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TV time

Voters who missed the candidates' forum for Plymouth-Canton Board of Education candidates at Plymouth City Hall are now getting daily chances to see it.

Thanks to the efforts of city officials, a recording of the hour-long forum is airing on cable television through the Nov. 3 election.

The forum will air on WOW channel 18 and Comcast channel 19 at 10 a.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. daily through the election.

Five candidates - incumbents Judy Mardigian and Barry Simescu and Plymouth Township residents Larry Martin, Adrienne Davis and Eric Bacynski - are vying for three four-year terms. John Jackson is running unopposed for the lone two-year seat available. The forum was sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

Pink out

The Plymouth Whalers annual Pink Out! For Breast Cancer Awareness happens Saturday, Oct. 24 at 7:05 p.m. against the Belleville Bulls at Compuware Arena.

The Whalers will be wearing special pink jerseys for the event and the entire team will be dyeing their hair pink. The game-worn pink jerseys will be auctioned off the night of the Pink Out!

The Whalers Team Pink Out happens Wednesday, Oct. 21, at Lucky Hair Company in Canton. Plymouth players will be going to Lucky's in shifts of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Oct. 21 to color their hair. Fans are welcome to watch.

Chamber forum

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a candidates' forum 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, for candidates seeking seats on the Plymouth City Commission.

The forum will feature the five candidates running for City Commissioner.

The chamber's Government Affairs Committee decided to hold this forum to highlight issues important to the business community.

At the forum, the chamber will be taking questions from the audience. The committee will have some questions already prepared that deal with business related issues. While not all the questions may relate to business concerns, many of them will have that focus.

The forum will be hosted at the Plymouth District Library located at 223 S. Main St. in Downtown Plymouth.

The teacher does some learning

Chinese educator gets 'schooled' by students

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In Helen Wang's classroom at Nan Jing 3 Junior High School in China, students largely listen and learn, asking few questions and absorbing the lessons taught by their teachers.

During her three-week stay as a guest teacher at Our Lady of Good Counsel School in Plymouth, Wang quickly found out life teaching American students wasn't quite so serene.

Wang spent the last three weeks observing and teaching, helping students learn a little about the Chinese language and culture.

All the while, the active, questioning, lively students at OLG helped teach the teacher a few lessons.

"This is the first time I've taught little children," said Wang, who teaches seventh- to ninth-graders at Nan Jing. "They are lively in class, active in class. They always have a lot of questions and ask me, and I feel good about that."

OLGC and Nan Jing 3 are sister schools, a relationship born from a trip to China taken by OLG Principal Kay Reilly, who traveled with a group from the University of North Carolina in 2006.

As part of that trip, she made contact with a representative from China Exchange Initiative, who made the connection with Nan Jing 3. During the 2006 China trip, Reilly left the group in Shanghai and met with Nan Jing 3 Principal Bing Wang and spent a day in Helen Wang's classroom.

A year later, Bing Wang came to OLG. The exchange was thwarted by visa problems in 2008, but this year Helen Wang made the trip. Her goal: "Introduce some Chinese culture and geography and history."

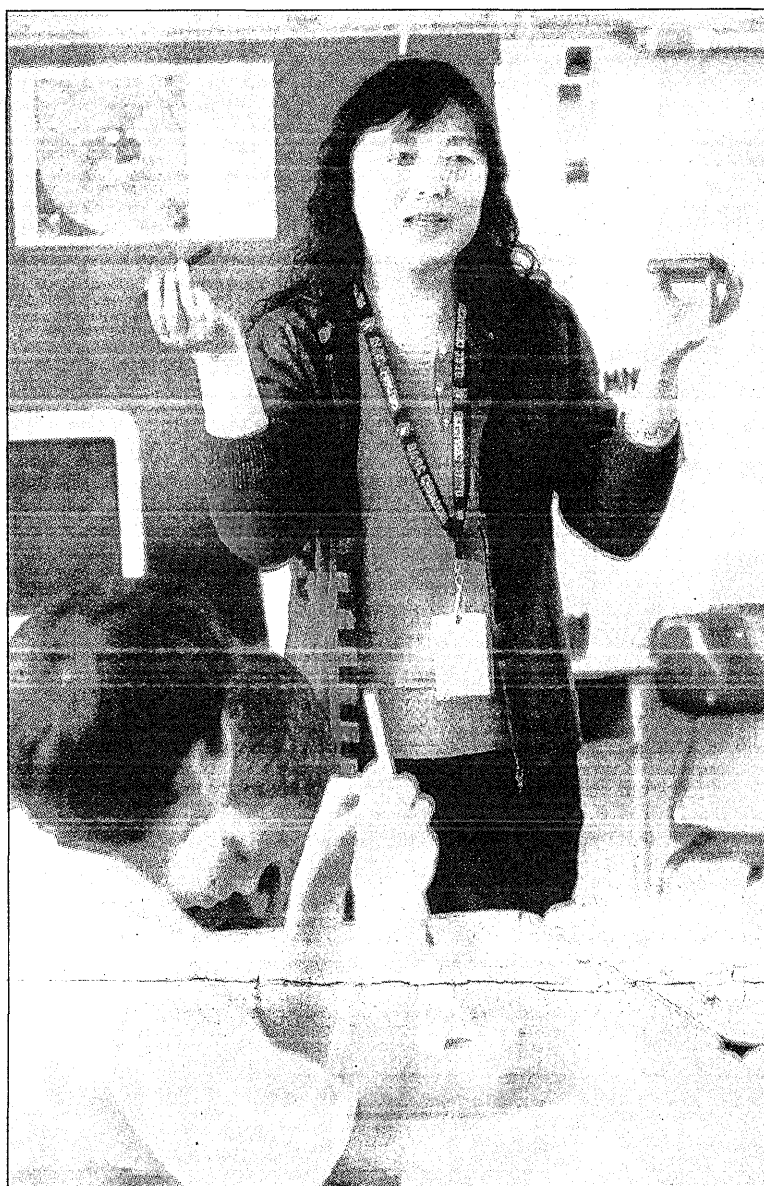
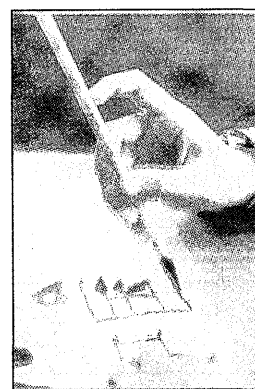
"We developed a good relationship," Wang said.

Reilly said the school benefits from the arrangement, and would like to see it expand, perhaps to an exchange of students. For now, though, she's satisfied her students are getting a lot out of the relationship.

"We've really enjoyed the opportunities for the cultural exchange," Reilly said. "It's good for our kids to learn how people are the same."

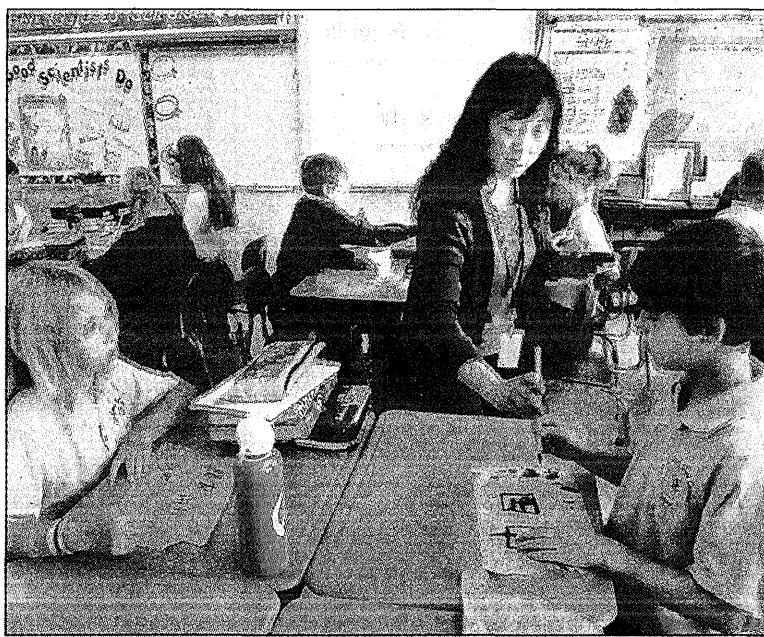
Wang's Chinese students are 12-16 years old. At K-8 OLG, Wang dealt with some younger students. The lower grades learned some numbers and a few easy phrases —

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Helen Wang (above) traveled from China to teach at Our Lady Of Good Counsel School. (Top) A student carefully forms the Chinese characters for 'China.'



Helen Wang offers advice to Anthony Montante. Madeline Leyden also pays attention to the teacher's advice.

District gets shot at H1N1 vaccinations

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In a survey conducted over three nights earlier this week, parents of almost half the students in the Plymouth-Canton school district said they would have their children get the H1N1 flu vaccination if it were made available in the district.

They're about to get their chance.

Wayne County health officials announced Friday the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools would be one of the county's locations for a satellite shot clinic now that the vaccine has been made available.

Logistics are still being worked out, but district officials said the vaccines will likely be made available around Nov. 9 in most of the district's buildings.

"They have one of the largest districts, and they expressed interest early on," said Dr. Talat Danish, medical director with the Wayne County Department of Public Health. "They have several schools on campus where children go back and forth from one school to the other."

The survey, conducted Monday through Wednesday evenings using the district's Synervoice schools-connect telephone system, made more than 12,000 calls and produced a 49.1-percent participation rate. District officials said an acceptable participation rate is more like 10-15 percent.

"It shows parents are concerned," said Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations.

The survey of parents showed more than 9,000 students in the district would take advantage of the shots. Another 1,200 non-students (children between 6 months old and school age) would also get the shots.

Now that the county has named the district a site, consent forms will be sent home with all students. Parents who responded in the survey will still have a chance to change their minds.

"The district is providing the service," Ruggirello said. "We are not saying 'get

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GETTING THE SHOT

Plymouth-Canton students can get their H1N1 vaccines at school in early November. Others looking to get the shot can try these other locations:

- Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, Nov. 14 and Dec. 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wayne County Health Department office, 17421 Telegraph, Redford, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., by appointment only, (313) 537-1708.
- Wayne County Health Department office, 33030 Van Born, Wayne, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday; by appointment only Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday, call (734) 727-7100.

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Pumpkin Caper to include food drive

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Plymouth woman has teamed up with the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce to help feed people in the Plymouth area who've been hurt by the recession.

A food drive, Cans for Candy, is being held in conjunction with the Friday, Oct. 30, Great Pumpkin Caper, the annual chamber-sponsored trick-or-treating event at downtown Plymouth businesses. The donated canned goods will stock the emergency food pantry at the Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps.

Kelly Havrilla, who attends Plymouth Baptist Church, said she was inspired when she heard about increasing demands on the local Salvation Army. She knew the Plymouth Corps had a food pantry that serves people in the Plymouths and several neighboring communities.

"I hear the statistics that the Salvation Army is getting 10 calls a day for food," Havrilla said. Collection containers will be set out at key

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Laurie Aren, Salvation Army official

locations downtown during the Great Pumpkin Caper, which is 5:30-7 p.m. Oct. 30. Children who are trick-or-treating that evening can bring cans with them to drop off at the collection sites.

Laurie Aren, director of family and community outreach ministries for the Salvation Army, said the drive will be a huge help heading into a busy season.

"Demand has increased greatly in this economic climate, and it's heavier during the holidays," Aren said. "Efforts like this one are important to our effort to fill that need."

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TEACHER

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"Mommy, I love you," "Daddy, I love you," Helen Wang said with a smile — while the older students got more about the cultural differences.

In China, Wang said, it's not just the students who are different, it's the teachers. Chinese classrooms are run by teachers teaching largely the same curriculum from the same books. Wang was impressed with OLGC teachers' efforts to adapt curriculum to students' needs.

"A lot of teachers (here) make their own materials," Wang said. "Here the teachers make the teaching more suitable to the students."

During her first visit to the

U.S., Wang has done some traditional American things. She took in a performance by the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestra and went to a Detroit Tigers game and watched a little high school football.

In her three-week visit, she stayed with three different families. On Saturday, she attended her own farewell dinner.

She's done so well, her principal wants her to lecture her colleagues when she gets back to China. When she does, she's going to tell them not so much what she taught as what she learned.

"I think my listening and my English improved a lot here," Wang said. "Class is different here than in China. I taught some lessons, I learned some lessons. I want to share those lessons with my colleagues."

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the shot' or 'don't get the shot.' That's a family decision."

Plymouth-Canton is one of eight mass distribution sites

designated by the county, but the only school-based site. Danish said while the general public won't be able to get the vaccine at Plymouth-Canton, they can go to any of the other seven sites.

