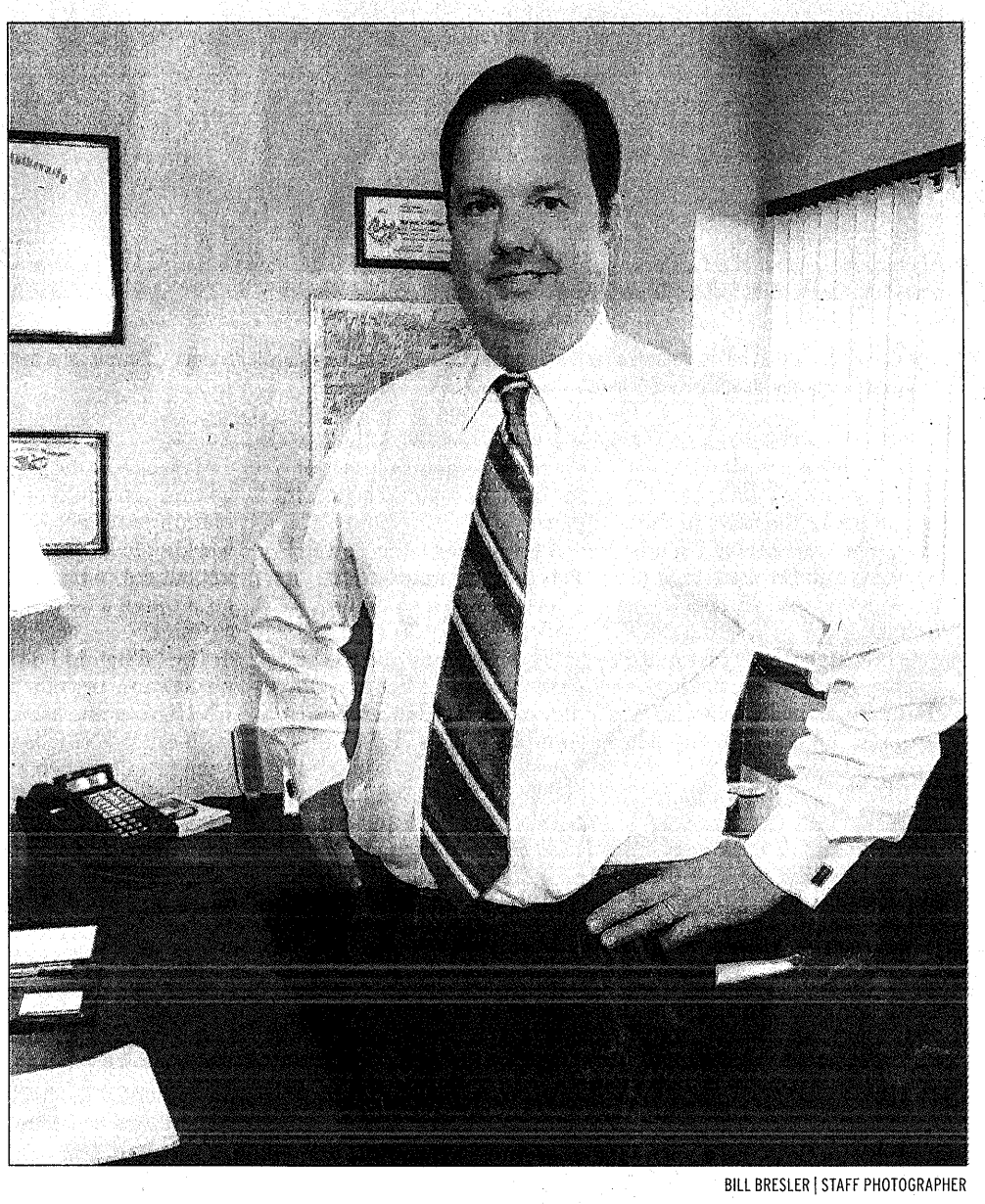

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Kurt Heise lost his job as head of the Wayne County Department of Environment, then surfaced at a Plymouth law firm.

Economy forces workers to find a new plan

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With an unemployment rate above 15 percent, tens of thousands of Michigan workers are finding themselves losing their jobs, losing their homes — losing everything they've worked for.

The state's economic downturn has affected workers at every level. Longtime employees and first-job staffers, fast-food workers and corporate chiefs all have felt the sting of the pink slip.

And they all have one thing in common: The need to deal with it.

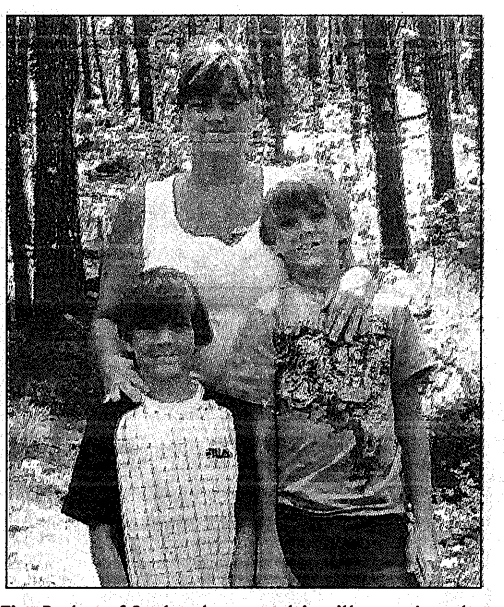
TO DESPAIR AND BACK

Tina Barbee of Canton never thought she'd be in such a position. For five years, she had a good union job at Alvan Motor Freight, a job she liked, that paid her well and provided for the single mom and the two of her three sons living at home.

Then the unthinkable happened: Alvan laid her off (and later went out of business altogether, according to Barbee).

"It was a great job with great pay and benefits," Barbee said. "When you realize you have two kids (at home), you wonder how you're going to provide for them, and you get desperate. That desperation helps you find a courage you didn't know you had."

So there was Barbee, in the Westland house she'd purchased from the settlement she got in her 2004 divorce, with sons Alex (now 12) and Joseph (now 9) (she also has a third son, Greg, 21), wondering what would happen next.



Tina Barbee of Canton, here on a trip with sons Joseph and Alex, lost her job and home before rebounding.

Then it got worse: Barbee also lost the house to foreclosure in 2008.

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Jobs on line as trustees size up the next budget

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The possibility of job cuts looms in Plymouth Township as officials there work to close a projected budget gap of nearly $600,000.

The township Board of Trustees began working during a study session Monday on a general-fund budget for the next fiscal year, which begins in January. Revenue, projected at just over $13.3 million, is flat, while estimated expenses, just over $13.9 million, are up 1 percent over this year's amended budget.

"We've made huge cuts over the past couple years," Treasurer Ron Edwards told the board. "It's pretty bare-bones now."

Officials said job cuts, through layoffs and attrition, would be a last resort.

"It may be coming," said Trustee Kay Arnold on Tuesday.

"We're going to look hard" for ways to avoid job cuts, Arnold added. "We're trying to keep the services and keep everybody."

'We've made huge cuts over the past couple years. It's pretty bare-bones now.'
TREASURER RON EDWARDS

While revenue from some sources is expected to go up, officials foresee a drop in the township's two main sources of income: property taxes and revenue sharing from the state.

Tax revenue, estimated at $7.65 million, is falling because of a decline in property values, while state revenue sharing, projected at about $1.76 million, is expected to be cut as the Legislature tries to balance the state's budget, officials said.

A cut in this year's revenue sharing, ordered by Gov. Jennifer Granholm in May, cost the township more than $90,000, and further cuts are expected to be deeper.

Arnold, who asked questions about many line items Monday, said she wants to hear from township department heads, who are to appear at a second budget study session next week, and see budget-cutting proposals from the three full-time elected officials: Edwards, Supervisor Richard Reaume and Clerk Joe Bridgman.

Edwards, however, said he wants to hear ideas from trustees. "We get too much criticism instead of input from these people," he said.

"The Board of Trustees is going to have to decide ... what level of service they want to maintain for the community," Reaume said.

Lt. Rick Tefend, president of the International Association of Firefighters local that represents Plymouth Community Fire Department firefighters, reacted to news of possible job cuts by saying the township could increase revenue by having paramedics transport more patients to hospitals during medical

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CROP walk battles hunger

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Against a sharp increase in the number of local families seeking emergency aid, a walk to raise money, and awareness, in the fight against hunger takes on greater importance.

The annual CROP Walk for the Plymouth Canton area begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at St. John Episcopal Church on Sheldon Road. Sponsored by St. John and five other area churches, the walk raises money for the emergency food pantry at the Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps, which serves Plymouth and Plymouth and Canton townships and neighboring communities, and also for international hunger relief through the Church World Service. The local walk has a four-mile route and a two-mile route.

Laurie Aren, the Plymouth Salvation Army's director of family and community ministries, said the recession has left many more families searching for help and has demonstrated the need for fund-raisers like the CROP Walk.

"Because of the state of the economy, people are so much more aware of the need for food in their own communities," Aren said.

In the local Salvation Army's most recent fiscal year, which ended in August, Aren's office issued 1,004 food packages, 365 more than in the previous year, she said. Over the same period, she said, she interviewed people from 1,275 families that were seeking assistance, compared to 953 the previous year.

"Across the board, all of our assistance this year is dramatically up," she said. "We're seeing a lot of new folks that in years past would be donating to the Salvation Army."

Some 90 CROP walkers last year raised about $9,271, according to Barb Fichtenburg of Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton, the event's chairwoman. The goal this year is 100 walkers and $12,000, Fichtenburg said.

In addition to benefiting the local Salvation Army's food pantry and Church World Service, walkers can pick from a list of aid organizations they'd like to support. Walkers solicit donations from family members and friends.

This fall marks the 40th year for the nationwide CROP Walks, in which about 2,000 communities participate. The acronym stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty.

St. John Episcopal Church is at 574 South Sheldon. Walkers can register beginning at 1:30 p.m. Sunday; the walk begins at approximately 2:10 p.m. after a 2 p.m. prayer and directions. For more information, call Barb Fichtenberg at (734) 981-4205.

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"There were times if it weren't for the kids, I may have given up and said, 'Forget about it,'" she added. "They're always a blessing. But in that situation, they certainly gave me more strength than I could have found on my own."

While collecting unemployment, Barbee pulled herself together and started job-hunting. She figures she sent out some 200 resumes without getting a bite. Then, she was hired to do some temp work for J.W. Cole & Sons in Detroit.

The temp job eventually grew into a full-time job.

"It was such a relief," she said of finally finding a job. "It's a long way to go, but I didn't care. I had a job. I was going to have a paycheck."

Barbee obviously knew she wasn't the only one, though sometimes it felt like it. Her mother, Christine, who lives in Taylor and works at Meijer, told her plenty of people carrying bachelor's degrees came in seeking work.

"That's insane that you have a college degree and you're looking for work as a cashier at Meijer," she said. "I guess it's not that far-fetched in Michigan."

When Barbee lost her house, she was lucky enough to have a friend who allowed her to move in while she saved some money and got back on her feet. She's got a new apartment in Canton, at Geddes and Morton Taylor, and she's working on a degree in applied science through Baker College, studying to be a physical therapist.

"I was afraid to go back to school," she said. "I was 46 years old. The fear of going back to school was overridden by my fear of remaining unemployable the rest of my life."

GOV'T GIG GONE

Kurt Heise of Plymouth Township was appointed head of the Wayne County Department of Environment by County Executive Robert Ficano, and he held the job for more than six years.

But as the county's own budget crunch closed in on Ficano, the rumors started swirling that the exec would reconnect the Department of Energy with the Department of Public Services — and that Heise would be out of a job.

"You knew there were going to be major (budget) cuts ... (Ficano) was up front about it," said Heise, an attorney for more than 18 years. "It made sense to bring those groups back together. It's something you have to accept as part of the job."

So the layoff didn't exactly catch Heise by surprise. In fact, he said, he'd been planning to leave in 2010 anyway, and had been honest with county leaders about it.

When he left the county, he said, he "started calling attorneys I knew," looking for work.

He landed fairly quickly at the Plymouth firm of Hemming Polaczyk & Cronin, where he knew and had worked with partner Tim Cronin, whose clients include Plymouth Township, for years. Since he's been there, Heise said, he's brought in business such as environmental work for the city of Allen Park.

In addition to his work for the firm, Heise has been retained by Wayne County to represent them in environmental law matters, and is also working as a consultant with Public Sector Consultants in Lansing.

"It's a very good transition ... the partners have been easy to work with," Heise said. "It's a good fit for all of us."

The fact Heise had a fall-back plan didn't make the loss of his job and the resulting uncertainty — regardless how short-lived — any easier. It was an adjustment for his wife, Catherine, and their daughters, 12-year-old Katie and 10-year-old Claire.

"There are adjustments that have to take place," Heise said. "You have to watch your pennies a little more. I had to break the news to the kids, who were seeing friends whose families were facing a job loss and foreclosure. It was a shock."

While Heise feels fortunate to have found work, he knows there are many people who suffered the same job loss who have yet to recover.

"I feel bad for the employees, especially the ones who don't have a fall-back position," he said. "They're going to be out there, looking for jobs."

BUNNY HOP

When a California company announced it was buying the software and data company for which Lisa Powell worked late in 2007, the new owners said the management of the company would be left in place.

A few weeks later, Powell, the company's corporate attorney, was looking for work.

"The investors told us they weren't going to cut anybody, they were going to let us keep running as we were," said Powell, a Canton resident who lost her job for good in April 2008. "They took a pretty good cut out of upper management."

The new owners let company staffers do most of the due diligence it takes to prepare for a public company buying a private company. After toiling through all that paperwork and effort, Powell said losing "my first real job" was "devastating."

"It sucked," she said. "You go through a period of kind of blaming yourself — 'Was I not working hard enough, am I not cut out to be a lawyer?' You go through a lot of emotional turmoil."

The "What do I do now?" phase came next for Powell, who figures she has applied for hundreds of jobs ranging from retailers such as Kohl's and Target to law firms who wanted much more experience than Powell, who passed the bar in November 2005, had.

"I spend several hours a day looking for jobs and trying to network with the right people," said Powell. "I've gotten into community work."

Her community work largely involves becoming an uber-volunteer for the Midwest Rabbit Rescue shelter in Plymouth, at which she volunteers two-three hours nearly every day. It's a cause her husband found for her when she lost her job.

"I needed a project, so I jumped in headfirst," Powell said. "I also do some other community work that is more legal-related."

Mostly, though, she contemplates her plight as she looks for a job. To complicate matters, her husband, Anthony Barchock, recently lost his computer-aided design job at Tata Industries in Novi.

It's very frustrating," she said. "It's always on my mind, always something I'm worried about. Where are we going to get the money to pay the next bill?"

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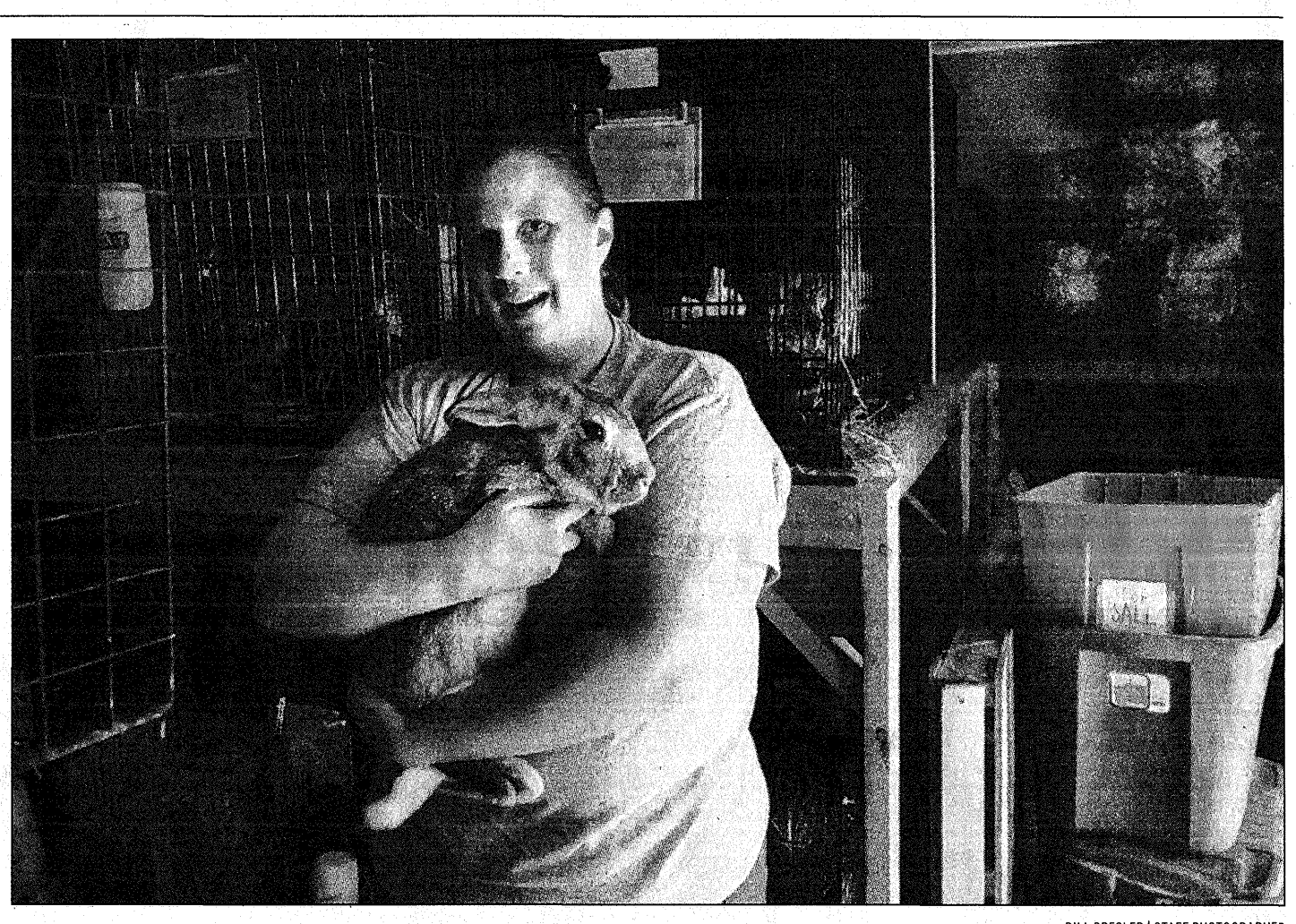

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Lisa Powell of Canton holds Denier, a resident of the Midwest Rabbit Rescue in Plymouth. Powell, who began working for the shelter after losing her job as a corporate attorney, volunteers 2-3 hours a day.

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emergencies. Most hospital transports are now done by Huron Valley Ambulance.

"I don't think it would be fiscally responsible for them to lay off and make the department smaller," Tefend said. "Transport and let us make money."

Tefend estimates the township could take in $700,000 a year by doing ambulance transports; township officials, however, have said they don't think enough revenue would be generated to cover added costs.

Public safety — the police and fire departments and emergency dispatch — represents nearly two-thirds of the township's annual expenses, with a total projected budget of almost $9.3 million.

Ordinance enforcement officer Kathy Pumphrey, president of the Technical, Professional and Office Workers Association of Michigan local that represents 27 township employees, said she hadn't heard from officials about possible job cuts and thus couldn't comment.

The union's business agent, Tom Griffin, said the TPOAM has been making progress in recent negotiations with the township, and that officials hadn't mentioned the possibility of job cuts. "I'm not going to stir the pot unless it happens," he said.

Budget-tightening measures for the current fiscal year include reducing the hours of seven TPOAM-represented employees, limited job cuts, keeping some vacant positions open, and reducing community outreach activities in the police department. In addition, Reaume and Edwards refused scheduled pay increases, and Trustees Arnold, Steve Mann, Bob Doroshewitz and, later, Michael Kelly agreed to cut their pay of $11,400 each by 10 percent.

"We've always run a very lean operation here," Edwards said.

The next budget study session, at which department heads are expected to make presentations, is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday.

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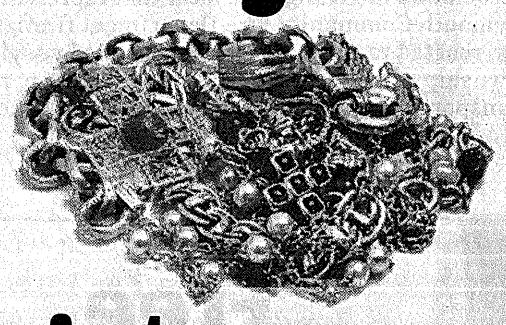

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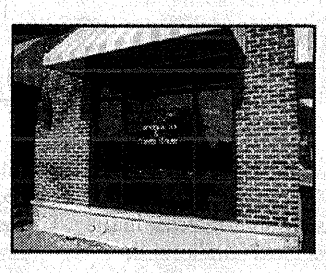

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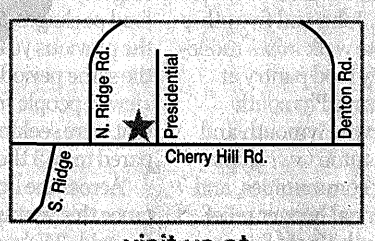

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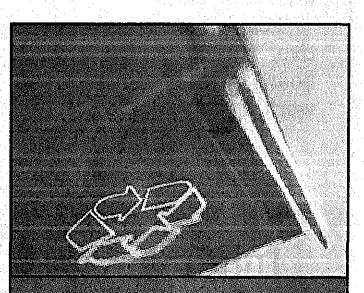

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Citizens committee

The Plymouth Citizens Committee meets Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m. in the Friends Room at the Plymouth District Library.

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.

Euchre night

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

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

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

Shock-tober

The Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth continues its Thursday-themed movie nights with October's "Shocktober Thursday Classics."

The schedule: Oct. 8, "The Mummy," (1932); Oct. 15, "War of the Worlds," (1953); Oct. 22, "Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein," (1948); and Oct. 29, "Bride of Frankenstein," (1935).

Admission is $3, and the box office opens at 6:30 with show time at 7 p.m.

The Penn Theatre is located at 760 Penniman in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-0870 or visit www.penntheatre.com

Constitution celebration

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently celebrated National Constitution Week at the Plymouth District Library. Joined by Michigan Representative Marc Corriveau (front row) and staff member Stephen Purchase (back row) the chapter members rang in the week with bells and a recitation of the Preamble to the Constitution and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Scrapbooking fund-raiser

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

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

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

Ride with Rotary

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., in partnership with the Huron Township Rotary Club, is holding a Harley-Davidson Bike Raffle and charitable event during the 14th annual Great Lakes Chili Cook-Off in Plymouth.

First prize is a 2009 Harley-Davidson Ultra Classic Motorcycle and custom trailer; second prize is $2,000; third prize is $1,000.

Raffle tickets will be sold by the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. during the Chili Cook-off and can be purchased at the Club's Booth (on the west side of Kellogg Park) between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets sell for $5, or five tickets for $20.

The drawing will be held at the Huron Township Applefest in New Boston at 6 p.m. Oct. 4. Winner need not be present at drawing.

Proceeds from the ticket sales will help support Rotary's charitable efforts in local and international communities.

Mom2Mom sale

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

Admission is $1, cash only, strollers are welcome after 10 a.m.

This is a department store style sale with boys and girls fall and winter clothing, ranging in size from newborn up to size 10 along with toys, baby gear, strollers and maternity clothes.

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

Clothing bank

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

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

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

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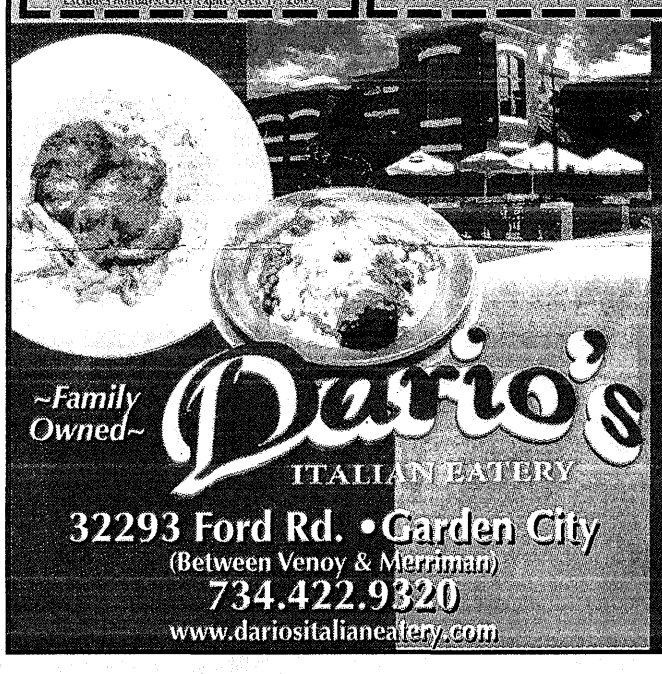

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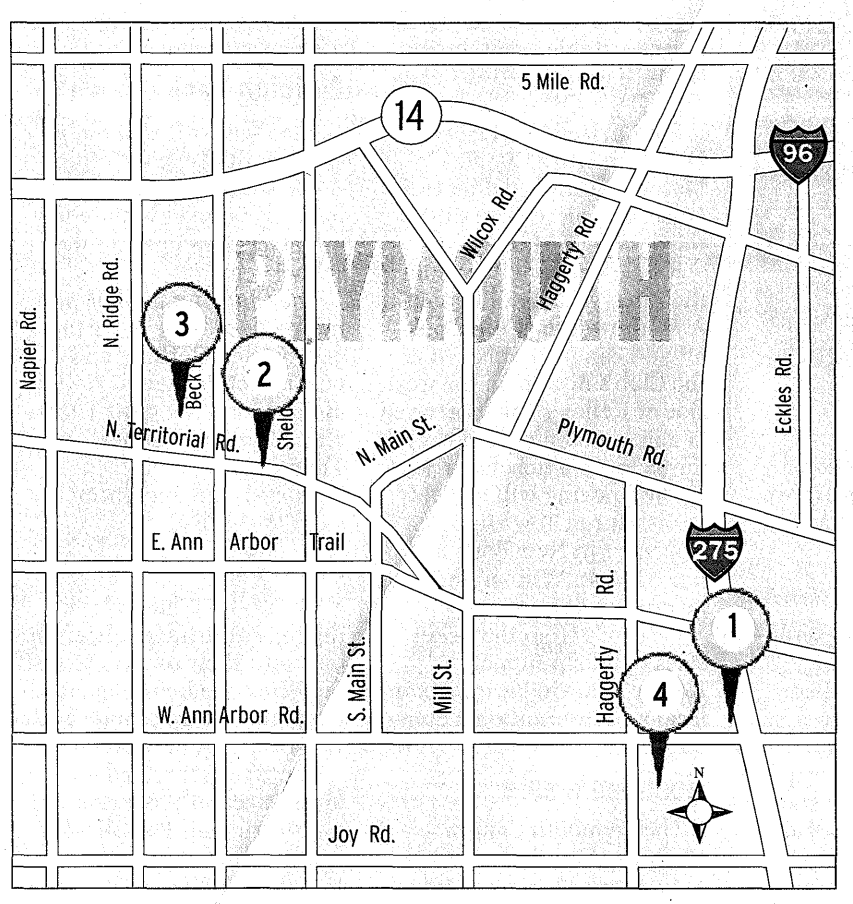
PUBLIC SAFETY

Township traffic stop leads to marijuana arrest



1 A 20-year-old Farmington Hills man was arrested on a marijuana-possession charge after police found suspected marijuana in the car he was driving in Plymouth Township Friday night.

The man, driving a Ford Focus, made a prohibited right turn on a red light from an I-275 off-ramp to eastbound Ann Arbor Road and was spotted by a police officer just after 11 p.m. Friday, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said. The officer stopped the man nearby for the moving violation, police said.

The officer noticed the driver's record, called up from the Law Enforcement Information Network, or LEIN, listed a "drug crime," and asked the driver what that crime had been, police said. The driver answered, "Weed."

The officer then asked if the driver had any "weed" with him, and the driver responded that he did, police said. Police found it on the front passenger seat, and it later tested positive for marijuana, police said.

Vehicle break-ins

2 Two vehicles parked outside a home on Canterbury Court in Plymouth Township were burglarized on the night of Sept. 17 or early the next day.

A purse and its contents, including cash, credit cards and a checkbook, were reported stolen from a GMC Acadia, and a backpack and an English textbook were reported stolen from a 2009 Mercury Mountaineer, a police report said.

A window had been broken on each vehicle, police said.

Theft from yard

3 Three golf clubs, a water pump and a bicycle were among the things reported stolen from the backyard patio at a house on Embers Court in the township on Monday.

The victim told police he heard a sound from the back yard late Sunday night and discovered the larceny the next day. In addition, he said, a concrete bench and a patio swing had been moved.

Tires slashed

4 All four tires on a Ford Explorer were slashed one day last week as the vehicle sat in a parking lot on Newporte Drive. The vandalism occurred between Friday afternoon and early Sunday morning, a police report said.

By Matt Jachman

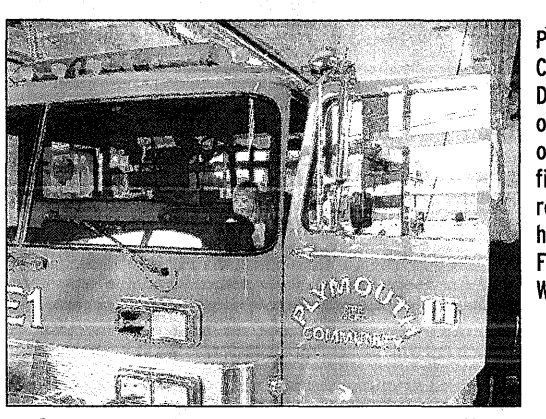
POLICE BRIEFS

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Sept. 16-22:

- Tuesday, Sept. 22 - Residential rescue run on Blunk; commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Trail; smoke investigation on Ann Arbor Road.
- Monday, Sept. 21 - Vehicle accident on the eastbound M-14 ramp to northbound I-275; rescue run to a public building on N. Territorial; residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Old Pond and on Sheridan.
- Sunday, Sept. 20 - Rescue run at a public building on Haggerty; residential rescue run on Colony Farms Circle; commercial rescue run on Eastside; rescue run on S. Main; vehicle fire on Haggerty, south of Schoolcraft.
- Saturday, Sept. 19 - Rescue runs at public buildings on Main and on Haggerty; residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Rocker, on Lilley and on Ann Arbor Trail; vehicle accidents at Mill and Starkweather and on 5 Mile east of Ridge; commercial rescue run on 5 Mile.

Open houses set for Fire Prevention Week



Plymouth Community Fire Department officials will open all three fire stations for residents at open houses throughout Fire Prevention Week.

The Plymouth Community Fire Department opens its doors to the public during this year's Fire Prevention Week Oct. 4–10, and this year they're doing it with a twist.

All three Fire Stations will be open daily for tours between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. In recent years a one-day Open House event was held at Fire Station #1 only.

This year, fire officials said, residents have an entire week in which to visit the Fire Station that is located closest to their neighborhood, or visit all three if they would like.

Fire Station 1, which is the newest, is located at 9911 Haggerty, just north of Ann Arbor Road. Fire Station 2 is at 41212 Wilcox (at Schoolcraft), and Fire Station 3 is at 13600 Beck, at the corner of North Territorial.

The focus of this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign is "Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned." Once a child touches a hot stove, as the cliché goes, he learns his lesson- stay away from a hot stove. According to fire officials, the cliché does not take into account the pain and suffering from burns and burns should not be a part of the learning process. Each year roughly 3,000 people die as a result of home fires and burns, and more than 200,000 individuals are seen in the nation's emergency rooms for burn injuries.

