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Veterans Pete Rakowski of Plymouth, left, and Vaughn Hull of Westland salute while reciting the Pledge of Allegiance during last year's Veterans Day ceremonies held at Veterans Memorial Park. This year's ceremony is Wednesday at 11 a.m.

Vet honors

The Plymouth community honors its veterans with its annual Veterans Day ceremony at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Veterans Memorial Park, out in front of Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth.

The event will feature speeches, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park band, and appearances by the community's various military groups, Scout troops and, of course, veterans.

Goodfellows

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.

Angel trees

J. C. Penney Company, Inc. and The Salvation Army are joining forces this Christmas season to give joy to even more people in need through a grand-scale online Angel Giving Tree program. From now until Dec. 14, for the first time, customers can adopt and shop on-line for Angels at www.jcp.com/angel, providing tens of thousands of children and seniors facing hardship in communities across the country with Christmas gifts.

"In a year when so many need help, the new online Angel Giving Tree program will extend our reach and make it easier for our customers and Associates to give back this holiday season," said Mike Boylson, executive vice president and chief marketing officer for JCPenney.

Captain Dan Hull, pastor and corps officer of the Plymouth Corps states "We are excited about this new on-line Angel Giving Tree program that will allow caring neighbors to help a child in our community have a brighter Christmas."



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Lights are on

Christmas lights illuminated the trees along the median down Main Street after being turned on by Mayor Phil Pursell Thursday. The ceremony marked the start of holiday shopping season in Plymouth. For the story and more photos, please turn to Page A6.

Company's donation helps soldiers stay in touch

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

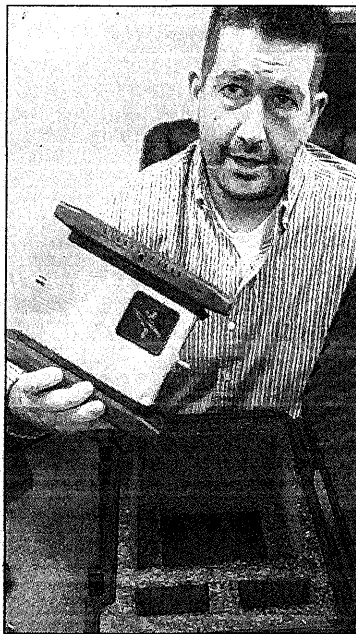
A Plymouth Township business stepped up last month to make it easier for about 30 U.S. Army soldiers serving in Iraq to keep in touch with families and friends.

Tech Tool Supply, located on General Drive, sent the soldiers a \$769 "Super Buddy" satellite meter, which helps them find satellites that link them to the Internet.

The soldiers, who had already chipped in for Internet service, paid \$250, a Tech Tool customer donated \$50, and the company subsidized the rest, said Brent Hagood, Tech Tool's owner and chief executive officer. Tech Tool also sent along some flashlights and company T-shirts.

"It seemed like it was a good cause," Hagood said recently. "The guys over there, I'm sure, are under all kinds of stress and it seemed like a small investment for me to help them out."

The soldiers, who have received the satellite meter, were



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Brent Hagood explains that the Super Buddy, often used by Dish Network and DirectTV installers, helps troops in Iraq align their satellite dish with the signal coming from a communications satellite, giving the troops Internet access.

thrilled with the support.

"I cannot thank the people of Tech Tool enough for the gift they have given us. Words can't describe the help they have given us," said Army Spc. William Grosswiler, through the messaging system on the Web site Facebook, in response to questions left for him there Thursday.

Grosswiler said the Super Buddy was "the best thing that's happened to us" and that he was able to align their equipment to two satellites at peak performance levels.

When members of the unit are traveling on missions to different parts of Iraq — missions that can last between a week and a few months — the Super Buddy can go with them to find one of the satellites from their new locations, Grosswiler said. That, he said, keeps morale high because the soldiers can continue to get music and video downloads and, more importantly, visit family and friends back home through Web cams and e-mail.

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Request for new Orlewicz trial in hands of judge now

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Elizabeth Jacobs believes Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Annette Berry abused her discretion and denied Jean Pierre Orlewicz an adequate defense when she refused to allow testimony in Orlewicz's trial for murder in the death of Daniel Sorenson.

Jeffrey Caminsky disagrees and says that, while such testimony may have made for interesting listening, it wouldn't have made a difference in the outcome of Orlewicz's 2008 trial.

Jacobs, Orlewicz's appellate attorney, wants Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Bruce Morrow to order a new trial for Orlewicz, the Plymouth Township teen who stabbed, beheaded and burned Sorenson in November 2007. Caminsky, a Wayne County assistant prosecutor, obviously opposes such a motion.

And, after months of legal wrangling, psychiatric testimony and final arguments Friday, it's finally up to Morrow, who told the lawyers he'd "try to have a decision for you by Thanksgiving."

At issue is Berry's decision to stop a psychological

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Thrown pumpkin injures driver

BY MATT JACHMAN
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A 50-year-old Pinckney man was in stable condition at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital on Friday after being struck by a pumpkin that crashed through the windshield of the pickup truck he was driving in Plymouth Township.

The incident occurred on westbound M-14 at Ridge Road about 3:35 a.m. Friday, the Michigan State Police said. Police believe the pumpkin was deliberately thrown from the Ridge Road overpass.

The victim was driving a 2007 Ford Ranger pickup when three pumpkins were thrown from the overpass, police said.

The first two struck the front end of the pickup while the third went through the windshield and struck the driver, police said. He was rushed to the hospital.

The Michigan State Police Metro South Post is investigating the incident as a felonious assault and is seeking witnesses. Anyone with information on the incident can call the post at (734) 287-5000.

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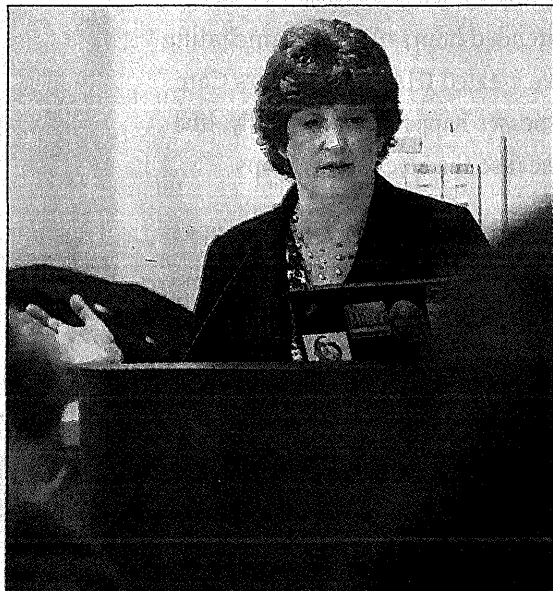
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Town hall meeting touts transit plan

BY BRAD KADRICH
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State Representative Marie Donigan explains the regional transit plan at a town hall meeting in Canton.

Dale Moore's son wanted to go to Wayne State University, but the round-trip from their Canton home was going to put too many miles on his leased car.

And, since there's no public transportation available — Canton opted out of the SMART program — Moore's son settled for Schoolcraft College. While she calls Schoolcraft "a wonderful school," she acknowledges the presence of a public transportation system that could have gotten her son to downtown Detroit would have changed his choice.

That's why Moore was at the town hall meeting on public transportation hosted by state Rep. Dian Slavens at the Summit on the Park — to hear what proponents of a new public transportation plan had to say.

"I am very much concerned with the lack of transportation," said Moore, who had another

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examination of Orlewicz by Dr. Gerald Shiener and her contention Shiener's testimony would have been irrelevant. Jacobs said the decision was an abuse of Berry's judicial discretion and was tantamount to denying Orlewicz a right to counsel.

During the hearing before Morrow, Shiener and two psychiatrists called by Caminsky testified about Orlewicz's upbringing, his being diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and whether he feared for his life when he entered the Canton garage of his grandfather and killed Sorensen.

Jacobs said that, while it may not have resulted in an acquittal,

she believes Orlewicz's mental state may have been a factor in the jury's decision whether to convict Orlewicz of first-degree murder or a lesser charge.

"If it's a battle of the experts, then it's a battle of the experts," Jacobs said. "But it should have happened in front of the jury. Berry abused her discretion ... it was a miscarriage of justice."

Caminsky said none of the doctors found any evidence Orlewicz was delusional at the time of the crime, and said there was "no evidence he would have misinterpreted what was happening."

"(Shiener's) testimony, while interesting, would have had no effect on the fact-finders," Caminsky said. "Whether Berry had allowed some of this testimony, it simply would have had no bearing on the outcome."



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John Swatosh of the Regional Transit Coordinating Council, Carmine Palombo of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, and state Rep. Dian Slavens (D-Canton) listen to the presentation at the town hall meeting on public transportation.

TRANSPORTATION

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son graduate the University of Michigan and take a job in Washington, D.C., for the same reason. "I'd like to see our young people go to school here, graduate here and stay here. We need (public transit) to do that."

Slavens agrees, which is why she hosted the 90-minute town hall at the Summit. That's why she and her panel of speakers — state Rep. Marie Donigan, D-Royal Oak, Carmine Palombo of SEMCOG and John Swatosh, representing the Regional Transit Coordinating Council — brought their rapid-transit plan to Canton.

"A lot of people are asking about (regional transportation)," said Slavens. "Many people would prefer instead of getting into their cars to get on a bus or a rail system."

The Detroit Regional Mass Transit Initiative would give them that opportunity. The plan would add various layers of public transportation, ranging from enhancement of Detroit DOT and MDOT services to a commuter rail service throughout southeastern Michigan.

The plan would cost some \$6.5 to \$10.4 billion over the next 26 years, depending on how much of it is implemented. Those costs would include capital expenditures as well as operating costs.

But Donigan, who is pushing the issue

in the state House, said Michigan needs the system to keep pace with other cities — she cited Phoenix and Dallas, among others — around the country.

"We need to move better, faster and smarter if we want to catch up with the rest of the country," said Donigan, who said the 2000 Census said 10 percent of Michigan residents don't have cars. "All those cities that were based on cars know their residents need an alternate means of transportation."

The Detroit Regional Mass Transit Initiative would:

- Expand service time and increase frequency of existing bus routes and make bus stop enhancements;
- Likely include Plymouth and Canton as a hub, if those communities opt into the plan.

- By 2012 add light-rail along Woodward, commuter rail from Detroit to Ann Arbor and have arterial transportation around the Wayne-Oakland-Macomb County area.
- By 2016 expand the light rail further along Woodward, commuter rail from Detroit to Pontiac and expand bus routes around the tri-county area.

Such a system, Donigan believes, would be an economic boon to the region by allowing people not only to get to jobs, but also to get to retail outlets, shopping areas, etc.

"People ride public transportation to spend money and to make money, and we need a whole lot of that," she said. "We can't afford to leave anyone behind."

The plan has initial approval of what Donigan called "The Big Four" — Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, the mayor of Detroit and the Macomb County Commission.

Proponents know the cost could be prohibitive, but point out other areas are paying more. According to Swatosh, the average spending on public transportation in the top 25 metropolitan areas in the country is \$185 per capita; Michigan's is \$75.

