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Tina Camero of Eclectic Attic, on Forest Avenue, has no consignment experience but "felt drawn back to Plymouth."

Consignment shops added to retail mix

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two consignment shops, offering everything from designer clothing and purses to antique tables to television sets and tableware, have been added to downtown Plymouth's roster of boutiques and specialty stores.

Wilcox Consignment, on Wing Street, opened in March, while, around the corner on Forest Avenue, Eclectic Attic opened earlier this month.

The owners of both stores say they were drawn to downtown Plymouth.

"I just wanted to do something in downtown Plymouth. I wanted to come back," said Aida Wilcox, whose husband, David, is part of a family with a long and prominent history



Aida Wilcox of Wilcox Consignment said the idea for the store came when she saw the Wing Street space available.

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Plan would replace aging fleet

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With an aging bus fleet Michigan State Police inspectors say could face major repair issues in the near future, Plymouth-Canton administrators have detailed a replacement program that would completely revamp the fleet in the next 10 years.

If the Board of Education signs off on the plan, the district would buy as many as 35 new buses in the 2010-11 school year, the start of a 10-year replacement plan designed to keep the 138-bus fleet modern and cut down on mileage and repair problems.

The plan calls for the initial infusion of 35 new buses next year, and then an annual replacement of 14 buses in most of the next 10 years. It replaces an initial plan that would replace three buses in each of the next three school years.

"The whole idea of that interjection (of new buses) is to deal with mileage issues, but it doesn't take us out of the woods," said Dean Mileto, the district's transportation director. "I think the (10-year) plan works with the idea that it's consistent and it provides funding for these units."

While district administrators pay close attention to the quality of the bus fleet, mileage issues cropped up in November when Mileto generated a report showing 81.2 percent of the district's fleet would be over 100,000 miles by July 2012; 79 of them already are, and another 15 will be by July 2011.

The problem became more urgent when the Michigan State Police completed their annual safety inspection April 30. The fleet finished with a 95.6 percent passing record — "A real tribute to the garage staff," Mileto pointed out — but left indications the older buses in the current fleet will need "some serious and extensive repairs in the near future."

In his report to the board, Mileto pointed out such repairs are "expensive and time consuming."

While the initial plan (nine new buses in the next three years) eases the problem, Mileto doesn't believe it solves anything in the long run. Administrators believe the long-range plan, while initially laying

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Corriveau drops out of 7th race

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After two terms in the state House and facing a deadline to decide whether to continue his political career in the state Senate, Democrat Marc Corriveau withdrew Friday from the race for the 7th Senate District seat.

Corriveau, a Northville attorney, had earlier this year decided to give up his 20th District House seat

to run for the Senate seat being vacated by Canton Republican Bruce Patterson, who is term-limited.

Corriveau, first elected to the state House in 2002, said he made the decision to pull out earlier this week.

"I'm fatigued and I'm tired, but I'm also happy," Corriveau said. "Coming to this decision really wasn't that hard at the end of the day. The price I was paying was outpacing the joy I was getting out of the job."

Corriveau's decision leaves Kathleen Law of Gibraltar, a former state representative who served in the 23rd House District, as the only Democrat in the race. She'll run unopposed in the Aug. 3 primary.

"It was not anything I expected," Law said. "Marc has served the community very well, and we had a nice working relationship his first two years."

"I'm relieved (not to have a primary) but frightened, as well," she added. "All of a sudden, not having a primary, it's a double-edged sword, and it makes me nervous."

Law will face the winner of the Republican primary between Abe Munfakh of Plymouth Township, Patrick Colbeck and Deborah Whyman of Canton and Dan Osterman of Belleville.

Corriveau didn't say what his next move would be, other than to indicate he'd like to still be able to help



Marc Corriveau

Case dismissed against museum director

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A district court judge has dismissed misdemeanor assault and battery charge against the executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Judge Michael Gerou of the 35th District Court in Plymouth dismissed the charges against Elizabeth Kerstens, charges that stemmed from an August dispute with the museum's former education coordinator.

Gerou's decision ends a nine-month battle Kerstens doesn't feel she should have had to fight in the first place, and one she's glad is over.

"It was eye-opening and nerve-racking," Kerstens said. "It's amaz-

ing somebody can go in and file a charge against you for any reason, and that it would get this far."

Kerstens was accused of pushing the worker, Anna Lopez, out of her office Aug. 17 following a disagreement over Lopez's job status. In a Plymouth Police Department report, Kerstens denied an assault, saying she merely escorted Lopez from her office. Lopez said she was not hurt and only filed a police report in October after complaining to the Plymouth Historical Society's board of directors and waiting for the board to address the issue to her satisfaction.

The dispute, Lopez said, arose when Kerstens told her a change in job status meant she would be considered a museum employee rather than a contract worker, something to which Lopez objected. Other issues, such as a requirement that employees submit to random drug screen-

ing, also troubled her, Lopez said.

Lopez, who worked part time, said she refused to agree to the change in job status, saying she'd stay on as a volunteer instead. The shove, she said, occurred the following Monday when she returned to Kerstens' office at the museum, having earlier left Kerstens a letter that outlined her concerns.

In dismissing the case, Gerou wrote Kerstens had the right to remove Lopez from her office.

"This court finds that the Defendant acted well within her rights and that her actions to remove (Lopez) from Defendant's office were reasonable," Gerou wrote.

Lopez said she was disappointed, not only in the decision, but in the fact no one told her the hearing was even taking place.

"A not guilty verdict implies a trial

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Kerstens

PIPELINE

Charges pending

A 15-year-old Plymouth boy faces felony charges stemming from a March fight that left a Plymouth High School freshman with a broken pelvis.

Canton Police Sgt. Mark Gajeski confirmed Friday the Plymouth boy, a freshman at Canton High School, faces felony charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm. Gajeski said the boy would be charged as a juvenile.

The fight occurred around 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, at Canton High School. It left the victim, a 14-year-old Canton resident, with a broken pelvis for which he underwent surgery and which have forced him to walk using either a walker or crutches.

According to Frank Ruggirello, the district's community relations director, neither boy has returned to school since the incident.

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Garage sale

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department hosts a Community Garage Sale Saturday, June 12, inside the Plymouth Ice Arena.

Anyone interested in taking part should start gathering up all those items they no longer need, use, or want. Get an 8-by-4-foot spot inside the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena to sell everything and free up extra space.

The event runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information, contact Lauren at (734) 455-6620, Ext. 309, or register online at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Senior health

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging together with the Plymouth Community Senior Transportation and the City of Plymouth Recreation Department and Cultural Center will host the annual National Senior Health & Fitness Day 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, May 26.

There will be plenty of vendors with health and wellness information and lots of give-aways. The chef from Heartland Plymouth Court will be on hand preparing healthy food for sampling. Other activities will include a one-mile indoor walk at 9 a.m., Senior Exercise with Ellie from 9-10:30 a.m., blood pressure checks, raffles and refreshments.

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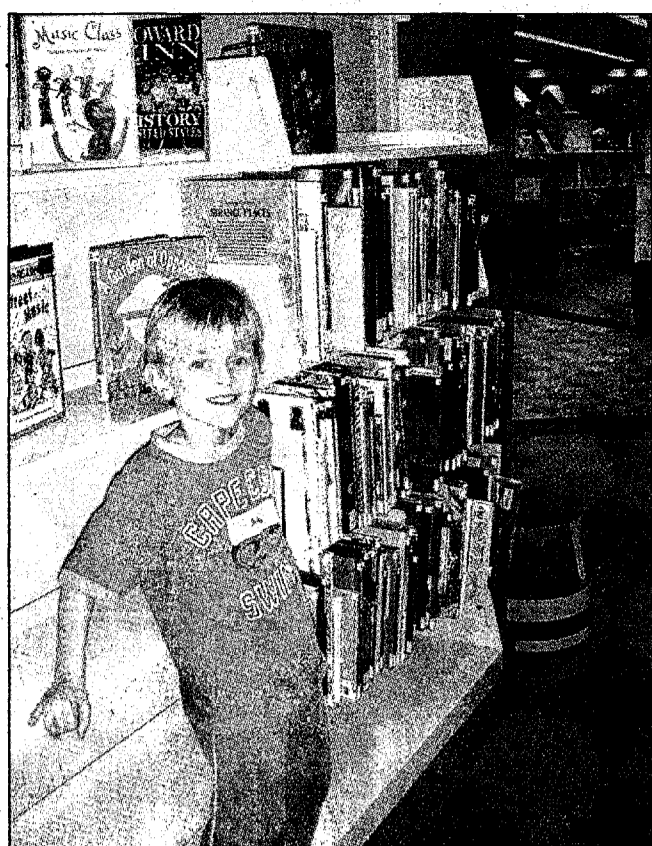
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New books

Four-year-old Alex Mac of Plymouth Township enjoys the Plymouth District Library's new location for kids' new books on the lower level. The Plymouth District Library is located at 223 S. Main in Plymouth. For more information on library programs, call (734) 453-0750.

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

Shred day

Community Financial invites local residents to protect confidential information and shred their documents at the credit union's Canton branch from 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 22. The special event is being hosted in partnership with Iron Mountain, a provider of secure information destruction. The Iron Mountain trucks will be available in the branch's parking lot located at 6355 N. Canton Center in Canton.

Paper collected by Iron Mountain for secure shredding is recycled and reprocessed into a wide assortment of paper products. For more information, visit the credit union website at www.cfcu.org or call (734) 453-1200 or (877) 937-2328, toll free.

Cruise control

The Plymouth Symphony is raffling off a cruise on the Celebrity Cruise Lines of the Great Cities of the Western Mediterranean Oct. 30 to Nov. 6.

The raffle includes the cruise for two from Barcelona, Spain to Nice, France, and Genoa, Florence, Rome and Naples/

Capri, Italy, including airfare for two roundtrip from Detroit to Barcelona.

Raffle tickets are \$50 each and only 300 tickets will be sold. Drawing will be June 30 at the Plymouth Arts Council.

Travel arrangements have been made through Travel Leaders in Plymouth. This cruise package is also available to anyone interested in cruising the western Mediterranean. Contact Travel Leaders for details at (734) 455-5810.

For more information and to purchase tickets, contact the Plymouth Symphony office at (734) 451-2112 or online at www.plymouthsymphony.org.

YMCA open house

The Plymouth Family YMCA will be holding an open house for its summer day camp 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. Potential campers will get the opportunity to meet counselors, explore the camp site and learn more about our state-licensed camp.

Register at the open house and the registration fee is waived. Also everyone who attends the open house will be entered into a drawing for a free week of camp.

The camp will take place every week of the summer from June

22 and run through September 3. Each week has a unique theme, such as Close Encounters of the Y Kind, Behind the Scenes and Building a Better Tomorrow. Camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, with drop off between 7-9 a.m. and pick-up between 4-6 p.m., included in the price. There are part time and full week options available.

There is a camp for everyone between the ages of 5-12. For more information, please contact the YMCA office 734-453-2904 or go to www.ymcadetroit.org.

Mom 2 Mom Sale

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

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

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

Dignity of Life series

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church hosts its Dignity of Life series, "What Every Parent Needs to Know About His Child's Sexual Health," featuring Dr. Miriam Grossman, author of the best-selling book, "Unprotected," and her latest, "You're Teaching My Child What? A Physician Exposes the Lies of Sex Education and How They Harm Your Child,"

7 p.m. Wednesday, May 26. The evening is for adults, but high school students at least in their junior year are also welcome. Grossman will be available for book signing. There will be a free will offering. An optional buffet dinner is available at 6 p.m. for \$10 each.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church is located at 47650 North Territorial in Plymouth. For more information, please contact Mark Renfer at mark.renfer@gmail.com.

PCAC exhibit

"Music in Art" is the theme of a new exhibit at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The show celebrates the first anniversary of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society's residence at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, home of the PCAC. The two organizations, while completely separate, have been sharing space as a cost savings measure.

A call for artists brought in an overwhelming number of diverse pieces from artists all over the metro area. Media include watercolor, oil, acrylic, pen and ink, paper painting, collage and others. Themes of the paintings range from classical music, to jazz and rock and roll.