"The most common types of burn injuries result from fire or flame burns, scalds and contact burns." said Chief Mark Wendel. "Burns are painful and can result in serious scarring and even death. When we take extra caution in our homes to ensure that the curling iron is out of children's reach or pot handles are turned away from the edge of the stove, such injuries are entirely preventable. Keeping our homes safe from fire and preventing devastating burn injuries is a healthy change we can make happen."

By following simple safety rules, you can "Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned:"

- Keep hot foods and liquids away from tables and counter edges so they cannot be pulled or knocked over.
- Have a 3-foot "kid-free" zone around the stove.
- Never hold a child in your arms while preparing hot food or drinking a hot beverage.
- Be careful when using things that get hot such as curling irons, oven, irons, lamps, heaters.
- Install tamper-resistant receptacles to prevent a child from sticking an object in the outlet.
- Never leave a child alone in a room with a lit candle, portable heater, lit fireplace or stove, or where a hot appliance might be in use.
- Wear short or close-fitting sleeves when cooking.
- Set your hot water temperature no higher than 120 degrees.
- Install anti-scald valves on shower heads and faucets.

Fire Prevention Week is actively supported by fire departments across the country. For 85 years fire departments have observed Fire Prevention Week, making it the longest running public health and safety observance on record.

Judge Mies, 81, remembered as fair, good-hearted

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

James E. Mies, a former judge for Wayne County Circuit Court and Livonia District Court, was a gentleman both on the bench and off, family and friends said this week.

Mies, who lived some 18 years in Plymouth, died Monday at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills following a long illness. He was 81.

Retired Judge James R. McCann, who served with Mies in 16th District Court in Livonia, said Mies was courteous to everyone who came before him, including defendants.

"He was a gentleman in the total meaning of the word," McCann said. "He was good-hearted to everybody."

McCann said Mies was so well-liked as a judge in Livonia, no one ever ran against him after he took office in 1968.

U.S. District Court Judge Patrick Duggan, a Livonia resident and Mies' former law partner, said attorneys on both sides of a case liked arguing in front of Mies because they knew he'd be fair.

"He was respected by all members of the bar because he was very bright and a decent, civil person," Duggan said, adding a lot of lawyers would call Mies for advice. "He was a tremendous mentor – a lawyer's lawyer."

Mr. Mies

Patrick Mies said his grandfather, after whom Mies Park in Livonia was named, was a devout Catholic whose deep faith showed in his actions. "He walked the walk without talking the talk," he said, adding that Mies kept his good deeds to himself.

Jerry Mies, one of the judge's seven children, said his father helped those in need. "If one of the kids had a friend who needed money, he'd hire him and pay him" more than the job was worth, he said.

Judge Mies loved to tell jokes, but he often got laughing so hard he couldn't get out the punch line, his family members said.

"And they were always clean jokes — no dirty jokes *ever*," his grandson said.

Judge Mies, whose daughter Jean has special needs, had a soft spot for people with disabilities, his son said. He helped found and then served as president of the Community Opportunity Center, a non-profit housing corporation serving adults with developmental disabilities in Livonia, Redford and Plymouth.

Son Jerry and grandson Patrick become special education teachers, in part because of his inspiration.

Family members said Judge Mies was genuinely interested in others, including children and teens. Whenever he talked to someone, it was as if that person were the only one who mattered. "He was always about others," his son said.

Former Wayne County Commissioner Bill Joyner was a teen when his mother, a school board member at the time, introduced Mies to him. He said the judge's interest in others was sincere. "You can tell (that) as a child growing up," he said.

Joyner said Mies' legacy lives on in the smiles of those with developmental disabilities who have been mainstreamed through Community Opportunity Center. "This, in my estimation, is his greatest legacy," he said.

Judge Mies was born in Garrett, Ind. His father died when he was 7. To help make ends meet, his mother rented out their lake home. They moved multiple times while she sought work. He attended eight schools before moving to Detroit and enrolling in St. Benedict High School.

Mies attended the University of Detroit, graduating from its School of Law in 1951. Throughout high school, college and law school, he worked for the U.S. Post Office to support his family.

He practiced law in Detroit and then Livonia, joining the firm that became known as Brashear, Brashear, Mies and Duggan. After serving as district judge in Livonia until 1981, he was appointed by Gov. William Milliken to the Wayne Count Circuit Court. He held that position until 1993.

During his term on the Wayne County Circuit Court, he was one of two judges assigned to manage the asbestos litigation. He also handled many breast implant cases. His colleagues voted him Michigan's Most Respected Judge for Region 2 in 1991.

He was a teacher at the Judicial College in Reno, Nevada, and was a speaker at numerous judicial programs in Michigan. He is a past president of the District Judges Association and served on the Judicial Tenure Commission from 1975 to 1981.

He is a past president of the Livonia Bar Association and was involved in the Citizens Scholarship Foundation of Livonia, the Optimist Club of Livonia, Livonia Youth Incorporated, Dollars for Scholars and the Knights of Columbus. He was also honored as a Livonia First Citizen by the Observer for his volunteer work in the community.

He was also a leader in his church, St. Michael Catholic Church in Livonia.

In 1993, the Livonia City Council, recognizing his contributions to the community, renamed Rosedale Park as Mies Park. Mies lived for many years in the Old Rosedale Gardens neighborhood of Livonia before moving to Plymouth.

Visitation is 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia.

A funeral mass will be said at 10 a.m. Friday in St. Michael, 11441 Hubbard. Judge Mies is survived by his wife, Pat; children Edward, James, Gerald, Jean and Catherine (Diamond) and Michael, 13 grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. A son, Thomas, is deceased.

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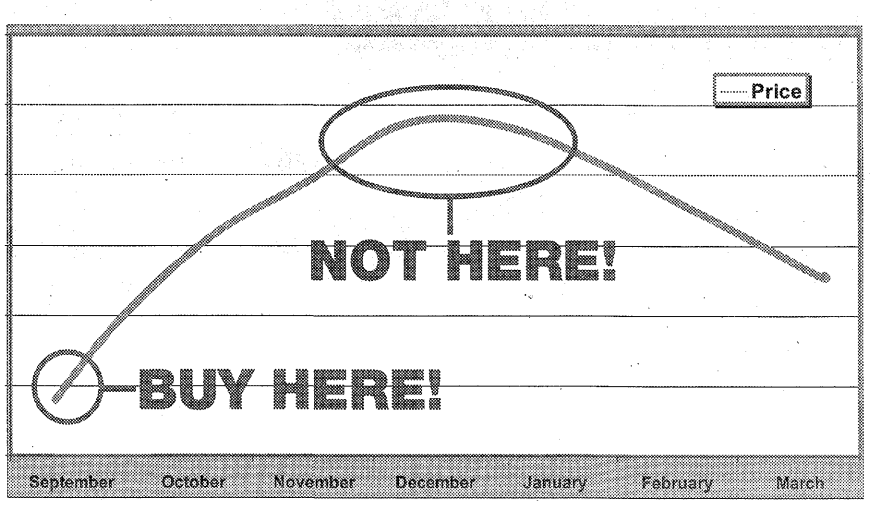

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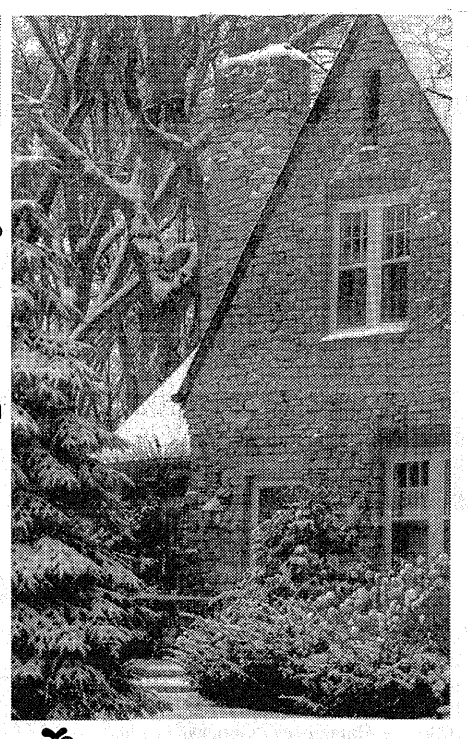

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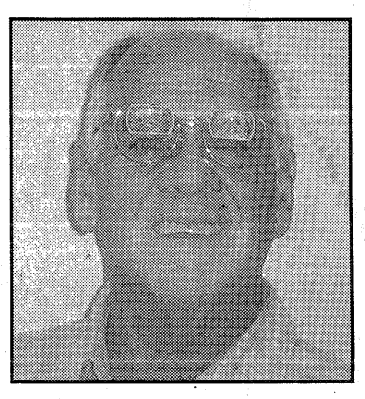
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Woodhaven wow

Band puts on new show, new music with same tradition

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

Saturday was a picture-perfect September day for the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band to unveil their new show, "Beneath the Surface," at their competition season opener at Woodhaven High School in Brownstown.

The 170 marchers presented just over half of their eight-and-a-half-minute show, but it was enough to march off with the Flight I first-place trophy along with a sweep of all Flight I captions for Best Music, Best Marching, and Best General Effect and the highest score, 69.85, of all 11 competing bands.

Other Flight I bands included Westland John Glenn, second; Livonia Franklin, third; and Livonia Stevenson, fourth.

"I'm so incredibly proud of all of them," said a smiling David Armbruster, director of bands for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. "Today's performance was great. It's the perfect way to start the year."

Associate director Sheldon Frazier couldn't agree more.

"I am very, very pleased," he said. "It was definitely a strong performance." Frazier added that the show was very complicated and complex and that many elements are still to be added.

"We're back to a bit of a darker theme this year," said Armbruster, noting that the show is loosely based on the work of Edgar Allan Poe's, *The Tell-Tale Heart*, with music by Dmitri Shostakovich, John Corigliano, and Jonny Greenwood.

"We're really excited about this show," said clarinetist Rachel Rebandt, a Salem senior. "I love the music. It's mysterious, exciting and creepy. It's got it all."

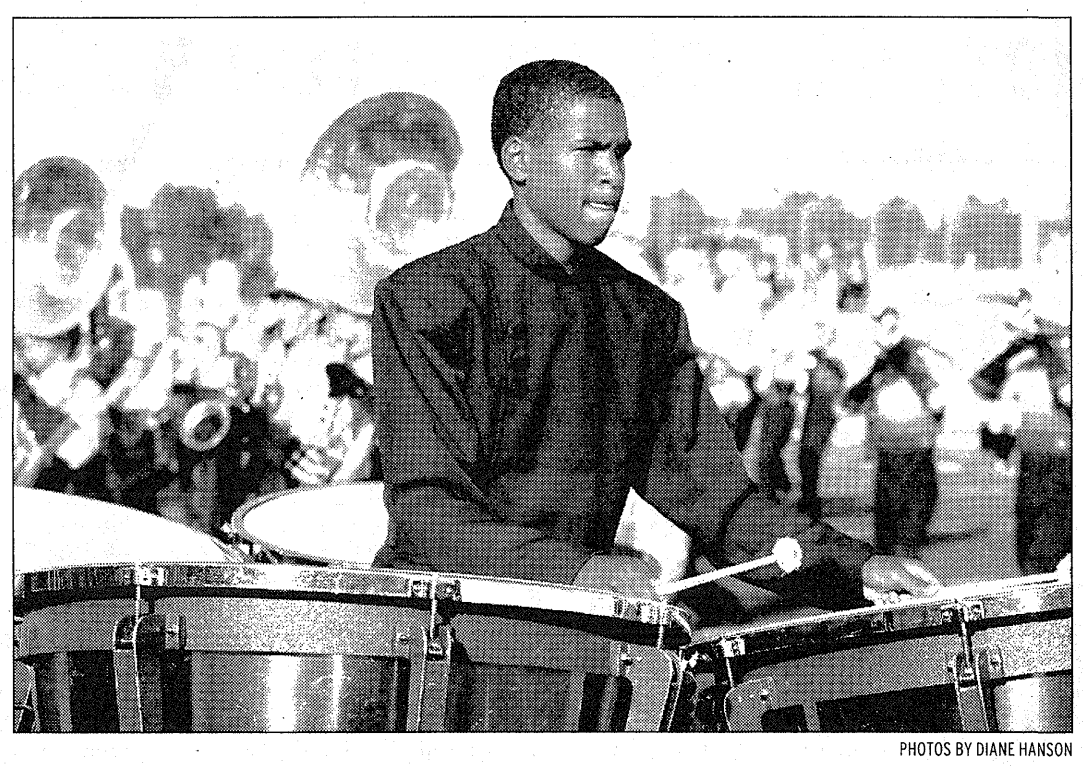
Salem senior Kayla Ragland, one of three drum majors along with Caroline Williams and Kaitlyn Tracy, said, "I absolutely love the music. This is one of my favorite shows. This show has a lot of difficult music and such difficult drill and (the band) performed it very well today. I couldn't be prouder of them."

The band was able to march off with top honors in spite of incurring a 1.9 point penalty that was subtracted from their raw score of 71.75 due to a too-brief performance, falling nearly a minute short of the seven-minute minimum.

That doesn't worry Frazier, who pointed out that the band works on learning and perfecting each segment well before putting it on the field. He likened it to a reading assignment.

"If you just scan the book, you have an idea what it is about, but not in depth," he said. "If each note is a word, we read every single word. We're very, very persistent for a level of excellence. It takes time. It will grow and it will mature and progress over the season."

Plans are to have most of the show ready by the hometown marchers' next performance at the Bands of America Regional Championships in EMU's Rynearson Stadium Oct. 10.



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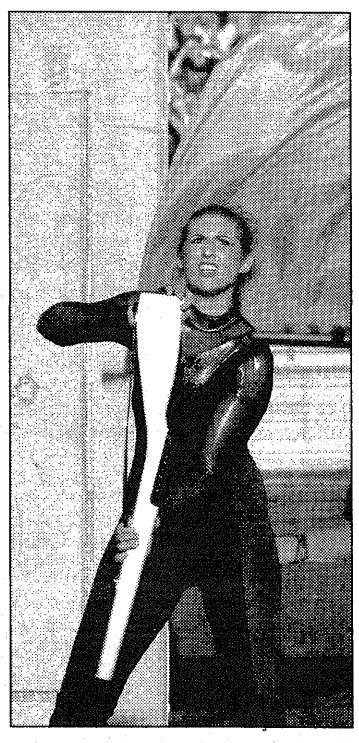
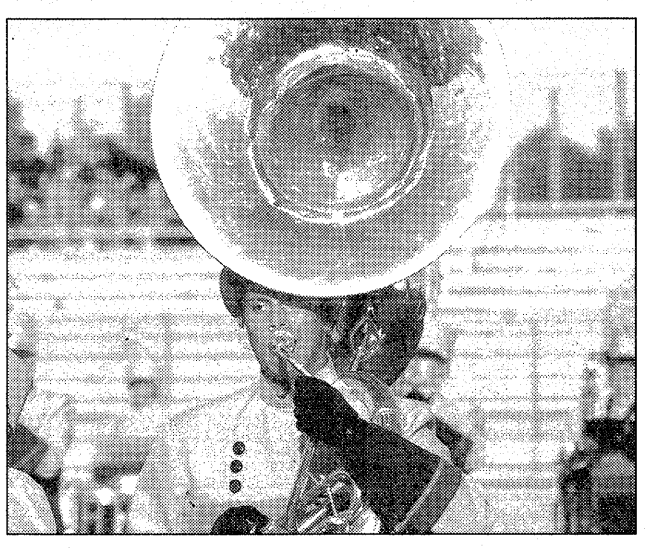
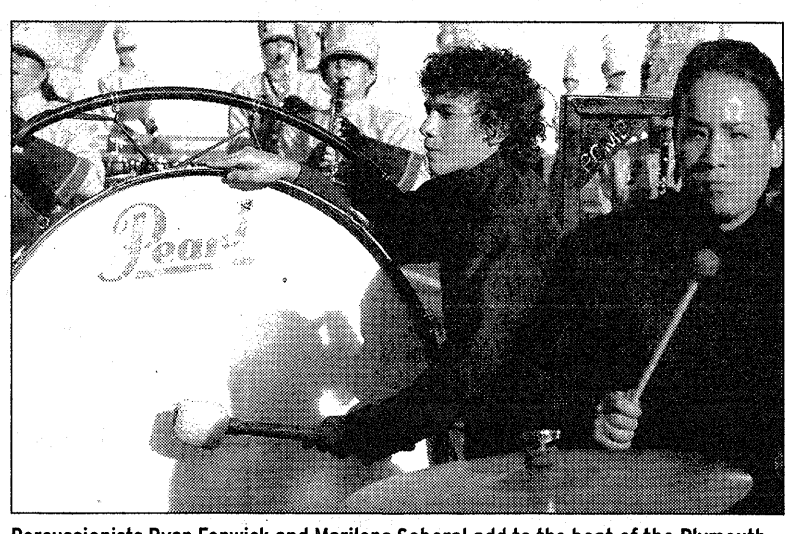
Playing tympani in the percussion pit, Paul 'P.J.' Walker concentrates during the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's award-winning performance of their new competition show, 'Beneath the Surface,' at the Woodhaven Invitational Saturday in Brownstown.



Color guard member Laura Choos dramatizes the 'darker' theme of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's competition show.



Scott Davison hits the low notes on tuba.



Percussionists Ryan Fenwick and Marilena Soberal add to the beat of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's competition program.

New at the helm, Armbruster 'excited to be here'

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

The award-winning Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band hasn't missed a beat with the addition of two new music men to the program.

David Armbruster was hired as director of bands at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in June. A Michigan native, he and his wife, Dawn, have two sons – Dawson, 7, and Carter, 3.

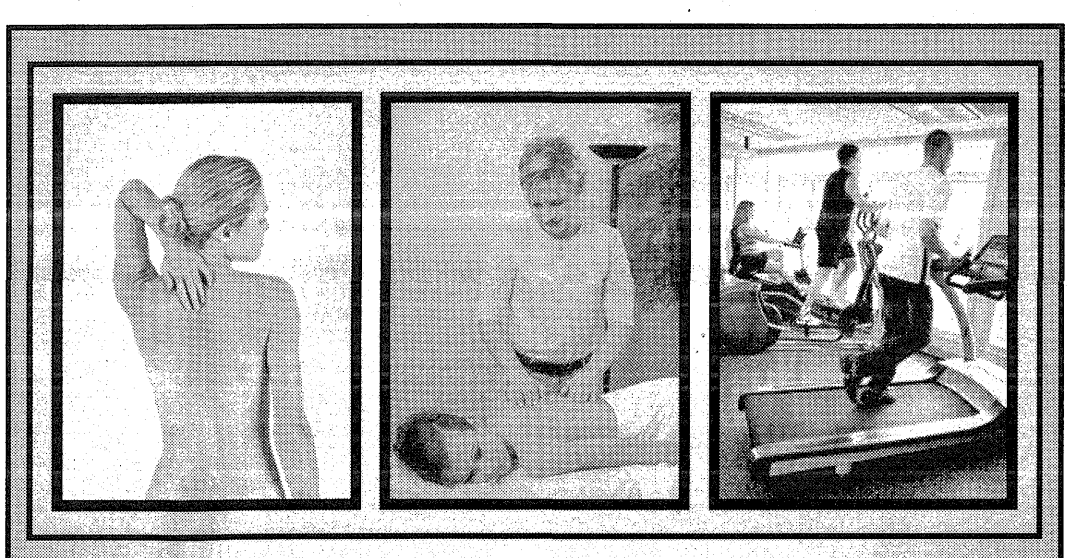
A graduate of Lakeland High School in White Lake, Armbruster played the trumpet in the Lakeland Marching under the direction of David McGrath, who later was director of bands at P-CEP. Armbruster most recently served as director of bands at Northmont High School in Ohio.

"I'm very excited to be here," said Armbruster. "It's a wonderful experience. This, by far, is the hardest working group of kids I've ever worked with. It is rare to see this level of commitment in kids these days. They are very supportive of one another and the program as a whole and have a tremendous sense of pride in the program and its rich tradition history."

Another new addition to the program this year is associate director Sheldon Frazier, a recent graduate of Western Carolina University, South Carolina.

Along with the responsibilities of the marching band, both directors team teach the varsity, concert and symphony bands along with wind ensemble and other music classes at the Park.

"Sheldon brings a lot of energy to the program," said Armbruster. "It's a dream team."



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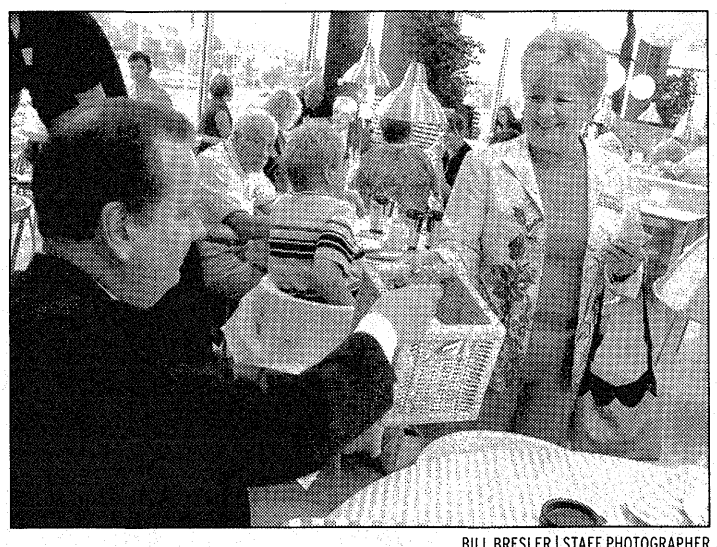

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Canton Chamber boss Dianne Cojei gathers business cards from the crowd for a drawing. Kurt Heise, a lawyer from Plymouth, adds his to the basket.

Chamber coffee provides networking opportunities

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When members of the Western Suburban Area Council of Chambers gathers for its quarterly togethers, it's usually a lunchtime or after-hours networking event designed to bring businesses together.

But when the group was scheduling its September get-together officials decided to try and open it to retailers and others who might not otherwise be able to come, and scheduled it as a breakfast meeting at IKEA in Canton.

The strategy apparently worked, as a capacity crowd of some 220 chamber members from around the area spent 90 minutes Tuesday talking to each other about the various aspects of their businesses, then shared in an opportunity to shop IKEA as a bonus.

"Our chamber does both," said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. "Some people handle the early hours better, others are better later in the day."

Since Canton was the host chamber, IKEA seemed a natural place to handle the event. Cojei said IKEA representatives "were very receptive" to the idea.

"It's all about supporting our community," said Rich Beswick, IKEA's business manager. "We're about giving back, and this is a good way to bring people together to do that."

Wes Graff, executive director of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, had no problem getting takers for Plymouth's allotment of tickets to the event.

"It gets businesses from around the area together," Graff said. "It's an effective way to meet new people."

Tom Aksten of WineShop at Home in Farmington Hills said such gatherings allow retailers some exposure for their businesses.

"Social networking is what it's all about these days," Aksten said. "It's a cost-effective, very easy way to expose your business to a lot of people at one time. All you have to do is make a couple of new contacts, and you never know what can happen. You get a lot of bang for the buck."

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Churchill grad finds dream job on NFL Web site

BY JULIE BROWN
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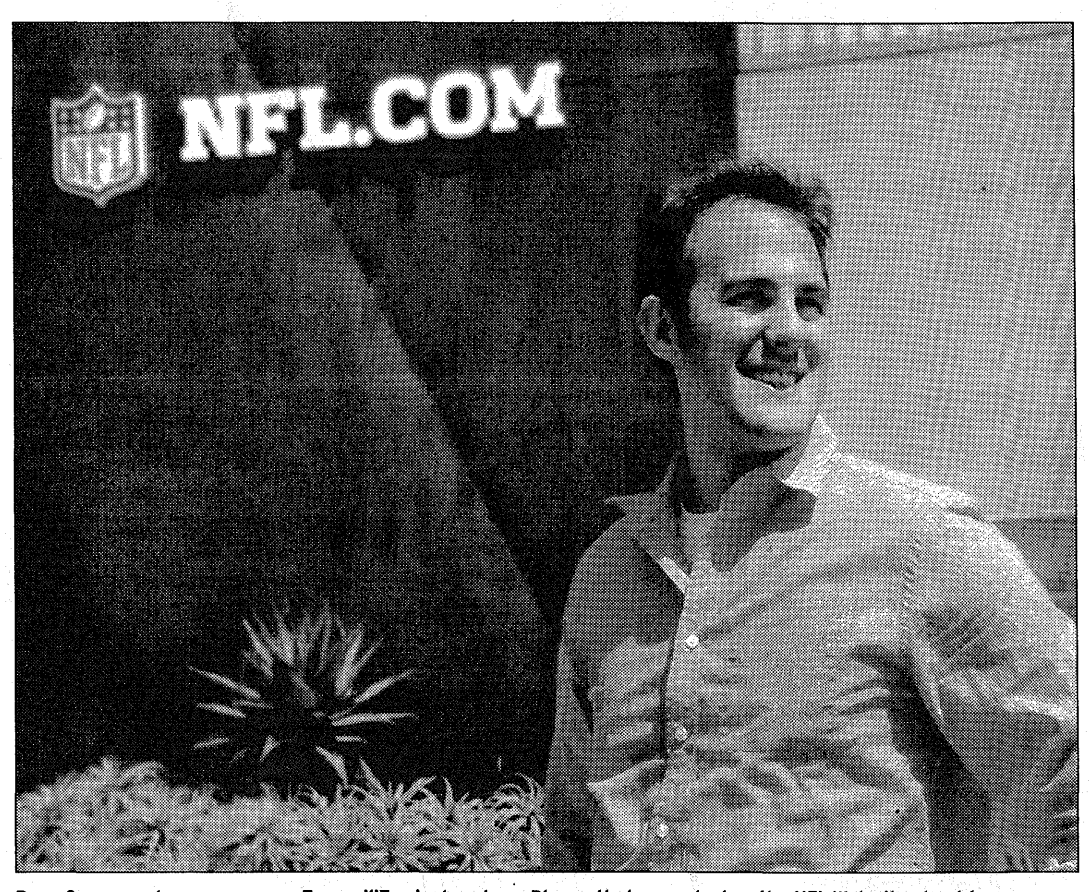

Ryan Cannon, whose mom owns TranquiliTea in downtown Plymouth, has worked on the NFL Web site about two years.

Life's working out pretty well for 27-year-old Ryan Cannon. The Livonia native married wife Jill Aug. 28, with a reception at the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth. On the work front, he's been with NFL.com for about two years, keeping the popular National Football League Web site fan-friendly.

"I think the best part is how many people see my work every day," said Cannon, a 2000 Livonia Churchill High School graduate. "So many people are seeing it."

The son of Colleen and Patrick Cannon of Livonia, he's designed a Web site for his mom's tea shop in downtown Plymouth, TranquiliTea.

Colleen Cannon noted the family always had computers for Ryan and his younger brother, who does computer work for a marketing firm. Ryan Cannon got a full academic scholarship to Alma College, and after graduation with his bachelor's degree in English worked a year on the college Web site.

Ryan Cannon, who'd done aol online tutorials as a teen, went to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor for his master's degree in information science, and he's also an accredited librarian. His focus was on interaction with computers.

A faculty member at U-M had the connection to the NFL and recommended Cannon for the job. Cannon works with a team of five and helped redesign the video player. He's also worked on new community features allowing visitors to comment on games, rate players and the like.

The Web site gets millions of hits, said Cannon, in town the weekend of Sept. 19-20 for a childhood friend's wedding. Sundays are especially busy for Web visits and he and colleagues provide computer expertise. "It's really fun," said Cannon, who'd interned at an ad agency in graduate school and was making lipstick banner ads when he got the Los Angeles-area job.

He knows football well, having played linebacker at Churchill, where he wasn't the biggest member of the team. "It's more about knowing the technology and doing Web development," he said.

He writes code for computers and focuses on best practices. He doesn't travel with NFL teams, but can take a laptop as he travels and troubleshoot. He was recently having cake and ice cream with his grandparents and fixed a NFL.com problem via laptop.

"It's not a 24 hour job, but it's pretty close," he said. "There's eyeballs on the site 24 hours a day." There are site editors in New York he works with, and fans worldwide, including in Europe where the league is aiming to make inroads among sports fans more accustomed to soccer.

"There's not a lot of football played outside the U.S.," Cannon said.

He credits wife Jill with much of his success, and anticipates being able to continue work down the road with children in the picture. "To me, that's a major benefit. I don't have to work 9 to 5," he said.

He'll come home from work in Culver City, near Los Angeles, and check the site. There's always some new problem or browser quirk.

Cannon appreciates his library science training, and noted his classmates got good jobs at firms like Google and Microsoft. His site includes highlight clips gathered after games similar to ESPN's *Sportscenter*.

Cannon doesn't get to sit back with a cold drink and watch the NFL on TV. "I'm mostly just writing code," he said. "The hardest part is I don't get to watch football enough."

He's not allowed to do any gambling, even at family parties or to bet in casinos involving sports during the season. He's not much of a gambler, so that wasn't a problem.

"The NFL has a really fun name," he added. "Having that business card with the shield on it, it's really cool."

He reads trade blogs to stay current, with product managers checking sites of other pro sports. Cannon's dad, the varsity basketball coach at Livonia Ladywod High School, and Cannon debate merits of parochial and public schools.

"I'm a big fan of Livonia Public Schools," Ryan Cannon said. "They did an excellent job for me." He'd planned to be an English teacher.

"He's done very well," mom Colleen said. "It's a great fit for him. I always describe him as an out of the box thinker." He can break a job down into segments, she said, and get results.

"We're really proud of him," she added.

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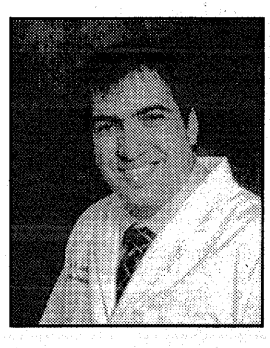

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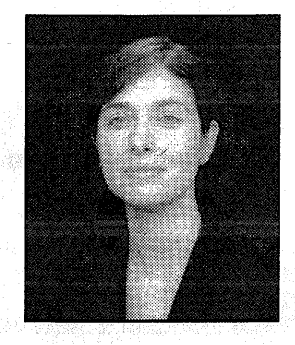

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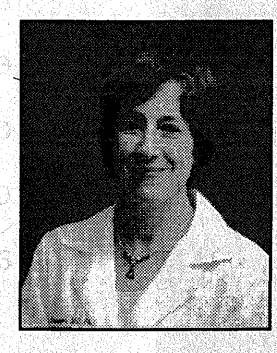

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Read fine print and protect yourself as charge card holder

Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Last week I gave a talk at the Farmington Hills Public Library. My topic focused mostly on investing and the current state of the economy. Afterwards, a gentleman told me that over the last few months he had noticed the terms of his charge card had been changing. Not only was his interest rate increased, but also, his credit limit had been reduced. His question to me was whether card companies changing the terms on their card was common and was it legal. Unfortunately, my answer was that it is common and yes, it is legal for charge card companies to change the terms of their cards.

Over the years, charge card companies have been notorious for changing terms. Routinely, charge card companies have changed the interest rate and played games with the due dates. It is not uncommon for charge card companies to change the due date of your payment on minimal notice. Of course, I don't want to be cynical but I do believe that many times the charge card companies change the terms of their card in order to hit us with new fees. That is why I've always said it is important to stay current on the terms of your charge card. In addition, it's also not a bad idea to occasionally shop around for a new charge card. After all, a charge card you obtained five years ago may not be the proper card for you today. It's obvious that charge card companies have no loyalty to you and me, therefore, we should not have loyalty to them.

