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Faith grants

The Plymouth Salvation Army still has funds available under the Faith Stimulus Grant program to help the newly unemployed.

Criteria for the funding are: proof of unemployment (letter of separation, documentation from state, bank statement showing automatic deposit of unemployment funds), and applicants must reside in the Plymouth Salvation Army's service area (Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Belleville).

For more information, e-mail Laurie Aren at laurie_aren@usc.salvationarmy.org or call the church at (734) 453-5464.

Foster forum

Wayne County Juvenile Court Judge Mark T. Slavens of Canton and Wayne County Juvenile Court Referee Kathleen H. Svoboda will join foster care workers and adoption specialists, foster and adoptive parents and foster and adopted children as panelists for a public meeting Wednesday, May 5, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The purpose of the free event is to provide information to individuals and couples who are thinking about becoming foster and/or adoptive parents. The event is sponsored by the Michigan Children's Law Center.

"The forum is being held because the children's law center believes that loving and caring foster and adoptive parents are critical in providing new beginnings and opportunities for abused and neglected children," said Fred Gruber, Executive Director of the Michigan Children's Law Center. The program includes information on foster parenting, and the adoption process. Foster and adoptive parents will be in attendance to answer questions and share their experiences.

The Michigan Children's Law Center is a group of attorneys who represent children in neglect and delinquency cases in Wayne County Juvenile Court.

For more information, call Fred Gruber at the Michigan Children's Law Center at (734) 281-1900.

Budget town hall

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, hosts a town hall meeting Thursday, May 6, in Canton, to discuss the state budget, the current state of the economy and how state leaders can work to revitalize Michigan's economy.

The meeting takes place from 7-9 p.m. at the Canton Township Hall Board Room, 1150 Canton Center Road.

Corriveau will be joined by Mitch Bean, director of the nonpartisan House Fiscal Agency. Bean will give a presentation and hold a question-and-answer session with residents.

For more information, residents can call Corriveau's office toll-free at (877) 208-4737 or send an e-mail to MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov.

State smoking ban in the air



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Katei Stopes and Shantal Stamann at Doyle's, in Plymouth. Doyles will close Sunday, May 2 and Monday, May 3, to paint, clean up and remodel. They will reopen for business on Tuesday, May 4.

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Michigan's new smoking ban — like the tobacco smoke it intends to clear up — is "in the air" at the Plymouth Roc.

That's the word from Jordan West, a part-owner of the bar and restaurant (formerly Boulders) on Ann Arbor Road. People there are talking about the ban, West said, and the Roc is ready.

"It's not going to be a problem," West said Monday as the after-work crowd started trickling in. "The only thing is adjusting to it. Change is hard."

The ban, approved by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Jennifer Granholm in December, takes effect Saturday. It prohibits smoking in most public places, including bars, restaurants and motels (yes, even in guest rooms).

Even restaurant patios, decks and sidewalks, if service is provided or food or drink is consumed, are off-limits.

There are exceptions, such as the gambling floors at Detroit's casinos, Native American-run casinos, cigar bars and tobacco shops.

West and several others at bars and

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Flower power

Bird students put a 'cap' on Green Street Fair

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When the Green Street Fair hits downtown Plymouth Friday, students at Bird Elementary School in Plymouth Township will be on hand, tending the garden they've created expressly for the fair.

There won't be that much tending needed, though, because the students — from every K-5 class in the building — did the major work before the fair ever opened.

Partnering with Green Street Fair organizers and the Burroughs Corp., students created a "garden" of flowers, made of wood supplied by Burroughs and topped with bottle caps collected and recycled by the students at Bird. The garden will be on display in Kellogg Park during the fair, which runs Friday-Sunday.

"We wanted to do a project for the fair last year, but it didn't

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Students, staff and parent volunteers at Bird Elementary School got together to create a variety of oversized flowers, using recycled bottle caps, for this weekend's Green Street Fair in downtown Plymouth.

GOING GREEN

- **What:** Green Street Fair
- **When:** Noon to 7 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.
- **Where:** Downtown Plymouth
- **Special attractions:** 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.

Rethink: 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; and Flip Your Lid, a display of oversized flower decorations made by Bird Elementary students from discarded plastic caps and lids.

• **Info:** www.greenstreetfair.com

Services set for teen killed in Sunday crash

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Counselors and social workers were on hand Monday morning as students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park were forced to deal with the death of one of their own.

Marie-Kristen Friedow, an 18-year-old senior at Plymouth High School, died Sunday from injuries sustained in a two-vehicle car crash Sunday afternoon in Canton.

Friedow apparently lost control of her car as she drove west on Michigan Avenue near the I-275 interchange, according to Canton Police Sgt. Mark Gajeski. The driver's side of Friedow's car slammed into the back of a van stopped for a red light. Police said the rain-slicked roadway along that stretch of Michigan Ave., where the speed limit is 55 mph, may have contributed to the crash, Gajeski said.

Friedow died at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. Neither the 15-year-old pas-

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Board wants input on RESA millage

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If officials at Wayne RESA want to pass the 1.9-mill school enhancement proposal they've been floating, they might have to do it without the support of the state's third-largest school district.

Plymouth-Canton Board of Education officials Tuesday tabled a vote on a resolution supporting the RESA plan, being proposed to provide a funding source not otherwise available to local school districts, most of whom are bound by the restrictions of 1994's Proposal A.

The supporting resolution was a late addition to Tuesday's agenda, but board members decided — on a 5-2 vote — to table the issue until they could hear input from district residents.

But it was clear trustees think they have a pretty good idea what

voters will think about the RESA millage, which would raise some \$11 million in Plymouth-Canton, though only 60 percent of that — about \$6.9 million — would come back to the district under RESA's disbursement plan.

Two weeks ago, board Vice President Barry Simescu favored supporting the proposal, pointing out it's "the only game the state Legislature is letting us play." After hearing from people, though, Simescu now opposes it.

"I had several members of the community contact me, and I found none who supported it," Simescu said. "There are too many negatives here. I think it's the wrong time."

RESA needs support from districts representing 51 percent of the county's students to get the proposal on the Aug. 3 primary ballot. At a meeting a couple of weeks ago, officials indicated they needed support

from at least two of three large districts — Plymouth-Canton, Livonia or Dearborn — to give the measure a shot. Livonia recently voted not to support it, while Dearborn board members disliked the idea so much they didn't even vote on it.

Plymouth-Canton Trustee Adrienne Davis, the board's newest member, offered a motion to pass the resolution supporting the RESA plan. She said voters should be allowed to decide for themselves.

"For me, it's purely civics," Davis said. "I don't think it's up to me to get in the way of the public to decide whether to vote it up or down. The public gets to say yes or no."

But board Treasurer Judy Mardigian said the district has other needs that will have to be considered in the near future — such as what to do with the 100-year-old

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AROUND PLYMOUTH

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Petticoat tea

All ages are welcome at the Plymouth Historical Museum's "Petticoats and Petit Fours" Tea, Sunday, May 2 at 2 p.m.

Pam Yockey will conduct a fashion show of vintage young ladies' clothing, following the delectable treats prepared by Sweet Afton Tea Room in Plymouth.

A Victorian-style tea will be served complete with scones, tea sandwiches, and other fare. The tea that will be served is the Museum's new signature blend, "Mary's Blend," a tantalizing cherry and almond black tea in honor of Mary Todd Lincoln. This tea is also now available for purchase in the Museum's gift shop.

Young ladies with tickets are welcome to arrive at the Museum at noon that day to get free hair

and nail styling by Pam Free of Freestyle Salon in Plymouth. Martin Caruana, of All Things Purses, will be on hand with a selection of purses for sale from his store. And after the "make-over," young ladies will be able to choose from the Museum's stash of fancy clothing to wear during the tea and fashion show. Ticket holders are welcome to tour the Museum beginning at 1 p.m. that day.

You can purchase tickets at the Plymouth Historical Museum or using Paypal on the Museum's Web site at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html>.

For more information, call (734) 455-8940 or e-mail secretary@plymouthhistory.org. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, one block north of Kellogg Park.

Field fund-raiser

Field Elementary's seventh annual Fun Fair takes place 5:30-9 p.m. on May 7 at 1000 S. Haggerty in Canton. The public is welcome, and food and conces-

sions will be available.

Raffle tickets will sell for \$5, and prizes include \$1,000 Visa Gift Card, Small Flat Screen TV, Lap Top, Xbox and game bundle and a Digital Camera. Raffle tickets will be available to purchase the evening of the event; the drawing takes place at 8:45 p.m. (need not be present to win).

A Silent Auction will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. If you have a business and would like to donate to the Silent Auction, contact Sheila Smith at (734) 637-7891. Ticket drops for opportunities to win themed baskets donated and assembled by each classroom. Tickets are \$1 each or 12 for \$10.

Family events will include a cake walk, pop ring toss, face painting, cash cube, carnival-type games, hospital room, fortune-telling and more. Each child who plays games will win a prize. Wristbands are \$10 at the door or tickets 4 for \$1.

All proceeds to benefit Field Elementary's students, including educational needs (books, classroom equipment, subscriptions, etc) and new playground equipment.

Color guard audition

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band Color Guard is holding clinics at Plymouth High

School from 6-8 p.m. May 10-12 for anyone interested in joining the Fall Guard. Color guard auditions take place Monday, May 17, from 6-8 p.m.

Color guard members use a combination of dance and athletics mixed with use of rifles, sabers, flags, and other props. Auditions are open to any student in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools grades 9th through 12th.

As members of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, Color Guard members participate in all competitions including the Grand National Band Championships in Indianapolis in November.

If anyone is interested in further information they can contact Color Guard Director, Jennifer Leseth at Jenifo30@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

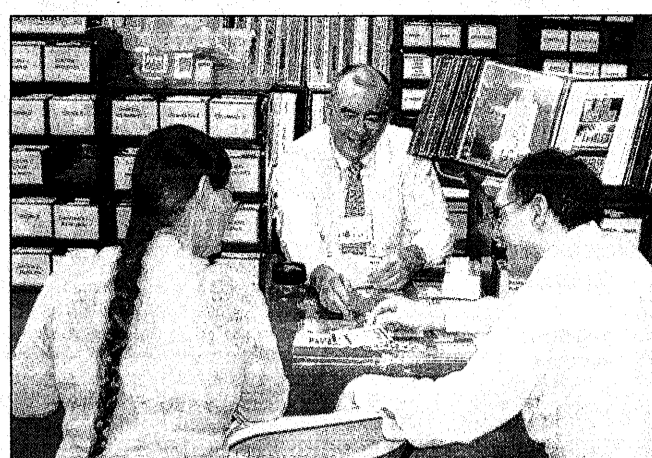


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Stamps of approval

Stamps, stamp dealer bourse, exhibits, first-day covers, postcards and much more were on display for collectors - new and seasoned, young or old - at the West Suburban Stamp Club's 41st annual 2010 Plymouth Show Saturday and Sunday at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth. National and local philatelic dealers offered a variety of items for collectors and the WSSC offered a special show cachet of Distinguished Sailors Series. Club officials say this is Michigan's largest stamp show.

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.

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CORRECTION

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Company sparks kids' interest in its work

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Plymouth Township-based company thanked employees and their families last week by taking part in a national workplace education program for young people.

Freudenberg-NOK, which manufactures precision products for a number of industries, hosted 37 children of employees on April 22 for national Take Your Child to Work Day.

Participants got to tour laboratories and the technology center, learned about marketing, information technology and legal issues, built and raced model cars and made their own lunch, with the help of cafeteria employees, during the eight-hour visit to company headquarters on Anchor Court, according to a company press release.

"Our goals were to provide the participating children educational and fun insight into their parent's occupation and Freudenberg-NOK, as well as interest them in science and technology," said Antje Sickenberger, a human resources manager. "We accomplished our goals and both the kids and our project team had a lot of fun."



While Freudenberg-NOK associates explained the function of the company's Vibracoustic products, children visiting on Take Your Child to Work Day on April 22 were able to touch them. The children, left to right, Katie Joquico, Abhilash Balanethiram and Daniel Lee Jr.

It was the first time in many years that Freudenberg-NOK had participated in the event, Sickenberger said. The national event started as Take Your Daughter to Work Day in 1994.

Commodities manager Nathan Konopka's daughter Adrienne was a participant.

"It was extremely well organized and thought out, and Adrienne had a great time," he said.

"It was immensely fun and great investments in children

for the future of science and technology," said Venkata Balanethiram, a program manager.

Freudenberg-NOK, founded in 1989, is a joint venture between Germany's Freudenberg & Co. and Japan's NOK Corp. Its products are used in the automotive, aerospace, appliance, agricultural, diesel engine, health-care and other industries.

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Associate chemist Roger Natividad demonstrates O-ring molding for the children of employees during Take Your Child to Work Day at Freudenberg-NOK in Plymouth Township. The children, from left to right, are: Max Dutra, Jordan Adams, Michael Molchan, Drew Decker, Jonathan Bayer (foreground, in striped shirt), Simon Cox, Adrienne Konopka, Grace Haubert and Carl Rustoni.

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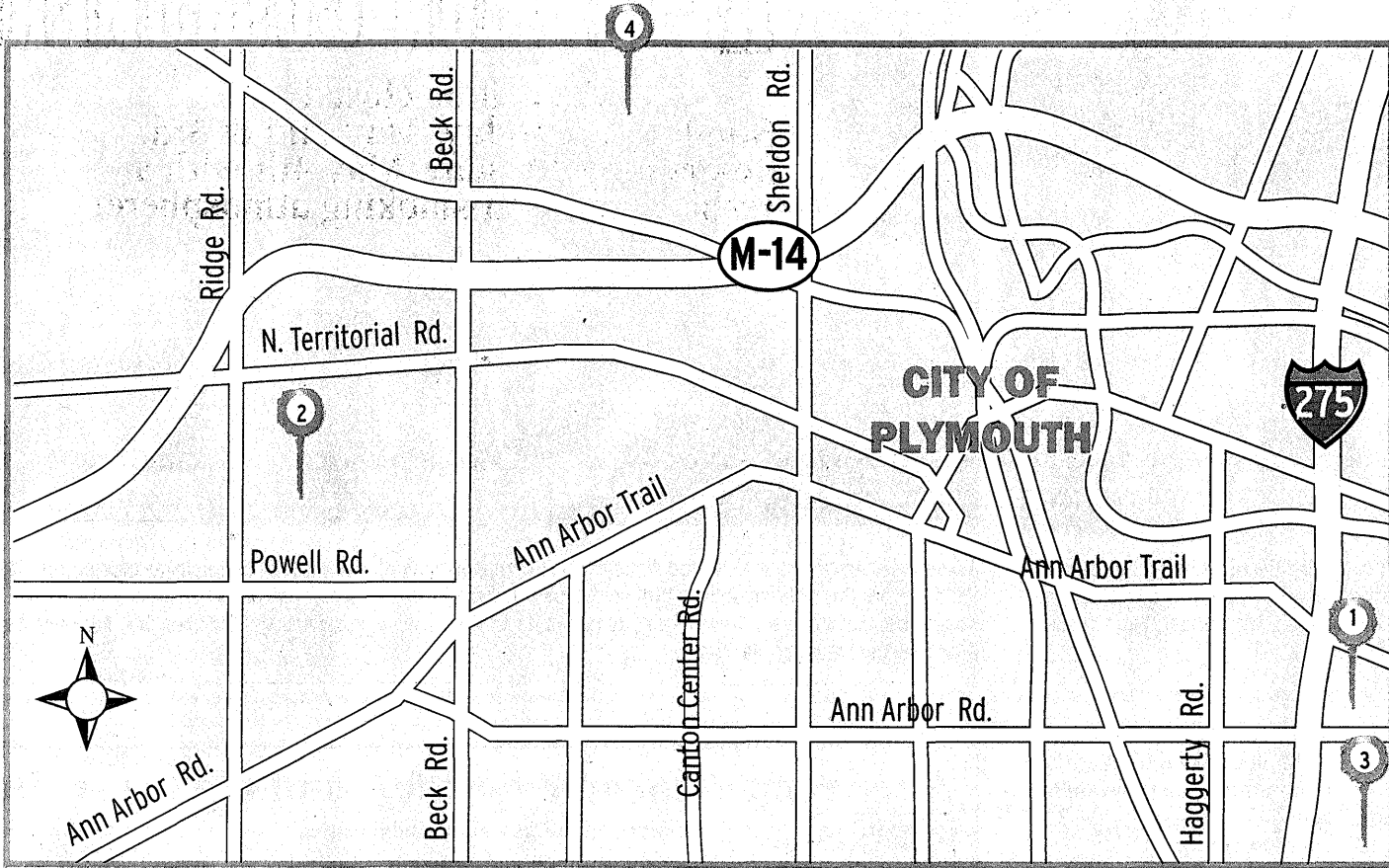
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PUBLIC SAFETY



Quartet charged in holdup at Taco Bell

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Four men face felony charges in the Friday morning holdup of the Taco Bell restaurant on Main Street in Plymouth.

The suspects were spotted on I-96 by a patrolling Livonia sergeant shortly after the robbery, said Plymouth detective Sgt. Jamie Grabowski, and stopped and arrested near Inkster Road. Police recovered two BB pistols and a canvas bag with more than \$3,000 in it, Grabowski said.

No one was hurt in the robbery, which occurred shortly before 10 a.m., Grabowski said. Three men, two of them carrying pistols, went into the Taco Bell and ordered employees to the floor, he said.

The men forced the restaurant manager to open the safe, then fled with cash, he said. They got into a blue Chrysler 300 with a fourth man in it; a witness reported seeing the men get into the 300 but didn't see which direction the car headed, Grabowski said.

A short time later, following the broadcast on police radio of descriptions of the robbers and the getaway car, Livonia Sgt. Jeff Teeter spotted a blue 300 traveling at high speed on eastbound I-96, with occupants who fit the description of the robbers, police said. The driver exited the freeway and stopped in a parking lot near Inkster Road.

Teeter found a white canvas bag with cash in it stuffed under the driver's seat, a Livonia police report said. The four were arrested; Grabowski said a fifth suspect was still at large, but police were planning to arrest him soon.

The four were arraigned in weekend court Sunday on charges of armed robbery and using a motor vehicle during a felony. They are Joseph D. Brown, 18, of Eastpointe, the driver of the 300, according to police; Caleb R. Johnson, 21, of Detroit; Romallice J. McDonnell, 32, of Detroit; and Derek M. Hubbard, 21, no city listed.

