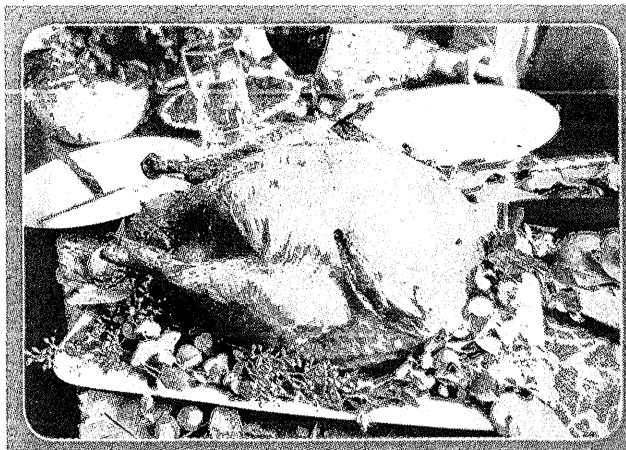


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The Plymouth Historical Museum debuts its "Red Ryder" exhibit Wednesday.

Red Ryder

When the Plymouth Historical Museum reopens Nov. 18, officials will showcase their newest exhibit, "A Red Ryder Christmas Story."

The exhibit draws its inspiration from the popular 1983 movie, *A Christmas Story*, in which the main character, Ralphie, longs for a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. Throughout the museum's Main Street there will be vignettes of scenes from the movie and from the original story upon which the movie is based.

Red Ryder BB guns were sold by Daisy Manufacturing Company of Plymouth. Jean Shepherd was the author of a series of semi-autobiographical short stories that were used as the basis for the movie *A Christmas Story*. The short stories appeared originally between 1964 and 1966.

The museum's exhibit seeks to recapture that nostalgic spirit by displaying period toys, clothing and other artifacts.

The Museum is open 1-4 p.m. on Saturdays, as well as Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, just north of downtown Plymouth.

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.

People can reach the Goodfellows at plymouth-goodfellows@yahoo.com or by calling (734) 262-3199.

Granholtm to Senate: Fix funding

Parents storm Lansing, Page A3

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Governor Jennifer Granholm, Wayne RESA superintendent Chris Wigent, and State Rep Marc Corriveau took part in a roundtable discussion on funding public schools at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools board offices Monday.

She may have been preaching to the choir when Gov. Jennifer Granholm sat with a roundtable of Plymouth-Canton school board members, local leaders and parents to talk about funding public education.

But that doesn't mean she wasn't speaking words they wanted to hear.

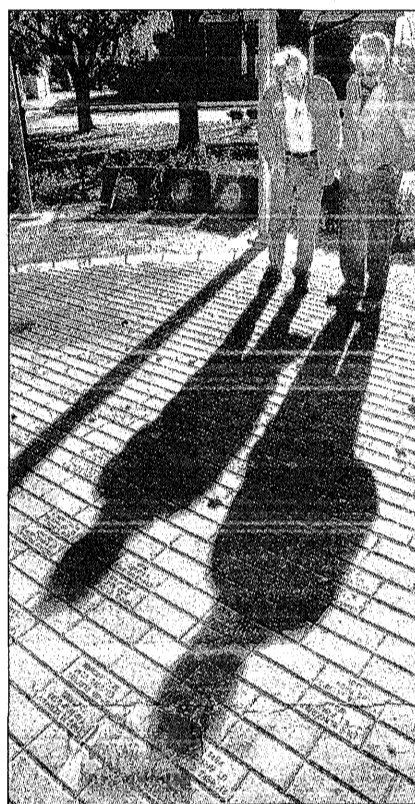
Granholm, who in the last few weeks has announced potential cuts totaling \$292 to the per-pupil foundation grant for public schools, was in Plymouth Monday calling for the state Legislature — with a particular eye on the state Senate — to fix what she called "the gaping wound" the cuts would leave in school districts.

And she echoed a call already being made by Plymouth-Canton administrators, asking people to contact their state Legislators — state Reps. Marc Corriveau and Dian Slavens, who were at the roundtable, and state Sen. Bruce Patterson, who was not — to express their displeasure at the way schools are being funded.

"The cuts ... are unacceptable," Granholm said. "I'm asking the Senate to take action. The cuts equal hundreds of teachers, which means larger class sizes. It's critical ... the way to fix this isn't painful."

Among suggestions Granholm said she's heard for fixing the funding problem in the school aid fund were using Recovery Act dollars, the idea of a graduated state income tax and the possibility of spreading the state's 6-percent sales tax across services.

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Veterans John Johnston and Leigh Langkabel read names on the bricks at Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Plymouth.

Paying tribute



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U.S. 'family' of veterans honored for their service

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's Veterans Park was crowded Wednesday morning as politicians, representatives of veterans groups and members of the public paid tribute to military men and women of the past and present.

The Veterans Day ceremony began at 11 a.m. — at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, marking the moment when, 91 years ago, World War I officially ended.

"We honor all veterans today, honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice," said Mike Steffes, the president of Vietnam Veterans of

America Chapter 528 and a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam era.

Steffes said he is anguished when he sees news reports of the sacrifices made by those serving in the military in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Men and women are losing their lives and being severely wounded again," he said. "I pray that this will soon end." But such sacrifices in the past have been necessary to defend the nation's freedoms, he said.

Frank Pawelak, commander of American Legion Post 391, noted that people from diverse backgrounds become a "family" while serving in the military.

"We veterans continue to be a

basic foundation for our society," said Pawelak, an Army veteran of the early 1960s.

Gary Kubik, the post advocate at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6695, asked the crowd to note the aging World War II veterans among them, to whom, he said, much is owed. Kubik, who served in the U.S. Navy during Vietnam, said he "was born and raised" in the VFVW and has known many of the World War II veterans since he was a child.

Opening and closing prayers were led by the Rev. Charles White of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

The master of ceremonies was Steve Monaghan, a Good Counsel and

American Legion member.

Monaghan addressed the middle schoolers, noting they will one day be in charge and telling them to remember that, "No matter where you come from or what you look like or who your parents are, this is a country where anything is possible."

In a surprise move, Pawelak presented Monaghan with the American Legion Heroes Medal for his rescue last year of a Plymouth woman who was being attacked by a swarm of yellowjackets. Both the woman and Monaghan were stung many times and ended up being hospitalized.

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The ceremony ends with a rifle salute by Vietnam veterans Gordon Dorey, Jerry Thomason, Ron Little, Dave Banks and Doug Fox. The group is led by Rick Ciaramitaro.

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Dwyer mayor again, commission ready to roll

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dan Dwyer, who was re-elected to the Plymouth City Commission last week after a two-year absence, is Plymouth's new mayor.

Dwyer's selection by fellow commissioners for a two-year term came after he and three other winners, incumbent Commissioners Ron Loiselle and Gerald Sabatini and newcomer John Barrett, were sworn in by Judge James Plakas of 35th District Court.

It's the second go-round for Dwyer; he was also mayor from November 2005 to November 2007, during his second commission term. Commissioner Michael Wright was selected



Judge James Plakas swears in Plymouth City Commission members Gerald Sabatini, Ron Loiselle, Dan Dwyer and John Barrett.

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Plymouth-Canton marchers recapture state title

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

After last year's third-place finish ended a 14-year reign as the state's Flight I champs, the 170-member Plymouth-Canton Marching Band regained the title and added its 22nd state championship at the 30th annual Michigan Competing Band Association State Finals Saturday at Ford Field.

"This was a fantastic performance," said an elated David Armbruster, director of bands at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, "the best one of the year so far."

After a season of first-place finishes and top scores, the award-winning band's 10-minute eerily crowd-pleasing performance, "Beneath the Surface," inspired by the writings of Edgar Allan Poe, netted the hometown marchers the coveted Flight I first-place trophy with a score of 91.35, which was also the highest score of all 40 competing bands at the musical march-

ing extravaganza. They also captured the Flight I Best Marching and Best General Effect trophies as well as tying with West Bloomfield, last year's champs and this year's runner-up, for the Best Music award.

"It was incredible," said junior trombonist Benjamin Wohl. "I think the band performed at the highest we've ever performed. We came together and definitely blew this away."

Salem senior Kayla Ragland, one of the three drum majors along with Caroline Williams and Kaitlyn Tracy, agreed.

"They did such a great job and I'm so proud of them," she said. "It was a lot of work this week, a lot of long practices and some cold, crazy, windy weather, but they really pushed through and it paid off."

Each year the 40 highest-scoring high school marching bands - 10 in each of Flights I, II, III, and IV (Flights are determined by school enrollment, not band size with Flight

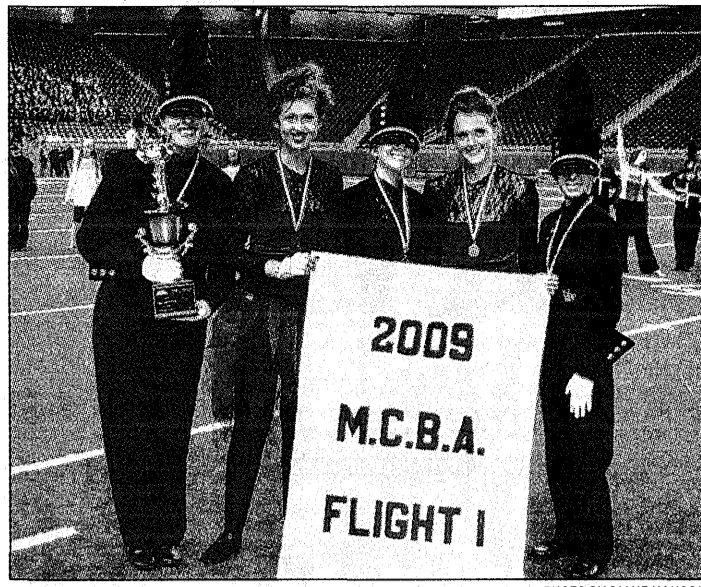


PHOTO BY DIANE HANSON

Plymouth-Canton drum majors and color guard captains, Kayla Ragland (from left), Laura Choos, Caroline Williams, Rachel Fransioli, and Kaitlyn Tracy are all smiles after receiving the Flight I MCBA championship trophy and banner honoring their band's accomplishment.

I the largest schools) - compete in the daylong competition. This year's pageantry of masterful marching, music, color and choreography was appreciated by some 13,000 spectators.

Other champions at Saturday's competition included Flight II - Muskegon's Reeths-Puffer; Flight III - Ferndale; and Flight IV - Wyoming's Godwin Heights. Scores and placements for all competing bands can be found at www.themcoba.org under Scores - November 7.

But there's still more to come for the hometown team. Armbruster and his staff will be making some changes and doing some tweaking before the Bands of America Grand National Championships at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis Nov. 12-14. "The whole design team and staff want the kids to have the best product to be successful," said Armbruster. "It's not about winning, but if they do well what they do, all the chips just fall into place."

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mayor pro tem.

"The whole thing is very humbling," Dwyer, 46, said after the new commission's organizational meeting at City Hall. Anticipated revenue hits are going to make the next two years difficult, Dwyer said, but there is a "good team" in place to manage the city.

"I look forward to doing some great things, everybody together," Dwyer told the audience. He said he was particularly honored because few commissioners have had two terms as mayor.

The city charter dictated that Loisel, the mayor pro tem before the new commission was seated, automatically received the first nomination for the mayor's post. But Loisel, who like Dwyer is a former mayor, declined and nominated Dwyer, who won confirmation with a voice vote. Commissioner David Workman was absent.

Former Mayor Philip Pursell and former Commissioner Stella Greene left the commission Monday night.

Greene, also a former mayor, lost her bid for a fifth elected term last week, while Pursell, who has had two terms, did not seek re-election.

Pursell said his commission service had been rewarding and

mentioned his father, the late Carl Pursell, who represented the area on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, in the Michigan Senate and, for 16 years, in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"Pop always said, 'Don't get involved in local politics,' and I'm glad I didn't take that advice," Pursell said.

Said Wright: "You inherited your father's genes of integrity and principle."

Wright also said the new commission would be "burning up the phone lines regularly" to seek counsel from Greene and Pursell.

Freshman Barrett, who retired earlier this year as the principal at Farmington High School after a 43-year career there, said he looked forward to working with other commissioners.

"They're all just terrific, hard-working people," he said. "These people go above and beyond just putting in time at meetings."

Loiselle, Dwyer and Sabatini won four-year terms while Barrett, the fourth-place finisher, won a two-year term.

Commissioners are paid \$40 per meeting. At two meetings a month, that's \$960 a year. The mayor receives an additional \$500 a year.

"Obviously, you don't do it for the money," Dwyer said.

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Residents invited to Community Conversation

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The community conversation is scheduled from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16 in The Canton Community Foundation Office, 50430 School House Road, Suite 200. The foundation offices are located in the Canton Human Services Building at the corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill roads.

The session is limited to 25

participants. To register, call the foundation office at (734) 495-1200 or e-mail info@cantonfoundation.org or srosiek@hometownlife.com.

The Center is working on Michigan's Defining Moment project, which is seeking to engage 10,000 state residents in a three-year period to participate in the Community Conversation.

Participants will use interactive polling devices to record their opinions on issues such as the economy, education and good strategies for government. Trained facilitators will conduct the conversations and written materials will guide the

conversations. Videos and an interactive "Michigan Game," an ice-breaker helps participants become engaged in the discussion process.

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Parents rally in Lansing to protest school funding cuts

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Local parents were among approximately 1,000 protesters who converged Tuesday on the state Capitol in Lansing demanding legislators restore cuts in K-12 funding for this school year.

"Lansing, do your job!" they yelled at the morning rally organized by SOS (Save Our Students, Schools and State).

SOS Chairman Tom White, speaking from the Capitol steps, said the protesters want cuts of \$292 per student restored and a serious discussion about reforming the way schools are funded.

"We don't have all the answers, but we know disinvesting in education is not the solution," White said.

Shelly Ludtke, a parent from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, said she's been involved in her children's education, but Tuesday's rally was her first protest. "Education is extremely important," said the mother of two elementary school students.

John Jackson, a member of the Plymouth-Canton school



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Parent Shelly Ludtke pins an SOS button on her jacket during a rally to save school funding in Lansing Tuesday.

board, said the district has already cut more than \$20 million over the past eight years.

"I'm just really, really concerned," he said. "We could spend all of our fund equity in the next two years and not have enough."

He said the education of chil-

dren needs to be protected to help make them the leaders of tomorrow.