The plan would create a Regional Transit Authority that would manage the system's budget.

But Swatosh said the economic benefits could outweigh the costs. He said a rapid transit system would create immediate jobs, attract employers, help retain a workforce, particularly among young people, and improve tax revenues.

"We know from extensive studies that transportation alternatives are one of the top three things major companies look at," Donigan said. "We also know when young people are deciding where to live, they don't want to be dependent on cars."

"There's no doubt it'll cost a lot of money," she added. "No one hides from that fact. But it's an investment in our future."

The plan can be found at www.sem-cog.org (under the "transportation" link).

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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.

Author speaks

Author Brian Hill, whose book "Plymouth" will be released Monday, will speak about his book, as well as sign copies, at the Plymouth Historical Society's monthly meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12 at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Hill is the Plymouth Historical Society's Museum Memo editor. Admission is free to the meeting and lecture. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and for autographs. The book will sell for \$21.99. Refreshments are served following the meeting.

Farrand craft fair

Farrand Elementary School hosts its annual Vendor/Craft Fair 4-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20 at the school, located at 41400 Greenbrian Lane in Plymouth.

Well-known vendors as well as home-made crafts will be available.

Admission is \$1 at the door.

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution-Sarah Ann Cochrane chapter meet



Ott elected

Janet Ott, a 35-year resident of Canton, has been elected as Lieutenant Governor of Division 9 of the Michigan District of Kiwanis. The division includes South Lyon, Whitmore Lake, Hamburg, Brighton, Northville, Livonia, Plymouth and Canton. Ott has been active in the Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Club for 12 years and has held various club positions including president and secretary. The lieutenant governor works with clubs in administration, officer training, member education and club growth. For more information about Kiwanis or any of the clubs in the area, contact Ott at the club's Web site at www.pckiwani.org or call (734) 981-0460.

for a birthday luncheon at noon Monday, Nov. 16, at Station 885, 885 Starkweather in Plymouth.

Speaker Sharon Hopkins, honorary state regent, state chairman Michigan Room, will speak about The Michigan Room.

For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

Family fun day

The Learning Experience in Northville hosts a Family Fun Day and Open House 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at The Learning Experience, 16635 Ridge in Northville.

The day will feature family fun including a special visit from Nelson the Jungle Guy who will bring exotic pets for all the children to see and touch. Refreshments will be served. It is a great time to see our center, meet our teachers, learn more about our programs and have fun with the whole family.

For more information, please call us at 248-374-2495.

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. 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.

Goodfellows help

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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.

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.

GADGET

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"It goes to show that there are people out there that still support us and truly respect what we do and what we are going through," he wrote.

It was Grosswiler who on Oct. 17 posted a Facebook message to Tech Tool, asking for help in the form of a discount or an installment plan. He had contacted several other companies but was not making much progress and was about to give up, he said, when Hagood messaged him, asking for his e-mail address, then made the offer.

Tech Tool, which Hagood started out of the basement of his house on 2003, sells specialty tools and equipment for installing cable and satellite systems, security systems, computer systems, home theaters and the like. Customers

are cable and satellite installers and other technicians, and the occasional home do-it-yourselfer, Hagood said.

The portable Super Buddy, made by the Indiana-based Applied Instruments, is a top-of-the-line satellite meter, he said. "Everybody in the industry loves this meter," he said.

Hagood said he didn't seek recognition for his company's good deed, because character is something that happens when other people aren't looking.

But employee Mike Audia brought the donation to the attention of *The Observer*.

Audia said he thought the story would be a way to show that a small business can make a difference, and a good antidote to recent news of layoffs and business struggles.

"He helps people he doesn't even know," Audia said.

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EDUCATION

Local school board takes aim at Legislature to fix funding issues

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After cutting some \$20 million from the budget over the last four years, and facing a potential \$5.5 million slash in its state foundation grant this year, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has turned its attention to the one place board members figure can fix the problem.

Lansing Board president Steven Sneiderman and treasurer Judy Mardigian spent an hour Thursday telling the district's Community School Council - made up of parent organization representatives from each of the district's schools - about the cuts they've made and the challenges they face with shrinking revenues and rising costs.

And they made it clear in the discussion - which included a 15-minute power-point presentation - they believe a structural change in the way schools are funded, and not just some influx of cash, is necessary to save not only their district, but public schools throughout the state.

"There's not a lot of good news," Mardigian said. "Everyone knows we have a terrible economic situation in Michigan. The bottom line is (the economy) can't support the foundation allowance."

To get that to change, Plymouth-Canton administrators have begun calling on state Legislators to change the formula for funding schools, which has been dependent largely on the state sales tax and lottery money to fund schools since Proposal A passed in 1994.

Since then, Plymouth-Canton has been among the many districts shut out of local millage possibilities. Though they passed a bond proposal as recently as

2004, other proposals failed as taxpayers balked at more spending.

While Plymouth-Canton has been able to get a plethora of projects done with the \$109 million bond proposal approved in 2004, that hasn't done anything for their general fund bottom line, which continues to shrink with every cut by the state.

Administrators say Plymouth-Canton's \$7,600 per-student foundation allowance is lower than all but six of Wayne County's 34 school districts.

Plymouth-Canton officials say they've cut drastically over the last eight years and have committed to keeping the cuts out of the classroom.

"This funding issue isn't something that started with recent headlines," Sneiderman said. "We haven't been living in a cave. We've cut \$20 million, and that wasn't in one chunk. That's over several years."

With the state struggling so mightily economically, Plymouth-Canton officials believe it's time to change that formula.

"Lansing is going to have to fix this problem," Mardigian said. "We can't solve it locally."

According to figures provided by the district, funding of the foundation grant has risen just 9 percent over the last six years, barely half of the 16 percent hike in inflation.

The lottery hasn't been the big boon to schools it was touted to be, officials say, because legislators "more often than not simply reduced the appropriation by the amount of the lottery input."

In a district where some 90 percent of the \$156 million budget goes toward personnel, district officials worry the only thing left to do is cut teachers, which would force them to raise class sizes.

So far, they say, the cuts have stayed out of the classroom and have not affected student achievement. Plymouth-Canton students out-perform state and national averages on tests such as the MEAP, the Michigan Merit Exam and the ACT. That might not be the case, they fear, if class sizes are forced to rise.

Superintendent Dr. Craig Fiegel said Lansing needs to give districts more options to raise money, suggesting allowing millages for things such as transportation or athletics. Allowing districts to use the sinking fund for more than brick-and-mortar items would also help, officials say.

"State funding of schools is the right way to go, if they're going to fund them equitably," Fiegel said. "(The state) needs to give districts some opportunities to increase funds if, at the local level, voters are willing to pay."

Board members, administrators and parents will be among those in the "Save Our Schools" march on the capitol in Lansing at 10 a.m. Tuesday. In an effort to put even more pressure on legislators, school officials are urging parents to write letters to their state Representatives (Marc Corriveau in Plymouth, Dian Slavens in Canton) and state Sen. Bruce Patterson.

And the parents seem eager to take up the charge. Anne Brace has kids at both Smith Elementary and West Middle schools, and she thinks the district, which is still growing (if only slightly) shouldn't be hurt by the formula.

"Here we are a growing district and we're being penalized by Proposal A," Brace said. "I think parents need to hear this, because we're the ones who can do something about it."

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Songs of honor

The fourth-graders at Tonda Elementary paid tribute to veterans with their "A Salute to Service" concert. The concert honored veterans who have served in the military, as well as those still serving.

10 in a row: w-w wins financial awards

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Gary Martin may need more wall space after accepting awards for the 10th year for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The district received a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Association of School Board Officials International and Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

"Attaining these awards has increased our financial reporting credibility not only to the district but a community as a whole," said Martin, the deputy superintendent

for administrative and business services.

"Wayne-Westland is one of four districts in the state to be honored with this award," said School Superintendent Greg Baracy in recognizing Martin and his staff. "I commend you for your hard work."

The ASBO award is the highest recognition given for school district financial operations offered by the organization and is only given to districts that have met or exceeded the standards of the program.

Likewise, the GFOA certificate is the association's highest recognition given in governmental accounting and financial reporting and represents "a significant accomplishment by a government and its management." It also demonstrates "a constructive spirit of full disclosure."

Martin said participating in the

ASBO and GFOA certificate of excellence programs is a "rewarding experience" that validates the credibility of the school system's operations, and measured the integrity and competence of the business staff.

He also acknowledged the efforts of his "excellent staff," including Linda Compton, senior executive director of business and operations; Sue Rawson, her executive secretary, and Angela Black, supervisor of business/purchasing.

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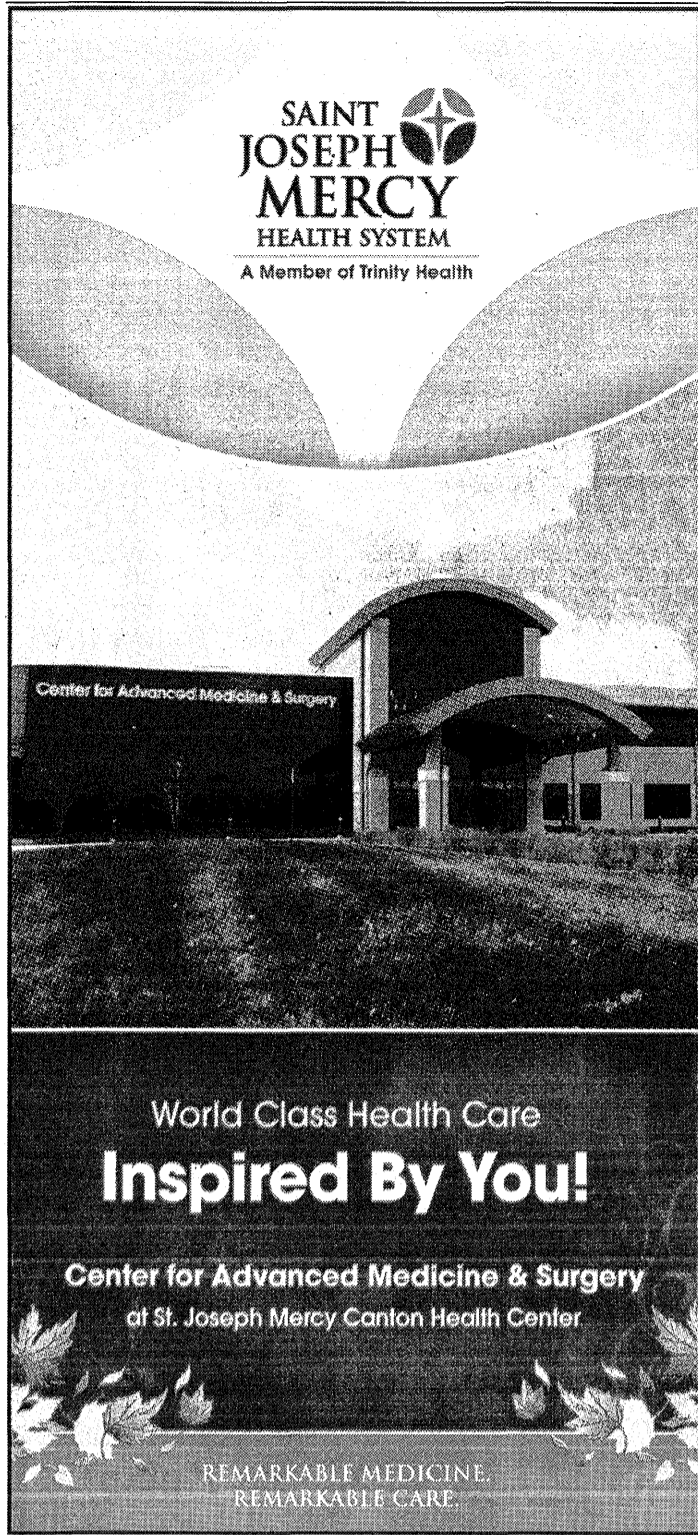
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The pumpkins are gone, now thoughts turn to turkey and tinsel. The holiday season is upon us and through the hustle and bustle, we're asking our reader to let us be a part of their celebration.