I wish there was one charge card that I could recommend for everyone. That is not the case. The best charge card is not the one that is good for your neighbor but rather, good for your individual situation. Whether you carry a balance along with what is the best time of the month to make your payment are just a couple of the important elements to consider when selecting a charge card. If you carry a balance, the interest rate is extremely important. If you don't carry a balance, other terms such as grace period, due date and awards become more important. The key to selecting a charge card is to understand how to use your charge card so you can maximize the benefits.

In May, President Barack Obama signed the Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009 which does provide some additional protection for charge card holders, however, it doesn't remove the burden to monitor our charge cards.

The new act attempts to provide individuals more disclosure with regards to rates, fees and terms of charge cards. Most of the provisions do not take effect until late February 2010. That is one reason why charge card companies have been more aggressive in changing the terms of their charge card before the new law takes effect.

However, there is some protection in that law that does provide additional charge card holder protection that took effect last month. Under the new law, charge card issuers now must give you 45 days notice before increasing your interest rate or changing any of the material terms of the charge card. In addition, charge card companies must mail statements at least 21 days before the payment is due. Although these are positive developments for charge card holders, they do not remove the responsibility to read what the charge card companies send us. Although, the new law provides better disclosure, most consumers rarely read the information. After all, most of the disclosures that we receive are written by lawyers for lawyers. Hopefully, the new charge card law will make these disclosure statements easier to read and understand, however, the jury is still out.

One of the major changes I have noticed with charge card companies deals with transferring of balances. It wasn't too long ago that charge card companies were offering zero percent, zero fee balance transfers. Not only have the zero balance transfer deals mostly dried up, banks and charge card companies have started charging fees as high as 5 percent to transfer balances. Furthermore, even if you can find a zero balance transfer deal with no fees, the interest rate saving period is shrinking. While in the past it was normal to have 12 months at 0 percent or a very low rate, it seems that most charge card companies are reducing that to six months.

There is no doubt that the Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility Disclosure Act of 2009 will help credit card holders. However, when it comes to charge cards the reality is that we can't count on the government to protect us, we have to protect ourselves. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

Midway rides will be a big part of Canton's Fall Fest and Carnival Oct. 1-4 at the Canton Sports Center in Victory Park.

Fall fest, carnival return to Canton

Experience tons of family fun at Canton's Fall Fest and Carnival return Oct. 1–4 at the Canton Sports Center in Victory Park, located at 46555 W. Michigan Avenue.

The four-day festival features more than 25 carnival rides, midway games and attractions designed to entertain guests of all ages.

The festival will also feature live entertainment, food, hayrides, a petting zoo, face painting.

WCXS and Canton Leisure Services join forces to host "The Great Divide Viewing Party," featuring this year's Michigan-Michigan State football clash, on Saturday, Oct. 3 starting at noon. Fans can cheer like champions while watching the game live on a giant 6' x 9' outdoor screen.

Midway rides include such family classics as Giant Ferris Wheel, Paratrooper, the Scrambler, Sky Fighter, Space Shuttle, and the Gravitron. Additional "kiddie" rides will also be available.

Ride-all-day wristband vouchers can be purchased in advance for $17 at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, through Sept. 30. Vouchers purchased in advance will save fair-goers $3 off of the regular $20 price. Vouchers can be redeemed any day of the festival for a wristband.

Stage performances are scheduled throughout the festival. On Friday, Oct. 2, from 8–10 p.m., don't miss The Incredibles, a local band known for their upbeat style of classic rock. Rip/Cord, featuring five talented kids who rock, will take the stage on Saturday from 8-10 p.m. These young but seasoned musicians have performed at such venues as the Dream Cruise and Comerica Cityfest.

Throughout the festival, kids of all ages will enjoy picking their own pumpkin from the official Fall Fest pumpkin patch. Pumpkins in a range of sizes will be available for $3-$6, while supplies last.

Throughout the duration of the event, festival-goers can take advantage of food and drink specials in addition to the NFL Ticket at Kickers All-Star Grill, an eatery recently launched next to the Canton Sports Center.

On Saturday, Oct. 3, the family fun continues with plenty of activities to choose from, including: Story-Time with the Canton Public Library at 1 p.m.; 2 p.m.; and 3 p.m.; hayrides for just $1 per person from Noon-6 p.m.; and pony rides for $3 per ride from 2-8 p.m.

Get up close and personal with unique animals from Carousel Acres Petting Farm from 2–8 p.m. Kids can also get into the fall spirit with a free festive fall craft provided by Home Depot from 1-3 p.m. A Kids Craft tent will also be available from 3–8 p.m. Admission is granted with a wristband or by purchasing tickets. Get a sneak peek of the Village Theater's fall season with: Forever After Productions LIVE from Noon-2 p.m. and Destination Theatre presents music from "Rent" from 3-5 p.m.

Event Hours are Thursday, Oct. 1, 5-10 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 2, 5-11 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 3, noon to 11 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 4, noon to 6 p.m.

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OUR VIEWS

Everyone has role to play in flu prevention

School is back in session; local college campuses are packed; the local library branches are bustling — it's the season of the communal. People are physically situated closer to each other than they were just a few weeks ago, during the summer routine.

With that in mind, it's important to think twice about germs, particularly the seasonal flu and the dreaded H1N1 strain, also known as the swine flu.

Wayne County health officials have begun their Wash Your Hands Campaign — with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools a major player in their campaign to fight the spread not only of H1N1 (swine flu) but other communicable diseases.

The district is also likely to play a prominent role when the federal government makes H1N1 vaccinations available, likely next month. Plymouth-Canton is expected to be named one of eight mass-vaccination sites Wayne County will open to handle vaccination of their target populations, which include children ages 6 months to adults 24 years old, of which there are some 19,000 people in the school system alone.

In addition to the H1N1 vaccinations — and "regular" flu shots, as well — Wayne County officials are putting a strong emphasis on one simple task: Washing your hands.

Public health officials suggest the following, not just for children, but adults, too:

- Washing hands often. Wash with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds.
- Using hand sanitizer. Gels and rubs with at least 60 percent alcohol are effective.
- Coughing or sneezing into a sleeve or elbow — not their hands!
- Not touching their eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are spread that way.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, there are five groups of people who should get both vaccines: Pregnant women; children and young adults from 6 months up to 24 years old; people who live with or care for infants younger than 6 months old; people ages 25 through 64 who have medical conditions, like heart disease or diabetes, that elevate their risks for flu-related complications; health care and emergency medical services personnel.

Preventing a major outbreak of the H1N1 flu is a community effort. Local grocery stores have started adding pumps of hand sanitizer at cash-out lanes and have even added disinfectant wipes for the carts.

Wayne County is partnering with some 5,000 local businesses to put reminder stickers in their restrooms.

We encourage every resident to be diligent in preventing the spread of the flu by following the simple precautions, and by keeping hand sanitizer handy when visiting public places.

In the case of children, be prepared by making plans to keep an ill child at home until he or she is symptom free for 24 hours.

To stay informed on the most updated information, visit the Wayne County Health Division's Web site at www.waynecounty.com and go to the Public Health Department, or you can find information on the PCCS Web site at www.pccs.k12.mi.us

It's everyone's responsibility to prevent, plan and protect against the potential spread of the season flu and the H1N1 virus.

MARY HOLALY

Discovery Middle School students get a look at the germs on their hands after washing during a hand-washing demonstration as part of Wayne County's Wash Your Hands campaign kick-off event Thursday.

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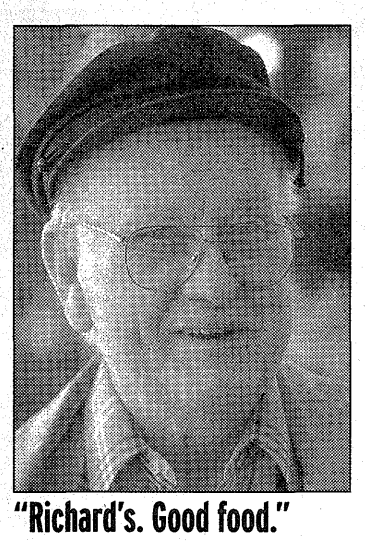
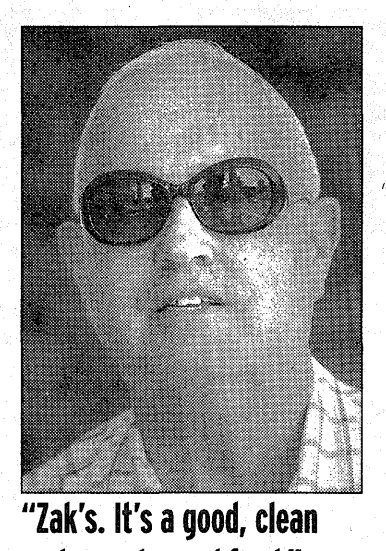
COMMUNITY VOICE

What is your favorite Plymouth-area restaurant and what do you like about it?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"Richard's. Good food."
Bernie Brehm
Plymouth



"Zak's. It's a good, clean restaurant, good food."
Bill McKenna
Plymouth

"I would say Cozy Cafe. I like the desserts."
Linda Brewin
Novi

"I mostly eat at Panera Bread. I like to get the soup and salad and it's ... kind of relaxing."
Jeff Maxey
Plymouth

LETTERS

BBQ thanks

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Plymouth I would like to thank the entire Plymouth community for their support of our 54th annual Chicken BBQ. We could not cook and serve over 10,000 chicken dinners, in one day, without the 700+ volunteers that come out every year. Additionally, we could not sell all those dinners without the support of everyone in the city, township and surrounding communities.

This Rotary BBQ fund-raiser allows us to support over 15 scholarships annually within the Plymouth-Canton Schools. It also funds many community service projects such as Rotary Park and Rotary Cares. Internationally it helps the worldwide effort to eradicate polio. We are almost there! Lastly, over the past five years, we've used some funds to bring safe drinking water to villages in Honduras. Your Rotary Club is touching lives in Plymouth and throughout the world!

It was a beautiful sunny day with great entertainment and great chicken. What a fabulous way to end the Fall Festival. Just another great day in the City of Plymouth!

Thank you all.

Russ Jones
Rotary Club of Plymouth
2009 BBQ chairman

Shop local?

Okay, so let me get this straight.

Plymouth wants us to buy local by picking three stores to shop from. I have no problem with that, but why aren't the businesses and city of Plymouth doing the same?

The Penn group has the sign renovated for the theater and it is done by a company in Ohio? Then the city hires a firm from Wixom for the Ice Festival?

Hmmmm. Interesting.

Sandra Suarez
Plymouth

Editor's note: The Wixom firm was actually hired by the ice festival organizing committee, which is an independent body.

Misleading kids

Nice to see Discovery Middle School get picked for "Wash Your Hands" for H1N1,

But you can wash your hands until you bleed or down to the bone, it WON'T help against H1N1 because it's AIRborne.

They kind of mislead the kids and parents. Washing your hands is GOOD, but it won't do a thing to prevent that type of flu.

Craig Kostoff
Canton

Dedicated educators

I'm saddened by the comments made recently by Mr. Keith Martin regarding our new contract with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

His slam against our teachers, our administrators, and our school board is unfair, and his comments are unsubstantiated and unwarranted. I'm not sure why he has developed such a negative attitude towards our district's teachers; however, in spite of his viewpoint, I am personally grateful and proud to have the opportunity to be a professional educator with PCCS.

What an honor it is to work alongside so many dedicated teachers, administrators, and friends who tirelessly endeavor to ensure that the ideal of "no child left behind" be fulfilled. Never have I seen such a commitment towards providing each and every child with the intervention, remediation, and enrichment needed to become successful lifelong readers, writers, and learners.

Throughout the years, teaching has become much more than a job to me and to those I work with. It's a passion, a devotion, and a dedication to every student that we will ever have the good fortune to have in our classrooms. Because of this, we have individually spent thousands of dollars earning graduate and postgraduate degrees, so that we may become the most knowledgeable, skilled, and qualified educators possible. In addition to this, we routinely spend hundreds of our own dollars each year towards classroom supplies, snacks, books, and other educational materials. All of this is done in an attempt to create safe, loving, and optimal learning environments for the students we are truly so blessed to teach.

The facts confirm that PCCS teachers are not greedy, as Mr. Martin purports. Instead, my colleagues are some of the most generous, caring, and dedicated people I've ever had the privilege to know. Employing the cheapest teachers available, as he also advocates, is surely not as important or wise as embracing the best trained, experienced, creative, and dedicated educators. Thankfully, this is something that our PCCS school board, administrators, and union leaders certainly understand.

Sharon Jones
Canton

Cable fan

As I was flipping through channels one evening, I became engrossed in a short but sweet program on the Canton Cable station, titled Arts on the Road.

As I understand, the program highlights various events unique to Canton Township. This particular snippet I was fortunate to catch was showcasing the Jazz Festival, an outdoor venue extending throughout the neighborhood where live music can be enjoyed by all.

Having lived in the surrounding area for some years, I openly admit I have never attended this attraction. However, after watching this special, I clearly see all that I had been missing out on. The show itself was intelligent, informative and very fresh.

The host of the show, Regina, was equally engaging and charming. I commend Canton for bringing such creative, fun and enlightening entertainment to its residents and promoting various artistic programs within the community. I am now a fan and I am excited to see where the next road trip will take us!

Carmen Brown
Plymouth

Shining Swayze

Patrick Swayze was a shining star in Hollywood and will be missed by fans from around the world. His brave, public battle with pancreatic cancer provided hope for all those afflicted with this terrible disease.

For nearly two years he beat the odds stacked against him and brought awareness to the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States. In fact, 76 percent of patients die within the first year of diagnosis and the five-year survival rate is just 5 percent because there are no effective early detection tools or treatments for this disease. Despite these statistics, pancreatic cancer is the least funded among leading cancer killers in our country.

My connection with pancreatic cancer began 20 years ago when my grandmother (or busia), Helen Jagielski, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and died three short months later. Having worked in the cancer research field for many years now, I am appalled that the scientific state of pancreatic cancer today looks very similar to the way it look in 1989 when grandma was diagnosed. Having witnessed many of the tremendous accomplishments made in so many other forms of cancer, it is time for us to see advances in pancreatic cancer as well.

We must take action to ensure scientific progress is made to give pancreatic cancer patients a fighting chance. We need our members of Congress to co-sponsor The Pancreatic Cancer Research & Education Act so that we will have the necessary funding to make true progress against this disease. This is critical now more than ever because the number of pancreatic cancer patients is projected to increase by 12 percent in 2009 and by 55 percent by 2030.

I am a volunteer for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. I encourage everyone to get involved in the fight against pancreatic cancer. To learn how easy it is to make a difference, please visit www.pancan.org or call (877) 272-6226.

Together, we can make a difference.

Christina H. Jagielski
Plymouth

Is McCotter afraid?

Rep. Thaddeus McCotter has been busy this summer. According to his official Web site, he gave not less than 29 media interviews during July and August, primarily to right-wing media outlets. He was so busy "preaching to the choir," he just never found the time to hold a single town hall meeting — not one — for the people in his district. Apparently he would much rather talk to people who are not his constituents, instead of the people he was elected to represent.

It's no wonder, though. As chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee, McCotter holds the fourth-highest leadership position in the House GOP minority. He's been working his way up the party ladder for years now. He won't let a little thing like "listening to his constituents" get in the way of his ambition, even when he claims "I Work For You" on every letter he sends (on the taxpayer's dime) to the people of his district.

McCotter is not working for you or me when he refuses to hold an open, unscreened, unscripted discussion of any kind for the people of his district. His so-called "telephone town halls" just don't fit the bill. Even John Dingell had the courage to meet face to face with the angry, vocal minority in an open forum. Not McCotter; he'd rather listen to the voicemail messages of a handpicked selection of voters. What is he afraid of?

McCotter denied you the chance to speak to him in an open forum. Remember this in 2010. We need a representative in Congress who won't "phone in" his obligations to the people he represents.

Matt Macchiarolo
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Motor City transforms into Fashion City

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK
CORRESPONDENT

Peter Soronen's clothing has been spotted on Sarah Jessica Parker, First Lady Michelle Obama, and most recently singer Jennifer Hudson during VH1's Divas 2009. Next Thursday, it will appear on the catwalk at Fashion In Detroit (FID).

Soronen, who grew up in Farmington Hills, is among designers taking part in the premiere fashion event Oct. 1-2 at the Detroit Zoo.

FID includes two days of runway shows, 1-6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, along with a blowout AfterGlow Bash at a local movie studio.

Designers include Schott NYC and North Beach Leather by Joe Faris; DivaGroove by Dana Keaton; Marlaina Stone; Kevan Hall; Betsey Johnson; MYNT 1792 by Kevin Christiana; Carhartt; Femilia Couture; and Kid Rock's Made in Detroit.

Soronen will present his P.S. by Peter Soronen label, which debuted at New York Fashion Week earlier this year. He said he designed the lower-priced P.S. label to "hit a larger clientele with the same structure I put into the main collection." It's available at Tender in Birmingham and Bloomingdale's in New York.

Soronen credits his late mother, Judy, who served as mayor of Farmington Hills in the early 1980s, for inspiring him to find success.

"I think it did put the idea in our head that if you wanted something and you had your heart set on it you could achieve it," he said. "She was always very supportive of what I do today and I guess in that way she helped me achieve the dream."

She also exposed him to the practical side of his craft.

"She always sewed, even some of her own suits, so having a sewing machine around in the house and fabric on the table was very common," Soronen said.

FASHION IN DETROIT

When: Thursday, Oct. 1 and Friday, Oct. 2
Where: Detroit Zoo, 10 Mile and Woodward, Royal Oak
What: Fashion shows 1-6 p.m. both days; AfterGlow Bash 8 p.m. Friday
Who: Schott NYC and North Beach Leather by Joe Faris; P.S. by Peter Soronen; DivaGroove by Dana Keaton; Marlaina Stone; Kevan Hall; Betsey Johnson; MYNT 1792 by Kevin Christiana; Carhartt; Femilia Couture; and Made in Detroit.
Tickets: $75 per day; $50 for AfterGlow Bash; $185 for all events
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CHICAGO, NEW YORK

After graduating from North Farmington High School, Soronen designed clothing for friends and took night classes in pattern making at Oakland Community College. In 1990 he moved to Chicago and founded an upscale design house making wedding and evening gowns based on vintage corset patterns. Eight years later, his designs were so popular he relocated to New York where he was discovered by stylists, fashion media and A-list celebrities. He said he's excited to return to his hometown and take part in FID.

"I'm happy to be coming back and to be able to contribute a little bit," he said.

According to Karen Buscemi, editor of StyleLine magazine and a member of FID's executive committee, the event is modeled after New York Fashion Week. It will be staged every spring and fall, and grow longer as it gains momentum.

FID was co-founded by Project Runway contestant Joe Faris of Troy, and interior designer Leslie Ann Pilling of Bloomfield Hills. It's run by a six-person committee of heavy hitters in the local fashion industry.

"Every person on that committee is dedicated to this event being a success. Failure is not an option," said Buscemi, of Royal Oak. "This event is not only going to happen, it's going to happen according to the vision. We're not scrimping. When you walk into the tents you're going to feel like you're at a major fashion event. Every detail has been considered."

STUDENT DESIGNERS

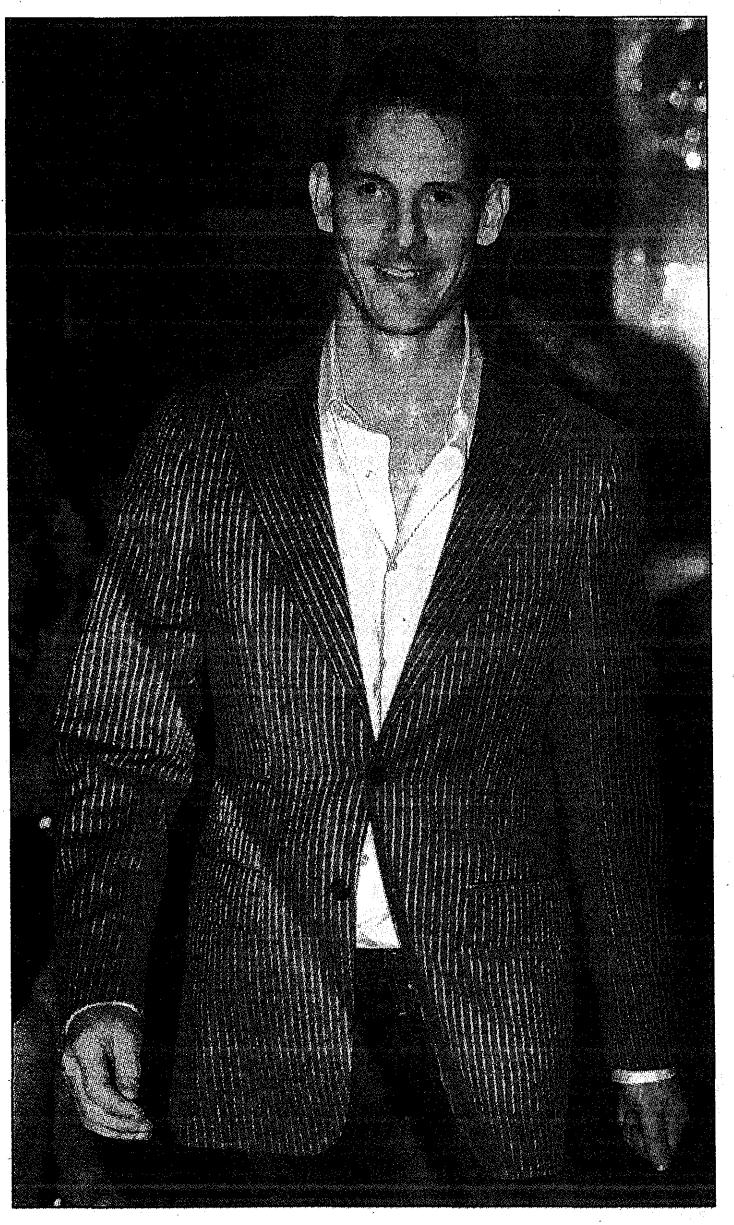
Thursday includes a student fashion show showcasing up-and-coming talent, and the winner of the Michigan Fashion Designer Competition will be announced. Finalists William Malcolm of Troy, Adrianna Pavon of Royal Oak and Kelly Tinsley of Ypsilanti will vie for a guaranteed spot in the March show with the $2,500 designer fee waived.

The AfterGlow Bash (ages 21 and over) will be held at Stage 3 Productions in Warren, where guests can mingle with designers and celebrities. The 40,000-square-foot space will be divided into two atmospheres, with bands Dirty Americans, Tripper and Next Exit playing on one side, and DJ Sugar Hiccup, aerial shows by Detroit Flyhouse and a VIP lounge on the other. Some of metro Detroit's best restaurants, including Tre Monti and Mon Jin Lau of Troy, will serve free appetizers.

Buscemi said all the models, vendors and sponsors involved in FID are Michigan-based.

"The one thing that we have found since starting this is how much local talent there is," Buscemi said.

Tickets, $75 per day, include six runway shows, a souvenir look book, gift bag, and eligibility for high-end giveaways. Visit www.fashionindetroit.com for more information.



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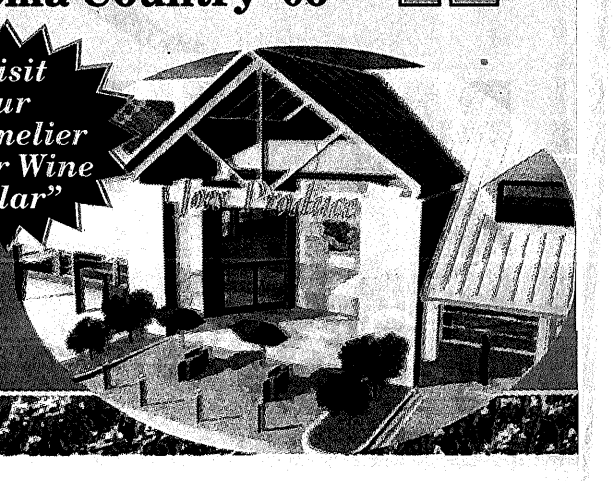

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HOMETOWN LIFE

Salem tops rival 'Cats

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A little bump in the road wasn't about to slow down Salem's varsity volleyball team Tuesday night against Plymouth.

Salem earned a 3-1 match victory in the WLAA crossover between the two district rivals, but it wasn't always smooth sailing — even after the host Rocks quickly got out to a commanding 2-0 lead thanks to 25-11 and 25-10 wins.

But the pesky Wildcats put up a fight in Game 3, winning 25-17 and going head-to-head for a while during the fourth game before Salem took the game and match 25-19 to improve to 10-1-2 overall.

"It is one of our biggest rivalries," said Salem junior middle hitter and co-captain Nicole Merget, who was everywhere in the front row for the Rocks. "We're playing against our friends and it's just really competitive all the time."

Merget, a 6-3 player who sparkled with 20 kills, eight blocks and 23 defensive digs, noted that Salem needed to regroup after Plymouth (7-2) took the third game.

"We just had to get motivated again and fight even harder to win the fourth game and we did," Merget said. "I'm really proud of our team. The first two games were probably the best we've played all season."

According to Salem head coach Amanda Suder, "The first two games our passes were crisp and we were able to make use of some of those faster sets to Nicole in the middle."

'It is one of our biggest rivalries. We're playing against our friends and it's just really competitive all the time.'

NICOLE MERGET, *Salem co-captain*

MAKING IT HAPPEN

The points-scoring combo of junior setter Kerry MacDonald (34 assists, four blocks, 12 digs) to Merget certainly clicked enough for Salem to prevail. Another top performer on offense was junior middle hitter Jillian Sommerville (nine kills, three blocks).

But the Rocks also played strong defense, at least most of the match, against a Plymouth team that featured solid front-row players in juniors Alex Roberts (six kills, nine blocks), Kayla Bridge (eight kills) and senior Kelly Smoltz (five blocks).

For example, senior outside hitter Lauren Dwozanin collected 35 digs and junior libero Lauren Aschermann tallied 25 digs along with five aces.

When the Wildcats gained some momentum, it was largely due to Salem faltering in the serve-receive department, Suder said. "There was a lack of talk and our serve-receive started to fall. When we stop passing, we don't do much."

Plymouth head coach Kelly McCausland's squad didn't play consistent enough to really get back into the match, however.

"I think obviously the game we won we were serve-receiving well, and we were able to set up our offense," McCausland said. "The first two games, I would say we probably had 24 or 25 reception errors.

"Playing against a team like Salem, you can't do that. We are usually a pretty strong serve-receive team. Obviously, tonight they served us off the floor."

DON'T RISK IT

The Wildcats were lifted by the efforts of junior defensive specialist Mariah Tesarz (19 digs) and senior setter Katie Salo (20 assists, 10 digs).

In Game 4, Plymouth hung tough in hopes of forcing a deciding fifth game. The game went back and forth

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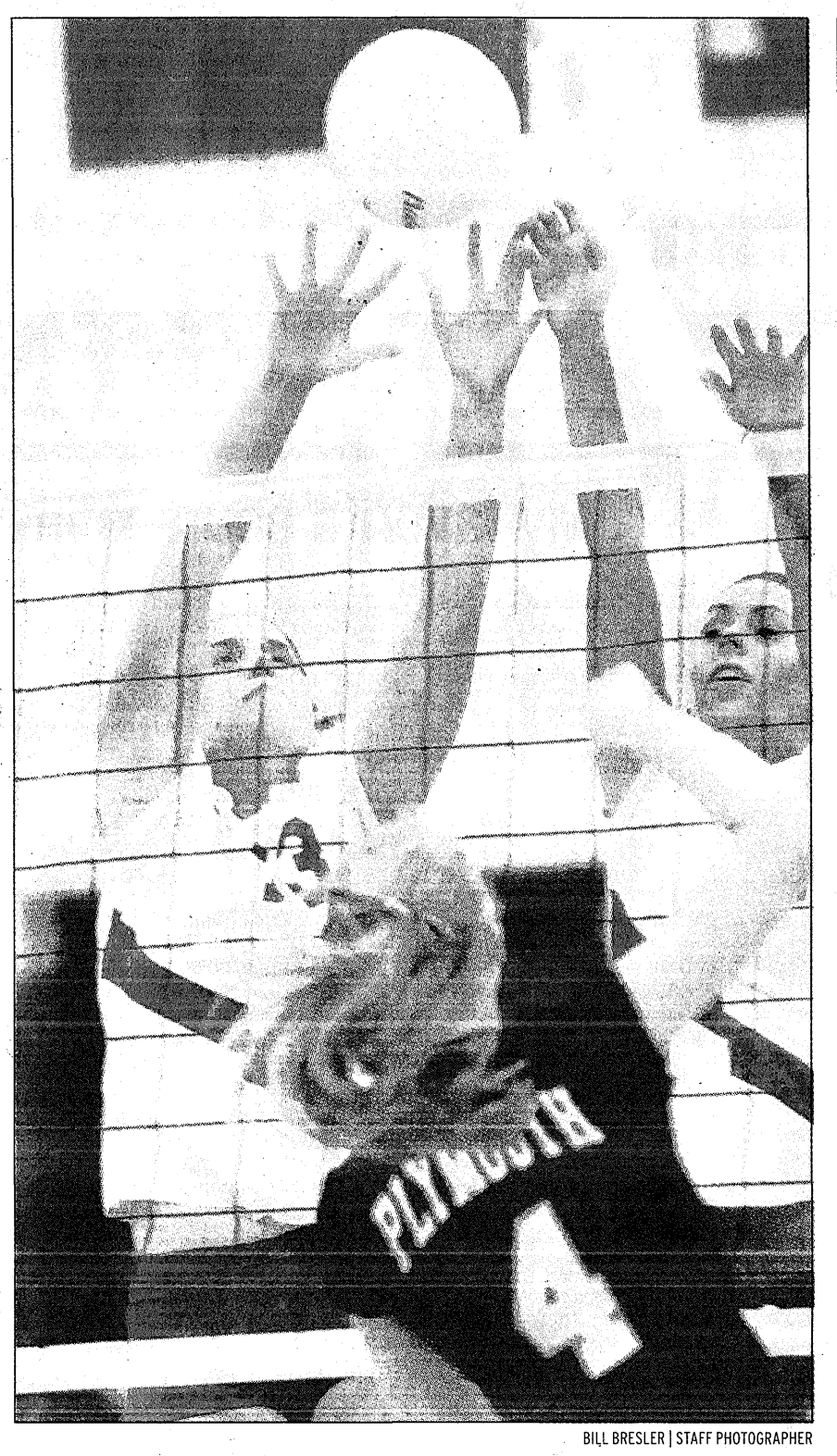

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Going up for the block against Plymouth's Erin O'Connor (No. 4) on Tuesday night are Salem's Jillian Sommerville (No. 13) and Lauren Dwozanin.

Canton harriers reload

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What does a team do when two of its all-time top performers graduate?

Canton's varsity boys cross country team keeps on clicking, as demonstrated by Saturday's second consecutive Ludington Invitational championship. The Chiefs finished the day with 24 points, well ahead of runner-up Grand Haven (46).

PREVIEW

"We have had a great start," said veteran Canton coach Bill Boyd, whose team also won the KLAA Invitational during the early season and boasts five runners with personal bests of under 17 minutes, 20 seconds.