The public is invited to view the exhibit anytime Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through May 24. Visitors may vote for their favorite piece for the People's Choice Award to be given at an artists' reception (free, open to the public) on Sunday, May 23, from 2-4 p.m.

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and witness testimony, which never occurred," Lopez said. "As a victim, I had a right to notification of all proceedings and that didn't happen. I was not even there to hear the decision. I inadvertently heard about it a week later.

"The ruling gives Liz Kerstens carte blanche authority to forcefully push anyone out of her office just by saying, "get out," she added. "According to the judge's opinion, the facts weren't disputed. I consider it assaulting me despite what the ruling says."

Kerstens said she's pleased the dismissal came when it did. "I just wanted to clear my name," she said. "This has turned my life upside down for nine months. This is vindication that I was just doing my job."

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BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



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Caryn Fallert is the new advertising sales representative for the Plymouth and Canton Observers.

Caryn Fallert has barely been on the job a week, and she's already sure she's going to love the Plymouth and Canton communities.

Fallert, a veteran advertising sales representative with a bachelor's degree in advertising from Michigan State University, is the new ad sales representative for the Plymouth and Canton Observers. She replaces Nicole Stone in Plymouth and Wes McLucas in Canton.

"I really like the area and the people," said Fallert, who has worked for Gannett, the Observers' parent company, for some 18 months. "It's really a great area with a lot to offer. I've been very impressed with the quality and variety of businesses and services that are available in this area."

Fallert graduated from Farmington High School, got an associate's degree in business from Oakland Community College, then finished the four-year degree in advertising at MSU. After college, she moved to Kansas City to take a job with General Foods. She moved back to Michigan to get married, and she and husband, Paul, have been married 27 years.

community," Fallert said of her new territory. "I'm very excited to work with the business owners and groups to keep the Observer as an important part of what's happening."

Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Retail Ad Manager Lisa Dranginis believes Fallert will be an asset to the newspapers, which have a long history in both communities.

"The Plymouth and Canton Observers have brought customers into the doors of our local businesses for many years, and Caryn will continue to help do that by assisting business owners with their advertising in all of our great products," Dranginis said. "Our Hometown Life Woman and Inspire are our newest products to target business and reach new potential customers."

Fallert and her husband, Paul, have three children

(Rachel, 24, who graduated the marketing program at Western Michigan University; Emily, 22, who graduates next month from Western's marketing program; and CJ, who graduates high school next month).

Fallert said she looks forward to helping local retailers get the most out of their advertising budgets and helping them build and sustain thriving businesses.

"People look to the local paper, delivered to their door, to see what's going on in their area, and that includes what the stores and businesses are offering," Fallert said. "Business owners understand that if they want people to shop locally, the local paper is the place to advertise."

Fallert can be reached via email at cfallert@gannett.com or by phone at (248) 437-2011, Ext. 243.

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Qualified School Construction Bond funds), along with money generated from energy savings and some \$66,000 left from the 1999 bond issue.

"The short-term cost would be nothing," Larson-Shidler told board members.

The Board of Education still has to sign off on the plan, and is expected to hear more about it at its May 25 meeting. Trustees see the short-term options as a potential road map to long-range solutions.

"This is a challenge we're going to have to face," board treasurer Judy Mardigian said. "The plan gets us through the early years and gives us a chance to set up a bus replacement fund, which we've known we were going to need."

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After working a couple years for a food broker, Fallert went to work doing the books for her husband's company so she could spend more time with her children (they have three). She hired in at Gannett in November 2008 and worked out of the South Lyon Herald office in South Lyon. She moved to the Plymouth-Canton territory last week.

"The Downtown Development Authorities and the chambers of commerce are such an asset to the area and really help bring activities that really involve the entire com-

CORRIVEAU

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Michigan deal with the issues facing it.

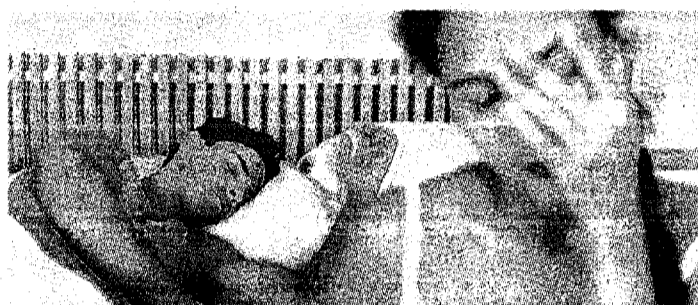
"There are significant issues, and it's been difficult, to say the least," Corriveau said. "I've enjoyed some successes, but at the same time, if there's not a joint effort to move forward, Michigan will continue to struggle. I want to continue to be involved and continue to help shape policies, but maybe I'd be best doing that from the outside."

When Corriveau, who with wife Wendy has children now 10 and 8, evaluated the time

away from family and "the price I was paying," he just didn't think it would continue to be worth it.

"When I began to really look at whether this was something I wanted to do, it became pretty clear that the price I was paying, both professionally and personally and even financially, was far outpacing the joy I was getting out of serving the district," Corriveau said. "When that's the case, however many times I evaluated it, I kept coming back to the spot that this was the best decision for me, for my family and for my future."

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EDUCATION

Schools honored for embracing energy plan

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In the first five months of an energy management partnership Plymouth-Canton school officials entered with Energy Education, Inc., administrators estimated the district saved some \$216,000 in energy costs.

When they saw the numbers, school board members and administrators alike praised the efforts of staffers at all the schools.

And no school embraced the plan better than those at Allen and Bird elementary schools.

According to numbers provided by Energy Education officials, Allen Elementary School was the district's top performer, with a 31-percent savings - some \$14,180 - over a six-month period. Right behind Allen was Bird, with a 29-percent savings equating to some \$12,600.

And, while the Board of Education honored Allen Principal Marcia Moore and Bird Principal Sue Kelty with their "Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler" awards recently, the honors really went to the schools as a whole.

"We saw it as an opportunity to learn about being better conservationists," said Moore.



Moore



Kelty

"We knew we could teach the students about being better stewards of the environment."

Moore paid tribute to Allen plant engineer Mark Leright, and also had the school's "green team" leader, media specialist Julie Johnston, talk about the programs Allen staffers have undertaken.

The school is in its inaugural year of "having a green team," Johnston pointed out. She said the green team was led by four Allen staffers and hoped to come up with 10 environmentally friendly activities. Instead, she said, they came up with 15.

"We looked at those things we as adults could control to conserve energy, and what we could teach our kids, too," Moore said.

Bird students and staff embraced the idea of energy conservation just as ardently. The school was officially recognized as a "green" school earlier this month.

And Bird students played a key role in the Green Street Fair in downtown Plymouth a couple of weeks ago, saving thousands of bottle caps and creating oversized wooden flowers using the caps as buds. They also manned a booth at the fair and had youngsters building a trio of murals, one of which was donated back to the school.

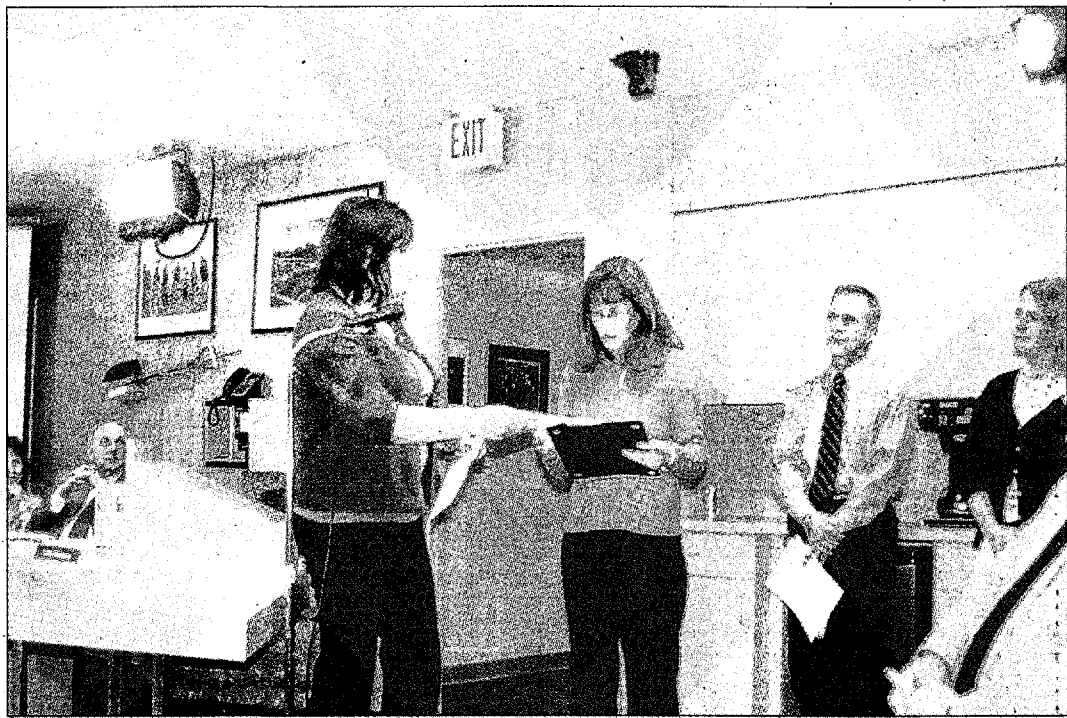
Kelty was quick to praise plant manager Joe West and the rest of the school's staff for the energy success.

"This award really belongs to (West) ... he was our leader," Kelty said. "The staff and teachers at Bird School really embraced the initiative. It was totally a team effort."

Just as important as the money, district officials say, is the reduction in energy use the district has seen. According to figures provided by Energy Education, Plymouth-Canton used some 12.6 percent less energy than expected.

"Everyone likes to focus on the money, but we are conserving energy," said Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations. "We're being responsible environmentally."

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NOREEN FAULKNER

Isbister Elementary School volunteer Suzanne Parent accepts her award from Board of Education trustee Dianne Gonzalez while Isbister principal Lee Harrison and secretary Lisa Dietz look on at Tuesday's school board meeting.

An honor to give

Isbister Elementary parent named top volunteer

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Isbister Elementary School Principal Lee Harrison and his staff tried to draw up a list of everything Suzanne Parent does at the school, one thing soon became clear.

Drawing up a list of things she doesn't do would take less time.

That's why the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education honored Parent, who volunteers to do just about everything at Isbister, with its Volunteer in Public Schools Award Tuesday.

"We started talking three weeks ago and tried to remember everything Suzanne does, and the list was too long,"

Harrison said. "Not only is she a great participant, but she's a great leader."

Harrison heaped praise on Parent for, among her many other activities:

- Reviving a dormant "Motor Moms and Dads" program.
- Not only planning a landscaping upgrade at the school, but "beating the bushes" in the community looking for help getting the project done.
- Heading up the school spirit store. "I guess she needed to fill in her Fridays," Harrison quipped.

Board of Education trustee Dianne Gonzalez, who made the presentation Tuesday, is an Isbister parent herself, and said she's seen first-hand the

impact Parent has had on the school.

"Suzanne has made Isbister a better school for my kids, and a better school for all kids," Gonzalez said. "She's a quiet force, and I'm glad she's there to enrich our kids' lives."

Parent's three children with husband Joe have all been Isbister students. Twins Melissa and A.J., 13, are now at West Middle School, where they'll be joined next year by 10-year-old Hannah and, most likely, Parent herself.

"I am truly overwhelmed and very appreciative," Parent said of Tuesday's honor. "There are wonderful parents at Isbister, so all of these programs will go on. I will miss them."

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Team finishes second

A team of three undergraduate supply chain management students from Eastern Michigan University's College of Business finished second recently in the Supply Chain Challenge, at Michigan State University.

The team of Melissa Fiddie (Brighton), Trina Nash (Pinckney) and James Flora (Plymouth) competed against 10 universities, including Michigan State, Kentucky, Miami (Ohio), Penn State, Arkansas State, Western Michigan, Wayne State, Central Michigan, Grand Valley and Ohio State.

Eastern topped larger schools such as Penn State, MSU and the Buckeyes, despite participating for just the first time in the second annual event. Grand Valley State won the competition.

