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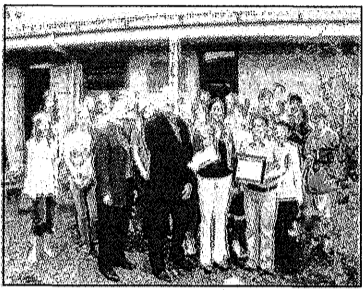
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## PIPELINE



Pioneer Middle School Principal, Phil Freeman, local MEEMIC Insurance Company agent Tom Wilson, grant recipients Carmen Johnson and Claire Swisher are surrounded by eighth graders from Pioneer Middle School who will take part in the photo journalism project.

### Education grant

Claire Swisher and Carmen Johnson, teachers at Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth received a \$1,000 mini-grant from the MEEMIC Foundation for the Future of Education.

Swisher and Johnson applied for funding to support an interdisciplinary photo journalism project with eighth-grade students.

"Thanks to the grant we received from the MEEMIC Foundation, our students will study the concepts of community, culture, and art by conducting interviews with community members, taking black and white photographs and going on field trips to downtown Plymouth, Detroit and New York City," Swisher said. "After taking part in these experiences, the eighth graders will launch into a service-learning project where they'll visit second grade classrooms and help the younger students with reading, writing and art projects."

Local MEEMIC Insurance Agent, Tom Wilson of the Tom Wilson Agency with offices located in Farmington Hills and Plymouth helped to make the teachers aware of the MEEMIC mini-grant program.

### Help wanted

Like all Michigan school districts, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are experiencing tough economic times. The Board of Education and Administration have developed a participatory budgeting process and are asking members of the community to join them in determining priorities for the District's future.

Community residents interested in taking part in these meetings should e-mail their contact information to [info@pcscmail.net](mailto:info@pcscmail.net). They also can mail (or deliver) their contact information to the Superintendent's office, 454 S. Harvey Street in Plymouth, MI 48170.

The committees will convene later this month and will meet at least one evening a week until late January or early February 2010.

# City, township fear budget cuts

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bad budget news in Plymouth and Plymouth Township could get worse.

A proposed cut in state revenue sharing of 11.1 percent, which was still a possibility Friday as legislators tried to address the state's budget woes and Michigan's new fiscal year began Thursday with funding from a continuation budget, would mean the loss of more than \$300,000 to local governments. The cut would cost Plymouth

Township almost \$218,000 and would cost the city just over \$90,000, according to state figures.

Local officials were trying to keep up last week with see-sawing events in Lansing while looking ahead to building their own budgets with less money.

"We still don't really know what's what, so that's a problem for us," Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock said. "Clearly we're trying to operate our five-year (budget) plan as best we can. In this economic climate, it's very difficult."

Sincock said officials are con-

stantly looking for ways to cut or hold expenses. The city began its current fiscal year in July with a \$7.6 million general-fund budget. Officials have been setting budget priorities, and reducing the work force through attrition over the past several years.

In the township, where officials have met twice to talk about the next budget, the uncertainty in Lansing caused the cancellation of a third Board of Trustees budget study meeting, which had been scheduled for Monday.

The township's next fiscal year

begins in January. Revenues have been projected at about \$13.3 million, while expenses are at \$13.9 million; officials are looking to close the gap.

"It's disappointing, but the state needs to cut \$2.6 billion," Supervisor Richard Reaume said. "Everyone has to understand, it's going to impact us."

Reaume said that in the past 18 months, township officials have made budget cuts that will save the township about \$1.1 million a year.

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### Picture perfect

Canton High School's 2009 Homecoming Queen, Jordan Kielty is crowned by last year's Queen Kara Gregory during halftime festivities. Donny Watkins, 2009 King, stands behind the queens. The Chiefs beat rival Livonia Franklin 28-7.

# Adult day program seeks help in move

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A service program is reaching out to the community after encountering a rocky road on its journey to Plymouth.

LifeCare Adult Day Services, which provides structured, supervised activities for adults — mostly senior citizens — who have cognitive or physical impairments or are suffering from isolation, recently lost a grant of \$77,000, about one-third of its annual funding.

Nevertheless, program officials are moving ahead with plans to renovate part of a 7,400-square-foot former bridal salon at Main and Wing streets into LifeCare's new home. Affiliated

with Real Life Church, an interdenominational Christian church, LifeCare is looking for donations of money and supplies and volunteer help with the construction work.

"We are looking for people who can assist with the support so we can keep the same quality programs," said Laurie Krause, director of the adult day services program.

The program, formerly called Revival Outreach Adult Day Services, has been around for 18 years and has spent the last three years in Northville Township. A church in Livonia is serving as an interim site during the transition; LifeCare officials hope to open the Plymouth facility later this month.

The day program features exercises, games, music, social opportunities, a hot noon meal and snacks for its clients, who are called members.

"We have something going on at all times of the day," Krause said. "It's a very upbeat, cheerful, active program."

The idea, Krause said, is to provide a structured day that's beneficial for clients, and a chance for those who care for them at home, typically family members, to work during the day or take a break from caregiving demands. Clients can attend the program from between one and five days a week for a minimum of four hours a day.

Payment is based on each family's ability to pay; the program also gets

grant funding from local communities and service organizations, such as the Plymouth Community United Way.

Shawn Hennessy, the pastor of Real Life Church, said the adult day services program is one facet of the church's community services mission.

LifeCare, based in Westland, offers a variety of other services, such as counseling, support groups and life enrichment seminars, and plans to relocate its other programs to the building on Main, said the director, Lillian Easterly-Smith. There are also plans for a church-affiliated youth center in the same building.

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# And the winner is...

## Salem grad grabs New York theater award

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Salem High School graduate who recently moved from Los Angeles to New York City is making waves in the Big Apple's independent theater world.

Elyse Mirto, an actress with film, television and commercial credits, last week won an Innovative Theatre Award for Best Actress in a Lead Role. Mirto was honored for her work in *Any Day Now*, a family drama by Nat Cassidy, who picked up his own ITA for another play, *The Reckoning of Kit & Little Boots*.

Mirto said she was surprised — and



Elyse Mirto, a 1986 Salem High School graduate, gets interviewed backstage after winning the "Outstanding Actress in a Lead Role" award at the New York Innovative Theatre Awards.

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**AWARD**

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had no prepared remarks to give — when she heard her name called at the New World Stages in Manhattan, where the ITA ceremony was held Sept. 21.

“Still speechless but incredibly honored,” she wrote in an e-mail.

She was up against strong competition in the lead actress category, Mirto said, including Jan Maxwell, a veteran of Broadway shows.

Mirto, a 1986 Salem graduate, spent 10 years in Hollywood and moved to New York about 18 months ago, partly out of desire to get more involved in live theater. She said she knows a number of people in New York theater who hail from the Plymouth-Canton area, and shares an apartment with Cletus



Elyse Mirto, here with presenter Kevin Chamberlain, earned a New York Innovative Theatre award for best lead actress for her role in the apocalyptic dramedy, “Any Day Now.”

Karamon, a lighting designer and 1982 Salem graduate.

The Innovative Theatre Awards honor those who work in Off-Off-Broadway theater in New York.

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**AROUND PLYMOUTH**

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

**Historic bike ride**

Dust off that old bicycle and join other riders on a leisurely 10-mile tour of the pro-glacial Lake Whittlesey.

The Oct. 17 bike ride, sponsored by the Plymouth Historical Museum, takes participants along a 10-mile tour of the 400-mile long pro-glacial Great Lake Whittlesey shoreline ridge. Great Lake Whittlesey formed in the Erie basin and its shoreline was formed by ice that initially drained to create an early route for aquatic life to migrate into the waters of the Great Lakes.

Its southern shoreline ridge extends from Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Buffalo, New York. The northwestern shore ridge that passes through Plymouth extends up to Lake Whittlesey's outlet at Uby, Michigan (in the thumb area).

The majority of the historical ride is on sidewalks or paved pathways with some residential streets, and there will be various “water stops” for discussions. The ride leader is Plymouth Historical Society (PHS) member Alan Van Kerckhove.

The bike ride will be slow-paced and last 1-1/2 to 2 hours. Riders must be at least 14 years old; minors are required to be accompanied by an adult. Wearing a bicycle helmet is strongly advised as is water for drinking during the ride.

Tickets for the ride are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, in downtown Plymouth, or online at [www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html](http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html), using PayPal. The cost is \$10 per person for PHS members and \$15 per person for non-members. Participants will meet near the south entrance to the Plymouth Historical Museum at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

**AAUW meeting**

The Plymouth/Canton branch of the American Association of University Women hosts its monthly meeting Oct. 15, at 6:30 p.m., held at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N.



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**Fashion conscious**

Gail Deman of Farmington Hills (left) and Kathleen Avallone of Plymouth look over tickets at the 40th annual Fall Fashion Show to benefit the Longacre House in Farmington Hills. The fashion show raises some \$6,000-\$7,000, and last year the library and living room floors were refinished, drapes added and furniture restored.

**ADULT**

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“We definitely have a community vision,” Hennessy said. “We want to provide a place that’s top-notch in this community.”

Real Life Church members have been meeting for worship Sundays at West Middle School, and have also held services at Kellogg Park. Church members are hoping to renovate a building in downtown Plymouth for use as a permanent home.

Hennessy said his church’s mission is to serve wherever there’s a need.

“We want to do a church that would be relevant,” he said. “We intertwine the Gospel into everything we do, because we believe that is the Gospel.”

For more information on LifeCare, visit the Web site [www.lifecarechristiancenter.org](http://www.lifecarechristiancenter.org). For more information on Real Life Church, visit [www.reallifeplymouth.com](http://www.reallifeplymouth.com). The adult day services program can be reached at (734) 956-2600, or by e-mail at [laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com).

Sheldon Rd. Plymouth (just north of North Territorial Rd.)

The meeting will feature a light dinner (\$10 per person) followed by a presentation of “Lily Ledbetter - A Fair Act Play.” Increasing awareness of pay inequities is one of the goals of AAUW.

For more information contact Esther Nelson at [enelson1c@att.net](mailto:enelson1c@att.net) or 734 981-4938.

**Shocktober**

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. Call (734) 453-0870 or visit [www.penntheatre.com](http://www.penntheatre.com)

**Grief workshop**

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church sponsors an eight-week grief workshop, “From Grief

to New Hope,” beginning Oct. 19.

This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Plymouth Township resident John O’Shaughnessy from New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses.

The workshop will meet for eight consecutive Monday nights from 7-8:45 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church located at 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. For registration information call the parish office at 734-453-0326 x 221.

**Band weekend**

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, a regular Bands of America finalist at Grand Nationals in Indianapolis, invites all middle school band students in Plymouth or Canton to participate in “Band PerCEption Weekend.”

Band PerCEption Weekend is a unique chance for middle school students within Plymouth-Canton Community Schools to experience participation with the award-winning Plymouth-Canton Marching Band program hosted at the Plymouth-Canton Educational

Park (PCEP).

On Friday, Oct. 16, all area 8th graders from any school in the Plymouth-Canton area, are invited to participate in the Varsity football pep band during the Plymouth High School vs. Livonia Stevenson grid iron game. Students will spend the first half of the game cheering and performing a few pep tunes along with the band.

On Saturday, Oct. 17, middle school musicians can be a part of the opening ceremonies of the Great Lakes Marching Band Invitational hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band. The invitational is a marching band competition with over 18 bands from throughout Michigan. Seventh and eighth grade musicians are invited to perform the National Anthem at the start of the Invitational, meet members of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, then stay for the day and witness some of the best marching bands in the Midwest!

Middle school musicians who wish to participate should visit [www.pcmb.net](http://www.pcmb.net) or contact their middle school band director for more information. If you have questions, please contact Sheldon Frazier, PCEP Associate Band Director at 734-582-5665.

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# City incumbent: Desire to serve is ingrained

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As a new resident in the 1980s, Gerald Sabatini attended a Plymouth City Commission meeting and spoke up during the citizens comment portion.

That led to a stint on what was then the city's tree board, and later to a "natural progression" of community service, including on the Planning Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Ann Arbor Road study committee, the Plymouth Preservation Network and other groups, Sabatini said.

Now, as he seeks a third term on the City Commission, Sabatini says he remains motivated by a desire to serve that was inherited from his parents, and that his experience gives him an important institutional knowledge of the city.

"Community service defines who I am as a person and a leader in the community," said Sabatini, 56, who has served a pair of two-year terms. "I never thought of not doing community service."

A financial analyst at Ford Motor Co., where he has worked for 31 years, Sabatini is one of six candidates on the ballot in the Tuesday, Nov. 3, commission election.

Like other candidates, he cites the budget — the current general-fund budget is about \$7.6 million — as the top issue facing city officials. Property tax collections are expected to drop because of falling home values, and revenue sharing from the state is threatened.

"Every city is hurting, and Plymouth is no different," Sabatini said. Commissioners will have to prioritize a variety of services, and possibly trim or change some, to meet budget restrictions, he said.

Also like other candidates, Sabatini favors looking for savings in the way public safety services are delivered. That could mean a more regionalized fire department (the Plymouth Community Fire Department serves the city and Plymouth Township), or, possibly, a public safety department for police, firefighting and emergency medical services. "I'm not leaning toward either one," he said.

Sabatini said he'd want to make sure any new model offers savings beyond the up-front costs, and that

### THE SABATINI FILE



Gerald Sabatini

- **Who:** Gerry Sabatini
- **What:** Seeking re-election to the Plymouth City Commission
- **Where:** Plymouth resident
- **Family:** He and his wife, Barbara, have a son and a daughter, both in college
- **Profession:** Financial analyst for Ford Motor Co., where he's worked 31 years

service and emergency response times wouldn't suffer.

Sabatini said a goal for him as a commissioner has been for him to communicate with the public and provide them with a voice in city government.

"It's important to talk with a range of people" who live in, work in and visit Plymouth, he said. People need to know government is listening, he said.

He added: "I pride myself on talking to the public and being open with them to communicate with me."

He likes Plymouth's many events, saying they help build a sense of community. The events are envied by officials from other communities, he said.

"There are communities that wish they had half the festivals we have," he said.

He recognizes, he added, that there is a balance, saying the city should remain sensitive to businesses' needs when it comes to event planning.

Sabatini said he wants the city to do all it can, within its means, to support businesses outside the downtown area, which gets the most attention.

A long-range goal of his, he said, is to have a visual public feature that's distinctly Plymouth in the area of Main Street and Ann Arbor Road, something that would identify the city for visitors entering town from that direction. That's something that could help businesses in the area, he said.

Sabatini is a lecturer at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church and the treasurer of Friends of the Penn.

He and his wife, Barbara, have a son and a daughter, both in college.

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# Former mayor Jones 'was dedicated to doing a good job'

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A former Plymouth City Commission member and mayor is being remembered as a conscientious problem-solver with a deep dedication to the community.

Robert L. Jones, 83, died Sept. 26 after a long illness. He had moved to Canton Township and recently lived in a nursing facility in Plymouth Township.

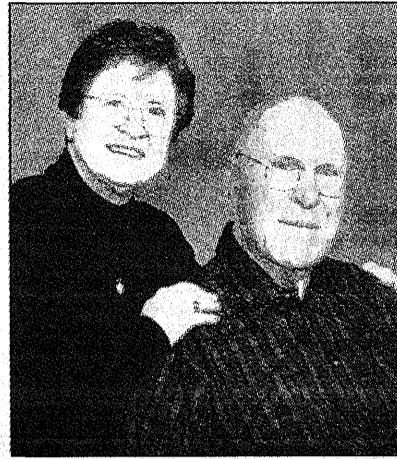
Jones, who had been an engineer and executive in the energy industry, was first elected to the commission in 1985. He was defeated in 1989, but re-elected two years later, and named mayor for the next two years, said City Manager Paul Sincock.

Former commissioner and mayor Jim Jabara said Jones was knowledgeable and detail-oriented. The two lived a few doors away from each other in Plymouth.

"He was dedicated to doing a good job. He didn't sluff off on anything," Jabara said.

Jones was a longtime member of the Plymouth Salvation Army's advisory board.

Veteran board member Gene



Former Plymouth Mayor Bob Jones is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Jean.

Overholt, who served with him, said Jones was good at solving problems.

"He knew finance. He knew the community. He knew the law. He was just a good person to have," Overholt said. "When he talked, most of us listened."

"He was our moral compass. His question was always: What's our mission and are we meeting the needs?" said Jean Stachura, another board member. "He just kept everything focused."

Though he suffered from Parkinson's

in later years and used a wheelchair, Jones didn't let the disease hinder his commitment, Overholt said.

"He kept right on coming and he felt that he just wanted to keep giving as long as he could, and he did," Overholt said.

Jones had earned a law degree later in life, though he never practiced, Jabara said. He was a longtime member of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth and attended meetings regularly until recently.

Jones is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Jean; two daughters, Nancy Middlestead and Gwyn Jones; a son, James; four grandchildren, Andrew Middlestead, Katie Middlestead, Michael Jones and Eric Jones; and two great-grandchildren.

Family and friends will gather beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17, at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street, at Main. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m.

Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home. Memorial contributions can be made to the Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps.

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# Former Plymouth public works chief 'was always working for the good'

Kenneth Vogras, a longtime city employee who retired in 1991 as the director of Plymouth's public works department, died Sept. 26 after a long battle with lung cancer.

Vogras lived in Bella Vista, Ark., where a funeral service was to have been held Saturday. He had been the director of West Bloomfield Township's water department for 10 years following his retirement from Plymouth.

City Manager Paul Sincock, who replaced Vogras as public works chief (the department is now called the Department of Municipal Services), said Vogras was a larger-than-life "old-style public works guy" who "was always working for the good."

"They broke the mold with him.

He would get things done — not necessarily by the rules, but it wouldn't be to the detriment of the city," said Sincock. "Ken would give you the shirt off his back."

Vogras' snowman story is still legendary, Sincock said.

When the city needed a snowman figure for a winter display at Kellogg Park years, he said, Vogras went to Frankenmuth to shop for one.

But because of city purchasing rules, the entire snowman couldn't be ordered on one invoice, so Vogras submitted two invoices, each for "half a snowman," Sincock said.

Vogras had worked his way up the ranks. He worked for the public works department for more than 35 years.

He was an avid golfer and a big

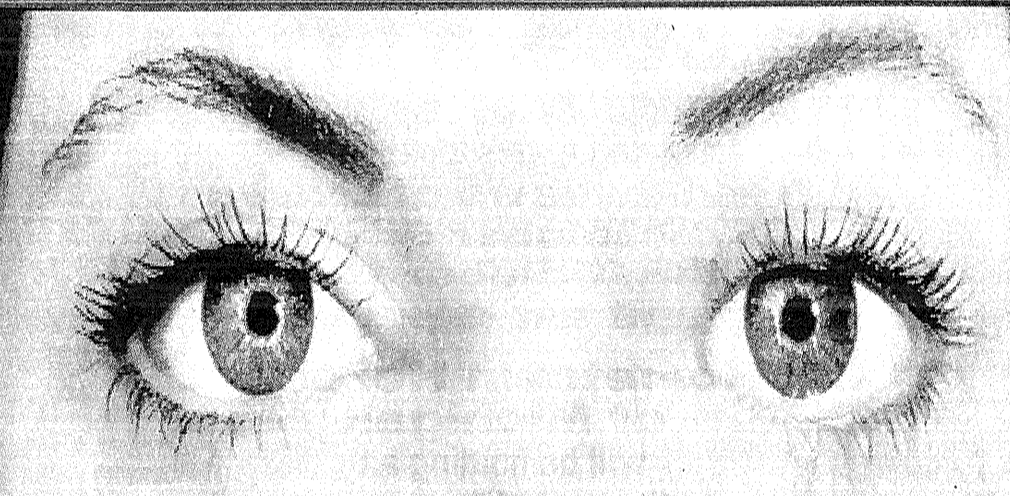
fan of the Detroit Red Wings and the University of Michigan football team.