The House recently passed a bill that would restore \$127 per-pupil in cuts to all districts and half of the cuts to districts like Livonia and Clarenceville that receive 20(j) funding. The bill calls for using remaining federal stimulus money.

Lawmakers would have to raise \$25 million to restore half of the 20(j) funding, according to state Rep. John Walsh, who represents Livonia. Under discussion are freezing an increase in the earned income tax credit available to the working poor and freezing the personal income tax exemption, both of which were scheduled to increase for 2009.

The bill now goes to the state Senate.

Clarenceville School District Supt. Pamela Swert met Tuesday with state Sen. Glenn Anderson while in Lansing. She said though it's still wait and see, she was encouraged.

"I felt pretty uplifted," she said.

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She also said Proposal A, the 1994 act that shifted funding of schools from local to state control, "isn't working" and a new formula is necessary.

"The patient (school funding) is in the emergency room, and we need to fix it now," Granholm said. "Ultimately ... we need a long-term fix."

Plymouth-Canton officials have been clamoring for changes to the formula for months, all while trimming their budget and again while staring down the most recent cuts which, if they go through, will mean another \$5.5 million loss to the local district.

Among suggestions Superintendent Dr. Craig Fiegel

has suggested is the idea of shifting local control to funding for individual aspects of education — such as athletics or transportation. Taking those out of the general fund and funding them separately — assuming voters would approve such levies — would be "a substantial help" to local districts, Fiegel said.

And, although Granholm didn't address such suggestions directly, Fiegel said he was happy to see Granholm recognized the differences in the way districts are funded.

"It's always good to hear them say they don't like making cuts," said Fiegel. "But if you hold (cuts) off, what do you do next year? We need a long-term fix."

"My concern in the long-term is the inequity," he added. "(Granholm) recognized those inequities ... but I haven't heard

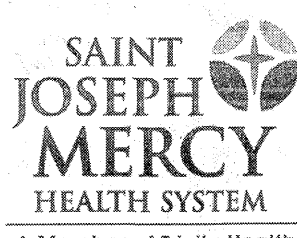
anyone talk about how (to fix them)."

Corriveau (D-Northville) said closing tax loopholes and spreading the sales tax to include some services were "reasonable" alternatives to relying solely on sales tax revenue.

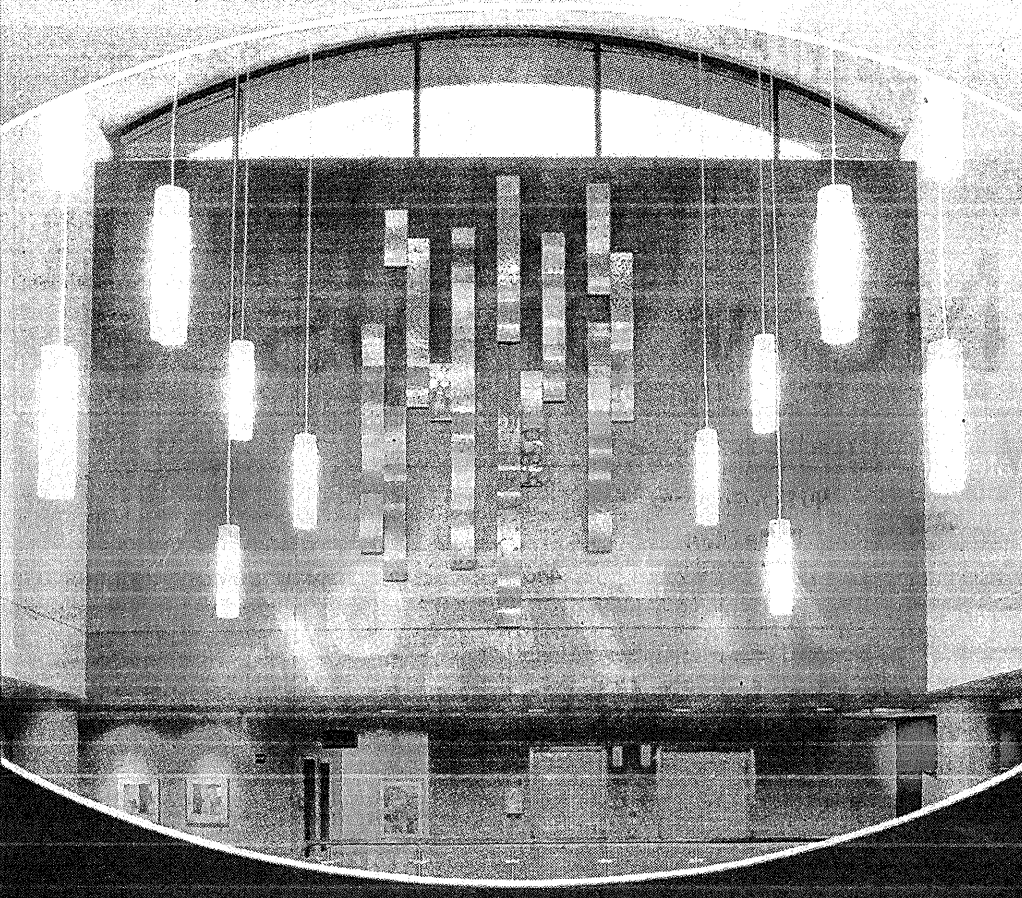
"Relying on sales tax to fund schools is so volatile," said Corriveau, whose district includes Plymouth, Northville and a slice of Canton. "We saw how it works when times are good. But now we've seen the converse of that."

"Yanking (school funding) out in the middle of the school year is a tragedy," Corriveau added. "You're going to have to come up with a formula that stabilizes it, and proportionately funds everyone equally."

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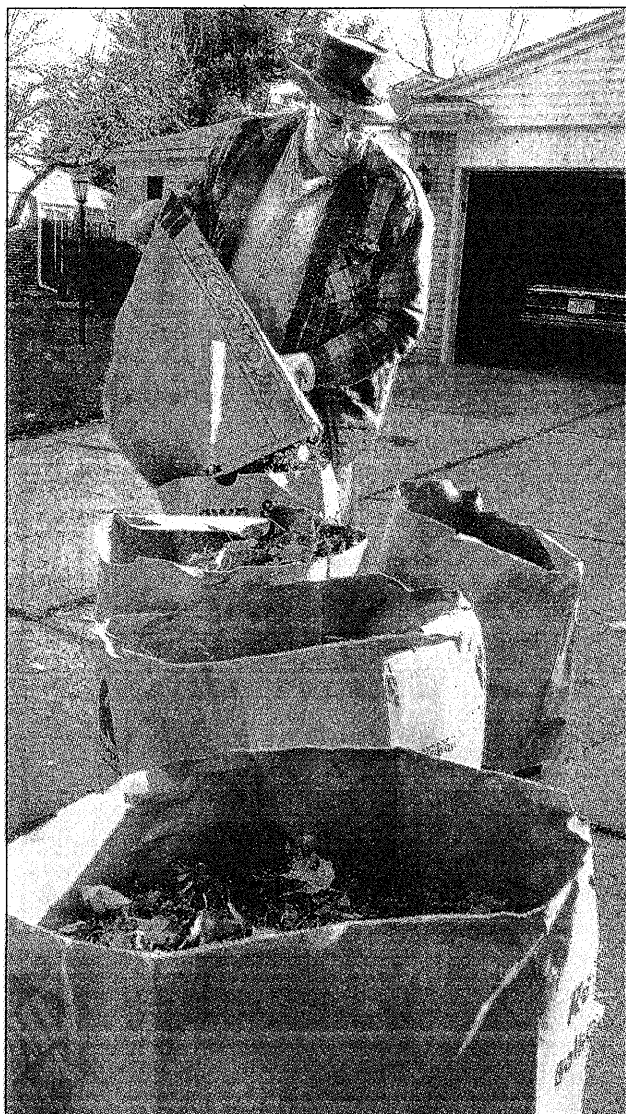
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Gary Davis bags leaves as part of his effort on Make A Difference Day.



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Over on Rocker, a crowd of volunteers from Northridge Church clean a backyard full of leaves.

Difference makers

Volunteers 'rake' in the good will

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bob Kerrigan owns a business in town, Alpha Graphics, and the Canton resident knows the community has been good to him.

That's why he felt the need to be in Bernadine Jenereaux's yard Saturday, raking leaves, trimming trees and generally cleaning up as part of the Plymouth Rotary Club's annual partnership with the Plymouth United Way on their Make A Difference Day effort.

"It's one of our projects to give back to the community," said Kerrigan. "I own a business, I do business with the city and township and other businesses. This is a way to give back to the city and the township."

The beneficiaries appreciated the effort.

"If they just pick up the leaves, I'd be happy," said the 86-year-old Jenereaux, long retired from AT&T. "It costs me \$150 to get my leaves cleaned up. I have a big yard, and a back yard."

Volunteers spent Saturday doing a variety of chores for seniors like Jenereaux including

sweeping, raking, cleaning and, in some cases, painting.

At Plymouth's Community Opportunity Center, which provides housing and comprehensive support for persons with developmental disabilities, volunteers moved furniture and reorganized the rooms belonging to five of the center's 15 residents.

It's all part of the joy of being a Rotarian, according to Jeff Stella.

"Some of our projects take more skill than others," said Stella, who chairs the club's Rotary Cares committee. "It's a good way for all Rotarians to get involved."

Add this year's effort to painting and the paving of a driveway done in past years, and the COC has benefitted repeatedly from Make A Difference Day. And center officials couldn't be more appreciative.

"You're talking about a lot of furniture," said Wendy Ellis, the administrator of the non-profit COC. "With us having only two or three people per shift, there's just no way we could get this done."

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At a home on Bradner in Plymouth Township, Rotarians Bob Carrigan and Ian McCluskey rake leaves.



Adam Smith has one end of a piece of furniture at Plymouth's Community Opportunity Center, where a big painting project is beginning. Emily Davis, Allison Boss and Audri Gedlen wait to help with the next task.

Danny Smith, a student at U-of-D High School, rakes leaves at a home in Plymouth Township.





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Service helps mourners cope with grief

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For 15 years, Griffin Funeral Home in Canton has offered a holiday-season memorial service to help ease the grief of Plymouth-Canton area families who have lost loved ones.

This year is no different. "This has really blossomed," said David Griffin, one of the owners of the family's funeral home. "We have had as many as 175 people at a time."

This year's memorial service has been scheduled for 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at the funeral home located at 42600 Ford Road west of Lilley. The Griffin family only asks that those planning to attend to call ahead for reservations at (734) 981-1700.

"This really blossomed right after 9/11, and we open it up to everybody in the community," Griffin said.

Some families have attended each year to remember and show respect for loved ones who died years ago, while others come to cope with losses during the past year.

Griffin said the ceremony includes a comforting talk by grief counselor Cathy Clough, director of the New Hope Center for Grief Support, who can provide guidance and sup-

port for everything from decorating for the holidays to sending out cards. A priest, Jack Baker, and a minister, Drexel Morton, also will participate.

The event also includes a reading of names of family members who have died, a candle service and prayers to help those who may feel an even deeper sense of grief during the holiday season.

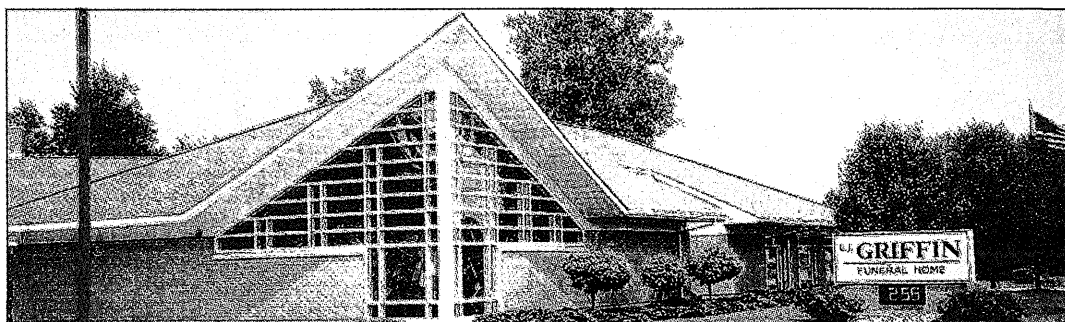
"At the end an ornament is

given to the families — this year I believe it's going to be tree angels for the Christmas tree," Griffin said.

Refreshments also will be served.

"This is just something we can do for the families and the community in general," Griffin said. "It's sort of us giving back a little bit."

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Griffin Funeral Home in Canton hosts its holiday-season memorial service 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19.

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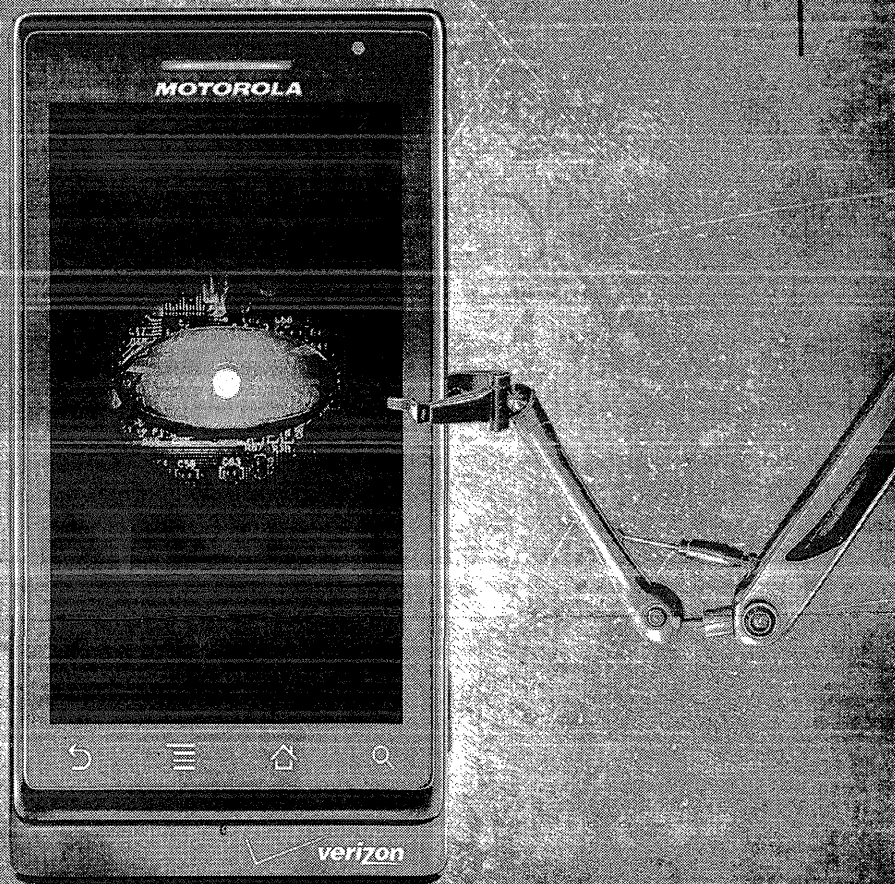
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SAVE ROOM FOR SIDES

Side dish recipes from Chef Dawn Bause



While roast turkey is the star of the Thanksgiving feast, the side dishes play a strong supporting role. These dishes are so impressive they just may steal the show.

