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Ghosts and goblins of all ages will haunt the streets of downtown Plymouth Friday for the annual Great Pumpkin Caper.

Costume caper

Downtown Plymouth retailers are ready for the expected invasion Friday of thousands of costumed ghosts and goblins as the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors its annual Great Pumpkin Caper.

The annual trick-or-treating event, which features folks from downtown businesses providing the goodies as the youngsters parade through the streets in their costumes. The event runs 5:30-7 p.m.; the Fall Gathering at the Wilcox House has been added to the list of sites where candy will be distributed.

Trick-or-treaters are being asked to bring canned goods to the event to drop off in bins specially marked for the "Cans for Candy" food drive. Donations will go to the emergency food pantry at the Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps.

The Great Pumpkin Caper also features a costume contest in Kellogg Park.

For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

Voter guide

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County has prepared a non-partisan Voter Guide for the Nov. 3 general election. Voter Guides for the Plymouth City Commission and the Plymouth-Canton Public School Board are available at the public libraries as well as on the League's Web site, www.lwvnmw.org.

The League of Women Voters features non-partisan candidate information, and the Voter Guide provides an easy vehicle for the voters to compare the candidates.

Tax help

If you need help with your taxes, the Internal Revenue Service is offering a free Solution Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 7 at 477 Michigan Avenue, 20th floor, Detroit, Mi 48226. Detroit is one of only five cities selected for the program.

Foreclosure, bankruptcy, payment plans, penalties, past-due tax returns and other complex tax issues can be a challenge for taxpayers.

Taxpayers are encouraged to schedule appointments as soon as possible by calling (313) 628-3120.

People can also get help from the IRS website at IRS.gov, or call 1-800-TAX-1040.

Bathey sale nets city more than \$1M

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth officials got some good financial news for a change last week when the proceeds from a land sale brought more than \$1 million to city coffers.

The city's share of the proceeds from its sale of the former Bathey industrial site on Mill north of Ann Arbor Trail was part of the disburse-

ment of funds unanimously approved Oct. 19 by the Plymouth City Commission.

Plymouth had obtained the 16-acre former machine shop complex for nonpayment of taxes after a long legal battle; six other taxing entities also got paid last week, with the Plymouth Canton Community Schools' share, nearly \$950,000, second only to the city's.

The money provides welcome relief

as officials face cuts in state aid and an anticipated decline in property values that could lead to reduced tax revenues. Plymouth's general-fund budget is about \$7.6 million this year; Finance Director Mark Christiansen told the commission that annual revenue could drop by as much as \$1 million by 2012.

"It's kind of a crapshoot in terms of what's going to happen three years down the road," City Manager Paul

Sincock said.

Commissioners passed a resolution that divided Plymouth's nearly \$1.01 million share of the Bathey proceeds as follows:

- \$300,000 to the general fund as reserve money, to make up for lost state revenue sharing and an expected decline in revenue from 35th District Court.

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Going Greek

New Mediterranean eatery finds niche in Plymouth

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Fast food in Athens means a walk to the corner gyros stand or the storefront cafe with a food counter and a few tables and chairs.

That's the spirit George Costos wants to capture with his new Plymouth restaurant, Plaka Mediterranean Grill.

Named for an ancient Athenian neighborhood, Plaka, on Penniman, serves Greek and Middle Eastern food, a natural combination, Costos said, of culinary traditions from the Mediterranean region. Costos said he's found a niche in Plymouth.

"There's a demand for both because the foods are so similar, and they're good for you," Costos said Tuesday.

Visitors can have grape leaves or gyros, feta or falafel, chicken shawarma or chicken souvlaki, and fattoush salad or Greek salad. For extra diversity, the menu includes panini sandwiches, wrap sandwiches and a Michigan salad. Plaka will have three specials each week — a salad, a sandwich and an entree — that aren't on the regular menu.

Costos is a second-generation restaurant owner; he grew up working at his father's place in Southfield. He and a brother, Nick, owned a place in Ann Arbor for 10 years, Mr. Greek's Coney Island. Costos is the chief cook; his business partner is Dino Karadimas, who owns the Plaka Cafe in Detroit's Greektown.

Costos said he scouted a Plymouth location for about a year before opening Plaka in July after an extensive remodeling. He was attracted



George Costos says he serves the best Greek salad in town.

George Costos, owner of Plaka Mediterranean Grill, wants to capture the spirit of Athens in his new restaurant.

by downtown's vibrancy, its cleanliness and its easygoing, pedestrian-friendly atmosphere. (Walkers are the norm in the original Plaka in Athens; most motor vehicles are banned.)

Plymouth's Plaka seats about 25, plus outdoor seating when weather allows, but Costos is stressing his carryout and delivery business. He'll deliver meals within a two-mile radius; Plaka offers catering for special events, with catering delivery within a five-mile radius.

Plymouth people have been supportive of his new restaur-

ant, Costos said. "They appreciate what we're doing here," he said. "They like to support their local businesses."

While some in his family have drifted away from the restaurant business, Costos said, the people he meets keep him motivated.

"I love interacting with the people every day," he said. "And I love to cook."

Plaka Mediterranean Grill is at 838 Penniman near Main Street. The phone number is (734) 207-7004. The restaurant Web site is www.plakaplymouth.com.

Plaka Mediterranean Grill is on Penniman west of Main Street.



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Volunteers needed as Red Kettle campaign nears

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The folks at the Plymouth Salvation Army know economic times around here are tough.

They just happen to think the people in the community are tougher, and generous enough not to let it affect them.

And based on recent history in the annual Red Kettle Campaign, they might be right. After all, last year's holiday campaign — the Army's biggest fund-raiser — drew \$244,000, nearly \$10,000 more than the goal.

So this year, organizers are setting a goal of \$265,000 for the kettles. Including the other

components of the holiday fund-raiser — counter kettles, mail-in donations and walk-in donations — the Salvation Army hopes to raise some \$315,000.

"It's ambitious, to a degree," Corps Officer Capt. Jolene Hull said. "I've only been here a short time, but I already feel like part of the community. (Now) I'm looking forward to helping people fill what they see as Christmas."

Toward that end, the Plymouth Salvation Army is looking for volunteers for the 2009 campaign, which starts Nov. 13. Kettles will be set up at 21 locations around the Salvation Army's service area, which includes Plymouth, Canton,

HELPING THE NEEDY

In addition to the Red Kettle Campaign, the Plymouth Salvation Army, which serves Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville:

- Bought some 300 brand-new coats for its annual Coats for Kids program.
- Needs some 600 turkeys for its annual Thanksgiving dinner program.
- Is taking applications for its Thanksgiving and Christmas programs. Applicants must have proof of residency, proof of income and identification for everyone in the home.

For more information on any of these programs, call (734) 453-5464.

Northville and Belleville.

Officials say the need is especially acute the first two days of the campaign — Friday, Nov. 13, and Saturday, Nov. 14. The campaign will run through Dec. 24.

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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

Goodfellows help

The Plymouth Goodfellows are coordinating volunteers for their annual paper sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5.

People can sign up for any time frame. "Times are difficult ... and we need all the help we can muster to help us meet our goal of 'No Child without a Christmas,'" Goodfellows spokesperson Penny Irwin said.

The next meeting is 7 p.m. Nov. 11, in the Plymouth District Library. People can reach the Goodfellows at plymouthgoodfellows@yahoo.com or by calling (734) 262-3199.

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.

Day of the Dead

Calling all curious spirits! Intrigued by the mystery of the departed? Interested in the supernatural? The Plymouth Historical Museum invites you to enjoy a hauntingly good time this Halloween (Saturday, Oct. 31) 8-10 p.m. for a Day of the Dead event.

Jill Andra Young of Jill Andra Young Photography in Plymouth will speak about Day of the Dead history, rituals, and art. Also, visitors will see real orbs caught on camera in the orb photography presentation. Later, participants will gather at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth in the perfect haunting setting to capture their own



Kiwanis officers

The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Club installed their new officers at their Oct. 1 induction dinner. Officers are (from left) Char Briggs, Vice President; Janet Ott, Secretary; Mark Ott, President; Debby Torzy, Treasurer. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers serving the world one child, and one community at a time. The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis provides dictionaries to all Plymouth Canton Community School third graders, totaling over 1,400. It is active with the Salvation Army, First Step and Youth Leadership Canton. There are many opportunities to give back to your community and your Kiwanis club is one of them. For more information visit the Club's Web site at www.pckiwans.org or call (734) 981-0460.

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Visitors should wear appropriate clothing for cold weather. Participants need to provide their own transportation to Riverside Cemetery.

Doors open at 8 p.m. at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, in downtown Plymouth. No tickets are necessary; there will be a \$10 admission fee at the door. For more information, call (734) 455-8940, or visit the Web site www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html

Book signing

Local author Shawn Hennessy will sign his book "The Next Level" 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, at Panera Bread in downtown Plymouth. Books will be on sale on-site.

The book, "The Next Level," is

a 31-day experience. Hennessy is the founder of Real Life Plymouth. He is a Rotarian and Plymouth resident.

The book will be available on Amazon.com and at Borders bookstores by spring. Hennessy's second book will be published next year.

Photo exhibit

Lotus Arts Gallery announced the opening of a new exhibit, "Icons, Symbols, Fictions and Fantasies: An Exhibition of Modern Photography," on display during November.

The exhibit will feature the photographic works of local artists Robert Stewart, Eric Smith and Joe Crachiola. Their three different styles of photography will give viewers an understanding of appreciation

for what is being done in photography today. For more information see Lotus' Web site at www.lotusarts.com or call (734) 453-5400.

Medicare workshop

The Plymouth District Library will again be offering workshops to assist individuals who are looking to enroll in the prescription programs offered by Medicare.

Co-sponsored by CVS Pharmacy, workshops will be held on all Tuesdays in November - Nov. 3, 10, 17 and 24 - from 10 a.m. to noon. Attendees are required to put all their current medications in a bag and bring it to the workshop.

Trained library staff members will review the medications and obtain a comparative look at the programs offered. Space is limited; register by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

Chiefettes clinic

The Canton Chiefettes are hosting a Pom Pon Clinic for kids ages 5-14 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Canton High School gym in the Phase III building.

Kids will learn a pom routine and a short dance routine. Cost is \$45 per child and includes a T-shirt, poms and a snack. Discounts are available for additional siblings and for participants of the August 29 clinic. Parents are invited to watch their daughters perform at 2:30 p.m. All girls attending are invited to perform at a Canton Varsity Basketball game Dec. 11.

Registration is from 11-11:30 a.m. the morning of the clinic. Visit our Web site at www.cantonchiefettes.com to pre-register and save \$5 before Nov. 13. Registration is limited to the first 100 participants.

For more information e-mail pomclinic@cantonchiefettes.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.

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.

Hospice volunteers

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

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

KETTLES

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The kettle locations - including this year's newest addition, the Canton Hobby Lobby - will be manned some 12 hours a day, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

"J.C. Penney was a great location for their first time last year," volunteer coordinator Teresa Moriarty said. "We're hoping for the same kind of success for Hobby Lobby."

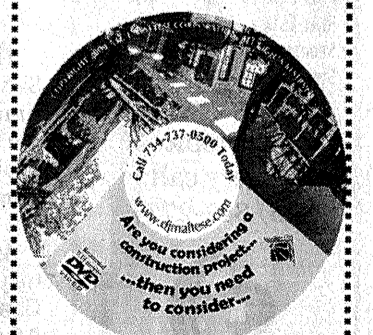
Moriarty said the drive's success depends largely on the volunteers who man the kettles. She said some 800 volunteers have already signed up on the Salvation Army's data base (www.ringbell.org).

Service organizations are also already lining up for their annual contribution of time.

"I'm surprised by how many people have already jumped on board the bandwagon to get their sites," Moriarty said. "It's really quite amazing."

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Student gathers food to benefit rescue mission

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Inspired by a church camp she attended, a 12-year-old Canton girl collected a minivan full of nonperishable food she and her parents delivered Monday afternoon to the Detroit Rescue Mission.

Danielle Drechnowicz, a sixth-grader at West Middle School in Plymouth, proved that one young girl can make a difference in helping the hungry and the homeless.

"I just felt like I should do it to help other people," she said.

Danielle, who attends Northridge Church in Plymouth Township, attended a Spring Hill Camps retreat a few weeks ago in Evert and returned with an idea to help those less fortunate than she is.

She distributed fliers in mailboxes around her neighborhood and spread the word in her class resource room at West Middle School about her food drive.

"We're extremely proud and touched by what she did," her mother, Diane Drechnowicz, said. "This was her own idea."



West Middle School student Danielle Drechnowicz of Canton collected a minivan full of nonperishable food she and her parents delivered to the Detroit Rescue Mission.

Last Friday, Danielle collected bags of food brought to school by teachers and classmates, and Saturday she pulled a wagon to gather up nonperishables donated by her neighbors.

Her father, Paul Drechnowicz, drove his Chrysler minivan to help her, and when she collected a

wagon full of food, she transferred the donations to the vehicle and continued on with her wagon.

Monday afternoon, her parents picked her up at school, and they took her to the Detroit Rescue Mission, where she turned over what she had collected.

"We're beyond proud," Paul

Drechnowicz said. "We're a lot more fortunate than a lot of people, so it's important to give back to the community. She did this out of the kindness of her own heart. She did it because she wanted to make a difference."

Saturday was national Make a Difference Day, so Danielle's project was timely.

Danielle didn't seek attention for her good deeds. Rather, it was one of her neighbors, Kathy Ellison, who called the *Observer* to report her good deeds.

"I thought it was pretty remarkable for a 12-year-old to come up with that idea on her own and have the fortitude to follow through with all of it," Ellison said. "I just thought it was really wonderful."

Danielle said she is thankful for everyone who helped make her food drive a success.

"I was very happy to see how much everybody donated," she said. "Some people gave like two bags or boxes away. It was really amazing."

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BATHEY

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• \$250,000 to Michigan's pension program for public employees, in order to reduce future required contributions. While the city has been moving toward a defined contribution retirement system instead of guaranteed pensions, it still has some pension obligations.

• \$225,000 to a capital improvement reserve fund, to be set aside for emergency needs, such as equipment breakdowns. "This gives us some flexibility in having a funding source" to handle emergencies, Sincock said.

• \$167,477 to a recreation capital fund, to be used for capital improvements to recreation facilities.

• \$150,000 to a reserve fund designated for retiree health benefits.

The city's share was made up of \$476,308 in taxes owed and about \$616,000 in documented expenses related to acquiring and maintaining the property.

The city sold the site to Connektiv Communities of Royal Oak for about \$2.3 million; Connektiv has proposed a commercial and residential development, but no plans have been formally approved.

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School district, other taxing entities share sale proceeds

Seven area taxing entities are getting checks with the Plymouth City Commission's approval last week of a plan to distribute more than \$2.3 million that had been held in escrow for two years.