Magistrate John McCartney set a bond of \$100,000 cash or surety for each suspect, and scheduled a preliminary examination for Friday, May 7, in 35th District Court.

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Driver lands in jail on drug warrant

A 19-year-old Westland woman was arrested on a felony drug warrant and other charges after a police officer made a traffic stop on Ann Arbor Road early on April 21, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said.

The woman, who faces local charges of driving with a suspended license, marijuana possession and having faulty equipment on her car, was turned over to the Monroe County Sheriff's Department on the drug warrant.

She was arrested after an officer spotted the 2000 Pontiac Bonneville she was driving, eastbound on Ann Arbor road, at about 1:30 a.m., the police report said. The car had a broken tail-light, and the officer pulled over the woman near Hix Road, police said.

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The officer discovered her license was suspended, and she was arrested. A passenger, a 19-year-old Westland woman, was released and given a ride home.

A plastic bag of suspected marijuana was found in the Bonneville's center console; police said the substance later tested positive for marijuana.

Police contacted Monroe County, and the sheriff's department there agreed to pick up the suspect later that morning.

Car burglary

A laptop computer, an i-Pod and five textbooks were among the things reported stolen Friday from a car parked outside a house

on Deer Creek Run in the township.

The car, a Mazda 6, had been left unlocked, the victim told police. The burglary occurred between about 2 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., the victim said.

A bookbag was also reported stolen, but was found in some nearby bushes, police said.

School vandalism

Two 13-year-old boys are suspect of tearing a window screen and knocking over a shelving unit at Fiegel Elementary School on Joy Road on the evening of April 21.

Police, called to the school on a report of a break-in in progress, found the boys playing basketball on the playground, a police report said.

The boys told police they had

discovered an open window at the school, and one of them admitted reaching into the window, police said. They denied causing any damage or intending to enter the school, police said.

But a school employee said a screen had been ripped and a shelving unit inside knocked over, police said.

The boys were released to their parents, who said they would make arrangements with the school to pay for any damages.

Trailer stolen

An 8-foot trailer was reported from a lot on Helm Street in the township on Friday.

The trailer had been taken within the past six or eight weeks, the complainant told police.

By Matt Jachman

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BIRD

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happen," said Shawn Binder, a second-grade teacher and Bird's recycling coordinator. "This year, they brought this idea to us, and the kids jumped right in."

Green Street provided the flowers, and the kids went to work collecting the bottle caps — more than 103,000 in all. They had help — the Aveda Store provided hundreds of the caps, and Binder said she even had people in Starbucks offering to help.

Students sorted the bottle caps by color and got them ready so staff and parent volunteers could help screw them into the wooden flowers.

"The hallways were lined with bottle caps," Binder said with a chuckle. "The kids designed (the flowers), and then the parents helped screw the caps on. They're amazing."

There were enough bottle caps left over that students and fair goers will be creating three different murals out of the remaining caps during the fair. Burroughs will donate one of the murals to be hung on the wall at Bird Elementary.



Parent volunteer Barb Fugate helps fourth-graders Andrew McDonald and Trent Winkler put together a flower for the Green Street Fair.

"Burroughs Payment Systems is deeply committed to energy efficiency and waste reduction, and we are excited about our sponsorship of the Green Street Fair," said Alan Howard, president and CEO, Burroughs. "Our environmental initiatives extend from product development and assembly to packaging, recycling and end-of-life reclamation."

Binder said Bird students, once they heard about the project, jumped in with both

feet. "The kids loved it," Binder said. "Throughout the whole school, for the last month, kids would bring in these caps. It started with 'I have three caps,' and then they'd be coming in with baskets of them."

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SERVICES

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senger in her car nor the 45-year-old Belleville resident driving the van were critically injured.

Students were notified Monday morning of the death of Friedow, who had attended Miller Elementary and East Middle schools before moving on to Plymouth High School, the newest of the three high schools at the park.

Counselors attended all of Friedow's classes Monday to offer support and help with students' grief, But Erin MacGregor, the associate principal at Plymouth High School, was struck by the amount of support that radiated through the building.

"We all knew her in the sense that she was involved in a lot," MacGregor said. "What I have been overwhelmed

with today, in a positive sense, is that it's always hard for the kids. But the adults here in the building have been great. There's been an outpouring of support and memories not only from the students, but from the adults who knew her.

"It's always hard," MacGregor added. "But to see that kind of support from everyone ... that was good to see."

Marie-Kristin Friedow is survived by her parents, Thomas and Christel Friedow, and her sister, Michelle.

Visitation takes place 5-9 p.m. Friday, and again 1-5 p.m. Saturday, at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon (north of Ford Road), in Canton. The funeral service is 3 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon (south of Warren), also in Canton.

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SMOKING

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restaurants in Plymouth and Plymouth Township say they don't expect the law will hurt business by keeping smokers away.

"I don't think it'll affect us in a negative manner," said Lee Kempisty, the general manager at Bennigan's on Ann Arbor Road, where employees were getting ready to throw out ashtrays and post new "No Smoking" signs. "I think a lot of people are looking forward to it, to be honest."

The ban has been a topic at Bennigan's for a long time, Kempisty said, and regulars are ready for it.

"I feel like I'm going to gain more clientele," and not lose any, West said.

But smoker Mike Herriman, ordering a beer at the Roc, said the law gives the state too much control.

"I don't think it's right for the state to determine what a person can do with their business," the Plymouth Township resident said. "If you don't like smoke, there're already places like that for people to go."

Said nonsmoker Dan Bucek of Canton Township: "I think it's something that's a long time coming. I've been breathing second-hand smoke all my life."

Bucek said it's possible bar regulars who are smokers may go out less. "It's probably going to hurt that," he said.

Nonsmoker West said he was excited he won't "have to step outside every 10 minutes to let my eyes clear."

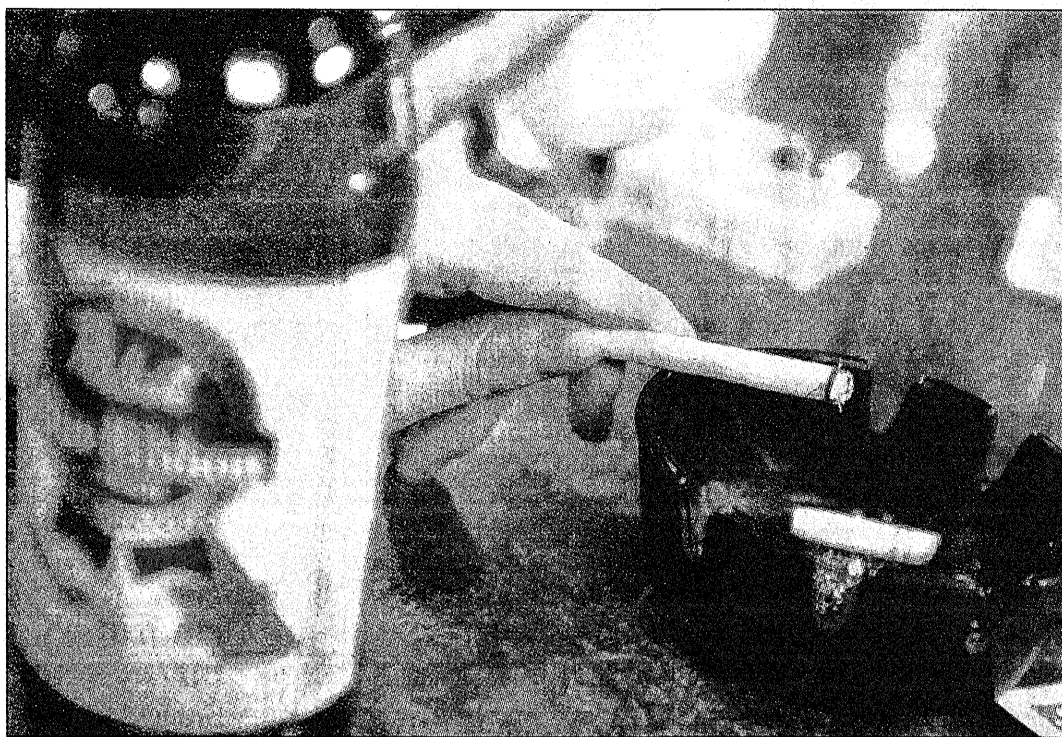
Across the city at Hermann's Olde Town Grille, Steve Huston of Detroit, like Herriman, objected to the state's intervention as he lit up an American Spirit cigarette.

"I think it should be up to the owner of the bar," he said, adding later that his opinion isn't that strong.

Huston described himself as a sometimes-smoker; smoking is something to do while out on the town, he said.

"If I'm around other smokers, I want a cigarette more," he said. He expects that, with the ban, he'll be smoking even less.

Nearby, a smoker who



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Some smokers, like Katie Stropes, think they may smoke less when the new law takes effect.

would only give a first name, Dave, said he's on the fence about the new law.

"I see the pros and cons. I don't really like being a smoker," said Dave, who said he smokes about a pack every

other day.

Neither Huston nor Dave thought the law would hurt bars and restaurants — except perhaps at small neighborhood watering holes patronized mostly by regulars.

"I don't know many people that will stop going out," Huston said.

"I don't think it'll hurt business at all," Dave added.

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RESA

FROM PAGE A1

Central Middle School — and shouldn't ask voters to vote on a measure that would send 40 percent of the money out of the district.

"I don't think it's the right time," Mardigian said. "We're going to have other needs in the community in the short term. I don't want to ask the community to be a donor community. People are still suffering from ... the recession. This just isn't a good time."

Trustee Dianne Gonzalez, reiterating support she expressed for the millage proposal as the only way to bring money into the district, said she would still favor it, but doesn't think voters share that enthusiasm.

"I'd really be in favor of doing this millage, because it's the only game in town," Gonzalez said Tuesday. "I just don't think it's going to pass."

RESA officials said they need support by May 18 to get it on the Aug. 3 ballot. Plymouth-Canton officials didn't say when they'd formally hear comments from the community. Their next regular board meeting is 7 p.m. May 10, though they are scheduled for a workshop Tuesday.

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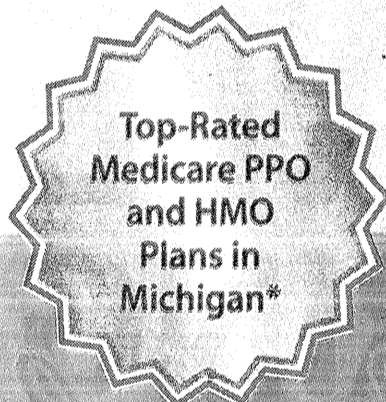
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OUR VIEWS

Risk outweighs millage benefit

Minds appear to be changing on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education, and we think that's probably a good thing.

Just a couple of weeks ago, the board seemed poised to back a 1.9-mill school enhancement proposal being floated by Wayne RESA, a measure that would raise more than \$97 million for county districts. With 1994's Proposal A restricting most districts from raising money any other way, RESA officials feel as though this enhancement millage — which only RESA can put on the ballot — is necessary.

And Plymouth-Canton board members seemed to agree, pointing out the fact it's highly unlikely state legislators were going to address funding inadequacies in any other substantive manner, particularly in an election year, when raising taxes is proportionately more distasteful to politicians seeking re-election.

But, apparently after hearing from an increasing number of constituents who do not want a millage passed, board members Tuesday decided to table a resolution supporting the millage. Instead, they'll put the item on an agenda and take public comment in an effort to get a better handle on how to deal with the question.

But we have a question of our own: Why wait? Really, how much more input do trustees need? Plymouth-Canton voters turned down bond proposals in both 2006 and 2007, and that was before the hardest part of the economic decline Michigan has seen in the last few years.

Now, faced with being a donor district — only 60 percent of the money raised by the tax in Plymouth-Canton will actually come back to the district; the rest will be distributed to other districts — it seems highly unlikely voters will be in favor of the RESA plan.

Of course, as Superintendent Dr. Craig Fiegel pointed out, RESA only needs districts representing 51 percent of the county's students to support the measure to get it on the Aug. 3 primary ballot. That means Plymouth-Canton voters could wind up paying the tax even if they oppose it here.

Trustee Adrienne Davis might be right — she thinks the voters should get the chance to say "yay" or "nay" for themselves. There's something to be said for that. But the risk of the measure passing and placing a tax burden they don't want on the shoulders of Plymouth-Canton taxpayers doesn't seem worth it.

Term limits — enough already

A 12-year study conducted by Wayne State University has confirmed what has been growing increasingly obvious on recent years: Term limits for state legislators don't work.

In fact, they are counterproductive. "... term limits were sold to Michigan voters on the notion that they would sever close ties with lobbyists and cause legislators to be more independent. In reality, we found them to have the opposite impact," said Marjorie Sarbaugh-Thompson, a professor of political science at WSU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, who led a team of WSU political science faculty members studying term limits.

The team conducted more than 400 interviews, assessing who and what influenced the policy making decisions of the legislators. Campaign finance reports were also examined. The research team found the influence of lobbyists increased after term limits were imposed.

This hardly comes as a surprise to anyone who has at least a passing familiarity with Lansing and the legislators who are supposed to watch out for Michigan's best interests. But the study provides data that proves too many legislators care more about their self-interests than they do for the people of Michigan.

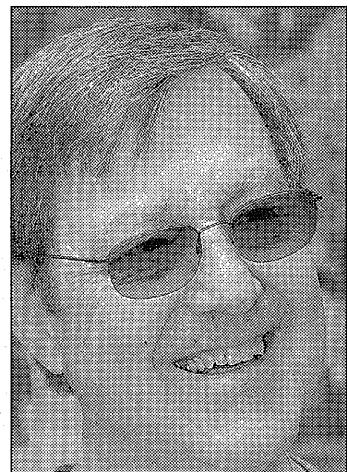
For some, who just can't seem to get off the public trough, that means running for different public office, while others seek out positions as lobbyists.

The proponents of these disastrous limits should finally admit they made a mistake and join in an effort to bring them to an end or at least modify them to allow competent leaders time to mature into the job of protecting the common good of the people of the state of Michigan.

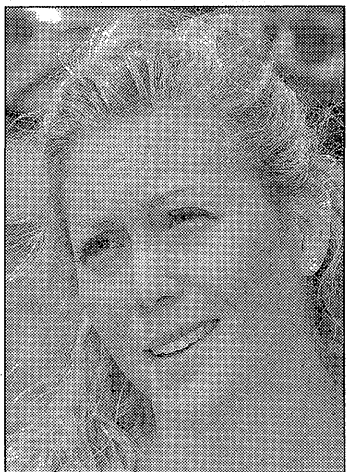
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What do you think of the ban on smoking that will soon take effect in Michigan bars and restaurants?

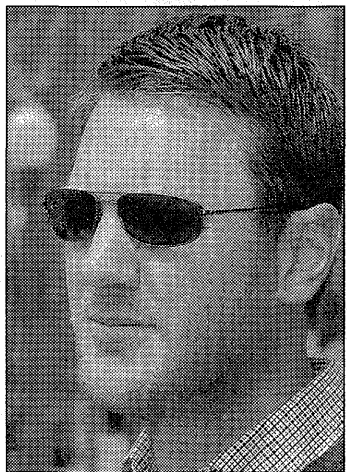
We asked this question outside the U.S. Postal Service station on Penniman in downtown Plymouth.



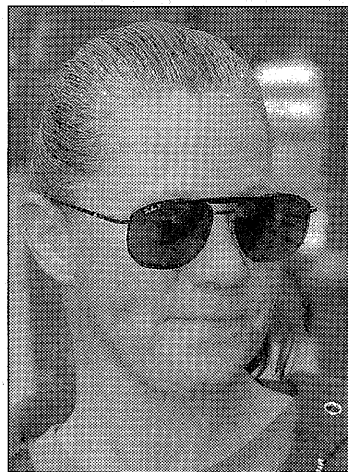
"I think it's a great idea. I smoked for many years, three packs a day. ... I don't think it's good for other folks to have to inhale that smoke."
Bill Carter
Plymouth Township



"I work in a bar down in Plymouth. ... I've been counting down since the day they passed it."
Jasmine Millwood
Plymouth Township



"I think it's terrific. ... Can't wait."
Joshua Edgar
Plymouth



"I have smoking allergies, so I think it's awesome."
Sandra Healey
Plymouth Township

LETTERS

Wasteful spending

Like other branches of government, the City of Plymouth government also works, or at least should work, for the people who live within the city and pay its taxes and use its services.

We do have excellent services in Plymouth; however, I've found that the city doesn't always listen to its residents and also participates in wasteful spending just like its more bureaucratic siblings at the state and federal level.

Attention, City of Plymouth: Do not replace or repair concrete that doesn't need to be repaired. Explore more economical materials for roads such as asphalt and learn about the best practices for its upkeep, and we can keep the roads nicer and trim the city budget. Do not cut out whole sidewalk sections when a grinder can eliminate a trip hazard.

Do not replace perfectly good street lights in downtown Plymouth in an attempt to be "green" with LED traffic signals. What happens in winter when the cool-operating LEDs do not melt the snow that accumulates on them, and motorists can't see the signal? Accidents may happen and you'll end up running heaters on your lights to keep the snow off, losing the energy savings that you expected to get.

Please listen to your residents, those that foot the bill for all of these projects and set an example by putting an end to wasteful spending.

Adam Vincens
Plymouth

Shared sacrifice

I am writing to applaud Mr. Donald Zaksek for his courageous op-ed article in the Thursday, April 22, *Observer*.

As Mr. Zaksek stated, times have changed and we need an aggressive approach to contain the ever-increasing costs to educate our children. I for one wholeheartedly support Mr. Zaksek if he is so inclined to run for a position with our school board. He seems to fully understand that our teachers must reduce their inflated salaries and benefits. This includes elimination of the old defined pension plan that is totally out of touch with what is normally offered and available to the rest of us in private industry today.

If we had men with the fortitude of Mr. Zaksek on the board in the past or present, we undoubtedly would not be in our present situation.

G. Gordon
Canton

Supports Wadsworth

I write this letter in support of Joan Wadsworth's candidacy to succeed Mark Corriveau as our 20th District state representative to the Michigan House of Representatives.

If you've met Joan, you know that you are immediately struck by her ability to listen to you intently and to quickly understand what your personal motivations and interests are. She is also able to then translate a person's interests into the environment in which we as a community operate. An interaction with Joan inevitably leaves one with the sense that it is possible to have individual and community needs and infrastructure mesh and work together to result in the best possible outcome for all involved.

