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Social safety

A member of the Wayne County Sheriff's Child Internet Safety Unit will be at the Plymouth District Library on Saturday, April 24 at 10:30 a.m.

The program will answer questions about MySpace, Facebook, Twitter, Flickr and more. The program is for adults only.

Register for this free program by contacting the library at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or by going to plymouthlibrary.org

Barefoot show

Barefoot Productions, Plymouth's only "theatre for the community" and a nonprofit, volunteer-driven arts organization, hosts its first-ever Variety Show Extravaganza fund-raiser highlighting local talent through acting, singing, dancing, comedic sketches, improv, acoustical music and more.

The event takes place 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Barefoot Productions, 240 N. Main (the old Walker-Buzenberg furniture building) in Plymouth. Admission is \$20 and includes a full evening of entertainment and patrons' choice of beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks. The event will also feature two raffles, including a 50/50 raffle and chances to win a Barefoot Productions' 2010/2011 season pass and gift certificates.

Barefoot's goal is to raise \$10,000 prior to the June 30 grant deadline. Tickets can be purchased online at www.justgobarefoot.com or at the door. For more information, call (734) 582-9688.

Spring cleaning

Cleaning out the garage, basement workshop or backyard shed? You might want to add the Plymouth area's household hazardous waste collection day to your to-do list.

The event, free to Plymouth and Plymouth Township residents, is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot at Compuware Arena, 14900 Beck Road. A driver's license is required as proof of residency.

The collection gives residents the chance to safely dispose of unneeded paint, automotive fluids, cleaning materials, batteries, old computer components (which often contain lead and other harmful materials), fertilizers, pesticides drain openers, fluorescent light bulbs, medications and other waste that could pose a threat to health or the environment.

For more information, call Plymouth Township at (734) 354-3270 Ext. 4, or the city of Plymouth at (734) 453-7737.

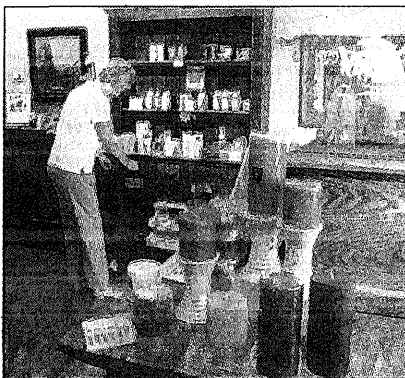


Vickie Johns-Bird is reflected in a mirror marked 25 percent off at Gabriela's, the downtown Plymouth collectibles store soon to close after nearly 30 years in business.

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'Great run' ends as Gabriela's closes

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Gabriala's employee Cheryl Gumbis arranges Camille Beckman home and body therapy products. Owner Larry Bird told employees last week he'd be closing the store soon after nearly 30 years in business.

A fixture in downtown Plymouth for almost three full decades is closing its doors, the victim, its owner says, of the recession, changing tastes and retail trends that favor big-box stores.

Gabriala's, a gift, home decor and collectibles shop on Main Street, is going out of business in late May or early June after 27 years in Plymouth. Owner Larry Bird said he tried to keep the store going in a fierce market by downsizing in recent months, then made the decision to close about two weeks ago.

"We were going to try to make a go of it with half the size, but the sales just haven't been sustained," he said.

Bird, who also works as a marketing consultant, made the announcement to his 10 employees last week. He sounded upbeat as he looked back on boom times at his store and his years of civic involvement.

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City sees savings in 'green' system at Cultural Center

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

City officials hope to see more green in the budget with the adoption of green technology for the Plymouth Cultural Center's huge energy needs.

The City Commission on Monday approved a \$1 million contract for the installation of a geothermal energy system that will heat the building, cool the ice and provide for other energy needs at the Cultural Center. They believe the technology could also benefit nearby facilities such as the pool at Central Middle School, which is heated by a decades-old boiler.

Thermo Source of Sylvan Lake, an energy consulting firm, is promising utility savings of nearly \$100,000 a year with the Ice Cube system, said Recreation Director Steve Anderson. Utility bills at the Cultural Center can run to nearly \$250,000 a year, officials said, and the city in recent years has closed the ice arena for about two months out of each year in order to save money.

Anderson and City Manager Paul Sincok last winter visited Goderich, Ontario, to inspect a similar system at a recreation center there, and came back impressed. The Goderich recreation center cools its hockey arena ice, heats its building and its pool, provides hot water for showers and more with the system, they said.

"We've seen it in action, and it's pretty amazing," Anderson told city commissioners at their meeting Monday.

The Plymouth project is set to begin soon and be completed by July. It will be started with money on hand while commissioners consider funding options, Sincok said; a proposal to sell bonds to help pay for the project is to appear on the agenda at the next commission meeting.

The Cultural Center system will involve a series of 30 or more wells, between 450 and 600 feet deep, that will be used to draw heat energy from underground as well as to diffuse excess heat when needed. It will also rely on six heat exchangers that will capture the "waste" energy from cooling the hockey rink ice and harness it for other uses, such as heating and cooling the building and providing hot water for the locker rooms and the Zamboni ice-grooming machine. Currently, heat taken from the ice is sent into the atmosphere.

Anderson said the \$100,000-a-year utility savings estimate doesn't include lower maintenance costs and incentives offered by DTE Energy to facilities that significantly reduce electricity consumption, which should be a byproduct of switching to a geothermal system for heating and cooling.

Anderson said the system will be the first of its kind for a recreation center in Michigan. Such systems are in use in Canada as well as Minnesota and Massachusetts, he said.

The proposed well-drilling area is directly south of the Cultural Center, which is on Farmer. Anderson said the system will have built-in redundancy in case any of the wells fail.

The commission's vote for the project was 6-0; Commissioner Michael Wright was absent.

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Downtown streets go 'green' for fair

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Color downtown Plymouth green on the weekend beginning Friday, April 30.

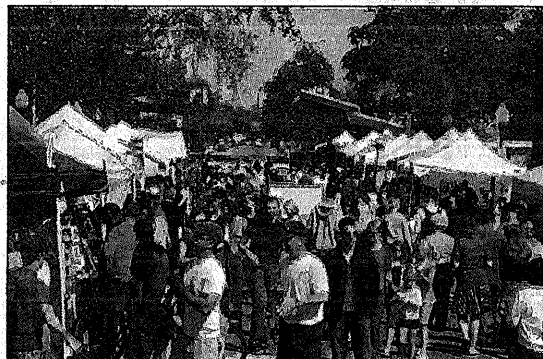
That's when the Green Street Fair visits the city for the third year in a row, emphasizing everything from more sustainable (and healthful) eating habits to saving energy to recycling to creating art out of what would normally be thrown out with the trash.

With refreshments, plus 10 live bands performing at the intersection of Union Street and Ann Arbor Trail over the course of the weekend, there's a bit of fun, too.

Organizer Raychel Rork said the Green Street Fair has grabbed hold in Plymouth since it was introduced in 2008.

"A lot of people have taken to it and believe in it strongly," Rork said. The three-day event relies on about 60 volunteers, she said.

Participants — some 180 have signed up so far — include companies, nonprofits, artisans and educators, offering products, services and practical tips for going easier on the environment.



The Green Street Fair returns to Plymouth April 30-May 2.

There will be hands-on art projects, a recycling workshop, organic cooking demonstrations and a Schoolcraft College seminar on "green" careers.

Ten bands will be taking the stage at Union and Ann Arbor Trail, highlighted by a performance by The Verve Pipe at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 1.

"We have a great lineup of really cool music," Rork said.

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"Around Plymouth" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

Financial seminar

Community Financial Credit Union hosts "Learn 2B a Millionaire Seminar" 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the credit union's Plymouth office, 500 S. Harvey, in downtown Plymouth.

Participants in the seminar, geared toward teenagers and conducted in conjunction with National Credit Union Week (April 18-24), can expect to gain skills to last a lifetime. Officials expect it to be an informative and fun seminar on managing and investing your money. Everyone will have a chance to win prizes while learning to save for a better future. Activities will include: developing a budget, creating your own mutual fund, assessing stock values over time and defining today's millionaires. There is no cost for the event. Please RSVP to (734) 582-8702 by April 20.

Scrapbook event

The Salvation Army of Plymouth and Creative Memories consultant Cassie Hull are teaming up to host a National Scrapbook Day event, an all-day crop to help raise funds for the Salvation Army's Summer Day Camp program.

Scrapbookers ages 10 and up are welcome to join in on Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. A full 12 hours of scrapbooking costs \$35, and includes all your meals for the day, or you can choose a six-hour option for \$20. Kids ages 10 to 14 must attend with a parent, and get \$10 off their registration fee if they share a table. The deadline to sign up is April 16. For more information please contact Cassie Hull at (734) 612-9000 or e-mail cassiekh@gmail.com.

Grief seminar

Harry J. Will Funeral Home sponsors a one-day grief seminar, "From Grief to New Hope," Saturday, May 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The workshop will be conducted by John O'Shaughnessy, who is on the staff and board of directors at New Hope Center for Grief Support. O'Shaughnessy is a

published author and speaker in the area of grief.

All adults who are learning to cope after the death of a loved one are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the seminar which is open to the public and refreshments will be served. Harry J. Will Funeral Home is located at 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

For registration information call New Hope Center for Grief Support at 248-348-0115 or view our Web site www.newhopecenter.net

Mom prom

The Mom Prom hits Canton 8-11 p.m. Friday, April 23, at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

The Mom Prom is a ladies' night out for charity in which women wear their old prom dresses, bridesmaid's gowns, or wedding gowns (the husbands have to stay home with the kids!). Tickets are \$20 and raffle tickets are \$1 each. The event features a DJ, a Tackiest Dress Contest, a game to crown the new queen, a raffle, and a "Best Accessory" Contest. (If you view the Web site, www.themomprom.org, you will see Brad Pitt, who won The Best Accessory.)

Every year, the Mom's Group from St. Thomas a'Becket vote on a charity. In years past, the group has raised money for breast cancer, St. Vincent de Paul, First Step, and the Wayne County Family Shelter. This year, they're keeping it closer to home and raising money for two parish families in need.

One family has a child with muscular dystrophy and he is now completely confined to a wheelchair. The other family has a son that suffered a spinal chord injury over the summer and he is now a quadriplegic.

The group hopes to spread the idea to other women's groups around the community and hope they hold their own proms next year. The group is also striving for a National Mom Prom Night, a night where women across the country dress up, have a wonderful night of fun, and raise money for a charity that is close to their hearts. View the Web site for more information at www.themomprom.org

Band meetings

The award-winning Plymouth-Canton Marching



A look back at Hudson's

Author Michael Hauser will be at the Plymouth District Library on Thursday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. to share his book, 'Hudson's: Detroit's Legendary Department Store.' Hauser will bring video, anecdotes, artifacts, photographs and memories of Detroit's favorite department store. Attendees are encouraged to bring their favorite Hudson's memories, too. Sponsored by the Friends of the Plymouth District Library, this free program does require attendees to sign up. Contact the library at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or go to plymouthlibrary.org.

Band hosts a series of informational meetings for students and parents who are interested in joining the 2010 Marching Band program.

Meetings are scheduled for Thursday, April 22, and Wednesday, May 19, at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth High School band room, 8400 Beck in Canton.

The meeting is designed for existing eighth-graders, but is open to any high school student. Interested students will spend time with the existing marchers, while parents listen to a presentation by band directors, David Armbruster and Sheldon Frazier and the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters on how existing 8th graders can become a member of the award-winning marching band for the 2010 summer/fall season. Future musicians and color guard members are welcome.

For more information, contact Sheldon Frazier, associate director of bands, at (734) 582-5665 or Sheldon.Frazier@pcpsmail.net

take place rain or shine.

Cost is \$25 for people 16 and over and \$10 for children 10-15. Children under 10 are free. Each entrant can collect donations from sponsors and run for free. See Web site for details; add \$5 for registration after May 20.

For more information, call (248) 348-0115.

Memorial Day concert

The BeckRidge Chorale presents "Because of the Brave - a Memorial Day Concert," May 31 at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill in Canton.

The Chorale has always had a special affinity for patriotic music and this concert will be one you will never forget. Ticket proceeds, after expenses, will be divided evenly between the Memorial Day Committees in Canton, Plymouth and Northville. Tickets are available at www.beckridgechorale.org or at the door.

Tiger tickets

The Plymouth Historical Museum is selling tickets to the Detroit Tigers vs. Chicago White Sox baseball game at Comerica Park on Monday, May 17.

The tickets are in the upper deck. A luxury coach will pick up fans at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth, at 5 p.m., with a 5:15 p.m. departure for the ballpark. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. The coach will leave for Plymouth shortly after the game ends.

The \$44 ticket price includes one upper deck seat and a round-trip luxury coach ride to the ballpark and back from the museum. The tickets are selling quickly. The Museum's hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. There may be someone in the administrative office on Mondays, but call (734) 455-8940 before coming to the Museum on that day. Tickets can also be purchased through PayPal from the Web site at http://www.plymouth-history.org/Events.html.

Call for crafters

The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual juried handmade-only Craft Show on Saturday October 15, at West Middle School in Plymouth from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event draws some 1,500 customers and features food and drawings.

For information on how to take part, call or e-mail Judy Stone at JBSTONE 716@

comcast.net or Alice Chrenko, (248) 348-5561 or dachrenko@hotmail.com

Damaris scholars

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will recognize a Plymouth-Canton School district senior who has displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue his/her education in this field with the \$1,000 Damaris Fine Arts Award.

Students' artwork will be judged on its originality, creativity, and use of material. Artwork will be professionally juried.

Applications will be accepted April 27-30, the work will be juried April 30-May 3, and the Damaris Fine Arts Award will be announced May 4.

Applications can be downloaded at: www.storytellerdesign.com/DamarisAward.pdf. Contact Tamara Trudelle at the PCAC, (734) 416-4278 to make an appointment to submit application and portfolio.

Mom 2 Mom Sale

The Salvation Army is hosting its second annual Mom 2 Mom Sale on Saturday, May 22. The sale runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and costs just \$1 for admission.

At this time, the Salvation Army is looking for moms who wish to sell their gently used baby and kids items by renting a table at the sale. The cost is \$20 for an 8 foot table, and \$3 for extra space to bring a rack.

Those interested can print off an application from the Salvation Army's Web site, www.misalplymouth.org, or call Cassie at (734) 453-5464 for more information. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth.

Ice cream social

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts a free "ice cream social" with state Rep. Marc Corrivau Monday, April 26, from 2-3 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth.

Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 to RSVP. All invited to enjoy an ice cream sundae and to listen and voice any concerns or questions you may want to ask.

Prisoner family support

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

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then this support group is for you. Contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or e-mail bonnie@hope4healing.com for more information. This support group is to provide adult family members with support and a place to talk with others that have experienced similar pain. Meetings are free and run 6:30-8:30 p.m., the second Monday of every month at Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland.

Rabbit sponsors

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

The sanctuary, located in Willis, near Ypsilanti, is seeking sponsors for \$15 per month. To view rabbits in need of sponsorship and to sign up, visit www.rabbitsanctuary.org. For more information, call (734) 461-1726.

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That's one of the messages delivered last week to more than 30 women who attended the spring program sponsored by Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle, a pooled fund of the Canton Community Foundation. The fund makes grants related to women and families in the greater Canton and Plymouth area.

Women from Canton, Plymouth and Northville met in the Traditions Clubhouse in Canton to hear Stacy Stover, director of the Transition Center at Schoolcraft College, discuss the programs that mentor and advise women, men and families in the process of changing their lives.

Stover said the Transition Center, formerly the Women's Resource Center, has the staff and resources to assist students and community members with a broad range of concerns. A new program for those in transition is expected to begin in the fall. "College with Confidence: A Program for Adults" will incorporate parts of the former WRC's successful CHIPS (Chocolate Chips to Micro Chips to Blue Chips) program.

The new program will offer participation to a greater number of students, according to Stover. The Transition Center also offers a divorce support group with discussions and presentations by lawyers, therapists, mediators and financial planners.

Other special programs and services available include tuition, books, and child care assistance for single parents, displaced homemakers and nontraditional job seekers who are enrolled in a state-approved occupational program. (See the college's Web site for more a complete programs and services available through the Transition Center).

Although not a crisis center, the Transition Center strives to "connect people to a needed service," said Stover, who holds a master's degree in higher education and counseling. Stover worked at Eastern Michigan University for eight years before coming to Schoolcraft.



Women from Canton, Northville and Plymouth pose with Stacy Stover (center), guest speaker at the group's spring program. The Giving Circle lets area women combine socializing, education and philanthropy.



Martha Snow of Northville, a founding member of Giving Hope, and Terry Goehmann of Mayflower Towing Co. in Canton attended last week's program.



Stacey Stover is director of the Transition Center at Schoolcraft.



Welcoming Stacy Stover of the Transition Center at Schoolcraft College (second from left) are Betty Bloch (left), chair of Giving Hope; Nancy Eggenberger, vice-chair of Giving Hope and Joan Noricks of the Canton Community Foundation.



Teri Stonerook of Plymouth Township coordinated the refreshments for last Wednesday's spring meeting of Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle. Stonerook is a founding member of Giving Hope.

It is all about support, and Stover thanked the Women's Giving Circle for its "pass the purse" donation last year, which helped the college purchase gift cards for those

needing new clothes to help in a job search and/or interview.

Debbie Cortellini, a teacher at Allen Elementary School in Plymouth Township, said "mentorship is invaluable."

"When someone has support they truly feel like they can accomplish anything," said Cortellini, who said she has a student whose grandfather and parents come to all school activities. "This student has so many people encouraging him and supporting him that he can't help but be successful." "One of the most valuable assets your career can have is a good mentor," said another

woman who lives in Plymouth Township.

The Women's Giving Circle combines socializing with philanthropy. Local women pool their money, even small change, to help others.

Proceeds from last week's "pass the purse" collection will benefit the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, an organization that focuses on social, health and wellness programs for seniors.

Giving Hope will hold its annual meeting Wednesday, Oct. 13. Go to www.canton-foundation.org for more on Giving Hope and local philanthropy.

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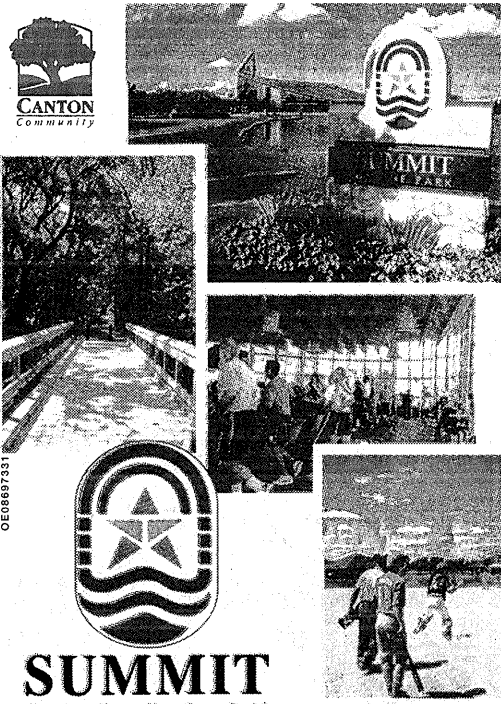
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FAIR

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Special events will include Fort Box, a display in Kellogg Park of a village that students at New Morning School put together from cardboard boxes and other recycled materials; Rethunk: Art, which will offer visitors the chance to make craft projects from cloth scraps; and Little Sprouts, in which children can learn how to make compost using red worms and old AT&T Yellow Pages books.

New this year will be Flip Your Lid, a display of oversized flower decorations made by Bird Elementary students from discarded plastic caps and lids. Children attending the fair can also use caps and lids collected by the students to help create two murals during the fair.

Flip Your Lid, like Fort Box, will also be in Kellogg Park. "It's going to look like Candyland," Rork said.