The 2009 graduations of school record holder Duncan Spitz and Top-5 performer Kyle Clinton (along with gutsy captain Greg Reed) from the 2008 team that won the KLAA South Division meant that returners such as seniors Jon Peck, Steve Watts, Zack Spreitzer, Josh Osinski and Paul Rakovitis would need to hit the ground running.

Helping them out so far this year have been sophomores Mitch Clinton and Miles Felton and first-year senior Keith Zech plus sophomore Bradon Conley.

Please see **CANTON, B3**

Salem's varsity girls cross country team celebrates winning Saturday's invitational at Michigan State University. In the front row (from left) are Kelly Kerwin, Kara Booms, Jordyn Moore, Alexis Foley and Shannon Flynn. In the back row (from left) are head coach Dave Gerlach, Autumn Burin and Victoria Tripp.

Pack power

Salem girls harriers best at MSU invitational

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Pushing each other as a unit, Salem's varsity girls cross country team captured Friday's Michigan State University-hosted Spartan Invitational.

The Rocks were the best of 43 Division 1 teams with 117 points with their top six runners placing in the Top 50.

Finishing second with 139 points was Ann Arbor Huron as Salem perhaps gave the green light to a triumphant season at the so-called Green Race at Forest Akers Golf Course in East Lansing.

"For us it's a big stepping stone," said Salem head coach Dave Gerlach. "Obviously, it's early in the season but to win an event that has 43 teams in it is something that's very exciting.

"All season we've been working on the two 'Ps' — pacing and pack running. And (Friday), we did both of those things which made us very successful."

The top finisher for Salem on the plush course was junior Victoria Tripp, with a time of 19 minutes, 44 seconds.

Not far behind were senior Jordyn Moore (20:17), sophomore Kelly Kerwin (20:28), freshman Shannon Flynn (20:32), sophomore Autumn Burin (20:52) and junior Kara Booms (21:02). Salem's seventh finisher was freshman Alexis Foley, at 23:28.

MOVE IT ON UP

"Kelly and Shannon really stepped up," Gerlach said. "They were a huge key to our victory."

According to Gerlach, Salem emphasizes pack running for a very important and strategic reason.

"Your top five team members are your scorers," he said. "And if you can pack run, and especially move that pack up a little bit, that's low points.

"That's because people are coming through the finish line and driving up (the scores) your fourth and fifth runners' scores."

Please see **SALEM, B3**

Alum Stinar's still a Rock(s) star

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For a few hours on Sept. 12, Brett Stinar was a teenager again.

And a soccer star again, to boot.

Stinar — a 2000 graduate of Salem High School and an all-state prep soccer player for the Rocks — proved to be the top performer in that night's alumni men's soccer game at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. He scored both goals for Salem in a 2-1 win over Canton.

But his on-the-field endeavors weren't the main reason Stinar was all smiles.

SOCCER

"The alumni game was a good time for everyone," said Stinar, currently a Salem varsity assistant coach with plans to begin medical school at the University of Michigan next year. "With the memories we all have from playing on that field, it's quite a pleasure lacing up your cleats again and playing with past teammates.

"How can you not smile while stepping onto that field again? And it's always a pleasure for me playing alongside Scotty (Duhl), who's like a brother to me. ... we've been playing soccer together since we were 13."

Duhl also graduated from Salem in 2000 and these days is the JV boys coach at the school.

According to Stinar, who along with Duhl played on the 1999 state finalists, having such a nice crowd on hand to watch the former players showed again that the Plymouth-Canton soccer community "is unmatched anywhere else in the state. Canton, Plymouth and Salem always produce excellent teams and players."

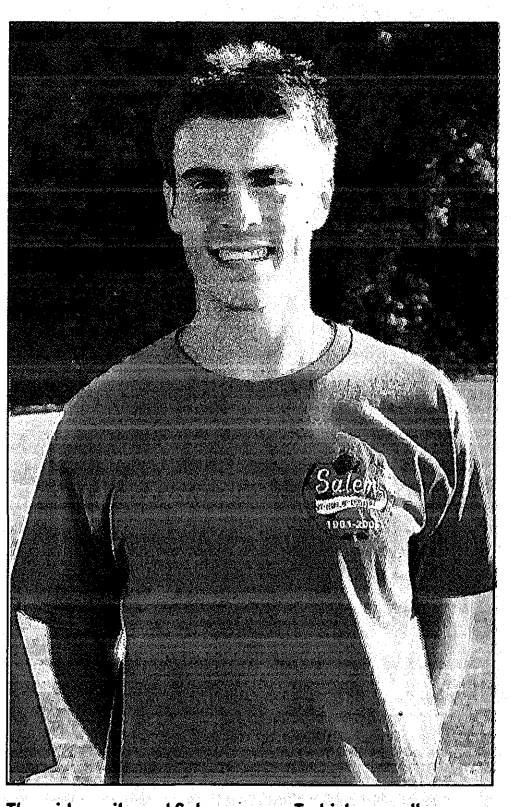
Stinar said soccer players, many who cut their teeth in the Canton Soccer Club, know they have a very good shot to be part of something special at the high school level.

"Each and every year all three of these schools have a very realistic chance of becoming state champions," he noted. "And that's what players and coaches focus on from Day One."

SOCCER BROTHERHOOD

Concurring was Salem's longtime varsity boys soccer coach Ed McCarthy, who said it was an honor to have so many former players back at PCEP.

In addition to Stinar and Duhl, the coach mentioned John Truskowski (1989-91) and the Wielechowski brothers — Dan, Ben and Matt — who played for three Salem state finalists (1997, 1999, 2003) but didn't all play together at the same time until the alumni game.



The wide smile and Salem soccer T-shirt says all you need to know about why Brett Stinar loves to still be part of the scene at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

McCarthy tipped his cap to those Canton High School alums back for the game, led by TJ Tomasso (a former "dream team" goalkeeper and brother of Canton coach George Tomasso).

The guidance Stinar received from McCarthy during his high school years combined with that of Brett's No. 1 fan, his mom Kyle Eckert (a teacher at Fiegel Elementary in Plymouth).

And his close bond with coaches and teammates doesn't take away from the fact Stinar calls his brothers, Theron and Parker, "my heroes, I had to say something about them."

Something has to be said about Brett Stinar, too.

After leaving Salem in 2000, he became a four-year starter as a midfielder for Kalamazoo College, where he graduated in 2004.

He then played soccer and studied while in Madrid, spent two years as a graduate student at the University of New Mexico and in May 2009 was hired as a polysom tech at Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

But Salem soccer always seems to be at the forefront for Stinar, something underscored by his top-notch return to his alma mater.

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Wildcats give Canton kickers the boot, 3-1

Plymouth ended the first half of the KLAA South varsity soccer season with a flourish, earning a 3-1 win over Canton at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Wildcats (7-4-1, 4-0-1) went up 1-0 in the first 40 minutes on a goal by Joe Klonowski on an assist from Vin Nguyen.

Plymouth padded the lead to 2-0 after intermission when Danny Jasiewicz scored. But the Chiefs (6-4-2, 3-2-0) got on the board thanks to a penalty kick goal that beat Wildcats' goalkeeper Kyle Brindza.

The lead was right back to two shortly thereafter. Nick Russ converted a feed from Dan Conklin.

"The boys played a strong match," said Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich. "I thought our defense played well and our goalie, Kyle Brindza, played strong. Nick Russ created a lot up top."

The win could give the Wildcats momentum entering Thursday's crucial KLAA South tilt against Livonia Churchill (7 p.m. at PCEP). The two teams tied earlier this season.

COLLEGE BRIEF

MU women fall in OT

Overtime proved to be unkind Saturday for the Madonna University women's soccer team.

Despite seven saves by goalkeeper Brittany Warner (Plymouth), the Crusaders lost 1-0 to host Siena Heights University on a sudden death overtime goal by Noel Luther.

Gemma Cowperthwaite and Bridgette Scott set up the game-winner at the 95:37 mark as the Saints improved to 4-2-2 overall and 2-0-1 in the WHAC.

Madonna (2-6, 1-3 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference) had just two shots on goal against Saints goalkeeper Haley Mancini.

Advertorial

TEE TIME

Your local golf guide

My favorite courses in Michigan

By David Graham

In my position as Executive Director of the Golf Association of Michigan, it is probably a politically incorrect position to express what golf courses make my personal list of favorites for obvious reasons. But like you, I do have favorites around the state of Michigan and I am willing to provide my two cents on the topic. This list is courses that if invited, I would make time in my schedule to play in a heartbeat. I must also state up front that I have not come close to playing all of the fantastic courses in this state. We are so fortunate to have so many great options. Also, I believe there is a bit of a halo effect on ones likability assessment based on how well one plays and scores at a particular course. I suspect that influence has impacted my selections. So this assessment is very subjective, and while it will include some obvious courses on everybody's list, it probably is not your list. It does include both private and public facilities.

Dave's Faves in alphabetical order:

• **Arcadia Bluffs** – spectacular links style course along Lake Michigan. As the wind blows, so will one's score. No. 17 is an awesome par 3 when played with a breeze in your face it can be particularly difficult to score.

• **Belvedere** – Tom Watson spent his summers on this gem in Charlevoix. No. 16 is a shorter par 4 with the green wedged into the side of a hill. Great fun particularly if the hole location is on the right side of the green. Beware of an overly aggressive putt.

• **Crystal Downs** – Alistair Mackenzie design with support from Perry Maxwell recognized as one of the finest courses in America. No. 10 is a great par 4 that demands an approach shot kept below the hole. If not, 50/50 chances you may putt off the green.

• **Eagle Eye** – Newer course with a lot of great holes including an exact replica of the 17th at the TPC at Sawgrass (Island Green). One of my favorites is no. 15 which is a par 4 that has a raised green with severe slopes around with collection areas for any wayward shots.

• **Franklin Hills** – A great Donald Ross design. No. 2 is a superb par 4 with a severely slanted green… do not be above the hole on your approach shot if at all possible.

• **The Gailes** – One of three courses at Lakewood Shores Resort, it is a very challenging links layout with hidden fairway pot bunkers throughout. Bring your "A" game and you'll have a great time.

• **The Heathers at Boyne Highlands** – Robert Trent Jones design, no. 18 is a great risk reward hole that requires an approach shot over the lake for any realistic chance at a birdie finish.

• **Indianwood Old** – My home course, it plays different each day depending on the wind. No. 18 is a great finishing hole with a huge green. Putting over and around some of the buried elephants can be a challenge!

• **Kingsley Club** – Newer course receiving excellent national exposure. No. 9 is a modest par 3 until you get to the green. Unless you are below the cup you may have some interesting challenges. If chipping or pitching on from behind the green, good luck!

• **Meadowbrook** – Great set of green complexes throughout the course. No. 9 is a great shorter par 4 with a severely sloped green. Hands of a surgeon instead of a blacksmith will serve one well.

• **Oakland Hills South** – Spectacular host course to countless major championships as well as the Ryder Cup. No. 17 is a really cool par 3 uphill to a green surrounded by deep bunkers and equally challenging rough. A par on this hole is a great achievement.

The above is a sampling of the great courses in Michigan. If a friend should extend an invite to play any of the above, don't hesitate to accept and keep me in mind if you need someone to fill out your group.

David Graham is the Executive Director of the Golf Association of Michigan. Check for his Tee Time column every Thursday through September.

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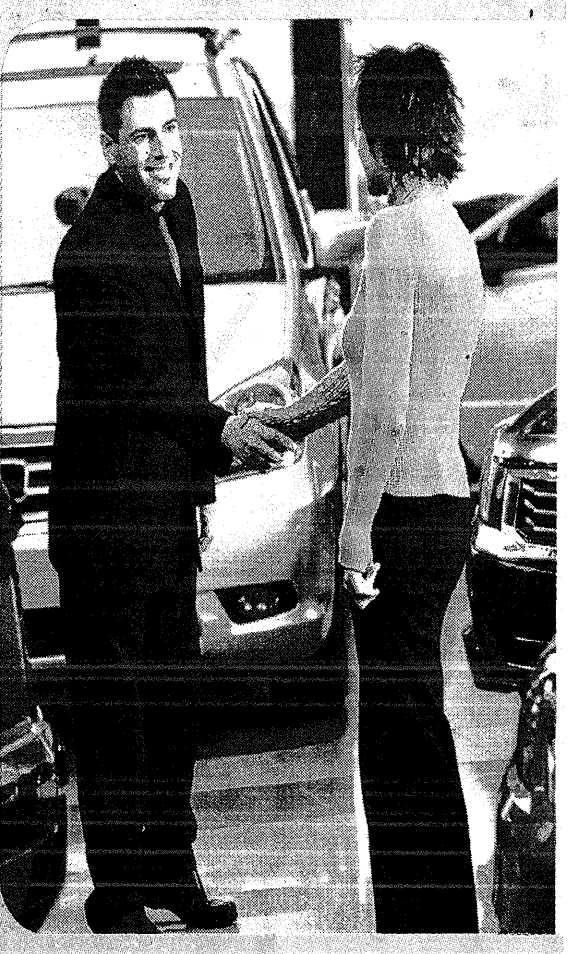

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Plymouth boys finish third at Holly Invite

Plymouth's varsity boys cross country team placed third at Saturday's Holly Invitational with 120 points — the team's highest finish ever at the tourney, said Wildcats' head coach Jon Mikosz.

Ann Arbor Pioneer and Novi-Detroit Catholic Central placed 1-2 with scores of 34 and 86 points, respectively.

Leading the pack for the Wildcats was junior Joe Porcari, with a time of 16-minutes, 28-seconds.

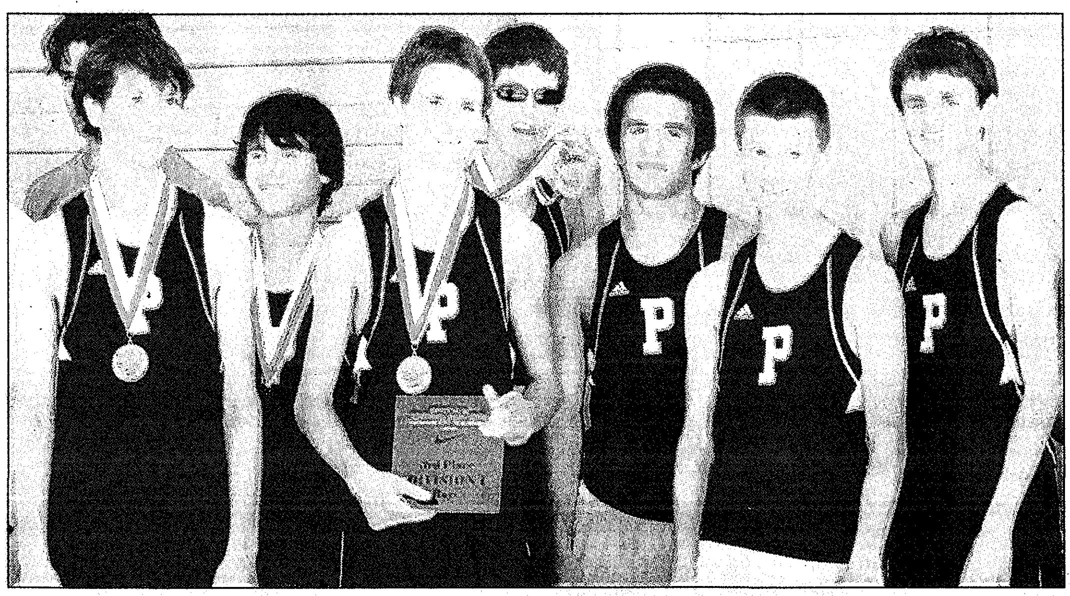
Not far behind him in 15th place was senior Warren Buzzard (16:42), followed by senior Matt Neumann (20th, 16:52) and sophomore Derek Gielarowski (21st, 16:55).

"Our top four runners ran very well and Derek Gielarowski ran a 27-second PR in a breakout run," Mikosz said. "He ran a very smart race and got out faster than he normally does."

Senior Jimmy Eiben and junior Stephen Balaze each tied for 55th with times of 17:54. Sophomore Garrett Neumann finished in 81st place with a mark of 18:32.

"We still have some work to do to get our (numbers) 5-8 closer to our top four, but we are working on closing that gap," the coach said.

Catholic Central's top runners included senior Ricardo Galindo (sixth, 16:16), junior Andrew Garcia-Garrison (seventh, 16:20), senior Viktor Puskorius (14th, 16:38) and junior Austin Zebrowski (18th, 16:46).



Members of the Plymouth boys varsity cross country team celebrate their third-place finish at the Holly Invitational on Saturday. From left are Warren Buzzard, Joe Porcari, Matt Neumann, Derek Gielarowski, Jimmy Eiben, Stephen Balaze and Garrett Neumann.

SALEM

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Gerlach said the girls ran well despite Forest Akers itself.

"The course was running a little bit slow, the ground was soft, plush golf course grass," he said. "A lot of times we run on harder ground."

Still, Gerlach was enthusiastic about the future of his team for this season based upon the early returns.

"I think what it does is it builds on the excitement and also helps them realize they're hard work is paying off," Gerlach said. "When you have some early success, it just really shows them 'If I work hard and I run smart and pace myself and we run as at team we're going to have success.'

"So I think it provides faith in themselves, but also in the program."

Gerlach said the team still wants to do well in the KLAA Central Division as well as subsequent rungs up the ladder to the state meet.

"As I told them don't get too high on your victory and don't get too low in defeat because we have a lot of season left," Gerlach said. "Our big goals are the division, the conference, regionals and hopefully state finals."

Salem (2-0) took another step with Tuesday's 15-48 triumph over KLAA Central rival Livonia Stevenson at Cass Benton Park.

The Rocks swept places 1-6 with the top four all finishing at 21:07. They were listed in this order: Flynn, Tripp, Moore, Burin. In fifth with a mark of 21:15 was Kerwin while sixth-place Booms clocked in at 21:38.

Stevenson's top finisher was seventh-place Julia Capeneka (21:39).

Chiefs fall to Churchill

Livonia Churchill defeated Canton 15-46 Tuesday at Cass Benton Park.

Canton's top runners were Bianca Kubicki (6 points with at time of 21:34), Rachel Rohrback (8), Emily Southern (9), Abigail Gorzalski (11) and Katie Grimes (13).

Sara Kroll and Kerigan Riley were 1-2 for the Chargers, followed by Bethany Pilat, Sydney Anderson and Amanda Southwell.

• Meanwhile, Canton finished second out of nine teams at the tough Ludington Invitational on Saturday at West Shore Community College. Potential state champion Grand Haven won the invitational with 15 points while the Chiefs trailed with 62.

Canton's top runner was Bianca Kubicki, in seventh place. Emily Southern, Rachel Rohrback and Abigail Gorzalski took places 11-13 with Rachael Brunk in 19th.

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CANTON

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At Ludington, the top finisher in the race was Spreitzer (17:03), nipping Grand Haven's Joe Duff (runner-up with a mark of 17:09). Canton took places 3-4, with Zech and Rakovitis finishing in 17:29 and 17:31, respectively.

Also in the Top 10 for the Chiefs were Felton (No. 7, 17:47) and Mitch Clinton (No. 9, 17:50).

AMONG THE BEST

"Zack (Spreitzer) continues to be one of the best runners in school history," Boyd said. "He has the 22nd fastest time in school history and continues to rack up awards and honors.

"This year he became more consistent and continued to improve his positioning in races."

One of several 500 Mile-Club members on the team is Peck, who brings it every time on the course. "He is one of those runners who consistently makes those around him better."

Hard-working Rakovitis could break the 17-minute mark "and then become a legitimate threat for first-team all league," the coach noted.

Meanwhile, getting a healthy Osinski is another plus.

A Canton powerhouse in 2007, Osinski missed a good chunk of the '08 season due to injury.

"On a team that returns five runners who have broken 17:20 in their careers, Josh is a key," Boyd said. "His return to form in 2009 should see a great senior year with a return to the state meet."

Boyd also can add the improving Steve Watts to the mix. Watts continues to progress from year-to-year and "continuing to work hard (he) should see more PRs and a great senior season."

Of course, Boyd knows it remains to be seen whether the current team can match or surpass what he called "the greatest senior class since 2001. ... the team (lost) six runners who have earned a total of 15 letters and countless other awards."

Four-year captain Spitz led that group with three all-region and all-league awards not to mention breaking the Canton school record on three occasions.

Boyd said Kyle Clinton was another all-time great, and the team is also without recent grads Reed, Matt Cipolla, Mike Eimers and Jay Jasinski.

But the 2009 season is definitely off to a promising start for the Chiefs.

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Canton tops Plymouth in UMD tournament final

BY TIM SMITH
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Two Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams battled Saturday in the finals of the University of Michigan-Dearborn volleyball tournament.

When the sounds of serves, sets and spikes finally stopped, Canton's Chiefs had defeated Plymouth 25-21, 25-20 for the tourney title.

"Our hitting wasn't as aggressive as normal but we were very smart with our choices this time," said Canton head coach Mary Kryska, whose team faces Livonia Churchill in a big KLAA South matchup Thursday. "I think a light bulb has turned on for some of the girls now what we have had a chance to get more playing time."

Canton made it to the finals this way. The Chiefs won all six pool-play games — two each against South Lyon East (25-16, 25-11), Cass Tech (25-7, 25-11) and Auburn Hills Avondale (25-6, 25-22).

"In every game in pool play all or players got a lot of playing time," Kryska said. "For some it gave them the confidence of playing in a varsity tournament for the first time."

Canton then defeated Avondale again in the quarterfinals (26-24, 25-18) and Livonia Stevenson in the semifinals (25-13, 26-24).

"Once pool play was over we started to see some good competition," Kryska said. "There were a couple of times we got too down on ourselves but we picked it right back up to come from behind a few times."

Sparking Canton (8-0 overall) were Jordan Kielty (50 kills, 35 assists, 35 digs), Kristen Muir (30 kills, 53 digs), Alaina Turner (15 kills, 6 blocks), Traci Breitmeyer (58 assists) and Lauren Macuga (a defensive standout with 87 digs). Jackie Waite chipped in with 12 assists.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats earlier defeated Roseville (25-20, 26-24), Detroit Mumford (25-5, 25-5) and Lakeview (25-10, 25-7) in pool play. Plymouth then bested Northville in the quarterfinals (25-19, 27-25) and Dearborn Edsel Ford (25-23, 25-20) in the semifinals.

Top performers for the Wildcats (7-1 overall) were Kelly Smoltz (42 kills, 15 digs, 15 blocks), Kayla Bridge (60 digs, 38 kills), Katie Salo (105 assists, 34 digs) and Alex Roberts (26 kills, 21 blocks).

Kelly McCausland, head coach of the Plymouth varsity, said serve-receive struggles hurt the Wildcats against Canton "but I think we made some crucial plays defensively."

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 29
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 30
Sept. 22 at Nankin Mills

Individual winner: Megan McPherson (Franklin), 19:26 (5,000 meters).

Plymouth finishers: 3. Paula Green, 20:37.4; 5. Nicole Traitses, 21:16.3; 6. Julie Forster, 21:18.9; 7. Britta Swanson, 21:23.7; 8. Kelly Hahn, 21:42.5; 9. Julie Hahn, 22:22.2; 10. Tricia Pniewski, 22:30.3.

Other Franklin finishers: 2. Tiffany Lamble, 20:34.5; 4. Brittany Dilley, 20:48.9; 11. Megan Wickens, 22:39.1; 12. Ashley Davidson, 22:56.1; 13. Jane Modes, 22:58.7; 14. Kelly Walblay, 23:07.8.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA South Division; Franklin, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLAA South.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 15
CANTON 46
Sept. 22 at Cass Benton Park

Individual winner: Sara Kroll (Churchill), 18:56 (5,000 meters).

Other Churchill finishers: 2. Kerigan Riley, 20:10; 3. Bethany Pilat, 20:24; 4. Sydney Anderson, 20;58; 5. Amanda Southwell, 21:13; 7. Katie Rash, 21:46; 10. Alexis Hickson, 22:06.

Canton finishers: Bianca Kubicki, 21:34; 8. Rachel Rohrbach, 21:50; 9. Emily Southern, 21:57; 11. Abigail Gorzalski, 22:12; 12. Katie Grimes, 22:44; 13. Rachel Brunk, 23:42; 14. Hailee Azizi, 23:46.

Dual meet records: Churchill, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA South Division; Canton, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAA South.

VOLLEYBALL

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with no more than a one-point difference until MacDonald served up three points to make it 16-13.

Plymouth could not get any closer the rest of the way, with Suder reminding her team to take care of business and not flirt with needing Game 5.

"I told them that right then and there," she said.

The Rocks weren't threatened early in the match. Aschermann closed out the opener with a four-point service run and she also went on a six-point binge (including two aces) to help her team build a 22-10 edge in Game 2.

Plymouth took control of the third game after Bridge served six points in a row, featuring an ace. Bridge also finished off the game with two service points.

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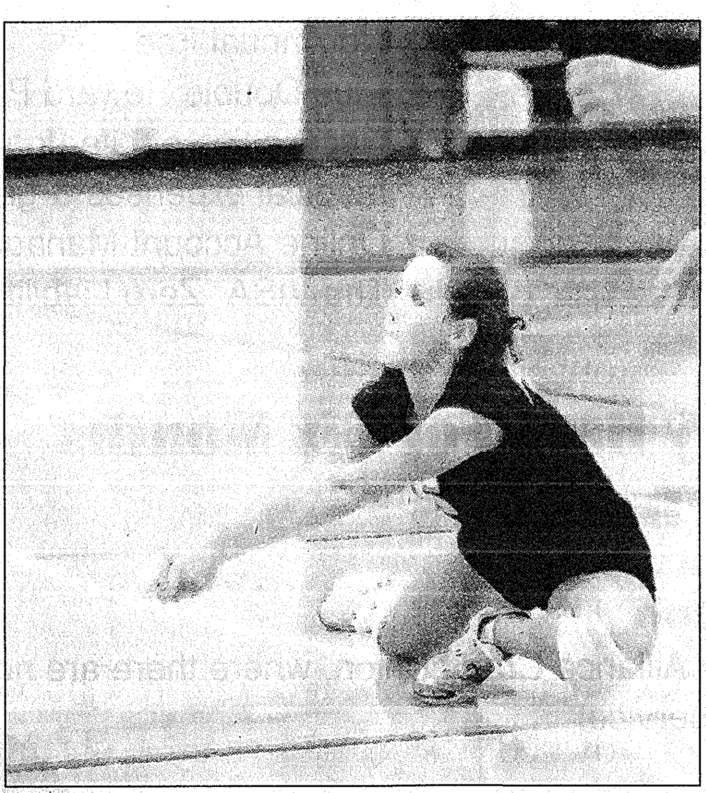

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Getting low to bump up the volleyball for Plymouth on Tuesday night is junior defensive specialist Laura Schmid.

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OT goal saves up-down Whalers

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A second straight Jekyll-and-Hyde performance by the Plymouth Whalers ended in an identical 6-5 victory.

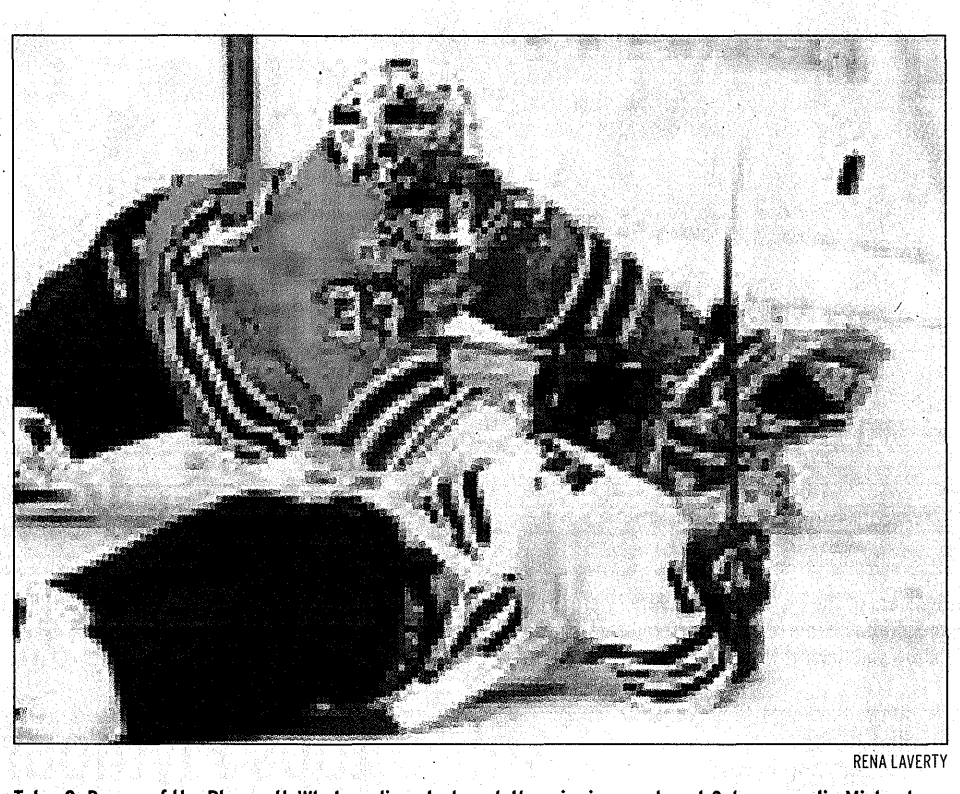
The Whalers, playing their 2009-10 OHL home opener Saturday night against Oshawa at Compuware Arena, blew an early 4-0 lead and needed Tyler G. Brown's nose-to-the-ice overtime goal to escape with the two points.

The 6-2 left winger made it happen at both ends of the ice. He fought to clear the puck out of Plymouth's zone and then skated toward the Oshawa blue line where he took a crisp pass from defenseman Leo Jenner.

Brown then took a shot that Generals goalie Michael Zador blocked. But the Whaler dove head first and took another swipe at the disc — knocking it into the net with 1:37 to go in OT and eliciting a collective "Whew" from head coach Mike Vellucci and just about everybody in the arena.

"That's the only thing I could have done," Brown explained. "I don't think I could have skated to it so I thought I might as well dive and see what happens."

Vellucci also liked Brown's grit and determination on a night where his team didn't show much of it after taking a 4-0 lead into the second period.



RENA LAVERTY

Tyler G. Brown of the Plymouth Whalers dives to knock the winning goal past Oshawa goalie Michael Zador Saturday night at Compuware Arena.

HUSTLE PAYS OFF

"It was a nice goal, a big goal to score in overtime," Vellucci said. "We finally made a hustling play. We didn't hustle for two periods.

"You've got to give that second or third effort to score goals or make good plays and he gave the second and third effort to put the puck in."

Few could have predicted the game ending the way it did when the red light was burning behind Zador in the first stanza.

Opening the scoring for Plymouth (2-0-0-0) was forward Myles McCauley at 6:23 on the power play.

Smooth-as-silk forward Tyler Seguin (1 goal, 2 assists) sent the puck back to defenseman Beau Schmitz at the right point. Schmitz took a slap shot that was stopped by McCauley roofed the rebound while being knocked down.

Seguin then made it 2-0 (from McCauley) when he knocked in his own rebound at 8:46.

About four minutes later, winger Joe Gaynor crashed the crease and was rewarded with a goal. He was bumped into Zador and the goal went for review, but officials allowed the tally to stand.

Another power-play goal for Plymouth at 18:49 made it a 4-0 spread and gave Compuware faithful reason to believe they were in for a laugher.

Forward Garrett Meurs dropped a pass into the wheelhouse of Jenner, who smoked home a slapper from between the circles.

But Oshawa came out stronger in the second period, making it more difficult for Seguin and other speedy Whalers to get deep into Generals' territory.