The money came from the city's October 2007 sale of the former Bathey industrial property, on Mill Street north of Ann Arbor Trail, to developer Connektiv Communities of Royal Oak. Connektiv has yet to develop the site.

The city had obtained the 16-acre former factory property over nonpayment of taxes, and its share of the proceeds, \$1,092,477, is made up of back taxes and expenses incurred in acquiring and maintaining the

property.

Six other taxing entities were paid as follows, rounded to the nearest dollar, after the commission's approval of a disbursement plan on Oct. 19:

- \$947,520 to the Plymouth Canton Community Schools.
- \$198,972 to Wayne County.
- \$52,614 to the Schoolcraft Community College district.
- \$42,050 to the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, formerly called the intermediate school district.

- \$17,061 to the Plymouth District Library.
- \$6,386 to the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority, which runs the Metropark system.

Patterson won't run for attorney general

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, saying he needs to focus his attention on Michigan's beleaguered economy, rising unemployment, budget woes and other problems, has suspended his exploratory campaign for attorney general.

Patterson, R-Canton, said he appreciates the support he received for the position, including a strong endorsement from the Wayne 11th District Republican Committee, but he said the timing isn't right for the campaign.

"Michigan's economy is struggling, we have a 15.3 percent unemployment rate, our budget has a structural deficit, the U.S. dollar is in jeopardy of being replaced as the world's currency, which means there won't be any future bailouts or stimulus money because we face dramatic spikes in inflation and precipitous increases in interest rates," Patterson said. "and Michigan faces major policy demands, including enactment of a long-term energy plan."

"Addressing these issues in the time I have remaining as a state senator is far more important than seeking higher office to further my personal ambitions," he said in a statement.

His district includes Canton, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville Township and part of Northville, along with 11 other

communities.

Patterson is term-limited in the state Senate after his second four-year term expires at the end of 2010. He earlier had indicated he was "kicking around the idea" of a bid for attorney general, calling it a "logical progression for me."

He is the senior attorney in the Michigan Senate and previously served two terms in the state House, where he became the first freshman legislator elected as associate speaker pro tempore. He also served as majority floor leader.

Patterson also previously served on the Wayne County Commission and is an inductee in the Canton Township Hall of Fame.

A statement from Patterson's office noted that one potential stumbling block for his attorney general campaign was that some viewed him as too fiscally conservative and that his opposition to using federal stimulus dollars to temporarily maintain state spending levels might prove unpopular.

"I suspect those votes might have ultimately proven to be detrimental to my candidacy," he said, "but I could not support spending our grandchildren's futures. Michigan is spending too much and has lived beyond its means for too long. We must put Michigan's financial house in order."

Patterson didn't rule out a future bid for attorney general but said, "The stars are just not in alignment at this time."



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PUBLIC SAFETY

Mailbox melted in arson fire

A roadside residential mailbox melted after being set ablaze by what appeared to be a Molotov cocktail early Sunday.

The fire, which apparently put itself out, was outside a house on Chandler Drive, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said. A passing jogger alerted the victim's neighbor to the vandalism, the report said.

Police said a rag and what appeared to be the remains of a liquor bottle were found along with the melted mailbox.

Purse stolen

A township woman lost her purse and its contents, including a cellular phone, to a thief at the Kroger store on Ann Arbor Road Friday morning.

The victim told police the purse was in her shopping cart, in the child seat area, when she turned her back on it for a moment. When she turned back, it was gone, she said. She hadn't seen anyone near the purse, she said.

Larceny from Jeep

A duffel bag with clothing and an iPod in it was reported stolen Sunday from a Jeep that was parked on Wendover Drive.

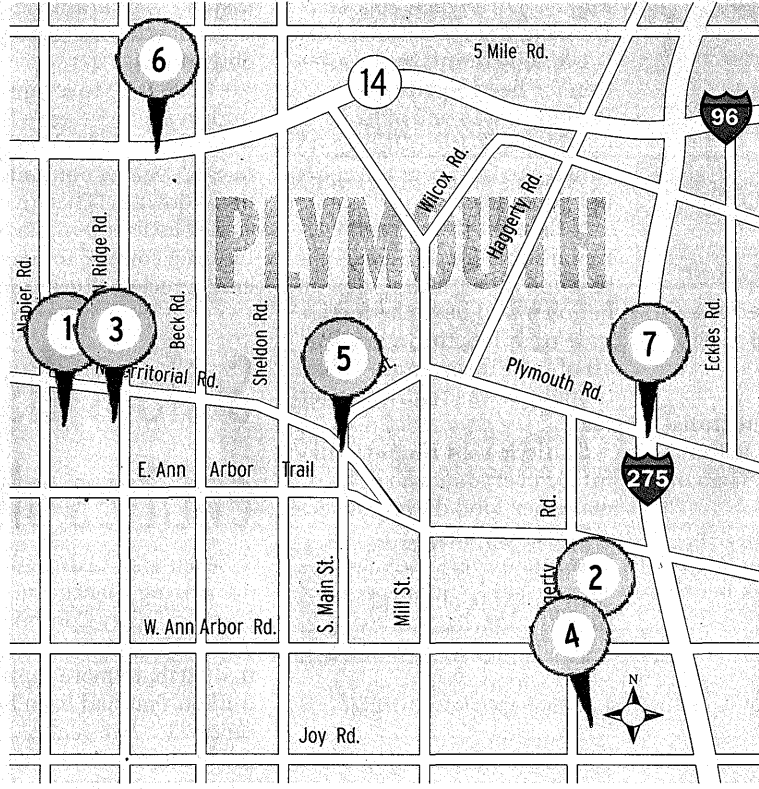
The Jeep had been left unlocked, a police report said, but the burglar or burglars had cut the soft top in order to get into it.

The vehicle had also been scratched, or "keyed," on one side, a police report said. The break-in and vandalism occurred between 1 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday, the report said.

Car break-in

A Buick parked in the lot of a condominium complex on Newport Drive was broken into over the weekend, but nothing was reported stolen from it.

The lock on a passenger-side door had been punched, police said, the steering column was damaged, and the rear-view mirror broken off.



CRIME WATCH

The incident occurred between about 5 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Sunday, a police report said.

By Matt Jachman

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Oct. 21-27:

- Tuesday, Oct. 27 - Special runs on Aspen and on Terry; residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Greenbrook and on Haggerty.

- Monday, Oct. 26 - Rescue run at a public building on Mill; residential rescue run on Trailwood; rescue run at Penniman and Main.

- Sunday, Oct. 25 - Residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Joy and on Mill.

- Saturday, Oct. 24 - Residential rescue runs on Marlowe, on Wilson,

on Haggerty, on Provincetown, on Dunn, on Sheridan and on Northville Road; smoke investigation on Deer Creek Circle; vehicle accidents on eastbound M-14; commercial rescue runs on Five Mile.

- Friday, Oct. 23 - Residential rescue runs on Haggerty and on Oakwood; vehicle accidents on eastbound M-14 at Sheldon and on eastbound M-14 west of Schoolcraft.

- Thursday, Oct. 22 - Residential rescue runs on Elizabeth, on Ball, on Lexington, on Litchfield, on Haggerty and on Rockledge; investigation on Rockledge; vehicle accidents on North Drive and on westbound M-14 at Sheldon; vehicle accident and mutual-aid-received run on westbound M-14 west of Beck.

- Wednesday, Oct. 21 - Vehicle accident on northbound I-275 and Plymouth Road; residential rescue runs on Terrace Court, on Farmbrook and on Maple.

Police and hospital team for drug seminar

The Canton Police Department has partnered with Saint Joseph Mercy Health

System to offer the class, Drugs 101: What Parents Want to Know.

This popular class will be presented 10 times over the next eight months by educators from Saint Joseph Mercy Health System staff and Canton Police Department's Community Relations Sergeant Mark Gajeski. Together they will educate parents on the

signs, symptoms and current trends of alcohol, tobacco, inhalants, marijuana and other drugs teens may use.

Legal consequences and long term implications will also be addressed.

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

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

Participating parents and guardians can expect to gain valuable information on facts about drug use; knowledge about how drugs affect the body; tools to identify drug use; and skills to engage their child in conversations about drugs.

"Drugs 101: What parents want to

know" is being made possible by grant money received from the Edward

Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) program included in the American Recovery and

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

Dates and locations of the adult-only presentations are listed below:

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

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

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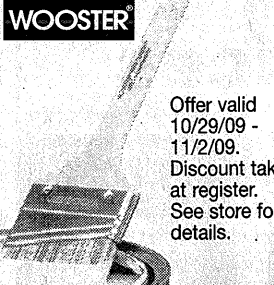
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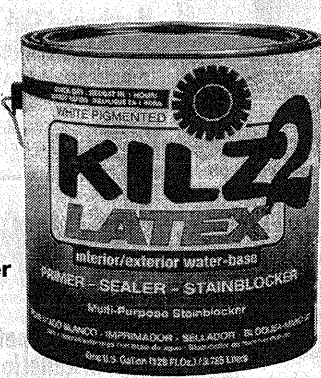
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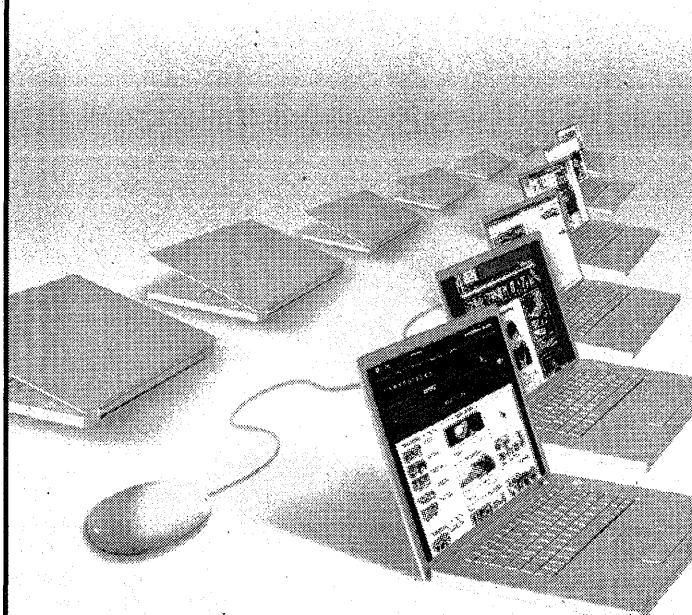
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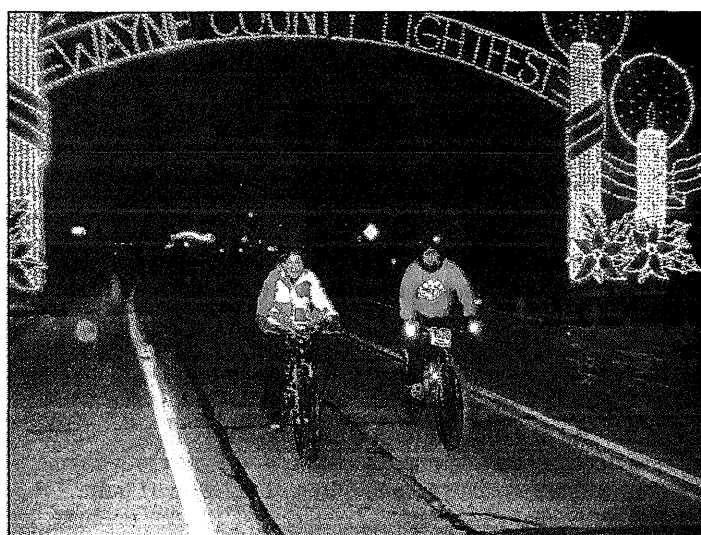
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Runners, walkers and bicyclists will get to enjoy the Wayne County Lightfest as part of the light show's opening events.

Sign up now for annual Lightfest Fun Run/Walk

Time is running out to sign up for the 13th annual Wayne County Lightfest 8K Fun Run/Walk Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Runners and walkers will have an opportunity to travel the Lightfest display route on foot beginning at 7 p.m. Bicycling enthusiasts will have a chance to Bike through the Lights at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Participants will be among the first to view the wonderful displays, which include an enchanting Celebration of Lights arch, Cecil Magic Dragon, a large waving polar bear with cubs, an animated Old Glory, animated snowflake arches and more.

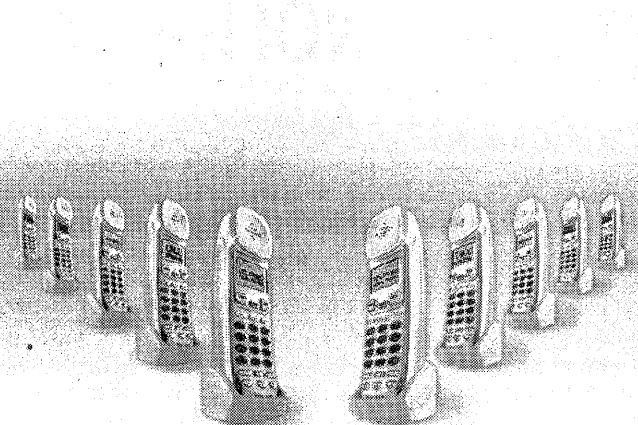
There will be post race food for both events, along with free long sleeve T-shirts and glow necklaces. Registration prior to October 31 is \$18. After that, the fee is \$20 in advance for adults and \$25 on race day. High school students and younger pay \$12.

Both events will take place in the Hines Park-Merriman Hollow area at Merriman and Hines Drive in Westland. Registration forms are available online at www.waynecountyparks.org or can be picked up at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland or Total Runner store in Southgate.

For more information, call the Wayne County Parks events at (734) 261-1990.

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Whalers turn pink into 'green' with annual cancer benefit

Plymouth Whalers officials are calling the second annual Pink Out! For Breast Cancer Awareness — held last Saturday against the Belleville Bulls — “a success on many levels.”

The Whalers hammered Belleville, 6-1, at Compuware Arena. Tyler Seguin rebounded from being held off the scoresheet for two straight games to score two goals with two assists as the game's first star.

The Whalers wore specially designed pink jerseys for the game that were auctioned off. Fans were able to bid anywhere between \$200 and \$1,200 for the distinctive jerseys. As expected, Seguin's game-worn jersey garnered the highest bid.

