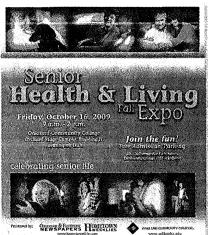
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Youth needed

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

The applications can be found on the City of Plymouth website www.ci.plymouth.mi.us under the Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission tab.

Applications can be dropped off at City Hall until 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9; interviews will be held in City Hall Commission Chambers 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12.

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

Top colors



First-place winners in the Plymouth Fall Festival coloring contest (pictured with contest organizer Brian Paton) were Amanda Tchonang (2-3 age category); Rhea Bhosale (4-5); Anna Arapoff (6-7); Isabelle Fanning (8-9) and Adrienne Paton (10-12).

The Plymouth Newcomers and Neighbors announced the results of its annual Fall Festival Coloring Contest, showcasing Plymouth's talented youngsters. Five winners were chosen from the more than 450 entries received over the course of Fall Festival weekend at the PNN booth in Kellogg Park.

First-place winners were Amanda Tchonang (2-3 age c egory); Rhea Bhosale (4-5); Anna Arapoff (6-7); Isabelle Fanning (8-9) and Adrienne Paton (10-12).

Runners-up were Navya Jacob, Savanna Mabey, Garrett Ratliff, Anushree Jakate, Alyssa Malbon, Sydney Keller, Robert Keller, Camryn Stankiewicz, Brittney McIntyre, and Kristi Bellenger.

Craft show

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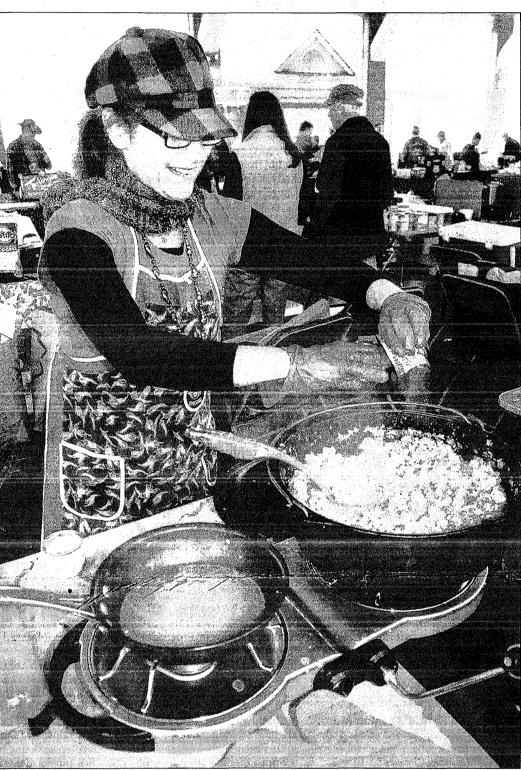
Hand-made and juried art and crafts will be sold from 9 am until 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17 at West Middle School. The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Society sponsors this show and uses all of the proceeds to provide college scholarships for Plymouth-Canton students.

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

Hot (and mild) time



Plymouth's premier chilimeister, hoists two samples of salsa, ready for judging.



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Michele Katz of Brighton adds another can of chilies to her "Crazy Edie's Chili." Katz worked with two women named Edie. One was Edie and one was Crazy Edie. Crazy Edie gave her the recipe that she uses today with some tweaks that Katz has made.

Thousands sample chilis in annual Great Lakes cookoff

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Despite two brief rain showers, thousands of people converged Sunday on downtown Plymouth to sample chili from professional and amateur cooks alike.

The 14th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff, a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County,

featured 60 different chilis and brought an estimated 15,000 people to town, said Annette Horn, president of Great Lakes Regional Chili Inc., the non-

profit behind the event. "It didn't scare away too many folks," Horn said of the rain. "It ended up being a more

beautiful day than it started." Chili ticket sales, however, were down about 10,000 from last year, Horn said. Though

final figures hadn't been tallied, Horn estimated that net proceeds would fall below the \$24,000 that was donated to Habitat for Humanity from last year's event. Last year's cookoff drew an estimated 20,000 visi-

The chili festival's Restaurant Chili Challenge drew entries from 16 area restaurants, the

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Commerce Dept. opens local office in township

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

A new effort to make federal and state resources more accessible to businesses and entrepreneurs around the country was launched Tuesday in Plymouth Township.

CommerceConnect, a sort of U.S. Department of Commerce field location, opened the doors to its pilot office with a noontime ribbon-cutting by Commerce Secretary Gary Locke.

The office, intended as a "one-stop shop"



Locke

for business people looking for research, analysis, market advice, financing options or other help the government can offer, is located in the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center, on Halyard near M-14 and Beck Road. 'What we're really here to do is

to improve our outreach to businesses across America," Locke said. "Not enough people know about the breadth and quality of the services the Department of Commerce offers."

Locke, who joined President Barack Obama's cabinet in March, said he plans to take the CommerceConnect concept nationwide. It will be a convenient link, he said, not only to commerce department expertise, but to state resources and other federal resources, such as the Small Business Administration, which offers loans to small businesses.

"All of us in economic development really need to come together to share our ideas," he said.

Roger Kilmer, director of the commerce department's Manufacturing Extension Partnership, is leading the CommerceConnect program. He said Plymouth Township's proximity to automobile-related manufacturers made it a good location for the CommerceConnect pilot office, and that the MMTC's work makes it a good partner.

MMTC offers manufacturers ways to improve quality, increase efficiency and productivity. reduce waste and otherwise improve their busi-

CommerceConnect will spend a few months testing the waters and working with the business connections established through MMTC. plus finding the best ways to deliver resources to businesses that need them, before opening offices in other states and communities, Kilmer said. Though the focus now is on manufacturers, especially those related to the automobile industry, plans call for CommerceConnect to offer its resources to other types of businesses, he said.

Fred Kilgus and Fred Nothdurft, both of Vogel Industries Inc., a small Marine City company that makes automotive components, were pleased with the opening of CommerceConnect.

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City puts brakes on liquor licenses

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

An influx of restaurants licensed to serve alcohol by the glass has prompted Plymouth officials to put an immediate 180-day moratorium on new liquor licenses in the city.

The Plymouth Commission approved the moratorium with a 6-1 vote during its regular meeting Monday. Officials say they plan to study the pros and cons of having licensed establishments and perhaps come up with a cap on such licenses.

"I think we're to the point now where it's changing our community not for the better," said Mayor Phil Pursell. "I think we're reaching a

critical mass." Pursell, who will leave the commission after next month's election, in which he is not seeking re-election, later said the number of licenses should be capped.

"Very soon, enough is going to be enough," said Commissioner Ed Hingelberg.

There are currently 23 licensed bars and restaurants in the city, 15 of those in the downtown development district. Two of the downtown licenses are for restaurants that have yet to open.

Pursell said he is concerned about the amount of attention from the police department that licensed establishments require, especially in the administration of the city's liquor license policy. He also fears restaurateurs can skirt the minimum foodto-alcohol sales ratio — 70 percent to 30 percent — the city requires of establishments that were not grand-

fathered in to the policy. Commissioner Ron Loiselle cast the lone no vote. He said the city already has a system of checks in place — and that officials would be alerted to problems at any newly

licensed establishment by the number of calls to police. "We're not going to allow a dollar-a-beer joint," Loiselle said.

Loiselle said he could favor a shorter moratorium if it was limited to the downtown area.

"For us to put this restriction on the whole city is crazy," he said.

Restaurateur Tony Belli, a partner at E.G. Nick's on Forest, spoke to commissioners about maintaining a balance between alcohol sales and food sales, and seemed to favor the moratorium. He said he'd like to see more retail businesses locate down-

"If your restaurant tips too far to the liquor side, you literally run out your dining room business," he said. Plymouth last had a liquor license moratorium from October 2007 to February 2008.

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Everyday Essentials program to help needy residents

Campaign to run Oct. 17-31

BY PAM FLEMING NORTHVILLE RECORD STAFF WRITER

It's the little things in life

that mean a lot. With that in mind, Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) will launch the Everyday

Essentials campaign to help

the needy on Oct. 17. The pro-

gram will run through Oct. 31. This is the 20th House District's campaign to collect personal care and household items for area food distribution centers and human service organizations. These include Northville Civic Concern and



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M. Corriveau

Salvation Army, which serves Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

The program is being supported by the Corriveau Community Fund,

comed. Items needed include toilet paper, facial tissue, diapers, baby wipes, paper towels, hand soap, dish soap, laundry deter-

and donations will be wel-

gent, personal hygiene items, dental care products and other

the Northville and Plymouth District Libraries, the Wayne Public Library and area businesses. Barrels will be placed around the district.

The campaign will kick off from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 17 at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

"This kind of blossomed from a meeting I had a couple of months ago with Marlene Kunz from Northville Civic Concern," Corriveau said. "We try to stop in there every once in awhile. I'm actually involved in quite a bit of conversation

lately with her because people are struggling.

Drop boxes will be located at PAPER PRODUCTS NEEDED

Corriveau learned while talking to Kunz that not only are nonperishable, non-outdated food products needed. "They really have trouble providing people with paper products," he said. "She said Civic Concern was really getting down to a critical level."

He and his staff were sitting around his office one day wondering what they could do to help. During a brainstorming session, they came up with the name Everyday Essentials as a way to promote the need for soap, paper towels, diapers and other non-food items people need every day.

"There are families with babies that don't have diapers," said Ewa Jarosz, legislative assistant in Corriveau's office. "With their Bridge cards (which used to be called food stamps) they can't buy non-food items.'

We've since learned that Northville Civic Concern and the Salvation Army need food to distribute, too, so we're asking people to bring both food and everyday essentials if they can during the drive," Corriveau said.

"As a community, I think we should come together and do as much as we can," he said. "This is us as people trying to

give back to the community. We get calls every day about people who are struggling beyond

The Plymouth Salvation Army, which will also benefit from Corriveau's drive, is glad

to have the help. "The need in our communities is growing in this bad economy," said Laurie Aren, director of family and community ministries for the Plymouth Salvation Army. "Programs like these help us meet those needs." For more information, call

Corriveau's office at (517) 373-3816.

pfleming@gannett.com (248) 345-0834, Ext. 260

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

Miller Woods tours

Join the Friends of Miller Woods for their annual fall tours of historic Miller Woods, the area's only nature preserve.

The tour lasts for approximately 60 minutes and will cover the history of the Miller family, the significance of the beech-sugar maple forest to the area, and interesting facts about the trees, leaves, plants and animals within the woods.

Tours will be on Sunday, Oct. 18 and 25, running every half hour from 2-4 p.m. No dogs are allowed in the nature preserve.

For more information about other tour opportunities, visit the group's Web site at miller-🦿 woods.com

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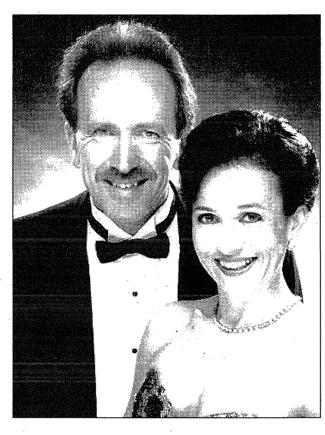
Historic bike ride

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

The Oct. 17 bike ride, sponsored by the Plymouth Historical Museum, takes participants along a 10-mile tour of the 400-mile long proglacial 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. 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-



Rhapsody: Music at the Library

The Plymouth District Library will host American Songbook II 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11. The Michigan Opera Theatre performance features the return engagement of singers Maria Cimarelli and Mark Vondrak (pictured), accompanied by pianist Amanda Sabelhaus. Register for this free program by calling the library at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

paced and last 1-1/2 to 2 hours. of AAUW. 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, 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-

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. 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

For more information contact ticipating vendors. Proceeds Esther Nelson at enelson1c@ att.net or 734 981-4938.

Shock-tober

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

Walk for Melanoma

The fourth annual KDB Melanoma 5K Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, Oct. 11 at Kensington Metropark. Registration is at 9 a.m. and the walk/run will begin at 11 a.m.

Register on line: www. melanomawalk.org - click on First Giving. All proceeds go to the Melanoma Research Foundation.

Smith fund-raiser

Smith Elementary School hosts its seventh annual Holiday Shopping Spree Fundraiser 4-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13 in the school gymnasium. Admission is free.

More than 30 vendors will be on display offering a diverse range of products - just in time for holiday shopping! This event will also feature a raffle of over 30 products from parfrom table rentals and raffle ticket sales directly benefit the Smith Elementary PFO.

Applications are currently being accepted for home-based business owners/crafters that are interested in participating in this event.

Smith Elementary is located at 1298 McKinley, a block west of Harvey. For more information, contact Julie at (734) 414-

Mary Todd program

Mary Todd Lincoln spent the latter years of her life in mourning for a murdered husband and the loss of three children. On Sunday, Oct. 25, the Plymouth Historical Museum will host "Mary Todd Lincoln and Civil War Mourning Rituals" along with a Mourning Tea.

Sip on our special brew of Victorian tea and nibble on scones, tea sandwiches, and other Victorian fare while enjoying a performance by The Sorrowful Sisters. The "sisters," Debbie Eleson and Gail Smalley of The Petticoat Ladies, will put on an educational performance detailing the sorrowful and tragic life of Mary Lincoln. They will also provide a description of how

Victorians handled mourning during the Civil War. The tea begins at 2 p.m. and will be catered by Sweet Afton Tea Room in Plymouth. Tickets are \$20 for Plymouth Historical Society members and \$25 for non-members, and can be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum during open hours, or on the website at http://www.plymouthhistory. org/Events.html using PayPal. The tea and presentation are being sponsored by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, a block north of downtown Plymouth. Hours are Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 1-4 p.m. For further information, call (734) 455-8940.

Council on Aging event

· Senior Flu Shot Clinic, Monday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street. Appointment required, call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 (no Walk-Ins). Medicare Part B, HAP, Care Choices and Priority Health Cards accepted, all others \$25.

Sweetest Day dance

PLAV Post #166 and VFW Post #6695 will co-host a Sweetest Day Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 17, at the VFW Post located at 1436 Mill in Plymouth.

Tickets, which are tax deductible, are \$10 each and are available at the VFW lounge/club room. Entertainment will be provided by Benny Spear, of Benny and the Jets (specializing in 50s and 60s music) along with Greg Jaqua (an Elvis impersonator). There will be door prizes offered throughout the evening

along with a cash bar. For more information, call

(734)459-6700.

Hospice volunteers

Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based organization committed to providing excellent hospice care for patients and their families. The group is currently seeking caring and dedicated individuals to provide support by being a friendly visitor to patients in the Western Wayne County area. Training is provided.

For more information, contact Ann Christensen, Volunteer Coordinator, toll-free (888) 983-9050 or e-mail at achristensen@cchnet.net.

Crafters wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music

Boosters (PCMB) is hosting its **Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts** Ensemble on Saturday, Nov. 21. Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fundraising event to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton, Mich.

The juried art event is produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton, Mich. The Holiday Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Nov. 21. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admittance is \$2.

Prisoner family support

Do you have a family member currently in prison? Do you feel alone? Do you wish you had a support group that you could turn to?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then this support group is for you. Contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or e-mail hope4healing@ rocketmail.com for more information. This support group is to provide adult family members with support and a place to talk with others that have experienced similar pain.

Meetings are free and run 6:30-8:30 p.m., the second Monday of every month at Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland.

Rabbit sponsors

Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary, the largest rabbit rescue in the United States, is looking for individual sponsors of its 500-plus bunnies.

The sanctuary, located in Willis, near Ypsilanti, is seeking sponsors for \$15 per month. To view rabbits in need of sponsorship and to sign up, visit www. rabbitsanctuary.org.

For more information, call (734) 461-1726.

PLAV members

PLAV Post #166, located at 39375 Amrhein in Livonia (at the southeastern corner of Amrhein and Eckles) is seeking new veteran members (the first year is offered free).

The Post meeting is the second Monday of every month (except July and August) and begins at 7:30 p.m. with a light lunch that follows the meeting. Those interested are welcome; contact Sr Vice Cmdr/Adj Roger L. Kehrier, (734) 453-2031.



PUBLIC NOTICE CITY COMMISSION, CITY OF PLYMOUTH WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Notice of a public hearing on proposed Brownfield Plan Amendment on October 19, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Plymouth City Hall located at 201 South Main, Plymouth, Michigan. At that time, the City Commission of the City of Plymouth will hold a public hearing on a proposed Brownfield Plan Amendment for the Hamilton Garden Loft Condominium Project at which time all interested persons will be heard and the City Commission shall receive and consider all written communications with reference to the proposed Plan Amendment and a record of that public hearing, including all data presented at the public hearing shall be made and preserved. All aspects of the proposed Plan Amendment shall be open for discussion at the hearing. The property to which the Brownfield Plan Amendment applies consists of twenty-seven (27) parcels on the west side of Hamilton Street, between Ann Arbor Trail and Roe Street in Downtown Plymouth (permanent tax parcel nos. 006-23-0001-000 through 006-23-0027-000, Inclusive)

A copy of the Proposed Brownfield Plan Amendment and maps are available in the office of the City of Plymouth City Clerk at the address provided above.

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Sending a message

Kids divided on texting while driving ban

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Plymouth-Canton high school students are sharply divided over efforts by some U.S. lawmakers who support a nationwide ban on text messaging while driving.

Some students — even those who admit they have engaged in texting behind the wheel - say a ban could reduce accidents, injuries and deaths, while others believe the proposal goes too far and wouldn't convince drivers to halt the practice anyway.

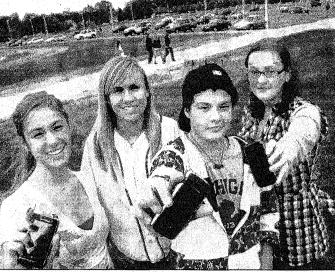
Kristyn Sturtz, a 16-yearold Plymouth High School junior, said she has stopped text messaging while driving, but she opposes a federal ban because "people are going to do it anyway" and she believes the law would be ineffective.

Still, Sturtz said, "I know people who have gotten in crashes (while texting). No one has gotten hurt, but cars have been totaled."

Kara Bongiovanni, a 17year-old Canton High School senior, said she doesn't typically initiate texting while driving, but she reads and responds when others text

"I try to make it to a red light before I respond, but I do read it while Î'm driving,

though," she said. Still, Bongiovanni said she would stop texting while driving altogether if state or federal lawmakers impose a ban



Kara Bongiovanni, Kristyn Sturz, Alex Gravlin and Amy Paladino are part of a generation that would rather text than talk ... AFTER school is out. P-CEP prohibits cell phone use during school hours.

'I never text while I'm driving. I just let them pile up until I'm done driving.' AMY PALADINO

— an idea she supports. "If they make it illegal, I won't do it because I'll be scared," she said.

Bongiovanni said a ban might convince drivers to pull off the road before they read or send text messages.

Some states — but not Michigan — already have adopted bans on texting while driving. U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., has suggested a nationwide ban and slashing federal highway funding for states that don't pass such laws.

Some companies, such as Ford Motor Co. and auto club giant AAA, have indicated support for bans on texting while driving, and groups such as the Governors **Highway Safety Association** also have endorsed the idea.

Alex Gravlin, a 16-year-old Salem High School junior, said an outright ban goes too far. He suggested efforts to find "a middle ground" in the controversy, although he isn't sure what it would be.

Gravlin said he often prefers quick text messaging over formal phone conversations, and he said it's a practice he engages in "from the time school gets out until I go to bed." He conceded he texts while driving "every now and then," but he usually tries to do it when he is stopped at a red light.

Students said when they are driving, they often get a passenger to send or respond to a text to avoid doing it them-

Some even said they get texts from parents who have warned them against texting while driving.

Amy Paladino, a 17-year-old Canton High School senior, said she has completely stopped sending or reading texts while she is driving, and she supports a ban.

"I never text while I'm driving. I just let them pile up until I'm done driving," she said, adding that she became fearful after seeing stories about people who have died while texting and driving.

"I don't want that to be me," Paladino said.

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School hopeful says involvement is key

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Adrienne Davis and her family moved to Plymouth Township 10 years ago specifically because of the solid reputation of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Now, Davis wants a seat on the board entrusted with developing and enhancing that reputa-

Davis, 47, is one of five candidates seeking three four-year terms on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education in the Nov. 3 election.

'We were looking for the best special education programs," said Davis. "My research and interviews led me to Plymouth-Canton, and I've been very, very impressed."

Davis owns Different Drums Educational Services, an educational services company that partners with the Michigan Council on Economic Education to teach children about

various components of education. Before that Davis, who lives in Plymouth Township with her husband, Harold, and sons Brandon, 16, and Jared, 14, spent some 20 years in corporate America, doing marketing for companies such as Xerox, ADP and Kodak.

She serves with the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee, the Sexual Education Advisory Committee and JNP, the district's African-American parent committee. She's served on PTOs, done the West Middle School parent coffee, been a Wildcat booster and helped with both the 2004 and 2006 bond com-

It's that level of parent involvement she believes will aid her as a member of the school board.

"I'm that mom who's working and participating and sharing," Davis said. "I have a long history of working with the district."

Like anyone else, Davis knows the district's biggest issue is financing. The state is likely to take \$218 per student out of the Plymouth-Canton foundation grant, and the district has already cut some \$15 million over the last several years.

She knows the financial situation "touches everything we do" in the district and, while the district "does a phenomenal job with the product we present" to students, she sees such things as increasing class sizes as a threat to that prod-

"I see class sizes creeping up this year," Davis said. "They're higher than previous years. Will

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Davis

- Who: Adrienne Davis
- What: Seeking a four-year term on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education
- Where: Plymouth Township resident
- Family: Husband, Harold; sons
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that impact student achievement? I don't have a crystal ball, but I hope not."

Davis said her platform features innovation, collaboration and communication as its key elements. Thinking outside the box, working with other partners and making sure decisions and issues are communicated with parents are areas Davis thinks the district can work on.

She cites a training session she attended over the summer with Microsoft, during which she learned Microsoft develops partnerships with various entities. Davis thinks such partnerships can be a source of revenue.