That, and some juicy rebounds by Plymouth goalkeeper Matt Hackett (in his season debut) opened the door for Oshawa to get back into the game.

Andy Andreoff took a shot from the right circle that Hackett stopped, but linemate Christian Thomas (1 goal, 2 assists) swept the rebound in to make it 4-1 with 3:23 remaining in the period.

The Whalers got it back at 19:17 when RJ Mahalak scored, with assists to Seguin and Hackett.

TURN OF EVENTS

Oshawa (1-0-1-0), however, left the ice with plenty of spark thanks to a goal by Andreoff just a fraction of a second before the horn sounded. A mishandled rebound contributed to the marker.

All of a sudden it was 5-3 at 46 seconds of the third. Defenseman Tony DeHart (1 goal, 2 assists) ripped a shot from the left circle past a startled Hackett and the Whalers were reeling for the rest of the frame.

Two goals by center Boone Jenner, both on deflections in front of Hackett, evened the score. The tying goal came at 15:38.

Oshawa outshot the Whalers 13-4 in the third, quite a turnaround from the first (when Plymouth held a 16-8 advantage in that department).

However, just like Thursday's season opener at Windsor, the Whalers found a way to win despite squandering a lead and not giving a complete-game effort.

Vellucci wants to make sure that pattern doesn't become a habit.

"That's what I talked to them about (after the game)," Vellucci noted. "We think we're better than we really are when (we) get up that many goals and things happen pretty easy.

"But we worked hard for the first period and then we just played awful for the last two periods."

NOTES: The Whalers will be without three top players for an indefinite period. Defensemen Jamie Devane (broken hand) and Michal Jordan (knee) were both injured while at the NHL camps of Toronto and Carolina, respectively.

And winger Ryan Hayes is out with an injured shoulder.

• Former Plymouth Whaler forward John Vigilante played for the NHL Detroit Red Wings during Saturday's exhibition game against Buffalo at Joe Louis Arena.

TRISH DONNELLY-RUNNION MEMORIAL RACE RESULTS

2009 TRISH DONNELLY-RUNNION MEMORIAL RACE
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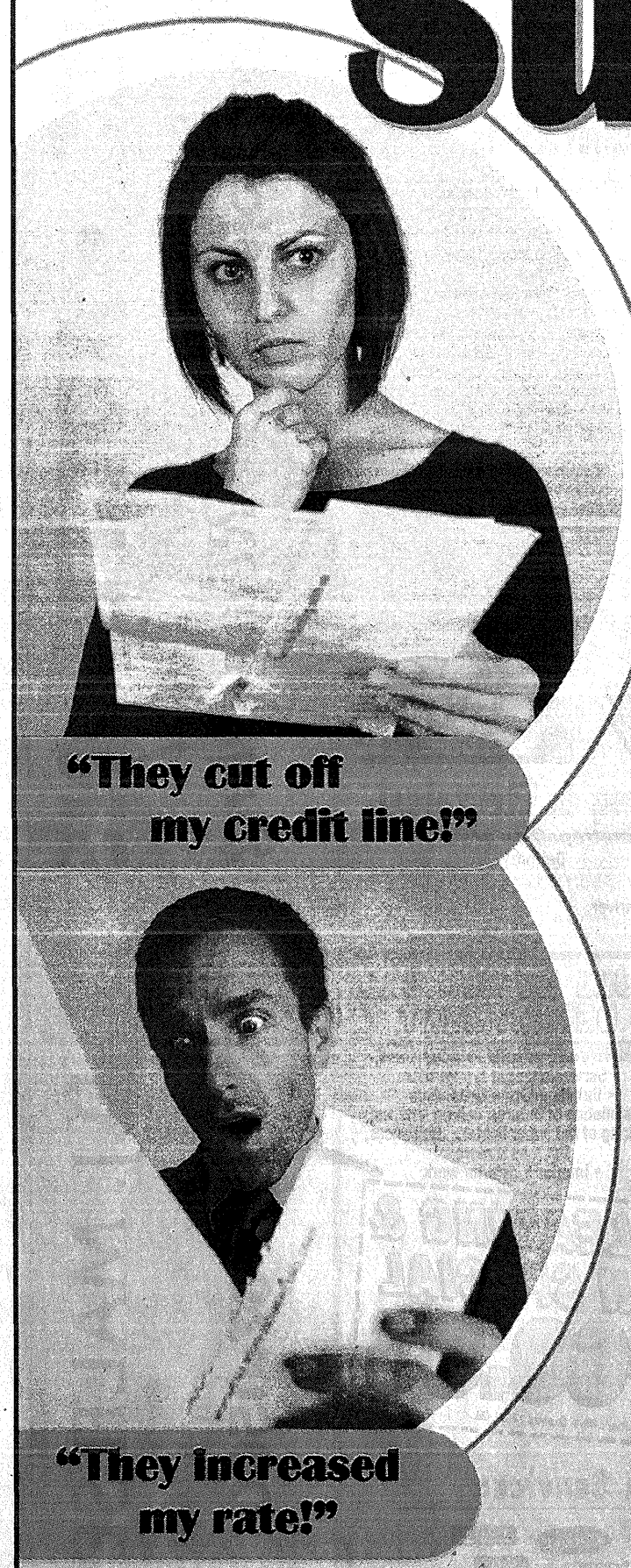

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PREP GRID PICKS

Week 5 Friday, Sept. 25	Brad Emons	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith	Jim Toth
Redford Union (2-2, 2-0) at Dearborn Heights Annapolis (3-1, 1-1), 7 p.m.	Union	Union	Union	Union
Garden City (0-4, 0-2) at Redford Thurston (3-1, 2-0), 7 p.m.	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston
North Farmington (1-3, 1-3) at Hazel Park (3-1, 2-0), 7 p.m.	North	Hazel Park	Hazel Park	Hazel Park
Birmingham Seaholm (0-4, 0-3) at Farmington (2-2, 2-2), 7 p.m.	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington
Farmington Harrison (4-0, 3-0) at Birmingham Groves (0-4, 0-3), 7 p.m.	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
A.H. Oakland Christian (0-4, 0-2) at Lutheran Westland (0-4, 0-2), 7 p.m.	Westland	Westland	Westland	Westland
Macomb Lutheran North (1-3, 0-0) at Livonia Clarenceville (1-3, 1-2), 7 p.m.	Clarenceville	Lutheran North	Clarenceville	Lutheran North
Livonia Churchill (1-3, 0-2) at Plymouth (3-1, 1-1), 7 p.m.	Churchill	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Plymouth Canton (4-0, 2-0) at Wayne (2-2, 0-2), 7 p.m.	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
Westland John Glenn (3-1, 1-1) at Livonia Franklin (3-1, 2-0), 7 p.m.	Franklin	Franklin	John Glenn	Franklin
Northville (3-1, 2-0) at Livonia Stevenson (2-2, 2-0), 7 p.m.	Stevenson	Stevenson	Northville	Stevenson
South Lyon East (0-4, 0-2) at Plymouth Salem (0-4, 0-2), 7 p.m.	Salem	Salem	Salem	Salem
Last week	**11-2 (.846)**	**13-0 (1.000)**	**11-2 (.846)**	**11-2 (.846)**
Overall	**39-15 (.722)**	**42-12 (.778)**	**34-20 (.630)**	**44-10 (.815)**

Football Steelers pound Bulldogs

For the second consecutive Sunday, the various Plymouth-Canton Steelers football teams enjoyed plenty of success.

• On Sept. 13, the Steelers varsity turned in another strong performance with a victory over the Brighton Bulldogs 33-22.

Stephen Cook made a big statement in Sunday's game. His ability on the field electrified the entire team. Justin Sydlowski anchored the offensive line that helped create big plays for the tailbacks. Trent Schneider added even more solid tough offensive line play.

On defense Zachary Griffith played powerful and physical defense all game while Udayveer Singh also had key plays. Madueno Jamssens contributed with a "no-quit" performance.

• The junior varsity suffered the only loss of the day to the Bulldogs 29-6. Still the JV squad never gave up in this game. Joey Paz, rose to the occasion on the Steelers O-line. Thomas Nelson III recovered a Brighton fumble.

Other bright spots included tailbacks Braden Abundis with a long run and Jacob McKinnon, had chipped in with a couple nice carries. Defensively, Devin Cameron worked hard on both sides of the ball and rose to the challenge of defense. Malcolm Jones slowed down the Bulldogs' running game with his work on the defensive line.

• The Steelers' freshmen worked the scoreboard hard, winning 32-6. Two-way player Kyle Burnett (quarterback, linebacker) played outstanding. Scott Gregor opened holes all day on the offensive line allowing Mason Phillips to have a great day running the ball, including a TD.

Danny Lanava recorded a fumble, and made several tackles throughout the game. Joey Ahearn anchored the defensive line, shutting down Brighton's offense.

• The junior freshmen played an excellent game, blanking Brighton, spurred by the play of Seth Troszak. He wreaked havoc on Brighton with a strong defensive game, coming through with several tackles for losses along with crunching hits.

Meanwhile, Steelers' ends and corners provided disciplined, stay-at-home blanket containment. Leading the way were Ben Wright, Cameron Miller, and Jackson King. As a unit, the Steel Curtain D allowed only three first downs.

Offensively, Jason Perko reeled in a 30-yard, first-down completion with finger-tip concentration while Logan Walkley found his way into the end zone, scoring on a 42 yard scamper in the first quarter.

Canton Lions split four with Rochester

The Varsity Canton Lions lost to a superior Rochester Redskins team, 38-3 on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Evan Thomas' 25 yard field goal in the first quarter was the Lions only scoring.

Michael San Millan and Sam Rizzo had solid offensive back performances. Dean Underwood, Zack Tinglan and Manmeet Singh had good results on the offensive line.

Andrew Hunt deflected two passes on defense, while Anthony Kenney also contributed several tackles.

• The JV Canton Lions gave a valiant effort in a 28-14 loss to the visiting Rochester Redskins.

Leading the Lions D-line was Freddie McGhee, who came up with several big plays in the game.

The offense was paced by running back Chucky Turfe, who scored a TD early in the game. In the second half QB Robert Guajardo hooked up with tight end Jake Mallad for a long TD pass. Allonte Wheeler provided a big block on the play.

• The Lions offense and defense were very tough in their 25-13 win against the Rochester freshman team.

Blocking was strong all day, led by David Mason, Carter Kahl, Julian Gocaj, Tyler Walton and Matthew Pelukas. Two touchdown runs by Victor Abraham and a quarterback sneak by Evan Voyles highlighted the scoring by the Lions offense.

The defense was very stingy all day led by key tackles by Noah Brown, Joey Glunt, Cody Tapp, and Colton (C.J.) Wieloch.

• The Jr. Freshman Canton Lions played a great game against the Redskins.

The running game was fueled by strong blocking from Preston Parana, Kameron Arnold, Robby Begley and Nathan Hunt resulting in touchdown runs from Steven Shoats-Thomas, Justin Reynolds and Darrell Harding, Jr.

The Lions defense blanked the Redskins with exceptional tackling led by Kyle Hurley, Sheldon Lyall and Evan Peterson.

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.zidzik@sbcglobal.net; (734) 397-5739.

Plymouth YMCA eyes 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 sporting 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 meaningful, 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.

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.

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) for more information.

Cool happenings

Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena continues to be a busy place. Open skating sessions through Nov. 7 will take place from 12 noon to 1:20 p.m. Tuesdays-through-Fridays with the fees as follows: adults, $5; kids (under age 16) and senior citizens (over 55), $4. Skate rental is $2. For more information, contact the Open Skate Line (734) 455-6620 or go to *www.ci.plymouth.mi.us* for up-to-date changes if any.

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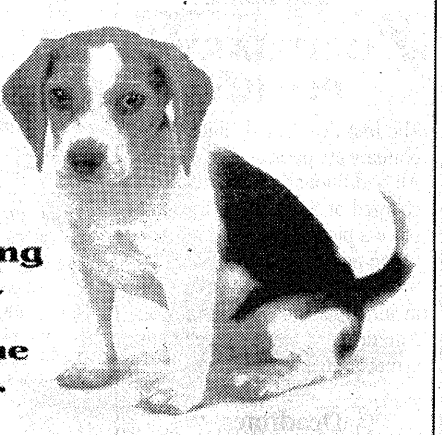

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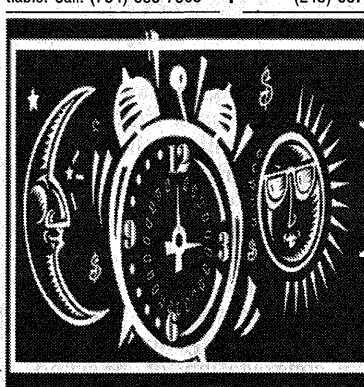

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Livonia church ends 3-year search for a new pastor

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Joel Puntigam took more than a few pies in the face for the Lord this past summer.

The new pastor of St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, in Livonia, created a weekly children's summer series, "Wacky Wednesdays" that included Bible lessons, singing, games and a mission challenge.

"We needed to build up the food pantry ... I told them if you bring two cans of food you get to throw a pie. There was shaving cream everywhere. We got pummelled," he said, describing the scene.

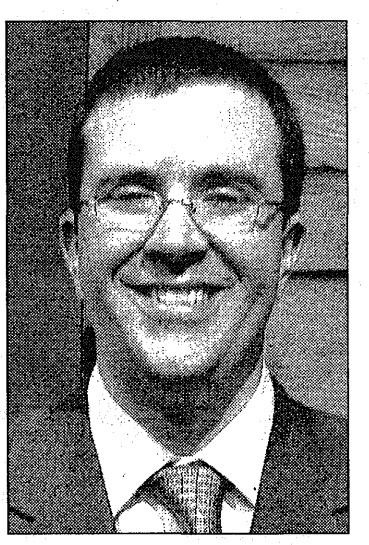
"We brought in a lot of food. We wanted to have fun, but also raise awareness."

A passion for youth ministry and community outreach were just two of the reasons the congregation — and its six-person pastor nominating committee — selected Rev. Puntigam to succeed the late Rev. Janet Noble-Richardson, who was killed in an auto accident three years ago.

The much loved and dynamic Noble-Richardson had led the congregation for 17 years. After her death, the congregation hired an interim pastor, the Rev. Phil Reed, to help the congregation through its grieving period so it could move on and begin the task of hiring her successor.

"You're going through this loss and you've got to find a person to carry on, knowing that the person won't be around for a long time," said Ray Green, a member of the pastor selection committee. "He (Reed) was trained in working with congregations in transition. He was a blessing to find at the time."

Green said that although change was difficult for some members who still grieve today, the congregation's decision by written vote to hire the Puntigam was unanimous.


the Rev. Joel Puntigam

LONG JOURNEY

The process that led to his ministry at St. Timothy, which started July 1, took a year to complete. It began with the creation of a six-member team that first helped the congregation complete a self study.

"We had conversations with the congregation and broke into small groups and let them talk," said Jeanne Philips, a member of the selection committee. "We had note takers at every session. The study became part of a tool kit for what we might offer to a new pastor."

The study also helped the congregation understand what it wanted in a new pastor: a passion for mission and community outreach and an ability to work with children and grow the church's youth ministry.

USING THE WEB

St. Timothy posted its information form on a Presbytery Web site so that ministers seeking new positions could find out about the church. In turn, the selection committee could view individual candidate information forms.

"The Presbytery puts us through a matching process," Green said. It's the first step in screening a multitude of candidates.

"We probably read 125 personal information forms," he added. "You kind of let the Lord lead you through the process."

The committee, which met several times weekly for a year, whittled the information forms to two, then asked the finalists to attend off-site meetings for dinner and free-flowing conversation.

The group invited Puntigam to preach the next Sunday.

DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

"I personally felt the Lord speak to me and tell me this was the guy," Green said. "It was one of the most rewarding processes I'd ever been through in my life. To know you had a hand in picking your spiritual leader is great."

Puntigam, who is married and has a 5-year-old daughter, left a church in Port Huron for his new congregation.

With a strong foundation in Scripture, Puntigam was drawn to St. Timothy's desire for a strong Biblical leader. Since becoming its pastor nearly three months ago, he developed the Wacky Wednesday summer series for children and began "Midweek Mania," a family program with rotating themes that involve art, music, skits, games and mission.

He hopes to make St. Timothy "more visible" in the community by strengthening its outreach.

"A church is placed in a specific location for a reason. My goal is to ask what is your need and how can we meet your needs? If a church just pleases its members it's not a good church. We can't be a country club."

Piano prodigy

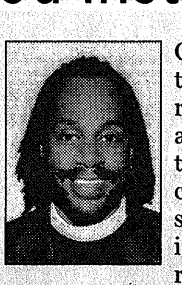
Ten-year-old pianist Anastasia Rizikov will perform 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Anastasia began piano lessons at age 5 and two years later became a first place winner at The Vladimir Horowitz International Young Pianists competition in Kiev, Ukraine, where she represented Canada. She has won first place in nine other Canadian music competitions. The concert is free, although a free-will offering will be accepted to support St. John's concert series, Resounding Art in a Sacred Space. Call (734) 453-0190.

Lutheran synod installs new bishop

The Lutheran Community of the Southeast Michigan Synod will install the Rev. Stephen Gary Marsh at its fifth bishop Saturday, Sept. 26, at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, 2080 W. Grand Boulevard, in Detroit.

Events will include a Circle of Prayer Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. where local dignitaries and well wishers will gather to honor Bishop Marsh. The 2 p.m. installation service is open to the public.

"It is a humbling and amazing act of God. This opportunity has been created by God to begin to build some real bridges across racial, theological and cultural divisions that are inherent in our region," Marsh said, describing his ministry opportunity.


the Rev. Stephen Gary Marsh

"This synod is part of one of the most segregated metropolitan areas in the country. We have an opportunity to realize the vision of the love of Christ redeeming and empowering all people. We have an opportunity for the people in the suburbs, exurbs, and rural areas of our synod to hear, experience, and provide hospitality to the kind of preaching, teaching and theological perspectives that have usually not been experienced by the congregations of our synod."

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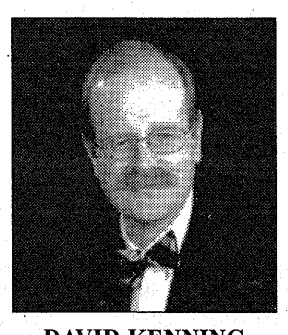

DAVID KENNING BRICHFORD

Who was born in Detroit on September 2, 1958, lost his courageous battle with the cancer-melanoma, on September 20, 2009. Those who survive him include his wife, Karen (Petersen); daughter, Meredy; parents, Thomas and Carol (Fliedner); brothers, Mark (Debra) and William; and sister, Nancy Myers (David). Also surviving are his nephews and nieces: Karl, Kelsey and Kenning Brichford and Natalie, Elizabeth, Jack, Lauren and Andrew Myers. David graduated from Redford Union High School in 1976 and received his degree in Architecture from Lawrence Institute of Technology in 1980. He was employed by Chase Bank for the past 22 years. His love of unicycling resulted in the formation of the Redford Township Unicycle Club, in which he and his family remained active all of his life. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Farmington where he often sang solos with choirs and played bells in the Carillon Choir. His art talent led him in many directions; most recently, basketry and water colors. While his family was always first in his life, he had numerous interests that included jokes and puns, computers, sports, juggling, gardening and a love for animals. He was an avid collector and was known for his baseball caps and bow ties. Donations in his memory may be made to First United Methodist Church of Farmington, Farmington Community Library or Karmanos Hospice. Funeral service Thursday, 11:00 a.m. (In-state 10 a.m.) at First United Methodist Church of Farmington 33112 Grand River Ave., Farmington.

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ARDITH FISCHER

September 18, 2009 age 86 of Plymouth. Loving wife of the late Harold. Dear mother of Harold E. Jr. (Billie), Mark R. (Joan) and Grant G. (Helen). Also survived by six grandchildren. Memorial visitation Monday 5-8 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (btwn Beck & Sheldon Rd.) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the P.E.O. foundation 3700 Grand Ave. Des Moines, Iowa 50312.

To express condolences, or share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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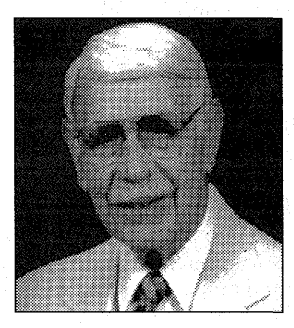

HAROLD W. LONGYEAR, M.D.

Died Sept. 15, 2009

GLEN ARBOR - Dr. Harold Wilbur Longyear, 95, died Sept. 15, 2009 at his Glen Arbor home. He was a loving husband, wise father, loyal friend, and an inspiration to many throughout his life. He exemplified honor, integrity, educational excellence, and family devotion. Harold was born in Detroit on Oct. 1, 1913. He grew up in Detroit where he enjoyed sports and Boy Scouts. Through camp stories and songs, he shared his Eagle Scout experiences with family at bonfires on the beach. Harold served in the Army Medical Corps in WWII. Members of his unit, the 40th Station Hospital, remained lifelong friends. His engaging war stories of Africa, Corsica and Italy filled many family gatherings. He attended college and medical school at Wayne State University and University of Michigan. He was a lifelong Wolverine fan and a charter member of the Victors Club. He began his medical practice in OB/GYN in Detroit and moved to William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak when it opened. He was a prominent physician and surgeon; taught at Wayne State University Medical School, served as Department Chief of OB/GYN and Chief of Staff at Beaumont. He lived in Bloomfield for 35 years and was a charter member of the Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church. After retiring from medicine at 70, he moved to Leelanau County while spending part of the winters in Naples and Sarasota, Florida. With a lively sense of humor Harold thoroughly enjoyed life. Family and friends, sports, travel and a lifetime of learning provided him with many interests. He was the loving husband of Marian (Ryckman) Longyear for 70 years; cherished father of Sylvia Heggen, Charlotte Tharp and Howard W. Longyear (wife, Leah); grandfather to nine grandchildren, Kristyn McKendrick(husband,Andrew), Eric Heggen(deceased), Jonathan Heggen, Timothy Tharp, Stephen Tharp, Kimberly Tharp, Beckee Tharp, Alexander Longyear, Hamilton Longyear and four great grandchildren, Lindsay McKendrick, Gavin McKendrick, Cameron McKendrick, James McKendrick. A Memorial Service celebrating his life will be at Glen Lake Community Reformed Church in Glen Arbor on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 11 a.m. Memorial donations may be directed to the Salvation Army, PO Box 5228, Traverse City, MI, 49696-5228. Please share thoughts and memories with Dr. Longyear's family on their online guestbook at www.legacy.com/record-eagle/

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HON. JAMES E. MIES

Sept 21, 2009 age 81. Beloved husband of Mary Patricia "Pat" for 59 years. Loving father of Edward, James Jr. (Janice), Gerald (Ann), Jean Ann, Catherine (Timothy) Diamond, Michael (Jane) and the late Thomas. Father-in-law of Paula. Grandfather of 13 and great-grandfather of 2. Visitation: Wed, Sept 23, 3-8pm and Thurs, Sept 24, 2-8pm with a 7pm Rosary at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. The Funeral will begin Friday, Sept 25, 2009 at the funeral home with prayers at 9:00am followed by a 10:00am Mass at St. Michael Catholic Church 11441 Hubbard, Livonia, MI 48150. Please leave the family a message www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

LINDA S. SALATINO

42, of Farmington Hills, September 21, 2009. Linda is survived by her devoted and beloved husband of 17 years, Gerald; her dearest children, Vincent and Carly; her parents Gary and Ruth Ann Fett; siblings Lisa Ann (Kirk) Linton and Graham (Kristen) Fett; grandmother Edna McCarthy and mother-in-law Elaine Salatino. Funeral Mass will be held Thursday, September 24th, 10:00 AM (in state at 9:30 AM) Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 23615 Power Rd., Farmington. Private burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, will follow. Visitation was held Wednesday evening at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200).

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JANET H. RICHWINE

Age 79, of Sun City Center, Florida, passed away peacefully at her home on September 19, 2009. She was born in Detroit, MI, and forged two careers, one as a legal secretary for 26 years and one as the owner of Lumber Mart of Plymouth for 18 years. She was also a secretary at the Standard Tube Company. Janet served three terms as president of the Business and Professional Women's Club in Michigan, and has been listed in Who's Who of American Women. Janet became a Rotarian in 1991, when she joined the Rotary Club of Sun City Center, Florida. She has since attended club meetings in more than 85 countries. She served as president of her club in 1997-98 and assistant governor of District 6890 in 1998 - 99. A strong supporter of PolioPlus, chairman of her Rotary Club's Foundation committee and charter member of the Arch Klump Society of Rotary International. She was a world traveler, having made seven trips around the world and dozens of cruises. She was a sponsor of the Tampa Bay Performing Arts and a supporter of many major charities. Her most favorite times were with family and friends, enjoying fine dining and conversation. She was an avid sports fan, particularly of the University of Michigan, Tampa Bay Rays and the Detroit Red Wings and attended many games. In honor of her late husband, Perry W. Richwine, she donated a law facility to Michigan State University, College of Law. The United Methodist Church of Sun City Center was given a beautiful chapel complete with organ. Her joy in life was to participate and contribute to her community and be a positive inspiration to all. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Perry W. Richwine and Walter J. Roberts, and her daughter, Ilona Roberts. Janet is survived by a loving family and a host of friends, four children, Walter J. Roberts., Jr. and his wife, Peggy, Allison J. Sassak and her husband, Mark, Bradfield Roberts and Samuel J. Roberts and his wife, Elia, four grandchildren, Kelly, Kyle and Katlin Roberts and Rachel Mastroianni, a brother, James Mazei and his wife, Judi, two nieces, Tami Wagner and Melissa Sawyers, three great grandsons, Angelo, Enzo and Rocco Mastroianni, three step daughters, Mary Louise, Dorothy and Betty, and her best friend, Robert B. Temple aka "Biffle." Funeral services were held at 4pm on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, at Sun City Center Funeral Home, 1851 Rickenbacker Drive, Sun City Center, Florida. The family received friends one hour prior to the funeral service at the funeral home. There will also be a service on Saturday, September 26, 2009, at 11am, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Michigan. Visitation Friday 4-9pm, also at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Rotary International Foundation or the Plymouth Historical Society. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com.

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WANDA MARY SOUBLY

94, formerly of Livonia and Detroit, MI passed away September 2, 2009 in Peoria, AZ. Mrs. Soubly was born on May 19, 1915 in Minneapolis, MN. She is preceded in death by her husband, Gus, and survived by son Gerald (Sharon), daughters Jacqueline Bennett, Rosemary (Gary) Dryden, six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Wanda was a welder on B-29 airplanes during WWII and later worked at Ford Motor Co. and in real estate. She was a member of the American Rosie the Riveter Association, Polish American Club, active in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and many other organizations. A prayer service will be held Saturday, Sept 26th, 11am at St. Hedwig Cemetery-Mausoleum, 23755 Military Rd., Dearborn Heights, MI. Memorials can be sent to Alzheimer's Assoc, 1028 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85006.

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SEPT. 24-30

Bible study
Traditional Bible Study starts 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 24, in the school library at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia. Classes meet the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, with sessions focusing on the Gospel of St. Matthew. The classes will be taught by noted Catholic apologist and author, Gary Michuta. Preregistration is not required. (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207.

Convention
Bruce Wurdeman, executive director of Lutheran Hour Ministries, will be the guest speaker at Michigan Southeast Lutheran Laymen's League District Convention Saturday, Sept. 26, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy Road, Westland. Theme of the convention is "Share His Story," based on Psalm 66:16. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the convention beginning at 9 a.m. For further information contact Jean Wellhousen at (734) 242-4301

Fall festival
1-4 p.m., Sept. 27 at Faith Bible Church, 34541 Five Mile, Livonia; free food, games, pumpkin painting, music, pony rides and petting farm. (734) 464-7990

Food pantry
Trinity Church offers its next food pantry event Saturday, Sept. 26, at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, just west of Beck, in Plymouth. Recipients must reserve a pick-up time in advance by calling (734) 459-9557 between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on the following days only: Monday-Wednesday, Sept. 21-23.

Grief recovery
Six-week series begins 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at Our Lady of Sorrows, 23815 Power, Farmington. Grief Recovery deals with loneliness and other issues related to the loss of a spouse. Members of Widowed Friends, a "peer" support group in the Detroit Metro area, will facilitate. $20 fee covers all materials. For information or to register call Gail at (248) 477-5438.

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

Marian Rally
Felician Sisters of Livonia honor the Blessed Virgin Mary at the annual Marian Rally and re-dedication of the Fatima Shrine Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Felician Sisters Motherhouse, 36800 Schoolcraft, Livonia. The rally begins at noon with the Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass), in the Motherhouse Chapel, presided by the Rev. Timothy Babcock, chaplain of the Felician Sisters. Following Mass is the praying of the rosary, at the shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa at 1:30 p.m., and a procession to the Fatima Shrine and Crowning of Our Lady, by students from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wyandotte. Refreshments will be available after the liturgy. Wheelchair participants are welcome. Parking is available at the Montessori Center of Our Lady at the Newburgh entrance. For more information call (734) 591-1730.

Men's Ministry
Canton Christian Fellowship and Mighty Men Ministry presents its annual men's prayer breakfast, 9 a.m., Sept. 26, at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton. Tickets are $20. Register online at www.cantonce.org or call (734) 404-2480.

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

Relationship class
Way of Life Christian Church, 9401 General Drive, Suite 100 Plymouth, holds the last two of its classes in a series on relationships, 6:30-8 p.m., Sept. 27 and Oct. 4. (734) 340-5551

OCT. 1-7

Grief recovery
Six-week series begins 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at St. Edith Parish, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Grief Recovery deals with loneliness and other issues related to the loss of a spouse. Members of Widowed Friends, a "peer" support group in the Detroit Metro area, will facilitate. $20 fee covers all materials. For information or to register call Priscilla at (734) 591-7879. **Life Fair 2009**
Pro-life pioneer and Pro-Life Action League founder and National Director, Joseph M. Scheidler, will give the keynote address at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4, at this program of pro-life activities at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, at Plymouth Road, Livonia. The fair, which will include exhibits and displays, begins with Mass at noon. An opportunity to participate in the Annual Life Chain will occur at 2:30 p.m., along Plymouth Road in front of the church, followed by Scheidler's remarks. The Fair is free. Refreshments and a children's story time will be available. (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207

OCT. 8-14

Blood drive
8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia; Call for appointments at (734) 425-8115.

Card party
Breast cancer awareness luncheon and card party, 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 11, at SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. Tickets $8. Table and door prizes, 50-50. No smoking. For tickets or reservations call (734) 722-1343.

Concert
Free Christian folk/country/rock concert, 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 10, at St. Michael Lutheran Church and School, 3003 Hannan Road, at Glenwood in Wayne. Don Wharton will perform. For more about the singer, visit www.donwharton.com. For more about the concert, call the church at (734) 728-1950.

CROP walk
The annual Plymouth/Canton CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, Oct. 11. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. with the Walk beginning at 2 p.m.

Don Wharton performs Oct. 10.

from St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. The Walk raises funds for Church World Service and the Salvation Army of Plymouth. For more information, contact Barb Fichtenberg at (734) 981-4205 or e-mail to bfichtenberg@hotmail.com.

Ministries conference
The International Christian Education Association presents its annual Church Ministries Training and Discipleship Conference, Oct. 10, at Ward Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. The free general session, starting at 1:45 p.m. features Don Bartlette, author and international speaker, and is open to the public. The conference runs from 8 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. and offers 30 workshops, exhibits and an all-day "Kids Korner." Four workshop choices, morning refreshments and lunch are included in the conference ticket price of $35, before Oct. 7 or $45 after. Students, teen through college, pay $15 and children, ages 5-12 pay $5 for Kids Korner activities. To register call (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceaonline.org.