We're asking readers to send us their favorite holiday memories and photos to the *Observer* for the special holiday edition we are planning for Thursday, Dec. 24.

Did you get a favorite gift for Christmas, or do you have a special memory of Hanukkah? Is there a special tradition your family has that makes the season merry and bright?

Share those memories with your neighbors through us. Send your items - be sure to include a photo, if you can - to *Observer* Editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com.

It is our intention to make that issue a "keeper," something that our readers will save.

Santa Claus also has started to make his list, although sources tell the *Observer* that while he's far from checking it twice, he is waiting by his mailbox for youngsters' gift lists and letters.

The *Observer* wants to make sure Santa Claus knows what children would like this Christmas and is asking youngsters to send us letters to him. We will publish the

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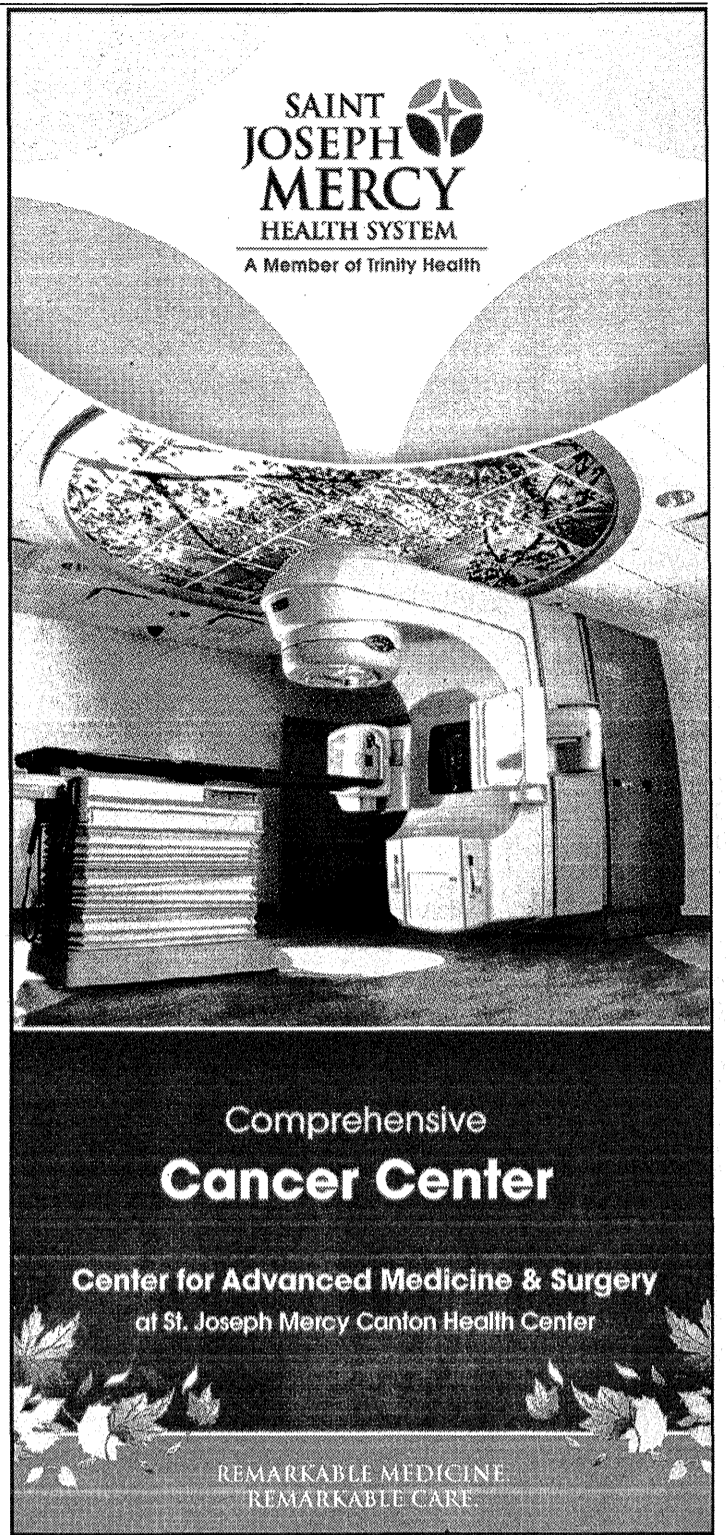
letters in the newspaper during December before sending them on to the North Pole.

The letters should be sent by e-mail and include a snapshot of the letter writer. They can be a list of toys, a holiday greeting for the Jolly Old Elf or whatever information youngsters want Santa to have.

Send Santa correspondence to bkadrich@hometownlife.com and be sure to put Letter to Santa in the subject line. They can also be mailed to Letter to Santa Claus, c/o Brad Kadrich, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226.

The *Observer* will publish letters throughout the month of December. And not to fear. The letters also will be sent on to the big guy in the red suit.

Don't delay, kids. Get out the Wish Book and start making your lists. And parents, you can send in your wish lists, too. Santa delivers to all who believe.



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Deer me: Creatures pay unlikely visit to Canton man's yard

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton amateur photographer Richard Rich was working in his front yard on a beautiful autumn afternoon when he noticed a group of unusual visitors across the street in the Franklin Palmer Estates subdivision where he lives, near Palmer and Morton Taylor.

"I was surprised to see five lovely deer approaching the sidewalk," he said. "I caught their movement out of the corner of my eye, and they were coming in my direction."

Diverting his attention from his flower beds, Rich grabbed his camera from the porch,

but the five doe bolted toward a nearby neighborhood park area.

"I followed, keeping close to a fence, and sure enough they circled the park and returned to where I was," Rich said. "I think they froze as a group when they picked up my scent, and one of the larger ladies snorted to scare me into moving to give up my position."

Undeterred, Rich continued to take pictures of the deer.

"Since I didn't call her bluff, they meandered there for a few minutes, not sure where to go next," he said. "One who seemed in charge was stunningly beautiful with a darker coat and chest patch."

Apparently ready for their close-up, the deer lingered for just a few minutes, and then they took off in a westerly direction toward Sheldon Road, bolting into a strip of wooded area.

Brad Sharp, Canton's parks and facilities manager, said it's not uncommon to see deer roaming certain areas of the community, especially in the heavily wooded Lower River Rouge Recreation Trail and around farmland on the township's west side.

"Any time you have a pocket of woods, you're going to find some deer in there," Sharp said.

Rich, an engineer by trade,



Canton resident Richard Rich noticed these "lovely visitors" as he worked in his yard.

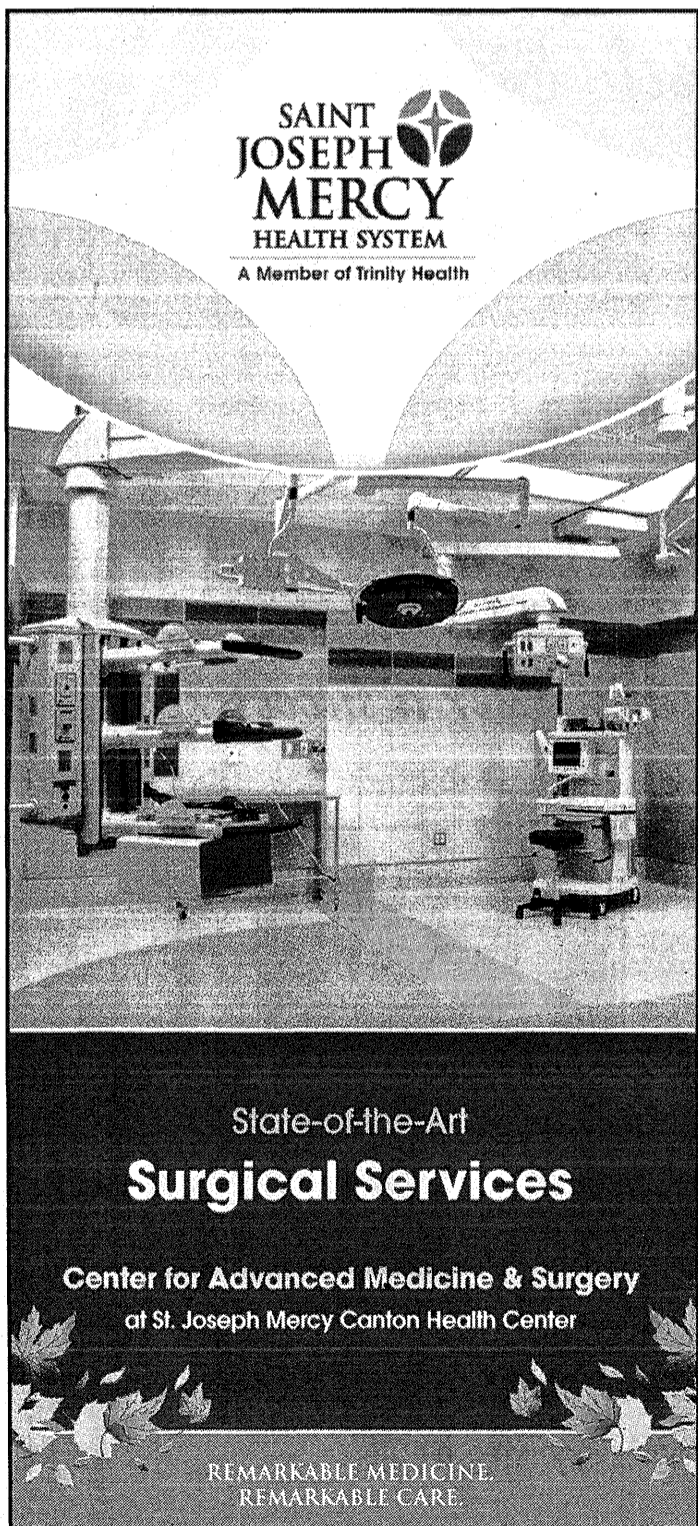
had previously seen deer on the outskirts of his neighborhood, but never quite so close to his home during the 24

years he has lived in Franklin Palmer Estates.

"That was a first," he said — a first that was quite wel-

come for this amateur photographer.

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Chiefettes clinic

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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. Please respond via e-mail to sbidini@hotmail.com or call (734) 934-4440 for more information.