We must be innovative in our approach to education in the 21st Century," Davis said. "We must collaborate with the broader community, including the private sector and other potential sources of funds. Finally, we have to promote real-time, relevant communication to all members of the community."

Davis thinks Dr. Craig Fiegel, just starting his second year at the helm, "has come in and continued to manage the resources" of the district and, in tandem with the board, has helped PCCS students maintain the level of achievement they've reached the last several years.

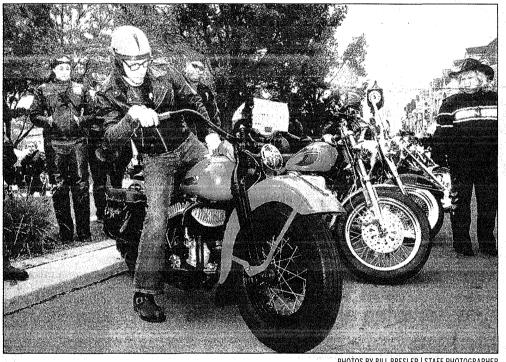
"Look at the MEAP scores and Promise Scholarships," Davis said. "Are we competitive in test scores with other districts? We're doing a good job of that."

She said parent concerns she's heard on the campaign trail include class size and continuing to maintain the level of education.

"I bring a skill set, having worked with so many committees," Davis said. "I understand the district, I'm open and I want the public's input."

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"Crash," a Canton resident, parks his 1946 Harley Davidson, complete with tank mounted shifter. He finished the bike just a few days ago. Crash and his wife own two of the vintage 1946 Harleys.

most in the history of the challenge, Horn said.

The festival also featured a motorcycle exhibition and motorcycle "chili rides" into town from two different motorcycle dealers, MotorCity Harley Davidson in Farmington Hills and Dick Scott Indian Detroit in Canton Township. The bikers paid \$10 each to be part of the chili rides, Horn said. "When you have 200 bikes coming

into town all at once, it's pretty exciting," she said. The motorcycle show included a slow-

speed exhibition of motorcycle maneuvers. Police motorcyclists from Dearborn Heights, Inkster and Plymouth Township participated in the show. Horn said that although volunteer

participation was healthy — Habitat for Humanity provides many volunteers more help is always needed. "No matter how many volunteers I get,

I can always put some people to work, she said.

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Carol and Paul Steffanni are former residents of both Plymouth and Canton. Now they live in Haslett, near Lansing, but came down to enjoy the chili festival. Clearly, Paul has done this before, as his muffin tin/chili holder makes it easier to sample a large number of chilis.



stock and modified Harleys, to choppers and some old British bikes, there is a bike for every biker's taste.

And the

Richard Chauvin of Windsor and Pete Skwiers of Livonia emerged as the top chili cooks in Sunday's 14th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff in downtown Plymouth.

Skwiers, who won for his red chili, and Chauvin, who cooked green chili, or chili verde, will move on to the 2010 International Chili Society's World Chili Cookoff.

In addition, Gary Ray, also of Livonia, won first place for his salsa recipe. Leo Buk of Trenton won the Best Booth prize.

An estimated crowd of more than 15,000 people turned out for the cookoff, which featured samples of 60 different chilis in all categories.

In the Peoples Choice category, a non-ICS competition, Chris Thompson of Westland took the top prize among individual cooks.

In the Restaurant Chili Challenge, which featured entries from 16 different restaurants, the Omelette & Waffle Cafe of Plymouth won the Peoples Choice award, while the Picnic Basket Market, of Plymouth Township, won the Best Judged award.

The "hottest dog" awards, for dressed-up dogs, went to Cody Super Dog of Livonia (owner Dabkowski), in the Hot & Spicy category, and to Harley of Madison Heights (owners Dale and Teresa Upton) in the Biker Dog category.

The "hottest dog" contest was a fund-raiser for the Huron Valley Humane Society.





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afford to buy.

Both men said Vogel's alliance with MMTC, which began about a year ago, has helped Vogel stay afloat in a tough economy by showing them ways to make it leaner and more efficient.

"We're definitely committed," said Nothdurft, the chief operating officer. "We're going to make this

Locke, the former governor of Washington, also Tuesday addressed the Midwestern

Governors Association Jobs and Energy Forum in Detroit. It was his fifth visit to Michigan as commerce secretary.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Freeway traffic stop turns into drug arrest

A 19-year-old Livonia man was arrested on a marijuana-possession charge on Oct. 1 after a traffic stop on eastbound M-14 in Plymouth Township.

According to a Plymouth Township Police Department report, a patrolling officer spotted the suspect driving a Ford pickup truck at more than 90 mph on the freeway shortly before 9 p.m. and pulled him over for speeding. The officer smelled burned marijuana in the truck as he spoke with the driver, police said.

Asked if he had anything in the pickup that he shouldn't have, the driver said he did, and handed over a small black case containing suspected marijuana, rolling papers and a grinder, police said. The substance later tested positive for marijuana, police said.

The man was ordered to appear in court on the drug charge and warned about speeding and narcotics paraphernalia, police said.

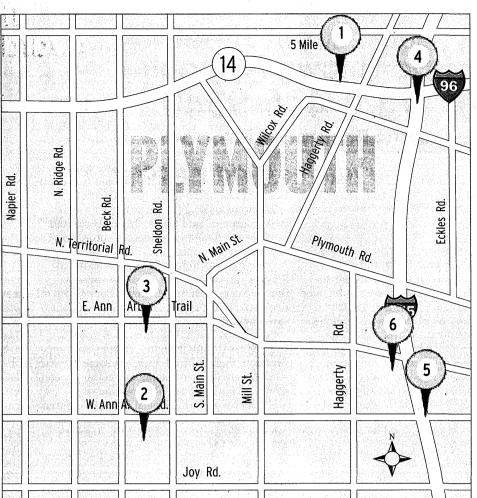
Vandalism

Someone recently used a small marble to punch a hole a second-floor bedroom window at a house on Mayflower Drive in the township.

The vandalism occurred between Sept. 27 and Oct. 4, the complainant told police. Police said the marble ended up stuck between two panes of glass. By Matt Jachman

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Sept. 30-Oct. 6: Tuesday, Oct. 6 - Residential rescue run on Cove Court; commercial rescue runs on Schoolcraft and on Main;



vehicle accident on McClumpha; rescue run on Apple Tree; downed wires on Main.

• Monday, Oct. 5 - Residential rescue runs on Grant, on Eastside, on Northville Road, on Sheldon and on Penniman; rescue run at a public building on 5 Mile; single-family fire on Beechwood; rescue run on Lilley; mutual-aid-given run on I-275 south of Koppernick.

• Sunday, Oct. 4 - Commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Trail; residential rescue runs on Plymouth Lake, on Shadywood and on Haggerty; rescue run

Saturday, Oct. 3 - Vehicle accident with extrication on southbound I-275 at M-14; residential rescue runs on Russell, on Main, on Carol and on Lamond; commercial rescue runs on Beck and on Haggerty; rescue runs on Hines at Riverside and on Ann Arbor

Road at Beck.

• Friday, Oct. 2 - Mutual-aid-given run on Cherry Hill; vehicle accidents at Warren Lilley and on eastbound M-14; residential rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road, on Ann Arbor Trail and on Sheldon; single-family fire on Trailwood; commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Trail; downed wires on Union.

• Thursday, Oct. 1 - Residential rescue runs on Lakewood and on Northville Road; rescue run at a public building on Church; commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road; vehicle accident (mutualaid-received) on southbound I-275 and Ann Arbor Road.

· Wednesday, Sept. 30 - Residential Orescue runs on Shadywood, on Parkview, on Haggerty and on Nantucket; vehicle fire on Chestnut; stream/storm sewer investigation on Walnut; rescue runs on Northwood and at Ann Arbor Trail and Ann Arbor Road.

City OKs firm to study public safety services

BY MATT JACHMAN

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

City officials moved ahead Monday with plans to look for greater efficiencies — and savings — in the way police, firefighting and emergency medical services are delivered in Plymouth.

The Plymouth City Commission voted unanimously to have the city attorney, Robert Marzano, review a contract for a detailed study of the city's current public safety services and recommendations on ways to provide those services at a lower cost over the long term.

Plymouth currently has about \$4 million, more than half the general-fund budget of \$7.6 million, budgeted for public safety in the current fiscal year. That's nearly \$3 million for the city's police department and just over \$1 million for the Plymouth Community Fire Department, which also serves Plymouth Township. The city provides about 25 percent of the fire department's revenue.

The initial cost of the study proposed by the International **Association of City Managers** Consulting Services is \$25,000; the cost could go higher, depending on the direction the city takes after the basic study is done.

Mayor Phil Pursell said the move is in the best interests of the city's taxpayers.

"We owe it to them to find alternatives," Pursell said. "This study, I think, will lead us to an answer.'

Commissioner David Workman said the study would take the emotional element out of decisions regarding the future of police, firefighting and medical

services by providing objective information.

The study's authors could recommend, for example, further regionalization of the fire department, or perhaps the adoption of a public safety department model, which would have police officers cross-trained as firefighters and emergency medical personnel.

"This study might give us something that no one has ever

thought of," Pursell said. City Manager Paul Sincock said he will inform officials in neighboring communities of the city's plans.

The consulting service, Sincock said, is "one of the premier teams in the country" and was recommended by officials in Novi, where a similar study was recently done.

Dan Dwyer, a former commissioner and mayor and current commission candidate, told the commission that neighboring communities such as Northville and Plymouth townships should be formally brought into the study and asked to share its

"When it comes to fire service, I'm convinced you cannot look inward," Dwyer said, arguing that unless communities with which the city might form a joint fire department are part of the study, it won't provide enough information to show whether such regionalization would be effective.

Dwyer, who pushed as mayor to regionalize the fire department, said he would not be in favor of a regional police depart-

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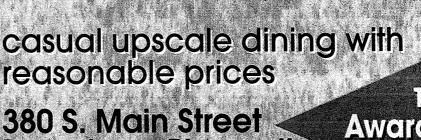
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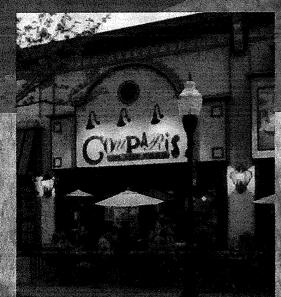
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Performance honor

Communities pull together to ensure premiere's success

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN CORRESPONDENT

The Michigan premiere of "Chasing Light" by the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestra is set for Nov. 21 and community groups are busy planning educational activities to promote the special performance.

Late last month members of several community groups were invited to the Ford Made in America luncheon at the Village Theater in Canton to share their thoughts about promoting the concert and working with composer Joseph Schwantner during his local stay for the premiere at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestra is one of 58 nationwide to perform the work written about a New Hampshire sunrise by Schwantner, a Pulitzer Prizewinning composer.

SPECIAL HONOR

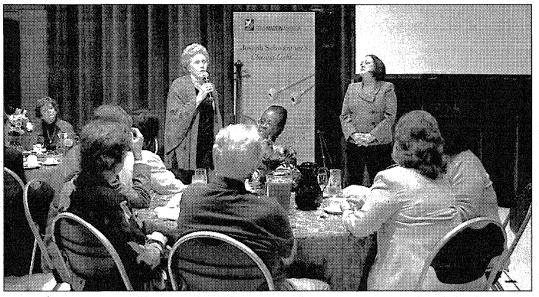
The PSCO was one of only four honored nationwide by the Ford Motor Company Fund with a luncheon to bring members of community organizations together. Representatives of the Michigan Board of Education, Detroit Symphony Orchestra and ArtServe Michigan were among those pledging their support while Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts asked to be included in an open dress rehearsal with the composer as part of the Ford Made in America program.

We are going forward with the open dress rehearsal for student musicians and hosting the students from Sphinx organization, intercity students from the Music Hall vocal and jazz program, our own Celebration Youth Orchestra students and the orchestra students from the PCEP (Plymouth-Canton Educational Park)," said PSCO executive director Beth Stewart in an e-mail.

"Because of the lunch and the community partners present, this open rehearsal idea really took shape," wrote Stewart.

The Ford Made in America program is an initiative that celebrates music, creativity and communities throughout the country. Each of the orchestras is required to include an educational component as part of the premieres.

"It's a way to engage young



Jane Libbing, educational coordinator for the symphony, speaking at last month's Ford Made in America luncheon at the Village Theater in Canton. Representatives from local and regional groups met to discuss ways to promote the Michigan premiere of 'Chasing Light,' by the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, Nov. 21.

musicians," said Lynn Quigley, manager community relations, Ford Motor Company Fund. "Arts are important because they transform, educate and inspire. We've found they cross cultural barriers. Everybody likes some kind of music. It's a common thread people have."

Polly Kahn always knew music had the power to bring people together but never realized the extent until the League of American Orchestras partnered with the Ford Motor Company Fund and Meet the Composer for the Ford Made in America program. Kahn, the League's vice president for learning and leadership development, flew in from New York for the lun-

The League is a national consortium of more than 900 orchestras including the **Detroit Symphony Orchestra** and PCSO.

"It's a fantastic program, the largest commissioning program in the history of our country," said Kahn.

NATIONAL EFFORT

"The idea of the director of a small orchestra in Glens Falls, New York, smaller budget orchestras coming together to commission a work by a major composer is awesome. The music symphony orchestras play is a vital living art form It's a tremendous opportunity to connect people to artists working today. The Plymouth Symphony and us are committed to bringing great music forward, to cherish not only Beethoven but Joseph Schwantner, a major American composer. It's important to the

Kahn especially appreciates the support of the Ford Motor Company Fund, the major contributor for the \$900,000, three-year long project debuting with a premiere in Reno in September 2008. The Ford Motor Company Fund is Ford Motor Company's philanthropic arm.

"We've created all kinds of materials around it to create more visibility for it," said Kahn. "It links all of the orchestras together on the Web site www.americanorchestras.org to see what each other are doing when they click on Ford Made in America. Part of our goal was creating a natural community with orchestras to connect with one another as they might never have before. We were also interested in whether they would commission work on their own and that has begun to happen."

Nan Washburn, PSCO music director/conductor, has always been an advocate of new music and has encouraged the orchestra's board to commission works. She's been recognized with 17 national ASCAP awards for adventuresome programming.

"It's very exciting. I'm thrilled," said Washburn of Plymouth Township.

Washburn introduced a computer generated recording of a portion of the music about a "beautiful rural New Hampshire morning. "It's similar to what we do day to day. It takes an orchestra's commitment to do a new piece. It's very different. I brought my score along to the luncheon. I'm interested in talking to colleagues who have already

performed the piece. His use of orchestra is quite extraordinary," she said.

Kathleen Straus said the Michigan Board of Education will spread the word about the premier and surrounding activities.

Tamara Trudelle of the Plymouth Community Arts Council is thinking about creating portfolios about the composer and work for volunteers to take into classrooms for the nonprofit's monthly programs.

Jane Libbing, PSCO education coordinator and youth orchestra manager, couldn't be more excited about introducing students to the composer.

We will have the composer coming in for programs before the concert. Music teachers will decide how we use him. With Joseph Schwanter we're interested in developing a curriculum to engage students and teachers."

Jim Vella told guests he was proud to be part of the premiere and educational activities. The Canton resident is president of the Ford fund.

"Over our 106-year history starting with Henry Ford, it's always been important to give back to the community," said Vella. "Music cuts across all of the demographics from the educational perspective where we reach out to the schools to the communities. It's not just a one night concert but about how we get young people involved. When we get young people involved test scores go up. Today we're asking people to contribute to find a way that this community knows about it."

For information about the premiere, call the symphony office at (734) 451-2112.

W-W makes grade with adequate yearly progress

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland **Community Schools** received a passing grade for making adequate yearly

But the news isn't all good. While earning a passing grade, one of its high schools failed to make adequate yearly progress as required under the No Child Left Behind Act.

"Wayne Memorial made it as a whole except for its special education subgroup,' Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "We made it as a whole district, and we're happy about that.

AYP evaluates schools and school districts in the areas of academic achievement, participation in state assessment, graduation rate for high schools, and student attendance for elementary and middle schools. Eighty-six percent of Michigan public schools and 99 percent of K-12 school districts in Michigan made AYP this past school vear.

AYP for two or more consecutive years are placed on the federally required consequences list. The consequences get progressively severe with each additional year a school does not make AYP. The penalties range from having to provide school choice and transportation to another school, to tutorial services for the students, to eventual school

Schools that don't make

In addition to AYP, schools statewide received **Education YES! let**ter grades for academic achievement and school

performance.

In Wayne-Westland schools, nine elementaries - Schweitzer, Hamilton, Kettering, Madison, P.D. Graham, Edison, Vandenburg, Walker-Winter and Wildwood received the highest grade, an A, while 12 schools received a grade of B. They were the district's four middle schools — Franklin, Marshall, Adams and Stevenson — and eight elementaries - Elliott, Hicks, Hoover, Jefferson-Barns, Lincoln, Patchin, Roosevelt

However, its two high schools - John Glenn and Wayne Memorial — earned a grade of C, and John Glenn was identified for improvement.

and Taft-Galloway.

"We've just got to strategize and identify students who are struggling and provide intervention," he said.

According to Baracy, the Education YES! grades are up from last year, but more needs to be done to continue the improvements.

"We have our work cut out for us," Baracy said. "We tougher and stronger guidelines we must follow. We face more challenges and are expected to do more with less."

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Jaycee event 'strikes' a blow at recession

Bowlers can step out of the recession's shadow for an afternoon at the lanes on Saturday, Oct. 10, during the Plymouth Area Jaycees' **Bailout Bowling.**

The event is 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Plaza Lanes, 42001 Ann Arbor Road. For \$8, bowlers can get three games, including shoe rent plus socialize with local Jaycees and enter a 50-50 raffle. The event is a fundraiser for the local Jaycees; members recently re-formed a Jaycees organization for the Plymouth area after a former group lost its charter in 2007.

The Jaycees is a service-ori-

21 to 40 that helps them build professional, leadership and organizational skills. Members of the local chapter hold an informational event from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month at the Panera Bread at Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. Bowlers interested in taking

ented group for people ages

advantage of Bailout Bowling should call Mark Evenson at (734) 582-8748 or Dominique Duong at (248) 357-7265 to reserve a spot.

For more information on the Plymouth Area Jaycees, send an e-mail to plymouthjuniorchamber@gmail.com.

Book advises parents about schooling special-needs students

BY PAM FLEMING

NORTHVILLE RECORD STAFF WRITER Plymouth author Jennifer Greening knows what she's talking

cation students. Her own 11-year-old daughter was moved from a special needs school to a public school, and she's out to help parents who would like to try

about when discussing the pros and

cons of mainstreaming special edu-

In her new book, "Opening Doors, Opening Lives," recently published by Nelson Publishing & Marketing in Northville, she tells parents just



Greening

their special-needs child to a public school. This is a hot topic in the field of education. The book is in national distribution, and 500 copies have already

what to do who want

been sold.

"This is my very first book, hence my excitement," Greening said of the book, published in August.

"Everyone seems to buy two or three copies of it, and share copies with other people."

She's been teaching for 19 years, to place or move but had never written a book until she saw this need. "There wasn't anything out there

to help parents who want to mainstream their special needs children," Greening said. "As the parent of a child with spe-

cial needs, I wasn't getting the educational research I needed.' Greening said she believes her

daughter is a child first, and a special needs student second. "What I wanted the book to be

about was my experience as a mother with a child with disabilities and as a public school teacher," she said.

"It's really a gift that I have both. I don't think anyone else would have the insight that I have, and I really want to help."

She believes parents can get all the support and services for their disabled child at public schools.

The goal of the book is not to try to convince parents who already have children in special needs schools to move their children to a public school. It is for parents who have already made the decision and want to know how to go about it.

Greening believes there are many positive aspects for both the special needs child and other children for

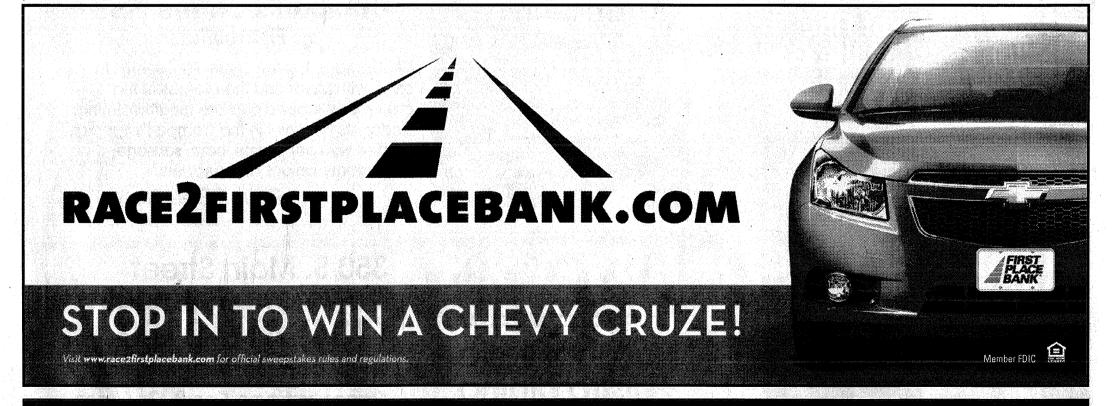
mainstreaming.

"We enjoy walking to school with other children," she said.

Greening will speak at Wayne State University in Detroit at the Purdy-Kresge Library on campus 7 p.m. Dec. 3 on this topic hosted by the university's Developmental Disabilities Institute. She will talk to parents and staff from the College of Education and College of Social Work.

"I want to spread the good news to parents that having their children included (in public schools) is a possibility," she said.

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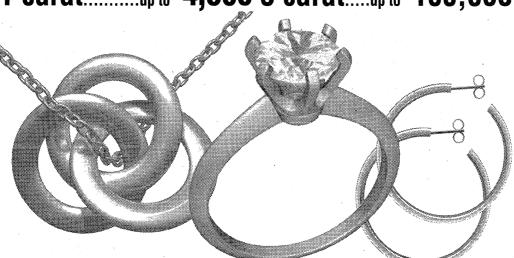
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OUR VIEWS

Incumbents top the list for schools

The Plymouth-Canton school district's Board of Education faces enormous budget challenges with the accompanying decisions on what to cut and when, and how to do it all while maintaining the quality education for which the district has become known.