Rork said fair organizers are trying to reduce the event's impact on the environment by working with

vendors to limit waste and urging recycling and the use of biodegradable materials wherever possible. That takes planning and monitoring, she said, as food waste thrown into a bin full of recyclable water bottles would mean the whole bin would have to be thrown out.

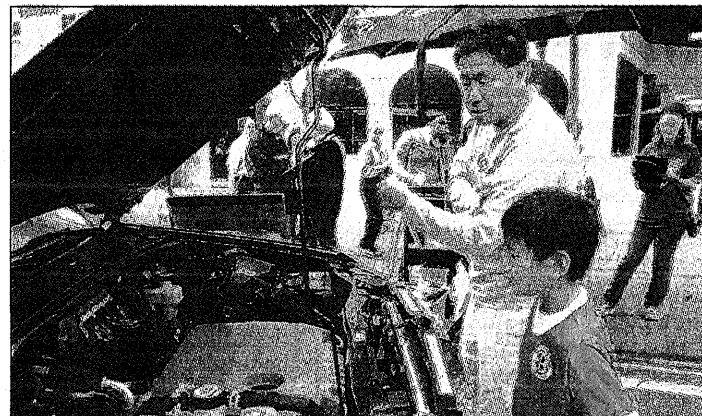
"We're trying to walk the walk as much as we can," Rork said.

Green Street Fair visitors will have to deal with the ongoing downtown streetscape improvement project, which has parts of Main Street and

Ann Arbor Trail closed in the center of town. The project is not due to be completed until mid-May, said Downtown Development Authority director Tony Bruscato.

The hours for the Green Street Fair, centered in an around Kellogg Park, are noon to 7 p.m. Friday, April 30; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 1; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 2. For a longer listing of events and updated information, visit the Web site www.greenstreetfair.com.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Nicholas Koh and dad Suk Koh enjoyed looking at the engine of a Ford Escape Hybrid during last year's Green Street Fair in downtown Plymouth.

GABRIALA'S

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"It was a great run. We accomplished a lot of things, you know?" Bird said. "That run is done."

The store opened on Penniman in 1983 as Country Charm; Bird, then a Farmington Hills police officer, bought it in 1987 with a former business partner. The store moved to Main Street in 1992 and adopted the name Gabriela's in 1996.

"This will be a great loss for Plymouth," said Linda Reeves of Plymouth Township while shopping at Gabriela's on Tuesday.

Reeves described herself as a longtime customer — she's No. 52 on the store's mailing list and would have an even lower number if she had signed up the first time she stopped in, she said.

Reeves on Tuesday was buying candles, bookmarks and pins, but said she has focused on Gabriela's Plymouth-themed items over the years. "Our house is very full of Plymouth decorations," she said.

Bird's wife, Vickie Johns-Bird, said the store's fans have been offering "a lot of good wishes" and a few tears. "It's been a long time," she said.

Nearly everything in the store was discounted by 25 percent on Tuesday, and some fixtures and display cases were for sale.

Margaret Clark of Redford Township said she's shopped at Gabriela's over the years and will probably return before the doors close for good.

"It's a shame it's closing," she said.

Bird, who plans to continue his consulting work, said customer tastes have moved away from some of the collectibles that were once big sellers, such as the Cat's Meow Village miniatures. The recession didn't help either, he said.

"People just don't have that disposable income they once had," Bird said.

Another factor, he said, was that consumers became able to get many of the items he carried — the popular Yankee Candles, for example — at more places, and that big-box stores such as Target, Kohl's and Bed, Bath and Beyond improved their gift departments.

Bird said he's thankful for the opportunity downtown Plymouth offered to build his business skills. Gabriela's once boasted a mailing list of about 90,000 and, at its peak, mailed out 500,000 postcards a year to inform customers of sales events, he said.

Bird was active in the Plymouth A.M. Rotary in its early days, served on the Downtown Development Authority, and was on the design committee when the first downtown streetscape was planned in the 1990s. He's also been chairman of the Downtown Business Association and active with the National Retail Federation.

His store's closing comes as the 16-year-old streetscape is being repaired and upgraded.

"We've gone through a lot in downtown," he said.

Though an exact closing date has not been picked, Bird said Gabriela's will offer deeper discounts as the closing nears. There is reportedly a great deal of interest in leasing the site, he said.

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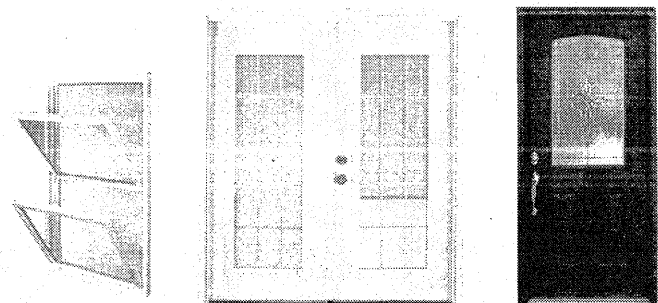
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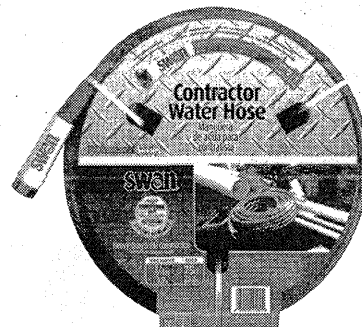
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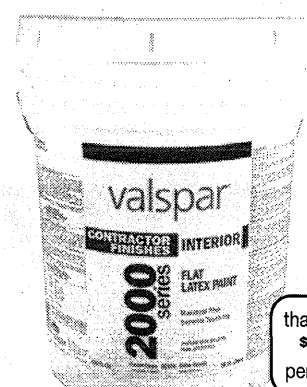
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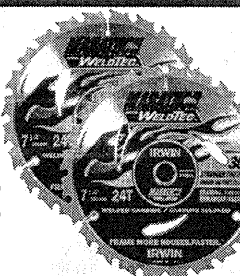
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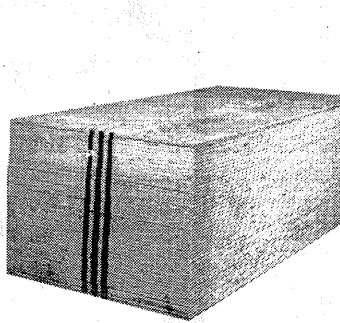
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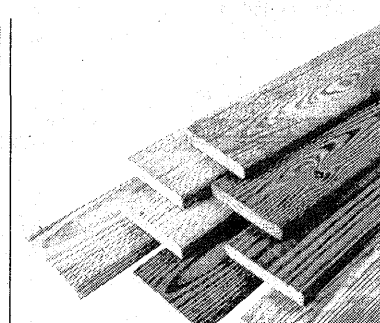
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MESP, other gifts help grads navigate financial waters

Springtime in Michigan signifies that before long high school and college students will be completing their studies and moving on to their next adventure.

It also means that many of us over the next month will be searching for the appropriate graduation gift. Most people will write a check, buy a gift card or something of that nature.

My recommendation, particularly in these difficult economic times, is to consider a gift that will help them understand the world of personal finance or an investment that will pay dividends into the future.

It is unfortunate that when most students graduate from high school or even college, they have very little knowledge of the world with regards to

personal finance. However, in order to secure their future it is more important than ever that they understand personal finance.

In the past when someone graduated from college they didn't have to make as many choices as they do today. Choices such as buying or leasing a car, buying a home or renting an apartment, or whether to invest in a tradi-

tional 401(k) plan or take the Roth option.

College graduates, when they enter the workforce, are going to be bombarded with all sorts of options. They must have a clear understanding as to what they should pursue and what they should ignore. For example, just about every college graduate is going to be approached by a friend who is selling life insurance.

The graduate should have the knowledge to know whether they need life insurance and if so, what type.

High school graduates are no different. They too will face many complex options. They may not have the resources to help them make the proper selection.

Therefore, as we enter the graduation season, a gift that will help them make the right

financial decisions or help pay for some of the cost of an education is something that everyone should consider.

In considering some ideas, especially for someone who is graduating high school and who is looking at pursuing their education, a contribution to the Michigan Education Savings Plan may be appropriate.

The MESP is a great way to put money away for someone's college education. Not only can it be used for tuition and room and board, but also for such things as books. A nice feature of the MESP is it only takes \$25 to start an account. In addition, the money doesn't have to be used just for a Michigan college. It can be used for any public or private institution in the country.

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For parents and grandparents, a contribution to the MESP is a great way of going. However, those who don't want to open a plan for the graduate can consider adding money to an existing plan. The MESP can also be used for other types of post-high school education. Many technical and trade schools also qualify under the MESP.

There is nothing wrong with contributing to an MESP even for a college graduate. Many college graduates can use the MESP for certain continuing education programs. Opening the account is a little different but it still can be beneficial. After all, in today's ever changing world just about everyone will need some sort of continuing education.

Other gifts, particularly for a college graduate that you may wish to consider can be a book about personal finance or a subscription to a magazine such as a *Money*. The bottom line is that whatever you can do to teach the graduate to have a better understanding of money and how it works will be invaluable.

When you take a step back and think about all the financial decisions and their impact upon us, it is tremendous. Unfortunately, graduates come out of high school and college without the necessary knowledge to help them make those decisions. Whatever you can do to help them make the right decision may not be so popular now but will definitely be a gift that will help them well into the future.

Congratulations and good luck to all the graduates, whether high school or college, and their parents, as they enter the next phase of their journey through life.

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NEWS BRIEF

PLAV members

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

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

LIKE NUMBERS? there are a pile of them in today's **SPORTS** section



PUBLIC SAFETY

Police department benefits from first pub, grub crawl

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Before last week's Pub & Grub Tax Relief Crawl, organizers said the main purpose of the event was to get visitors into the downtown Plymouth area before the actual summer festival season begins.

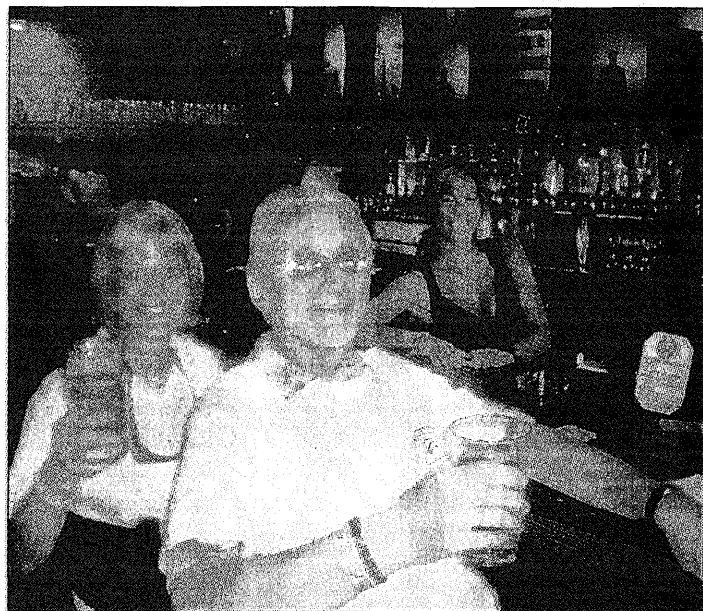
Apparently, it worked. Some 1,000 participants took advantage of the first crawl, raising some \$2,000, which was promptly donated to the Plymouth Police Department.

The five participating businesses - E.G. Nick's, 1999 Tavern, Ironwood Grill, the Penn Bar & Grill and Sean O'Callaghan's - all hosted buffets, drink specials and other niceties to help draw people in.

"It was fantastic," said Tom Ortman, the owner at 1999 Tavern. "We were only expecting about 400 or 500 people. We got a lot of people from outside the Plymouth area. We were worried about all the construction going on, but the noise didn't bother anyone one bit. It went real smooth."

Organizers presented the check to Plymouth Police Lt. Al Cox, the department's acting chief, during a brief ceremony Wednesday at E.G. Nick's. Ortman said the gift was a payback of sorts for all the support the department provides downtown businesses.

Cox said use of the money, which he accepted on behalf of the Police Officers Association, still needs to be determined. Officers could decide to use it, he said, for equipment to start a wellness program they've been contemplating, or for



Ironwood Grill bartender Kristi Johnson provides 'relief' to a couple of patrons during last week's Pub & Grub Tax Relief Crawl. The crawl reportedly drew some 1,000 participants.

other operational equipment.

"We go to city commission meetings, and we know police budgets are getting cut, cut, cut," Ortman said. "They give so much to us ... this was a way for us to give to them."

Cox said the donation caught him by surprise.

"I had no idea it was coming," Cox said. "It was a little humbling."

Cox said the donation shows not all contact between police officers and bar/restaurant owners isn't all negative.

"It seems a lot of times when the police are dealing with bars, it seems negative," Cox said. "That's not always the case. There are plenty of positive contacts we have with them, and this is one of them. We appreciate the fact they thought of us in this way."

Since downtown's annual rush of summer festivities doesn't get started until the end of the month - the Green Street Fair kicks it all off April 30 to May 2 - the Pub & Grub crawl was seen as a way to draw people in.

"We're trying to create this synergy between the different owners and do something that hasn't been done before, so that essentially we're all working together," Dan Johnson, the owner at Ironwood Grill, said before the event. "This is a good way to form that bridge. It creates an extra activity to draw people into the downtown area. We'd like to bring in some new customers who might not know about the area."

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Car burglar nets purse, cash

A purse and its contents, including cash and a driver's license, were reported stolen after the break-in of a car parked at Leo's Coney Island on Ann Arbor Road, near Haggerty, Monday evening.

The victim, a Canton Township woman, told Plymouth Township police she parked at the restaurant at about 5 p.m. and returned to it about 8:30 p.m. to discover the break-in. A driver-side window on the Pontiac Sunfire had been smashed, police said.

The car had been locked and the purse had been hidden, the victim told police.

Locker room theft

A gym bag was reported stolen from the men's locker room at the Computware Arena on Beck Road on Monday.

The bag contained only toiletries and a prescription drug bottle, the victim, a Livonia man, told police.

Van damaged

A minivan appeared to have been deliberately damaged while it was parked in the driveway of a house on

CRIME WATCH

Huntington Drive in Plymouth Township on Saturday or Sunday, a police report said.

A fender on the 1999 Dodge Caravan, and the hood, had been dented, a police report said. The victim, a Livonia woman, told police the car had been parked in the driveway at her brother's house.

- By Matt Jachman

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following emergencies during the period April 14-20:

• Tuesday, April 20 - Residential rescue runs on Haggerty, on Trailwood and on Canton Center; industrial rescue run on Concept; rescue run at a public building on Lilley; commercial rescue run on Plymouth.

• Monday, April 19 - Residential rescue runs on Clemons, on St. Andrews Court, on Danbridge and on Sheridan; special run at Main and Mill; vehicle accident with wash-down on westbound M-14 at Sheldon; commercial rescue runs on Ann Arbor Trail and on Lilley; carbon monoxide detector run on Corinne; vehicle accident on eastbound

M-14 east of Beck.

• Sunday, April 18 - Residential rescue runs on Colony Farm Circle, on Blunk, on Amelia, on Minehart and on Farmer.

• Saturday, April 17 - Residential rescue runs on Lakewood, on Junction, on Plymouth Crossing and on Harvey; commercial fire on Sheldon; rescue run at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty.

• Friday, April 16 - Residential rescue runs on Parkview, on Cottonwood, on Fairground, on Newporte, on Meadow Hill, on Tavistock and on Haggerty; extrication on Millwood; investigation on westbound M-14 at Schoolcraft; rescue run at a public building on Main; vehicle accident at Sheldon and Marc Trail.

• Thursday, April 15 - Vehicle accident at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Trail; residential rescue runs on Sheridan, on Elmhurst, on Pinewood, on North Dr., on Amelia, on Linden and on Brookline; commercial rescue run on Lilley; rescue run at Penniman and Union.

• Wednesday, April 14 - Residential rescue runs on Plymouth, on Auburn and on Ann Arbor Trail.

No serious injuries as car plows into eatery patio

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

No serious injuries were reported Wednesday morning after an elderly woman drove a car into the patio at a popular Italian restaurant in Plymouth.

The accident occurred about 10:30 a.m. at Nico & Vali, on Wing Street near Deer Street. Owner Paul DePalma said the woman, in a compact car, apparently

lost control while turning a corner, and the car crashed into the unoccupied outdoor seating area and then into a corner of the building.

"When I heard it, I was inside at the counter, and it was like a bomb went off," DePalma said. "It was so loud."

DePalma said he rushed out to check on the driver, who seemed to be shaken up but had no apparent injuries. The car's airbags had deployed, he said, and the driver com-

plained of a headache. He tried to calm her.

Paramedics soon arrived to tend to the woman, he said.

DePalma is thankful no one was on the patio at the time. "It could've been a heck of a lot worse," he said.

The patio was damaged, along with the corner of the building, and DePalma contacted his insurance company Wednesday afternoon.

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Author brings anti-bullying message to lunch

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Maria Dismondy is 31 but still remembers being teased in elementary school.

"I was teased for my very big hair," the Novi resident and Plymouth-Canton educator said. She recently met the boy, now grown, who'd teased her in school, and was surprised that he was an attorney with a family.

As a reading specialist at Bentley Elementary School in Canton, Dismondy is concerned about bullying. She wrote "Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun," published in August 2008 by Nelson Publishing and Marketing of Northville.

The fiction title, based on the author's growing up years, tells of young Lucy who is teased. The title comes from Dismondy's mom having sent her to school with spaghetti in a hot dog bun for lunch.

"Bullies are normal kids who don't know how to behave," she said Saturday at a Plymouth-Canton American Association of University Women spring luncheon at Karl's Cabin.

She's spoken about bullying and her book to preschool, elementary, middle school and high school students. Dismondy, who lives in Novi with her husband and 1-year-old daughter, is eager to get the word out.

"That's my mission, really, to get out there and speak with children," she said.

She sees girls as young as first grade who worry about clothing and appearance. Dismondy, who has a second book on the same theme coming out this summer, wants those girls to know they look just fine.

"They're beautiful. They're perfect just the way they are," she said, adding the recent news about a girl in Ireland who killed herself after cyber bullying.

"I didn't want to go to school half the time," Dismondy recalled of her own days being bullied. She works to reach not only victims and bullies but also bystanders who witness bullying.

"It's something to teach kids that it's OK to be different," she said. She described her experiences getting a book published.

She's written in diaries or journals since childhood, and looks to them for ideas. She compared writing a book to gardening. "You put your mind



Jan Blumberg, AAUW branch president, chats with speaker Maria Dismondy, a Novi resident and Plymouth-Canton educator.

to it, it can happen," she said.

She was excited, after many months, to get the call at work that her book would be published. Dismondy worked with illustrator Kimberly Shaw-Peterson, a former Plymouth resident who grew up in Livonia.

"I drive a Jeep, I'm not in a limo today," Dismondy said, noting writing isn't lucrative but a passion. The first printing of "Spaghetti" was for 3,000 with 9,000 now in print.

"It has to be a passion for you. You have to want to get a message out there," said Dismondy, who's working with Bob Sornson, holder of a

Ph.D., on the second book.

AAUW members and guests were glad to welcome Dismondy to their spring luncheon. "One, it's tradition," branch President Jan Blumberg of Canton said of the gathering. "Secondly, I think it's wonderful to celebrate new life and friendships."

Blumberg, principal at Henry Ruff Elementary in the Garden City district, was glad to welcome new members, with Saturday attendance at 32.

"It has been a wonderful experience," Blumberg said of the two-year presidency. "I'm so honored to be a part of this

group."

She's especially proud of AAUW's children's play, which marked its 50th anniversary this year. Blumberg and Mickey Edell of Canton were co-directors for "The Wizard of Oz."

"It's a great experience," Blumberg said. "These women are so talented and so beautiful and so giving."