"Our students did a great job, balancing their focus on qualitative and quantitative factors in making their decisions, unlike the big-name schools, who were focusing on quantitative analysis only," said Shiri Vivek, an assistant professor of marketing and supply chain management who serves as the team's faculty advisor.

The competition involved a supply chain simulation developed at MSU in cooperation with several major corporations. Those included Chrysler, Dow Chemical, Electronic Data Systems, Flextronics, Ford, General Motors, IBM, and Motorola.

For more information on the EMU undergraduate supply chain program, see the website at <http://www.cob.emich.edu/include/templatesubpage.cfm?id=1079>

Alma College

Twenty-one Alma College students — 10 juniors and 11 seniors — have been selected for membership in Phi Beta Kappa, America's oldest and most prestigious scholastic honorary society. New members were announced April 1 at Alma's 2010 Honors Convocation.

The new members include junior Carolyn Commissaris of Plymouth, a 2007 graduate of Salem High School and the daughter of Randall Commissaris and Mary Webster of Plymouth.

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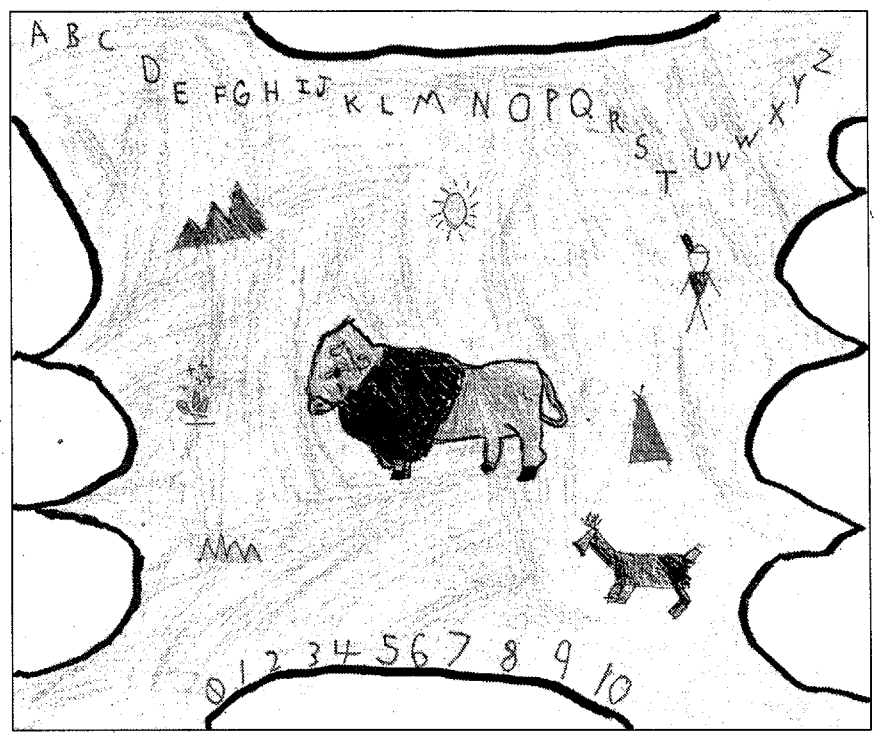
Kappa recognizes excellence in liberal education, stressing intellectual discipline and achievement. Members are selected on the basis of their outstanding academic achievement in the traditional arts, sciences and humanities. Eligibility requires at least a 3.75 grade point average (GPA) for a junior and a 3.50 GPA for a senior.

Bucknell University

Allison M. Janda of Plymouth has been honored as a student leader at Bucknell University.

Janda received the Bison Award for Excellence in Co-Curricular Activities. A dean's list student, Janda has been named to the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll each semester. A team captain on the track and field and cross country teams, she received the Edward W. Pangburn Award, presented to senior athletes "for sportsmanship, fellowship, and contributions to the University."

Janda is the daughter of Libby and David Janda of Plymouth and a 2006 graduate of Salem High School. She is a member of the Class of 2010 majoring in Economics and Chemistry.



Top artist

Kindergartener Gavin French of Plymouth won first place honors in the kindergarten category of the 2010 Native American Student Artist Competition, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education Office of Indian Education. The theme of the 2010 SAC is Bringing Honor Through Education. Interpreting this theme through art and writing, entries reflect the promise and importance of pursuing an education for Native youth. The SAC is an annual event that celebrates the values and documents the successes of education in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The competition was open to all American Indian and Alaska Native students in Grades Pre-K through 12.

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Shops offer alternative market for sellers

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Want to clear out the basement, closet or back of the pantry but don't want to invest time and toil in staging a garage sale or maintaining an eBay account? Consider consignment.

Two new consignment shops in downtown Plymouth are ready to sell — or try to sell — your old clothing, accessories, furniture, kitchenware, knick knacks, electronics, books, videos and more, and split the take. Items should be in good shape; electronics should be working.

At Wilcox Consignment on Wing Street, owner Aida Wilcox requires a \$10 annual fee from consigners. While she won't accept everything that comes in the door, Wilcox's stock ranges from high-end (label, not price) designer goods and antiques (a Prada purse for \$50, a marble-topped end table for \$30) to the everyday (a \$2

mug). When an item sells, Wilcox splits the sale price 50-50 with the consigner.

Wilcox said she likes to keep her store fresh and that the goods are priced to move; she will get expert advice for pricing some things, like expensive jewelry. Items that don't sell after 30 days are marked down by 20 percent; after 60 days, they are returned to the owner.

At Eclectic Attic on Forest, owner Tina Camera is more selective. She specializes in designer and vintage clothing for women and men, and also carries antique furniture, household goods and costume jewelry.

Two antique birdcages, an ancient tricycle and a \$450 Hoosier cabinet — a kitchen cupboard and countertop system from a time before kitchens were built with such things — were at her store on Thursday.

Camera doesn't charge a fee, but keeps 55 percent of the take for most sales. Furniture sales are

split evenly with the consigner. She is an expert in designer clothing and has several people advising her on what else to stock and how to price it.

Camera will return items that are unsold after 90 days and said she's leaning toward discounting items as they approach that 90-day mark.

Wilcox will look at would-be consigners' offerings during business hours every day but Sunday. Wilcox prefers that people who want to unload their stuff call for an appointment.

Wilcox Consignment is open from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Closed Mondays. The phone number is (734) 455-2164.

Eclectic Attic is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Closed Saturday. The phone number is (734) 416-1186.

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in the city.

Wilcox has consignment experience; she said the idea for the store came to her when she saw the space available, and that she was encouraged and helped by family and friends.

Eclectic Attic owner Tina Camera, on the other hand, said she had no consignment experience but had been considering the business for two years.

"I kept getting drawn back to Plymouth," she said. "I felt there was a need for it." Camera, of Northville, said she also looked for space in her home town and in Novi.

Both women say they've been welcomed by neighboring business owners and shoppers.

"I wasn't sure it was going to work in downtown Plymouth, but it does," said Wilcox.

The stores have similar business plans but are not competitors.

Eclectic Attic specializes in high-end designer clothing and accessories for women (Versace, St. John and Carolina Herrera are among the labels, at about 60

percent off) and men. There are also vintage clothes, antique furniture, household goods and knick knacks, and a smattering of new items — boutique soaps, chewing gum and candy, and kitchen towels.

Wilcox Consignment, on the other hand, has a broader array of goods, from glassware and coffee pots that might be found at a rummage sale to Waterford crystal to pewter and silver to designer clothing to golf clubs (she's sold two sets).

Both women expressed a passion for what they do. Camera is a big fan of designer clothing and vintage clothing from the 1940s, '50s and '60s, and Wilcox said she's interested in the different items her consigners bring in and the stories behind them.

"It's all different. Different people, different tastes, different stuff, and every piece has a story," she said.

Both also said difficult economic times have been a plus for their business.

Camera said women have come in to consign family heirlooms they'd never part with if things were better, and Wilcox said she's seen both sides of consignment's

economic advantage: consigners pick up extra cash and shoppers pick up needed household items at deep discounts.

"I was a Saks Fifth Avenue mall shopper, and now I will go to a consignment shop if I can get it for less," said Camera. "I think people are not afraid to shop consignment."

Wilcox used to work at Christine's Consignment in Plymouth Township, and she still holds a part-time job as a cashier at Aco Hardware, also in the township. She credits family members for motivating her and helping out at the store.

Camera, with a sister and their mother, owned Portofino Coffee in Ann Arbor for six years.

The coffee shop closed last spring; a drug store chain was buying up the corner, and the landlord would not renew their lease, she said.

Though she had been mulling a consignment store for a while, it was a chance meeting with a woman with experience in the field that finally prompted Camera to open Eclectic Attic.

"I just want it to be a place that people want to come to, so I'm having fun with it," she said.

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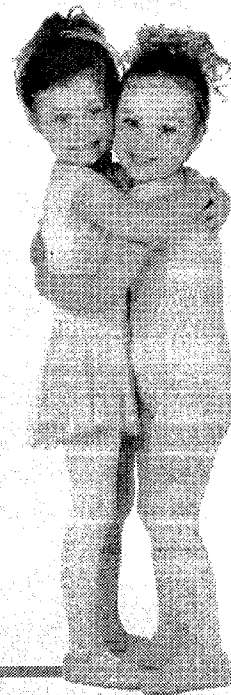
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Some Lover's Lane loot recovered

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Changes coming

Changes are afoot at the corner of Main and Penniman in downtown Plymouth. John and Maureen Kim, who own the historic bank building at the corner and manage the building's Plymouth Play Cafe, are close to getting a new tenant for the space, but exact arrangements have not been finalized Maureen Kim said Friday. The Play Cafe, an indoor playscape where children can romp while their parents enjoy coffee or have lunch, will be closing once the new occupant is ready, Kim said. The Play Cafe will stay open at least through May, Kim emphasized, and any birthday parties already booked will not be affected.

High returns

Plymouth Township residents returned their U.S. Census forms this spring at a rate that was higher than the national average. Township Clerk Joe Bridgman said Tuesday that 86 percent of township households returned the 2010 forms. That's well above the nationwide rate, reported on the Census Bureau's Website, of 72 percent. Bridgman, the township's liaison to the Census Bureau, said census-takers are currently going door to door to fill in the gaps left by households that did not return census forms.

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In most situations, I recommend a 180-day waiting period because Medicare generally covers the first 90 days of long-term care coverage. I always recommend that investors have a minimum 90-day emergency fund. Therefore, if someone needed to collect on a



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

consider purchasing a policy — come up constantly at my free seminars.

The question was recently asked by a woman in her late 30s who had been approached about buying long-term care. My advice was that she was too young to consider long-term care and that it is more appropriate for someone who is in their late 50s or early 60s.

When you buy a long-term care policy in your 40s the premiums are substantially less than if you are in your 50s or early 60s. However, in the majority of situations regarding someone in their 40s, because they would not begin to collect term care until they're in their 60s or 70s they are consequently paying pre-

miums for a much longer period of time than if they would have waited to purchase a policy. In addition, when you buy a policy that you know you won't collect on for many years, you are also assuming the risk that the insurance company will still be in business.

Many insurance companies that used to sell long-term care are have gotten out of that business. Therefore, you may find that although you've paid on a policy for many years, suddenly, the company decides it is no longer profitable to be in that business.

Over the years, long-term care policies have gotten better. A policy today is generally better than one 15 years ago. In addition, we don't know if there will be a long-term care option with Medicare in the future. Because there are so many ifs, ands, and buts with regards to long-term care, I think in the great majority of situations

it doesn't pay to purchase the policy in your 30s or 40s. Wait until you are in your 50s or 60s.

There is a risk of waiting too long. Long-term care is expensive and if you wait until your late 60s or 70s, it may be too expensive to purchase. Therefore, there is a small window of time in which I believe it makes sense to consider purchasing a long-term care policy and that is late 50s, early 60s.

One issue regarding long-term care is whether the new health care bill will have some provisions for long-term care. Just because legislation has passed doesn't mean it will be implemented in the way that it was designed.

Good luck!

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Henry Ford Hospital's recycling pro shares trashy message

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Cathy Semer's good about recycling at her Plymouth home. That know-how also comes in handy in her work as environmental programs manager for the Henry Ford Hospital system.