More information about those sites is available at www.waynecounty.com.

Finishing touches

Restaurateur banking on downtown Plymouth

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A restaurateur with more than two decades of experience has put everything into his new project in Plymouth, drawn by the city's lively downtown, its many public events and what he calls its business-friendly climate.

Dan Johnson, who has worked in restaurants in the Detroit area since the mid-1980s — he was the original owner of Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia — is putting the finishing touches on the Ironwood Grill, a restaurant and bar on Ann Arbor Trail near Main Street.

Remodeling the building, the former Book Cellar book store and coffee shop, has been a bigger job than Johnson and his partners anticipated. He won't say how much has been invested, but walls have been ripped out, plumbing redone, and new lighting and a gleaming bar with a 20-spigot beer cooler installed.

Passersby regularly stop to ask Johnson and his crew about the opening, which he hopes will be later this month.

"It's a large undertaking, transforming this from a bookstore," said Johnson during a break on a recent Thursday. "We literally ripped it down to four walls and a dirt floor and started from scratch."

The Ironwood, Johnson said, is already viewed as a pizza place, and has a wood-fueled, California-built pizza oven behind the food bar, where much of what the cooks do will be on display. But the restaurant will have a varied menu, including rotisserie chicken, barbecued and smoked foods, pastas, sandwiches, salads, soups and fish — something for every taste, he said.

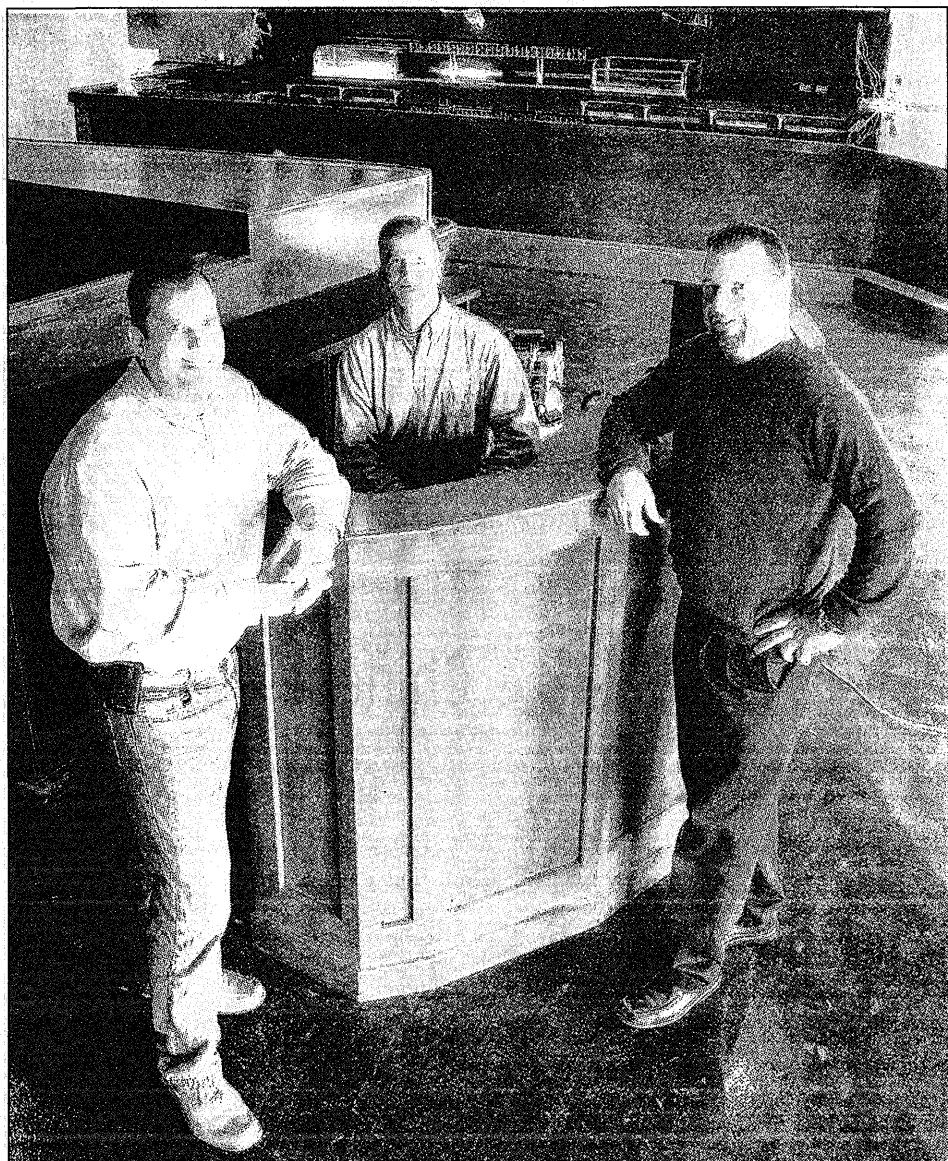
There will have 20 beers on tap, 40 bottled beers, and the Ironwood will offer beer, wine and martini "flights," or samplers, Johnson said. The restaurant will seat about 145.

Johnson has two investment partners, Joe Comiskey, the owner of Mastercraft Plumbing, and Dave Brisdon, who sells equipment to the military. Comiskey and Brisdon are cousins.

"They called me up to do the plumbing here and one thing led to another," Comiskey joked.

The three want to attract sports fans — about 20 television sets ring the walls in the bar and main dining room — but say they are also planning to create a casual, family friendly atmosphere.

Johnson said he scouted several other communities before choosing Plymouth because of its vibrance, its helpful public



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Dan Johnson, Joe Comiskey and Dave Brisdon are opening the Ironwood Bar and Grill.

officials and the many downtown events that will help him draw a broad mix of customers.

"They're doing everything they can possibly do to make sure the businesses down here succeed," he said.

Plymouth officials, he said, have been easy to deal with, and their attention to detail, like keeping the downtown looking sharp, was important to him. He compared the city to a resort town that's seemingly untouched by the national recession.

"It's a lifestyle down here to go out, relax, sit on the patio," he said. "The Ironwood doesn't have a patio, but does have large tableside windows than open

onto the sidewalk.)

Johnson is a former General Motors Corp. mechanical engineer who kept a hand in the restaurant business before making it a full-time career.

"One day I just decided to stop working for other people and start working for myself," he said.

While some view the restaurant business, with its long hours, as a headache, Johnson said, he sees it as a "headache with solutions."

He's motivated, he said, by the people he encounters. "You have to be a people person in this business."

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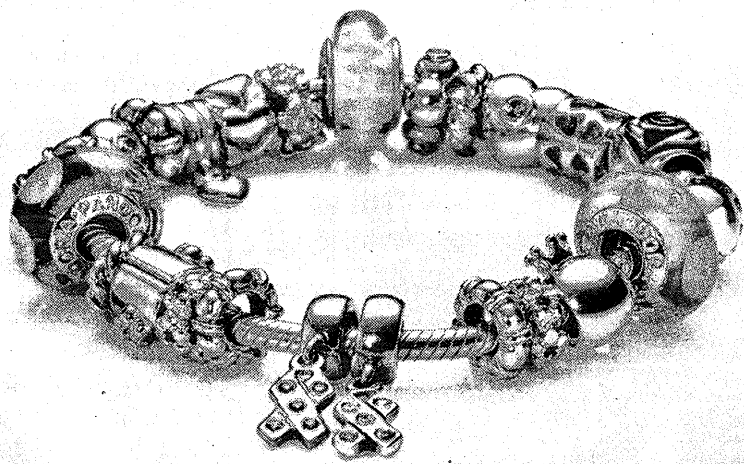
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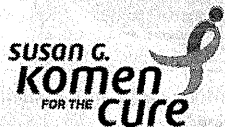
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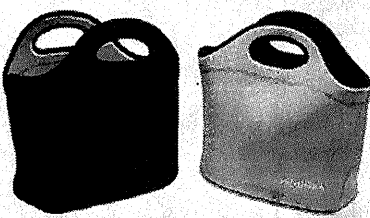
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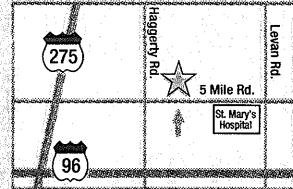
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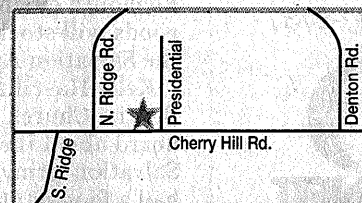
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Guest bartender

Diann Judith is guest bartending 7-11 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, at Fiamma's Oct. 20 to benefit Alliance for the Great Lakes.

"It's the oldest independent citizen organization 100 percent devoted to the Great Lakes," Judith said. "It's the lifeblood of our region, making every glass of water we drink possible."

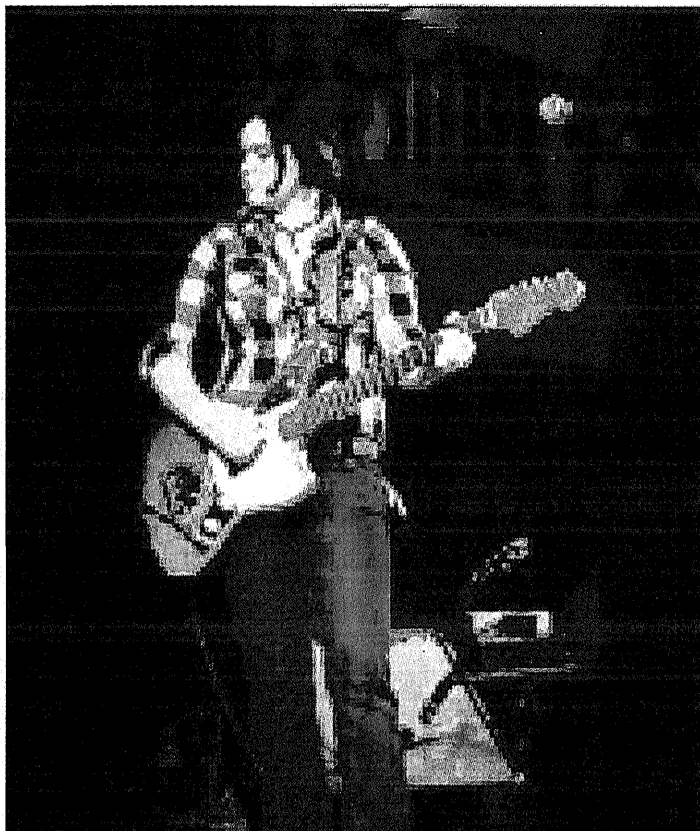
Fiamma is located on Main Street, across from Kellogg Park.

Mary Todd program

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

Sip on our special brew of Victorian tea and nibble on scones, tea sandwiches, and other Victorian fare while enjoying a performance by The Sorrowful Sisters. The "sisters," Debbie Elson and Gail Smalley of The Petticoat Ladies, will put on an educational performance detailing the sorrowful and tragic life of Mary Lincoln. They will also provide a description of how Victorians handled mourning during the Civil War. The tea begins at 2 p.m. and will be catered by Sweet Afton Tea Room in Plymouth. Tickets are \$20 for Plymouth Historical Society members and \$25 for non-members, and can be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum during open hours, or on the Web site at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html> using PayPal. The tea and presentation are being sponsored by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

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



Wizard rock band to appear at Plymouth Library

Celebrating the national Teen Read Week, local wizard rock band Tonks and the Aurors will appear at the Plymouth District Library 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22. The Ann Arbor-based band features Stephanie Anderson. Learn more about Tonks and the Aurors at www.myspace.com/tonksandtheaurors.

Halloween movie

The Plymouth Community YMCA is hosting a Halloween celebration at the Penn Theater with a showing of "Monster House" on Saturday, Oct. 31. Doors open at 10 a.m. with a gift bag for all the kids and chances to enter a drawing for gift baskets from local merchants. There will be a photographer to take photos, so wear your costumes!

Tickets are \$4 and are available by calling the YMCA at (734) 453-2904. Space is limited, so call for your tickets today. This event is sponsored in part by Community Financial. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Proceeds go toward the Plymouth YMCA's Strong Kids Campaign which helps ensure that no one is turned away from our programs that help build a healthy spirit, mind, and body.

Pipes Spooktacular

St. John's Pipes Spooktacular will feature

eerie and spooky music for organ and other instruments starring St. John's Minister of Music, Julie Ford, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth.

Also included in this unusual Halloween celebration will be Stephen Warner of the Ann Arbor Michigan Theater and Detroit's Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church; the Celebration Flute Choir (part of the Plymouth Symphony's Celebration Youth Orchestra) led by Director Nan Washburn; and Annette Masson, Professor of Theatre at the University of Michigan. Concert-goers are encouraged to attend in costume!