Prisoner family support

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

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

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

Rabbit sponsors

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

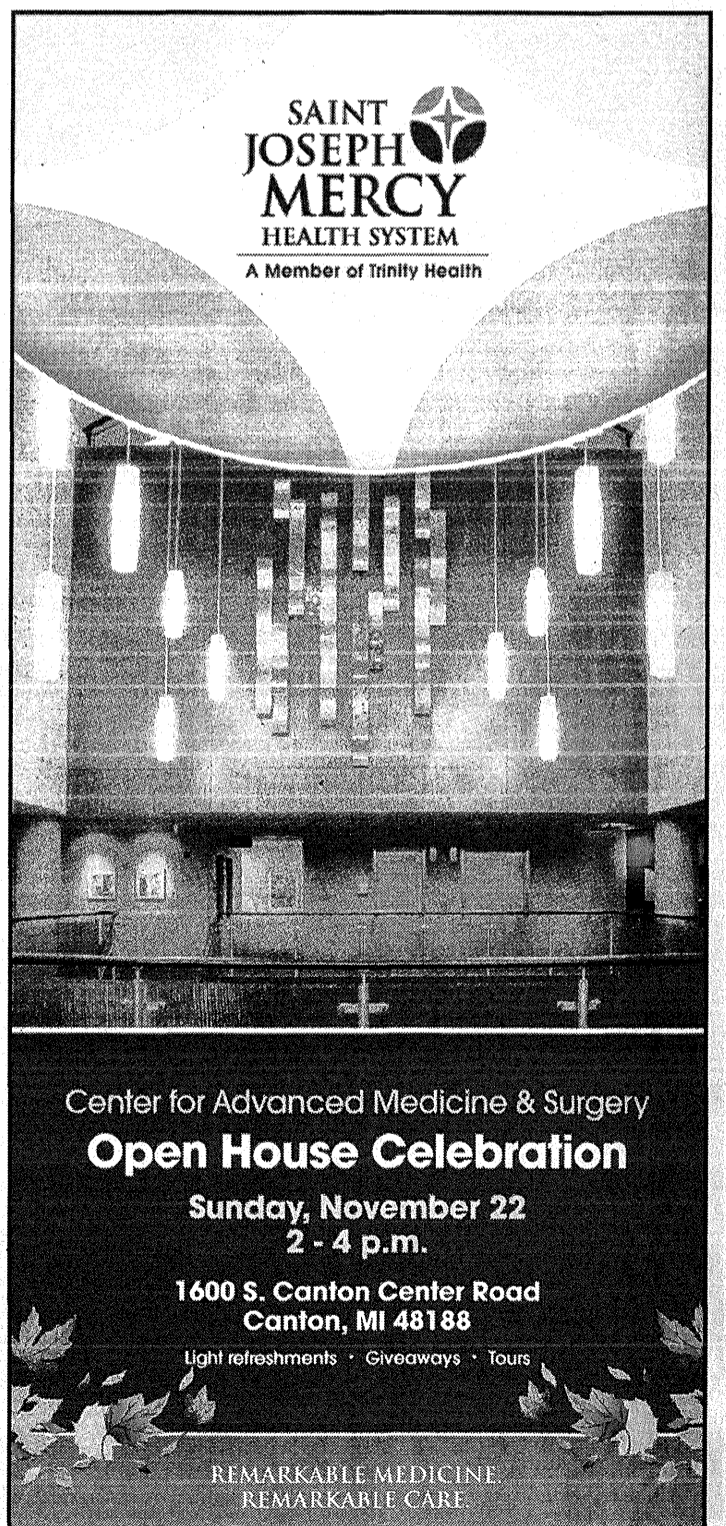
The sanctuary, located in Willis, near Ypsilanti, is seeking sponsors for \$15 per month. To view rabbits in need of sponsorship and to sign up, visit www.rabbitsanctuary.org.

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

PLAV members

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

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



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Let there be lights

Tree lighting signals start of holiday shopping season

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It wasn't a *partridge* in a pear tree, but rather some new lighting, that Plymouth officials used Thursday to mark the 50 Days of (or Until) Christmas.

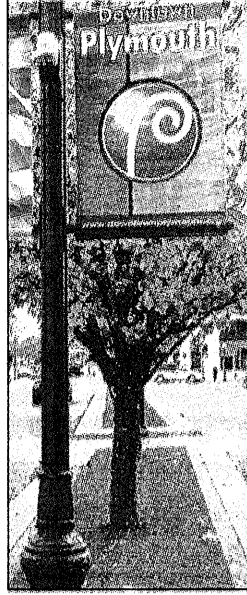
"This is kind of the kickoff to the holiday shopping in downtown Plymouth," said Mayor Phil Pursell before throwing a ceremonial switch on Main Street Thursday afternoon.

As he did so, lights in the eight pear trees in the median between Penniman and Ann Arbor Trail blinked on. The new lights, wrapped onto the trees' trunks and main branches, were recently purchased by the Downtown Development Authority.

Pursell, who leaves office this week — he did not seek re-election to the Plymouth City Commission — also made a pitch for supporting Plymouth businesses during the holiday season. "Shop local. The town you save might be your own," he said.



Teresa Moriarty is volunteer coordinator for the Salvation Army and she's recruiting bell ringers for the kettle campaign.



The new lights illuminate the trees on the boulevard.



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A few people braved the cold to watch the ceremony. The Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps had a canteen truck on hand, dispensing free hot chocolate, coffee and cookies. It was also the unofficial start of the Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign, which officially begins this week.

"We truly just wanted to come out and say 'thank you,'" said the Salvation Army's Laurie Aren.

The new pear-tree lights, because of the

The DDA sprung for new lights for trees in downtown Plymouth.


way they were installed, are expected to be more durable than the ones they replaced. The DDA paid Zone 5 Landscaping of Plymouth \$1,825 for the lights, the installation, maintenance of the lights through January, and the takedown of the lights early next year, if officials decide to have them taken down.

Early next year, the DDA plans to install,

through Old Village Landscaping, two permanent "well lights" at the base of each tree that will highlight the trees at night.

The well lights, for about \$2,200, will replace the strings of tiny lights that had been in the branches year-round for several years, Buzuvis said.

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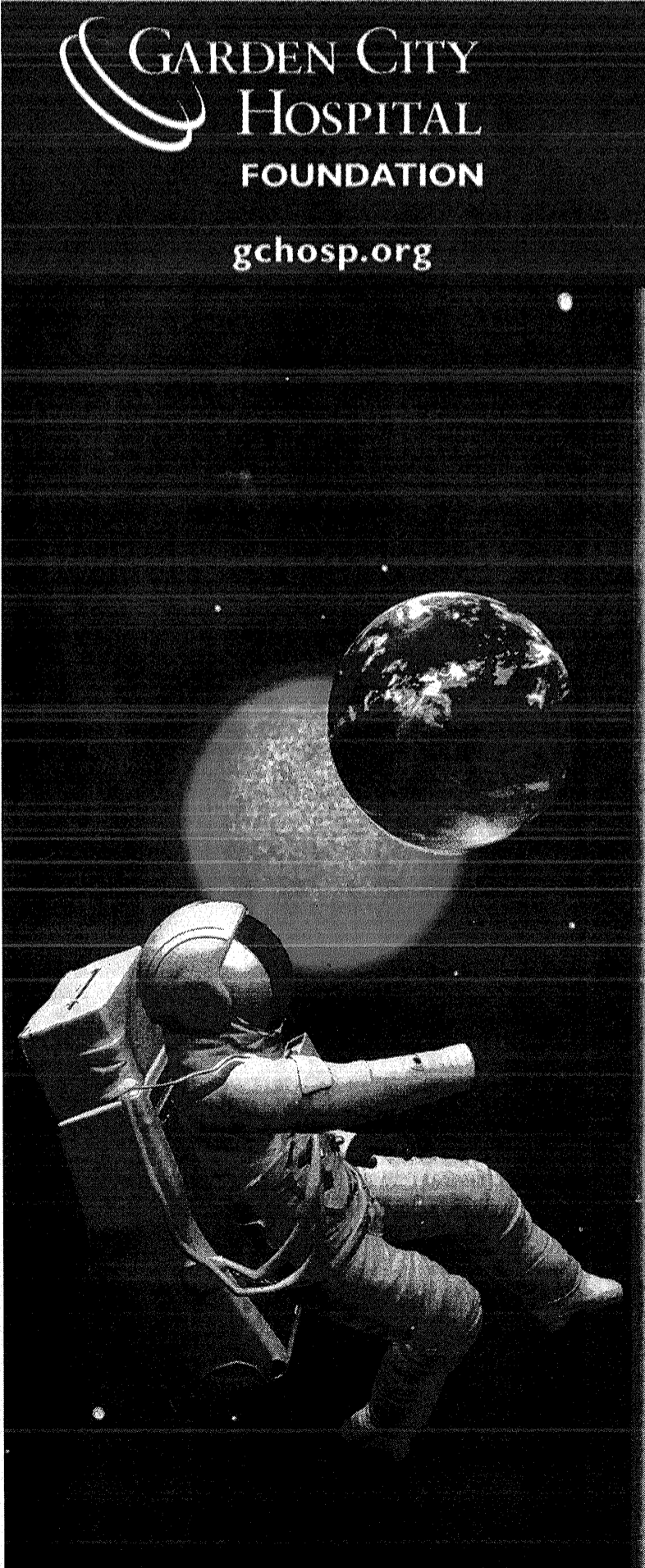
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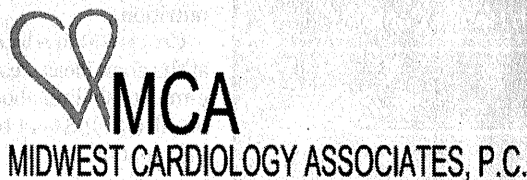
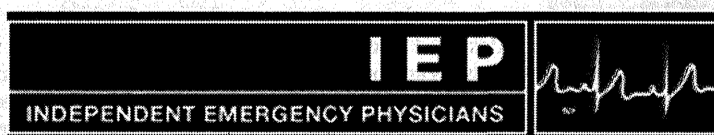
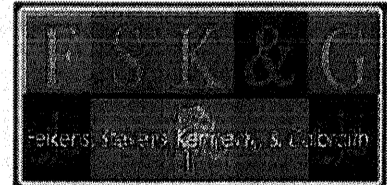
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Brothers in arms

Canton siblings are third-generation cadets

When the month of November rolls around, many of us think about Veteran's Day and remember those who served in our armed forces. As an Air Force veteran, I often think of the local Plymouth/Canton vets and especially those younger citizens serving today that are making sacrifices and contributing to our nation's defense.

The McKinney family of Canton - my family - has a legacy of service that includes four generations of military service.

Austin and Connor McKinney - our sons - are both Plymouth High School graduates and are currently cadets at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. I am a B-757 Captain for Northwest Airlines and is a retired Major of the Air Force Reserves.

My father, Ivan McKinney, of Bossier City, La., is a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel and a former navigator. Ivan's father, Henry McKinney of Sophia, W. Va., was an enlisted man in World War I, serving as a cook in France during the war.