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AAUW pushes for pay equity

BY JULIE BROWN
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Tuesday, April 20, was national Pay Equity Day, and American Association of University Women members participated in a press conference at the State Capitol in Lansing.

In Michigan, women earn 71.8 cents for each dollar a man earns, said Mickey Edell of Canton, a past AAUW of Michigan president and Plymouth-Canton schools speech and language pathologist.

The day is observed by a coalition to mark the point in the year when women's earnings "catch up" to men's, or how long into the year women must work for comparable earnings.

Edell called on women at Saturday's Plymouth-Canton AAUW spring luncheon to

support passage of the federal Paycheck Fairness Act, as well as state legislation. She was busy preparing some 300 cookies for the press conference. The cookies, with a bite out shape, are given to legislators and the press to highlight pay inequity.

Bills tend to be introduced in the Michigan House and then fizzle out in the Senate, she said. "The fervor begins and then is essentially forgotten."

The pay gap is greater for women of color, she added.

"If we don't make our voices heard then nothing will change," Edell gave information on pay equity bills in the Michigan Legislature, including HB 4854 introduced by state Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton. It would establish a commission on pay equity.

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OUR VIEWS

Let Earth Day inspire changes in your behavior

Today marks the 40th year that people in Plymouth, in Michigan, in the United States and around the world observe Earth Day. What started as a grassroots activity has evolved into a global event, the significance of which is even more important today than the day it was conceived.

We must credit the late Gaylord Nelson, a Democratic senator from Wisconsin, as the principal founder of Earth Day. According to Nelson, the idea evolved over a period of seven years, starting in 1962, when he successfully pitched the idea of a national conservation tour to then-President John F. Kennedy.

The president did a five-day, 11-state conservation tour in September 1963. "For many reasons the tour did not succeed in putting the issue onto the national political agenda. However, it was the germ of the idea that ultimately flowered into Earth Day," Nelson wrote in his article, *How the First Earth Day Came About*.

Forty years later, the environment is very much in the forefront as the global community tries to reach a legally binding agreement on how to reduce greenhouse gasses and slow climate change. According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, if global warming emissions continue to rise unabated, we will see growing costs related to climate change — damages to our coasts, health, energy and water resources and agriculture.

Nelson borrowed a tactic from anti-Vietnam protestors of organizing a huge grassroots protest over what was happening to the environment. In September 1969, he announced that there would be a nationwide grassroots demonstration on behalf of the environment in the spring of 1970 and invited everyone to participate. The response, he recalled, "was electric."

On Sunday, Nov. 30, 1969, *The New York Times* reported that "rising concern about the environmental crisis is sweeping the nation's campuses with an intensity that may be on its way to eclipsing student discontent over the war in Vietnam." According to Nelson, the first Earth Day worked because of the spontaneous response at the grassroots level. The remarkable thing about that Earth Day was "it organized itself."

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These scientists maintain that making the choice to dramatically lower our emissions at least 80 percent from 2005 levels by 2050 will help avoid some of the worst consequences of climate change.

We know climate change is happening, whether it's an early spring, a late fall or a mild winter. What has yet to be agreed to by the scientific community is why. Is it manmade or a fact of nature?

But the point is change is happening and we all need to pitch in to help slow the progression. In the 1960s, we celebrated Neil Armstrong leaving his footprint on the moon. Now we must worry about the footprint we are leaving on earth. Earth Day shouldn't be one day a year, it needs to be every day.

If you aren't doing anything to eliminate your carbon footprint, let Earth Day 2010 be your inspiration. Westland has its Mission: Green, a community-wide effort to reduce the city's carbon footprint. It's a good starting point for change, collectively and individually.

If you're doing something, look and see if there's even more you can do. Every little bit helps, and if scientists are right, we can't put off until tomorrow what we need to do today.

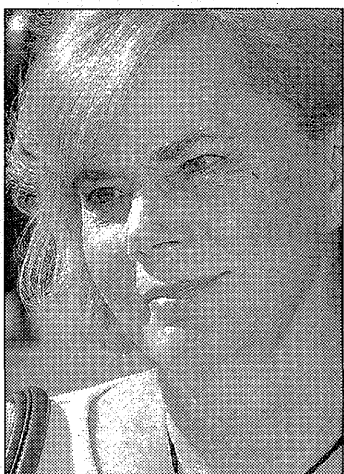
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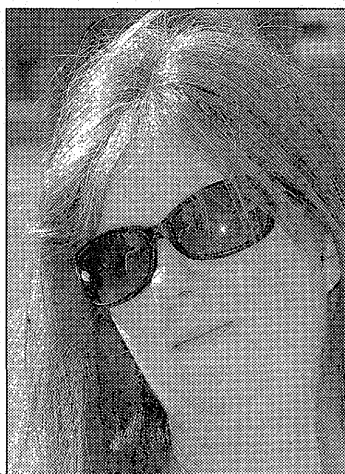
We asked this question outside the U.S. Postal Service station in downtown Plymouth.



"Yes, I have. ... Everybody needs to be counted. We need to be represented in the House and Senate."
Carol Murchison
Northville Township



"Absolutely. Before April 1. ... I understand the importance of it."
K.C. Mueller
Plymouth Township



"Oh, yes, I have. Of course."
Maria Stock
Plymouth



"Oh, yes, I did it right away. ... I actually worked for the Census in 2000."
Vicki Elster
Plymouth Township

LETTERS

Don't support millage

On April 27, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education is expected to approve a resolution supporting the proposed Wayne County 1.9-mill RESA School Enhancement tax.

I urge the board to reconsider and withdraw its support for this plan and ask you to join me in doing so.

I have not studied whether they need and/or deserve the money or still have cuts that could be made; rather, my objection is with the RESA tax concept as a whole. The idea is flawed.

There are two basic problems in play. First, Plymouth-Canton will be a "donor community," meaning that only about 70 cents of every tax dollar will come back to us. The other 30 cents will be routed to "donee" communities — places such as, Detroit, Westland, Lincoln Park and Taylor. That's a good deal for them and a bad deal for us. It's the political equivalent of putting a 30-percent annual load on your retirement account, an absurd proposition when viewed that way.

The more serious problem is that the school board's endorsement flies in the face of democratic government and substantially risks undermining the will of the voters.

Voters in the district voted down school millages in 2006 and again in 2007, due

at least in part to the economy. It is fair to assume there is a reasonable chance this one will fail in Plymouth-Canton, too. But at the same time it will probably pass in the windfall districts with enough votes to pass it countywide. We'd end up with a tax increase anyway, even though the Plymouth-Canton voters said no.

It's a problem because the referendum would not have been on the ballot to begin with if not for the April 27 resolution — effectively resulting in the board acting directly against the wishes of the voters.

Let me just be clear that I argue neither for nor against the need to increase school revenue — this is just not the right way to do it. If the board thinks the time is right for tax increases, they should go about it in another way. This idea is just not baked.

Bob Doroshewitz
Plymouth Township

Correct misinformation

After reading about the recent Tea Party activist's rally in Plymouth that featured Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, 11th District congressman, I have a few questions for Mr. McCotter and his cheering crowd.

Where were Rep. McCotter's concerns for the deficit when he voted for two unfunded wars and an unfunded prescription drug

plan that turned out to be a gift to the insurance companies?

As my congressional rep, I would like to ask Mr. McCotter why he doesn't seem to have the ability to explain to his constituents exactly what the Health Insurance Reform bill really consists of, but instead allows an angry, misinformed group to perpetuate falsehoods and misinformation regarding the bill.

I find it appalling that a representative from my congressional district encourages a group that continually denigrates the race and ethnicity of our president and stands silently by as these angry people continue to repeat false information about the Health Insurance Reform bill.

He makes no effort to correct the deliberate misinformation repeated by these people about death panels and imprisonment for refusing to pay for health insurance. Even Tom Coburn, Republican from Oklahoma, had the honesty and decency to correct his misinformed constituents.

Rep. McCotter works for all the people in his district, not just those that follow his right-wing agenda.

Mary Young
Canton

School budget work must include 'shared sacrifice'

As a resident whose taxes support the Plymouth-Canton school district, I am writing to raise some areas of concern regarding the district's projected 2010-11 budget deficit.

In February 2009, Michigan's unemployment rate was 10.6 percent. The present rate stands at 14.1 percent (February 2010). Michigan's tax-revenue base has been permanently reduced or, at the very least, seriously impaired for years to come. Many more private-sector jobs have been eliminated while many of those who have kept their jobs continue to see reductions in wages and benefits.

We continue to experience one of the most severe recessions in our state's history. The reality is that we have had a substantial reduction in the state's revenue base — fewer employed workers, lower-paid workers, and fewer profitable businesses. Not only does Michigan rank as the third highest in the nation for net migration losses, it also has this dubious distinction: 0.88 percent of the state's nearly 10 million residents left last year, the highest ratio of any state in the nation.

As a retiree, I cannot pay my property taxes out of my pension income (which has been frozen

for 10 years) and, therefore, must pay it from my retirement savings. From a standpoint of "fairness," raising taxes is not the answer to the current budget crisis.

The major cost element in the school's budget is the salary/benefits which total \$137 million or 89 percent of the \$154 million budget. Teachers are government employees paid with tax dollars, and therefore their wages should be inextricably linked to the economic well-being of the state and the wealth of its citizens. We hear claims that there have been sacrifices made by public-sector employees but I would like those claims to be identified and clearly defined.

Michigan teachers are among the highest paid in the nation. The National Education Association compares average teacher's salaries throughout the country. Michigan ranks eighth (unadjusted for cost of living). A standard measure of state wealth is per capita personal income; the Bureau of Economic Analysis ranking of the states' personal per capita income lists Michigan as 37th. The states that ranked higher than Michigan in teacher's salaries also rank highest in per capita income. In essence, we are a "poor state" paying our teachers "rich state" salaries.

In Plymouth-Canton, the average teacher's salary and benefits totaling \$101,000 (approximately \$70,000 salary

and \$31,000 in benefits) for the 180-day school year and contractual maximum of 7.25 hour-7.60 hour days. Salary and benefit costs represent 89 percent of the total school budget and at these budgeted levels would compute to approximately \$75 per contractual hour.

Recently, "Budget Committees" were formed to fashion a strategy for dealing with a potential \$11 million deficit. A decision to raise taxes while not significantly reducing costs does not constitute an equitable solution for private sector employees and retirees. While I place tremendous value on the role that teachers play in our community, I continue to observe limited, short-sighted attempts to reduce costs in our school system. When 89 percent of the budget is salaries and benefits, it is more sensible, effective, and fair to reduce this category of costs.

I would like to comment on one specific area of substantial built-in cost increases which is the automatic "Step" increases given to teachers annually. In Plymouth-Canton, these increases range from 4.7 to 8.7 percent for the first 10 years of a teacher's career (with a bachelor's degree). These increases are not based on their students' performance and are given regardless of the district's financial situation or the conditions of the state's economy.

Last year, Plymouth-Canton granted these automatic

increases that cost our cash-strapped district an additional \$2.3 million. This nonmerit seniority compensation system should be eliminated. Future compensation increases must be based on a merit system which rewards teaching excellence in the classroom, not mediocrity. My own experiences as a parent and mentor have exposed me to both the excellent and conscientious, and the poor and uncaring teacher. It has always amazed me that they all got paid the same.

Since \$137 million in the current budget is attributable to salary and benefits, the district could realize approximately \$1.4 million in savings for each 1-percent reduction in this budget category. My understanding is that the average teacher's salary and benefit costs are projected to increase 3.6 percent in the 2009-10 school year. By rescinding this increase, implementing an additional 3-percent reduction in salary and benefits and eliminating the Step increases (\$2.7 million cost) the budget crisis would be substantially resolved.

Good teachers are a valuable asset. At the same time, I strongly disagree that we have economically shortchanged the education system and believe that most teachers would understand the need for a "shared sacrifice" at this time of economic crisis.

Donald M. Zaksek is a Michigan taxpayer and a resident of Plymouth.

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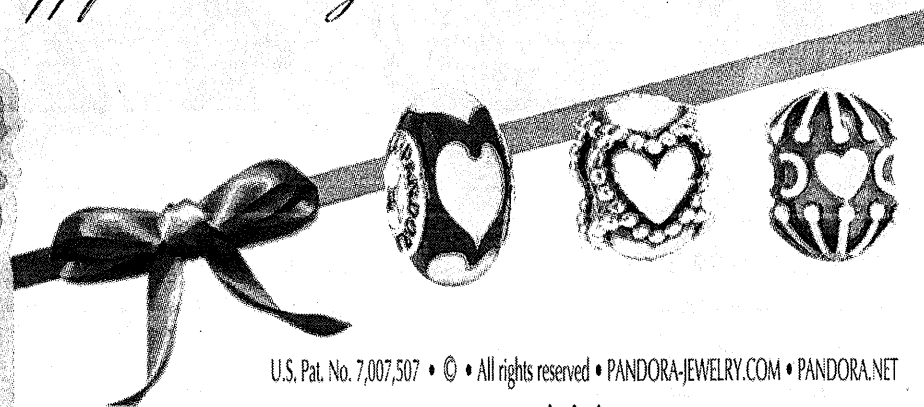
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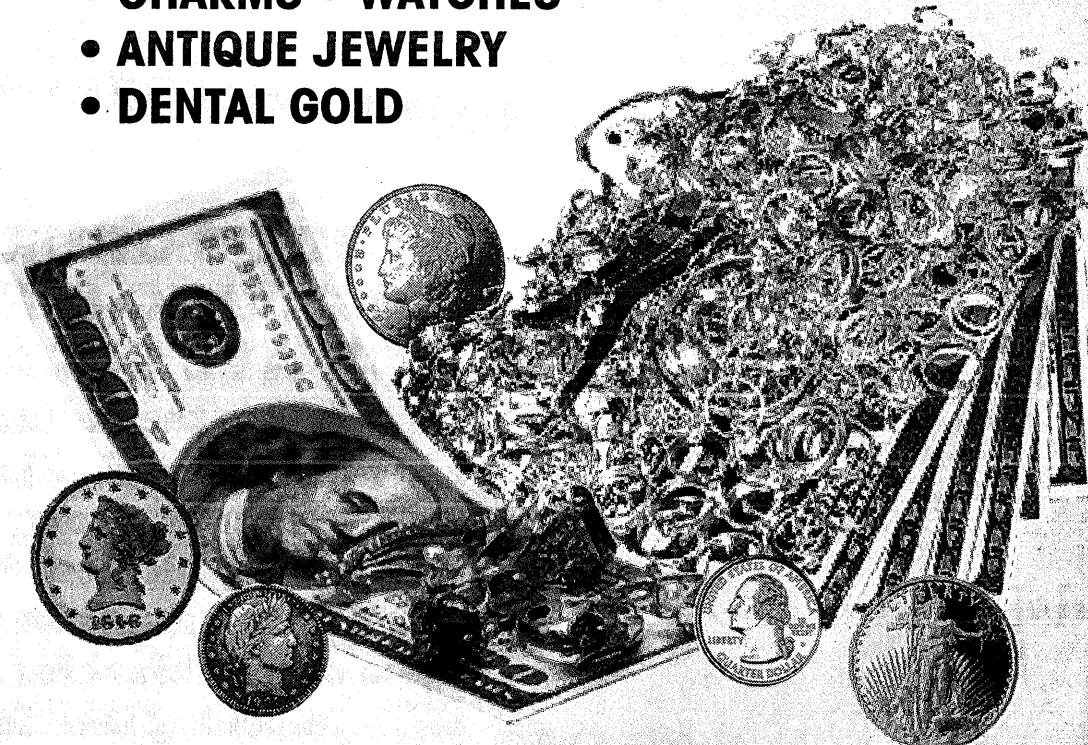
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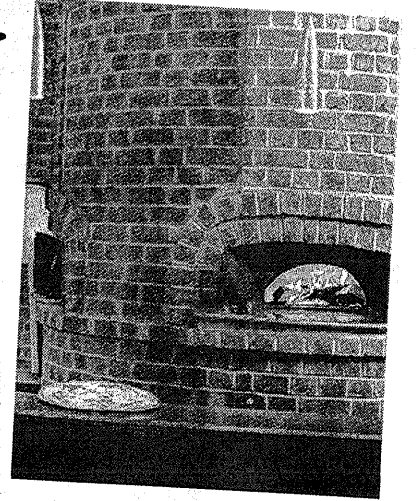
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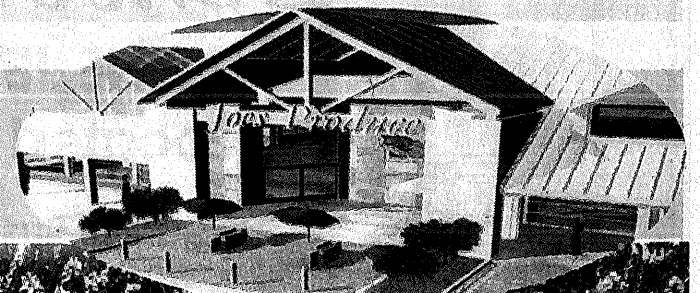
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Musical brothers take a stand against hunger, B6

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HOMETOWN LIFE



No 'mo' Chiefs ripped in tourney follow-up

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Talk about a sweet-and-sour kind of few days for Mark Blomshield and his Canton varsity baseball team.

After the Chiefs went 3-0 Saturday to win the tough Milan Invitational, they came home and took a 9-1 pounding Monday at the hands of Novi. A grand slam in the third by Michael Kruse turned a 1-0 Canton lead into a 4-1 deficit and the Wildcats never looked back.

"Tonight was pretty disappointing but Novi's pretty good," Blomshield said. "They were a lot better team than us tonight. I thought we'd come out and play a lot better than we did."

Mark Main singled home Ben Staley (who had doubled) for Canton's only run. Chris Perkovich smacked two doubles in the losing cause.

The KLAAs loss dropped the Chiefs' record to 8-2 while Novi improved to 7-1.

But on a cold, windy Saturday at Milan, the Canton bats were on fire, outscoring three opponents by a combined score of 35-14 to win the tournament for the first time after falling short in 2008 and 2009.