But even above this skill of listening and acting, one knows from deep inside that Joan Wadsworth is a person of high integrity and

honesty virtually devoid of thought of personal gain or motivations. As a City of Northville resident who has worked with Joan on several civic projects, I know she cares deeply about her community and its place in the state and country at large. She believes passionately and without question that it (and we) can be made better. And she has long demonstrated the experience and capability necessary to make it so.

As you consider her candidacy, a quick and easy review of her accomplishments and background at her campaign Web site (<http://www.joanwadsworth.com>) speaks for itself. I cannot imagine the day when a person will regret casting their vote in support of Joan Wadsworth.

Al Cotrone
Northville

Tea Party hypocrisy

The Tea Party Rebellion seems very hypocritical. If they truly want a smaller government why are they speaking out about the absurdly high cost for the military and the expense of maintaining hundreds of bases around the world even in Germany and Japan?

When did World War II end? Where were they when Bush took a Clinton-era surplus and turned it into record deficits due to irresponsible tax cuts and the foolhardy war with Iraq. I don't hear a single Tea Party follower call for the elimination of Medicare or Social Security, probably because a lot of them are collecting these government benefits. Where are their calls for the privatization of public schools and public roads?

Thaddeus McCotter and his Tea Party movement are very disingenuous and unlike President Obama, lack the courage to tackle some of the most serious problems of our time, like the skyrocketing costs of health care, the energy crisis and our dangerous dependence on foreign oil and Climate Change, which next to nuclear war may be the greatest threat to ever befall our civilization. If you don't believe me or the president, then ask a scientist.

Maybe McCotter and the Tea Party, comprised of mostly older, white guys, are just a bit unsettled at the changing demographics of this country and the growing power of minorities. I guess after 230 years of older white guys running the country, change is hard to accept.

Thaddeus J. Hejka
Canton

Everywhere a sign

A recent *NY Times*/CBS poll found Tea Partiers more affluent and more educated than the average American. Apparently physical appearances belie the affluence and the signs, oh, those signs!

According to people like Sarah Palin the "lame stream liberal media," largely owned and operated by wealthy corporate conglomerates that are neither mainstream nor liberal, has inaccurately and unfairly portrayed the "noble" teabagger as an ignorant rube, among other things.

If I was a Tea organizer or even a caring participant I might, in the interest of projecting the desired group image, approach those in my midst bearing signs with spelling and/or grammatical errors and politely ask them to correct or dispose of the errant placards. After all, I wouldn't want people to think we were dumb.

While I was at it I may also point out to my

fellow well-educated demonstrators that our signs fail to project intellectual consistency. Some signs accuse our president of being a communist. Others insist Obama is a fascist, or a socialist or even the second coming of Hitler, which would make him a Nazi. Being so well educated, it must be that as a group we are just a little confused. At the risk of being accused of elitism, we have to pick one since these ideologies conflict. After all, I wouldn't want people to think we were ill-informed.

In order to dispel added rumblings about Tea Partiers, as a caring participant or organizer, in the absence of virtually any people of color, I would again suggest that those participating in demonstrations or rallies discard signs that could be interpreted as racist. After all, we wouldn't want people to think that we were racist and that the mere existence of a black man in the White House had more to do with our sudden political activism than the national debt or recently reduced taxes that the same poll said we, as Tea Partiers, think are fair.

As an organizer or caring participant, I would also carefully suggest that demonstrators refrain from carrying signs that endorse watering trees with blood, or taking our country back or pointing out that "we came unarmed, this time" (although some did not). Oddly enough, some people get the idea that such signs suggest violence. After all, we wouldn't want people to think we were violent.

Apparently, Tea Party activists and their organizers either do not care about the images they project or they intend to send most of the messages that most of us are getting. Otherwise, the signs would have been cleaned up long ago.

Mitch Smith
Canton

Changing the focus

In response to the many letters and articles regarding the Tea Party movement, I would like to know how these people can possibly allow themselves to be whipped up into a frenzy by media pundits who are paid millions of dollars to tell them how to act, think and feel.

How can they be duped by millionaires who are paid by special interest groups to constantly repeat the same inaccurate information? Their main goal is to spread fear, hate and paranoia to the uninformed masses.

Why are these people convinced that health insurance reform would destroy our country and create death panels and prison sentences for those who did not purchase health insurance? Why do they feel that insurance companies have the right to deny health care to those who become seriously ill and disabled or increase our premiums at will? By putting the socialist label on any type of regulation or reform, they are taking the focus off of the real issues.

If these Tea Party protesters are really middle class Americans, as they claim to be, I would like to know how they feel about the fact that this year, people in their income bracket paid the lowest amount of taxes in 50 years. Would those who are protesting the payment of taxes like to see America turn into a Third World country, similar to Haiti or Somalia? Is that the Tea Partiers' interpretation of freedom?

Mary Young
Canton

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Duo arrested for credit card theft

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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Two men, one from Canton and the other from Plymouth, have been arrested by Westland police for using a credit card reported stolen April 20 from a Livonia McDonald's Restaurant.

An ethnic description provided for one suspect helped officers track down the two men.

The incident began when a Westland man said his wallet was lost or stolen at the restaurant on Farmington Road near Seven Mile. The man said he called to cancel a credit card around 10 p.m. and was told that someone had tried to use it earlier at the BP gas station at Wayne and Warren roads.

The man went to the gas station, he said, where he talked to the clerk who reported a young man had tried to use the card. The suspect gave the clerk the victim's driver's license along with the card, telling him it was his father's identification. The clerk wasn't buying it and didn't let the man use the credit card.

The gas station clerk told the detective the suspect had purchased two cartons of ciga-

rettes using a credit card, then attempted to make a second purchase exceeding \$100. That's when the clerk said he asked for identification and stopped the sale.

The suspect and a second man left with the victim's wallet, identification and credit card, the clerk told police. The clerk described the suspects as regular customers.

On April 26, the victim called police and reported being contacted by a man who said he had found the missing wallet and its contents. The caller wanted to arrange a return of the items. The Westland man said someone he believed to be a messenger returned the wallet contents except one credit card and the wallet itself.

The victim had the caller's telephone number, listed to a Canton man. The officer called the Canton man, who told the officer he knew the two men and would have them come to see the officer.

The officer obtained a mugshot of the Canton man and recognized him as the suspect shown on the gas station surveillance video using the credit card.

Later on April 26, the Canton man, 20, and a Plymouth man, 22, came into the station. The Plymouth man works at the McDonald's where the wallet was lost. He told the officer that another customer turned in the wallet but instead of contacting the customer or turning the wallet in, he decided that he and the Canton man should use the credit cards.

The Canton man told the officer he agreed with that account of the incident. He added that he had learned from a friend that police had his photo from the surveillance video.

The gas station clerk had described the Canton man as being Albanian. As a result, an officer who knows several members of the local Albanian community showed the suspects' photographs to one of those individuals. That person said he didn't know the men but the Canton man heard about the photos. The clerk was correct in his description — the Canton man listed his birthplace as Albania.

Both men were charged with fraudulently using a credit card.

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Canton man heads to trial for car break-ins

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A Canton man is facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court for breaking into several parked cars in what may seem an unlikely place — near the Canton Police Department and township administration offices.



March

Christopher Neil March, 20, has been ordered to stand trial after he voluntarily waived his preliminary examination Friday in 35th District Court — a decision that averted testi-

mony and sent the case to circuit court for disposition.

March was charged following allegations he had gone to the police station and was upset because some of his friends had been arrested for an unrelated incident, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said. While there, he is accused of breaking into the vehicles.

March could face penalties ranging up to five years in prison if convicted of larceny from a motor vehicle. He could be sentenced to less time if he is found guilty of unlawful use of a motor vehicle, three counts of breaking and entering a vehicle, one count of operating while intoxicated, and committing a felony with a motor vehicle advisory.

Police also have said March's driver's license could be suspended by the Secretary of State.

According to police, a township worker spotted a suspect entering and exiting several vehicles either owned by Canton Township or its employees.

Authorities said the incidents happened around 3 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, but March's preliminary examination had been delayed until last Friday.

The township employee who saw the break-ins quickly notified an on-duty police officer who questioned the suspect and recovered property that had been stolen from a couple of the vehicles.

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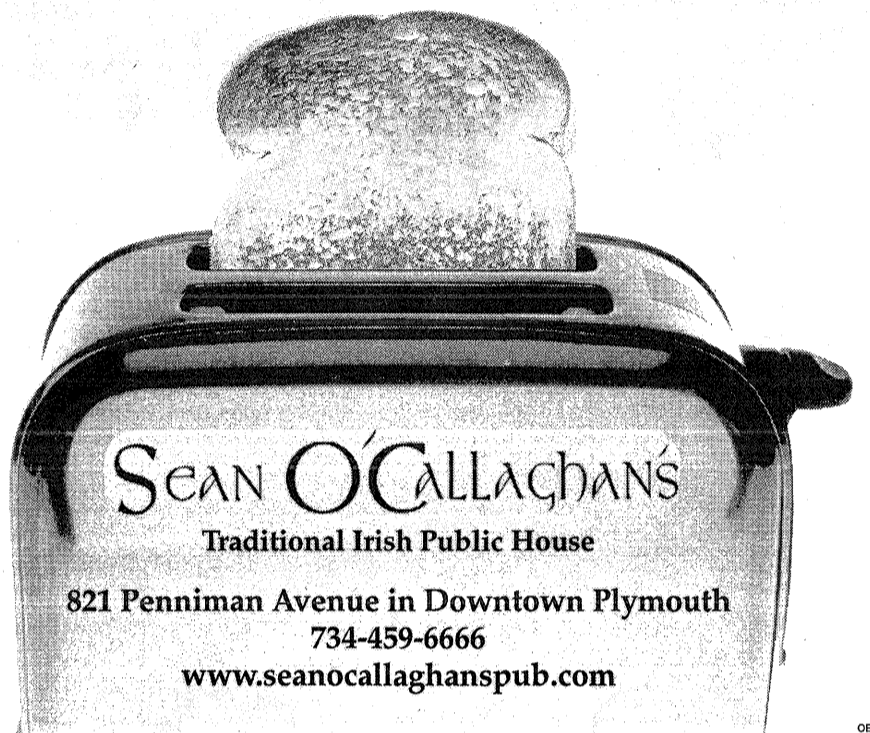
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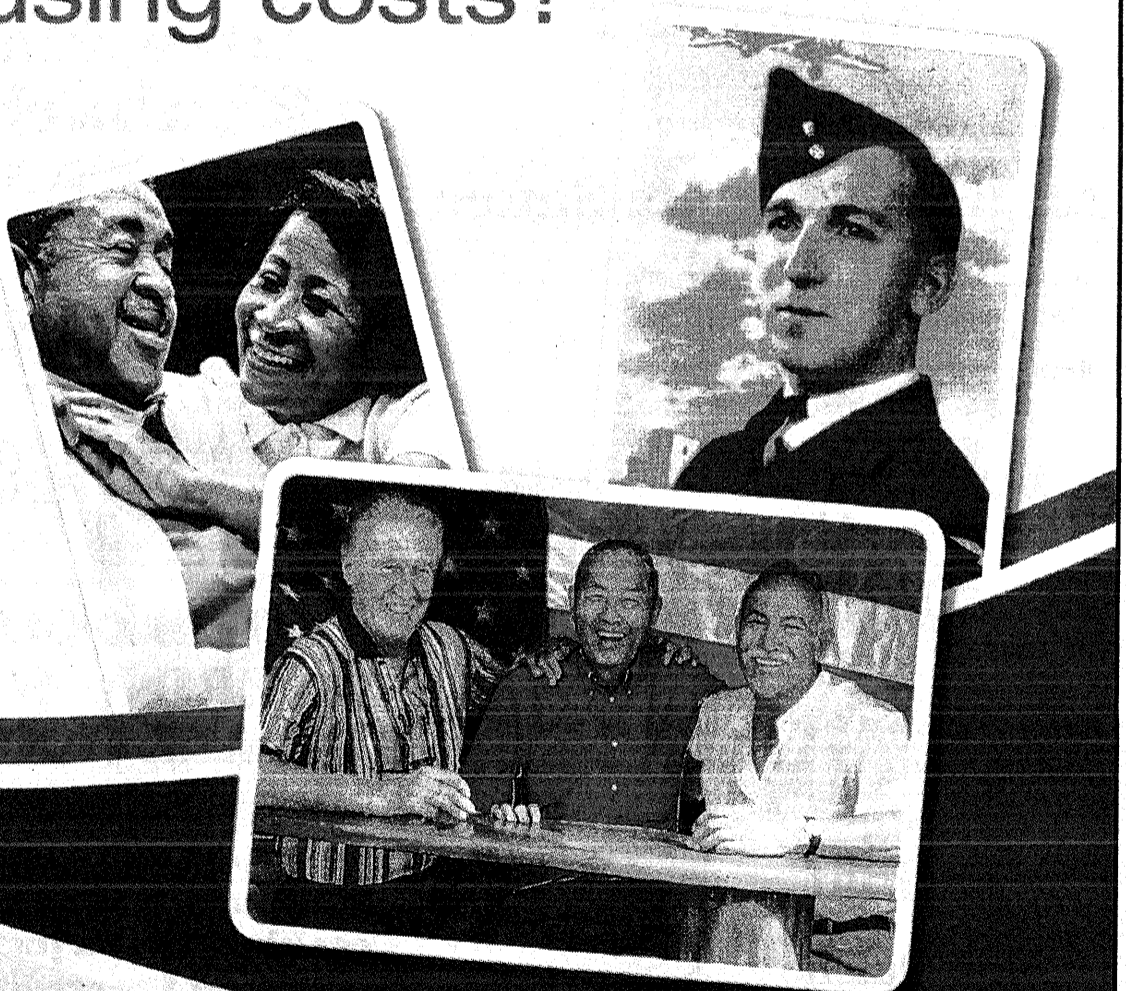
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Kickers battle to draw

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The latest chapter of the rivalry between the Salem and Plymouth girls soccer teams Monday night featured solid, back-and-forth action as the squads played to a 1-1 tie.

But the match was marred by injury. With about 32 minutes to go in the second half and the game still scoreless, a direct kick by Salem junior midfielder Kristina Klusek hit a wall of players stationed between her and Plymouth junior goalie Marissa Williams.

As players converged on the loose ball, however, Plymouth senior midfielder Carley McQuiston fell to the turf in agony after a loud, nasty collision with Salem junior defender Lindsey Roy.

Both players were going after the ball, Salem head coach Joe Nora said. However, Roy missed the ball and accidentally kicked McQuiston in the shin. The Wildcat sustained a serious enough (but undisclosed) injury to be transported via ambulance to a nearby hospital.

"It was cleat on bone," Nora said about the accident, which also resulted in a yellow card (10-minute) infraction against Roy.

McQuiston went down and stayed down on the spot, resulting in a long delay before the ambulance arrived.

Making the incident even more difficult is the fact the two girls are

good friends during school hours at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Nora said.

Wildcats senior defender Katie Krajewski said the team dug in deep to "win for Carley" and never gave up despite the unfortunate circumstances.

Also injured for Plymouth (4-1-2) with about two minutes remaining was Katelyn Quinlan, a junior defender. Quinlan was carted off the field after sustaining an apparent knee sprain.

TRADING CHANCES

According to Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich, the injuries cut into his depth and hurt the Wildcats' ability to push the ball late.

But Neschich praised his players for continuing to battle despite the adversity.

"I'm proud of the girls for how they played," he said.

The teams played a scoreless first half and it remained 0-0 as Williams leaped to deflect Klusek's direct kick over the crossbar with about 35 minutes to go.

Then the pumped up Wildcats took a 1-0 lead just four minutes after the McQuiston injury. Junior forward Jennifer Babcock ripped a laser beam of a shot from the right wing, about 20 yards from Salem junior netminder Jamie Hunley, that slammed into

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Going all out for possession of the ball Monday night are Plymouth's Katie Krajewski (No. 7) and Salem's Madeleine Vala (No. 19).

SIDELINES

Academic All-State Chiefs

The Canton Chiefs varsity girls basketball team didn't just get it done on the court. Members also excelled in the classroom, being named an Academic All-State team by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

Canton players, coached by Brian Samulski, finished with a combined GPA of 3.807, second only among Class A teams to Gibraltar Carlson's 3.892. In 2008-09, the Chiefs were the third-best in overall GPA.

"I think the biggest attribute to winning this award is their work ethic," Samulski said. "They all work just as hard in the classroom as they do on the court."

The Chiefs also were outstanding as a basketball team, making it to the state semifinals at MSU's Breslin Center.

Saturday baseball clinic

The Plymouth Wildcats Youth Baseball Clinic is set to take place from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday for youngsters in grades 3-8. Registrations at the door will be accepted.

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. For more information, contact John Nadratowski of Plymouth Baseball Boosters at (734) 844-3212. The cost to sign up is \$60.

Run for the Rouge

The annual Run for the Rouge is just around the corner, Saturday, May 8, in fact.

There will be a 5K Single Track Trail Run (beginning at 8 a.m.) with a 5K Family Fun Run/Walk slated for 9:30 a.m.

Both races will take place at the Lower Rouge Recreation Trail of Canton, with parking and registration at Connection Church (3855 S. Sheldon Road in Canton).

Proceeds will support Rouge Rescue, an annual river clean up event coordinated throughout the Rouge River watershed by Friends of the Rouge, a nonprofit organization.

To register online, go to www.therouge.org.

Plymouth grid meeting

Next season's Plymouth Wildcats football players and their parents are invited to attend a mandatory meeting slated 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday in the cafeteria at Plymouth High School.

Head coach Mike Sawchuk and his entire staff will be introduced and parents will receive "all the important paperwork necessary for your student-athlete to participate in the upcoming football season."

Any questions, please contact Sawchuk at (734) 582-5696 or via e-mail at Mike.Sawchuk@pccsmail.net.

CYO fall volleyball

St. John Neumann Catholic Church of Canton is seeking any fourth-through eighth-grade girls interested in playing CYO volleyball this coming fall. All home games will be played in the new state of the art gym that opened in November 2009.

Any member of St. Thomas a Becket, Resurrection and St. John Neumann churches are eligible to play. The season begins in August and ends in early October. To register, call athletic director Walt Marek at (734) 455-5910.