That means Austin and Connor are third-generation Air Force officers and the fourth generation of honorable military duty to protect and serve our nation.

It is rare for a local family to have one son or daughter appointed to a Service Academy. It is even more rare for one family to have two children

enrolled at the highly competitive institutions.

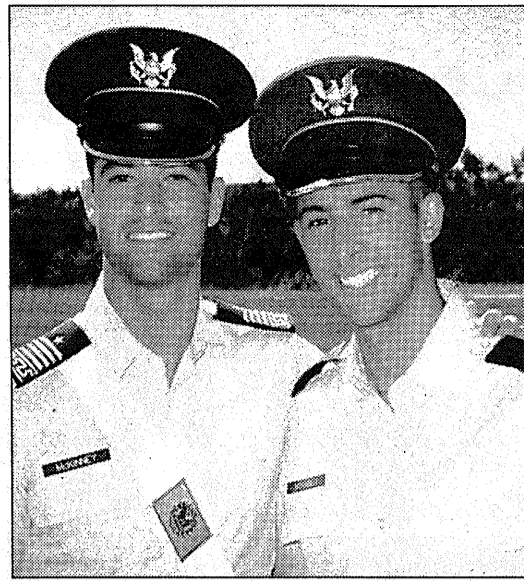
Becky McKinney, the boys' mom, said: "As parents, we are proud that our children have a desire to serve our country in some way."

Austin, Plymouth class of 2006, and Connor, Plymouth class of 2009, both received Presidential nominations to the Air Force Academy. Connor also received Michigan Congressman Thaddeus McCotter's nomination from the 11th Congressional District. Congressman McCotter was instrumental in helping Connor gain an appointment to the Academy.

Both young men are doing well in the demanding, pressure-packed environment of a Service Academy education. The USAFA was recently ranked in the top-ten of all US Universities and Colleges in the nation by Forbes magazine. Cadets are continually challenged academically and personally. They spend four years at one of the best schools in the country.

Last year, the USAFA received over 12,000 applications and chose 1,350 as deserving appointments to the class of 2013. Almost 20 percent of recent classes have been women and 20 percent were minority candidates.

Currently, Austin, a senior at the Academy, is a Cadet Colonel and Group Commander, in charge of over 1,100 cadets. Austin is currently ranked



Austin and Connor McKinney of Canton are both cadets at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.



Air Force Cadets Austin and Connor McKinney of Canton with mom Becky and dad Blaine.

where he would study for his graduate degree at the University of London.

Connor, a freshman cadet at the Academy, is studying hard and trying to learn the system for success at the 50-year old institution.

"I am studying three times harder than I did in high school," said the doolie cadet. "They keep us very busy with academics, leadership training and athletics. Every cadet is required to participate in the intramural sports program if they are not already a Division One athlete at the school."

Sometimes you hear older folks around the country saying that the youth of today are spoiled and do not appreciate the sacrifices of their elders to our American society. This is one instance of young people today who are willing to do what it takes to keep our nation safe and follow the footsteps of the "greatest generation."

This Veteran's Day month of November, we pause to say thanks. Thank you to all of our local veterans and I'll quote the inscription on the memory bricks behind the Canton municipal building: "In honor of those who served, in memory of those who died."

Blaine McKinney and his wife, Rebecca, are Canton residents.

MILITARY NEWS

Semper Fi

Private 1st Class Daniel Dahill, the son of Glenn Dahill of Canton, reported to Marine Corps Communications Electronic School in

Twentynine Palms, Calif., to begin training in the field of electronics. Dahill had been home on leave after completing recruit training.

Infantry graduate

Army Pvt. Erik Morissette has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training.

During the nine weeks of basic combat training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons employ-

ment, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid skills, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experienced use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

The Advanced Individual Training course is designed to train infantry soldiers to perform reconnaissance operations; employ, fire and recover anti-personnel and anti-tank mines; locate and neutralize land mines and operate target and sight equipment; operate and maintain communications equipment and radio networks; construct field firing aids for infantry weapons; and perform infantry combat exercises and dismounted battle drills, which includes survival procedures in a nuclear, biological or chemical contaminated area.

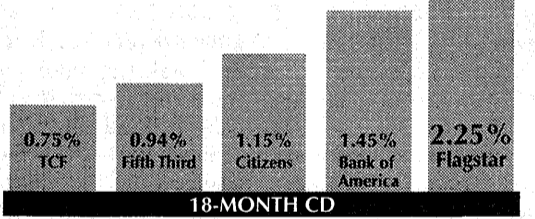
Morissette, a 2004 graduate of Starkweather School, is the son of Kathy Morissette of Canton.



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Lawmaker backs voting plan for military overseas

The Michigan House of Representatives this week passed a comprehensive plan championed by State Rep. Dian Slavens (D-Canton) that will make it easier for troops stationed overseas to vote by absentee ballot and to help ensure their ballots are returned to their communities in time to be counted.

"Short deadlines and long mailing times are standing in the way of our troops stationed overseas being able to vote," Slavens said. "These are ballots from the brave men and women defending our country who expect to have their voices heard and they deserve better. Our plan will make sure that the votes of those fighting for our freedoms are returned in time to be counted, just like every other American."

In the 2008 presidential election, more than a quarter of the ballots requested by U.S. military members stationed abroad and other American voters



State Representatives Jennifer Haase (Richmond), left, and Dian Slavens (Canton) discuss their plan to make it easier for troops stationed overseas to vote by absentee ballot on the House floor. The plan passed the House with strong bipartisan support and now awaits Senate action.

overseas went uncollected or uncounted, according to Congressional Research Services. In Michigan, of the nearly 21,300 ballots sent, only 15,407 were returned in

time to be counted.

Slavens' plan will help ensure that military personnel and citizens living overseas can vote in time by:

- Allowing for fast, e-mail

transmission of absentee ballots to service members stationed overseas. The service members would then print them, fill them out and mail them back to the clerk.

- Requiring all absentee ballots to be delivered to clerks for distribution at least 45 days in advance of all elections.

- Giving local governments more time to print out ballots in order to send them to military personnel.

Thirty-two other states already allow for the electronic transmission of absentee ballots to voters.

"With Veterans Day just around the corner, let's send a clear message to Michigan's men and women serving overseas: Your votes will be counted and your voices will be heard," Slavens said.

Cherry Hill mystery

A group of Central Michigan University students and the Village Theater at Cherry Hill will roll out the red carpet for

area residents next month.

"Mystery on Cherry Hill," presented by students in CMU's Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services Administration 440: Special Event Administration course in cooperation with the Village Theater, will take place at 6 p.m. Dec. 5 at the theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

Tickets for the public event cost \$15 each in advance and can be reserved by calling Meghan Wideman at (989) 289-2351. Ticket sales and event information is also available online at <http://mysteryoncherryhill.yolasite.com/>. Tickets will also be sold at the door for \$20 each and cash or check payment will be accepted.

The "Mystery on Cherry Hill," which is also sponsored by CMU's Alumni Association, evening will feature appetizers, a cash bar, a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction for a variety of donated prizes. Guests are encouraged to wear cocktail attire.

All profits from the event will benefit the Lance Armstrong Foundation - an organization that gives cancer patients resources and support to help fight cancer head-on.

The Lance Armstrong Foundation "funds research and also connects people and communities to drive social change," according to Parker, who is one of the students helping to organize the event.

CMU's interdisciplinary minor in event management includes core coursework in foods and foodservice, lodging operations, commercial recreation, recreation programming, meeting and exposition planning, and special event administration. Electives cover such topics as public relations, fundraising, tourism, recreation facility operations, food and beverage management, liability and risk management, promotion of leisure service agencies and programs, and more.

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Left, Tiffany Zendejas of Canton and Diane McDaniel of Redford display their Lia Sophia products. The Thursday event at the Costick Center was hosted by the City of Farmington Hills Department of Special Services.

Businesses bring their best to expo

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Steve Chorazewicz of Farmington Hills was shopping wares Thursday at the Holiday Shopping Expo at the Costick Center.

His wife, Cheryl, owns a business, Bottle Docker, offering a personal bottle beverage carrier. "This has become my full-time job," said Steve Chorazewicz, the chief operating officer. "We first started at the Founders Festival this year."

A couple customers appeared at the expo, offered by the City of Farmington Hills Department of Special Services. "No belt required," he told them. "Try one on."

You can find out more at www.bottledocker.com. The design's not theirs, but they have changed it to make it competitive. "Ours is easy on, easy off," he said. "It's more for the casual walker, someone who goes to ballgames."

It sells for \$5 or five for \$20, and there's also a device to extend it for purse clip-on use. "They've done well," he said,

listing shows in Wilmington, N.C., where they're made, as well as Dayton, Ohio, and the St. Clair River Fest.

"We're just on the edge of going retail," he said. "They sell themselves." He's working on ways to improve product demonstration.

"We plan to do our own bottle, too. You've got to walk before you run," he concluded.

The expo featured some 70 vendors with a variety of wares just in time for Christmas and Hanukkah. Bling N' Thingz owners Beth Lipman and Loree Gordon, both of Farmington Hills, are proud of their Swarovski Crystal-embellished shoes and boots. They also had baby bibs and other items.

Shoes start with babies and go on up: "All the way up," said Gordon. "My seventh-grader has a pair." The women have had their business two and a half years.

They started with adult flip-flops after seeing them sold in Las Vegas while on a trip.

"Then it moved onto infant stuff," Lipman said.

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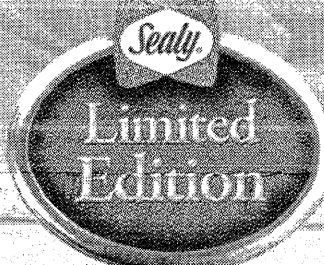
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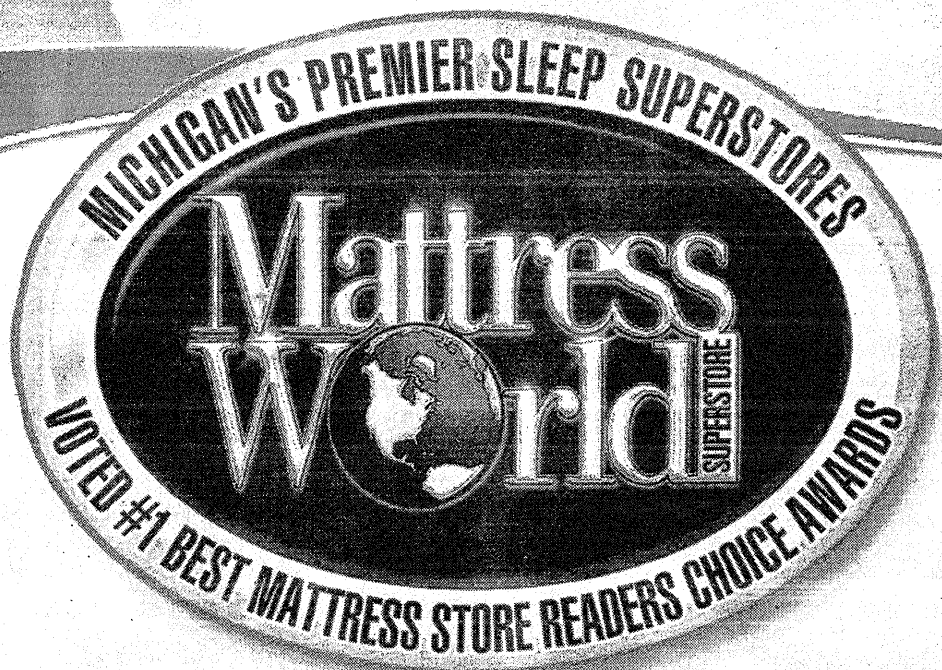
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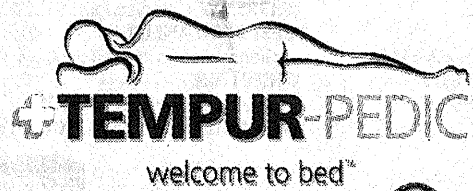
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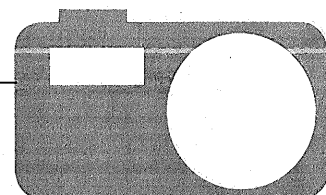