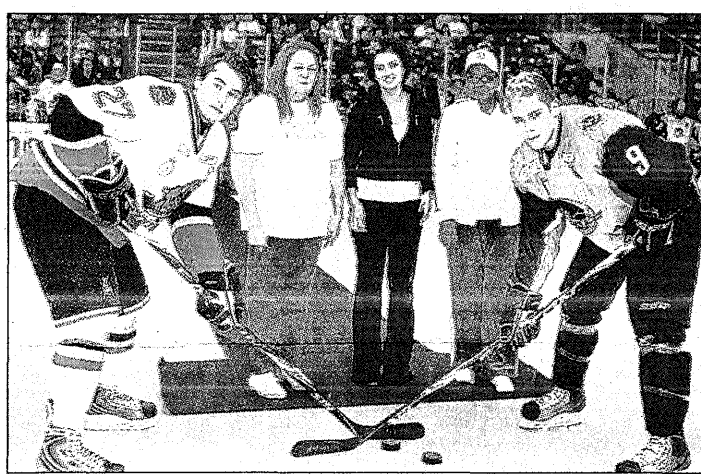
Not only did the Whalers wear distinctive jerseys, they went as a team to get their hair dyed pink earlier in the week. With Lucky Hair Company in

Canton providing the materials and expertise, every Whaler player received pink hair, with mixed results.

“Some of them are pretty funny,” Whalers veteran Ryan Hayes admitted. “There's everything from Mohawks to mullets. The best one is Michal Jordan. He has a good Mohawk.”

It's one thing to get your hair dyed pink, but it's another when the hair is dyed mid-week and you have to go to school and play in Kitchener before the event. That was what most of the younger Whalers — who attend high school at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park — did.

“We did the same thing last year,” said Plymouth defenseman Leo Jenner. “Doing this a couple of days before raises awareness. People get to see you out in public and it raises



Belleville's Matt Tipoff (left), breast cancer survivors Sandy Schoenheide, Leza Ivezaj and Blanche Mack and Plymouth's Tyler Seguin participate in a ceremonial puck drop Saturday.

questions. We can tell the public why we're doing it and support the cause at the same time. (In the end) that's what it's all about.”

Contributing sponsors to the Whalers Pink Out! included Meijer, Stautzenberger Institute of Livonia and Lucky Hair Company.

Energized by over 2,700 cheering fans, three amazing women who battled against breast cancer, and won, walked together to center ice to drop the ceremonial puck. Leza Ivezaj of Lucky Hair Co. and Blanche Mack and Sandy Schoenheide from Meijer were honored for their courage and strength against this disease.

The Whalers tripled their proceeds from 2008, with their limited game-worn jersey auction, Chuck-A Puck promotion and 50/50 raffle totaling \$8,000. A check will be presented to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute on behalf of the Whalers team, staff and fans, officials said.

In some ways, the event was a typical OHL game, with plenty of goals and even a fight between Plymouth's A.J. Jenks and Belleville's Tyler Taylor. But there was a palatable

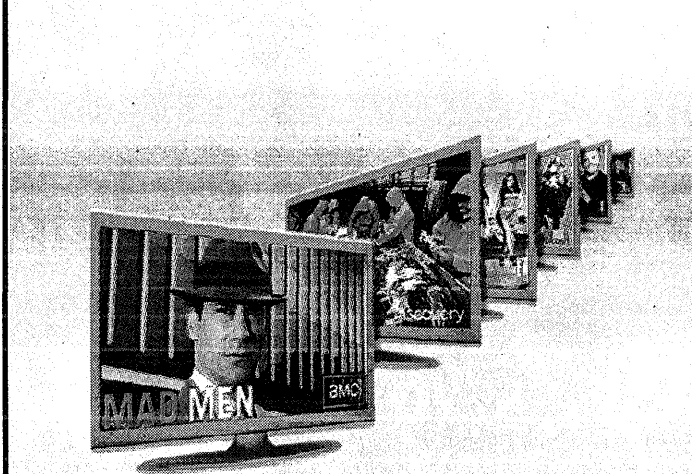
change in the vibe in the game.

Women, girls, men and boys all sported pink in some fashion. The linesmen (Matt Prozaki and Chris Thornton) along with referee Joe Celestine wore pink jerseys. The Plymouth coaching staff — Mike Vellucci, Joe Stefan and Brian Sommariva — all wore pink ties.

“Like last year, we are still in awe of the incredible support and enthusiasm this event generated in our community,” said Denise Ronayne, Plymouth Whalers Sales and Marketing Director. “We saw a lot of smiles as fans cheered on the Whalers — but most importantly, cheered on someone in their life affected by breast cancer. It was a great night all around. Soon we'll start thinking about how we'll “go pink” next year to keep the event fresh for our fans and continue to grow our donations for KCI.”

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W-W gets 'A' for managing finances

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's not often a school district gets a letter grade for financial management, but that's what the Wayne-Westland Community Schools has received from its auditors.

“We would have to give the district's audit process an A grade,” said Jeff Higgins of Plante Moran, the district's auditing firm. “Our opinion is a statement on the financial position of the district and our opinion is an unqualified or clean opinion, the highest assurance we can provide.”

Higgins along with auditor Nathan Troyer went before the school board Monday evening to present the results of an audit of the 2008-2009 budget year and to talk about the effect the state's budget crisis is having on the school district.

For the sixth straight year, the district's general fund balance decreased from \$13 million in 2008 to \$10.6 million. The general fund had revenues of \$115 million and expenditures of \$115.9 million.

According to Deputy Superintendent Gary Martin, local tax revenue dropped by \$170,000 and interest income was down \$115,000, a reflection on declining funding.

On the expenditure side, health care costs were down \$700,000, due in part to the district's self insured program and workman's

compensation, a 13 percent drop in utilities and a cut in outside contracting by \$250,000.

According to Troyer, the school district receives 91 percent of its revenue from the state. The problems with the state's economy, future prorations of school aid payments and future retirement fund contributions create financial uncertainties for the district going forward.

Troyer said the district will pay 16.54 percent or \$13,757, of an employee's salary to the state retirement system this year and that percentage will continue to rise. He added that the district will also see health care costs increase.

“The district doesn't receive 18 percent of its revenue until after the end of the budget year, that's cause for financial difficulties for the district,” he said. “There's also been a decrease in the fund balance over the last six years. The fund balance decrease is a statewide trend.”

The district has seen its fund balance drop yearly since 2003 when it hit a high of \$23.1 million. The auditors estimate that by the end of the current budget year, that balance will be \$3.7 million, roughly \$600,000 more than what it had on hand in 1996.

That \$10.2 million represents 9.08 percent of expenditures and would allow the district to operate for 16 school days or 33 calendar days. That's well under the statewide average of 13.35 percent.

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A bridge to everywhere

Bridge work connects recreation trail

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Within weeks, five of seven pedestrian bridges connecting a wooded recreation trail that winds through Canton Township should be in place for nature enthusiasts who want to walk, jog, ride non-motorized mountain bikes or spend leisure winter days cross-country skiing.

The wooden bridges, now under construction, will create a seamless path along the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail between Haggerty and Sheldon, and they should be finished by Thanksgiving, Assistant Township Engineer Robert Belair said.

The final two, westernmost bridges between Sheldon and Canton Center are expected to be built by spring, completing a five-mile, peaceful recreation trail that belies the hus-

tle and bustle of a busy township through which it carves a pristine swath of nature.

"It's really nice," 87-year-old Canton resident Frank Liss said, walking from a parking area to a trail head built earlier on Morton Taylor north of Michigan Avenue — a place where the east-west trail already is in use for 1.5 miles.

Belair and Brad Sharp, the township's parks and facilities manager, talked about the recreation trail and bridge work on a picturesque Monday afternoon. Blue skies, falling leaves and warm, October temperatures only added to the natural beauty that many consider one of Canton's best-kept secrets.

Canton's elected leaders in July hired Florida-based Nature Bridges to build the 10-foot-wide pedestrian bridges for \$671,654, using a combination of state, county

and township funding. On Monday, concrete and wooden foundations and abutments stood next to the river, waiting for construction crews to haul in the pre-fabricated bridges in coming weeks.

"They will just drop them right in place," Sharp said. The bridges will vary in length, depending on the width of the river and the distance needed to properly install them. They are being built high enough over the water to withstand a 100-year flood event, but the approaches will gradually slope upward to make them accessible for disabled people, Sharp said.

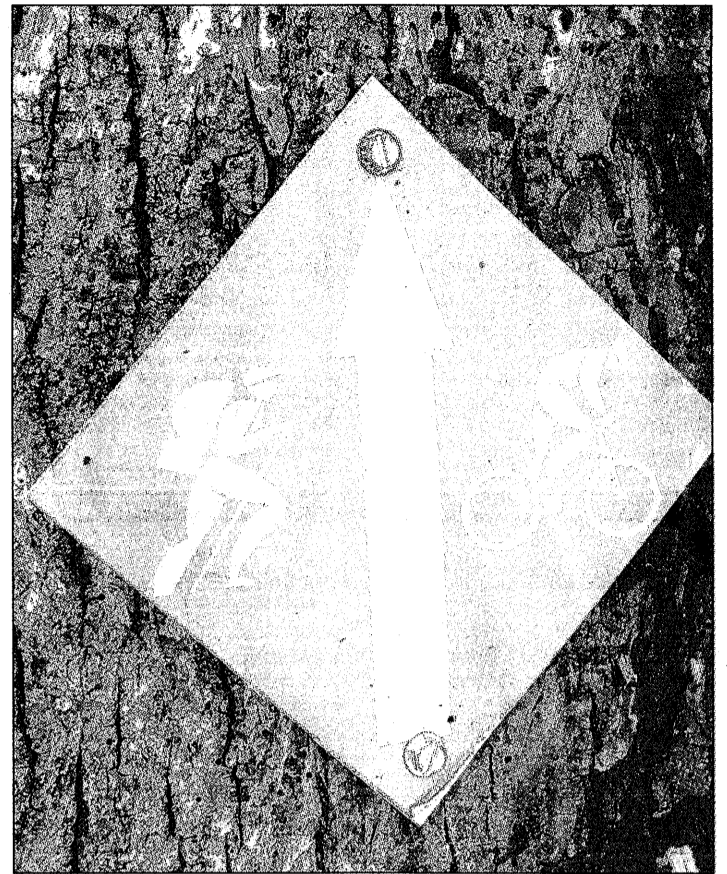
The five-mile recreation trail — with narrower offshoots cleared out by the Michigan Mountain Bikers Association — eventually will connect to a larger, improved recreation path that the Michigan Department of Transportation

is planning along I-275. Serious talks about Canton's five-mile recreation trail began nine years ago, Belair said, "so it's nice to see something finally being built."

Township residents have consistently cited the need for such trails as one of their top recreation needs, Sharp said. As trail users wander along the path, they will occasionally have to cross major roads, but Sharp said signs are to be posted to alert both pedestrians and motorists of crosswalks. No motorized vehicles are allowed along the trail, which weaves through the township north of Michigan Avenue.

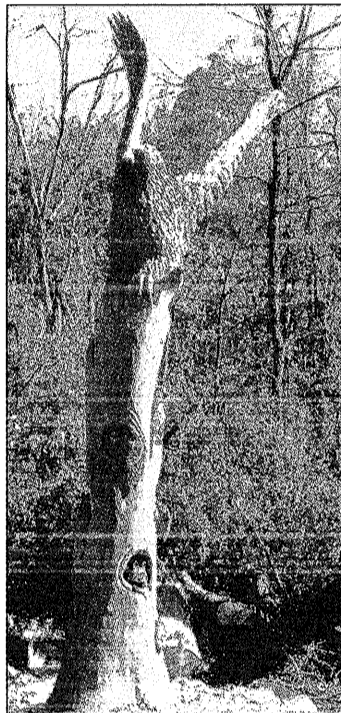
Although the entire trail will be open before next June, Sharp said local officials hope to formally unveil the recreation area in June during a ceremony coinciding with River Day.