Survivors include his wife of 24 years, Deanna; a daughter, Jackie Kilmartin; a son, Loren Vogras; a stepson, Scott Bennett; a stepdaughter, Shannon Smith; a sister, Carol Hille; and nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Family and friends will gather for a noon memorial service beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township.

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By Matt Jachman




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# EDUCATION

## Hopeful thinks board needs fresh perspective

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Eric Bacynski thinks Plymouth-Canton Board of Education trustees have disconnected from the people who elected them and are in need of new ideas and a fresh perspective.

And he thinks he's the guy who can help solve both problems.

That's why Bacynski, a 23-year-old Plymouth Township resident, chose to run for the school board in the Nov. 3 election, where his name will be one of five on the ballot for three four-year terms.

"I think the bond failures of 2006 and 2007 are an indication there's a disconnect ... the board is getting out of touch with what residents expect from the board and the district.

### THE BACYNSKI FILE

- **Who:** Eric Bacynski
- **What:** Seeking a four-year term on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education
- **Where:** Plymouth Township resident
- **Family:** Daughter, Brooke, 5, just started kindergarten at Isbister Elementary
- **Profession:** Contractor for the International Joint Commission, a government body that monitors and advises on Great Lakes water quality and policy



Bacynski

There needs to be a voice on the board that can serve as that liaison."

Bacynski, a contractor for the International Joint Commission, a government body that monitors and advises on Great Lakes water quality and policy, is vice president of the Plymouth District Library Board. He took that task on, he said, as a "way of giving back"

to his community.

With a 5-year-old daughter, Brooke, just starting kindergarten at Isbister Elementary, Bacynski said he wants to serve the school board to make sure his daughter, and all the other children in the district, get the kind of education they'll need to compete in a global economy.

"I want to make sure my daughter gets the best educa-

tion possible the next 12 years while she's in the district ... what better way than getting directly involved?" he said. "I think the board is ready for some new leadership and new ideas, and I think I'm the voice and the perspective that can offer a lot."

Bacynski, like everyone else, knows the budget is a big issue for the district, with decreasing revenue, including an impending cut in the state per-pupil foundation grant.

He praises the board for cutting some \$18 million out of its budget the last several years, but said there is more that can be done.

"(Legislators) are talking about a \$218 reduction per pupil, and needless to say that's a huge hit," he said. "The board has made some great efforts to streamline. But these new cuts

are going to hurt, as well.

"I think they've done a lot; unfortunately the district hasn't kept up with the structural deficit," he added. "There's always room for more efficiency. There are certainly tough decisions coming up, and I think the board would be aided by a voice that represents all the people in the district."

Bacynski said the fact the state operates on a different fiscal year than the district makes it difficult for school administrators to plan a budget. However, he said, board members need a thorough understanding of where their money is going.

"We need a thorough breakdown of where the money is being spent in the district, what kind of bang we're getting for the buck," he said. "The board might consider a job task

analysis to consider where the money's going and what's being spent."

Bacynski said Dr. Craig Fiegel, the superintendent starting his second year on the job, has "done a pretty good job and made a very good effort" to bring the district up to ideal standards. He points to the district's performance on the Education Yes! requirements as an indicator.

He also thinks Fiegel is pretty good at communicating with residents, citing a letter the superintendent sent out detailing financial issues and potential solutions.

"What I liked most about that was he reached a hand out and said, 'If you have ideas or advice, we want to hear it,'" Bacynski said. "I think he's done a good job of reaching out like that."

## Board hopeful wants more than the minimum

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Larry Martin acknowledges teachers in the Plymouth-Canton school district are doing a good job of teaching to the standards set out by federal and state programs such as the Education Yes! initiative.

He just thinks they should be aiming higher than that.

That's why Martin, a Plymouth Township resident, decided to again seek a seat on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education. He's one of five candidates seeking three four-year terms in the Nov. 3 election.

"There is a focus on the minimum standards rather than maximum performance," said Martin, for 20 years an engineer at GM. "Teaching to the standards isn't enough. When

### THE MARTIN FILE

- **Who:** Larry Martin
- **What:** Seeking a four-year term on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education
- **Where:** Plymouth Township resident
- **Family:** Wife, Sandi; daughters Grace, 12, Sarah, 10, Ava, 6, Tess, 4
- **Profession:** Engineer at GM



Martin

you see what other states are doing ... they've taken it several steps higher, and we need to keep up."

Martin said he thinks the bar is "set relatively low" for Michigan students, and that simply clearing the lowest hurdle won't be enough to help Michigan students compete. With four daughters, including three who are in the school district now, Martin thinks the district should shift its focus in how teachers teach.

"They do a lot of student-led, inquiry-based teaching and that takes a lot of time," Martin said. "Most research shows struggling students need more direct instruction. There are ways to narrow the focus of the education to increase the performance."

Martin said his biggest issue is to "educate kids to compete globally," and the second-biggest issue is money.

And he doesn't necessarily think the two are related.

"We're standing at the edge of this financial cliff, and there really needs to be a sense of urgency," Martin said. "(But) teaching to a higher standard and asking more of students is not a financial issue."

Martin also thinks communication between board members, district administrators and parents is lacking. He pointed to an issue at Farrand Elementary School over the summer, where parents vehemently objected when administrators decided to eliminate the multi-age program without much public discussion.

"Parents seem to be the last to know about things in the district," Martin said. "It was a serious lack of contact from administrators."

Martin said one way to help that was to allow pub-

lic responses to questions asked by residents during the "citizen comments" portion of meetings. As it stands, the board listens and gets back to whomever made the comment. Martin thinks those responses should be public, either at the next meeting or in the meeting minutes.

Martin thinks Dr. Craig Fiegel, who just started his second year as superintendent, has done a good job, though he agrees with a board assessment that the budget process was somewhat flawed.

"Other than that, I think he's done a good job," said Martin, who admits he hasn't had much contact with Fiegel. "My personal interaction has been limited, but he's been responsive."

The board itself, on the

other hand, "needs more diversity of thought," Martin said. The board is "very monolithic," with mostly unanimous votes on issues. He also thinks the board acts "too late" on many issues, particularly financial ones.

For instance, he said, he has proposed an all-day, alternate day kindergarten, which would send students to all-day kindergarten either Monday-Wednesday or Tuesday-Thursday, with the groups alternating Fridays.

He also thinks the board should be voting on the payment of bills.

"You're more apt to look at how they're spending money if you have to approve it," Martin said.

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## District still unsure what cuts are coming

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

School district officials around the state, including those planning the budgets in Plymouth-Canton, have been expecting to face a "cliff" of financial trouble for sometime now.

With the state expected to try to cut some \$218 per student out of the district's per-pupil foundation grant, administrators now feel like they've got one foot over the edge of that cliff.

While such a cut in education funding was not included in the temporary budget deal state lawmakers reached this week, school officials feel like it's just a matter of time.

James Larson-Shidler, Plymouth-Canton's assistant superintendent of business services, said the state's action did include a one-twelfth cut (about \$18 per student) in the grant. He's got his fingers crossed the rest won't come, though he's not optimistic.

"I would hope it doesn't," Larson-Shidler said. "I hope (lawmakers) go back into conference committee and there would be something that would come out of there where they would re-prioritize and not cut as much as \$218."

This year's budget included an expected \$110 cut in the foundation grant, which left the district with a fund deficit of \$2.592 million. If the state goes through with the \$218 cut, Plymouth-Canton would have to shave another \$108 - or an addi-

tional \$2.1 million - out of this year's budget.

While the district's fund balance would cover it this year, it would leave them in a precarious position in the 2010-2011 school year, when the deficit is again expected to be high.

"We'll have to try to come up with some ways of cutting the budget," Larson-Shidler said. "We would not have the fund balance next year to cover a deficit."

The district is further hampered, Larson-Shidler said, by the fact the state and the school district operate on different fiscal years, meaning the district doesn't even know what the foundation grant will be when officials are putting together the budget.

"It's putting a lot of pressure on us," Larson-Shidler said. "When we set our budget, what we were hearing at the time was a little over 100 per student cut, so that's what we factored in. Now they're coming back with \$218. We're well into our year, and now you're telling us to double the cut made."

To help explain it all, administrators and board members will meet with PTOs around the district. The schedule for those meetings, according to communications director Frank Ruggirello, is still being structured. Information on the meetings will appear on the district's Web site ([www.pccs.k12.mi.us](http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us)).

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## Car show series helps vets, vet organizations

It's hard for organizers to believe, but the time from May to September has passed by and the CRUZ'N season for 2009, sponsored by Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528 Vietnam Veterans of America, has wrapped up.

Vacations are over, the Gratiot, Michigan and Woodward cruises are just a memory, the kids are back in school, days are getting shorter and cruisers will be putting their rides away until next summer.

The sixth season for CRUZ'N 528 Wednesday Night Car Shows was a huge success in 2009, along with some great looking cars in attendance, said organizer Bob Paul.

"Our biggest night saw 140 rides, with an average of 85 cruisers each Wednesday," Paul said. "The cruisers enjoyed the camaraderie, bench racing, tall tales and the participation plaque that was awarded to one cruiser each Wednesday from all the registered cars; there were fabulous door prizes, a 50/50 drawing, along with several extra prizes given away each week, which were supplied by our sponsors, like T-shirts and hats, goodie bags loaded with products from Meguiar's, Stoner, Belle Tire and more."

Paul said the success was in large part due to the event sponsors: Bell Tire, Meguiar's



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Car Care Products, Summit Racing Equipment, Quick Lane Car Care Centers, Stoner Car Care Products, Mother's, Eastern Market of Canton, Ken Basman with Mustang T-shirts & Hats; Hosted by the Mayflower/Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695 and sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528 Vietnam Veterans of America.

"It was also a job well done by all the VVA and VFW volunteers who helped with show setup, registration, cooking, cashier, 50/50 raffle and door prizes, show photos, the radio

coverage from WPON 1460 AM and many other jobs."

Lynn Dery collected "Cell Phones for the Troops." Each used cell phone that is recycled is worth 60 minutes of talk time for a service member in Iraq or Afghanistan to call home. Dery has been collecting used cell phones since June 2008 at all VVA Chapter 528 events and has collected 700 cell phones to date.

Since 2004, CRUZ'N 528 has distributed over \$15,500 to needy veterans and veterans organizations such as VA Hospital Ann Arbor, the

Ambulatory & Burn Center for the Intrepid, San Antonio, Texas, purchased tickets for World War II veterans to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington and in 2008 purchased, packed and mailed 92 packages with special need items to the troops in Iraq.

Paul said profits from CRUZ'N 528 for 2009 will be used to support local veterans, who need help to pay bills, provide house maintenance (inside or outside), prescriptions, transportation needs and other items.

## Auto show poster contest offers cash prizes

The 2010 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS), sponsored by NAIAS LLC, announced the launch of its annual poster contest in connection with the January show.

The 22nd Annual High School Poster Contest is open to all Michigan residents enrolled in grades 10-12. An independent panel of representatives from the local art community will judge the contest. This year, the NAIAS will choose winners in 16 categories.

"The poster contest is always a fun way to involve the next generation of automotive enthusiasts in our community and never fails to amaze us with the incredible young talent that comes from

Michigan," said Doug Fox, chairman of the 2010 NAIAS. "We hope that this helps encourage a lifetime interest in not only the automotive industry but the art community as well."

Winning posters will be displayed at the 2010 NAIAS and reproduced in the official NAIAS program, which is available to the public, corporate executives and automotive suppliers. Winning posters may also be displayed on the official NAIAS web site, [www.naias.com](http://www.naias.com).

In 2009, the NAIAS had a record breaking 660 entries from 64 Michigan high schools. The contest was established to engage the creative minds of Michigan's students and encour-

age careers in automotive design while recognizing local artists for their talents.

Posters must be original artwork, 25" x 21" in size, two-dimensional and camera ready. The poster theme must be automotive related, and any mixed media suitable for reproduction as a poster is allowed, including computer-generated graphics. All subject matter must be in good taste.

Posters must contain all of the following copy: "North American International Auto Show 2010, Detroit, and Cobo Center." The entry deadline is Nov. 18.

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: Chairmen's Award \$1,000;

State Farm Insurance Award, \$1,000; Designer's Best Show-Digital, \$500; Designer's Best Show-Traditional, \$500; Best Theme, \$250; Best Use of Color, \$250; Most Creative, \$250; 1st Place: 10th Grade Award, \$500; 1st Place: 11th Grade Award, \$500; 1st Place: 12th Grade Award, \$500; 2nd Place: 10th Grade Award, \$250; 2nd Place: 11th Grade Award, \$250; 2nd Place: 12th Grade Award, \$250; 3rd Place: 10th Grade Award, \$100; 3rd Place: 11th Grade Award, \$100; 3rd Place: 12th Grade Award, \$100.

To view official rules or gain more information, visit [www.naias.com](http://www.naias.com). Additional questions may be directed to Sandy Herp at (248) 283-5138 or [sherp@dada.org](mailto:sherp@dada.org).

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# Family returns to Observer roots

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER EDITOR

Tyler and Courtney Kurkie both enjoyed delivering their *Plymouth Observer* newspaper routes while they had them, and were a bit saddened when changes to the way the paper was delivered forced them off their route.

So when the *Observer* came looking for some help getting out the word about subscription deals, the Kurkie youngsters jumped at the chance to help deliver some 5,000 flyers detailing the ways readers would benefit by subscribing. "We've always kept in contact with (circulation manag-

er) Troy Gibson, and he always said if anything came available he'd call me," said Tyler and Courtney's mom, Scherie Kurkie. "He called and asked if we'd be interested in delivering 5,000 flyers, and we were happy to do it."

Delivering the *Observer* was nothing new for the kids. Tyler, a 14-year-old freshman at Canton High School who loves robotics, delivered an *Observer* paper route for about two years.

His sister, 12-year-old Courtney, a seventh-grader at West Middle School who plays soccer and runs cross country, picked up a small route that had been vacated and delivered it for about six months before

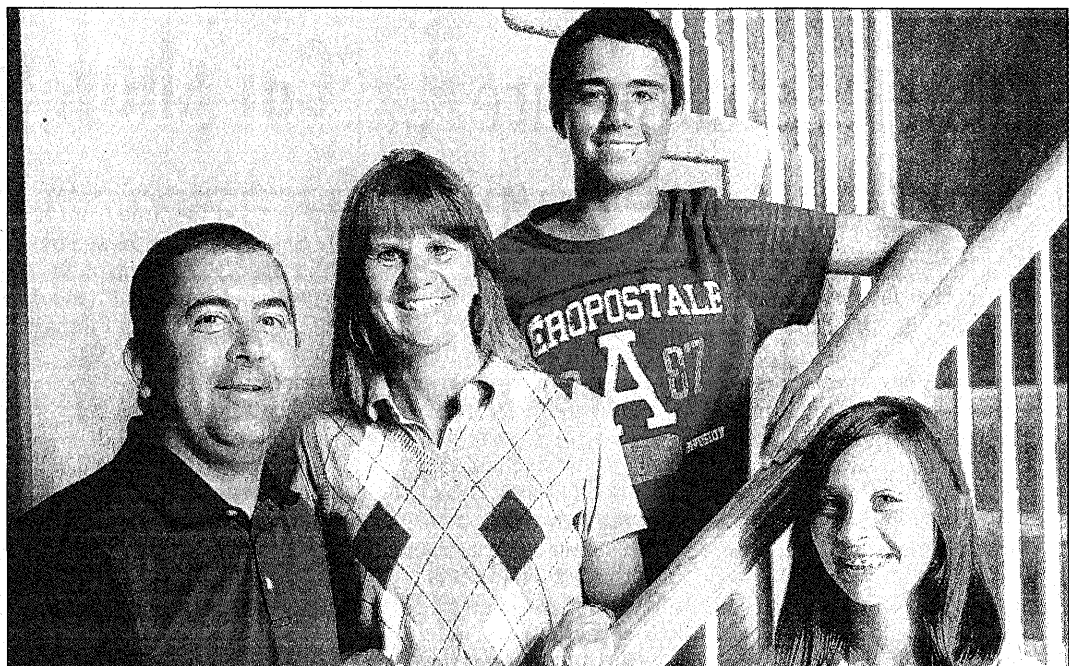
the paper made changes to its delivery system for carriers.

When Gibson called looking for help distributing the flyers, the whole family got involved. Scherie took one child, husband Jim took the other, and the family blanketed the area.

Scherie estimated the family spent about 45 hours between the four of them.

"The kids liked (delivering the *Observer*), but it got to be too much," Scherie Kurkie said. "The kids wanted to (pass out the flyers). They know the area, and to them it was fun. They enjoyed it, and they'd definitely do it again."

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Jim and Scherie Kurkie with their children, Tyler, 14, and Courtney, 12.

## LIBRARY WATCH

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• **CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP**, Monday, Oct. 5, 7 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 13, 1 p.m. - Spouses group - Social worker Chris Goldberg of Adult Well-Being Services will answer a wide variety of concerns for individuals caring for ill or aging family members. No registration is required.

• **DIA SPEAKER SERIES: SPORTS & ART**, Monday, Oct. 5, 7 p.m. - The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents this monthly gathering, drawing from the Detroit Institute of Art Speakers Bureau. This month, Will Owens will share his knowledge of art as it relates to sports in the DIA's permanent collection. No registration is

required.

• **WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP**, Tuesday, Oct. 6, 1 p.m., and Tuesday, Oct. 20, 4 p.m. - Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience or advance registration is required.

• **YOUR POETRY GROUP**, Sunday, Oct. 11, 1:30 p.m. - Roundtable readings of poems, your own or by others, are held on the second Sunday of the month. Reader's discretion of language is asked in the works read. No registration required - just drop by on the second Sunday of the month.

• **RHAPSODY MUSIC SERIES: American Songbook II**, Sunday, Oct. 11, 3 p.m. - Singers Maria Cimarelli and Mark Vondrak return with a lively revue of classic and contemporary songs from musical theatre, thanks to the Friends of the Plymouth District Library. Piano accompanist Amanda Sabelhaus joins them with all new musical selections. Register for this free program by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

• **CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m. - Members of this book discussion group are invited to read

The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the Library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail [spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org](mailto:spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org)

• **MONEY MANAGEMENT SEMINARS: TAX TALKS - THE AMERICAN RECOVER AND REINVESTMENT ACT AND YOU**, Wednesday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m. - Lois Beerbaum, H & R Block tax professional will highlight new tax provisions including increased unemployment benefits, health insurance subsidies, first-time home buyer credit, new vehicle tax deductions, energy credits and more. Registration is requested, call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

• **LIBRARY GARDEN GROUP**, Thursday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m. - This popular group meets monthly to discuss common garden concerns, new ideas and how the current gardening season is progressing. Gardeners at all skill levels are invited - no registration is required. This is the last meeting of the year. The group will reconvene next April on the third Thursday of the month. No registration is required.

• **GREAT MICHIGAN READ AUTHOR VISIT: Bich Minh Nguyen**, Saturday, Oct. 17, 1 p.m. at the Penn Theatre - Selected as the Great Michigan Read book of the year, *Stealing Buddha's Dinner* is Ms. Nguyen's coming-of-age story about her life in 1980s Grand Rapids as a young Vietnamese refugee. No registration is required for this program, made possible by the Michigan Humanities Council. Seating at the Penn Theatre is on a first come-first served basis.

• **STARS, MOONS & PLANETS**, Monday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m. - He loves the skies and after this informal gathering, you will too. Plymouth resident Mike Best leads a lively discussion each month for adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or [starmikebest@comcast.net](mailto:starmikebest@comcast.net)

• **LEARN THE ART OF PRESSURE COOKING** - Monday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m. - Cook and author, Toulia Patsalis will share professional tips on pressure cooking - covering ingredient selection, cooking techniques and equipment information, all found in her book *The Pressure Cooker Cookbook*. Guests will get to

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• **MIDWEEK MOVIES** - Wednesday, Oct. 21, 1 p.m. - Enjoy free popcorn, pop and a movie at the Library. No registration required.