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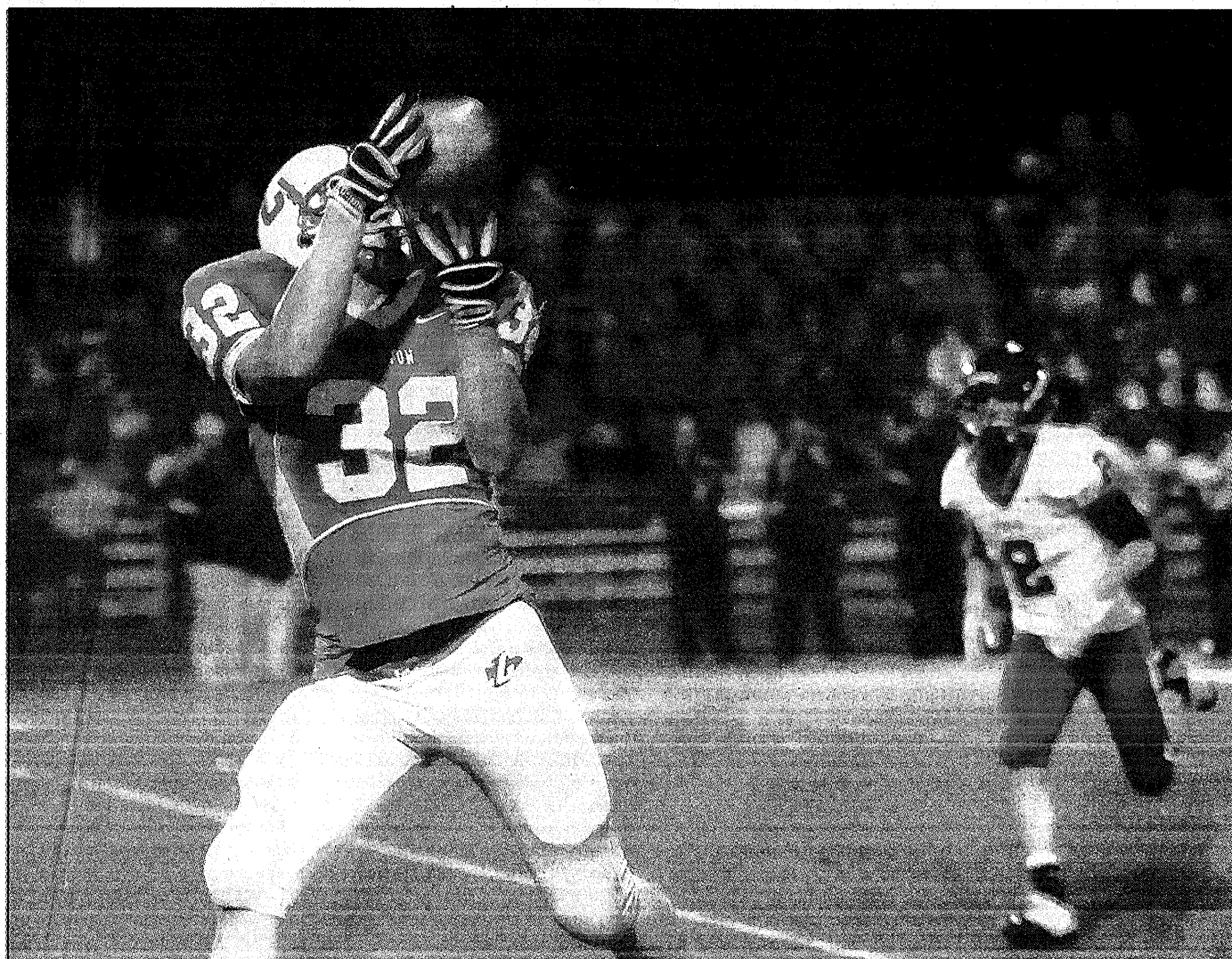
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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hauling in the only Canton pass of Friday night's Division 1 district final is senior tight end Alex Dixon. He scored his first touchdown of the season on the play, a 47-yarder.

Canton cooks up 60-point feast

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bigger isn't always better in high school football, something Canton proved in its 60-24 romp over Ann Arbor Pioneer in Friday's Division 1 district final.

The Chiefs prepared all week to face a big, physical opponent at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park — with the Pioneers featuring gigantic linemen.

But Canton (10-1) had a field day, rolling up more than 500 yards offense (mostly on the ground) and scoring touchdowns on each of its first nine drives. Senior running back Adam Payter led the way with 229 yards in 16 carries and two TDs.

"It's a good thing you can be small and run this offense, like we are," said Chiefs head coach Tim Baechler following the district trophy presentation. "It just provides blocking angles and you can double-team at the point of attack and it helps."

"I think it (Canton's system) hurts a team that plays in a spread league,

and it's hard to get prepared for our offense. They kind of get into a guessing game and they just couldn't guess right."

Against Pioneer's big defensive line, Canton's O-line of seniors Dakota Dark-Bird, Carter Staffield and others got low and rocked their opponents out of the trenches.

"Carter Staffield, our right tackle, he was very dominant, very physical tonight," noted Baechler.

Dark-Bird also was on his game, helping open holes for the Canton backs to scoot through.

Payter was sensational, with gains of 59, 45 and 49 yards (the latter for a TD) while junior tailback Davion Stackhouse contributed 117 yards rushing in 18 carries and three scores from inside the five-yard line.

"We had to get low," said Dark-Bird, who left the game briefly in the second quarter after rolling his right ankle. "They were big, so we had to be the lower team and apparently we were."

Please see **FOOTBALL, B3**

NINE FOR NINE

Canton scored touchdowns in each of the first nine offensive series Friday night in its 60-24 romp of Ann Arbor Pioneer. The Chiefs TDs were as follows:

1. **Kevin Delapaz**, 14-yard run at 1:50 of the first quarter; extra point Alex Dixon, 7-0.
2. **Davion Stackhouse**, 2-yard run with 4:23 left in the first; Dixon extra point, 14-7.
3. **Delapaz**, 3-yard run at 33 seconds of the second; Dixon extra point, 21-7.
4. **Stackhouse**, 5-yard run at 4:36 of the second; Dixon extra point, 28-7.
5. **Alex Dixon** hauls in a 47-yard TD pass with 6:23 left in the first half; Dixon extra point, 35-14.
6. **Adam Payter** runs it in from 14 yards with 47 seconds to go in the half, 41-14.
7. **Stackhouse**, 1-yard run at 5:37 of the third, 47-14.
8. **Payter**, a 49-yard gallop at 6:32 of the third, 53-21.
9. **Sam Scott** scores an 11-yard TD at 2:49 of the fourth; extra point Connor Shennan, 60-21.

DISTRICT FINALS

Chiefs lose steam

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Canton wins semifinal - B4

The Canton Chiefs came out on fire Friday night against the host Novi Wildcats in the District 18 championship volleyball match, but couldn't maintain their intensity as Novi came away with a 20-25, 25-17, 25-18, 25-21 win.

Canton took a 3-0 lead early on three errors by Novi and never let the 'Cats get close during the rest of the first game.

Down 11-4, Novi took a time out to get situated, but Canton continued to dominate with performances behind the stellar play of sophomore Kristen Muir and senior Jordan Kielty, who helped the Chiefs jump to an

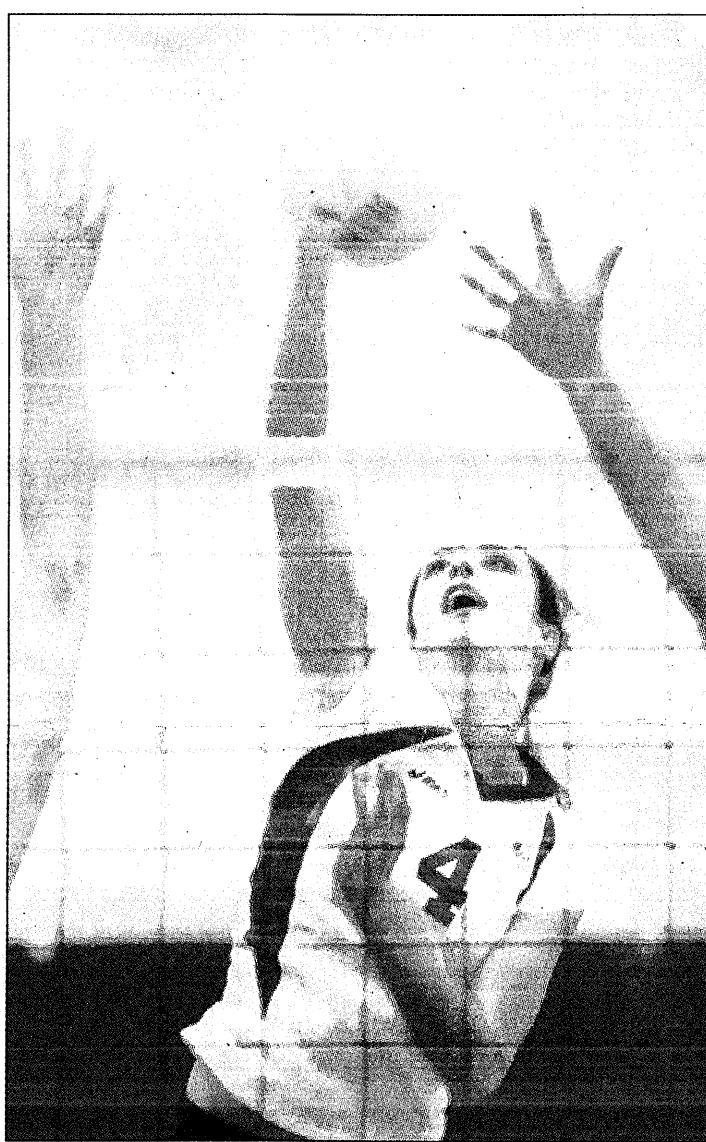
19-8 lead.

"Kristen Muir played the best game I've seen her play," Canton co-coach Mary Kryska said.