Admission is free and the concert is open to the public. A free-will offering will be accepted. For more information, call (734) 453-0190.

Agate presentation

The Rock Shoppe on Gotfredson Road hosts a free Agate presentation with Karen Bryzs, "The Agate Lady,"

Monday, Oct. 19, with an open house at 6 p.m. and a presentation at 6:30 p.m.

Bryzs is the owner of the Gitche Gumee Agate and History Museum in Grand Marais, Mich. Along with a power point presentation there will be a wide variety of agates, stones & minerals for show & sale. Signed copies of her book, "Understanding & Finding Agates" will be available for sale.

Register online at rcustomerservice@gmail.com or call (734) 455-5560. The Rock Shoppe is located at 6275 Gotfredson Road.

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.

Getting published

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

Preventing cancer

Cancer nutritionist Sharlene Bidini is coming to the Plymouth Cultural Center on Nov. 21 from 10:30-11:30 a.m., located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

Her presentation "Lifestyle Choices and Cancer Prevention" is designed for cancer prevention, survivors and previvors. Topics include nutrition, exercise, weight and supplements. Bidini is a registered dietitian and a board

certified specialist in oncology nutrition.

Cost is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Session is approximately 40 minutes with a 15 minute Q&A session afterward. Please respond via e-mail to sbidini@hotmail.com or call (734) 934-4440 for more information. Minimum of 10 participants, maximum of 50 allowed.

Shocktober

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

The schedule: Oct. 22, "Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein," (1948); and Oct. 29, "Bride of Frankenstein," (1935).

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

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

Smith fund-raiser

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

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

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

Smith Elementary is located at 1298 McKinley, a block west of Harvey. For more information, contact Julie at (734) 414-0218.

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Efforts land teacher board's Extra Miler award

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

This time, first-graders Ella Workman and Morgan Cummings didn't have to raise their hands to speak.

This time, they were handed a microphone, and they did the loudest talking.

That's what made it special for Julie Jones, recognized Tuesday night with the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education's Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler Award for her contributions to the education of children as a first-grade teacher at Bird Elementary.

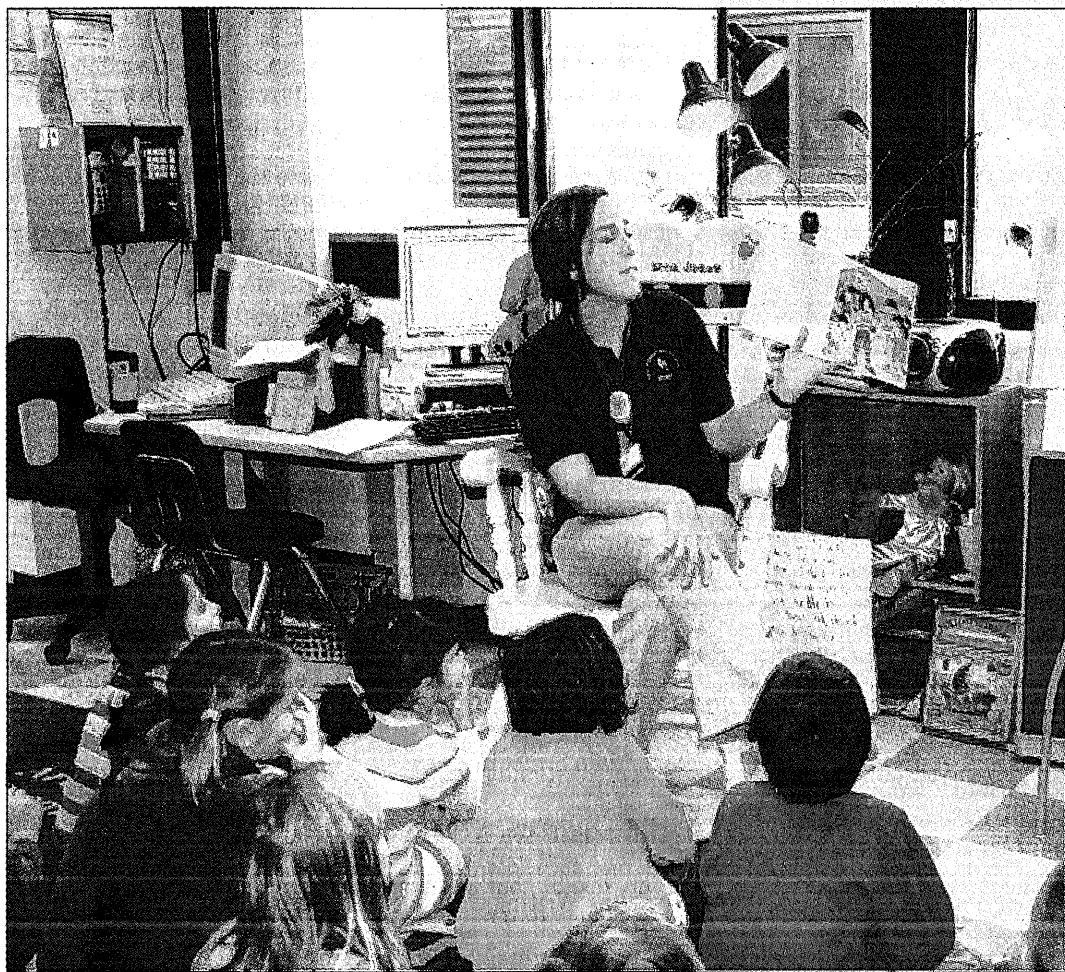
"She does (everything) in a fun way," Ella Workman said. "She cares about me, and I know it."

According to her peers, Jones, who started her career as a long-term substitute, cares about all her students. Jones frequently peruses the previous year's yearbook so that, on the first day of school, she can welcome children by sight in an effort to make them feel more welcome.

Board member Dianne Gonzalez, who made Tuesday's presentation to Jones, recounted the story of Jones' work with Gonzalez's own son.

"(Jones) worked so well with us," said Gonzalez. "Now I realize she does that with everyone."

Jones is one of three teachers - Jeff Blakeslee of Canton High School and Salem High School teacher Valerie Leveille are the others - nominated for the Michigan Department



Bird Elementary School teacher Julie Jones, here reading a story with her class, earned the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education's Extra Miler Award.

of Education's Teacher of the Year Award.

In a congratulatory letter, Mike Flanagan, superintendent of public instruction for the state, said her nomination for Teacher of the Year means she was identified as a teacher who "is ... exceptionally dedi-

cated, inspires students, has the respect and admiration of students, parents and colleagues, and plays an active and useful role in the community."

Jones credits Lenore Goshorn, the teacher for whom she began subbing, with

her approach to students.

"When I think about how I got here, I give the credit to her," Jones said. "She's the one who taught me how to get to know the kids."

It's a skill she has learned well, according to her boss, Bird Elementary Principal Sue Kelty.

"Julie Jones has touched the lives of so many children at Bird School," Kelty said. "We're very proud of her."

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Even good audit is trumped by gloomy economic news

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Even the good news in the Plymouth-Canton school district - and school districts around the state, really - is being overshadowed by foreboding economic possibilities.

Diane Wells of Plante Moran was delivering what was a solid audit of the district's budget and financial reporting practices, but even she couldn't stay away from what will be the district's precarious financial position if the state goes through with cuts its talking about in public education funding.

The audit itself went well, though.

"We've issued an unqualified opinion, which is the highest level of assurance we can offer you as auditors," Wells told board members Tuesday night. "The good news is the district staff was well-prepared and there were no difficulties in performing the audit. The bad news is your funding status."

Among items discussed:

- Stabilization funding - Plymouth-Canton received something more than \$7 million in stimulus money to help overcome shortfalls in the state's education budget. In their report, auditors said "stabilization funds had a significant impact on this year's audit." More stabilization funds will be used to help the 2009/2010 budget.
- Foundation allowance - According to the audit report, between \$550 and \$600 per pupil of the foundation allowance is expected to be made up in stimulus funding. Wells

pointed out that districts with higher foundation allowances wouldn't feel the pain as much as the lower-funded districts.

• The future - Stimulus funding isn't expected to be available after the 2009/2010 school year, which had auditors suggesting the district begin work soon on its budget plan for 2011, which will have to be in place in less than a year.

Conversation also turned to the district's fund balance, on which officials may need to rely heavily if the state continues to slash the foundation grant. The fund balance is at some \$10 million, far below recommended standards for a budget of some \$160 million.

"Some experts say it should be 20 percent, but I think that's a little unrealistic," Wells told board members. "I think you've got to be looking at 10 percent as a target."

The gloomy economic news came as no surprise to a district that's been dealing with dwindling funds for some time now. The board has already begun setting up a proactive process for writing next year's budget, with several committees that will include board members, administrators and residents at large from around the district.

"We know all the bad news ... none of that was shocking," board secretary Nancy Eggenberger said. "I'm glad you pointed out districts with a higher foundation allowance weren't going to feel it like we are. That's very frustrating for us."

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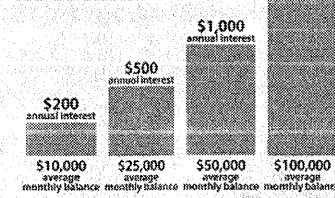
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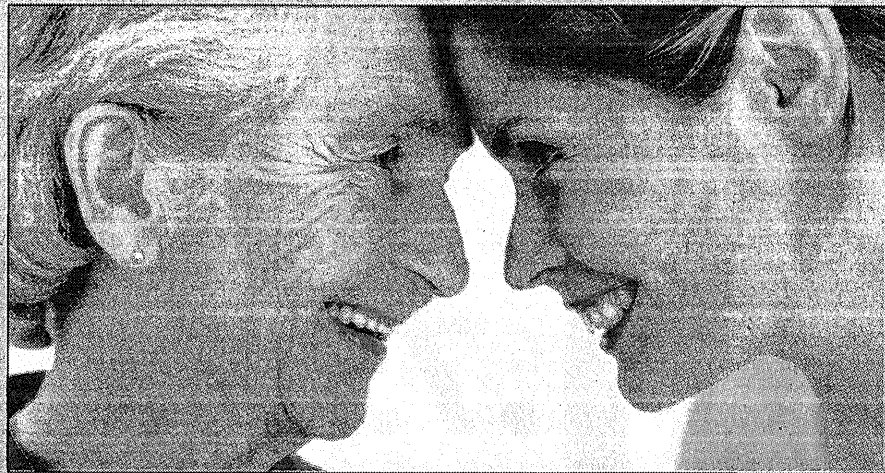
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Theater troupe puts laughter in community service

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Start with a narcoleptic weatherman, a lady who thinks she's Carol Burnett, a priest and two nuns who do a bluegrass aerobics show. Toss in two defrocked televangelists and you have the basis for *KORK-TV*, an original comedy being presented by the Westland-based Inspire Theatre later this month.

Written and directed by Len Fisher, the founder of Inspire Theatre, the play is the story of the defrocked televangelists, played by Mike Renda of Dearborn and Murad Abel of Dearborn Heights, the who swap prison time for community service running an old broken down TV station in Cork, Idaho, and the eccentric people who work there.

The play is a spinoff of an idea that surfaced during an improvisational class last year and took Fisher about a month to complete.

"It took on a life of its own," Fisher said. "We wanted to go with a different opener, but someone said they wanted to do *KORK-TV* and it inspired me to finish it."

The cast is a mixture of professional actors, like Abel, who has appeared in eight films made in Michigan. Others honed their skills on stage at Second City or at community theater venues around the area. Rehearsals began in September at the Warren



Gerry Wiatr of Westland plays Sister Margaret and Lucio Raineri of Canton as Father McCauley, members of a two-nun, one priest bluegrass aerobics show.

Road Light and Life Church, where its old sanctuary has been transformed into the Inspire Theatre. The theater is an intimate setting, with seating for 75, although the troupe has squeezed in as many as a 115 theater goers.

"The front row is really the front row," Bobbi Gladden said. "If you were at Sea World, it would be the splash row."

'WANTED TO DO THIS'

Gladden, a Livonia resident, plays Carol Burnett. This is her third Inspire Theatre pro-

duction.

"I always wanted to do this (live theater). It's something I always wanted to do," she said. "My daughter got me into it."

Her husband Jim did dramas at the church. His first experience with Inspire Theatre was being pulled out of the audience to be a participant.

"I had to respond and I had no script," said Gladden, who plays Dooley, the go-to guy at the TV station. "I've been doing it ever since. Because of Inspire Theatre, I did my

INSPIRE THEATRE

What: 'KORK-TV,' an original comedy.

When: 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 29-30, and Nov. 6-7

Where: Inside the Warren Road Light and Life Church, 33445 Warren Road, between Wayne Road and Venoy, Westland

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first and last singing and solo performance. I'm not a great signer, but I made it work."