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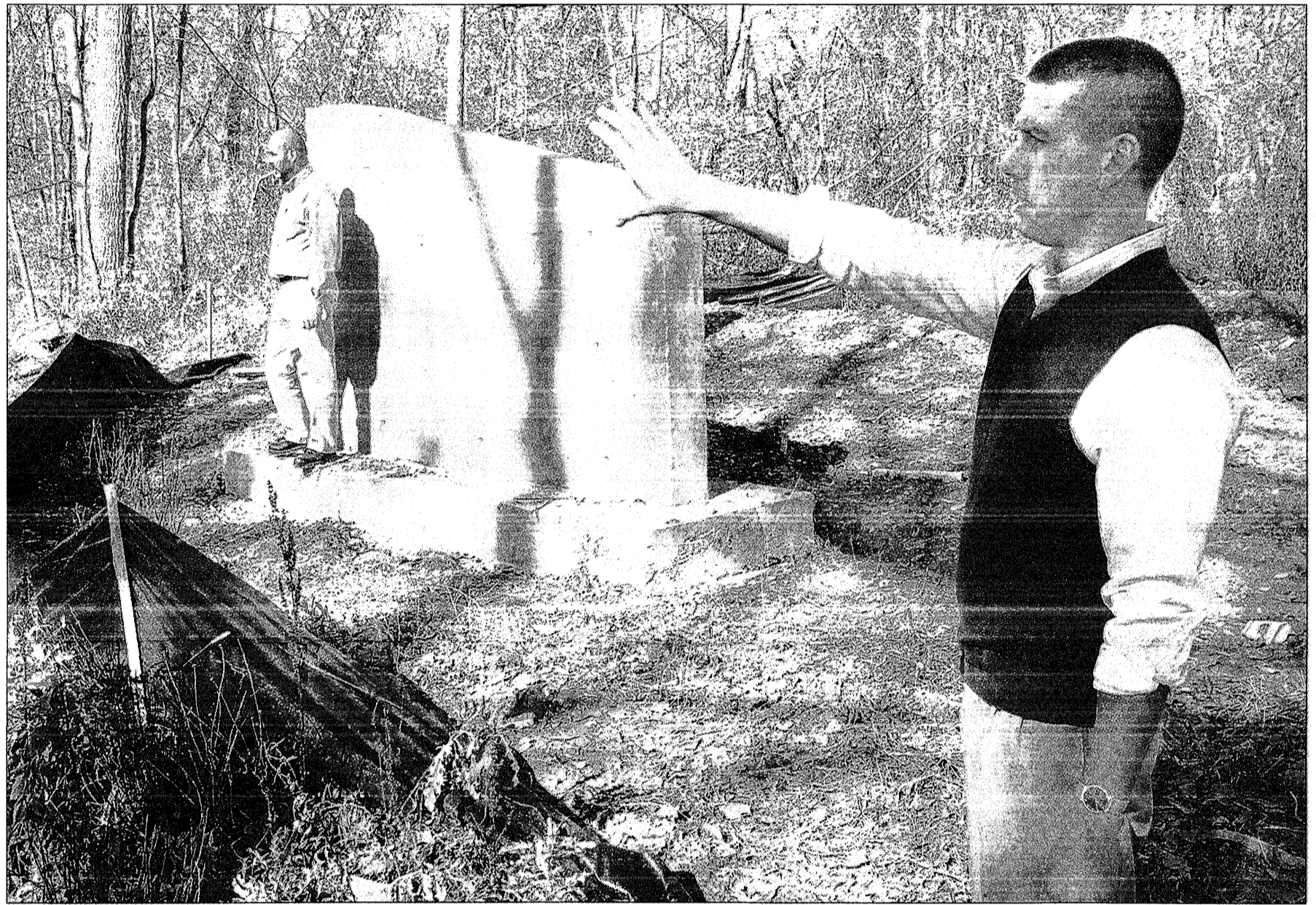
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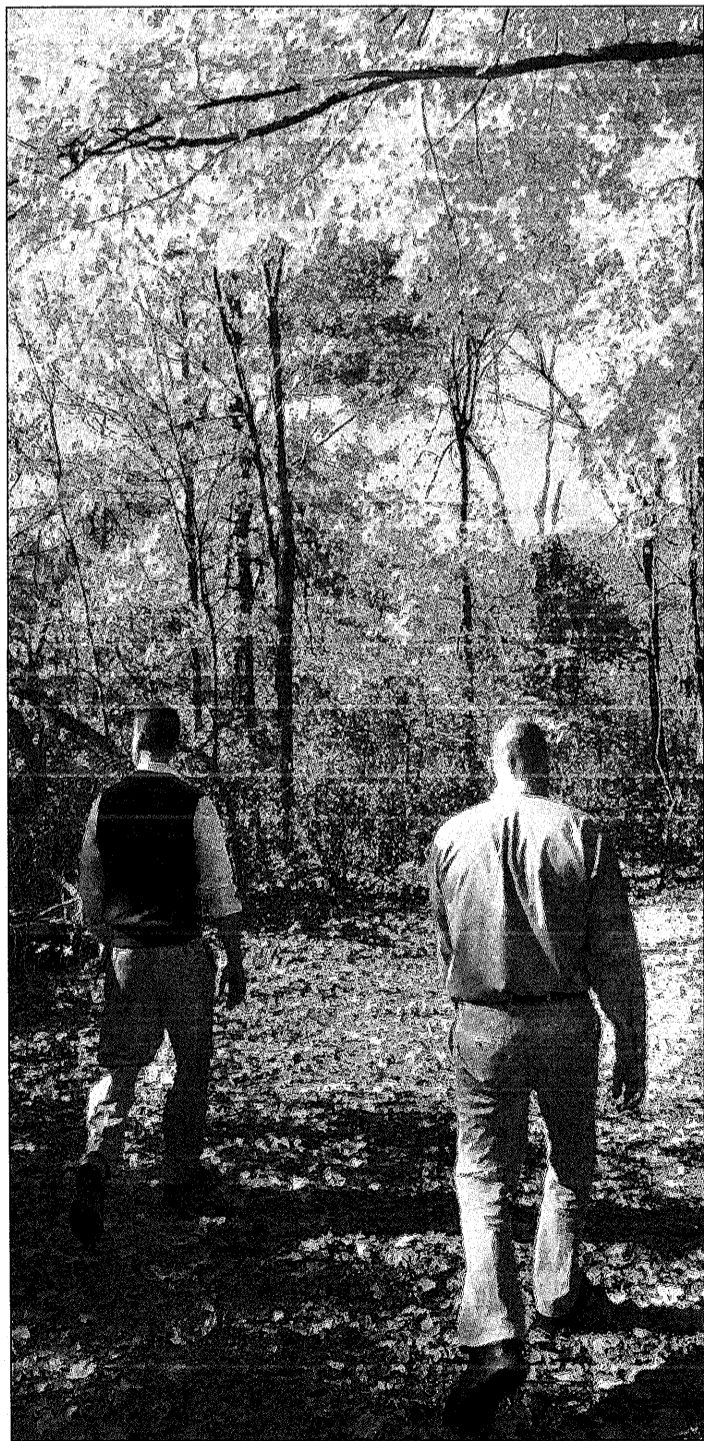
A chainsaw artist recently carved this sculpture along the trail.



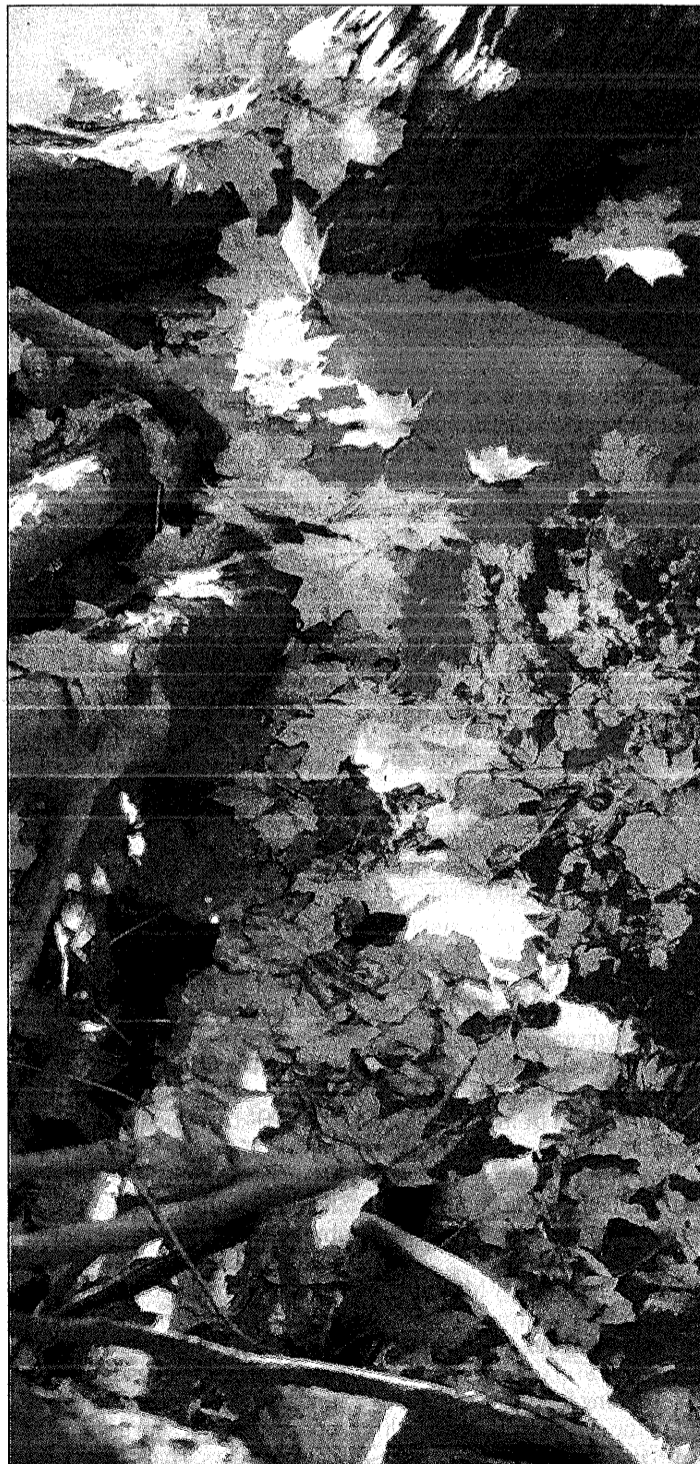
A detail of the chainsaw sculpture shows this raccoon.



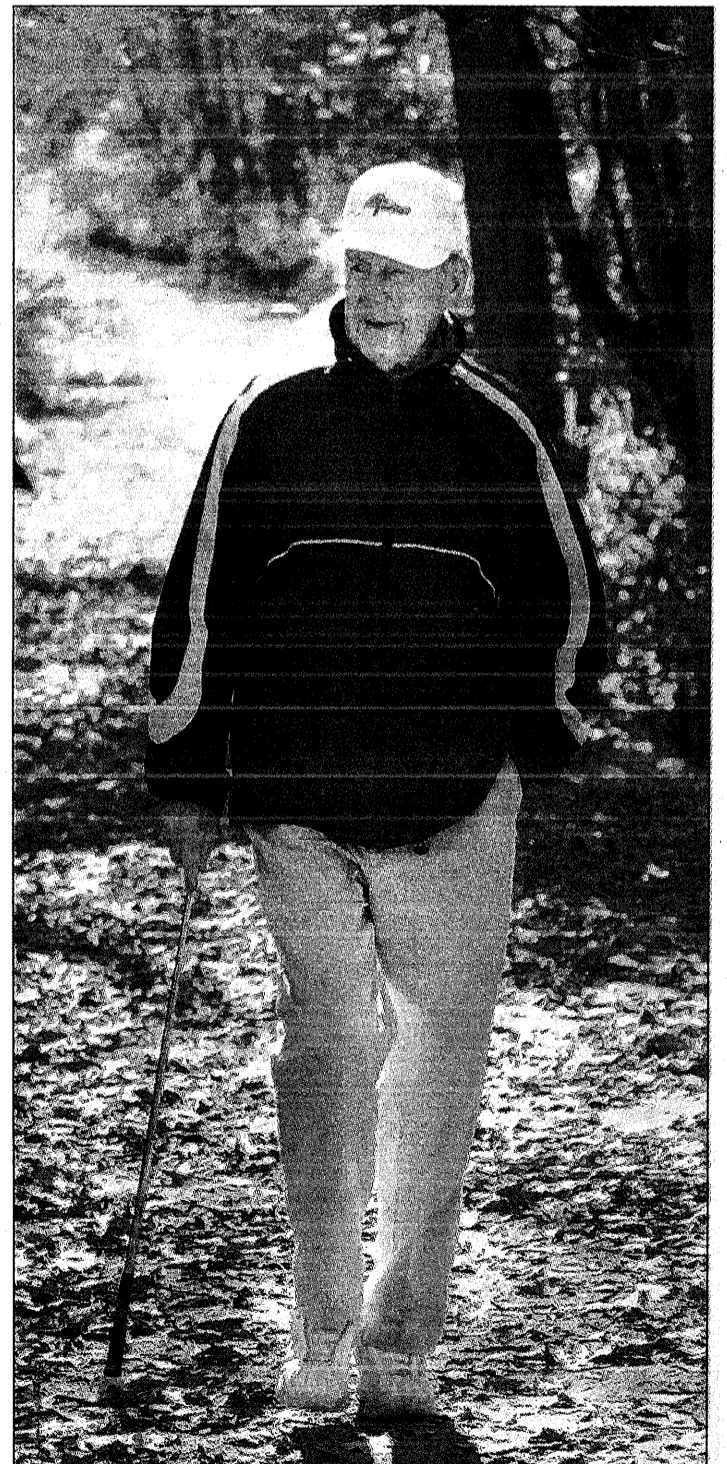
Robert Belair and Brad Sharp, township employees, stand at the site of one on the pedestrian bridges under construction.



Township engineer Robert Belair and parks and facilities manager Brad Sharp walk the trail along the Rouge River.



Falling leaves float down the river.



Frank Liss, 87, walks the trail along the Rouge.

Rotary donation helps build Blum's lodge

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Six years after his son died in Iraq, Terry Blumberg choked back tears to talk about a lodge he and his wife Janet are creating on a 12-acre site in Presque Isle County near Rogers City.

Called Blum's Landing, the 3,400-square foot lodge will serve as a tribute to Trevor Blumberg and provide respite for the military personnel wounded in America's war on terror.

"In 2003, our son was killed in Falujah, he told us. 'If I don't come back, take care of my dog and my guys,' so we're building a place for the wounded and the battle damaged," Blumberg told members of the Garden City Rotary Club.

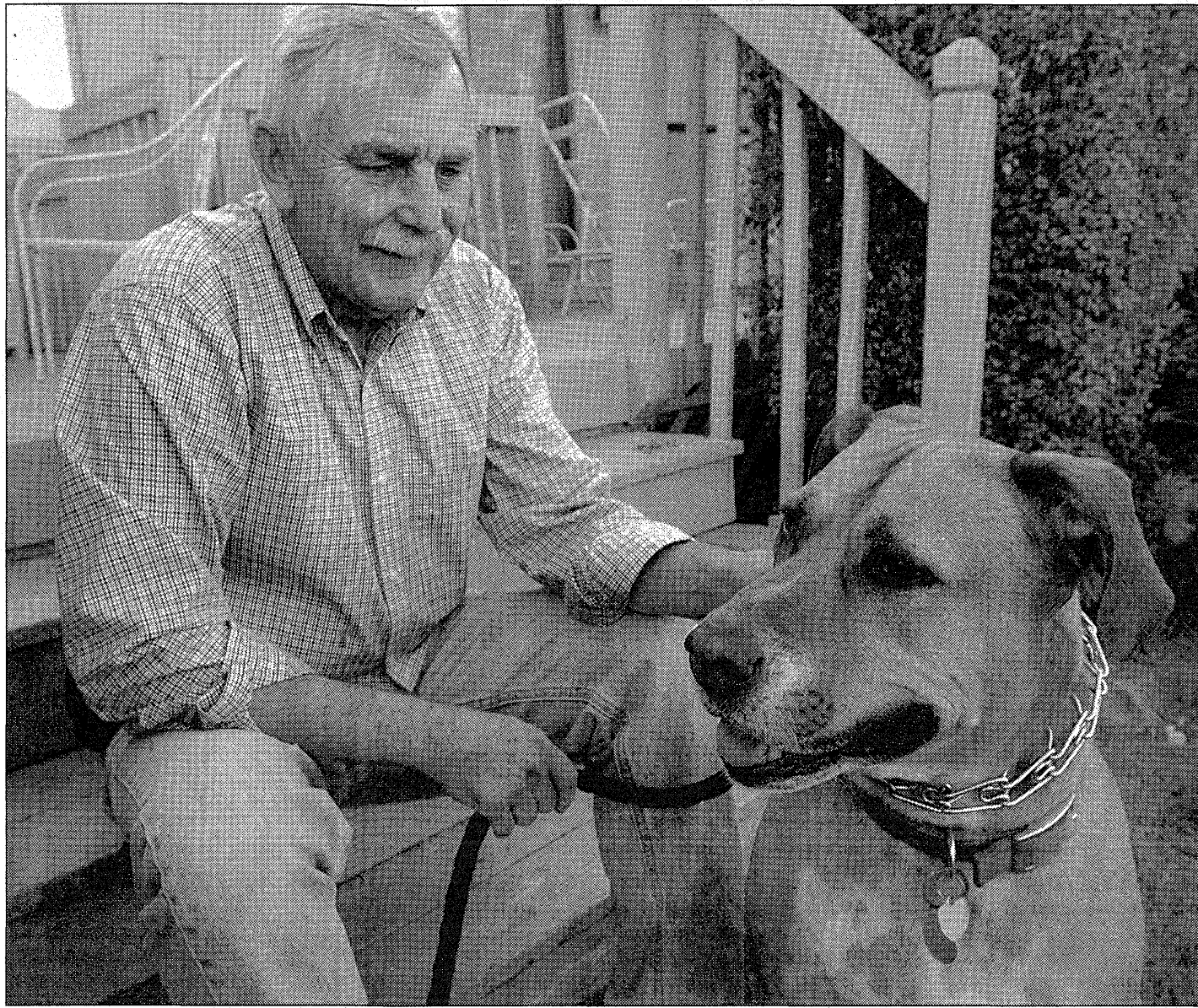
Blumberg and his wife Janet appeared before the group recently to accept a donation - a \$1,000 Rotary Foundation grant and \$2,000 donation from the Garden City club.

