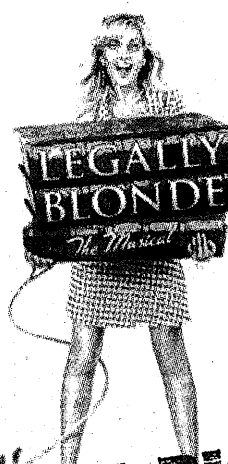


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## PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

### Vets' day

Plymouth pays homage to its veterans with its annual Veterans Day ceremony Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. in the Veterans Memorial Park, located in front of Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth. Eagle Scouts will lead the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance, while Central Middle School students will lead the singing of The Star Spangled Banner. Appropriate remarks will also be made by area veterans.

### Cox honor

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox (R-Livonia), whose district includes Plymouth, was honored at the commission's full board meeting for her service to the Detroit Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency and its 61,000 consumers who rely on the agency's services each day. Cox had served on the agency's board of directors for three years, including one year of service as board secretary. "During her time on the board, (Cox) was a great advocate for residents with mental illness, emotional disturbance, developmental disabilities and substance abuse disorders," said Cindy Dingell, chair of the Detroit Wayne County Community Health Agency board. "We know she will continue to make a difference for consumers and all Wayne County residents in her daily endeavors."

### Pumpkin caper

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual "Great Pumpkin Caper" 5:30-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, in downtown Plymouth. Sponsored by Genisys Credit Union, the event will feature downtown retailers handing out goodies to thousands of ghosts and goblins of all ages in a safe environment. The annual Costume Contest will also be held in Kellogg park from 6:15 to 7 p.m. Participants can register in Kellogg Park, and the winners will be announced at 7 p.m. First- and second-place prizes will be awarded in age groups 6 & under and 7-13. New this year is a Pet Costume Contest hosted by the City of Plymouth Recreation Department. Registration starts at 5 p.m. and the contest begins at 5:30 p.m. The contest will also be in Kellogg Park. For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

## School cuts less than expected in budget deal

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The school aid budget lawmakers sent Friday to Gov. Jennifer Granholm provided a good news, bad news situation for local school districts.

While the bill slashes school aid by \$165 per pupil, it's less than the \$218 lawmakers had been discussing. In a district of more than 19,000 students, that means Plymouth-Canton stands to lose more than \$3.1 million in state funding this year.

But the fact the cut is smaller than

feared doesn't mean it's going to be any easier for the district to swallow.

"It's kind of like someone telling you they're going to cut off your arm, but then only having to cut off your hand," said Dr. Craig Fiegel, the district's superintendent. "Do we feel good? No, but it beats \$218. It's more than we anticipated when we built the budget in July."

In preparing the 2009-10 budget, assistant superintendent for business services Jim Larson-Shidler had already figured in a \$100 cut (about \$1.9 million), meaning the district only has to find another \$1.2 million.

Unfortunately for Plymouth-Canton, that's the good news and the bad news. In a district that has shaved some \$18 million off its budget the last seven years or so, further cuts might be tough to come by.

Fiegel said the district could use its fund balance to cover the rest, but such a measure is really just delaying the problem.

"You can use that one time, but it leaves us with bigger cuts next year," Fiegel said. "You're going to have to make up for this next year, then on top of that whatever they do next year."

State lawmakers Friday sent a school aid budget to Granholm that will cut per-pupil funding by \$165, which is less than the \$218 that had been discussed, plus some \$65,000 in cuts for career technical and adult education. The cut leaves Plymouth-Canton at \$7,439 per pupil.

The budget deal came within a day of the deadline for releasing federal funds to the school districts and 10 days in advance of when districts are scheduled to receive their October school aid payment.

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### Rock royalty

Seniors Chris Sweet and Brittney Cicotte are Salem High School's 2009 homecoming king and queen. Plymouth defeated South Lyon East 19-0. Turn to page B1 for game story.

## City hopefuls tackle voters' questions

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A few major differences emerged and budget challenges overshadowed the conversation as Plymouth City Commission candidates spoke directly to voters Thursday evening.

The hour-long forum at City Hall for the five active commission candidates was sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County. About 20 people attended; questions, written on index cards, were submitted by audience members.

Candidates agreed the

city budget would be the top issue facing the new commission, as revenue to local governments is being cut as officials try to balance the state's budget. A decrease in property tax revenue is also expected due to falling home values. Plymouth's general-fund budget is about \$7.6 million.

"Communities around the state are going to continue to feel the pressure of revenue sharing (cuts)," said Commissioner Gerald Sabatini, who is seeking a third term.

The other candidates are John Barrett, a retired high school principal, incumbent

commissioners Ron Loiselle and Stella Greene and former Commissioner Dan Dwyer.

The five have indicated they'd be open to studying a different way of providing police, firefighting and emergency medical service in order to cut costs, as long as service was not compromised. That theme was picked up again Thursday.

"There have to be some hard decisions made going forward," said Greene, who, like Loiselle and Dwyer, is a former mayor. Greene said she has the government experience that would help her look for public safety

efficiencies.

Candidates were asked about their personal public safety experience, and Dwyer noted his five years as a reserve police officer in Livonia, his work with the state Department of Corrections, and his current job as a court administrator in Washtenaw County.

"I have been in the worst neighborhoods in this county," Dwyer said. "I know about crime. I know about criminals."

Sabatini, however, cried foul.

"That question only highlights one of the candidates, and I think it's an unfair

question," he said. What's crucial, he said, is that commissioners have the skills to evaluate public safety options and pick the best one.

Barrett, who was the principal at Farmington High School for 12 years, said safety had become an increasingly important issue for all schools in the wake of school shooting incidents around the country. "We've spent considerable time on security," he said.

Loiselle made a pitch for having police officers cross-trained as firefighters and

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## Testimony wraps in Orlewicz hearing

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A forensic psychologist testified Friday that J.P. Orlewicz, the Plymouth Township teen convicted last year in the beheading death of Daniel Sorensen, exhibits no sign of any diagnosable mental abnormality.

Dr. Charles Clark, a clinical/forensic psychologist with a Ph.D. in clinical psychology, testified he found Orlewicz to be highly intelligent with no signs of psychosis.

Clark was testifying before Wayne County Circuit Judge Bruce Morrow at a hearing to determine whether Orlewicz, convicted of killing Sorensen in November 2007, should be granted a new trial. Orlewicz's appellate attorney, Elizabeth



Orlewicz

Jacobs, is asking Morrow to grant the new trial because the original trial judge, Annette Berry, refused to allow testimony about Orlewicz's mental state at

the first trial.

"What he did raises a question, but does not answer it, about a potential personality disorder ... in a case of this sort I'm not able to obtain enough information to make that judgment," Clark testified. "What's noteworthy in my findings is the absence of findings. What's most striking is there really are no findings of a major abnormality or even anything less severe."

Clark examined Orlewicz in July at the request of Wayne

County Assistant Prosecutor Jeff Caminsky, who is handling the hearing for the county. He spent about six hours with Orlewicz, including a three-hour interview and several hours of interaction.

Jacobs said Orlewicz's original legal team arranged for Birmingham psychiatrist Gerald Sheiner to examine her client, but that Berry forced Shier to stop the exam and refused to allow his testimony, calling it irrelevant.

A subsequent report prepared by Shier which he said was based on an examination of police reports and interviews with Orlewicz, concluded the teen was "operating under a reasonable fear of death or great bodily harm" when he lured

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medical first-responders. The police were the first to respond to a fire at his home several years ago, he said.

Candidates were divided on the question of whether back-and-forth e-mail messages between city officials should be made instantly available to the public via the Internet. Greene and Sabatini suggested they could favor that.

"I think open communications is vital in any of the issues we discuss, deliberate or investigate," Greene said.

Barrett said communication with residents needs to be increased, but that he's not sure the public needs a blow-by-blow look at e-mails.

Loiselle and Dwyer took a different approach, noting such information could normally be obtained through the Freedom of Information Act if a citizen wants it. Loiselle said people are on "information overload," Dwyer said making routine e-mails available instantly would include messages from commissioners that simply ask about a meeting's starting time. "Do we really need to jam up a Web mail site with that kind of information?" Dwyer said.

Loiselle used a question about broadening the city's tax base to take a swipe at a 180-day moratorium on new liquor licenses in the city, which commissioners approved Monday. "I don't agree with that at all," said Loiselle, who cast the lone no vote Monday. He said checks are already in place, though he could favor a shorter

moratorium that was limited to the downtown area.

Others defended the moratorium in answering a later question, though Dwyer said he would have limited it to new licenses in the downtown area, where there are currently 15 licenses, some at establishments that have not yet opened. The proliferation of establishments that serve alcohol by the glass "has dramatically changed the culture of our downtown," he said.

In approving the moratorium Monday, commissioners said they'd use the time to study the pros and cons of an increase in the number of establishments serving alcohol, and whether the number of licenses in the city should be capped.

Barrett sided with the majority. "People are concerned that things change rapidly," he said. "I think Plymouth is vibrant, but the commission was wise to say, 'Let's take a time out.'"

"It's a delicate balance," Greene said. But the moratorium gives commissioners time to gather information on the topic, she added. "Then we can make a better decision when the moratorium comes to an end."

Barrett touted his 43-year career in education, saying he's worked with a variety of groups, dealt with budgets and issues similar to those faced by municipalities and encouraged innovation while a principal. He noted the honors Farmington High had received, including being named by *Newsweek* as one of the country's thousand best high schools. "I love this town.

I look forward to spending more time helping it survive and thrive," he said in his closing statement.

Sabatini cited community involvement and his history in Plymouth government on the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, charter review commission and other groups. "I have never sought the spotlight, but I do seek results," he said.

Dwyer noted past accomplishments: facilitating the sale of the former Bathey industrial property, which had defaulted on taxes, pushing for a public restroom near Kellogg Park and leading a survey of residents to find out their priorities in order to aid budget decisions. The top priority was public safety, he said.

"That's going to be the number one issue facing this community," he said, noting that the police department and the city's contribution to the Plymouth Community Fire Department account for more than half of the city's budget.

Loiselle and Greene said their history on the commission and institutional knowledge would be important.

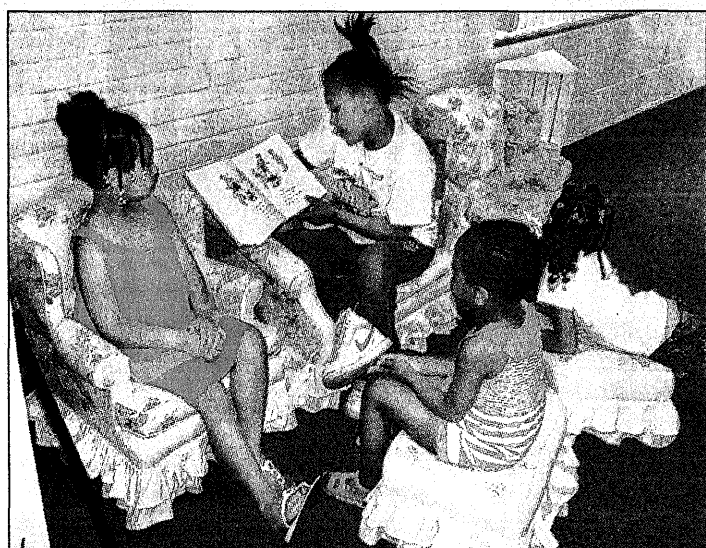
"I want to help this city stay a great place to live, a great place to raise your kids," Loiselle said.

Said Greene: "I know that Plymouth will survive and thrive throughout these tough times, because we all care."

Tracy Hewitt, a former Planning Commission member, is also on the ballot in the Tuesday, Nov. 3, commission election, but is not actively campaigning.

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**AROUND PLYMOUTH**



**Promoting literacy**

Starfish Family Services and IKEA Metro Detroit are partnering to promote children's literacy. IKEA will have events at their Canton location throughout the month of October, including a book drive for children in the community and hosting a field trip for 200 Starfish Head Start children that will feature guest readers and lunch in their cafeteria. A Book Drive for children in local communities takes place at the IKEA store in Canton through Saturday, Oct. 24. The community is asked to donate new or gently used books for children 12 years old and younger. There will be a drop off bin located in the exit area of the store. The Starfish Head Start children will visit IKEA on Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. They will be treated to a free lunch and guest readers. Starfish Family Services offers programs to help educate and empower vulnerable families and children in western Wayne County. For more information on donation opportunities please visit [www.starfishonline.org](http://www.starfishonline.org).

Amazon in 12 "Easy" Steps", addressing the question of "how to" get published and offer suggestions and advice for would-be authors on getting their inspirations from concept to creation.

Born and raised in England, Haslam moved to Michigan in 1988 and resides in Plymouth with his wife, Cecilia, and their youngest son.

Haslam has recently completed his first book, "The Twitter Workbook" and is working on his second and third. These ventures have led him to become the publisher at HMSI Publishing L.L.C., and, as a result, now enables him to help other aspiring authors to see their dreams become a reality.

The program, which is free and open to the public, will be given on Monday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Dunning Room at the Plymouth District Library.

**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 [millerwoods.com](http://millerwoods.com)

**Historic bike ride**

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

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

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

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

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

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Sorensen to his grandfather's garage in Canton, stabbed him multiple times, then beheaded him and dumped his body in a Northville field and set it on fire.

The fear, Shiener testified, grew from Orlewicz's belief Sorensen was involved with organized crime. The doctor said Orlewicz also told him Sorensen threatened his girlfriend and family.

Caminsky tried to counter that fear with testimony from Clark and psychiatrist Victor Bloom, a retired state examiner. Bloom reviewed the transcript of the original trial, reports from Shiener and reports of things Orlewicz said in phone calls to his father from prison.

Clark said Orlewicz was insistent that his stabbing

of Sorensen was in self-defense, an argument the jury at the original trial didn't buy. Clark said he disagreed with Shiener's finding of "an unspecified depressive disorder."

"I didn't not find that," Clark testified. "There's simply no reason to believe it was there."

Final arguments in the hearing are scheduled for Nov. 6. Both attorneys left Friday's hearing expressing positive feelings about the outcome.

"We have some good testimony showing (Orlewicz) was very susceptible to feelings of vulnerability," Jacobs said. "(Berry) wouldn't allow (Shiener) to testify, and that's a denial of right to counsel. She interfered with that right. This hearing is to explore whether (Shiener's) testimony would have been relevant to the jury."

Obviously, Caminsky doesn't think so.

"We think the jury had all the facts," he said. "It's our

position the psychological testimony (Jacobs) is seeking to introduce would have had no effect on the jury. We think (Morrow) has all the facts and we're hopeful he'll make the right decision."

The two people stuck in the middle — Sorensen's parents, Jim and Kim Sorensen of Westland — don't believe any psychological testimony would make a difference. All one need do, they feel, is look at the other testimony, particularly that of Alexander Letkemann, who pleaded guilty and is in prison after testifying against Orlewicz.

"It comes down to who do you believe," Jim Sorensen said. "I don't think Alex Letkemann puts himself in prison for 20 years unless he's telling the truth. You have to believe what Alex said, or what (Orlewicz) said, and every witness corroborated what Alex said."

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"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](mailto:bkadrich@hometownlife.com)

**Craft show**

The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual juried, handmade-only Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at West Middle School in Plymouth.

The event will feature some 1,500 customers, food and drawings.

Hand-made and juried art and crafts will be sold from 9 am until 4 pm on Saturday, October 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](mailto:JBSTONE716@COMCAST.NET)

**Sweetest Day dance**

PLAY 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.

**Lineage workshop**

Individuals who feel they might have an ancestor from the American Revolution will want to mark their calendars for an upcoming workshop sponsored by the DAR and the SAR - Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution. To be held 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 31, at the Plymouth District Library, the workshop will provide advice on lineage research and information on both the DAR and SAR.

The Sarah Ann Cochrane DAR chapter and the Huron Valley SAR chapter welcome individuals from all surrounding communities.

For more information call (248) 437-1954. The Plymouth District Library is located at 223 S. Main Street in downtown Plymouth.

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The Plymouth Senior Life Journaling Writing Group, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, welcomes David Haslam, who will present "From Author to

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Pat Calisti and Dana Rybicki welcome you to the grounds of the Wilcox house. You can pick a pumpkin, have some cider and doughnuts, and get your face painted.

## Women host fall gathering at historical Wilcox site

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two women have turned their passion for Plymouth into a business venture they hope can polish one of the city's gems.

Dana Rybicki and Pat Calisti on Oct. 4 launched "Fall in Love With Plymouth," an autumn gathering with a pumpkin patch, farmers market, activities for children and refreshments, on the grounds of the historic Wilcox House, at Union Street and Ann Arbor Trail.

It's a miniature festival and gathering spot, a family friendly alternative to a cider mill, for example, that's within walking distance for many residents, they said.

"We want people to come here and gather. That's our focus, bringing people together," said Rybicki on Thursday.

There are apples, pumpkins, cider and decorative bundles of corn stalks for sale, and the Wilcox grounds are decked out with a fall theme. A local Italian restaurant, Nico & Vali, and a local produce market, Suburban

Harvest, will open booths there every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through this month. Face-painting, henna tattoos and masks for children to color will also be available on weekends.

The women, who have catering and event-planning backgrounds, say they want to enhance the city's downtown and bring life to the Wilcox House, which dates from 1903. They hope their project will lead to future events on the grounds -- they have tentative plans for a winter event with hot chocolate, Christmas tree and wreath sales, buggy rides and an ice rink -- and say their long-term goal is to turn the property into a spot for weddings, retirement parties and other large events.

Their first event has been well-received by the public so far, they said. "They love to come to events like this," said Rybicki.

"I don't know how many people told us, 'We are so happy to have something happening here,'" said Calisti.

Calisti and Rybicki, who are paying rent for the fall gathering, envision a restored Wilcox House and grounds, complete with new

gardens, at which they could stage parties and other events. That use would take advantage of the historic character of the house and grounds, plus provide opportunities for small local businesses such as florists and bakers, they said.

"We're trying to keep everything local," Rybicki said, adding that supporting local businesses is important to them, especially in a tough economy. They're open to bringing in additional partners for their current event, she said.

"We live in Plymouth and we love Plymouth," Calisti said.

In addition to pizza, hot chocolate and coffee from Nico & Vali, and snacks and produce from Suburban Harvest, Calisti and Rybicki will be selling Boar's Head hot dogs and bratwurst on the grounds on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays this month. The children's activities are \$2 each.

Hours for "Fall in Love With Plymouth" at the Wilcox House are noon to 6 p.m. Thursdays and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Sunday, Nov. 1.

## Celebrate senior life, health at Friday Expo

Meet, greet star of Gem Theater's 'Ethel Merman's Broadway'

Health screenings, demonstrations, expert speakers and a meet and greet with the star of *Ethel Merman's Broadway* at the Gem Theatre are all part of the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Newspapers* Senior Health & Living Expo set for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

The free event will feature more than 40 exhibitors offering resources, demonstrations and information on health, finance, housing and more at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Building H, Farmington Hills. (Patrons will be shuttled by a classic red trolley from the parking lot to Building H and parking is free.)

Experts will provide presentations and/or demonstrations on topics such as income and tax strategies, when is the right time to make a move, stress management, massage therapy, yoga, dental care and nutrition.

The OCC Nursing School will provide free health screenings.

Expo patrons are invited to meet and greet Rita McKenzie, star of *Ethel Merman's Broadway*, at the Gem Theatre beginning at noon. Stop at the Gem Theatre booth for a chance to win free tickets to the show, playing through Nov. 22.