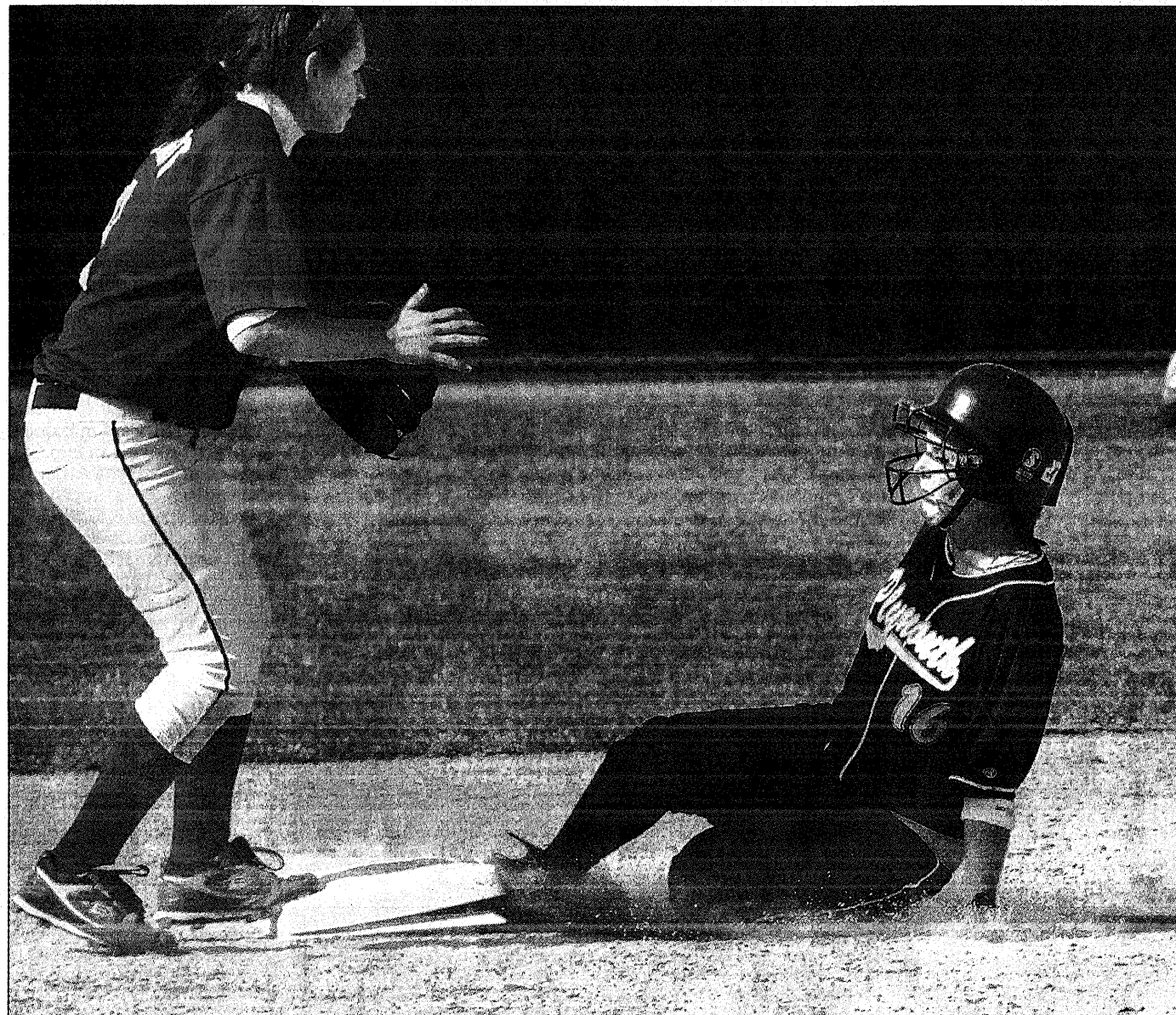
"It was our third year in the tournament and we hadn't won it yet," Blomshield said. "So it was nice for this group of seniors who had been in it a couple times to finally get the W... The weather was cold but we played pretty well."

Canton got past pesky Ann Arbor Pioneer 8-5 in the opener before thrashing Grand Rapids Grandville, 13-3.

In the championship game, homers by Joe Galanty (grand slam), Cody Blakita, Kevin Delapaz and Garrett Bryden sparked a 14-6 victory over Grosse Pointe North. Earning the win with two innings of work was junior pitcher Art Chavez, while Delapaz picked up the save.

"We just went crazy with the bats," Blomshield said.

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Sliding safely into second base Monday is Plymouth senior Stacey Klonowski, who beats the attempted tag by Salem's Heidi Schmidt.

Clutch frosh comes up big for 'Cats

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Throw a freshman into a nailbiting pressure cooker between two campus rivals you say?

For Plymouth ninth-grader Elaine Gerou, it's exactly where she wants to be. On Monday against Salem, Gerou pitched herself out of a tough spot in the top of the ninth and then finished off a 4-3 extra-innings win with a line-drive double to left-center in the bottom half.

"Nothing bothers her or gets in her head," said Plymouth head softball coach Val Canfield. "She just likes to play ball."

According to Gerou, who

pitched 4 2/3 innings in relief of Lauren Smith and earned the victory, she likes to be out there when the spotlight's on.

"I like it (pressure), it helps me do better, I think," Gerou said. "I've had a lot of experience in travel through (PC) Pride and the Livonia Storm."

When Gerou (3-for-4, two RBI) stepped up to the plate with Kayla Rebaun on second base and two outs in a 3-3 game, she focused on hitting the ball hard, to "just make contact and drive (it) through."

Gerou's clutch hit followed a similarly clutch effort on the mound with Salem threatening to take the lead in the first half of the frame.

The Rocks had runners at

second and third with one out but Gerou retired Alexis Powell (2-for-5) and junior pitcher Briana Lee to maintain the deadlock.

Salem actually had a 3-2 lead in the seventh only to allow the Wildcats to score and send the KLAAs crossover to extra innings. Rebaun (3-for-4, two runs) blooped a single to shallow right on a ball that Salem's coach thought should have been caught.

Senior Tessa Heldmeyer followed with a single.

FRUSTRATION

With two outs, Gerou singled to left for the run-scoring safety.

"It's frustrating because we had them and we let them

back in when we made the two mistakes (in the seventh)," said Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland. "Plymouth is too good a team to make mental mistakes like that and let them back in. I thought we played a good game until then."

Plymouth (7-1) went up 1-0 in the second when Marissa Blassic homered to left and the Wildcats picked up another run in the fourth on a wild pitch.

But Salem (4-1) came right back with two runs in the fifth to make it 2-2. Mary Johnson laced a triple over the right fielder's head and scored on a sacrifice fly by Heidi Schmidt (2-for-4).

Please see **SOFTBALL, B3**

Wildcats' hot bats spark Niles Invitational triumph

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Cold weather on Saturday didn't put Plymouth's bats into the deep freeze, as the Wildcats scored 25 runs en route to the Niles Invitational championship.

Plymouth outslugged Brandywine 13-10 in Game 1 at Thomas Stadium and later in the day wrapped up the title with a 12-2 mercy win in six innings against White Pigeon.

"I am very proud of the boys," said Wildcats head coach Bryan Boyd. "For them to step up this weekend and play the way they did shows the poten-

'The wind was difficult to deal with in Game 2. Matt Priebe hit a cannon shot that had at least 50 feet knocked off of it.'

BRYAN BOYD, PLYMOUTH COACH

tial we have. We have a long way to go, but this is definitely a big step."

Against White Pigeon, Rich Guglielmi, Mike Nadratowski

and Matt Priebe collected two hits each while Tyler Goble scored twice to back the strong pitching of Ryan Nick (four innings, one unearned run),

who won his first game of the year.

"Ryan Nick pitched extremely well, especially considering the strong wind blowing in his face," Boyd said.

The coach added that Priebe undoubtedly would have homered on one ball he clubbed

Please see **BASEBALL, B2**

GAME WRAPS

Boys golf

HURON VALLEY INVITE: For the second time in two days, Salem had a strong showing in a tournament, taking sixth out of 24 teams at Tuesday's Huron Valley Invitational at Prestwick Village Country Club.

Novi-Detroit Catholic Central and Milford took the top two spots with 299 and 305 strokes, respectively while the Rocks totaled 316 strokes. Plymouth (325) and Canton (329) took 10th and 14th place, respectively.

Earning a medal with 75 strokes was Salem's Patrick Doty, who tied for eighth. Aaron Thompson finished with a 79 followed by Brandon Duprey (80), Eric Duprey (82), Brian Patterson (87) and Jake Leib (90).

Plymouth's top finisher was James Bryans, with 76. Ryan Rieckhoff tallied a score of 82, with Josh Heinze (83), Justin Bauer (84), Ryan Bauer (84) and Trevor Birdwell (91) trailing.

Canton's Brendan Muir (75 strokes) nearly earned a medal for tying with Doty for eighth, but he lost the tie-breaker.

Other solid Chiefs included Zach Conrad and Kyle Korte, with 78 and 82 strokes, respectively. Canton's fourth scorer (each team's top 4 counted toward the team score) was Alex Champagne, with 94.

Marty Peck (94) and Josh Maxam (97) rounded out Canton's scorecard.

FOX HILLS CLASSIC: Host Salem finished fifth out of 24 teams at Sunday's Fox Hills Classic with 316 strokes with the Plymouth Wildcats taking fourth with 314. The top three teams were: Northville, 301; Davidson, 303; Warren DeLaSalle, 311.

Tied for fifth place overall and earning a medal for the Rocks was sophomore Eric Duprey, who registered an 18-hole score of 75. Right behind him with scores of 79 each were seniors Aaron Thompson and Patrick Doty.

Other Salem golfers were sophomore Brandon Duprey (83), junior Josh Perrin (94) and junior Tommy Halling (96).

Meanwhile, the Salem JV finished fourth with a score of 341. Brian Patterson earned a medal thanks to his 10th place score of 81 strokes. Jake Leib and David Nikkila registered scores of 83 and 87, respectively.

Girls soccer

PLYMOUTH 5, CHURCHILL 0:

Plymouth goaltender Marissa Williams tallied her fourth shutout of the season with Monday's win over Livonia Churchill.

Leading the Wildcats attack was McKenzie Hengesh, with two goals.

Contributing single goals were Megan Peplinski, Katie Moss and Jen Babcock while Stephanie Dillon chipped in with two assists.

Please see **WRAPS, B2**

Net worthy

She fills in for her dad to play goal against Red Wings Alumni

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jeff and Allie Carter have a unique dad-daughter connection. Both are goaltenders.

And now, both can say they've faced the Detroit Red Wings Alumni Association team and skated away from the experience laughing about it.

"It was fun," said 16-year-old Allie Carter, a junior at Salem. "There weren't a whole lot of shots, but there was a lot of great puck movement and passing."

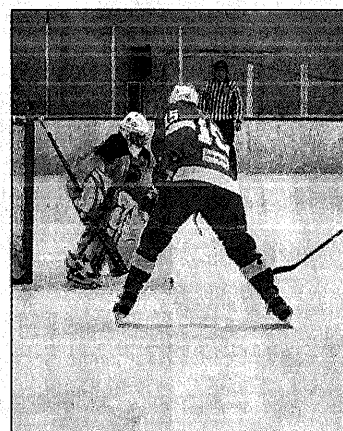
"They kept me moving post to post. I would have liked more shots (but) I think they went soft on me because I'm a

girl."

She was between the pipes late last month for the UCP Pucksters at Viking Arena in Hazel Park only because of necessity.

Her dad — a rec league goaltender who played the previous five meetings between the Pucksters and DRW Alums — bowed out of the charity hockey game because he is recovering from shoulder surgery.

"Since I knew I wouldn't be ready to get back on the ice I thought it would be fun for Allie to fill in for me," said Jeff Carter, president of Birmingham-based Communicore Visual

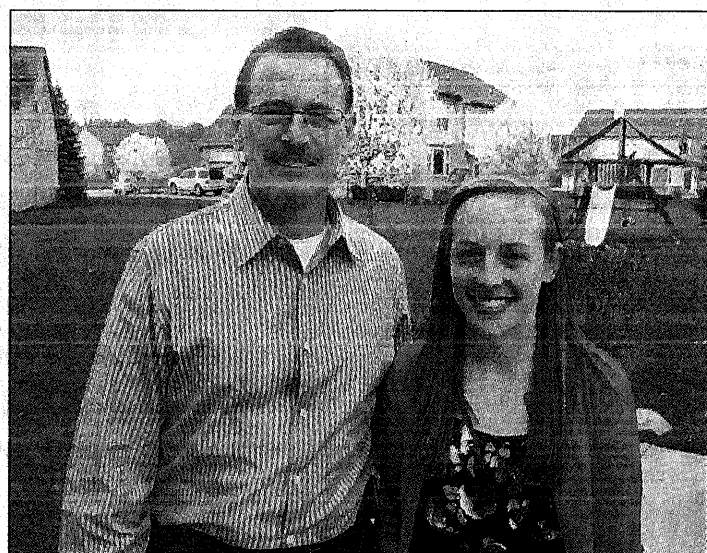


UCP Pucksters sub goalie Allie Carter of Canton squares up to face a shot by Brent Fedyk (No. 15) of the Detroit Red Wings Alumni during the recent charity game in Hazel Park.

Communications. "It's such a great cause and the game is always a lot of fun."

"I'm hoping to get back in the game next year, if they'll have me."

He might have to lobby for the job with Pucksters player-manager Mike Ward who has organized the game with the



When Jeff Carter couldn't play goal against the Red Wings alums, he asked teen daughter Allie to don the pads.

Wings alums since the series started a decade ago.

Carter's daughter stepped in and played the first 30 minutes of the contest — a fund-raiser for United Cerebral Palsy of Metro Detroit, of which Ward is a board member. The game generated about \$20,000 for

the cause.

DOING THE JOB

She demonstrated serious skills, gleaned through nearly five years of playing the position — the past three in travel

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ALL ABOUT ALLIE

Who: Allie Carter, 16, Salem High School junior.

What: She played goal in a charity hockey game against the Detroit Red Wings Alumni team.

Ice chips: Allie started playing goal nearly five years ago and played in 2009-10 with the 16U Little Caesars team out of the Tier One Elite Hockey League. It was her third season of travel hockey.

Family: Her parents are Jeff (a goalie himself) and Theresa Carter of Canton. Jeff is president of Birmingham-based Communicore Visual Communications. Jeff and Theresa have three children: Kenny, 18; Allie and Jenna, 13.

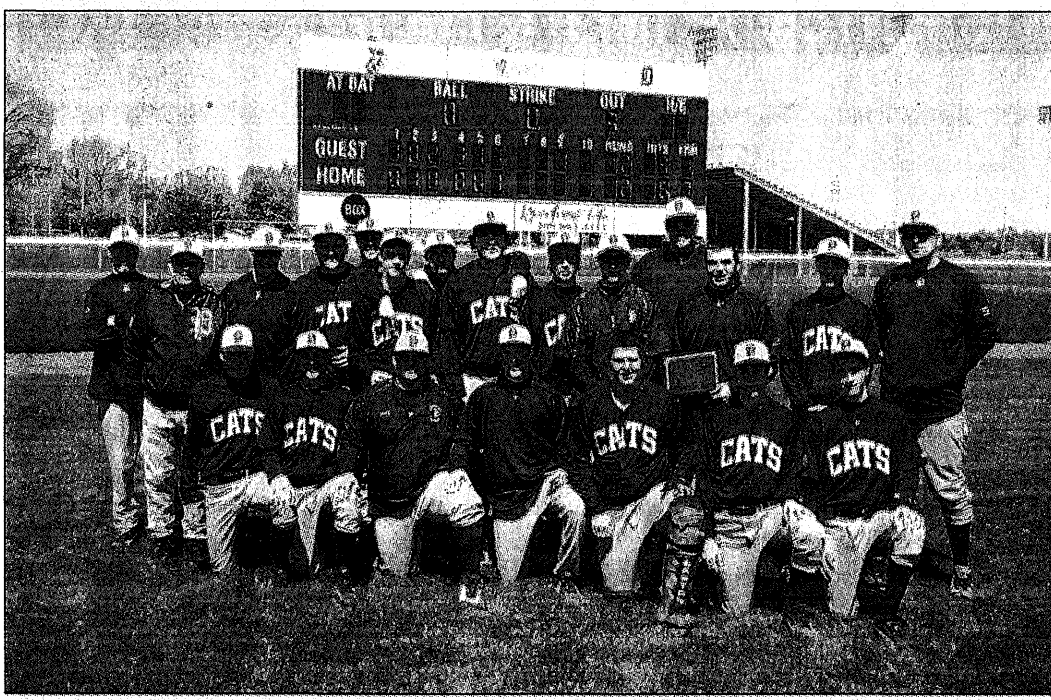
Notable: The determination she displays on the ice is a trait she also brings to other endeavors. Allie carries a 3.8 grade-point average and is in the National Honor Society.

BASEBALL
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over the left fielder's head, except that wind virtually stopped the ball in its tracks. "The wind was difficult to deal with in Game 2," Boyd said. "Matt Priebe hit a cannon shot that had at least 50 feet knocked off of it." Meanwhile, Plymouth knocked off White Pigeon after the Chiefs had defeated state powerhouse Niles in the opening round.

OFF AND RUNNING

In the opener, Nadratowski ripped two singles and two doubles, scored twice and drove in two to lead the attack. He also got the pitching win, allowing just one earned run in four innings while fanning six. Jackson Burdette pitched the seventh for his first save. Also swinging the bats well against Brandywine were Guglielmi (two hits, including a homer), Ben Wohl (two hits, two runs, two RBI), Goble (two



The Plymouth Wildcats celebrate their championship at Saturday's Niles baseball invitational. Holding the tourney plaque is junior captain Mike Nadratowski.

doubles, two runs) and Kevin Lozier (double, two RBI). "Mike (Nadratowski) was solid on the mound again and outstanding at the plate," Boyd said. "Gugs (Guglielmi) is really seeing the ball well right

now. Offensively, we were outstanding against Brandywine, who has a very good program." Guglielmi's two-run home run in the first got the Wildcats off and running, as Plymouth built a 13-5 lead.

But three errors in the fifth contributed to a five-run rally by the Bobcats to make it a tighter finish than it needed to be.

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WRAPS
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SALEM 2, WLC 0: Visiting Salem scored two second-half goals Saturday to earn the shutout victory and improve to 4-0 on the season.

Amily Lundh broke the scoreless tie on an assist from Abbi Giaier and Madeleine Vala padded the lead off a corner from Gina Goble.

"Madeleine was relentless all day," said Rocks head coach Joe Nora. "She was all over the field." Making three stops for the shutout was Tabitha Mann, who had excellent defensive support from the back line of Lauren Booth, Lindsey Roy, Jenna Coon and Megan McCormick.

"I was pleased with how we knocked the ball around in back," Nora said. "We showed patience and it paid off."

Boys lacrosse

CANTON 15, GREENHILLS 10: Despite playing with a depleted lineup Monday night, Canton improved to 4-2 overall with an impressive win against Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Scoring six goals for the Chiefs was Jake Underwood, with two goals each from Matt Rodgers, Tim Popp and Riley Hoernschemeyer. Single tallies were netted by Parker Pakula, Lucas Carpenter and Chris White.

The Chiefs fell behind 2-0 but answered with five goals and were off and running.

PLYMOUTH 10, CANTON 9: A four-goal rally late in the fourth quarter by the Chiefs wasn't enough in a hard-fought, emotional matchup Saturday between the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rivals.

SALEM 7, WLV 1: Garrett Berg

scored two goals and assisted on another and five other players tallied single markers to spark the Rocks Friday against Walled Lake Western.

Other goal scorers for Salem were Mason Amin, Dylan Hatcher, Jon Homrich, Steve Haburne and Luke Johnson.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL 16, CANTON 5: Despite a school record 26 saves by goalie co-captain Sean Walsh, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central's offensive skills proved too much last Thursday.

Scoring for the Chiefs were Parker Pakula, Matt Rodgers, Lucas Carpenter, Tim Popp and Riley Hoernschemeyer.

Girls tennis

NOVI 9, SALEM 0: The host Wildcats swept their way past Salem Tuesday in a KLA Central matchup.

At No. 1 singles, Amanda Border bested Salem's Allie Carpenter in twin 6-0 sets while Abby Wang topped Anna Norman at No. 2, 6-0, 6-2.

Salem sophomore Morgan Spencer dropped a 6-0, 6-0 match at No. 3 to Sara Carlson and at No. 4, the Wildcats' Lauren Felcher took care of Kerry MacDonald (6-0, 6-5).

Doubles flights were as follows: No. 1, Jenna Snyder-Julia Thomas (Novi) over Ashley Davis-Rachel Norman, 6-2, 6-1; No. 2, Andrea Lollo-Maggie Riegel (N) over Mallory Rojo-Ashley Walker, 6-2, 6-3; No. 3, Ashley Ajadah-Ori Nagasaka (N) over Alex Lamb-Olivia Gonzalez, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4, Meng Meng Sie-Emily Kwederis (N) over Bansari Patel-Ewa Zajac, 6-0, 6-3; No. 5, Shannon Maturi-Juliana Zucata (N) over Emily Simmons-Lindsay Spaulding, 6-0, 6-0; No. 6, Lindsey Johnson-Tanaya Srinii (N) over Meghan Barry-Sarah Bellaire, 6-2, 6-2.