"We want to be involved in this," club president Peggy Sexton said in making the presentation. "This doesn't mean the end of our donations."

A sergeant in the U.S. Army, 22-year-old Trevor Blumberg of Canton, was killed on Sept. 14, 2003, when a roadside bomb hit a convoy and destroyed the Humvee occupied by himself and three other soldiers. Members of the 1st Battalion of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, they had been deployed to Iraq just three days earlier.

The Blumbergs have spent more than \$100,000 on the lodge and have set up a foundation to help raise money to complete the project.

"We started building and it hit us between the eyes that we weren't going to make it," said Terry. "We'd like to open the



Terry Blumberg, the father of slain soldier Trevor Blumberg, has his son's dog Scrappy as company when working at Blum's Landing. According to his wife Janet, Scrappy "is treated like a rock star."

doors by next June."

Terry Blumberg has done much of the work himself. It hasn't been easy and has its hazards. Terry Blumberg lost a part of his thumb in an accident on Labor Day when a log kicked back while he was cutting it with a table saw. It was still bandaged when he talked to the Rotary club.

"He was working on the loft and trying to figure out how to execute the beams," said Janet Blumberg.

An elementary school principal in Garden City, she added that her husband has connected with an "angel" named Jack Darga.

"He knows a lot people," Janet Blumberg said. "He's

gotten Walmart to take us on as a charity and they bring out workers. Our church group came up and did a mission. We were able to get the ceiling finished."

"It's beautiful what they come and do," she said. "We want to run a bed and breakfast and invite young people to have respite."

Trevor Blumberg loved to fish and camp, and when he first enlisted in the Army, he often told his parents how much he wanted to bring his fellow soldiers to Michigan for fishing and camping trips. When the couple received Trevor's death benefits from the Army, they decided to invest it into something that

BLUM'S LANDING

What: Blum's Landing, a retreat in northern Michigan's Presque Isle County for wounded military personnel.

Owners: Terry and Janet Blumberg of Canton

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honored his memory and his wish to take care of his "guys."

The Blumbergs have stayed in touch with many of the young men that were in his unit. Several are now serving in Afghanistan and two have gone on to officer training "because Trevor talked about," Janet Blumberg said.

"We went and saw them when they came back from Iraq and the troop came up to visit us for five days," Janet Blumberg said. "That's when we saw the funny, crazy side of Trevor. That's when the healing started."

"Trevor was the first in their unit to die," she added.

Blum's Landing is still a work in progress. Terry Blumberg went back up to the lodge "to throw up some more lumber" the day after talking to the Rotary club.

According to Janet Blumberg, the couple is still sorting out the foundation - "We have to get a board together." - and her husband got an offer from Garden City School Superintendent Michelle Cline to find a tech-savvy student to help with the Web site. www.blumslanding.org.

"The people in this country are unbelievable, we have a person who leaves \$35 on the porch," Terry Blumberg said. "You guys are super."

Dinner benefit helps infant stricken with cancer

Friends and neighbors are organizing a benefit dinner and raffle to support a Garden City family whose eight-month-old baby recently was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.

Sheila Klemola has taken a leave of absence from her job at Blue Cross Blue Shield to care for her infant daughter, Avery. Her husband Shawn, continues to work his job at Dunham's to support the family which includes Avery's two older brothers, Austin and Ben.

"Anytime a major illness occurs in a family, it is a great financial strain," said Rhonda Silcox, one of the organizers of the benefit. "For the Klemolas, we are trying to alleviate some of their worries, so that they can concentrate on Avery's progress, and not have to focus on the issues that arise from losing half of their income."

The spaghetti dinner benefit will be 4-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Bailey Center on Ford Road, west of Wayne Road. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 kids under 14 years and free for toddlers age two and under. Carry-out will also be available at \$8 for spaghetti, roll, salad and a drink.

In addition to the dinner and many raffle prizes, there will be clowns, face painting and games for the kids.

"We are looking for help from the entire community to help this family keep their spirits up and their household operating on one



Sheila Klemola dresses eight-month-old Avery who now has a port to receive chemotherapy in hopes of shrinking a tumor on her neck so it can be removed surgically.

income," Silcox said. "So far dozens of volunteers and business owner have stepped forward to donate raffle items, and help organize the benefit dinner."

Avery is currently undergoing an aggressive clinical trial of chemotherapy in the hopes of shrinking the tumor to an operable size.

"She has had her first round of chemo and is doing pretty good," said Sheila Klemola. "She has been sleeping a lot and they're controlling her pain with two pain medicines. I am

just so proud of her. She is so young to endure this, and she staying strong and in

pretty good spirits. I hope that everyone will please keep praying for my baby."

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Avery Klemola

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lesions on her lungs. The infant has a port to receive chemotherapy four days every 21 days in hopes of shrinking the tumor on my neck so it can be surgically removed. Non-rhabdomyosarcoma is a soft tissue sarcoma that accounts for about 4 percent of all cancers occurring in childhood. People interested in making donations of goods,

services or gift certificates for the raffle or to help in any way can contact Rhonda Silcox at (734) 576-3578 or by e-mail at dnr@wowway.com. Donations to the family can be made directly to the family in the name of Avery or Shawn Klemola at TCF bank. People also can also go online to www.myhelpinghand.org then, click on Lend Your Hand tab and donate through Paypal or through the Paypal link on her Facebook fan page.

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OUR VIEWS

Yes on county millage renewal

On Nov. 3, Wayne County voters will be asked to vote on Proposition O, which is a renewal of a millage that voters authorized in 2000 to support county operations.

The millage will generate an estimated \$43 million countywide a year.

It will cost the average Plymouth Township homeowner \$115.32 and city of Plymouth homeowner \$87.50.

The millage funds essential public services. It is not a new tax. It is a renewal.

The Ficano Administration has made budget cuts and implemented structural reforms in the county budget process.

While there are still more efficiencies to be made at the county level, the millage on the ballot is a renewal and should be approved.

We encourage the executive and the commissioners to continue to look at more cost-cutting in addition to cost-saving methods to deliver essential services.

If approved, the millage will be levied at the estimated 2008 rollback rate of 0.9529 (about 95 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for 10 more years (2010 through 2019).

Asking taxpayers to support even a renewal in these tough times is not easy. However, the county's ability to provide necessary services will be compromised if it loses this general fund revenue.

Vote yes to renew Proposition O.

Ways to help even during tough times

These difficult economic times are causing conflicts in ways other than financial for the generous people in this community.

People and businesses who normally contribute substantial amounts of money to a variety of charitable efforts are finding themselves unable to fund them at the same, or even lower, levels.

For instance, folks at the Plymouth Salvation Army have noticed that on many occasions, people who are coming to them seeking assistance this year are some of the same people who came to them checks in hand a year ago.

It's a phenomena the people who run the charities have noticed, and they've got a pretty simple answer: The help doesn't have to be cash.

The Salvation Army, Rotary clubs, Goodfellows, Lions, Kiwanians, church groups, scout troops and the various other charities that work tirelessly year-round to help those less fortunate souls can always use a hand.

The Salvation Army, which services Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville, has a plethora of opportunities to help without ever writing a check. The Army's annual Red Kettle Campaign - the Corps' biggest fund-raiser - starts Nov. 13. There are 21 locations, and officials hope to man them 12 hours a day, six days a week through Christmas Eve.

That's more than 1,500 hours of volunteer time they have to fill. That's a lot of ringing. And if you think that's not doing much to help, consider: The Plymouth Salvation Army raised some \$245,000 from its kettle locations a year ago. This year, they're hoping to hit \$265,000.

That's a significant amount of money, funds crucial to the Corps' ability to fulfill its mission: Helping others. But if that doesn't strike your fancy, you can always Adopt an Angel or donate to the food pantry or Toy Towne.

Salvation Army not your cup of tea? Talk to your church groups. They all run programs at this time of year (actually, they run them year-round) and they can all benefit from an extra pair of hands.

Don't have a church? Call a Goodfellow or a Rotarian or a Lion or Kiwanian. All of them have programs to help the needy, and there are ways to help without having to open a wallet.

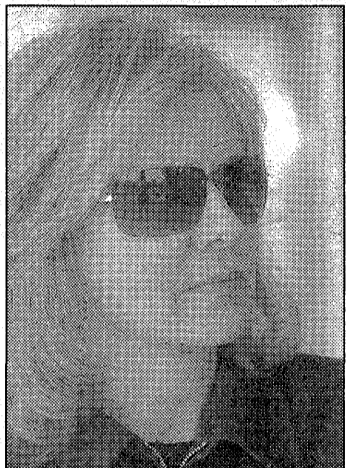
Officials at the Salvation Army say they've had people volunteer by saying, "I can't afford money this year, but I want to help."

Call it holiday spirit, if you'd like. Call it a spirit of cooperation. We call it the spirit of the community, as always on display.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think Michigan should extend bar hours until 4 a.m., and why or why not?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



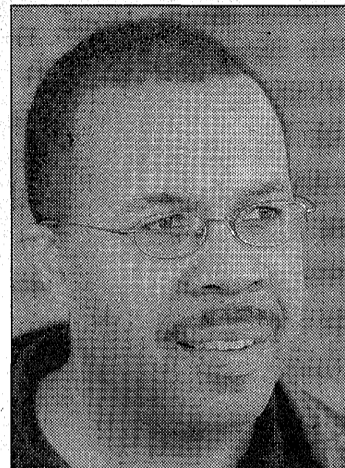
"No. I think it might increase the risk for more drunken driving on the road."

Christine Hangarther
Plymouth Township



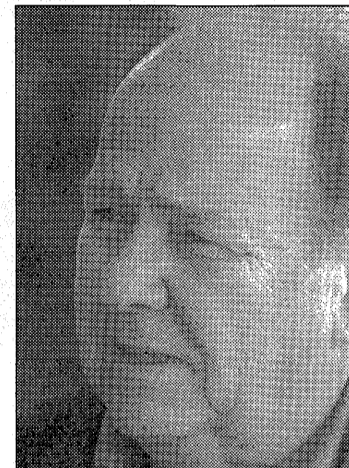
"No. It's just too much drinking. I think that 2 (a.m.) is late enough."

Susan Soper
Plymouth Township



"No. I think anybody that chooses to drink, if they can't get it done by 2 a.m. they shouldn't be drinking. ... We shouldn't be mending our budget by (encouraging) destructive behavior."

LaRoy Williams
Plymouth Township



"No. Just two more hours for people to get in trouble. Doesn't seem necessary to me."

Ray Burnett
Novi

LETTERS

Dan's the man

I am writing to express my very strong support for Dan Dwyer's return to the Plymouth City Commission.

I served on the City Commission with Dan and know his skills well. He is even-tempered, thoughtful and dedicated to maintaining all the things that make Plymouth the greatest small town in America.

He believes in fiscal responsibility and was part of the team that put in place a five-year look ahead for the city budget that enabled us to avoid much of the financial crisis that has traumatized cities across the country. He knows how to balance the budget with pragmatism and compassion. The City will be well served by his experience in these tough economic times.

Dan also focuses on city services that benefit Plymouth's families. He spearheaded the construction of the restroom adjacent to Kellogg Park. He is very involved in local youth sports programs and in the Plymouth Canton public education system.

One thing distinguishes Dan from the rest of the field in this year's election — his extensive professional experience in the realm of public safety.

Dan has worked in police departments, prisons and is currently the trial court administrator for Washtenaw County. Given the fact that Chief Wayne Carroll is retiring and also given the difficult reality of dwindling state revenue sharing, Dan's deep knowledge of the public safety sector will help the City make prudent decisions about the future of our police and fire departments.

Please join me in happily voting for Dan Dwyer on Nov. 3. He will bring experience, dedication and intelligence to the City Commission.

Colleen Pobur
Former Plymouth City Commissioner
and Mayor Pro-Tem

Return Dwyer

I was very pleased to see Dan Dwyer throw his hat in the ring for the City Commission race in Plymouth.

I had the privilege of serving with Dan on the City Commission between 1999 and 2003. Dan is an independent thinker, but every bit the team player. He is focused, deliberative, and decisive in his thought process, while respecting his constituents and fellow elected officials.

Dan has a solid understanding of Plymouth's local government and the issues facing the community. He brings excellent budgeting, analytical, and people skills to the table. A real asset during these difficult times.

Dan has proven himself to be a strong and very competent leader. I strongly encourage you to vote for Dan Dwyer on Nov. 3.

William S. Graham
Former Mayor and City Commissioner

Supports Davis

Adrienne Davis has worked very hard in the district on educational matters for the past 10 years.

She has formed educational programs

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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and tirelessly strived for inclusion throughout our schools.

Adrienne would be a great asset as the newest member to our school board!

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak
Canton

Vote for Simescu

We in the Plymouth-Canton community have had outstanding service from our local school board over the past several years.

The men and women who have so generously given of their time have made our school system into one of the very best in the state. Our students continue to excel on state and national tests.

One of the school board members most responsible for this excellent leadership is Barry Simescu. He has served as the Board vice president and president and his engineering background has provided him with the knowledge that has helped our schools maintain educational excellence under an ever shrinking budget.

During these trying financial times, diminishing state funding for schools and an expanding student population, let's send one of our very best back for another term on the Board. Help re-elect Barry Simescu to the Plymouth-Canton School Board on Nov. 3.

Dennis Bila
Former Mayor
City of Plymouth

Vote for Davis

We need to elect Adrienne Davis to the Plymouth-Canton School Board on Nov. 3.

Adrienne Davis has more than a 10-year working relationship with the Plymouth-Canton School District. Adrienne's involvement has included participation on the bond committees, attending School Board meetings, and closely working with the PCCS School Board.

Adrienne is a member of SEPAC, Special Education Parents Action Committee, and the District's Health Committee.

Adrienne Davis has an in-depth knowledge of all the important issues that are relevant to the Plymouth-Canton School District. She is the mother of two teenage sons who began their education at Isbister Elementary and are now currently enrolled at The Park.

Adrienne is endorsed by former PCCS

Superintendent, Dr. James Ryan, and the Supervisor of Canton Township, Mr. Phil LaJoy.

We ask for your vote for Adrienne Davis on Nov. 3. Adrienne Davis has an additional perspective that will complement the current school board members who are running for re-election: Judy Mardigian, Barry Simescu and John Jackson.