"What kind of waste do we produce as an organization that has an impact on our community?" said Semer, who spent 22 years as a consultant with Resource Recycling Systems.

"I know it's early in the morn-

ing to talk trash," she joked with a Plymouth A.M. Rotary audience Tuesday, May 11. She asked Rotarians and guests to mull, "What Is Your Waste IQ?"

The European Union taxes for wasteful packaging and harmful toxins, she noted. "The whole idea is to stimulate waste reduction."

She's good about composting, as were several in the audience. Municipal waste includes residential, commercial and industrial.

There's hazardous waste, along with liquid industrial waste, radioactive waste, medical waste, and air

and water discharge. The average person contributes 4.3 pounds per day of solid waste, adding up for a family.

The number of landfills is decreasing, although landfills are now much bigger. Their larger size makes it easier to measure environmental compliance, Semer said.

Pop bottles are often recycled into clothing and carpeting, a surprise to many of her listeners. Semer believes each high schooler should visit a landfill before graduation.

"It's a good education."

FOREIGN TRASH

It's legal to put many hazardous items in household collections, but businesses are held to stricter standards. Many municipalities hold hazardous waste collection days, to reduce harmful materials in landfills.

Michigan took in nine million cubic yards of waste from Canada last year, Semer said, a practice that remains controversial.

"Less waste coming in, but it's still a lot," she added of the Canadian trash.

Lake Huron's the ultimate source of our drinking water, she said, adding tap water standards are higher healthwise than those for bottled water.

"We want it out of sight out of mind, right?" Semer said of waste from flushing the toilet, asking listeners if they could identify where that waste goes.

"It is part of the cost of health care, there's no doubt about it," she said. Henry Ford Hospital's system generated 1.7 million pounds recycled last year, a practice that can be enhanced with smart purchasing practices.

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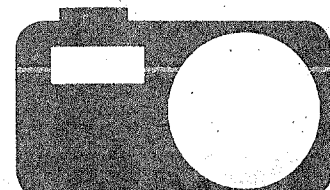
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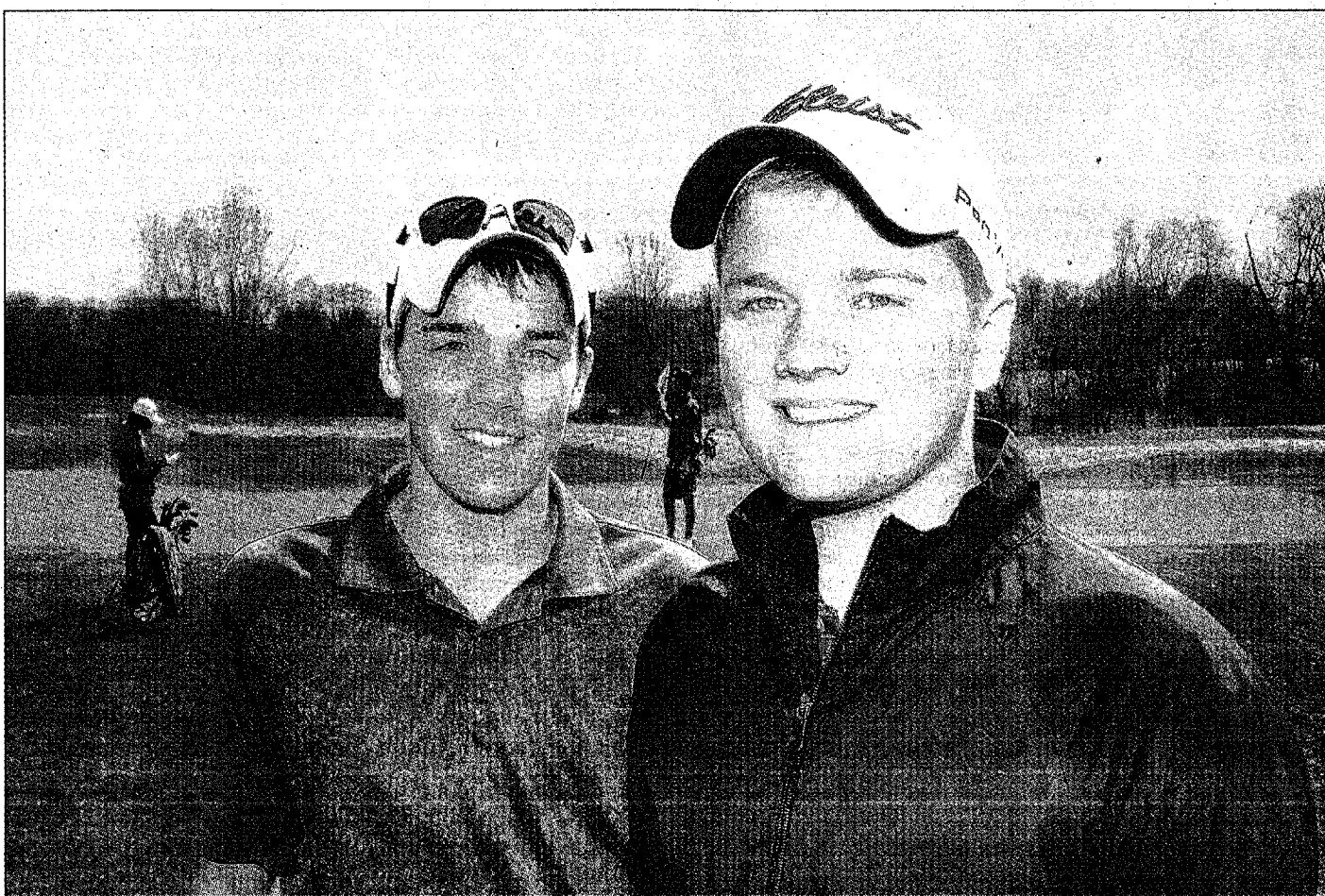
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For Eric (left) and Brandon Duprey of Salem, it doesn't take much to summon a smile when they're spending time on the golf course.

Twin golfers have common link

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Maybe it's the smell of nicely manicured fairways, or the intoxicating sight of a little white sphere flying against a backdrop of blue sky toward the flag.

But golf already is in the blood of Salem sophomore twins Brandon and Eric Duprey — who really only became serious about the sport two summers ago.

They love it so much they're taking a summer job on a golf course and planning on playing the sport at the collegiate level someday.

"I don't know why, but I keep coming back to it," said Eric Duprey, during a recent practice at the Rocks' home course, Fox Hills in Plymouth. "I have those days when I want to quit so badly and I just want to give up."

"But then I come back the next day and play well and I love the sport again. It has its ups and downs but I can't stay away

from it."

According to Brandon Duprey, it's always a good day when you're competing or even practicing on the course.

"Other sports it's not that much fun to practice," he explained. "But with golf, it's actually pretty fun to practice. You can always improve in golf."

QUICK STUDIES

All the evidence points to the 16-year-olds doing just that, in their second year on the Salem varsity.

Each has earned medals for low scores and carries an average of about 40 strokes per nine-hole dual match. In 18-hole tournaments, Eric's average is a bit better (77.75-to-80).

"They played all the varsity matches and they've always been contributing," said first-year Salem coach Ryan Nimmerguth, a former Rocks golfer.

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ABOUT THE DUPREYS

Who: Twin brothers Brandon and Eric Duprey, 16, sophomores on Salem's varsity boys golf team.

What: They are developing into important members of the Rocks, just two years after taking a serious interest in golf.

Why: Both love the challenge of the sport, not to mention being able to quickly make amends for a bunker shot or chip into the rough.

Family: Their parents are Jon and Lisa Duprey of Plymouth Township and they have a sister, 12-year-old Rachel.

Other: Brandon carries a 3.8 grade point average while Eric's is near the 3.2 mark. They also play varsity boys soccer for Salem.

Next: After high school, the Dupreys intend to play golf for a college team.

Hits mark shattered in thriller

PREP BASEBALL

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Matt Priebe knows how to make an entrance.

The stout Plymouth senior smashed the 120th and 121st hits of his Wildcats' varsity career Wednesday, eclipsing the school record held by Brad Lineberry.

Priebe's offense helped Plymouth to a 5-4 win over Wayne in 10 innings.

"(It was) probably the most exciting game we've played all year," said first-year Wildcats' head coach Bryan Boyd. "... Brad is kind of a legend around here, so this is definitely a big deal."

Priebe tied Lineberry with a ground ball single up the middle and collected No. 121 his next at-bat on a line shot.

The Wildcats needed others to step up for the win, however.

After Plymouth squandered an early 3-run lead when a Zebra batter smacked a three-run homer in the top of the seventh, the Wildcats fought back to force extra innings.

Jimmy May singled and was bunted over to second by Jamarl Eiland. May then scooted to third on a groundout and scored on a two-out single by Rich Guglielmi.

Then, in the 10th, a

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GAME WRAPS

Encore for Salem boys

Make it two in a row for the Salem boys track & field team, as the Rocks captured the KLA

TRACK & FIELD

Central with Tuesday's 106-

31 pounding of South Lyon.

The victory improved Salem's record to 5-0 and enabled the team to win back-to-back divisions for the first time since the 1993 and 1994 teams did the trick.

"I'm really proud of our kids for this repeat," said Salem head coach Kyle Meteyer, whose team edged second-place Novi (4-1 record).

The lone double winner in individual events was Dan Martin. He took the 200- and 400-dashes with respective times of 22.8 and 50.3 seconds.

In throwing events, Ethan Walsh won the discus (13-feet, 5-inches) while Ed Merhi took the honors in the shot put with a toss of 50-5.

Rounding out Salem firsts were Dion Walker (110 hurdles, 16.2), Austin Root (100 dash, 11.4), Scott O'Connor (300 hurdles, 41.3), John Krutty (pole vault, 12-0) and Thomas Crawford (long jump, 18-7.25).

Salem also swept the relays. The Rocks won the 3200 (8:38.8), 800 (1:35.8), 400 (44.7) and 1,600 (3:46.1) relays.

Meanwhile, the Rocks are the second team from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to clinch a division.

Previously clinching the KLA South with a 5-0 record in dual meets was Plymouth's boys team.

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Canton claims first division crown since '03

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton swept Livonia Churchill in Wednesday's baseball doubleheader, capturing the KLA South Division title in the process.

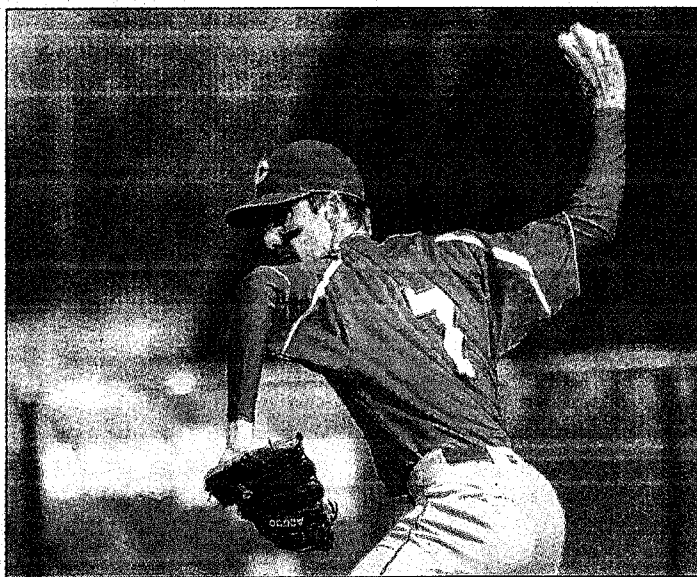
Lefthander Kevin Delapaz gave up just four hits to the Chargers in the opener as state-ranked Canton won 2-0 for the South clincher.

Then Andrew Tidwell's four scoreless innings of relief led the Chiefs to a 3-2 victory in the second game for a bit of icing on the cake.

"We knew Churchill would be a scrappy team and we had to execute and play well," Blomshield said. "I thought we did just well enough to edge them out."

That enabled the Chiefs (18-3 overall, 13-2 in the South) to win their first division title since 2003.