With decisions of such magnitude facing it, the board could use all the



experience it can get. That's why we're recommending the return of Judy Mardigian, Barry Simescu and John Jackson to their seats when voters hit the polls Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Mardigian is the board's longest-tenured member, a former board president who knows the inner workings of the district inside and out, backward and forward. In her long years of service, Mardigian has shown a dedication to the district that will be valuable as they face tough choices.

Barry Simescu

She has the respect of state Legislators, which could come in handy as funding issues are debated. She is zeroed in on student achievement, which has helped district students perform better on tests such as the MEAP with much greater success than districts around the state.

Judy Mardigian

Adrienne Davis

Simescu provides a reasoned approach to problem solving, and his business acumen provides a perspective on which other board members depend. His leadership is valuable he's currently the board vice president, he chairs a couple of committees - and his is one of the first opinions sought when decisions need making.

All four of the other board members are in their first terms; Mardigian and Simescu provide a balance of experience and corporate knowledge the board can lean on.

Jackson is running unopposed for the lone two-year term available. It's the completion of the term to which Mark Slavens was elected a couple of years ago, before being

appointed a judge. Jackson was appointed to fill the position when Slavens resigned, and he's done more than enough to earn the chance to serve out the term. He's smart, he's actively involved in a variety of ways within the district.

Since incumbent Tom Wysocki decided not to seek re-election, leaving his seat open to a newcomer, there will be at least one fresh face on the board. There are three other challengers - Plymouth Township residents Adrienne Davis, Larry Martin and Eric Bacyinski - seeking seats at the table.

Our choice is Davis, The 47-year-old has two children in the district, she's volunteered for a variety of committees and she has an educational background, running Different Drums Educational Services, with which she partners with the Michigan Council on Economic Education to teach children about the components of educa-

She also has 20 years of marketing experience in corporate America, having worked for companies such as Xerox, ADP and Kodak. Her marketing experience could be valuable in hopes of raising money through foundations, donations, etc.

It's going to take a good deal of work for the board as it faces a variety of daunting challenges. We think Judy Mardigian, Barry Simescu, John Jackson and Adrienne Davis should be considered when voters go to the



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Susan Rosiek **Executive Editor** / Publisher

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COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you like best about the fall season, and what do you like the least about it?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



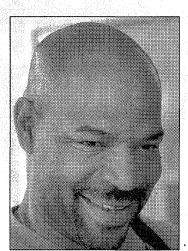
"Fall's my favorite season. I like the nice weather we have, the cool evenings. (Least favorite): Probably just back to school and getting back into a fall schedule."

Kerry Maloney Canton Township



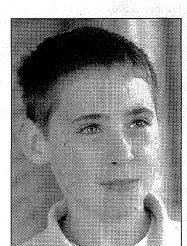
"I like everything about fall. The colors of the leaves, the cooler weather."

Wendy Pfannes Canton Township



"Most I like about fall: Good start on the football season. **Least about fall? Summer's** gone."

Lawrence Smith Canton Township



"Halloween! I don't like it when it's cold but there's no snow to play in."

Ean Maloney Canton Township

LETTERS

Dwyer the choice

We met Dan through our son's soccer team and have grown to know him well over the past several years. We cannot say enough about his character. He is very proactive in helping with the team and very sincere in what ever he does. He shares many of the concerns that we do about preserving the great city of Plymouth and steering it on the correct path through the next few tough years and into the future. When you vote November 3, Dan will be a excellent choice for City Commission.

Michelle and Jack Dorigo

Supports Dwyer

I just wanted to drop you a quick note about a candidate (Dan Dwyer) for the Plymouth City Commission.

We fully support his run for the commission. Dan is first a foremost a quality individual, a family man, with strong community ties, and a pragmatic leader. I think he would be a wonderful addition to the Plymouth City Commission representing the interests of the Plymouth residents.

Plymouth

Move bus stop

I live in the Plymouth Hill Mobile home park located on Ridge Road, between 5 mile and N. Territorial.

This year, our subdivision and school district decided to change a bus stop and move it in front of a pond. Still water seems to be a liability to me, but after many parents contacted the transportation for Plymouth Canton Community Schools and our Park Management, we found ourselves discouraged.

They refuse to move this bus stop. And to add to this, the bus stop is 581 feet away from a registered sex offender. I even have a voice mail to show that they refuse to do move the

We have Kindergarteners waiting at this bus stop. They are wanting more parents to be there with there kids, and it is not happening.

> **Jackie Grim** Plymouth Township

Best bid chosen

It is true - the Friends of the Penn hired Wagner Electric Sign of Elyria, Ohio, to complete the restoration of the marquee at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.

The restoration of an historic marquee is. unique and there are only a handful of sign companies in the United States that have experience with this distinctive craft. At the beginning of a 14-month process, we sent bid packets to companies across the country, including one to a Plymouth sign company that had done work for us previously (it should be noted that this local company chose not to submit a quote for the restoration project.)

From the four bids that we received, we chose Wagner Electric Sign Company. Their extensive experience with historic marquee restorations made our project run smoothly from start to finish. Wagner's assistance with gaining the approval of the Historic District Commission was invaluable and the end product has drawn nothing but positive comments.

Our volunteers have dedicated thousands of hours of their time to bring this gem back

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from the brink of demolition. Our donors have entrusted us with their hard earned money to ensure that this venture is successful. Our success has helped to revitalize downtown Plymouth and has had a positive effect on the local stores and restaurants.

It is our goal to continue with the responsible operation and restoration of the Penn Theatre. Whenever possible we will utilize the resources available from local merchants and vendors with the understanding that when goods and services are not available locally then other sources must be considered.

We thank the Plymouth community for their ongoing support of Friends of the Penn.

Michael Hatsios Chairman, Friends of the Penn Board

Supports Dwyer

Just a quick note to let you know we support Dan Dwyer in his bid for Plymouth city commissioner. He is energetic, enthusiastic, family-oriented, well-informed and would make a terrific commissioner.

> **Nola Wellman** Plymouth Township

Dwyer the pick

I know Dan Dwyer from the parent perspective. Our sons wrestle and play soccer together. He is a wonderful and committed parent.

I first met him just last year when his son joined our long-standing soccer club. This group goes back a number of years and it takes a good amount of tact and social skills to "fit in." Dan did that quickly and with

I've observed him effectively use those same skills in other areas and I'm sure that would be a great asset on the commission.

I think Dan Dwyer will enhance the effectiveness of the commission and thus improve what is already an outstanding community.

Jeff Saunders Plymouth

Dan's the man

As a life time resident of the Plymouth-Canton area I strongly support Dan Dwyer's bid for Plymouth City Commission.

I've gotten to know Dan over the last three years and he is a common sense kind of guy who will use sound logic to make the tough decisions that face city government. Dan has strong ties to the community and will continue making Plymouth a great place to live.

Scott Swartzinski **Plymouth**

Sharing in sacrifice

There's no question that times in Michigan are tough right now.

All across the state, families, faced with a shrinking household budget, are sitting down at the kitchen table and searching for ways to cut back and spend their hard-earned money more efficiently. And at the Capitol, lawmakers are up against the same challenge.

As my colleagues in the Legislature and I continue our budget negotiations, it's clear that difficult decisions will have to be made in order to protect vital programs such as K-12 education, scholarships including the Michigan Promise, local police and fire protection, and health care for kids and seniors. These programs are essential to jumpstarting Michigan's economy, moving the state into the future and protecting our most vulnerable citizens.

It's also critical that we reform government to make it more efficient and accountable to Michigan's residents and ensure that legislator's pay their fair share. That's why we moved measures to:

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· Dock lawmakers' pay when they miss a day of House session; and

 Cut \$1.7 million from the House budget through such steps as reducing all legislators' budgets and requiring ourselves and our staff to pay more for health care.

I believe it is imperative that elected officials share in the sacrifice being asked of Michigan families in these difficult times.

Make no mistake; budget negotiations will be tough. Nevertheless, it's my belief that we will resolve the budget crisis by reaching out across the aisle and working together.

I encourage residents to share their questions and ideas about the direction our state is going and ways we can help get Michigan back on track. Please feel free to contact my office toll-free at (877) 208-4737 or MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov.

Marc Corriveau State Representative 20th House District

Great greyhound story

I am writing in response to More greyhounds need homes as racing tracks close down, dated Sept. 27.

Ms. Bowen of Greyheart Greyhound Rescue & Adoption said, "... it is so important that we are diligent and try to continue to educate people on the fact that greyhounds make wonderful family pets." I couldn't agree more.

I have adopted six retired racing greyhounds in six years. They are intelligent, sensitive, gentle companions. While the years spent in greyhound racing require a transition to life in a home, they are adaptable and eager to please. They are generally retired at 2 to 4 years of age, and are longlived for a large breed. Affectionately known as the "45 mile per hour couch potato," they are laid back and do well in a home with a fenced back yard, or with having several walks a day on leash.

Congratulations and sincere thanks to Greyheart Greyhound Rescue & Adoption for telling the truth about dog racing, and helping save the lives of these beautiful dogs.

Jennifer Krebs Board of Directors www.GREY2KUSA.org

Fund aids breast cancer patients with their finances

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK CONTRIBUTING WRITER

For three years, The Pink Fund has helped local breast cancer patients pay household bills while costly and exhaustive medical treatment keeps them from working. On Oct. 18, The Pink Fund will stage its first luncheon to raise money for the cause.

The Turning Burdens Into Blessings Luncheon, set for noon at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills, brings together fashion, food and informative speakers for a fun and inspiring afternoon.

"We're hoping to fill the seats," said Molly MacDonald, of Beverly Hills, whose own experience with breast cancer led her to establish The Pink Fund in 2006.

The luncheon will be educational, MacDonald said, with Dr. Daniel Sherbert of West Maple Plastic Surgery discussing the latest options for breast reconstruction, and Dr. Jen Green of Beaumont Hospital talking about alternative and complementary therapies for breast cancer.

There's also a focus on fashion. A runway show will feature fall/ winter clothing from Doncaster, presented by Susan Golinski of Farmington Hills, a member of the Pink Fund Board of

PINK FUND LUNCHEON

What: Fun, fashion, information, food and prizes When: Noon-3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 18

Where: Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 W. 13 Mile Road Farmington

Who: Keynote speakers are Dr. Daniel Sherbert, MD, F.A.C.S. a well known plastic surgeon specializing in breast reconstruction; and Dr. Jen Green, ND, a naturopath specializing in cancer.

Tickets: \$45; \$40 for breast cancer survivors. All proceeds benefit Michigan breast cancer patients who are in active treatment and have lost their stream of income. Information: Visit www.thepinkfund.org

Directors and a breast cancer survivor herself, along with high fashion eyewear by Clavenna Vision, Optik and Optimeyes of South Lyon.

Necklaces by Marlaina Stone of Royal Oak also will be shown, and one will be raffled

off at the end of the event. MacDonald said she was flattered when Stone created a necklace in her honor, called "Molly: Her Winged Victory." "Whenever I wear it, it's a showMarlaina Stone. (\$2,000)

wears her "Molly" necklace by

Pink Fund founder Molly MacDonald

stopper," McDonald said. The statement piece includes strands of freshwater pearls, silver and vintage ribbon chains, and a handmade flower. Like all of Stone's necklaces, the 'Molly' comes with a story.

"Strip her bare and you only give her spirit more reason to shine. Graceful, yes. Delicate, never. In her weakest moments, she displays unbreakable strength," Stone writes. "A beacon of hope. And a great source of inspiration."

The story reflects MacDonald's

belief that breast cancer has given her purpose and enriched her life. That's why she named the luncheon "Turning Burdens Into Blessings."

"When people get breast cancer or any kind of adversity in their life — they have a choice over what they're going to do," MacDonald said. "I would say that because of what I went through I was refined and made more valuable."

A wife and mother, MacDonald was between corporate jobs when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. During treatment - two surgeries and radiation — her family fell behind on mortgage and car payments as they struggled to keep up with their bills and \$1,200-per-month COBRA payments with MacDonald out of

"It was just so terribly stressful," MacDonald said. "I was under a tremendous amount of pressure to produce an income for my family, and even in spite of that designed The Pink Fund to get out of my own pathetic circumstances and help other women — and I was feeling pretty.pathetic at the

In addition to proceeds from luncheon ticket sales, purchases of Donacaster and Marlaina Stone merchandise will also benefit the cause.

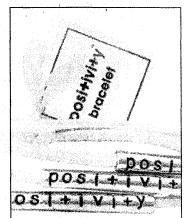
For more information, visit www.thepinkfund.org.

Bracelet is pink and positive

Catching Fireflies will offer a "pink positivity" bracelet to any woman affected by breast cancer during the month of October. In return, owner April McCrumb asks shoppers to share a positive word on ShareYourPositivity.

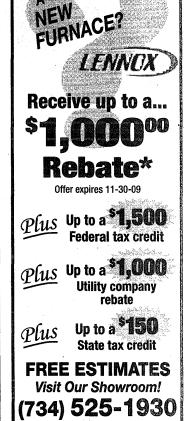
The gift gallery is also offering an uplifting section of pink ribbon-themed goods including art pieces, books and journals about hope, Flying Wish paper, Boob Lube breast check soap and more. Twenty percent of pink ribbon proceeds will benefit The Pink Fund, a local organization dedicated to helping women suffering from breast cancer to pay their bills.

Catching Fireflies also will donate more than 25 percent of the Michigan-made "Friends for Life" frame to top fund raisers for the local American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Catching Fireflies is located at 3117 W. 12 Mile in Berkley; and 203 E. University Drive in Rochester. Or, shop online at www.catchingfireflies.com.



Pink Positivity bracelet

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MALLS AND MAINSTREETS

Tuesdays in the Bag

FARMINGTON - To help promote downtown Farmington businesses during Streetscape construction, the Farmington Downtown Development Authority launched Tuesdays in the Bag. Every Tuesday throughout October, shoppers toting "It's Happening" shopping bags will get special savings and treats from more than 30 downtown merchants. Music Go Round, for example, is giving away free har-

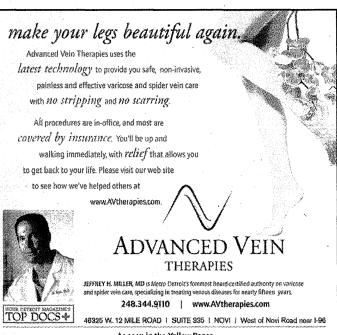
Bags are \$1 at the Farmington DDA, 33316 Grand River Ave.; the Farmers and Artisans Market, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays at Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park; and from participating

'It's Happening' is the official slogan

for Farmington's Streetscape Promotion Campaign, aimed at attracting new businesses, enhancing the image of the downtown as a community destination, and improving walk-

To celebrate the completion of the Streetscape project, slated for early November, the Farmington DDA is hosting a Downtown Streetscape Jam, 12:30-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24 on Grand River Ave. There will be live music, street performers and food. A ribboncutting ceremony will be held when the festivities begin at 12:30 p.m., between the Sunflour Bakehaus and the Rocking Horse. Farmington's annual trick or treating will also be held on this day from 2-4 p.m.

For more information on the Streetscape project go to www.farmingtonstreetscape.org.





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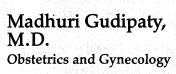
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GAME

WRAPS

Tyler Seguin scored late for the Plymouth Whalers,

Greyhounds already had a

3-0 lead and then added an empty net goal to defeat the

Whalers 4-1 Saturday night

Matt Hackett made 29

Jenks and Myles McCauley.

The Whalers will look

to get back on the winning

Owen Sound and London, respectively, before host-

ing Sudbury at 7:05 p.m.

Saturday at Compuware

Arena in Plymouth

Township.

saves for Plymouth (4-3-0-0). Assisting on Seguin's

goal were linemates AJ

track with road games Wednesday and Friday at

Whalers edged

but it wasn't enough as the Sault Ste. Marie

at the Essar Centre.

Canton bid falls short

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Livonia Churchill giving up a goal this soccer season has been a rarity.

On a windy, rainy Tuesday night at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the Chargers did give up a goal. Canton freshman midfielder Daniel Ovesea scored with 15:58 left in the first half to make it 1-1 in the battle

But all it took was 1:52 for Churchill to regain the lead — on a penalty kick by senior defender Adam Bedell — and the Chargers were off and running to a 4-1 victory.

the Central Division winner (either Salem or Northville) Monday for the Kensington Conference title

We came back with one in the next minute or so and another one in the next five after that, so it was a nice response to their goal," Churchill head coach Reid Friedrichs said. "We've only given up four goals all year in about 15 games, so it was nice to see how you respond when something hasn't happened in a long time."

Canton head coach George Tomasso credited the Chargers for finishing on their scoring opportunities, as well as doing a good job defensively after falling behind in the match.

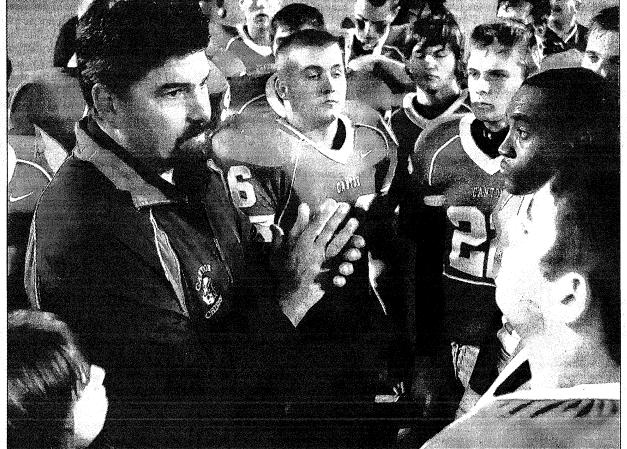
"Churchill did a great job to earn this win and I'm proud of my boys for fighting as hard as they could," said Tomasso, whose team dropped to 7-2-0 in the South. "They did a good job to shut our attack down in the sec-

But Tomasso lamented his team not finishing around Churchill sophomore goalkeeper Bryan Bartig.

"In the first half, we had anywhere from eight to 10 scoring opportunities," he said. "We finished one. We just need to do a better job of capitalizing and I think we'll be there when we're preparing for districts (which begin Oct. 19)."

The Chargers came out with energy and jumped ahead 1-0 when senior forward Tyler Varney banged home a rebound at 12:28. On the play, senior midfielder Ian Guerin smoked

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spot for the Chiefs. Despite that accomplishment, he wants them to stay focused on what happens next.

Baechler, Chiefs keep even keel

There's a lot of

work to do, which

coaches didn't let

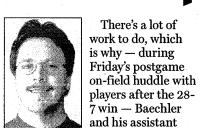
■or most high school football teams, the number six is allconsuming.

Teams that reach six victories in a season are guaranteed a spot in the Michigan High School Athletic Association playoffs. Of course, it's important to get to

six, according to Canton head coach Tim Baechler. But it's more a necessity than anything else because it's only con-

sidered an appetizer before the main

"We've got one goal down, and we've got at least a share of the (KLAA) South Division championship," said Baechler, moments after the Chiefs knocked off Livonia Franklin last week. "We still want to seal the deal."



Tim Smith

players go crazy with excitement.

Yeah, making it into the state playoffs for the eighth time in nine seasons is pretty special. But that's not what it's about these days at Canton.

The next step is to knock off Livonia Churchill in Week 7 and finish off the divisional quest. Then comes the conference.

"Now, we want to go 7-0, we want

to be undefeated going into the league championship," Baechler emphasized. "That's the most important thing. ... If we can accomplish that, then of course we want to go 9-0 and make sure we get a couple of home games" in the playoffs.

There's nothing surprising about that statement. The Canton grid juggernaut of this decade plods along from step to step, goal to goal.

It mirrors the approach the team takes during a now-typical offensive drive — plow forward and don't stop. Just move the chains again,

And along with that, the handle Baechler keeps on the team's emotional lid is admirable. The players

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for the KLAA South Division championship. Churchill (8-0-1 in the South) will face Canton football coach Tim Baechler talks to his players on the field after last week's win over Livonia Franklin, which clinched a playoff

Haslett Invitational

Salem's varsity girls cross country team nabbed the runner-up trophy with a strong showing at Saturday's 21-team Haslett Invitational with 85 points.

Taking first on the slow, muddy course was East Grand Rapids (50 points), while Plymouth took ninth with a finish of 231 points.

Senior Jordyn Moore placed eighth with a time of 19:48.1, followed by junior Victoria Tripp (11th, 19:57.7), freshman Shannon Flynn (15th, 20:13.5), junior Kara Booms (23rd, 20:35.9), freshman Ade Jepperson (28th, 20:41.8), sophomore Kelly Kerwin (36th, 20:58.4) and sophomoe Autumn Burin (44th, 21:16.4).

Meanwhile, the Wildcats girls harriers competed hard, although the slow footing cost everybody coach Mary Kerwin said.

Top Plymouth finishers were Paula Green (22nd, 20:35), Nicole Traitses (31st, 20:51), Britta Swanson (41st, 21:05), Julie Hahn (64th, 22:02), Tricia Pniewski (73rd, 22:17), Kelly Hahn (77th, 22:28) and Ashley Liakos (97th, 23:23).

• Taking sixth out of 20 varsity boys teams at Haslett was Salem, sparked by Mike Charara, who took sixth place (16:56) despite the muddy course, assistant coach Steve Aspinall said.

"We ran very tough in difficult conditions and the team is progressing nicely," Aspinall said.

The Rocks' second finisher was Steve McEvilly, trailed by Jimmy Daniels. Filling out the rest of Salem's lineup were Robert Cowing, Tom Patterson, Andy Rabe and Matt Krupansky.

Plymouth tops Churchill

Plymouth's varsity boys cross country team defeated Livonia Churchill 18-39 Tuesday at Cass Benton.

"It was a cold, rainy and muddy day at Cass," Wildcats head coach Jon Mikosz said. "(But) Jimmy

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Maintaining focus while chipping away is Plymouth High School's Kelsey Murphy, who finished first overall at Tuesday's KLAA Conference girls golf tournament at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton.