Commerce Township resident Dawn Bause is co-author of the cookbook "Romance Begins in the Kitchen," owner of the company "Cooking with Dawn" and host of culinary tours of Italy.

She recently hosted a cooking class at the Birmingham Community House

featuring her fabulous side dish recipes, some of which are featured below.

Reach Bause at askdawnnow@aol.com or visit her Web site at www.cookingwithdawn.com.

A TWIST ON TRADITION

Serve up smoked turkey for a healthier approach

BY ALISON BERGSIEKER
ADVERTORIAL WRITER

A local parade, the Detroit Lions game and family dinner are familiar traditions each year for many Oakland and Wayne county residents on Thanksgiving Day.

Many families have grown to expect a few staple menu items: A turkey, stuffing, assorted casseroles, cranberry sauce and scrumptious pumpkin pie.

While these traditions never fail, it's always OK to try something new.

Jim Moschini, Chef Instructor at the Culinary Arts Institute at the Art Institute of Novi, teaches classes on classical cuisine, garde manger and basic skills, and is also the executive chef of the school's student-run restaurant, Great Lakes Bistro. Moschini recently taught a class on how to smoke a turkey, an ingredient used in the restaurant for cold sandwiches.

"A lot of folks are buying smokers, and it's becoming more and more common," Moschini said. "A smoked turkey is not exactly a traditional bird, but it's a healthier option. They come out just delicious, and they're so juicy."

Moschini was happy to share his method with those interested in smoking a turkey for this year's Thanksgiving feast.

Preparation

Purchase a smoker, or prepare to use a grill with a lid that keeps a consistent cooking temperature. There are several different smokers to buy, including charcoal, electric, portable propane meat smokers.

"Smokers are available at Lowe's, Home Depot and even sporting good shops," Moschini said.

Purchase a bird and make sure it is completely defrosted. Rinse the turkey inside and out with cold water. Reserve the turkey neck and giblets for stock or gravy if you choose. Next prepare the brine. Completely submerge the bird in the brine in a large container, such as a picnic cooler,



paint bucket or brining bag, for about six days.

Remove the bird from the brine, gently rinse off and refrigerate for 24 hours.

"A sticky pellicle will form on the skin of the bird as the sugars and salt draw moisture out of the protein in the bird," Moschini said. "Leave that on there because it helps trap in the smoke."

On Thanksgiving Day

Make sure smoker can achieve and maintain 186 degrees, and select your choice of smoking chips.

"I prefer applewood, but you can use hickory, mesquite or whatever your flavor," Moschini said.

Place bird in smoker for several hours until it achieves an internal temperature of 163-65 degrees. Moschini recommends pulling the bird at 163 degrees to allow for "carry over" cooking that happens a few minutes after the bird is removed from heat.

When preparing to cut the bird, cut against the grain of the meat, Moschini advises.

"This gives you nice uniform cuts and keeps the meat from looking like pulled pork or shredded," he said. "Your bird will be very juicy, so the meat will basically fall off."

Contact Moschini at jmoschini@aui.edu with questions, or visit him at the school's Great Lakes Bistro on Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

CRANBERRY SALSA

Recipe By: Dawn Bause
Serving Size: 6

Categories: Side Dish or Appetizer

- 1 12 oz. bag fresh cranberries
- 6 tbsp. brown sugar (granulated)
- 2 tbsp. Grand Marnier Liqueur
- 1/2 medium red onion, chopped fine
- 2 small jalapeno chile peppers, seeded and minced.
- 2 tbsp. fresh lime juice
- 1/2 apple, cored and cut in half
- 1 tbsp. cilantro, chopped fine
- 1 medium orange (zest of)

Combine cranberries and apple in food processor and pulse until coarsely shredded (about 10 short pulses).

Combine shredded cranberries with Grand Marnier and orange zest, onions, chiles, and sugar. Let sit about 15 minutes for cranberries to macerate.

Then add cilantro, lime juice, and salt.

Refrigerate for at least one hour.

Serve as a side dish to turkey or chicken, or an appetizer with tortilla chips.

PARMESAN ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH

Recipe By: Dawn Bause
Serving Size: 6

Categories: Side Dish

- 2 lbs. butternut squash, peeled and cubed
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- 6 fresh sage leaves, coarsely chopped
- 2/3 cup parmigiano reggiano -- freshly grated
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. fresh ground pepper

Preheat oven to 400 degrees with rack in the middle of oven.

Peel and cut squash into 1" cubes. In a bowl, toss with cream, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/4 tsp. freshly ground pepper, 1/2 of the chopped sage leaves and place in a two-quart shallow baking dish. Bake covered for about 30 minutes.

Remove from oven and stir in half the cheese, and sprinkle the remainder on top.

Return to the oven and roast uncovered for another 15-20 minutes until the squash is tender and lightly browned.

Remove from oven and let sit 5 minutes before serving the cream will thicken. Garnish is remainder of sage leaves.

SPINACH SOUFFLÉ

Recipe By: Dawn Bause
Serving Size: 6

Categories: Side Dish

- 1 12 oz. package Stouffer's Frozen Spinach Soufflé Side Dish
- 1 small white onion, chopped fine
- 1 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3/4 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Thaw Stouffer's Spinach Soufflé package.

In a sauté pan add olive oil, onions and heat over medium heat until onions are translucent.

Then add mushrooms all at once, toss quickly in oil and onions, then let sit for 2-4 minutes until the mushrooms start to brown on one side, then toss. Repeat. Remove from heat and toss with salt.

In a soufflé dish or casserole dish, mix thawed spinach soufflé, sautéed mushrooms and onions, and grated mozzarella cheese. Wipe sides of dish with a wet paper towel.

Place in oven and bake for 50-60 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.

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'Spelling' on stage - Second Stage's fall production place to 'Bee'

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Shannon McNutt likes to produce plays that make good use of an ensemble cast and feature scripts that are not only entertaining but deliver a message.

McNutt, director of the Second Stage Players, thinks she's found the perfect vehicle to do both with "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," which hits the stage today (Thursday) and continues this weekend and next at the DuBois Little Theatre in Canton High School.

The play, a Tony Award-winning musical just released for local productions this year, follows the spelling-bee exploits of six youngsters (and four volunteers from the audience, who are given impossible words to spell) as they try to win the annual bee's grand prize and a trip to Washington, D.C., for the nationals.

Along the way, the audience learns about the various problems, insecurities, failures and eventual triumphs of the students.

"You take these six geeky kids, all ostracized by their peers, but all of whom have an incredible passion for language," said McNutt. "This is their chance to be with others like them, where their 'outsider' status is honored and respected."

By the end of the play, the script delivers the message McNutt likes best.

"Ultimately, they learn something special about themselves," the director said. "They come in as insecure little geeks, and they leave having grown up."

The production makes use of some 45 students, 30 on the technical/production crews and a 15-member cast.

Plymouth High School senior Rachel Palgut of Plymouth, last seen in Second Stage's well-received production of "The Laramie Project" last year, said the comedy in "Bee" drew her to the role of Rona Lisa Peretti.

"I think the humor is so witty," said Palgut, who also had a role in "The Crucible." "It has its own brand of humor. You have to think about it for a minute, and then you get it."

Connor Rhoades, a 17-year-old Plymouth High School junior from Plymouth Township, did technical work for both "Laramie" and "The Crucible." He auditioned for "Bee" and takes center stage as William Barfee, whose claim to fame is spelling his words out with his feet first.

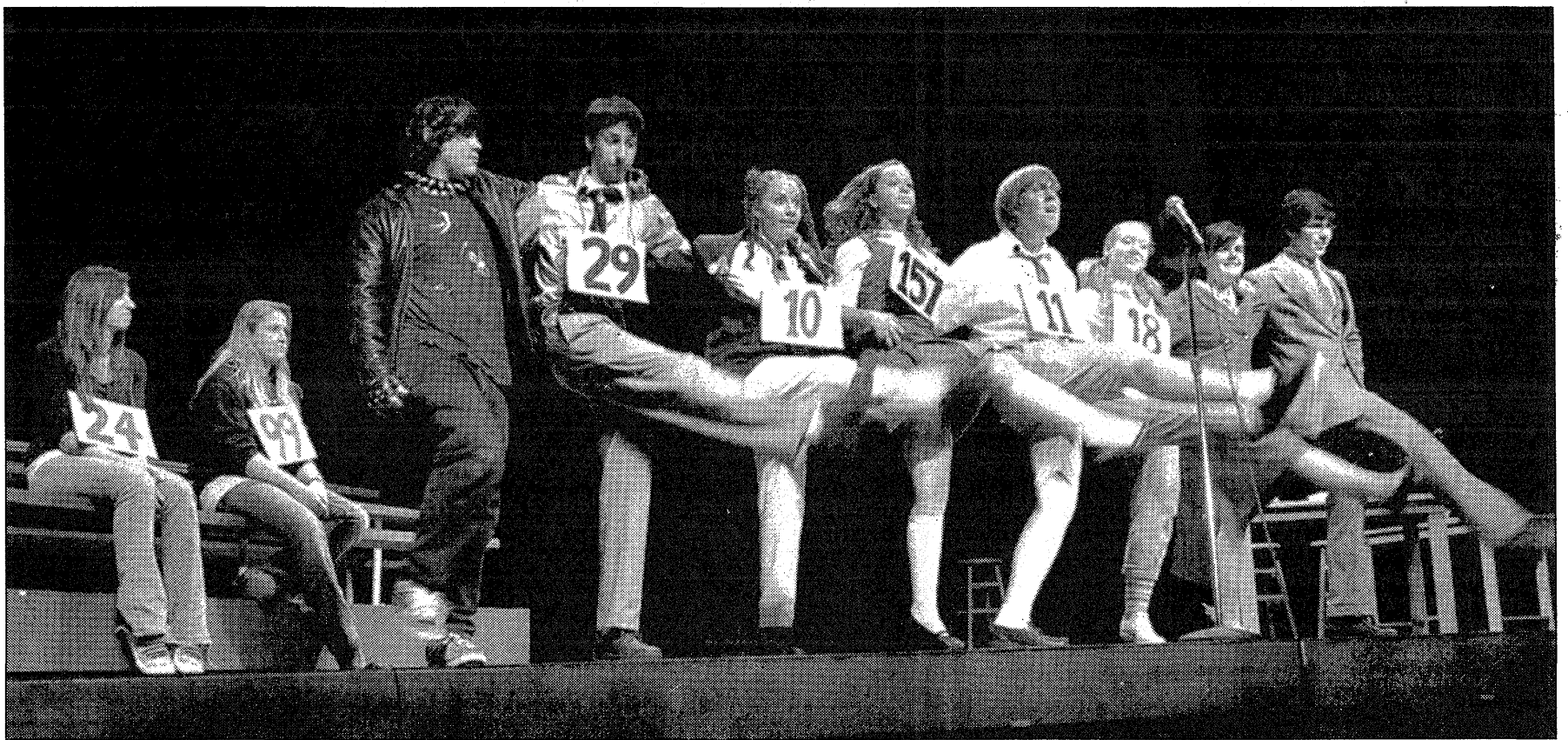
Rhoades had heard the music from the play, and found the script to be funny.

"I love this show ... it's so funny," Rhoades said. "It's so current. No two shows are alike, so you can always remain current. I like how it'll never be the same any given night."

And while her students are singing and being funny, McNutt loves the idea they're not just delivering a performance, but picking up some life lessons, as well.

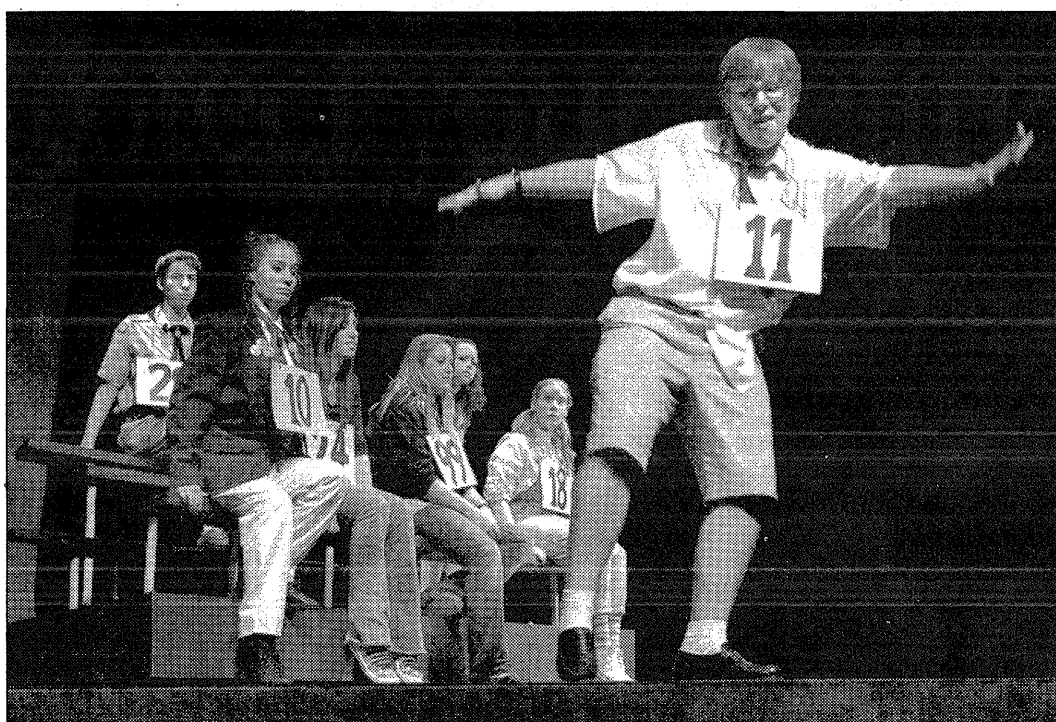
"I want (students) to know they're learning something," McNutt said. "Not only are they developing their artistic chops, but they're finding out (the arts) has the power to change people."