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TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

APRIL SHOWERS RELAYS
 April 17 at Ypsilanti H.S.
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Saline, 92 points; 2. Plymouth, 71; 3. Livonia Franklin, 64; 4. Ypsilanti, 62; 5. Northville, 55; 6. Romulus, 40; 7. Macomb Dakota, 29; 8. Ann Arbor Huron, 25; 9. Monroe Jefferson, 24; 10. Dearborn Heights Robichaud, 2; 11. Allen Park, 1; 12. Willow Run and Detroit Cristo Rey, 0 each.

BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS
PLYMOUTH 127
WAYNE 10
April 20 at PCEP
Shot put: 1. Kyle Brindza (P), 48 feet, 5 inches; 2. Jordan Birman (P), 45-11.5.
Discus: 1. Brindza (P), 140-5; 2. Keith Choma (P), 134-6.
High jump: 1. Pawan Dhaliwal (P), 6-0; 2. Jalen Woolridge (P), 5-10.
Long jump: 1. Woolridge (P), 20-4.5; 2. Alex Ruffin (P), 19-8.75.
Pole vault: 1. Andy Bihn (P), 12-0; 2. Grant Senkbell (P), 12-0; 3. Joe Bockstanz (P), 11-0.
110-meter hurdles: 1. Brandon Piligian (P), 15.42 seconds; 2. Doug Deykes (P), 17.45.
300 hurdles: 1. Piligian (P), 41.3; 2. Deykes (P), 44.1.
100 dash: 1. William Askew II (P), 11.35; 2. Ruffin (P), 11.38.
200: 1. Ruffin (P), 24.31; 2. Stefan Turrentine (P), 24.36.
400: 1. Woolridge (P), 52.2; 2. Joshua Wright (P), 57.8.
800: 1. Warren Buzzard (P), 2 minutes, 02.0 seconds; 2. Matt Neumann (P), 2:08; 3. Joe Porcari (P), 2:08.
1,600: 1. Justin Heck (P), 4:48; 2. Evan Johnson (P), 4:58; 3. Buzzard (P), 4:58.
3,200: 1. Derek Gielarowski (P), 10:31; 2. Chris Wilson (P), 11:24.
400 relay: 1. Plymouth (Askew II, Anthony LeMerise, Piligian, Wright), 44.7.
3200 relay: 1. Plymouth (Wilson, Nick Eiben, Brandon Dalton, Johnson), 9:07.
800 relay: 1. Plymouth (Askew II, LeMerise, Brindza, Wright), 1:34.8.
1600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Woolridge,

Askew II, Dhaliwal, Buzzard), 3:38.
PLYMOUTH 85
CANTON 52
April 13 at PCEP
Shot put: 1. Kyle Brindza (P), 46 feet, 2 inches; 2. Jordan Birman (P), 41-10.5; 3. Darrell Cohn (P), 40-8.
Discus: 1. Keith Choma (P), 145-1; 2. Brindza (P), 136-7; 3. Keys (P), 114-8.
High jump: 1. Ben Spreitzer (C), 6-0; 2. Pawan Dhaliwal (P), 6-0; 3. Jalen Woolridge (P), 5-6.
Long jump: 1. Alex Ruffin (P), 20-4; 2. Nick Alaniva (C), 19-10.5; 3. Zac Merillat (C), 17-3.
Pole vault: 1. Andy Bihn (P), 11-0; 2. Joe Bockstanz (P), 11-0; 3. Alaniv (C), 10-6.
110-meter hurdles: 1. Brandon Piligian (P), 15.4 seconds; 2. Spreitzer (C), 16.5; 3. Winston Roberts (C), 17.4.
300 hurdles: 1. Piligian (P), 41.7; 2. Spreitzer (C), 42.5; 3. Roberts (C), 44.2.
100 dash: 1. Kevin Buford (C), 11.4; 2. William Askew II (P), 11.5; 3. Stefan Turrentine (P), 11.6.
200: 1. Buford (C), 22.6; 2. Askew II (P), 23.0; 3. Anthony LeMerise (P), 23.0.
400: 1. Jordan Wisniewski (C), 53.6; 2. Tyler Winningham (C), 53.9; 3. Jalen Woolridge (P), 55.0.
800: 1. Keith Zech (C), 2 minutes, 06.0 seconds; 2. Warren Buzzard (P), 2:07.0; 3. Max Schmiel (C), 2:08.
1,600: 1. Spreitzer (C), 4:45.2; 2. Matt Neumann (P), 4:45.3; 3. Buzzard (P), 4:45.4.
3,200: 1. Joe Porcari (P), 10:33; 2. Derek Gielarowski (P), 10:34; 3. Neumann (P), 10:34.
400 relay: 1. Plymouth (Alex Ruffin, Askew II, LeMerise, Joshua Wright), 45.0.
3200 relay: 1. Plymouth (Buzzard, Porcari, Neumann, Justin Heck), 8:20.5; 2. Canton, 8:22.0.
800 relay: 1. Plymouth (LeMerise, Brindza, Askew II, Wright), 1:34.9; 2. Canton, 1:35.0.
1600 relay: 1. Canton (Spreitzer, Winningham, Wisniewski, Zech), 3:37.0; 2. Plymouth, 3:39.0.

GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS
PLYMOUTH 95
WAYNE 37
April 20 at PCEP
Shot put: 1. Isis Haywood (P), 31-feet, 9.5 inches; 2. Bailey Hart (W), 27-3; 3. Lydia Plencner (P), 24-5.
Discus: 1. Haywood (P), 83-5; 2. Plencner (P), 63-5; 3. Jess Bihn (P), 61-9.
High jump: 1. Taylor Rieckhoff (P), 4-8; 2. Francis Jackson (W), 4-6; 3. Holland Boertje (W), 4-3.
Long jump: 1. Becka Knox (P), 15-0; 2. Meah Long (W), 14-7.5; 3. Akilah Wade (W), 14-4.5.
Pole vault: 1. Lindsey Russell (P), 7-6; 2. Jane McCurry (P), 7-6; 3. Sarah Uhlman (P), 6-6.
100-meter hurdles: 1. Natalie Puckett (P), 19.63 seconds; 2. Jenna Hamed (P), 20.14; 3. Ireana Cook (P), 20.18.
300 hurdles: 1. Hamed (P), 54.5; 2. Carissa Buttermore (P), 54.6; 3. Puckett (P), 59.1.
100 dash: 1. Rochelle Woods (W), 12.8; 2. Carmen Steem (W), 13.6; 3. Christina Sammut (P), 13.6.
200: 1. Long (W), 28.1; 2. Woods (W), 29.2; 3. Rachel Burnard (P), 30.1.
400: 1. Woods (W), 1 minute, 03.2 seconds; 2. Russell (P), 1:03.9; 3. Lamees Saati (P), 1:10.0.
800: 1. Kelly Hahn (P), 2:38.8; 2. Jordyn Strahm (P), 2:50.6; 3. Adrienne White (P), 2:59.3.
1,600: 1. Mandy McSweeney (P), 6:25; 2. Kelsey Reineri (P), 6:27; 3. Paula Green (P), 6:28.
3,200: 1. Sophie Roberts (P), 13:25.6; 2. Reineri (P), 14:11.4; 3. Stephanie Porcari (P), 14:37.0.
400 relay: 1. Wayne, 52.6; 2. Plymouth, 56.3.
3200 relay: 1. Plymouth (McSweeney, Reineri, White, Strahm), 11:32; 2. Wayne, 12:26.
800 relay: 1. Plymouth (Puckett, Burnard, Knox, Russell), 1:52; 2. Wayne, 1:55.
1600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Senkbell, Plencner, Saati, Buttermore), 4:41.7.

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 8
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1
April 20 at Franklin
No. 1 singles: Angelica Woods (LF) defeated Sarah Mitchell, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Lindsay Stemberger (P) def. Kelsey Sitarski, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Kirithi Duraiswamy (P) def. Annie McLeod, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Marlowe

Susselman (P) def. Renee Kozakowski, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Allison Santori-Lauren Jeong (P) def. Jennifer Rellinger-Crystal Henderson, 6-0, 7-5; **No. 2:** Kayla Griffey-Britta Swanson (P) def. Sarah Noffze-Jackie Horsell, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 3:** Andrea Haidar-Mariah Tesarz (P) def. Natalie Mays-Brittany

Borregard, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 4:** Annie McKenzie-Lulia Fratila (P) def. Jame Buchanczenko-Kayla Buchanczenko, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 5:** Jahnvi Patel-Mandy Martin (P) def. Zoe Riopell-Kim Wonch, 6-3, 6-1.
Dual meet records: Plymouth, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLA South Division; Franklin, 1-3 overall, 1-2 KLA South.

SOFTBALL

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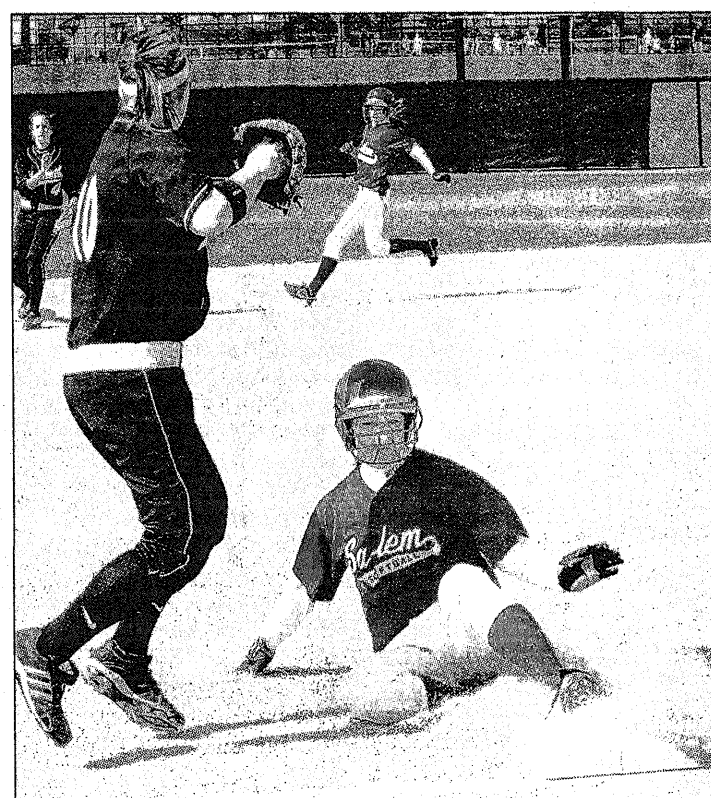
The following batter, Brianna Berberet, launched a home run to center for her first varsity roundtripper. Salem broke the tie in the top of the seventh. After the first two batters were retired, Schmidt singled and Berberet (3-for-4, 2 runs) reached on an infield hit. Powell then blooped a single to left for the tally.

But Lee could not get the third out in the seventh until the Wildcats had again evened things.

"I think Bri pitched a great game today," Southerland said. "Brianna Berberet had her first home run as a sophomore. Other than that, it was a good, intense game and we should have come out on top."

Canfield concurred about the playoff intensity between the teams. "My heart was pounding the whole game, that's how intense it was."

SALEM 5-7, ALLEN PARK 0-0: On Saturday, Briana Lee pitched her third straight shutout in the opener, striking out seven to pace Salem's 5-0 victory over the Jaguars.



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Plymouth third baseman Amanda Burnard looks down to second base after retiring Salem's Heidi Schmidt during Monday's varsity softball game.

Going 3-for-4 at the plate was Heidi Schmidt as the Rocks tallied three runs in the third and never looked back. Doubles by Lee, Alexis Powell and Kelli Janiczek also helped the offense. In Game 2, Schmidt went the distance in her first start of the

year. She scattered eight hits and did not walk a batter. Lee's two-run homer in the third was a key hit for Salem, with Powell collecting a double and single.

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Pucksters-Wings team up to help

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The decade-long partnership between the UCP Pucksters and Detroit Red Wings Alumni Association is as much a classic "win-win" as Gordie Howe and Steve Yzerman.

In March, the annual charity hockey game for United Cerebral Palsy of Metro Detroit raised approximately \$20,000. That money will help people in the Tri-County area with disabilities.

"What they (Red Wings alums) help us out with is they make sure they put a good product out there so that we can advertise it and we can raise money to get a team together of guys that want to play against them," explained Pucksters player and UCP-Detroit board member Mike Ward, organizer of the game. How that money piles up is every Puckster who faces the alums must raise anywhere from \$300 to \$1,000 to step out onto the ice against the Red Wings — a mix of all-stars and players who only had a cup of coffee in the big leagues.

In addition, those players in the pre-game "sled hockey" extravaganza against the

Michigan Sled Dogs of USA Disabled Hockey also chip in whatever they can, Ward continued.

"They volunteer to come in and play so they get exposure and all of our guys make a small contribution and we end up giving them anywhere from \$400-to-\$500," noted Ward, "just so they can have their gas covered, things like that."

Ward said the Pucksters also make a contribution to the Red Wings Alumni Association.

"They support a number of foundations," he said. "But their biggest thing is they support the players pension. NHL players didn't have a pension until 1994, so they help a lot of the old-timers out doing these games."

SHIFTING TO HOCKEY

According to Ward, 55, a pickup hockey player who once played at the junior college level, the series began after UCP golf outings fizzled out.

"I started this because I've been on the board of United Cerebral Palsy for about 18 years," Ward said. "And 10 years ago we used to have a golf outing. Golf outings kind of went by the wayside for our organization, we're not quite big enough for it."

"I play hockey with a lot of guys, and I just basically ran it by them. I said 'How much would you pay to play against the Red Wing alumni' because I saw they were playing these charity games."

Among those who stepped up for the cause almost from the start was Canton resident Jeff Carter (a goalie who had to miss the 2010 game due to injury). Carter also is president of Communicore Visual Communications in Birmingham.

"Jeff's been playing for a long time and sponsoring a player every year," Ward said. "He is one of our original guys, he's been involved every year. Communicore has been great."

Now the Pucksters-Wings series is such a success that former Detroit star and long-time broadcaster Mickey Redmond rarely misses it. "It's usually this time of year," Ward added. "I space it so that it's right after the high school playoffs because ice is easier to get and I always look at the Red Wings schedule to make sure Mickey isn't traveling out of town."

His favorite moment was when I was totally beat by one of the alumni, I think it was Pat Peake," Allie recalled. "I was down on the ice, totally beat, and he said, 'Not this time, too easy!'"

"He passed the puck back to the blue line and just skated

CARTER

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hockey. In 2009-10, Allie was goalie for the 16U Little Caesars squad in the Tier One Elite Hockey League.

"Allie was outstanding," Ward said. "She held us in during the first period."

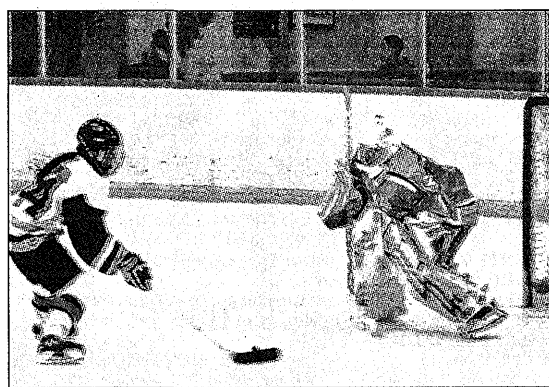
George Bowman of the Wings alums, himself a goalie, said having Allie oppose them "just adds to the diversity of what the alumni is all about. We are skating for a cause, not ourselves."

"I am sure it was a great thrill for her to face shots from NHLers and appreciate the pace at which they skate and shoot," Bowman added. Although young Carter gave up three goals in a 7-3 defeat, including one to former Detroit 50-goal scorer John Ogronick, she also stopped Johnny O and Wings legend Mickey Redmond (another 50-goal man for Detroit).

Of course, there was the usual on-ice ribbing that the alums bring to the 30 or so games they play in a season.

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Goaltender Allie Carter shows her solid positioning during a recent game for her team, the 16U Little Caesars squad in the Tier One Elite Hockey League.

away laughing. They like to have fun with it."

According to Ward, players like Ogronick, Redmond, Peake and Brent Fedyk "didn't take it easy on her, they were firing shots left and right."

"Of course, anyone watching the game knows they can pretty much do anything they want to us."

The Pucksters, he continued, were "really pumped about playing in front of her" and thought she played well.

"She made some real good saves," Ward said. "She had solid positioning."

EFFORT AND ATTITUDE

That fact alone was no accident because Allie Carter works tirelessly (both with her goalie dad and in practices with an older Little Caesars team) at improving her net-minding.

"There's a right way and a wrong way to play the posi-

tion," she said, about her work ethic. "Mistakes will be made. But when you work hard and practice hard you'll make less mistakes."

"It's worth it to put in the extra time and effort."

Those long hours of "work" only hone her sharpness at blocking pucks. There's another side to being a good goalie, and she's up for the challenge.

"I love the pressure and love the feeling you get when you make a tough save," Allie emphasized. "I dislike seeing pucks in the net behind me."

That kind of attitude might lead to Allie keeping the UCP Pucksters goalie gig, at least for one more game.

And her dad wouldn't mind such a benching.

(Go to www.skatewithoutlimits.org for more information about the UCP Pucksters.)

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CAMPS AND CLINICS

Salem football camps

There are two upcoming camps for football players being hosted by Salem's grid program.

The Youth Camp is for those in grades 3-8 and will be a skills and fundamental camp. The camp for current 8th graders is June 1-3 from 5-8 p.m.; those now in grades 3-7 have camp June 1-2, also from 5-8 p.m. Fee is \$30 (T-shirt included).

Salem's Skill Camp is for players who will be in grades 9-12 in the fall. Registration deadline is June 18 and the fee is \$40 (T-shirt provided).

For more information on the camps, contact head coach Kurt Britnell at (734) 416-

7741 or e-mail him at football.salemrocks@gmail.com. The Web site is www.football.salemrocks.com.

Wildcats baseball clinic

The Plymouth Wildcats Youth Baseball Clinic is set to take place 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1 for youngsters in grades 3-8. Weather permitting, the camp will be outside at the Plymouth High School Baseball Complex. If it is raining, it will be moved to the gym.

There is only room for 100 campers, so early registration is urged. To do so, contact John Nadratowski of Plymouth Baseball Boosters at (734) 844-3212. The cost to

sign up is \$60.

Aspiring young ballplayers will work on age-appropriate skill development in areas such as hitting, pitching, baserunning and fielding. They will receive instruction from 2010 Wildcats coaches and players.

Canton girls hoops camp

Canton's state semifinalists will be on hand for the upcoming Canton Girls Basketball Camp, set from June 7-10 at the high school gym. The fee is \$60. For more information on how to sign up for Course No. 156, please call (734) 416-2937.

Head coach Brian Samulski and his staff will work with prospective future players. Helping out will be team

members, who reached the Final Four this season.

Canton football camps

It's not too soon to begin planning for Canton Chiefs summer football camps.

First up is the Skills Camp slated for players entering grades 7-9 in 2010-11. That camp will take place 5-7:30 p.m. Monday, June 14 through Thursday, June 17. The fee to sign up for the camp is \$45, with that money due by May 24. Contact Richard Mui at (248) 229-2738 for more information.

The following week will be the Wing T 3/4 Camp, for players entering grades 10-12 next year. The camp begins with a session from 2-5 p.m.

Monday, June 21. Then there will be sessions 5-8 p.m. from Tuesday, June 22 through Thursday, June 24.

Camp fee is \$30, also due by May 24. Please contact head football coach Tim Baechler, (734) 455-7691 or via e-mail at tim.baechler@pcpsmail.net.

The third and final offering is the Fundamental Camp, for kids entering grades 3-6. The program runs from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Monday, June 28 through Thursday, July 1. The fee is \$75 with money due by June 4. Please contact Enza Lanava at (313) 300-1173 or elanava@wowway.com.

All prospective campers and their families might want to check out www.cantonchiefsfootball.com for

more information.