Chiefs ride Dunleavy's hot arm, bat to string of wins

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP SOFTBALL

Canton softball senior Amy Dunleavy continues to dominate opponents both on the mound and at the plate and coach Jim Arnold's Chiefs keep winning as a result.

Dunleavy threw a complete game Monday and gave up just one run as Canton defeated always-tough KLA rival Northville, 7-1. She also smacked three doubles in three at-bats to key an 11-hit barrage against the Mustangs.

Saturday, she pitched a no-hitter and perfect game at the Macomb Softball Classic in Anchor Bay, against Sterling Heights Stevenson (8-0) and Armada (4-0), respectively.

"She has been (dominant)," Arnold said about Dunleavy. "Her pitching has improved tremendously from last year.

She has more movement and she's hitting the corners.

"She's just determined as a senior that this is the year she wants to shine."

Canton as a unit also is shining, going 9-0 entering Wednesday's KLA South twinbill against Plymouth. Dunleavy's pitching is the glue, but the Chiefs have featured a multi-pronged hitting attack.

In the win against Northville, junior first baseman Kaitlyn Matson went 2-for-4 and drove in four runs with a single in the first and double in the sixth, while junior outfielder Lauren Leskovitz (2-for-3) knocked in two with a single in the first as Canton built an early 3-0 lead.

Junior shortstop CarolAnne Sexauer

(2-for-4, double) also enjoyed a multi-hit game.

"What I'm really impressed about is how the team is staying together," Arnold said. "Everybody knows their role, we're uniting and everybody is hitting exceptionally well."

Saturday against Stevenson, Dunleavy didn't just throw a no-hitter, she went 3-for-4. Also with good games at the plate were Sexauer and Matson (each 2-for-3).

The Chiefs went on to earn a 6-4 win over Macomb L'Anse Creuse North, in a game spotlighted by sophomore Alyssa Boucher. She threw seven innings and gave up three earned runs for the victory, but she also went 3-for-3 in the batting department.

Others helping out with two hits each in the victory were Leskovitz, Sexauer and junior third baseman

Heidi Lucke.

Then it was more Dunleavy in the win over Armada, retiring all 21 batters she faced (including seven strikeouts).

Going 2-for-3 and knocking in a run with a triple was junior second baseman Samantha Partain.

SALEM 9, FRANKLIN 3: On Monday, the host Rocks (6-2) took advantage of four Franklin errors in the second inning to score six runs en route to a Kensington Conference crossover win over Livonia Franklin (5-4).

Winning pitcher Briana Lee homered during the six-run surge. She struck out eight, walked none and allowed six hits in six innings.

Franklin sophomore pitcher Tiffany Lamble (4-4) gave up four earned runs on nine hits. She struck out three and walked none.



Canton's Blake Rickert takes on the course in Winter Park, Colo., during the NASTAR Nationals and shows his bronze medal-winning technique.

Young skier on path to success

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In February, the Rickert family of Canton went vacationing out in mountainous Colorado to enjoy some downhill skiing, hot chocolate and the 2010 Winter Olympics on television.

Little did the dad, Rich Rickert, know he'd be bringing his then-10-year-old son Blake back just weeks later to compete in last month's two-day NASTAR Nationals.

Already a veteran of the slopes at his young age, Plymouth Christian Academy fifth-grader Blake Rickert competed and won

the bronze medal in the 9-10 age bracket at the Winter Park Resort in Colorado.

"When I took him out there (his wife, Traci, stayed home) it was to just go and enjoy the experience," Rickert recalled. "I told him 'Look, son, if you come in first or you come in last I'm just proud of you for qualifying to come out here.'"

Then with astonishment in his voice, Rich laughed and added that "happily and to our surprise he took a bronze medal."

"... Did we hope he'd do well? Certainly we did," he said. "But

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The bronze medal won by Blake Rickert certainly was a proud moment for his dad, Rich Rickert (right).

Whalers preparing for post-Seguín era

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They may be preparing for summer drive-in movies at Compuware Arena these days, but Mike Vellucci of the Plymouth Whalers can't wait to start next year's hockey show.

And that enthusiasm comes after a sour last act, an overtime loss to Windsor in Game 4 of the second round of the playoffs to eliminate Plymouth.

"Yeah, we ran into the mighty Spits," said Vellucci, longtime president, general manager and coach of the Whalers. "This was supposed to be their year to win it, with all those first-round NHL picks."

"But I think we over-achieved a little bit. Nobody was picking us to even do anything at the beginning (of the regular season)."

Ironically, the biggest "star" around Compuware in 2009-10 — dynamic center Tyler Seguin — probably won't be back for Vellucci's Ontario Hockey League team.

"I think it would be a 90-percent chance that he makes it and 10-percent that they'd send him back," said Vellucci about Seguin, expected to be the first or second pick in June's



Vellucci

National Hockey League Entry Draft.

Vellucci said the top 2009 picks (John Tavares, Victor

Hedman, Matt Duchene) all played this past season in the NHL.

The 18-year-old Seguin (who attends Plymouth High School) and Windsor's Taylor Hall finished tied for the OHL scoring race with 106 points.

EXODUS OF TALENT

Vellucci also will lose several other key players who have (or likely will have) NHL contracts by next season.

That list includes outstanding goalie Matt Hackett (2.62, 35-10-0-2, four shut-outs), forwards AJ Jenks (23-40-63), Phil McRae (16-35-51) and defenseman Michal Jordan (13-19-32 in 41 games). Also gone due to being overage will be defenseman Leo Jenner, forward Joe Gaynor and center Ryan Hayes (OHL Humanitarian of the Year).

But Vellucci likes the younger guys who gained

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Rocks win on walk-off single

Tate Theisen singled in the bottom of the seventh Monday to enable host Salem to earn a 6-5 victory over Livonia Franklin.

Theisen's single followed one by Chris Kordick with the bases loaded to tie the KLAA baseball contest at 5-5. Two walks and an error also helped Salem's winning rally.

Starting pitcher Kordick went the distance for his second win of the season, giving up three earned runs, striking out five and only walking one.

Salem (7-8, 2-4 in the KLAA) banged out 10 hits, with Nick Leventis and Scott Devine each contributing two (with two runs scored each).

Kordick and Theisen drove in two runs while Brad Trublowski tripled and scored a run.

On Saturday, the Rocks split a doubleheader against Milan. Salem lost the opener 6-5, but bounced back to win 5-3 in the nightcap, stopping a three game losing skid.

Salem broke a 3-3 tie in the fifth. Devine doubled and Kordick homered to right. Kordick also doubled home Devin Price (RBI single) to

spark a three-run third that also included a run-scoring hit by Theisen.

to go up 3-1. Eric Lorber pitched four solid innings of relief for his first win of the year, with senior Mike Weingrot blanking Milan in the seventh for the save.

Despite the Game 1 loss, sophomore Matt Constance accounted well for himself by only giving up one earned run in five innings.

Nick Leventis went 3-for-3 while Kordick and Price contributed two hits each.

Strike out cancer

Salem and Plymouth will square off Saturday, May 8 in a doubleheader. But proceeds from that day's concessions, baked goods sales and a raffle will go to a good cause — "Strike Out Prostate Cancer."

The freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams for both schools will participate with action slated to begin at 11 a.m.

Organizing the event are baseball boosters programs for Salem and Plymouth, and the goal is to raise more than \$1,000 for the cause.

NORTHVILLE 3, CANTON 2: The host Mustangs got off to a 3-0 lead in the first and held on for the KLAA crossover baseball win on Monday.

Canton committed four errors, victimizing starting pitcher Kevin Delapaz (6 innings, 0 earned runs, 7 strikeouts).

Offensive producers for the Chiefs were Andrew Tidwell (1B, RBI) and Bernabe Salinas (2B, run).

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 15, BAPTIST PARK 0: In a four-inning mercy Tuesday, Plymouth Christian Academy pitcher Jon Slater threw a perfect game to highlight the victory against Taylor Baptist Park.

Slater struck out six and chipped in with two hits as the Eagles rolled on offense, too.

Ethan Walker and Matt Dodson each homered, with Dodson also doubling twice and knocking in a total of seven runs.

Josh Johnson collected three hits (including a double) and three RBI while Daniel Slater (double, triple), JR Hope and Matt Hagelin (2 hits each) provided some spark at the plate.

PREP GAME WRAPS



Salem junior attacker Dylan Hatcher (No. 6) works against Canton senior defender Alec Gilo during Monday's boys lacrosse tilt at PCEP.

Boys lacrosse

CANTON 12, SALEM 7: After ripping Walled Lake Central 9-4 on April 23, Salem's varsity boys lacrosse team got off to a strong start early during Monday's matchup against Canton at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Rocks tallied four goals in the first quarter. But Canton finally started chipping away and turned on the heat in the second half on the way to a 12-7 triumph.

Canton (5-4) was led by co-captain Jake Underwood, who scored four goals and tallied an assist. Chipping in with two goals each were Matt Rodgers (also 1 assist), Tim Popp and Trevor Moore (also 1 assist).

Also strong offensively was Riley Hoernschemeyer (1 goal, 2 assists). Chris White scored a goal and senior defenseman Alec Gilo collected a helper, which D-men rarely get in lacrosse.

Stopping 15 Salem shots for the win was goalie and co-captain Sean Walsh.

Scoring two goals each for the Rocks were Nick Gianini, Steve Haburne and Connor Berlin with Dylan Hatcher also scoring.

SALEM 9, WLC 4: Meanwhile, on April 23, Hatcher, Haburne and Berlin each registered two goals in the win over the Vikings. Salem played a complete game, with solid ball control and defense.

Also finding the scoresheet with one goal each for the

Rocks were Gianini, Mason Amin and Wes Carr.

Boys golf

SALEM 168, NORTHVILLE 160: Aaron Thompson scored a 40 for nine holes Tuesday as Salem defeated host Northville at Tanglewood Golf Club.

Eric Duprey and Brandon Duprey also had excellent rounds with respective scores of 41 and 43 strokes while Josh Perrin registered a 47. Other Rocks were Brian Patterson (44) and Jake Leib (51).

For the Mustangs, Alex Bernstein and Trevor Grigg shot scores of 40 and 41, respectively.

The win improved Salem's record to 1-1 while Northville improved to 3-0.

Plymouth defeats tough Novi squad

On a wind-swept afternoon Monday, Plymouth breezed to a 6-3 KLAA baseball win over state-ranked Novi.

Wildcats head coach Bryan Boyd said it was "a big win for us. Novi is state ranked and a perennial powerhouse."

Plymouth pitcher Harrison Michels was the story. He no hit Novi for 5 2/3 innings and wound up giving up two hits while fanning nine.

As usual junior centerfielder Mike Nadratowski made a clutch defensive play, racing far into the gap in left to flag

down a fly ball that could have tied the game in the seventh. Infielder Ben Wohl also turned a tough hop into a key out.

On the offensive end, Rich Guglielmi (3 hits, 3 RBI) tallied two doubles and a single and could have cleared the fence if not for the strong gusts. Scoring two runs each were Wohl and Phil Emminger (2 hits).

PLYMOUTH 8-7, PINCKNEY 4-12: The Wildcats split a Saturday home twinbill. In the opener, pitcher Andy Dodge scattered seven hits and gave up one

earned run in five innings for his first victory.

Guglielmi had two hits, Jackson Burdette, Wohl and Tyler Goble each scored twice and Ryan Nick drove in two runs.

"We picked up the ball for A.D. (Dodge)," Boyd said. "He did a nice job keeping their hitters off balance."

A mistake-filled Game 2 to forget followed, unfortunately. Plymouth did receive productive games from Nadratowski (3B, HR, 2 RBI, 2 runs) and Guglielmi (2 hits).

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the top corner of the goal on the far side.

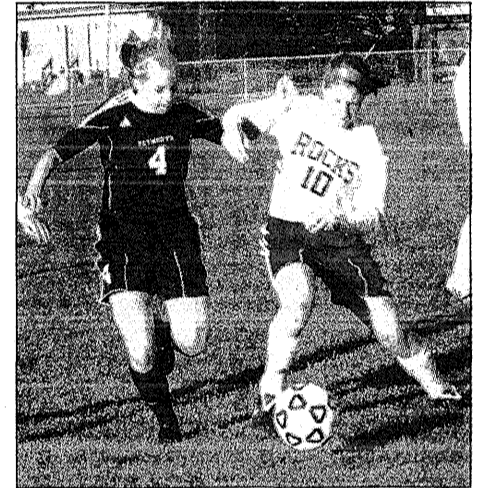
With about 23 minutes remaining, Hunley also stopped a long-range scoring bid by junior forward McKenzie Hengish, keeping it a one-goal margin.

That enabled the Rocks to even things with 20:56 to play.

Quick and agile senior midfielder Taylor Burgoon dribbled up the right side of the pitch before sending a crisp crossing pass across the front of the Plymouth goal.

Racing in from the left side was senior midfielder Abbi Giaier, who headed the ball behind Williams.

Salem had some big chances to score the winner, especially with 8:45 to go when freshman forward Gina Goble drove a shot off the crossbar. Rocks junior defender Jenna Coon set up the play, threading the ball to Goble — above the box in the center of the field.



Looking to get past Plymouth defender Stephanie Dillon (No. 4) on Monday is Salem sophomore midfielder Katelynn Krause (No. 10).

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Campus rivals among favorites

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Handicapping Saturday's 40th running of the Observerland Boys' Track and Field Relays is going to be as tough as finding a favorite after Eskenderya was scratched from the Kentucky Derby.

First, there's defending champion Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, which is gunning for its fifth Observerland title in the 15-school meet which will be hosted by Farmington High.

The Shamrocks, bolstered by their 2009 Division 1 state championship cross country team, will once again be a force to be reckoned with.

Last year's Observerland runner-up, Salem, appears to be another solid choice. But the Rocks took a back seat last week to campus rival Plymouth in the Bolger-Mangan Memorial City Meet.

The Wildcats were led by distance runners Warren Buzzard, Matt Neumann and Joe Porcari, along with hurdler Brandon Piligian.

Salem, meanwhile, will get a boost from its 4 x 400 relay team which has already gone 3:27.3.

"I expect us to be in conten-

OBSERVERLAND RELAYS

tion for first place in a number of events, but we would have to have a lot of things fall the right way for us to win the meet as a whole," Salem coach Kyle Meteyer said. "I think we can excel in the throwing relays, the 4 x 400, the high jump relay, and a few others, but we've been hurt lately by injuries and discipline issues.

"The main contenders will be Catholic Central and Plymouth, I believe. They're well matched, especially in the distance events."

Livonia Churchill coach Rick Austin, now in his 16th year with the Chargers, has seen a few Observerlands in his time going all the way back to his days as a prep hurdler at his alma mater.

"It looks like Plymouth and Salem have a great opportunity to win with their team depth," he said. "Don't count out Stevenson and a much improved (Livonia) Franklin team either. You've got to be able to score in all of the events to have a strong showing.

"We are work in progress and want to be competitive and score in as many events as we can."

SKIER

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did I have the expectation he'd come back with some hardware? I did not."

MAJOR MEMORIES

According to Rickert, the 5-foot, 100-pound Blake, now 11, navigated a giant slalom course with agility required to get from start to finish.

"You've got to cut your quickest line around the poles to get to the bottom quickest," Rich stressed. "Obviously, you don't want to take wide turns on the flags because you lose a ton of time that way."

They also brought home some memories, since Rich and Blake met three-time Olympian skier Phil Mahre. The youngster even got to briefly ski with Mahre.

"I don't know if Blake was more excited about that or I was," joked Rich about the encounter with Mahre. "But I didn't get to do it, he did. And he got to meet (past and present Olympians) AJ Kitt, Kaylin Richardson, Jimmy Cochran."

That experience capped a whirlwind couple months for the Rickerts, especially Blake, of course.

In February, the Rickerts went to Colorado for a ski vacation, something the family has regularly enjoyed in recent years.

But this year's trip packed a little extra wallop: the 2010 Winter Olympics were in full swing.

The Rickerts would tackle the mountain by day and absorb the Olympics by night.

In between, they'd eat dinner and talk about skiing — the one activity the youngster "truly has a passion for," according to Rich.

"The timing of which to be out in Colorado and watching



Blake Rickert (far right) enthusiastically celebrates winning a bronze medal in the 9-10 age bracket at the NASTAR snow ski nationals held late last month in Colorado.

all these downhill events was really unique in terms of how that all (worked) out," Rich said.

GETTING THE WORD

After returning to Michigan, Blake found out he qualified for the NASTAR event and would get the chance to go back to Colorado for the late-March extravaganza.

"I started him out (mid-2000s) with generic skis, and when we found out he qualified to go out west, Traci and I got pretty excited about it," Rich said. "We said 'Well, let's get him as best prepared as possible to go out there and do the best he can.'"

They bought him a pair of Fischer Worldcup slalom skis, about 150 centimeters in length.

Blake qualified after participating over the past year

with Team XLR8, an Alpine racing team based out of Mt. Brighton, which is a NASTAR affiliate.

Despite being a very good skier for several years, being on Team XLR8 honed and refined his racing skills.

Rickert said invitations to take part in the nationals go out to the top three per age group and gender from "any place that runs NASTAR races around the country."

Obviously, Blake was a good choice to go to Colorado as he held his own against "pretty stiff competition" at the NASTAR nationals.

"But you know," Rich said, "if you've got the skills, you've got the skills."

The visit to Winter Park, complete with bronze medal, more than validated the considerable time commitment and expense the Rickerts have

THE BLAKE FILE

Who: Blake Rickert, 11, a fifth-grader at Plymouth Christian Academy.

What: He competed and won a bronze medal at the NASTAR Nationals snow ski races in late March.

Parents: His parents are Richard and Traci Rickert of Canton.

Other: Blake is very active at Plymouth Christian, being on the chess and robotics clubs. He also plays basketball at PCA and enjoys golfing in the summer.

Hip-hop help: He also is part of an all-boy hip-hop group at Central City Dance in Canton. According to Traci, CCD deserves an assist for Blake's success on the slopes.

"They have been so accommodating with his hip-hop schedule so that he can pursue his dream of competitive snow skiing," she said.

already put into skiing.

NOW WHAT?

It also bolstered Blake's growing motivation to someday join Mahre and the others as an Olympian skier.