Novi clawed back into the first game, but the 11-point spread was too much to cover. Wildcat junior Laura Subject set up senior Allison Hoomaian for a pair of kills to cut Canton's lead to 21-14, a combination Novi would repeatedly capitalize on throughout the rest of the night.

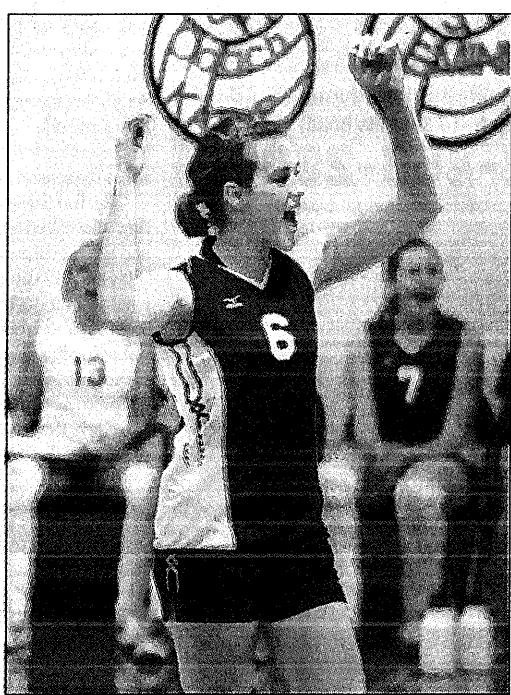
Not breaking under pressure, Novi continued their run from the end of the first game

Please see **VOLLEYBALL, B3**



JOHN HEIDER

Getting set to power the ball for a spike kill Friday night is Canton's Kristen Muir (No. 4) during the Chiefs' district final against Novi.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Christian sophomore Kristin Malcolm's talent, leadership and enthusiasm are quickly making her a player to be reckoned with.

Rising Eagle: PCA sophomore playing like vet

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When the ball is on the Plymouth Christian Academy side of the net, it's sophomore Kristin Malcolm who wants it.

Of course, there are other excellent volleyball players on the Eagles — as evidenced by their recent Division 4 district title. But Malcolm already is rising above the crowd, both as a talented 5-10 middle hitter and mature team leader.

"That's why Kristin's our captain," said PCA head coach Kelly Blackney recently. "She's extremely mature for her age, she's a leader, and she's consistent — not just with how she

ABOUT KRISTIN

Who: Kristin Malcolm, 15, Plymouth Christian volleyball player.

Family: The sophomore is one of Annie and Greg Malcolm's three children. The others are Jenny and Matt, who attend eighth- and fourth-grade at PCA, respectively.

Leading the team: Kristin and Amy Zinn are co-captains for the

Eagles, helping lead the team to another Division 4 district title.

Other: Malcolm, besides volleyball, plays girls basketball at PCA. She carries a 4.0 grade-point average. Earlier this year she played on a club team (Huron Valley Volleyball Club) for the first time.

plays but how she behaves. "She's a great student, I have her in class as well and I just filled out her All-Academic Team nomination form."

According to Malcolm, she is the quiet co-captain

while sophomore Amy Zinn is the outgoing one. They have meshed well as a leadership unit.

"I'm just doing my best to lead the team," Kristin said. "I try to encourage everyone when

I need to. ... We both try to lift the team up as much as possible and keep a positive attitude."

Malcolm not only is acing academic subjects to the tune of a 4.0 grade-point average, she is striving for perfection on the volleyball court.

DIDN'T TAKE LONG

Her height and jumping ability enable her to sky for balls and drill them back into available holes on the other side.

"I've always been the tallest girl in my class and on the team," Malcolm said with a grin. "It does help."

Kristin's ascent is noteworthy

Please see **MALCOLM, B4**



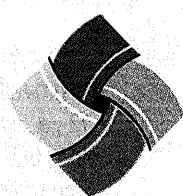
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Rescues seek MRI donations, craft show visitors

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Almost Home Animal Rescue League is seeking donations to pay for an MRI for Ava, a Rottweiler-Shepherd female mix, in its care.

Ava arrived at the group's shelter, Almost Home Animal Haven, as a stray, along with another dog, four months ago. She had been ready for adoption until recently becoming ill.

"It's just an educated guess, but I got the feeling someone dumped them. They were both overweight and the other dog, Sassy, has had many litters. They both got along with all of the other dogs," said Lisa McVeigh of Canton, an Almost Home member.

McVeigh said Ava is approximately 5 years old, with an "awesome temperament and personality."

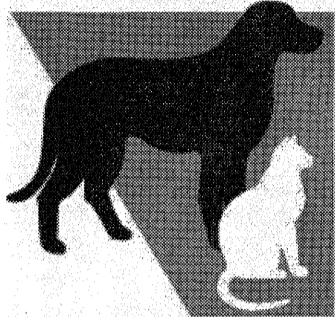
"Unfortunately Ava has recently become ill. She has had several trips to the vet, had x-rays and is now hospitalized. She is in extreme pain and we have been unable to determine the cause."

The next diagnostic step is an MRI that will show whether Ava has a soft tissue problem, such as a tumor, and then surgery, if needed.

"We'll get done whatever we have to get done," McVeigh said. "We'll take care of her but it will deplete everything we have. We'll need to replen-



Almost Home Animal Haven in Southfield is raising money for Ava's MRI.

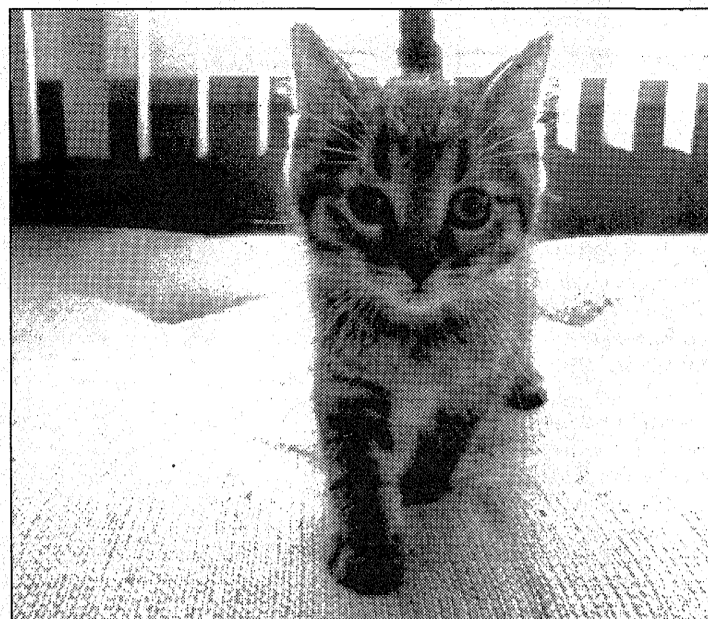


PET PROJECTS

ish it." McVeigh estimates the cost of an MRI at \$2,000-\$3,000. Almost Home is asking for donations to help pay for the diagnostic test and follow-up treatment so that Ava can eventually be adopted into a permanent home.

"She is a very sweet and happy-go-lucky girl. She loves to be taken outside and just given one-on-one attention by the volunteers. She is so special and deserving of a better life. If we can get her pain-free and walking again, we'd be looking for someone to foster her, with the hope of someone adopting her."

Mail donations — indicating on the check that it's for Ava — or stop by in person at Almost Home Animal Haven, 25503 Clara Lane, Southfield, MI 48034. It's open from noon to 3 p.m., Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday; 3:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday; and 1:30-5:30 p.m., Saturday. Or use PayPal on the organization's Web site, www.almosthome-animals.org. (248) 200-2695



The Country Cat and The City Kitty Rescue will hold a craft show Nov. 14 to raise money for felines.

KITTENS AND CRAFTS

The Country Cat and The City Kitty Rescue will present "It's all about Meow, Part Mew(2)!" craft show fundraiser, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Livonia Elks Lodge.

The rescue organization's founder, Ann Grenier, has been rescuing cats for almost 20 years. She is in the process of gaining 501C status for the rescue and has offered to "shave her head for a single donation of \$5,000 or \$7,500 collectively."

She says she'll do "anything" to "help the kitties."

Admission to the craft fair is \$1 which will benefit the cats/kittens taken in by the rescue. The Livonia Elks Lodge is located at 31117 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Many vendors, artists and craft exhibits will be on hand and refreshments will be sold. A 50-50 raffle and silent auction will be held to help raise money. Dr. Shera Dickie, from St. Julian's Cat Care will be present for "Cat Chat." Visitors also can bring their pets or children to meet Santa Claus. Adoptable cats and kittens also will be on hand.



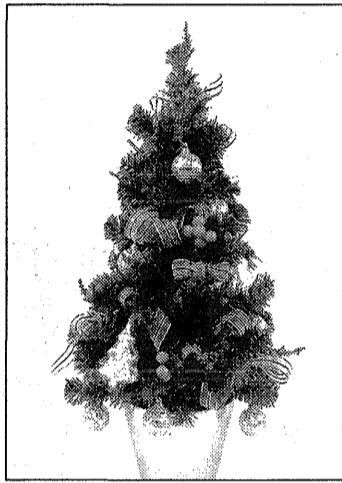
Volunteer Brent Holding walks Bowser. Landscaping is still under way at the shelter.

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leave their pets at the shelter for up to two weeks. Cats used to living outdoors are targeted for homes with barns, under the Barn Cat program. And feral cats are trapped, neutered or spayed and then returned to the outdoors in the TNR program.

"I believe companion animals are critical for our lives. Unfortunately they end up in bad situations and become abandoned, homeless and abused ... one minute they are sleeping on someone's couch and the next minute they don't know where they are," Hilgendorf said. They deserve a healthy, comforting place to recover and find a new loving home."



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GARDEN CALENDAR

Holiday Tables

The Farmington Garden Club presents its ninth annual Holiday Table Exhibition 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at the Spicer House in Heritage Park, located off Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington. Tickets are available for \$5 at Steinkopf Nursery, 20815 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, and the day of the event at the Spicer House. There will be a Complimentary Coffee Shoppe with refreshments, a small gift shop and some hands-on dem-

onstrations.

The Farmington Garden Club is devoted to the development of all phases of gardening, betterment and beautification of the community and the protection and preservation of natural resources. The group studies flower arranging and gardening. Each meeting includes a program on garden, instruction on flower arranging, or environmental subjects. The club meets at noon the first Monday of the month at the Spicer House. Guests are welcome. For more information visit farmingtongardenclub.com.

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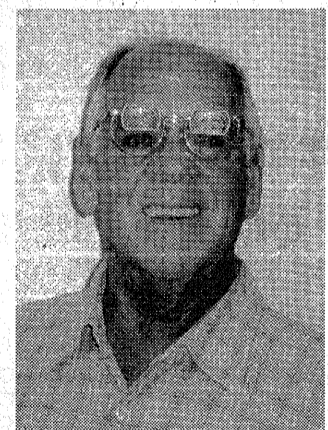
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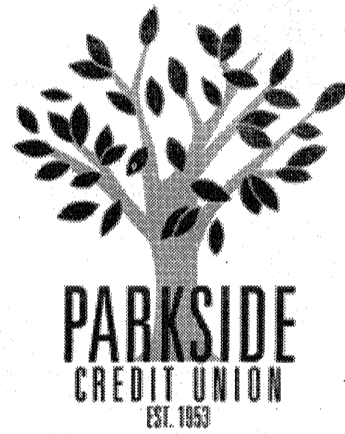
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Mercy High stages 'I Remember Mama' next weekend

Mercy High School's fall production of *I Remember Mama* is fast approaching.