MU men's basketball

The Madonna University men's basketball program will be offering three summer camp sessions for its All-Star camps (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 21-25 (at the Livonia Community Recreation Center); July 26-30; and Aug. 2-6 (both at the MU Activities Center).

The cost for each session is \$200 (includes camp T-shirt, trophies and prizes).

To register, visit www.madonnacrusaders.com.

For more information, call coach Noel Emehiser at (734) 432-5610; or e-mail nemenhiser@madonna.edu.

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Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

One Shade Greener: One Shade Greener offers products and services that help businesses and homeowners reduce their environmental impact. For businesses, we offer marketing strategy consulting and green business planning services. For homeowners, our services include lifestyle assessments and planning, green home parties, jewelry made from recycled materials, and starter kit/gift baskets that feature eco-friendly products.

Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?

One Shade Greener: About seven years ago while working for Saturn, I began to take an interest in environmentally friendly practices both at home and at work. At home, I was making many lifestyle changes. At work, I was developing marketing strategies and business plans that would lessen our company footprint. I started One Shade Greener to help individuals and companies move up the learning curve of green even quicker.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

One Shade Greener: Our family has lived in Plymouth Township since 1995. We love the community and I couldn't imagine a better place to start a new business.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

One Shade Greener: While there are a lot of wonderful, specialty green businesses emerging in Michigan, I provide a holistic look across all facets of your life/business (recycling, energy, product purchases, etc.) that can always refer my clients to specialists in the area (energy auditors, organic lawn care, personal products, etc.) that can provide them with additional products or services that may be a right fit for their unique situation.

Observer: How has your business changed?

One Shade Greener: Originally, One Shade Greener was focused on consulting - Personal lifestyle plans and business/marketing strategy. Over time, I was getting many requests for products and gifts. These requests, combined with



Lori Sullivan is president of One Shade Greener, a Plymouth-based environmental consulting company.

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Your Hometown: Plymouth Township

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my passion for discovering unique green products, has developed into the recently launched product line.

Observer: Do you have an anecdote or funny tidbit about your business?

One Shade Greener: I realized that many years working for a large company (GM/Saturn) made me take for granted specialty teams like finance and IT. I've had many days where I'm working to figure out how to make my computer do things that used to "just happen."

Observer: How has the economy affected your business?

One Shade Greener: I think it has had both positive and negative effects. On the negative side, I think there is a perception that "going green", whether at home or at work, is more expensive. This has been limiting in the growth of the business. However, on

the positive side, talking to homeowners and business about the financial savings of greener practices has helped secure business in this difficult economy.

Observer: Do you have any advice for other business owners?

One Shade Greener: Recognize your strengths and weaknesses. Outsource the areas you don't have expertise. Everything is a balance of time and money - you may pay someone for an hour of their expertise and save you days of time in the process.

Observer: What does the future hold for your business?

One Shade Greener: Continue to expand products and services to better meet the needs of those looking to live and work greener. Also, hopefully, expand the team to cover additional clients in Michigan and beyond.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Attic opening

According to the Downtown Development Authority, Eclectic Attic owner Tina Camero says her consignment store on Forest Ave. is scheduled to open May 1. Eclectic Attic will sell high-end clothing, antiques and furniture.

Food drive

Downtown Plymouth is undergoing a Streetscape Project to improve the downtown Plymouth community. In conjunction with this, the Downtown Development Authority wants to support underprivileged families within the Plymouth community. In an effort to do so, the DDA is partnering with the Plymouth Community United Way to collect food and supplies to donate to the Salvation Army Plymouth Corps.

Looking for downtown Plymouth businesses to participate, the DDA is encouraging downtown businesses to accept donations through May 17 of non-perishable items. This will afford donors the opportunity to walk the streets of Plymouth and explore downtown establishments. The DDA will provide a donation box that each owner is free to decorate.

Businesses interested in participating can contact the DDA.

Home sweepstakes

Century 21 Real Estate LLC, the franchisor of the world's largest residential real estate sales organization, announced the "\$8,000 List Your Home Sweepstakes." Through June 30, every eligible home seller who lists their home with a CENTURY 21 agent will be automatically entered for a chance to win \$8,000.

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Each phone recycled provides an hour of talk-time to service personnel overseas.

To help reach the goal, RE/MAX Classic sponsors a Mother's Day collection drive of Cell Phones for Soldiers 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at all four locations, including the one at 43435 Joy Road in Canton. Donations are tax-deductible, with donation receipts provided at the time of contribution.

Visit the company's Web site at www.detroitmetroreal-estate.com to read about the cause and register your soldier for a their free calling card. For more information, call (248) 987-8610 or (734) 335-0068.

Hospice Art Dash

The Arbor Hospice Foundation invites art enthu-

siasts and community members to enjoy an evening of art, wine, food and fun to benefit Arbor Hospice's pediatric hospice care and grief support services. The ninth annual Art Dash event takes place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 20, at The Inn at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth.

Throughout the night, guests will enjoy perusing extraordinary visual works, raffle and auction items, all while making note of their favorite pieces. After dinner, attendees kick off their heels and make a dash for the art piece of their choice. Every couple will go home with a work valued at a minimum of \$250 - the average value of last year's art piece was \$459.

Patron tickets are \$350 (entitles two people to attend and one to "dash"), benefactor tickets are \$500 (entitles two people to attend and one to "dash" plus recognition at the event) and \$1,600 to reserve a table of eight (entitles eight people to attend and four to "dash").

Art Dash also provides a unique opportunity for local artists to showcase their talent to art enthusiasts, while supporting Arbor Hospice's community programs and services. Arbor Hospice is accepting donations of original pieces of art for the event. To purchase tickets or donate art, please contact Arbor Hospice at (734) 794-5122 or visit www.arborhospice.org.

Sponsors of Art Dash include: UPS; Hantz Benefit Services, LLC; Williams, Williams, Rattner & Plunkett, P.C.; The Knickerbocker Group of Raymond James & Associates; REI; Community Financial; Michigan Commerce Bank; and OfficeStar.

CHAMBER CHAT

Hazardous Waste Day

Plymouth and Plymouth Township residents can take their hazardous waste to Compuware Sports Arena, 14900 Beck Rd., from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on April 24. For a list of acceptable items, go to <http://www.plymouthtwp.org/Community/SpecialEvents/HHWDay2.htm>

See the Tigers

The Plymouth Historical Museum is selling tickets to the Detroit Tigers vs. Chicago White Sox baseball game at Comerica Park on Monday, May 17. The tickets are in the upper deck. A luxury coach will pick up fans at the Plymouth Historical Museum at 5 p.m., with a 5:15 p.m. departure for the ballpark. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. The coach will leave for Plymouth shortly after the game ends.

The \$44 ticket price includes one upper deck seat and a round-trip luxury coach ride from the museum to the ballpark. Tickets can be purchased at the Museum (155 S. Main Street) or by using PayPal at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html>

New member directory

The chamber's new



Clinic opening

On April 16, the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Committee helped to cut the ribbon to launch Scarffe Family Chiropractic. Drs. Dan and Kristi Scarffe recently moved to Plymouth with their family to open their new practice at 915 S. Main St. They are both graduates of the world-renowned Fountainhead of Chiropractic, Palmer College in Davenport, Iowa. Both are skilled in a variety of adjusting techniques proven to bring optimum health and wellness to infants, children, and adults, including pregnant women and athletes.

Membership Directory and Area Profile just arrived at the Chamber office. The directory is a high quality, full-color publication that serves as a first class, quality of life piece for the community and as our printed membership directory. Members are listed alphabetically and by business category.

The new guide incorporates our Plymouth Rocks com-

munity marketing campaign into the design and has the same appearance as our web site, street map and social networking sites. We are excited to now have another excellent marketing tool to promote this community as a great place to live, work and visit.

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Musical brothers take a stand against hunger

BY SHARON DARGAY
OSE STAFF WRITER

Give a Birchler brother a microphone and it won't take long before he starts singing into it.

Add a charity and he'll donate his performance to the cause.

"Everybody sings and plays guitar," explained Tom Birchler, describing the musical brothers behind "Jammin' to End Pamine 2010," a concert Friday, April 23, at Monaghan's Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia to raise money for Kids Against Hunger.

"No one really played in the school band, but boy, when we saw the Beatles on Ed Sullivan, it was 'ok, that's cool, I want to do that.' So, we got a guitar for Christmas and we'd fight over it. Someone would learn a Beatles song and the other two would harmonize with it."

The brothers, Tom, a full time musician from Livonia, Dave, an urban planner from Birmingham, John, a financial planner from Plymouth, Jim, a hospital CFO from Ann Arbor and Keith, a lawyer from Bay City, all graduated from Brother Rice High School and grew up in Birmingham with three sisters, loving music and learning the importance of "giving back," from their parents.

"We were raised Catholic by faith-filled parents. They didn't necessarily say, you've got to volunteer, but they were always doing something at church, helping out with food drives, the (SOS) shelter. My dad was big into St. Vincent de Paul. Giving was part of the make up of who they were.

"Growing up in that environment we all have a sense that if you're blessed with a lot, you need to give back talent, time and treasures. Even if you don't think you're blessed, you probably have more than many people in the world. This event is something I can do personally."

Their third annual concert Friday raises money to battle hunger both in Michigan and abroad. The show will include performances by Rob Taube, a singer-songwriter who will sing tunes from his latest release, *Halfway Home*; The Underground Sun, with 1960s rock 'n' roll; The Paisley Fogg, a vocal-oriented 1960s rock 'n' roll band featuring the Birchlers and 2 Dayz Gone, with 1980s and 90s rock 'n' roll.

Cats Meow Face Design will be on hand to paint faces and pizza, salad, sweets will keep guests energized as they dance to the music. A cash bar also will be available.

Admission is \$20 for adults and

\$10 for students. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

Last year the concert raised \$3,000 for Kids Against Hunger, a food aid organization with 80 locations in 24 states and one site in Canada. Birchler said he and his brothers hope to double that amount this year.

LOCAL, GLOBAL AID

Kids Against Hunger enlists the help of schools, churches, businesses and community groups to raise funds and then package its specially formulated rice-soy casserole for hungry children world wide. Each meal costs approximately 28 cents and volunteers package at least 10,000 meals at each packaging event.

Don Burwell, who heads the Oak Park office of Kids Against Hunger, said a third of the meals packaged at a volunteer event goes to a local pantry. Because the Birchler brothers are sponsoring a fund-raiser, they'll choose which local pantry gets a share of meals from a subsequent packaging event.

Another third of the casseroles are sent overseas.

"Right now we're doing a lot in Haiti because of the disaster there," Burwell said. "And we're making plans to send food to Peru because of the earthquake there.



Three of the Birchler Brothers are members of Paisley Fogg, one of four bands that will perform at a fund-raiser for Kids Against Hunger.

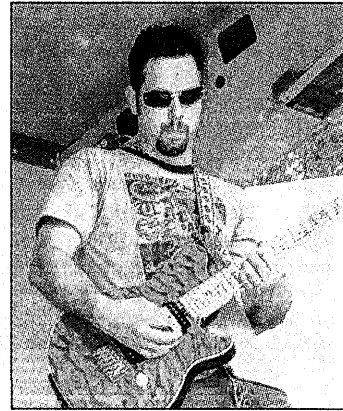
We keep the final third and it's dedicated for natural disasters."

Burwell said Kids Against Hunger gave more than 2 million meals to organizations serving local needs over the past 12 to 18 months.

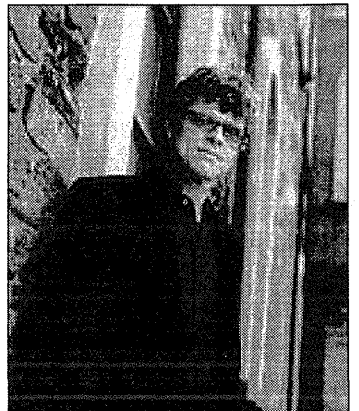
The organization sets up food packaging events around the state and expects to participate in 200 this year.

"We're mobile and on the road. We service everywhere in Michigan," Burwell said. "Our vision is in the next five years to package in every school district. Four years ago Plymouth Canton was the first school district to package in elementary, middle and high school. They are the model that we'd love to see."

Birchler, who attended a packaging event in Okemos, likes the idea of including children in the



Tom Birchler's son, Mark Warren, will perform with 2 Dayz Gone at the fund-raiser Friday, April 23 in Livonia.



we can do something worthwhile Rob Taube

hands-on volunteer experience.

"We've been very happy with our association with Kids Against Hunger," he said. "We're happy

with our talent, too."

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Green Street Fair features Verve Pipe in concert

The Third Annual Green Street Fair will return to the streets of downtown Plymouth Friday-Sunday, April 30-May 2, with live music by local and regional performers, kid's activities, hands-on workshops, demonstrations, a petting farm and information on green, organic, and eco-friendly products and services.

Fair hours are noon-7 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

The entertainment stage will be located on Ann Arbor Trail at the corner of Union Street. The line-up includes:

Friday: National Ghost at 1:15 p.m., The Strange at 3:15 p.m., and Blackberry Brandy at 5:15 p.m.
Saturday: Katie Lee at 10:30 a.m., View at noon, James and the Rainbros at 1:30 p.m.,

American Mars at 3 p.m. and The Verve Pipe at 5 p.m.

Sunday: The Mydols at noon, Abigail Stauffer, at 1:30 p.m. and Lucciana Costa at 3 p.m.

In addition to the concerts, visitors can watch street performers, view organic cooking demonstrations, create an artistic work with fabric scraps, build a birdhouse, learn the basics of recycling at an interactive display, see art installations and learn about fitness and well-being.

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Guests will 'Shop, Taste, Live, Learn' at women's show

The 15th annual Michigan International Women's Show will have it all — from shopping to makeovers, cooking demonstrations to fashion and entertainment — Thursday-Sunday, April 29-May 2 at Rock Financial Showplace, in Novi.

"Girlfriends, sisters, mothers and daughters will enjoy this year's theme of Shop, Taste, Live, Learn at the show," stated Beth Anderson, show manager of Southern Shows. "We are celebrating our anniversary with treats, presents, goodie bags and special discounts on Friday."

Top Chef: Las Vegas 2009 winner Michael Voltaggio will share his experiences and describe his personal cooking style of sophisticated American cuisine he answers questions and sign autographs on Sunday, May 2. His appearance is sponsored by Detroit Medical Center.

TLC *Gown Crazy* and Bravo's *Project Runway* Season 3 top finalist Johnathan Kayne will present his 2010 gown and evening wear collection, as well as one-of-a-kind classics at his daily fashion show.

Coupon Queeny Tanya Senseney will teach how to save on groceries and everyday items as she tells how she paid \$45 for \$457 worth of groceries. She'll share expert tips on coupon clipping to save consistently and techniques to combine manufacturer coupons with store sales.

Artistry Spa on Wheels will feature complimentary

beauty treatments, mini-makeovers and product sampling of Artistry skin care and cosmetics in a lounge and spa setting.

Salvation Army Thrift Stores and Donation Centers will offer a bargain boutique featuring collectibles and fashion wear for sale in addition to having their staff modeling clothing items at the "ABC's of Fashion Cents" runway show on Saturday, May 1.

Free health screenings for total cholesterol level, blood pressure reading, bone density testing, glucose level and other tests will be available at the AARP/Walgreens Wellness exhibit along with health education materials.

The Cooking Stage will feature radio host Chef Lisa Lofton Shively demonstrating tips, techniques and recipes from her southern cooking and children cookbooks and Kroger will demonstrate uses for organic beef and chicken, lean natural beef and cake decorating.

Spring makeup trends and helpful cosmetic tips will be part of the makeovers offered by Macy's beauty experts along with an array of new spring scents.

The latest developments in health, cardiology and pediatrics will be available at the DMC Pavilion sponsored by Detroit Medical Center. Doctors and specialists from all areas of medicine will be on hand to consult one-on-one and answer individual health care questions.

Novi Fire Department's

charity fashion show will heat up the runway Friday and Saturday with firefighters modeling their dress blues and bunker gear. Additional spring fashion shows will run during the show.

Other features include Do It Herself Spotlight Stage; a free reusable Women's Show shopping bag and special gifts to the first 200 show attendees each day; Thursday's Nurses Day with special savings, free water bottles for the first 250 guests and healthy cooking classes sponsored by the Michigan Nurses Association; Sunday's Mother & Daughters Day with gifts and prizes; and hundreds of exhibitors displaying cosmetics, fragrances, lingerie, purses, shoes, gifts, décor items, food, fashion and accessories, arts and crafts.

The Michigan International Women's Show runs 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, at 46100 Grand River Ave., between Novi Road and Beck in Novi. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-12, and free for children under 5 accompanied by a paying adult. Advance tickets are \$8 online. Discount tickets are available at Kroger for \$7. Group tickets for 10 or more are offered in advance online for \$7.50. Happy Hours are everyday after 5 p.m. with \$5 admission. On site parking is available for \$5.

For more information and exhibitor coupons, visit www.InternationalWomenShow.com or call (800) 849-0248.

GET OUT

Contact: (248) 327-0575; www.go.comedy.net

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Andres Fernandez, April 21-24

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: John Caparulo, April 22-24

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

CONCERTS

The Ark

Time/Date: BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet, April 23; Nervous But Excited & Joshua Davis, April 24; The Infamous Stringdusters, April 25; Chris Pureka, April 26; Matt Jones, April 27; Eliza Gilkyson, April 28; Jonatha Brooke, April 29; Down the Line, April 30

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.