"He aspires to advance in this sport," Rickert said. "He truly loves competing, he loves skiing, I think he would at this stage say yeah."

Blake's parents likely wouldn't object to that big dream. After all, they're right there with him.

"Not every Olympian is from the western Rockies," Rich Rickert concluded. "There's people from Minnesota, Vermont, New Hampshire. ... hey, someday we'll get one from Michigan, huh?"

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GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 7, WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 2

April 27 at Plymouth
No. 1 singles: Sarah Mitchell (P) defeated Latina Yacks, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Priya Joshi (P) def. Louissa Villaroman, 6-3, 7-5; No. 3: Lindsay Stemberger (P) def. Rachael Alholinna, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Sara Aulidge (JG) def. Mandy Martin, 6-4, 4-6, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Desiree Clenny-Shannon McDadden (JG) def. Allison Santon-Lauren Jeong, 7-6(5), 7-6(1); No. 2: Kayla Griffey-Britta Swanson (P) def. Sabrina Lawrence-Jamatha Johnson, 7-5, 6-3; No. 3: Andrea Haidar-Brittany Rose (P) def. Emily White-Montana Graszak, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Annie McKenzie-Iulia Fratila (P) def. Natasha Hawkins-Khadiah McCloud, 6-0, 6-0; No. 5: Jahvi Patel-Mariah Tesarz (P) def. Damini Patel-Halie Woody, 6-1, 6-0.

Plymouth dual meet record: 4-1 overall, 4-1 KLAAS South.

SALEM 8, LIVONIA STEVENSON 1

April 27 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Allie Carpenter (S) defeated Laura Gumpfer, 5-7, 6-3, 6-3; No. 2: Anna Norman (S) def. Ashley Benvenuti, 6-0, 6-3; No. 3: Morgan Spencer (S) def. Taylor Tinham, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Kerry MacDonald (S) def. Meyessa Mansour, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Rachel Norman-Ashley Davis (S) def. Michele DeBeaudry-Emily Plumley, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2: Mallory Rojo-Ashley Walker (S) def. Simona Enea-Lexie Ranski, 4-6, 6-0, 6-2; No. 3: Alex Lamb-Olivia Gonzalez (S) def. Lauren Arsenault-Allison Kay, 6-3, 6-2; No. 4: Kathryn Malkowski-Andrea Burford (LS) def. Ewa Zajac-Bansari Patel, 6-2, 6-1; No. 5: Emily Simmons-Lindsey Spaulding (S) def. Emily Baumgartner-Kelsey Futrell, 3-6, 7-6(5), 7-5; No. 6: Sarah Bellaire-Meghan Barry (S) def. Danielle McCallian-Jessica Loren, 6-3.

Salem dual meet record: 3-2 overall, 3-2 KLAAS Central.

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Crusaders maintain WHAC lead

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nothing gained, nothing lost Saturday for Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference baseball leader Madonna University.

The Crusaders, 33-7 overall and 11-3 in the WHAC, maintained their two-game lead in the loss column over Indiana Tech by splitting a double-header with visiting Aquinas College at Iltich Ballpark.

Aquinas (21-15, 8-6) took the opener, 7-0, as senior left-hander Joe Welton (6-2) got the victory, allowing just three hits and one walk while striking out seven.

"We knew about him, he's been a good pitcher this year," MU coach Greg Haeger said of Welton. "They had another

left-hander a couple of years ago that gave us fits, so maybe it's the style of their left-handed pitching. But that particular pitcher, he did a great job."

MU starter Jeremy Gooding suffered his first loss in seven decisions. The Livonia native and Dearborn Divine Child grad allowed four earned runs on seven hits and three walks in six innings.

Aquinas, scoring four times in the third inning and three in the seventh, got two hits and two RBI apiece from Andrew Bard and Will Eberle. Jon Good also knocked in two runs for the Saints.

Spencer Sarel had a hit and walk for MU.

MU senior right-hander John Ballarin (5-1) returned the favor on the mound in the

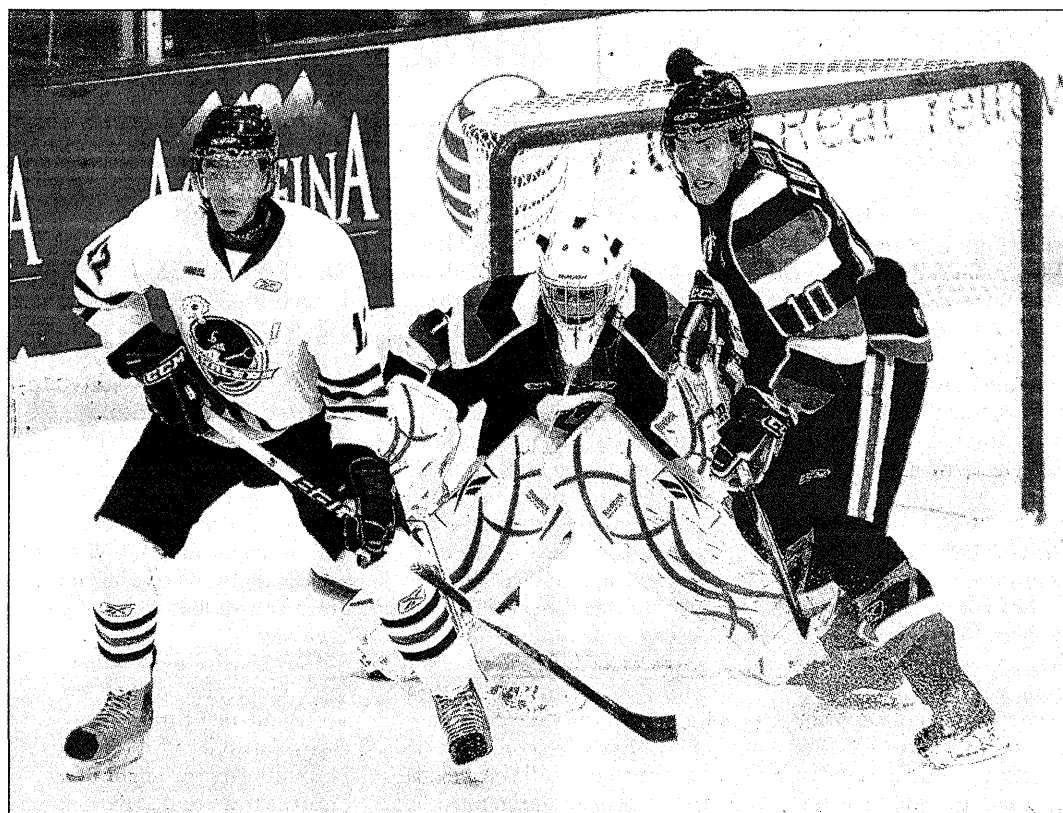
nightcap against Aquinas, tossing a six-hit shutout in a 4-0 win. The transfer from Eastern Michigan University struck out four and walked only two in seven innings.

"John threw a good game," Haeger said. "He's been doing pretty well for us as of late. He threw a good game, kept the ball low and changed speeds. He gave us a chance to win."

Ted Toune and Jeff Bultinck each collected two hits for MU, while Matt Kay (Canton), Alex Charles and Brad Lineberry (Plymouth) each knocked in a run.

MU's scheduled twinbill Sunday against Aquinas in Grand Rapids was postponed until Monday due to rain.

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RENA LAVERY

Tyler Brown of the Plymouth Whalers (left), shown from a game earlier this season, could return in 2010-11 as an overage player.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Thunderbirds fastpitch

Thunderbirds Fastpitch Softball is looking for a few more enthusiastic and committed young women who love to play softball.

The organization is comprised of travel teams with players ranging in age from 8 to 19 on 10U through 18U teams. For more information, please contact Ray Barnes (Pres.) at 734-417-1421, or Humaira Afzal (V. Pres.) at thunderbirdsfastpitch@comcast.net.

Michigan Dragons hoops

Parents, it's that time again to register your 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grader for summer basketball. Go to michigandragons.com and register. The registration period ends on April 16.

Plymouth Y programs

Several spring offerings are being served up by the Plymouth Family YMCA, including:

- Speed and Agility Training, a class to focus on improving your speed (stride length and frequency, starting and stopping ability, sprint form and technique) and agility (the ability to explosively brake, change direction, and accelerate again). Rarely in team sports do you run in a straight line at a fixed pace for a fixed length of time.

The class will improve movements in any direction at any sport, improve foot speed and increase strength and power.

Participants will learn new techniques through drills and play games to put learned skills into use. The class will be taught by an NCAA Division I athlete with a degree in Exercise Science.

• Registrations are being accepted for the Spring Co-Ed Soccer League and Girls' Volleyball League.

Both seasons run through June 12. There will be one practice and one game each week. The cost is \$71 for program members or \$103 for community members. All participants need a YMCA Youth Sports Reversible Jersey (\$15).

• For all programs, contact the Plymouth Family YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Give 'Pickleball' a try

Plymouth and Canton residents are welcome to sign up for a unique recreational sport being offered by Northville Parks and Recreation — pickleball.

The sport combines ping pong and badminton, with a hard paddle used to send the ball over the net. Open pickleball sessions are held at the Northville Recreation Center based out of Hillside Middle School.

Beginner to intermediate play is 1-3 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays (\$2 per person) and 10 a.m. to 12 noon Wednesdays and Thursdays (\$2). Three courts are available.

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Paddles and pickleballs are provided at the center. Call (248) 349-0203 for more information.

Women's golf league

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation is offering a 20-week, 18-hole women's golf league beginning at 8 a.m. Thursdays, April 29, at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

The fee is \$26 per week (includes greens fees and cart). Non-residents are encouraged to join.

For more information, call Alethea Van Gorp at (734) 604-9020; or e-mail aavg@juno.com.

WHALERS

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considerable experience in 2009-10, a season where the Whalers finished 38-27-1-2 for 79 points (4th in the Western Conference) and lost in the second playoff round to Windsor.

And he'll restock the cupboard on Saturday when the OHL draft takes place.

"Are we going to be as deep as we were this year going into it?" Vellucci said. "Probably not, but we can always make some changes."

"We'll be young, aggressive. I love our two goaltenders (Scott Wedgewood, new signee Matt Mahalak of Monroe) and I think our D will be maturing."

LOCAL KID SHINES

Expected back on the blueline will be Jay Gilbert, Colin MacDonald and Farmington Hills native Austin Levi — who really opened up Vellucci's eyes in '09-10. Levi was named the team's Most Improved Player.

"He (Levi) has just, from last year to this year, jumped leaps and bounds," Vellucci said. "And in his playoff performance he increased his draft potential, moving up from possibly being a third- or fourth-rounder to being a late second-rounder."

The probable departure of Seguin, Jenks and McRae will leave a gaping hole at the forward position, however.

"Where we're really going to need help is up front," he said. "We must make sure we get some goal scoring."

Some returning forwards who Vellucci is going to count on to pick up the offensive slack include talented Garrett Meurs (16-18-34), RJ Mahalak (injured much of the year and brother of Matt Mahalak) and Stefan Noesen.

"Some guys playing different roles this year might be called upon to be more productive," Vellucci said.

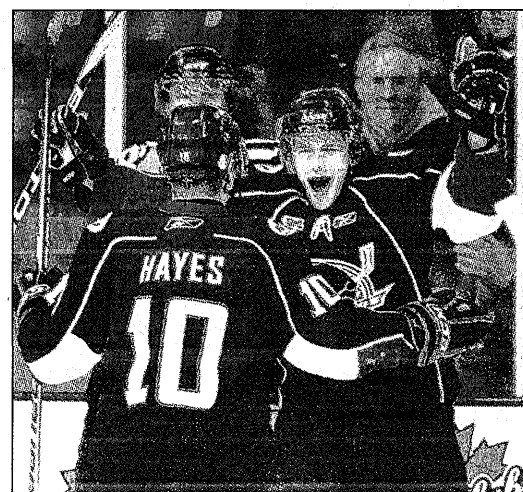
COACH'S CRITIQUE

He also might be able to bring back speedy forward Tyler Brown (14-25-39) and Robbie Czarnik (17-32-49 in 43 games) as overage players. OHL teams are allowed to have three players who turn 21 during a season.

"Tyler Brown could be drafted or possibly signed (as a free agent)," Vellucci said. "But we'd love to have him back as an overage. Robbie Czarnik has been drafted by L.A. and if they don't sign him this year we'd love to have him back as an overage also."

Vellucci said the older players bring stability that is a must for an OHL team to have success.

Meanwhile, he and his assistant coaches Joe Stefan, Brian Sommariva and goalie coach Stan Matwijew will try to ensure the Whalers do not resemble the "Jekyll-and-Hyde" team they were



WALT DMOCH

Tyler Seguin (against boards) and Ryan Hayes celebrate Seguin's 100th point this past season. Seguin, a force for the Plymouth Whalers, likely will be the first or second choice at June's NHL Entry Draft.

in '09-10.

"When we stuck to our game plan we were good," Vellucci emphasized. "Our game plan was (be) hard on the forecheck, very aggressive in all three zones, and compete."

"When we started to think we were better than we were, and tried to start playing cute or fancy is when we got into a lot of trouble."

Adhering to that game plan also will help Plymouth fare better away from Compuware, another problem area this season (13-18-1-2).

SOLID STRETCH RUN

The Whalers did play with more spit and vinegar after a series of mid-season trades, which brought McRae and winger James Livingston to the Whalers.

Another key midseason pickup was Czarnik, who left the University of Michigan team to join Plymouth. Forward Josh Brittain became a Whaler in late October.

"We had a pretty good stretch after the trade deadline and stumbled on the way down," he said. "But if you really look at it, I really believe we overachieved in some sense."

That, along with an unprecedented international hockey media throng following Seguin as he became a legitimate top NHL prospect, helped attendance swell by about 18 percent at Compuware (2nd highest gain in the OHL).

But the Seguin story somewhat got in the way during the Plymouth-Windsor series, to Vellucci's chagrin.

"Everybody was making it a Tyler against Taylor (Hall) thing," he said. "I just think that almost got bigger than the games."

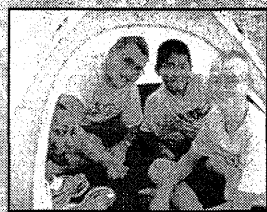
There probably won't be any of that show-biz stuff around the team in 2010-11. But that doesn't mean the Whalers won't still be compelling to watch.

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Those denied can appeal on their own, but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience.



In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups. Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are also highly experienced in assisting him with Social Security Disability cases. And they are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of clients' cases and administrative procedure.

Attorney Bieske welcomes you to call him to determine if you may be

eligible for these benefits. He offers free phone or office consultations. If Bieske represents you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. These are not the same as Workers' Compensation benefits. It is possible to receive both benefits at the same time. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/Widower's benefits).

Bieske represents clients from all over the state of Michigan. Call him at 1-800-331-3530 for a FREE consultation if you have been denied. Or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits call him for FREE advice.

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Plymouth Strictly Business



Jordan and Jeyda Brown, whose mom, Connie, works for Comcast, were decked out to help on Comcast Cares Day Saturday at the Plymouth call center.

Volunteers gather to help fight hunger

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The food pantry at the Plymouth Salvation Army and hungry families in Chile and Haiti were the big winners Saturday as volunteers gathered at Comcast's Plymouth call center for the company's annual Comcast Cares Day.

Nationwide, more than 55,000 volunteers took part in the annual day of service. But it was the 200 volunteers gathered in Plymouth who made the difference locally, packing more than 12,000 packets of food to be divided between the Plymouth Salvation Army and relief efforts in Chile and Haiti.

State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) was also on hand as Comcast partnered with Kids Against Hunger and the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth to benefit the charities. About two-thirds of the

meals are expected to stay in the local area.

"Comcast is a good community partner and we appreciate the effort," said Laurie Aren, the Plymouth Salvation Army's direct of family and community ministries. "There's a growing need in our community, and projects like this definitely benefit everyone."

Aren said the efforts of Kiwanians - represented by Rob Noel, Tom Todd and Pam Kosteva - were key to the success.

"The Kiwanis Club does a fantastic job," Aren said. "This program is near and dear to their hearts."

Here are some of the statistics Comcast organizers herald about the Comcast Cares Day project:

- A total of 48,000 adult meals were expected to be packaged at the state's four sites
- The 12,000 adult meals per site is the equivalent of some

24,000 meals for children

- Two-third (or about 8,000 meals) will stay in Michigan (36 bags per box = 216 meals); about 36 boxes per local organization.

- The other third of the food will go to Haiti and Chile - where, organizers say, food is so scarce and people are literally dying every day.

"Comcast has a proven track record of giving back to the communities in which our employees reside and work, and this year's Comcast Cares Day efforts will help 24 different organizations across Michigan," said Tom Coughlin, Senior Vice President for Comcast's Michigan Region. "As residents continue to overcome the economic challenges facing our state, I'm grateful to the 2,400 volunteers who will be donating their time to help make a difference."

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Dance lessons

Registration is now open at Metro Dance Company for the six-week Summer Dance Session. Classes for all ages, preschool - adult begin the week of July 12 and run through Aug. 20. Wedding choreography and private lessons in any style also available. Register now by phone at (734) 207-8970.

Metro Dance Company is a full-service dance studio offering classes for all ages, 2 1/2 - adult. The studio is located at 541 S Mill (Lilley), just outside downtown Plymouth. All information, including complete class schedules can be found online at www.MetroDanceCompany.com

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

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Businesses interested in participating can contact the DDA.

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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 enthusiasts 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

Showcase Plymouth

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents the 21st annual Showcase and Taste of Plymouth on Monday, May 24, from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Inn at St. John's, located 44045 Five Mile in Plymouth.

Showcase and Taste of Plymouth was created to celebrate the Plymouth Community; it's businesses, restaurants, and the people who live here. This year they are again anticipating this event to be a huge success with over 700 attendees.

Admission is \$10 at the door and includes complimentary food, a cash bar and a chance to win over 70 door prizes. For the first time ever there will be a live Chef's Cooking Challenge with three judges and an announcer describing the action.

Also, as part of this event, they are recognizing outstanding citizens from our local service clubs and presenting scholarships to local students.

Showcase and Taste of Plymouth is sponsored by Hines Park Lincoln Mercury and Community Financial.

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

Golf outing

Reservations to golf or to be a sponsor at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's annual golf outing are now being taken. The event takes place Monday, July 12, on the Golden Fox course at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center. Tee off is at 10 a.m.