Lucio Raineri does sing and play guitar. Cast as Father McCauley, Raineri is appearing in his first play with Inspire Theatre. He discovered the troupe on Facebook and decided to audition. Little did he know that he'd finally use the banjo he bought five years ago.

"I never played it until this came along," said the Argentine native, who has been a tango singer and played a flamenco guitar at different places around the state. "Len didn't know I had one. He couldn't believe it. It was fate."

Tia Austin of Garden City plays Sister Ann, while Gerry Wiatr of Westland plays Sister Margaret. A native of Washington state, Austin always wanted to do community theater, but was never brave enough to try.

"I did little skits in church, but it wasn't until I came here to this church to do a play at Easter that I was thrown into it," she said.

Her main strength is the visual arts, so she helped with backdrops, took photographs during productions and helped with ticket sales and concessions.

"That's how I got my foot in the door," she said. "I felt this was right time to be on stage. It feels more comfortable because I know the people in Inspire Theatre."

A FEW SURPRISES

Fisher in an e-mail encouraged Austin to stretch her character, so she has a few surprises planned, although she's not sure she'll do them at the dress rehearsal of the first performance.

"Sister Ann wears a pair of glasses with rhinestones one them. I also pull out a nail file and file my nails," she said. "We're two nuns with a guitar who play *Good Lovin'*."

Deanna Lee of Redford has been with the theater troupe for five years, starting with it when it did shows at Covenant Church in Dearborn. It offered her the opportunity to play different roles than in real life and perform in front of people.

"I love it," Lee said. "They let me perform on stage. I get to escape from reality. I only do

this with Inspire Theatre."

Lee and Bill Peterson of Livonia play talk show hosts Mary and Harry. Lee has been in 12 Inspire productions, including *The Wizard of Oz*, *Divine Stella Divine*, *It's a Wonderful Life* and *Father of the Bride*. Preston is in his third show as an actor, but has plenty of experience working behind the scenes. A friend from church, Paul Hardy, asked him to help build props for *Oz*. He did that, then decided to audition for a part.

"I've been hooked on it ever since because I'm having a ball," he said. "It gives me a chance to step outside my comfort zone... way outside."

As for his role of Harry, he describes him as a "small town innocent, naive, cheerful, bubbly person who loves people."

"He follows Mary's every lead, they finish each other's sentences," he said. "My wife says I do that from time to time."

John Donnelly of Redford is in his 12th show with Fisher. His first show was *Oz*, in which he played 10 different roles.

"We did it as a radio show, we had two microphones on the stage," he said. "It was the easiest show to do. We had to do it in character, but we didn't have to memorize lines."

For more information about the Inspire Theatre, go online to www.inspiretheatre.com.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH ACCURACY TESTING FOR VOTING EQUIPMENT
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2009, 11:30 a.m.

The City of Plymouth will be conducting the accuracy testing for the optical scan voting equipment, as well as the hearing impaired equipment for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009. The test is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

This is an open testing session and any interested person is encouraged to attend. Miller Consultations & Elections will be conducting the testing to assure that the voting equipment has been programmed appropriately.

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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 2:00 P.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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Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Nancy Eggenberger, Secretary

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2009 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 5, 2009 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

- 14730 Farmbrook is in an R-1 zoning district and the applicant is requesting two variances. The first addition is a laundry room (12.4 x 8.5) and the second is a master bedroom (17 x 25.2). The minimum required rear yard setback is fifty (50) feet; the laundry room proposed addition would create a rear yard setback of forty (43) feet, encroaching into the required rear yard setback by seven (7) feet. The bedroom proposed addition would create a rear yard setback of forty one point four (41.4) feet, encroaching into the required rear yard setback by eight point six (8.6) feet. The applicant is asking for a rear yard setback variance of 7 feet and 8.6 feet.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734 354-3210.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Technology LAN Cabling for Salem High School**. Bid documents will be available electronically on or after October 16, 2009 from the District's technology consultant: Fanning/Howe Associates, Inc. located at 28001 Cabot Drive, Suite 110, Novi, MI 48377 by calling (248) 848-0123 x110 or via email request to eprzywara@thai.com (request document #208089.00). A pre-bid meeting will be held at the District's E.J. McClendon Educational Center on **November 2, 2009 at 2:00 PM**. Sealed bids will also be received at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center and must be clearly marked "SALEM HIGH SCHOOL LAN CABLING BID" and received **no later than 2:00 p.m.** local time on **Friday, November 13, 2009** at which time they will be read publicly. The PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Building is located at 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. For additional information, contact Jim Casteel, Director of Integrated Technology at (734) 416-2708. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids and to waive any bid irregularities, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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Panel cites 'urgent' need to slash state business tax

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

A businessman and four politicians called for lower business taxes to improve Michigan's economy during a panel discussion Thursday hosted by the Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce in West Bloomfield.

The Chaldean chamber is located in Southfield.

State Attorney General Mike Cox recommended cutting the Michigan Business Tax in half and eventually eliminating it altogether. The tax is one of the smallest sources of Michigan's income, Cox said, and it also places the state among the third worst to do business. Business tax cuts could make Michigan the seventh most desirable state to do business, he added.

"How many jobs do we have to lose to have a sense



Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox (center) tells the audience that there is a leadership deficit in Lansing. Listening are Murray Feldman (left), David Brandon, state Rep. Andy Dillon and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

of urgency?" Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano asked, pointing to 750,000 jobs eliminated statewide.

He looks at the Detroit Region Aerotropolis as becoming America's premier location for trade and business expansion that, he said, can create 60,000 jobs and \$11

billion in revenue. The dual airport system will consist of Detroit Metropolitan and Willow Run airports offering businesses and travelers the connectivity and capacity to access the global market.

This airport city will put Michigan on a regional and global competitive level,

Ficano said. He added that he recently reduced 11 departments by 40 percent.

"One of the concerns with the Aerotropolis was: 'Are you going to pull business out of Detroit and surrounding communities around the airport?'" he said. "There's a poaching law that says we can't do that.

NEED A JOB?

A representative from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) had a recruiting table in the lobby of the Shenandoah Country Club, where the Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce hosted a luncheon. The chamber is headquartered in Southfield. The representative spoke briefly at the luncheon about the need to recruit Chaldeans for "good jobs with good benefits."

Business will locate around the airport."

Cox and Ficano were joined by Michigan Speaker of the House Andy Dillon (R-Redford) and president/CEO of Domino's Pizza, David Brandon, who is also chairman of the Business Leaders for Michigan.

WJBK-TV (Channel 2) News Business Editor Murray Feldman moderated and punctuated the 90-minute debate with a standing joke about who was and wasn't running for governor.

Dillon called for government and business to form a partnership that will "create a better environment for business."

Tax breaks for movie and alternative-energy businesses have successfully lured com-

panies to Michigan, which in turn creates jobs that boosts state income taxes and provides other spinoff benefits to the state, Ficano said.

Brandon noted that it's nearly impossible to decide what the next emerging corporation in the state will be, and elected officials should focus on lowering the cost of doing business for everyone, instead of a few they believe are going to be popular in the future.

"The Michigan Business Tax is onerous," Brandon said, stressing that small business owners have such smaller profit margins and that a tax break could make a difference between a business surviving or not.

He called for "the government to get out of the way and let us compete."

After the event, Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce President Martin Manna said that while he was thankful each of the panelists attending and sharing their comments, many of the people in the audience are small business owners who "still have a lot of anxiety" about the economic outlook in Michigan.

"We think they can make the difference and we believe in them," Manna said, adding that politicians need to put people first and special interest groups later.

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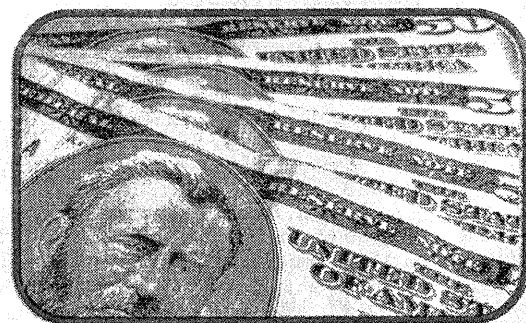
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W-W looks at school closings, 5-6 school plan

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It looks like the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will go the route districts like Livonia, Novi and Dexter have by realigning grades to create upper elementary schools. However, to accomplish that may mean the closing of seven elementary schools.

That was the gist of sev-

eral reports presented to the district's 21st Century Schools Committee last week. The group, made up of parents, business people, school employees and administrators, is developing a plan that will maintain the district's educational program while addressing the loss of enrollment and funding.

"This is about how to make the district better," Associate

Supt. Gary Martin said. "We literally have to make the best of what we have, so let's make it even better."

The tentative plan developed by the facilities subcommittee would have five elementaries feeding into one fifth- and sixth-grade school. From there, the students as a group would advance to the same middle school and high school. Currently, the

district has 17 elementaries with seven serving as feeder schools to two different middle schools. One of the four middle schools, Stevenson, also sends students to both of the high schools.

The plan is based on a recommendation by the instruction subgroup. The subgroup visited several 5-6 schools and were impressed with what they saw.

"I was concerned that a five-six school would be too babyish and that it would be like an elementary school," said committee member Sue Webb, a parent representative from Franklin Middle School. "But it wasn't babyish and wasn't a middle school. I really like it that students will enter into fifth grade and will be with the class they will graduate with."

"The students talked about it being just right and how it was their school," added Valerie Orr, Wayne Memorial High School principal. "There wasn't one negative kid among them."

Pluses for an arrangement would be the ability to enhance the educational program with foreign languages and instrumental music, which were lost at the elementary level when the district moved to a middle school program in the 1990s.

21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS NEWS

Wayne-Westland's 21st Century Schools Committee is charged with:

- Reviewing district facility use and demographics.
- Exploring various learning configurations.
- Reviewing attendance boundaries.
- Exploring additional educational options for district students.

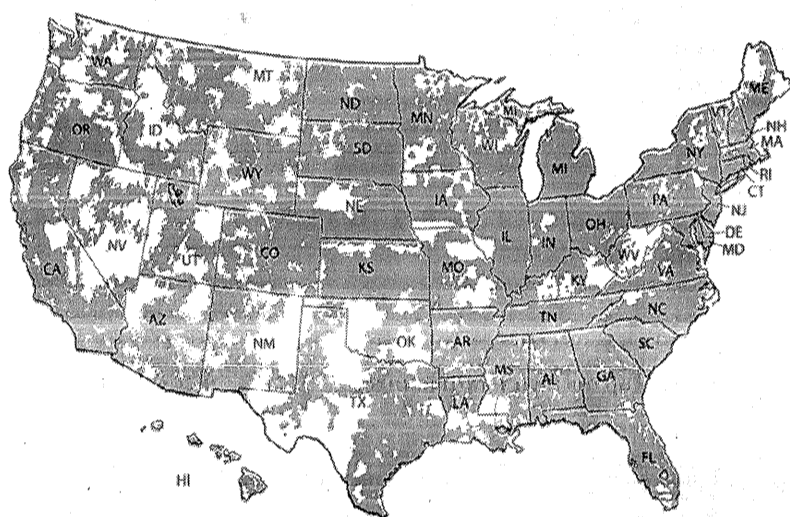
The information it gathers will be used to create a plan to carry the district forward into the 21st century.

Wayne-Westland parents and residents can keep up-to-date on the committee's work online at www.wwcsd.net. Click on the 21st Century Schools Committee logo to see minutes from the various meetings, a video about the committee's work, a question-and-answer sheet and PowerPoint presentations from the meetings.

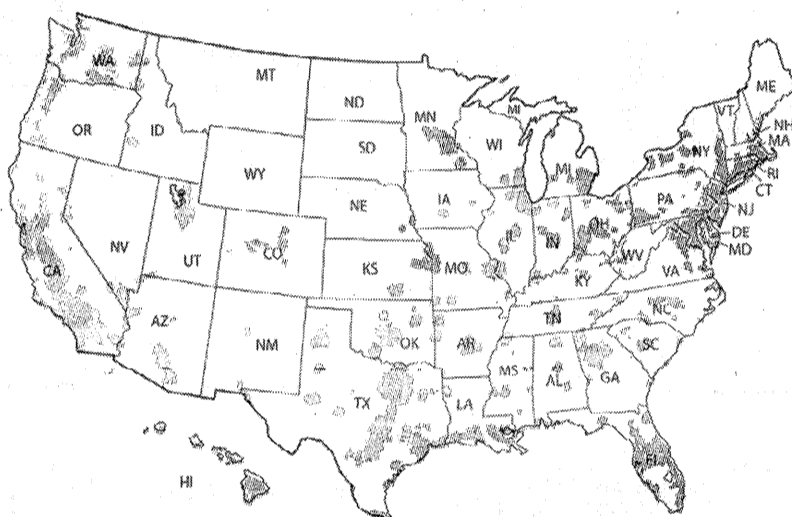
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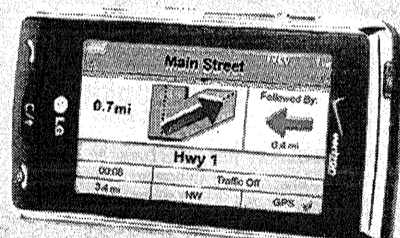


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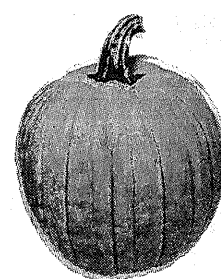
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Family fun guide: Find pumpkin patches and more ... C2

Wildcats win, playoff-bound

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ever since a crazy play went against Plymouth at the end of a heartbreaking loss to Westland John Glenn, a play that became a national story, the Wildcats have been hard to bring down.