"We're excited to be in the



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Canton pitcher Andrew Tidwell won Game 2 of Wednesday's doubleheader, but the Chiefs already clinched their division in the opener.

position we're in to play for the opportunity of conference champion on Wednesday

(May 19) on our home field," Blomshield said. "... we're not taking anything for granted."

Teams they could face from the KLA Central include Novi, Northville and Livonia Stevenson. They won't know until Monday who their opponent will be, however.

Delapaz outdueled Churchill's Troy Bogenschutz, reaching the seventh. Blomshield brought in Tidwell to close out the game after the Chargers (13-12, 8-7) put the tying runs on base.

Canton's Garrett Bryden was clutch in the clincher, going 2-for-3 and driving in a run. Joe Galanty also collected a couple of timely hits.

In Game 2, the Chiefs were down 2-1 but tied the contest in the fifth and took the lead on a wild pitch in the sixth.

Meanwhile, Tidley took over from Canton starter Ben Staley and stymied the Chargers.

"The clinching game was a

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AMANDA BURNARD



Who: Amanda Burnard, senior co-captain, Plymouth varsity softball team.

Miscellany: The 18-year-old, whose parents are Mike and Julie Burnard of Canton, carries a 3.7 grade-point average, is a two-time Scholar Athlete and is a member of the National Honor Society. She will attend Wayne State University this fall on a softball scholarship and is already enrolled in the WSU honors college. Athletic achievements include All-KLAA, All-District, All-Region and All-State honorable mention in softball her junior year. Besides the Wildcats, Amanda is a six-year member of the PC Pride travel softball fastpitch program.

Captain's job: "The captains make sure everyone knows what's going on, we send out

updates about games and practices. It's also our job at games to make sure the team is ready to go. We try to pump everyone up to give our best performance possible."

Leadership style: "I believe leading by example is the best way to go. If my teammates see me giving my best effort, hopefully they will follow suit."

Why her?: "At Plymouth, seniors are automatically captains. I've been a starter on varsity since my freshman year. We're the oldest and are given the most responsibility."

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Chiefs continue winning march

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP SOFTBALL

It didn't take long for Canton's softball team to shrug off the disappointment of losing in 14 innings to Salem on May 6 at Massey Field.

The Chiefs knocked off South Lyon 5-2 on Monday and followed up with Wednesday's sweep over KLAAs South rival Livonia Churchill, improving to 17-1 overall and 10-1 in the division.

Canton pitching was outstanding all day against the host Chargers. In the opener, senior Amy Dunleavy threw a three-hitter and struck out 12 while going 2-for-3 at the plate as the Chiefs won 6-1.

Game 2's 3-0 victory featured sophomore Alyssa Boucher, throwing her first complete game of this season. Boucher blanked Churchill (15-9, 6-4) on five hits, striking out four in the process.

"She (Boucher) is doing real well, I'm proud of her," said Canton head coach Jim Arnold. "She's coming on strong and we'll need her."

Helping out both pitchers was strong defense, particularly by outfielder Lauren Leskovitz, who made what Arnold called two "great catches" to back up Boucher.

"Lauren's been solid all year for us, which is real important," he said. "She's saved a lot of runs." Swinging the big bats in the first game over Churchill were CarolAnn Sexauer and Jesse Larnier.

Sexauer (2-for-4) hit a two-run homer to center in the seventh to give the Chiefs a 4-1 lead and Larnier followed with a two-run triple that inning. Larnier went 2-for-3 and drove in four runs.

Canton needed to play small ball in the second game. The Chiefs scored in the second when Heidi Lucke walked, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt and came around on subsequent singles by Katherine Porter and Jill Tomilenko.

The Chiefs added some insurance with two runs in the sixth. Lucke again started it off, this time with a single. Sam Partain (2-for-4) followed with a hit. Both scored on a single by Jessica Webster.

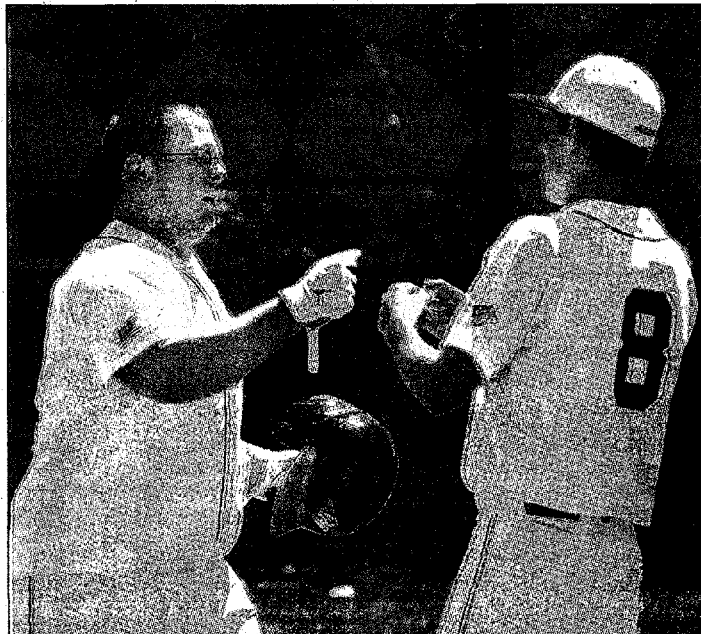
In the May 10 victory over the Lions, Boucher threw six innings for the victory and also went 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Sarah Wagner went 2-for-2 and drove in two runs for the Chiefs, scheduled to play up to five games this weekend at the Madonna Tournament.

That tourney is taking place at the Canton Softball Complex on Michigan Avenue near Canton Center Road. Arnold said his team would play three games Saturday followed by two on Sunday.

Also in the tournament are Plymouth and Salem.

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Plymouth's Matt Priebe (left), shown being congratulated by teammate Cliff Buttermore in 2009, last week became the career hits leader for the Wildcats.

WILDCATS

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two-out infield single by Ben Wohl brought home Harrison Michels from third base with the winner.

That enabled relief pitcher Jackson Burdette to deservedly collect the victory. Burdette picked up starter Matt Nadratowski and went 3 $\frac{1}{3}$ scoreless innings, helped by

flawless defense.

"The guys didn't quit," said Boyd, praising his team defense for playing a second straight error-less game.

As for the Plymouth offense, Priebe led the way with three hits and 2 RBI, while May tallied three hits. Wohl's winning safety was his second hit of the day.

The win evened the Wildcats' record at 10-10, with a 5-8 conference mark.

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CLINCHED

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hard-fought battle as well as the second game in which we came from behind late and scored the winning run on a wild pitch," Blomshield added.

In Game 1, Garrett Bryden went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Joe Galanty also added two hits for the victorious Chiefs.

In the nightcap, Canton rallied from a 2-1 deficit with a run in the bottom of the fifth and added the go-ahead run in the sixth (scoring on a wild pitch) to pull out the win.

Collecting two hits each in the second game for Canton were Bernabe Salinas and Seth Tschetter.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Thackaberry golf outing

Circle Saturday, June 26 on your calendar. That's the date for the 2nd Annual Milt Thackaberry Memorial Salem Baseball Golf Outing. A 1 p.m. shotgun start is slated for Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth.

The fees are \$110 per golfer with paid registration before June 1; \$125 if they sign up after June 1 and \$50 per person for dinner only.

Included for those paying \$110 or \$125 are the following: 18 holes of golf, hot dog lunch, clubhouse dinner with open bar, prizes and a raffle.

Those interested should e-mail Steve Gordon (sgordon88@sbcglobal.net), Denny Devine (devine@aol.com) or go to www.rocksbaseball.com.

Entire proceeds of the event will go to the Salem Baseball Dugout Club, of which Thackaberry was a huge supporter. Milt Thackaberry passed away from cancer in 2008.

Swing To Cure Diabetes

Former University of Michigan quarterback and Salem High All-Stater Rich Hewlett will host his second annual "Swing To Cure Diabetes" golf outing on Monday, May 17 at the U-M Golf Course, located at 500 E. Stadium Boulevard, Ann Arbor.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the U-M Comprehensive Diabetes Center and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

The shotgun start commences at 11 a.m. Included in the golf package are 18 holes (with cart), box lunch, beverages, gift pack and dinner at the U-M Golf Course Clubhouse. There will also be a silent and live auction, along with trophy awards.

Go to www.swingtocurediabetes.com for more information.

Plymouth grid meeting

Next season's Plymouth Wildcats football players and their parents are invited to attend a mandatory meeting slated from 6:30-to-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 25 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." Todd McCall, president of the Plymouth football boosters club, also will speak about getting involved with that program as well as fundraising responsibilities. Sawchuk stated in a letter to parents about the May 25 meeting that the 2010 season is "just around the corner and we are as fired up as ever to continue our excellence on and off of the field." Any questions, please contact Sawchuk at (734) 582-5696 or via e-mail at Mike.Sawchuk@pccsmail.net.

'Extreme' Canton hoops fundraiser June 2

T.G.I. Friday's is partnering with the Canton Boys Basketball program for a unique fundraiser, starting 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 2.

There will be what is dubbed "an entertaining night of extreme bartending rivaling the performance of Tom Cruise in the film 'Cocktail.' Bartenders will dazzle you with their skills of juggling while you help support Canton Basketball by bidding on drinks."

A gift auction will also be part of the fun program, slated for the T.G.I. Friday's at 44250 Ford Road in Canton. For more information, call (734) 254-0442. The program is only open to those age 21 and older.

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.

Intermediate to advanced play is 12 noon to 3 p.m. Wednesdays (\$3) and 6-8 p.m. Saturdays (\$4).

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

CAMPS AND CLINICS

Canton girls hoops camp

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

Head coach Brian Samulski and his staff will work with prospective future players. Helping out will be team members, who reached the Final Four this season.



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Wolfpack perfect at EMU

The U-12 Western Wayne Wolfpack girls Amateur Athletic Union basketball team won all six games to win the AAU Girls Basketball Celebration Tournament recently at Eastern Michigan University. All of the Wolfpack players live either in Canton or Plymouth. Pictured are as follows: (front row, from left) Alexa Lagola, Sam Riga, Katie Latack and Paige Slominski; (back row, from left) Mia Taylor, Annie McDougall, Coach John Slominski, Abby Lemerise, Miranda Armstead, Alana Brown, Dayna Schroeder and Coach Kevin Armstead.

TWINS

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"Eric's been the low guy a couple times and Brandon's been the low guy a couple times." Eric shot a 76 (2nd overall) at the recent Dearborn Elite Invitational, helping Salem to the tourney championship. Salem's team continues racking up accomplishments, winning Friday's Wayne County Invite.

But once the year ends, hopefully with some postseason tourney success for the Rocks, the 16-year-olds will work all summer on the golf course. They are set for a job at Northville Hills Golf Club.

"It's great because we get to work with stuff we like to do, like golf," said Brandon, about the job. "We get to hang around the golf course the whole day and get paid for doing it."

"On top of that we get discounts from the golf shop and we get to hit the range and work on our game."

According to Nimmerguth, for the Dupreys to want to eat, sleep and drink the game — even devoting the whole summer to it — is only going to help them in their ultimate goal of playing college golf.

"If they put the work in they could possibly play some college golf," Nimmerguth said. "But it's a big jump from high school to college depending on where you're looking to go."



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Salem sophomore Brandon Duprey likes the look of his latest tee shot during practice at Fox Hills in Plymouth. Brandon and twin brother Eric have made an impact in their second season on varsity.

"But as only sophomores they've got a lot of time to work on their game and figure that out."

NO WORRIES

During the final month or so of the high school season, they'll get to rely on the advice and work ethic of Salem veterans such as senior Aaron Thompson.

"They see how hard he (Thompson) works at it and I think they see that's the type of commitment you need to put to it to get good results," the coach said. "I think it's valuable."

Nimmerguth, meanwhile, said Thompson's commitment and drive for golf "tends to rub off on these guys."

One pointer Brandon and Eric often get is how to shrug off subpar shots before it leads to a poor game.

"These guys, from day one, we've talked to them about battling through your round," Nimmerguth said. "If you have a bad hole you've got more holes to go. If you make a double-bogey a birdie is going to be coming."

"You just got to work for it and it will happen."