The golfing package includes lunch, refreshments on the course, cocktails/beer and dinner. Foursomes also receive a tee sign, sponsor recognition and one free \$25 raffle ticket.

For more information about golfing or being a sponsor, call (734) 453-1540 or e-mail wes@plymouthmich.org. Cancellations must be received by July 1, 2010.

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>



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce presents Showcase Plymouth Monday, May 10, at the Inn at St. John's.

New member directory

The chamber's new 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 community 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.

Directories will be mailed to all members during the first full week of April.

Fourth Tuesdays

New Liberty Bank at 1333 W. Ann Arbor Road hosts casual information coffees on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 7:30-9 a.m. Join them for free coffee, donuts and their panel of experts who will be on hand to answer banking and financial questions. Registration is not necessary, just stop by.

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

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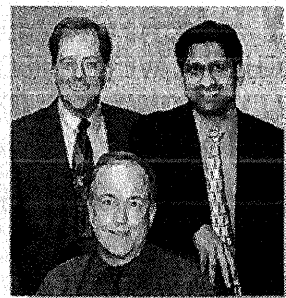
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ENTERTAINMENT

Choral group sings music by master composers

BY SHARON DARGAY
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The repertoire is challenging.

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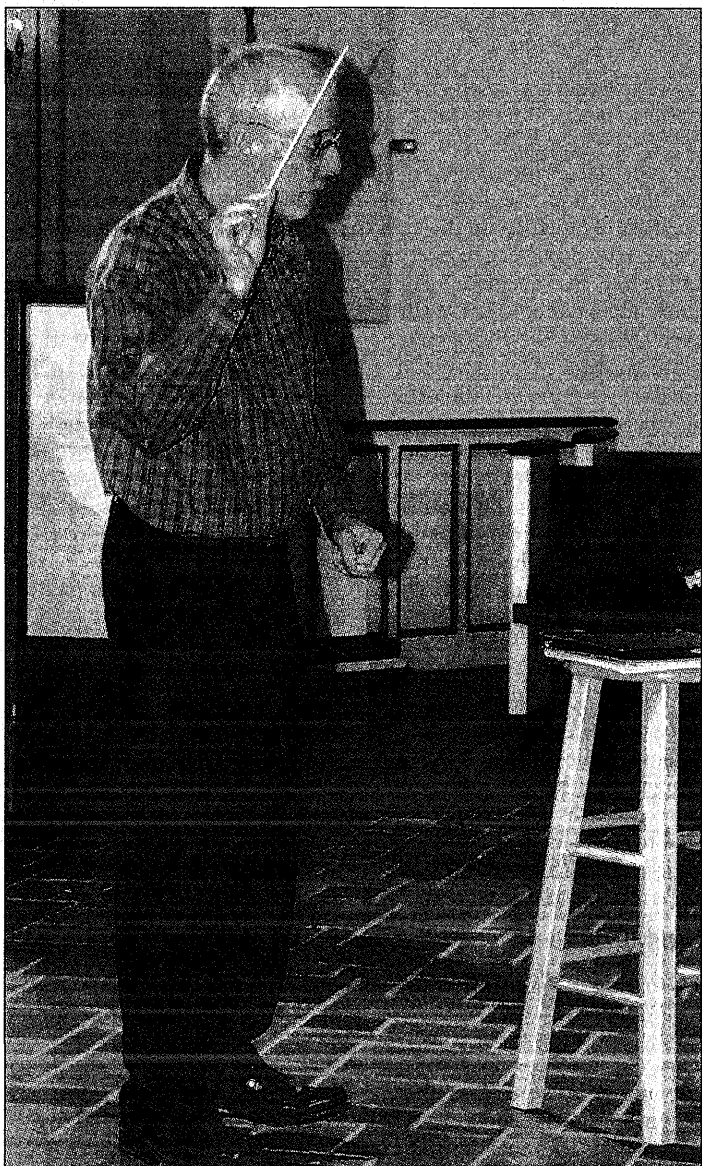
But individuals for whom “singing is their quality of life and they are dedicated to it,” join the Plymouth Oratorio Society because they enjoy performing classical music, even if it’s only at one annual concert, says Richard Ingram, who has directed the choir for four years.

“It’s a delightful group of people who come together each week to tackle hard music,” he said. “Over 24 years they’ve built a reputation in the area. It’s always fun to be able to work with a community chorus that has the ability to do this kind of music.”

The choral group’s 80-plus members will sing Ralph Vaughan Williams’ *Benedicite, Nānie*, by Brahms, and Dvorák’s *Mass in D*, at 4:30 p.m., Sunday, May 2, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth. The Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra will accompany the choir. Bonnie Kidd, Ingram’s colleague at Huron High School in Ann Arbor, is the guest soprano soloist. Admission is free, although a free-will offering will be accepted.

Ingram selected the music, which includes two 19th century compositions and one piece from mid-20th century.

“The Vaughan Williams piece has great contrast. It’s fast and loud and bombastic, but the middle section when the soprano comes in is very much more subdued,” he noted.



Richard Ingram directs the Plymouth Oratorio Society.

The Brahms requiem is sung “mid-tempo” in German. The Mass combines slow and fast movements that make for an “exciting musical experience.”

MASTER COMPOSERS

Don Pratt, Society business manager, said the classical repertoire sets the group apart

from other community choruses.

“We don’t use auditions, which surprises many people. We feel that the music we sing is the audition. Other groups do a lighter style concert, which is okay, but it’s just not what we do. The other thing we do is sing with a professional orches-

tra. They are all professionals and that raises the level of our whole concert.”

Pratt, a retired math teacher from Huron High School, and his wife, Kathy, have sung with the group since it began and have performed at every concert. The upcoming performance is especially significant because it’s dedicated to his late father, Robert Pratt, who conducted the Plymouth Oratorio Society for its first nine years.

Pratt sang under his father’s direction in about a dozen different choral groups through the years, including the Plymouth Oratorio Society.

“It was an honor and a privilege every time,” he said. Pratt’s mother also sang in the Society, his sister, who now lives out of state, has returned three times to sing a solo in concert and his oldest daughter sang for two years.

“We had seven (family) members off and on who have sung with the Plymouth Oratorio Society. It’s a special thing for me.”

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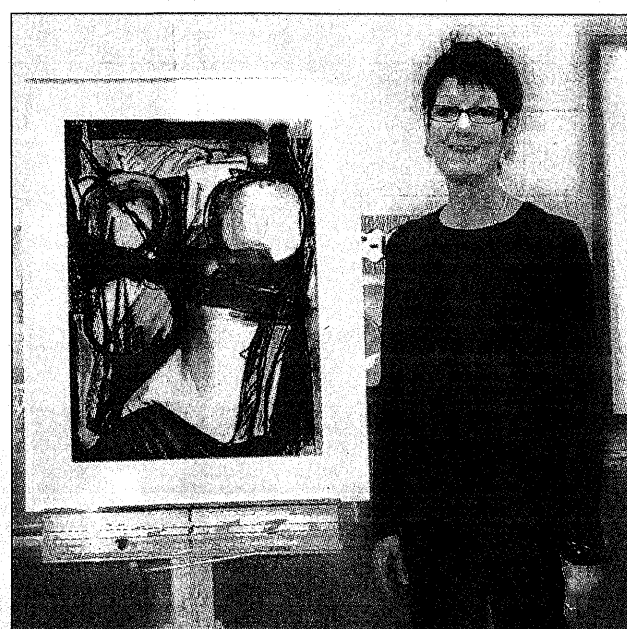
Pratt said the Society draws members from as far away as Jackson and Lake Orion. Many also sing in church choirs.

“It all comes to fruition this weekend. You’ve worked for four months and it’s all going to happen on Sunday and will be over in an hour. It’s the most fun, hard work you’ll ever do,” he said.

Ingram described the concert setting as beautiful and the acoustics as superb.

“If any folks have not been inside the First Methodist Church in Plymouth, they are in for a treat,” Ingram said.

Visit the group’s Web site at www.plymouthoratoriosociety.org



Livonia artist, Bonita Collins, shows “structure Series #5,” the first place winner in Visual Arts Association of Livonia’s annual spring show.

Browse, buy art at annual spring show

Meet winners of the Visual Arts Association of Livonia’s annual spring exhibit at an awards presentation from 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 5, at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, at Five Mile east of Farmington Road.

Bonita Collins of Livonia took first place for “Structure Series #5,” which will be displayed, along with works by other local artists, from May 4-28 at city hall. Second place winner was Regina Dunne of Northville for “The Runner” and third place went to Ken Blevins of Westland for “Before the Rain.”

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia is dedicated to advancing knowledge and appreciation of the creative

arts by offering studio classes and annual exhibits. Members meet at 7 p.m. the third Thursday every month, except June, July, and December, in classroom 14 at the Dickinson Center, 18000 Newburgh, Livonia.

The spring show is open to the public 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. It includes a variety of works, including sculpture and photography, that are available for purchase.

Robert Scheffman, an art professor and chair of the Foundations Department at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, juried the show.

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will be received until **1:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, May 13, 2010** at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Faxed proposals will not be accepted. This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid Divisions:

- Bid Division Description**
134: Stage Equipment and Rigging
176: Sound System

Bidding documents prepared by **TMP Associates, Inc.** will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; Builders Exchange, Lansing Construction News Service, Grandville; and Reed Construction Data, Novi, MI.

Bidders may obtain one (1) set of bidding documents by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith Inc.** The bid division being bid is to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00300) and the Proposal Execution Form (Section 00400). **The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.**

There will be a pre-bid meeting at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, May 5th in the Salem High School Construction Trailer, located at 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scopes of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. **Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.**

Any and all questions in regards to the bidding or the Bid Package Documents should be addressed in writing to the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith Inc.** Questions or clarifications will be promptly answered and returned to the bidder/bidders.

The Board of Education for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

This project is to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Nancy Eggenberger, Secretary

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Spotlight Theatre continues its production of "Oklahoma!" through Sunday, May 2.

Classic musical 'Oklahoma!' on Spotlight stage

The musical *Oklahoma!* wraps up Sunday, May 2, at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill in Canton.

The Spotlight Players production features Roy Sexton as Curly, Lauren London as Laurey, Linda Trygg as Aunt Eller, Jesse Brandel as Will Parker, Cathy Skutch as Ado Annie, Robert Doyle as Ali Hakim, Drex Morton as Ike Skidmore, and Mike Cuba as Andrew Carnes.

The musical, which tells the love story of Curly and Laurey, is based on Lynn Riggs' 1931 play, *Green Grow the Lilacs*. It

was the first musical written by the duo of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. It includes such recognizable songs as *Oklahoma! Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'*, and *People Will Say We're In Love*. A year after the Broadway production opened in 1943, Rodgers and Hammerstein won a special Pulitzer Prize for the play. The 1955 film, starring Gordon McRae and Shirley Jones, won an Academy Award.

Barbara Bloom, director and choreographer for the Spotlight production, calls the show "wonderful family entertainment." It

includes familiar songs, "well drawn" characters and a "dream" ballet.

The show is at 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, April 30 and May 1 and at 2 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, May 1-2, at the theater, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton. Tickets are \$18 for adults; \$16 for senior citizens and students under 19, available by calling the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460; online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater; or at the door. For more information about Spotlight Players, call (734) 480-4945 or visit www.spotlightplayersmi.org.

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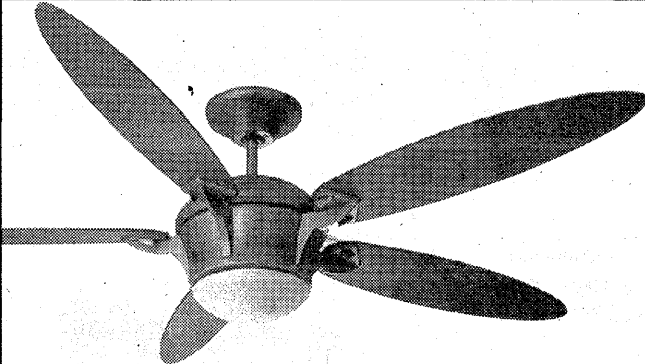
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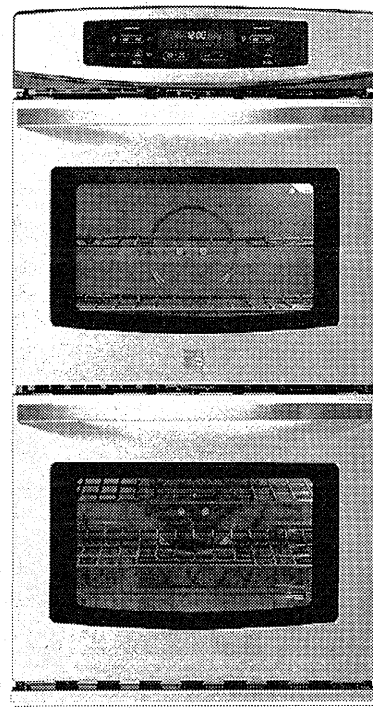
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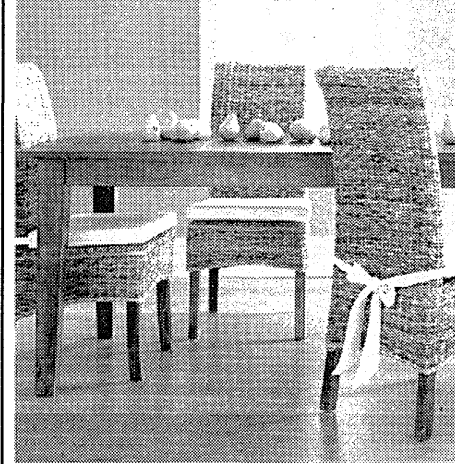
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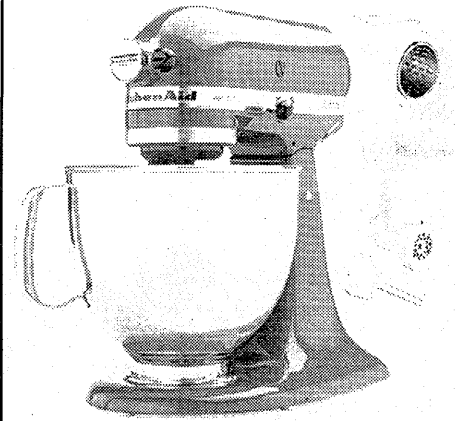
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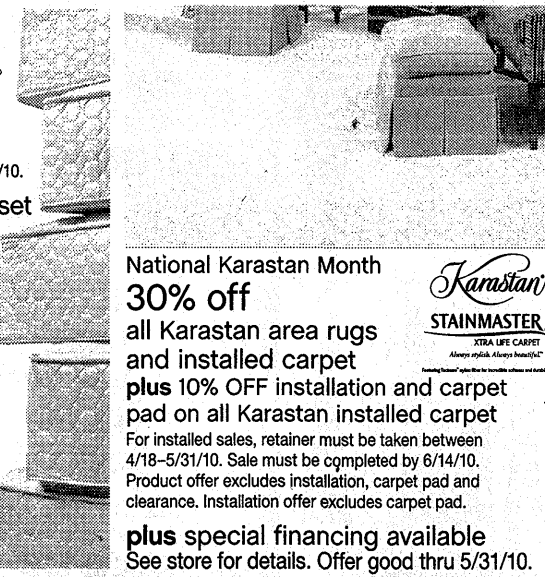
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Seligman Performing Arts Center
Time/Date: 8 p.m., May 15
Location: 22305 West 13 Mile, Beverly Hills
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Time/Date: Bill Isles, April 30; Chris Buhails, May 1; Mark Erelli with Ralston Bowles, May 6; George Worthmore, May 7; Khalid Hanifi with Timothy Monger, May 8; Bill Mallonee, May 21; Open Land with Jessica Ripka, May 22
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Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day
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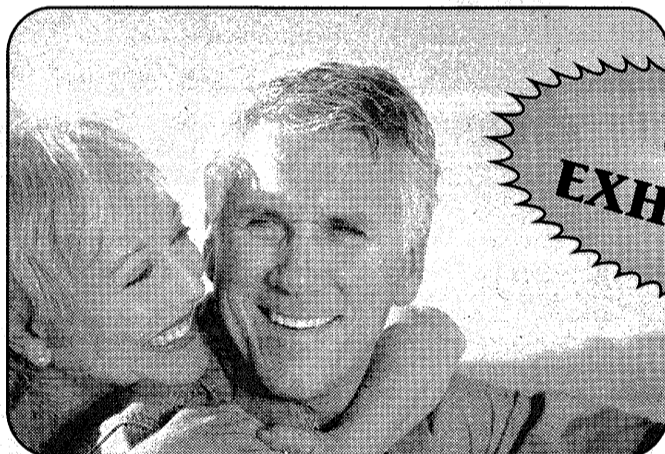
Detroit Institute of Arts
Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.
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JWH Center for the Arts
Time/Date: 6:15-6:45 p.m., open mic sign up; performances, 7 p.m.
Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: BaseLine Folk Society open mic is for acoustic, folk and traditional musicians. Admission is \$5. BaseLine Folk Society open mic runs every third Saturday of the month through May
Contact: Mike Mullen, founder, mjm-mullen@yahoo.com

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Time/Dates: Greensky Bluegrass, April 30; The Mega 80's, May 1 and 8; Saw Doctors, May 7; The Stick Men, May 13; Butch Walker & The Black Widows, May 14; Midtown Underground, May 15; The English Beat, May 20
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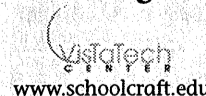
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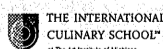
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Brass, percussion, handbells, organ and 100 voices will come together Sunday, May 2, at Hymn Festival, in St. John Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills. Michael Burkhardt, director of worship and fine arts at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia, will direct the festival dedicated to the memory of longtime St. John member and music director, Marie Walck. She was a charter member of St. John Lutheran Church and was active in its founding more than 50 years ago. She served as music director, organist, chancel choir director, director of children's and youth choirs and director of handbell choirs. She also was active in many local and ELCA Synod organizations.

The theme of this year's festival is "Rejoicing in the Lamb: An Ecumenical Hymn Festival for God's Resurrection People." Several of the hymns to be performed are arranged by Burkhardt, including *Crown Him with Many Crowns*, *Now the Green Blade Rises* and *Thine is the Glory*.