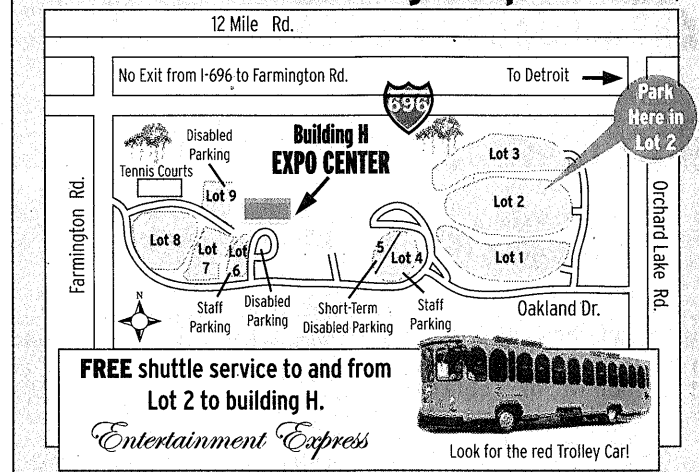
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# EDUCATION

## Incumbents: Experience needed 'now more than ever'

Mardigian: Student achievement 'point of pride' Simescu: Budget, student achievement the focus

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Trustees have made more than \$15 million worth of cuts to the district's budget over the last eight years or so, and Judy Mardigian is the only board member who's been around for all of it.

It's that kind of institutional knowledge Mardigian believes is critical as the district faces more challenges in the form of a struggling state economy and expected cuts to the state per-pupil foundation grant.

That's why she decided, after some contemplation otherwise, to seek re-election in the Nov. 3 school board election. She's one of five candidates for three four-year terms.

Mardigian considered not running again, but with many of her fellow trustees in their first terms, she felt ultimately that her experience would benefit the board.

"It wasn't an easy decision," she said of her choice to run. "We're moving into difficult times, and now more than ever we're going to need the experience."

Mardigian, like everyone else, knows the biggest challenge facing the district is the budget. The district is facing possible deficits of some \$4 million now and some \$10 million next year, without the fund balance or revenue sources to cover it if the state, as expected, goes through with cuts.

Still, she said, the district has to make decisions with one goal in mind: Student achievement. To do that, Mardigian said, the district needs to plan in advance.

### THE MARDIGIAN FILE

• **Who:** Judy Mardigian  
• **What:** Seeking a four-year term on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education  
• **Where:** Plymouth Township resident  
• **Family:** Husband, Sy Nahra; son Charlie, a student at Michigan State; daughter Sandy, student at Albion  
• **Profession:** She and her husband own Health Decisions, Inc., specializing in electronic auditing of medical claims for employees



Mardigian

"You have to be very careful about what you cut so you don't impact student achievement," she said. "We need a multi-year crisis plan. We also need to look at what programs we can pare down and keep viable."

Mardigian believes the board has handled the budget well, helped enormously, she said, by the district's performance on projects funded by the 2004 bond. Every building in the district built before 2000 was renovated, and every project came in on time and under budget.

Another point of pride for Mardigian, currently the board treasurer who is also the past president, is student achievement. Student scores on tests like the MEAPs, the ACT and the Michigan Merit Exams has increased every year.

Helping students continue to improve is where she wants the

board's focus.

"Student achievement needs to be the focus," she said. "It's a very strong point of pride. I'm proud we've dealt with the financial crisis, and we've been able to manage our budget."

To deal with future cuts, Mardigian said the district will use a proactive process including as many as 14 committees to make decisions. Those committees will have board members, district officials and, most importantly, members of the community at large.

"We'll scrub the budget, and those committees will come to us with recommendations," she said. "We'll be very inclusive in how we approach it."

Mardigian generally has praise for the job being done by Dr. Craig Fiegel, who just started his second year at the helm, though she thought the administration's budget process could have been smoother.

She thinks Fiegel, who came to Plymouth-Canton from a 1,900-student, elementary-only district in Evergreen Park, Ill., is doing a good job despite a bit of a learning curve.

"I think (Fiegel) has had to make a big jump to Plymouth-Canton," she said. "He's had some growing pains, especially around the budget, but he's getting a better idea of how things work around here."

Mardigian has championed smaller class sizes in the past, and wants to keep them as low as possible while wrestling with budget issues. Class size has gone up a little, but Mardigian isn't in favor of raising it any higher.

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Barry Simescu knows the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools faces huge budget issues in the next couple of years and, after millions of dollars of cuts over the last five years, he's not sure how much more can be pared.

But he's hoping voters will give him a chance to find out. Simescu, the current vice president of the Board of Education, is one of five challengers for three four-year terms in the Nov. 3 general election.

Student achievement is up - district students do better on MEAP and Michigan Merit Exams than their peers around the state - but the district is facing huge budget questions that could make focusing on achievement more difficult.

"We need to keep the focus on student achievement," Simescu said. "Our kids do better every year, and we're proud of that. As the two (achievement and the budget) cross, it'll be difficult to keep some of those programs intact."

"We've trimmed a lot of excess out of our programs already," he added. "We're really lean."

To help deal with the looming budget mess - there's talk of a \$218 per-student cut in the district's foundation grant - Simescu and other board members asked administrators for a more detailed and participatory budget process.

The result will be a series of as many as 14 committees providing input on various aspects of the district's financing.

### THE SIMESCU FILE

• **Who:** Barry Simescu  
• **What:** Seeking a four-year term on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education  
• **Where:** Plymouth resident  
• **Family:** Wife, Dorothy; sons Dan and Tyler  
• **Profession:** Manufacturing representative for DuBois Cooper, selling water/waste water equipment



Simescu

School board members and administrators will also take part in a series of public meetings with parents to explain the financing situation.

"(Committees) will look four ideas of savings and cuts," Simescu said. "I don't have a solution yet, but we'll have input from a wide section of the community."

One of those solutions could well be an increase in class size, an idea Simescu and other board members would like to avoid as long as possible.

"Hopefully, it doesn't come to that," Simescu said. "It's not a popular idea, but the majority of our costs are people. It's a challenge when we have limited resources coming to us."

If cuts from the state do come, Simescu said, he hopes they'll come equitably. District officials don't think it's fair that a district getting some \$7,000 per student faces the

same cut as a district getting \$13,000 per student.

As a percentage, obviously, it's higher for the lower-end district. Simescu said board members are lobbying legislators to make it equal.

"We're asking our legislators to do a percentage cut across the board," he said. "We don't think it's likely, but we're asking."

If the funding cuts come, Simescu knows the district's options will be limited. They can't use the sinking fund for anything other than brick and mortar, there's no way to increase the millage rate and the district is still responsible for things like buses, which he said can run \$100,000 apiece "and you've got to keep your kids safe."

"We won't have a choice," Simescu said of more trimming. "If they reduce it like they're talking about, we aren't going to have a choice. We have to have a balanced budget."

Simescu said he'll campaign with some lawn signs and "maybe some electronic" mailings, and he took part in the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County candidate forum Thursday.

He hopes voters agree with him that experience will be vital to dealing with the issues facing the district.

"I've been in the trenches and I know what we've done," he said. "It's going to be difficult for someone to come in in January and do the budget by June. These aren't easy decisions. Experience is going to be the key."

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# Board set to approve Van Born improvements

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's elected leaders, competing to retain local companies and save jobs, are expected Tuesday to approve a bid to improve Van Born Road near food-service company Sysco — a vote that comes on the same night of public hearings on proposed tax abatements for three other businesses.

The latest developments come as Canton, like other Michigan communities struggling to save jobs, embraces extraordinary measures to bolster the local economy.

"The reality is you've got to compete to keep jobs in Michigan, and you've got to compete to keep jobs in your local community," Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said.

To that end, the Canton Township Board of Trustees appears certain to approve a \$797,635 contract to have Sole Construction, Inc., resurface a section of Van Born west of Haggerty and add a turn lane to accommodate Sysco's truck traffic.

The bulk of the money comes from the Michigan Department of Transportation, although Wayne County is expected to pitch in some \$64,000 while

the township handles the bidding and administers the funding.

Sean McCausland, Sysco's executive vice president, called the road improvements crucial to traffic safety as the company not only pledged to remain in Canton — but to expand here.

In other developments Tuesday, the township board has scheduled public hearings

to consider tax abatements on personal property for three other local companies:

- Grupo Antolin Wayne, 47440 Michigan Ave., is seeking a 50 percent, five-year tax abatement on a \$1,268,224 investment it plans to make at its automotive headliner assembly operation.

- Durcon Inc., 8464 Ronda Drive, is asking for a 50 per-

cent, five-year tax abatement on \$120,000 it plans to invest in a conveyor system for post-consumer recycled glass.

- Danotek Motion Technologies, 8680 N. Haggerty, is seeking by far the latest tax break — 50 percent over 12 years amid plans to invest \$5 million in its business. The company researches, develops, tests and manufac-

tures wind-powered electrical generators and components for electric and hybrid vehicles.

Township Trustee John Anthony said that, in a better economic climate, tax abatements wouldn't seem as attractive because the township loses tax revenues.

However, he said such an option now amounts to "a win-win" because it helps compa-

nies survive and keeps jobs in Canton.

"The company remains here in Canton, and the jobs stay here," Anthony said. "The money the workers make gets spent, so it just snowballs through the community."

"It's a good deal for everybody," he said.

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## Nankin Mills hosts Halloween Festival Oct. 17

Parents looking for a spook-free Halloween celebration for their children need only go to the Nankin Mills picnic area in Hines Park on Saturday, Oct. 17.

Children are invited to dress in their best non-scary costumes for the Wayne County Parks' Halloween Festival 2009.

Wayne County Parks will offer a free afternoon of games and activities, including hayrides, inflatables, costume parade, games and trick-or-treating from 1 to 3 p.m. This year's festival also will feature performances by magician Ben Spitzer and Tim Salisbury's Comedy Juggling Show.

For those of you looking for a different type of Halloween event, the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center offers a spook-free Halloween Hike on Friday, Oct. 23. Hike outdoors and meet some funny forest dwellers. Costumed characters relating to nature will both entertain and educate as they share their stories.

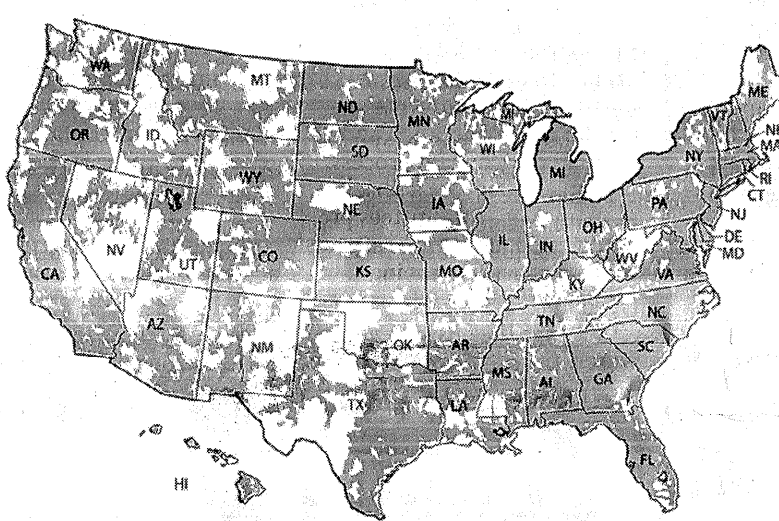
Pick from starting times of 6:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. The hike will last about an hour and afterwards there will be a short live animal presentation.

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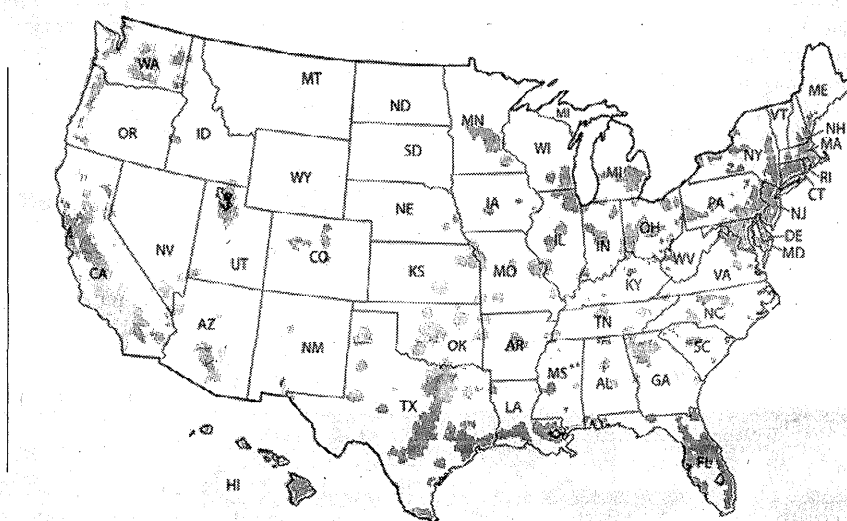
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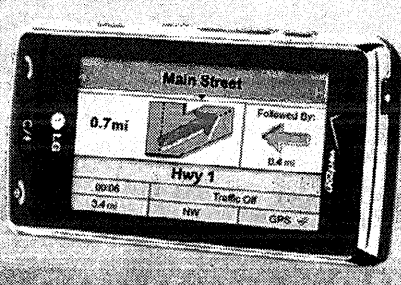
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# 'World' of memories

## Local pitcher remembers his own Series experience from 1950 Phillies-Yankees matchup

BY PAT MURPHY  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Like many baseball fans at this time of the year, Robert Miller is looking forward to the World Series.

Unlike many of them, however, Miller has some personal reflections. He started the fourth game of the World Series against the New York Yankees in 1950, the same year he was runner-up for rookie of the year honors as a member of the Philadelphia Phillies.

The Yankees — with Joe DiMaggio, Yogi Berra and other baseball legends — weren't kind to Miller, who was removed in the first inning of the game as the Phillies lost 5-2 and were swept in the series. Even so, starting the game was a milestone in a 10-year career during which he won 42 games and lost 42.

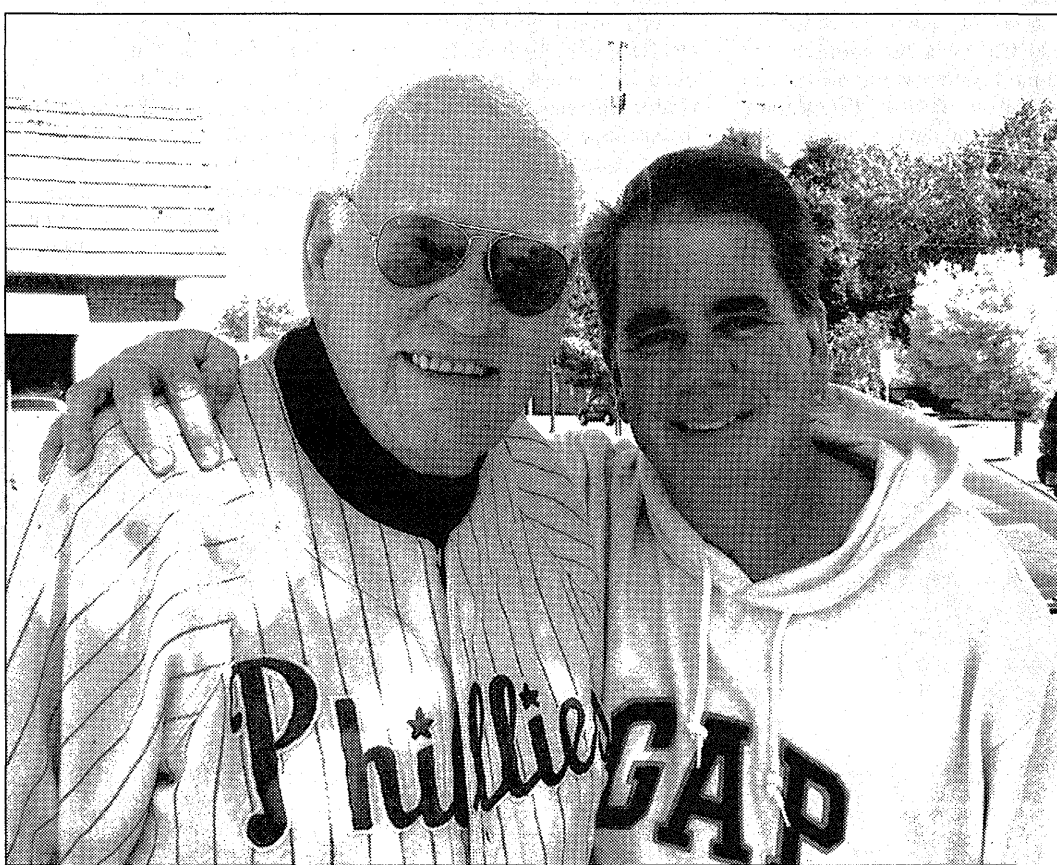
Miller and his late wife Maureen moved to Redford in 1954, his fifth full year with the Phillies. Over the years, he continued playing baseball and they raised four youngsters — Thomas,

Robert Junior, Pat and Mary (now Kobliska) who graduated from Redford Union High School. One of his off season jobs was driving a Hires root beer truck.

By 1959, his final season with the St. Louis Cardinals, Miller had settled in with his family and became a full fledged member of the community. Among other things, he hosted baseball clinics when he called on old colleagues — including Al Kaline and Denny McLain, both Tiger greats — to demonstrate the fundamentals of the game.

In 1963, he became assistant baseball coach at the University of Detroit. Two years later, when head coach Lloyd Brazil died following a car crash, Miller became head coach.

"Over the years we did some very good recruiting," Miller said, including baseball standouts Bill Fehey from Redford Union and Bob Atkins, who graduated from Thurston High School. In 1978, his teams defeated the University of Michigan, starring Rick Leach, and



Bob Miller, left, wearing the same Philadelphia Phillies jersey he wore in the 1950 World Series against the New York Yankees. Pictured with him is son, also Bob Miller, one of the players the senior Miller recruited when head baseball coach at the University of Detroit-Mercy.

Michigan State University led by Kirk Gibson.

Miller also recruited two of his sons, Pat, who later signed to play professionally with the Milwaukee Brewers, and Robert, now deputy

to the Redford Township Supervisor.

The senior Miller, now 83, remains active, particularly when it comes to one of his strongest passions — baseball. The game has changed, he said, but it's still a great national pastime. Perhaps the biggest change, he said, is the salary structure, with some mediocre players getting absurdly high salaries.

As a rookie sensation in 1950, Miller remembers making \$5,000. His father — Al Miller, then a Detroit police officer — made \$5,100. But at that time, he recalled, you could buy a very good suit for \$25.

Miller doesn't begrudge major leaguers getting the big bucks. He just wishes he and his team mates would have fared better financially.

Not that the ensuing years were a time of poverty. He

made decent money as a player and later in life — when among other things, he sold insurance. He was rich in many ways, Miller said, particularly in memories of the game he loved.

He graduated from Redford St. Marys in 1944, and after accepting a U of D basketball scholarship was drafted in the Army. He saw combat in the Pacific before being stationed in Japan in 1946. He was signed by the Phillies as a free agent in 1948.

His fondest memory, Miller said, was his first pitching victory in April, 1950, when he beat the Boston Braves 2 to 1. He allowed two hits, while the opposing pitcher, Lew Burdette, allowed four — including one to Miller.

One of his biggest regrets, he said, was not developing a change-up pitch that might have prolonged his career.

In 1950 Miller won 8 games before losing any. Pictures of him — along with those of teammates Robin Roberts, an MSU grad, catcher Stan Lopata, another native Detroiter, and others — were featured in Life, Look and Time magazines. A back injury, however, cut into his effectiveness, and he finished the season with 11 wins and six defeats. He finished second in voting for Rookie of the Year honors, behind Sam Jethroe, one of the few black players in the league at that time.

Miller's second best season was 1953, when he won 8 games and lost 9.

While winning was a priority, he and his team mates had a lot of fun, Miller said. "Everybody had a nickname," he recalled. "Mine was 'Booger.' I don't know where I got that name. But I had been Booger since the eighth grade."

Hall of Fame outfielder Richie Ashburn was nicknamed "Horse Turd," Miller said, because that was the strongest expletive he ever used. Pitcher Jim Konstanty was known as "Ymca," he said. "He was so cheap, he only stayed at YMCAs." Miller has great empathy for today's players, especially for Fernando Rodney, a relief pitcher for the Detroit Tigers. "He's called on to close out the games (in the last inning). You can't imagine the pressure he's under." Rodney is loved when he is effective, Miller noted, and defiled when he's not — but that part of the game hasn't change much, he insisted.

While the Tigers have a good team, Miller is not overly optimistic about their chances in the playoffs and, possibly, the World Series. "They have some great players," he said, but they can be inconsistent at times.