The Dupreys said they enjoy being on the same team, but they rarely go out on the course as a tandem and don't go overboard with analyzing each other's game once they're at home.

"We do share what we shoot and everything," Eric noted. "And once we get back home we go, 'Oh, I had a double (bogey) on that hole, I three-putted.'"

"If someone plays good we'll kind of brag about it."

That at-home assistance only works for half of the duo.

"Sometimes it's hard to take advice from Eric," explained Brandon, grinning. "I like to help him out but I don't like to be helped out too much."

That's because, as great as it is having a twin brother as a teammate, the Dupreys realize golf is still about how an individual goes from hole-to-hole and match-to-match.

It's a personal quest for that personal best.

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Salem wins Wayne County invite

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Maybe Salem should move all its golf matches over to Dearborn Country Club.

For the second time in two weeks head coach Ryan Nimmerguth's linkers emerged victorious on the traditional par-72 layout of DCC by taking top honors in Friday's Wayne County Boys Golf Championships.

Led by the efforts of seniors Patrick Doty and Aaron Thompson the Rocks recorded a team-low 317 to finish three strokes better than runner-up Northville among the 13 Division I team competing.

Grosse Pointe South claimed third place with 329, U-D Jesuit placed one stroke back with 330 and Livonia Stevenson rounded out the top five with a 336 showing. Other Observer-area schools participating included Livonia Churchill which placed sixth with 345, Livonia Franklin eighth with 349, Garden City

ninth with 351, Canton 12th at 397 and Wayne 13th with 402.

"Two weeks ago at the Dearborn Elite Invitational we shot 316 and won, and today we shot 317 and won," Nimmerguth said. "We're definitely getting to know the course."

"This was our fourth 18-hole tournament and, in each of the previous three, we shot 316," Nimmerguth went on. "Today we shot 317 and I had a hunch it might be good enough to do it."

Doty's 3-over-par 75 was good enough to not only lead all Rocks scorers, but earn runner-up honors overall behind Dearborn High's Evan Bowser. The Pioneer sophomore carded a sterling 73.

Thompson followed Doty in the Salem scorebook with a 79 and brothers Eric Duprey and Brandon Duprey rounded out the team total with 81 and 82, respectively.

"We played solidly as a team," Nimmerguth said. "Everytime we play in a tournament we're going out there looking to shoot under 320 and anytime we're able to do

that it's a good day.

Nimmerguth added that how the Rocks played on the greens was a key to the win. "They are big so if you get yourself in a bad spot the putts can quickly add up. We pretty much avoided that today."

Canton was led by Brandon Laabs' 92. Justin Legel followed with 96, Josh Maxam shot 97 and Brent Perry finished with 112.

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INDIVIDUAL RESULTS — 1. Evan Bowser (Dearborn), 73; 2. Patrick Doty (Salem), 75; 3. Matt Temorowski (GP South), 76; 4. Paul Bartowiak (U-D), 77; 5. (tie) Aaron Thompson (Salem), Blake Bonatz (Northville), Brandon Cameron (Northville), 79; 8. (tie) Jon Freismuth (GP North), Joe Hooks (U-D), Alex Bernstein (Northville), 80.

TEAM RESULTS

Salem — 1. Patrick Doty, 75; 2. Aaron Thompson, 79; 3. Eric Duprey, 81; 4. Brandon Duprey, 82.
Canton — 1. Brandon Laabs, 92; 2. Justin Legel, 96; 3. Josh Maxam, 97; 4. Brent Perry, 112.

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WRAPS

FROM PAGE B1

Plymouth golfers prevail

The Plymouth boys golf team defeated Westland John Glenn 158-178 in a Wednesday matchup of KLAAs South squads.

Taking honors for the Wildcats was Josh Heinze, with a round of 35 at Woodlands of Van Buren.

Also breaking 40 for the day was Justin Bauer, with a 39. Other Wildcats included Trevor Birdwell and Ryan Rieckhoff (42 each), James Bryans (43) and Kyle Rodes (44).

Big win for Salem netters

Despite Tuesday's cold weather, the Salem girls tennis team cooked to a 3-1 triumph over Canton, improving the Rocks' record to 7-2 overall.

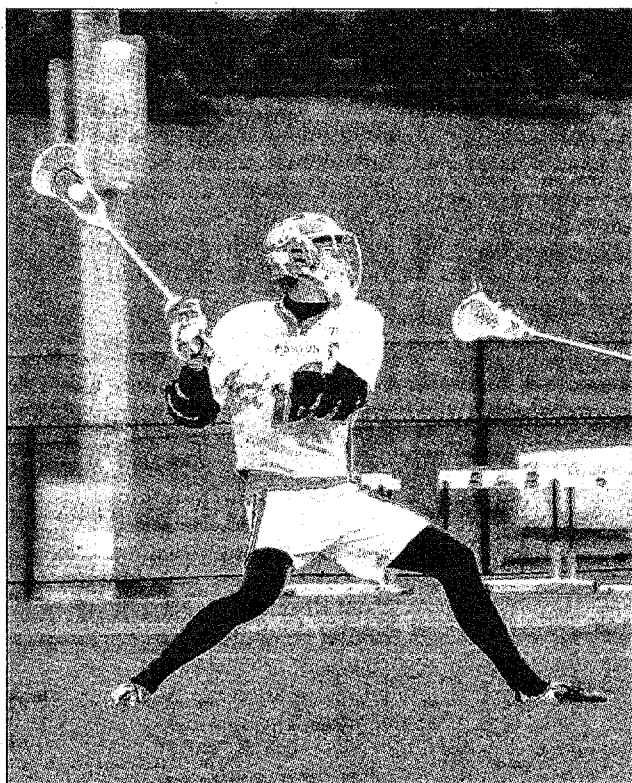
Salem swept singles play. Allie Carpenter blanked Megan Leung, 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1 and Anna Norman took care of Taylor Eppler at No. 2 by the score of 6-0, 6-1.

Also victorious for the Rocks were No. 3 Morgan Spencer (6-1, 6-2 over Jaclyn Hollingsworth) and No. 4 Kerry MacDonald (6-1, 6-4 over Sydney Liedel).

Canton's only win was at No. 4 doubles. The Chiefs duo of Samantha Klott-Hayley Cook defeated Ewa Zajac-Bansari Patel by a score of 6-4, 6-0.

Other than that, the Rocks carried doubles play as follows: No. 1, Rachel Norman-Ashley Davis over Kayla Davis-Brittany Vance (6-2, 6-3); No. 2, Ashley Walker-Mallory Rojo over Catherine Sanctorem-Kelsey Mason (6-3, 6-0); No. 3, Alex Lamb-Mallory Rojo over Kaitlyn Bunyak-Erin Fowler (6-3, 6-1); No. 5, Emily Simmons-Lindsay Spaulding over Lauren Tomei-Neena Baghaie in three sets — 4-6, 7-6(7) and 6-3.

Chiefs fill net 45 times in 3 wins



Canton senior co-captain Jake Underwood (No. 18) scored five goals and assisted on two others to spark the Chiefs to Wednesday's win over Grosse Pointe University-Liggett. Underwood was Canton's MVP winner for the match.

Canton's varsity boys lacrosse team scored 15 goals Wednesday, chasing three goalies in the process, as the Chiefs routed Grosse Pointe University-Liggett, 15-5.

The big guns were game MVP Jake Underwood (5 goals, 2 assists) and Matt Rodgers (5 goals, 1 assist), with two goals each from Tim Popp and Trevor Moore.

Helping the offense click were Ben Popp (1 goal, 1 assist), Riley Hoernschemeyer and Chris White (2 assists each).

Goalkeeper Sean Walsh made 15 stops for the victory, which enabled the Chiefs to improve to 8-5 overall.

CANTON 21, W.L. WESTERN 0: The Chiefs routed Walled Lake Western Monday, led by an eight goal performance from Matt Rodgers. Other Canton players with outstanding games were Jake Underwood (4 goals, 2 assists), Tim Popp (3 goals, 2 assists) and Trevor Moore (3 goals, 1 assist).

Also contributing for the Chiefs were Riley Hoernschemeyer, Chris White, Ryan Dunleavy (1 goal each), Ben Popp (2 assists) and Parker Pakula (1 assist).

Making three saves for the shutout was Sean Walsh.

CANTON 9, SOUTH LYON 4: Matt Rodgers scored five goals to spark Canton's May 5 victory. Adding to markers each for the Chiefs were Jake Underwood and Tim Popp while goalkeeper Sean Walsh made 13 saves and drew an assist — which is rare for a goalie.

Hatcher nets double hat-trick

Salem cranked up the scoring machine in Wednesday's 17-8 victory over the host Ann Arbor Lincoln Railsplitters.

The big gun, as he has been many times this season, was Dylan Hatcher. He scored six goals and chipped in with two assists. That performance gave Hatcher 33 goals and 12 assists in 15 games.

Meanwhile, the Rocks had scoring help from Garrett Berg (3 goals, 2 assists), Connor Berlin (2 goals, 2 assists), Mason Amin (2 goals), Luke Johnson (1 goal, 1 assist) and Nick Gianini (2 assists).

Playing an excellent game for the Rocks (4-11) was goalkeeper Alex Gravlin, who made 11 saves. Lincoln actually took 30 shots, while Salem took 27.

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Bob-Lo memories

Learn about boat's past at Historical Society banquet

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Robert Legel remembers Bob-Lo Boat moonlight cruises on the Detroit River as "one of the greatest dates of all times."

As a child, Sue Daniel took "nice" family outings on the S.S. Columbia and S.S. Ste. Claire to Bob-Lo Island's amusement park.

And Kevin Mayer, who worked on the Columbia in the 1980s, is so passionate about Bob-Lo, he created a working, miniature version of the amusement park — complete with the Ste. Claire steamship — in the basement of his Livonia home.

"The love and interest for this ship is still out there," said Mayer, general manager of the Ste. Claire and volunteer coordinator for its restoration project. "This is the last remaining steamship built by Frank Kirby. She just turned 100 on May 7."

Legel, Daniel and other Livonia Historical Society members will take a nostalgic armchair cruise through the Bob-Lo boat's past, and learn about its future, at their annual banquet, Thursday, May 20, in the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead, Newburgh and Eight Mile, Livonia.

The Livonia Historical Society event, which includes



Dr. Ron Kattoo (left), is one of three business partners who bought the S.S. Ste. Claire. Kevin Mayer (right) is general manager and volunteer coordinator for the restoration project. They'll speak at the Livonia Historical Society banquet.

dinner and the "Bob-Lo Memories" program, is open to the public. Tickets cost \$16 and reservations are due Monday, May 17. Call (248) 477-7375 for tickets.

Mayer and Dr. Ron Kattoo of Bloomfield Hills, a Henry Ford Hospital physician and principal owner of the Ste. Claire, will be the guest speakers.

"We're going to be doing it all, giving a little bit of history, showing (pictures of) the crew, Captain Bob-Lo, showing the renovations," Mayer said. "We hope to have her up and sailing again. We are taking everything down to the bare metal and wood. It's looking great."

RESCUING AN ICON

Kattoo and his partners in the Maximus Corp. bought the ship from its previous owners in 2006 and began the esti-

mated \$3 million restoration that is funded by himself, his partners, public donations and sale of souvenirs.