Internationally known for hymn festivals and for his creative work with children, Burkhardt is in demand as a clinician, recitalist and hymn festival leader throughout the U.S. and abroad. He is author of Part-Singing Global Style, a resource focusing on sequential part-singing techniques in treble arrangements of global pieces, and author of *Singing with Understanding*, a curriculum utilizing the great hymns, folk songs and spirituals of the Church to share faith stories and to teach the elements of music and worship. He is composer of two settings of the Eucharistic liturgy, *A New Song* and *Missa St. Andrew*, as well as organ improvisations, choral octavos and handbell compositions.

Burkhart will direct a mass choir composed of members of several local churches, including St. John Lutheran, Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran, Redeemer United Methodist, St. Gerald Roman Catholic, King of Kings Lutheran, and Good Shepherd Lutheran.

The audience also will be encouraged to participate.

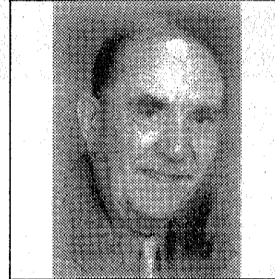
Admission is free, although a free-will offering will be taken. Refreshments will be provided. St. John Lutheran Church is on Gill Road, between Grand River Ave. and Freedom Road. For more information call the church at (248) 474-0584. Concert information is also available at stjohn-elca.org and at wesleyfishwick.com.



BEVERLY JOYCE BEERBOWER NEE: TIRB

Of Inkster, formerly of Clinton, MI, died April 23 at age 78. Loving mother of Wayne (Catherine), Pamela (Cary) Sitarz, Lauren (Rosanne Miller) and Brian (Joann). Gramie of 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Francis (Mary) Tirb, Betty Patterson, the late: Glen Tirb, Marjorie Patterson and Ruth Snyder. Daughter of the late: Edward Tirb and Dorothy Krall. Surrounded by a large extended family. Visitation: Thurs. April 29th 1-9pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. Funeral: Fri, April 30, In-State 10:00am, Service 11:00am with a luncheon to follow at St. Paul Lutheran Church 17810 Farmington, Livonia, MI 48152. Interment: Sat. May 1st in Riverside Cemetery in the Village of Clinton, Michigan. Memorial Donations may be made in Beverly's name to MICOPS.

Please leave the family a message at: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



JOSEPH CERNE

Age 94 of Canton, April 26, 2010. Beloved husband of the late Rose. Loving father of Philip (Sandy), Janice (William) Giddings and Mary Ann (Barry) Graham. Proud grandfather of six and great grandfather of six. Dear brother of Ann Zrimec. Visitation Thurs. 2-9 PM and Scripture Service 7 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (Between Sheldon & Beck). In State Fri. 10 AM until 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Rd., Canton. Entombment Glen Eden Memorial Park. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

ZORA LENORE CROSS

Age 96, of Novi, MI, passed away April 25, 2010. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington, MI.

ELIZABETH A. DEPETRO

Age 80, of Livonia, passed away April 24, 2010. A memorial service will be held May 1 at Noon at Salem Bible Church. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Salem Bible Church or Angela Hospice.



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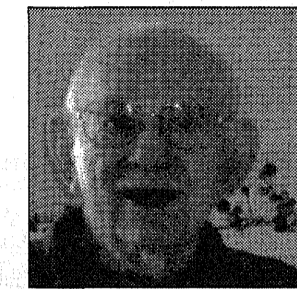
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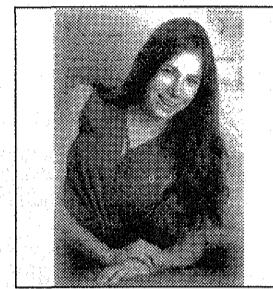
April 25, 2010, age 94 of Canton, MI and Venice, FL. Beloved husband of Elinor. Loving father of Craig (Vera), Peggy Ellenwood, and Eric (Linda). Also survived by 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and five grand dogs. Funeral Services were held Wednesday, April 28, 2010. Interment took place at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville. Memorial gifts may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.



MARY MARGARET DUGGAN

Let the light shine bright on Mary Margaret Duggan, a woman who believed in the rights of women and the right to happiness -- her own Declaration of Independence. Mary, who passed away Saturday, April 24 at the age of 81, was the second child born to Michael and Anne Duggan on April 4, 1929, and a loving sister to Dennis, Geraldine and Leona, who have all preceded her in death. Both of Mary's parents emigrated from the war-torn Ireland of the 1920s, and Mary remained especially proud of her Irish heritage. Since her father died young -- just a few years after Mary was born -- Mary, her older brother, her two younger sisters, and their Mother, had a rough row to hoe. They found shelter in the arms of Detroit's Saint Gregory the Great Parish and with family and friends. Besides being a loving sister and daughter, she was affectionately known to seven nieces and nephews and eight grand nieces and nephews as Aunt Mary. She always made time for them. Mary truly was "there" for her family. The sky was the limit for them, in terms of her doing out time, love and affection for her fifteen "kids."

Mary became quite attached to St. Gregory's very early in life and remained active in the parish with reunions and special masses until she became too ill to participate. Many of the friends she made, and she made many friends, came from her continuing St. Gregory experience. She also belonged for many years to Our Lady Queen of Hope parish in Detroit and St. Aidan parish in Livonia. A career accountant who supplemented her high school education with many college classes, Mary spent most of her working life at Birmingham and Oakland Hills country clubs. The latter club landed many top golf tournaments and while those always meant a lot of extra work for her and her staff, Mary enjoyed the excitement of the events. In spite of some rough times during the last years of her long tenure at Oakland, Mary remembered the good times and remained very fond of the friends she met at Oakland Hills. Mary Duggan loved her friends and family dearly, and she was proud of the strong work ethic instilled in her primarily by her mother, who she lived with cared for until Anne died in 1987. Despite suffering through and surmounting serious illnesses and tremendous losses for the last third of her life, Mary remained an extremely positive person. Even in her last hospital stay, which led to her death, she remarked, "I still think life is beautiful." Beloved daughter of the late Anne and late Michael Duggan. Dear sister of the late Dennis Duggan, the late Geraldine (Charles) Wright and the late Leona (Frank) Murphy. Loving aunt of Nancy Duggan; Noranne (Eugene) Morin, Timothy Wright; Terrence (Kim Lawton), the late Thomas, John (Dianne), and Michael (Kathy) Murphy. Devoted grand aunt of Rebecca and Maegan Morin; Michael and Angela Wright; Allison and Brendan Lawton, and Francis and Thomas Murphy. Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, April 30th with rosary at 7:30 p.m. at R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Road, Livonia, (734) 422-6720. A funeral mass will be held on Saturday May 1 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church with visitation at 11:00 a.m., 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Memorials may be directed to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and The St. Aidan Conference of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Please sign online guestbook at www.rgharris.com.



MARIE-KRISTIN FRIEDOW

Age 18 of Plymouth, suddenly April 25, 2010. Loving daughter of Thomas and Christel. Beloved sister of Michelle. Dearest granddaughter of Thea Friedow. Also survived by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral service Sunday 3 PM at St. Michaels Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton (at Warren Road). Visitation will be held Friday 5-9PM and Saturday 1-5PM at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 North Sheldon Road, Canton (north of Ford). In honor of Marie, Memorial contributions may be made to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) c/o Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh PA 15264-3700; or the PCEP Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), c/o Gretchen Miller, Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton MI 48187. These organizations were very important to her. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home-Plymouth Telephone 734-459-2250 To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

CATHERINE LENA GAUL

Age 96 recently of Gaylord, MI, died Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at Aspen Ridge Care Facility in Gaylord, MI. Catherine was born on May 14, 1913, the second daughter of John Henry and Nellie (Leary) Bush, in Milford, MI. She graduated from Milford High School in 1930 and married her high school sweetheart, Richard H. Gaul, July 24, 1936. They moved to Farmington, MI, in 1938, and Dick's job with Cadillac Motor in Detroit. Catherine graduated from the Detroit Conservatory of Music, June, 1941. While in Farmington, 1938-2008, she was a homemaker, mother, and piano teacher to many children. She enjoyed playing the piano and organ at home, church, and at silent movies early in her life. Her husband and family were her life and much time was spent with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Due to her gentle character and ready smile, she will be missed by all who knew her. She is preceded in death by her husband, Dick and her sister, Zetta. Catherine is survived by her daughter, Marilyn (Robert) Killian of Boyne Falls, and son, Richard (Joan) Gaul of Farmington Hills. Missing her are grandchildren Marcia Monchilov of Gaylord, and Robert Killian of Traverse City, as well as Shelli Connelly of Fenton and Richard Gaul of Waterford, and great grandchildren Mason and Morgan Monchilov, Abigail and Ashley Killian, and Shawn and Josie Connelly. Cremation has taken place. A gathering of family will take place in Milford, May 7. There will be no funeral or visitation times. Her ashes will be buried at the Oak Grove Cemetery, in Milford. Memorials in her name may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills, 48334 or the Salvation Army.

JOHN THOMAS LOFTUS

Age 63, of Farmington, passed away April 25, 2010. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington, MI.

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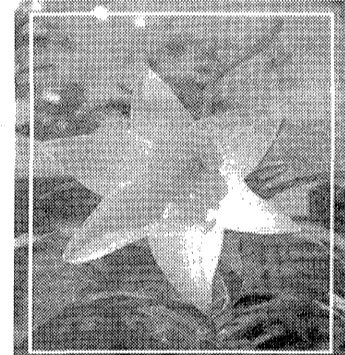
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TACO CASSEROLE

Prep Time: 10 minutes/Start to Finish: 30 minutes

Makes: 8 servings

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- ½ cup chopped onion
- 1 bottle (8 ounces) taco sauce
- ¾ cup water
- 1 can (4 ounces) fire-roasted diced green chiles
- 1 packet (1.25 ounces) taco seasoning mix
- 1 package (12-count) corn taco shells, broken, divided
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese, divided
- Chopped tomatoes, chopped green bell pepper, sour cream
- Preheat oven to 375°F. Grease 11 x 7-inch baking dish.

Cook beef and onion in large skillet over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until beef is browned. Drain and discard excess fat.

Stir in taco sauce, water, chiles and seasoning mix; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cook 3 to 4 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Layer half of broken taco shells on bottom of prepared baking dish. Cover with half of meat mixture; sprinkle with 1 cup cheese. Repeat layers with remaining ingredients.

Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until bubbly and cheese is melted. Serve with desired toppings.



Frozen Margarita Pie

FROZEN MARGARITA PIE

Prep Time: 15 minutes/Start to Finish: 4 hours

Makes: 8 servings

- Crust
- 10 yellow corn taco shells
- ½ cup (1 stick) butter
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- Filling
- 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
- ½ cup frozen limeade, thawed
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 1 drop green food coloring
- 1 cup whipping cream
- Lime curls (optional)
- Place taco shells in food processor and pulse until evenly ground.
- Melt butter in medium saucepan over low heat. Remove from heat. Stir in taco crumbs and sugar until well blended. Press firmly over bottom and up sides of 9-inch pie plate.
- Place in freezer until firm.
- Combine sweetened condensed milk, limeade, orange juice and food coloring in large mixing bowl.
- Whip cream until soft peaks form. Fold whipped cream gently into condensed milk mixture until blended. Pour onto prepared crust.
- Freeze uncovered, 4 hours or until firm. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Garnish with lime curls, if desired.
- Tip: To crush taco shells without a food processor, place them in a resealable plastic food storage bag and run a rolling pin over the shells until they're evenly crushed.

PASTA AND GRILLED VEGETABLE SALAD WITH CILANTRO DRESSING

Prep Time: 15 minutes/Start to Finish: 30 minutes

Makes: 6 to 8 servings

- Dressing
- 1 can (4 ounces) fire-roasted diced green chiles
- ¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- ½ teaspoon minced garlic
- Salt and black pepper to taste
- Salad
- 1 red bell pepper, cored, seeded, cut in half
- 1 green bell pepper, cored, seeded, cut in half
- 1 medium zucchini, cut lengthwise into thin slices
- 1 medium yellow squash, cut lengthwise into thin slices
- 1 large red onion, cut into ½-inch-thick wedges
- 1 pound pasta shells or penne, cooked

1 jar (16 ounces) vegetable salsa

¼ cup firmly packed fresh basil, cut into thin strips

Lettuce leaves (optional)

Combine chiles, cilantro, oil, vinegar and garlic in small bowl. Whisk until well blended. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Set aside.

Preheat grill to medium-high heat, about 15 minutes. Lightly brush grill grid with vegetable oil.

Grill bell peppers, zucchini, squash and onion 3 to 5 minutes per side or until fork-tender. Remove vegetables from grill; cut into bite-size pieces.

Toss cooked pasta, salsa, sliced vegetables and basil in large bowl or serving platter. Serve with dressing on lettuce leaves, if desired.

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Wine and trees

Farmington Hills - Celebrate Arbor Day Friday, April 30 with a glass of Tangley Oaks wine at Antonio's Cucina Italiana.

Every glass or bottle of Tangley's chardonnay or merlot sold at the restaurant, represents one new tree donated by the California winery to The Arbor Day Foundation. The winery also is donating a percentage of its profits this year for tree planting.

Louis Johnson, bartender at Antonio's in Farmington Hills, said he suggested the restaurant partner with Tangley and The Arbor Day Foundation. "I thought it was something that was interesting and would inspire people to give back a little," he said, describing the "One Wine-One Tree" program.

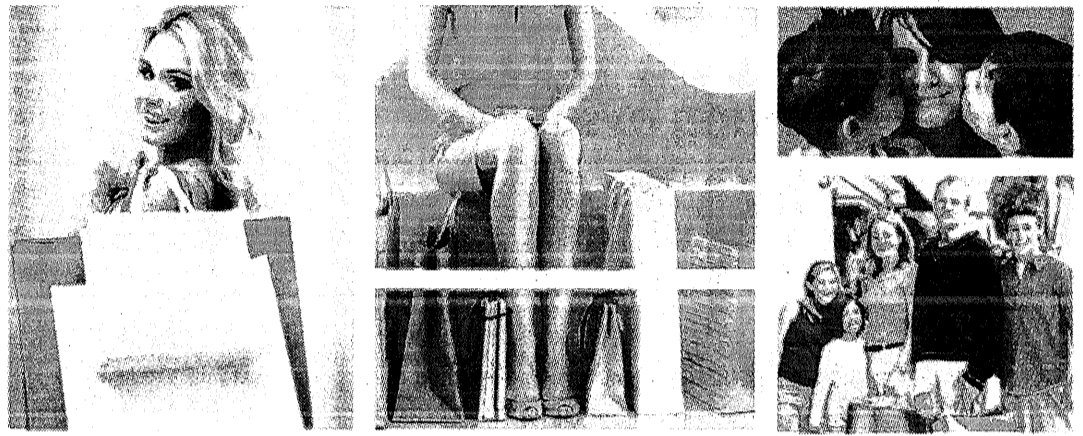
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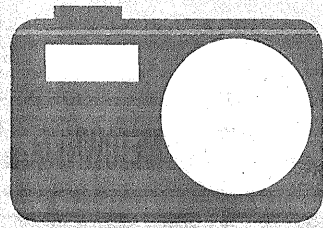


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Family's labor helps make Habitat home theirs

BY JULIE BROWN
OGE STAFF WRITER

Rashard Sartor of Inkster showed up ready to work on a recent Saturday. He, wife Maya and their five children in a blended family will soon move into a Habitat for Humanity home on Christine in Westland. They have a baby daughter due June 2, so it's a good thing the home has four bedrooms and two full baths.

"This house is very important," said Sartor, who works with individuals with developmental disabilities, including community mental health. His wife works for the same firm in development of microenterprises, while he's a supervisor.

Their children are Marlyn, 15, Makayla, 11, Katlyn, 10, Callie, 10, Brennan, 7, and baby Madilyne Brooke due in June. The Sartors, like other families who receive Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County homes, put in 250 hours of "sweat equity" per adult working on home construction or rehabbing.

"She'll probably come and boss me around," Sartor said with a smile of his wife. They're grateful for Habitat's help, which includes a 0 percent mortgage they'll pay back.

"If it wasn't for Habitat I don't know," he said. "It's definitely a blessing. We'll probably have a lot of memories in this home."

That Saturday, volunteers from Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton were working on the Christine home, believed to have been built around the 1920s and moved from Detroit to Westland. Sue Carlson of Canton, an attorney who practices in Livonia, was Geneva's representative to the Apostles Build, a group of area churches working on Habitat homes.

"We have a number of churches that are a part of that group," said Carlson, whose Saturday crew included eight workers and a lunch volunteer brigade. "It looks like most of the interior work is painting."

There was exterior painting to do as well, along with some cleanup. The porch wasn't structurally sound, so



The Geneva Presbyterian Church of Canton volunteer group worked a recent Saturday on the Westland Habitat for Humanity home. A number of other area churches and the city of Westland are also sending volunteers to work.

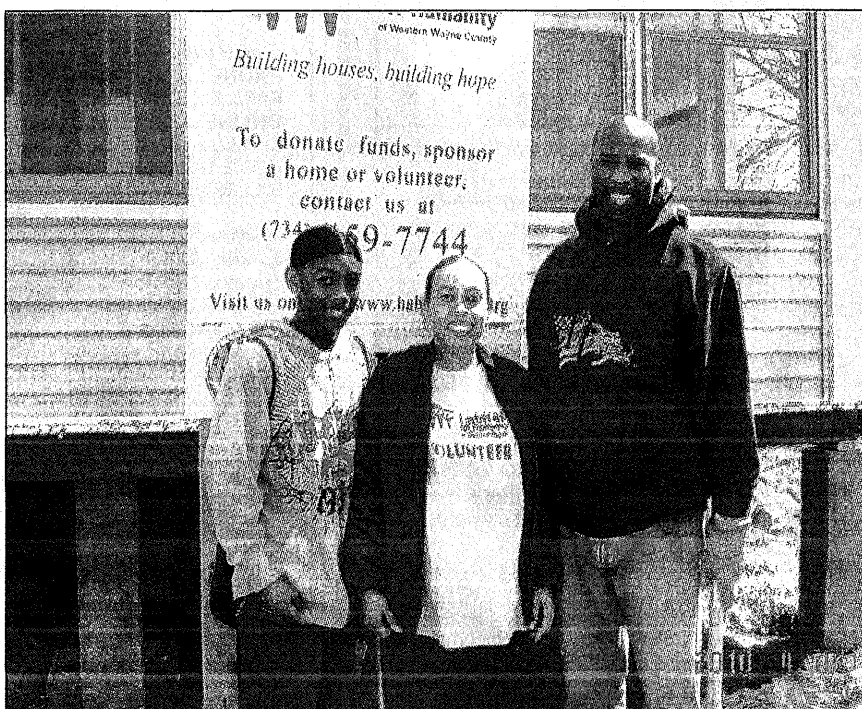
volunteers were needed for that. Skilled trades work is done by a licensed contractor, Carlson said. "I personally have done a lot of painting." She's helped put in insulation, and noted those who can use a hammer, staple gun and pry bar are always needed.