John C. Stewart
Plymouth

Martha Trafford
Canton

Disgusting reference

During the Mitch Albom show on WJR on 21 October 2009, Mr. Albom was interviewing Governor Granholm.

During the interview, the Governor called tax opponents "tea baggers." I was very surprised to hear our Governor use such a term. The term "tea bagging" has its origins as a slang term for a specific sexual act and "tea baggers" was first used by liberal media outlets and supporters as a derogatory term for those people who attended tea party tax reduction rallies.

Either our Governor is so naive as to not understand these facts, simply repeats the terms she has heard in the media, or truly does know what this means and wishes to reinforce this highly offensive term for people who disagree with her.

Regardless of which of these choices are true, this does not seem to be the leadership we need in our state at this time.

This kind of behavior from a Governor is disgusting and she owes the people of Michigan an apology.

Mark Horvath
Canton

Earning a seat

It has been a pleasure working with Barry Simescu, Tom Wysocki, Judy Mardigian and John Jackson on the Plymouth Canton School Board. Tom was assigned to be my mentor on the board and he was a tremendous voice of reason that will truly be missed as his tenure is over this year.

Judy and Barry bring great experience and an in-depth understanding of the School District that is quite valuable in the meetings. While we do not always agree on the issues we vote on from meeting to meeting, I have a great deal of respect for them both and the countless hours they have dedicated to this district and the community.

John brings an energy and thoroughness in his preparation for the meetings that is contagious. I always enjoy sitting next to him to see his spin on the information that we receive.

John, Judy, and Barry have experience that is going to be invaluable in the years to come as we face deep cuts to the budget from the State of Michigan. I plan to vote for all of them in the upcoming elections. They are all wonderful, well meaning individuals whose experience and dedication, have definitely earned them a seat at the table.

Dianne Gonzalez
Plymouth-Canton School Board member
Plymouth

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Motor City, motor style

a2z Racer Gear appeals to car buffs and beyond

BY WENSZY VON BUSKIRK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

To Patrick Parke, car-themed clothing seemed a natural fit for Detroit. That's why the Bloomfield Hills businessman brought a2z Racer Gear to town.

"The catchphrase I like to use is 'Motor City, motor style,'" Parke said.

Parke, of Bloomfield Hills, is the exclusive Michigan rep for a2z Racer Gear, a retro apparel line inspired by racing legends Steve McQueen and Carroll Shelby.

Parke discovered a2z Racer Gear three years ago while traveling through Napa Valley, when he complimented a stranger on his jacket.

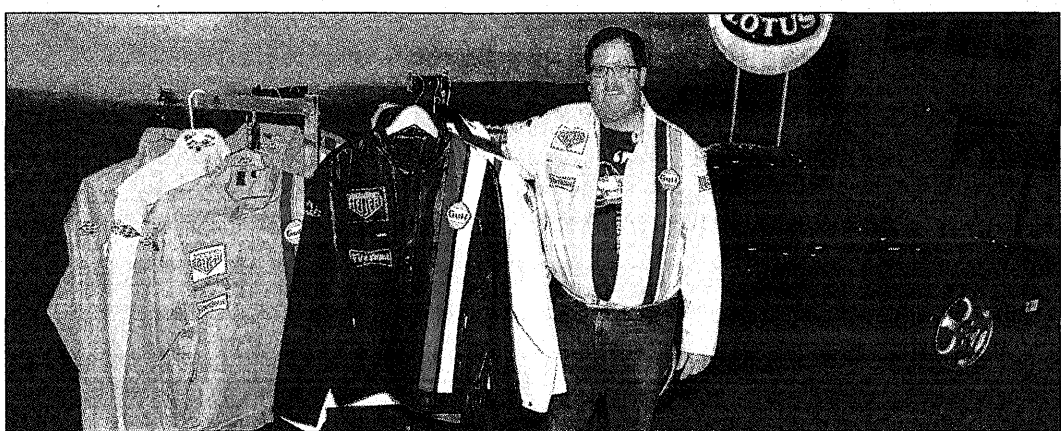
It turned out the man was the coat's creator himself, Norm Silverman, a vintage car buff and long-time clothing manufacturer.

"We started talking and I said 'you need to bring this stuff to Detroit for the Dream Cruise,'" Parke explained. "He didn't know anything about the Cruise, he's a California guy, but he called me a month or two later."

Silverman developed a2z Racer Gear in 2004 along with internationally-known race car driver Tony Adamowicz, and the pair secured licensing rights to use Shelby and McQueen's endorsements on their clothing and accessories.

The company's signature item is a replica of the white racing jacket McQueen made famous in the 1971 movie *Le Mans*. Adamowicz, whose storied racing career included a third place finish in the 1971 24 Hours of Le Mans, appeared in the film.

a2z Racer Gear also has a full line of products celebrating Shelby,



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Patrick Parke wears a2z Racer Gear's signature 'Le Mans' jacket, modeled after the racing coat Steve McQueen wore in the 1971 movie of the same name. \$350 in leather, \$125 in cotton.

a record-setting driver and influential automobile designer, known in part for his custom Ford Mustang Shelby Cobra.

FROM CAPS TO SHOES

Offerings include a Team Shelby stadium jacket (\$200), tees and caps with the Shelby Cobra logo (\$20-\$30), hip suede driving shoes in brown, black, blue and red (\$99), and a luggage set designed to fit Shelby Mustangs.

The company recently introduced a line of trendy graphic tees by classic car artist Nicolas Hunziker. All the products have a vintage feel influenced by the early '70s.

Primarily for men, a2z Racer Gear is popular with car culture enthusiasts and McQueen fans, and rugged enough to be worn racing or working on cars.

But Parke confessed he's not a gear head himself.

"I'm a moderate car enthusiast. It's not my passion, I just like the look of this stuff," Parke said. "It's got a real style aspect to it."

HIGH FASHION CROWD

Parke has sold the line at three Woodward Dream Cruises and two Autoramas. He also participated in Birmingham's Day on the Town where he ran into Joe Paris, a Troy-based clothing designer who appeared on last year's *Project Runway*. The chance meeting led to Parke sponsoring a booth at Paris' Fashion In Detroit event, staged earlier this month at the Detroit Zoo. The move, which targeted the high fashion crowd, was part of Parke's goal to broaden his customer base.

"If you just appeal to car enthusiasts then you've limited your market," he said. "I'd like to get it in front of a younger audience. It seems like a lot of kids and young adults have really taken to it."

a2z Racer Gear is available at Street Legal Customs in Royal Oak and Auto Europe in Birmingham, both on Woodward Ave., as well as through Patrick Parke's Lathrup Village office by appointment. You can also find it online at www.a2zracergear.com and www.amazon.com. For 10 percent off purchases, contact Parke at (248) 225-6007 or patrickparke@yahoo.com.

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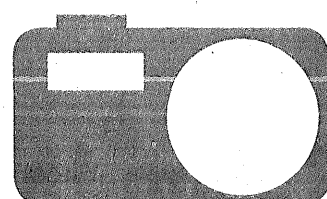


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Postseason rematch for Chiefs, Wildcats

PLAYOFF PRIMER

What: Division 1 pre-district football game between Canton and Plymouth.
When: 7 p.m. Friday.
Where: Varsity turf field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.
Encore: Both teams faced each other in the opening round of the 2008 playoffs, with the Chiefs winning 35-28.
Keys: Canton (7-1) will look to control the game with its multi-faceted offense. Plymouth (6-3) is trying to bounce back from a lopsided loss this season to the Chiefs, and will try to make the most of its underdog status. Big games by Jernarian Caldwell and quarterback Victor Hicks are essential for the Wildcats to be competitive.

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Before "Selection Sunday," Canton football coach Tim Baechler said he'd get to work breaking down film of his first-round playoff opponent as soon as he found out who it was.
After drawing Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rival Plymouth, Baechler might have felt an urge to tuck away the video machine.
"If you ask any coach, they'd tell you it's always exciting to play someone new, or someone you haven't played in a couple years," Baechler said this week. "But the reality is Plymouth is a good football team, we're a pretty good football team and we're right on top of each other."
The Chiefs (7-1) and Wildcats (6-3) are squaring off for the second year in a row, thanks to Canton's recent loss to Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth's 20-14 loss Friday at Adrian. Kickoff is 7 p.m. on the varsity turf field at PCEP.

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TIM BAECHLER, Canton football coach

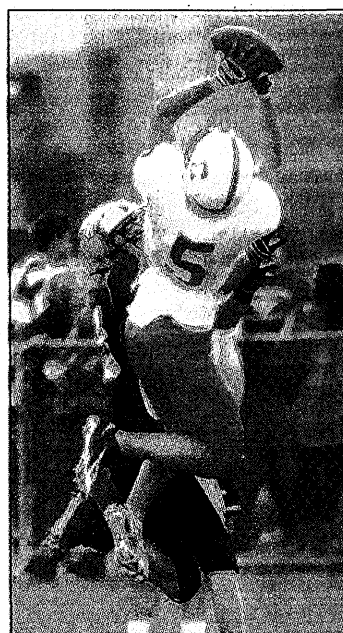
In the 2008 pre-district game, Canton won 35-28 and went on to reach the regional final. That followed a close regular season matchup.
This year's regular season meeting played out much differently, as the Chiefs pounded the Wildcats, 49-7.
Baechler does not plan on this meeting being such a cakewalk.
"It (Sept. 11) was just one of those games, our kids played well and we had a good plan," Baechler said. "Now they're

not that bad a team, that 49-7 was not indicative of Plymouth's team nor is it our team, I don't think. We just had things going our way."
Friday night, history gets tossed out the window.
"You have to, because they're going to want to redeem themselves," he added. "And if you're us, our motivation is validation. Prove that we can do it again."
Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk could not be reached for comment about his take on the playoff rematch.

OFFENSIVE PUNCH

But both teams have the capability of putting a lot of points on the scoreboard.
Canton's usual triple-back formation behind senior quarterback Kevin Delapaz will test the Plymouth defense.
Senior running back Adam Payter is coming off a 232-yard night against Salem in the regular season finale.

Please see **REMATCH, B3**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Friday's pre-district football matchup between Canton and Plymouth is their second meeting this season. In September, the Chiefs rolled to victory thanks to plays such as this one by Ryan Powell (No. 5) - catching a TD pass despite the best efforts of Plymouth's Jacob Morris.

2009 BOYS SOCCER DISTRICTS

Chiefs end drought

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Right around the time Salem upset No. 1-ranked Livonia Churchill, another Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity boys soccer team won a district championship.
Canton's Chiefs also moved on to regional play thanks to Saturday afternoon's 4-0 victory over district host Dearborn Edsel Ford. Canton scored four second-half goals to break open a close contest. The district title was Canton's first since 1998.
"The boys played consistent the whole game and had an outstanding performance in the first 25 minutes of the second half," noted Chiefs' head coach George Tomasso. "I am proud of how the team stepped up and never let down."
Canton (13-7-3) benefited from strong play in the back, particularly from senior defen-

seman and co-captain Jon Dugan and sophomore defenseman Connor Furgason and from senior goalkeeper Kai Walther (7 saves).
The match was 0-0 at halftime, but the Chiefs broke through against the Thunderbirds (9-10-0) with two penalty kick goals in the first eight minutes of the second half and tacked on goals at the 15- and 22-minute marks.
Registering two of the goals was Mitch Posuniak, with single tallies from Connor Furgason and Daniel Ovesea.
Canton will play Walled Lake Northern in a regional semifinal game 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at Livonia Stevenson.
Immediately following that contest will be the tilt between Salem-Dearborn. The winners from the two matches will meet at 1 p.m. Saturday for the regional championship.

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Salem players celebrate as Churchill's Tim Devine (15) comes to the realization that the game and season are over the Rocks upended the state's top-ranked team in Division 1 for their first loss, 3-2.

SOCCER SHOCKER

Rocks send No. 1 Churchill packing in district championship game

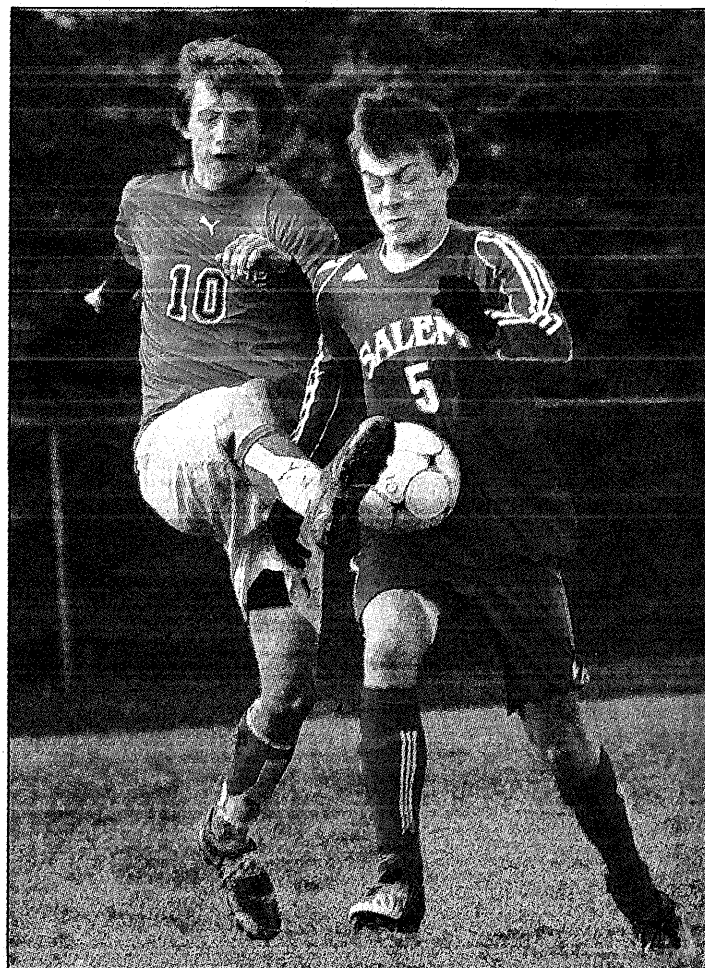
BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

"Get it and connect," shouted Salem coach Ed McCarthy early in Saturday's Division 1 district final against top-ranked Livonia Churchill. He was urging his players to be on target with their passing.
His message also connected because within seconds, his team had done the unthinkable - twice - with back-to-back goals within 36 seconds to shock the undefeated Chargers and spark the Rocks to a 3-2 victory at Northville.
When one last-second header in front of Salem senior goalkeeper Sasa "Sasha" Miskovic drifted over the top of the goal, the Rocks flew out onto the pitch to leap into each other's arms.
Nearby were several Churchill players prone on their backs, with their hands on their heads in disbelief.
The win enabled the Rocks (15-4-4) to repeat as district champions. They will move on to play in the Livonia Stevenson-hosted regionals starting Wednesday.