But then again, that's part of why baseball is so great, he said, "You never know."

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# Fund-raising phenom

## Canton teacher takes cancer walk in stride

One might think a 38-year career as a high school math teacher, countless awards and honors bestowed by students, staff and professional organizations as well as a marriage that is still going strong after 31 years would be all one highly motivated professional woman would need to fill her days.

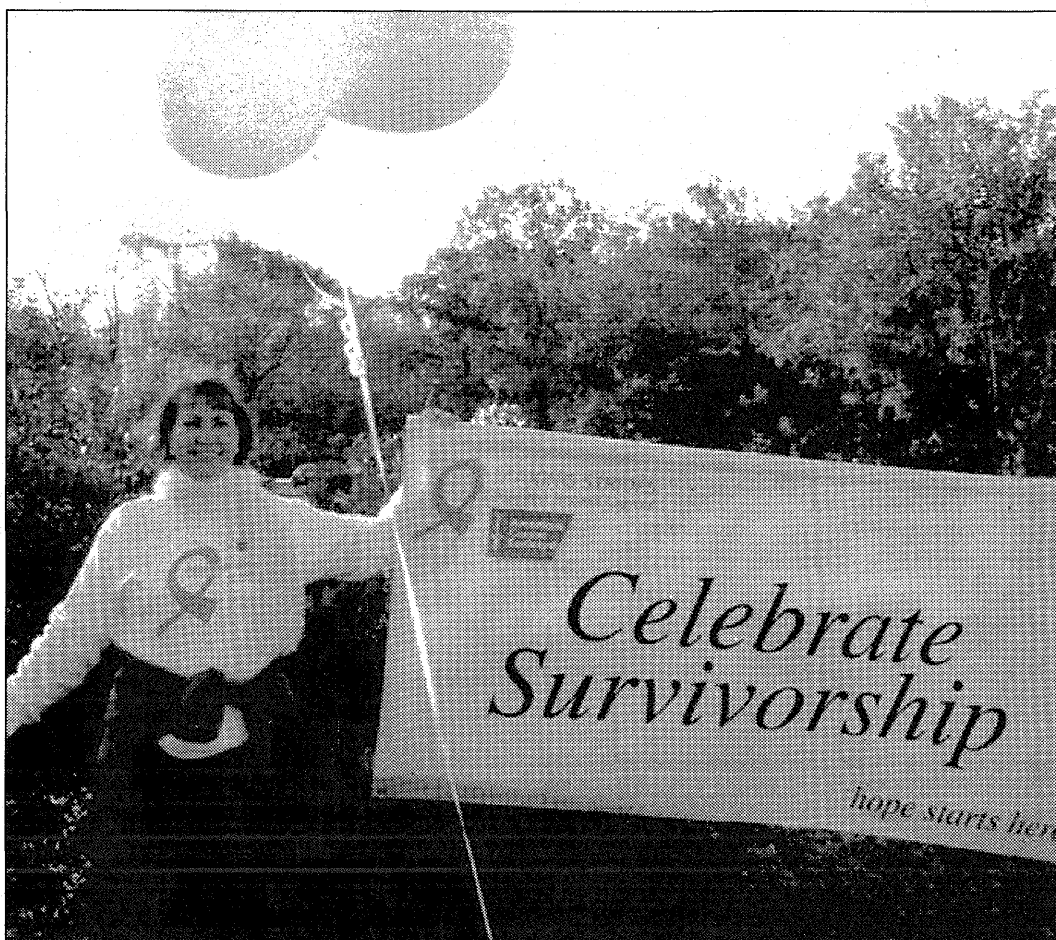
But Canton High School educator Barbara Marshall has added an enormous passion for the ongoing race against breast cancer. It's a passion that is already paying big dividends.

Named to *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* on 10 separate occasions, "Staff Member of the Year" in her district nine times and selected as co-winner of the "Math/Science Teacher of the Year" for Washtenaw County in 2007, it's easy to recognize Marshall's achievements as an educator.

Bring up her accomplishments as the top fund-raiser in the state of Michigan for the past three years and it's even easier to understand why she sees her participation in the American Cancer Society's annual "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" campaign as a personal crusade. Some might even say it's a higher calling.

Marshall participates in the annual walk in Ann Arbor, working fervently during the weeks and months prior to raise as much money as possible for this important cause. "I began walking as part of a team from the church I attend - Bethlehem United Church of Christ in Ann Arbor," she said. "Our team, the 'Bethlehem Striders,' was formed in 2003 as a result of our assistant pastor's recently completed treatment for her own breast cancer."

A 27-year resident of Chelsea, Marshall said she'd



Plymouth-Canton teacher Barb Marshall is one of the top cancer fund-raisers in the country.

never asked people for money before.

"This was a totally new experience for me," she said. "It was so rewarding that first year, we have continued every year since."

In addition to being a top fund-raiser in Michigan, Marshall has been among the top 25 fund-raisers in the United States for the past two years.

"This is a very real, very personal issue for so many people, and they give more willingly than I could ever have imagined," she said. "My family and friends, students, parents and colleagues at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, and people I didn't even know have become one huge team for a

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BARB MARSHALL, Plymouth-Canton teacher and breast cancer fund-raiser

common cause.

"I have a simple motto for fund-raising: 'If you don't ask, you won't get,' because all anyone can say is 'no.'"

This statement is borne out by the fact that last year's walk in Ann Arbor included some 3,900 walkers, raised over \$310,000 and was the only walk in Michigan that exceeded the previous year's contributions.

The Bethlehem Striders and thousands more will participate in this year's walk. Organized and sponsored by the American Cancer Society (<http://www.cancer.org>), the

event takes place Saturday, Oct. 17 at Gallup Park in Ann Arbor beginning at 9 a.m. It includes a 5K walk held rain or shine and is non-competitive. There are no fund-raising requirements to participate - it is open to all.

So what motivates Marshall to walk the walk she so excitedly talks? "I walk in honor of the friends I have who have beaten the disease or who might currently be in treatment, and I walk in memory of the friends and family who have succumbed to this disease," she said. "In short, I walk simply because 'I CAN.'"



### LIBRARY WATCH

The following events are taking place at the Plymouth District Library in August:

- **ONLINE LANGUAGE LEARNING RETURNS** - Mango Languages has been added to our list of electronic learning products. Plymouth Library Card holders go to [plymouthlibrary.org](http://plymouthlibrary.org) and simply login to their Mango Account from home. Languages provided include French, Spanish, Japanese, German, Greek, Italian, Russian, Mandarin Chinese and Brazilian Portuguese. In addition, there are also courses in ESL Polish, ESL Spanish and ESL Brazilian Portuguese.
- **YOUR POETRY GROUP**, Sunday, Oct. 11, 1:30 p.m. - Roundtable readings of poems, your own or by others, are held on the second Sunday of the month. Reader's discretion of language is asked in the works read. No registration required - just drop by on the second Sunday of the month.
- **RHAPSODY MUSIC SERIES**: American Songbook II, Sunday, Oct. 11, 3 p.m. - Singers Maria Cimarelli and Mark Vondrak return with a lively revue of classic and contemporary songs from musical theatre, thanks to the Friends of the Plymouth District Library. Piano accompanist Amanda Sabelhaus joins them with all new musical selections. Register for this free program by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

- **CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m. - Members of this book discussion group are invited to read *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the Library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail [spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org](mailto:spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org)
- **MONEY MANAGEMENT SEMINARS: TAX TALKS - THE AMERICAN RECOVER AND REINVESTMENT ACT AND YOU**, Wednesday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m. - Lois Beerbaum, H & R Block tax professional will highlight new tax provisions including increased unemployment benefits, health insurance subsidies, first-time home buyer credit, new vehicle tax deductions, energy credits and more. Registration is requested, call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

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

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

- **STARS, MOONS & PLANETS**, Monday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m. - He loves the skies and after this informal gathering, you will too. Plymouth resident Mike Best leads a lively discussion each month for adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or [starmikebest@comcast.net](mailto:starmikebest@comcast.net)
- **LEARN THE ART OF PRESSURE COOKING** - Monday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m. - Cook and author, Toula Patsalis will share professional tips on pressure cooking - covering ingredient selection, cooking techniques and equipment information, all found in her book *The Pressure Cooker Cookbook*. Guests will get to sample the special autumn recipe prepared at the program. Register for this free program by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4

- **MIDWEEK MOVIES** - Wednesday, Oct. 21, 1 p.m. - Enjoy free popcorn, pop and a movie at the Library. No registration required.
- **MONEY MANAGEMENT SEMINARS: HOMEOWNERS AND AUTO INSURANCE CONSIDERATIONS**, Wednesday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m. - Brady Burns of Hantz Financial Services will discuss premiums, property/casualty overview, collision and comprehensive coverage, personal injury protection, uninsured and underinsured motorists, deductibles, umbrella policies, the declaration page and much more. Registration is requested, call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

- **Popular war series continues: VIETNAM VETERANS PANEL DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m. - Members of the Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 528 Plymouth-Canton - Don Dignan, Gary Kubik, Bob Paul, Rick Pops, Dennis Shrewsbury, Rich Whipple will share their experiences and reflections of their military service. Register for this free program by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.
- **NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING**, Monday, Oct. 26, 7-9 p.m. - Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required. Bring your latest project!

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Agendas and minutes are also posted in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, for public perusal.

Joe Bridgman, CMC  
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Bidders may also obtain, upon request, a copy of the RFP at the **E. J. McClendon 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170**. RFP's are to be labeled "USF Telecommunications Bid" and received in the Technology Department by no later than 2:00P.M., Friday, October 30, 2009. All questions regarding this RFP should be directed to James Casteel at 734-416-2708. The Plymouth Canton Community Schools Board of Education reserves the right to reject or decline any/or all Bids received.

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# Salvation Army hopes donors will adopt 'Angels'

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Salvation Army is changing its approach to the holidays, dropping its Adopt-a-Family program and shifting its focus to what officials hope will be a more equitable Christmas for the families they serve.

Salvation Army officials are looking for donors for their new "Adopt An Angel" program, an idea designed to recruit donors for some 2,500 children they hope to help have a merry Christmas.

"Instead of adopting entire families, we're going to adopt angels," said Laurie Aren, the Salvation Army's director of family and community ministries. "We're looking for a more equitable Christmas for everyone."

Under the old Adopt-a-Family program, donors would adopt entire families, with no limits on what they could provide. As an example, Aren pointed to two situations last year. One adoptive family outfitted its

## WHERE TO TURN

Various organizations run Christmas programs to help needy families in the Plymouth-Canton community. Here are just a few:

- Plymouth Salvation Army Adopt an Angel program. Appointments necessary for application interview. Appointments start Oct. 27. Application deadline is Nov. 11. Distribution/Toy Towne is Dec. 18, 21-22. Toys, clothing and food will be available. Call or e-mail Laurie Aren at laurie\_aren@usc.salvationarmy.org or (734) 453-5464.
- Plymouth Goodfellows. Application deadline is Nov. 11, with individual consideration of late applicants depending on budget. All applicants must be residents of Plymouth. Distribution of gifts is Dec. 12. Contact Penny Irwin, (734) 453-4007 or anchorsaes@wideopenwest.com or Goodfellows at (734) 262-3199.
- Canton Goodfellows. Application deadline is Oct. 12. Applicants must be residents of Canton. Packing of gifts (volunteers are needed) is Dec. 14-18; distribution Dec. 19. Contact Nancy Spencer at (734) 397-8975 or johnnancysp@aol.com

adoptees with two full bedrooms, while another spent \$250.

That inequity, coupled with declining numbers of both adoptees and adoptors, prompted Salvation Army officials to reconsider the method it uses to help people.

Under its Adopt-an-Angel program, donors will be asked to stick as close to a \$50 limit as possible.

Donors will know whether they're buying for a boy or a girl and what age group, and all donated gifts will be placed in the Salvation Army's toy shop, which officials have renamed "Toy Town."

Toy Town will be set up to resemble a toy store in the Salvation Army's gym, and parents of needy children will be able to shop in the store.

"It's really important that the gifts come from the parents, and not the Salvation Army," Aren said. "We want everyone to feel better about themselves. We're trying to make it more personal for the families. We want everyone to have a warm, comfortable Christmas."

Local groups are already on board — Unisys will run its annual toy drive and PEO International will adopt 50 angels — and other community organizations will work in concert with the Salvation Army to make sure as many children have a happy holiday as possible.

Both the Plymouth and Canton Goodfellows will work with the Army, cross-referencing their list of needy families in an effort to eliminate duplicate effort, thereby increasing the numbers of children who benefit.

"We want to make sure we cover all the kids we can so that nobody misses out," said Nancy Spencer, president of Canton Goodfellows, which helped some 650 kids last year and figure to provide for more than that this year.

"Our motto is, 'No Canton child without a Christmas' and I believe this a community able to support their own children. I can't bear the thought of a child not having something on Christmas Day. It's why I've been doing this for 35 years."

Suffocating economic conditions have forced the Salvation Army, which helps families in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville, to deal with an ever-increasing need. A few years ago, most of the need centered around the holidays. Now, it's a daily need.

"The whole fabric of what we do has changed the last couple of years, from emergency management to daily maintenance," Aren said. "The economy is bad. We're hoping people who couldn't afford to adopt an entire family might be able to adopt an angel or two."

For more information on the Adopt an Angel program, call Aren at (734) 453-5464.

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## Internship helps student lay green foundation

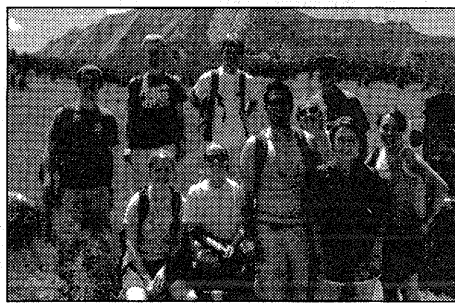
Marie Galante, a physics major at Albion College, laid the foundation toward a career in a green industry while completing a summer internship at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colo.

A native of Canton, Galante came to Albion with an interest in chemical engineering. She learned about NREL while surfing the web for internship possibilities and then spent the course of the internship running experiments making transparent conducting oxides out of indium zinc oxide to increase solar energy production.

"I was making the top layer of a solar cell," Galante said. "The top layer needs to be transparent to let the light in and conductive so the electricity can flow. That's what I was trying to maximize over the summer — how light can come into the solar cell and power it."

Galante explained indium is a better material to use as a solar cell coating because of its resistance to water. She created these thin films of a solar cell by a process called magnetron sputtering where argon ions collide with indium zinc oxide in a vacuum chamber. She would change the ratio of direct current and radio frequency used to power the reaction in order to find a ratio that maximizes the conductivity and transparency of the film.

"Usually direct current is used in industry to make these thin films for solar cells, but



Marie Galante (far right) and her team in Golden, Colo.

what I was doing was mixing the direct current with radio frequency," Galante said. "It was a new process. No one had explored what happens when you mix them."

Radio frequency, Galante reports, keeps positive charges from building on the indium zinc oxide, which limits the attraction of positive argon ions. The indium zinc oxide won't be deposited to form the thin film if argon ions don't collide with the indium zinc oxide.

Galante, who has already been invited back to NREL to work on another project this summer, said she may be included as an author if her mentor completes the paper he is considering to write.

"It would be amazing (to be the co-author of an article published in a scholarly journal). He said if I had been a graduate stu-

dent I could have used (the research) for my master's thesis," Galante said. "It was cool to be involved in groundbreaking research."

"It was a great opportunity," she added. "I was there with students from MIT, Brown, and Yale ... All these Ivy League schools. I was there with really smart interns."

Back on the Albion campus, Galante is hoping to continue the work she started at NREL while working in the lab a couple hours a week with associate professor Charles Moreau.

Studying under the dual-degree program at Albion, Galante will complete her science and mathematics courses in the liberal arts setting this spring before moving on to fulfill the requirements for her engineering degree at the University of Michigan.

After the successful completion of the required number of units at U-M, Galante will be granted a B.A. degree from Albion and she will receive the bachelor's degree from U-M.

Amazed by the natural beauty in Colorado, Galante marveled at the differences in the sustainability efforts of the residents of the Rocky Mountain state.

"Everyone there has a different state of mind," Galante said. "Everyone recycles. It is standard for everyone to take the bus or ride bikes everywhere. It is a completely different atmosphere there compared to Michigan."

## Sophomore treated after being hit by bus

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Plymouth-Canton Educational Park sophomore was injured when she was struck by a school bus just outside the high school campus Tuesday afternoon.

The girl, whose name was being withheld by Plymouth Canton Community Schools officials, was treated at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. Her injuries were not considered life-threatening.

Frank Ruggirello, the district's communications director, said the accident occurred about 2:40 p.m. Tuesday at Ann Arbor Road and McLumpha. The female bus driver, who had no passengers on her bus, was turning left onto Ann Arbor Road from southbound McLumpha when the accident occurred, he said.

Only sketchy information from the Plymouth Township Police Department could be obtained. Officer Jamie Senkbeil said a report indicated the girl was on a road shoulder when she was struck.

Ruggirello said the district is investigating the incident and could discipline the bus driver if she is found to be at fault. "We're still looking into this," he said. The driver had returned to work as far as he knew, Ruggirello said.

P-CEP principal Bill Zolkowski sent out an e-mail informing parents of the incident.

Township resident Valerie Gutta, who has a daughter in the ninth grade at Salem High School, said she's been concerned about the safety of the intersection for several weeks.