"There's a lot of stuff with a rehab you don't always anticipate," she said. (Habitat also builds a number of new homes for families as part of its Christian ministry.) The Christine house was donated by the city of Westland which also provided money for costs. The affiliate and church group are supervising the build and coordinating volunteers, and paying for needed extra insulation.

Bruce Whittle of Plymouth Township is volunteer site supervisor for the home. He's a retired Ford Motor Co. engineer and has volunteered with Habitat about three years.

Whittle did construction-type work with his dad growing up. "My career with Ford kept me busy. I just want to give back."

The Christine home the Sartors will move into soon is the second Habitat rehab in Westland. "This has come along pretty good," Whittle said. "It had the bones to be a good home." Work began in early January and should wrap up in late April/early May.



Rashard and Maya Sartor are looking forward to moving into the Westland Habitat for Humanity home with their children.

Whittle tips his hat to fellow volunteer Mike Bush who's done a lot in his absence overseeing work.

Volunteers come in with diverse skills, Whittle said. "A lot of people come to learn how to do things." That ranges from painting to structural work.

"Sometimes you have to go back and redo some of the work," he said. "Everyone's welcome. Even the kids come," although there are some age restrictions on work.

Barb Fichtenberg of Canton, church relations chair for Habitat, soon arrived. "It's looking good here," said Fichtenberg, a Geneva member and Garden City Hospital medical technologist. "I see the (kitchen) floor is in."

The 2005 Canton Circle of Faith saw the first such Habitat home built, with congregations joining in from neighboring communities as Habitat work expanded. The Apostles Build includes Ecumenical Work Days, Fichtenberg said, when members of more than one church work side by side.

She likes that, as it's rewarding to meet those from other churches.

Brenda Sprague of Canton, a Geneva member and payroll specialist by profession, said, "This is my first

time" volunteering. "It's important for a family to have a home."

Sprague can do painting and outside work. "I've been wanting to do it so this was the perfect opportunity for me," she said.

For information on donating to or volunteering for Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County, call (734) 459-7744 or visit www.habitatwcc.org. Alice Dent is the Plymouth-based affiliate's executive director.

Churches and others that have scheduled work days thus far are First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, city of Westland, First Presbyterian Church of Northville, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, St. John Neumann Catholic Church and Geneva Presbyterian.

Other churches that are part of the Apostles Build but have not yet scheduled work days include St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Northville, Resurrection Parish, Timothy Lutheran, First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville, St. Michael the Archangel and Meadowbrook Congregational Church.

Ask lawyer open meeting question

Q: The board has, on its own without a note to the members for their input, just levied an assessment to buy insecticide in our community. I am wondering if that action is legal when the welfare of the community is being decided, particularly, since we are concerned about the use of an insecticide.

A: While there is not an Open Meetings Act as it relates

to community associations in Michigan, without reviewing your condominium documents and/or otherwise reviewing the procedures of your

condominium, it is not possible for me to give you a clear answer. However, to the extent that the board is taking action which could be detrimental to the interests of the co-owners, the co-owners obviously have recourse either politically or legally. You are best to consult with an experienced community association lawyer.

Q: We are seeking your advice because we are in a dispute with the developer and the court has ordered facilitation. One of the options is a retired judge to be a case evaluator. What is your view on that?

A: It is difficult to make a generalization because some ex-judges are excellent facilitators. On the other hand, some ex-judges still treat the facilitation as if they were in court, and do not adhere to the rules concerning facilitators, express their opinions when that is not part of the job of the facilitator, and, otherwise, sometimes enter into ex-parte communications with the judge of the case. Accordingly, you should be extremely careful in picking an ex-judge as a facilitator as opposed to someone who has gone through facilitative training as is required by attorneys who wish to be appointed by courts in order to be a facilitator.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of January 11-15, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

16170 Amherst Ave	\$228,000
16255 Amherst Ave	\$120,000
18910 Devonshire St	\$121,000
30360 Woodhaven Ln	\$253,000
Bingham Farms	
30725 River Crossing St	\$194,000
Birmingham	
1505 Emmons Ave	\$373,000
1067 Kennesaw St	\$308,000
283 Northlawn Blvd	\$205,000
1380 Pierce St	\$267,000
579 Ridgedale Ave	\$400,000
988 Westchester Way	\$525,000
1659 Yosemite Blvd	\$135,000
Bloomfield Hills	
1070 Stratford Ln	\$115,000
Bloomfield Township	
1956 E Hammond Lake Dr	\$140,000
4049 Fairlane Dr	\$151,000
5615 Westwood Ct	\$235,000
Clarkston	
5390 Columbia	\$110,000
6116 Crestwood St	\$175,000
6190 Mallard Ct	\$245,000
4575 Pelton Rd	\$110,000
8866 Tahoe Dr	\$156,000
Commerce Township	
5597 Starwood Dr	\$197,000
Davisburg	
11098 Chyna Run	\$182,000
5942 Long Point Dr	\$135,000
Farmington	
23908 Pickett Ave	\$250,000
Farmington Hills	
38900 Country Cir	\$78,000
25816 Hunt Club Blvd	\$220,000
39100 Lancaster Dr	\$220,000
29034 Ramblewood Dr	\$122,000
30420 W 10 Mile Rd	\$159,000
32252 W 12 Mile Rd	\$54,000
Keego Harbor	
3040 Stapleton Dr	\$75,000
Lake Orion	
89 Creekwood Dr	\$350,000
3901 Long Meadow Ln	\$201,000
168 Schram Ct	\$81,000
1238 Walloon Way	\$215,000
Lathrup Village	
27384 Evergreen Rd	\$31,000
17344 Rainbow Dr	\$143,000
Milford	
886 Panorama Dr	\$127,000
Novi	
44850 Bayview Dr	\$70,000
50735 Chesapeake Dr	\$570,000
50545 Langley Dr	\$450,000
44446 Midway Dr	\$310,000
24608 Old Orchard St	\$55,000
39617 Village Wood Ln	\$52,000
Oakland Township	
5766 Lochmoor Ct	\$618,000
Orchard Lake	
2802 Orchard Pl	\$240,000
4206 Woodlands Ln	\$319,000
Oxford	
1483 Harwood Dr	\$134,000
1875 Lakesview Dr	\$123,000
3928 Shoshone Ct	\$225,000
Rochester	
810 Plate St	\$25,000
Rochester Hills	
1498 Antler Ct	\$185,000
1438 Clear Creek Dr	\$535,000
3646 Cone Ave	\$150,000
3458 Connors Dr	\$50,000
2781 Culbertson Ave	\$30,000
308 Gunder Dr	\$188,000
3559 Hogan Cir	\$50,000
1645 Huntington Park	\$95,000
1368 Kingspath Dr	\$285,000
2269 Norton Rd	\$150,000
2021 Oak Leaf Dr	\$185,000
627 Parkland Dr	\$217,000
2978 Simpson Dr	\$60,000
1460 Stockport Dr	\$172,000
3799 Summit Ct	\$235,000
758 Ten Point Dr	\$210,000
South Lyon	
23760 Spy Glass Hill N	\$400,000
424 Whipple St	\$70,000
Southfield	
19040 Jeanette St	\$30,000
17253 Magnolia Pkwy	\$148,000
29275 Marshall St	\$5,000
22505 Providence Dr	\$50,000
30272 Southfield Rd	\$27,000
29455 Stellamar Dr	\$120,000
15628 Stone Crossing Dr	\$40,000
18412 Stratford Dr	\$75,000
Troy	
2163 Lancer Dr	\$285,000
2449 W Wattles Rd	\$115,000
Walled Lake	
2202 Cameron Cir	\$160,000
1567 Teyborne Cir	\$177,000
4567 Woodland Hills Dr	\$170,000
Waterford	
6253 Andersonville Rd	\$73,000
3870 Embarcadero St	\$193,000
1048 Erskine Way	\$42,000
291 Marion Ave	\$38,000
2546 W Walton Blvd	\$65,000
West Bloomfield	
5241 Cedarhurst Dr	\$200,000
5515 Essex Ct	\$555,000
4744 Oak Grove Ct	\$185,000
6657 Red Cedar Ln	\$185,000
7384 Spring Oak Ct	\$225,000
7053 Timberview Trl	\$255,000
White Lake	
951 Dacea Ct	\$234,000

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30855 Barton St	\$17,000	37563 Scone Ct	\$25,000	20566 Denby	\$50,000
247 Brandt St	\$108,000	18546 Westbrook Dr	\$181,000	26046 Fordson Hwy	\$142,000
31453 Bridge St	\$73,000	8971 Wilshire St	\$135,000	9197 Grayfield	\$71,000
29529 Dover St	\$68,000	Northville		12811 Hemingway	\$58,000
6608 Gilman St	\$83,000	16094 Morningside	\$120,000	14166 Lucerne	\$68,000
29916 Hennepin St	\$37,000	40800 N Northville Trl	\$296,000	18807 Norborne	\$72,000
29941 Leona Ct	\$85,000	41418 Rayburn Dr	\$226,000	Westland	
Livonia		508 W Main St	\$175,000	38525 Avondale St	\$91,000
9051 Brentwood St	\$80,000	Plymouth		29243 Brody Ave	\$119,000
18802 Comstock St	\$155,000	336 Adams St	\$180,000	38341 Carolan Blvd	\$28,000
39347 Donald St	\$147,000	41341 Crabtree Ln	\$185,000	243 Ethan Dr	\$157,000
37471 Eagle Dr	\$50,000	42499 Lakeland Ct	\$46,000	35861 Glen St	\$38,000
18181 Floral St	\$109,000	12002 W Canton Center Rd	\$200,000	39200 Gloucester St	\$102,000
28419 Gita St	\$100,000	8815 Oakview St	\$133,000	35150 Hazelwood St	\$10,000
36430 Ladywood St	\$177,000	10579 Red Maple Dr	\$307,000	3103 Merritt Dr	\$85,000
15680 Levan Rd	\$215,000	307 Red Ryder Dr	\$100,000	7910 Nankin Blvd	\$168,000
29526 Lyndon St	\$188,000	48021 Saint Andrews Sq	\$265,000	8300 Roselawn St	\$104,000
34507 Middleboro St	\$172,000	42506 Schoolcraft Rd	\$153,000	1332 S Harvey St	\$68,000
16070 Nola Dr	\$212,000	14538 Shadywood Dr	\$134,000	1216 S Venoy Rd	\$85,000
15450 Oak Dr	\$96,000	Redford		1297 Surrey Hts	\$103,000
32784 Perth St	\$143,000	17729 Delaware Ave	\$55,000		
31652 Saint Martins St	\$146,000	19335 Delaware Ave	\$100,000		

Challenging fun for ALL ages

Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- Oxford tutor
- Leafs through
- ER practice
- IOU part
- Posh hotel lobbies
- Exploit
- Kudu cousin
- Singing insect
- Travel preference
- Alphabet ender
- Nourish
- Falls to keep up
- New Age practice
- Dragon of puppetry
- Part of an orange
- Sapporo sash
- Stand in good
- Colorful carp
- Ohio college town
- Get out fast

DOWN

- Exist
- Fish-eating filer
- Busy
- List ender
- Ballet lake
- U235 phenomenon
- Old cattle town
- Ms. Thurman
- Scrapbook item
- Kids' card game
- LP speed
- Did a farm job
- Bilko's rank
- Female rabbit
- It gives a hoot
- Comes closer to
- Some tires
- And, to Ovid
- Hot Springs st.
- Cameron — of films
- Overfeed
- Heifer's mouthful
- Air-pump meas.
- Cheerful color
- Pact letters
- Sharp bark
- Happy tunes
- Feed the fire
- Earth pigment
- Reunion attendee
- Bering Sea bird
- Library fixture
- Caught sight of
- Yields, as interest
- Motor lodge
- Mr. Bumstead
- Unisex wear
- Lady's honorific
- Chews on
- Part of a cabie's income
- Salmon variety
- Expensive gift
- Brat
- Newsman — Donaldson
- Parent's order
- Crone
- Sculpture or music
- Lawrence's inits.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

1			9					4	7
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Level: Beginner

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A	S	T	B	R	H	O	L	E	A
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THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

SUDOKU

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SEEK AND FIND

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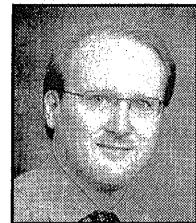
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General Motors with OnStar, and Ford with Sync, clearly have established the strongest brands and some of the most advanced technology in the growing automotive "infotainment" sector.

But every car maker has been jumping into this arena, which is increasingly important to car buyers. In doing so, each OEM is dealing with the following factors that are driving the market for infotainment in vehicles:

The demographics of the customer: Unanimously, OEMs see interest in heavily embedded devices and systems, such as OnStar, being stronger with older individuals and higher in luxury segments. Conversely, the younger a customer, the more interested he is likely to be in a "tethered" approach like the one Ford is using with Sync, relying mainly on smart phones and other devices consumers already are bringing into vehicles.

That is partly because Generations X and Y are much more comfortable with digital hand-held devices than boomers and older generations, and partly because such "decentralized" systems tend to be less expensive, and available in lower-priced vehicles.

"There was a reason we launched Sync on Focus instead of a \$60,000 Lincoln," said Ford's Julius Marchwicki, Sync product manager.

The rate of change: Automakers have long had difficulty keeping up with the

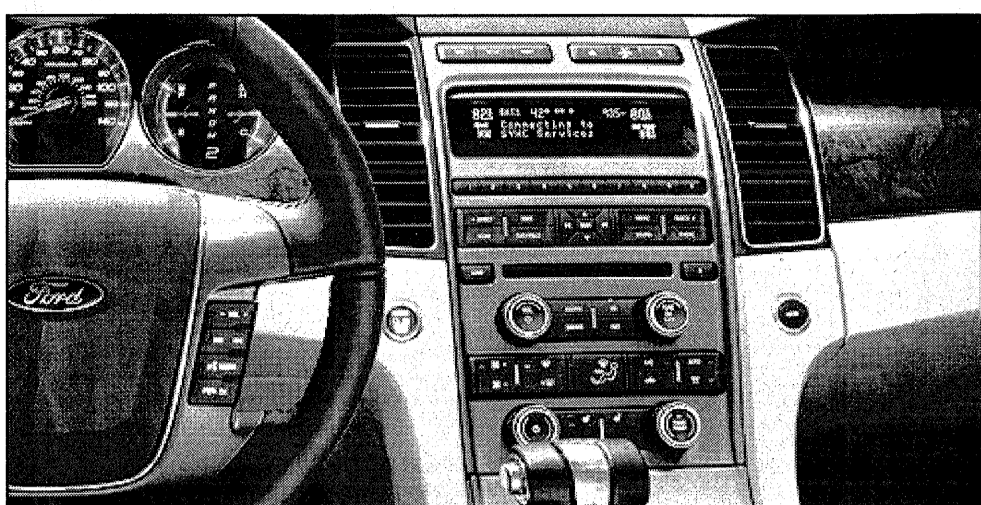
incredibly fast change of pace in digital technology compared with the relatively slow speed at which new systems and technologies take root in vehicles and with the overall product cycle of cars. But now the tension is getting worse.

"We need to become more nimble, because what's happening in consumer electronics in general and the digital lifestyle is impacting people's expectations of what we can do," said Mercedes-Benz's Robert Policano, product manager for its Embrace infotainment system. "Traditionally we've run on a seven- to 10-year product life cycle, but that's an epoch in the consumer-electronics field."

The ubiquity of mobile devices: Seventy percent of mobile-phone use occurs inside vehicles, according to Toyota, so "a responsible OEM" must consider how consumers interact with handsets and other peripherals in the vehicle, said Jon Bucci, vice president of advanced technology for Toyota Motor Sales USA.

Yet smart phones – those internet-connected devices such as the iPhone and BlackBerry – at this point comprise only about 20 percent of the mobile-phone market. "So making apps that are for smart phones only is somewhat limiting," Bucci said.

The tyranny of apps: More and more consumers simply expect to have the capability to use all their favorite web sites and apps on their smart phones in



Infotainment features are growing more popular.

the vehicle even if it isn't safe for them to do so while driving. And if the embedded infotainment system of an automaker in some sense tries to limit these desires, then consumers will favor systems that instead help them – or simply work their fingers over their smart phones without a boost from an on-board system.

The resulting challenges to OEMs are profound. "We're trying to make our focus not, 'How do we avoid reinventing the wheel by recreating systems in the vehicle?' but, 'How can people most effectively use these services?'" said Policano of Mercedes-Benz. "If you're talking about Facebook and LinkedIn and other social-networking services, for instance, how do you interact with them in a productive and efficient way while driving?"

The question of redundancy: One of the big advantages of a tethered system is that it doesn't require users of on-board infotainment services to subscribe to another wireless service, such as OnStar or Safety Connect.

"As their own devices gain capabilities, consumers can choose to pay for them if they want, and we as Ford don't have to charge them a premium when they bring

them into the vehicle," Marchwicki said. "And they can keep the devices and accounts that they already have."

The robustness of on-board systems: For what safety services promote and offer, they really can't depend on brought-in mobile devices. The reliability of mobile phones, for example, can vary greatly depending on the type of device, the carrier, variances in signal strength according to location, and even interference from within the vehicle.

The role of safety: The issue of how infotainment affects driver and passenger safety is on everyone's lips. "There have to be restrictions applied to these applications or we're going to create an environment in the vehicle that is downright irresponsible," said one automaker executive.

Some, for instance, argue that safety concerns remain one significant drawback of Ford's Sync, despite its obvious other advantages. "Directionally, overall, it's better to have a lot of information flow through the car where it's accessed and visible to the car rather than having drivers fumble around with different devices," said Brad Stertz, a spokesman for the Volkswagen Group.

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