Location: 5200 Woodward Ave

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

ART

Costick Center

Time/Date: Thursday-Saturday, April 22-24

Location: 28600 West 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The Annual Festival of the Arts celebrates "Hats Off to the Arts" with displays, events, and activities for all ages. The celebration incorporates a special exhibit featuring the unique, artistic hats of Mr. Song Millinery, in Southfield. Luke Song designed Aretha Franklin's famous presidential inauguration hat. The special exhibit runs April 15- beginning on April 15-May 9, with a meet-the-artist reception 6-8 p.m., April 16. Admission is free

Contact: (248) 473-1870

Lotus Arts Gallery

Time/Date: Through April

Location: 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth

Details: Colored Pencil Society of Detroit exhibit;

Contact: (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734) 453-5400

Northville Art House

Time/Date: Through April 24

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Mudville USA," an installation by Eric Mesko

Coming up: Doll making class taught by Charlie Patricolo, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., April 24-25. The two-day class costs \$100, along with a \$10 kit fee. **Contact:** (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org

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Time/Date: Noon to 3 p.m., Sunday, May 2
Location: 48735 Warren Road, Canton
Details: School open house; tour the school, meet the faculty and staff, and talk with current students about their experiences
Contact: (734) 459-2490 or visit www.allSaintsCS.com

Antioch Lutheran Church
Time/Date: Rummage sale 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, April 30, and 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 1
Location: 33360 West 13 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: The church also is collecting items for the sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, April 26-28
Contact: Judy Glass at (248) 476-9074

Congregation B'nai Moshe
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., May 2
Location: 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield
Details: "Torah, Technology and the Future of Israel," will explore the relationship of Torah values to the applications of modern technology. There will be a panel presentation with Steven Bekhor, on "Israel's Nuclear Horizon," Ellen P. Rosenberg, on "Water Resources and Conservation in Israel," and Steven H. Schwartz with "Torah Values and the Environment. The B'nai Moshe Choir will perform and there will be a question and answer period followed by a social hour with refreshments. Admission is free
Contact: RSVP to (248) 788-0600

Faith Bible Church
Time/Date: 6 p.m., Sunday, May 2
Location: 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
Details: Taste of the Nation Dinner is an international potluck buffet. Participants bring two dishes - choosing between an entree, desert and appetizer - from their family's country of origin. Donations will support the church's missions and Brazil Team
Contact: (248) 426-0096

Newburg United Methodist
Time/Date: Pre-sale, 5-8 p.m., Thursday, April 29, regular sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, April 30 and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 1
Location: 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia
Details: Rummage sale fund-raiser; \$2 per adult admission to pre-sale on Thursday, free admission Friday-Saturday; half price sale on Saturday
Contact: (734) 422-0149

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 22-June 24
Location: 36163 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Alpha class
Contact: To register call (734) 367-0422

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, April 23 and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 24
Location: 28000 New Market, just north of 12 Mile, east of Farmington Road in Farmington Hills
Details: The Woman's League of the church sponsors a rummage and bake sale. In addition to clothing and homemade baked goods, the sale will feature small appliances, furniture, books, bedding, linens, toys, jewelry and much more. \$3 and \$5 bag sale on Saturday
Contact: Lucille Ehlers at (248) 553-2889

April 29-May 5
All Saints Catholic School
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 24
Location: 41920 Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley, Plymouth
Details: The church's clothing bank will be open. It also will be open 5-6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 12. All clothing is free for all ages
Contact: (734) 927-6686

Friendship Church
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 24
Location: 1240 N. Beck, Canton
Details: Area churches that are planning to present Group Publishing's "High Seas Expedition" Vacation Bible School this summer will receive hands-on training from a Group VBS expert at this training and networking event. In addition to tons of fun and helpful tips, participants can network and share ideas. Registration fee is \$20.
Contact: Call (734) 710-9370 to register

His Church Anglican
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 22-June 24
Location: 36163 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Alpha class
Contact: To register call (734) 367-0422

Time/Date: Check-in at 6:15 p.m., game begins at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 1
Location: In the family center, behind the school, 17116 Olympia, Redford
Details: Adult Trivia Night, with proceeds benefitting youth programs and youth outreach. Register in groups of eight - \$80 per table or \$10 per person. Answer numerous questions - as a group at each table - on a variety of categories. Cash prizes for top three tables, cash bar, and lots of items to be raffled off.
Contact: Register by calling (313) 534-9000 or visit http://ourladyoflorettoep.webs.com/trivianight.htm for more information

Prince of Peace Lutheran
Time/Date: 6-8 p.m., Saturday, May 1
Location: 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills
Details: Mexican Fiesta includes a community dinner and raffle; tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under 12 or \$25 for a family of four or more
Contact: (248) 553-3130

St. Aidan
Time/Date: 6-9 p.m., Thursday, April 29
Location: 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: The Rev. Norm Dickson and Dr. Mary Healy will be the guest speakers at the Endow groups at the church. The session, a reflection on Women of Peace and Love, is aimed at women and girls, age 16 and over. A light dinner will be included. A free will offering will be accepted
Coming up: The church will celebrate families after all Masses, May 1-2. LEGO displays will be on view in Bixman Hall. There will be a Catholic bookstore display, refreshments available, and a supervised LEGO play area for kids
Contact: RSVP for the Endow program to the parish office by April 25 at (734) 425-5950

Temple Shir Shalom
Time/Date: 10 a.m., Sunday, May 2
Location: 3999 Walnut Lake Road
Details: Walk for Israel begins with a speaker, a Theodore Herzl exhibit, then a picnic kosher lunch, informational displays and a solidarity walk along Orchard Lake Road at noon
Contact: (248) 737-8700 or visit www.shirshalom.org

May 13-19
Birmingham Temple
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Sunday, May 16
Location: 28611 W. 12 Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills
Details: DSO Concertmaster Emmanuelle Boisvert, along with Karl Pituch, principal horn player of the DSO, Hai-Xin Wu, DSO's assistant concertmaster, and Zuihua Tang, pianist, perform in the final Vivace Music Series concert of the season. An afterglow follows the concert when the audience will have the opportunity to mingle, sample delicious refreshments, and meet the artists. Tickets are \$23 general admission and \$20 for seniors and students
Contact: To order tickets call Joyce Chersh at (248) 788-9338 or Ann Sipher and (248) 661-1348

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Friday, May 14
Location: 9083 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Healing Light for Pain Relief demonstration featuring Q-Laser
Contact: RSVP at (248) 203-7744

Kenwood Church
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 15
Location: 20200 Merriman, Livonia
Details: "Free Stuff Give Away" offers donated, gently-used items to the community at no cost. The church is collecting donation of items for the event up to May 15. Collection boxes are placed under the canopy by the main doors
Contact: (248) 476-8222

St. Damian Catholic School
Time/Date: 4:30 p.m., Mass, 5:30-8 p.m. All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, May 15
Location: 29891 Joy, between Middlebelt and Merriman, in Westland
Details: Fiftieth anniversary celebration; dinner menu includes salad, bread, beverage, and desserts. The evening includes dinner music. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 5-12, and children under 5 are free. Family tickets are available for \$20
Contact: (734) 427-1680

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-noon, third Sunday each month, October through May
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Career workshops
St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
Time/Date: First and third Mondays
Location: 30900 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Workshops are designed to help people in employment transition build a network and use their resources to find that next good job. Workshop leaders are available to work one-on-one with anyone looking for work.
Contact: (734) 422-6038

Classes/study
Detroit First Church of the Nazarene
Time/Date: 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday
Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile
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Contact: (248) 348-7600

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia
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New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
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Location: 21819 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Details: Bible study
Contact: Nicole Christ at (313) 531-1234

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The Primo Passo Ensemble will perform.

St. John's Episcopal concert series presents Mozart opera

St. John's Episcopal Church's concert series, "Resounding Art in a Sacred Space," will give opera lovers a chance to enjoy one of Mozart's most famous operas, *Così Fan Tutte*, on Saturday, May 1.

The Primo Passo Ensemble will perform the opera, setting it in the 1960s and telling the story of two young sisters and their husbands-to-be. The young men, overheard bragging about the faithfulness of their wives-to-be, are challenged to a bet to prove that the women are not truly faithful.

Primo Passo is Italian for

first step. Their mission is to be a first step into opera for the audience member who may not be familiar with the art form. The performance, which will last approximately two hours, will present an abridged version of the original story. The dialogue will be in English rather than the original Italian.

Jody Doktor is the stage director. Musical direction is by Dana Sadava. Doktor has performed with the Michigan Opera Theatre as a member of their opera chorus. She currently is working as an adjunct professor of voice at Grand Rapids Community

College and is the music director and organist at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Southfield. Sadava is working on a Master of Music degree at the University of Michigan and has been the music director at Comic Opera Guild in Ann Arbor.

The opera will start at 7 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church at 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Admission is free, although a free will offering will be accepted.

For more information, visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org or call the church at (734) 453-0190.

Need some stuff? Livonia church offering it free on May 15

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Kenwood Church of Christ will offer lots of secondhand items to the public next month, but won't bother to price any of them.

"We're trying to find new ways to get needed things to people," explained the Rev. Todd Lackie, pastor of the Livonia church. "It's part of our ongoing effort to try to find ways to serve the community."

Last year the church gave away more than 8,000 gently-used garments and approximately 600 winter clothing items. It also helped 750 families with food.

Now it's collecting donated items for its "Free Stuff Give Away," on May 15.

"Many of us have more things than we need. That third crock pot — do you really need it? Or that second lawn mower?"

He hopes the community will partner with the church in its collection effort by donating items. A box is stationed under the canopy by the main doors and the church will accept donations through May 15.

Lackie expects the church will receive clothing, household items, furniture, appliances, books, toys, computers, electronics and tools.

"You name it, it's available. We have everything from clothing to a pair of skis and ski poles. There are chairs ... a little bit of everything. We've got plenty of (storage) space."

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"I have a friend who is a minister in Ohio. His congregation does this same thing. We'll probably follow their lead."

The item limit will prevent someone from "pulling in with a semi truck and cleaning everything out" to sell on eBay.

Leftovers will go to organizations that can put them to good use.

Lackie said donating reusable items to the Free Stuff Give Away is just one way of serving others locally.

"I think one thing that has been lost over the last several decades is a sense of community. Global is fine, but it's also important to remember that the person living three houses down may be in need."

Free Stuff Give Away will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 15 at the church, 20200 Merriman. Call (248) 476-8222 for information.

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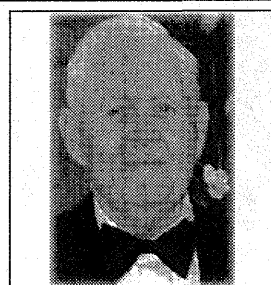
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LELA BRAMLETT (NEE MILLER)

Age 87, April 17, 2010. Dear mother of Carolyn Gale Wathen and Shelley Redouty. Grandmother of Chystal Gale Jeffries and Rachael Lynn Redouty. Great-grandmother of Everett Jeffries. Sister of the late Ishmael Miller, Beatrice Henderson, Herman Miller, Woodrow Miller, Birgie Saddler, Thurlow Brown and Elza Miller. Aunt of Glenda, Allen J., Larry, Doug, Wendell, Marcella, Jenny Sue, Scott, and Joelle. Private services; arrangements by Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 734-427-3800. Memorials suggested to American Cancer Society.

WILLIAM H. GEARHART

Age 87, of Plymouth, passed away April 18, 2010. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington, MI.



WILLIAM M. HOWE

84, passed away Thursday, April 15, 2010 at his home. Born in Highland Park, MI, he was the second oldest of

ten children of Jim and Rose Howe and attended St. Cecilia's in Detroit. Bill enlisted in the U.S. Army at 15 and proudly served in WWII and the Korean war with assignments in Munich, Frankfurt, and Darmstadt, Germany, Ft. Campbell, KY and Ft. Carson, Co. He was a maintenance specialist, achieving the rank of CWO-3 after 20 years in the Army. After his military service, he moved his family to Redford Twp., MI. He was an active member and usher of Our Lady of Loretto Church. Employed again at the Detroit Tank Arsenal Plant in Warren, MI, he was instrumental in writing the maintenance manual for the Abrams M1 Tank. He once said "I can fix anything, but a broken heart". He enjoyed summers at his vacation home with his family and friends at Guthrie Lakes, MI, where he went boating, fishing, made bon fires and rode scooters with his grandchildren. He moved to Melbourne, FL in 2000, and became a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. He rarely missed mass at 4:00 on Saturdays, sitting with his friends in the last pew. Bill loved people, dogs, everything Irish, and in the good old days, a shot of Jim Beam. Bill was predeceased in death by daughter Kristina Peifer of Glen Burnie, MD. His family includes his wife of 61 years Lily; three children, Nijola-Lolly Polenz (Alan), Detroit, MI, William, (Karen) Northville, MI and Shirley Street (Tom) Melbourne, FL. He also had 9 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 10:30AM at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Melbourne, FL. Interment with full military honors will be at the National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. Donations can be made to <http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>

Arrangements by South Brevard Funeral Home, Melbourne, FL 321-724-2222. Please sign guestbook and share memories at www.affuneral.com

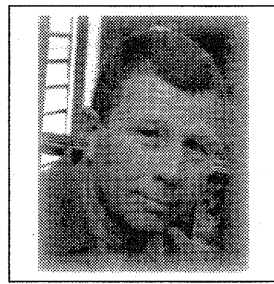
ROY KARRO

WWII veteran of the U.S. Air Corps (Bronze Star for work with the 93rd Bombardment Group of the 8th AF in the E. T. O.) Age 91 passed away on April 17, 2010 peacefully at home in Livonia. Retired from Solomon, Smith & Barney in 1999. 1942 University of Iowa graduate and passionate Hawkeye sports fan. Life member of the University of Iowa Alumni Association. University of Iowa Foundation Presidents Club Gold member. A philanthropist, assisting with and contributing to various charities— especially athletic programs, scholarship funds and fund raising for the University of Iowa to which he made contributions for 44 consecutive years. Contributions include the commissioning of the bronze bust of Coach Hayden Frye. The establishment of the Jim Zabel Scholarship Fund for broadcast journalism. The University of Iowa Athletics Hall of Fame, Roy G. Karro Building. Born August 10, 1918 in New York, NY to Tynne and Gustav Karro of Finland. Roy is preceded in death by his loving parents and his loving wife of 42 years Mae Harrison Karro. He is survived by many beloved cousins: Stanley Karro, Helvi Larson, Leila Judd and all of their children. Roy's godchild Leslie Skowronek. Roy is also survived by his dear companion and caregiver Linda Renich, her sons Ray Page, John Page, and Ric Renich. His many friends in the U.S., Canada and Finland. Great friends Bob and Peggy Mull and family, Don and Marilyn Suchy. Special thanks to the caregivers over these past 7 years. Roy will be missed by his faithful dogs, Baby, Lady and grand-dog Coco. World traveler Roy Karro will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Arrangements by the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Interment Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley, MI.



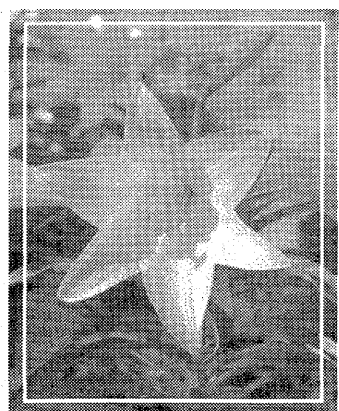
HELEN A. ROGERS Died April 16, 2010

Rogers - Helen B. Rogers, 96, of Grandville, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died April 16 in Grandville, with her family beside her. Services have been held in Northport, MI. Please visit Helen's online guestbook at www.legacy.com/record-eagle/



DONALD K. TROTTER

Age 48 of Howell, died suddenly Friday, April 16, 2010. He was born September 27, 1961 in Livonia, the son of Donald and Irene (Lux) Trotter. Beloved husband of Melissa Ann (Shortridge) Trotter; dear father of Brett Trotter and Samantha Trotter of Ortonville and Hayden Trotter of Grand Blanc; step-children, Dustin Piesko, Hunter Piesko and Baylei O'Doherty, all of Howell. Also survived by his mother, Irene Panyard of Livonia and sister, Kathy Trotter of Dearborn and his cat, Stanley. He was preceded in death by his father. Donald was a member of Glaziers Local #357 of Detroit. He enjoyed collecting and restoring cars and was a member of Livingston County Street Knights. Visitation for Donald will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. with services Friday 11 a.m. at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Please visit the family's online guestbook at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com



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ANNA MARIE (PEDERSEN) FACKNITZ

Age 87, passed away Friday, April 16, 2010 surrounded by her loving family at the Davison Brian's House Hospice. A Memorial Service will be held 4 pm Sunday, April 25, 2010 at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 5073 Daly Blvd., Flint; Pastor Gary L. Beck officiating. The family will receive visitors from 3 pm until time of service. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills. Anna was born in Detroit, MI on April 13, 1923, the eldest of three children, to Leo and Erna (Nielsen) Pedersen. She married her lifelong love, Winfried "Win" Facknitz on October 3, 1942. They were blessed to celebrate 66 years of marriage and devotion to their Lord, one another and their family. Win preceded Anna in death July 24, 2008. Some of Anna's most joyous moments were spent sharing holidays, traveling with Win, and anything to do with "Nanny" and the little ones. Anna is survived by her children, Christina (Hugh) McMartin and Lisa Minto (husband Rod, deceased); grandchildren, Erika (Kenny) Ingle, Amy Thompson, Bradley (Paula) McMartin, Alissa (Martin) Bocks; great-grandchildren, Cameron and Donovan Ingle, Anna and Sara Thompson, Caitlin and Emma Bocks. She was preceded in death by her sister, June Bolick, and her brother George Pedersen. Please share your thoughts with the family at www.allenfuneralhomeinc.com.



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Try a refreshing take on tea

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BAVARIAN WILD BERRY FRUIT-TEA POPS

Serves: 8
Preparation Time: 10 minutes
Freeze Time: 4 hours
 2 cups boiling water
 4 Lipton Bavarian Wild Berry Pyramid Tea Bags
 1/2 cup sugar
 1 cup chopped strawberries
 Pour boiling water over tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze. Stir in sugar until dissolved; let cool slightly.



Bavarian Wild Berry Fruit-Tea Pops

Combine tea with strawberries in medium bowl. Evenly pour into 8 (4-ounce) paper cups (or popsicle molds). Freeze until almost firm, about 1 hour. Insert wooden ice pop sticks into centers; freeze until firm. To serve, press firmly on bottom of paper cup to remove.

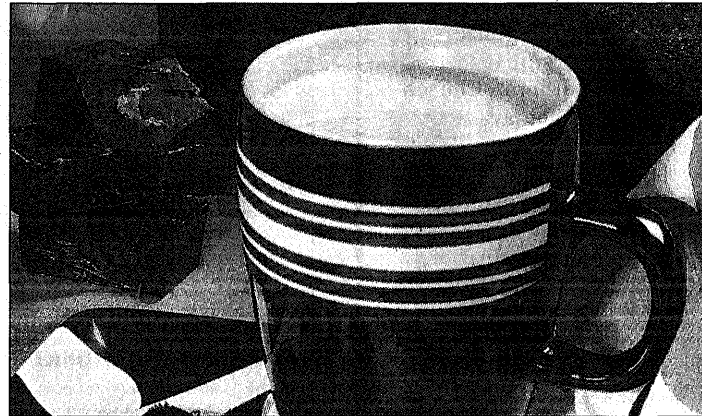
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 For Black Pearl Fruit-Tea Pops, use Lipton Black Pearl Black Pyramid Tea Bags and 1 cup mixed berries (raspberries, blueberries and/or strawberries).
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Serves: 2
Preparation Time: 5 to 10 minutes
Chill Time: 1 hour
 1 cup boiling water
 3 Lipton Red Tea with Harvest Strawberry & Passionfruit Flavor Pyramid Tea Bags
 2 tablespoons sugar
 1 cup frozen strawberries
 1/2 cup strawberry frozen yogurt or substitute regular strawberry yogurt
 1/2 cup ice cubes (about 3 to 4)
 Pour boiling water over tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze, then stir in sugar; chill.
 In blender, process tea, strawberries and yogurt. Add ice cubes, one at a time, and process until blended. Garnish, if desired, with whipped cream and strawberries. Serve immediately.

TROPICAL PUNCH WITH FRUITY TEA ICE CUBES

Serves: 8
Preparation Time: 15 minutes
Chill Time: 2 hours
 4 cups boiling water
 12 Lipton Tuscan Lemon Flavored Black Pyramid Tea Bags
 1/2 cup sugar
 3 cups pineapple juice
 1 cup orange juice
 2 cups raspberries
 Pour boiling water over tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze. Stir in sugar; chill.
 In large pitcher, combine 2 cups chilled tea with remaining ingredients; chill.
 Meanwhile, in 2 ice cube trays, arrange 3 raspberries in each compartment. Pour remaining chilled tea over berries. Freeze 2 hours or until solid. To serve, pour punch into large pitcher or bowl. Add tea ice cubes. Serve immediately.
Tip: If you don't have ice cube trays, try using mini muffin pans or a 6-cup ring mold.



Black Pearl Hot 'n Spicy Chocolate Tea

BLACK PEARL HOT 'N SPICY CHOCOLATE TEA

Serves: 2
Preparation Time: 5 minutes
Cook Time: 5 minutes
 1 cup fat free or 1 percent milk
 1 cup water
 2 Lipton Black Pearl Black Pyramid Tea Bags
 1 tablespoon sugar, or to taste
 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 1 teaspoon chocolate syrup
 Bring milk and water just to a boil in 2-quart saucepan. Remove from heat and add tea bags. Cover and brew 1-1/2 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze, stir in remaining ingredients. Serve immediately. Garnish, if desired, with whipped cream and a sprinkle of cinnamon.