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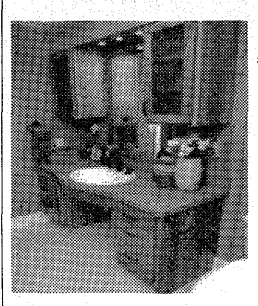

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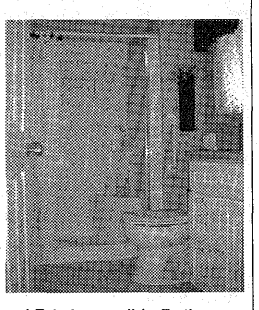

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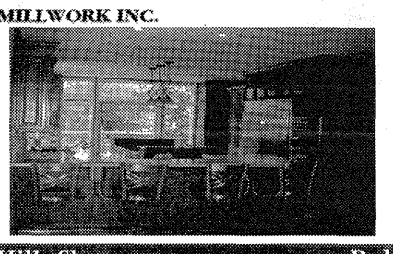

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FILTER

New park makes a splash with Caribbean theme event

Forget that the weather forecast for Saturday is high in the upper 60s with a chance of thunderstorms, according to weather.com and the National Weather Service.

Don your Hawaiian shirt and brave a few goose bumps while chilling out at Westland's new water spray park.

The new H2O zone will be open — with a Caribbean theme — noon to 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26, at Tattan Park on Ford Road, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, just east of the Bailey Recreation Center.

"We just opened it this past weekend. We had it open Saturday for the first time and didn't let anyone know it was open. It was so good, we opened it Sunday. But 90 percent of the people still don't know about it," said Robert Kosowski, recreation director.

"You can see the water dispersing from the top of the helicopter on Ford Road," he said, describing one of the water park's 14 above ground features. "People are probably wondering what in the heck that is."

Kosowski said H20 Zone's formal opening this weekend is likely to be its last for the summer-fall recreation season before colder weather arrives.

The water playscape, funded by the Downtown Development Association dollars, offers youngsters and their families squirting canons, a water-spouting sea serpent, ("water comes out of its nostrils") a dunk bucket and other above ground features as well as 13 in ground spouts, Kosowski said.

A "humongous" playscape called Play Planet has been open at the park and attracts families "from all over the place." Kosowski said.

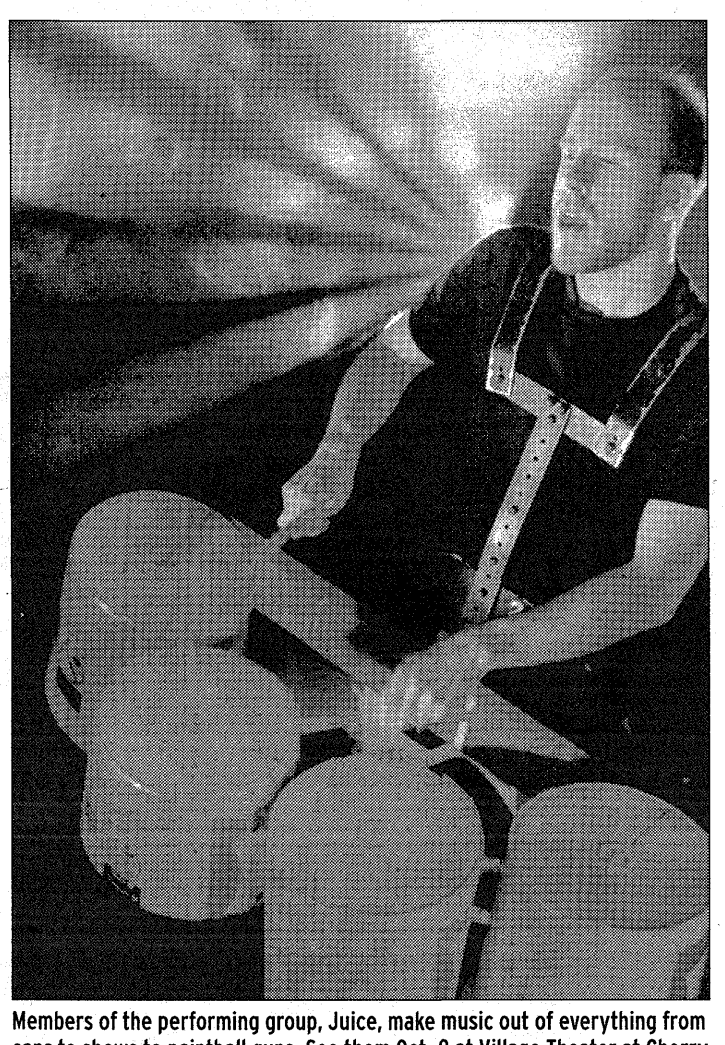
The spray park opening will include face-painting and games for kids, live music by a local band called "Under the Tree," and raffles. Food and soft drinks will be available. Admission is free.

"Kids won't forget this day," Kosowski said, adding that his seven-year-old son tried the water park "and loved it."

"Everyone who has been here has loved it. When you walk up and see it and see kids with their jaws dropped, it's a good feeling."

For more information call (734) 722-7620.

– Sharon Dargay



Members of the performing group, Juice, make music out of everything from cans to shows to paintball guns. See them Oct. 8 at Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Show spotlights work of animal rescuers

Tune into WDIV local 4 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26 for an inside view of the Michigan Humane Society.

The half-hour "Michigan Humane Society: Somebody Here Needs You," will follow MHS' cruelty investigators, show an in-shelter training program and take a look at animals from the Society's three shelters in Westland, Rochester Hills and Detroit.

"You're getting a really great look at what we do," said Jennifer Robertson of MHS. "It gives a good overview. Six animal stories are highlighted."

WDIV's Eric Braate hosts the show, and some of the Detroit-area's most well-known radio personalities — Karen Savelli of WCSX-FM; and Drew Lane, Mike Clark and Trudi Daniels, all of WRIF-FM's "Drew and Mike" morning show — serve as voices for animals who were rescued by the organization.

That includes Glenn, a cat who at just five months old was attacked by a dog and abandoned in a mailbox; Coco, a Retriever mix whose previous owner locked her in a dark basement closet for days with no food or water; and Waffles, a blind and partially-deaf Labrador Retriever/Border Collie mix who was left abandoned on the streets. The stories all end on a positive note as MHS transforms their lives.

The show also follows a day in the life of the Detroit shelter's "Animal Cops" as they aid neglected, abused or abandoned animals and will include a look at MHS' "Pawsitive Start" training program that teaches adoptable animals the skills they need to settle into a new home.

Robertson said the show will air once this weekend and again in November.

For more information call (866) MHUMANE or visit www.michiganhumane.org

– Sharon Dargay

GET OUT

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

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 jlocke1@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
Contact: (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734)453-5400

Northville Art House
Location: 215 W. Cady Street, downtown Northville
Time/Dates: West of Center show presents 40 new looks at the world, Oct. 2-24
Details: The show opens with a reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, during Northville's First Friday Art Walk
Contact: (248) 344-0497, or visit 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
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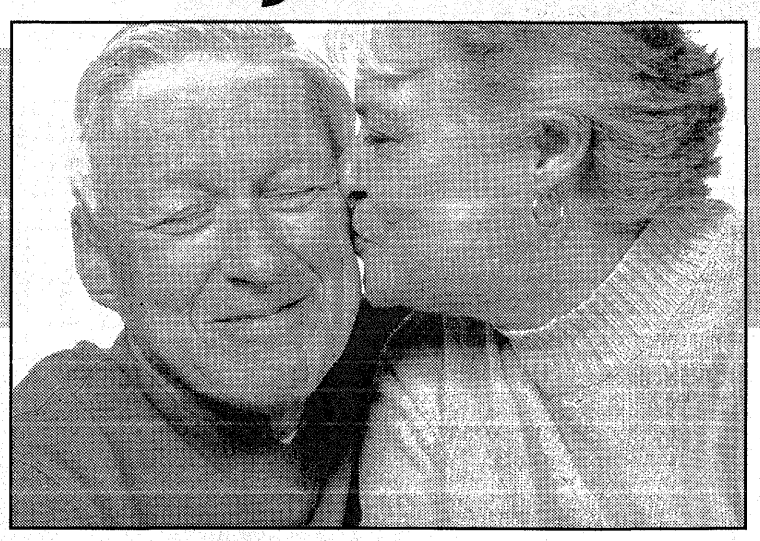

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FOOD & WINE

Coaches offer game plans for tailgating

BY DIANE GALE ANDRESSI
CORRESPONDENT

All you need for a great tailgate party is a parking lot, meat grilling, kids throwing footballs and most of all getting together with friends and family.

Area high school football coaches and athletic directors know what it's like to be inside the stadium preparing for the big game and they also know what it's like to be in the parking lot revving up for the first kick-off.

"I haven't done it on a high school level, but I do for college," explains Brian Swinehart, athletic director at John Glenn High School in Westland. He has season tickets for Michigan State football.

"The best is getting family and friends together for good times, good things to eat and prepare for the game," he says. "I'm there with kids, nieces and nephews, mom and dad and we're throwing a football around. It's a lot of good food, talking about the game and breaking the game down — what the match-ups are what they're going to do offensively and defensively."

And of course, he says, it's "the whole atmosphere — a lot of people around wearing the school colors."

While people are the most important element of a tailgate party, he says, the food comes in a close second.

His favorite tailgate party food is a buffalo chicken dip that his wife makes.

"If it's a noon game we'll have egg casseroles and cheese, donuts and bacon, bagels and chips," Swinehart says. "And one guy comes up with grilled shrimp. If it's a later start we get out the brats, hamburgers and hot dogs."

Tim Baechler, head football coach at Canton High School, says he's been to a couple of tailgate parties at Notre Dame football games.

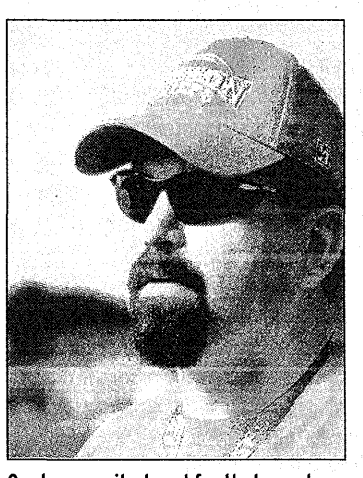
His recipe for a good tailgate party includes "a little bit of variety. You have to have music or the pregame on. You have to have kids playing catch with a football. You need to see your breath. You don't want to be hot at a tailgate party," Baechler says.

He prefers finger food, like little sandwiches and Swedish meatballs.

"There's got to be the smells in the air and brats or some type of meat getting cooked — that really sets the tone," Baechler says.

Baechler's friend, Ed Wray, of Canton is at most of the same tailgate parties. And Wray is known for his famous ham and poppy seed sandwiches. It's a recipe his mother has kept for a long as she can remember and now his wife sends him off with the same fare.

John Glenn athletic director Brian Swineheart on tailgating: "The best is getting family and friends together for good times, good things to eat and prepare for the game."



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TAILGATE HOW-TO

All you need for this great American tradition is a parking lot, usually outside a sports stadium or concert hall, the open tailgate of a vehicle, food and beverages. You don't have to be at big party college, or even include alcoholic beverages.

Try to keep this picnic on cement as simple as possible with finger foods, which cuts down on utensils and makes the clean-up easier. Have coolers and grills on hand to keep cold things cold and hot things hot. Bring a tablecloth to spread your food out and plenty of garbage bags to throw the remains away.

Ron Hamye, athletic director of Livonia's Franklin High School, says he likes to tailgate to "be part of a large crowd and certainly the more the merrier."

"It's getting to know the people around you and other tailgaters and the sharing of food and friendships develop from that," he says.

MAINTAIN CONTROL

The best way to ruin a tailgate party is to take the revelry too far.

"People who get out of control and become obnoxious and people who take it over the limit" put a damper on the party for everyone else, Hamye says.

Tailgate parties are "a good time, fun and people watching," he says.

Sheila Koski, Redford's Thurston High School athletic secretary, has a fool-proof plan to avoid traffic at college football games.

'We go to Ann Arbor, tailgate, have fun, have some food and go home and watch the game on television," Koski says. "Then you're not worried about the traffic and getting stuck in the town. It's about good food, good friends and people getting together for the spirit of the event. Another thing that makes a good tailgate party is a beautiful, sunny, fall day, because if it's raining I won't go."

Ready to tailgate? Try ham and cheese

ROSIE WRAY'S SPECIAL HAM & CHEESE SANDWICHES

Rosie Wray has been making these sandwiches for Notre Dame games for as long as her son can remember.

Shaved ham
Shredded Swiss cheese
1 stick of butter melted
1 teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce
1½ teaspoon poppy seed
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1 medium onion grated

Mix melted butter, Worcestershire sauce, poppy seed, mustard and onion thoroughly and spread on hamburger bun with spoon. Any size bun is okay, but we like the smaller buns. Don't spread too heavy or it will be greasy, but lightly butter both sides. Add shredded ham (don't skimp) and Swiss cheese (can be shredded or whole). Wrap in foil and put in oven at 225 degrees for approximately 30 minutes.

Score big at your tailgate party with catered, deli food

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Everyone loves a good tailgate party, but putting the food together isn't always fun, especially if you don't have the time.

Tailgate menus and full service staffing make the day "nice and easy," said Laura Livingston, director of catering at Joe's Gourmet Catering and Events through Joe's Produce in Livonia.

Joe's Gourmet Catering will provide tailgate platters to go. And if you really want to sit back and enjoy, order Joe's full-service staffing that goes right to the parking lot of your choice with food, tables, and chairs. They even grill on site.

"A lot of people order the party platters," Livingston said. "They run between $24 and $85 depending on the size. For all the time and effort that they put in on their own it's the same for us to do it."

Bill Fricke, owner of Farmington Deli, said he sells a lot of big subs, rollups and chili on big game days.

"Most people get the big subs," he said. "When I do my own tailgates I do Reubens. Most people who order from us, it's a last minute thing."

Those people who aren't planning to entertain a lot of people, Fricke said, just get individual sandwiches or a boxed lunch of their choice.

His tip for a good tailgate is: "If it's a warm day you don't want something with too much mayonnaise. Take things that are easy to eat."

Jessica Abdal, deli manager at Maria's Italian Bakery and Deli in Canton, said she always sees a jump in business before sports events.

And a lot of customers order the meatball and chicken wing sampler.

Other big platter sellers have lunch meat and cheese; shrimp and veggies, she added.

Karen Frost at Dilly Dally Deli in Plymouth said she will "make or do anything for anyone's" taste.

Popular tailgate items, she said, include a huge, 20-inch round custom filled sandwich filled with lunch meats and cheeses of choice.

"We call them tailgate subs and we usually send them off with potato salad and pasta salad," Frost said, adding that the sandwiches and salads are homemade.

As the temperatures drop, a lot of tailgate customers ask for pots of chili or soups, too.

Her words of advice: "You think you're going to have enough food, but when you get out there people do eat. So, make sure you have enough."

WHO TO CALL

Joe's Produce: (248) 477-4333
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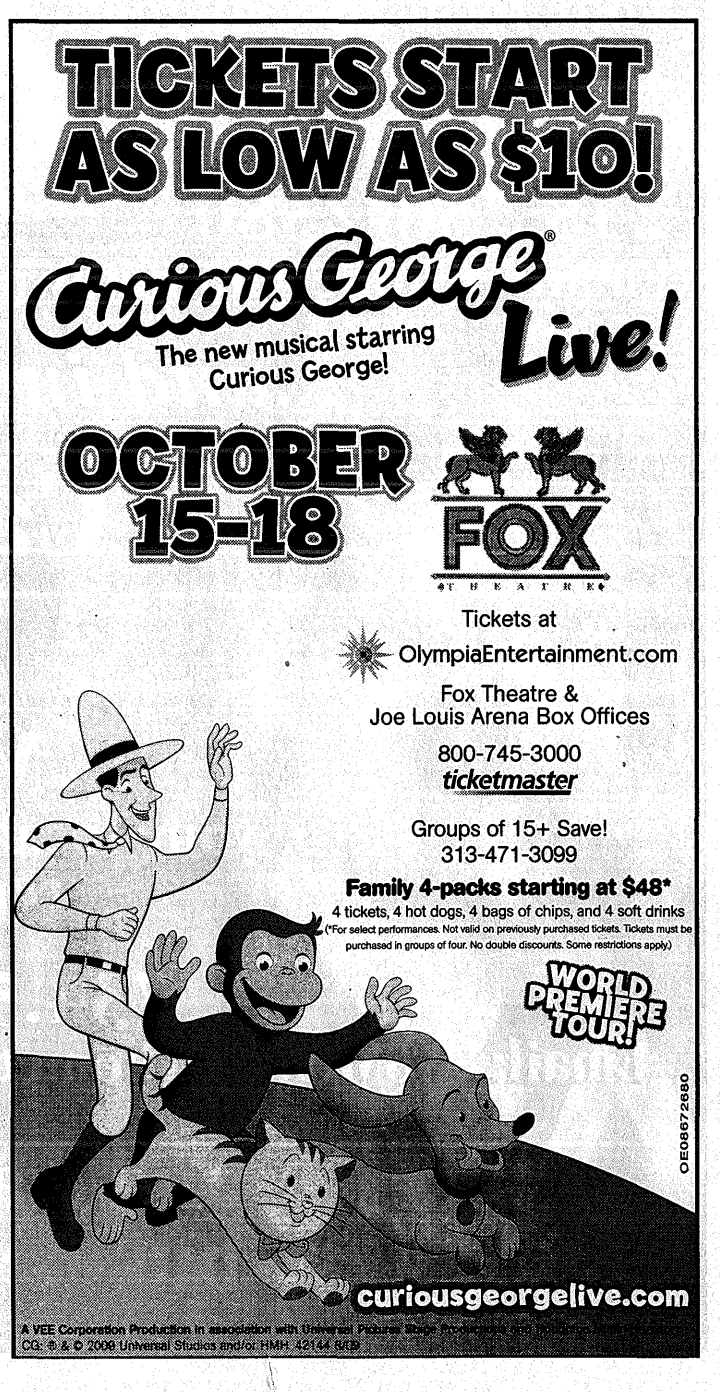

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Palace of Auburn Hills
Time/Date: John Pinette/Bill Engvall, Oct. 24
Location: 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills
Contact: (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com

Village Theater at Cherry Hill
Time/Date: 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 16
Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: America's Funniest Moms; three finalists, Karen Morgan, Sherry Davey and Nancy Witter, in the Nick at Night Search for mom comedians will perform; tickets are $27, tickets for groups of $15 or more are $22
Contact: (734) 394-5300 or visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater

CONCERTS

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JWH Center for the Arts
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Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: BaseLine Folk Society open mic is for acoustic, folk and traditional musicians. 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

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Time/Dates: 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
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Palace of Auburn Hills
Time/Dates: 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.pennthe-atre.com

FAMILY

Bakers Keyboard Lounge
Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays
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Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Marquis Theatre
Time/Dates: "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.northville-marquistheatre.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.pennthe-atre.com

FILM

Henry Ford IMAX
Location: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn
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Penn Theatre
Time/Dates: "Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs," 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
Contact: (734) 453-0870. www.pennthe-atre.com

Redford Theatre
Location: 17360 Lahser, Detroit
Contact: www.redfordtheatre.com

MUSEUMS

Cranbrook Institute of Science
Location: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills
Contact: (248) 645-3200, http://science.cranbrook.edu

Detroit Historical Museum
Location: 5401 Woodward, Detroit
Contact: (313) 833-1805, www.detroithistorical.org

Detroit Science Center
Location: 5020 John R, Detroit
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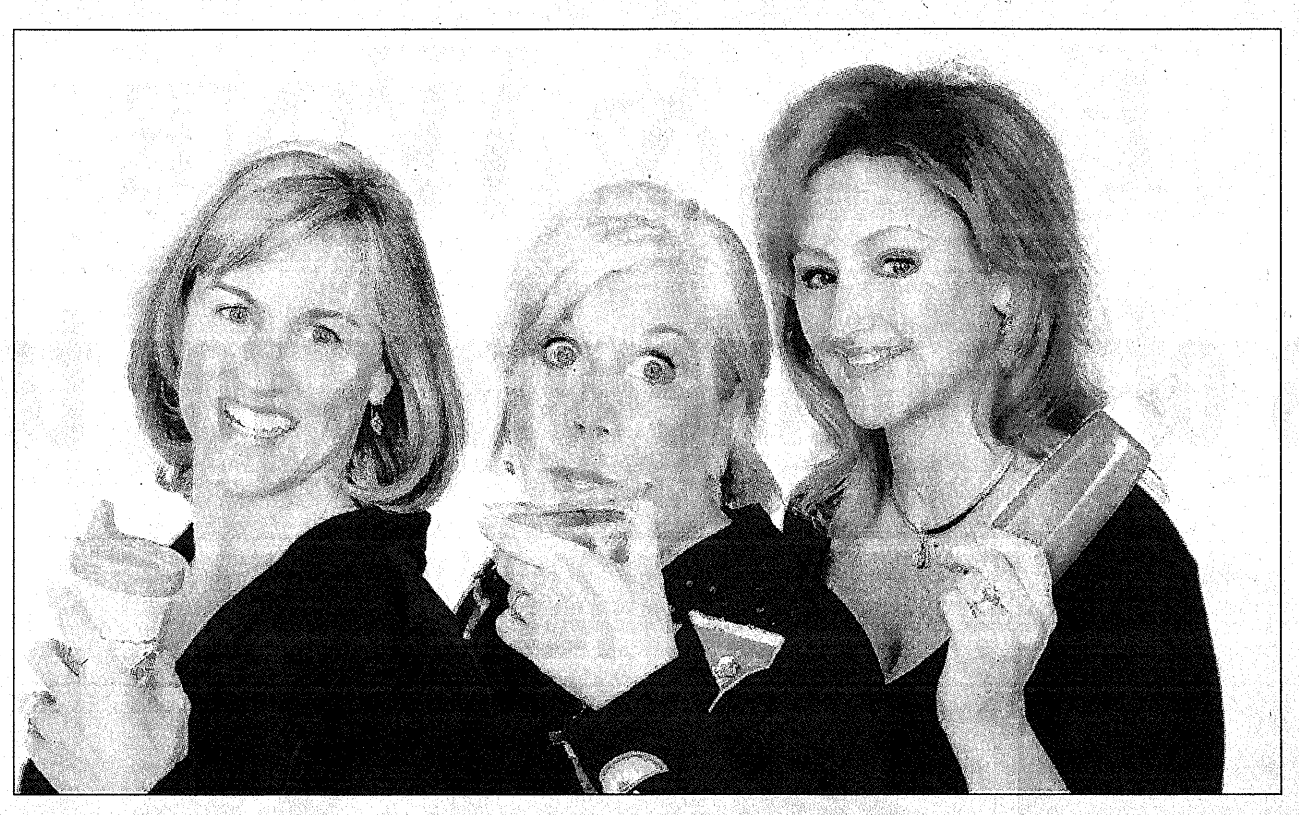
Contact: (313) 982-6001 or thehenryford.org

Plymouth Historical Museum
Time/Dates: "In the Presence of Lincoln," through Nov. 4, 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, $5; $2 students 6-17; $10 families
Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Contact: (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

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

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



Mama's Night Out starts at 8 p.m., Oct. 16 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, in Canton, and features the winners of Nick at Night's Search for America's Funniest Mom.

Plymouth Strictly Business

Pilates studio earns certification

Small business owner Jaime White of Core Sport Pilates Fitness Studio has earned the elite status of only one in six studios within the country authorized to certify new Pilates instructors.

White feels it's a "great example of a small business success within metro Detroit." She has been able to leverage an individual's need for fitness into a successful business venture, enough to earn the elite status of being only one of six studios in the country with the Midwest United States Pilates Association Authentic Pilates Instructor Certification Center Status.

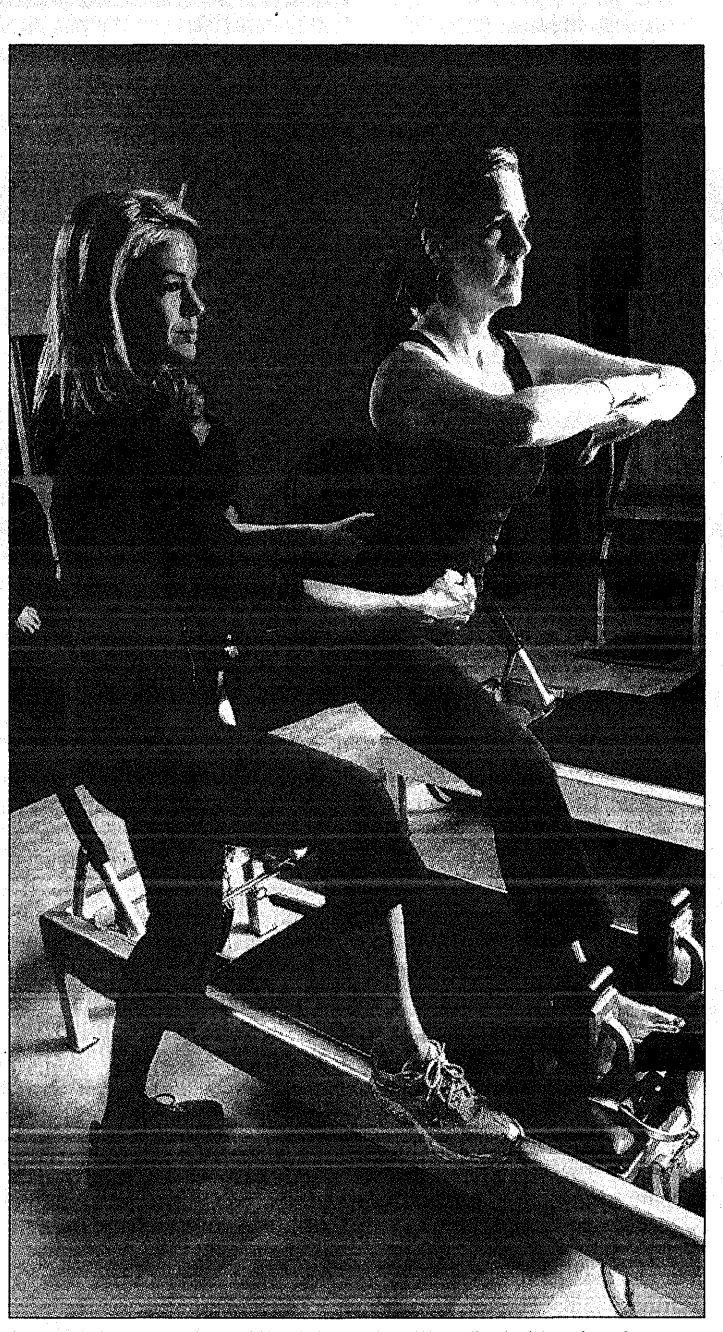
White is now able to certify apprentices using Authentic Pilates principles through the New York Pilates Studio Teacher Certification Program.

"We feel very fortunate to have been received so well by the community and our client base has been growing rapidly even in the struggling economy," White said.

Jaime White opened Core Sport in October 2008 after training for her Teacher of Teachers certification from the United States Pilates Association. In New York City, she trained under Brett Howard, who trained extensively under the three Master Trainers (Romana Kryzanowska, Mary Bowen and Lolita San Miguel) who were classically trained by Joseph Pilates.

To be eligible for this certification, White had to be nominated by one of the Master Trainers and undergo five years of training. Currently, there are fewer than 10 Teacher of Teachers in the country.

As a third generation instructor, White said she wanted to offer certification to a fourth generation of instructors through her Core Sport Pilates Studio in Plymouth.



Core Sport owner Jaime White (left) works with a client at her downtown Plymouth Pilates studio.

She even has the distinct pleasure of her trainer, Brett Howard, joining her at the studio to help train this next generation.

"I feel very honored to be selected as a Teacher of Teachers for the United States Pilates Association teaching Authentic Pilates," White said. "I feel very fortunate to have received my own extensive training with some of the best instructors in the country and I am excited about the opportunity to pass my knowledge on to others."

The New York Pilates Studio Teacher Certification program takes up to one year to complete and consists of two parts – academic and apprenticeship. The apprentice portion requires 600 hours of hands on training. Currently, Core Sport has seven apprentices who have completed at least 400 hours of training and are building their client base.

Private session appointments with the apprentices are offered at a reduced rate of $35 per session and each client is limited to ten sessions.

Prior to becoming a Pilates professional, White had a career in outside sales but wanted something more meaningful. She was having a hard time sleeping and one of her friends recommended yoga. She tried yoga, but liked Pilates more.

In 2000, White decided to make Pilates her profession, sold everything and packed up her car to move to Philadelphia to start her pre-apprenticeship training with an Authentic Pilates instructor. After one year, White auditioned in New York City for the Teacher of Teachers program.

White chose Authentic Pilates because her mother injured her back while practicing Pilates incorrectly. White felt confident that training closely under Joseph Pilates would ensure that she would learn the safest form of Pilates.

Core Sport Pilates Fitness Studio is a personalized fitness gym that tailors to its clients' fitness goals. Core Sport utilizes Authentic Pilates and contemporary full body training methods to ensure that clients reach their fitness goals. Core Sport offers Gratz Pilates Equipment to train clients. Other services include functional personal training, half functional/half Pilates training, golf fitness training and therapeutic massages.

Core Sport is located at 829 Penniman in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 233-5268.

BUSINESS MILESTONES

Super lawyers

Vercruysse Murray & Calzone, a firm that specializes in labor, employment, immigration and commercial litigation, announced two of its attorneys, who are long-term residents of Plymouth, have been designated as "Super Lawyers" by Corporate Counsel.

That designation was achieved by an extensive peer review conducted by Corporate Counsel. The Vercruysse Firm has the highest percentage of Super Lawyers among firms that have significant labor, employment and immigration practices.

David B. Calzone is a graduate of the University of Michigan with high distinction and highest honors. He received his J.D,. magna cum laude, from the University of Michigan. Calzone represents management in the defense of employment law cases. Calzone is a recognized expert in FMLA ADA and discrimination litigation. He frequently speaks to employer groups on the administration of FMLA, ADA and the discrimination laws. He also counsels employers on how to avoid litigation through downsizing.

Robert M. Vercruysse graduated from Michigan State University with high honors and received his J.D., cum laude, from the University of Michigan Law School. Vercruysse is the editor of the Michigan Employment Law Letter. Vercruysse represents management in labor negotiations, and employers before the NLRB, MERC and Labor Arbitrators. He also leads the defense bar in representing companies in employment discrimination, contract and ERISA cases. Vercruysse also serves as an arbitrator, mediator and facilitator.

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, 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.

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

Free to teachers

Waste Management, the largest recycling company in North America, offers the Web site ThinkGreen.com/classroom, a comprehensive K-12 teaching resource powered by Discovery Education.

The Web site provides free standards-based lesson plans, compelling videos, interactive activities and Think Green® Resources to engage students. For those seeking new materials to enliven environmental lessons, ThinkGreen.com/classroom is a powerful suite of tools for educators and also helps to extend the learning to the home. In addition, teachers of students in grades K-5 will find resources that will help them answer almost any question about the Three R's of reducing, reusing and recycling.