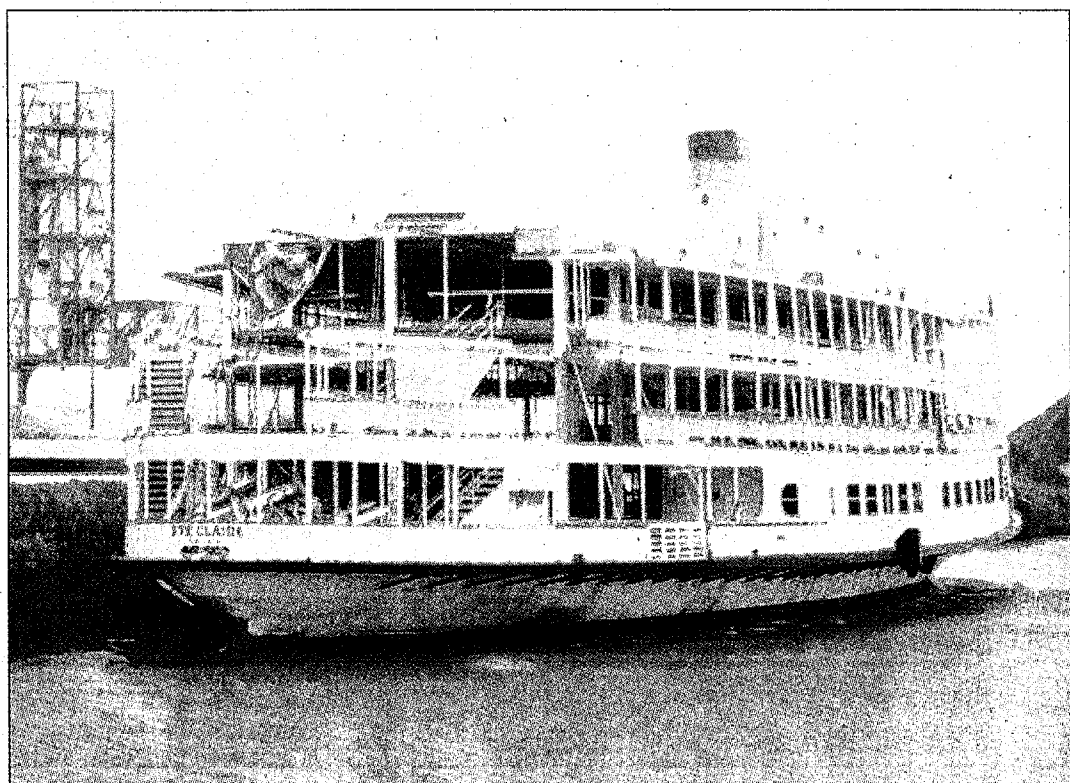
More than 400 volunteers are involved in the project.

"There's something for everyone on the ship. We have contractors and electricians. But there's always debris to take off and put in a dumpster, sweeping up and behind the scenes work at different festivals," Mayer said.

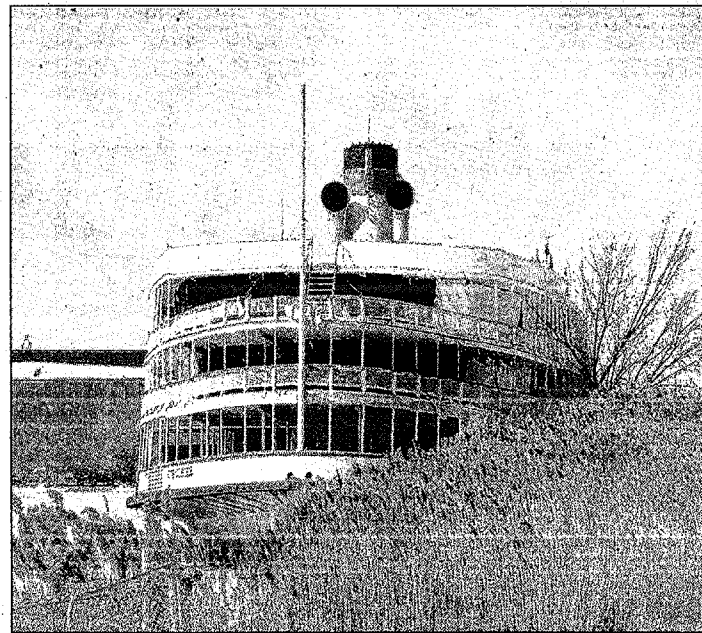
The Ste. Claire was built in 1910 to hold 2,426 passengers, and along with its older, larger sister ship, the Columbia, sailed the Detroit River for 81 years. Millions of residents in Southeastern Michigan took the 18-mile trip to the Canadian island, south of Grosse Isle, to picnic, play and ride roller coasters.

CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

"Oh boy, it was fun riding



The S.S. Ste. Claire marked its 100th anniversary May 7.



The Bob-Lo boat, S.S. Ste. Claire is docked in Ecorse, undergoing a restoration.

that boat," recalled Daniel, president of the Livonia Historical Commission and treasurer of the Historical Society. "It was an experience

I didn't have anywhere else except on the boat and the amusement park when you got there."

Legel, Livonia Historical

Society president, fondly remembers the dancing on board the ship and its moonlight cruises.

"You'd take your girlfriend on the moonlight cruise. It was great, Legel said.

The ships stopped running in 1991 and the amusement park was closed and its rides sold to make way for luxury condos.

A New York investor bought the Columbia with plans to restore the ship and sail it on the Hudson River, Mayer said.

The Ste. Claire restoration team hopes to have the ship ready for dock side tours in two years and eventually cruising the Detroit River again.

"I hope it comes to fruition and they get it floating," Legel said. "All you have to do is mention Bob-Lo boat and everyone says, 'I remember that.'"

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Laugh, walk, sleep on behalf of animals

BY SHARON DARGAY
OSE STAFF WRITER

You probably won't see any cats on leash at Project Kitty Connect's 3rd Annual Catwalk May 22 in Redford, but felines will benefit from the funds raised by the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) organization that strives to reduce stray and feral cat population and

euthanasia. Participants will collect donations and pledges for the cause and walk any time 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Claude Allison Park, located south of Seven Mile on the east side of Beech Daly at Pickford, in Redford. Just \$30 will pay for a wellness check-up, rabies vaccine, an ear tip and spaying or neutering for one local feral

cat. The ear tip identifies the cat as spayed or neutered. Rebecca Godo started the organization — which has a core group of about 10 volunteers — in 2007 to help feral cats in her neighborhood and to stop them from reproducing. Godo said her heart broke when she discovered that feral cats taken into the shelter system often are euthanized, because they are deemed unadoptable.

"I started researching for an alternative and found Trap-Neuter-Return. I found people doing it but not so much on an organized level. There wasn't a lot of help out there."

She and other volunteers began working together as Project Kitty Connect, educating others and enlisting the help of veterinarians to perform low cost spay and neuter surgery. Volunteers trap the cats, have them spayed or neutered and then return them to the out-of-doors.

"People care for these animals with food and water and then they start reproducing. They reach out to us for help."

Project Kitty Connect doesn't place animals into foster or adoptive homes, but has referred individuals who find

stray cats to rescue groups. "We assist people in also getting them spayed and neutered and we encourage them to seek out adoption routes. We help out when we can," Godo said.

In addition to the walk, Country Cat and City Kitty Rescue will be at the fund-raising event with adoptable felines. Jan's Pet Grooming will trim nails for \$5 a pet. All About Animals Clinic will offer spay/neuter information, and local arts and craft vendors will sell their goods. www.projectkittyconnect.com.

JUGGLE THAT COCKTAIL

Tail Wagger's USA will offer two entertaining ways to support homeless animals this week, starting with a program of Flair bartending, 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 18 at Dearborn Friday's, located at 720 Town Center Drive, on the grounds of Fairlane Town Center.

Flair bartending is the practice of handling bar tools and liquor bottles with the skill of a juggler to entertain customers. Friday's bartenders have presented Flair shows since the early 1980s and now offer them as charity fund-raisers. Donate pet food during



"Sleep Well" is an ongoing partnership between the Michigan Humane Society and U.S. Mattress.

the show and you'll receive a free coupon for up to an \$8 appetizer. The donations will supplement Tail Wagger's Pet Food Assistance Program, which helps feed pets from economically-strapped families.

Tail Wagger's also will benefit from Comedy for a Cause, 5:30 p.m., Saturday, May 22, at Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth Road, inside the Kicker's complex in Livonia.

Ed Buehner will emcee the show that will feature Johnny Beehner and Erin Jackson.

Tickets are \$20 per person with \$15 of the ticket price directly benefitting Tail Wagger's efforts, including Pet Food Assistance, Spay/Neuter Programs, low-cost vaccinations, emergency assistance and cruelty investigation and rescue.

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Tail Wagger's USA is a non-profit organization, based in Livonia and is committed to helping people help animals.

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For more information about the adoption event, call the Michigan Humane Society at (866) MHUMANE or visit www.michiganhumane.org.

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HSHV, which serves Washtenaw County, as well as Plymouth and Canton, asks that all participants raise or donate a minimum of \$25. Check-in is from 10-10:30 a.m. on event day and includes a goodie bag. From 10:30 a.m.-noon, visitors can walk — with or without their dogs — and meet Harley, the celebrity spokesdog, as well as check out the dog games. Vendors will be on site and children can visit the craft tent and get their faces painted. For more information and registration, visit www.hshv.org

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AGING, ACTIVITY AND ARTHRITIS

As more people are living into their 80's and 90's, physicians are seeing more of them coming in with complaints of aching all over. The patient notes that mornings are particularly difficult and that activities such as making meals, keeping the house clean and working in the garden are becoming impossible because of aching and fatigue.

In most instances the patient comes with a daughter or a person in the family who has needed to become a companion, nurse and housekeeper because the patient's condition has reached a point that the patient can no longer live at home without assistance.

After listening to the patient and undertaking a physical examination the doctor may reach a conclusion that startles the patient. The doctor will say that the patient does not have rheumatoid arthritis, polymyalgia rheumatica or a cancer related condition. Rather, the patient is out of condition and needs exercise. The patient protests saying that she (or he) is busy every day with house chores.

Often the doctor is fortunate, as the family member attending the patient will say that the doctor is right: the patient spends too much time sitting around, reading, resting, or watching television, and that family members have told the patient so many times.

Probably the most common cause for joint stiffness and muscle fatigue in patients over age 80, is inactivity. The treatment is not another medicine but more workout. The activity must be work: done daily, going on for at least 30 minutes continuously, and should bring up a sweat. Finally, the older the patient the more important that she (or he) does the activity every day.

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Artist shows landscapes at show

Barbara Spraul of Livonia will exhibit and sell her paintings May 22-23 at the Village of Rochester Hills' annual spring art show.

Spraul, known for her color intense landscapes, was born and raised in Germany and had an early profound love for art. While studying drawing, she also earned a nursing degree. She moved to Michigan in 1994 and studied drawing, oil painting, and miniature painting. True to her heart, she found that painting was more satisfying than any other profession and devoted her time to her passion of creating. Her technique combines oil, acrylic, gouache, and

charcoal. She paints series of paintings, choosing one subject matter at a time. She also works with individual costumers to create unique pieces of art.

"I feel a deep emotional fulfillment and pleasure when I paint. I am very thankful that by creating unique peaceful paintings it is possible to spread joy and lift the spirits of the viewers," she stated.

The show runs 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. May 22 and noon to 6 p.m., May 23 at the Village of Rochester Hills shopping center, located at Adams and Walton in Rochester Hills.

For more information call (248) 689-8734.



Linda Spraul of Livonia depicts lush landscapes in her paintings.

FLUTE CHOIR WILL PERFORM IN 4 P.M. SUNDAY

The Southeast Michigan Flute Choir will perform at 4 p.m., Sunday, May 16, at St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills.

Jackie Wright directs the group, which includes professional flutists as well as adult amateurs and talented high school and college players. The Choir also has been invited to participate in the prestigious Chicago Flute Festival this coming November.

Its program at St. John includes works by J. S. Bach and George Bizet. Also featured on the program are *Fantasia on Land of the Silver*

Birch by Nancy Nourse and *The Global Village Samba* by Anthony G. Holland.

Oboist Patrick Carroll also will perform Vivaldi. Clarinetist the Rev. Lauren Kirsh-Carr and flutist Cam Kureth will play a new composition, *Five Settings on the Tune, Berglund* by St. John organist, Wes Fishwick.

The Southeast Michigan Flute Association's mission is to promote the flute and flute playing.

Membership in the Association includes the Detroit Symphony Orchestra members, major university and

college professors, regional orchestral flutists and talented students of all ages.

Members arrange, coordinate and involve the group in a number of concerts, recitals, annual festivals and master classes.

Admission is free. A free-will offering will be taken.

St. John Lutheran Church is on Gill Road, between Grand River Avenue and Freedom Road. For more information call the church office at (248) 474-0584. Concert information also is available at stjohneleca.org and at wesleyfishwick.com.