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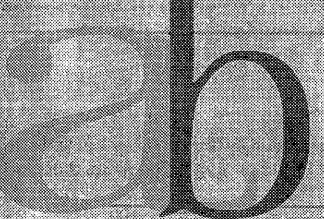
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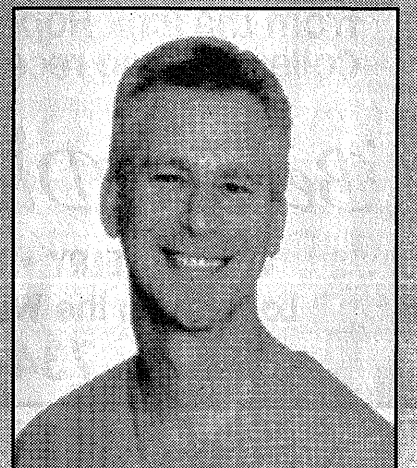
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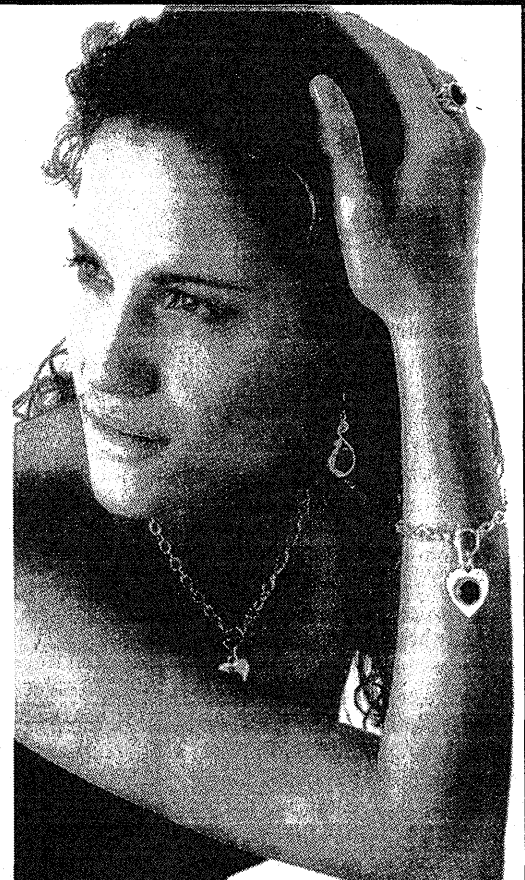
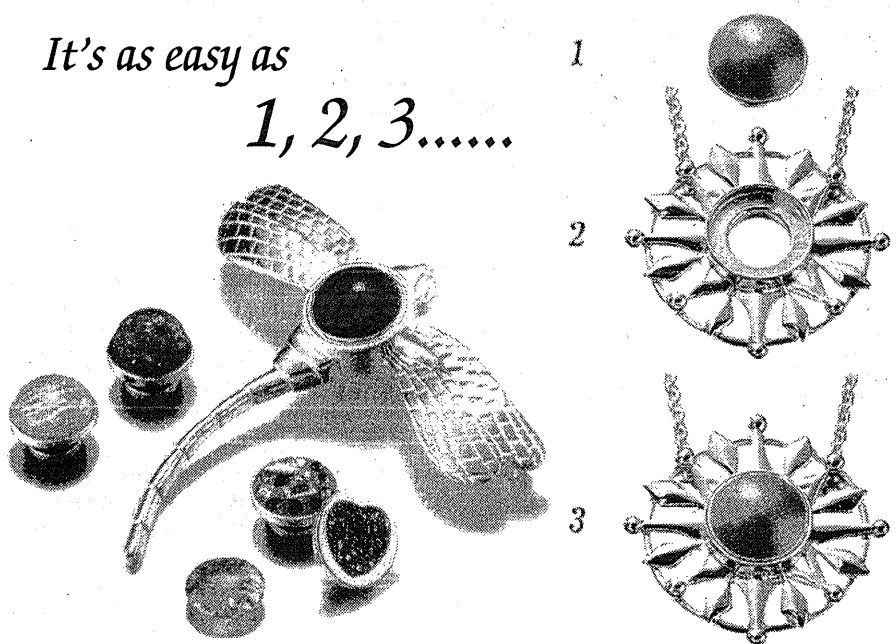
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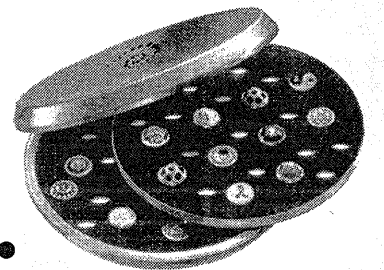
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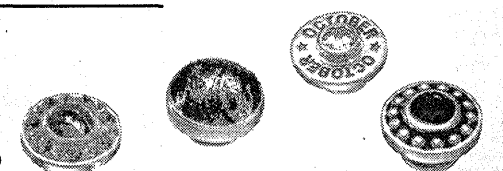


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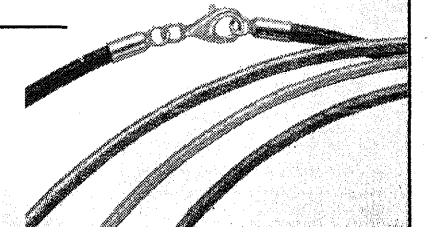
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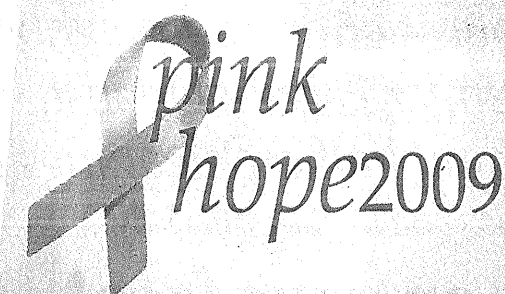
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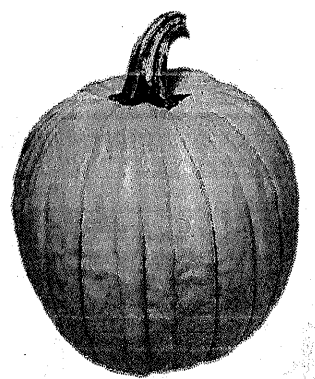
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# HOMETOWN LIFE



## Chiefs win with work

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton varsity volleyball coach Mary Kryska knows that the secret to her team's success is hard work. Thursday night against visiting Westland John Glenn, the Chiefs followed the script.

Led by the "unstoppable" Jordan Kielty (16 kills, 14 assists, 15 digs and 3 aces) and Kristen Muir (9 kills, 17 digs, 4 aces), the Chiefs came away with

25-7, 26-24 and 25-15 wins.

"When they (Chiefs) get too comfortable that's when they don't work as hard," Kryska said.

So by switching things up in the rotation, every player knows they have to keep "working for their spot."

That approach is one of the reasons why Canton sports a record of 14-4 overall and 5-1 in the KLAAs South Division.

Of course, Kryska is far from satisfied. No coach ever is.

"Our blocking is continuing to get better which was our biggest weakness in the beginning of the season," she noted. "I am very pleased with how the girls have been doing but we still have some goals that we need to achieve when in it comes to beating a few teams."

Against the Rockets, the play of Kielty and Muir again was worth the price of admission.

"I give a lot of credit to both players for how well they are doing this season," Kryska continued. "They deserve a lot of credit for our team."

Of course, starting Game Please see **VOLLEYBALL, B4**



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Off to the races, as he was all night Friday, is Salem sophomore running back Marcus Houston (No. 31). He scored a touchdown and gained more than 230 yards against South Lyon.

## Houston's Texas-sized game lifts Rocks

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nothing could stop Salem sophomore Marcus Houston Friday night. Not the rain nor slippery turf. Not visiting South Lyon.

Houston, a mid-season callup from the junior varsity, rushed 26 times for 232 yards to spark the Rocks to an impressive 19-0 victory over the Lions at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity field.

"I felt good, the blocking was good, and we just kept moving it down the field," said Houston, a key contributor to Salem's second win of the season.

The biggest play he made came in the fourth quarter of the KLAAs Central Division varsity football game to put the Lions away. Houston scored on a 26-yard touchdown with 7:28 remaining to make it 13-0.

He took a pitch around right end and raced down the sidelines before hurdling

a defender at the 5-yard line and taking it home.

"I just jumped and everything happened good," he said with a smile, knowing he did a lot to help his senior teammates enjoy their Homecoming/Senior Night game. "I wanted to do good for the seniors on their day."

A fumble recover by Evian Pardo made that short TD drive possible.

Please see **ROCKS, B3**

## GAME WRAPS

### Murphy medalist at D-1 golf regional

All three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park girls golf teams finished just short of qualifying for the state meet at Thursday's Division 1 regional at Giant Oak Golf Course.

Finishing fifth was Plymouth with a team score of 379 and paced once again by excellent freshman Kelsey Murphy — the overall medalist with a round of 77 strokes.

Murphy qualified for the state tourney set for Friday and Saturday at Forest Akers in East Lansing.

Other Wildcats doing well included freshman Sarah Thompson, with a career-best 86. She missed qualifying for the state meet by two strokes, head coach Chris Moore said.

Also with a career best in her final match was Plymouth senior LeeAnn O'Shaughnessy (107). Freshman Mandy Kirsch and junior Chloe Marentic finished with respective scores of 109 and 110. Canton finished in sixth place, with a final score of 435.

### Rocks gear up

Salem's varsity girls cross country team tuned up for Saturday's Wayne County meet with a 15-47 triumph Tuesday over South Lyon at Willow Metropark.

For the Rocks (4-0 in the KLAAs Central), Autumn Burin, Kelly Kerwin and Kara Booms finished in a virtual three-way tie at the front of the pack with times of 21 minutes, 12 seconds. But they were joined in the top 10 by Victoria Tripp (fourth, 21:23), Emily Bizon (fifth, 21:23), Jordyn Moore (seventh, 21:44) and Phoebe Van Hoof (ninth, 21:57).

## All in the family

### Yoder twins keep soccer tradition going

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Must-see TV for twin brothers Andrew and Mitch Yoder is the World Cup, not the Stanley Cup.

The 16-year-olds also relish playing soccer for the Plymouth High School varsity team, following in the cleat imprints of older brother Evan Yoder, a 2009 Plymouth grad.

That tells you all you need to know: Soccer is king in the household of Tom and Carole Yoder and both Andrew and Mitch are more than happy to continue a family love affair as players on the Wildcats.

"I've just been playing since I was young and my brother's been playing," said Andrew Yoder, who like Mitch is a junior for the Wildcats. "It just became a family thing, I guess."

"But yeah, I wanted to play varsity soccer my whole life.

Watching my brother play made me want to play for Plymouth more."

### IN THE BLOOD

Chiming in to that end was Mitch Yoder, in his first season on the varsity after being captain of the Plymouth JV in 2008. Andrew and Evan were varsity teammates last season.

"I guess because we always came and watched my older brother play a bunch of games and just see how intense he would get in the games and how fun that looked," Mitch said. "So that just made me want to play even more."

They help each other, on and off the field, but they also can look to soccer mom Carole for further encouragement and — probably more importantly — a no-favorites stance. And don't forget her nonstop soc-

Please see **YODERS, B2**



Not only are Andrew Yoder (left) and Mitch Yoder twin brothers and part of a soccer-loving family, they are teammates on Plymouth High School's varsity boys soccer team.



**Who:** Jordan Kielty, Canton senior/volleyball co-captain.  
**Miscellany:** Jordan, 17, carries a 3.6 grade-point average. Her parents are Gail and Dave Kielty. Career honors include: All-State third team as a junior; All-Region, All-Conference and All-Observer both her sophomore and junior years; named to Prepvolleyball.com's Frosh 59 list as a freshman.  
**Captain's job:** "I think that the job of a team captain is to encourage your team and be there for support on and off the court. Keeping your team together is a key to success."  
**Leadership style:** "I would say that my style of leadership or the way I lead my team is to be encouraging, supportive and to give advice or constructive criticism to someone who may need it. I like it when people give me

## JORDAN KIELTY

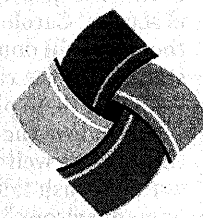


advice or constructive criticism in return."

**Why her?:** "I think that my team chose me because I was a captain my junior year and I have been on this team for three years. They know that I have experience in the game from my years of playing and my level of playing through my club teams."

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**GIRLS SWIMMING RESULTS**

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**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Plymouth (Emily Toro, Sijia Hao, Abby Kelly, Linda Erickson), 2:02.90; 2. Canton (Caitlyn Orr, Sara Krebs, Catherine Irwin, Sara Schmitt), 2:03.39; 3. Plymouth (Rachel Huhta, Lydia Matson, Ave Dewale, Lexi Eithier), 2:05.70.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Stephanie Matsui (P), 2:03.96; 2. Kayla Eyster (C), 2:04.13; 3. Delaney Adams (C), 2:08.57.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Erickson (P), 2:20.79; 2. Irwin (C), 2:21.39; 3. Krebs (C), 2:23.51.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Kari Schmitt (C), 26.56; 2. Michelle Chang (P), 26.63; 3. S. Schmitt (C), 27.49.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Mallory Hudak (C), 197.65 points; 2. Robyn Piwowar (C), 182.90; 3. Kay Borst (P), 163.50.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Adams (C), 1:04.35; 2.

Erickson (P), 1:06.87; 3. Kaitlyn Dugas (C), 1:07.36.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Chang (P), 56.94; 2. K. Schmitt (C), 57.38; 3. S. Schmitt (C), 59.63.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Matsui (P), 5:32.81; 2. Irwin (C), 5:35.07; 3. Carolyn Stoddard (P), 5:47.77.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (K. Schmitt, S. Schmitt, Adams, Eyster), 1:47.45; 2. Plymouth (Chang, Kelly, Emily Weiner, Matsui), 1:48.71; 3. Plymouth (Chantel Cote, Dewale, Eithier, Stoddard), 1:53.18.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Orr (C), 1:06.84; 2. Toro (P), 1:07.42; 3. Huhta (P), 1:08.51.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Krebs (C), 1:12.72; 2. Hao (P), 1:15.12; 3. Kelly Bedro (C), 1:15.36.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (K. Schmitt, Eyster, Adams, Krebs), 3:53.07; 2. Plymouth (Chang, Erickson, Weiner, Matsui), 3:53.07; 3. Plymouth (Stoddard, Toro, Huhta, Hao), 4:05.70.  
**Dual meet records:** Canton, 5-1 overall, 4-0 in KLAAs South Division; Plymouth, 3-3, 2-1.

**SPORTS ROUNDUP**

**Plymouth YMCA eyes grant**

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

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

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

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

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

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

stances."

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

**Arctic Edge shavings**

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

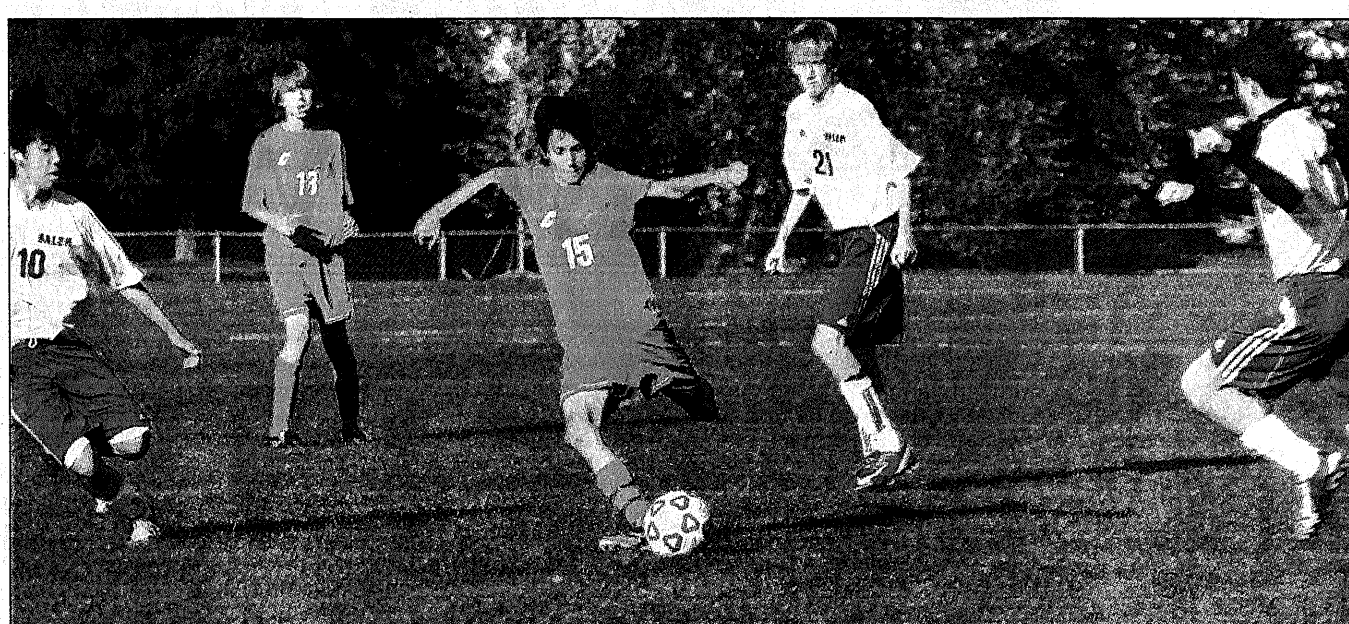
Cost is \$100 per skater per eight-week session. For more information, contact Learn to Skate director Theresa McKendry at [learntoskatearcticedge@yahoo.com](mailto:learntoskatearcticedge@yahoo.com).

**Sunday Night Mixers**

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

**Cool happenings**

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



**Frosh footwork**

It's good to know there are some promising players in the Plymouth-Canton soccer pipeline. On Sept. 30, the Salem and Canton freshman boys soccer teams got after it and played a high-spirited 1-1 tie. Both goals were scored on penalty kicks. Here, Canton's Jake Brekke (No. 15) dribbles between Salem defenders Ryan Chin (No. 10) and Kevin Williams (No. 21). In the background for Canton is Josh Joy (No. 18).

**Chiefs, Wildcats battle to 1-1 tie**

BY TIM SMITH  
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

**PREP BOYS SOCCER**

Sparks fly whenever two teams from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park compete against each other, and Thursday's varsity boys soccer matchup between Canton and Plymouth followed suit.

There was high-intensity and physical play all over the rain-slickened pitch, with plenty of sprawling blocks and hustle plays. When 80 tough minutes had been played, the KLAAs South Division squads finished in a 1-1 deadlock.

"It's not every day that they put three schools on one campus," said Canton head coach George Tomasso. "But then they put two of the schools in the same division, so there's going to be a lot of emotion, a lot of heart, a lot of hard work and energy."

It took what Tomasso described as "Lady Luck" to garner the tying goal with 33:07 remaining on a play that began with a direct kick.

Not by design, sophomore forward Mitch Posuniak booted a grounder into the wall of players lined up for the kick. The ball somehow bounced to where freshman midfielder Daniel Ovesea was and Ovesea made no mistake — ripping the rebound top shelf past Plymouth junior goalkeeper Kyle Brindza.

"Not to take anything away

from Danny Ovesea's finish, his shot was incredible," Tomasso said. "But we did have Lady Luck on our side to get the bounce our way."

**COMING CLOSE**

The Chiefs (9-7-2, 6-3-1 in the South) and Wildcats (10-6-2, 7-1-2) both had opportunities over the final 20 minutes to grab the victory.

Canton senior forward Jon Allen just missed converting on a crossing pass along the goal line with about 17 minutes left and shortly thereafter made a dangerous rush toward Brindza only to be cut off by senior defender Sam Maccani.

A couple minutes later, Canton senior forward Brandon Tolinski set up freshman midfielder Bobby Budlong, but his diving header barely missed the mark.

Plymouth senior forward Daniel Jasewicz and junior midfielder Andrew Yoder each sailed in-close tries over the Canton goal.

Then, with time running out, it took a sliding block by Chiefs' senior midfielder Matt Edwards to keep Wildcats' junior forward Nick Russ from breaking in on junior goalkeeper Brandon Laabs (who relieved senior Kai Walther at halftime). "We had a real strong first half, I thought we could have

done better in the second half," said Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich. "Even though we had a lot of scoring opportunities, we gave them too much space in the second half and they (Chiefs) came out fired up."

Neschich did praise his defense and gave kudos to Russ, who scored for the Wildcats at 20:01 of the first half.

On that tally, off a corner kick by senior forward Vin Nguyen, junior forward Derek Austin ripped a shot from in close that Walther got in front of.

But Russ was there to drive the rebound into the net. That was all the Wildcats could muster, however.

"We played great in the first half," Neschich said. "If we would have matched that in the second half I'd be a little happier."

"All in all, not bad, it was good intense soccer."

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Meanwhile, Tomasso said the late goal is a good sign as districts draw near.

"It's nice to see they can rally back from a goal down, not give up a goal and get one," said Tomasso, adding that the team's mindset is "not to give anybody an inch, you can't give them anything and if we are in an unfortunate situation being a goal down we know we can come back."

Both teams have conference and association crossover matches to deal with before districts, however.

On Monday, second-place Plymouth will square off against the Central Division runner-up (Salem); the Wildcats then will play either Walled Lake Northern or Brighton on Wednesday.

Third-place Canton also are slated for Monday and Wednesday contests. Tomasso said he wasn't yet sure of the opponents.

**Salem to finish 2nd**

After tying Novi 1-1 Thursday night, Salem's varsity boys soccer team will finish second in the KLAAs Central Division behind Northville.

The Rocks (10-4-4, 6-2-2) got on the board first against the Wildcats when Lachlan Savage scored, on an assist from Dan Martin. But Novi evened it up in the final 10 minutes.

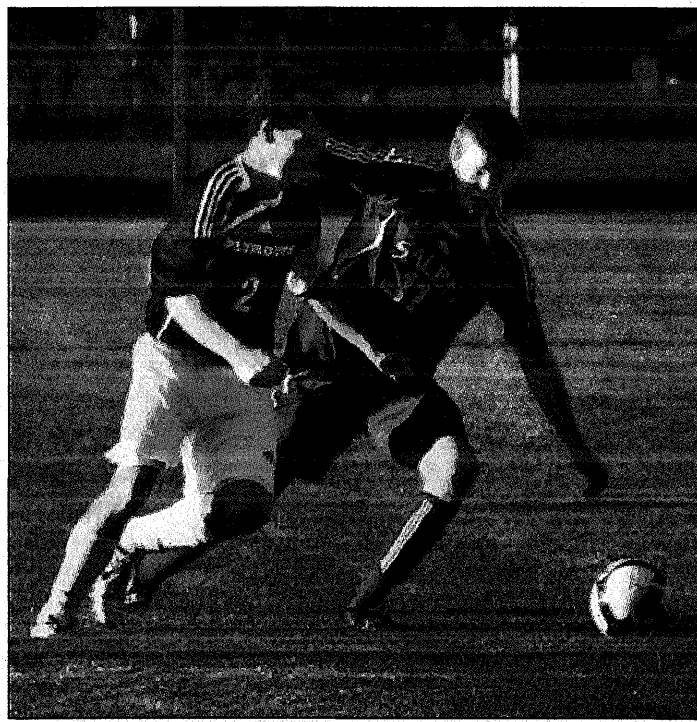
Salem Tuesday lost 1-0 to Livonia Stevenson on a wet and windy night. Marco Bernardini's header in the first half was the difference although Rocks' goalkeeper Sasa Miskovic played well with six saves.