• **MONEY MANAGEMENT SEMINARS: HOMEOWNERS AND AUTO INSURANCE CONSIDERATIONS**, Wednesday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m. - Brady Burns of Hantz Financial Services will discuss premiums, property/casualty overview, collision and comprehensive coverage, personal injury protection, uninsured and underinsured motorists, deductibles, umbrella policies, the declaration page and much more. Registration is requested, call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

• **Popular war series continues: VIETNAM VETERANS PANEL DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m. - Members of the Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 528 Plymouth-Canton - Don Dignan, Gary Kubik, Bob Paul, Rick Popa, Dennis Shrewsbury, Rich Whipple will share their experiences and reflections of their military service. Register for this free program by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

• **NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING**, Monday, Oct. 26, 7-9 p.m. - Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required. Bring your latest project!

• **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Oct. 28, noon - This month's discussion invites members to read *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Tim Sherman at the Library, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 206 or e-mail [tsherman@plymouthlibrary.org](mailto:tsherman@plymouthlibrary.org)

• **GREAT BOOKS**, Monday, Oct. 5 and 19, 7 p.m. - The discussion group is open to anyone who is curious and willing to work with others in developing an understanding and appreciation of great literature. For further information, contact group facilitator Karen Berrie at (734) 453-2454. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, see the

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### Youth Programs

• **BABY PLAY**, Monday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Saturday, Oct. 31, 10 a.m. - This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. Registration is not required for Baby Play.

• **BRAIN GAMES**, Saturday, Oct. 10, 2 p.m. - Learn new games that will expand your brain power and take home a game kit to keep growing. For children ages 6-12 and their parents; parents must be in attendance. No younger siblings, please. Register today - space permitting for 35 children. Call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5.

• **LAP SIT STORYTIME**, Monday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Saturday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m. -

This 15-minute program is designed for the very young - babies ages 6-24 months and their caregivers. No older siblings please. Registration is required - call Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5.

### Edge Programs (for students ages 9-12)

• **CARD & BOARD GAMES**, Saturday, Oct. 24, 2 p.m. - We've got a huge selection of board and card games ... grab a friend and come on over to play your favorite. Register in advance please, after October 10. Call (734) 453-0750, Ext.

### Teen Programs

• **D.I.Y.**, Monday, Oct. 5, 3:15 p.m. - Local artist Leslie Greeniesen will provide a fun program on working with polymer clay. All supplies are provided at no cost, thanks to the Friends of the Plymouth District Library. Register by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

• **BOOKS & BITES**, Tuesday, Oct. 13, 3:30 p.m. - Register and pick up a free copy of *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. • Read beyond reality during National Teen Read Week, Oct. 18-24.

• **Wizard rock group: TONKS & THE AURORS**, Thursday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m. - This popular wizard band from Ann Arbor will appear at the Library for everyone - not just Harry Potter fans. Check them out at [www.myspace.com/tonksandtheaurors](http://www.myspace.com/tonksandtheaurors)

• **GRAPHIC NOVEL ACADEMY**, Character design and visual storytelling with Jerzy Drozd, Saturday, Oct. 24, 1 p.m. - This self-published comic illustrator and writer will share his knowledge and passion for comics and graphic novels. Check out his amazing career on his blog: <http://jdrozd.blogspot.com/>

Registration is requested for this free program - contact the Library at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or online at [plymouthlibrary.org](http://plymouthlibrary.org)

• **TEEN ADVISORY BOARD**, Saturday, Oct. 24, 3-4 p.m. - Do you have suggestions for fun teen programs, books, magazines, movies or music? Come tell us about it. The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is a group of teen volunteers who meet twice a month, to enjoy muffins and juice while sharing ideas for improving the Library's teen programs and services. No registration is required. Need community service? Receive one hour of service for every meeting you attend.

### YOU NEED TO KNOW THIS

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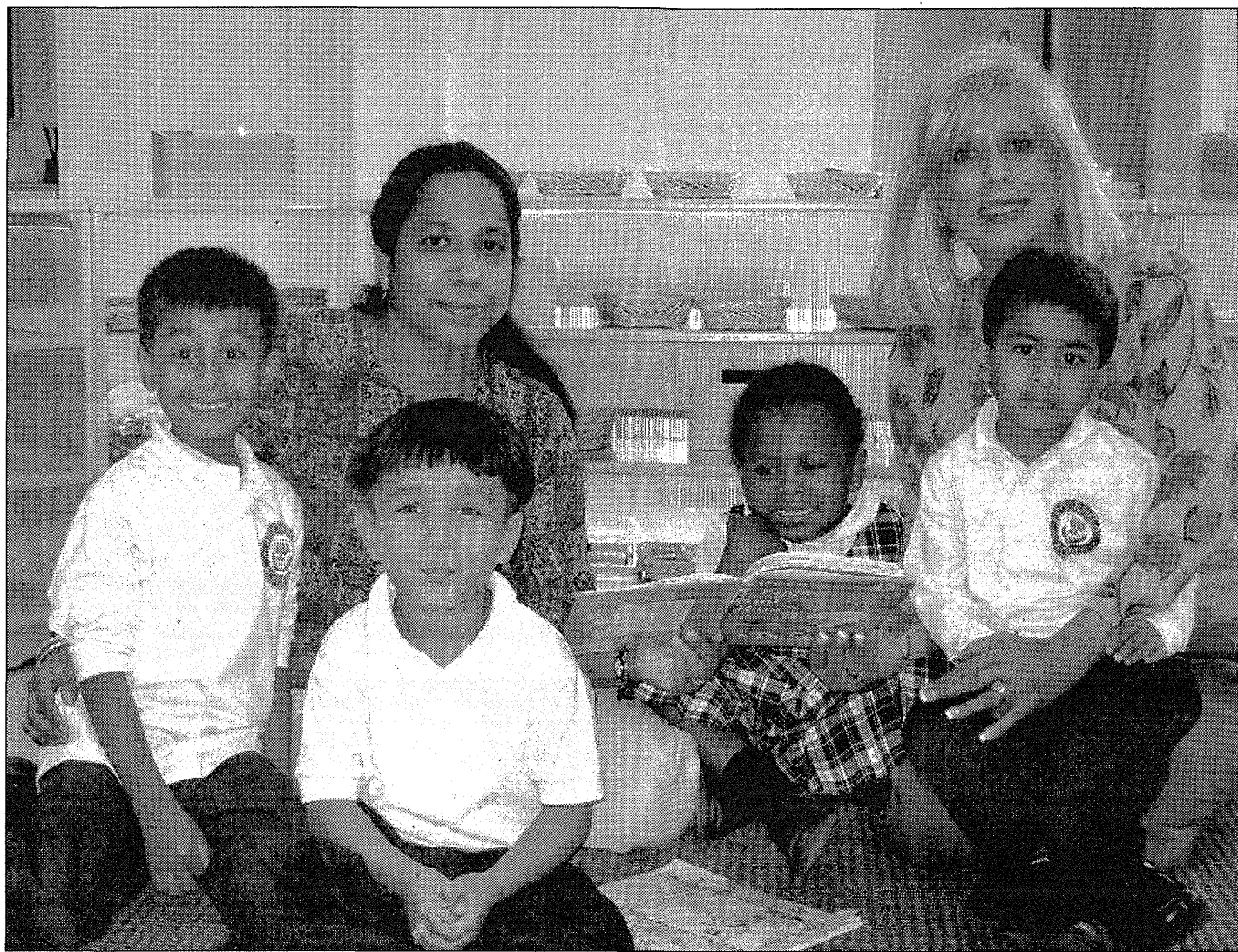
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Pre-primary students (from left) Pranav Kondagunta, Pratham Sidapathy, Marisa Chapman and Arnav Knodagunta gather around Pre-Primary Associate Teacher Padmasree Nalamolu and Principal Rochelle Alexander for a story.

## Talent show set to raise money for youth center

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Calling all young singers, musicians, joke-tellers, acrobats, magicians and others whose talents might look good on stage.

Real Life Church's youth ministry is planning a talent show for 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth, and is looking to fill out its roster of performers.

Young people ages 11 to 25 are welcome to apply; the cost is \$30 per performance, no matter how many people your act includes. A \$300 grand prize is at stake.

The event, Plymouth Rocks Talent Competition, is a fundraiser for the youth ministry, called Teen Real Life, which is planning to open a youth center at a former bridal salon at Main and Wing streets. The money would go toward the renovation of part of the building; the goal is \$10,000.

"I think we can make it happen. We pulled a lot together here real quick," said Brian Hogwood, Teen Real Life pastor. A church youth group has been meeting at West Middle School at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays; the youth center would be its permanent home.

Hogwood, whose wife, Erika, is the talent show director, said the youth center would be a supportive environment for teenagers to socialize in downtown Plymouth without having to spend money —

and without having a religious message pushed on them. It's a need in the community that Real Life Church wants to fill, he said.

"It's a crazy world," Hogwood said. Adolescents "deal with a lot of stuff at home and at school, and they're trying to figure out who they are," he said.

Real Life Church, which now holds 11 a.m. Sunday services at West Middle School, is planning to remodel a building on Main Street into its permanent home. Its mission is service, said Hogwood and Pastor Shawn Hennessy.

"We're here for the community and not just ourselves," Hogwood said.

The talent show, he said, has five acts signed up, plus a concert by 13-year-old singer Molly Hunt and her band, Chasing Daylight. Admission to the show is free; Teen Real Life will be selling T-shirts to raise money.

Performers interested in applying for the show should send an e-mail to plymouthrocktalent@gmail.com in order to get a registration form.

Acts should be rated PG-13 or cleaner, Hogwood said — they'll be previewed before appearing. And no sword-swallowing or fire-eating, he said.

"We don't want to do anything dangerous, for sure," he said.

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## New Montessori school holds grand opening

Brookfield Academy, a new Montessori school in Livonia, will hold a grand opening celebration 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday.

Located at 38945 Ann Arbor Road, the school offers programs for infants, toddlers and pre-primary and elementary-age students of families who live and work in the area.

The family-friendly celebration will include fall craft projects and free pumpkins for children, birthday cake and juice, a Montessori penmanship demonstration, samples of Montessori school work and tours of the school, now open

to the community.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey and Livonia City Council President Laura Toy will read the classic children's book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle to the children attending the event. The reading will be part of this year's Read for the Record campaign to promote early literacy and benefit children in need.

The purpose of Read for the Record is to set a world record for the number of times the same book is read on the same day.

The celebration will also

include a ribbon cutting with Kirksey, Toy and ambassadors from the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

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# There's still time to do Roth IRA conversion

**Q: Dear Rick: I am 75 and I took the minimum distribution as opposed to a Roth IRA conversion the first week of September. Is it too late to do a Roth conversion?**

A: In your situation, you still have time to reverse the transaction and do a Roth IRA conversion. Since you took a distribution in September, you were within the 60-day rollover period which means that you can send the distribution back to your IRA carrier and that would negate the earlier distribution.

You still have to report the distribution and the reinvest-



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom

ment on your 2009 tax return, but there would be a zero income tax affect. Once the money is with-in the IRA, then you can do the Roth conversion.

As I've mentioned many times in this column, there is no 2009 required minimum distribution. Therefore, as long as your adjusted gross income is less than \$100,000, any IRA distribution, even for those over

70%, can qualify for a Roth IRA conversion.

Many people, not knowing that in 2009 they were not required to take a distribution from their IRA, took one anyway. Many of those people are past the 60-day rollover period and are questioning whether there are any options for them. The answer is yes. The IRS has set forth some guidelines for reversing the IRA distribution as long as it is completed by Nov. 30.

If you are one of those seniors, I recommend that you contact your IRA custodian to make sure that you dot every "I" and cross every "T."

Remember that IRA custodians get busy this time of year, so if you want to reverse your earlier required minimum distribution, now is the time to do it. Don't procrastinate.

Good luck!  
**Q: Dear Rick: I am new to the Detroit metropolitan area and will be here for the next year and a half. After that, I will be moving. I've seen some incredible prices for homes in the area. Does it make sense to buy a home if I'm only going to be here a year and a half? Currently, I live in an apartment, but I found a house where my**

payments would actually be less.

A: Despite housing prices being low, I would strongly discourage you from buying a house with only a year and a half time frame. There is no assurance that you will be able to sell the house or even get your asking price. In addition, to sell your house you may have to use the services of a Realtor, which will further reduce your sale proceeds.

There's more to the house than the monthly payments. There is also the maintenance. In an apartment, your maintenance charges are minimal.

That's not the case with a home. In the year and a half that you live in the home, you can incur major expenses that you won't get back when you sell. As far as I am concerned, if you don't have a least a five-year time frame to own a house, it doesn't make sense. Therefore, continue to rent, as that is the best move financially for you.

Good luck!

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**Fund program honors Plymouth library, reader**

State college funding programs, the Library of Michigan and local public libraries joined forces this past summer in a special program - "Get Creative @ Saving for College" - in which participating children of library summer reading programs were able to enter a sweepstakes to win \$1,500 toward college expenses.

The local libraries of all winners would also win \$1,000 to support future summer read-

ing programs.

Three-year-old Lauren Marnocha and the Plymouth District Library were among six winners throughout the state. Lauren and her family live in Northville and are familiar faces at the Plymouth library.

"We were delighted to participate in the program and help families learn more about saving for college," explained Carol Champagne, Youth Services Director for the library. "We'll be planning next summer's programs soon and will put the prize money

to good use."

Two saving programs are available through the State of Michigan for families planning for future college expenses. The Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP) is a tax-advantaged savings plan for future college costs. The Michigan Education Trust (MET) offers prepaid tuition contracts to help families save for college.

Information for both programs can be found at [www.mesp529.com](http://www.mesp529.com) or [www.SETwithMET.com](http://www.SETwithMET.com)

**Drug education**

The Canton Police Department has partnered with Saint Joseph Mercy Health System to offer the class, "Drugs 101: What Parents Want to Know," a popular class to be presented 10 times over the next eight months, by educators from Saint Joseph Mercy Health System staff and Canton Police Department's Community Relations Sergeant Mark Gajeski.

Together they will educate parents on the signs, symp-

oms and current trends of alcohol, tobacco, inhalants, marijuana and other drugs teens may use. Legal consequences and long term implications will also be addressed.

Features of this interactive class include a mock teenager's bedroom set up for parents to observe and attempt to identify the obvious and not-so-obvious drug related paraphernalia. Throughout the presentation, more than 70 drug and alcohol indicators will be unveiled to show how some adolescents hide drug and alcohol use from their

parents

"It will be a unique opportunity to present this valuable information in conjunction with health care professionals," Gajeski said. "I am looking forward to working with parents in the community who are interested in playing an active role in drug prevention and intervention for their children."

This is a two-hour class for adults only who reside in Canton or its surrounding communities. Register for this free program at [www.sjmercy-health.org](http://www.sjmercy-health.org) click on Classes and Events. Additional information can be obtained by calling the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System at (734) 398-7518 or the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5424.

Dates and locations of the adult-only presentations are:

- Thursday, Oct. 15, 6:30 p.m., Pioneer Middle School Cafeteria, Plymouth
- Thursday, Nov. 12, 1 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, Canton
- Tuesday, Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Middle School Cafeteria, Canton
- Tuesday, Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m., Bentley Elementary Cafeteria, Canton
- Wednesday, Jan. 13, 10 a.m., Summit on the Park, Chestnut Room, Canton
- Thursday, Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m., Farrand Elementary Gym, Plymouth
- Saturday, March 6, 10 a.m., Plymouth Public Library, Plymouth
- Tuesday, March 23, 6:30 p.m., Fiegel Elementary Gym, Plymouth
- Tuesday, April 27, 6:30 p.m., Field Elementary Gym, Canton
- Thursday, May 13, 6:30 p.m., Summit on the Park, Chestnut Room, Canton

Any group interested in hosting a Drugs 101: What Parents Need to Know program can call Saint Joseph Mercy Health System at (734) 398-7518 or e-mail [healthed@trinity-health.org](mailto:healthed@trinity-health.org)



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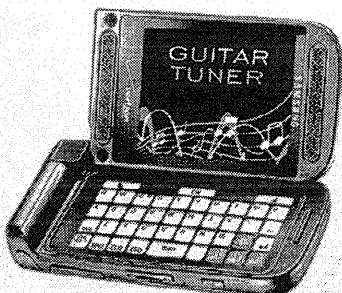
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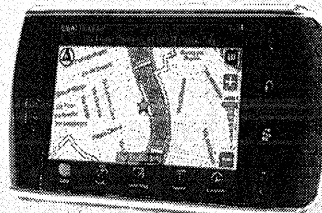
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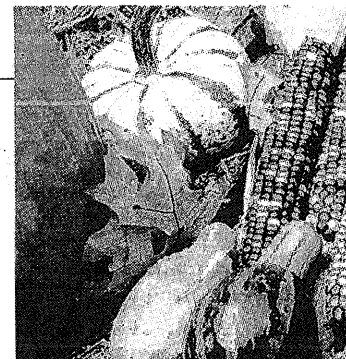
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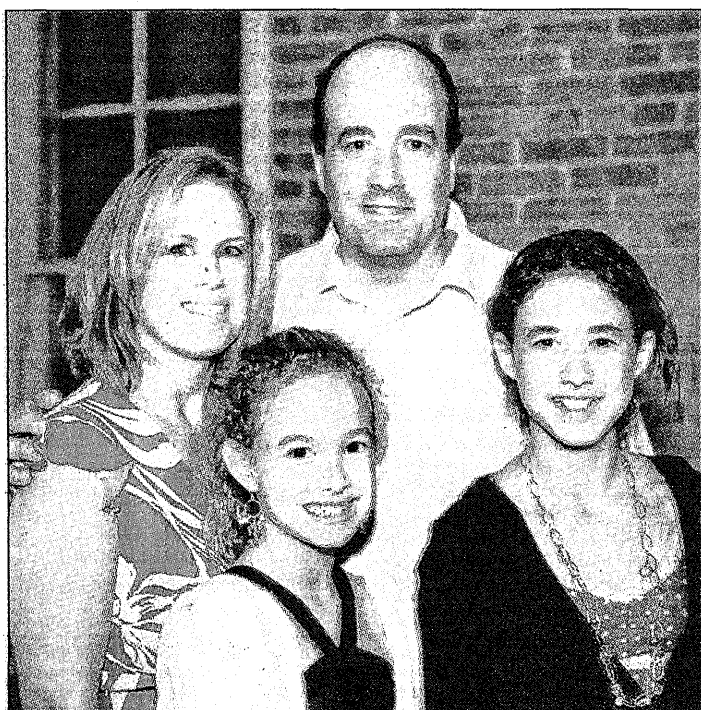
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It is easy to see why the Plymouth-Canton community has rallied for the Renzi family. The late Kim Renzi and Todd Renzi proudly pose with daughters Adeline (front left) and Marina in this undated photograph.

## 'Thank you'

### Renzi family won't forget generosity, love for late coach Kim

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton community reached out to Todd Renzi during a time of crisis in his family's life.

And now, as a way to say thanks, he wants to give back to honor his late wife's memory and help people who find themselves in a battle with cancer.

The first Kim Renzi Memorial Invitational Volleyball Tournament is slated for Saturday, Oct. 10, at Plymouth High School, with pool play starting at 8:30 a.m.

Nine junior varsity squads are set to participate in the tournament, sanctioned by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. "I can't emphasize enough how much

the support from the entire community has meant to us, and this tournament is just a small example," Todd Renzi said. "We're not the first family to go through this type of tragedy, but my kids (daughters Marina, 12 and Adeline, 10) are doing OK.

"I owe so much to the entire Plymouth-Canton community. They came together for us like a family and they made a real difference in our lives."

#### BROKEN DREAMS

Kim Renzi had been the Wildcats freshman volleyball coach — the job of her dreams — until being diagnosed during last season with metastatic melanoma.

Kim stepped down from the coaching position, then fought valiantly, bolstered

by love, prayers and overwhelming support from family, friends and even strangers who never met her.