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The Second Stage Players' production, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," features a 15-member cast and some 30 students on technical/production crews.



William Barfee ("That's BAR-FAY!"), played by Connor Rhoades, has magic feet that spell out the word.



Rona Lisa Peretti (Rachel Palgut) runs the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.



Spelling Bee "Comfort Counselor" Mitch Mahoney (Gary Quillico) performs his community service at the bee. He leads the spellers in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Leaf Coneybear (Kyle Scanlon) not only can spell, but he makes his own clothes.

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OUR VIEWS

Big steps, short time for diversity group

The work being done by the Plymouth Canton Diversity and Inclusion Initiative is impressive for a variety of reasons.

The group is embracing the growing diversity of the area's population, particularly in Canton, and appears to be gaining momentum in its efforts to get local leaders, civic groups and residents to embrace it, as well.

That was fairly evident last week, when the group's Strategic Planning Committee, which started meeting just four months ago, laid out its plan before a crowded Summit on the Park gathering that included Plymouth and Canton Township officials, law enforcement representatives and a variety of other residents and local leaders.

How the group was able to put its plan together in four months is one of the most impressive things about its effort. The group's 15-member committee met every Monday (a smaller sub-committee met more often than that) and every meeting had at least 12 of the 15 members.

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As committee member Naren Balasubramaniam pointed out, most people find getting a few people together consistently is difficult, much less at least 12 every week for 16 weeks. We agree with Balasubramaniam, who said, "There's a lot of passion about this. I think there is a lot of felt need."

The group's strategic plan is aggressive and inclusive. The main tenets:

- Community action — Guiding the community in recognizing the importance of building a culturally inclusive community;

- Diverse community leadership — Helping the community achieve "diverse leadership which understands our true history and ... reflects the demographics and wishes of all residents;"

- Respect and equity — Getting to a place where community groups, school and government employees and law enforcement treat everyone with respect and equity; and

- Inclusion in the public sector — Working toward a public sector workforce "representative of the entire community in all aspects, including race, gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, faith and cultural beliefs."

That's a pretty ambitious plan for a group that only got started a little more than a year ago (although discussions with civic and religious leaders went on before that).

There is evidence inclusion is gaining popularity. Cultural groups are gaining membership and influence in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Leaders of the Plymouth Canton Diversity and Inclusion Initiative are also, not surprisingly, leading efforts at such cultural events as last month's Ghandi celebration and January's Martin Luther King observance.

Last week, Plymouth-Canton voters elected the first African-American candidate to the PCCS Board of Education. Though she doesn't want to be "pigeon-holed" in that regard, Adrienne Davis — and others on the board — acknowledge it's a big step toward recognizing the cultural diversity in our communities.

No one is naive enough to think a few goals and meetings are enough. As Balasubramaniam pointed out, the audience at last month's Ghandi celebration in Canton was "about 95 percent Indian." When such an event draws an audience more representative of the community's diversity, the group may feel better about its progress.

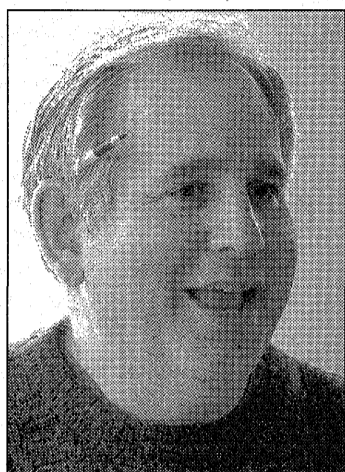
Until then, it will have to settle for the smaller, more "moral"-type victories. And that should satisfy group members ... for now.

They've earned it.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Why do you think there was such a low voter turnout in the local elections?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



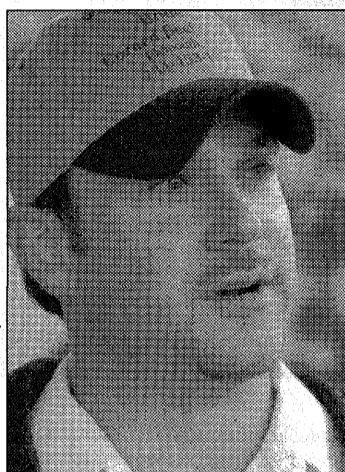
"There's an apathy about everything. I didn't vote. ... I didn't get around to researching the subject. That's not a good excuse."

Rodney Nivison
Plymouth



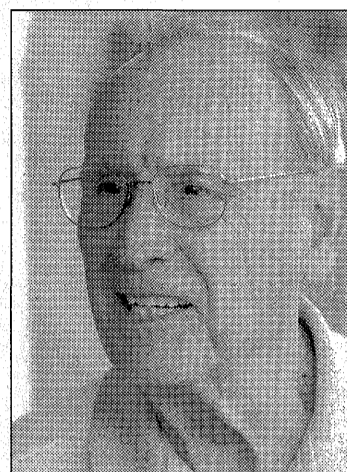
"I think that people probably don't appreciate their own vote. They feel like maybe one person can't make a difference."

Lori Villar
Plymouth



"The residents probably don't feel like it really (makes) that big of a difference. ... Honestly, I've lived here 18 years and I couldn't even tell you the mayor's name."

Jacob Doby
Plymouth Township



"I didn't see too much that was controversial. Any time you don't have anything controversial, a lot of people don't turn out."

Gene Overholt
Plymouth

LETTERS

Slap in the face

As I watched the Lions-Seahawks game on Sunday, I was appalled to see what Qwest Field had sitting on a pedestal next to the flag pole where the 12th man transition line flag raising dedication took place.

A Toyota Tundra. A Toyota product should not even be near the camera shot for such an event. If I were World War II veteran Huston Riley I would have refused to raise that flag anywhere near that advertisement. Many U.S. military servicemen and women lost their lives in the face of freedom in defeating the enemy at the time (Japan).

To have that Toyota Tundra sitting on a perch above the flag is, in my mind, a slap in the face of all of those servicemen and women. Is this any way to celebrate Veterans Day?

What in the world were they thinking? If you feel this is offensive or even just in poor taste, send your thoughts to Qwest Field at customerservice@qwestfield.com

Jim Drozdowski
Canton

Alcohol vs. water

When was the last time your doctor told you, "You need to drink more alcohol?"

When was the last time you read about death, accidents or property damage being caused by an excessive consumption of water? What causes or exacerbates cirrhosis of the liver? Are your health and automobile insurance premiums increased indirectly by excessive use of water?

Why would our government want to tax water instead of alcohol? Just increase the 6-percent sales tax on all alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, hard liquor) by 50 percent or 100 percent!

Maybe the 9-percent or 12-percent tax would reduce consumption, health risks and drunk driving accident potentials. Is that so bad?

Oh, and while we're at it ... non-alcoholic 'mock' beers like O'Douls and Sharps would stay at 6 percent (I like a taste once in awhile, myself!).

John Chew
Canton

Insulated position

It was disappointing to read of Attorney General Mike Cox's supportive response to the drastic Lansing cuts to Michigan programs and schools this past week, with no support for tax increases or other solutions to our dilemma.

It must be nice to sit in such an insulated position, with a comfortable job, generous public-paid income and retirement. Do his children attend public schools like mine do, or might they attend private schools, protected from the devastating cuts the public schools will soon suffer?

This could be the future Governor who will understand and represent the average, struggling Michigan resident? I hope not.

Dave Robison
Livonia

Cuts are fair

I resent the recent angst-driven educational pleas which seek more funding for our schools instead of appropriate budget cuts in

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our state's educational budget. This type of guilt-driven advocacy and cheerleading on the backs of children is offensive.

Extortion-driven lobbying and posturing never works. It only reveals the hollow depth of those invoking such cheap parlor tricks.

Truth is, our educational system in Michigan and the nation has failed too many for too long. More funding has not improved any substantive educational outcomes or educational quality, even in rich school districts where GPA inflation is the norm. Recently many universities are reporting how the majority of incoming freshmen need remedial classwork and extra tutoring just to handle the basic entry-level college courses. The majority of these students are not from urban districts and venues.

I have counseled taxpayers in the city to reject the King Bobb DPS bonding issue. I encourage this same posture be taken by every taxpayer across the state who is confronting a school millage issue in their district to reject them all.

Hollow threats by political balloon blowers are nothing more than the usual noise and lore of political brokers whenever their fiscal footing is in play.

Our state does not need to toss more money at schools. We need to toss more integrity and educational competence at our kids. We need a statewide uniform plan based upon the focus and mastery on the core subjects. Districts need less labs, PCs and the latest cutting-edge sports turf. Billions already spent on education are more than enough.

Greg Thrasher
director, PLANE IDEAS
Birmingham

Big Gov't. not answer

When grandma falls and breaks her hip, will Big Government OK treatment for her?

Will the new government computer system: Health Information Technology (HIT) that doctors will be required to get approval from, allow grandma's hip to be fixed?

Countries around the world are already using this system and the U.S. is modeling themselves after these systems. Medical records of each and every citizen and their families will be accessible to Big Government at the touch of a button. HIT must give approval before doctors can perform any treatment for anyone. Stiff penalties will be enforced on those who do not comply. And, yes, rationing must occur to diminish cost.

For example, in the U.K., elderly patients with macular degeneration must wait until one eye is blind before treatment can begin

treatment on the other eye!

So, when grandma falls and breaks her hip in the U.S.A., she will, undoubtedly, be told to take some aspirin and go to bed. There she will lie in excruciating pain until pneumonia claims her life.

Let's not sacrifice our compassion, humanity, liberty and freedom of choice!

Big Government is not the answer to health care.

Susan L. Nuckolls
Farmington

Debunking health care myths

As the debate concerning health care reform continues, we must sift through the endless barrage of misinformation, false facts and outright lies spread by those that don't want reform to pass. The insurance industry (which probably includes your health insurance company) pays millions of dollars every month to lobbyists, political action committees and 527 nonprofit groups, attacking reform in an attempt to keep the status quo so they can continue to increase your premiums, deny coverage when you get sick, and drop you if you have a claim. Political operatives desperate to regain power make wildly false claims like "death panels" and "rationed socialized medicine."

Here are just a few myths that appeared in a recent letter to the editor, with the facts debunking each one, copied directly from the cited source:

Myth: Health care reform will hurt Medicare.

Fact: None of the health care reform bills that have been introduced by Congress would cut Medicare benefits or increase your out-of-pocket costs for traditional Medicare services. (Source: aarp.org)

Myth: Health care reform means the government can make end-of-life decisions for you. Fact: No one, including the government or your insurance company, will be given the power to make end-of-life decisions for you. (Source: aarp.org)

Myth: Health care reform means rationed care.

Fact: None of the health reform proposals being considered would stand between individuals and their doctors or prevent any American from choosing the best possible care. (Source: aarp.org)

Myth: Health care reform means the government will take over the health care system.

Fact: People who get private insurance through their employer (and that accounts for most people) will get to keep that coverage. For those who do not, the government would oversee a health care exchange, in which private companies would offer plans at a group rate. The exchange would include a government-run health plan, which is often known as the public option. In other words, that government plan — which may or may not end up in the final bill — is a part of a part. That's far short of a fully government-run plan. (Source: politifact.com)

Don't believe any media pundits, talk show hosts, or letter to the editor authors who repeat "talking points" but won't back up their claims. Visit non-partisan Web sites like aarp.org, factcheck.org and politifact.com. Do your own research, get the facts, then call your Congressman and Senators, and tell them to vote on the facts, not lies.

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'80s hair is back: Local stylist talks trends

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Leggings, skinny jeans and off-the-shoulder shirts have been back in style for a few seasons, and according to stylist Christopher Klaft of Number Six Salon in Farmington Hills, the 80s are now influencing hair trends as well as fashion.

FRENCH BRAIDS

As Art Director for TIGI International of Dallas, Klaft designed hair for models at New York Fashion Week in October. Among the looks he sent down the runway were French braids, not often seen since the prepster days of the '80s.

"Braids in lots of different techniques are definitely 'in' this season," Klaft said.

Klaft used French braids across the top of the head to mimic headbands, and along the sides of the head to create the illusion of an "undercut," the practice of shaving portions of hair that became popular in the '80s.

Today's stylists are using modern technology to master the art of the French braid, looking up instructions on the Internet.

BIGGER IS BETTER

The '80s was definitely the decade of the "Dynasty" 'do, with ratted bangs, gelled sides and hair out to there.

These days, Klaft said, big hair is back.

"In everyday life what we're seeing for fall and going into spring is bigger hair, which is the influence of the '80s. It's not the big mall hair, but we're really going to pump up the volume," Klaft said. "The straight flat iron look we've had the past five years is coming to an end."

To achieve a modern take on big hair, Klaft suggested hot rollers.

"It's time to pull them back out," he said.

On the weekend, you can go glam with lots of fullness and curl, but for the workday, tone it down by using large rollers with large sections of hair.

"You don't have to put a ton of hot rollers in," he said.

PRODUCT PLACEMENT

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Another product that's making a comeback, Klaft said, is the permanent wave.

Today's perms use bigger rods, he said, but some things remain the same as the '80s.

"They still haven't changed the smell," Klaft said.

FASHION WEEK

Klaft formerly owned Number Six Salon, and though



Christopher Klaft, a stylist at Number Six Salon in Farmington Hills, styles a model during New York Fashion Week in October.

he still works there, he sold his stake in May to free up more time for teaching and editorial work. New York Fashion Week

was a great opportunity, he said.

"It was amazing," he said.

As part of the Toni & Guy Art Team, he helped deliver fully prepped models for 10 shows, including the Susan G. Komen Show featuring pink gowns by 35 different designers.

Klaft said Avril Lavigne's show featuring her "Abbey Road" line for Kohl's was a highlight.

"We got to do 10-year-old models to 21-year-old models. The diversity was great. Every model had a different hairstyle," Klaft said.

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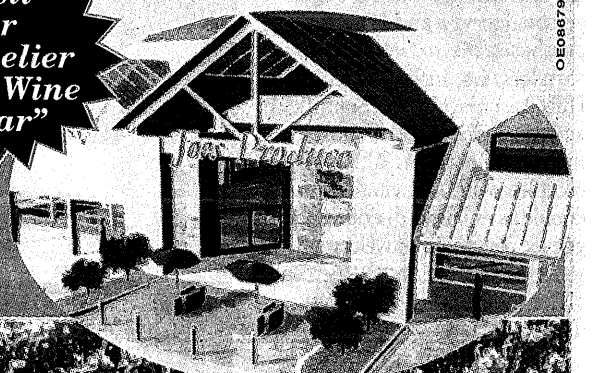
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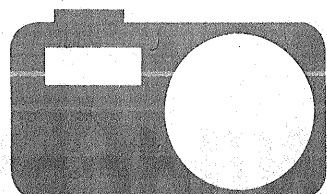


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PCA wins semifinal

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rebounding nicely from an early stumble Tuesday, Plymouth Christian Academy defeated Camden-Frontier 3-1 in a Division 4 volleyball regional semifinal at Hillsdale High School.