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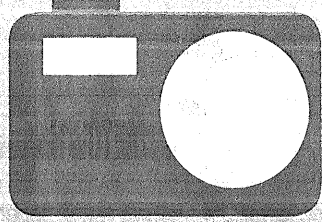


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MSU lawn care tips will help you 'go green'

Mowing is the most basic practice for maintaining lawn turf. Mowing performed at the correct height and frequency is essential to the health and density of the stand. Removing leaf tips induces plants to form new sprouts, increasing stand density. Mowing can affect water quality, also. A healthy stand can withstand more pest pressure and needs fewer pest control inputs. The denser turf cover also helps prevent soil erosion, which is an important pollution problem for the waters in the Great Lakes basin.

HEIGHT OF CUT

Turfgrasses are well adapted to frequent mowing, but mowing too short will reduce the vigor of the plants by reducing their ability to manufacture food. Also, there is a direct relationship between cutting height and the amount of roots a grass plant can maintain. Lowering the mowing height reduces the root system. This restricts the ability of the plant to absorb water and nutrients. In recent years, recommendations for mowing height have steadily increased for home lawns. Earlier recommendations for a cutting height of 1.5 inches were common. Current standards suggest between 2 and 3.75 inches. Higher cut lawn grasses are more stress tolerant. This is especially important during the summer heat period. Taller grass plants with higher density have a profound shading effect on the soil surface, which reduces germination of weed seeds, particularly crabgrass. This is an excellent way to reduce herbicide use, especially where the lawn is properly fertilized and watered to maintain vigor.

MOWING FREQUENCY

A general rule of thumb is not to remove more than one-third of the total leaf surface when mowing your lawn. This may require mowing every four to five days during rapid growth in the spring. The table below describes the amount of growth allowed between mowings at specific cutting heights. As the table indicates, higher cutting heights allow more time between mowing cycles. This is desirable during periods of rapid growth. Removing more than one-third of total leaf surface can severely injure the grass plant by decreasing its ability to support its underground portions.

To cut one-third of the leaves
Height of cut/Mow when turf reaches/Growth between mowings

1.0"	1.50"	0.50"
2.0"	3.00"	1.00"
2.5"	3.75"	1.25"
3.0"	4.50"	1.50"
3.5"	5.25"	1.75"



DEALING WITH CLIPPINGS

Current Michigan law restricts many residents from dumping yard wastes such as grass clippings and leaves into landfills, so it is best to manage them on your site. Return clippings to the lawn whenever possible. When the lawn is mowed so that less than one-third of the total leaf surface is removed, grass clippings can easily be returned to the lawn. Excessive accumulation of clippings from infrequent mowing may smother the turf and should be removed. A common misconception is that clippings left on the lawn will promote thatch buildup. This is not true. Clippings do not make significant contributions to thatch and should be returned to the lawn whenever possible. These leaves contain mostly water and break down rapidly, releasing nutrients back into the system. Returning grass clippings means that nitrogen applications can be reduced by as much as 1 pound per 1,000 square feet per year. To accommodate this practice, mulching mowers are now available that chop the clippings into small pieces and distribute them back to the turf surface.

If clippings are removed, they can be used in compost piles or as mulch. Backyard compost stations are becoming increasingly popular, and grass clippings are a welcome addition. An important concept for composting is to create the correct carbon to nitrogen balance ("browns" to "greens") in the pile. Many experts suggest an ideal ratio of 30:1 carbon to nitrogen for best compost results. Grass clippings are relatively high in nitrogen, with an approximate 13:1 ratio for green clippings. Combining or layering grass clippings with tree leaves, straw, soil or other materials considered to have a high carbon content will be effective.

Many gardeners use grass clippings as a mulch in vegetable or ornamental gardens. This is an excellent use for this material, but caution is required if weed control products have been applied recently. In tests conducted at MSU, researchers applied several weed control products to lawn turf, then mowed at two and 14 days after application and used the clippings as mulch around a variety of annual flowers and vegetable plants. Some of the weed control products injured the plants when clippings were used as mulch up to 14 days after application. Insect or disease control products did not cause any noticeable injury. The conclusion: allow at least two weeks after applying weed control products before using clippings as mulch. These clippings can be returned to the

lawn or directed toward the compost pile. The weed control products will degrade quickly during the composting process.

MOWING TREE LEAVES

Mowing tree leaves in the autumn and returning them to the turf system is an outstanding alternative to raking and bagging (the same landfill constraints also apply to tree leaves). MSU studies have evaluated the effects of mowing tree leaves into lawns. In these studies, up to 6 inches of various types of tree leaves were mowed into lawns. No adverse effects were detected on the lawns. Reports from professional turf managers who have been practicing this technique on golf courses and commercial turf have been positive. Homeowners interested in an alternative to raking leaves might want to try mowing them. A couple of passes with the mower will break the leaves down into small pieces. The leaf residue will be evident after mowing, but it will sift into the turf within a few weeks and will be unnoticeable in the spring. You can even rake leaves that accumulate in planting beds, fence lines or other areas out into the lawn and mow them. For best results, raise your mowing height to better accommodate the tree leaves, and mow when the leaves are dry.

MOWING EQUIPMENT

The key to a quality cut with any style mower is to use a sharp, well adjusted mower. Dull, poorly adjusted equipment tears rather than cuts the grass, leaving a ready site for disease invasion and giving the lawn a frayed, brownish look. An easy way to accomplish this task is to purchase an extra mower blade for your machine so you can always keep a sharp blade on hand. The frequency of changing the blade is up to you. Many professional turf managers change blades daily, but once a month would be a good start. For best results, mow when the turf is dry; this will also eliminate clumping. Varying the mowing direction from time to time can reduce wear patterns. Recent industry advances in mulching mowers have made them increasingly popular. They differ from the side discharge and reel mowers by recirculating the grass within the mowing chamber to produce smaller pieces.

This lawn care column was written by K.W. Frank, G.T. Lyman and R.N. Calhoun of the Michigan State University Department of Crop and Soil Sciences. For more information, visit www.turf.msu.edu online.

Furnace call bill prompts query

Q: I live in an apartment converted to a condominium. Recently my carbon monoxide tester started beeping and I felt some dizziness. I contacted the management company and asked that my furnace be checked for carbon monoxide fumes. I received no contact from the management company and contacted the gas company who said I should call the fire department first. I was billed by the fire department for coming out and now I think it is the association's responsibility.

A: You have to see whether the furnace is an area that is to be maintained by you or the association. If you are responsible, then it is your responsibility

to ensure that it is safe. If it is the association's responsibility, then it should defray the cost of fixing the furnace and determine the cause the carbon monoxide. Since you are a senior citizen with limited income, I suggest that you show this letter to your association if it is its responsibility.

Q: I have heard that commercial solar power is being utilized in various locales, including Napa Valley and rooftops in Texas. Does it make any sense for us to consider it as a commercial developer?

A: Commercial Solar presents an opportunity for building owners and tenants to achieve both sustainability and business goals. Solar is an energy source that can provide electricity rates potentially below grid rates. Using photovoltaic systems electricity also reduces a corporation's carbon footprint. However, the potential benefits of installing commercial solar present certain key concerns. The economics of commercial solar are improving but are still dependent on federal and state incentives. Only a limited number of states offer enough pro solar incentives to make installing a system economically feasible. The laws of each state vary on the size of the system that can take advantage of net metering. It is obviously difficult to predict what business and legal issues will arise as the Commercial Solar field continues to evolve.

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HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 4-8, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	2836 Horseshoe Ct \$145,000
Beverly Hills	31221 Churchill Dr \$310,000
Birmingham	951 Fairfax St \$425,000
Bloomfield Hills	1931 Rathmor Rd \$1,875,000
Bloomfield Township	2852 Aldgate Dr \$205,000
Clarkston	4013 Ardley Ct \$208,000
Farmington Hills	25520 Arden Park Dr \$157,000
Farmington Hills	25887 Arden Park Dr \$199,000
Farmington Hills	30780 Country Ridge Cir \$190,000
Farmington Hills	29515 Greenboro St \$196,000
Farmington Hills	21512 Orchard Lake Rd \$100,000
Farmington Hills	21322 Whittington St \$119,000
Farmington Hills	2220 Maddy Ln \$70,000
Farmington Hills	2585 Browning Rd \$175,000
Farmington Hills	60 Burniah Ln \$134,000
Farmington Hills	329 Hampton Woods Ln \$263,000
Farmington Hills	3209 High Pointe Ridge Rd \$55,000
Farmington Hills	1055 Indianpipe Rd \$285,000
Farmington Hills	1130 Indianpipe Rd \$325,000
Farmington Hills	3750 Kern Rd \$250,000
Farmington Hills	1112 Key West Dr \$228,000
Farmington Hills	210 N Broadway St \$145,000
Farmington Hills	1441 Paul Blvd \$84,000
Farmington Hills	3332 Regency Dr \$136,000
Farmington Hills	2605 Semloh St \$110,000
Farmington Hills	18753 San Diego Blvd \$117,000
Farmington Hills	19141 Sunnybrook Ave \$125,000
Farmington Hills	969 Stone Barn \$202,000
Farmington Hills	21888 Cumberland Dr \$190,000
Farmington Hills	24581 Christina Ln \$153,000
Farmington Hills	41662 Clemens Cir \$308,000

Commerce Township	6711 Wealthy St \$109,000
Commerce Township	5525 Lancaster Ln \$239,000
Commerce Township	4640 Ravinewood Dr \$230,000
Commerce Township	8723 War Bonnet Dr \$133,000
Davidsburg	12415 Rattalee Lake Rd \$134,000
Davidsburg	11420 Shaffer Rd \$150,000
Davidsburg	8491 Zeerco Blvd \$248,000
Orchard Lake	3497 Arrowvale Dr \$165,000
Oxford	1261 Lacrosse Trl \$545,000
Oxford	1230 Oakmont Dr \$172,000
Oxford	668 Oneta St \$145,000
Oxford	385 Pocahontas Trl \$68,000
Oxford	4794 Rue De Carolyn \$235,000
Oxford	640 Southshore Dr \$347,000
Oxford	51 W Burdick St \$148,000
Rochester	1663 Chase Dr \$315,000
Rochester	1690 Stony Creek Dr \$350,000
Rochester Hills	612 Byron Ct \$125,000
Rochester Hills	3761 Cedar Brook Dr \$740,000
Rochester Hills	1739 Devonwood Dr \$255,000
Rochester Hills	742 E Bluff Ct \$217,000
Rochester Hills	2970 Hillendale Dr \$148,000
Rochester Hills	3570 Hogan Cir \$290,000
Rochester Hills	907 Lafayette Ct \$93,000
Rochester Hills	1919 Mackwood Rd \$205,000
Rochester Hills	1373 N Acree Dr \$218,000
Rochester Hills	790 Passive \$125,000
Rochester Hills	2385 Pleasant View Dr \$180,000
Rochester Hills	1250 Sandy Ridge Dr \$222,000
South Lyon	642 Kestrel Ct \$150,000
South Lyon	21586 Nathan Ct \$268,000
South Lyon	59385 Pacers Path \$210,000
South Lyon	23573 Prescott Ln E \$61,000
South Lyon	23479 Prescott Ln W \$61,000
Southfield	21719 Eight and Half Mile \$30,000
Southfield	15938 Addison Ct \$74,000

Troy	1568 Brentwood Dr \$100,000
Troy	1706 Brentwood Dr \$118,000
Troy	6332 Denton Dr \$210,000
Troy	1847 Freemont Dr \$203,000
Troy	5766 N Adams Rd \$430,000
Troy	3644 Old Creek Rd \$95,000
Troy	2730 Saratoga Dr \$138,000
Walled Lake	16102 Addington Dr \$78,000
Waterford	773 Apopka St \$163,000
Waterford	4125 Baybrook Dr \$108,000
Waterford	5657 Brunswick Blvd \$99,000
Waterford	2830 Deland Rd \$47,000
Waterford	3586 Fort Dr \$75,000
Waterford	2601 Grandview Blvd \$95,000
Waterford	4035 Ironside Dr \$139,000
West Bloomfield	7368 Balsam Ct \$45,000
West Bloomfield	7302 Creek View Ct \$100,000
West Bloomfield	3807 Fieldview Ave \$110,000
West Bloomfield	4004 Foxview St \$270,000
West Bloomfield	5051 Greensward Ct \$135,000
West Bloomfield	3062 Huntingdon Dr \$235,000
West Bloomfield	3007 Moon Lake Dr \$105,000
West Bloomfield	3070 Moon Lake Dr \$70,000
West Bloomfield	5963 Orchard Woods Dr \$310,000
West Bloomfield	3279 Park Forest Dr \$215,000
West Bloomfield	5937 Red Coat Ln \$135,000
West Bloomfield	3045 Shadydale Ct \$330,000
White Lake	9950 Cedar Island Rd \$150,000
White Lake	8190 Sequoia Ln \$105,000
White Lake	11142 Windhurst St \$31,000

Wayne	28727 Brentwood St \$23,000
Wayne	24458 Lee Baker Dr \$62,000
Wayne	17124 Maryland St \$125,000
Wayne	30064 Pleasant Trl \$125,000
Wayne	27365 Red Leaf Ln \$72,000
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Wayne	18820 Westmore St \$55,000
Wayne	14592 Yale St \$170,000
Northville	44506 Larchwood Dr \$450,000
Northville	41923 Sutters Ln \$280,000
Northville	501 W Cady St \$335,000
Plymouth	235 Adams St \$453,000
Plymouth	1473 Carol Ave \$155,000
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Redford	11409 Rockland \$86,000
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Redford	26653 Student \$65,000
Westland	36148 Avondale St \$50,000
Westland	37537 Barkridge Cir \$32,000
Westland	34014 Caseville Ct \$25,000
Westland	122 S Hanlon St \$70,000
Westland	34101 Sequoia St \$94,000

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ACROSS

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6 City transport
9 Taro dish
12 Comforter stuffing
13 Four quarters
14 Samovar
15 About 0.4 in.
16 — Derek of films
17 Cuffed
19 Ms. Novak
21 Really fancy
23 Elevator maker
25 After deductions
26 Delightful
30 Habits
32 Rush off
33 Kind of party
36 Kind of benefit
37 Muscle spasm
38 Locomotive must
39 Bounce
40 Lay down
41 Cushy

DOWN

45 Bounced back
48 Shorten the grass
49 Morning moisture
52 Conversational pause
54 Badger st.
55 Computer language
56 Intense anger
57 Works like a horse
59 Over there
60 Still or Affleck
61 Brewer's need

1 Small lizard
2 Restriction
3 Ego companion
4 Lincoln's st.
5 Walked
6 Orders around
7 Totally dark
8 Withered
9 Litter member
10 Vein contents

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42 Cosmic sound
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SEEK AND FIND

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Garage Sales **7110**

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AUTOMAKERS DIVERGE OVER CRUCIAL 'INFOTAINMENT' STRATEGIES

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CAReport



By Dale Buss

Over the decades, OEMs have gone their separate ways on a number of big strategic matters that ended up becoming major determinants of the industry's winners and losers. Front-wheel drive or rear-wheel drive? Unionized or non-union factories? Global mega-merger or not?

Nowadays, Edmunds.com says, automakers likewise are diverging around the question of how to approach the "infotainment" revolution in the vehicle. Platforms including General Motors' OnStar, Ford's SYNC, and Mercedes-Benz's Embrace represent early commitments to widely varying answers.

And Hyundai's recent announcement of tie-ins between iPad and the company's upcoming 2011 Equus luxury sedan is further indication that every OEM believes the procurement, packaging and presentation of wireless content and connections going into, coming out of, and bouncing around within vehicles can be a huge difference-maker.

"It's the next big battleground in the industry," said John Wolkonowicz, senior auto analyst for IHS Global Insight, a market-research firm in Lexington, Mass. "It is addressing what people under 50 years old today find absolutely mandatory in their vehicles."

That's because "the car is becoming the fourth screen" after the TV, the PC and the mobile phone, especially for younger Americans, said Fran Dance, development manager for BMW North America's

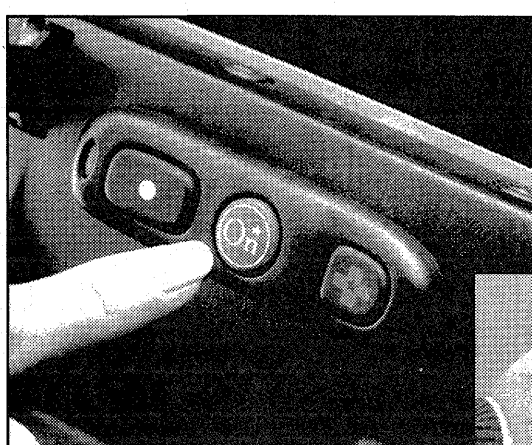
infotainment platform. "We have to do this very, very carefully."

But how? "You're starting to see two general camps emerging," said Robert Policano, product manager for Mercedes-Benz's Embrace infotainment system. "There's a lot of uncertainty, and everyone's approach is ever-evolving."

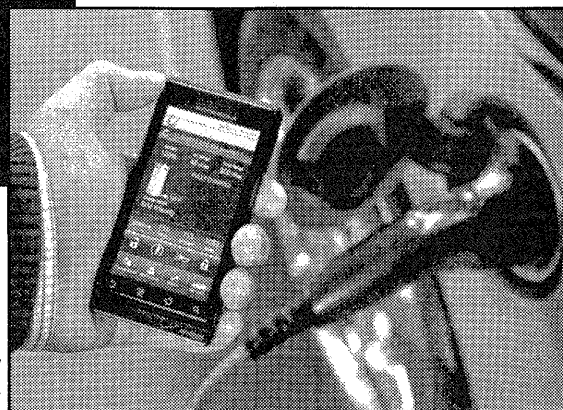
For each OEM, the basic decision about infotainment is this: whether to "embed" most of the enabling hardware and software for wireless communications into the infrastructure of the vehicle itself, essentially creating their own mobile devices -- or to minimize such integration and concentrate on producing the best possible interfaces with cell phones, smart phones and other appliances that consumers already are using and bringing with them into the vehicle.

Ford sits more or less at one end of the spectrum with SYNC, whose strength on a practical and marketing basis seems to be that the system makes it easy to use already-favorite wireless devices and programs in Ford's cars. Ford recently said 80 percent of potential customers report that a SYNC demonstration improves their opinion of Ford and 70 percent are more likely to consider purchase. And outside analysts are convinced that SYNC has become a big sales driver for hit models including Ford Fusion and Ford Focus.

"We're connecting you to apps you already know and love," said Julius Marchwicki, SYNC product manager for



Back in 1996, OnStar began with the now-famous button.



Nowadays, GM has equipped OnStar with new mobile applications.

Ford. "We want to integrate that connectivity into your vehicle."

On the other end of the scale is GM, which committed itself mainly to an embedded strategy nearly two decades ago with OnStar, building the service into its vehicles -- and basically has stuck with that approach since then. OnStar requires a subscription fee but handles everything for users on a voice-activated basis and, when required, with live human beings, from turn-by-turn navigation to help in a locked-out situation to emergency-services notification after a subscriber's accident. And OnStar doesn't require customers to carry anything with them into the vehicle or even do anything but press that magic OnStar button.

"We hold a unique place in the market in terms of understanding of communications within the vehicle," said Andrew Young, OnStar's marketing director.

Most other automakers say they're building infotainment platforms that include elements of both the "tethered" and embedded approaches.

Toyota, for example, has established a robust embedded platform to fuel the Safety Connect system which it launched last year as an option on many vehicles, similar to OnStar. Yet the company remains committed to creating interfaces that work with the communications and entertainment devices that consumers bring into their vehicles.

"We're really happy with our direction because we think we've cracked the best of both worlds," said Jon Buccini, vice president of advanced technology for Toyota Motor Sales USA.

BMW has been a leader in embedded communications for several years in its BMW-branded vehicles but, with its new Mini Countryman, will utilize the iPhone as the interface for accessing a menu of wireless services which will be called Mini Connected.

"The future offers a merged view of these things," Dance said. "The customer doesn't really care which way we go. They just want their functions -- whether it's safety and security or internet access -- and things that work."

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