Despite the best of medical care and leading-edge cancer treatments through the renowned University of Michigan Health System, her cancer had spread from her lungs to the brain. She passed away in April at age 39.

A benefit tournament for Kim and her family was held in late October 2008 to help generate help as they dealt with an overwhelming situation.

It was so successful that plans are to continue it.

In fact, Todd Renzi said Plymouth-Canton schools agreed to back an annual

Please see **RENZI, B3**

## Crazy play shocks 'Cats

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tony Wilton's You Tube moment may be coming to the World Wide Web sometime soon.

The senior backup wide receiver alertly scooped up a blocked field goal attempt as time expired and raced 33 yards unmolested to give host Westland John Glenn an improbable 33-28 KLA South Division football win over visiting Plymouth.

Ryan Lopez's attempt with eight seconds remaining was smothered and blocked by two onrushing Plymouth defenders, but Wilton, the placeholder, picked up the ball behind the line of scrimmage.

He then heard the cries from Glenn special teams coach Aaron Lada, who called out to Wilton from the sidelines.

"I saw two (Plymouth) guys dive in there, it went off somebody's chest, I picked it up and I was standing here with the ball," said Wilton, who scored his first-ever TD. "I didn't hear any whistle and I thought nothing of it. Then I heard somebody say 'run.' There were (Glenn) guys in front of me and they (Plymouth) all ran off the field. They thought the game was over."

The win improved Glenn's overall record to 5-1 and leaves the Rockets at 3-1 in the KLA South Division.

The crushing defeat leaves Plymouth at 4-2 and 2-2.

Wildcats coach Mike Sawchuk was furious on how the final play unfolded.

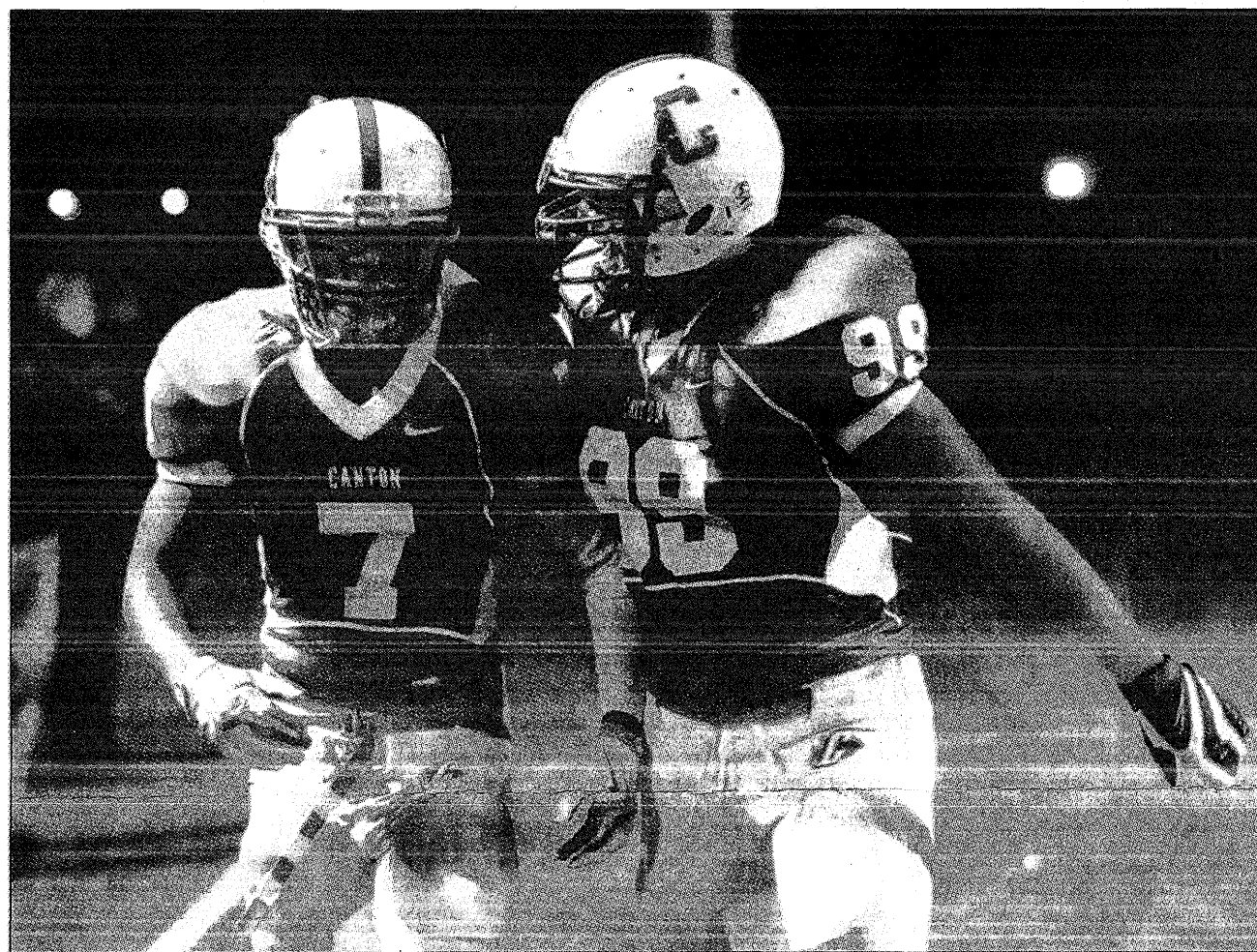
"They (the officials) blew the whistle and the clocked stopped — everybody stopped," he said. "They wouldn't give me an explanation."

"But I'm so proud of my kids. It's something that's a protest in my eyes, and we won the game. We played our tails off and they (Glenn) should not be happy with the win."

Wilton's You Tube moment overshadowed the brilliant individual efforts by Glenn's senior tailback Jeremy Langford and Plymouth junior quarterback Victor Hicks.

Langford, who came into the game with 1,133 yards in five games, rushed for a game-high

Please see **CATS, B4**



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Canton senior Arron Boudreaux (No. 7) is congratulated by senior Dakota Dark-Bird after Boudreaux's key interception and return for a touchdown late in the first half against Livonia Franklin.

## Canton grinds out playoff clincher

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Just like Canton clockwork. Another football season, another spot in the MHSAA playoffs.

Aided by two interception returns for touchdowns, Friday night's 28-7 win over visiting Livonia Franklin ensured as much as the Chiefs notched their sixth victory (the magic number to qualify).

Canton will be in the state playoffs for the eighth time in nine seasons.

Chiefs head coach Tim Baechler, however, knows there is a lot of work ahead even for a team that's 6-0 overall and 4-0 in the strong KLA South Division.

"We've got one goal down and we've got at least a share of the South Division championship," Baechler said. "We still want to seal the deal."

"Livonia Churchill's better than people think they are and they lit us up on the scoreboard last year, so we really have to take them seriously."

Another Livonia team gave Canton all it could handle, despite the final

score. The Chiefs could only score on their first and last drives, both by slashing junior running back Davion Stackhouse (14 carries, 96 yards).

"Nobody's held them to 14 offensive points this season," said Patriots head coach Chris Kelbert, whose team dropped to 3-3 overall and 2-2 in the South. "Defensively, those guys played their hearts out. That's one of the things we had to tighten up from last week into this week and I think they did a great job."

#### ON THE MOVE

Canton did come out of the blocks on Homecoming Night at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, to the tune of 51 yards in 14 plays and nearly eight minutes.

Capping off the drive was a 2-yard touchdown run by Stackhouse with 4:13 left in the first quarter.

But Franklin righted the ship defensively and still trailed 7-0 with halftime approaching.

Canton senior quarterback Kevin Delapaz (0-of-5 passing) tried to get his team moving with less than two

minutes to go, until he got hit by a freight train called senior lineman Nate Coleman (6-3, 305).

Coleman literally threw Delapaz for a 13-yard loss back to the Canton 20-yard line and the quarterback was somewhat shaken up as he came off the field.

#### PAYBACK

Still with time for a game-tying march, Canton senior defensive back Arron Boudreaux stepped up to exact some revenge for the hard hit on his teammate.

Boudreaux absolutely hammered senior tailback Mike Baumgardner for no gain on first down. Then came the play that Baechler called the biggest one of the night.

Franklin senior quarterback Mike Beasley (5-of-14 passing, 62 yards) dropped back to pass and fired the ball over the middle, where Boudreaux stepped in front of the Pats' intended receiver and raced untouched down the right sidelines for a 30-yard interception return to make it 14-0 with 30 sec-

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## KLAA foes earn draw

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Protecting second-half leads has been problematic at times this season for Salem's varsity boys soccer team, according to head coach Ed McCarthy.

That was the case Thursday night in a hard-fought KLA Central showdown between the host Rocks and Northville that ended 1-1. A victory by the Mustangs would have moved them into a virtual tie for the Central lead.

After nursing a 1-0 edge for roughly 60 minutes, Salem's defense broke down with 11 minutes remaining to

enable the tying goal by Mustangs junior defender Fatai Alashe.

"We've got to be better defensively. We gave up way too many scoring opportunities," McCarthy said.

"Our biggest problem, and it continues to plague us all year, is we have to defend better."

"With a lead in the second half, we should be able to shut out the opponent and we haven't been able to do that this year."

#### DO OR DIE

Salem's aggressive senior goalkeeper and co-captain Sasa Miskovic, who as usual made several key stops as well as leaping to snare shots in heavy traffic, found himself in no-man's land on the goal by Alashe.

The ball got past the Salem defense and came toward Miskovic, who raced out to try to scoop it up. But the slightest hesitation enabled the Northville player to get to the ball and bounce a shot over the keeper's head into the vacated cage.

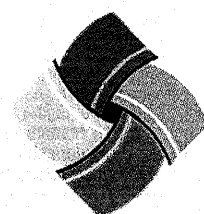
"I probably could have come out a little faster," Miskovic said. "I'll just learn from that goal and learn from my mistakes."

McCarthy, however, said his team (now 10-3-3, 6-1-1) then hit the gas pedal and forced Northville senior goalie Nick Shaya to make a

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# Canton offense goes wild in 9-1 win

# Tough sledding for Salem

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton soccer firepower prevailed from the opening minute Wednesday night, when speedy sophomore forward Mitch Posuniak scored his first of three goals against host Livonia Franklin.

From there, the Chiefs' varsity boys soccer team dominated all night, routing the Patriots 9-1 in a KLAAs South Division matchup. A goal with 2:04 remaining by recent junior varsity callup Nathan Bergeson (2 goals) ended the match due to the eight-goal mercy rule.

Also tallying a pair of markers for Canton (9-5-2, 6-2-0) was freshman midfielder Daniel Ovesea with the ninth goal courtesy of junior midfielder Garrett Derian-Toth.

Chalking up three assists was senior midfielder Matt Edwards, who helped spring Posuniak several times with long-ball passes.

Scoring for Franklin (2-9-0, 1-6-0) was sophomore defend-

er/midfielder Chad Tweedy. "We did a great job with our distribution," said Canton head coach George Tomasso. "We had a balanced attack as well as our defensive game was very balanced as well."

"But Franklin always does a good job, they always put up a fight. As long as there's time on the clock they keep fighting and I just respect them and their coach Vic (Rodopoulos) 110 percent because they never quit."

Posuniak was a thorn in Franklin's side the entire match, with bursts of speed up the wing coupled with zig-zagging moves to the goalmouth. He scored three times in the first half but easily could have had a couple more. The game was just 38 seconds old when he bounced a shot into a wide-open cage from about 10 yards out.

### HELP FROM THE JV

Meanwhile, Tomasso said scoring in the first minute of a match can lull a team into complacency. But that wasn't a problem for the Chiefs. Posuniak

scored again at the 6:26 mark. "That's the scary thing, it could go one of two ways," he noted. "We could either sit back and wait or we could keep attacking. I give my boys a lot of credit, they kept attacking."

The Chiefs were bolstered by the all-out performances turned in by JV callups Bergeson and Zech. Also chipping in were callups Shean Kroliecki and Jon Dugan.

"Nate Bergeson had a great game tonight, he had two goals, and Neil Zech was just flying up and down the sidelines doing a great job," Tomasso said. "Both of those guys were being rewarded for their outstanding play on JV and they contributed tonight. So it's going to be nice to look at them in the future."

Despite all the scoring, Patriots' sophomore goalkeeper Ryan Tikey made a lot of point-blank saves before being relieved during the second half by senior Avery Baerlin. Splitting goalkeeper duties

for the Chiefs were senior Kai Walther and junior Brandon Laabs, but neither was tested other than Tweedy on his goal, which came with 6:11 to go in the first half to make it 3-1.

With less than a minute in the half, however, Canton got it back as Posuniak — parked on the doorstep — rammed in a pass from junior midfielder Phillip Baciak, who expertly moved from the right corner to the side of the goal before finding Posuniak.

The Chiefs maintained possession in Franklin's end for almost the entire second half, with wave after wave of offensive pressure as well as five goals.

A top-shelf header by Ovesea from in front of a direct kick made it 5-1 with 31:28 remaining and the Chiefs padded that lead about seven minutes later.

Senior midfielder Jonathon Allen and Derian-Toth completed a perfect 2-on-1 rush. Allen sent a left-to-right pass to Derian-Toth, who buried his shot into the top corner.

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It wasn't the followup game that Salem varsity football coach Kurt Britnell was hoping for following the team's first victory.

Instead, the Rocks turned the football over four times and couldn't move it much otherwise on Friday at Northville, taking it on the chin, 17-0, in a KLAAs Central Division test.

"Our defense played well but we couldn't get going on offense," Britnell said. "We just didn't get off the ball or block."

Last week, in a 40-0 blowout win over South Lyon East, that was no problem as the Rocks (1-5, 1-4) featured a multi-faceted attack led by sophomore running back Marcus Houston (179 yards rushing) and senior quarterback Brian Maksimovic.

Against Northville (4-2, 3-1), Houston could manage just 56 yards in 17 carries. He did play well overall, however, and picked off a Mustangs pass during the second half.

Salem's defensive heart and soul — senior Austin Root and junior Evan Walsh — led the Rocks with 15 and 13 tackles, respectively, to give Britnell something to smile about.

"No matter what, those two are football players," he said.

Northville led 3-0 at half-time and padded the lead in the second half, helped by an interception return for a TD.

**Note:** In the Sept. 27 Observer, the story about the Salem victory should have said that the Rocks did post a victory in 2008 rather than going winless.

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handful of point-blank saves to maintain the tie.

Two of them came back-to-back with less than seven minutes left.

Shaya got in front of a hard shot by senior midfielder Evan Antich. Then he sprawled to deny senior midfielder and co-captain Lachlan Savage.

"After they scored I thought we were very good, creating the majority of scoring opportunities that last 10 minutes," McCarthy said. "No doubt Northville had to win this in order to have a chance to win the division."

"So we should be in good position and control our own

destiny for the next couple games."

Not out on the pitch when the goal was scored was Salem's main offensive threat, senior midfielder Alex Tramel, who limped off after a collision a few minutes earlier. Tramel would return following the equalizer.

"We don't have any player that can replace him up top," McCarthy said. "He's a good targeting player and he's dangerous on the attack. So when he's out of the lineup, our team's a little bit different."

### HELP NEEDED

Northville head coach Henry Klimes said his team (8-4-4, 5-1-2) played well and forced the issue much of the game.

"I thought we carried the majority of the play and I thought we had a few more

opportunities than they did," Klimes said. "But that's the game of soccer. We kept plugging away (and) we finally got one there late."

Klimes added that "Fatai made a nice touch there, and that was good to see. At least we deserved a tie."

But not being able to snag the win against one of Northville's long-time rivals, he continued, means that now "we need a little bit of help" in the division race.

The Rocks got on the scoreboard first at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity soccer field at 8:26 off of an indirect kick that drifted into the area just in front of the Northville goal. A number of players from both teams were there, but it was Salem senior midfielder John Krutty who chipped it into the net from short range.

### BIG AND AGGRESSIVE

For the rest of the half, the Rocks kept that lead, with Miskovic diving and skying to corral whatever came his way.

Also, Salem junior defenders Brandon Barfuss and Tommy Halewicz were strong at times to clear the ball out of trouble.

"My dad taught me to be aggressive," said Miskovic, who won't let one goal stop him. "I'm a big guy, I need to use my body. I'm really not scared."

Miskovic also continues to show amazing athleticism and in-your-face confidence for someone who just had surgery on his left knee in July.

"That's all from hard work," he said. "I had four months of good, physical, aggressive physical therapy and it's just made me a lot better."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Canton tankers win

The Canton varsity girls swim team defeated Livonia Ladywood 108-75 recently.

Earning firsts for the Chiefs were Delaney Adams (200-free, 2:07.21 seconds; 100 fly, 1:04.04), Catherine Irwin (200-IM, 2:23.54; 500-free, 5:44.46), Kari Schmitt (50 free, 26.53.6), Mallory Hudak (diving, 187.35), Kayla Eyster (100-free, 57.20), Sara Krebs (100-breast, 1:13.54) and the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Maddy McLean, Schmitt, Kelly Bedro and Krebs (4:09.22).

Meanwhile, Sept. 24 at Canton, the Chiefs defeated Livonia Franklin, 108-72.

Canton won the 200-yard medley relay with Caitlin Orr, Maggie Carlson, Adams and

Schmitt finishing in 2:02.28.

Individual winners included Orr (200-IM, 2:24.78), Hudak (diving, 205.10), Irwin (100-fly, 1:06.35) and Adams (100-back, 1:08.34).

It was Canton's third dual meet win without a loss, including two in the KLAAs South Division.

### Whalers fall to Barrie

The Plymouth Whalers and Barrie Colts have a history of playing close hockey games. The Whalers and Colts held true to form Thursday night before 2,917 at the Molson Centre in Barrie. One-time Whaler Taylor Carnevale's redirect of Stefan Della Rovere's pass at 0:11 of the third period snapped a 2-2 tie and gave Barrie a 3-2 victory.

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## Foursome still strong after 58 years

BY BRAD EMONS  
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With no member changes since 1958, the Brothers Four is believed to be the longest running rock band.

Charlie Hofsess, Tom Honey, Al Deslippe and Frank Konjarevich are another foursome that refuses to break up as they move into their 70s.

This golfing quartet dates back to 1952 and their days, when as 11- and 12-year-olds, they were exposed to the game in *The Detroit News'* junior program held at Rouge Park G.C. off Burt Road in Detroit.

Fifty-eight years later, the link remains unbroken for the childhood friends and neighbors who lived within a block of each other in the Brightmoor community, located in the Evergreen and Schoolcraft section of Detroit near Redford High School.

Last month, the foursome staged a reunion at Rouge Park with the golf pro that gave them their first lesson — 85-year-old Stan Jawor — who is still teaching at the Arbor Joy Golf Center in Plymouth.

Stan Jawor, a lifetime member of the P.G.A. of America, was one of five brothers in the metro area who became teaching pros.

"We started the junior program in 1950 at the six (Detroit) city courses," Jawor said. "It was the biggest junior program in the country at the time. We used to teach a lot of kids. We had 700, 800, 900 and even close to a 1,000. It was free and I didn't get a dime. We'd give them lessons and then show the kids on the course. We'd play three holes with them, then let them play on their own. We let them play for 25 cents from 6 to 10 a.m."

Deslippe and Honey were next-door neighbors, while Hofsess and Konjarevich lived within a block of each other.

As a teenager, Deslippe rode his bike two miles to the Western Golf & Country Club where the four caddied after his family moved to Livonia (where he still resides today).

"We'd go to Kratchel's Variety, it was a local drug-store," said Deslippe, who started taking lessons with wooden shaft clubs that his father gave him before buying steel shafts in 1955. "We sat on the steps of the store and go a nickel a hole. We'd also bet



Back together again 58 years later during their days in Detroit News junior golf program at Rouge Park are (from left) Tom Honey, pro Stan Jawor, Charlie Hofsess, Frank Konjarevich and Al Deslippe (wearing hat).

cigarettes — we've all quit." Hofsess and his buddies would often check for openings in the back fence near the railroad tracks of the Rouge River to search for golf balls down in the ravine.