Friday night, behind 263 rushing yards and three touchdowns from Jernarian Caldwell, the Wildcats earned another trip to the state playoffs by virtue of a 35-23 win over visiting Novi.

Plymouth improved to 6-2 overall with the KLAA cross-over win, and head coach Mike Sawchuk will return to the playoffs for the third straight year he has been at the team's helm.

"It was a total team effort," Sawchuk said. "I'm proud of these kids for what they've been through the last three weeks."

The potentially devastating loss to John Glenn — when the Rockets scored after Plymouth blocked a field goal in what the Wildcats thought was the final play of the game — instead has brought the team together.

"They seem to be a little bit tighter now," Sawchuk said. "Some things happen for a reason."

The coach said Caldwell "was a stud" Friday, scoring on runs of 45, 82 and 51 yards. Other Plymouth TDs came on a 17-yard run by quarterback Victor Hicks and an 18-yard pass play from Hicks to Jake Morris.

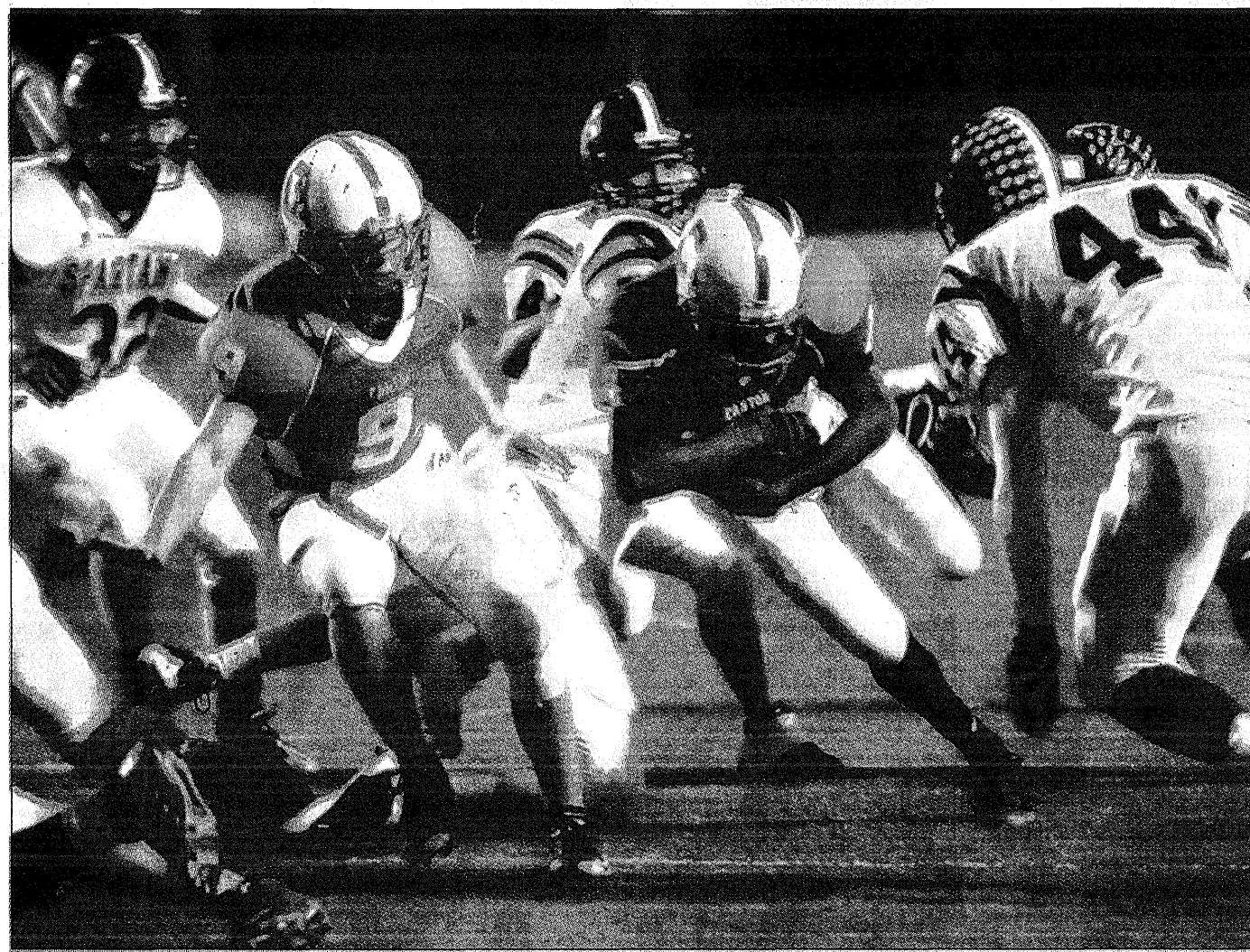
Plymouth broke out to a 21-0 lead only to watch Novi (3-5) make it close, 28-21, at half-time.

Salem rocked

Friday night at Livonia Franklin in another KLAA crossover, Salem lost 42-10 to fall to 2-6 on the season.

It was 21-7 Franklin (4-4) at halftime, with Salem's points courtesy of a 5-yard TD catch

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Pushing forward for a first quarter gain Friday night is Canton sophomore running back Kevin Buford (No. 1). Providing blocking help is senior Adam Payter (No. 9).

Not again: Stevenson foils Chiefs

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Fired up to avenge last year's loss to Livonia Stevenson in the regional finals, Canton's varsity football team came out swinging Friday night by scoring on the opening drive.

But the visiting Spartans and senior running back Austin White also knew how big the KLAA Kensington Conference championship game was. Stevenson (6-2) came from behind with two fourth-quarter touchdowns to shock the Chiefs, 36-27, and clinch a playoff bid.

White was the big gun, rushing 31 times for 165 yards and scoring on runs of 11, 1 and 50 yards (with 1:04 to go) and completing a 10-yard halfback option TD pass to senior Mike Beyer.

"They've gotten us the last two years," said Canton head coach Tim Baechler, whose 7-1 team will look to regain its collective focus. "They're a well-coached team. We knew they were good."

"Both teams deserved to win, but they did a little bit more. ... Bottom line, they made a few more plays than us."

Stevenson head coach Tim Gabel knew Canton would be out to get back at his team for the 38-31 loss in the 2008 regional finals. But he said his team followed the same script it has since starting the year 0-2.

"We lost our first two games and they were against good teams," Gabel said. "The whole plan was to just try and keep getting better. Honestly, the kids have really bought into that."

"But I'm not going to say this was an ordinary game. Obviously, it's a cham-

ampionship game and against a very, very good team."

JUST SPECTACULAR

White, who has committed to play at the University of Michigan, wasn't the only big playmaker in the back-and-forth title tilt.

Canton sophomore running back Kevin Buford dazzled the crowd with a 39-yard run in the first drive of the contest to set up his own 1-yard plunge.

Buford later scored on TD runs of 63 and 65 yards and rushed for 193 yards on 11 carries.

"That kid's spectacular, a great player," Baechler said. "He's deceptively strong and you can see how fast he is. He's incredible."

Please see **CHIEFS, B3**

GAME WRAPS

Plymouth spikers prevail

Senior Night turned out perfectly Thursday for Plymouth's varsity volleyball team, sparked by senior co-captain Kelly Smoltz to a 25-13, 24-26, 25-19, 25-18 victory over Livonia Franklin.

"She (Smoltz) really stepped it up tonight," Plymouth head coach Kelly McCausland said. "She was our go-to hitter offensively and our block leader defensively (16 kills, 10 blocks)."

Other seniors also came through, particularly co-captain Katie Salo (15 digs, 40 set assists and 100-percent serving) and co-captain Erin O'Connor (five digs, eight crucial block deflections).

"I really needed my seniors to regroup and take on leadership roles after Tuesday night's loss and all three had their game faces on this evening," McCausland said.

Other key contributors for the Wildcats (18-7-1 overall, 5-3 in the KLAA South) were Dani Risi (13 kills, four aces, eight digs), Jessica Scott (10 kills, three blocks) and Kayla Bridge (nine kills, 24 digs, 100-percent serving).

Rocks nip Brighton

With Monday night's district tilt against Plymouth looming, the Salem varsity boys soccer team tuned up with Wednesday's 2-1 win over Brighton in a KLAA crossover.

Scoring for the Rocks (12-4-4, fifth place in the 24-team circuit) were Alex Tramel (from Lachlan Savage) and Evan Antich, who netted the winner in the second half on an assist from Scott O'Connor.

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State-ment

Breakthrough year for Plymouth boys tennis team

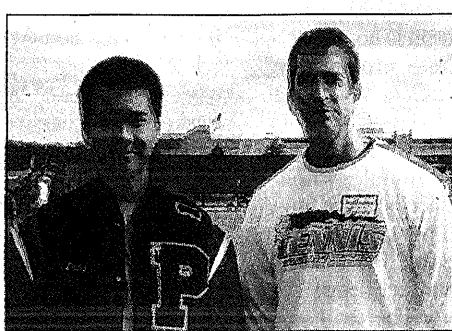
BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth High School's varsity boys tennis team is enjoying a season to remember, both for collective and individual accomplishments.

For the first time in school history, the Wildcats won the KLAA South Division. Plymouth's fourth-place finish at Friday's state Division 1 regionals was its best-ever showing as was the team's third-place finish in the KLAA conference tourney the previous week.

But the biggest accomplishment was an individual nature. Sophomore No. 1 singles player Aaron Zhang qualified for the D1 state meet (which was Friday and Saturday), becoming the first Wildcat to make the cut. He did so by defeating the second-seeded player (Ann Arbor Pioneer) in straight sets at the PHS-hosted regionals.

"To have a top player emerge from our program adds a new level of excitement to



Plymouth varsity boys tennis player Aaron Zhang is the first Wildcat to qualify for the state meet in the school's seven-year history. At right is his coach, Tom Kimball.

our team," said Plymouth head coach Tom Kimball about Zhang, who posted a stellar 17-6 record this season.

That record, Kimball emphasized, was against some of the best players in the state.

"Aaron has made a huge investment of time into practicing and playing in tour-

naments throughout the year," Kimball said. "He has a devastating forehand and is already beyond proficient in nearly every aspect of the games."

"If he continues to improve at the rate he is going he will easily play at the collegiate level."

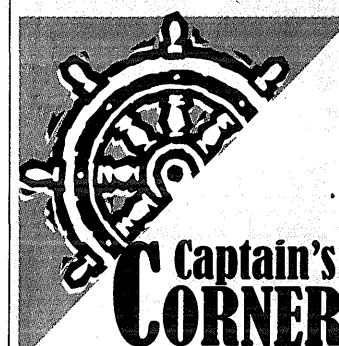
SWEET CAPPER

What Zhang is doing now is the icing on the cake of what has been a very enjoyable and successful season, said Kimball, who has coached the Wildcats all seven years of the team's existence.

"Our team and tennis program has shown steady improvement since Plymouth opened seven years ago," Kimball continued. "We began with a freshman-only team of just 15 players."

"We now have 44 players on our roster (one of the biggest teams in the KLAA) and we are reaching new milestones each season."

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Captain's CORNER

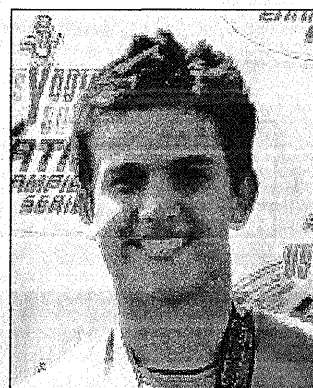
Who: Sasa Miskovic, Salem senior, boys soccer co-captain.