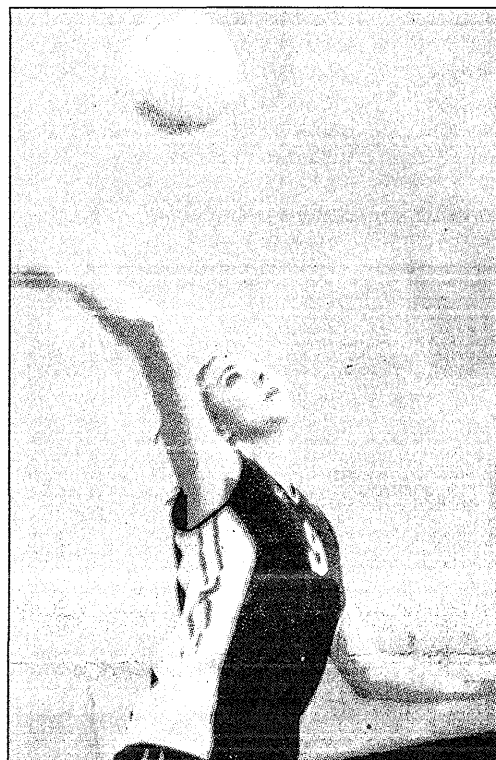
VOLLEYBALL REGIONALS

And that means the Eagles — just like last season — will advance to the D4 regional final, this time 7 p.m. Thursday against Hillsdale Academy.

But merely matching 2008 won't be enough, according to head coach Kelly Blackney.

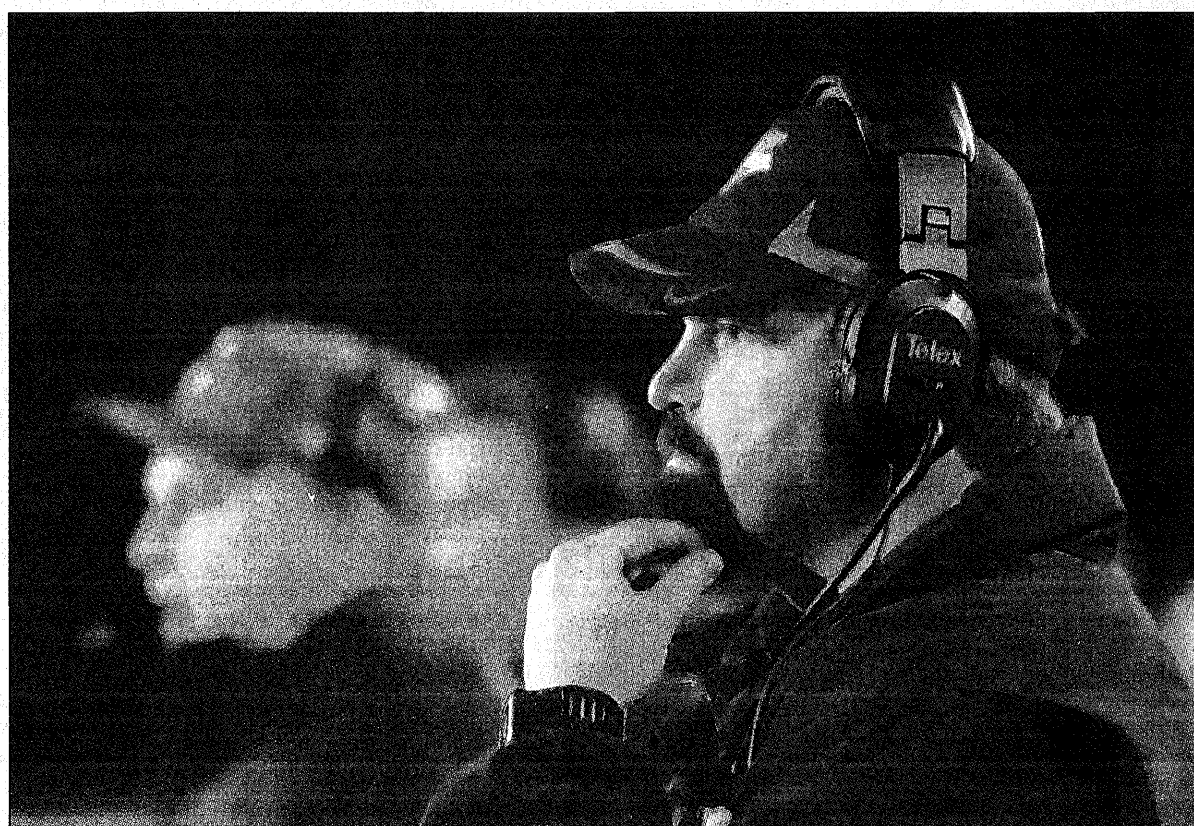
"Hopefully we'll get one step farther," Blackney said. "We keep thinking 'One more match, one more match' and we can go farther than any team at Plymouth Christian has ever gone."

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Plymouth Christian's Amy Zinn, shown serving during a recent match, was one of several Eagles with strong performances from the stripe Tuesday against Camden-Frontier.



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Here, Canton head football coach Tim Baechler watches intently while his team demolishes Ann Arbor Pioneer last week. Baechler and the Chiefs now are putting all their focus on preparing for Saturday's regional showdown at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

Something's gotta give

Mighty Canton offense, CC defense brace for collision

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREVIEW

Ford Field's got nothing on Saturday's Division 1 football regional between Canton and host Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

The winner of the 1 p.m. game also will need to prevail in the Nov. 21 semifinal contest in order to advance to the D-1 final, slated for 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at Ford Field. But this weekend's clash of the titans may very well be the real D-1 title bout.

Canton's powerhouse team (10-1) just got done racking up 60 points against a very good, physical Ann Arbor Pioneer squad. Meanwhile, the only team that has defeated the Chiefs so far in 2009 (Livonia Stevenson) took a 38-0 pounding at the hands of the Shamrocks in Saturday's district final.

Catholic Central (11-0) has allowed only 30 points all season while amassing seven shutouts.

Will that 'D' stymie a multi-pronged Canton attack that has helped score 442 points this year?

That could be the big question entering the contest, but Canton head coach Tim Baechler also knows how tough the Shamrocks' offense can be after watching the CC-Stevenson matchup.

"They are definitely led by their defense, but the last couple games, which I saw, their offense totally controlled the game," Baechler said. "They were running the ball at will. ... It's a fun offense to watch. I really appreciate how they move the ball on the ground."

In the victory over Stevenson, the 300th in the career of Catholic Central head coach Tom Mach, running backs Niko Palazeti and Anthony Capatina each registered more than 150 yards rushing and scored a TD.

Shamrocks quarterback Sam Landry only needed to put the ball up once — which incidentally is exactly all Chiefs QB Kevin Delapaz needed to throw against Pioneer thanks to a potent ground game (nearly 500 yards rushing).

But Baechler did describe Catholic Central's defense as "amazing," having allowed just three touchdowns in 11 games. "That's unheard of, especially with the schedule they play," Baechler said.

Canton will need to mix things up on offense and try to find a way into the CC end zone. With Delapaz and outstanding running backs in Adam Payter, Davion Stackhouse and Kevin Buford, that is possible. But the Chiefs' O-line must continue opening holes (as it has all year) and Delapaz will have to throw the football a bit more. "We're going to have to make

Please see **FOOTBALL, B2**

Salem girls arrive

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Down the home stretch of Saturday's Division 1 girls cross country state meet in Brooklyn, Salem head coach Dave Gerlach saw his group amp it up despite muddy terrain and strong breezes in the runners' faces.

"That final mile was a pure gut check," Gerlach said. "That's pure competitiveness,

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pure heart and hill. The girls, what I was most proud of, was how competitive they were."

As a result, the Rocks moved up to an eighth-place finish (with 317 points) — the highest the team has ever finished at the state meet during Gerlach's 15-year tenure. Saline took first with a total of 141 points.

With 28 quality teams at the meet, Gerlach was thrilled for his "under the radar" team to squeak into the top 10 and finally garner some major notice.

"Our goal going in to the state meet was to be in the top 14. We wanted to be in the top half," Gerlach said. "Obviously, all the teams are at the state finals for a reason."

After a slow start in which the Rocks got hemmed in, they started to branch out during the middle mile and "put ourselves back into position where we needed to be."

The top individual finisher for Salem was junior Victoria Tripp, who placed 31st with a

Please see **CROSS COUNTRY, B2**

Plymouth boys excel at 'states,' B2.

PHEASANT FACTS

Overview: Plymouth's Greg Bores is PGA pro at Pheasant Run Golf Course, a facility run by Canton Leisure Services. Pheasant Run is an Arthur Hills-designed 27-hole course that features more than 300 acres of rolling terrain and traverses over 10.5 miles from start to finish. Bores said Pheasant Run plays like a typical Arthur Hills course:

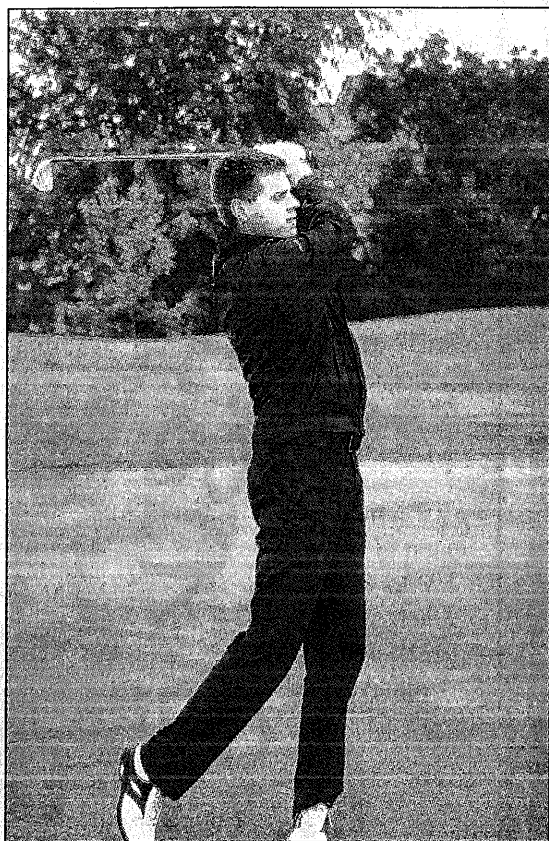
- It is longer with wide fairways, multiple tee boxes (to play at more-competitive yardages) and plenty of sand traps and water hazards.
- Fairways are mounded on the outsides to allow balls to kick back into play.

Where: Beginners and scratch golfers alike have plenty to enjoy at the facility, located at 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton (near Canton Center Road between Michigan and Ford roads). The North nine winds through an upscale residential area. The South nine skirts the scenic Lower Rouge River, while the West nine is extremely challenging.

Fall fees: Although rates are subject to change, Fall Season fees are as follows (for 18 holes): \$35 (Monday-Thursday); \$45 (Friday-Sunday); \$25 (Twilight, any day after 2:30 p.m.). Golfers can play nine holes for \$25.

Info: Call (734) 397-6460 or send an e-mail to pheasant-run@canton-mi.org.

(Information courtesy Canton Leisure Services Web site.)



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Following through on a practice shot recently is Pheasant Run Golf Course PGA pro Greg Bores.

PGA pro Bores aiming for success

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Back in the day, Greg Bores made the cash register sing behind the counter as an employee in Pheasant Run Golf Course's pro shop.

These days, the 31-year-old Plymouth resident is ringing up hefty accomplishments as a professional golfer and still finding time to be the head golf pro at Pheasant Run — Canton's magnificent Arthur Hills-designed 27-hole course.

In September, Bores was one of 165 golfers to make the final cut at the Michigan Professional Golfers Association of America Championship at Eagle Eye Golf Club in Lansing. He shot 2-under-par in the last round and finished in the top third overall with his 6-over score.

He also made the cut at the Michigan Open and finished around 50th place and also reached the semifinals in Michigan PGA Match Play before losing to eventual winner John Seltzer.

"Last year, I came very close to winning the PGA Match Play and this year I made another good run at it," Bores said recently

in his office at Pheasant Run. "I just kind of ran out of birdies in the semifinal round."

ALWAYS LEARNING

Bores expects to keep teeing it up at Michigan pro tournaments in 2010 and beyond, perhaps branching out beyond the state borders at some point.

"I have a strong desire to compete and win," Bores said. "Whatever I can do to win, you learn more and more about yourself and about how you handle yourself in pressure situations."

Of course, since his wife (Kelly) gave birth Oct. 16 to a baby boy (Cass), there won't be any road trips for a while.

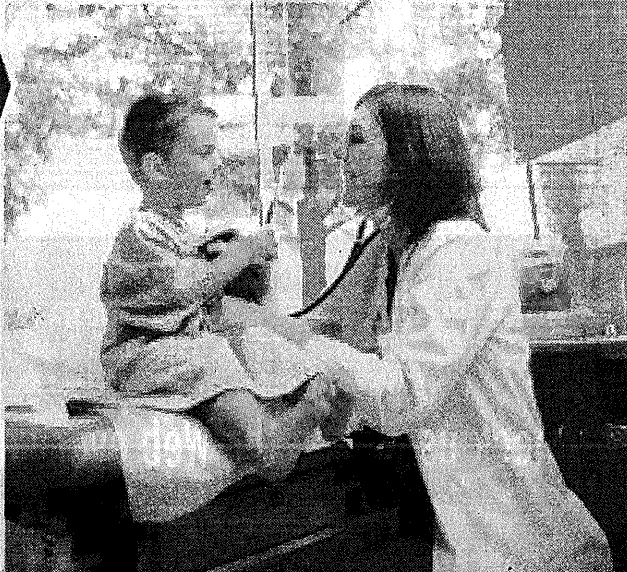
But because of his job, Greg never is too far from the game he started getting into as a little boy during visits with his dad (Robert) to Dearborn Hills Golf Course.

Greg and Pheasant Run assistant golf pro Mark Doughty teach youngsters about the game that has "really taken off" with the whole of society since Tiger Woods arrived on the scene.