"We called it an 'Easter egg hunt,' there were lots of them down there, by the No. 3 hole, we'd pull out 10, 20 golf balls," Hofsess said.

Deslippe, meanwhile, remembers the day when weather conditions changed drastically.

"We had four inches of snow, but we kept playing," he said. "I had my bike. I was 16. I didn't know if I'd get back."

They became regulars at Rouge and Brae Burn before starting their careers and families. Over the decades, they've played in leagues and outings together. They've also taken golf trips Up North together and played in Florida.

Konjarevich, 71, of Farmington Hills has run a family-owned shoe repair business in downtown Birmingham for more than 50 years.

"There's always bickering on the course, but we're close and we can dish it out, and we've always been there for one another," Konjarevich said. "We're all pretty aggressive golfers. I remember one time when Charlie picked up the ball in the ravine and threw it out. He said, 'Here it comes,' and I saw him (on the seventh hole at Rouge). We ride each other about our scores. Al's the one who plays the most golf."

Deslippe is a retired industrial sheet metal contractor who owned his own com-

mercial heating and cooling business. He still attacks the course, recently breaking 80 playing from the senior tees.

"Myself, Tom and Al are all competitive," Hofsess said. "Frank doesn't take the game as serious, but he can come out of the shoot. He can be competitive, too."

The 70-year-old Honey, meanwhile, was a sheet metal worker at Ford Motor Co. who lived in Livonia 37 years before retiring and moving to New Port Richey, Fla.

"Tom always kept the scores, he could tell how much was won and lost at the end of the year," said Deslippe, who has the group's only hole-in-one. Hofsess, one of 12 children, retired as tool and tie maker from Detroit Diesel and worked with his brother in the construction building repair business. He currently resides in Whitmore Lake.

As the years go by, Hofsess said the group meets less frequently. But he hopes the foursome can continue to meet on a more regular basis.

"We've played hundreds of courses, golf has kept the bond going," he said. "If we didn't play golf, we probably wouldn't see each other. It's our rock. There's the camaraderie and the challenge. And it's worked because we're all different."

Hofsess wonders if there's any other golf foursome or even a twosome out there that has been playing longer together.

"It's a challenge to be dared," he said. "I'd like to know."

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### RENZI

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volleyball memorial tournament in his wife's name. Proceeds will go into a foundation set up for Marina and Adeline Renzi.

But Renzi said he wants to somehow "pay it forward" and help others through the tournament as it continues beyond this year, perhaps by way of a scholarship.

"I don't know how we could have gotten through what we did, and still do, without all of the support from the Plymouth-Canton community," he said. "Therefore, I want to have this tournament to help other families in our community going through a similar situation."

### CELEBRATE KIM

Plymouth varsity volleyball coach Kelly McCausland said last year's tournament was a huge success that almost stunned the Renzis.

"Kim and her family were more than overwhelmed with the outpouring of love and support from the volleyball family," she said. "And they were more than thankful for the donations."

McCausland said the first memorial tourney, to celebrate Kim Renzi's life and dedication to Plymouth High School volleyball, "is the very least that we, as a program, could do to help such an admirable family."

In addition to the games, there will be a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction (with some nifty prizes, including gift certificates and sports tickets).

Teams lined up to participate include Plymouth, Canton, Salem, Garden City, Dearborn Divine Child, Birmingham Seaholm, Howell, South Lyon and Ann Arbor Huron.

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**What:** Kim Renzi Memorial Invitational Volleyball Tournament.

**When:** Beginning 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

**Where:** Plymouth High School gymnasium, near Beck and Joy roads.

**Who:** Nine junior varsity teams will compete, with proceeds to go into a foundation for Renzi children Madeline, 12 and Adeline, 10. Squads from all three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park schools will participate.

**About Kim:** The tourney is to honor the memory of Kim Renzi, a well-loved freshman volleyball coach at Plymouth High School. Kim, just 39, lost a half-year fight with battle with metastatic melanoma in April.

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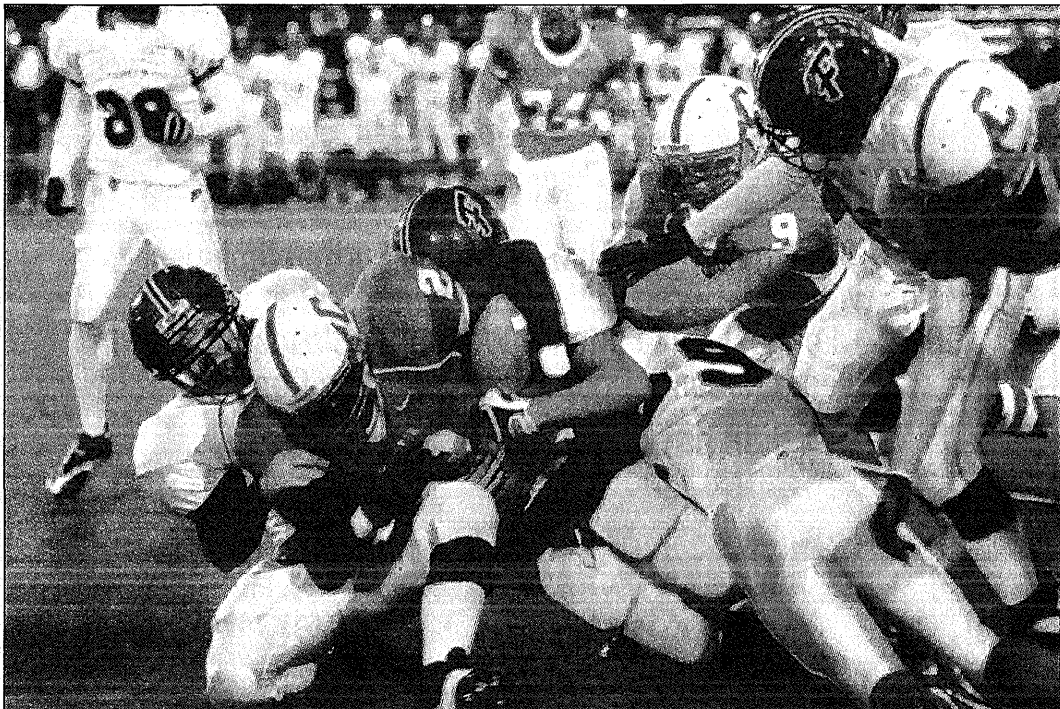
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It takes a crowd of Patriots to bring down Chief junior tailback Davion Stackhouse, who scored two touchdowns and gained close to 100 yards on the ground Friday.

### CANTON

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onds to play in the half. "All I wanted to do was prevent them from scoring," Boudreaux said. "And when I saw that the quarterback threw it, I just broke on the ball and picked it. Then all I thought about was scoring."

According to Baechler, "That was huge for our momentum. That was absolutely the biggest play of the game, there's no question."

### GIVEAWAYS HURT PATS

The Chiefs did it again about five minutes into the third. Franklin moved the ball into Canton territory and junior quarterback Brent Marzion (2-of-4, 10 yards) tried to convert a

pass on third-and-eight.

But Canton junior D-back Josh Nolen anticipated where the ball was going, just like Boudreaux had done. Nolen intercepted the ball and raced all the way home for a 65-yard touchdown.

The third of four extra points by freshman Connor Shennan gave the Chiefs a 21-point cushion.

"You can't beat a team like that and give them 14 points on those two interceptions," Kelbert said. "Those hurt us big-time."

The Patriots finally got on the scoreboard with 1:15 left in the third. A 56-yard drive was culminated on a 3-yard rollout pass from Beasley to senior Antoine Banks at the goal-line. Banks bounced off a hard hit into the end zone.

That was all the scoring until

Canton put seven more on the board in the final two minutes.

Much like the first drive, the Chiefs mixed and matched with consistent runs by senior Ron Gaudi (eight carries, 44 yards), Delapaz and Stackhouse — who burst through the line for the 26-yard TD with 1:10 remaining.

Victory and guaranteed play-off spot aside, Baechler wanted to get back to work and focus on the Chargers next Friday.

"Offensively, I thought we moved the ball well, but we just weren't consistent and a lot of that goes to Franklin, credit them," Baechler said. "They're big and a lot better than people think."

"And penalties killed us. We had two first down runs that we had holding calls on that put us back third-and-long. Our offense isn't built for that."

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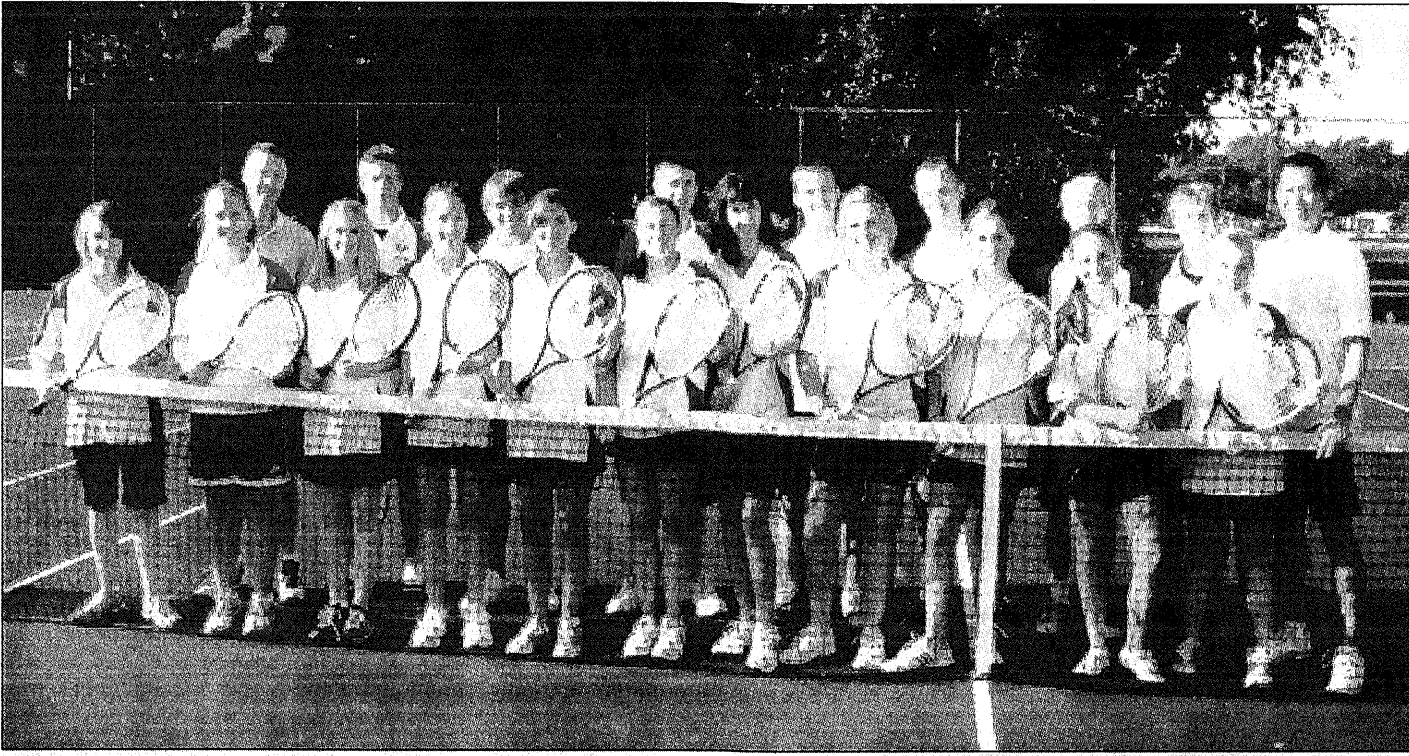
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Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity co-ed tennis team includes: (back row, from left) assistant coach Jim Zandee, Nate Howard, Ross Vought, Earl Carr, Matt Sumner, Matt Zandee, Matt Hagelin, Blake Ringger and head coach Mike Kwang; (front row, from left) Lindsay Zagata, Rachel Zandee, LeeAnn Carr, Michaela Wheeler, Rachel Yerke, Lisa Valentine, Haley Halbert, Sara Slaughter, Charity Landrum, Bethany Hale and Hannah Williams. Not shown are Jonathan Manni, AJ Smith and Andrew Palmer.

## PCA tennis not just for the boys anymore

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The reaction isn't always favorable when varsity boys tennis teams face Plymouth Christian Academy — a team composed of both boys and girls.

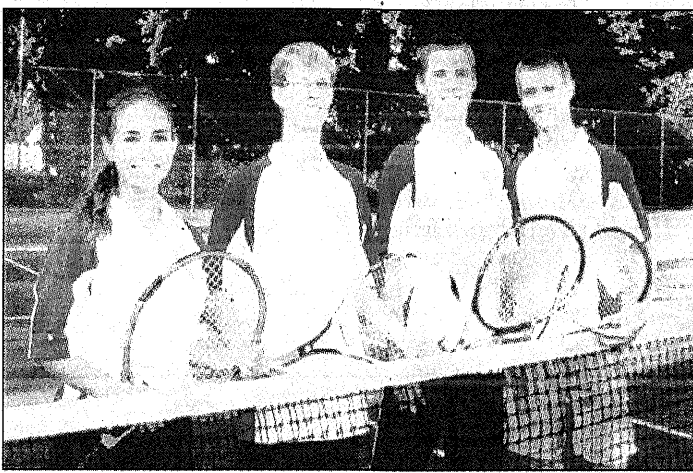
Opponents joke around and even pick on their own teammates should one of the PCA girls get the upper hand during a matchup, Eagles head coach Mike Kwang explained.

"We always get a reaction from the teams that we play," Kwang said. "Most smile and some laugh when they find out that they will be playing against a girl."

But the ever-diligent and improving team of co-eds playing in the boys tennis season is starting to gain momentum and earn both attention and respect as the season progresses, he added.

For example, at the recent Riverview Tournament, No. 3 singles player Rachel Zandee took Crestwood's Adhem Elbezra to three competitive sets.

Zandee came from behind



Sporting a different look than opposing teams, Plymouth Christian singles lineup features (from left) Rachel Zandee (No. 3), Matt Hagelin (No. 4), Matt Sumner (No. 2) and Matt Zandee (No. 1).

to take the second set to force a tie-breaker that required 10 points to be decided.

PCA also took the second-place trophy at the Fowlerville Tournament.

### SIGNS OF SUCCESS

The Eagles came home with a fistful of medals, too. Junior Blake Ringger and freshman Jonathan Manni took first place at No. 4 doubles. Junior Matt Hagelin earned a run-

ner-up medal at No. 4 singles and the No. 3 doubles tandem of senior Lisa Valentine and junior Hannah Williams also earned a second-place medal.

Kwang's lineup card also usually includes senior Matt Zandee at No. 1 singles, Matt Sumner at No. 2 singles, Nate Howard and Bethany Hale at No. 1 doubles and AJ Smith and LeeAnn Carr at No. 2 doubles.

According to Kwang, who

is joined by assistant coach Jim Zandee on his staff, the second-year team is starting to take hold with 21 players this season (11 girls and 10 boys). In 2008, there were 18 players.

Plymouth Christian, because it is a smaller school enrollment-wise, "opened the team up to girls and boys," Kwang said, adding that many of the players are competing in more than one sport this fall season.

Brother-and-sister combo Matt and Rachel Zandee currently are also on the PCA varsity soccer and varsity volleyball teams, respectively.

In addition, the busy Zandeas are co-captains for the Eagles.

Meanwhile, the Eagles can always point to Dearborn Divine Child whenever the teasing begins about females cracking a boys lineup.

"Their No. 1 singles player, Christina Colorassi, plays on the boys varsity team," Kwang said. "From what I'm told, she is a nationally ranked tennis player."

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## Salem girls get leg up

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The KLAA Central Division title is within reach for Plymouth Salem's varsity girls cross country team thanks to Tuesday's "huge victory" against division rival Novi at Cass Benton Park, said Rocks' head coach Dave Gerlach.

Salem's 22-39 triumph was a big win "because both teams were 2-0 going in and whoever won that meet would be in line for the division title," said Gerlach, noting that Salem (3-0) still has to take care of South Lyon and South Lyon East in upcoming meets.

Taking first place in a race to the finish with Novi's Jackie Mullins was Salem junior Victoria Tripp, whose time of 19:29 edged out the 19:33 posted by the Wildcat freshman.

Finishing third for the Rocks was senior co-captain Jordyn Moore (20:04). "She (Tripp) ran a terrific race," Gerlach said. "They ran the entire race together until she pulled ahead in the last 200 meters."

Other strong performances for Salem were registered by Kelly Kerwin (6th, 20:36), Autumn Burin (7th, 20:51), Kara Booms (8th, 21:03) and Ade Jepperson (9th, 21:10).

Gerlach said defeating Novi (2-1), besides putting his team in the Central driver's seat, also means the runners are gearing up for the KLAA conference meet (Oct. 22) and Division I regionals set for Oct. 31 at Willow Metropark (Salem's home course).

"We're obviously running very well," the coach said. "One of our goals is to win the division and we're on track to do that."

## 'CATS

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315 yards on 35 carries, and threw a 52-yard fourth-quarter TD pass to Davarius Jenkins with 9:29 left to play to pull Glenn within one, 28-27 (following the missed extra point).

Ironically, the 6-foot-1, 190-pound Langford had a pair of TD runs of 80 and 49 yards called back because of holding calls.

Meanwhile, Hicks completed 10-of-12 passes for 265 yards and rushed 14 times for another 84 yards as the Wildcats bolted out to a 28-14 halftime lead.

"Our defensive players are coached well and they're good tacklers, but he (Hicks) made us miss," Glenn coach Tim Hardin said. "We had guys there and he'd put moves on us that were unbelievable. Number five (Hicks) is a good player and that team has some major weapons."

Glenn led 7-0 when Langford scored off a trap play from 97 yards out with 9:03 left in the first quarter, but

Plymouth answered on Hicks' 8-yard run followed by his 47-yard TD pass to Brennen Beyer.

In the second quarter, Hicks hit Jacob Morris with scoring passes of 13 and 18 yards, while Langford countered for Glenn with an 80-yard burst around left end.

Glenn then marched 70-yards in 15 plays to start the third quarter with Langford carrying 11 times out of the single-back "Wildcat" formation. Steven Murphy's 2-yard TD run capped the eight-minute drive to cut the deficit to 28-21 with 3:55 left.

Plymouth's Kyle Brindza, who missed 41-yard field goal attempt to end the half, also came up empty on a 27-yard attempt to end the third period.

After Langford's 52-yard scoring pass with 9:29 remaining in the game cut the Plymouth lead to 28-27, the Rockets failed on the extra point.

But they got the ball back with 1:39 left after Donnell Brewer recovered a costly Plymouth fumble at midfield.

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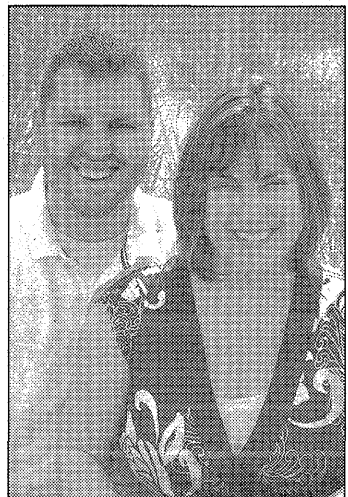
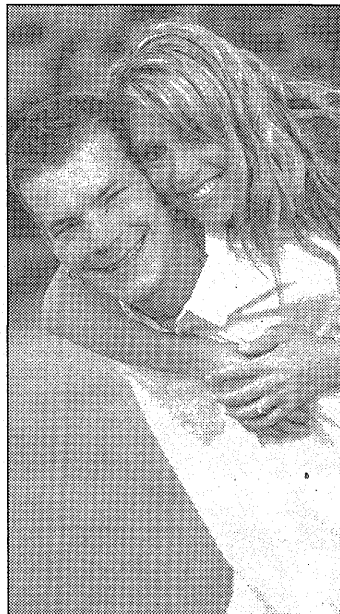
Rousseau-Marsonек

Jim and Judy Gabler of Livonia and Don and Dawn Rousseau of Traverse City announce the engagement of their daughter, Steffanie Rousseau to Scott Marsonек. Scott is the son of Scott and Donna Marsonек of Plymouth.