Next for Salem is a conference crossover matchup 7 p.m. Monday against Plymouth.

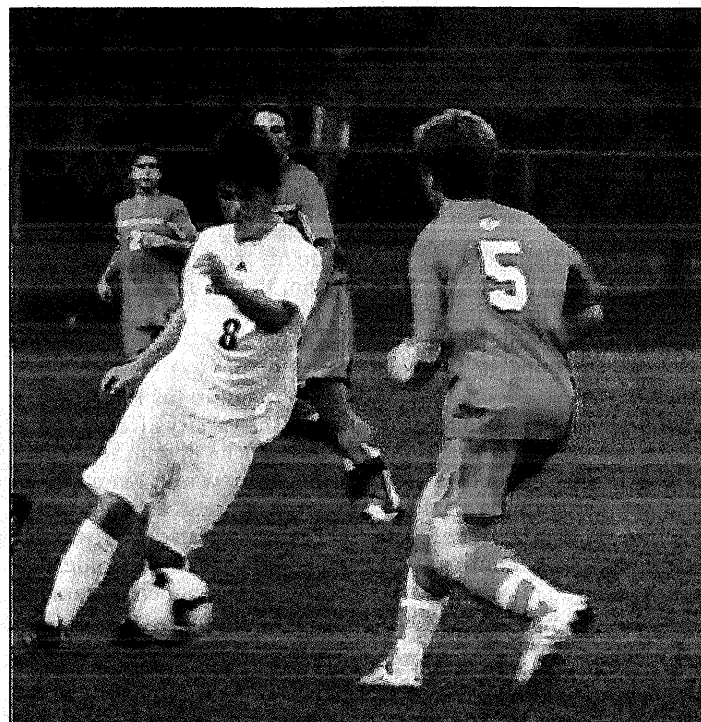
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The other half of the Yoder twin duo is Mitch Yoder (No. 2), shown during a game earlier this season against Salem. At right is Lachlan Savage of the Rocks.



Plymouth junior midfielder Andrew Yoder goes to work against an opponent earlier this season.

**YODERS**

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cer shuttle service to practices and matches.

"I've probably watched hundreds of soccer games, between high school and travel soccer," Carole said. "And though I still don't understand all of the rules, I love watching them play."

"And I love the fact that they play so well together, without trash talking or egos or comparisons."

The twins acknowledge their parents have had no small role in their soccer careers.

"They've been very supportive, even though we've been on different teams so they've had to drive to a lot of practices and games," Mitch said. "It's very good to have them support us and be behind us

so we can still have fun in soccer."

Andrew and Mitch still are having a lot of fun on the pitch.

"If we make a play, if I make a play to him and he hits it in," Mitch said, "they say we have the 'Twin Connection' or whatever."

That kind of ribbing is no big deal. "I'm fine with it; I think it's funny," Andrew said.

**DON'T LAUGH**

But the longstanding family devotion to soccer is far from a laughing matter.

Both were little kids when they were signed up for recreational soccer in Canton.

They kept improving and dedicating themselves to the sport during formative years in Canton Soccer Club (beginning U9 for Andrew and U11 for Mitch) and middle school. There was no letup when high

school life beckoned them.

In fact, both kept up their homework and are maintaining excellent grades while being team leaders, Carole said.

"They've learned time management and to make sure they always have time for homework," she said, "even with practice every day."

Yet when hanging out at home, the twins and older brother Evan gravitate to soccer as the thing to talk about or get immersed in.

"We watched a bunch of soccer games like the World Cup, when that was on USA (Network) a lot," Mitch said.

The soccer-is-life environment also spills over to their dad, who has played over-40 travel soccer.

"So everyone in the family plays, except me," Carole said. "I'm the cheerleader."

**MORE TO COME**

Both Andrew and Mitch are optimistic the 2009 Wildcats will have a strong tourney showing and have high hopes that their senior season will be a great one.

After that, the twins have disparate views on the role soccer will play in their college lives.

Andrew will look to find a college soccer team to keep going, while Mitch will walk away from the sport — to a certain degree. He'll probably play some intramural soccer.

"College soccer is too intense," Mitch said. "I think I'm just going to focus on school."

That's two years away, more than enough time for the Yoders to still carry the Plymouth Wildcats soccer torch while their parents cheer them on.

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Appropriately enough on 'Homecoming/Senior Night' at Salem, Rocks' senior Alex King (No. 82) lays a big hit on South Lyon running back Justin Tollinski.

## ROCKS

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### NIGHT CAPPER

Salem first-year head coach Kurt Britnell also was beaming because the Rocks (2-5, 2-4) surpassed last season's one-victory total with two games to go. Both wins were shutouts.

"It was bad weather and we had one win going into tonight," Britnell said. "But our kids are working and it was something to play for."

"It was huge, it was their night and it was good way to cap it off by getting win number two."

About the running of Houston, the coach said, "He's gotten better at learning how to read plays, where he's supposed to go and find the creases."

But Britnell gave a lot of credit to the work his offensive line did, namely seniors AJ Smith, Dana Baltazar, Ed Merhi and Blake Abbey, among others.

"Our big boys up front, they're the reason why he got what he got so it was definitely a team effort," Britnell said. "And the defense played great, so it was a great team win."

The sound of raindrops bouncing off umbrellas in the stands wasn't the only noise heard during the game. There was the pad-cracking tackling of senior linebacker Austin Root and junior linebacker Ethan Walsh.

"They're just all over the place," Britnell said.

### ONLY DOWNER

If there was a negative to the evening, it was a spate of unnecessary penalties during the fourth quarter that kept the Lions moving down the field instead of punting.

But South Lyon (1-6, 1-4) could not punch it into the end zone after taking it down to Salem's 12.

"I talked to them after the game," Britnell said. "It was a great win, but I was disappointed to see that, the lack of composure. You have to win with class, lose with class no matter what the case may be. But they'll learn from it."

Salem got on the scoreboard with 4:59 to go in the first half with what proved to be the winning TD.

A 35-yard end-around by Houston and an 11-yard completion from senior quarterback Jake Peterson to junior Brad Trublowksi moved the ball inside the 5 and Peterson's sneak from 1 yard out did the job.

Booting the extra point was Walsh, who also boomed a third-quarter punt that traveled a total of 80 yards (some of it on a favorable bounce).

The Rocks tacked on another score with 1:20 to go in the game. Houston gained 21 and 34 yards on two of the carries and senior Kyle Middleditch finished the job with a 7-yard TD run.

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## Wildcats pass acid test, thump Pats

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After getting kicked in the stomach by a bizarre final play the previous week against Westland John Glenn, Week 7 was gut check time for Plymouth's varsity football team.

And on a rainy, windy Friday night at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's junior varsity field, the Wildcats answered the call with a convincing 31-8 victory over K.L.A.A. South Division rival Livonia Franklin. The win gave Plymouth a record of 5-2 overall (one shy of qualifying for the playoffs) and 3-2 in the division.

"Absolutely it was," said Sawchuk about how the Franklin game would be an opportunity to measure his team's resilience. "You never know how the kids are going to respond until you get to practice on Monday."

"We had the best practices of the year from Monday-through-Thursday and I can't tell you how proud I am of those kids. That was a tough one to take last week."

Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert said the way his team (3-4, 2-3) played early on in a key conference matchup was inexplicable. It was 21-2 at one point during the second quarter.

"It was the most miserable day of my life," Kelbert said. "For an important game we did not come out of the chute the way we should have. I wish I knew (why)."

Kelbert said the rain didn't impact the Patriots, who actually outgained the Wildcats 260-204. "They played on it and they were just fine."

But the kicking of Plymouth junior Kyle Brindza didn't help.

According to Kelbert, his offense had to start a number of drives inside their own 20-yard line. "We didn't have very good field position."

Senior Tyler Grosh set the tone in the first quarter with a 60-yard punt return touchdown.

The Patriots got on the scoreboard in the second stanza on a safety. A snap to Brindza sailed over his head and through the end zone.

But the Wildcats bounced back with rushing touchdowns of five and 23 yards, respectively, from junior quarterback Victor Hicks and sophomore tailback Donte Fox.

Franklin sliced the lead to 21-8 just before the intermission on a two-yard TD plunge from senior running back Mike Baumgardner.

Plymouth tacked on some insurance points in the second half. Brindza connected on a 34-yard field goal in the third and Fox — who garnered 121 yards in just nine carries — scored on an 80-yard touchdown run where he broke up the middle and outraced the coverage down the right sideline.

"With our offense the way it's spread out more, we found a couple seams and scored some touchdowns," said Sawchuk, whose team will host Novi next Friday in a K.L.A.A. crossover.

Leading the Patriots with over 100 yards rushing was senior tailback Chris Vantuyll.

Sawchuk, meanwhile, served up praise to an assistant on his staff (freshman offensive coordinator Leo Souldourian) for his work in getting the grass field ready for the game.

Despite the week-long rains, the plush surface held up well with minimal mud, Sawchuk said.

### Canton unplugs Chargers

The rushing stats told the whole story Friday night as unbeaten Canton rolled to a 42-7 K.L.A.A. South Division triumph at Livonia Churchill.

The state-ranked Chiefs racked up 440 yards on the ground on 47 attempts to improve to 7-0 overall and 5-0 in the K.L.A.A. South.

Canton will face K.L.A.A. Central Division champion Livonia Stevenson (5-2, 5-0) for the Kensington Conference crown 7 p.m. Friday at home.

Adam Payter led the way with a game-high 258 yards and three touchdowns on only nine carries. He scored on runs of 53, 56 and 57 yards as the Chiefs raced out to a 27-0 first-quarter advantage.

Davion Stackhouse added two TDs on runs of 1 and 16 yards. He finished with 98 yards rushing on 17 attempts.

Meanwhile, Canton quarterback Kevin Delapaz, who was 2-of-4 passing, added a 20-yard TD toss to Arron Boudreaux in the final period.

Churchill (1-6, 0-5) tallied its lone touchdown in the second quarter when Steven Klisz hit Dean Bokuniewicz on a 16-yard pass.

Klisz was 11-of-17 passing for 145 yards. Devonte Woods had five receptions for 53 yards, while Bokuniewicz added four catches for 44 yards.

Tony Frezzell was Churchill's top rusher with 44 yards on 10 carries.

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# VOLLEYBALL

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I with 14 service points from Anna Larner is a great way to start a match, and that's what happened Thursday.

"John Glenn came out a lot stronger in the second game to give us a run for our money," Kryska said. "But we came out on top and we again served well in the third game."

Other top players for the Chiefs included Lauren Macuga (16 digs), Traci Breitmeyer (17 assists) and Alaina Turner (6 kills, 2 blocks, 2 aces).

## Wildcats spike Wayne

With spot-on serving, host Plymouth registered a 3-0 victory Thursday night against WLA South opponent Wayne Memorial. The Wildcats won by scores of 25-14, 26-24 and 25-13 to improve to 17-6-1 overall and 4-2 in the division.

Mariah Tesarz (22 digs), Dani Risi (13 kills), Katie Salo (22 assists) and Kelly Smoltz (4 blocks, 4 kills) all were perfect in the serving department, making it that much harder for the Zebras to get in sync.

"One of our focuses for this evening was to serve 100 percent and react to every ball defensively," Plymouth head coach Kelly McCausland said. "Wayne is a much improved team, and I would like to give them credit for almost taking a set from us."

McCausland added that after a sluggish effort Tuesday against Livonia Churchill, her team played much more inspired volleyball. "We were able to work the dig to kill combo tonight."

A sparkplug for Plymouth was sophomore Jessica Scott, who stepped in as setter for several rotations and chipped in with four blocks along with 5-for-7 in the assists department.

# Franklin sophomore strikes it rich with 300 game

Drums sometimes really do come true.

That was just how it went for Bryan Anderson, 15, of Livonia as he delivered his first 300 game in league play

last Saturday at Woodland Lanes on Plymouth Road.

His parents, Sue and Duane Anderson, were equally excited as they both are avid bowlers. They got Bryan started bowling at age

Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

four in bumper bowling and now he competes in the Woodland Rangers Juniors league on Saturdays. His league is the United States Bowling Congress Certified and Bryan will receive the appropriate award.

Bryan credits the youth coaches — Charles Cain and Kurt Suokaf — for helping him with the fundamentals of the game.

"I was a little nervous in the 10th frame," Anderson said. "Every shot was right in the

pocket except for one lucky Brooklyn hit. His previous high mark was 279 and he averaged 165 last year in league play and the average is climbing higher yet."

He is a 10th-grader at Franklin High and a well-rounded young man, carrying a 3.5 grade point average and on the school soccer team

His first love is bowling and he has even put in an application to serve on the Metro Detroit USBC Youth Committee. Congratulations to Bryan Anderson, let's hope this one was the first of many more in the future.

• Did you know that the Manooagian Mansion in Detroit has a bowling alley? I did not know that until all of the Detroit mayoral fallout took place recently and the fate of the building was up for discussion. I wonder now if former Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and family were availing themselves of that facility. Wouldn't it be nice to have a lane or two in your basement?

• Welcome back, Ray Buchalter. His job required him to relocate

to Minnesota last year, but now he is back here and his old spot on the team was still open, so he fit right back in with the Sunday Morning Goodtimers at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills.

The league also observed a moment of silence for the recently deceased former member and league officer Mort Silverman, who passed away in August.

• Roger Phillipi has been selected to receive the Judge John D. Watts Award from the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame committee. Roger is a most deserving individual for all that he has accomplished in the promotion of bowling in the Detroit area. He also is the person who led the fight against adding the Michigan sales tax to bowling, and every proprietor, manager and bowler can appreciate what he did for all of us in regard to that victory.

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# Salem spikers win another

Salem continued to play strong volleyball Thursday night with a 3-0 match triumph over host South Lyon East.

The KLAAs crossover match rarely was in doubt for the Rocks, who came away with wins of 25-11, 25-20 and 25-17.

"Overall it was a great night," said Salem head coach Amanda Suder. "I got to mix it up a lot and have Kerry (MacDonald) hitting and Mary (Ganich) set. It was nice, everyone got to play and had fun."

MacDonald tallied 25 service points along with four aces, and Ganich chipped in with 12 assists and five defensive digs.

Other top contributors for Salem included Nicole Merget (11 kills), Jillian Sommerville (10 kills) and Lauren Aschermann (15 digs).

# Canton tankers excel

With several Canton girls swimmers qualifying for the state meet Thursday, the Chiefs nipped Plymouth 97-88 in a KLAAs South Division dual meet.

Canton coach Ed Weber said his team "swam very well" against the Wildcats, paced by Catie Irwin and Christine Pray in the 500 free (new MISCA cut) and Caitlyn Orr in the 100 back (new MISCA cut).

Other bests were registered by Kayla Eyster (200 free), Kaitlyn Dugas (100 fly) and the trio of Sara Krebs, Kelly Bedro and Abby Madison in the 100 breast. Weber added that the victorious 400 freestyle team of Kami Schmitt, Eyster, Delaney Adams and Krebs scored a season's best with a time of 3:53.07 seconds.

The Chiefs (5-1, 4-0) and Salem will square off 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, at Canton.

# Ocelots clip Delta, 2-1, earn national ranking

The Schoolcraft College men's soccer team has cracked the NJCAA Division I rankings for the first time this season moving up to the No. 11 spot in the national poll.

On Wednesday, the Ocelots improved to 8-1-1 overall and 5-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association with a 2-1 victory at home over Delta CC.

Chris Long (Livonia Stevenson) scored for Schoolcraft in the 15th minute off an assist from Jordan Ford.

Gavin Kelly made it 2-0 with a goal in the 60th minute as Long drew the assist.

But Delta answered with a goal in the 85th minute off Schoolcraft goalkeeper Adrian Motta (Livonia Churchill), who came on for starter Ian McDonald-Wilkins in the 80th minute.

"Delta scored to make things a little nervous, but our guys came through," Schoolcraft assistant coach Eric Scott said. "We played the game without some key guys due to injury, but the boys picked up nicely to get a tough conference win in conditions that were not ideal with heavy winds."

The loss drops Delta to 5-5-1 overall and 1-5 in the MCCA.

**AQUINAS 1, MADONNA 0:** In a physical, hard-fought match that featured eight yellow cards handed out Wednesday, Aquinas College (8-3, 5-2) came away with the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win Wednesday over Madonna University (1-6-2, 1-4-1) in a match played at Northville Community Park No. 1.

The match's only goal came in the 37th minute when the Saints' Brian Himes used a header to finish off a Jeeo Pantjoo pass that snuck inside the right post for a 1-0 lead.

Senior goalkeeper Steve Besk (Northville) made two stops for the Crusaders while Jesse Guevara-Lehker stopped four MU shots for the Saints.

## BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

### KLAAs KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Oct. 5 at Novi Middle School  
 Oct. 6 at Farmington Racquet Club  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Northville, 29 points; 2. Novi, 28; 3. Plymouth, 14; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 13; 5. Salem, 11; 6. South Lyon East, 10; 7. Canton, 8; 8. Livonia Franklin, 7; 9. South Lyon, 5; 10. Livonia Churchill, 4; 11. Westland John Glenn, 2; 12. Wayne Memorial, 0.

### CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT RESULTS

**No. 1 singles:** Kevin Renehan (SLE) defeated Melvin Joseph (N'ville), 6-4 (retired-cramps); **semifinals:** Renehan def. Stephen Payne (LF), 6-1, 6-4; Joseph def. Aaron Zhang (PLY), 6-7, 6-1, 6-0.

**No. 2:** Walter Woods (LF) def. Tim Wasielewski (N'ville), 6-3, 6-3; **semifinals:** Woods def. Peter Zhang (Novi), 6-3, 6-1; Wasielewski def. Matt Dwan (PLY), 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

**No. 3:** Steve Irvine (N'ville) def. Pavan Rao (Novi), 6-0, 6-1; **semifinals:** Irvine def. Andy Mitchell (PLY), 6-3, 6-1; Rao def. Chris Kyanika (SLE), 6-2, 6-4.  
**No. 4:** Nick Kalweit (N'ville) def. Alex Brizard (Novi), 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; **semifinals:** Kalweit def. Pat Bailey (PLY), 6-3, 6-1; Brizard def. Vince Sabatini (LS), 6-2, 6-4.

**No. 1 doubles:** Nathan Farooq-Greg Richard (Novi) def. Evan Gatz-Anthony Rossi (N'ville), 6-0, 6-2; **semifinals:** Farooq-Richard def. Josh York-Paul Franchina (LS), 6-3, 6-0; Gatz-Rossi def. Brock Foster-Josh Perrin (Salem), 6-2, 6-4.

**No. 2:** Jason Carless-Kyle McGuire (Novi) def. Albert Chen-Bryce Groshek (N'ville), 7-5, 7-5; **semifinals:** Carless-McGuire def. Kirk Willette-Andrew Tidwell (Canton), 6-0, 6-0; Chen-Groshek def. Drew Leist-Ian Fleming (PLY), 6-3, 6-4.

**No. 3:** Chaitanga Kanikar-Vishnu Venugopal (Novi) def. Matt Satterfield-Phil Lee (N'ville), 6-2, 7-5; **semifinals:** Kanikar-Venugopal def. Josh Heinze-Hank Eckhardt (PLY), 6-0, 6-3; Satterfield-Lee def. Marcus McConathney-Kaeman Holman Rayos (LS), 6-2, 6-1.