Plymouth's Murphy tops at KLAA golf tournament

Kelsey Murphy of Plymouth's varsity girls golf team was medalist at Tuesday's KLAA Kensington Conference tournament at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton with a splendid round of 78 strokes.

Murphy nearly sparked the Wildcats to a team victory, too. But Plymouth's 386 score trailed first-More on KLAA tournament, B3. place Northville (351) and

Novi (377). The Wildcats did share South Division honors with Livonia Churchill (5th,

Finishing in eighth place with 447 points

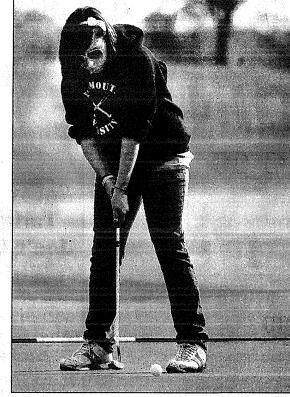
register a team score. Murphy nipped Northville's top performer, Stephanie Sakorafis, who finished with an 80 for the cool, wet day.

was Canton while Salem's squad did not

Plymouth placed two golfers on the Kensington All-Conference squad -Murphy and Sarah Thompson, who tallied

Other Plymouth golfers to finish included Chloe Marentic (105), Mandy Kirsch (110), LeAnn O'Shaughnessy (112) and Christy Pattison (122).

Megan Baumgart led the Chiefs with a finish of 108, followed by Mary Elizabeth Winther (112), Ariel Albert (113), Erin Lixie (114), Paige Osler (115) and Kaylie Loble (118).



Plymouth's LeeAnn O'Shaughnessy completes a putt at the KLAA conference tourney.

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a shot that Canton senior goalkeeper Kai Walther rejected. But the ball bounced right out to Guerin, and he didn't

miss the target. Canton evened the match on Ovesea's goal. A direct kick by sophomore defender Tyler Winningham from midfield drifted to the right of Churchill's goal. Bartig jumped up to catch the ball, but he lost control of it and Ovesea pounced on it to chip it into

Not too long after that, however, a Churchill player was knocked down inside the box. Taking the penalty kick was Bedell, who took one deliberate step forward before hammering a shot inside the left

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Just two minutes after that, iunior defender Brian Lewandowski scored to make it a 3-1 contest.

Churchill added a fourth tally with 22:52 to go in the match. Senior forward Max Washko broke in off the left flank and cleanly beat junior goalie Brandon Laabs from about 10 yards.

"They (Chiefs) were very dangerous coming out of the gate," Friedrichs said. "We saved one off the line and the field conditions didn't make it for either team to be very special.

"But we were smart, created a lot of re-starts and we finished our chances. We had a lot of energy everywhere on the field."

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Canton spikers sweep Wayne

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The more the merrier, as Canton's volleyball depth is continuing to bring victories and a smile to the face of head coach Mary Kryska.

Tuesday at Wayne Memorial, the Chiefs routed the Zebras 25-5, 25-9, 25-8.

If it wasn't Jordan Kielty (9 kills) it was freshman Erica denBoer in the front row (5 kills). How about Lauren Macuga or Laura Fcasni with eight and seven digs, respec-

department were Traci Breitmeyer (8), Jackie Waite (6) and Kielty (5) while Torry denBoer came off the bench to chip in with four solo blocks.

Leading in the assists

"I was very pleased with how

our team played and kept up the intensity until the end," said Kryska, whose team improved to 13-4 overall and 4-1 in the KLAA South. "Everyone got a lot of playing time and the team chemistry was stellar even with all the changes."

Another plus, she noted, was consistent serving (underscored by 17 aces and minimal

"We do very well serving when the pressure is off," the coach added.

PCA sweeps

After struggling in a 25-18 first game win Tuesday against Lutheran Northwest, host **Plymouth Christian Academy** pumped up the intensity.

As a result, the Eagles took Games 2-3 by convincing scores of 25-9 and 25-

10, capturing the Michigan **Independent Athletic** Conference volleyball match-

According to head coach Kelly Blackney, PCA started the night playing unfocused with not as much energy as she would like to see. Yet the Eagles still pulled out the

sync after that. "The second and third set was a totally different game," Blackney said. "We earned all of our points. We really played as a team. One person didn't carry us through."

opening win and then got in

Sparking the turnaround with serves, kills and blocks was sophomore middle hitter Kristen Malcolm (21 kills, 4 aces, 16 digs, 6 blocks).

Other standouts included Foloke Olojo (6 kills), Amy

Zinn (14 digs, 4 kills), Abby

Bartes (18 digs) and Brianna Harris (11 digs, 22 assists). "I was very proud of our ability to control the game,"

Blackney said. "That's some-

thing we have been working on

the whole season." Plymouth falls

Livonia Churchill's Cory Urbats played maestro Tuesday night as she helped orchestrate an impressive 25-12, 25-9, 25-19 KLAA South Division girls volleyball triumph over host Plymouth.

The junior setter racked up 39 assist-to-kills and 13 digs as the state-ranked Chargers (No. 10 in Division 1) improved to 30-4 overall and 5-0 in the division.

The loss drops Plymouth to 3-2 in the division.



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Plymouth YMCA eyes grant

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

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

"The Liberty Mutual Responsible Sports program targets many of the issues we see happening at youth sporting events by shining a positive light on what it means to be a responsible coach and a responsible sports-parent," said Greg Gordon, vice president of Consumer Marketing at Liberty Mutual. "Beyond that, Liberty Mutual is making a significant financial contribution to support the efforts of local organizations like Plymouth Family YMCA."

The ongoing, community-based program offers meaningful, easy-to-use educational resources for youth sports parents and coaches, including access to onthe-field game and practice preparation tools as well as self-paced online courses filled with learning tools, videos and topics addressing youth sports issues.

The Responsible Sports program, including community grants, comes at a crucial time for communities where youth programs are under pressure from increasing numbers of participants, limited volunteer activity and mounting program-administration costs.

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

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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

Arctic Edge shavings

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

Cost is \$100 per skater per eight-week session. For more information, contact Learn to Skate director Theresa McKendry at learntoskatearcticedge@ vahoo.com.

Sunday Night Mixers

Superbowl in Plymouth is hosting a mixed bowling league 6 p.m. Sundays. League president Chico Rodriguez said he needs couples who are interested in joining the fun to hurry and sign up. Contact secretary Sandy Carpenter, (734) 637-3363, or Rodriguez, (734) 453-2980; rosecater@comcast.net) for more information.

Cool happenings

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

Plymouth YMCA offerings

Registration is underway for Plymouth Family YMCA youth sports leagues planned for this fall, including the following:

• Community Co-Ed Soccer: Leagues run through Oct. 24 with the following age brackets — ages 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11. Contests will be Saturdays at Hulsing Elementary. Cost is \$64 per member and \$96 per community member.

• Community Girls Volleyball: Leagues for ages 8-9 and 10-12 run through Oct. 24. Games are Fridays at New Morning School. Cost is \$71 per member and \$103 per community member.

· Kickers Soccer: This league for players ages 4-5 runs through Oct. 22 at Hulsing Elementary with the cost of \$60 per member and \$92 per community member. Players will be placed on teams and receive three weeks of instruction followed by three weeks of games. Jersey is included in the fee.

• Registration for Community Basketball Leagues for boys and girls in several divisions (ages 4-11) are under way. Sessions will be Nov. 2 through Dec. 18 and Jan. 18 through March 19, 2010.

For more information, or to register online, go to www.ymcadetroit.org.

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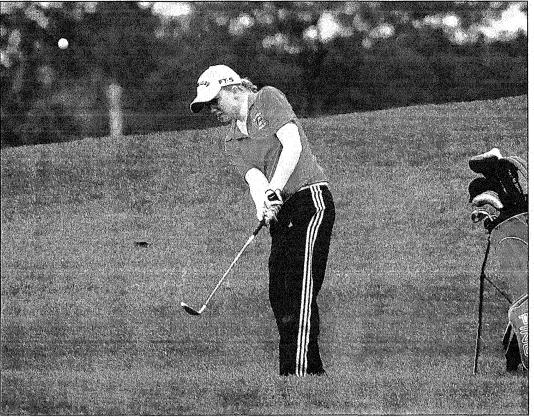
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Canton's Erin Lixie follows through, trying to reach the green with a chip Tuesday at the KLAA Conference girls golf meet at Pheasant Run.

KLAA KENSINGTON GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT Oct. 6 at Pheasant Run G.C. (Canton) TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 351

strokes; 2. Novi, 377; 3. Plymouth, 386; 4. South Lyon, 387; 5. Livonia Churchill, 414; 6. Livonia Franklin, 422; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 434; 8. Canton, 447; 9. Westland John Glenn, 458; 10. South Lyon East, 464; 11. Wayne Memorial and Salem, no team scores

Individual medalist: Kelsey Murphy (Plymouth), 78

TEAM-BY-TEAM RESULTS Northville (351): Stephanie Sakorafis, 80; Jackie Kholhede, 89; Brianna Roberts and Camilla Zhao, 91 each; Amy Bernstein, 95;

Chelsea Weber, 99. Novi (377): Megan Henry, 88; Stephanie Koomen, 97; Victoria Tomkinson, 101; Brooke

Plymouth (386): Kelsey Murphy, 78; Sarah Thompson, 93; Chloe Marentic, 105; Mandy Kirsch, 110; LeAnn O'Shaughnessy, 112; Christy

South Lyon (387): Danielle Godair, 93; Natalie Zaguroli, 95; Brittany Snively, 98; Alex Drew, 101; Lizzy Higgins, 102; Brooke Baugous,

Churchill (414): Jordyn Shepler, 91; Jackie Burdette, 105; Shelby Longworth, 107; Maggie McGowan and Stephanie Panaretos, 109 each; Margo McClain, 135.

Franklin (422): Georgia Patrick, 95; Alexis Smith, 101; Mariah Barcus, 110; Mackenzie Meyers, 116; Lauren Beahon, 128; Haley Szpara,

Stevenson (434): Becca Bubbenheimer, 97; Andrea Burford, 111; Sarah King, 112; Dana Smith, 114; Alex Kitz, 115; Chelsea Phillips, 131. Canton (447): Megan Baumgart, 108; Mary Elizabeth Winther, 112: Ariel Albert, 113: Erin

Lixie, 114; Paige Osler, 115; Kaylie Loble, 118. John Glenn (458): Heidi Irvine, 84; Michelle Bishop, 106; Justine Woodard, 129; Megan Bache, 139; Samantha Baker, 147. South Lyon East (464): Elena Moore, 98;

Brenna Bush and Stephanie Carson, 108 each: Emily Wenson, 114; Taylor Jones, 134; Jessica Wayne (no team score): Jane Thayer, 105;

Avalon Felan, 134, Salem (no team score): Gabrielle LeBlanc,

KENSINGTON ALL-CONFERENCE (top 19 finishers)

Northville: Kjolhede, Sakorafis, Roberts, Zhao, Bernstein; Novi: Henry, Hrit, Miller, Koomen: Plymouth: Murphy, Thompson: South Lyon: Goodair, Snively, Zaguroli; Churchill: Shepler; Franklin: Patrick; Stevenson: Bubbenheimer; John Glenn: Irvine: S.L. East:

DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONS Central: Northville.

South: Plymouth and Churchill. **CATHOLIC LEAGUE GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT** Oct. 6 at St. John's G.C. TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Bloomfield Hills

Sacred Heart, 344 strokes; 2. Birmingham Marian, 361; 3. Farmington Hills Mercy, 373; Gabriel Richard, 399; 6. Warren Regina, 409; 7. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 421; 8. Livonia Individual medalist: Elizabeth Quick

(Sacred Heart), 83 (won playoff).

TEAM-BY TEAM RESULTS

Sacred Heart (344): 1. (tie) Elizabeth Quick and Sarah Dilts, 83 each; 6. (tie) Rebecca Noble and Amanda Paul, 89 each; 9. Adrienne Milner, 90; 35. Elizabeth Watchowski,

Marian (361): 4. Kelly Lunghamer, 86; 9. (tie) Kristen Lunghamer and Leanne DiMambro 90 each; 15. Janna Kramer, 95; 18. Macy Hudson, 96; 20. Anne Marie Fioravante, 98.

Mercy (373): 6. Maggie Lentz, 89; 12. (tie) Patty Battersby and Brenna Hammond, 94 each; 18. Shannon White, 96; 20. (tie) Elena Vlachos and Sarah Montone, 98.

Divine Child (386): 5. Donna Fiscelli, 88; 15. Natalie Blazo, 95; 20. Amanda Andrysiak, 98; 26. Lauren Parzianello, 105; 39. Emily Drinan 117: 47. Robin Redline, 144 Gabriel Richard (399): Morgan Huetter,

95; 24. (tie) Ashley Busch and Anne Sturgeon, 99 each; 42. Alison Pollock, 122. Regina (409): 3. Natalie Didio, 85; 27. Tessa Fredal, 106: 33. (tie) Alexandra Kelly and Letha Jones, 109 each; 43. Jessica Waldenmeyer, 123;

45. Sarah Cornwell, 128. Notre Dame Prep (421): 12. Brooke Borowski, 94; 27. Lexie Cipa, 106; 32. Devine Blacksher, 108; 35. Jane Fountain, 113; 38. Whitney Lorenz, 116: 46, Cathy Robinson, 138

Ladywood (446): 30. (tie) Erin Reece and Val DiMilia, 107 each; 37. Christina Briden, 114; 40 Michelle Nelson, 118; 41. Sara Even, 119; 43. Marissa Lev, 123.

Steelers, Rockets play four tough games

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity football squad lost 39-26 to the host Farmington Rockets in a Sept. 27 battle.

Despite the defeat, offensive-line blocking was strong thanks to the "no quit" attitude of Lucas Callahan with Hussein Shahine and Matt Ramey stepping up with excellent blocks to allow running backs to score.

On defense, Mike White's dynamic play at safety for the Black & Gold sparked the team while linemen Antonio Avant and Wesley Weber stood their ground and played hard against a tough offensive Rockets line.

• The JV Steelers, meanwhile, earned a 12-8 victory with quarterback Greg "Gooch" Williams scoring all points.

Cory Burnett's quick feet kept the Farmington defense on their toes while Jacob Marsh ran well and recovered the ball on a kick-off for a key

Alex Nicholson shined at defensive end, tearing up both

YOUTH FOOTBALL

the Rockets' passing and running game. Ben Smyth and Nathan Gozdor both played strong on the defensive line, plugging up the Rockets' offensive holes.

 The freshmen Steelers took charge of the Rockets, handily winning 41-18. Sparking the offense was Rashawn Allen, who had a huge day running the ball (2 TDs). Evan Good anchored the offensive line with his blocking while Ben Kandah opened huge holes for Plymouth-Canton tailbacks all game.

On the other side of the ball, Ryan Bogdanski was excellent at defensive end and Marco McKenzie's blocked punt resulted in a Steelers' score. Matthew Poet rounded out the strong defense with a fumble recovery, leading to another touchdown for the Steelers.

• Displaying the signature Steelers never-say-die attitude, the junior freshmen seized momentum of their game against the Farmington Rockets midway through the final frame with a series of defensive stops, only to have it slip away in the closing sec-

onds of the contest. The Steelers started the game with an impressive, 13-play drive that resulted in Nicholas Prevo's TD run. Led by the physical play of center Dean Kaye, the offensive line cleared the way for the hardrunning Steeler backs.

In their next possession, the Steeler's grind-it-out, ball-control offense wore the Rockets defense down once again, with another long drive, orchestrated by quarterback Jake Cain. But with the Rockets on the ropes, the drive sputtered with the Steelers falling a few yards shy of the first-down marker.

Defensively, the Steelers were sparked by the strong off-the-bench contributions of James McCarthy and Alexander Terpevich, "Terp' and "Jimmy Mac" rejuvenated the Steeler defense with their inspired, intense play which resulted in hard hitting and texbook tackles.

Lions take three from Comets

The Canton Lions varsity football team lost a division battle Sept. 27 to the Westland Comets, 34-12.

The Lions fell behind by several scores then battled back with touchdown runs from Kenny Arnold and James Hall to bring the team back within 26-12.

But a late third quarter interception deep into Comets territory stopped a potential scoring drive that would have put the Lions within one TD.

Ben Cockrum and Robert Daoud also contributed in the backfield. O-line leaders for the host Lions were Nathan Dzwonkas, Manmeet Singh, John Schumaker, Dykiece Pruitt and Austin Fisher.

Defensive leaders were Devon Wade, Val Steeple, Anthony Kenney and James Hall who had several sacks.

• The Canton Lions JV team earned a 20-10 homecoming victory over the Comets to improve to 3-1.

Jake Stropes, Jakob Wickens and Austin Jackson on the O-line were opening holes for Freddie McGhee, Chucky Turfe and Daniel Kilgore. Both McGhee and Turfe had touchdowns. The defense only allowed

one touchdown late in the game thanks to great efforts by Ty Jasman, Damarcus Kaigler, Cordell Gibson, IV and Mathew Wayne.

• The offense was working on all cylinders for the freshman Lions as they won by a score of 39-12.

They were led by two touchdown passes from Evan Voyles to Myles Beverly and TD

runs by Noah Brown, Victor Abraham and Jason Arnold. The line opened large holes all day led by the blocking of Spencer Brown, David Mason and Wesley Askew.

Defenders also were solid, with key tackles coming from Mason Lamarand, Adam Pitcole, Jack Underwood, Ryan Cassidy, Devin Farmer, Adam Abdallah, and an interception and TD return by Woody See.

• The Canton Lions' junior freshman team pitched its third straight shutout against the Comets. Leading the hard-hitting

defense were Kyle Hurley, Nathan Hunt, Preston Parana, Gary Hicks and David Bowen. The Comets managed few plays of positive yardage.

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Westland

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Thurston

remain on an even keel, even after it is apparent they are

part of a very special group. That kind of coaching and communication style was evident even during the August

two-a-days in sweltering heat. As players finished another session and went straight for the Gatorade or Vitamin Water, Baechler called them out when a drill didn't pan out like it should have.

He let them know that work-

ing harder and smarter then would at least give them the chance to enjoy some success

More than six weeks later, it's clear that message got through, much like another first-down gain by one of Canton's numerous offensive weapons.

And while Baechler might not be smiling, you've just got to know he's somehow relishing all that his business-like Chiefs are accomplishing.

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PREP GRID PICKS

Week 7

Lutheran Westland (2-4, 2-2) at G.P. University-Liggett (1-5, 1-3), 4:30 p.m. Dearborn Heights Robichaud (1-5, 0-4) at Garden City (0-6, 0-4), 7 p.m. Redford Union (4-2, 4-0) at Redford Thurston (5-1, 4-0), 7 p.m. Rochester Stoney Creek (3-3, 3-2) at Farmington (4-2, 3-2), 7 p.m. Farmington Harrison (5-1, 4-1) at Rochester Adams (5-1, 5-0), 7 p.m. Flint Northwestern (3-3) at North Farmington (1-5, 1-5), 7 p.m. Canton (6-0, 4-0) at Livonia Churchill (1-5, 0-4), 7 p.m. Livonia Franklin (3-3, 2-2) at Plymouth (4-2, 2-2), 7 p.m. Livonia Stevenson (4-2, 4-0) at South Lyon East (0-6, 0-4), 7 p.m. South Lyon (1-5, 1-3) at Salem (1-5, 1-4), 7 p.m. Westland John Glenn (5-1, 3-1) at Wayne (3-3, 1-3), 7 p.m. Birch Run (2-4, 1-4) at Livonia Clarenceville (3-3, 2-1), 7 p.m.

Last week Overall

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Robichaud Union Farmington Adams Northwestern Canton Plymouth

Dan O'Meara Westland

Robichaud Thurston Farmington Adams Canton

Thurston Farmington Adams Northwestern Canton Plymouth Stevenson

Tim Smith

Westland

Garden City

Maciag stepped it up big-time today. He has set a PR in his last two races and is turning into the fifth man that we need."

Maciag placed sixth with a time of 17:48. Leading the pack for Plymouth were Joe Porcari (first, 17:08), Matt Neumann (second, 17:13), Warren Buzzard (fourth, 17:31) and Derek Gielgrowski (fifth, 17:37). Other finishers were Jimmy Eiben (10th, 18:16) and

Tom Windle took third for Churchill with a time of 17:22.

Chiefs run to a win

Poor weather Tuesday didn't hamper Canton's boys, as they won 17-46 over Wayne Memorial at Cass Benton.

For the 3-1 Chiefs, Paul Rakovitis led the field with a time of 17:58. But Canton runners also took four of the next five places. Those were as follows: Mitch Clinton (second, 18:34), Josh Osinski (third, 18:58), Keegan Sullivan (fifth, 19:28) and Andrew Stevens (sixth, 19:42).

Wayne's top finisher was

Salem swimmers shine

varsity girls swim team competitive KLAA Central — is making a splash in a good way, according to team coaches.

for the state meet in the 200 free, 200 IM, 100 fly, 500 free and 100 breast, with Emily Nelson qualifying in the 200 free, 200 IM and 100 back,

Chuck Olson. Freshman Abby Aumiller is a state qualifier in the 100 back, with the 200 IM and

Led by Lauren Seroka, Salem's despite a 1-3 record in the highly

Seroka has already qualified said an assistant to head coach

400 free relays also qualifying.

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Members of Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia show off some of the clothing collected in the church's first winter coat drive.

Coat drive underway at Livonia church

BY SHARON DARGAY **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia is overflowing with winter coats, hats, scarves and other warm apparel.

And that's just fine with Rev. Todd Lackie. "We have hundreds of items. We are actually sorting tonight," he said Wednesday.

"This is our first coat drive. We held a clothing drive this summer and gave away 8,000 pieces of clothing to our community."

The church began collecting last month and will continue accepting items through Oct. 23. Donations can be left in a drop box under the canopy at the church's main entrance, 20200 Merriman, in Livonia.

The church will distribute coats from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24.

People may come and take what they need. We are not screening," Rev. Lackie said. "We only ask that you take what you will use.

"We are also offering the opportunity to come and exchange an old coat for a new one. Some people may not feel they need 'charity,' but we welcome people coming and trading out their old coat for a new one."