CHAMBER CHAT

Auction countdown

Fantastic items are rolling in for the 20th Annual Gala Auction on Friday, Nov. 6. Restaurants are getting creative by offering packages like an authentic Irish dinner for four at Sean O'Callaghan's or the opportunity for two people to serve as guest bartenders and serve their own party of ten at 336 Main. Those are only a couple of the many unique and special items that are already donated. If you have an item, gift certificate or even a unique idea for an auction donation to showcase your company, please contact the Chamber at 734-453-1540.

Invitations for the Gala Auction will be mailed later this week. The Major Sponsors for this year's Auction are Genisys Credit Union and Hines Park Lincoln Mercury.

Barefoot fund-raiser

Plymouth's Community Theatre Company, Barefoot Productions, is hosting their first ever garage sale at the Walker-Buzenburg Building (240 North Main) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 25-26.

There will be furniture, children's items, household goods, holiday décor, clothing and more.

Call (734) 582-9688 for more information or go to http://www.justgobarefoot.com

Networking event

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors an After Hours Networking Event Thursday, Oct. 15, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon. The building is located south of the Sheldon Rd./M-14 exit and is on the east side of the road. The event will be from 5-7 p.m., but we encourage you come as close to 5 p.m. as possible. To make a reservation, please e-mail teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540. There is no fee to attend this event.

This After Hours is an interactive facilitated networking event to maximize your ability to make business contacts (dinner included).

This event will show everyone from veteran "Networkers" to those who are never comfortable at these types of events techniques to succeed any situation.

At this After Hours there will be an interactive presentation and pizza dinner hosted by Michael Jefferys of The Yes Network. Throughout his high-energy presentation, he will have people interacting and networking with each other to practice skills that can be used that night and into the future.

Some of the skills that will be practiced at the event include: How to connect with others by

Wes Graff

getting on their wave length; Body language and its critical role in building trust; Vocal patterns and how they affect rapport building; Using positive language; Eliminating verbal mistakes that can cost you.

When the presentation concludes there will be 45 minutes to an hour to network with everyone at the event.

Free tickets

The Chamber has 30 free tickets to the Oct. 9 premier of Neil Simon's Classic Comedy "The Good Doctor" performed by Barefoot Productions, Plymouth's local theatre company. The performance begins at 8 p.m. at the Walker-Buzenburg Building (240 N. Main). Chamber members can pick up free tickets at the Chamber office located at 850 West Ann Arbor Tr.

Community & Business News

The VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College will hold their annual Culinary Extravaganza on Sunday, Sept. 27 from 2-5 p.m. The event features food, wine and beverages from leading restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors in Southeast Michigan. The event provides scholarships for students attending their award winning Culinary Arts Program. Tickets are $50 to attend and can be purchased by calling 734-462-4518 or go to www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation for a list of participants.

Tea Tasting

At 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 29, The Sweet Afton Tea Room will host a "Tea Tasting Evening" featuring Colleen Cannon, the owner of TranquiliTea.

The cost to participate is $15 and includes teas, scones with Devonshire cream, lemon curd and preserves.

Sweet Afton is located at 450 Forest Ave. and their phone number is 734-454-0777.

Web Site of the Week

Dietrich, Bailey & Associates is the Web Site of the Week. To help members see other web sites in the community and get ideas they could use for their own sites, we will feature a different member's site each week. This week we are featuring the Web site from Dietrich, Bailey & Associates: www.dbapc.com.

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

Culinary Extravaganza

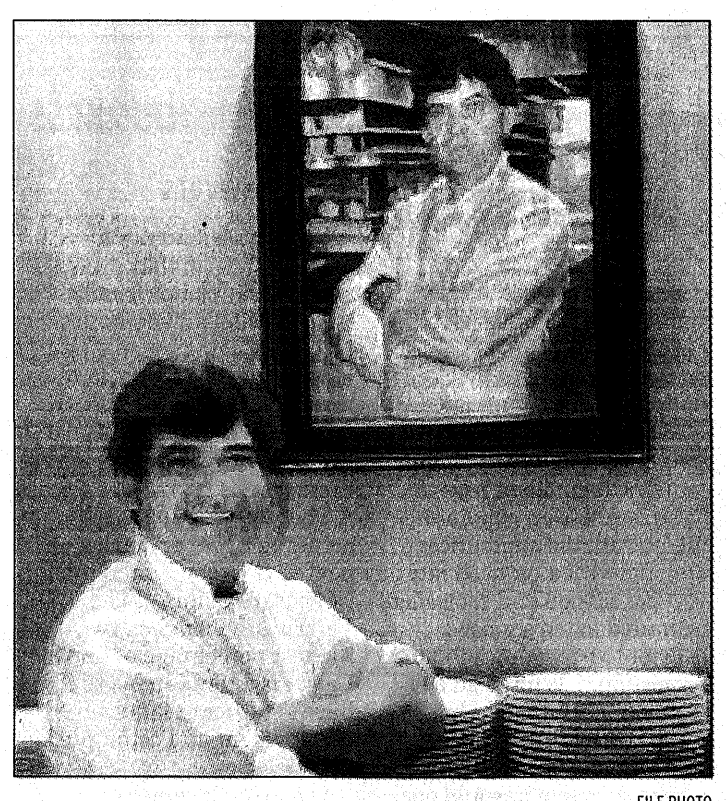
New eateries, crowd favorites are all part of Sunday's event

Culinary delicacies from many new restaurants and returning favorites will be featured at Sunday's Schoolcraft College Foundation Culinary Extravaganza.

The celebration of food and wine takes place 2-5 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center at the Livonia campus, Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads.

New to this year's event are several northern Michigan restaurants including cava in Bay Harbor Village, Chandler's - A Restaurant and Symons General Store in Petoskey and Piersons at the Village of Boyne Mountain.

Also new to this year's event are are Cinco Lagos, Brian Polcyn's new Mexican restaurant in Milford, Claddagh Irish Pub, Henry's of Schoolcraft College. Zerbo's Health Foods, Hotel Baronette and The International & America Cuisine Culinary Arts Section of Schoolcraft College.



FILE PHOTO

Brian Polcyn, shown in his Mexican restaurant, Cinco Lagos, in Milford, will participate in Culinary Extravaganza Sunday, Sept. 27, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

FAVORITES RETURNING

Culinary event favorites returning include Joe's Produce and Gourmet Market of Livonia, The Cupcake Station of Birmingham, Steve & Rocky's, Andiamo, Polycn's Forest Grill of Birmingham, Traffic Jam in Detroit and Mitchell's Fish Market serving oysters on the half shell and mussels. Also returning after a brief one-year hiatus is The Henry Ford which is scheduled to serve grilled lobster sausage with pumpkin risotto.

The extravaganza brings together students, food professionals and the southeast Michigan community providing patrons with samples of some of the finest from the most notable restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors in the metropolitan area and beyond.

GOOD CAUSE

The event benefits the Culinary Arts Program and Schoolcraft College students by providing scholarships and grants.

Craig Bowles, a Farmington Hills resident and secretary of the Schoolcraft College Foundation is chair of this year's event.

Bowles calls the culinary event "an elegant way to help others further their education."

While sampling food and wine, patrons can bid on dining, travel and sports packages at a silent auction.

"The packages are outstanding," said Marge Lynch, of Schoolcraft College, a member of the planning committee.

Some of items on the auction tables this Sunday include a one-week stay in a three-bedroom, three-bath condo at Sand Destin Resort in Florida, a 40-inch HD-LCD Sharp television, an overnight stay for two at the world-class Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham with dinner for two in the Rugby Grille, a multi-course dinner for four at Hotel Baronette, overnight stay at Detroit's Greektown Casino and sports packages to University of Michigan, Red Wings and Detroit Lions games.

AUCTION ITEMS

Another silent auction feature will be cured meats from Chef Brian Polcyn, an award-winning chef and charcuterie expert. Polcyn is nationally recognized for his creativity and culinary talents, and as the visionary behind some of metro Detroit's most acclaimed restaurants.

Raffle tickets also help the fund-raising efforts and are available for online purchase at $5 each or three for $10. The drawing will be held at Culinary Extravaganza. Ticket purchasers don't have to be present to win.

Prizes are: $1,000, first place; $500, second place; $250 for third and four places; and dinner for two at American Harvest for fifth, sixth and seventh places.

Tickets for the food and wine event are still available. Tickets are $50 ($20 is a charitable contribution).

Call (734) 462-4518 to order tickets or go to www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation.

Other participating restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors include: 5ive Restaurant at The Inn at St. John's, American Harvest at Schoolcraft College, Armitage Catering/Finnish Cultural Center, Cadillac Coffee Company, Central Distributors, Coffee Express Co., Cornerstone Wine Distributors, Elite Catering Company, Galaxy Wine Distributors, Gnarly Head Wines - DFV Wines, Great Lakes Coffee Roasting Company, Great Lakes Wine & Spirits, Great Oaks Country Club, Holiday Catering & Cooking School, L. Mawby Vineyards, McCormick Distilling Co., Fraser, Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council, Portofino Restaurant & Banquet Facility, Remove the work Cellar— Vintner's Canton Winery, Schmitt Sohne, Sorella's Homemade Baked Goods, LLC, Studer Enterprises, Inc. — StarWorks Cellars, Table 5 of Northville, The Fine Wine Source, The Grapevine of Novi, Trader Joe's, Venus Imports, LLC, Vine2Wine Custom Winery, Vintner's Cellar Canton Winery, Walnut Creek Country Club, Wines of Distinction/J & J Importers and Zumba Mexican Grille of Royal Oak.

Matt Holowicki (center) of Plymouth is takes a bite out of hot dog No. 15, after eating 14 of them during a contest sponsored by Hiller's markets earlier this month. Holowicki won first place. Flanking him are Will Millender, (left) second place, of New York and Joel Podelsky, third place winner, of New Jersey.

CITY BITES

Hot dog!

Plymouth — Matt Holowicki of Plymouth can eat 14 Winter's wieners in five minutes — and he has the first place title from Hillers' markets to prove it.

"If I'm going to gorge myself on hot dogs, I want my winnings to give food to people who don't have any," Holowicki said, after besting other contestants in the market's hot dog eating competition earlier this month.

Holowicki won 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.

Second and third prizes went to friends from New York and New Jersey who had traveled into town for the contest.

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

"I thought it would be fun and a little crazy to host a hot dog eating contest that would benefit charity," said Hiller. "My family company is focused on good food, good people and good causes — and this event brought them all together."

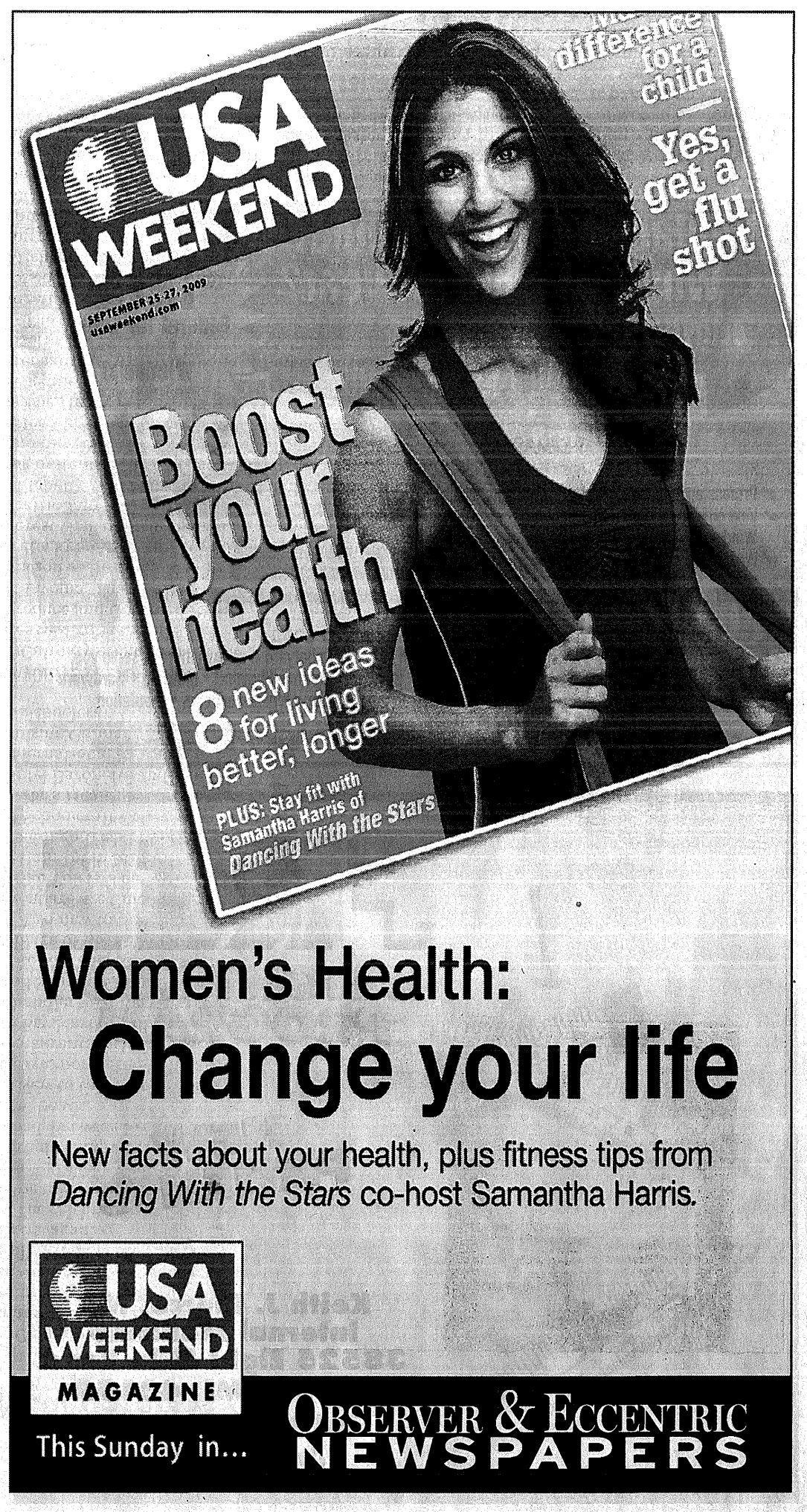
An energetic crowd cheered on the contestants, who all represented Michigan charities. Each had a story to tell — like Northville resident Jacob Urbiha, who ate five dogs in an effort to win the money for ALS of Michigan. His mother is battling ALS.

Single mom and Ypsilanti resident Robin Sartori was the lone female in the competition. She downed four dogs before time ran out. Other contestants included Dustin Theis of Waterford; Larry Trotto of Novi; and Sean Comer of Novi.

Fall festival

Novi – Twelve Oaks Mall has added A&W All American Food to its lineup of restaurants and eateries.

Since it sold its first mug of frosty root beer in 1919, A&W has been bringing its classic American-style meals to customers for more than 90 years. In addition to its popular A&W Root Beer, the menu features a large selection of hot dogs, Coney dogs, burgers, floats, cheese curds and other treats. A&W All American Food is located on the lower level in the Lifestyle Café Food Court at the mall. Twelve Oaks is located at Novi Road and I-96.



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Fall's a great time to make your home inviting

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Nicki Wilson has a Decorating Den business in Canton, a franchise. She has thoughts on making your home look better for fall.

"I think we all kind of get stuck in a rut," said Wilson, a Pittsfield Township resident. "As the seasons change, we get a new outlook on things. These are probably the simplest, easiest things to do. They do make an impact."

Here are a few ideas from Wilson of Decorating Den for fall spruceups:

•Place vases of fall flowers (mums, sunflowers, plumed grasses, colored leaves) around the house.

•Bowls of apples or pears look great on the kitchen table, counter, or even a coffee table (and they taste great, too!)

•Add area rugs to bare floors or over neutral carpets. They look great and add warmth to any room.

•Keep one or two fleece or knitted throws (cashemere is even nicer) on your sofa or favorite chair, or in a nearby basket. Besides adding color and texture to the room, they're great to curl up with when reading or watching TV on a chilly afternoon or evening.

•Cinnamon or spice scented candles or potpurri create a warm, comfortable, homey feeling.

•Place small accent lamps with low wattage bulbs — 20W or even nightlight bulbs — in unexpected places. Window sills, fireplace mantels, mixed in with books or accessories in a bookcase or etagere, or on a kitchen counter are great places. Set them on a timer or turn them on in the evening to create a soft, warm, and inviting ambience.

•Don't forget your outdoor curb appeal: pots of mums, bunches of Indian corn, pumpkins and gourds are great on a front porch. A grapevine wreath, plain, or decorated with fall ornaments and a pretty fall colored ribbon looks great on the front door.

All the above are "close to free or very little cost," Wilson said.

If your fall plans are more ambitious, you can paint with warmer colors, or maybe add heavier or layered treatments on your windows.

"It is slower, but there is business. I think people are putting more thought into spending money before they spend it," Wilson said.

She's been in business 22 years. People are more sophisticated now in their tastes. "I think they're more savvy as to product knowledge." They can go online to get ideas and information.

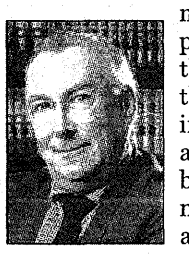
Wilson's home also benefits from her expertise and experience.

"I'm not sick and tired of it at home. I do like to fix my own house, absolutely. A lot of decorators don't. I think homes should be a really comforting, inviting place for you to rest. My home is that for me."

La. court finding backs up position

Q: I have a homeowner in our subdivision who wants to construct an addition to their home. They have met with the Architectural Control Committee of the association who advised them that they were not in compliance with the rear setback provisions in the documents. They submitted an application for a variance with the township and the application was granted. Do we have any standing as a subdivision?

A: I believe you may, as I believe that the restrictions of the condominium or homeowner association will normally prevail to the extent that they impose additional burdens on members as opposed to the township.



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In a similar case in Louisiana, the court found that it would defeat the purposes of the restrictions in the subdivision if all members had the option of petitioning the municipality for a rear setback different from what was required in the condominium or homeowner association documents.

Q: My present condominium association is, in my judgment, mismanaged. The board president maintains control of the association by getting older widows to give him proxies. Communication with the co-owners is basically nonexistent. They do not distribute financial information as required by the bylaws. When we have requested contact information about nonresident homeowners, our request has been refused. Meetings established by the homeowners to meet with the board get nowhere. What can we do?

A: You need to get politically involved in organizing the members of the association to recognize that their association is being poorly run, which could result in detrimental financial ramifications for not only the association but all co-owners. In addition, you need to retain an attorney to write the board and remind the board of its legal and fiduciary responsibilities and that you will, if necessary, seek legal recourse if they continue to mismanage the condominium.

If you are not prepared to spend the money on a quality community association attorney, then you will continue to get what you are receiving, and your investment in your condominium will be diminished accordingly.

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. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Career Seminar: 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. 26, at Keller Williams, Farmington Hills Market Center, 27555 Executive Drive, Suite 100 - southeastern corner of 12 Mile and Halsted. RSVP: (248) 893-1550.

Foreclosure tours

Tour foreclosed homes in the Farmington and surrounding areas on every Sunday at 1 p.m., offered by Home Smart Realty, 20853 Farmington Road. Call (248) 426-6754 for more information and registration.

BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Michigan Building Training (1) on Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 9 a.m. to noon at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Construction and Development Services, LLC, will present great tips on making a home more energy efficient, more durable, and environmentally sustainable. The importance of indoor air quality and low impact development will be stressed. The training is required for all builder members of Green Built™ Michigan.

Registration is $65 for members of Green Built™ Michigan and $85 for nonmembers. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Michigan Advanced Builder Training on Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 1-4 p.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Construction and Development Services, LLC, will present an advanced training for those already familiar with the basics of green building ready to delve deeper into the science of residential green construction. This in-depth training will include a system approach to green building, the thermal dynamics necessary for the most effective and economical level of insulation, moisture control and durability of building envelope components, sustainability, superior indoor air quality, and economical materials. The training is suggested for all builder members of Green Built™ Michigan. It is sponsored by DTE Energy. Registration is $85 for members of Green Built™ Michigan and $105 for nonmembers. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a Fair Housing for Maintenance Personnel seminar on Friday, Oct. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Kathleen Mabie of Ann Arbor-based Success on Site will provide fair housing information as it applies to maintenance personnel including housekeeping, grounds, vendors and part-time staff.

Topics to be covered include communication from maintenance to management, documentation, etiquette, service request procedures, emergencies, and team building. Registration fees are $45 or PMC members, $55 for AAM or Building Industry of Michigan members, and $65 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a Fair Housing Is Good Business seminar on Friday, Oct. 16, from 1-4 p.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Kathleen Mabie of Ann Arbor-based Success on Site will provide fair housing information for effective property management practices. Topics to be covered include how to work more effectively, consistent outstanding service, implementing policies and procedures for keeping good records, and communication for the entire team. Registration fees are $45 or PMC members, $55 for AAM or Building Industry of Michigan members, and $65 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

HOMES SOLD - OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the weeks of June 15 - 19, 2009 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills
815 Amberwood St $168,000
Beverly Hills
20201 Coryell Dr $238,000
Birmingham
644 Bloomfield Ct $260,000
1715 E 14 Mile Rd $30,000
876 Humphrey Ave $407,000
Bloomfield Hills
1181 Trowbridge Rd $1,175,000
Bloomfield Township
866 Edgemont Run 210,000
7318 Lindenmere Dr $405,000
5775 N Adams Rd $160,000
3794 Quarton Rd $462,000
4843 Quarton Rd $151,000
Clarkston
5123 Dorsetfield Ct $530,000
9804 Kings Vly $310,000
5734 Woodland Vw $117,000
Commerce Township
1853 Applebrook Dr $55,000
3811 Benstein Rd $122,000
1547 Knob Hl $120,000
Farmington
22590 Brookdale St $170,000
23197 Floral St $125,000
24055 Gill Rd $190,000
Farmington Hills
28924 Augusta $445,000
28309 Green Castle Rd $285,000
30498 Knighton Dr $203,000
38373 Lana Ct $239,000
28901 Nottoway Dr $235,000
26314 Pillsbury St $174,000
35000 Savannah Ln $187,000
37852 Thames Dr $200,000
Franklin
32714 Ravine Dr $219,000
30670 Rosemond Ln $637,000
Lake Orion
1766 Covington Woods Ln$280,000
Lathrup Village
17580 Redwood Ave $108,000
Northville
1056 Elmsmere Dr $475,000
Novi
50930 Almafi Ct $389,000
51027 Almafi Ct $100,000
50792 Chesapeake Dr $695,000
39486 Country Ln $80,000
41045 Hollydale $150,000
24702 Nepavine $435,000
25089 Newberry Dr $240,000
25850 Trestle $171,000
Oakland Township
90 Piney Hill Rd $350,000
Oxford
1443 Foreland Dr $86,000
1160 N Baldwin Rd $162,000
3540 Ray Rd $424,000
Rochester
1961 Dunham Dr $215,000
1052 Moran Dr $370,000
Rochester Hills
1210 Arms Ct $243,000
1816 Gilsam Ave $235,000
1713 Morningside Ln $162,000
3699 Newcastle Dr $485,000
725 Panorama $346,000
3499 Talbert Cir $55,000
South Lyon
57877 International Dr $261,000
Southfield
25067 Champlaign Dr $41,000
27309 Fairfax St $36,000
28040 Glasgow St $65,000
22526 Ivanhoe Ln $125,000
27957 Lahser Rd $85,000
26910 W 12 Mile Rd $34,000
17340 Wiltshire Blvd $28,000
Troy
1949 Canary Ct $211,000
110 Paragon Dr $330,000
1222 Stonetree Dr $175,000
1604 Witherbee Dr $170,000
Walled Lake
1112 Andover Cir $175,000
375 Cherry Grove Ln $250,000
Waterford
4189 Athens Ave $55,000
828 Bay Crossing Dr $207,000
4266 Fenmore Ave $92,000
1523 Larchmont Ave $137,000
2280 Maplecrest Dr $100,000
5425 Murray Ct $415,000
2930 Saint Jude Dr $53,000
383 Waterfall Ridge Ct $138,000
391 Waterfall Ridge Ct $134,000
West Bloomfield
2098 Langham Dr $120,000
1851 Lochaven Rd $125,000
6669 Maple Lakes Dr $98,000
6652 Mellow Wood Ln $160,000
6378 Orchard Woods Dr $320,000
6231 Ramwyck Ct $260,000
4981 Trail Ridge Ct $450,000
White Lake
340 View Dr $280,000

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

Canton
47595 Ashford Dr S $295,000
41562 Bedford Dr $64,000
6527 Paul Revere Ln $167,000
45191 Thornhill Rd $205,000
1720 Trinity Rd $380,000
Garden City
28438 Beechwood St $62,000
6682 Harrison St $93,000
6745 Schaller St $59,000
Livonia
36753 Bobrich St $210,000
33901 Bretton Dr $191,000
19252 Hardy St $148,000
12215 Hartel St $32,000
11434 Loveland St $130,000
19721 Milburn St $80,000
34334 Orangelawn St $101,000
31167 Richland St $157,000
18715 Westbrook Dr $72,000
Northville
16342 Brookwood Ct $198,000
16986 Glenmoor Dr $305,000
16800 Lairdhaven Dr $280,000
17601 Maple Hill Dr $345,000
16029 Morningside $110,000
41003 Stone Haven Rd $308,000
16451 Westminister Dr $282,000
Plymouth
49704 Draper Cir $100,000
742 Kellogg St $54,000
1199 S Sheldon Rd $50,000
480 Sunset St $132,000
Redford
9343 Dixie $39,000
15998 Knight $32,000
16002 Knight $36,000
16012 Knight $32,000
11656 Marion $76,000
17260 Olympia $90,000
9021 Sioux $45,000
19491 Wakenden $23,000
Westland
7524 Cavell St $48,000
1444 Edwin St $182,000
8685 Terri Dr $94,000

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ACROSS
1 Eyebrow shapes
5 This, in Latin
8 Back muscles
12 Winter wear
14 Luncheonette list
15 Twisted to one side
16 Gnawed away
17 Q.E.D. part
18 Pants purchase
19 Mortarless fences
21 Elk
23 Baby fox
24 Heavy weight
25 Crumpet companion
26 Swirled around
30 Long suit
32 Toe woes
33 Bedouin's mount
37 Not phony
38 Cooks shrimp
39 Winner's feeling
40 City dwellers
42 Varnish ingredient
43 Roused up
44 Bricklayers
45 Film speed no.
48 Sweater sz.
49 Apply makeup
50 Humidity problem
52 Dance music providers (2 wds.)
57 Charles Lamb
58 A Guthrie
60 Desensitize
61 Wild hog
62 It's — move
63 Subway-rider's deposit
64 Part of PGA
65 Look at
66 Pond dweller

DOWN
1 Deeply impressed
2 Jet engine noise
3 Lauder rival
4 Lots and lots
5 Milady's
6 — — roll (lucky)
7 Garden pests
8 Reindeer herder
9 Be in store for
10 Banal
11 Turkey neighbor
13 Medusa's hair
14 Liquefy
20 Cover
22 Gambling stake
24 Hammers and saws
26 Light brown
27 Take-charge type
28 Like khaki
29 Wife's dad (hyph.)
30 Used a skillet
31 Outer limits
33 Was overfond
34 Too
35 Horse controller
36 Has an intense craving
38 Park amenities
41 Designate
42 Cottontail
44 Kiosk buy, slangily
45 Slide sight
46 Rural structures
47 Rap sheet info
49 Designer label
51 Phooey!
52 In a funk
53 Soon, to a poet
54 Throw in the microwave
55 Took a straw
56 Posted a parcel
59 Future fish

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

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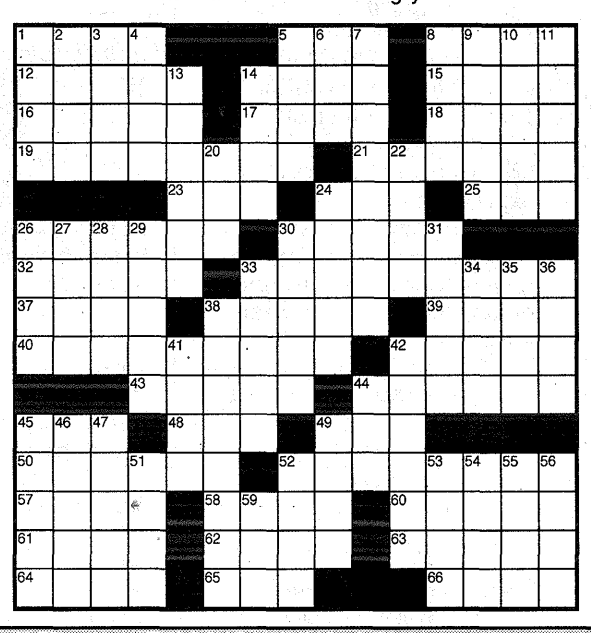

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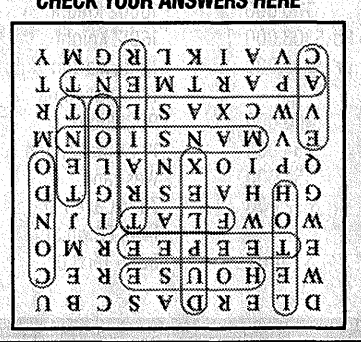

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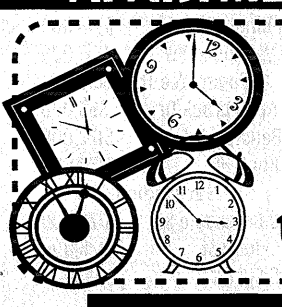

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Rummage Sale/ Flea Market 7080

RUMMAGE SALE 100% Proceeds goes to Coats-4-Kids & Christmas Food Baskets. 9am-5pm. Thurs. & Fri. Sept. 24 & 25. UAW 845, 8770 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton. Corners of Joy & Canton Center.

RUMMAGE SALE. Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Rd. 14 & Farmington. Thurs. Sept. 24, 6-8pm. Fri. Sept. 25, 9-2. Sat. Sept. 26, 9-12. Bag Sale.

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LIVONIA ESTATE SALE 37577 St. Martin, N of 7 Mile, off Newburg EVERYTHING MUST GO! Sept. 24-26th, 8:30-5pm

NEW HUDSON: Estate Sale. 27141 Spaulding. 12 Mile & Milford Rd. Fri. 3-8. Sat-Sun. 8-8. Lots of tools, bdrm furniture, dining sets, trailers, Town Car. All Must Go!

WESTLAND ESTATE SALE 8252 August, Joy & Middlebelt. Sept. 25-28, 9-5pm. 78 yrs of accumulation! Full house & bsmt: Sewing items, vintage clothing, quilts, war, retro, oriental items, etc.

Garage Sales 7110

BINGHAM FARMS Sat. & Sun., Sept. 26-27th, 10am-4pm. Misc. household items, adult clothing, etc. 23736 Old Orchard Trail, E. of Telegraph, S. of 14.

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CANTON- Fellows Creek Estates Sub-Wide Event happens every other year in this 99 home subdivision. Sept. 25 & 26, 9am-3pm. Off Ford Road half mile west of Beck.

CANTON VISTAS OF CENTRAL PARK South of Cherry Hill West of Beck. Sub-wide Sale September 24-26, 9am-4pm. Furniture, household, clothing, misc.

CANTON WETHERSFIELD SUBWIDE GARAGE SALE Southwest corner of Haggerty & Palmer, Fri. & Sat., Sept 25 and 26, 9-4pm.

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LIVONIA- 14729 Yale, near 5 Mile/Levan. Thurs., Sept 24th-Sat., Sept. 26th 9-5pm. TV, tools, household, clothes, old records, China & dishes.

LIVONIA - 9/24 & 9/25, 9-3pm. 19249 Osmus, enter off 7 or 8 Mile, W of Merriman. Furniture, household goods & much more!