"I think there's a pretty fair mix from

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Wildcat boys finish strong at state meet

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

From start to finish, Plymouth's varsity boys cross country team enjoyed a splendid season. Putting a nice bow on the 2009 package was junior Joe Porcari, with a 24th-place finish and All-State selection thanks to a time of 16-minutes, 17.7-seconds at Friday's Division 1 state meet in Brooklyn.

The Plymouth team, which had qualified the previous week at regionals, also did very well with an 11th-place showing (84:52.3).

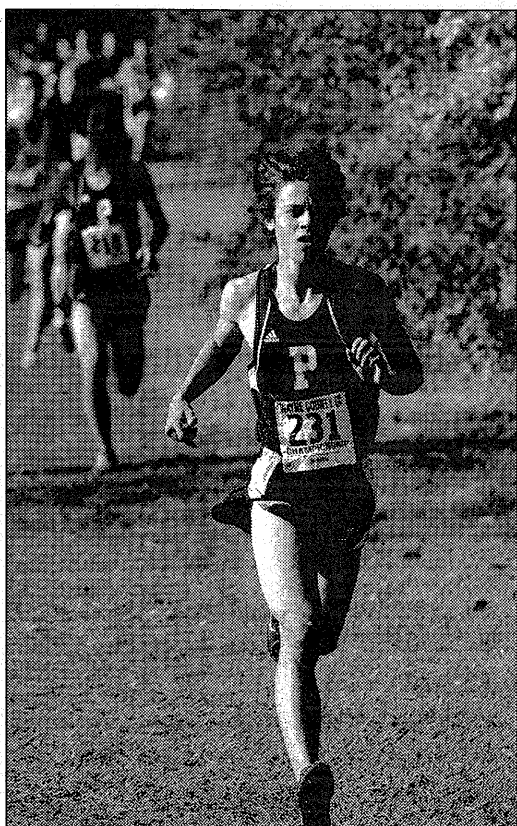
Head coach Jon Mikosz also pointed to the efforts of seniors Matt Neumann, Warren Buzzard, sophomores Derek Gielarowski, Jimmy Maciag, Garrett Neumann and junior Justin Heck for contributing to the Wildcats' "best finish in school history."

Neumann (47th, 16:40.9) and Buzzard (106th, 17:07.9) "capped off a great career at Plymouth" while Gielarowski (76th, 16:53.6) "had a strong performance and was one of the top sophomores in the state," Mikosz said.

He added that for Maciag (198th, 17:52.2), Neumann (222nd, 18:14.8) and Heck (230th, 18:24.2), the state meet was a great opportunity to gain some "big-meet experience on a course they should hopefully run a few times in the coming years."

Maciag added that his squad improved all year and "I am extremely proud of the entire team on a great season."

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Joe Porcari and his Plymouth teammates qualified for the Division 1 boys cross country state meet where Porcari finished 11th. He earned All-State honors for his efforts.

CROSS COUNTRY

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time of 19 minutes, 24.8 seconds. Tripp was one place away from All-State honors.

"Her start really cost her in position," Gerlach said. "But she really competed and battled to get where she was."

In 35th was Canton's Bianca Kubički, who qualified as an individual and finished with a time of 19:30.

"She had a very good year," Chiefs head coach Eric Pahl said. "Her best time was 19:07 at the Wayne County meet. She was fifth at the regional. She just comes in and gives a good effort every time."

Those attributes also apply to Tripp and the other Salem runners.

Besides Tripp, Gerlach cited the efforts of senior Jordyn Moore (19:58) and freshman Shannon Flynn (20:03) in particular.

Rounding out Salem's scorecard were junior Kara Booms (20:20), freshman Ade Jepperson (20:44), sophomore Autumn Burin (20:50) and sophomore Kelly Kerwin (21:00).

Gerlach said the noteworthy finish capped off what's been "a dream season from a coach's standpoint. These kids were motivated and these kids wanted to be good. And they were."

The team had an excellent season even before heading to Brooklyn, in fact.

The Rocks won the KLAA Kensington Conference and Michigan State meets, placed second in the Wayne County meet and D-1 regional and defeated some strong teams along the way.

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VOLLEYBALL

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For that to happen, PCA's heavy hitters, sophomore middle blocker Kristin Malcolm and junior middle blocker Folake Olojo, will need to play with the same power and zest they did against the Redskins in games 2-4.

"Folake, we've been working all year on her, being really big in the front row, really extending her arm and jumping up there," Blackney said. "She really did a great job tonight putting it away for us. We really needed that second big force up there."

Malcolm finished the night with 23 kills, six blocks, 14 digs and three aces while Olojo contributed 14 kills.

Both of those players enjoyed on-a-platter setups from junior Brianna Harris, who sparked the offense with 37 assists.

SLOW START

Camden-Frontier (26-16-6) took the opener 25-23, largely because the Eagles (29-10-3) were slow out of the blocks.

Game 2 was knotted up 13-13 but the Eagles finished on a 12-3 tear to win 25-16. Sophomore defensive specialists Rachel Zandee, Jessica Rich and Malcolm each tallied

three service points during that span.

PCA then wrapped up the match with 25-10 and 25-19 victories in the final two games.

"We just weren't blocking in the first match," said Blackney, explaining the quick turnaround. "They had good hitters and we were just letting them put the ball down right over us and we needed to have at least a touch on it."

"The second game it turned around when our middle blockers were able to get some decent touches, and get a couple big, big blocks."

Conversely, according to Redskins' head coach Dawn Follis, her team stopped hitting and passing on a consistent basis after Game 1.

"If you don't pass, you're in big trouble," Follis said. "Our consistency, we've struggled with that all year. We can be really, really great or really, really bad and you happened to see the second one."

Junior Morgan Warfield, a setter, led the Redskins with 15 kills while junior outside hitter Megan Schwanzgraber collected nine kills. Chipping in with 17 assists was senior setter Jessica Hines.

SERVING IT UP

Blackney said efficient serving also had a lot to do with

PCA's dominance after the first game.

"I think we only had three missed serves total, and that's something we struggled with a little bit over the course of the season," she said. "We really did a good job with that."

Malcolm, Zandee and sophomore outside hitter Amy Zinn each tallied three aces. Zinn added 22 digs to lead in that category along with five kills.

Possessing a laser beam from the stripe, Zandee's four-point run early in the third game put the Eagles comfortably in front (12-3) and she followed that up with the game-clinching point.

According to Zandee, a bit of introspection didn't hurt.

"I was nervous of course because it's a big game and I didn't want to let my team down," Zandee said. "But every serve I just went up to the line and I said 'Just relax and give the glory to God.'"

"If it's over the net or in the net, whatever it is it's for my team and for God. So actually it was calming, and I think it went well so I'm really happy with it."

Other Eagles to help the team rally against the Redskins were junior libero Abby Bartes (21 digs) and senior outside hitter Ariel Rock (5 kills).

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FOOTBALL

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plays in the air and bust some long runs, which they don't like to give up," Baechler said. "So we'll have our hands full, no question."

Canton's own defense will be called upon to keep the Shamrocks from breaking

loose.

"Our defense is going to have to play better than what they have," Baechler said.

"Because Catholic Central is not the type of team you can outscore."

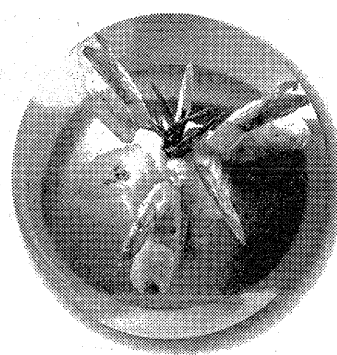
"We'll have to play stingy defense and if they do score, make them score slowly and (make them) work the ball, try to eliminate big plays."

Saturday's game marks the

third time this decade that the Chiefs and Shamrocks will meet in the postseason. Catholic Central defeated Canton in 2002 and 2003 and in both seasons the Shamrocks went on to win the state championship.

Baechler and the Chiefs undoubtedly would love to turn the tables in '09.

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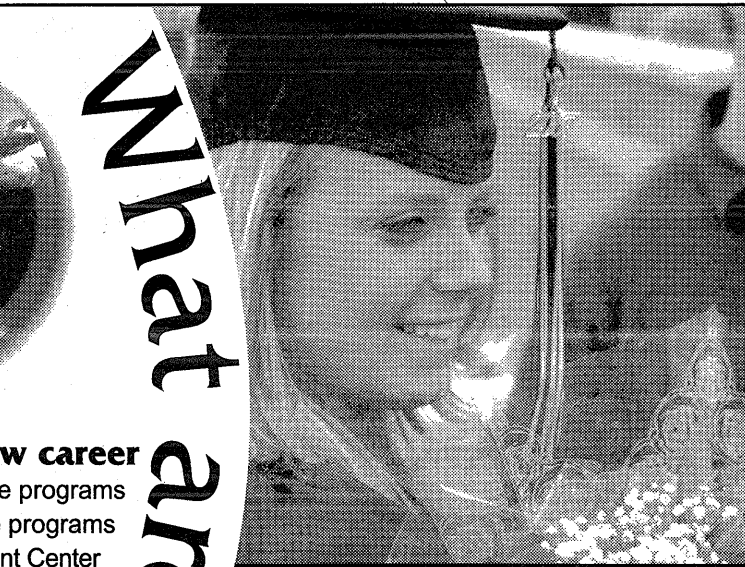
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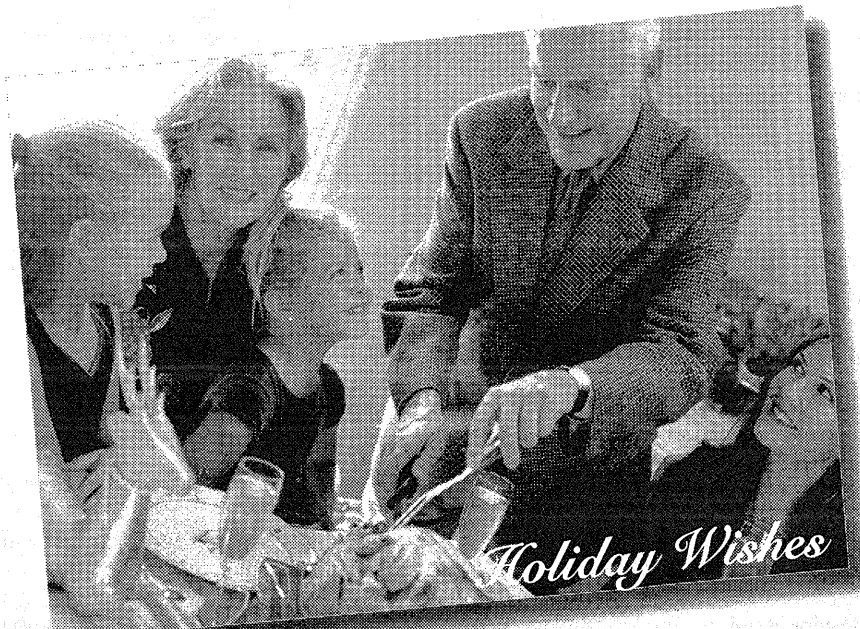
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Millions of Americans now saving on their heating bills and raving about the "heavenly heat"

Does not get hot, cannot start a fire and will not reduce humidity or oxygen

By John Whitehead, Media Services

The famous infrared portable heater, the EdenPURE®, has been greatly improved.

You have probably heard about the remarkable EdenPURE® from Bob Vila, America's Favorite Home Improvement Expert, who endorses and recommends the EdenPURE® and on television features across the nation.

The new EdenPURE® GEN3 heater heats better, faster, saves more on heating bills and runs almost silent.

The EdenPURE® saves you big money on your heating bill, but, you will be toasty warm. The heat it produces is unlike any past heating sources. It produces what customers call "heavenly heat".

The EdenPURE® can pay for itself in a matter of weeks and then start putting a great deal of extra money in your pocket after that.

A major cause of residential fires in the United States is portable heaters. But the EdenPURE® cannot cause a fire. That is because the advanced infrared heating element never gets to a temperature that can ignite anything.

The outside of the EdenPURE® only gets warm to the touch so that it will not burn children or pets.

The EdenPURE® will also keep you healthy. That is because, unlike other heating sources, it will not reduce humidity or oxygen in the room.

The advanced space-age EdenPURE® Infrared Portable Heater also heats the room evenly, wall-to-wall and floor-to-ceiling. And, as you know, most other portable heaters only heat an area a few feet around the heater.

Unlike other heating sources, the EdenPURE® cannot put poisonous carbon monoxide, any type of fumes or any type of harmful radiation into a room.

For more details on the amazing EdenPURE® GEN3 Quartz Infrared Portable Heater, here is my interview with Bob Vila, America's Favorite TV Home Improvement Expert.

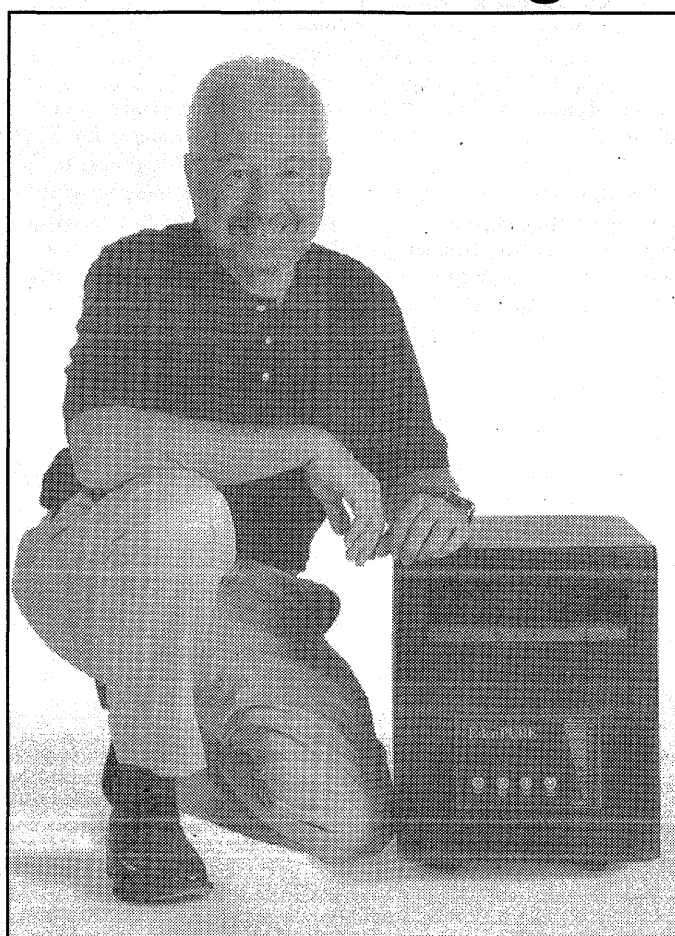
Q. What is the origin of this amazing heating element in the EdenPURE®?