Kenwood Church of Christ has given food to more than 300 families over the past six months. Members also gave away clothing, backpacks filled with school supplies, and have worked in the gardens at Webster School in Livonia. They plan to paint Another Way Pregnancy Center in Farmington this week-

"We are involving ourselves in our community by putting our faith in action," said Rev. Todd Lackie. "Our Faith in Action campaign is helping us transform our congregation into a church that is motivated to help our community and strive to grow in Jesus' image. A church that puts its faith into action focuses not on itself, but living out Christ's teaching and his divine example of compassion.

"We believe that we can make a difference in our community during these difficult economic times. In moments like these, we must help one another. We have chosen to try to find ways to help rather than sit back and watch as our neighbors and friends go through some of the toughest moments of their lives. We consider it a privilege to serve our community."

Call the church at (248) 476-8222 for more information on the coat drive.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Religion calendar items appear on Thursdays on a space available basis. To submit an item, e-mail sdargay@ hometownlife.com or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226, Attn: Sharon Dargay. Item must include the venue address and phone number and any admission costs for events. Items must be submitted at least a week in advance of publication. For a complete listing online, go to hometownlife.com.

OCT. 8-14

Blood drive

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

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

Free Christian folk/country/rock concert, 4 p.m., Saturday,

Oct. 10, at St. Michael Lutheran Church and School, 3003 Hannan Road, at Glenwood in Wayne. Don Wharton will perform. For more about the singer, visit www.donwharton. com. For more about the concert, call the church at (734) 728-1950.

CROP walk

The annual Plymouth/Canton CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, Oct. 11. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. with the Walk beginning at 2 p.m. from St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. The Walk raises funds for Church World Service and the Salvation Army of Plymouth. For more information, contact Barb Fichtenberg at (734) 981-4205 or e-mail to bfichtenberg@hotmail.com.

"The 13th Day," a film about children from the village of Fatima in Portugal who experienced apparitions of Mary in 1917, will premiere at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 13 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 North Territorial Road, Plymouth. RSVP at www.CatholicScreenings.com. For questions e-mail to Screenings@Maximusmg.com

Ministries conference

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

Special presentation

Mary Ann Wheeler will give a presentation on Marcus Swifts' life, entitled "Slavery in Michigan, The Underground Railroad, and Abolitionist Preacher Marcus Swift" at 7 p.m. at historic Newburg Church at Greenmead in Livonia. Swift was the first pastor of the Newburg United Methodist Church. (734)422-0149

OCT. 15-21

Auction fund-raiser

The Servant Church of St. Alexander presents a silent auction with appetizers, 1 p.m., followed by a family-style dinner at 4 p.m. and live auction at 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 18, at Vladimirs, 28125 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Tickets, \$45 per person. Proceeds will benefit the church's outreach activities, which include a weekly food pantry that feeds approximately 50 families and a youth mission that assists families in rebuilding homes.

Church Women United

Annual Gathering of "Area 2" is Saturday, Oct. 17 at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth Road and W. Chicago Road. in Redford. Registration runs 9-9:30 a.m. Hospitality, devotions, program and lunch cost \$10. After-lunch activities include shopping at Greater Gifts (SERRV) and browsing Church Women United displays until 2 p.m. The Rev. Jeffrey Maxwell, pastor of Farmington First UMC will be the guest speaker. Liturgical dancers will enhance his presentation, titled "We Dance with God." Reserve by Oct. 2 with Betty Thomas at (313) 561-4792. Child care is available only if requested when reservation is made by Oct. 2.

ENDOW for girls

Girl Genius, a one-day ENDOW retreat for girls runs 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 17, at St. Aidan church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Cost is \$30 for girls, adults are admitted for free, and includes lunch and snack. (248) 477-

Food pantry

Reserve a pick up time for the monthly food pantry Oct. 17, at Trinity Church, 10101 Ann Arbor Road, just west of Beck, in Plymouth. Reserve in advance by calling (734) 459-9557 between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 12-14.

OCT. 22-28

Coat distribution

Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia, is collecting new and used winter coats and apparel, including gloves, hats, scarves, boots, snowsuits, sweatshirts, and sweaters. Drop off items 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday through Friday. An afterhours box also is available under the church's front canopy. Items will be distributed on Oct. 24. All clothing will be free. People also may bring their old items and exchange them for new ones on that day. (248) 476-8222

2nd Annual Community Bizarre Bazaar Craft Show, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24, at First United Methodist Church of Northville, Eight Mile and Taft. More than 50 artisans will sell their works. Baked goods, breakfast, lunch, coffee, beverages will be on sale and tickets will be available for a drawing. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and under. All church proceeds support Village Banking, which provides micro loans to families living in abject poverty throughout the world (www.villagebanking.org) For vendor list and more details: www.fumcnorthville.org

Special needs dance

Reservations deadline for Emmanuel Lutheran Church's "Harvest Costume Dance" for adults with special needs is Oct. 23. The church will host the dance 6:30-8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia. Spend an evening of music, fun, and friendship and we dance the night away. Prize for best costume. There is no charge for this event. Refreshments will be served. Space is limited. RSVP to Judy Cook at Emmanuel at (248) 442-0307, or e-mail at judy@ emmanuel-livonia.org.

Widowed Mass

Widowed men and women may celebrate Mass, stay for refreshments, fellowship and meet new friends in a safe setting Sunday, Oct. 25 at St. Columban Church, 1775 Melton. (1/4 mile north of 14 Mile, between Woodward and Coolidge. Check-in begins at 2 p.m., Mass at 2:30 p.m.. Offered by Widowed Friends, a peer support group. For or more information call Justine (734) 455-6939.

OCT. 29-NOV. 4

Tea and fashions

1 p.m., Sunday, Nov 1, at Sacred Heart Church's Banquet & Conference Center, 29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes a gourmet luncheon provided by Thomas's Catering, as well as a fashion showof clothing from The Clothing Cover of Milford. There will be raffles, a silent auction and door prizes. Seating is limited to adults and teens only. For more information or to buy tickets, call the parish banquet and catering center at (734) 261-8560) or Jean Parent at (248-755-1777).

ONGOING

AWANA

Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers an AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Drop children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 426-0096.

Classes/study

- Antioch Preschool, an academic program complemented by Christian education, is enrolling 3- and 4-year-old children for the 2009-2010 school year. A new toddler class is offered Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. Extended stay enrichment for 3's and 4's is offered Wednesdays - children bring their lunch and enjoy literacy activities until 3 p.m. Antioch Lutheran Church is located at 13 Mile and Farmington Road in Farmington Hills. For information contact Sharon Detter, preschool director, at (248) 626-7906, Ext. 28, or e-mail to antioch preschool @sbcglobal.net.
- New Life Community Church, 42200 Tyler, Belleville, offers a jobs seminar, 8-9 am., Fridays, a reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays. (734) 846-4615
- Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is designed to reduce stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc. org for updates.
- Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will
- Scripture studies, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and
- Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000. ■ Learner's Bible study, 7 p.m., Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.
- Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions - at Livonia Unity, 28660 Five Mile. Classes include: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m. Call (810) 813-4073 for more information or send e-mail to gary@ energeticarts.org.
- Bible talks, 4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.
- Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia invites adults with developmental disabilities and special needs to attend a new Open Arms Bible class the second Monday of the month at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The class, which runs from 7-8 p.m., will include songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.
- Tuesday Ladies Bible Study from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5. Call (248) 348-7600. ■ A study/discussion group focuses on relationship with
- God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith, at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy. A group at 10:30 a.m., Thursday examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey. (313) 274-3820.

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank gives free clothing to those in need, 10 a.m.-noon, fourth Saturday of each month, at the church, 41920 Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley roads. Donations of clean clothing that is in good repair also are accepted. The clothing bank can't accept under garments or household items. (734) 404-2480

Concerts

Rush Hour concert series continues every Tuesday with gathering and refreshments at 5 p.m., concert-5:30-6 p.m., featuring performances by local and national jazz artists at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit. Free. Visit www.metroumc.org.

Fellowship dinner

Dinners will resume Sept. 17 at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Dinners are at 6 p.m., Thursdays. Call (313) 534-7730.

Films

10 a.m. Wednesday Kids Matinees and 4 p.m., Saturday family movie, at Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia. Guitar Praise game precedes the film on Saturday. Children in second grade or younger can play prior to the film; those in third grade and up can play after the movie.

Pizza will also be served following the movie. All events

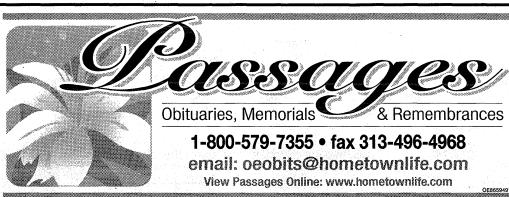
are free. (248) 476-8222 Hall rental

- Volkmar Hall located in Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads. Garden City, is available for rent. For information, call (734)
- St. James Presbyterian, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. For information call the church at (313) 534-7730

■ Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) meets 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners. For more information call Angie at (248) 427-1020.

■ MOPS, 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays, Dunning

Park Bible Chapel, 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford. MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope. For information call Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767.



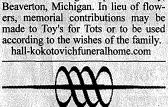
MARY KOLODY

Age 94, of Farmington Hills, MI. October 2, 2009. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington.



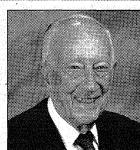
JAMES BENJAMIN McATEER

On October 11, 1929, the good Lord gave the earth a son, James "Benny" Benjamin McAteer Jr. Ben would grow, learn, marry, have children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He then became their mentor, teaching all he knew, preparing them for their journey, and then becoming their hero. God left him here on loan to fill many people's lives with many memories. On October 3, 2009, the Lord brought him home, ending his journey here on earth. He is survived by his wife: Pat McAteer of Beaverton; son: Jim B. McAteer III; daughter: Trish (Duke) McAteer Wilson; son: Tim (Melissa) McAteer; daughter: Darlene McAteer Villaire; daughter: Kathy (Scott) McAteer Taft; 21 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; brother: Thomas McAteer; many nieces & nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; daughter: Jean; brother: John P. "Jack" McAteer; sister-in-law: Eileen McAteer. Funeral Services were held at St. Anne Catholic Church, Edenville, Michigan. Visitation was at



Hall-Kokotovich Funeral Home, Beaverton, Michigan. He will be laid

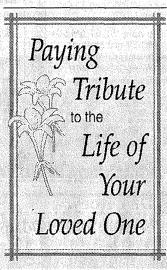
to rest at Billings Twp. Cemetery,



THOMAS E O'HARA

October 3, 2009. Age 94,

formerly of Bloomfield Hills. Proud veteran of U.S. Army Air Corp., WWII. Founder and chairman of the board of National Association of Investors Corp. (NAIC). Beloved husband of Eleanor M. (nee Urquhart) for 60 years. Dear father of Dr. Thomas E., Jr. (Melissa), Robert A. (Jill) and Shelley J. Genord (Dennis). Grandfather of Brandon, Andrew, (Dennis). Thomas III, Megan, Tyler, Julia and Jayden. Family received friends Wednesday 4-8p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Funeral Service Thursday 10a.m. at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. Memorial tributes to Kirk in the Hills Outreach and Benevolence. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



NORMA SUSAN RICHARDSON

Age 81, died Sunday, September 27, 2009 at Rolling Fields Senior Living, Conneautville, PA. She was born December 26, 1927 in Detroit, Michigan, daughter of the late Ferdinand and Susan Martin. Norma graduated from Redford High School, Redford, Mich. She was a school bus driver for over 20 years. Norma played the organ and violin, loved gardening, and traveling by motorhome. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Robert R. Richardson. Survivors include three sons: Robert Richardson, III and his wife Gwynne of Edinboro, Martin Richardson, Todd Richardson and his wife Ursula; 10 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Arrangements entrusted to Burton Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 602 West 10th Street.

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Long-time pastor retires from Livonia church

The Rev. Rick Peters achieved several milestones in his ministry this year.

He marked 40 years as a "Minister of the Word and Sacrament" in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in May. He has been at the helm of the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, in Livonia, for 20 years.

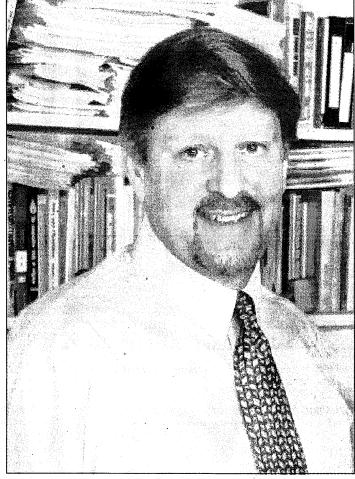
And he'll likely earn the title "Pastor Emeritus" Sunday, Oct. 11 when the congregation votes to bestow the honor as Rev. Peters retires.

A potluck is scheduled the same day after the 10:30 a.m. service. Guest speakers from the church, friends and family — including the pastor's two daughters — will attend a program at the potluck.

A dinner on Thursday, Oct. 22, at Laurel Manor in Livonia will include guest speakers and a video presentation.

"I've been a member of RGPC for over 30 years. I guess I would say we met our "soulmate" when the Pulpit Nominating Committee brought him to us. His leadership style led and supported the Session (the ruling body of our church) members to make thoughtful decisions regarding the activities of the church," stated Jan Myers, chair of Rev. Peters' retirement celebration committee.

"He supported a congregational committee through two back to back Capital Fundraising Drives that raised more than \$800,000 which allowed us to make major structural changes to the church, including the addition of an elevator that could access the four different levels of the



Rev. Rick Peters

building."

Myers said he also has been involved in community outreach, participating with church members in the annual CROP walk and meeting on a regular basis with area clergy.

MISSION TRIPS

When he came to (Rosedale) there was a longestablished tradition of our senior high youth groups going on a mission caravan every year. When Hurricane Katrina hit Louisiana, a member of our church went to Rick and said 'we need to do something'! Within weeks, Rick lead a group of members south to hook up with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Relief Team who worked hard to make lives and living conditions better," Myers said. "Since that trip, two more mission teams have been established — a young adult group that goes for a week through PDA and another group of all ages that goes for a long week-end to assist Michigan Presbyterian Church Camps keep their facilities in repair."

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Rev. Peters, a native of Pittsburgh, Pa., completed undergraduate work in premed biological sciences at Kenyon College in Ohio, before spending a year working as a mission assistant in

agricultural reform in Brazil. Rev. Peters earned a Masters of Divinity Degree with honors from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and was ordained in 1969. He also earned two certifications in Pastoral Counseling and served churches in Pennsylvania and Michigan, including Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Walled Lake, before taking his ministry to Rosedale in 1989.

Associate Pastor, Kellie Whitlock, calculated some of the highlights of Rev. Peters'

work at Rosedale:

■ 174 baptisms

■ 143 weddings ■ 191 funerals

She also figured he had delivered at least 2.400 sermons during his entire min-

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church is located at 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. For more information about Rev. Peters' retirement events, call the church at (734) 422-0494.

- Sharon Dargay



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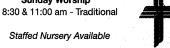
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BY SHARON DARGAY **O&E-STAFF WRITER**

Anton Chekhov wrote the original

short stories. Neil Simon turned them into a comedy for the stage.

And Craig Hane gave them a twist of TV-style slapstick.

"It's made up of eight or nine small stories adapted from Chekhov," said Hane, artistic director of Barefoot Productions, describing Simon's The Good Doctor. "They were on the depressing, dark side - not intended to be comedic.

"Neil Simon 'Simonized them.' He brought out the humor in the stories. He wrote this show in the early 70s. It's reflective of the early days when he was writing for TV. The style is almost vaudeville, burlesque.'

Hane made the gags and expressions even bigger for the play's threeweek run at Barefoot Productions in downtown Plymouth.

"It's very reflective of the acting style of Jack Benny and Milton Berle...it's our homage to the early days of TV. It's naturally funny from Neil Simon's writing, but we've heightened it with gags. There are pratt falls, sight gags, rubber chickens. We want the audience to sit back and laugh and have a good time."

Hane had planned to stage a different comedy, Mister Roberts, but because of scheduling conflicts, he quickly needed to switch scripts. The Good Doctor was the perfect choice because Hane had directed the comedy in 1982 for the Farmington Founder's Festival.

We were all graduates from high school and before we went off to college we decided, 'let's put on a show.""

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Hane worked free-lance in set design and other technical aspects of theater after attaining a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in theater from Central Michigan University in 1985. He subsequently worked as the technical director for Colby College in Waterville, Maine for two years and spent another few years in Santa Barbara, Calif., working in small community theaters. Back in Michigan, he free-lanced in theaters and then mounted one of his own productions at the Dearborn Heights Civic Theatre.

When Hane realized Plymouth wasn't home to any live community theater, he started his own. Barefoot Productions is a non-profit community theatre with a 100-seat venue in the Walker-Buzenberg Building. Board members wear several hats, including behind-the-scenes work, crew and cast assignments.

"The goal I've always had for Barefoot is that we achieve our own building in three to five years. We're entering our fourth season," Hane noted. "I'd like to become a semi-professional theatre able to support equity performers and amateur actors on stage at the same time.

Although Barefoot lowered ticket prices by \$3 this year, Hane continually raises the bar on his productions.

It's almost an Off-Broadway quality. I'm a bit of a theatre snob. I won't just settle for okay when I know my actors are capable of more."

INTIMATE THEATER

Joe Cone of Canton appreciates the challenge. He plays an off-stage role and an on-stage part in The Good Doctor and is active in Spotlight Players in his hometown.

He worked with Hane for the first me last year and "had a ball."



"The Drowned Man" a scene from the Classic Neil Simon comedy "The Good Doctor" with Matt Majzlik, (left) of Canton and Sam Williams of Wayne.

"THE GOOD DOCTOR"

What: Barefoot Productions stages the Neil Simon play When: 8 p.m., Oct. 9-10, 16-17, 23-24 and 2 p.m., Oct. 18 and 25

Where: Walker-Buzenberg Building, 240 N. Main Street, Plymouth

Tickets: \$12 general admission, \$10 for students and seniors; tickets are \$20 for special performance/fundraiser for VFW tonight, Thursday, Oct. 8 Contact: www.justgobarefoot.com or call the box office at (734) 560-1493. The box office also is open one hour before each performance.



"The Governess" a scene from the **Classic Neil Simon** comedy "The Good Doctor" with Samantha Lowry, (left) of Northville and Carol Lapinski, Garden City.

"It was nothing like I'd ever trained in or worked in. It's intimate theater," said Cone, who worked on stage, including some professional gigs, while living in England several years

"The audience is very close. It's neat and different. You're maybe five feet from the front row."

"People love that fe

are pulled into the play," added Carol Lipinski, a cast member from Garden

After a career in nursing, Lipinski took acting classes at Schoolcraft College, where she also has appeared in plays. She also tried improv, but prefers scripted comedies and dramas. She took on a role with Barefoot Productions for the first time last

"It's been fun building an audience our name is getting out there and getting a loyal following," she said.

Both she and Cone guarantee the audience will leave the theater laugh-

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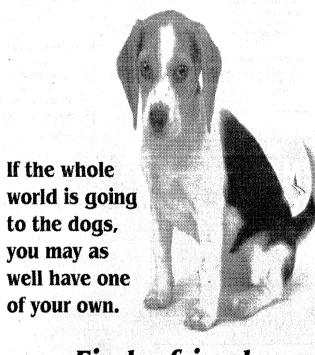


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HOOD & WINE

Winners share their tips for making award-worthy chili

BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER

Peter Skwires doesn't care if he makes the fieriest chili around.

The Livonia man strives for the best-tasting combination of meat, sauce and spices.

"I like my chili to be flavorful and have a bite at the end. But I don't like it to be so hot you can't enjoy it. I want it to be good tasting.'

Judges at the 14th Annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-Off Sunday in Plymouth agreed Skwires' entry into the red chili category was first-rate and awarded him top honors, \$1,000 and entry into next year's International Chili Society competition.

Skwires, who started cooking chili and entering contests in 2003, will head to this year's international cook-off, which will be held Sunday, Oct. 11 in Charleston,

The retired millwright's hobby started when he was asked to judge a chili competition a few years back.

"I hate to say it, but the chili was terrible and I thought I could cook better than this," Skwires recalled. "I was never an avid chili cook. My wife (Camille) doesn't like chili. My daughter (Amelia Brady of Plymouth) helps me when we're cooking (in competition)."

his way through competitions in Omaha, Neb., Las Vegas, Nev., and other states, using the same recipe in cook-offs since 2007.

"I try to use the freshest stuff I can find. It makes a difference," he said, adding that no beans are allowed in competition chili. "And I pray a lot. I think winning contests like this is a lot of luck. It's what the judges like. He suggests that novice chili makers not only use fresh ingredients, but also carefully watch their cook pot. "Make sure it's not too hard

of a boil, otherwise the meat mushes up.'

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Chris Thompson of Westland, who cooks with friends Paul Perlongo and Sean Skinner, says practice makes perfect when tweaking chili for competition.

"As far as tips go when making chili, just have fun and be adventurous try new things," Thompson said.

The friends started competing against each other at first and then decided to go public by entering the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-Off three years ago. They've won the People's Choice category two consecutive years since then.

"I do enjoy cooking a lot. Chili is definitely one of my favorite things to make," Thompson said. "I think what sets our chili apart is the combination of seven different types of peppers and four meats. The crowd seems to enjoy the heat that they get with our chili."

Thompson said he can't reveal their chili recipe, but said they'll slightly alter the ingredients next year by adding an eighth pepper to the mix.

TRIED AND TRUE

Al Jonna said his cook, Connie Fox, at Picnic Basket Market in Plymouth Township, has a recipe don't tamper with."

"No substitutions. We stick with it," said Jonna, owner of the 21-year-old market. "It's a red tomatobased chili. What separates ours from everyone else is that everything comes from the meat counter.'

He said Fox makes sure there's no grease in the mix and is careful to prepare the vegetables in a separate skillet with different mari-

Picnic Basket Market's

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country so bravely.



Fox's chili is on the menu at the market and available in gallon quantities for par-

"I get a lot of people bringing in their own pot and they say 'fill it up.' They want people to think they made it," Jonna said, with a laugh.