**No. 4:** Bill Bell-Andrew Cho (Novi) def. Jordan Blough-Alex Hsu (N'ville), 6-3, 6-2; **semifinals:** Bell-Cho def. Zenik Pelek-Greg Selevski (Salem), 6-0, 6-2; Blough-Hsu def. Kartik Bhatt-Austin Payne (Canton), 7-6 (7-5), 6-3.

**No. 5:** Ani Ravi-Zhao Wang (Novi) def. Austin Weaver-Rahul Raj (N'ville), 6-3, 7-6 (7-2); **semifinals:** Ravi-Wang def. Luke Freeman-Ashwin Kumar (Canton), 6-0, 6-2; Weaver-Raj def. Sean Wallace-Jacob Ratliff (LS), 6-0, 6-1.

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# NEIGHBORS

## Foundation chair values community service, family

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Joyce Pappas knows a gem when she sees one.

"I get to look at diamonds all the time," said Pappas, sales manager of Orin Jewelers in Garden City, a family business founded by her father.

"This diamond I'm wearing was my mother's," she added, fingering the sparkling stone on her necklace. "They were raising four children and didn't have a lot of money, but I can remember her paying a little bit whenever she had the money."

Her eye for detecting rare finds goes beyond the gemologist loop. She also discovers gems in the people she meets and the institutions she supports. Garden City Hospital is among her favorites.

"I've been at the hospital as a volunteer 16 years," said Pappas, who has chaired its foundation for the past six years. "I've been on the hospital board nine years. I'm involved in the hospital because I just really believe in it."

"I think it provides a great service to the community. We've had family members that used the hospital and they always got excellent service. The people who work there are very caring and they do an excellent job."

She'll be on hand at the foundation's 18th annual fall fund-raiser, "Out of this World," an intergalactic theme gala, 6:30-11 p.m., Friday, Oct. 23, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Money raised from the \$75 per ticket event, which includes music, silent auction and a strolling buffet, will refurbish the hospital's old surgery center into endoscopy



Joyce Pappas chairs the Garden City Hospital Foundation.

suites.

In addition to the annual fall gala, the foundation sponsors a spring fund-raising campaign called "Partners in Health," a golf outing in June and handles major gifts and annual giving.

### RELYING ON DONORS

"With health care today, with so many people not having health care, every hospital — and Garden City is no exception — renders services that aren't paid. It's costly. Every hospital is facing challenging times, but a fund-raising arm, a foundation, can help to do so many things to support the hospital. Philanthropy today is where it's at as far as survival for so many institutions."

Pappas, who grew up in Garden City and still lives in her hometown with her husband, Perry, learned about philanthropy while

still a teen-ager. She, her three siblings and their parents lived above the family jewelry store on Ford Road and Middlebelt. The family worked the store together, and Orin Sr. taught his children important lessons about giving back to community.

"Much was expected of us," Pappas recalled. "We were always involved in something, whether it was a function of the Chamber of Commerce...or we always had floats in the parade. It was a great town to grow up in. Everybody knew each other and there was a lot of community activity here."

She was secretary of her senior class at Garden City High, involved in plays and active at the store.

LEARNING FROM FAMILY

Pappas said family life was important and that she feels privileged to have grown up in a household with "great parents and great role models."

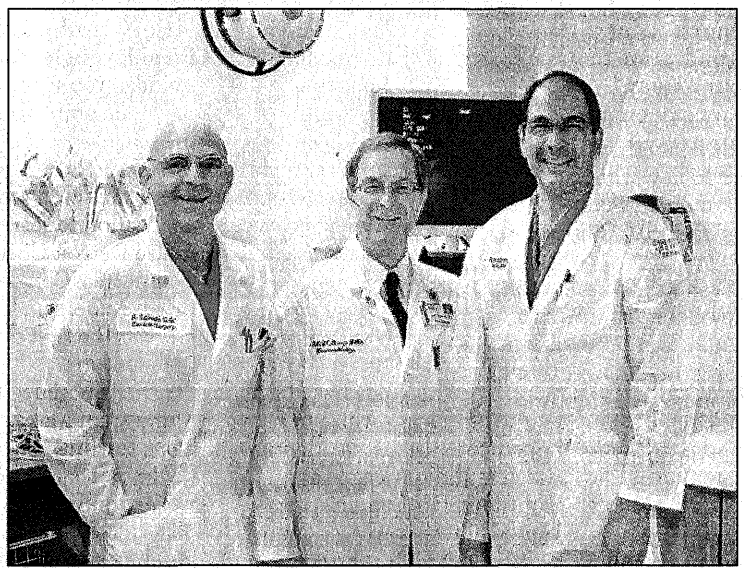
After high school graduation she worked for the city and then took classes to become a bridal consultant, followed by a course through the Gemological Institute of America, where she earned certification as a registered jeweler.

Now she balances both her foundation work and family business.

"I enjoy what I do. I enjoy being productive and being with people."

She hopes the upcoming fund-raiser will draw people from Garden City and surrounding communities to support the hospital while having "a marvelous time."

"We want to make it affordable for everyone. It's an enjoyable evening. The decorations are phenomenal. When you walk in there, it's pretty amazing."



Richard C. Spinale, (left) D.O., surgery; Joseph G. D'Avanzo, D.O., gastroenterology; Louis C. Tegtmeier, D.O., surgery, are looking forward to new endoscopy suites at Garden City Hospital.

## Aliens, astronauts will send gala 'Out of this World'

With \$65,000 in sponsorships for its upcoming fall fund-raiser, Garden City Hospital Foundation is well on its way to generating the money needed for new endoscopy suites.

"We've been doing very well. I've been very happy with it," said Judy Wernette, Resource Development Associate, Garden City Hospital Foundation.

Last year's fall fund-raiser took in \$139,000 before expenses. Organizers of this year's gala, called "Out of this World," because of its intergalactic theme, hope to make a big dent in the \$130,366 the hospital needs to pay for new endoscopy suites.

"The third floor was where surgery was, so what we're doing is moving endoscopy suites into some of the old surgery rooms," Wernette said.

"There will be six of them. Part of it is installing a new patient restroom. They'll install new scope washing equipment inside the rooms."

The suites will gain more room and more privacy in their new location. Outpatient infusion services will move to the former endoscopy department after the new suites are built.

The fund-raiser for the endoscopy suites will run 6:30-11 p.m., Friday, Oct. 23, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

"It's a spectacular event," Wernette said. "We have a great band, fabulous decorations, a silent auction."

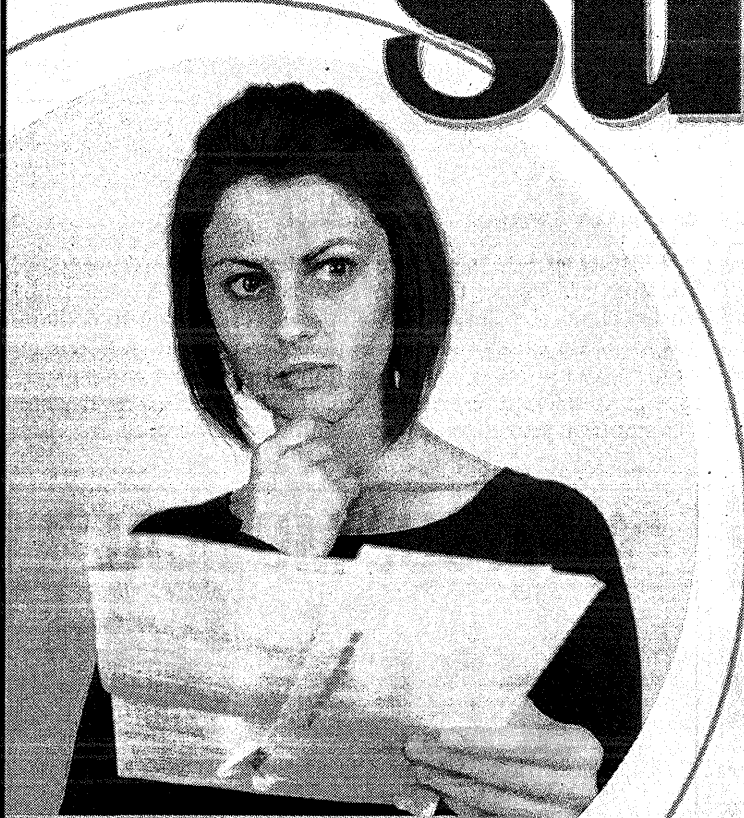
Guests will be able to bid on 75 items and buy raffle tickets for extensive gift baskets. Costumes in keeping with the theme are encouraged, but not required. T-shirts with the Out of this World theme also will be available.

Wernette said the gala is known for its decorations.

"One year they did 'Under the Sea,' so you walked in and were on land, and it progressed to the beach and then the main room was like walking under water. Last year we had a M.A.S.H. theme," she said. "I'm looking forward to seeing it this year."

Tickets are \$75 per person. Reserve by Friday, Oct. 16, by sending payment — payable to Garden City Hospital Foundation — name, address, and phone number to Garden City Hospital Foundation, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City, MI 48135

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# Italian flag flies at Livonia City Hall

BY SHARON DARGAY  
OGE STAFF WRITER

Mary Galasso's not Italian, but she stood under the flagpole at Livonia City Hall last week and proudly sang out *Inno di Mameli*, also known as *Fratelli d'Italia* — the Italian National Anthem — while the red, green and white was hoisted overhead.

"We're very proud to have that fly," said Galasso, the first woman and non-Italian to head the Italian American Club of Livonia.

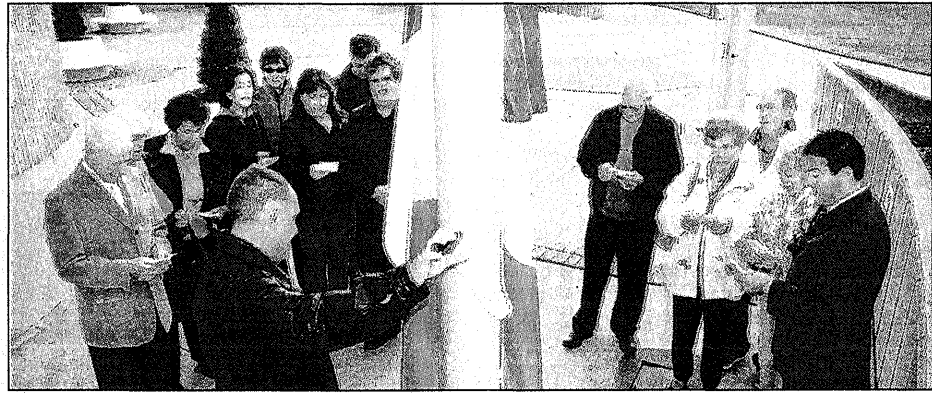
The flag raising is an annual event for the club, which also celebrates its 32nd birthday today, Sunday, Oct. 11 with dinner at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Although Columbus Day is Monday, the club held the flag ceremony on Oct 5, giving it a full week to fly. It will come down after the holiday.

The group also gives scholarships to college-bound students on Columbus Day and will honor its outstanding man of the year, Joseph Bernardini of Livonia Travel.

"I love the Italian culture. They are so family-oriented," Galasso said, explaining that her husband is from Italy. "My heart is Italian."

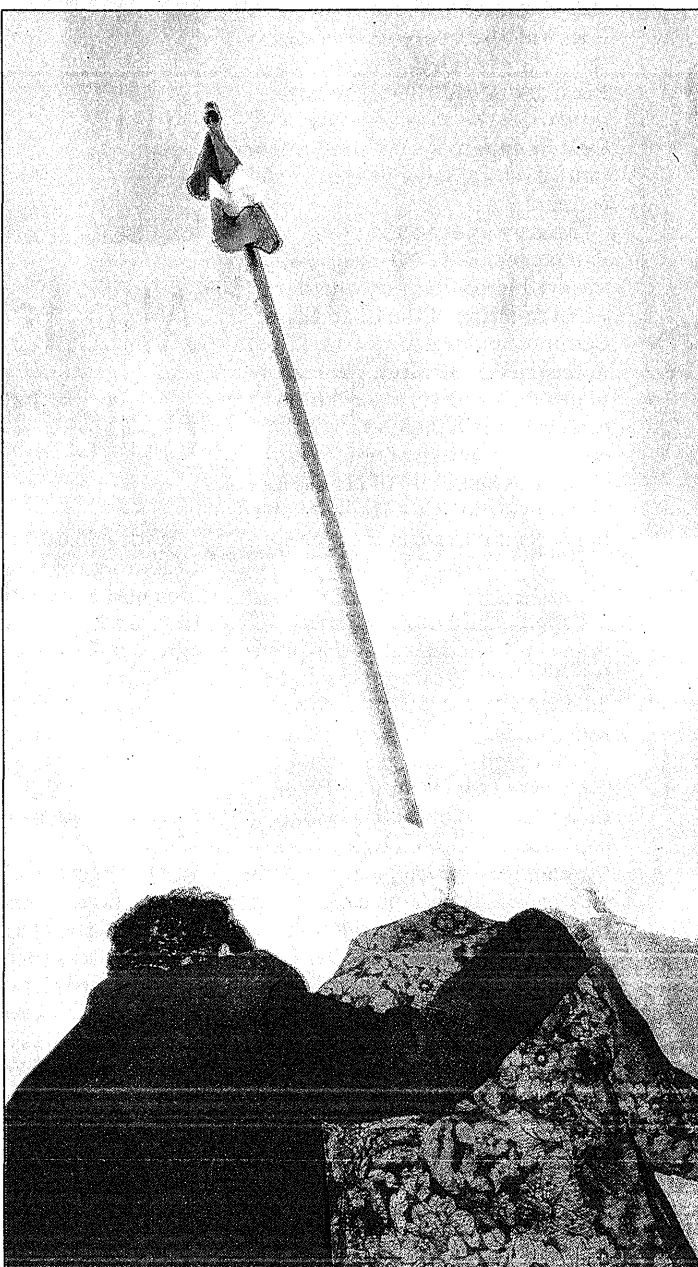
Prospective new club members must have "Italian blood" or a spouse with Italian heritage, according to Galasso. Members may socialize in the clubhouse, play cards, bocce, attend Thursday night pasta dinners, and more. The banquet hall at the facility, the Italian language classes and other events, such as the birthday celebration are open to the public.

"We're up to 889 families," Galasso said. For more information about the club call (734) 953-1137.



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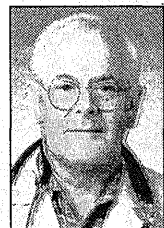
Members of the Livonia Italian-American Club gather at Livonia City Hall to raise the flag of Italy. The flag is flying through Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 12. Club members present for the flag raising and singing of the national anthem of Italy are: club President Mary Galasso, Mario Galasso, Vito Guarano, Diane and Carl Catallo, Carmela Sgroi, Tony Stanta, Fran and Hurley Fields, Bea King, Angela Centi, Mary Panackia, and Joseph Bernardini. They are joined by Livonia City Council President Laura Toy and Mayor Jack Kirksey.



The flag is raised early Monday morning.

# Is your dryer vent line clean?

I recently met with a father and two sons who started a new business and demonstrated a lot of courage in doing so. Ron Reiher with sons Tim and Jonathan are going to clean the vent lines on clothes dryers in American homes.



Appliance Doctor  
Joe Gagnon

I spent an hour in conversation with these three guys and I could feel the compassion they have for homeowners who don't seem to know any better. They told me stories and showed me pictures of plugged up vent lines they have already cleaned and it is absolutely amazing how these homes didn't burst into flames. They not only clean the vent lines but will straighten out improper hook-ups to make living in the home safe again. The story and picture that really caught my attention was the closet in a little girl's bedroom that contained the washer, dryer and the gas hot water heater. Not only was there gas lines all over the place, the dryer vent line was installed into the vent line for the hot water heater. This scenario could easily have introduced carbon monoxide into that kid's room and taken her life. There is no doubt in my mind that these three entrepreneurs will do more than just clean dryer vent lines. They will save several lives in the months ahead.

Any service technician in this country who repairs clothes dryers can tell you hundreds of stories about dryer vent lines being plugged up and the consequences. My wife's friend Patti recently had my son Mark over to fix her dryer which was taking too long to dry the clothes. He removed the lint that filled the vent line and then showed her the pile of lint inside the dryer which was all charred because it had caught fire in recent days. Patti was very fortunate

that the fire went out by itself or today she might have been a memory to our family.

## PREVENTABLE TRAGEDIES

I have spent the past 30 years writing, talking, and preaching about the importance of keeping the dryer vent line clean and yet the service industry reports that over 85 percent of service calls are caused by plugged vent lines. It's important to me that you don't have to spend money for a service call but much more important that you don't burn the house down and have someone perish in a house fire that was so preventable. October is fire prevention month in this country and fire departments will do their share of educating. They are the front line heroes who can really tell you the tragedy of what happens when a dryer vent line is plugged up.

The recent house explosion in St. Clair Shores is still being investigated for cause. The senior citizen who lived there has passed away and the statement she made before she died from the burns suffered has a profound message. "The last thing I remember is turning the dryer on."

## DANGEROUS FUMES

Ron Reiher was telling me of the lady whose vent line came apart and kept blowing back into the house the carbon monoxide that's supposed to go outside. She couldn't understand why she was always suffering headaches and nausea until the problem was fixed.

Cleaning the vent line is critical not only to your health but also to the proper operation of your clothes dryer. It's not hard to do.

Look at it and common sense will take over but if it's something you don't want to tackle, you know that there is someone out there who will do it for you. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to [appldr@twmi.rr.com](mailto:appldr@twmi.rr.com)

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The liver and kidneys normally lose a portion of their reserve as we grow older. Individuals born before 1950 had a greater exposure to lung conditions such as tuberculosis or histoplasmosis. Arthritic drugs such as Enbrel, Humera, or Remicad carry a risk of activating past tuberculosis that may be residing in the lungs for years in a latent manner. Physicians have insufficient experience with new arthritic drugs such as Orelia or Rituxan to use these medication with confidence in patients older than age 65.

Also, a number of muscle and bone pains in the elderly are difficult for physicians to explain. The doctor needs time to observe how the pain evolves and from the pattern of pain eventually make a diagnosis that permits reasonable treatment.

In many cases what the physician does is to provide the patient with pain relief. These decisions can be difficult, as too little relief continues the patient's distress and too much pain medication leads to the danger of falls, urinary retention or loss of appetite.

Often the best medical advice is to direct the patient to exercise patience, continue activity as much as possible, use analgesia sparingly, and let time and nature heal the hurt or bring out the cause.

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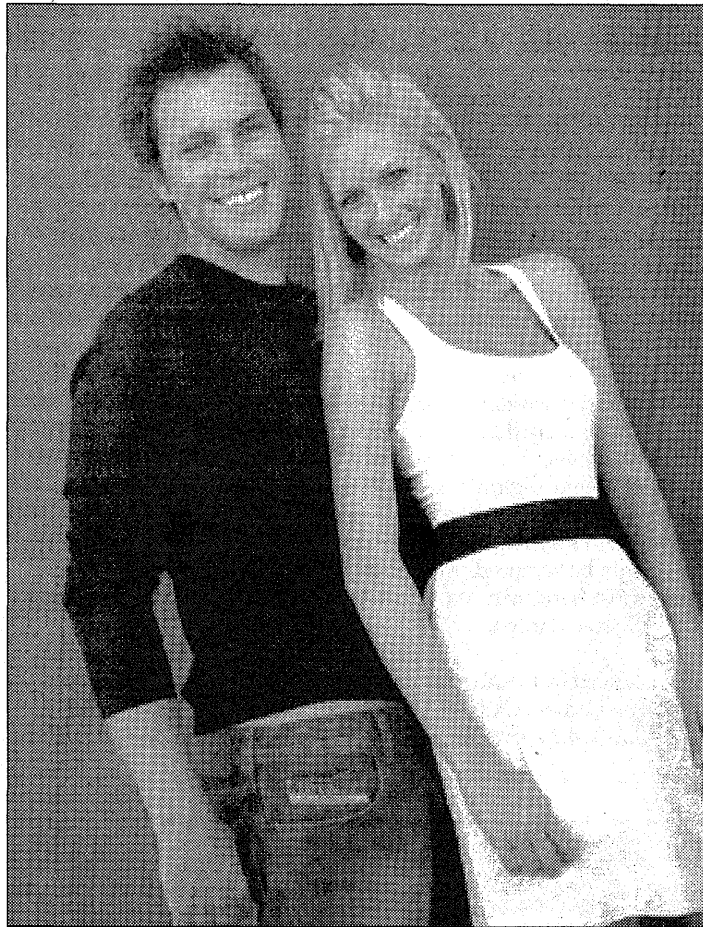
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MILESTONES



**Caleca-Schroeter**

Cheryl and Joe Caleca of Fenton and Pete and Kathy Schroeter of Plymouth are pleased to announce the engagement of their children Liana Caleca and Joe Schroeter.