Miscellany: Miskovic, 18, carries a 3.53 grade-point average. His parents are Milanka and Miroslav Miskovic. Career honors include: All-State first team, All-District, All-Region, MHSAA Scholar Athlete and first-team All-Observer as a junior; first-team all-area and All-District in his sophomore year.

Captain's job: "The job of a captain is to lead the team by example. A captain is there to calm the team down and get them through the toughest and easiest times of situations in games."

Leadership style: "I am very vocal and I lead by example. On

SASA MISKOVIC

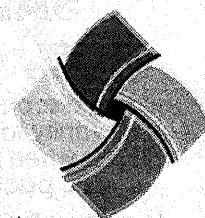


and off the soccer field, I make the right choices by being responsible, respectful to my parents and peers and being mature. I stay out of trouble and focus on school and soccer, which is what will get me through in life."

Why him?: "I am very responsible in life and the team can count on me for help. I am the last player of the 11 players on the field for my team and when I am vocal and leading them, it assists my players and helps them to do better. ... And I never give up."

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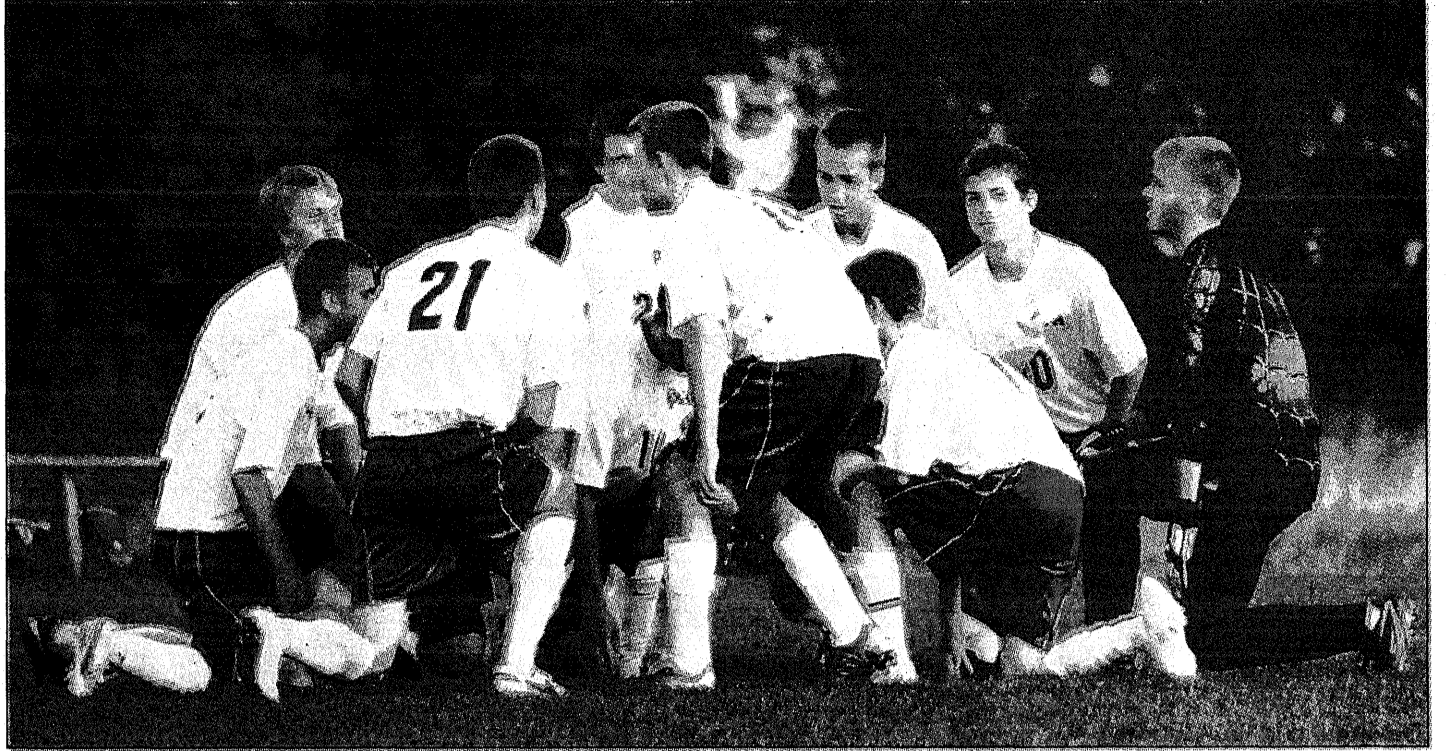
BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP VOLLEYBALL

The jury was still out when the state-ranked Livonia Churchill took its case to the Canton court Thursday night in a critical girls volleyball matchup. First place was at stake in the KLAAs South Division, but when all the statistical evidence was presented, the final verdict read 25-23, 25-23, 25-19 — all in Churchill's favor. "I think we played great defense," said Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "We kept the ball alive and we gave ourselves some opportunities for a couple of kids that swing well. And when we do that, we have a chance." Churchill improved to 39-4 overall and all but wrapped up the KLAAs South while improving to 8-0 with two divisional matches remaining. Canton, which squandered a 22-19 lead in the second game, falls to 20-6 overall and 6-2 in the division. The Chiefs got a sterling effort from sophomore outside hitter Kristen Muir (16 kills, 31 digs). Senior Jordan Kiely added 13 kills and 19 assists. Other contributions came from Alaina Turner (nine kills, four blocks), Lauren

Macuga (18 digs) and Traci Breitmeyer (17 assists). Canton actually had more kills (43-42) on the night than the Chargers, but still came out on the short end. In the second game alone, Canton recorded 20 kills to Churchill's nine. But it seemed Churchill won all the crucial points. "There's nothing I can pinpoint," Canton coach Mary Kryska said of her team's late-set woes. "That second game we made eight hitting errors and three serving errors. If we can eliminate the errors, I feel we can beat them. Unfortunately it's the third time we've lost to them, but Churchill is a good team." The two teams could meet again next week (Oct. 24) in the KLAAs Kensington Conference tourney at Wayne Memorial. "We've got a great rivalry with Canton," Grenier said. "We've played them three times, and even though we've come out on top the last couple, the Canton kids always show a lot of sportsmanship. They're just a bunch of nice, classy kids and I'm glad we have this rivalry with them."

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Plymouth Christian varsity boys soccer players talk strategy during halftime of Tuesday's 5-0 triumph.

Seniors pace PCA kickers to 5-0 victory

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

BOYS SOCCER

Plymouth Christian's varsity boys soccer team romped to a 5-0 win over Southfield Christian Tuesday in a "Senior Day" contest that appropriately featured the strong play of seniors Blair Robinson, Jordan Machonga and Don Mullett. The trio accounted for all five goals as the Eagles shellshocked Southfield Christian with 28 shots on goal and

numerous scoring opportunities. Making the most of his was Mullett, who scored three goals and added an assist. Each chipping in with a goal and two assists were Robinson and Machonga. "It was a great team win and one that we could enjoy on this special senior's day," said PCA co-coach Larry Machonga. The victory upped the

Eagles' record to 7-8-1 and the team will face Huron Valley in the Division 4 district semifinals on Thursday at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist. A win there will move the Eagles into the championship set for 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. Machonga said it was 3-0 at halftime and he was able to play all 23 members of the team, including the nine seniors who were honored during the intermission. In addition to Robinson,

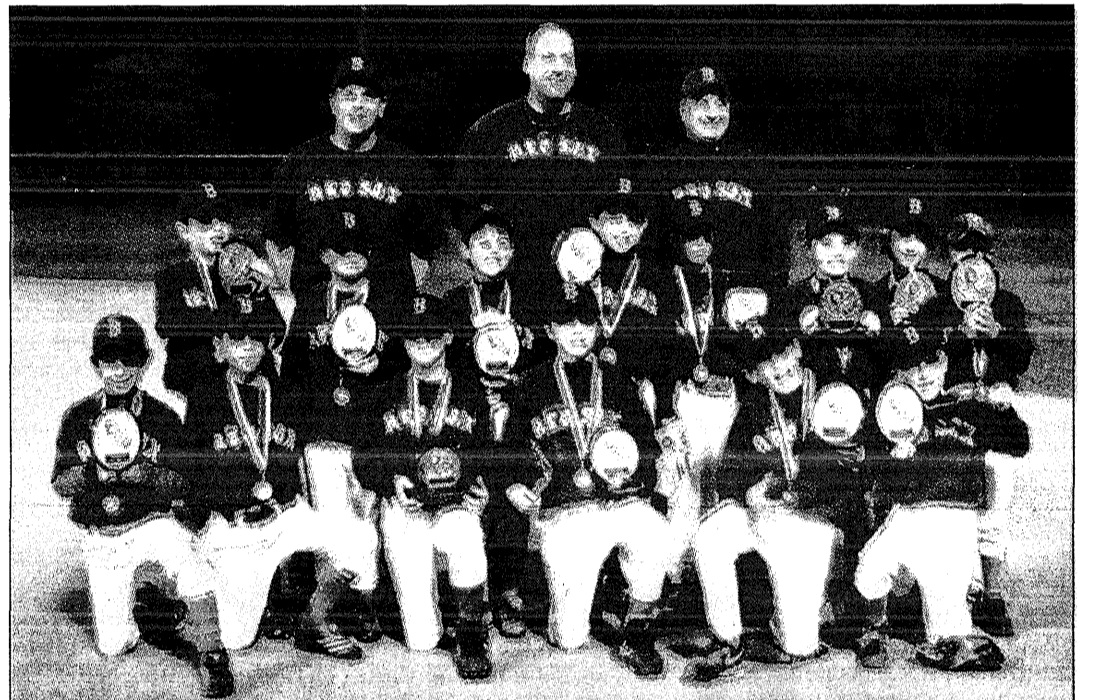
co-captain Jordan Machonga and Mullett, the PCA senior honorees included co-captain Matt Zandee, David Baum, Nate Howard, Ethan Walker, goalkeeper Jordan Allen (who recorded his second shutout of the year) and Chad Ibach. The big win followed a 2-1 victory against Southfield Christian the previous Saturday, Oct. 10.

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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 circumstances." For more information, contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or



Red-hot Red Sox

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association's 10U Fall champions are the Red Sox, who defeated the Cubs 8-5 on Oct. 14 in the championship game. The Red Sox finished first in the regular season and earlier during the playoffs had wins over the Mets and Giants. Team members include: (front row, from left) Ben Spencer, Turner Donlin, Zach Ziroll, Ian Wunderlich, Mitch Clark, Thomas Harvey; (middle row, from left) Ryan McAuliffe, Andrew Clarke, Lucas Rhodes, Max Korff, Geody Ziroll, Guido Costantino, Jacob Aleva, Sam Brusca; (top row, from left) head coach Pat McAuliffe, assistant coaches Rich Harvey and Bryan Aleva.