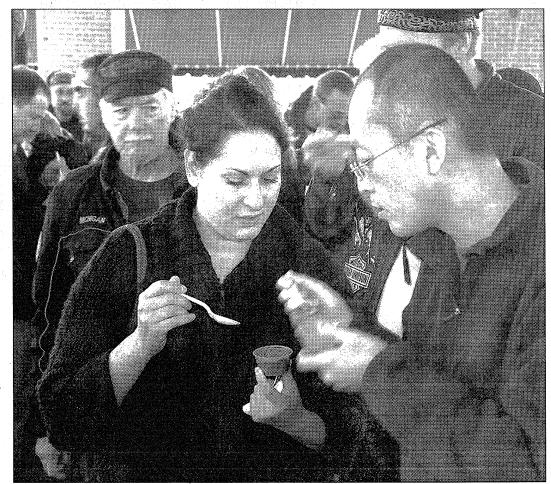
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■ Omelette and Waffle Cafe in Plymouth won the People's Choice award in the restaurant competition.

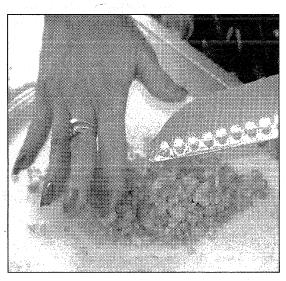
■ Gary Ray of Livonia won first place for salsa. ■ Leo Buk of Trenton had

the best decorated booth ■ "Cody Super Dog," from Livonia, owed by Cindy Dabkowski won first place

in the dog costume contest, "Hot & Spicy" category. "Harley" from Madison Heights, owned by Dale and Teresa Upton, also won in the "Biker Dog" costume



Laila Bolbolan and Tsukasa Watanabe are newcomers to Plymouth and dove right in to Plymouth's culture, sampling chilis at the festival.



Laurie Trombino chops celery for Brian Graham's Blackjack

portion of the event. More chili cook-offs planned this weekend

If you're hungry for more chili, head to Garden City That same day, Canton Leisure Services and the and Canton this weekend for their cook-off com-

petitions and tastings. The Second Annual Garden City chili cookoff, sponsored by the Garden City Downtown Development Authority, runs 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Garden City Kroger Town Center, in the Farmers Market Lot, at the northeast corner of Ford and Middlebetlt.

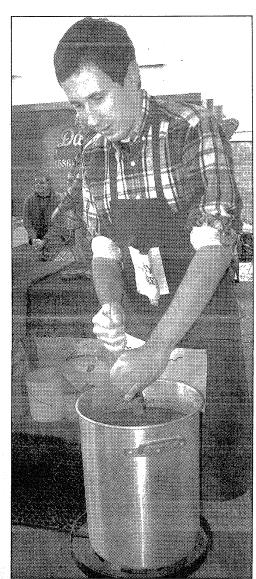
Events will include the cook-off and tasting, food and a beer tent, live bands, pom-pom demonstration, and scarecrows on display. For more information call the Garden City

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Canton Public Art Committee present 1st Annual Chainsaw Art and Chilli Cook-Off, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail, located off MortoWn Tyalor Road at Michigan

Chainsaw artists will display their works and demonstrate how they transform fallen trees into works of art. Home Depot will be on hand from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. with hands-on crafts for kids. Visitors can try a variety of chili from mild to hot and then vote for their favorite chili with a donation that will benefit participating non-profit groups. For more information on the 1st Annual Chainsaw Art and Chili Cook Off call (734) 394-5460.



Plymouth resident Paul Despres stirs a pot of his Sporthaus Michigan Chili. His goal was to use as many Michigan-sourced ingredients as possible.

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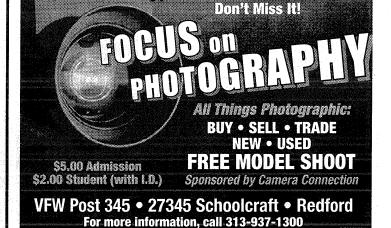
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SWF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 165lbs, mature body/mind, looking for a lonely handsome man, 20-30, race open, clean-cut, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is witty. WANTED: MATURE MAN

Semi retired nurse, WF, dark hair, blue eyes, 5', N/S, enjoys travel, history and home life. Looking for an honest, loyal man, 60-70, N/S, for a possible LTR. 27320985

GET TO KNOW ME Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible

LTR. 22963760 VERY CUTE
SBF, 58, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 46-60, N/S, intelligent,

sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. 2113198 I NEED A LOVE..

to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. 27568059 I NEED LOVE

Fun-loving, down-to-earth, outgoing, smart SBF, 20, loves having fun. Seeking SB/WM, 18-30, who shares my lust for life. \$\mathbb{T}300110\$ SEEKING SBM COMPANION

I'm short and cute, brown eyes, black hair, honest, funny, good cook, very sincere. I hope to find a friend/companion to enjoy things with. Preferably 55-75. Life is too short - have fun with me. SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?

SBPF, 55, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic SM, 40-65, NS, who loves reading, midnight pionics, walking, and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and self-worth. 27282618 TAKE A CHANCE

SBPF looking for SBM, 45-57, with no children at home, who likes to have a good time. I enjoy going to movies, dining out, the park, outdoor and indoor activities. Let's develop a friendship first, possibly leading to more. 2306228

MUST LOVE THE LORD SBF, 18, 5'8", gospel singer, God-fearing, looking for similar SB/HM, 18-27, for possible relationship. 27311174

LOOK NO FURTHER SBF, 18, 5'4", long black hair, light brown eyes, wants to meet that SBM, 18-22, who is tired of playing games. 2311011

DBF SEEKS LTR
Attractive, thick BF seeks LTR with totally unattached male, 48-65, not into games. Must
be ready to start a new found friendship and see where it goes. Ballroom dancing is a plus.

SEEKING A GENTLEMAN WF, 5'9", blond/blue, would like to meet a young-at-heart WM, 40-70, to hang out with, date and have a good time with. 2310164

TIRED OF BEING ALONE DBF, 50, 5'3", full-figured, N/S, loving, independent, intelligent, down-to-earth, great sense of humor, enjoys going out and romantic evenings at home. Seeking S/DBM, 50+, with similar qualities and interests, who wants to enjoy the rest of life with no drama. 2311753

SOPHISTICATED LADY SUPRISTICATED LADT
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, laid-back yet serious-minded and responsible, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, responsible, good sense of humor, with good values and morals, for serious relationship.

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

NEED REAL LOVER SBM, 42, 5'6", 185lbs, seeks an employed, secure, lovable, independent SWF, 35-50, 5'6" or shorter, for dating, possible LTR. 27320572

A GREAT GUY A GREAT GUY
Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boating, casinos, flea markets. Seeking conversation SWF, for conversation and connection. 27176478 A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks LYVINI, DO, D IU, I IAINGSOME AND SECURE, Seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. 12269646

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT WiWM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/ outdoor. Looking for LTP, with the right person.

HARD-WORKER SWM, 45, 5'5", short brown hair, grown kids, enjoys music, playing guitar, travel. Looking for similar SF, 35-45. **27296097**

ARE YOU OUTGOING? SBM, 38, looking for SBF, 26-38, for long-lasting relationship. N/S, N/D, no drugs. You must be sincere, honest and respectful. I love movies, dining, sports, walks in the park. 2310527 SPEAK TO ME

BM, 46, 6'1", 180lbs, bald head, secure pro-fessional, would like to meet a nice BF, 25-42, with a slender build, who is intelligent, attractive and has morals and high standards for herself.

MAXIMUM RETURN ON. your investment. SBM, 5'8", seeks mature, level-headed, down-to-earth female, 30-45, for fun, dating and possible LTR. 2293155

EASYGOING EASYGUING
SBM, 38, 6'4"; likes movies, jazz concerts, walks in the park, quiet moments at home, playing pool. Looking for SF, 35-45. 27318935

RACE UNIMPORTANT SBM would like to meet a woman with good mor-

als and characteristics, who likes walks in the park and spending quality time together. 25-60.

Laid-back SM, 40, 6', 180lbs, athletic, loves sports, softball, basketball, football, seeks funny, caring days to seek funny. down-to-earth, understanding lady, 35-45. SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life.

SOUTH AMERICAN SF WANTED WM, 6'3", dark hair, blue eyes, good sense of humor, likes concerts, movies, dining out. Seeking South American SHF, 18-52, for LTR. Will answer all calls. 27320560

Ready to meet great new people?

LETS GET GOING! SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. 25128302

EASYGOING

EASYGOING
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. WLTM SWF, for dating and fun times. 27187614 **FEMININE LADY WANTED** Attractive SWPM, 48, 510°, 190lbs, N/S, never married, loves outdoors, going to church, traveling, family time, candle light dinners, movies, long walks, holding hands, good conversation, seeking sweet, feminine lady, 30-50, for possible LTR. \$\frac{\pi}{291990}\$

CALL ME! SWM, 45, likes sports, working out, cooking, bodybuilding. Looking for a similar lady for LTR. 2319016

SEEKING EBONY WOMAN Attractive SWPM, 41, seeking BF for dating. New to area and looking to explore the city. Sense of humor, easygoing, attractive, HW proportionate, affectionate, established, likes to travel.

SEEKING A FRIEND SBM, 40, 6'3", 240lbs, wants to meet a down-to-earth SBF, 35-42, who is easy to get along with, for friendship, maybe more. 27303036

SWM SEEKS SBF DWM, 37, N/S, no kids, looking for SBF, 46+, to get to know. I'm a cool dude who cooks and has a good job. 12303043

WANT TO TALK? Sexy SBM, 35, N/S, light brown eyes, long hair, looking for SBWF, 18-24, to chat with. I like mov-

ies, dining, just chilling out. 27303045 NOT A GAME PLAYER SWM, 46, smoker, no children, searching for a special lady, 28-42, who doesn't play games, loves the outdoors, is honest, caring, loving.

2302998 HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
WM would like to meet a nice woman, 20-55, to
develop a relationship with hopefully. If interested,
give me a call. 27303066

THE ONE TO CALL BM, 42, 5'8", 165lbs, enjoys all sports, bowling, walks in the park, quiet nights at home and barbecues. Looking for an attractive, honest lady, 21-49, to go out and have fun with. 23303275

A LOT TO OFFER
SBM, 43, 5'9", 143lbs, grown children, enjoys
fishing, boating, outings, working on cars. Seeking SBWF, 21-45, for friendship first, maybe

MOVING FORWARD SWM, 39-years-old 5%, thin and fit, N/S, light-blue eyes, brown hair, open-minded and caring, Interests: film, music, and literature. Looking for friendship possibly leading to a more serious re-lationship. \$\frac{\pmathbf{T304387}}{\pmathbf{T304387}}\$

SM, 38, 6'2", brown/brown, likes cooking, dancing, watching sports and more. Looking for an easygoing female who is honest and secure. **27305549** SEEKING LATIN LADY

SEEKING REAL WOMAN

WM, 6'3", dark/blue, with great sense of humor, likes sports, movies, concerts, dining out. Would love to meet a Hispanic female, 18-50, for dating, possibly more. 27:308881 SO WE MATCH?

SM likes skating, music, horseback riding, going to bars and spending time at home. Would like to meet a woman, 39-48, who is nice and likes going out. **27308942**

GENUINE NICE GUY
WM, 45, 6'1", blond/blue, N/S, social drinker, honest, caring, compassionate and a great listener, likes most kinds of movies, quiet times at home, music, travel and watching the Steelers play football. Seeking female, with similar qualities and value. Acce weight and rear unimportant. and values. Age, weight and race unimportant, just be a sincere person with Christian values.

LET'S GO OUT BM, 5'9", 170lbs, medium build, looking for an intelligent female, 30-45, who likes to go out and have a lot of fun. 2308637

NO DRAMA SBM, 42, 5'9", 175lbs, N/S, caramel complexion, enjoys the outdoors, movies, dining. Seeking SBF, 25-45, who is not into drama. 27309519

FULFILL MY LIFE SBM, 42, 6'2", 280lbs, short black/brown, dark complexion, loves Italian food, travel, time at home. Seeking that special, sexy, full-figured oman who is honest, caring, spontaneous, compassionate, and ready for a relationship. 27309096

LET'S MEET
SBM, 49, 5'11", works as a DJ, loves movies, basketball, skating. Looking for similar SF, 29-40.

ENJOY THE VIEW Romantic, thoughtful SWM, 39, is looking for love, enjoys hugs, kisses and cuddling, seeks kind, attractive SWF, age and area open. 27113835

Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. 27112288 YOUR SEARCH ENDS HERE SBM, 42, 6'1", athletic build, carpenter, enjoys jazz, cooking, music, sports. Looking for SF, 21-45, to share my life with. \$\mathbb{T315352}\$

CALL THIS MAN!

CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY
Wise and kind SWM, 46, enjoys simplicity, art fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests \$\textit{T200459}\$

CALL ME SM, 42, would like to meet a WF, 35-45, who is outgoing and fun to be with for LTR. If you're out there, please give me a call. 2317043

YOUR SEARCH ENDS HERE SM, 5'5", 155lbs, brown eyes, interested in meeting a nice, honest, respectful, trustworthy woman, 35-45, for dating, possibly leading to more.

HONESTY A MUST SWM looking for an honest female, 18-44, who is interested in LTR. No games please. 2317031

WORTH THE CALL SBM, 35, no kids, looking for a SBF, 24-34, N/S, for good friendship possibly leading to more. Call me! 17:318056

IF INTERESTED, CALL SWM, 43, 57", 160lbs, red/green, secure homeowner, would like to meet a WF, 35-45, to get to know and date, possibly leading to more.

CAPRICORN SBM, 5'11", 170lbs, medium complexion, likes sports, concerts and much more. Would like to meet a woman, 25+, who is easygoing and has a nice personality. 27318568

I PROMISE THAT YOU. won't be disappointed. SBM, 5'9", 190lbs, likes working out and spending time with that special person. Would like to meet a secure, goal-oriented woman, 20-46, with a nice personality.

HAVE FUN WITH ME SWM, 45, 5'11", 230lbs, brown/brown, N/S, N/ Drugs, looking for SF, 30-65, race open, who onjoys walks, bike riding, intelligent conversation, board games, classic movies, dining out or cookat home and romantic evenings at home.

I'LL KEEP IT REAL
BM, 6'1", 185lbs, brown eyes, likes movies, concerts, cooking and much more. Would like to meet a secure, attractive, goal-oriented H/BF, 21-45, for dating. 17318792

WISHES DO COME TRUE SWM, 6', 210lbs, short brown hair, short beard, seeking SW/HF, down-to-earth, easygoing, hon-

BM, 5'8", 186lbs, brown eyes, wavy black hair, likes working out, bowling, dining out, movies and treating a woman with respect. Looking for a BF, 44-49, for dating and romance. **27320053**

NON-JUDGEMENTAL

would like to meet a like-minded woman, 21-45. who has goals in life, for dating, possibly leading to more. 23320087

ARE YOU AVAILABLE?

that special woman, 45-63, who would like to

VERY ATTRACTIVE BM, 31, 5'6", 200lbs, solid build, black/brown

would like to meet a honest, easygoing BF, 23-35, who wants to settle down. 2322495 SEMI-RETIRED

SBM, 41, 6'1", 220lbs, N/S, light drinker, likes movies, music, dancing, dining out, travel, bowling and relaxing at home. Seeking SWF, with similar interests, to settle down with 2293532

SWM, 35, 6', brown/blue, muscular build, looking for special SF, 18-31, to hang out with and get to

LET'S TALK SWM, 40, 5'5", loves to party! Looking for a female companion, 18-35, for friendship first, pos-

ing out. Seeking sweet, loving, caring, kind SW/ BF 35-45, 27294942 MATURE WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 38, 6'1", 207lbs, dark complexion, no kids,

N/S, N/Drugs, looking for SBF, 29-40, with same qualities. No drama! **27295452** TAKE A CHANCE

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS WM, 6'2", 200lbs, light brown/blue, N/S, clean-

shaven, down-to-earth, looking for a female, 25-45, H/W proportionate, N/S, for dating. **22**296310

LET'S TALK
BM looking for BF, 26-54, with good sense of

Intelligent, attractive guy, 38, 6', slim, seeks woman, 30-40, slim/average build. I like movies, music, sports, concerts, etc. Open to new things you might like. Look forward to your call! 2297179 **FUNNY & ATTRACTIVE**

spend time together. 2297143 WELL-ROUNDED DWM, 59, retired gentleman of independent means, emotionally/financially secure, honest,

SWM, 49, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities ing friendly SF, age/location open. 22531308

Fun-loving, humorous SWM, 57, 6', seeks at tractive, slim, H/W proportionate woman, 35-55, prefer N/S. I love outdoors, fishing, gardening, movies, museums. 2299425

CALL ME!

SBM, 50, 195lbs, 6'1", physically fit, likes working

SF, 45-52, for possible relationship. 2289335 ARE WE A MATCH? SWM, 61, N/S, looking for a lady, 55-64, who en-

Male, 60, tall, slim, attractive, brown/brown, no bad habits, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind CALL ME!

climbing, travel, life in general. 22309098 WORTH YOUR CALL! DM, 58, 57", 135lbs, recently retired, hoping to meet a petite WF, late 40s-late 50s, who enjoys

TRUE GENTLEMAN would like to meet a female, 65-75, N/S, for friendship, companionship and more.

SOMEONE SPECIAL tire, homeowner, loves fishing, vegetable and

SWM. 49. 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. 27992943 LOOKING FOR YOU

GOOD BETTER BEST!

SEEKING WELL-GROOMED LADY SWM, 70, looking for a well-groomed lady, 60s 70s, H/W proportionate. Looking for those golden years everyone is talking about. Would you help me find them? I'm an easygoing, laid-back, Democrat handyman. I look good when I clean

who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded counterpart for where ever it goes. 22200890 YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

Handsome, mature gent SWM, 50, traditional values, romantic, and thoughtful, enjoys cultural events, antiquing, short trips, etc. Seeking SWF for friendship and companionship. 27176497 **GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR**





est, nice, petite to plus-sized, 35-60. 23318936 **ROMANTIC MAN**

Athletic, down-to-earth SM, 5'8", 205lbs, muscular build, great sense of humor, into working out,

SBM. 56, 6'1", 185lbs, very good-looking, romantic and affectionate, enjoys movies concerts, dining out and going to casinos. Would like to meet

spend time with me. 22322158

IT COULD BE ME!

sibly more if it develops! 2294946 TALK TO ME! SM, 36, 6'2", 210lbs, medium build, loves work-

WM, 38, likes cars, all kinds of music, having fun movies and more. Looking for a woman, 30-59, to have fun with. 2296181

humor, who loves bowling, long walks and more. TIRED OF GAMES?

SWM, 44, 57", likes outdoor activities, cooking, movies, kids, animals. Seeking SWF, 30-45, to

eclectic, N/S, seeks slender, physically fit woman who loves the outdoors. **27284895** TALL AND ATHLETIC

WANTED: NEW BEST FRIEND

out, plays, movies, concerts, bowling. Looking for ovs life in general, taking walks, shopping, mov

ies, the arts, card games. 22301709

LET'S TALK SBM, 52, N/S, looking for a SBF, 45-56, 180-200lbs, to spend some time with and get to know. Friendship possibly leading to more. 2305631 READY FOR A RELATIONSHIP

female, 40-70, 2287161 Honest, hard-working SWM, 5'10", in search of honest, sweet, gentle SWF, 28-35. Friendship first, we'll take it from there. I enjoy mountain

classic cars, motorcycles, animals, outdoors, quiet times at home. Seeking SF, 48-59, for possible relationship. 2312442

SBM, 61, 6'1", H/W proportionate, brown eyes, beautiful smile, affectionate, getting ready to reflower gardens, antiques, walks in the park Seeking SF, 45-63. 22295048

SWM, 63, 5'10", 195lbs, dark complexion, goodlooking, enjoys boating, good conversation. Seeking SW/BF, late 50s, for friendship or more.

up. 22315631 A WALK AND A TALK
Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listen-

SWM, N/S, easygoing, enjoys sports, concerts, movies, dining. Seeking attractive female, 18-55,

SINGLES LINGO: A-Asian B-African American/Black C-Christian D-Divorced F-Female H-Hispanic J-Jewish M-Male N/S-Non-smoker N/D-Non Drinker N/Drugs- No Drugs P-Professional S-Single W-White LTR-Long Term Relationship

CHAMBER CHAT

Strictly Business

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Designer focuses on the 'whole' project

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

MaryBeth Wilson: I offer whole house interior design. This includes Kitchen and bath design, with cabinet offerings ranging from high end custom (Amish made) to value priced; Home office design; Spaceplanning and furnished floorplans; Furnishings, carpet, window treatments, selection and coordination of all finishes; Working with homeowners and builders to assure the best possible result; Hourly design consultation.

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

MaryBeth Wilson: I wanted to offer design services that assisted customers in getting the best value for their money, as well as outstanding interior design. Today's clients are more educated in design, and many just need help to implement their ideas. I saw that the design industry was changing due to the internet, HGTV and increased competition within the home furnishings market. By keeping my overhead low, I am able to offer product at lower prices than in traditional design firms.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

MaryBeth Wilson: I am able to offer clients access to a wide range of services and products, including cabinets, at great prices. I don't have a style that I try to impose on my clients, I work with them to determine their style, desires, and budget. I talk with my clients about how they live in their homes, how they use their kitchen, any special needs they may have, including concerns about "Aging in Place" and "Green Design". When I design a kitchen, I am not just placing cabinet boxes, I am working to integrate that space with the rest of the house, as well as to create a highly functional and



MaryBeth Wilson opened MaryBeth Wilson Interior Design, LLC, in 2005.