Steffanie is a 2007 Michigan State University graduate with a B.S. in dietetics and is currently a student at Eastern Michigan University in the Accelerated Second Degree Nursing program.

Scott is a graduate of Plymouth Canton Schools and is employed with Farmington Hills Collision Center as an automotive painter. Steffanie and Scott have a home in Canton and both enjoy soccer and snowboarding.

The couple plans a June 2010 wedding.



Zajechowski-Lape

Andrea Zajechowski and David Lape announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Eugene and Dorothy Zajechowski of Livonia, is a graduate of Livonia Churchill and Madonna University. She works as a registered dietitian for Gordon Food Service.

Her fiance, son of John Lape of Muskegon and Steve and Elaine Sotebeer of Edwardsburg, is a graduate of Grand Haven High School.

A November 2009 wedding is planned at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Grand Haven.



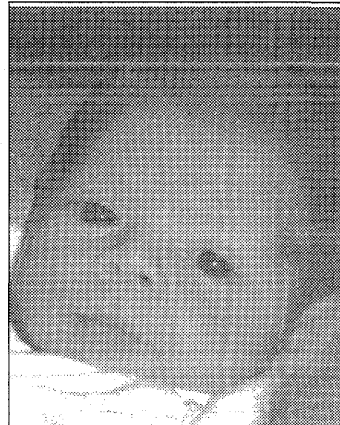
Delaney Jacklynn Smith

Delaney Jacklynn Smith was born July 6, 2009 at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

A preemie, she weighed 1 pound 13.7 ounces and measured 13 1/4 inches long.

She joins proud parents Warren and Michelle Smith and Dalton, 3, at home in Garden City.

Grandparents are Ron and Laurie Smith of Redford, Jan and Steve Smith of Garden City, and Tom and Sandy Parris of Westland. Great-grandparents are Ron and Shirley Hare of The Village, Fla., Shirley Smith of Garden City, and Gerri Smith of Redford.

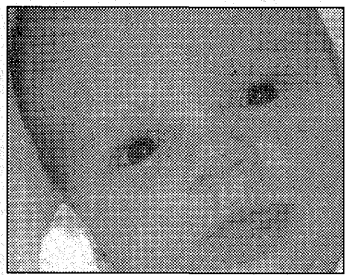


Andrew Thomas Hinks

Andrew Thomas Hinks was born Aug. 28, 2009 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Superior Township.

Andrew joins proud parents, Kevin and Amy Hinks, and big brother, Nicholas, 4, at home in Belleville.

Grandparents are David and Martha Brown of Belleville and Anita Hinks of Plymouth.



Baby Bouden

John "Jack" Matthew Bouden was born Aug. 3, 2009. He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches.

Proud parents are Matthew and Jennifer (Carbott) Bouden of Lake Orion. Jennifer is a former Livonia resident and Ladywood High School graduate.

Grandparents are Dave and Bridget Carbott of Livonia and Al and Pam Bouden of Oxford.



Brooklynn Evans Muscott

Brooklynn Evans Muscott was born Sept. 18, 2009 at Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn.

Brooklynn joins proud parents are Paul and Rachel Muscott and siblings Stephanie, 19, Kyle, 14, Breanna, 12, Seth, 7 and Ethan, 5, at home in Livonia.

Milestone birthday

Loretta Lahr celebrated her 75th birthday on Sept. 22. She and husband Don were married Jan. 10, 1963 in the Northville Methodist Church. They have two children, three grandchildren and one great-grand child. Loretta is a retiree of the Plymouth-Canton School System and was a member of the Plymouth Methodist Church. Last year, Loretta and Don relocated to Charleston, Ill., to be near family.

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ALFRED R. KELLEY

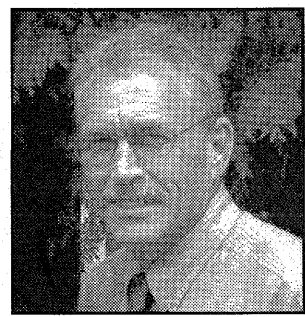
Age 89, of Royal Oak and formerly of Bloomfield Hills for 42 years, passed away September 30, 2009 in Royal Oak. He was born December 30, 1919 in Toledo, Ohio to the late Lee and Flora Kelley. Alfred was the owner/propietor of Landphar-Kelley Insurance Agency in Southfield and a member of the Detroit Lions Club until his retirement in 1982. In 1986 he became very active in the Birmingham Senior Men's Club and was a member of Franklin Community Church, Franklin, MI. He is survived by his children, Barbara (Terry) Glenister, Donald (Donna) Kelley and Nancy (John) Daly; grandchildren, Julie (Stephen) Henry, Shelley (Jeff) Myers, James Daly and Joseph Daly; brother, Robert Kelley. He is preceded in death by his wife, Irma, whom he married on Aug. 30, 1943 in Scranton, PA., one brother and one sister. Services 11:00 AM Friday, Oct. 9, at Sawyer Fuller Funeral Home, 2125 W. 12 Mile Rd., Berkley (2 Blks. West of Woodward). Burial Acacia Park Cemetery, Visitation 5-9 PM Monday, Oct. 5, and 5-9 PM Thursday, Oct. 8. Memorials may be made to Franklin Community Church, 26425 Wellington, Franklin, MI 48025. Share a memory at: [www.sawyerfuller.com](http://www.sawyerfuller.com)

PAULINE A. PILLARS

Age 92 Of Beaumont, Texas Died Friday, September 25, 2009, in Beaumont, Texas. Pauline was born on October 28, 1916, in Washington, MI. She was married to S. James Pillars who preceded her in death in 1990. She was a former member of Our Lady of St. Columbian's Catholic Church. Surviving is a daughter, Patricia (Bernard) VanStaveren of Beaumont, TX; a son, William (Guadalupe) Pillars of Gales Ferry, CT; 6 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren; sisters, Helen Finnie of Chicopee, MA, Francis Kufta of Royal Oak, MI; sister-in-law, Helen Keeler of Royal Oak, MI; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a daughter Jeanne Mary Pillars and a brother, John Keeler. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 30, 2009, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Battle Creek. Burial at Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials may be given to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

MICHAEL GLEN KELLEY

Age 68, September 24th, 2009. Beloved husband of Sharon. Dear father of Kristine (Mark Randall) Kelley, Sean (Allison Palmer) Kelley and Deborah (Rich) Leviero. Grandfather of Julia, Mimi, Julian and Evan. Brother of Sherry Reilly and Kelley "Sue" O'Malley. Son-in-law of Mildred Wesley. Visitation was Sunday 3pm - 8pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. A funeral service was held on Monday 11 am. Contributions suggested to the American Cancer Society or the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Share your special thoughts and memories at: [www.schrader-howell.com](http://www.schrader-howell.com)



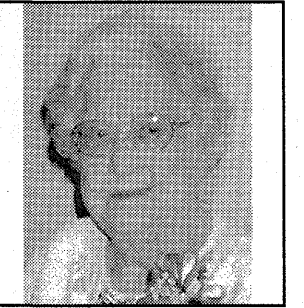
RANDALL STEWART

Age 57 of Presque Isle, MI. Beloved husband of Peggy. Dear father of Adam Stewart, Mark Stewart, Jillian (Charles) Kirby and Paul Avery. Grandfather of Hayden Kirby. Loving son of Donald (Betty) Stewart and the late Shirley Stewart. Brother of Donald Jr. (Cathy), Larry (Jan), Richard, Gerald and Judy (Jeff) Barrett. Randy graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School in 1970 and was a 35 year member of the Carpenters Union Local #687. Funeral was held Friday 7:00 p.m. at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.) Visitation was Thursday 3-8 p.m. and Friday 2 p.m. Memorials suggested to Gift of Life-Michigan in memory of Randy Stewart.



RAE HAFNER BALLENTINE

Marco Island, FL. Birmingham, MI. Age 78, passed away peacefully in her sleep September 28, 2009 at Arden Courts Alzheimer's assisted living facility in Naples, Florida. She is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, David, and devoted sons David (Karen) of Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and Bruce of Rochester, Michigan. She has three granddaughters: Claire 13, Hannah 13, and Hayley Rae 10. Rae was born on January 11, 1931 in Chicago and grew up there in the Beverly Hills area. She attended Michigan State University where she pledged Chi Omega sorority and eventually met her husband-to-be in April of 1951. She and David were married on January 3, 1953, and after residing in Grand Rapids, Michigan for one year settled in Birmingham, Michigan where they remained until 1992 when they retired to Marco Island, Florida. Rae's favorite place on earth was her summer cottage on Lake Michigan called "Villa Cecile", which was named after her grandmother Cecilia who, with her husband John, purchased the original property in 1904. Rae spent a portion of every year of her life at this lovely place until the ravages of Alzheimer's curtailed her ability to travel. In addition to being a marvelous wife and wonderful mother, Rae enjoyed serving as a volunteer at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan, where she accumulated over 7000 hours of service. She was also an active supporter of the local YMCA where she served on the board of directors for nearly ten years, she was also an ardent student of modern dance and physical fitness, spending many hours swimming and participating in aerobics classes. Rae's radiant smile and bubbling personality endeared her to all who knew her. She will be dearly missed by her immediate family as well as the many friends she made during her lifetime. The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the more than three years of devoted and loving care that Rae received at Arden Courts. Special thanks are also due to the staff at Avow Hospice who helped make Rae's last few days comfortable. There was a memorial service on Wednesday, September 30, 3:00 p.m. at St. Marks Episcopal Church on Marco Island. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Alzheimer's Foundation and/or the Avow Hospice of Naples, Florida.



EVELYN K. BERRY

Born December 30, 1916 in Waco, Georgia. Resident of Redford Twp. for 66 years. Beloved wife of the late Garland Berry. Loving mother of Barbara Opificius (Clayton), Peggy Crawford, Wallace Berry, Lawrence Berry, Janet Harris and Garland Berry III (Beth). Dear grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of nine, Great-great-grandmother of one. Sister of Betty Kelly and Jack Wilder. Visitation Sunday 1-8 PM at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 25450 Plymouth Rd., Redford. Funeral service Monday, in state 10 AM until the time of service at 11 AM at Aldersgate United Methodist Church 10000 Beech Daly Rd., Redford. Interment Parkview Cemetery in Livonia. Contributions may be made to The Arc of Northwest Wayne County or Community Opportunity Center of Livonia.

DAVID GERARD HUEBNER

Of Auburn Hills, passed away on September 25, 2009 at the age of 50. Beloved fiancée of Tracy Lewis, dear father of Blake and Ming, loving father figure to Geoffrey. Dear brother of Karen (Mitch) Zawaski, Chuck (Melanie) Huebner, Beth (Bob) Seney, Bob (Colleen) Huebner and Mary (Steve) Shanks. David was born on July 29, 1959 in Detroit, MI. He graduated from Lawrence Technological University with a degree in Civil Engineering. He later earned the certification of Professional Engineer and was the owner of a structural engineering company. David was a loving father, dear brother and friend. He was a gifted engineer and avid golfer. David was also a trained fireman who had worked as an on-call fireman for the Auburn Hills Fire Department. A private memorial service will be held in November at the Pixley Funeral home located in Auburn Hills across from the fire station where David had served. Please contact Pixley Funeral Home for more information. In lieu of flowers, donations to benefit his children may be made to the David G. Huebner Living Trust, 17678 Maple Hill Drive, Northville, MI 48168.

DAVID J. SMITH

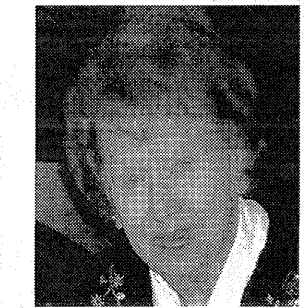
Age 62, of Alpena, passed away Sunday, September 27, 2009 at home. David was born June 24, 1947 in West Branch to Joseph and Irene E. (Campbell) Smith, and lived in the Houghton Lake area until his family moved to Plymouth in 1958. He graduated from Plymouth High School, and served in the US Army during the Vietnam War. On July 24, 1981 he married Elaine Rybka. They moved to Alpena in 2000. He was a carpenter by trade, and had a saw mill that he rebuilt in Plymouth, and moved to Alpena. He built all the cabinets and trim work in their house. He had a great sense of humor and enjoyed helping others, especially with fund-raising events. He was a life member of VFW Post #2496 where he served as Adjutant, and a member of the Cooties. David will be fondly missed by all those whose lives he touched. Surviving are his loving wife of 28 years, Dr. Elaine Smith, a sister; Louise (Bill) Kleinsorge of Gaylord, a brother; Jim (Geri) Smith of Estes Park, CO., his mother-in-law; Irene E. Rybka of Brighton, MI, a sister-in-law; Susan (John) Luce of Oregon, two brothers-in-law; Walter (C.J.) Rybka of Morehead, KY, Tim (Liz) Rybka of Washington and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Marilynn Burley in July of 2009, and his father-in-law, Walter Rybka. Service were held Thursday, October 1st. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the Sunrise Shore, VFW Post #2496, Shelter, Inc., or the charity of your choice. On-line condolences may be registered at [www.mcwilliamsfh.com](http://www.mcwilliamsfh.com)

DONALD AUGUST

Age 86. September 28, 2009. Beloved husband of the late Irene. Loving father of Donald, Karen Lynn Glenn, Gregory, and Kevin (Cathy). Proud grandfather of five. Was in state on Friday 10:00 AM at St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church 555 S. Lilley Rd., Canton with a Funeral Mass at 10:30AM. Visitation was held Thursday 3-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 980 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland (btwn Ford and Cherry Hill). Interment St. Hedwig Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Assoc., 20300 Civic Center Dr., Southfield, MI 48076. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

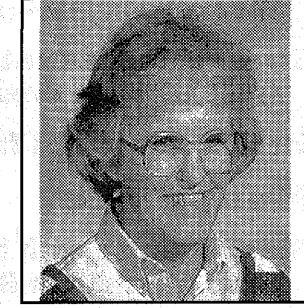
LUDWIG 'TED' MANILLA

95, formerly of Redford and Westland, MI passed away June 23, 2009 in Goleta, CA. Preceded in death by wife Pauline (Gust); survived by daughter Margaret (Jim) Brown and grandsons Richard and Ethan of Goleta, and long time companion Mary Hill of Livonia. Graveside interment Friday, October 9th at 11:00am Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.



MARGARET E. YODS

Age 95, died September 25, 2009. Loving wife of the late Robert. Beloved mother of Mary L. (Roger) Young. Dear grandmother of John (Laura) Young and Jeff (Becky) Young. Also survived by four great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Beaumont Hospice Fund and/or the Arthritis Foundation-Michigan Chapter. Share your memories at [www.sawyerfuller.com](http://www.sawyerfuller.com)

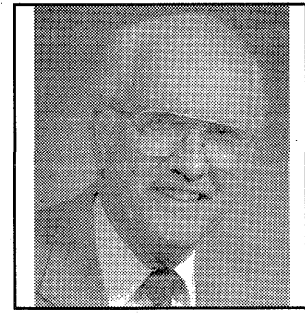


MARY ANNE HATFIELD

A lifetime resident of Farmington Hills. Went home to the Lord on September 27, 2009 at 86 years of age. Beloved mother of Jill Remick and Jeff (Pat) Hatfield. Loving grandmother of Amy & Michael Remick and Brad & Curtis Hatfield. Mary Anne was a longtime employee of the Farmington School District and a resident of Grand Court in Farmington Hills. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Sept 30, 3 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. [www.thayer-rock.com](http://www.thayer-rock.com)

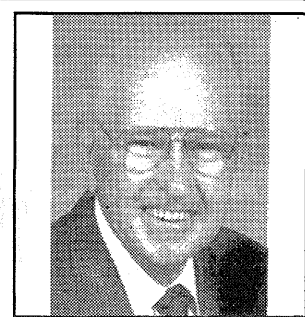
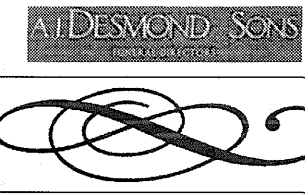
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There will be a graveside interment service for Margaret Woods Gillette (Parge) on Thursday, October 8 at 11am at the Franklin Cemetery in Franklin, Mich. Mrs. Gillette, 89, a long-time Birmingham, Mich. resident, died November 8, 2008 on Orcas Island, Eastsound, Wash. Parge was a noted garden designer, avid environmentalist, energetic civic and political worker, ministerial life-coach, antiques lover and consummate reader whose Southern charm, love of family and friends and artistic view of the world impacted the many lives she touched. "Mom was a designer who always saw beauty in things with an aesthetic eye. She loved arranging space," said her daughter Anne Gillette-Bredow (James) of Eastsound, Wash. Mrs. Gillette is also survived by her daughter, Louise G. Lowry of Tri Cities, Wash., two sons, John W. Gillette (Cori) of Muir Beach, Calif. and Samuel B. W. Gillette (Patti Olsgard) of Arvada, Colo., her sister, Anne Woods Guzzardi of Charlottesville, Va., 14 grandchildren and many great grandchildren. She is also survived by Jere and Alicia Gillette of Bingham Farms, Mich. and many nieces and nephews. Parge was predeceased by a daughter, Meera (Margaret) Gillette of Asheville, NC, first husband, John W. Gillette, III and former husband, Louis C. Gillette; also by her twin sister, Lucretia W. Wyckoff of Amherst, Va. and two brothers, Richard C. Woods and Samuel F. Hyde. Contributions to beautify Barnum Park in Birmingham may be made in memory of Margaret W. Gillette, payable to "The City of Birmingham" in care of David Young, 1011 Clark St., Birmingham, MI 48009.



ROBERT ALLEN REID

September 9, 2009, age 91, of Bloomfield, Michigan. Beloved husband of the late Marietta. Dear father of Richard (Pamela), Christopher, Robert (Penny), and the late Daniel (Barbara) and Matthew. Grandfather of Michael, Brenna, Elliot, Clarke, and Carolina. Brother of the late William and Paul. Memorial Service at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills, Tuesday, October 13th at 11AM. In lieu of flowers memorial tributes to Trout Unlimited, or Christ Church Cranbrook. A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)



WADE U. EDDELMAN

Age 82, went home to be with his Lord on Sept. 27, 2009. Married 60 years to his loving wife, Faye. Adored by his 5 daughters, Brenda Zienert, Pamela Igrisan, Cheryl Patyna, Donne Greis and Lori Sheppard. Honored by 5 son-in-laws (he called his sons), Robert Zienert, John Igrisan, Martin Patyna, Michael Greis and Kevin Sheppard. Cherished by 13 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren, with another on the way in the spring. Also survived by 2 brothers Bill & Bob Eddleman and sister Dorothy Raspberry. He will be greatly missed. Visitation was held @ Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth on Thursday. Funeral Service was held on Saturday @ Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Rd., Canton, Michigan

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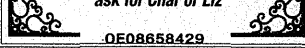
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# NEIGHBORS



Denise Ilitch will speak at the annual October meeting of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle in Canton.



Joan Noricks is a founding member of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle.

## Philanthropist to speak at women's group annual meeting



BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

If you've ever sat on a local fund-raising committee, Denise Ilitch's name probably came up as a good person to call for help.

Her far-reaching reputation of donating to charitable organizations landed her the guest speaking position at a fund-raising event that also is intended to build awareness of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle.

The group's annual meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton and Ilitch has agreed to talk about her philanthropic experience. The public is invited to attend.