CRAZY, EMOTIONAL

"This was a very crazy game,

lots of emotion," McCarthy said. "I've never seen a district final that had this many goals and had two penalty shots called in it. It was an exciting game."
Churchill head coach Reid Friedrichs said a recent trend of starting slowly in contests finally caught up to the team (19-1-1).
"The last two weeks we've been really struggling the first 10 minutes," Friedrichs noted. "... We gave up six goals all year, and in the last three or four games we should have given up a goal in the first 10 minutes."
"Today, same story, but Salem's a good enough team where they capitalized on their chances."
The wild first half ended with all five goals in the books, each team scoring on a penalty kick (by Salem's Mohammad Pourmandi and Churchill's Adam Bedell).
Salem set the tone early, registering goals by senior forward Sal Savage at 8:01 and senior midfielder Evan Antich in a scrum around Churchill goalkeeper Bryan Bartig at 8:37.



Churchill's Jeff Thomas (10) contests for possession of the ball with Salem's Brandon Barfuss during Saturday's Division 1 district boys soccer final at Northville.



Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity boys soccer team celebrates after winning the Division 4 district title game Saturday against Lutheran Westland. The Eagles then won Tuesday's regional semifinal and will play for their first regional championship this Saturday.

Eagles win district, eye regional crown

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian's varsity boys soccer team would not be denied in the Division 4 district final this time, rallying to Saturday's 4-2 victory over Lutheran Westland.
Don Mullett scored two of the Eagles' four second-half goals to pave the way for PCA's first district title since 2003.
On Tuesday, the Eagles then took care of Hillsdale Academy 5-1 in the regional semifinal to advance to the regional championship game for the first time in school history.
Jordan Machonga and Dan Ross scored two goals each

for PCA (11-9-1), who will play 2 p.m. Saturday against either Ann Arbor Greenhills or Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett. That game will be at Jackson Christian, as was Tuesday's.
"I believe that God brought all the pieces of the puzzle together," said Eagles' co-coach Larry Machonga, referring to three key players (Don Mullett, Dan Mullett and Ethan Walker) coming over from defunct Canton Agape Christian to augment solid returnees Jordan Machonga, Blair Robinson and Matt Zandee.

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Please see **ROCKS, B2**

FILTER



A possessed chicken has its hands full with Lloyd Kaufman, who made "Poultrygeist: Night of the Chicken Dead."

'Poultrygeist' is an amazing chicken dinner

BY GREG KOWALSKI
OSE STAFF WRITER

"Of course," they all say. "I saw it long ago."
"No," I say. "Not *Poltergeist*...
Poultrygeist."
"Oh."
Oh, indeed.
As we ponder the upcoming Halloween holiday and what to watch that is appropriate to the season, the bold may consider spending 103 minutes with *Poultrygeist: Night of the Chicken Dead*, a magnificent bit of trash from the great Lloyd Kaufman, the man responsible for such masterworks as *The Toxic Avenger* and *The Class of Nuke 'Em High*.
But *Poultrygeist: Night of the Chicken Dead* probably owes more of its origins to a non-Kaufman film - *Monsturd* - which cannot be discussed in any manner in a family newspaper.
Poultrygeist, however, stands on its own as a truly vile, despicable, utterly gross film. It may in fact be the grossest film ever made, at least to this point in history.
It certainly is the sickest movie ever made about possessed chickens. And if

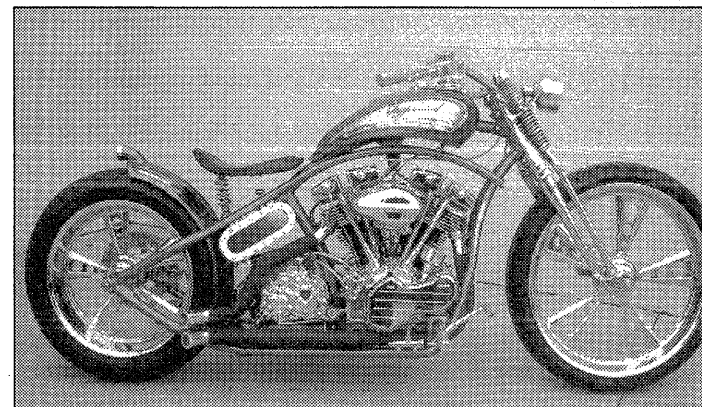
that isn't enough to convince you to run out immediately and rent *Poultrygeist*, I can't imagine what would.
There is a plot, of sorts: Young idiot Arbie returns to the Tomahawk Indian tribe burial ground to reminisce on the site of his first romantic encounter and discovers that the place has been bulldozed over and is now the home of an American Chicken Bunker restaurant, part of a fast food chain that combines fried chicken with military hardware.
To make matters worse, Arbie's old girlfriend is now a liberal (gasp!) political activist protesting this soulless example of capitalism.
Stand aside Michael Moore
In terms of plot, that's about all you need to know. Mostly this is a setup for people to become possessed with evil spirits, including the ubiquitous chickens and parts thereof. Blood is shed by the gallons. Hundreds of gallons. And that's in the most tastefully done scenes.
Vast amounts of other bodily fluids are spewed across the scene. There's even an amazing sequence involving Jerod (You know, the dweeb from the Subway commercials) who leaves the bathroom stall literally half the size he was when

he entered it. And we get to see in loving detail how he sheds half his girth.
Have you seen the cooking shows where the cook uses a "grill cam" positioned inside the cooking grill? Well, *Poultrygeist* features a "toilet-cam."
There are also some wonderfully awful song and dance numbers.
And just so all of your senses are offended, much of the cast is made up of racial stereotypes, including a burka-wearing Moslem named Humus, a Latino character named Paco Bell and an idiot black manager named Denny. (Consider the names. There actually is some biting subtle satire here if you look closely enough. But you won't be able to look closely at anything in this blood, gore and bodily by-product yuckfest.)
Kaufman, who is a true Hollywood rebel, even has a role. He also hosts a great bit about the movie's premier at an empty theater. (Who wants to see this?)
Naturally, you might want to view this after the pizza and Halloween candy have been consumed for you certainly aren't going to eat anything while this movie is running.
And you may never eat another chicken again.

Swap meet offers everything for the motorcyclist

Steve Broyles of Stevenson's Cycle in Wayne, will exhibit his award-winning GL Special motorcycle at the Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet, Sunday, Nov. 1, at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.
The bike was crowned "The Canadian Cup Champion for 2009" at the North American International Motorcycle Super Show and it was the 9th Place World Championship Show Winner at Sturgis 2008. Broyles and his son "Steve II" also will show two other bikes made by Stevenson Cycle: Deuce's Wild which has a reverse flowed hand-crafted motor with a glass-sided oil tank and a production bike called Black and Chrome.
They're among the Detroit-area bike dealers, custom bike builders, painters and parts vendors who will be on hand at the show, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the exhibition hall, located on Grand River Ave., west of Novi Road in Novi.
Giant Motorcycle Swap Meets offer "everything for rider or machine." When riding season ends bikers begin the process of replacing worn, damaged or obsolete chrome, paint, seats, parts, tires and apparel. Men and women who love to ride motorcycles will find what they need at "swap meet prices."

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The swap meet will feature the largest collection of motorcycle vendors under one roof in the Midwest. Cyclists will see new 2009-10 bikes as well as used bikes for street, dirt, metric, touring, and cruising, as well as trikes, choppers, custom bikes, and trailers.
Admission to The Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet is \$10 for adults and \$3 for ages 6-12.
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Time/Dates: 2 p.m., Nov. 1
Location: 45175 10 Mile between Novi Road and Taft, Novi
Details: The Novi Concert Band will present "A Halloween Concert for All Ages." Admission is free
Contact: www.noviconcertband.org
Palace of Auburn Hills
Time/Dates: 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 6, Montgomery Gentry; Friday, Nov. 13, Bruce Springsteen & The Legendary E Street Band

Location: 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills
Contact: (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com
Penn Theatre
Time/Dates: 8 p.m., Oct. 30, Plymouth Community Band
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: Free
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Time/Dates: "Pinocchio," Nov. 14-Jan. 24, 2010, tickets, \$8.50, ages 3 and up
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Location: 60 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth Arts

Council and the Plymouth Symphony present family variety shows; Nov. 7 performance features Guy Louis and the Chautauqua Express; \$4 admission
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Contact: (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org
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Palace of Auburn Hills
Location: 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7; tickets \$12.50, \$22.50 and \$30
Details: Extreme Monster Truck Nationals

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Rock Financial Showplace
Location: Located on Grand River Avenue, just west of Novi Road, in Novi
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Farmington Hills Youth Theatre
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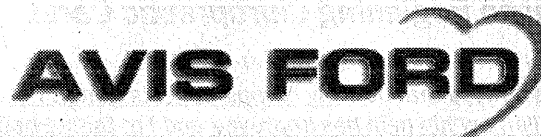
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It's cash and Corvettes for car wash owner

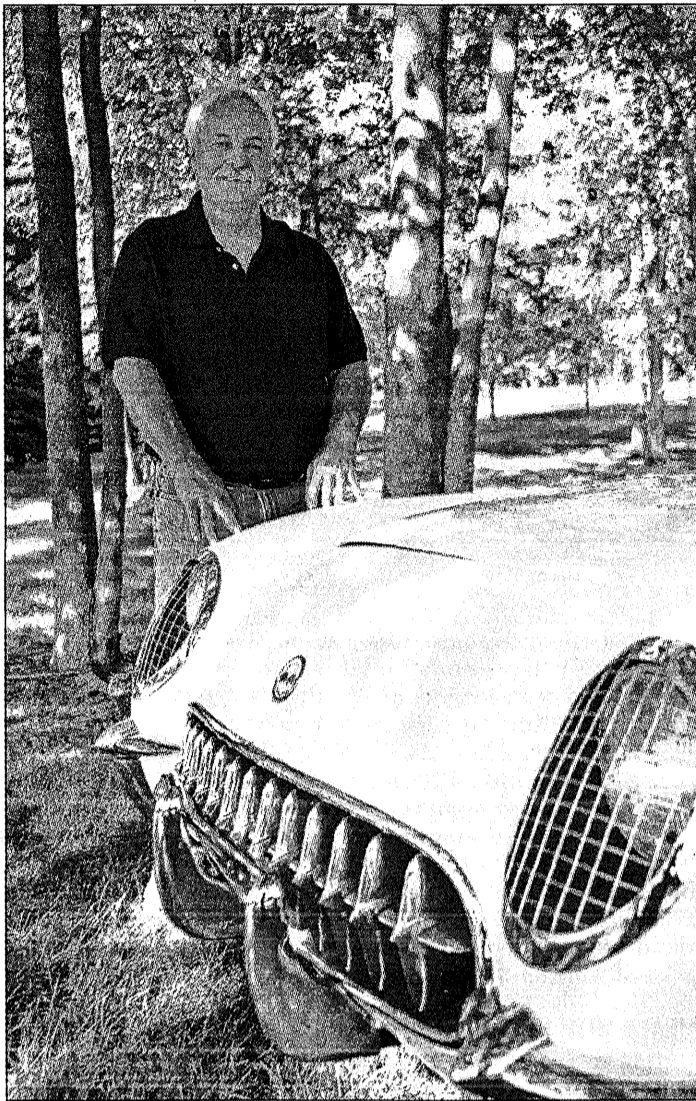
What do credit unions, car washes and classic Corvettes all have in common? For hands-on entrepreneur Ray Hicks, they're a source of financial freedom, livelihood and pure enjoyment.

According to David Sanctorum, director of business services for Community Financial, a Plymouth-headquartered credit union, the relationship is very unique and more than a little complex.

Seven years ago Hicks was checking auto rates to purchase a car for his wife and visited the Community Financial branch close to his home in Northville. Remembering the first car he bought more than 30 years ago with a credit union loan, Hicks was aware that credit union rates were typically lower.

"After that visit, not only did I purchase a new car for my wife, I was able to get a commercial loan to expand my business," said Hicks, whose car wash enterprise has grown over the past 30 years to include nearly two dozen properties throughout metropolitan Detroit. "Community Financial also helped me with loans for my classic car collection, including several 1953 Corvettes."

Hicks attributes his success to being a hands-on worker, who spent 18 years in a GM plant before growing his car wash business, and to being a "bottom-line" guy who pays close attention to financial details, including loan rates. "Ray has the business savvy to leverage his classic car collection and car wash proper-



Community Financial member Ray Hicks stands next to one of his award-winning 1953 Corvettes.

ties to get the best deal," said Sanctorum. "Whether he's seeking a commercial loan or auto financing, we know that it's going to be a 'win-win' for everyone."

Given the current economy,

Hicks indicated that he is satisfied with the number of car washes that he operates, owns and leases, but he's still on the hunt for more classic cars. "It's all in the search and restoration," he said.

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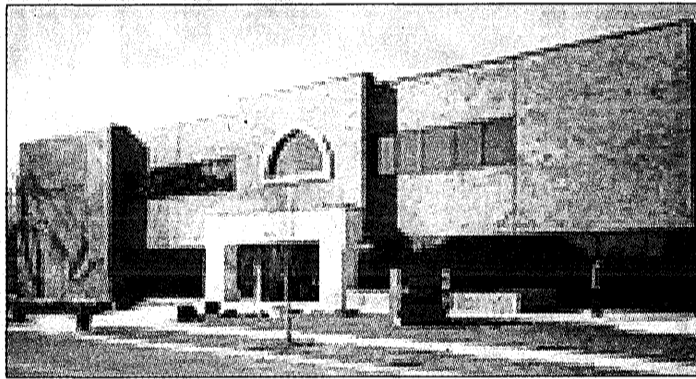
Community Financial has been named for the fourth consecutive year as one of "Metropolitan Detroit's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For." The credit union was one of the top companies selected, from more than 1,000 nominations and over 400 applications submitted. The annual award and program is presented by the Michigan Business and Professional Association.

"We are proud to acknowledge the commitment, mutual respect and superior member service of all our team members who made this award possible," said Bill Lawton, Community Financial's president and CEO. "Also our ongoing training programs, leadership development and decision making processes help us maintain a talented and dedicated team."

The award program was established to honor companies that recognize employees as their greatest asset. Participants are required to fill out an extensive survey and winners are selected based on independent research that evaluates each entry on a variety of best practices in human resource management.

"Community Financial's goal is to provide team members and their families with the resources they need to protect and enhance their financial security and to balance the priorities of work and personal life," added Lawton. "At the same time, Community Financial and its team are committed to enhancing the financial well-being of our members. I feel fortunate to work for a great company and with great people — focused entirely on helping others!"

Headquartered in Plymouth, Mich., membership in Community Financial is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, volunteers or attends school in the Michigan cities, townships or counties of Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Alpena, Otsego and Montmorency.