A. This advanced heating technology was discovered accidentally by a man named John Jones. Jones found that a stack of a certain type of copper stored by his coal furnace kept his whole house warm long after the coal fire went out.

Through a great deal of research and development he came up with safe quartz infrared lamps to heat treated copper. This and other technology produced the EdenPURE® infrared portable heater.

This infrared heating process was designed around the three most important consumer bene-

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Firemen and safety professionals choose EdenPURE. We all read about space heaters and the danger of fire. The EdenPURE has no exposed heating elements that can cause a fire. And your pet may be just like my dog that has reserved a favorite spot near the EdenPURE. — Bob Vila

fits: economy, comfort, and safety.

Q. Why is it that this quartz infrared heating source uses less energy to create heat than other sources?

A. Actually, there is more than one reason. One of the primary reasons is that heat at combustion level, which is what all other heat sources use, causes the heat to instantly rise to the ceiling. Therefore, the heat is not evenly distributed, causing a very inefficient and uncomfortable heat source.

The EdenPURE® GEN3 Quartz Infrared Portable Heater does not use burning heat. Once the cured copper heat exchanger absorbs the infrared heat, it exhales the heat into the living area which is carried by the existing humidity in the air. This causes the heat to travel rapidly and evenly throughout a room.

In actual studies, photos using infrared lighting demonstrated that the heat was almost perfectly even from floor-to-ceiling and wall-to-wall. The EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared efficiency is based on the distribution of energized air, not on just fan movement. This heat is coined as "soft heat" due to how comfortable it is. Customers call it "heavenly heat".

Q. What are the other disadvantages of combustion heat sources?

A. Heat sources that are above the burning level have many unhealthy side effects. One of these is that it creates dry, irritating indoor air. It also burns a great deal of oxygen in the air. If you remember, when you sit in front of a fireplace or a portable heater or close to a heat source, you will remember yawning. This is because you are not getting enough oxygen.

This dry irritating heat and lack of oxygen dries out sinuses and mucus in the throat, and makes people susceptible to illness. The lack of oxygen causes fatigue.

Also, many combustible heat sources produce carbon monoxide, static cling, and some produce radiation.

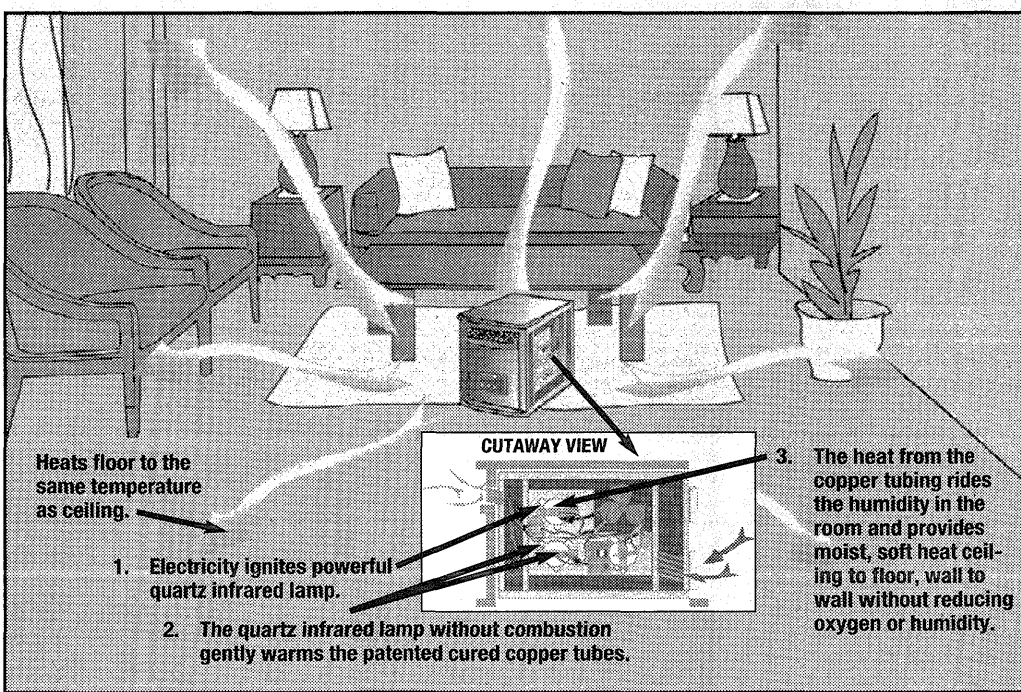
Q. So you're saying that children or pets can come up to this unit and touch it and not be harmed?

A. That is absolutely correct. As a matter of fact, pets are actually drawn to this heat because it is a natural source of heat, just like the sun heats the earth. Animals are much more instinctive than humans. This heat not only heats the air, but it also heats the objects in the room. It is a perfectly balanced heat.

Q. How can a person cut their heating bill with the EdenPURE®?

A. The EdenPURE®

How it works:



Testimonials from a few of the millions of satisfied EdenPURE® customers

The EdenPURE® has cut my gas bill to a third of what it was last year. *Leslie Wilson, Vancouver, WA*

I recently had an addition that was over 800 square feet added to my home. When it was completed we had to consider a heat source. We investigated everything from upgrading our current furnace, and duct work, to a vent less fireplace. Then I heard about the EdenPURE®. I must admit I was a bit skeptical, however I decided to place one in the room and give it a test. I can't tell you how pleasantly surprised I was. The EdenPURE® heater is our exclusive heat source and is comfortably heating our room at a cost of under \$15.00 per month. It is certainly refreshing to find a product that surpasses its performance claims. *D. Capps, Vancouver, WA*

With our EdenPURE® heater our gas bill dropped so much that the gas company called us and said our gas meter must be broken and they wanted to replace it. *John and Sandy Hopkins, Elyria, OH*

The EdenPURE® #1000 has saved 40% on our heating bill! My 18 month old daughter sits on it, that's how safe it is. The heater is also very mobile. *Steve G., Binghamton, N.Y.*

The EdenPURE® really puts out the heat like a little solar furnace. It's below freezing outside and cozy warm in the rather over large living room area where I'm using it. I have already noticed a 40 to 60% drop in the cost of my heating bills. *George B., Triangle, N.Y.*

I turned my thermostat down to 60. I have 2 dogs and 3 cats and all 5 laid down in front of it and were fast asleep. My chair is 1 foot away and it is like being in front of a fireplace. *Carl Cormier, Jerome, ID*

will heat a room in minutes. Therefore, you can turn the heat down in your house to as low as 50 degrees, but the room you are occupying, which has the EdenPURE®, will be warm and comfortable. The EdenPURE® is portable. When you move to another room, it will quickly heat that room also. This can drastically cut heating bills, in some instances, the savings can be substantial. The infrared quartz-cured copper heating technology also produces heat for less cost than convention-

al services. The EdenPURE® heater is now greatly improved. With no increase in price, the new EdenPURE® has been updated with the latest technology, safety, and comfort features to provide you with even greater comfort, more savings, and years of reliability. The EdenPURE® comes with a comprehensive three year warranty along with a 60-day no questions asked satisfaction guarantee – we pay the return shipping. This product has been listed by Underwriters

Laboratories. **End of interview.** The EdenPURE® GEN3 comes in 2 models. The GEN3 Model 500 which heats a room up to 300 square feet and the GEN3 Model 1000 which heats a room up to 1,000 square feet. The EdenPURE® will pay for itself in weeks. It will keep a great deal of extra money in a users pocket. Because of today's spiraling gas, oil, propane, and other energy costs, the EdenPURE® will provide even greater savings as the time goes by.

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The price of the EdenPURE® GEN3 Model 500 is \$372 plus \$17 shipping for a total of \$389 delivered. The GEN3 Model 1000 is \$472 plus \$27 shipping and handling for a total of \$499 delivered. People reading this publication get a \$75 discount plus free shipping and handling with this coupon and pay only \$297 delivered for the GEN3 Model 500 and \$397 delivered for the GEN3 Model 1000 if you order within 10 days. The EdenPURE® GEN3 comes in the decorator color of black with burl wood accent which goes with any decor. There is a strict limit of 3 units at the discount price - no exceptions please.

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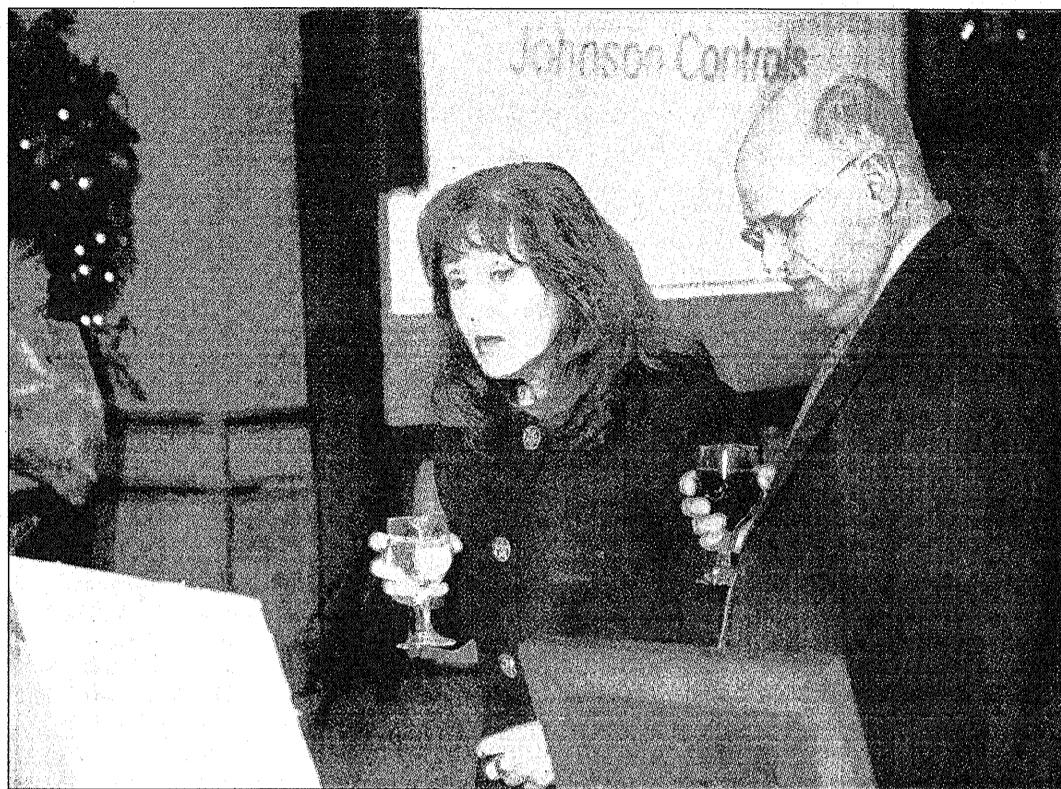
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Beth Marshall and Dwight Cloutier check out items available at Friday's annual Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Gala Auction.

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Rock theme rolls in the cash during chamber fund-raiser

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Visitors rocked the house, and the cash box, on Friday during the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's annual auction and dinner.

Nearly 400 people attended the chamber's largest fund-raiser of the year, held at Laurel Manor in Livonia, and net proceeds will come to at least \$30,000, estimated Wes Graff, the chamber's executive director.

"We were very pleased. People were very generous with us," Graff said. As money is still being totaled up and bills are still being paid, the exact net take won't be known for weeks, Graff said.

The event, the chamber's 20th annual auction, had a rock 'n' roll theme, a takeoff on the chamber's Plymouth Rocks! marketing campaign. And several of the items for sale in the live auction reflected that theme.

The live auction alone raised about \$15,000. Items included the chance to be an extra in a made-for-cable movie, "Christmas in Pittsburgh," scheduled to be filmed in Plymouth in December and January (it went for \$1,200); a week at a condominium near Tampa, Fla., (\$1,000); and a rooftop dinner for eight at Compari's in downtown Plymouth (\$900).

Rock 'n' roll items included four tickets to Bruce Springsteen's Friday



Entertainment is provided by Barefoot Productions, of Plymouth. Craig Hane, artistic director of Barefoot is the agent for the crew of celebrity impersonators. Betty Berryman is Janis Joplin, Matt Delisle is Mick Jagger, Sandra Devlin is Madonna, and Tim Majzlik is John Lennon.

concert at the Palace of Auburn Hills (\$550), and the "Ultimate Rock and Roll Collection," a display of three framed and autographed record albums from Bob Seger, Jimmy Buffett and Cat Stevens.

Graff said ticket sales were down very slightly from last year.

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Ian and Barbara Hawkins were among the hundreds who attended Friday's chamber auction at Laurel Manor.

Seniors need to do homework for their Medicare enrollment

It's that time of year when seniors will make a decision about health care benefits. This has nothing to do with the health care reform taking place in Washington. This decision is about Medicare Part D.

Beginning Nov. 15 and ending Dec. 31, seniors who have participated in the Medicare Prescription D Drug Program will have the opportunity to change their drug coverage.

It is important for seniors to do a Medicare Prescription Program review and determine whether they should maintain their existing plan or switch to a new company.

The Medicare Prescription Drug Program has been around for a number of years and is quite popular with seniors. Although the plan has many critics and drawbacks (you can't change coverage whenever you choose), it works.

If you have a Medicare D Prescription Drug Program, it is important you have the proper plan. Health situations change and so do prescriptions you take. Both have an impact on choosing the right prescription program. In addition, premiums change and there may be a policy that better suits your situation and that is more cost-effective. This year, the average premium is approximately \$35 a month. It is anticipated that in 2010 the average premium will be \$39 a month. Therefore, in re-examining your situation, remember



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

that cost is an issue. Whenever people talk about changing insurance coverage, there is obvious concern that there will either be a gap in coverage or, by ensuring there is no gap in coverage, one will end up having double coverage. This is not the case when you switch your prescription drug plan. All the plans have been standardized. They begin Jan. 1 and end Dec. 31. Therefore, if you change your policy during open enrollment, your new plan will become effective Jan. 1, 2010, while the old plan will terminate Dec. 31, 2009.

CHOICES

Another issue when it comes to the prescription drug plan is there is a wide variety of policies available. There is no one plan that fits all. You must look at your individual situation. In that regard, it is important to recognize that husband and wife do not necessarily need to have the same Prescription D Plan. In many cases, it makes sense for the spouses to be under different programs.

In researching your individual need, key elements to consider are the drugs you take, the quantity of drugs and the dosage. These factors will help you determine what policy you should choose.