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• There is something for everyone this Fall at the Plymouth YMCA. Registration is ongoing for Girls Volleyball Clinics (for ages 8-10 and 10-12), Basketball Clinics (for ages 6-7 and 8-9), Sports Sampler Class (for ages 3-5) and Little Dragons Martial Arts (for ages 4-7).
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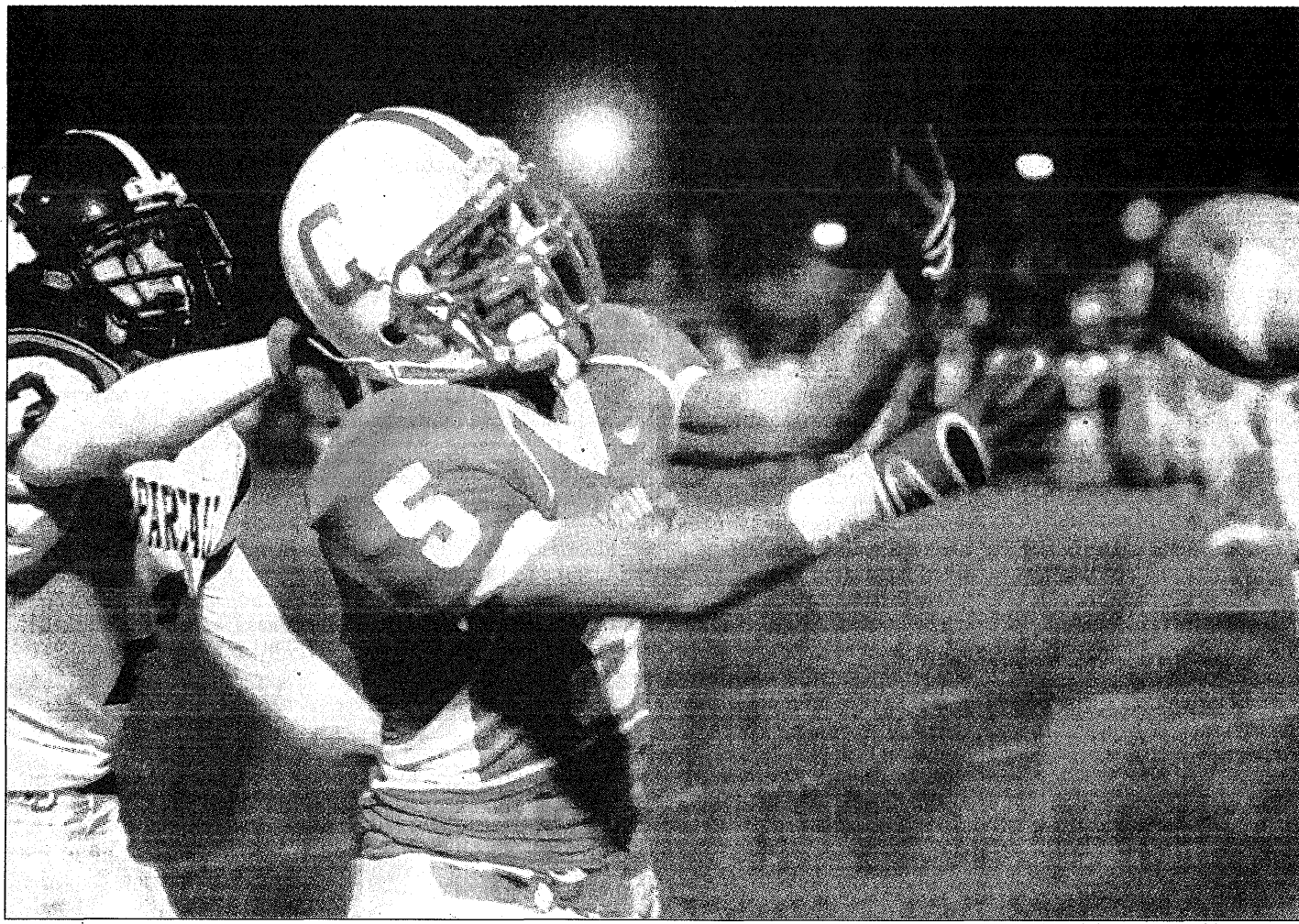
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An example of how Friday night went for Canton — the football goes off the fingertips of junior receiver Ryan Powell (right) with Stevenson's Alex Law defending in the KLAAs Kensington Conference championship game.

CHIEFS

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For as jaw-dropping as Buford's scoring plays were, the Chiefs wound up not making enough basic plays on offense and defense.

Stevenson came back after Canton's early TD and converted a fourth-down situation to make it 7-7, called the turning point by Gabel. The snap went to White instead of quarterback Brendan O'Hara (7-of-13 passing, 73 yards) and he threw a touchdown to Beyer.

"We were down 7-0 and our kids didn't even blink," Gabel said. "We just took the ball and drove down and scored. ... We're playing with confidence because we really believe in ourselves."

Canton senior quarterback Kevin Delapaz then was picked off to stop the Chiefs'

next drive.

The Spartans went from there and drove 52 yards, with O'Hara's 16-yard pass to senior tight end Jordan El-Sabeh on a fourth-and-12 the key play. Scoring on an 11-yard run was White to give Stevenson a 14-7 lead.

But with 2:04 left in the first half, the Chiefs answered. Delapaz threw a 17-yard touchdown pass to junior back Ryan Powell — also on fourth down.

LEAD CHANGES

White worked some of his magic to open the second half, returning the kickoff 52 yards to give the Spartans a chance to get back in front.

But that drive stalled, with Alex Law's subsequent punt rolling down to Canton's 1-yard line.

On the next play, Delapaz was thrown for a safety by senior Will Burek to give

Stevenson a 16-14 lead.

The Spartans took over following the free kick and scored again, with White punching it in from 1 yard out.

Undaunted, Buford got some of it back right away, scoring from 63 yards. He hurdled one defender and broke three tackles before turning on the burners.

Canton then went back in front, 27-23, when Buford — as if shot out of a cannon — burst through the middle and was on his way to a 65-yard score.

Stevenson's next offensive series looked to be stalling, with O'Hara apparently thrown for a big loss. But Canton was called for a facemask penalty to keep the Spartans moving.

O'Hara's 1-yard quarterback sneak made it a 30-27 Stevenson lead with 6:21 remaining.

The Chiefs were unable to

move the ball on their next chance and the Spartans put the game out of reach on White's third TD of the night.

"We wanted it a lot, too, and we knew it was going to be a battle," White said. "We came out and fought our hardest. It worked out for us."

Oddly enough, the tough defeat might be just what the doctor ordered, according to Baechler.

"This could be the best thing in the world for us," Baechler said. "It's definitely going to humble them a lot and get them more focused."

"I like to be under the radar and kind of sneak up on people. We didn't handle being front runners very well."

Delapaz also said the defeat might be a wakeup call.

"It's a really rough loss," he said. "But I think it's going to make us better. We're going to get back to our focus, this humbled us a little bit."

Early lead holds up for Whalers

The Plymouth Whalers built an early 3-1 lead and made it stand the rest of the way in a 3-2 victory over the Ottawa 67's in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth has won all of its games to date at Compuware Arena and is 4-0-0-0 on home ice and 7-4-0-0 overall. Ottawa is now 2-7-2-1.

Whalers veteran AJ Jenks (Wolverine Lake) led the Plymouth attack with a goal and an assist. Linemate Garrett Meurs also had a goal and an assist while Tyler Seguin also scored.

Plymouth dominated the first period, which began when Jenks scored 38 sec-

onds into it.

After Travis Gibbons tied the game for Ottawa on a power play at 2:38, Meurs came right back at 3:58 with his fourth goal of season to give Plymouth a 2-1 lead.

Plymouth continued to pressure the entire period with Seguin scoring his league-leading 15th goal of the year at 12:20 of the period to give the Whalers a 3-1 lead.

The play was set up by linemate Joe Gaynor, who moved the puck from behind the Ottawa goal to the right wing side of the net and found Seguin across at the left goal line.

That would be the final goal of the night.

GIRLS SWIMMING RESULTS

CANTON 99, SALEM 87
Oct. 13 at Canton

200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Abby Aumiller, Lauren Seroka, Amanda Nilles, Jacey Lamoureux), 1:59.82; 2. Canton (Caitlin Orr, Sara Krebs, Catherine Irwin, Sara Schmitt), 2:03.75.

200 freestyle: 1. Emily Nelson (S), 2:04.08; 2. Delaney Adams (C), 2:05.90; 3. Kayla Eyster (C), 2:06.78.

200 individual medley: 1. Seroka (S), 2:13.27; 2. Irwin (C), 2:20.38; 3. Aumiller (S), 2:22.26.

50 freestyle: 1. Kari Schmitt (C), 26.29; 2. S. Schmitt (C), 27.13; 3. Nilles (S), 27.51.

1-meter diving: 1. Mallory Hudak (C), 190.05; 2. Robyn Piwowar (C), 174.05; 3. Erica Boltz (S), 143.45.

100 butterfly: 1. Seroka (S), 1:01.06; 2. Adams (C), 1:03.62; 3. Kaitlyn Dugas (C), 1:08.77.

100 freestyle: 1. Nelson (S), 56.64; 2. K. Schmitt (C), 56.74; 3. Eyster (C), 59.98.

500 freestyle: 1. Lamoureux (S), 5:31.08; 2. Irwin (C), 5:36.09; 3. Irene Li (S), 5:39.56.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (K. Schmitt, S. Schmitt, Adams, Eyster), 1:46.15; 2. Salem (Maddie Gorman, Li, Nilles, Nelson), 1:49.31; 3. Canton (Maddy McLean, Emily Pettit, Abby Madison, Christine O'Keefe), 1:49.31.

100 backstroke: 1. Aumiller (S), 1:03.20; 2. Orr (C), 1:07.89; 3. Maggie Sneiderman (S), 1:08.98.

100 breaststroke: 1. Sara Krebs (C), 1:11.81; 2. Kelly Bedro (C), 1:16.36; 3. Ashley Micek (S), 1:16.91.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (K. Schmitt, Adams, Krebs, Eyster), 3:50.48; 2. Salem (Gorman, Li, Sneiderman, Seroka), 3:55.98; 3. Salem (Maria Radzwin, Lamoureux, Aumiller, Nelson), 3:57.00.

WILDCATS

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by junior Ethan Walsh on a pass from senior quarterback Jake Peterson.

Walsh also connected on a 33-yard field goal in the second half and led the defense with 12 tackles.

But Rocks head coach Kurt Britnell said his team made

too many mistakes "and didn't get it done on both sides of the ball."

Marcus Houston had a productive game for Salem. He rushed for 72 yards and caught three passes for another 52 yards. Peterson hit 8-of-20 passes for 101 yards.

Salem will face Canton in the regular season finale at 7 p.m. Friday.

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NEIGHBORS

Plymouth Newcomers foster friendships for 50 years

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Tiffany Baker is amazed by the changes in society as she looks through three large scrapbooks on the Plymouth Newcomers. Fifty years ago newspaper clippings referred to women in the club by Mrs., followed by not their first name but their husband's first and last name.

Respect for women as individuals definitely has grown since Vivian Champion gathered 32 women together to talk about launching the club's first official season in 1958-1959. Even as late as 1975 women were less concerned with themselves than their families. The topic of the luncheon meeting for February was on "How to Keep a Husband Happy" with a speaker from the psychology department at University of Detroit.

"It started as a way for brand new people to the community to come together," said Baker, president of the club now known as Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors. "Toward the end of the first decade they were starting to name first names. It shows how times have changed, the role of the woman who stayed home and took care of the household. Now women and men both do. It reflects society in general."

Fifty years fast forward and the club is mainly about families, although it also appeals to older singles and young married couples without children like Baker, a public relations specialist at Health Alliance Plan in Southfield, and her husband Colin, a Wayne State University professor.

Baker enjoys activities such as playing Euchre and Bunco and belonging to the Friendship Circle which provides meals and care for new mothers and ill members. When Baker was confined to her home for three days after hurting her back, club friends brought meals. Friendship, above all else, is at the heart of the club. For Baker, it's a way to have a family away from home. She and Colin moved to Plymouth from Lansing three years ago.

"I had gone online to get information about the community," said Baker. "The club made a huge difference in making us feel welcome."

She needed to find a new hairdresser at the time. Other people want advice finding reliable baby-sitters or they just want to make friends.



Newcomers 4th of July parade float, 1970.



Newcomers members take a factory tour in 1964.



Jeff and Katina Kovatch sing karaoke at a Newcomers Halloween party.

VARIED ACTIVITIES

Last year 130 families shared their interests through the club which offers groups for dining out, reading books, playing board games and cards as well as scheduled times for parents and children to meet and play. Baker started a dog-sitting co-op so she wouldn't have to send six-year old Kylie to a kennel when the couple left town.

A plus is that activities and interest groups, because of the sharing and caring, cost little or nothing except for the club's \$25 annual membership for a family.

Jennifer Arapoff joined not long after moving to Michigan from the East Coast in September 2001. Although she's a Plymouth Township resident, members come from around the area including Canton, Northville and Novi.

"We were renting in West Bloomfield for a few months when I saw an ad in *Metro Parent* for play groups," said Arapoff who lives in Plymouth Township. "I had one daughter then 15 months old and have made lifelong treasured friends. As the children get older activities through newcomers tend to change. Now we do things with the grownups, the parents of those children."

Arapoff especially appreciates the Friendship Circle which provided food after the birth of her twins. Today she continues to not only take part in giving inside but outside the organization. Throughout the club's programming season (September to May) members' philanthropic work makes a differ-

ence in the community whether it's bell ringing for the Salvation Army during the holidays or their current book drive for a Detroit elementary school without a library.


ACROSS THE MILES

Sheila Paton's made lifelong friends since joining the club after moving to Plymouth Township from Cleveland in 2001. Last week she traveled to Arizona to meet up with former Newcomers member Tiffany Lemmink who moved to Louisville, Ky., two years ago.