The bride-to-be graduated from Powers Catholic High School and the groom from University of Detroit Jesuit High School. They are both graduates of Michigan State University and now make their home in San Diego, Calif., where Liana is a pharmaceutical sales representative and Joe is in sales in the biotechnology industry.

A July 2010 wedding is planned in Plymouth.

**Gregory-Koch**

Amanda Koch and Jason Gregory were married June 26, 2009 at Waldenwoods Resort in Hartland. Rocco and Nina Messana officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Susan Koch of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Ralph Gregory of Westland and Josephine Kujawa of Gaylord.

Amanda is a 2001 Plymouth Salem High School graduate and a 2006 Eastern Michigan University graduate. She is a language arts teacher at Crescent Academy.

Jason graduated from Plymouth Canton High School in 1991 and from Appalachian State in 2009. He is a music therapist for Variety Far Conservatory.

Lisa Drumm, sister of the bride, served as Matron of Honor and Ryan Koch, brother of the bride, was Man of Honor.

Best Man was Mike Stankiewicz, brother-in-law of the groom.

Bridesmaids were Cara Ciaglo, Michelle St. John, Kate Maples and Karen Holmes, all friends of the bride.



The flower children were Anna Drumm, niece of the bride, and Rowan Drumm and Lucas Drumm, nephews of the bride.

Groomswoman was Carole Dean, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were friends of the groom Glen Wiseman, David Fedorko and Jeffrey St. John, and brother-in-law of the groom, Kevin Graham.

Ring bearers were Adam Stankiewicz, nephew of the groom and Kara Stankiewicz, niece of the groom.

Nephews of the groom, Owen Graham and Logan Graham, served as bell ringers.

After a reception at Waldenwoods Resort, the couple took a honeymoon trip to Cape Cod, Mass.

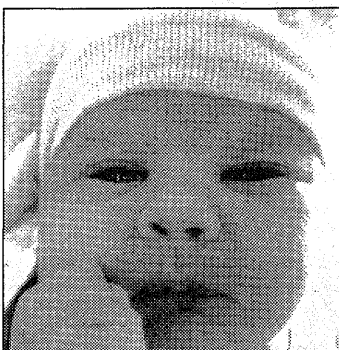
They reside in Dearborn Heights.

**Brooke Rylee Frederick**

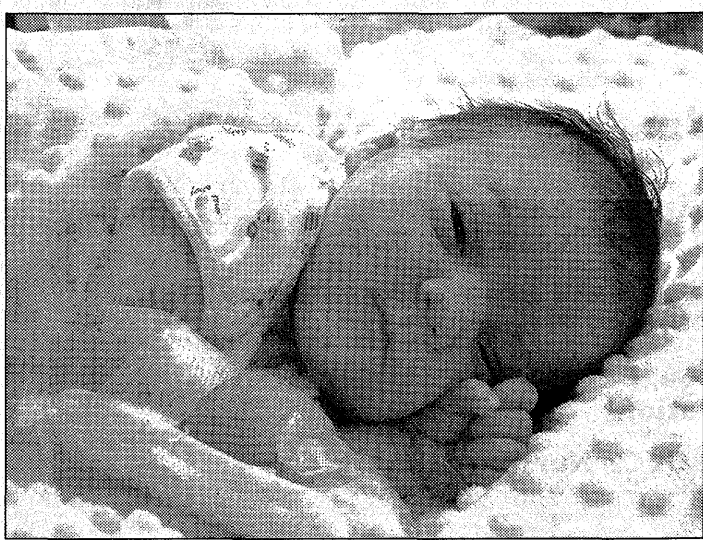
Brooke Rylee Frederick was born June 26, 2009 in Providence Park Hospital, Novi.

She joins proud parents, Amy and Anthony Frederick and siblings, Hunter, 4, and Gavin, 3, at home in Livonia.

Grandparents are Edmund and Lynda Mohacsi of Livonia, Ronald Frederick of Harrison, and Sandra Malone of Bonita Springs, Fla. Great-grand-



mother is Rita Frederick of Harrison.



**Ryleigh Mae Dunn**

Ryleigh Mae Dunn was born Sept. 29, 2009 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor

Proud parents are Brandi Pietruszka and Chad Dunn of Westland.

Grandparents are Ross and Tonya Pietruszka and Keith and Lisa Dunn, all of Westland. Great-grandparents are Carol Hall of Louisville, Ky., Dale and Jean Hall of Bridgewater and Esther and Bob Hanadel of Wayne.

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**PEGGY E. CLOUGH**

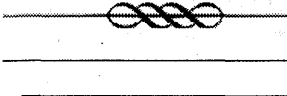
Passed away on October 6, 2009, at the age of 84. She was born in Southampton, England and was a career accountant. Peggy was an avid football fan and remembers the Lions last championship season. She also enjoyed growing orchids. She is survived by her husband Richard and children Robert Clough and Joanne (Nathan) Atkinson. Grandmother of Nicole Marble and Felicia Atkinson and one great-grandson Austin. Visitation and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth on Saturday. Share your special thoughts and memories at: [www.schrader-howell.com](http://www.schrader-howell.com)



**MARILYN J. KANAKIS (KNACK)**

May 23, 1929-  
September 13, 2009

of emphysema (COPD). Loving mother to Sandi, Jody (Rick), Ted, Steve (Julie), and Jay. Also survived by her brother Jim (Jane), sister Barb (Luke), and many nieces and nephews. Marilyn was born to Herbert & Ethel Knack. A bright child, she learned to read on her own prior to attending school. She had a good memory for words and won many spelling bees including the Detroit Public School District for grades 6 & 8. She loved music and learned to play piano, attending the Redford Conservatory of Music. She specialized in classical music. At age 12 she was featured at the Olympia in Grinnell's Piano Festival. She also loved family summers at Barlow Lake, and attended Redford High School. Just after, while working at S.S. Kresge's downtown, she met her husband John, to whom she was married 23 years. Marilyn was meticulous in her appearance and is remembered for her good looks, reminding people of Marilyn Monroe. After her divorce and with no marketable skills, she entered the workforce and retired with 22 years from the Observer-Eccentric. She also held a special place in her heart for 'Jaws', a Rottweiler she shared with her son Steve for eleven years. After Jaws passed, she missed him dearly and spoke of him often. With the help of her children, she was able to live independently until the end. She passed peacefully at Botsford Hospital in the company of her loving family. A memorial will be held October 18. Inquiries call: 313-531-2878



**SUSAN KENYON**

Age 60, passed away on October 6th surrounded by her loving family. Survived by her devoted husband of 41 years, Barry Kenyon and loving children Jim (Jami), Michelle (Mark) & the best grandchildren: Ryan, Brandon, Michael & Tawni. A celebration of Sue's life will be held at Papa Joe's Bar & Grill on Ford Rd in Westland on October 18th, 1 to 5pm. In lieu of flowers, a donation will be provided for Susie's preferred charity.

**JAMES A. KILGORE**

Passed away on October 7, 2009. He was born in Jackson, Michigan, on April 4, 1924. His family later moved to Royal Oak, Michigan where he passed through the Royal Oak educational system. He graduated from Royal Oak High School in February, 1942. During his high school years he was active in the Boy Scouts of America program attaining the rank of Eagle Scout with Palms. In World War II he served as a B-17 bomber pilot and flew 25 combat missions in the European Theater of Operations. He was decorated 3 times, earned 6 Battle Stars, and 2 Distinguished Unit Citations. After the war he enrolled in the University of Michigan College of Architecture and Design. It was here that he met his future wife Helen. He and Helen were married while still attending school. After graduation he worked in several local Detroit offices including those of Eero Saarinen, and Minoru Yamasaki. During his last 20 years he was the Chief Corporate Architect and Director of Planning and Design for K-Mart Corporation at their international headquarters in Troy, Michigan. He retired in 1990 but continued to work for K-Mart Corporation as a consultant for 5 more years. He and his wife Helen were avid sailors and enjoyed many years cruising the Great Lakes in their live-aboard sloop. He was also an experienced videographer and enjoyed filming his travels around the world. He was a member of the American Institute of Architects and the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. He is survived by his wife Helen and children James A. Kilgore, Jr., David N. Kilgore, and Dr. Sue Ann K. Bauserman.

**MARY KOLODY**

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



**JUTTA LETTS**

October 6, 2009. Age 80. Long-time resident of Birmingham and Les Cheneaux Islands of northern Michigan. An advocate for conservation and environmental concerns, Jutta served on many boards and supported the arts and education. Beloved wife of Charles "Chuck" for 60 years. Loving mother of Chip (Kathleen), David (Genevieve) and Martin (Susan). Grandmother of Zita, Erika, Elizabeth, John, Sarah, William and Joshua. Great-grandmother of Max, Molly and Phillip Homer. Sister of Karin Aichorn. Funeral service Saturday 11am at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Family will receive friends Friday 2-8pm. Memorials to Little Traverse Conservancy, 3264 Powell Rd., Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or online at [www.landtrust.org](http://www.landtrust.org). View obituary and share memories at: [www.desmondfuneralhome.com](http://www.desmondfuneralhome.com)

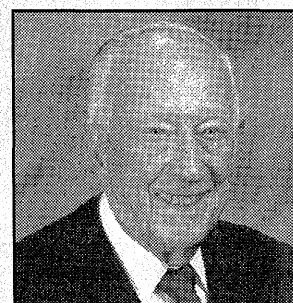


**JAMES BENJAMIN McATEER**

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, Beaverton, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Toys for Tots or to be used according to the wishes of the family. [hall-kokotovichfuneralhome.com](http://hall-kokotovichfuneralhome.com)

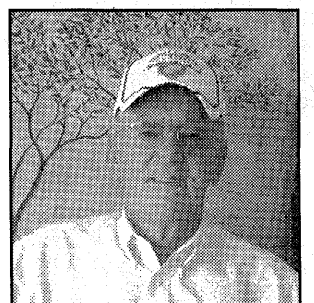
**FRED OBLINGER**

82, Cheboygan, Michigan was called home by his heavenly Father on October 06, 2009 while surrounded by his family. Fred was born in Doylestown, Pennsylvania on October 25, 1926 to the late Fred and Josephine (Clark) Oblinger. Fred loved his country and enlisted on May 25, 1944 days after graduating from Solebury School in New Hope, Pennsylvania. Fred proudly served in the 82nd Airborne Division (80th AB Anti AC Bn.) from 1944-1946 and Fred earned expert infantry and parachutist badges. Fred earned a mechanical engineering degree from Yale University in 1950. He began his career with Pratt & Whitney and joined Ford Motor Company in 1954 where he retired after 42 years of dedicated service. Fred had a very productive career at Ford where he coauthored several patents. He designed many gadgets for his colleagues that were referred to as "Fred things". Fred never boasted of his accomplishments, but consistently praised the contributions of his colleagues. Fred married Jeanne T. Gurney in 1947 and was blessed with six children during their 48 years of marriage. Jeanne entered her heavenly home in 1996 after a difficult battle with cancer. Happiness was restored to Fred's life when he married Joyce Trapp in 2000. They were blessed with nearly ten years together. Fred dearly loved his family and was a devoted husband. He would sacrifice or do anything for the benefit of his family. Fred is survived by his beloved wife, Joyce Oblinger; his sister, Dee; his children James, Deborah, Nikki, Jill, Daniel, and Eric; stepchildren Renae, Chris, and Beth; 18 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Jeanne and his sister Marion. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, 8757 N. Straits Hwy., Cheboygan, MI 49721 or Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, One Hiland Drive, Petoskey, MI 49770



**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, 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. Funeral Service was 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](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)



**KEN VOGRAS**

Of Bella Vista, AR, formerly of Plymouth, MI, started his journey home on September 26, 2009 after a long battle with lung cancer. Survived by "Beloved Wife and Best Friend" Deanna, who he married in August 1985. Ken is also survived by his daughter Jacke (Jim) Kilmartin, son Loren (Gail) Vogras, stepson Scott (Kristin) Bennett, stepdaughter Shannon (Rick) Smith, grandchildren, Anthony and Doug Kilmartin, Lisa Vogras, Jason, Michael, Jeffrey and Matthew Bennett, Allen and Karla Smith and seven great-grandchildren, sister Carol (Ken) Hilley, sisters-in-law Patt (Orin) Ribar and Kay (Bo) Rhudy, brothers-in-law John (Jackie) Wohn, Ron (Joyce) Wohn, also some very special nephews and nieces. Ken worked for the City of Plymouth for over thirty-five years and was the Director of Public Works for twenty-five years and ten years with the Sewer and Water Director of West Bloomfield Township, MI, prior to his retirement in 2001. Ken loved to golf and was a member of the Wild Men, The Duffers and The Jelly Bellies. He was the #1 fan of the Detroit Red Wings and University of Michigan Football. A memorial service will be held at 11AM, October 17, 2009 at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI. [www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://www.vermeulenfuneralhome.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.



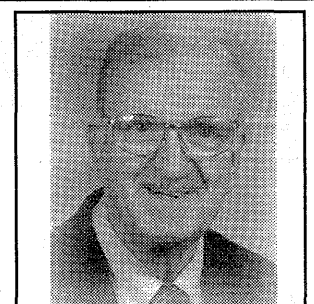
**IRENE A. RUCINSKI**

October 1, 2009, age 90. Former long-time resident of Birmingham. Loving wife of Chet for 66 years. Dear mother of Jeanette Stump, James Rucinski, M.D. (Nancy), and the late Jack Rucinski (Phyllis). Beloved grandmother of Jan-Michael, Andrew, Sherry, George, Bob, Kimberly, and Jamie. Great-grandmother of 10. Services have been held. A. J. Desmond & Sons Troy, 248-362-2500 View obituary and share memories at [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)



**SARAH MARIE THURMOND**

October 8, 2009, age 20, of Westland. Beloved daughter of David Paul & Carol Lynn. Dear sister of Joshua David. Granddaughter of Dean & Judy Thurmond, Grace (Lowell) Morgan, the late Melvin Peter. Great-granddaughter of Evelyn Williams. Niece of Mark Thurmond, Ella Weltin, Janet Soper & Dan Peter. Also survived by nine cousins. Funeral 11 AM at Westland Free Methodist Church, 1421 Venoy Rd., Westland, MI 48186. Friends may visit Sunday 2-9 PM at the Uth Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland, MI. Family requests memorials to Wayne Westland Friends of EB, Make A Wish Foundation or Regents of the University of Michigan. Please visit and sign a tribute at: [www.uthfh.com](http://www.uthfh.com)



**STUART E. WOOD**

Age 83, of Charlevoix, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, October 6, 2009. Beloved husband of Lois J. Wood. Dearest father of Carol W. (David R.) Peterson, and Douglas N. (Lori J.) Wood. Dearest grandfather of Sarah (Jason) McGovern, Stuart, Joseph, and Jacob Peterson; Alyssa, Shannon, and Katelyn Wood. Visitation at Winchester Funeral Home, 209 State, Charlevoix, 49720, from 2-5 PM, Monday, October 12. Memorial service to be held in the Detroit Metro area in early November will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, 220 W. Garfield, Charlevoix, 49720; The Salvation Army (any location); The Charlevoix Food Pantry, 101 State, Charlevoix, 49720.

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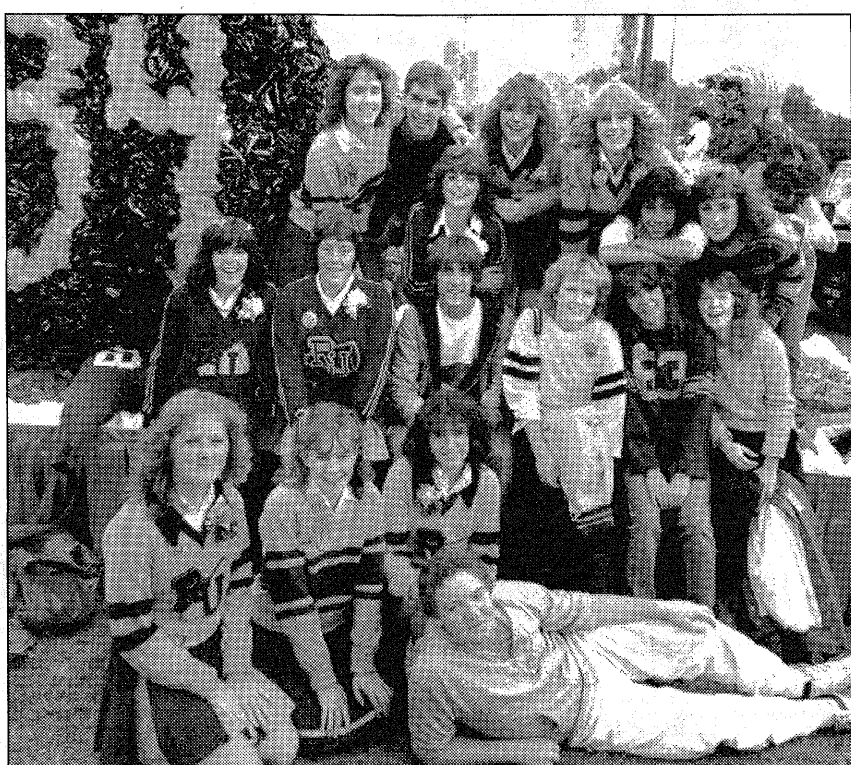
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REUNION CALENDAR

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the paper as space allows, and online in its entirety at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com). Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com). Got a photo of your graduating class? Maybe a prom photo or some other special moment? Send it along, too, as a jpg attachment.



Redford Union High School's class of 1984 shows off its school spirit. Now all grown up, class members will celebrate their 25-year reunion Nov. 7 at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia.

**Annapolis High School**  
**Classes of 1973, '74 and '75**

The Dearborn Heights high school's multi-class reunion will be Oct. 16, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn. The organizing committee is looking for classmates. E-mail to [ANNAPOLIS73REUNION@YAHOO.COM](mailto:ANNAPOLIS73REUNION@YAHOO.COM), or call JoAnn Maynarich at (734) 671-6005, John Ross at (313) 908-9507 or RoseAnn Drouillard at (810) 923-9892.

**Detroit Pershing**  
**Class of 1960**

50th reunion festivities in September 2010 will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

**Detroit St. Brigid**  
**Class of 1959**

Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact [szonyek@att.net](mailto:szonyek@att.net) with any information about classmates.

**Detroit St. Thomas**

Reunion for anyone who attended Detroit St. Thomas Apostle, 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy. There will be a complete sit-down dinner including all drinks and music. The cost per person is \$45. For information, call Rose Ann Filar-Novik at (248) 770-1271.

**Farmington High School**  
**Class of 1970**

Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the group on Facebook by searching Farmington High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at [dblehr@aol.com](mailto:dblehr@aol.com).

**Fordson High School**  
**Class of 1984**

25-year reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Nov. 28, Burton Manor in Livonia. Cost is \$65 per person and includes dinner, dancing/DJ, and full bar. A photographer will be on-site taking and selling group and individual photos. Invitations will be mailed out in October. E-mail Michele (Tonna) Belczak at [michelebel@sbcc-global.net](mailto:michelebel@sbcc-global.net) or Melanie (Monaghan) Scharboneau at [mscharboneau@yahoo.com](mailto:mscharboneau@yahoo.com) to provide current mailing address.

**Garden City High School**  
**Class of 1960**

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to [GCHS.MCLX@yahoo.com](mailto:GCHS.MCLX@yahoo.com).