Another important issue is whether generic drugs are available for your prescription.

I have found that the government's Web site, www.medicare.gov, is an excellent place to do research. It has a wealth of information with regards to the prescription drug plan and allows a comparison of different Medicare plans. The Prescription Drug Plan finder on the Medicare site is an excellent tool in doing your research with regards to the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. I know this may be surprising to hear, but the Medicare site is easy to use and to navigate.

For those seniors who aren't comfortable using the internet, contact Medicare at (800) MEDICARE (800-633-4227).

One mistake that many seniors make is they assume that since they're happy with their Prescription D coverage, there is no reason to make a change. Unfortunately, that is not the case. Policies change, health situations change and, in fact, everything over time changes.

Don't assume that your present coverage is the best coverage. Take your time, do the research and then make a decision.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneyatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

CHAMBER CHAT

Walk of trees

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will once again sponsor the annual Kellogg Park Walk of Christmas Trees. Bundle up the family and come stroll through Kellogg Park and enjoy one of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce traditions, "The Walk of Trees." Over 50 trees each decorated by a local family, club or business.

The cost to sponsor a tree is \$75. This includes the tree, white lights and a sign representing your company, group or family name. Trees can be decorated Nov. 20-22. Please contact the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce if you are interested in reserving a tree at (734) 453-1540.

Party at the Pub

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 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18. Sean O'Callaghan's is located at 821 Penniman. Parking is avail-



Wes Graff

able in the lot behind the pub off of Harvey. To RSVP, please reply to teri@plymouthmich.org.

There is no charge to attend this O'After Hours!!!

Community/Business News Employee Discount Days

There is a private sale for employees of Plymouth area businesses from Nov. 12-14. There are 31 participating businesses giving discounts between 10 and 40 percent. Discount cards can be picked up at the Chamber office at 850 West Ann Arbor Trail starting Monday, Nov. 9.

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.colonialvetclinic.com

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

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Thursday to set up a reservation and time to pick up food on Nov. 21. The church is collecting food items from members and the community through Nov. 15. Items include instant potatoes, noodles, canned corn, peas, green beans, cranberry sauce, gravy, biscuit mix, jello, and boxed cookie mix. Community members can leave items at any time in the donation box under the canopy at the church's front entrance.

Holiday bazaar

4-8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 13 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14, at Garden City Presbyterian, located on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road in

Garden City. On Friday pick from a large selection of goodies at the cookie walk, visit the can't-pass-it-by-bake sale, and a fairyland of wreaths, angels, bows, lights and much more. The boutique will charm with many handmade items and distinctive gifts of all kinds. All-you-can-eat turkey dinner will be served 5-7 p.m.; adults \$7, children 4-12, \$4, children under 4 free. Saturday promises the same great experiences. Lunch will be available. (734) 421-7620

Holiday shop

9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Shoppers can choose gifts from a variety of artists and vendors. The day is designed as a family event with games for children and food for purchase. There will be raffles throughout the day and a grand prize drawing at the end

of the day. \$2 admission. Proceeds benefit The Haven, Oakland County's domestic abuse shelter. For more information call Melissa Bunker at (313) 886-9074.

Mass for widowed

Widowed Friends invites widowed men and women to celebrate Mass together and stay for refreshments and fellowship on Sunday, Nov. 15, at St. Thomas a Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, just south of Cherry Hill, in Canton. Check in by 2:15 p.m.; Mass at 2:30 p.m. Meet new friends in a safe, friendly setting. Call Pat at (734) 459-5508 or Justine at (734) 455-6939 with any questions.

Praying moms

Moms In Touch International hosts a free event for praying moms, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 14, at Community Bible Church, 7372 Grand River, Brighton. Registration and light refreshments start at 8:15 a.m. Register at www.MomsInTouch.org.

Contact Nancy Lantz at (810) 227-2255 or nancy@communitybible.net for more information.

St. Andrews Day

Worship service is at 10 a.m., with dinner and bagpipe entertainment after in the church hall, Sunday, Nov. 15, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile. Pre-sale ticket prices for the dinner are \$10 for adults, and \$5 for ages 4-11. At the door price is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. No charge for children, 3 and under. Call (313) 534-7730 for reservations.

Woman's conference

8:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14, at St. Genevieve, 95015 Jamison, Livonia; doors open 7:15 a.m. Admission is \$35. Guest speakers include Mary Haly, associate professor for Sacred Heart Seminary; Socorro Truichan, secretary for Bishop Daniel Flores of the Archdiocese of Detroit; and Paloma Cabetas, director for Focolare Community, (313) 237-5806

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Chili cook-off

11 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 21, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills. This is a fund-raiser to support the church's "Rebuilding Together Oakland County" effort, assist church youth in attending their statewide retreat and defray material costs for Lutheran World Relief Quilts. Participants may choose from a variety of chili dishes, take home items from the bake sale and bid on items in the silent auction. The silent auction will run through 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 22. \$5.00 per adult, \$1.50 age 10 and under. Price includes chili, salad and beverage. (248) 474-0584

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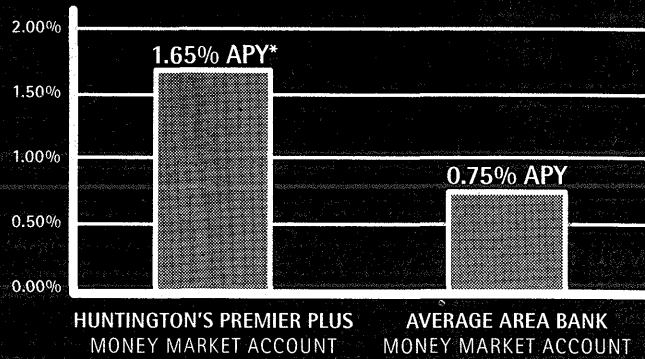
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FILTER

Livonia couple makes directing debut in 'black box' production

BY SHARON DARGAY
OGE STAFF WRITER

When Rick Holland heard that Spotlight Players in Canton needed a director for its first ever "black box" production, he jumped at the chance — and then recruited his significant other, Lisa Brawley, to join him.

The Livonia couple is co-directing the upcoming Players' production of *Crimes of the Heart*, Beth Henley's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama about three sisters in 1974 Mississippi.

"We come as a pair. It gives us something to do as a couple," Holland said, explaining that they have always auditioned and appeared on stage together.

Brawley, a family physician, has been involved in acting for 12 years. Holland is retired from self-employment and started acting in community theatre with Brawley after helping her rehearse a few years ago.

"I was running lines with her and I said, 'I can do this.' Oddly enough, all the plays we've been in together, we only had one with dialogue together. We played a married couple," he said.

They've been involved with Spotlight Players since 2006. *Crimes of the Heart* is their first directing experience.

"I'd never heard of the play before. Lisa was familiar with



Lisa Brawley and Richard Holland are directing "Crimes of the Heart" for the Spotlight Players.

it. The idea of doing it with a small cast in a black box certainly was an attraction," Holland said. "With the black box concept you can't rely on elaborate stage and setting to catch the theatre goers' attention. It seemed like such an opportunity to take a small cast and bring out their best."

The play will be set in the 80-seat Biltmore room at the theater. Black box theaters use minimal set. The *Crimes* production will include a "thrust" stage, which allows the audience to sit close to the action on three sides of the performance space.



Jan Larente (left) of Westland is Meg, Betty Berryman of Canton is Lenny and Courtney Bostick of Ypsilanti plays Babe in the Spotlight Players production of "Crimes of the Heart."

CHALLENGES

"You have to maintain a lot of movement so that no one is consistently blocked," Holland explained the challenge of working with a thrust stage. "We're trying to insure that the actors can maintain focus when they are so close to the audience."

The smaller venue also challenged the sound effects designers to make footsteps, phone ringers and coffee percolating sound natural. They opted to produce the sounds on or near stage rather than piping the effects over a sound system.

CRIMES OF THE HEART

When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 13-14 and 20-21; and 2 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 14-15 and 21-22

Where: The Biltmore Studio at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

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Details: Beth Henley's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama about three sisters in Mississippi in 1974 who have become estranged from each other and from themselves. As they face a family crisis and reunite as sisters they find renewed inner strength.

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"In such a small area it sounded like it was coming over a speaker. We had to have the sound of coming through a door or a phone ringing on stage," Holland explained.

CLOSE UP

Audience members who enjoy watching actors on television or movie theater screens likely will appreciate the intimate feel of black box theater. Holland said they'll be able to see facial expressions that normally would be difficult to discern in a larger setting.

"When the sister who contemplates killing herself, falls

to her knees with an expression of agony on her face, the front row will see it."

Holland said the play, which includes mature subject matter, such as suicide, attempted homicide and pedophilia, also offers instances of dark humor. The mix will take audience members through "a roller coaster of emotions."

But in the end, Holland hopes viewers will leave feeling uplifted. "At the end of the play, everyone will feel good about themselves and about the outcome and how the sisters resolved it."

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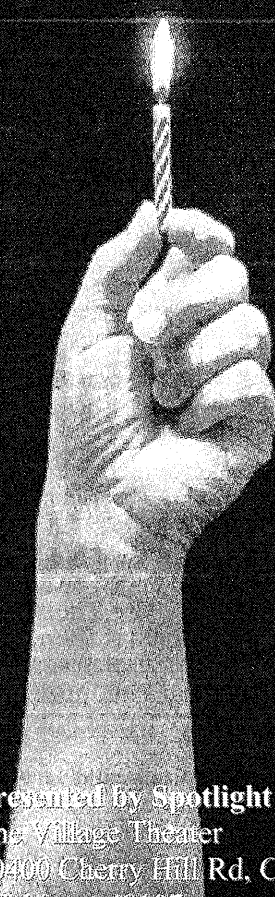
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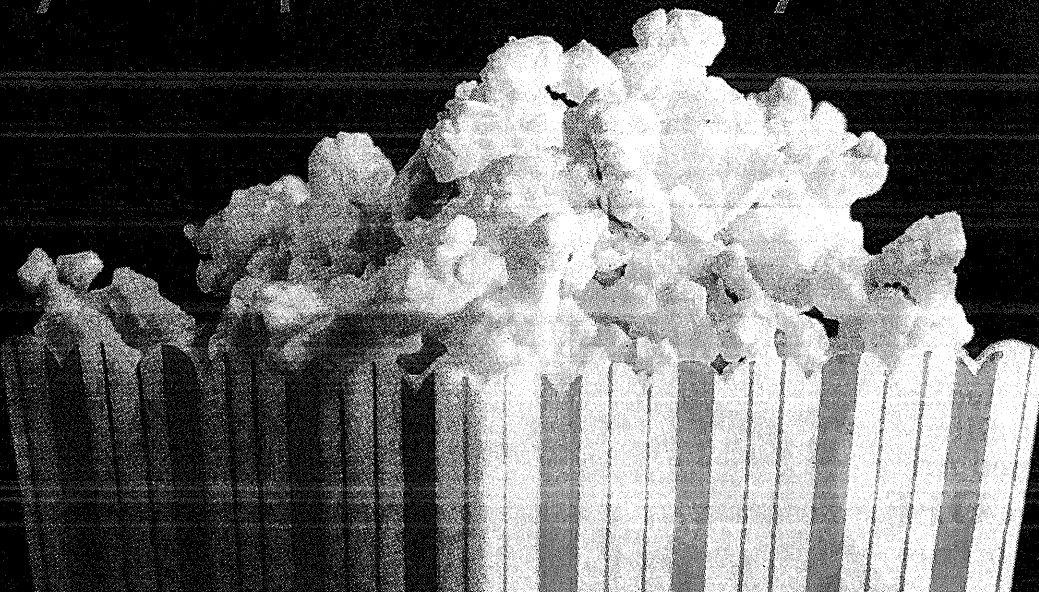
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The 2010 Movies at the Marquis Series schedule includes:

Date	Movie	Date	Movie	Date	Movie
Nov 21	White Christmas (1954)* (COMPLIMENTARY) <i>Sponsored by Stampeddler, 145 N. Center</i>	Feb 6	The Philadelphia Story (1940)	March 6	Charade (1963)
Jan 16	North by Northwest (1959)	Feb 13	Roman Holiday (1953) <i>Sponsored by Riffle's Homestyle Restaurant, 160 E. Main</i>	March 13	Paris When It Sizzles (1964) <i>Sponsored by Sizzling Sticks, 144 Mary Alexander Ct</i>
Jan 23	My Fair Lady (1964)	Feb 20	Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (1939)	March 20	Vertigo (1958)
Jan 30	The Thomas Crown Affair (1968)	Feb 27	That Touch of Mink (1962)	March 27	Easter Parade (1948)

* White Christmas is the only complimentary movie in the series. Ticket vouchers are now available at Stampeddler and are required for admission. Admission for the remaining movies (January-March 2010) is \$3/ticket. Tickets will be available two weeks prior to each show exclusively at the ticket sponsor location. Ticket sponsor updates will be available on the DDA website as sponsorships are secured.

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Meriwether's and other Muer's restaurants, such as Charley's Crab in Troy, Big Fish in Madison Heights, and Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor all offer a Thanksgiving turkey entree and sides. Meriwether's, at 25485 Telegraph, Southfield, offers the traditional dinner — with roasted turkey, acorn squash, cranberry sauce, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes and pie — for \$20.99 for adults and \$9.99 for children under 12. Serving time is 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Reservations aren't necessary but are highly recommended at (248) 358-1310.

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One Under, 35780 Five Mile Road, Livonia (just east of Levan) offers three seatings (11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.) for its Thanksgiving buffet feast. Assorted salads and sides along with turkey and ham carving stations along with cornbread stuffing, gnocchi, sliced pork tenderloin and more are on the menu. Cost is \$17.99 for adults, \$7.99 for children and \$13.99 for senior citizens (tax and gratuity not included). Space is limited. For reservations, call (734) 464-5555. Kids ages 6 and under eat free.

RAM'S HORN (FARMINGTON)

Serving turkey dinner from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$10.99 plus tax for roasted turkey with soup, salad, vegetable, potato or yams, roll and butter and pumpkin pie. No senior discount applies. The restaurant is at 32435 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Call (248) 471-5511.

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Lions game. Adults, \$22.95, seniors, \$18.95, children (5-12), \$12.05 and kids, 4 and under, free. Call (248) 348.5600 ext. 200 for reservations.

THOMAS' FAMILY DINING

Thomas' Family Dining, at 33971 Plymouth Road (between Farmington and Stark roads) will serve a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings (including dessert) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$11.99 per person for the homemade holiday fixings. Call (734) 525-5610 for more information.

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