"She's celebrating her 40th birthday and her husband decided to send her on a spa trip and wanted to send me too," said Paton, who works part time in finance at University of Michigan

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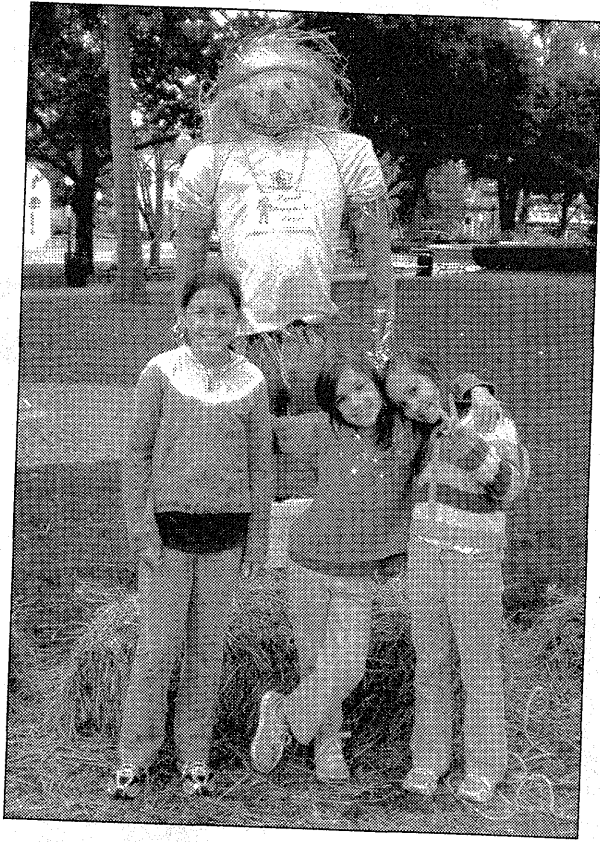


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NEWCOMERS

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Medical Center in Livonia. "We're very good friends."

Both were from out of town when they joined Newcomers and "became each other's family."

Today daughter Adrienne, 11, and son Jacob, 9 maintain club ties just like their parents. Upcoming parties (Oct. 30-31) provide a safe environment at Halloween for children and fun for adults. New this year is Cookies & Cocoa with Santa in December and a Healthy New Year seminar on exercise and nutrition in January.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Wes Graf promotes the club whenever he encounters anyone new to the area. As executive director of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce he believes the Newcomers and chamber compliment each other. The chamber Web site (plymouthmich.org) includes a link to Newcomers.

Graf and Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume spoke at the 50th anniversary celebration at Station 885 in late September.

"When someone's new to a community they don't know where to turn first. They're uprooted and replanted so a local support network becomes significant," said Reaume who has lived in Plymouth Township 26 years. "How wonderful that a group of current caring citizens care enough about their community to want to share and welcome other new families to the area."

For more information about Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors, visit plymouthnewcomers.com or call Suman Desaraju at (734) 254-9181.



Colin Baker, (left) Tiffany Baker, Michele Hill and Bob Hill of team "Great Divide" prepare for the 2009 Road Rally.

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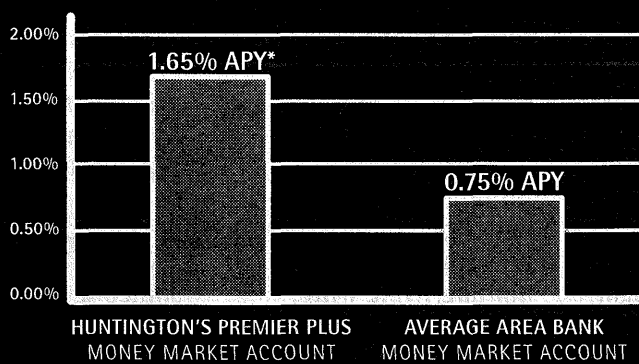
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Stars Guitars, a fund-raising event that benefits the Charles A. Main, MD Pediatric Cancer Survivor Scholarship Fund of Beaumont Hospitals, is at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24, at Dearborn's Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, Dearborn. It includes an auction featuring guitars autographed by popular musicians and a large assortment of many other items, a strolling dinner and a performance by REO Speedwagon.

Flu shots

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan will administer seasonal flu shots and pneumonia shots from 9 a.m.-noon, Oct. 20 at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia; 5-7 p.m., Oct. 24, and 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 25, at St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia. Flu shots are \$25; pneumonia shots are \$50. Medicare Part B, HAP, Priority Health, Health Plus of Michigan, Blue Care Network, cash or check payable to VNAHSS accepted. Homebound service is also available. \$40 service fee. Must have a physician's prescription. Call (800) 882-5720, ext. 8752, for an appointment.

View the complete calendar online at hometownlife.com.

Good health begins with the mouth

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Kathi Shepherd isn't trying to scare anyone into seeing a dental hygienist but she does have horror stories to tell about the consequences of not receiving regular care.

Good oral hygiene is important to overall health. Her uncle was diagnosed with what physicians thought was a brain tumor. When surgeons operated they found dental bacteria in his brain. The infection left him paralyzed on the left side. Another patient died of a lung abscess due to dental bacteria.

"My uncle's teeth had not been regularly cleaned for 10 years. It was a dental infection on his brain," said Shepherd, director of educational development and outcomes assessment for the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Dentistry and the dental hygiene program. Shepherd said a daily brushing and flossing doesn't prevent tartar

buildup between the teeth, so a professional scaling at least twice a year is necessary.

"Dental hygienists go beneath gums and make sure bacteria is removed on a regular basis. Bacteria goes down and even burrows into the gum tissue. If someone does not receive below the gum line cleaning then dental bacteria enter the bloodstream and can go anywhere. When it enters the bloodstream research suggests the bacteria associated with periodontal disease poses a threat to other parts of the body."

STARTING YOUNG

Although Shepherd's uncle was 57, dental bacteria can endanger children. She refers her patients to the scientifically-based American Academy of Periodontology Web site, www.perio.org, for credible information.

"It's imperative to start early with a daily oral care routine. Now insurances are starting to cover infant oral exams even

before age 1 because dental bacteria forms the minute there's a tooth in the mouth. Even for a baby, a mother should be getting in there even with a washcloth to get the bacteria off the teeth."

Physicians are increasingly concerned about good oral care as studies continue to show a link between poor oral hygiene and total health. While gum disease resulting from bacteria affects nearly 75 percent of Americans and is the major cause of adult tooth loss, a connection has also been shown to heart disease and diabetes and possibly osteoporosis, respiratory disease and chronic kidney dysfunction. Studies are ongoing on the effects of stress, medications and genetics as well.

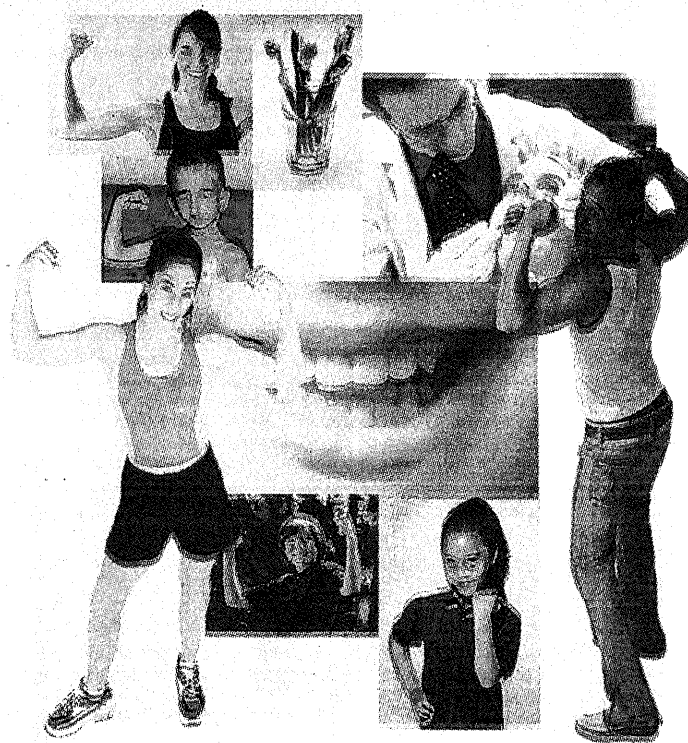
DENTAL HYGIENE

Wendy Kerschbaum is pleased that the rest of the world is finally taking note of the connection between routine oral care and total health. Kerschbaum started her career as a dental hygienist 39 years ago and today is director of the dental hygiene program and an associate professor at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in Ann Arbor.

Years of studies have proven the link just in time to celebrate National Dental Hygiene Month which recognizes the profession dedicated to preventing decay and periodontal disease.

"We consider the mouth part of the whole body," said Kerschbaum. "You can have a lot of disease if you don't take care of your mouth."

Dental disease is usually well advanced by the time it's diagnosed making a daily oral care routine essential to wellness. The American Dental Association recommends brushing twice a day, flossing and using an anti-microbial mouth rinse that says it kills germs or bacteria and is not just a mouth freshener. Kerschbaum suggests using fluoridated toothpaste and a soft toothbrush that's replaced once the bristles start to splay outward.



SMOKING, DIET

Recent studies show tobacco may be one of the most significant risk factors in the development and progression of periodontal disease. Diet can be a contributing factor to dental disease as well. A diet low in important nutrients can make it harder for the body's immune system to fight off infection in the mouth and other parts of the body, said Shepherd.

One study found men and women who have calcium intakes lower than half of the dietary recommendation of 500 milligrams are twice as likely to have periodontal diseases. Another found individuals with less than 60 milligrams of Vitamin C a day were at nearly 1 1/2 times the risk of developing severe gingivitis, a periodontal disease affecting gum tissue. A recent study suggested antioxidants in green tea may help reduce periodontal disease and other inflammatory diseases of the heart and bone.

"Our diet either contributes or protects against decay," said Kerschbaum. "Carbohydrates like sugar, some crackers, dried fruits,

in an at-risk person could contribute to decay as does how long you expose the teeth to this sugar, how frequently in a day. Consume sugar at meal time not between meals."

Avoid breath mints unless sugar free. Sipping on sugar containing liquids whether coffee, pop or fruit juices leads to cavities as well. Diet pop is as harmful because the acidity erodes teeth.

Your smile affects more than health though.

"It's the issue of aesthetics or how we look," said Kerschbaum. "In today's world when you're talking about competing for jobs a smile does become an important attribute."

The University of Michigan School of Dentistry offers student and faculty clinics for routine cleanings and checkups. For information, visit www.dent.umich.edu and click on patients, or call (734) 763-6933 or toll free (888) 707-2500.

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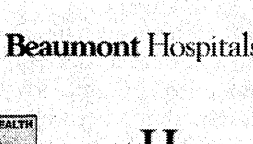
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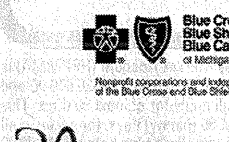


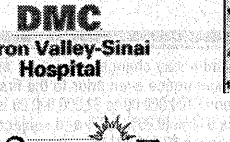
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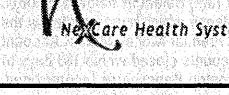


















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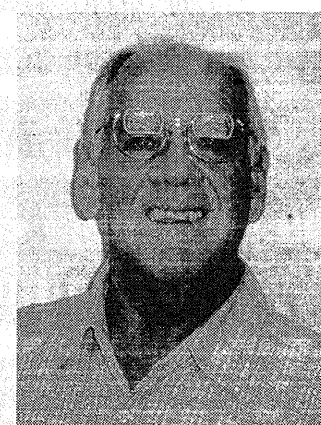
"My life ended at my front door, but this gave my life back," said Roberts. "You saved my life."

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

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David Welch with driving glasses

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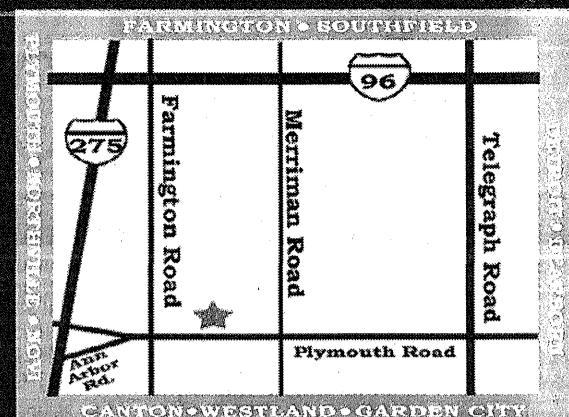
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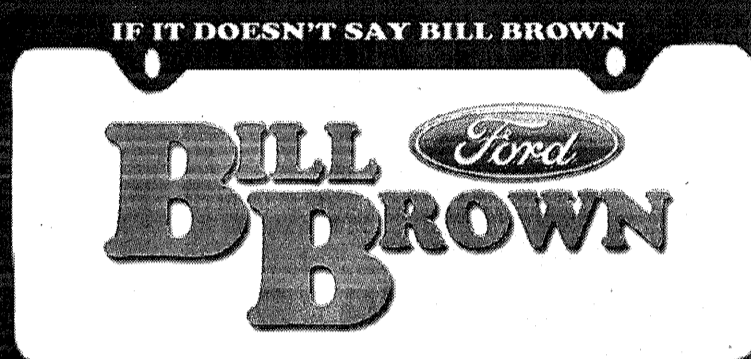
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