**Garden City West**  
**Class of 1979**

Holds a 30-year class reunion on Oct. 24, 2009 at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road in Westland. Classmates should register on the private Web site, <http://www.classcreator.com/Garden-City-MI-Garden-City-West-1979>, to get all information. Tickets will go on sale in the upcoming months on the Web site. E-mail questions to [gcv79reunion@yahoo.com](mailto:gcv79reunion@yahoo.com).

**Dearborn Heights Haston High**  
**Class of 1965**

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

**Ladywood**  
**Class of 1984**

25th reunion, Dec. 26; for information e-mail to Sara Czarnecki Levitsky at [saralevitsky@comcast.net](mailto:saralevitsky@comcast.net)

**Livonia Bentley**  
**Classes of 1968-1970**

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

**Classes of '78, '79, '80**

Combo-Class Reunion Friday, Nov. 27, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100, Livonia. Tickets are \$50 before Nov. 1 and \$60 after. Doors open at 6 p.m. The event includes food, live music and an open bar. Visit [www.bentleyclassof1979.com](http://www.bentleyclassof1979.com). Contact [bentleyclassof78@yahoo.com](mailto:bentleyclassof78@yahoo.com) or call John at (734) 358-3272.

**Livonia Franklin**  
**Class of 1969**

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

**Livonia Stevenson**  
**Class of 1979**

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

**Oak Park High School**  
**Class of 1980**

30th reunion, July 2-4, 2010; for information e-mail to [ophighschool1980@yahoo.com](mailto:ophighschool1980@yahoo.com)

**Redford Union**  
**Class of 1984**

Saturday Nov. 7, at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. To register visit [celebrations2remember.com](http://celebrations2remember.com). Questions? E-mail to Bethany Payton-O'Brien at [spikepayton@hotmail.com](mailto:spikepayton@hotmail.com) or Lori Suski Manus at [lorimanus@yahoo.com](mailto:lorimanus@yahoo.com)

**Class of 1989**

20 year reunion Saturday, Oct. 24 at Warren Valley Golf Club. For information or to register call Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or e-mail to [celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com](mailto:celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com)

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

40-year reunion, Saturday Nov. 14, 2009 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus in Livonia. If interested in helping to plan the event or contacting classmates call Mark Coulter at (734) 453-5423 or e-mail to [mcoulter@gr-lakes.com](mailto:mcoulter@gr-lakes.com).

Enter Metroparks photo contest

Do you have an eye-catching photo taken at a Huron-Clinton Metropark? Enter it into the Huron-Clinton Metroparks and the West Oakland Camera Club's 2009 Photography Contest.

Photo entries will be accepted through Nov. 3. Contest rules and entry information are available at [www.metroparks.com](http://www.metroparks.com).

Anyone can enter up to a total of two images in any of the following categories: nature/scenic, wildlife and recreation/education. Photographers will be grouped by age: 5-12, 13-17, and adults.

Color or black and white digital images will be accepted, and must be at least six megapixel resolution. Cell phone photos will not be accepted. All photo entries must have been taken within the Huron-Clinton Metroparks.

Entries will be judged by members of the West Oakland Camera Club, who publish in *Audubon*, *Sierra* Club

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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OCT. 11-14

**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.

**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](mailto:bfichtenberg@hotmail.com).

**Film**

"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](http://www.CatholicScreenings.com). For questions e-mail to [Screenings@](mailto:Screenings@)

Maximusmg.com  
**Special presentation**

Mary Ann Wheeler will give a presentation on Marcus Swift's 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

**Anniversary celebration**

11 a.m. and 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 18 and Sunday, Oct. 25, celebrating God's Grace Ministries five-year church anniversary. Theme is "Continuing The Good Fight." The church is located at 26941 Plymouth Road, Redford. (313) 937-5900

**Auction fund-raiser**

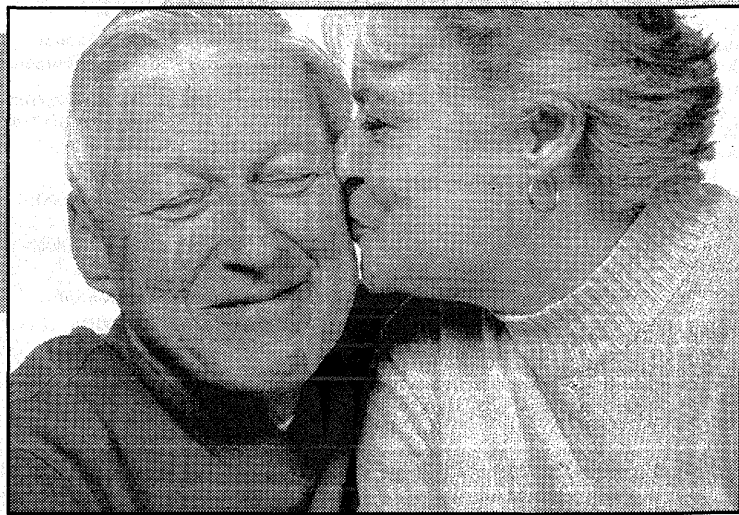
The Servant Church of St. Alexander presents a silent auction with appetizers, 1 p.m., followed by a family-style dinner at 4 p.m. and live auction at 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 18, at Vladimirs, 28125 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Tickets, \$45 per person. Proceeds will benefit the church's outreach activities,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

**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) 477-2555

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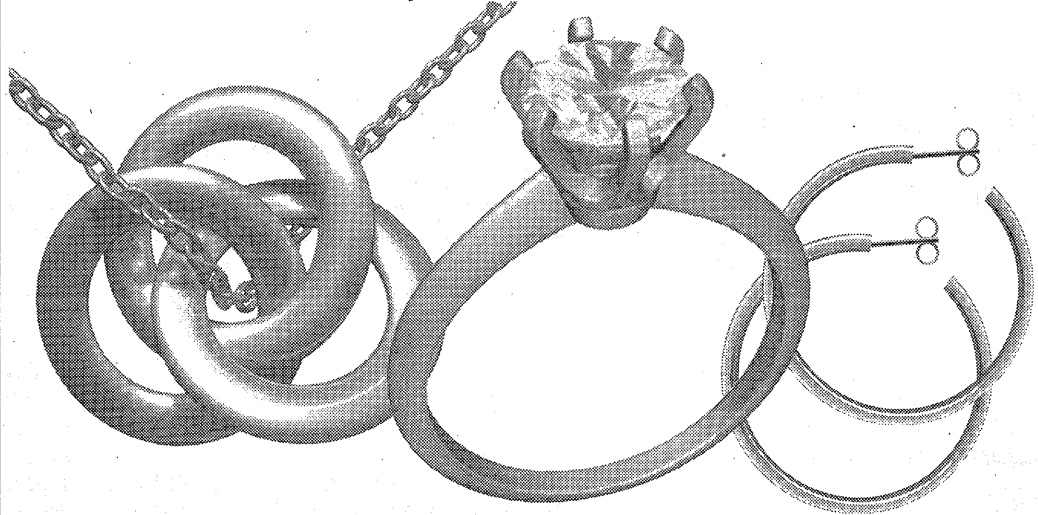
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# Hospitals rely on loyal donors in tough economy

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
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Fund-raisers for health care organizations feel the pinch in these bad economic times, but creativity and perseverance helps maintain their vital signs.

Loyal donors are key. "There are core people who can't donate as much as they used to, but they still haven't dropped us off and we are grateful for that," explains Angela Hospice Business Development Manager Bob Alexander.

In the past year there has been a 30 percent decline in fund-raising for the Livonia facility. He points to many reasons for the drop.

"We're seeing smaller donations from the same people and in some cases, and we're seeing folks who just aren't donating," he says.

The weak economy couldn't have come at a worse time, because a capital campaign is underway to pay for an addition at Angela Hospice, which has a waiting list of more than double the capacity.

"We had to wait nine years for permission, which came all the way from Rome," Alexander says. "We are doing whatever we can and we're confident the support will come. It may delay the process somewhat, but everything will go forward."

Hospice managers are trying to react to lower donations in smart ways, like using volunteers as much as they can.

"We are doing what we can not to have services affected, because we still provide robust services to patients and their families," Alexander says adding that the facility is operated by the Felician Sisters and there is an element that "somehow or another we will get donations. It's as God desires. I feel like there is a very faithful forward motion regardless of the economy."

## LOYAL DONORS

Sara Stauffer, director of major gifts and special events at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia says corporate gifts are down, but the news isn't all bad.

"St. Mary Mercy is very fortunate to have donors who are committed and are loyal to our programs," Stauffer says. "They are the reason that we have continued to be successful here at St. Mary Mercy."

The hospital recently finished its first capital campaign, Caring for the Future, to advance cancer care and cardiac services. And a 50th anniversary fund-raiser held Friday, Oct. 9, was on track to exceed a \$150,000 fund-raising goal.

"I think it's important to communicate well with your donors and to help them understand the impact of their philanthropy," Stauffer says. "They have so many choices of where they can give."

Joyce Pappas, Chairperson of Garden City Hospital Foundation, the fund-raiser arm of the hospital, says the facility has also been "very

fortunate."

The hospital's three annual major fund-raising events have met or exceeded goals. This month's event is drawing a lot of attention with an intergalactic theme that asks guests to dress the part.

"There are some very dedicated people to the hospital," Pappas says pointing to employees, patients and the community. "Everybody is realizing that health care today is hit hard. Garden City Hospital doesn't turn anyone away and I think that's realized in the community. There are caring doctors and we're all appreciative if we have a good physician. We like to support things that they support."

## MORE DONATIONS

The economy presents challenges for fund-raising at Botsford Healthcare, but they aren't insurmountable, explains Margo Gorchow, Botsford Foundation executive director. The foundation is the fund-raising arm of the hospital.

"Interestingly enough we have received a greater number of donations this year than we have in past years, but they've been smaller amounts," she says.

Botsford Foundation, at eight years old, is relatively new in the fund-raising arena and

employees are working to build a donor base, staff, software to manage the data base, research capabilities and other infrastructure, she says.

"An advantage, I think to this time, is that it allows us as fund-raisers, whose real work is to build relationships, to continue to evolve and develop those relationships," Gorchow says. "It's really about friend raising, not just about funds."

Wealthy donors continue to pledge, she says, however, their donations are often extended over a longer period of time than in the past.

"People who want to support an organization continue to want to support it and it's our job to figure out the best way for them to do that," Gorchow says.

Christina Johnson, manager of special events for the American Diabetes Association in southeast Michigan says the economic slump makes some people afraid to ask for support.

Johnson, who is walking in a diabetes fund-raiser, says even she is sometimes reluctant to ask people to make a pledge.

"Once you do make the ask, people are so willing to donate," she says. "Their donations might not be as much as in the past, but people are still more than willing to donate to a great cause. They know that these causes don't decline and they don't stop affecting people's lives, because the economy is declining."



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## GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL

"Out of This World: An Intergalactic Gala" Friday, Oct. 23 in Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. The proceeds from this year's event will go towards renovating the endoscopy suites at the hospital. Tickets are \$75 per person (open seating). Call the foundation the Garden City Hospital Foundation at (734) 458-4331 or visit [gchosp.org](http://gchosp.org). The 18th annual event will feature food, entertainment, raffles and a silent auction.

## ST. JOHN PEDIATRIC HOSPICE

The seventh annual Oktoberfest Friday, Oct. 23, at Franklin Hills Country Club, Franklin, will raise funds for pediatric and palliative care. The programs provide comfort care to children of all ages, including the unborn and young adults. The St. John Hospice Walk With Me program serves families in five counties in the Detroit metropolitan area. Tickets are \$100 per person. Event begins at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception, followed by a strolling buffet, a 50/50 raffle and the highlight of the evening, a silent auction. Contact Lorraine Owczarek at (586) 582-7509.

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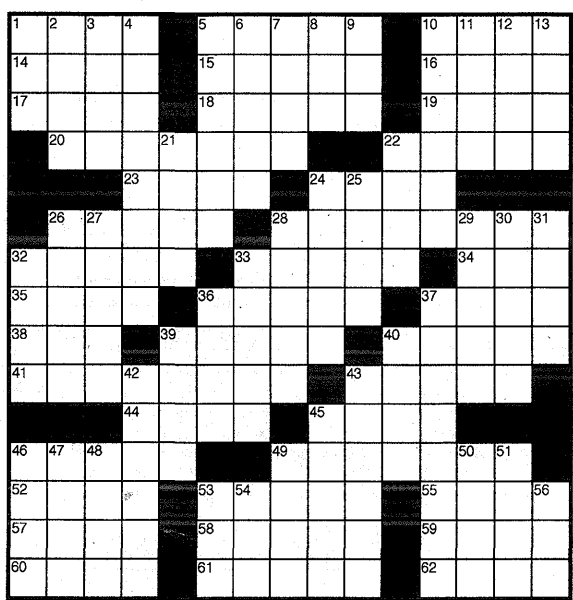
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  - Heart part
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  - Suggestion
  - Skyscraper
  - Edible bulb
  - Guideline
  - Large swallow
  - Complete
  - Goof-proof
  - Horror flick extra
  - Ashcroft or Lee
  - Zig opposite
  - Evergreen trees
  - Icicle locales
  - Freud rival
  - Bathroom item
  - Sudden impulses
  - Ocean fish
  - More thickset
  - Sign after Pisces
  - Bulrush or cattail
  - Harm
  - Irretrievably
  - Uses hip boots
  - Earthworm part
  - Pointed arch
  - Coil about
  - Gauge
- DOWN**
- Kind of agent
  - Naturalness
  - Oklahoma town
  - Eager
  - Macho
  - Waitress at Mel's
  - Flora and fauna
  - Wine cask
  - Newspaper execs
  - Stuff
  - Autobahn vehicle
  - Chocolate cookie
  - Hockey's - Mikita
  - Brimming over
  - Greasy
  - Philosophers
  - Disguise items
  - Bread ingredient
  - Book genre (hyph.)
  - High temperature
  - Lapis lazuli color

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

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- Like custard
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- Buffalo's lake
- Enlisted (2 wds.)
- Luau guitars
- Demure
- Blood-chilling
- Ice-fishing tools
- Extend a subscription
- Did a tapestry
- Gets ripe
- Low-pitched
- Venue
- Shade of green
- Gets brown
- QB objectives
- Dripping
- Thai neighbor



## SUDOKU

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 A M E T H Y S T R A  
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1	4	9	2	5	3	8	7	6
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4	8	3	1	9	5	2	6	7
3	2	7	6	8	4	9	5	1
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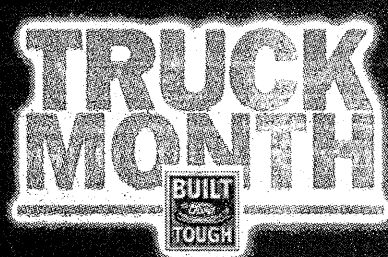
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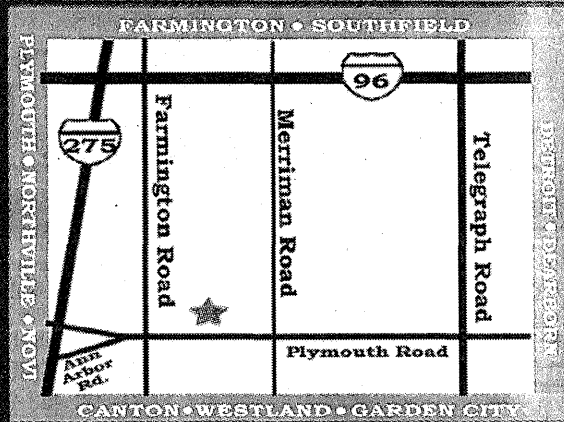
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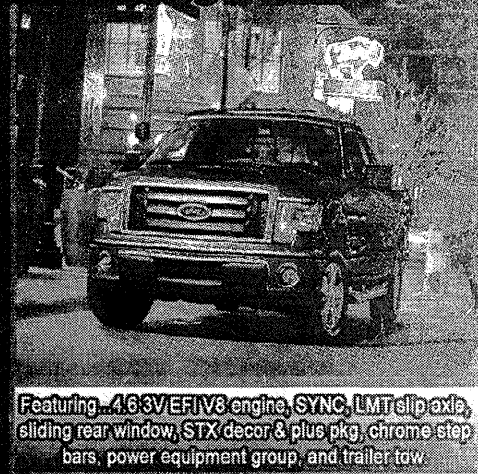
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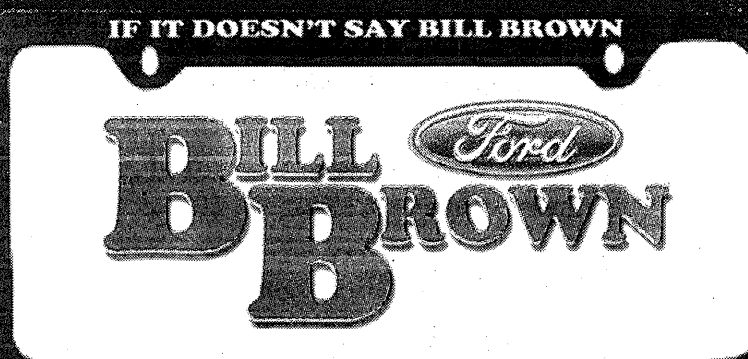


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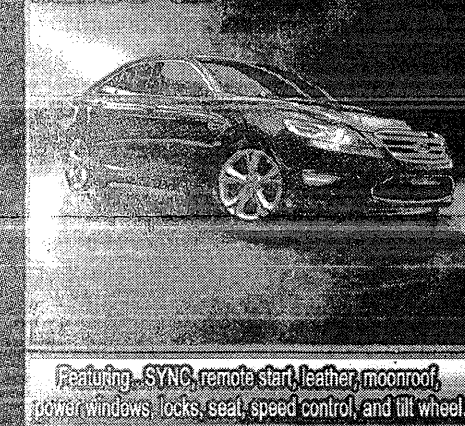
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**Lease For**  
\$1000 down Sign & Drive  
**\$334** \$389<sup>36</sup> Mos.  
\*1,460 due at delivery †\$0 DUE AT SIGNING!

5 at this price - 173 available  
Security deposit waived, plus tax includes acquisition fee.

Featuring...moonroof, SYNC, remote start, power windows, locks, seat, speed control, and tilt wheel.

## NEW 2010 FORD EDGE SE



MSRP \$27,770  
**Buy For**  
**\$20,533\***

**Lease For**  
\$1000 down Sign & Drive  
**\$318** \$376<sup>36</sup> Mos.  
\*1,871 due at delivery †\$0 DUE AT SIGNING!

8 at this price - 124 available  
Security deposit waived, plus tax includes acquisition fee.

Featuring...remote start, power windows, locks, seat, speed control, and tilt wheel.

## NEW 2010 FORD FOCUS SE



MSRP \$18,600  
**Buy For**  
**\$12,925\***

**Lease For**  
Sign & Drive  
**\$195** \$36<sup>36</sup> Mos.  
\*\$0 DUE AT SIGNING!

102 at this price - 283 available  
Security deposit waived, plus tax includes acquisition fee.

Featuring...power windows, locks, speed control, automatic, SIRIUS satellite radio.



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**#1 Ford Dealer in the Country!**

Bill Brown Ford Retail Rankings YTD per Ford Division  
**#1 IN THE NATION IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:**

- #1 Total Cars and Trucks Combined USA
- #1 Taurus Sales USA
- #1 Fusion Sales USA
- #1 Focus Sales USA
- #1 Flex Sales USA
- #1 Escape Sales USA

#1 Largest Selection, Largest Inventory in Michigan

\*+All lease payments and buy prices are for qualifying A/Z planners. For qualifying non A/Z planners an additional \$900 to \$1500 would be required to keep the payments or price the same. All payments include acquisition fee, exclude tax and license fees. 10,500 miles per year. Security deposit waived. "Buy for" price add tax, title, doc and destination fee. Subject to availability. All factory rebates assigned to dealer including owner loyalty or previous lease where applicable and may require Ford Credit financing. Not all buyers will qualify for lowest payments. Pictures may not represent actual vehicle. Payments and prices per program in effect at publication and are subject to change. All offers expire 10/31/2009. †Per 2009 YTD Retail Rankings for Ford Division.