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CANTER help

For the month of November, shoppers can donate a dollar at the register in all seven Hiller's Markets grocery stores - including the Plymouth location - to support CANTER, a locally-based organization that finds homes for retired racehorses. Led by WXYZ-TV anchor and CANTER board member Robbie Timmons, the non-profit finds viable alternatives for young horses whose future, without CANTER's help, is bleak.

"As someone who is passionate about animals and animal welfare, I'm so glad Robbie Timmons brought CANTER to my attention," said Jim Hiller, CEO of Hiller's Markets, Southeast Michigan's oldest local grocery chain. "In tough times, we often forget about our four-legged friends - and it's imperative that we care for every creature to the best of our abilities."

"A dollar at the register is easy for most people to give, and all those dollars add up quickly," Timmons said. "I'm grateful to Hiller's for giving CANTER this platform and this exposure."

The cash register campaign will run for the entire month of November in all Hiller's stores. Additionally, Timmons will be available in Hiller's stores to talk with shoppers about the cause and sign her book, *Twoey & the Goat*, a true-to-life story about a horse who was found a home after not performing in the track. Timmons will be at the

Plymouth store, at 5 Mile and Haggerty, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14.

Bridal opening

Birmingham's Bridal Couture has been providing Metro Detroit brides with the perfect gown shopping experience for two years, Amy Pohlod, new owner of the couture bridal boutique, has mixed affordable luxury with flawless customer care to create exactly what every bride is looking for.

With her increasing popularity, Amy decided to open an unbelievable new location in Plymouth. With the growing demand of brides wanting the ideal experience paired with an extensive collection of designer options, Bridal Couture wanted to offer their unique services to even more brides to be!

Located at 408 South Main Street, the new haven of couture will definitely be a jaw dropping unveiling. The grand opening takes place Oct. 29, with the ribbon cutting at 5 p.m., and an open house from 6-8 p.m.

Designed like a New York bridal boutique, the new Bridal Couture location boasts exclusive designers like LeaAnn Belter and Robert Bullock, from Birnbaum & Bullock. The unique collections of Jane Wang, Matthew Christopher and Kate Bennett are also exclusive pieces that cannot be found in other bridal boutiques in Michigan.

For more information go to www.BridalCouture.com.

CHAMBER CHAT

Gala auction

If you are thinking about attending this year's auction this is the week to make your reservations. Tickets are just \$75 and include a great evening of dinner, open bar, fellowship, dancing, and hundreds of silent and live auction items.

This year's Auction items include:

- The chance to carry the banner in Detroit's Thanksgiving Day Parade for Fred Hill's Briefcase Brigade.
- Be an extra in the movie "Christmas in Pittsburgh" that will be filmed in the Plymouth area.
- "A Night at the Museum" in the Plymouth Historical Museum. A party for up to 10 children to watch the movie "Night at the Museum", enjoy pizza and popcorn and meet characters dressed up in historical garb.
- Concert and sporting event tickets, bikes, a TV, sports memorabilia and a fur vest along with many other unique items.

Get your tickets today!!! The Chamber's Gala Auction is on November 6 at Laurel Manor starting at 6:00 p.m. If you would like more information about participating, please call (734) 453-1540.

The Major Sponsors for this year's Auction are Genisys Credit Union and Hines Park Lincoln Mercury.

Grand openings

Bridal Couture cuts the ribbon on its new location today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. The boutique is located at 408 S. Main, just south of Panera Bread.

Edward Jones cuts the ribbon on its office at 44611 Five Mile Nov. 3. The office is located at the corner of Five Mile and Sheldon Roads next to Caribou Coffee.

Members are invited to join these celebrations and meet the owners.

O'Callaghan's After Hours

Good Irish beer and authentic Irish food awaits you at the November After Hours at Sean O'Callaghan's.

One of Plymouth's favorite Irish pubs will host a fun and free Irish business mixer that will bring out blarney in everyone. These events draw a friendly and welcoming set of 50-80 members who enjoy good networking.

The After Hours will be on Wednesday, Nov. 18 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sean O'Callaghan's



Wes Graff

is located at 821 Penniman. Parking is available in the lot behind the pub off of Harvey St. To RSVP, please reply to teri@plymouthmich.org.

Web Site of the Week:

• Colonial Veterinary Clinic - To help members see other Web sites in the community and get ideas they could use for their own sites, we will feature a different member's site each week. This week we are featuring the web site from Colonial Veterinary Clinic: www.colonialvet.com.

Community/Business News

• Last Farmer's Market - This Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. is the last Farmer's Market of the season in the Gathering next to the Penn Theatre. The Chamber of Commerce proudly sponsors the Farmer's Market.

• Halloween weekend in Plymouth presents many opportunities on Friday, Oct. 30: • The Great Pumpkin Caper, sponsored by Genisys Credit Union, 5:30-7 p.m., the Chamber hosts Trick or Treating on the streets of downtown Plymouth.

• Howl-ween Pet Costume Contest - At 5:30 the Plymouth Recreation Department's will host a pet costume contest in Kellogg Park.

• Pumpkin Caper Costume Contest - From 6:15-7 p.m. there will be a costume contest in the park for children who are Trick or Treating.

• Cans for Candy - Children can bring a can of food with them to place in containers throughout downtown Plymouth to help stock the shelves of the Salvation Army.

• Whalers Trick or Treat Night - The Plymouth Whalers will have local businesses passing candy out to youngsters who Trick or Treat at the Whalers vs. Owen Sound hockey game. Kids should wear costumes and it's only \$5 for select seats.

• Saturday, Oct. 31: • YMCA Movie at the Penn - The Plymouth Community YMCA is hosting a Halloween celebration at the Penn Theater with a showing of "Monster House" at 10 a.m. The movie is \$4 and supports the YMCA strong kids campaign.

• The Plymouth Historical Museum - Day of the Dead - Day of the Dead with Jill Andra Young will be from 8-10 p.m. The event includes a trip to the Riverside Cemetery and tickets are just \$10 at the door.

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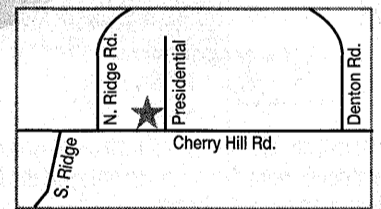
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FOOD & WINE



Students watch chefs prepare foods in a cooking class at Schoolcraft College.

Learn to prepare dazzling holiday dinners

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

The oven is hot in most homes from Halloween to New Year's Day and serving the same old recipes can get boring not only for the family chef, but everyone else, too.

Taking classes on how to prepare holiday treats and meals is one remedy.

Area food specialty stores and community colleges offer a variety of holiday food preparation classes.

"The response is overwhelming and we are always refreshing them to keep up with the demand," said Lauren Murphy, Schoolcraft promotions coordinator of continuing education and professional development.

The continuing education culinary classes at Schoolcraft have increased over the last eight years and last year there were 1,800 students.

To register for a Schoolcraft call (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd

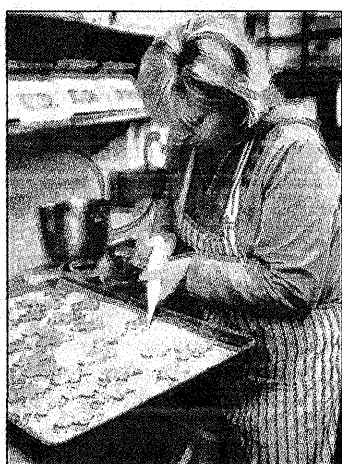
Here's a sampling of classes available.

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Learn to prepare holiday dishes including platters, hot foods, appetizers and sophisticated sweets. Sample every recipe demonstrated. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7, cost \$99, seniors pay \$79.20.

Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner



A student decorates holiday cookies in a cooking class at Schoolcraft College.

Learn various ways to roast a fresh turkey and prepare gravy using poultry stock and pan drippings, seasoned stuffing, autumn vegetables and pumpkin pie using fresh pumpkins. 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 17, cost \$105, seniors pay \$84.

Cookie Exchange: Hands-on

Bake holiday cookies in Schoolcraft's kitchens. You'll receive prepped dough - enough to bake and decorate eight dozen cookies - and recipes from around the world. Bring an apron, rolling pin and knife. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5, cost \$139, seniors pay \$111.20.

Make a Yule Log

Learn Yule log history and lore, and then in groups, make two kinds of Yule log cakes. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12, cost \$119, seniors pay \$95.20.

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Easy Holiday Entertaining for Beginners

Cookbook author Leonard Charia focuses on appetizers and canapes, roast turkey breast, make-ahead salads, and easy oven dishes. Gain realistic, practical tips and recipes while you prepare and eat in this class designed for novices. Instructor's cookbook (optional) available for \$11 in class. Bring an apron. 6:30-9 p.m., Nov. 3, Nov. 10 (two sessions), Dearborn Heights Center, D143; cost \$72.

Thanksgiving Sides

Executive Chef Peter Veach of the University of Michigan will demonstrate Thanksgiving side dishes and ways to prepare ahead of time. 6-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 4, Dearborn Heights Center, D143; cost \$48.

Neat and Sweet Holiday Treats

Make and take home a tray of goodies including a Mini 'Snow' Covered Cream Puff Tree, Cherry Cherry Chocolate Mice, and more. Call or visit the Maps & Supplies link at www.hfccc.edu for complete list of maps and supplies. 6:30-9:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 19, cost \$39.

Old Time Polish Sweets

Babka, a traditional Polish dessert, Angel Wings and yeast bread are all part of this class with Marilyn Szymanski-Suter. Bring an apron and dress in layers because the kitchen gets warm. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5, cost \$57. Call Henry Ford Community College at (877) 855-5252 or register online at www.hfccc.edu/CL2.

It's pasties time again at Livonia church

BY SHARON DARGAY
OGE STAFF WRITER



Members of Newburg United Methodist Church will be knee-deep in rutabagas and potatoes next month. "We use 200 pounds of rutabagas and 200 pounds of potatoes and about 100 pounds of onions," said Randy Kovach, who's leading a pasty-making crew at the Livonia church. "We use 240 pounds of ham-burger. We have a pretty commercial kitchen at the church. We'll make 1,000 pasties over two days."

And they'll sell them - all of them - Thursday-Friday, Nov. 12-13. Pick-up times are 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Nov. 12 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Nov. 13, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

Orders will be taken 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 2-3 by phone only at (734) 422-0149. Each Cornish-style pasty is \$4.

"It really is an outreach program to introduce more members of the community to the church. And with the time of the year and the way the economy is, it's one way we can help people and also help the church, so everyone benefits," said Kovach, explaining that the fund-raiser will

benefit a scholarship program and other activities and missions at the church.

Kovach said the church is bringing the baking tradition back after a brief hiatus. He agreed to organize the effort after moving back to Michigan from New Jersey, where he owned a cafe.

"I've been cooking a long time. I took the (pasties) recipe and tried it myself. The Cornish pasties are more traditional - with the rutabagas - versus the ones with carrots. The Canadians make them that way, too."

A crew of about 30 church members will chop, mix shortening-style dough, and fill baking pans over the two-day work session.

"Each one weighs about a pound. When you put them together they're about 9 inches. We make a mixture of brown and beef gravy to put on top of it," he noted.

Kovach said some customers buy several pasties to take along on hunting trips next month. They'll freeze them and simply will reheat them when they're ready to eat.

And some likely will buy a new batch of the meat and vegetable pies when the church repeats the effort in January 2010.

CITY BITES

Livonia - Scott Wallace from National Wine and Spirits will present affordable, high quality port and dessert wines at a tasting, 7-9 p.m., today, Thursday, Oct. 29, at WineStyles, 17386 Haggerty Road, Livonia. Cost is \$15 per person and \$10 for the store's Wine Club members. (734) 464-9600.

The store's TGIF wine event is 5-9 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30; \$12 flight of wine or wine by the glass. Gourmet cheese and cracker menu available. Buy \$50 or more in wine or accessories during the evening and receive a flight or glass of wine for \$1.

MEALS WITH MISSION

Plymouth - Buy corn and smoked whitefish fritters through Nov. 15 from the prepared foods case at any Hiller's Market and you'll help feed the needy. All proceeds from the sale of the dish, created by Lisa Diggs, founder of the Livonia-based Buy Michigan Now campaign, will benefit Gleaners Food Bank.

The sale of the prepared food is part of Hiller's "Good Deeds in the Making" cam-

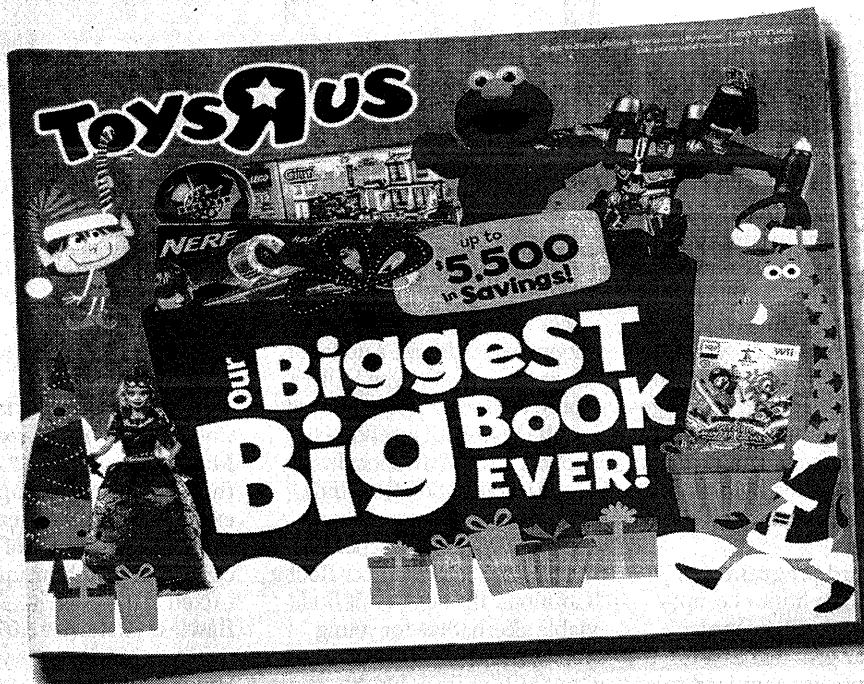
paign, which combines food named for a local celebrity or prominent resident, and a charity of their choice.

"It gives me great pleasure to work with inspiring individuals and worthy organizations," stated Jim Hiller, CEO of Hiller's Markets. "The true measure of success is finding ways to give to others and using one's business as a platform to convey meaning and raise awareness. I hope shoppers will make a special effort to support these great people and great causes."

Also on the menu through Nov. 15 is tuna pasta salad, a favorite personal recipe of local fitness and philanthropy leader Danialle Karmanos. Proceeds will benefit Danialle Karmanos Work It Out, an effort to teach kids the importance of lifelong fitness and nutrition.

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