MARYBETH WILSON INTERIOR DESIGN

- Business name and address: MaryBeth Wilson Interior Design, LLC, located in owner's Plymouth Township home
- Your name and title: MaryBeth Wilson, owner
- Your hometown: Plymouth
- Business opened when: 2005
- Your Business specialty: I do residential interior design, including kitchen and bath design.
- Business phone and Web site: (734) 459-8025; www.mbwilsoninteriordesign.com (MaryBeth's blog page: http://mbwilsoninteriordesign. blogspot.com/

attractive working kitchen. From planning a remodeling project, to cosmetic updates, I am able to help clients in projects large and small.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

MaryBeth Wilson: Since the decline in the housing market, people are staying in their homes, and fixing them up rather than selling. People are concerned about getting the best value for their money, and about making their houses into homes that they want to live in.

Observer: Do you have a funny story or tidbit you'd like to share?

MaryBeth Wilson: As a woman in the construction and design field, I work with a lot of tradespeople who often think I am a "decorator" and have very little technical knowledge. I love it when I have an

Auction countdown

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

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

Networking event

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

opportunity to show people

that I do in fact have a lot of

technical knowledge on codes,

electrical plans, lighting plans,

etc. I have a bachelor's degree

from EMU in Interior Design,

and I am not just a decorator.

Observer: Do you have advice for

MaryBeth Wilson: Always

offer great customer service,

Observer: What is in store for the

keep solving design problems,

and helping clients transform

MaryBeth Wilson: I hope to

and leave your customers

future of your business?

happy.

their homes.

other small-business owners?

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

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

At this After Hours there will be an interactive presenta-



Wes Graff

tion and pizza dinner hosted by Michael Jefferys of The Yes Network. Throughout his high-energy presentation, he will have

people interacting and networking with each other to practice skills that can be used that night and into the future.

Some of the skills that will be practiced at the event include: How to connect with others by getting on their wave length; Body language and its critical role in building trust; Vocal patterns and how they affect rapport building; Using positive language; Eliminating verbal mistakes that can cost you.

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

Top show

Sunshine Artist, America's Premier Arts and Craft Show magazine, named Art in the Park the 5th best arts and crafts show in the country. The festival takes place each year in Plymouth on the second weekend of July.

Scarecrows return

The Chamber is again hosting 25 scarecrows facing Main Street from Kellogg Park built by local organizations and businesses. Community Financial is the sponsor of this year's scarecrow display that will be up until Halloween.

The Scarecrow tradition is one more way the Chamber works to enhance our quality of life with traditions for our community.

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

BUSINESS MILESTONES

Parents and children can take advantage of a free children's event at the Plymouth

take advantage of a free children's event at the Plymouth District Libraryfeaturing bilingual story time, hosted by Bilingual Fun 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13 and again 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14.

Children and parents will learn Halloween themed words and phrases in Spanish through music, stories, games, and more. Bilingual Fun founder Jennifer Manriquez is offering the free event to promote the benefits of becoming bilingual, as well as giving local families the chance to participate in an educational and fun event.

"The economy has really put a pinch on many families being able to participate in extracurricular activities, and we are dedicated to offering the community events that won't break the bank," Manriquez said. "Hispanic Heritage month celebrates and promotes an awareness of the 28 million Spanish speakers in the country today. Learning Spanish is an incredible benefit in today's global society."

Bilingual Story times will be held at the Plymouth District Library in Plymouth. Registration is free and the event is open to children ages 6 and under. A listing of free events hosted by Bilingual Fun, along with Spanish language products and language classes in Plymouth are listed on their website at www.bilingualfun.com

Food for good causes

Hiller's Markets is changing it up again. Two new dishes will appear in the prepared foods cases at all seven Hiller's grocery stores, including its Plymouth location, offering



Ribbon cutting

Owners, staffers, customers and various other officials took part in a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday at Salon Bella Vi, located at 942 S. Main in Plymouth.

shoppers good food for good causes.

Tony Fayne's Buffalo Chili and Samira Cholagh's potato chop, kibbie and eggplant salad will be available at Hiller's through Oct. 19, with 100 percent of profits from sales of Buffalo Chili benefitting the Agree Foundation at Temple Israel, giving birthday parties to children of battered and homeless mothers. One hundred percent of profits from sales of potato chop, kibbie and eggplant salad will go to the Chaldean Foundation's Adopt a Refugee Family Program, helping Iraqi refugees resettle safely in America.

The following schedule indicates the individuals, dishes and their causes remaining in the program's initial launch. All sales of these dishes will send money to their respective charities. Jim Hiller is considering extending the program through the new year, in an effort to bring back the

first few dishes and send more donations to worthy causes.

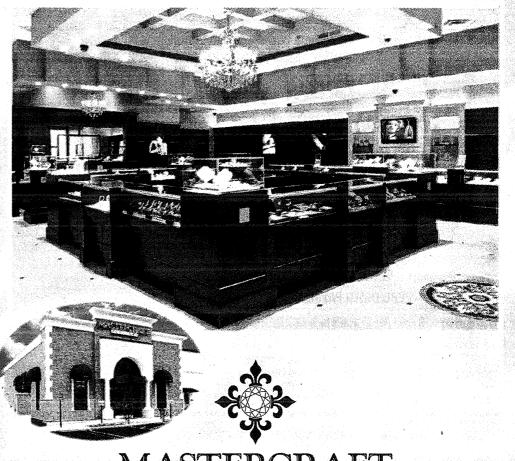
• Oct. 20-Nov. 2: Lisa Diggs' corn and smoked whitefish fritters and Danialle Karmanos' tuna pasta; Causes: Gleaners Food Bank and DKWIO

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

• Nov. 17-Nov. 30: Deena Lisak's corned beef and cabbage and macaroni and cheese; Cause: the Achievement Center at the Multiple Sclerosis Society

• Dec. 1-14: Robbie Timmons' turkey meatloaf and Paula Tutman's DISH TO COME; Cause: CANTER and Children's ToothFairy Foundation

• Dec. 15-Jan. 1, 2010: Joy Cantor's pasta with Thai peanut sauce and tofu; Cause: SASHA Farm



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Try these regional, world champion recipes

BY SHARON DARGAY **O&E STAFF WRITER**

What were we thinking? We asked the winners of the Great Lakes Chili Cook-Off, held Sunday, Oct. 4 in Plymouth, if they'd like to share their first-place recipes with us and most responded with a polite but resounding NO!

Chili cooks who enter — and win - contests tend to safeguard their prize-winning concoctions and use them again and again in the quest for taking home top honors.

But Richard Chauvin, whose South of the Border Chilli Verde won first place in the "verde" category, graciously agreed to tell all.

This is the fifth win with verde. We also have four red chili wins," said Chauvin, who lives south of Detroit's border, in Windsor, Ont., Canada.

"I grew up working in my Dad's grocery store. Dinner was whatever was in the meat counter we hadn't sold that day. We all got our chances to be creative. I entered my first competition in Windsor because it was a fund-raiser to support the Heart & Stroke Association. The couple that cooked next to me that day are still very good friends.

'For the cooks who travel, chili weekends are part family reunion, part block party. I cook in Plymouth because Ken and Annette (Horn) have one of the best organized, best run cook-offs anywhere."

Chauvin said the tomatillos and peppers he used in his winning chili verde "made all the difference" in edging out the competition.

But Chauvin doesn't just cook chili. He and his wife, Wendy, are on a "Memphis in May" competition barbecue team."

'Cooking is cooking. I enjoy it

Try his chili verde and find out why it won first place in Plymouth. South of the Border Chili Verde

Vegetables:

128 ounce can diced green chilies

114 ounce can diced green chilies (hot) 1½ pound diced green tomatillos, husked and diced (canned is okay)

4 minced jalapeno peppers seeded and deveined

4 serrano peppers, seeded and minced

8 cloves garlic, pressed 14 ounce Green Enchilada Sauce

3 pounds pork loin cubed (3/8" to 1/2")

2 Tablespoons green chili powder

5 Tablespoons cumin Salt and Tabasco Habanero Hot Sauce as needed

Here's the 2008 world champion red chili recipe. The International Chili Society holds its 2009 world contest next week in Charleston,

Place all vegetables and powders

in large pot and stir well. Brown

towels then add to pot with veg-

pork. Drain & pat dry with paper

etables. Bring to boil and reduce to

simmer. Stir occasionally through

the 3 hour cooking time. Check for

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salt and add as needed. Last 10

Sauce as needed.

Southern Chili

4 Tablespoons California chili powder

3 Tablespoons Gebhardts chili powder 1 Tablespoon Pasilla chili powder

1 Tablespoon Chimavo chili powder

2½ Tablespoons cumin 1 Tablespoon granulated garlic

1 Tablespoon onion powder

½ teaspoon Cayenne powder

2 teaspoon salt

Combine above ingredients for spice mix. Reserve 4 Tablespoons of mix and set aside. Divide the remaining amount into two equal

3 pound Tri-Tip roast or Chuck Tender cut in small chunks

115-ounce can of beef broth (Swansons)

115-ounce can of chicken broth (Swan-

110-ounce can of tomato puree (Hunts) 2 Green Chiles from a 4 ounce can of whole ones, blended Tabasco to taste and salt to taste

In chili pot, combine beef broth, chicken broth, tomato puree and 1/2 of remaining spice mix.

In skillet, brown the meat, drain and add to chili pot. Cook for about 1½ hours.

Add other ½ of spice mix and blended green chiles and simmer for an additional hour.

Add reserved 4 Tablespoons of spice mix and cook a ½ hour more

or until meat is tender. Adjust salt if necessary. Add Tabasco to taste.

Makes about 34 of a gallon

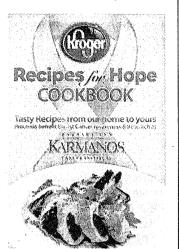
Cook book sales benefit Karmanos Cancer Institute

The Kroger Co., is donating all proceeds from sale of a limited edition cookbook, Recipes for Hope, to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute this month.

The book, sold during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, costs \$9.99 and includes more than 200 recipes from Kroger customers, Clear channel listeners and WXYZ-TV viewers. Kroger partnered with Clear Channel Radio, WXYZ-TV Channel 7 and Diet Pepsi to develop the cookbook.

"While Kroger has long supported breast cancer awareness and research, this is the first year Kroger is offering the Recipes for Hope cookbook," said Dale Hollandsworth, Kroger public relations manager. "We will also offer customers the opportunity to donate at our cash registers where we will have coin boxes throughout October.

"Clearly, breast cancer touches many of our customers and our associates. "We welcome this opportunity to team up with our customers to support research that can improve treatments for breast cancer and even find a cure for this life-threatening disease.



Recipes for Hope features gourmet and everyday recipes such as Texas Caviar, Quinoa Blend Bell Pepper Tomato Soup, Motown Mary's Comfort Meatloaf, Chocolate Lava Muffins and Bavarian Pretzels. The cookbook also includes a recipe for homemade doggie treats, along with details about the importance of early detection of breast cancer, self examinations and risk factors.

Recipes for Hope and the coin collection boxes are part of Kroger's Giving Hope a Hand annual program to support breast cancer awareness, treatment and research. In addition to raising more than \$3 million nationally to support breast cancer programs in the local communities Kroger serves, Giving Hope a Hand spotlights some of Kroger's own breast cancer survivors who have agreed to share their stories. Kroger launched the company-wide breast cancer awareness program in 2006. For more details, visit www.sharingcourage.com.

For more information about breast cancer services, call (800) KARMANOS or visit www.karmanos.org.





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Rotarians Mary Vellardita (from left) and Antoinette Martin greet Knatarsha Allen of Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County, a recent Westland Rotary speaker. Martin is club president, Vellardita president-elect.

Habitat homes are here, there, almost everywhere

BY JULIE BROWN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Knatarsha Allen of Habitat for **Humanity of Western Wayne County** is excited about the Christian housing ministry's efforts in Westland and Wayne.

"We provide simple, decent, affordable housing for people," said Allen, assistant to Executive Director Alice Dent. Allen spoke to a lunchtime audience Thursday, Sept. 24, at Westland Rotary.

The Plymouth-based affiliate builds homes with brick fronts of some 1,150 square feet. They're generally ranches, with three-four bedrooms, one and a half baths and a

There will be five-seven total homes in Westland, a combination of renovations and new builds to be determined by needs. "We have gotten a wonderful partnership with Mayor (William) Wild and Westland," Allen said.

The Westland mayor has also praised the collaboration, in which the city donates land for Habitat use. Allen, who has degrees from Eastern Michigan University and the University of Toledo College of Law, sold real estate for eight years.

She noticed home ownership tended to result in better property maintenance. "It just starts to disintegrate," she said of unoccupied homes. Many cities and townships work with the affiliate to put people in homes.

"These homes are going to be built from the ground out," the married mother of four said of some Westland homes slated for 2010 completion. Other communities, 17 total in west ern Wayne, include Canton, Redford

and Wayne.

The affiliate can be reached at (734) 459-7744 or online at www. habitatwwc.org. Volunteers are always needed, and you don't have to be handy. You'll need to be at least 18, although younger people help at other times with landscaping, volunteer lunches and other duties.

Allen put in a plug for the Oct. 4 Chili Cook-off in downtown Plymouth, with proceeds going to the Habitat affiliate. "This is an awesome event," she said.

Car donations also support Habitat, as do gifts to and shopping at the ReStores in Ann Arbor, Monroe, Pontiac and Detroit. Everything from Persian rugs to likenew cabinets is offered.

There are home sponsorship opportunities at \$75,000-\$80,000, on

opportunities. Rehab of homes can be done by partners who pay \$10,000 or less. Those tend to go faster than new builds, Allen said, and cost less.

Habitat home recipients are screened, and provide a \$700 down payment and 250 hours of "sweat equity." They pay 0 percent interest on a 20-year mortgage: "Just the principal, that's all we ask," she said. Habitat is known worldwide,

including visible work by former President Jimmy Carter and wife Rosalynn. International work will start soon in Asia. "It's just really awesome, doing it

for a deserving family," Allen said of home builds.

Donated land is a major expense, she told Rotarians, so Westland's contribution is a big help. Renovation on a home on Vincent in Westland down through partnerships and team has started and will wrap up in 2010.

Be leery of not paying dues

Q: What if I stop paying my association dues since the bank may foreclose on me?

A: You may have a problem with your bank, but more than likely will have a problem with the condominium association if, in fact.



Robert Meisner

against you which will, of course, impair your credit rating, and if you have any assets such

it gets a judgment

as a bank account or real property, the association can attempt to gain that property. So I would suggest that you contact an attorney before you take any precipitous action.

Q: I read about a ship that . travels the world in which you can buy a condominium unit. Do you know if they have any time share opportunities?

A: I think you are referring to "The World," which is an all condo cruise ship, which may elicit certain competitors in the market, but as yet has not surfaced. The ship closes one month a year for maintenance and it is similar to upscale cruise ships except it stays longer in each port. It has restaurants, bars, spa, gym and entertainment as well as a grocery store and a chapel. It isn't cheap however but you can buy a time share or fractional interest in it. Whether it is a good investment or good idea is something you have to consider, hopefully, with the benefit of knowledgeable legal counsel and a CPA.

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

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Careers in field

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

Investors

Learn the Strategy to Wealth Advantages of Apartment House Investing presented David Seymour sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, Oct. 8; 5:30-9:30 p.m. at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742. (www.REIAofOakland. com)

Foreclosure tours

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

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property

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

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

Topics to be covered include communication from maintenance to management, documentation, etiquette, service request procedures, emergencies, and team building.

Registration fees are \$45 or PMC members, \$55 for AAM or Building Industry of Michigan members, and \$65 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.build-

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

Kathleen Mabie of Ann Arbor-based Success on Site will provide fair housing information for effective property management practices. Leaders and mentors must show the way for all property management staff.

Topics to be covered include how to work more effectively, consistent outstanding service, implementing policies and procedures for keeping good records, and communication for the entire team.

Registration fees are \$45 or PMC members, \$55 for AAM or Building Industry of Michigan members, and \$65 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

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These are the Observer & Eccentricarea residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 29 to July 3, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales

Beverly Hills

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599 Westchester Way	\$275,000
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718 Parkman Dr	\$360,000
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4089 Cranbrook Ct	\$375,000
432 Dalebrook Ln	\$411,000
1818 Doral Ct	\$1,550,000
1308 Forestglen Ct	\$137,000
6800 Franklin Rd	\$320,000
1170 Hillpointe Cir	\$118,000
2766 Hunters Blf	\$310,000
801 W Long Lake Rd	\$45,000
Clarkston	
5710 Berwick Ct	\$180,000
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27339 Victoria Rd	\$45,000	6
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4154 Wincrest Ln	\$280,000	4
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32809 Merritt Dr

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7866 Rivergate Dr

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 22-26, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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43131 Applewood Rd

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41675 Glade Rd	\$190,000
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4071 Hunters Cir E	\$50,000
49721 Jackson Ln	\$350,000
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464 Tyler Ln	\$183,000
Garden City	
33581 Marquette St	\$116,000
1655 Moeller St	\$30,000
29645 Sheridan St	\$102,000
Livonia -	
36025 Ann Arbor Trl	\$200,000
36698 Ann Arbor Trl	\$115,000
33732 Cindy St	\$135,000
11065 Hillcrest St	\$129,000
14834 Ingram St	\$127,000
29180 Jacquelyn Dr	\$118,000
29583 Jacquelyn Dr	\$157,000
9828 Melrose St	\$147,000

14937 Santa Anita St	\$60,000
17430 Westbrook Dr	\$196,000
9412 Westwind Dr	\$125,000
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15562 Merion Ct	\$520,000
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40446 Newport Dr	\$67,000
50821 Weston Dr	\$310,000
10112 Wolfriver Dr	\$139,000
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19386 Denby	\$25,000
25243 Donald	\$60,000
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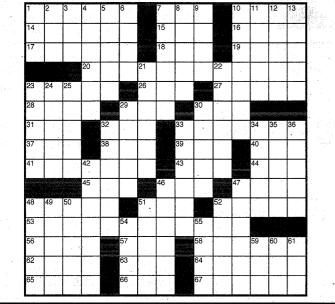
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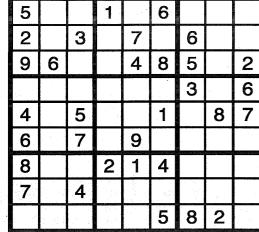
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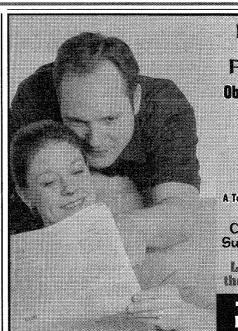
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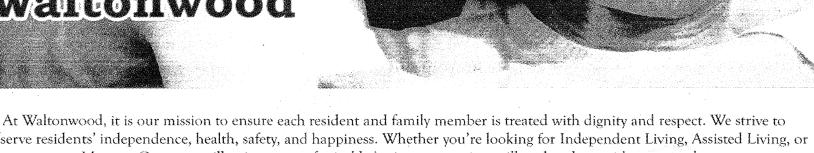
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Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington is hosting the day's festivities from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., located just off the Orchard Lake Road I-696 exit north of 10 Mile Road.

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Steve Falcone, CPM®, Executive Vice President of Senior Village Management/Unified Management Services, will also give a presentation, "At what point does changing one's residence make sense for an older adult?"

Richard W. Paul, CFP®, Owner and President of Midwest Financial Consultants, will speak on "Tax strategies for 2009 and beyond." Fitness and massage therapy activities are also scheduled.

The expo is a great opportunity to learn about assisted living options as well as retirement housing for parents who are ready to move from the responsibility of homeownership.

OCC's Adult Learning Institute will host a "Staying Active" presentation, and the Nursing School will offer free health screenings throughout the day.

Parking is available in Lots 2, A, B and C. A trolly will transport attendees to and from Building H for the expo.

Spend the day being entertained and educated at the Senior Health & Living Fall Expo!

Schedule of Events

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nursing School Health Screening Room 113E Massage Therapy Gym

9-10 a.m. Adult Learning Institute /Staying Active Room 107 10-11 a.m.
Stress Management
Presentation
Room 108
"The Truth about Estate
and Legacy Planning"
Speaker Jack Bolling
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11 a.m. to Noon
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Noon to 12:45 p.m. Meet and Greet with Rita Mckenzie Gym

Exhibit topics

Massage therapy

Eating healthy

• Dental care

• Stress management

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• Yoga

Noon to 1 p.m. Nutrition Presentation Room 108

1-2 p.m.
"When is the right time to make
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Speaker Steve Falcone, CPM®
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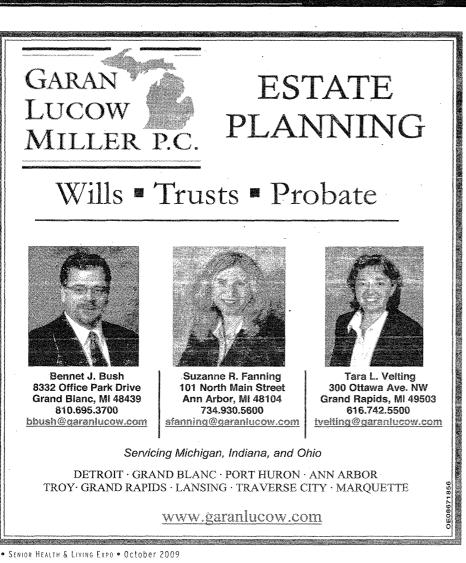
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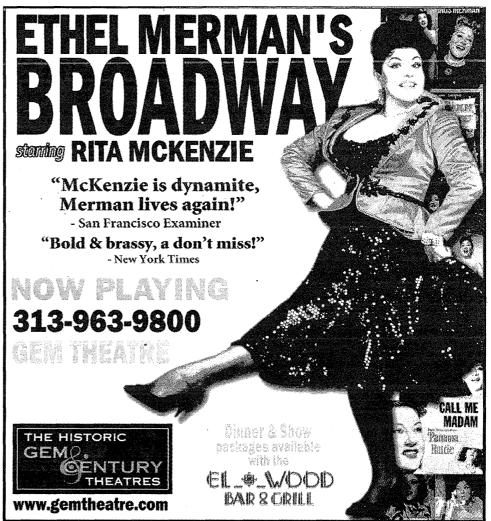
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With these burgeoning numbers, it's becoming increasingly important to create a safe home to accommodate everyone's wants and needs, and baby boomers are taking notice. According to a major home improvement center study, 60 percent of boomers plan to stay in their existing homes for some time. Remodeling and home improvement rank high on their to-do lists. Following are projects they can tackle themselves to ensure they are home to stay:

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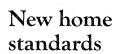
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tasks such as watering plants or filling large pots and pans.