The play is set for Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13-14, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 15, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 and can be bought at the box office the night of the performance. The box office and the doors open a half hour before curtain. For further information, call the Performing Arts Department at (248) 893-3533.

Kathy Sill is Performing Arts Department chair of Mercy High School, and director of *I Remember Mama*.

I Remember Mama is the classic tale of a Norwegian-American immigrant family in 1910 San Francisco who is guided by a loving and understanding mother. With the help of her husband and Uncle Chris, Mama protects her family from harm, even from the reality that no bank account exists. The story is told through a narrator, the oldest daughter, who, with her two sisters and brother, discovers what family truly means. Three comic aunts lend humor to the show. The play was first produced on Broadway in 1944 by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein and was a popular television series in the 1950s.

"*I Remember Mama* is a tribute to mothers everywhere. It is a show that makes us all take pause and realize not only what mothers do for a family, but also what is most important in life is family," Sill said. "Mothers truly are the glue that holds the family together."

The cast includes: junior Jane Huffman (Katrin) of Livonia, junior Emily Shimskey (Mama) of West Bloomfield, junior Caroline Powers (Christine) of Farmington Hills, sophomore Kelly Redmond (Dagmar) of Brighton, Catholic Central senior Adam Arrons (Uncle Chris) of Canton, University of Detroit-Jesuit senior Connor Stec (Papa) of Farmington Hills, and U-D junior JaVon Hansknecht of Southfield. Others in the cast include seniors Maura Donovan and Isabelle Moore, junior Erin Burke, sophomore Shanyn Rapson, and freshman Marisa Jonna, all of Farmington Hills, senior Annie Jacobs of Wyandotte, junior Rachel Anctil of Plymouth, Catholic Central senior Nick Brown of Livonia, junior Anna Seibert, Kayanna Green and sixth-grade Gesu Grade School student Teddy Berg, all of Detroit, junior Jessica Danowski of Brighton, and junior Bridget and freshman Monica Johnson of Commerce Township.



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Left to right, Adam Arrons of Canton, Catholic Central, as Uncle Chris, Maura Donovan of Farmington Hills, as Aunt Sigrid, Annie Jacobs of Wyandotte, as Aunt Jenny, and Rachel Anctil of Plymouth, as Aunt Trina.

REUNION CALENDAR

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

Detroit Pershing

Class of 1960
50th reunion festivities in September 2010 will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

Detroit St. Brigid

Class of 1959
Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact szonyek@att.net with any information about classmates.

Farmington High School

Class of 1970

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

Fordson High School

Class of 1984

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

Garden City High School

Class of 1960

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

Garden City West

Class of 1970

40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ included for \$50 per person. Classmates from the classes of 1968-1972 also cordially invited to attend. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

Dearborn Heights Haston High

Class of 1965

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

Ladywood

Class of 1984

25th reunion, Dec. 26; for information e-mail to Sara Czarnecki Levitsky at saralevitsky@comcast.net

Livonia Bentley

Classes of 1968-1970

Combined class reunion Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel Detroit-Livonia, I-275 and Six Mile. For details, visit www.bentley686970.org to e-mail, or call Connie

(Scarlett) Flynn class of 1968 at (734) 812-7936, Bev (Valentine) Wilkie class of 1969 at (248) 366-6492 or Colleen Siembor class of 1970 at (734) 455-1395.

Classes of '78, '79, '80

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

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969

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

Livonia Stevenson

Class of 1979

30th reunion, 6 p.m., Nov. 28, Station 885,

995 Starkweather, Plymouth. Tickets cost \$35 per person before Nov. 14 and \$50 per person after the date and at the door. Contact Lisa Falk at lisanefalk@comcast.net

Oak Park High School

Class of 1980

30th reunion, July 2-4, 2010; for information e-mail to ophighschool1980@yahoo.com

Rosary High School of Detroit

Class of 1969

40-year reunion for women only, 1 p.m., Nov. 21, at Pick-A-Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile, Livonia; cost is \$20 per person and includes salad entree and cash bar. RSVP by Nov. 10. Email: rosaryreunion1969@mi.rr.com. Information also is on Classmates.com.

St. Mary of Redford

Class of 1969

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



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Got flu symptoms? Don't visit hospitalized patients

The University of Michigan Health System (UMHS) and Saint Joseph Mercy Health System (SJMHS) have temporary visitor guidelines in place designed to slow the spread of all kinds of flu.

These new guidelines apply to all UMHS hospitals, health centers and other treatment locations throughout Southeast Michigan and the SJMHS hospitals and health centers including St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor, Livingston, Oakland, Saline, St. Mary Mercy Livonia and Chelsea Community Hospital.

Both major health systems ask for the public's help in protecting patients by cooperating with these

guidelines:

■ Individuals who are experiencing flu-like symptoms should not come to any of their facilities for any reason except to seek care. This includes not only patients' loved ones but those with business reasons for visiting these facilities. Flu-like symptoms are a fever over 100 degrees, together with a cough, sore throat, or runny nose. Exceptions will be allowed only with the approval of the patient's care team.

■ No visitors under the age of 16 will be allowed to visit any hospitalized patient, except in certain circumstances that must be cleared by the patient's care team. Visitors

under the age of 16 are strongly discouraged in outpatient settings as well. This age group is most susceptible to the H1N1 flu virus, and high rates of illness are being seen in children and teens.

■ No patient who has been admitted to any hospital or emergency department belonging to either health system may have more than two visitors to their room at a time. Visitors should be limited to those who are essential to the emotional and physical support of the patient. Exceptions can be made by the patient's care team and should be approved in advance before visitors arrive at the hospital.

■ Examples of situations that would warrant an exception: if a person with flu-like symptoms or under the age of 16 is absolutely essential to support a patient, if a person under 16 is the parent of a patient, or if a patient is close to death. Visitors allowed under these exceptions will be asked to wear masks as appropriate.

Hospitals across the country are implementing new visitor guidelines to slow the spread of flu, which has become widespread in Michigan. Patients who are hospitalized include many people who are much more likely than the general public to develop severe complications if they

catch the flu.

"While we recognize the inconvenience of visitor restrictions, it is very important that we seek to provide a safe and healthy environment for patients, staff and visitors," stated Anthony Denton, senior associate director and chief operating officer of UMHS. "We look forward to easing visitor restrictions in the future when it appears safe to do so."

More information on the new guidelines, and on other flu-related topics, is available on the Web sites of both health systems: www.med.umich.edu/flu and www.sjmercy-health.org.

Hospice seeks volunteers to assist with care

In-House Hospice is looking for volunteers willing to donate their time to provide caring and compassionate end-of-life care to patients and their families. In-House Hospice services residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, as well as other areas in Michigan and Ohio. Its tri-county area office is based in Southfield.

The hospice needs volunteers who are available to provide patient companionship, give caregivers much-needed breaks, help with vigil and bereavement support, play music or sing, provide pet companionship, and make homemade comfort items. They also would assist In-House staff with routine tasks as well as special projects, stay with a patient while family mem-

bers take a needed break or keep an appointment, work on a craft or share a special talent or interest such as scrapbooking, card games, sports and more.

All In-House Hospice volunteers receive training in providing comfort and support to patients and their families. It includes: philosophy of hospice care, communication techniques, identifying and respecting cultural differences, spirituality and grief and the healing process.

For more information about volunteering visit www.in-househospice.com or call Sarah Balasia, In-House's Volunteer Coordinator for its Southfield office at (800) 311-5365.

NEW FACES

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia has several new doctors on its staff. They are:

• Aylmer Evangelista, M.D., specializes in Internal Medicine and received his degree from the University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines. He completed his residency at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center, Dearborn.

• Brian Najarian, M.D., an orthopedic specialist, received his degree from Wayne State University and completed his residencies at Wayne State University and Cleveland Clinic Hospital. He also completed a Hand Surgery Fellowship at Tufts University

School of Medicine.

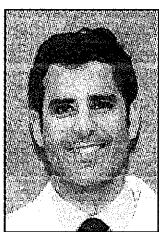
• Christopher Papp, M.D., is an ophthalmologist who received his degree from the University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio. He completed his residency at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York.

• Bnan Razoky, M.D., specializes in Internal Medicine and received her degree from the University of Mosul Medical School, Mosul, Iraq. She completed residencies at the University Medical Center, Toledo, Ohio, and the Detroit Medical Center.

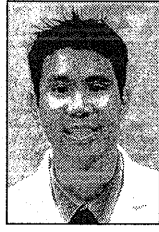
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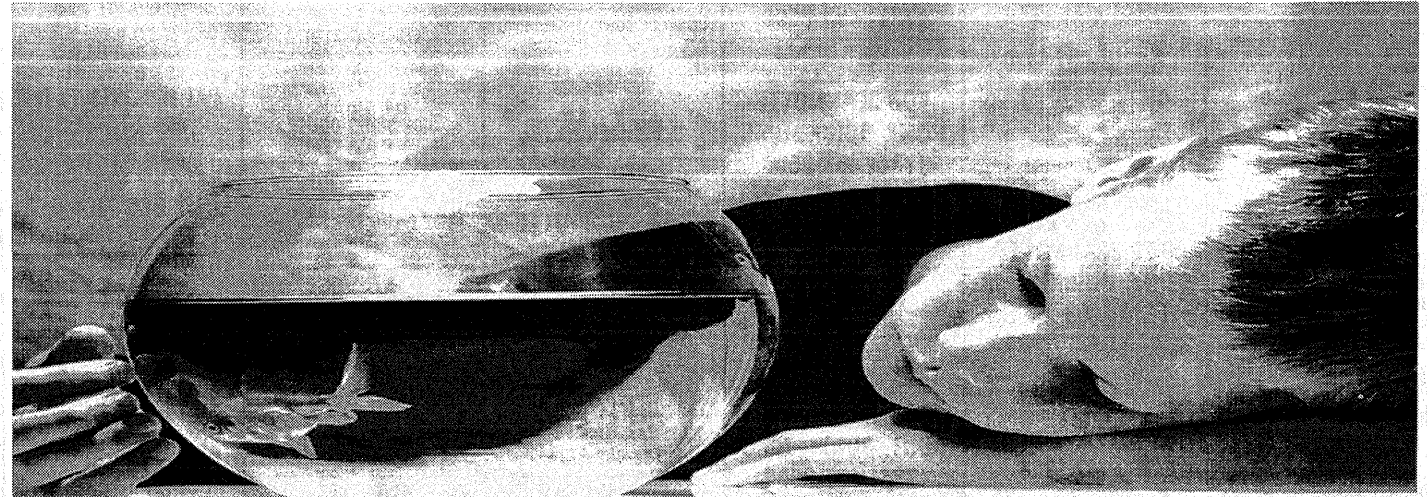
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