An attorney, Ilitch is owner and publisher of *Ambassador* magazine and president of Ilitch Enterprises. The daughter of Mike and Marian Ilitch, founders of the Little Caesars empire and owners of the Detroit Red Wings and

Detroit Tigers, is known for her philanthropy.

"I feel that we are all so blessed with so much that it is important to give back," Ilitch says. "We all have gifts and resources for which to give."

Women should volunteer their time and use other resources if they don't have the money to donate to charities, Ilitch says: "Women generally are very giving and really excel on the side of listening. I always encourage women to be strong financial donors as well. It's all about what resources you have and what you can give and it is all important."

Ilitch says at the meeting she will talk about the quality of success and how that relates to various topics, such as business ties, philanthropic goals and providing services to the community.

### MAKING AN IMPACT

Betty Bloch, Giving Hope, Women's Giving

Circle special events chairwoman, said Ilitch is a "fine example of a woman who is not only savvy at business, but who is philanthropic."

We don't all have the "resources of a Denise Ilitch, but if we pool our funds we are hoping to make an impact in the community," said Loren Wadington, past president, co-founder and board member of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle.

That pooling together of resources to help others is what Giving Hope is all about.

"With Plymouth and Canton being such young communities, the residents are beginning to build their wealth and together we are learning how to be good citizens and give back to our communities," Wadington said.

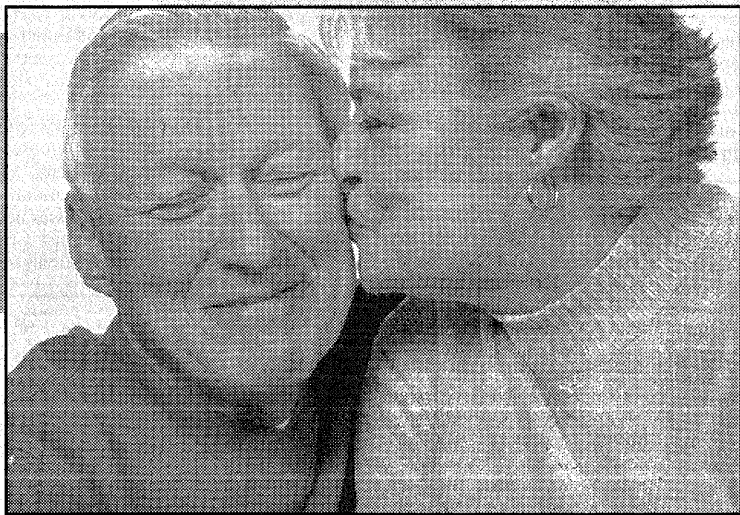
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Joan Noricks, also a founding member of

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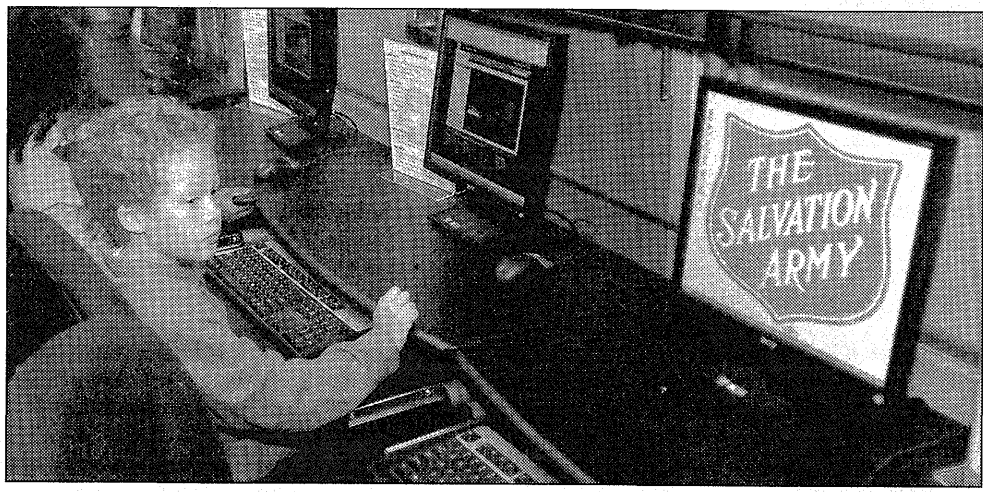


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Logan Rose sits at a computer in the Salvation Army media center.

## Salvation Army celebrates new media center

There were a few delays with book delivery, but the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army held a grand opening celebration for its new media center last week.

A \$25,000 grant from Target funded the center, which held a "soft" opening in June and was used by summer camp students for the past few months.

"The new multimedia center has definitely played

a role in getting kids into the (after-school) program," says Andrew Barylki, director of community and youth ministries. Students learn computer skills, which aids their academic achievement.

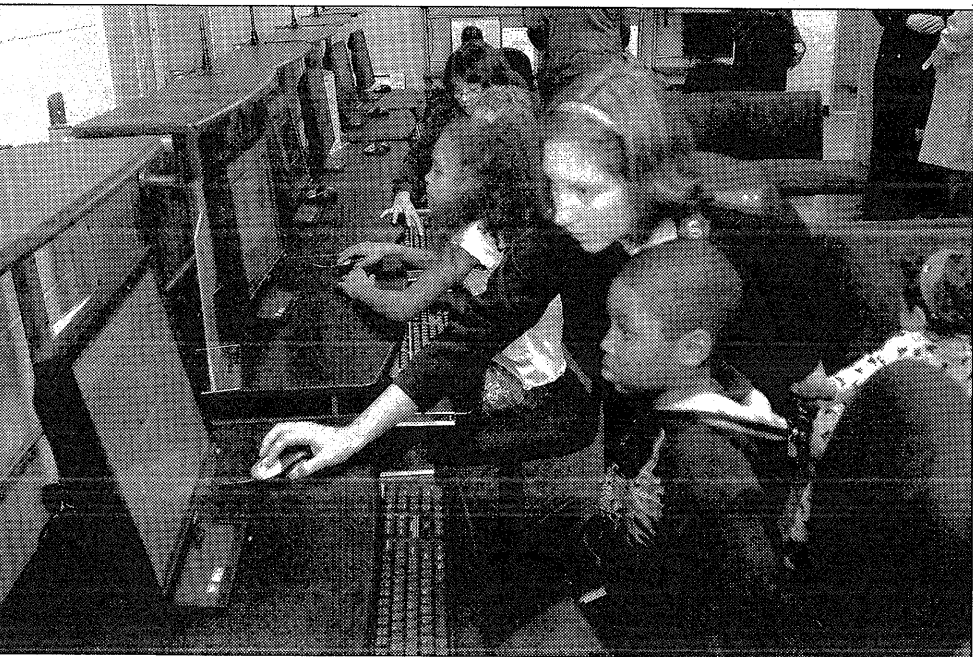
According to Capt. Derek Rose, corps commander with wife Joanna, books arrived last week and are being logged. He said the media center is open 10 a.m.

to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday for community, with later afternoon hours for students in the after-school program.

People can use Wii, "watch ESPN for an hour if they want," he said.

With 10 desktop computers, the center can accommodate about 15 people at a time.

The corps center is located on Venoy, south of Palmer in Westland.



Salvation Army Captain Joanna Rose helps Zion Jackson.



Hooper, the Detroit Pistons mascot, will make an appearance at a basketball game between the Amputee Spartans and All-Star Saints, in Royal Oak.

## IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Visual Arts Association of Livonia's fall art exhibition, "Artistic Expressions," runs 8 a.m.-7 p.m. daily through Oct. 29 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia.

The exhibition is judged by a professional artist, but not juried. Awards will be announced at the group's Oct. 17 meeting at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Richard Rubenfeld, art history professor from Eastern Michigan University, will be the guest speaker at the meeting, which will start at 7 p.m. He'll talk about portraits in a presentation called "What's in a Face."

He'll contrast traditional examples with works in different media.

Admission is free. For more information or for a catalog of Visual Arts Association of Livonia art class, call (734) 838-1204.

### Basketball for charity

Richard Shebib of Farmington Hills offered his son, Brad an unusual challenge that will play out on the basketball court this week in Royal Oak.

Shebib, who heads the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit, will pit his assemblage of high school hoopsters, All-Star Saints, against his son's players, Amputee Spartans, in a game that will raise money for the Michigan Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

The younger Shebib, a Waterford resident, is a physical therapist for Wright & Filippis, sponsor of Amputee Spartans. He also coaches the team of amputees, who wear prosthetic devices.

Wright & Filippis and the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches are sponsoring the game, which will start at 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 8, at Shrine High School, 3500 W. 13 Mile, Royal Oak. Suggested donation at the door is

\$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors, teens and children, 11 and up. Children 10 and under are admitted free.

"We did this last year for Children's Hospital. This year we decided to try to do it for veterans," said Shebib, who owns Pascha Gifts and Books, in Livonia. Both he and his son attend the Antiochian Orthodox basilica of St. Mary, in Livonia.

"I have to keep challenging my son," he said, with a laugh.

Shebib admits that his team of 11th and 12th graders from various Orthodox parishes hasn't had much time to practice. For them, the game is a community service project. His son's team has played basketball "for years," Shebib said.

"They'd play games against hospitals (staff) in the community...Providence, Beaumont.

I kept going to a few of his games and it was interesting watching amputees play basketball. I said, what do you think about hooking up with my team and we'll do charities outside of the hospitals? His eyes opened wide. He always likes to try and beat me."

Shebib said an Amputee Spartans win may be "predictable," but that his much younger group will "give them a battle."

"I don't play basketball. I'm an armchair player, but I coach soccer," he said. "But it's really about having some fun and we have Hooper coming. It should be enjoyable, entertaining and it's for a good work."

The Detroit Pistons Basketball mascot will make an appearance during the game.

Shebib also is looking for a troupe of cheerleaders willing to make some noise at the match. Interested groups can call him at (734) 422-0278

- Sharon Dargay

## GIVING

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Giving Hope, said she hopes Ilitch will talk about the criteria she uses when deciding what charities will get funding.

"This is a combination of a great social occasion, appropriate topics and usually good wine and not necessarily in that order," Noricks said.

An "eclectic mix of women come together" at the Giving Hope events, she added.

"It's a very rewarding experience working with lots of high-energy women," Noricks says. "It really is about bringing women together. We're looking to draw from the regional base to come and hear Denise and learn a little about Giving Hope."

Event sponsorships are still available and begin at \$200.

Tickets are \$10 each or \$5 if purchased from a Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle member, Bloch said.

Giving Hope, Woman's Giving Circle can be reached at [www.givinghopewgcc@gmail.com](mailto:www.givinghopewgcc@gmail.com) or by calling the Canton Foundation at (734) 495-1200.

## Group pools money to improve local community

Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle is all about filling unmet needs in the community.

The young organization also established an endowment for future needs and teaches women about philanthropy.

"It's not about just giving money, but giving your time and other resources," said Betty Bloch, Giving Hope special events coordinator.

The group was established in 2006 and is affiliated with the Canton Community Foundation.

"At the time, we wanted to create a group for women philanthropists," said Joan Noricks, Canton Community Foundation president and co-founder of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle. "The notion of Giving Circle is to pool women's money together where we can make a larger impact. Our primary mission is supporting issues around women and their families."

The organization has given \$12,000 to community groups. Giving Hope has four general membership meetings annually, in fall, winter, spring and summer. And at each meeting, there's a tradition called pass the purse, where members are encouraged to donate money that goes toward granting funds.

Giving Hope has 66 members who have donated \$1,000 each and "multiple other women who are patrons or supporters who have donated" in some way, Noricks said.

Grant recipients include First Step, Elder Law Center and a Girl Scouts national drive to address self-esteem, education and the need for girls to take care of themselves.

For more information about Giving Hope, contact the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200.

- Diane Andreassi

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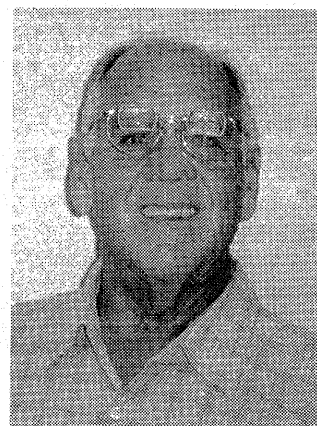
"My life ended at my front door, but this gave my life back," said Roberts. "You saved my life."

David Welch sought to read without hand magnifiers and drive with confidence. The doctor prescribed one pair for driving and another for reading. "No other specialists helped me like Dr. Smith," said Welch, moved to tears by seeing better.

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David Welch with driving glasses

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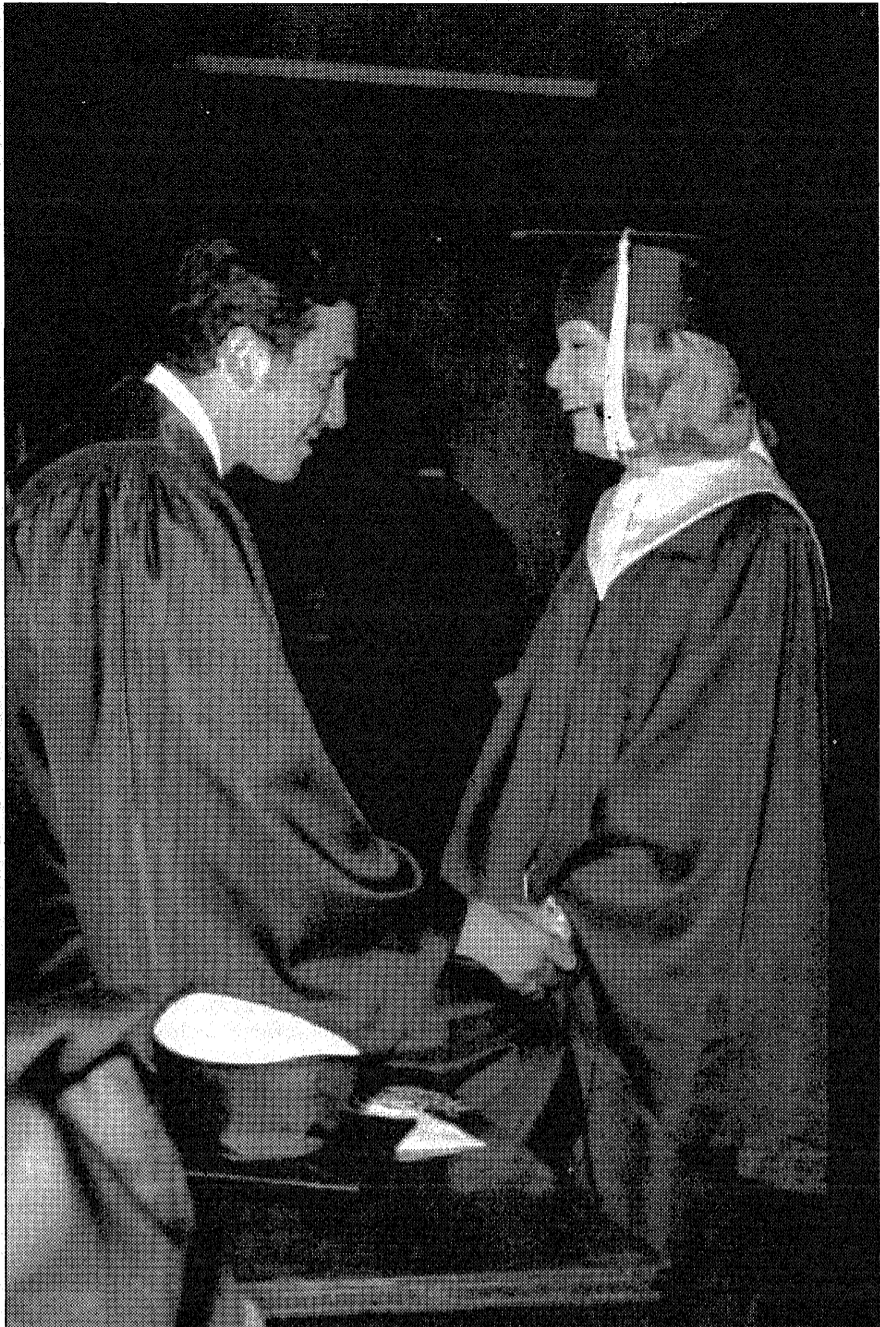
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Steve Micklea and Linda Krause celebrate at graduation in 1969 from John Glenn High School, Westland. Graduates in a photo published last week were incorrectly identified as the couple. The JGHS 40th class reunion is set for Friday-Saturday, Oct. 9-10.

quiet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to [GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com](mailto:GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com).

**Garden City West Class of 1979**

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

months on the Web site. E-mail questions to [gcv79reunion@yahoo.com](mailto:gcv79reunion@yahoo.com).

**Dearborn Heights Haston High Class of 1965**

45-year reunion, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. July 24, 2010; Contact Pat Beadle-Kopczyk, 3334 Kneeland Circle, Howell, MI 48843, at (517) 552-1182 or e-mail to her at [patkopczyk@aol.com](mailto:patkopczyk@aol.com).

**Ladywood Class of 1984**

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**Livonia Bentley Classes of 1968-1970**

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

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**Livonia Franklin Class of 1969**

40th high school reunion, 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Nov. 14, at Lyon Oaks Banquet Center, 52251 Pontiac Trail, Wixom. No tickets will be sold at the door. For information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail [Kaynini@aol.com](mailto:Kaynini@aol.com) or Kathy Shoebridge at [klivingstone@nu-core.com](mailto:klivingstone@nu-core.com).

**Livonia Stevenson Class of 1979**

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

**Oak Park High School Class of 1980**

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**St. Mary of Redford Class of 1969**

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**Westland John Glenn Class of 1969**

40th Reunion Weekend, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 9-10. Friday activities: 6:45 p.m. football game JGHS vs. WMHS; 7:30-11:00 p.m. social mixer at Hilton Garden Inn, near airport. Saturday activities: 10:30 a.m. tour of John Glenn High School, 6 p.m.-midnight reunion dinner at Hilton Garden Inn. For tickets and information, contact [jghs69@aol.com](mailto:jghs69@aol.com); Facebook JGHS Class of 1969 or Sandra Shepherd Legg at (313) 273-7950. Some events walk-in, some require advance registration at [jghs69@aol.com](mailto:jghs69@aol.com).