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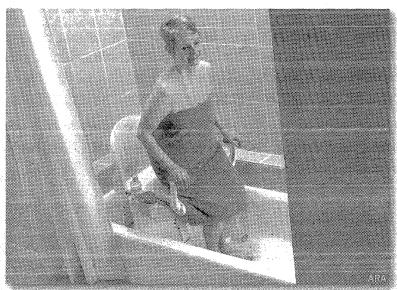
areas of the sink and also aids in everyday

By making these improvements, you'll create a safe and stylish home — one you'll want to stay in and enjoy for years to come.

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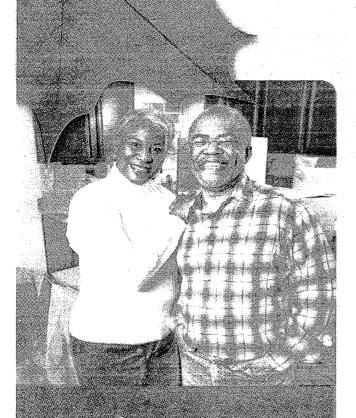
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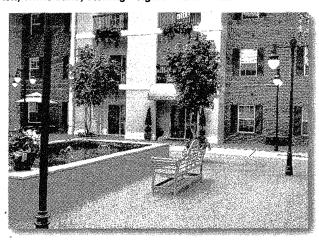
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"Abbey Park is a community of its own," said Administrator Tamra Ward. "Residents build relationships with each other every day, manage their own country store and attend planned events and activities, many of which are right in town. Not only are seniors part of our community, they are part of South Lyon and Lyon Township too."

Staying connected to the community and to family and friends is important to residents of Abbey Park. A full-time activity schedules trips to the theater, local landmarks and festivals, shopping malls and regular trips to the market.

Privacy, independence and safety are important to residents of Abbey Park. The community's apartments vary from one or two bedrooms with or without a den, kitchen, living room, bathroom and walk-in closet options. An emergency pull cord is accessible in each room of the apartment in case a resident needs assistance from a nurse. Each apartment has an enclosed patio or balcony as an added safety feature, and all top floor apartments have cathedral ceilings as an added amenity. Even heat, water and basic cable are included, making Abbey Park a luxurious, affordable place to live.

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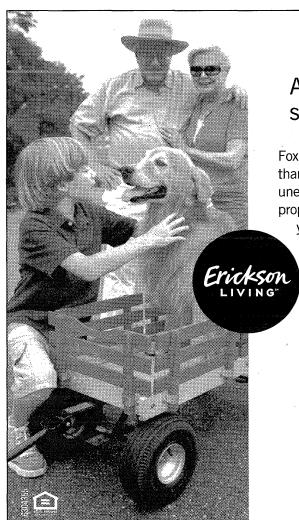
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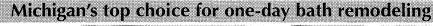
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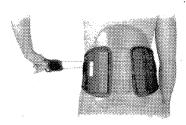
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Contact Steve at sfalcone@unifiedpropertygroup.com.

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Speaker Jack W. Bolling Attorney and Counselor at Law 10-11 a.m. Room 107

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About Jack W. Bolling

Jack received his Juris Doctorate from Michigan State University College of Law, and his bachelor's degree in business administration from Michigan State University and William Tyndale College.

Before becoming an attorney, Jack was in law enforcement for 12 years, after brief service in the USMC, and is a former General Manager and VP of National Accounts in the marketing industry.

Currently, Jack is an instructor of Political Science and Criminal Justice at Schoolcraft College.

Elaine and Jack have been married for 39 years and they have 3 children; 2 sons and a daughter. Both their sons are also lawyers and their daughter is in business management. Jack and his family have been residents of the Commerce/Milford, Michigan area since 1978.

Jack is an active contributor to his community. He is presently on the Boards of Directors of The Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the Carl's Family YMCA of Milford. He volunteers at the Highland and Milford Senior centers, and is the founder of the "Ask the Attorney" program at the

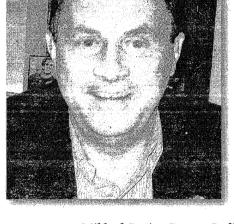
Milford Senior Center. Jack is past president and a longtime coach of the Milford Youth Athletic Association, and was its' liaison to the Youth Sports Institute at Michigan State University. He is a former head coach of Walled Lake Braves football; Lakeland Wrestling Club; former Cub Master, Cub Scout Pack 33, Milford; volunteer speaker and career job shadow participant for the Huron Valley Schools.

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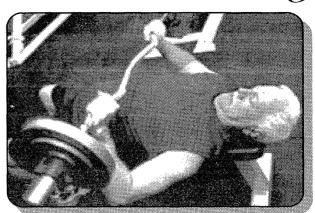
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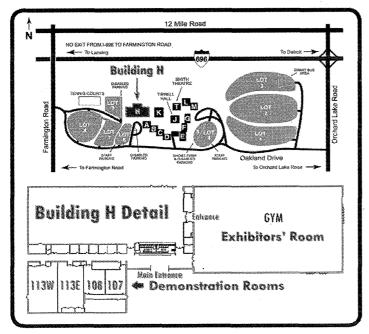
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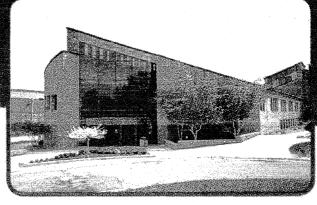
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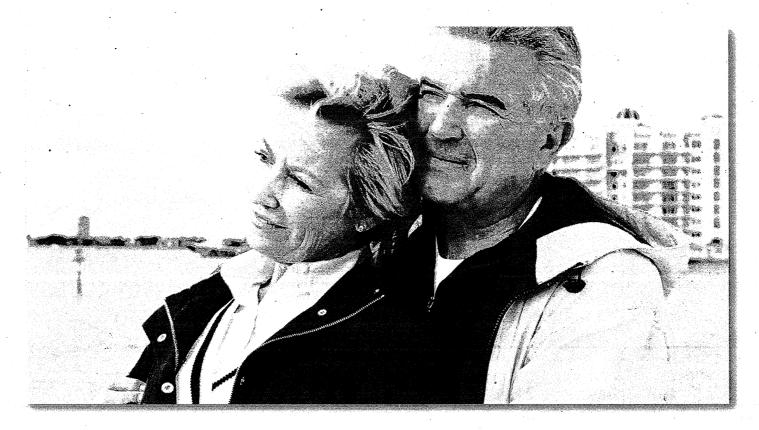
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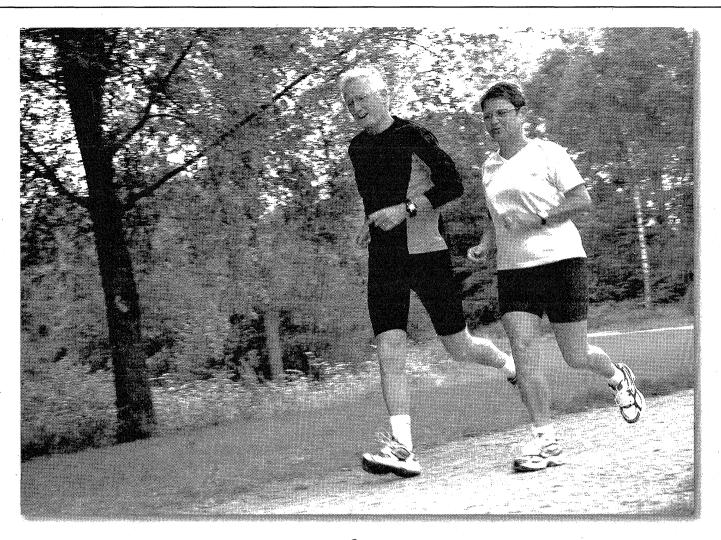
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The Importance of Senior Fitness

According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), exercise and physical activity are some of the best things older adults can do to stay healthy. Even moderate exercise can improve the health of those who are frail or who have age-related diseases.

Some seniors are concerned that physical activity or exercise may be too strenuous or may do them more harm than good. In fact, it's an inactive lifestyle that proves to do more harm than exercise does.

Without physical activity, older people tend to grow weaker in four areas important for staying healthy and independent: strength, balance, flexibility, and endurance. The NIH maintains that:

- Increasing strength and endurance make it easier to climb stairs and carry groceries.
- Improving balance helps prevent falls.
- Being more flexible may speed recovery from injuries

Exercising regularly can also have a positive impact on the immune system, blood

pressure, cardiovascular system and it can decrease the risk of heart disease and help with depression or anxiety.

The American Senior Fitness Association has some recommendations for those wanting to start a fitness program.

- Get medical clearance to exercise.
- Don't exercise if you are injured, sick, or running a temperature.
- · Always warm up and always cool down.
- Drink plenty of water before, during and after exercise.
- Avoid heavy meals for about two hours before energetic exercise.
- If fatigue and/or discomfort last longer than one or two hours after exercising, cut back the next day but don't stop completely. Comfort ranges can change daily, so don't get discouraged if you can't do the same amount of exercise as you did the day before.
- Concentrate on exercises that improve and maintain your range of motion, lubricate the joints and keep muscles flexible. Everyday activities will be easier to carry out and you'll have less pain, too.

Stop exercise and consult your physician immediately if you experience any of the following:

- chest pain or tightness in the chest, neck or throat
 - considerable difficulty breathing
- abnormal heart rhythm; nausea dizziness, light headedness, or visual interruption
 - excessive cold sweat
 - \bullet extreme or lasting weakness or fatigue

For a good, overall exercise program, consider tai chi. Tai chi is a self-paced system of gentle physical exercise. It involves standing and performing a series of movements in a slow, graceful way. Each movement smoothly flows into the next. Studies suggest that tai chi may improve balance and knee joint stability, both of which help balance.

Staying active does the body and the mind a world of good. Find exercise and activities that you enjoy and you'll be able to stick with it and improve your quality of life.

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Meet and Greet with Rita McKenzie



Rita McKenzie, star of Ethel Merman's Broadway, will be available to meet guests at the Senior Health & Living Fall Expo from noon to 12:45 p.m. The Gem Theatre will be giving away tickets at their booth!

From www.gemtheatre.com: In the Golden Age of Broadway, Ethel Merman

was the Queen of Broadway. She sang all the great songs, played all the great plays and knew all the great personalities. Ethel Merman's Broadway recreates a theatrical era filled with charm, wit, personality and most of all, wonderful music.

About Rita McKenzie

RITA McKENZIE (Ethel Merman) began her internationally acclaimed portrayal of Ethel Merman Off-Broadway at the John Houseman Theater in New York City and later performed at Carnegie Hall. The response was overwhelming, and McKenzie took her act to the Pasadena Playhouse in California; Harrah's Casino Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey; and on an eight-city tour in Japan. McKenzie recently completed the national tour of Neil Simon's female version of The Odd Couple, in which she co-starred with her good friend Barbara Eden. McKenzie received a National Broadway Theatre nomination for "Best Actress in a Touring Play" for her portrayal of Olive Madison. McKenzie and Eden previously completed a successful tour of Gentlemen Prefer Blondes. She recently toured with Renee Taylor and Joe Bologna in Bermuda Avenue Triangle. McKenzie starred in the Los Angeles premiere of the Off-Broadway musical Ruthless! and can be heard on the original cast recording. She also toured as Annie Oakley in the 50th anniversary of Annie Get Your Gun with Glenn Yarbrough. McKenzie created the role of

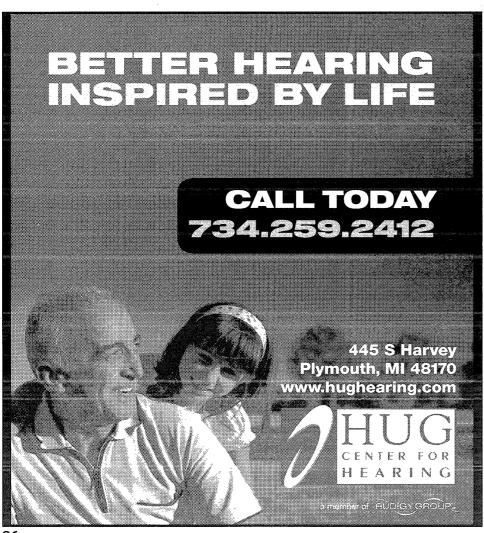
Phoebe Farber in Sam Harris's Broadway bound Hurry! Hurry! Hollywood! in Los Angeles and portrayed Maggie Jones in 42nd Street with Mariette Hartley. Her other starring roles include Reno Sweeney in Anything Goes, Aldonza in Man of La Mancha, Ruth in The Pirates of Penzance, Belle Poitrine in Little Me, Domina in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Cleo in The Most Happy Fella, Widow Corney in Oliver!, Nurse Custer in Whoopee!, and Rose in Gypsy. McKenzie has had the privilege of opening for Steve Allen, Don Knotts, and Norm Crosby. She has been a Pops guest with every major symphony across the country. For television and film, McKenzie played Alice on The Brady Bunch: The Final Days; guest-



starred on Caroline in the City; Mrs. Littlejohn on Frasier, Rita Marcus on Big Brother Jake, and her recurring role on Daddy Dearest starring Richard Lewis and Don Rickles. She co-starred in the feature film I Might Even Love You and was featured in Rodney Dangerfield's film Meet Wally Sparks. Ms. McKenzie's new venture Radio Bupkis is now playing on BlogTalkRadio.com every Thursday at 2 p.m. Join the clan of Meany, Miney, and Moe as they stumble through life blissfully Bupkis. Nothing Is Better!

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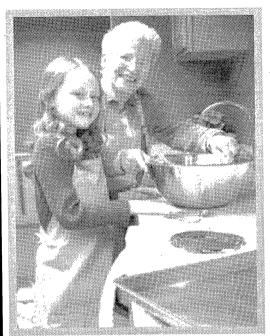


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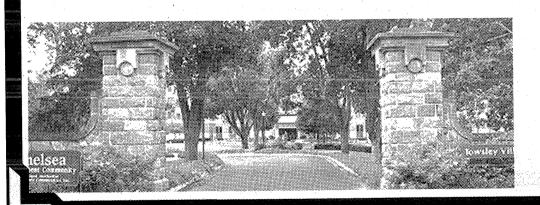




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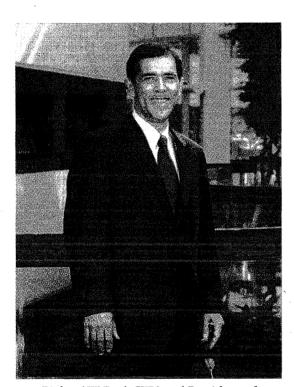


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Medicare open enrollment: time to make sure you're in the right plan

Of the more than 45 million people relying on Medicare for health care coverage, many may be paying for a plan that doesn't meet their needs or is too expensive. However, Medicare annual enrollment, which starts Nov. 15 and ends Dec. 31, offers anyone with Medicare the opportunity to switch plans so that they're getting the most from their coverage.

"Many people don't understand they have a wide variety of choices when it comes to Medicare coverage and too few review their needs before re-enrolling each year," says Paul Gada, personal financial planning director for Allsup Medicare Advisor, an objective plan selection service that helps people understand and choose the most appropriate Medicare plan for their health care needs.

Individuals need to consider the following questions to evaluate whether they should switch plans before the enrollment deadline:

1. Will traditional Medicare or Medicare Advantage work best for me?

If you visit the doctor often and take prescription drugs, a Medicare Advantage plan may best fit your needs. If you only require routine medical visits and few prescriptions, traditional Medicare with a prescription drug plan may work best. From year to



year, your answer to this question may change since your needs are likely to change.

2. Do I need a supplemental plan?

Medicare supplemental insurance can help pay costs not covered under traditional Medicare. However, not everyone needs this coverage, including those who are eligible for Medicaid, have employer-provided group health insurance or have a Medicare Advantage plan.

3. Should I use Medicare instead of my private health coverage?

If you have coverage through a former or current employer, speak to the plan administrator before making changes. Consider comparing your private plan to your Medicare options, especially if your private plan is limited or the cost has increased significantly.

4. Can I keep my doctors?

The majority of health care providers (doctors, hospitals, physical therapists, etc.) accept traditional Medicare. Medicare Advantage plans offer broad access, but this doesn't mean all doctors participate. Before joining a plan, determine if your doctor accepts it.

5. Does the plan cover prescription drugs?

Traditional Medicare doesn't generally cover medications unless they're administered in the

doctor's office or hospital. You have to enroll, usually at an additional cost, in a Part D plan for this coverage. Medicare Advantage plans, however, can offer prescription drug coverage.

6. Are my drugs covered?

Each prescription drug plan has a list of drugs (formulary) that it covers. Drugs covered by a plan can change, so you need to review this list each year.

7. Are my prescriptions expensive enough that I could fall into the Medicare "donut hole?"

Medicare Advantage plans with prescription drug coverage and stand-alone Part D plans may have a coverage gap, sometimes known as the "donut hole." This means once you have paid your deductibles and the plan has paid its coverage — you'll have to pay the full cost until it reaches a certain dollar level. In 2009, this dollar amount was \$3,453.75. Only after this out-of-pocket amount is paid does Medicare begin covering costs again.

8. How much will I have to pay?

Traditional Medicare may be inexpensive, but it comes with high deductibles. Medicare Advantage plans may have similar or higher monthly premiums, but offer a zero-dollar deductible and low co-pays; some also cap total out-of-pocket costs.



9. Will the plan cover additional services?

Some Medicare Advantage plans cover dental, vision and health and wellness programs not available through traditional Medicare.

10. Will I be covered while traveling?

Traditional Medicare provides coverage nationwide. Some Medicare Advantage plans restrict coverage to certain areas, but many offer out-of-network coverage for emergency care.

Reviewing your needs every year - especially with the experienced help of an independent Medicare plan selection service like Allsup Medicare Advisor — before annual enrollment is crucial to ensure coverage, Gada says.

"Medicare is like any other type of insurance; you don't want to be under-insured. But you also don't want to pay for things you don't need," Gada says.

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"It's never too late to start planning for retirement and it's crucial that life insurance is considered as the foundation of your plan." says Vikki Pryor, president and CEO at SBLI USA Mutual Life Insurance Company, Inc. "Determine your needs by deciding how much money surviving family or loved ones will need to maintain their standard of living if you are no longer around to protect them. Women need to pay particular attention to their retirement planning options." To learn more about the educational tools and insurance products designed with baby boomers in mind visit www.sbliusa.com.

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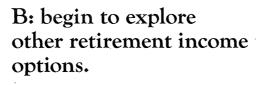
A: assess your financial plan and budget.

• Begin to assess your basic retirement income sources such as a 401(k) plan, IRA, and life insurance plans.

• How much will you need to retire? Determine this by creating a budget that will enable you to pay your monthly expenses such as food, heat, rent and transportation. Consider expenses that may increase such as health insurance and prescription medicines. At the same time, consider those that may decrease, such as work-related and educational spending.

• Health care coverage is necessary in supplementing your financial foundation and these costs can add up fast. It's important to have an adequate plan both before and after retirement. After age 65 you are eligible for Medicare coverage. But what if you want to retire before then? Your employer may offer a plan for retiring employees, or you may have to look into private coverage, so be sure to consider this.

• Take into account variable expenses such as tax liabilities on your home, illness or the care of elderly parents. Other, often underestimated, variables include gifts, clothing, recreational expenses, and increases in costs of living. For valuable retirement planning resources and projected trends in costs of living visit www.usa.gov.



• Determine the amount of guaranteed retirement income you already have. Examples of these are cash savings, corporate pension plans, home equity, or annuity-type investments.

• Are you married? If so, how will that affect your retirement budget?

• Pay attention to how your retirement funds are earning money. Are they structured for maximum returns? It's crucial that you continually assess these funds.

• Decide when to begin Social Security benefits. According to AARP, for each year you put off collecting your benefits between ages 62 and 70, you increase your payments by 8 percent.

• Calculate your potential monthly retirement budget based on your estimated income weighed against your expenses. At minimum, you need enough retirement income to cover basic living expenses for your lifetime.

• If your initial assessment requires additional income, consider part-time work during retirement, or perhaps selling your larger home for a more comfortable, carefree condo.



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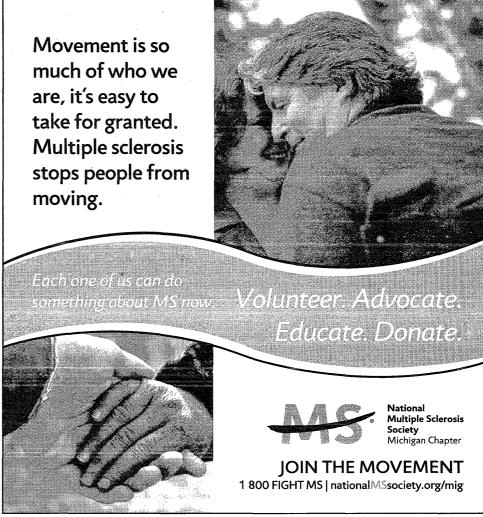
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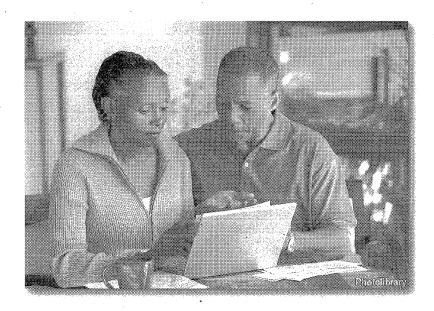
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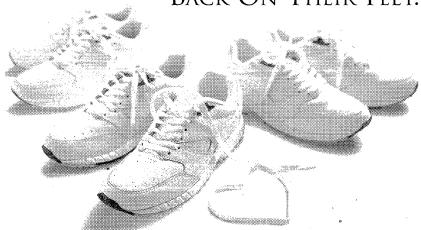
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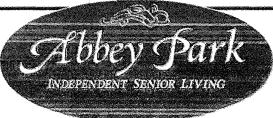


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