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LIVONIA: Sat. & Sun. Sept. 26 & 27, 10-4. 30026 Bentley. 96 & Middlebelt. Women's clothes size 22-24, dining set, office chairs, Britannica Encyclopedias & other books.

LIVONIA: Sept.25-27, 8-6pm. 17671 Bell Creek Lane. E of Farmington Rd., just N off 6 Mile Rd. Books, furniture, old toys & lots of old stuff.

LIVONIA- Unused microwave, bedding, books, sports equip, CDs, cassettes, dolls, misc. Thurs-Sat, Sept 24-26, 9-5pm. 16967 Woodside. S of 6 Mile, E of Levan.

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NOVI: MOVING SALE! 22132 Picadilly Circle. Chase Farms Sub, off 9 Mi. Collectibles Sports Figures, Comic Books, Precious Moments, household items, etc. Thur-Sat., Sept. 24-26, 9-6pm.

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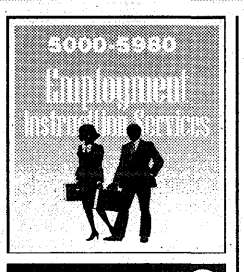

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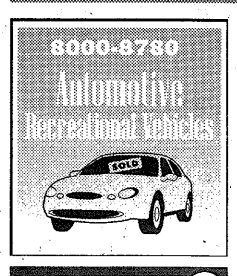

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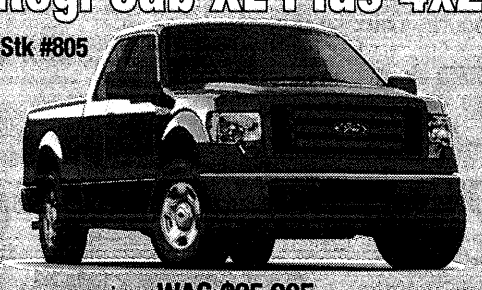
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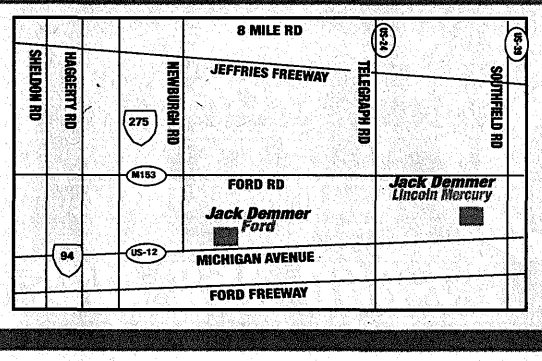

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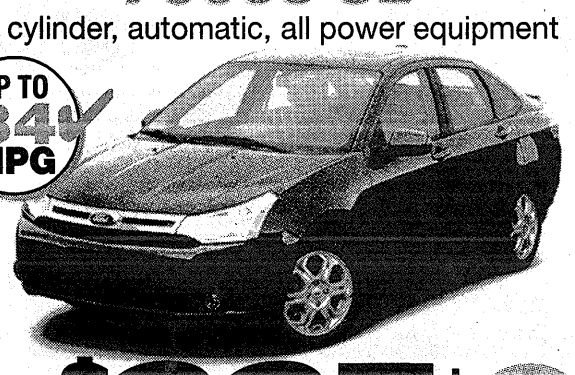

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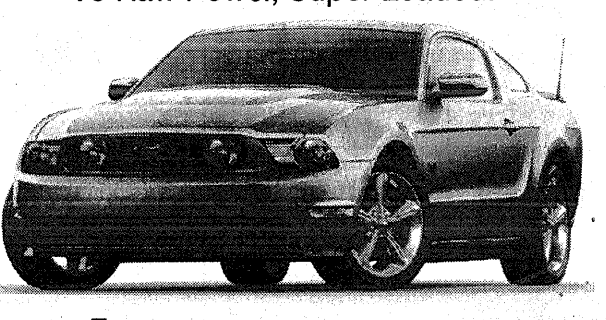

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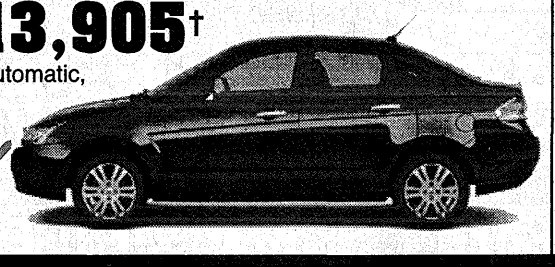

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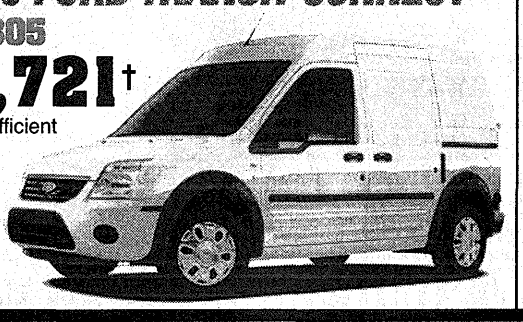

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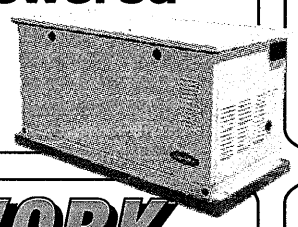

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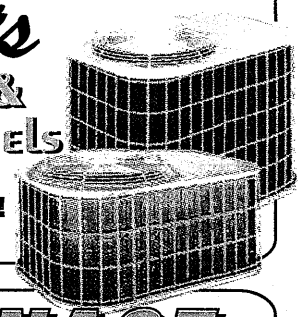

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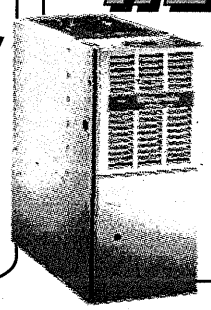

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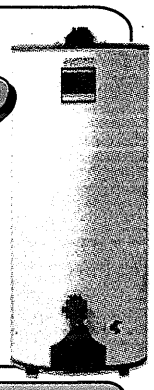

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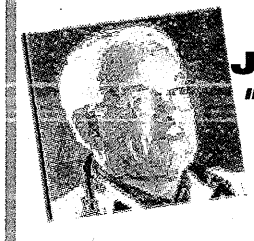

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Stainless steel appliances, no maintenance flooring, cabinetry, energy efficient insulation, serene patios, home theaters, landscaping and skylights — the list is endless when it comes to home renovation possibilities.

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"You can transform most any room with a little bit of elbow grease," said Jim Seghi, owner of Seghi Renovations in South Lyon. "These days, homeowners are focused on maximizing their livability space instead of trying to sell their house."

Home projects range from a fresh coat of paint to ripping out an entire room and starting anew. But not all projects are do-it-yourselfers. Some renovations are better left to the professionals.

"Finding a good contractor is key to getting good experience and overall value," Seghi said. "We take on the challenge of finding spaces in your home that are useless and turn them into useful, usable space, anything to make your home more enjoyable and more livable."

Get ready for fall with creative home renovation ideas from top Oakland and Wayne county renovators:

- Seghi Renovations, South Lyon, www.jimseghirenovations.com
- Planned Home Improvement, Westland, www.plannedhomeimprovement.com
- T&B Construction, Howell, 810-560-3399
- Northwest Contracting, West Bloomfield and Ferndale, 248-363-8580
- Village Glass Co., South Lyon, www.villageglasscompany.com

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A fireplace can be spruced up with seasonal decor, warm several rooms and add structural value to a home.

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A unique attached table adds personality and space to the kitchen.

Kitchen

Seghi Renovations: Install granite countertops, maple or cherry cabinets, stone backsplashes and brush nickel faucets to bring your kitchen up to 2010.

Planned Home Improvement: An island can add valuable counter space, storage and work space to any kitchen. Islands can be stand-a-alone, wheeled or connected to a countertop.

T&B Construction: Replace your old faucet with a new faucet that matches your style and décor. Options include sprayers, matching soap dispensers and hot water dispensers and come in finishes such as chrome, weathered copper, oil rubbed bronze, French gold, satin or brushed nickel, pewter, white and much more.

Village Glass Co.: Add glass tabletop to dining room table to avoid scratching and protect wood, or add full-wall custom mirror for added decoration.

Floors

Seghi Renovations: Hardwood and stone flooring for a long-lasting, polished look.

Planned Home Improvement: Consider a more affordable engineered floor with a wood surface and plywood base. The factory finish is often longer lasting than non-engineered floors with greater stability and resistance to moisture and heat problems.

T&B Construction: Install prefinished hardwood floors. Exotic textures are popular this fall, including Australian Cypress, Birdseye Maple, Bloodwood, Bolivian Rosewood, Brazilian Cherry and Golden Teak.

Outdoor Improvements

Seghi Renovations: Install a complete outdoor stainless steel kitchen and fireplace that can be used year-round.

Planned Home Improvement: Install a composite or PVC plastic deck that is maintenance free and won't harbor mold. Many come have a wood grain finish and come in a variety of earth-tone colors.

T&B Construction: Add a screened-in sunroom to bring the natural beauty of the outdoors inside and to extend the seasons a little longer.

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Northwest Contracting: White siding is considered energy efficient by the government.

Bathroom Makeovers

Seghi Renovations: Transform the master bedroom into a master suite. Big showers are much more the ticket than having a whirlpool these days.

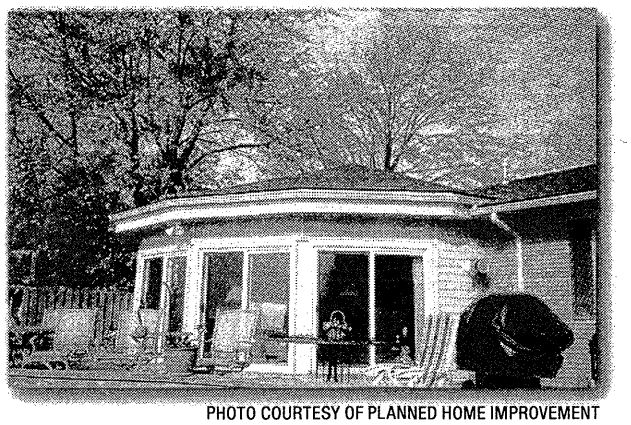
Planned Home Improvement: Install a raised floor, easy-access shower with grab bars, or duel vanities with two sinks for extra room.

T&B Construction: Update with tile floors, new cabinets and a fresh coat of paint. Give a face-lift without tearing down walls.

Village Glass Co.: Frameless, European-style doors are big this year, or consider a custom mirror.

Windows & Doors

Seghi Renovations: Replace current windows and doors with more energy-efficient products to save on costs long-term.



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A sunroom can be enjoyed in colder weather, keep insects at bay and provide a peaceful place to relax.

Planned Home Improvement: Hire a renovator for any windows/doors project. The installation is just as important to get it right.

T&B Construction: Research windows that quality for a tax credit.

Village Glass Co.: Replace glass on existing windows and doors.

Basement

Seghi Renovations: If you can't sell your house and you need more room, you'll find it in the basement. Have a contractor review usable space.

Planned Home Improvement: Turn basement into a recreation room. All basement renovations now require the installation of an egress window well unit for fire access. Wire an entertainment area with sound, lighting and plumbing.

T&B Construction: Add a bar or kitchen area with new plumbing and electrical to create an entertainment area.

Village Glass Co.: Add a custom wall mirror for an exercise room or mirrored closets.

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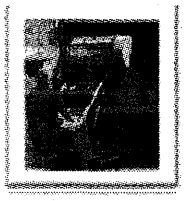

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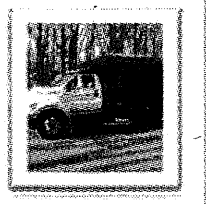

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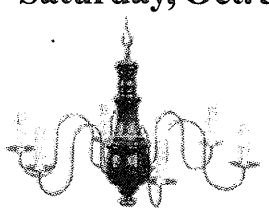

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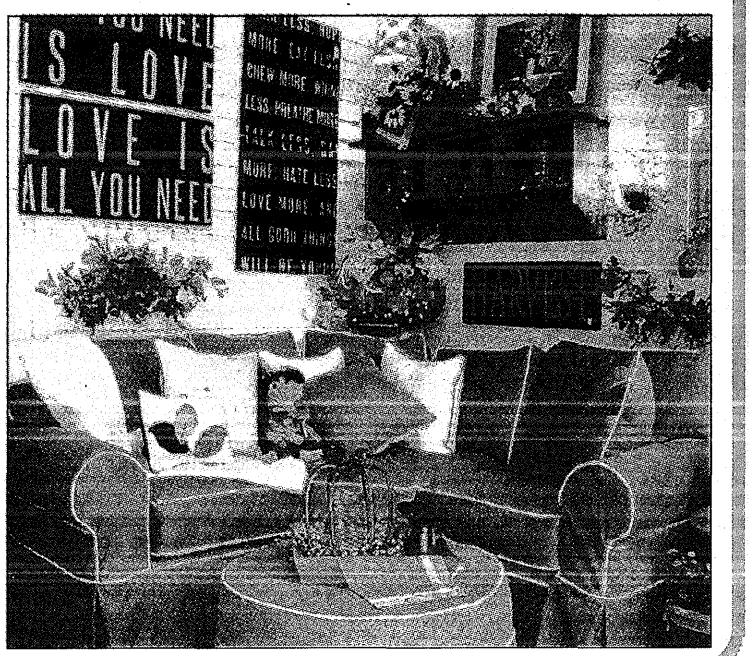

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Tax credits and alternative products for a greener home

BY JOHN R. HALL
SPECIAL WRITER

Going green and saving the planet may be cliché-ish, but it also translates into energy efficiency and tax credits for homeowners. In 2009 and 2010, homeowners can enjoy federal tax credits of 30 percent of cost, up to $1,500 when they make improvements to their existing homes in the following areas:

- Windows and doors
- Insulation
- Roofs (metal and asphalt)
- Heating & cooling (HVAC)
- Water heaters (non-solar)
- Biomass stoves

According to the Energy Star website (http://energystar.gov/taxcredits) the criteria for tax credits are:

- Equipment must be placed in service from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010;
- Equipment must be for taxpayer's principal residence, except for geothermal heat pumps, solar water heaters, solar panels, and small wind energy systems (where second homes qualify);
- $1,500 is the maximum total amount that can be claimed for all products placed in service in 2009 & 2010 for most home improvements, except for geothermal heat pumps, solar water heaters, solar panels, fuel cells, and small wind energy systems which are not subject to this cap, and are in effect through 2016;
- Equipment must have a "Manufacturer Certification Statement" to qualify for record keeping.

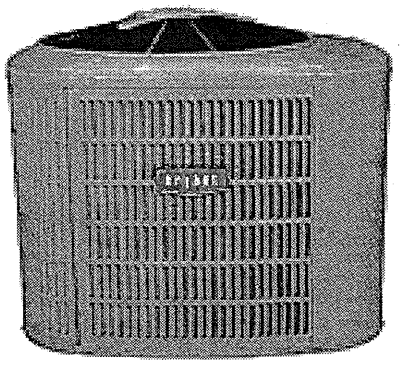
Local businesses discuss qualifying equipment

Paul Fallert, owner of Fallert Heating & Cooling of South Lyon, said his business sells and installs Bryant Plus 95S Evolution furnaces and 187A Evolution air conditoners that qualify for federal tax credits. "The furnace puts 95 percent of the gas consumed into heating of your home," he said. "The two-stage air conditioner has a 17.0 SEER efficiency rating and it automatically maintains temperature and humidity to get maximum comfort in your home."

Fallert advises customers to explore all options available to

them and to understand the "overall picture."

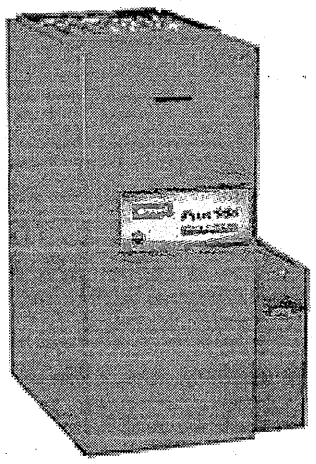
"For my customers I encourage them to look at the whole package to save energy in their homes," Fallert said. "They need to look at the highest efficiency equipment they can afford and stick to yearly maintenance of any equipment that uses energy."



Keith Warnick is the Great Lakes resale agent for EcoSun Wind, a company that offers solar, wind, and LED products. These products include the Solar Power Generator, Vertical Axis Wind Turbines, and Solar Panels.

"Our products are energy savers in the sense that they do not use power generated from current sources to create electricity, i.e. coal or natural gas," Warnick said. "Our products create energy from alternative sources. Some people say renewable sources. Just about every day the wind blows and the sun shines. There is no cost to you for wind and sun."

Warnick added that there are lots of ways that people can "become energy efficient." "They can check for plumbing leaks, gaps at door seals, etc.," he said. "Doing these things do not eliminate all of the costs but solar or wind can make you completely independent of utility company sources."



Bob Paquette, chairman of Siding World, a business with locations throughout Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, said his company sells several products that qualify for energy tax credits, including windows, siding and roofing.

"Our vinyl windows are manufactured by Vinylmax and meet all of the requirements of the energy tax credits," he said.

In addition, Paquette said the Styrofoam sheets and roofing materials are not only good for saving money, they are great for saving energy. "If you wrapped your home in Styrofoam, over the existing exterior walls, you could create an instant beer cooler," he joked. "And using lighter colored shingles on your roof helps reflect energy away from the house.

"The best advice I can give is to weatherize your home and take the load off of the heating and cooling equipment."

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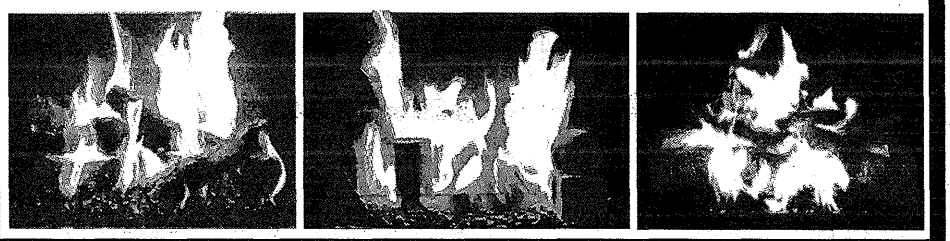

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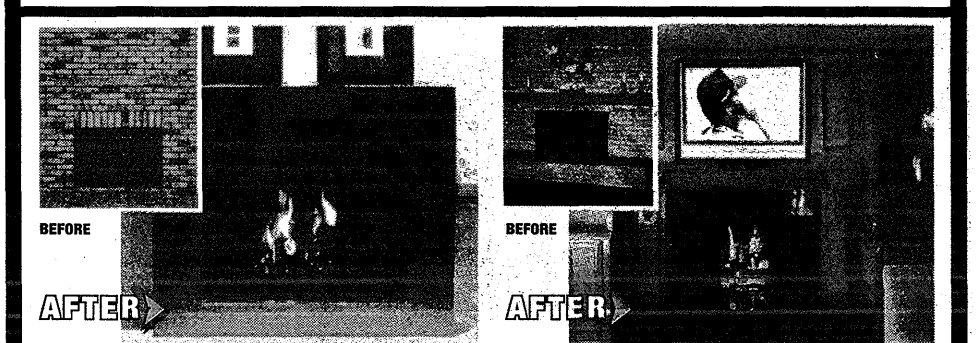

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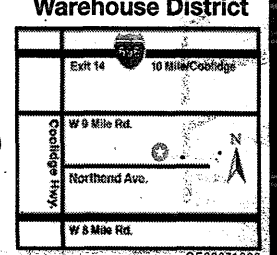

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Homeowners preparing to sell or planning to stay put this winter benefit from fall fix-ups

BY MIKE HOGAN
SPECIAL WRITER

While some naysayers hold doubt about the economy, forward-thinking homeowners are preparing to make their move.

In the past year, the real estate industry has shifted its focus away from buying and selling homes. The new focus has been on renovation in hope that the market will eventually be conducive to selling once again. Still, even if homeowners are not planning on moving or selling in the future, the fall season is a perfect time to renovate certain aspects of the home.

Preparing for the cold

Falling leaves have always been a major indicator of transition in Michigan. As the foliage turns, so does the weather. Dropping degrees can wreak havoc on the household. Water can seep into unexpected places and cause damage as it freezes. The fall season is a great time to build up defenses against freezing water.

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Spruce up your home decor in a unique way by turning a faux fireplace mantel into a work of art.

"For chimneys, the most important thing someone can do is have a chimney cap that keeps water out of the chimney," said Steve Brown of American Fireplace & Barbeque in Ferndale. "Water can seep in between the clay crock and the masonry and expands and contracts. It can cause the chimney to crack. It's probably the number one thing we see during the winter."

Having each chimney inspected by a professional can prevent serious damage and general wear-and-tear to the house.

Just like the masonry in chimneys, water can also leak into cracks in sidewalks and driveways. The professionals at R&R Asphalt can prevent the damage that could be caused by freezing water.

Maintaining your septic tank is also important during the changing weather. If your septic tank breaks and needs replacing, the work can cost up to $10,000. Having a professional check your septic tank, like one from Al Pearson's Septic in South Lyon, only costs between $100 to $300.

Lower temperatures, higher bills

Checking doors and windows for leakage are a great way to ensure energy efficiency to fight the cold.

Beckway Door in South Lyon encourages customers to check both entry doors and garage doors for leakage. Professionals from Beckway can install new doors for both the home and garage that can prevent heat leakage. Replacing a door can also add a nicer or newer aesthetic to the home.

At Northville Lumber in Northville, Marty Peck recommends checking windows for leakage.

"What I'm seeing a lot of in this area are houses built with a wood exterior," Peck said. "They're built with these wood windows with no aluminum or metal frame. With the weather conditions being what they are in Michigan, a lot of the wood around the windows is starting to rot."

Northville Lumber provides a number of solutions to window leakage, mainly through the high-quality line of Andersen windows that the company carries. Peck says there are a number of patching options, but the most cost-effective way to fix rotting wood frames is to replace the entire window. Replacing these windows can also add value to the home.

Making the most of fall

Just because the fall season has begun obviously doesn't mean it's time to start heading inside. To extend the time homeowners can spend outdoors, Tom Niebauer of Unilock Michigan recommends adding an outdoor retaining wall.

"One trend that we're seeing gain a lot more ground these days is the outdoor living area," Niebauer said. "That can consist of things like bars, grills, sometimes a full kitchen, and sometimes just a seating area. We can help extend the season outdoors."

By adding benches and firepits, Niebauer believes residents can easily enjoy the outdoors even as the weather turns.

"Even when the air gets cool in the fall, many people still enjoy a beautiful fall evening outside and entertaining friends and family," Niebauer said. "You can create an outdoor living area that you can enjoy right through the entire fall season."

Preparing for the holidays

With cold weather approaching, now is the time to get last minute indoor improvements finished before the holiday season begins. Drew Derkacz of EarthWorks Concrete Designs offers a number of indoor renovations that can be completed before the holidays arrive.

"If you wanted to do a vanity or a powder room we can get that spruced up for the holiday to come," Derkacz said. "For entertaining in your lower levels, we can provide a bar or a small kitchen to finish off your basement or lower level."

As many homeowners in Michigan are discovering, now is the time to renovate your home. As cold weather quickly approaches, fall is the perfect time to get your home in great shape and to keep it that way.

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Winterize your home

A checklist for fall home improvement

- ❑ Protect your home from frozen pipes by adding insulation
- ❑ Change or clean your furnace filter.
- ❑ Check roof, vents, skylights and chimneys for leaks
- ❑ Clean gutters and downspouts
- ❑ Inspect and check batteries on all smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and make sure fire extinguishers are in good working order.
- ❑ "If you have an air conditioner, it's been blowing all summer," said George Klempert, owner of Family, Heating, Cooling & Electrical in Garden City. "The same blower that blows the heat out blows the cool out."
- ❑ Have your furnace inspected. "If your furnace is more than five years old, have it cleaned and checked by a professional once every three years," Klempert said. "If your furnace is 10 years old, have it checked once every year."
- ❑ Remove or weatherproof window air-conditioners. If you have difficultly removing the unit, look at the modifying bracket or call an air conditioning service professional for assistance, recommends Joanne from Bill & Rods Appliance in Livonia. Clean unit according to manufacturer's directions before storing.
- ❑ Turn mattresses
- ❑ Switch to daylight savings time
- ❑ Check sump pump
- ❑ Fertilize and reseed your lawn before winter hits.
- ❑ Keep leaves raked to prevent smothering of new grass

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— By Alison Bergsieker

Warm autumn colors make cozy backdrop for fall décor

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BY SALLY RUMMEL
SPECIAL WRITER

It's not very often that orange and black become the decorating colors of choice.

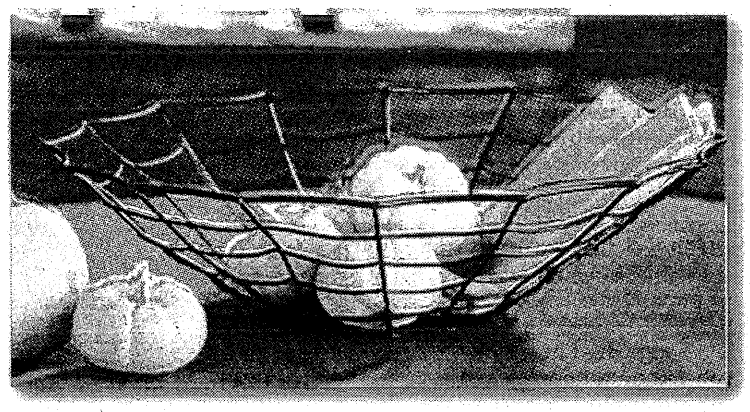
But as Halloween approaches, more and more people enjoy celebrating this frightful holiday with home decor set amidst the more traditional autumn favorites like pumpkins and mums.

Skeleton decor, along with spiders and scary witches, are the more ghoulish aspects of Halloween that are on the shelves of local gift shops everywhere. But it's the rich autumn hues that keep people coming into stores in search of ways to make their homes autumn-cozy.

Susan Stowe of Grande Trunke Railroad, a distinctive home decor shop in downtown South Lyon, has geared up for this fall buying season "because people love the traditional pumpkins, acorns, even the skeletons that signify this change of season," said Stowe. "Pumpkins are really 'in' this year and we do a lot of different things with pumpkins — from metal pumpkins with a shiny finish to ceramic textured pumpkins in two tones."

Acorns are another versatile, seasonal decor that is as "at home" on a platter as they are nestled among miniature pumpkins inside a glass hurricane container.

Her most unusual fall item? A 3-foot mirrored Halloween tree in orange and black. "It's something that you won't find anywhere else," said Stowe, who's proud of her reputation for finding the unique item that home owners won't find anywhere else.



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Spider Web Bowl, $20. Available at Grande Trunke Home, South Lyon.

At Dixboro General Store between Ann Arbor and Plymouth, owners Brenda and Steve Dani play on their distinctive Americana theme with a change of seasonal displays about every three months. This general store dating back to the 1800s now carries its old-fashioned theme in a contemporary way with home decor, sweets, jams and jellies, upholstered furniture and wood pieces.

"It's amazing how many people come into our store saying they decorate more for fall than they do at Christmas," said Brenda. "People love the changing of the season's colors, from the pastels of spring and summer to the warm earth tones of oranges, reds and browns."

Halloween-inspired plates and cups, seasonal garlands for the fireplace mantel, even black-lace spider web valances and spider window silhouettes are popular seasonal pieces that lend a festive, frightful backdrop to more traditional

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Warm autumn colors make cozy backdrop for fall décor

autumn home decor.

For larger-scale fall decorating ideas, Frank's Furniture in the Wayne-Westland area is already gearing up for its busy late October season, when people are beginning to think about "cozying in" for the late fall/winter season.

While autumn-hued colors are the rage for seasonal accents, "neutrals still are 'king' for sofas and other large pieces of furniture," said Paul Frank, who added that soft moss green is still popular, with today's focus on nature and the environment.

In today's economy, people are looking more for quality pieces that last a long time and tend to look at functionality more than fabrics. "It's not so much about the fabric or the color, but rather how this particular piece will function in the home," said Frank. "People are looking for quality in the detail, rather than in trends."

Other simple projects that will signify the beauty of fall in your home:

Using the abundance of nature, simple projects can add a fall touch to anyone's home.

Apple Basket - Fill a basket or bowl with green or red apples. Decorate apples with a few fall leaves, wheat, berries, or nuts in shells. This can be used on a mantle, entry table, or as a centerpiece. For height, collect several candlesticks of varying heights and fit with autumn colored candles. Place these next to the apple basket.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DIXBORO GENERAL STORE

Seasonal fall displays like these at Dixboro General Store, located just outside of Ann Arbor, attract more shoppers than at Christmas, owners say.

Candy Bowl - Place a fat orange or yellow candle in a low bowl. Fill the bowl around the base of the candle with orange and black jellybeans or candy corn. For a larger display create a candle 'garden' on a platter, and fill the base with candy corn.

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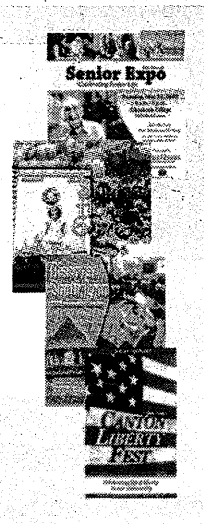

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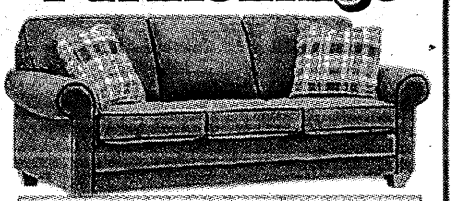

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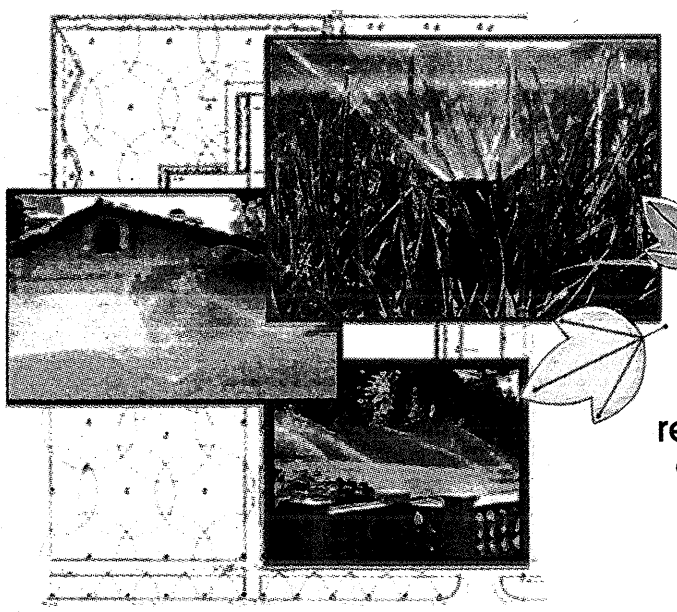

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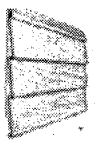

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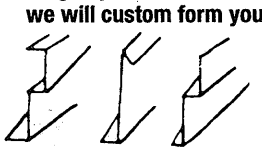

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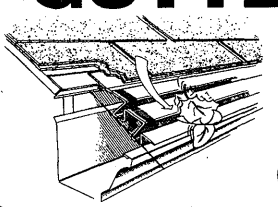

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