**GARDEN CALENDAR**

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**Location:** 210 W. 11 Mile, Royal Oak  
**Details:** Permanent exhibit of works by Casper Milquetoast  
**Contact:** (586) 838-0072, www.thefuturegallery.com

**Lemberg Gallery**  
**Location:** 23241 Woodward, Ferndale  
**Time/Date:** "Kandyland," works by Beverly Fishman through October.  
**Contact:** (248) 591-6623; www.lemberggallery.com

**Paramount Gallery**  
**Location:** 22635 Woodward, Ferndale  
**Time/Dates:** "Lost Weekend" by abstract expressionist James Homer Brown. Exhibit runs through Nov. 9  
**Contact:** www.theparamountgallery.com

**Park West Gallery**  
**Location:** 29469 Northwestern Highway, Southfield  
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**Susanne Hilberry Gallery**  
**Location:** 700 Livernois, Ferndale  
**Contact:** (248) 541-4700, www.susannehilberrygallery.com

**BENEFIT**

**MAMA's Coffeehouse**  
**Location:** Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward at Lone Pine, in Bloomfield Hills  
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Oct. 17  
**Details:** Fund-raiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Stewart Francke, Josh White Jr, Matt Watroba and Floyd King & the Bushwackers; new benefit CD for LLS will be available for sale at the concert, along with refreshments. Admission is \$15 general admission, \$13 for students and seniors  
**Contact:** www.mamascoffeehouse.org

**Royal Oak Music Theatre**  
**Location:** On Fourth between Lafayette and Washington in downtown Royal Oak  
**Time/Date:** 9 p.m., Friday, Oct. 23  
**Details:** Bone Bash benefit for Arthritis Foundation with That 80's Band and DJ Julio, 21+ only, tickets \$25, \$30 and \$100  
**Contact:** (800) 919-6272; www.royal-oakmusictheatre.com

**COMEDY**

**The Future 2 Casper Gallery**  
**Location:** 210 W. 11 Mile, between Main and Washington in downtown Royal Oak  
**Time/Date:** Fourth Friday of the month  
**Details:** Improv, comedy sketches with Miguel's Basement and guest performers. \$6 admission  
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**Contact:** (248) 327.0575

**JD's House of Comedy**  
**Location:** 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield  
**Time/Dates:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday  
**Contact:** (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

**Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle**  
**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak  
**Time/Dates:** Open Mic 8 p.m. most Wednesdays; Shane Mauss, Oct. 8 and 10; John Heffron, Oct. 15 and 17; Joe Deviot, Oct. 22 and 24; Scott Angrave, Oct. 29 and 31; J. Chris Newberg, Nov. 5 and 7; Kathleen Madigan, Nov. 12 and 14; Justin Schlegel, Nov. 19 and 21; Mike Green, Nov. 27 and 28  
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**Royal Oak Music Theatre**  
**Location:** Fourth street between Washington and Lafayette in downtown Royal Oak  
**Time/Dates:** Michael Ian Black and Michael Showalter, Sunday, Oct. 11, \$25 in advance and \$30 day of the show; Patton Oswalt, Oct. 16, \$29.50 in advance and \$32 at the door; Bob Saget, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, \$39.50-\$49.50; and The Best of Second City, 7 p.m. Dec. 18-19, \$22 in advance, \$25 day of the show.  
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**CONCERTS**

**First United Methodist Church**  
**Location:** 22331 Woodward, Ferndale  
**Time/Date:** workshop, 3-5 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 17  
**Details:** Don Ross, the only person to win the National Fingerstyle Championship twice, will be in concert, presented by the Michigan Fingerstyle Guitar Society. Tickets for the concert are \$20 per person, \$15 for seniors and students; guitar workshop costs \$40; combined concert and workshop ticket is \$50. Available online at www.fingerstyle.org or at the door



**Celebrity fashion show**

Longtime hosts of the Redford Suburban League Fall Festival of Fashion, Rich Fisher and Doris Biscoe, will step up to the mic again this year for the event, which raises funds for Burger School for Students with Autism. A craft show boutique opens at 9 a.m., followed by lunch at noon, raffles and the celebrity fashion show, Wednesday, Oct. 21, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Tickets are \$45. Call Miriam at (734) 981-6003.

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**Location:** 210 W. 11 Mile, between Main and Washington in downtown Royal Oak  
**Times/Dates:** Most shows start at 6 p.m.  
**Details:** Singer songwriter night with Dan Kennedy and guests, first Thursday of the month; new arts and acoustic rock, first Friday; Ravindra Kharmai and guests, first Saturday; rock and DJ, second Thursday; arts and Americana with Micheal Peychich, the Thumpers and Rachael Taylor, second Friday; acoustic with Eric Hartley and friends, third Thursday; arts and punk rock with The Barefoot Girls, Jeremy Loizos and DJ Greed, third Friday; arts and modern music with Liam Stockwell and friends, third Saturday; Night of the Living Dead with DJ Greed, DJ Pony or DJ Casper, fourth Thursday; arts and jazz with The Lounge Catz and guests, fourth Saturday; coffee and DJ, midnight-4 a.m., Friday and Saturday; "Relax on the Spikes" with DJ Casper, 6 p.m.-midnight, Monday. Admission is \$6  
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**Magic Bag**  
**Location:** 22920 Woodward, Ferndale  
**Time/Dates:** The Mega 80's, Oct. 9, 17; 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  
**Contact:** (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

**Oakland Community College**  
**Location:** Royal Oak campus, corner Washington and Lincoln  
**Time/Dates:** Bluegrass series, 7:30 p.m.; The Grascals, Oct. 16; Daily and Vincent, Nov. 13; Russell Moore, Jan. 22, 2010; Nothin' Fancy, April 23, 2010; J. D. Crowe & the New South, May 14, 2010

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**Time/Dates:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily through October; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. November through March  
**Details:** Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free  
**Contact:** (248) 541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo.org

**FILM**

**Five15 Media Mojo More**  
**Location:** 515 S. Washington, Royal Oak  
**Time/Dates:** Friday midnight movies; "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?" Oct. 9; "Showgirls," Oct. 16; "Xanadu," Oct. 23; "Gentlemen Prefer

Blondes," Oct. 30  
**Contact:** (248) 515-2551

**Magic Bag**  
**Location:** 22920 Woodward, Ferndale  
**Time/Dates:** "The Hangover," Oct. 8, 14-15 and 21; Doors open at 8 p.m.; movies start at 9:30 p.m.  
**Details:** \$2 admission  
**Contact:** (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

**Main Art Theatre**  
**Location:** 118 North Main Street, Royal Oak  
**Details:** "Capitalism: A Love Story," "It Might Get Loud," "A Detroit Thing" runs 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 8 only; "Rosemary's Baby" is the midnight show Friday-Saturday, Oct. 9-10  
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**AJ's Music Cafe**  
**Location:** 240 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale  
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**Details:** Open mic; \$4 purchase required to participate  
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**Five15 Media Mojo More**  
**Location:** 515 S. Washington, Royal Oak  
**Time/Dates:** Doors open 6:30 p.m., Drag Queen Bingo begins 8 p.m., first and second Saturday of the month, age 18 and over.  
**Contact:** (248) 515-2551

**Four Green Fields**  
**Location:** 30919 Woodward, at 13 Mile, Royal Oak  
**Time/Dates:** Doors open 9 p.m., every third Wednesday for Rock N Roll Bingo with The Orbitsuns. Age 21 and over.  
**Details:** Play bingo for prizes; followed by The Orbitsuns' honky tonk rock set; admission free  
**Contact:** (248) 288-2088

**Future 2 Casper Gallery**  
**Location:** 210 W. 11 Mile, between Main and Washington in downtown Royal Oak  
**Times/Dates:** Comic art and poetry, 6 p.m., second Saturday of the month, \$6; open mic poetry or rap battle, 6 p.m.-midnight, Tuesdays, \$6; open mic, 6 p.m.-midnight, Sundays, \$6; games night, 6 p.m.-midnight, Wednesdays, \$4; novels, 2-6 p.m., Saturdays, \$4; comics books, 2-6 p.m., Sunday and Wednesday, \$4  
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# Women take time to share breast cancer stories

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
CORRESPONDENT

Every month needs to be breast cancer awareness month.

That's the message local women want to spread. It's time not only in October, but every month to put one hand on top of the head and use the other hand to feel for lumps. Self-exam is a proven way to detect breast cancer. According to the latest research, 98 percent of breast cancers are curable if diagnosed at an early stage.

Around town women are sharing their stories in hopes of preventing another death from the disease.

Mariam Searcy's grandmother died of breast cancer when Mariam was young but it wasn't until retiring as a Detroit Police lieutenant in 1998 that she volunteered as an American Cancer Society speaker to tell women about the importance of mammograms. The experience led her to open the All About Women's Health Boutique in Livonia. The store specializes in products for breast cancer patients and survivors. She is giving away at least 200 breast prostheses (\$300-\$400 value) to uninsured survivors during the month.

On Oct. 27, the name of one woman will be drawn to become Queen for Day. Breast cancer patients and survivors are invited to enter for the chance to receive a package from Secret Rituals Day, membership to Fit Zone for Women, mastectomy bras, human hair wig, certificates from Cookies by Design and Cardwell Florist in Livonia, a shopping experience at PJAZZ Collections Boutique in Eastpointe, and season tickets to Detroit Repertory Theatre.

From 1-4 p.m., on Oct. 11, Mamie Smith of Troy will sign copies of her book, *Unfolding of a Rose*, about her daughter's battle and death from breast cancer.

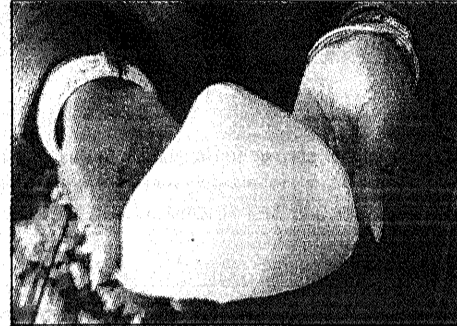
"I'm extremely excited about the breast form giveaway because of economic conditions," said Searcy who takes part in the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on Belle Isle on Saturday, Oct. 10. "We are always doing whatever we can. Breast cancer is always a concern. I am extremely diligent about my self exams and yearly mammogram."

### TELLING MOM'S STORY

Laurie Abney's mother was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 36 after she found a lump through self-exam. Abney



Miriam Searcy and Kelly Freeman own All About Women's HealthBoutique.



Searcy will donate breast prostheses to women unable to afford them.

was especially forthright with her story during a fund-raiser at The Q Hair Studio in Plymouth's Old Village on Sept. 25. The Stage 2 cancer returned five years later in her mother's lymph nodes. Two years later cancer was discovered in the Plymouth woman's brain. It has been an ongoing struggle for Patricia Gohl who survived a mastectomy, brain surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation. The cancer returned to her brain in May 2008 and this time was inoperable. Physicians at Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital used Cyberknife radiation technology. The recent celebration of Gohl's 50th birthday was a particularly joyful one.

It's about getting the word out," said

Abney, a stylist at Q Studio. "There are so many fund-raisers. We wanted another avenue to spread the word. Telling my mother's story should help other women."

Plymouth Jewelry & Gifts, Station 885, Mill Street Gourmet Pastries, and Hermann's Olde Town Grill in Plymouth along with Chatter's Pub in Westland were just a few of the sponsors who contributed to the success of the Q studio fund-raiser to benefit the Susan G. Komen For the Cure, an organization dedicated to eradicating breast cancer. For \$50 guests were able to choose three services that included manicures, pedicures, hairstyling and makeup. Those who missed the fun event can still help fight breast cancer. Twenty percent of product sales through Nov. 9 go to Komen if customers bring in or mention this article.

"We wanted to have a Diva Night and give back to the community," said Kimberley Meyers who co-owns the studio with Tammy Cuppetilli. "We chose a night out with the girls to find a cure for it, to help any way we can."

### CREATING AWARENESS

Bridget Stang of Canton wanted to participate in the fund-raiser the minute she learned about the event.

"My aunt passed away of breast cancer recently" said Stang, a Q Studio client. "I know the stats and figures. It could be your mom, niece, sister. My dad's mother died of breast cancer."

Stylist Vickie Froman has had quite a few clients with breast cancer and one woman who died from the disease.

"It's a great benefit because too many suffer from it," said Froman whose aunt died from breast cancer. "I wanted to help other people."

Stylist Jackie Hobson worked at a salon that styled wigs for cancer patients before coming to Q Studio.

"It's important to keep creating awareness," said Hobson of Westland. "Breast cancer affects men too. We want to get the word out about getting checked for it especially if you have a family history. We may be able to save a life. Young people are getting it. I'm 27 and worry. It's important to do a self-exam at home too. Early detection is the key."

For more information about Q Studio's promotion to raise money for Susan G. Komen For the Cure, call (734) 927-6690.

All About Women's Health Boutique is at 31209 Plymouth, east of Merriman, Livonia. Call (734) 762-9324.

## Walkers make strides against breast cancer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Bonnie Jobe didn't realize the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walks were around the corner. She's been so busy serving on the auction committee for the American Cancer Society's major fund-raiser Nov. 7, the Bloomfield Hills woman forgot to register.

The Cattle Baron's Ball raises money for all cancers unlike the Making Strides walks devoted strictly to breast cancer.

Jobe lost her mother, grandmother and great-grandmother to breast cancer. A mammogram she had 18 years ago detected a tumor that turned out to be benign leaving her vigilant about annual breast cancer screening.

On Saturday, Oct. 10, Jobe joins thousands of walkers 8-10 a.m., in Belle Isle Park in Detroit. A second walk will be held Saturday, Oct. 17, at Gallup Park in Ann Arbor. For more information, visit [www.cancer.org/stridesonline](http://www.cancer.org/stridesonline).

### SEEK INFORMATION

"My tumor was found on a mammogram, but my mother's was not, so it's important for people to do self-exams. Tell people men have breast cancer too, and the importance of self-exam and just to get all the information you can. Use Web sites, register for e-mails, newsletters, and it's not just for patients but the families," said Jobe, an exercise physiologist and health educator at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn.

Earlier in the week Jobe was warning students in her classes about the risks for cancer.

"Today I talked about body fat percentage, keeping weight down. If you have abdominal fat it can lead to cancer and heart disease. High fiber, low fat diets are important to prevention of cancer and exercising, and

to get their checkups. Visit reminder/service sites like [www.myhealthtreminder.org](http://www.myhealthtreminder.org) and register," said Jobe. "An online reminder is really good for people. My doctor sends me a card."

### HELP OTHERS

Jobe suggests participating in the walks as one more way to stay healthy and prevent diseases such as breast cancer.

"Doing something charitable for a feeling of well being can make them feel good while helping others," said Jobe. "There are so many things you can participate in or help. You don't have to buy a ticket, they can just volunteer to help."

Liz Yockey hopes thousands of area residents choose the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on Belle Isle for which she is manager. Last year 10,000 walkers raised \$750,000. The American Cancer Society has spent \$388 million on breast cancer research since 1971.

"The money from the walk goes to education, research advocacy, services like Road to Recovery, a free transportation program. Volunteers drive cancer patients to treatment for free. The alternative is not to go to treatment. Reach to Recovery offers support to newly diagnosed who are matched with a trained volunteer with the same diagnosis and treatment and can tell them I went through the exact same thing and I made it."

"We've come so far in breast cancer research. Nearly 98 percent survive when detected early. A woman is diagnosed with breast cancer every three minutes and one in eight will be diagnosed in their lifetime, more than 3,000 diagnosed with breast cancer this year in Michigan."

For more information about the October walks or the Nov. 7 Cattle Baron's Ball at Oakland University in Rochester, call (800) 227-2345.

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Gout and conditions like gout are a good example. An attack of gout can come on without warning and the crystals of gout may soon dissolve leaving no proof of their presence. However, the effects of the gout's inflammation can remain for days. Tests for gout could return with no evidence for the presence of the condition. Injury could give in the same story. While an x-ray or CT scan will reveal a fracture, injury within the bone requires an MRI for confirmation.

Physicians are reluctant to order an MRI or other tests such as an EMG (electromyogram) or nerve conduction studies on every person with unexplained arm pain. These tests are expensive and often are uncomfortable for the patient. Furthermore, the results may reveal changes from the normal that are irrelevant to the patient's pain.

Throughout these investigations, the physician also has the difficult job of reassuring the patient that lack of progress does not mean nothing is being done.

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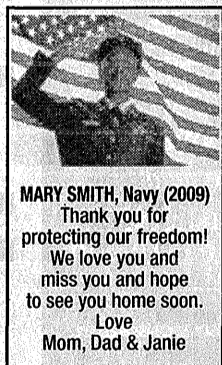
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  - Fence flaws
  - Horseback sport
  - Different
  - On the summit
  - Victorian oath
  - Skims through
  - "Runaway Bride" groom
  - Sailor's saint
  - Regard highly
  - Ties or scarfs
  - Put the kibosh on
  - Chef's patrons
  - Shake
  - Hag's cry
  - Be of benefit
  - Fixed the pilot
  - Possessed
  - Lengthy story
  - Clear thinking
  - Language with clicks
  - USN officer
  - Early Brit
  - Ran a fever
  - eye steak
  - Swimming gear
  - Closer
  - Galley slave's tool
  - Was in awe
  - Paleontologist's find
  - Ireland
  - Folksinger
  - Burl -
- DOWN**
- Erie Canal town
  - Stove part
  - Verne captain
  - Softball teams
  - Gets spliced
  - Mashed-potato serving
  - Treat a wound
  - Knights of -
  - Rocky Mountain people
  - Talk online
  - Yield territory
  - Weapons cache
  - Muffle
  - Two fives for -
  - Studied intently
  - Of a particular kind
  - Teeny-tiny
  - Leering sort
  - Prayer-wheel turners
  - Hound's track
  - With, to Fritz
  - Clingy fabric
  - Make copies
  - Flower holder
  - Terrible czar
  - Luggage
  - Narrow inlet
  - It's easily deflated
  - Argot

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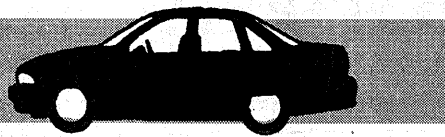




# 2010 Subaru Outback 3.6R Premium: One Great Crossover

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## CAReport



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With the increase in the price of gas over the last few years, the full-size SUV has become less and less popular. Just ask any dealer what kind of vehicle was traded in the most during the "Cash For Clunkers" program. Even so, a lot of drivers aren't willing to go all the way back to driving standard sedans, needing more room or more versatility than the average family car. Hence the trend toward "crossovers," smaller SUVs, usually built on car platforms to give a more car-like ride while using less gas. Crossovers have been around for a few years now and most manufacturers have at least one entry in the segment. Subaru, though, was one of the pioneers in the development of the crossover, launching the Outback 15 years ago. Starting its run as more of a beefed up station wagon than a slimmed down SUV, the Outback has been redesigned for 2010 and is more than holding its own in the crossover segment, with six different trim lines, including the 3.6R Premium.

The 2010 version of the Outback features a longer wheelbase, which allows for more interior room. The overall length of the vehicle, 107.9 inches, is slightly shorter than last year's version, as Subaru has reduced the front and rear overhangs by two inches. The Outback actually looks a little more like an SUV than a wagon now, taking on many of the design cues from SUVs. The grille is new, as are the hawk-eye headlights. 17-inch alloy wheels are standard, as are new roof rails with

crossbars that swing into position only when needed to help reduce wind noise. Fog lamps and body colored side mirrors complete the package. The Outback has always been known as a vehicle you could take places traditional sedans feared to tread and that hasn't changed. Ground clearance, already higher than the average car, has been increased to 8.7 inches, and it's slightly wider, too. The 3.6R Premium is powered by a 3.6-liter DOHC, horizontally-opposed (Boxer) engine, with Active Valve Control System and variable valve timing. Rated at 256 horsepower and 247 lb.-ft. of torque, this engine has some pretty good jump to it. It takes regular fuel and EPA estimates it 18 mpg in the city and 25 mpg on the highway. Outback offers a 2.5-liter engine on its lower-level trim line of the Outback that gets about four extra miles per gallon in city driving, but you give up about 86 horses. And remember, you're getting fulltime all-wheel drive. The other half of the powertrain consists of a five-speed, electronically-controlled automatic transmission that comes with steering wheel paddle shifters, if you want more precise control of the shift points. One of the downsides of fulltime all-wheel drive has been in handling and ride. The Outback, however, both handles very well and gives you a pretty smooth ride. The front suspension features MacPherson struts with coil springs and



The 2010 Subaru Outback. One of the first crossovers has been redone for this year.

stabilizer bar. The rear system is double-wishbone with subframe and stabilizer bar. Vehicle Dynamics Control, which includes electronic traction control, is standard. The turning circle is a little large (typical for all-wheel drive vehicles), making maneuvering into tight places and making U-turns a bit tricky, but otherwise, the Outback handles very well. The four-wheel anti-lock brakes are very good. Inside, the Outback 3.6R Premium acquits itself very well. The driver's seat is 10-way power-adjustable and provides good support. The steering wheel is leather-wrapped and the seats can be heated. There's plenty of room in the Outback; in fact, rear seat legroom has been increased by four inches. Headroom is not a problem and cargo volume has been increased, as well. The rear seats are 60/40 fold down seats and there is a rear area cargo cover, as well. The 3.6R Premium comes with air conditioning, cruise control, power windows, locks and mirrors (heated), trip computer with outside temperature display and tilt steering column. The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD system that includes an auxiliary audio jack for your mp3 player. For \$995 more, you can upgrade to a harman/

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