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Be wary of a new sort of crook in the appliance industry

In my days past I learned a great deal about how the unethical appliance repair companies operated and how many thousands of consumers were being literally ripped-off. Working with the Victorian lady of consumerism, Esther Shapiro, at the Detroit Consumer Affairs Department was one of the most rewarding things I've ever done. She used to tell me that the schemes and scams that were worked on homeowners were always changing in ways that we could never imagine.



Appliance Doctor
Joe Gagnon

session of hundreds of stolen appliances taken from homes with a "for sale" sign on the front lawn.

One pair of crooks had sold hundreds of products on the Internet. Capture was rather easy for the police department, which installed GPS devices inside the appliances in an undercover operation at one house. One case is about a legitimate appli-

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ance retailer selling products and used by the thieves as a fence. Fortunately none of this is going on here in Michigan, at least not to my knowledge.

Recently I've spent time at the telephone at my son Mark's appliance repair business in Livonia. It's been most enjoyable talking to many readers who call with questions about their major appliances and I would like to tell you of one these calls. A senior lady called

to tell my son that she would not be using his company to install her new dishwasher even though the \$100 price he quoted her was \$139 less than the retailer was going to charge her. I asked her why she was going to spend \$239 to have a new dishwasher installed when she could get the job done for \$100. Her reply caused the hair on the back of my neck to stand straight up.

"The retailer told her that if

she used anybody besides him to install the product she would not be able to get her Michigan rebate of \$50 from the State."

It really is too bad that Esther Shapiro is retired and the office of Detroit Consumer Affairs is no longer in existence. Esther would have put this retailer on national television or even worse.

As for my last column about the dishwasher which came on by itself I received an e-mail from an engineer who writes: SO, did you find out if the dishwasher did, in fact, come on by itself? As we get deeper into the processor controls I need to understand ways they go wrong — you can bet that Microchip isn't going to have a list of reported circuit gremlins available for review and agency standards are reactive at best.

Even traditional technology can become unpredictable with new manufacturing techniques and alternate manufacturing locations and, as you know, one flawed component can take out

the best design in the world. Well folks I did talk to the person who had a dishwasher come on by itself. He did call GE and they did come out to check it out at no charge. The service technician did order a new electronic board and another part and should be installing it soon. Even though the product is out of warranty GE is covering the bill on this repair and I think rightfully so. There isn't a manufacturer around who wants to mess with the Consumer Product Safety Commission in Washington. Those boys will tag on some pretty hefty fines for dangerous products which are not reported promptly. You could say they carry as much weight as Esther Shapiro. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twm1rr.com.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2010 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 3, 2010 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

- Application 1472: 41711 Five Mile RD, Requesting a 6 foot fence when only a 4 foot fence is allowed. Requesting a 2 foot variance in fence height.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734 354-3210.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Audio-Video Equipment for the Salem High School. Bid documents will be available electronically on or after May 6, 2010 from the District's technology consultant: Fanning/Howe Associates, Inc. located at 28001 Cabot Drive, Suite 110, Novi, MI 48377 by calling (248) 848-0123 or via email request to epzywara@hai.com (request document 208089.01). A pre-bid meeting will be held at the District's E.J. McClendon Educational Center on May 24, 2010 at 2:00 PM.

Sealed bids will be received at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center and must be clearly marked "SALEM HIGH SCHOOL AUDIO-VIDEO EQUIPMENT" and must be received no later than 2:00 PM local time on Friday, May 28, 2010 at which time they will be opened and read publicly. The PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Building is located at 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. For additional information, contact Jim Casteel, Director of Integrated Technology at (734) 416-2708. The Board of Education for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids and to waive any bid irregularities, 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.

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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **District-Wide HVAC Air Filters**. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Ms. Hunter in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2741. For technical information, please contact Gene Montayne of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2962. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m. EST, Thursday, May 20, 2010 to the E.J. McClendon Educational Center (attn: District-Wide HVAC Air Filter bid) located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170, where they will be opened and publicly read. The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Classroom Chairedesks at Salem High School**. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Ms. Hunter in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2741. Sealed bids are due to the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 or on or before 1:00 p.m. EST, Thursday, May 27, 2010. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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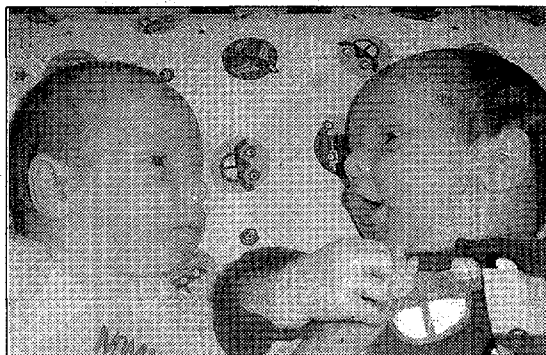
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Andover High School Class of 1970

Reunion planned 7 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Heathers; contact Cis Sloan Stokas at Quintop@aol.com

Birmingham Groves High School Class of 1975

35th class reunion, Oct. 22-23, will include homecoming game, Friday night, and party, Saturday night, at The Birmingham Community House. Contact groves1975@gmail.com or Groves Class of 1975 - 35th Class Reunion, on Facebook.

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Detroit Mackenzie Class of 1962

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Class of 1960

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

Farmington High School Class of 1970

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Class of 1980

30-year reunion, 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 17, Dunleavy's Pub & Grub, 34505 Grand River, Farmington. Contact Kelly McDonald at kelly_fhs1980@yahoo.com and Farmington High School Michigan Class of 1980 on Facebook

Garden City High School Class of 1960

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Garden City East Class of 1964

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Garden City West Class of 1970

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Livonia Franklin Class of 1980

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Livonia Stevenson Class of 1975

35th reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz, Canton, includes buffet, cash bar and DJ. Attire is dressy/casual. Cost is \$30 per person through PayPal or by check in advance or \$40 at the door. Send checks to Stevenson Class Reunion, 115 Continental Road, Cornwall, N.Y. 12518. Send PayPal payments to payments@institutionalmarkets.com Send e-mail correspondence to stevensonclassof75@yahoo.com. (845) 534-2228

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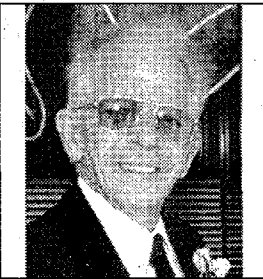
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Joint 30th reunion with golf outing Sept. 3 and evening gathering, Sept. 4. For more information and to register on its Web site visit http://home.comcast.net/~1980cantonsalem/ site/ Contact the reunion committee at 1980cantonsalem@comcast.net

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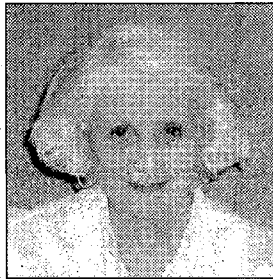
50-year reunion, 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14. For more information contact Mike and Carol (Gerogeoff) Pontius (248) 446-9948 or e-mail to mikecarol91500@att.net. Or call Tena (Fear) Keith at (248) 437-6827.

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ALBERT "AL" R. BRITTS, JR.

Age 67, May 12, 2010. Al is a retired industrial engineer from Johnson Controls, and lived in the oldest log cabin in Farmington Hills. He is survived by Christine, his beloved wife of 46 years; his loving children, Mary-Lynn Britts-Miller (Jim Miller) and LeeAnne Patterson (Mike); his cherished grandchildren Brandon Albert Miller, Marcus Lee Britts, Eric Patterson and Jimmy Lee Miller. Al is also survived by his devoted stepfather Norman Spiegel, his aunt, Ginny Hostetler, and cousins, Karen, Donna and Linda. Visitation Monday, May 17th, 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM, concluded by a 7 PM Memorial service, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Memorial tributes suggested to American Heart Assn. heeney-sundquist.com



GLORIA "MARGARET" HULL

Age 93, May 11, 2010. Beloved wife of the late William Carl. Loving mother of Michael (Paulette) and Hillaree (William) Coseo. Dear grandmother of William and Chloe Coseo. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and friends. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Friday from 1-9 PM and Saturday from 10 AM until Funeral Service at 11 AM. Memorials may be directed to St. Mary Mercy Palliative Care Fund or Angela Hospice. Please share a memory at: www.rggharris.com.



JUNE DOROTHY WAHL

May 8, 2010 in St. Petersburg, FL. Age 87 of Indian River, MI. Beloved wife of Adolph "Wally" for 63 years. Loving mother of William (Jan), Daniel (Susan) and the late Pamela June Wahl. Grandmother of Evan, Connor, Danny and Sophia. Sister of Ken Harma, Gloria Mertz and the late Ethel Scrase and Evelyn LaLonde. Services were held Friday at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home. Memorial tributes to American Diabetes Association or the Michigan Humane Society. View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com

LILLIAN ERICKSON

Age 91, of Dearborn Heights, MI, passed away May 14, 2010. Arrangements: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



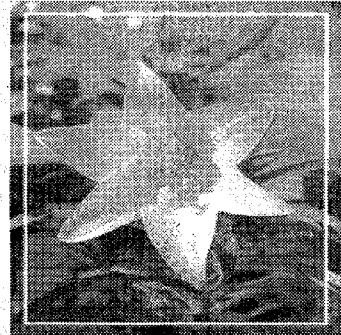
MARGARET ELIZABETH MULCAHY MEESKE

August 2, 1917-April 30, 2010

Passed away on April 30, 2010 in San Marino, California. Margaret was born in Bay City, Michigan on August 2, 1917 to Emma Streng and Francis James Mulcahy. She had one brother, James Francis Mulcahy, formerly of Arlington, Virginia, now deceased. Margaret grew up in Bay City, Michigan. She completed her Bachelor of Arts and Science degree at The University of Michigan in 1939, where she also was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Margaret then received her teaching credential from Eastern Michigan University. She taught elementary education in Grand Rapids, Dearborn, Detroit and Birmingham, Michigan. In 1944 she married Charles John (Jack) Meeske. They eventually settled in Birmingham, Michigan to raise their four children. Margaret was a life long learner and enjoyed taking classes regarding history and religion well into her eighties. She coordinated the History in the Making Class with local university professors at The Village Club for over a decade. An avid bridge player, Marg could be found playing at least once a week up until 2006. She also loved to travel the world with her husband Jack up until his death in 2002. Margaret is survived by her sons C. John Meeske of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, William J. Meeske of Santa Monica, California, and her daughter Lisa Meeske Sloan of San Marino, California, along with eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A service will be held at Holy Name Church in Birmingham Michigan on Saturday, July 10th at 10am.

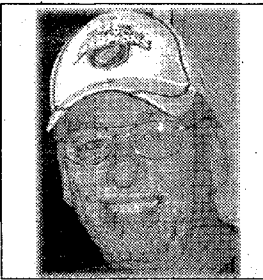
PATRICIA M. WEBBER

Age 42, of Canton, MI, died May 7, 2010. Born March 21, 1968 in Wayne to Richard Fulmer and Evah (Tatman) Seiber. Survived by her loving husband, Edward, children, Mandi Reitenga of Canton, Christopher Reitenga and Ryan Reitenga, Edward (Jami) Webber III, all of Belleville, Sarah Webber of Chelsea, Joseph Webber of Canton, Thomas Webber of Belleville, Elizabeth Rose, 3 grandchildren, Brice Webber, Luke Thompson and Louis McCary, her parents Harry and Eve Sieber, 2 brothers, Jon Seiber of Ypsilanti and Brian Seiber of Clarkston, also a sister, Diane Romas of Wayne. Patti loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She believed in continuing her education and was studying for her Master's Degree in Nursing while working as the manager of the HIC Department at William Beaumont Hospital, Detroit. Funeral Service held at Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, Tues May 11. Memorials to Susan G. Koman for the Cure. www.davidcbrownfh.com



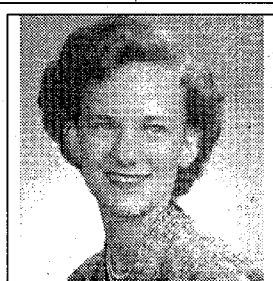
RAYMOND L. HEIMSTADT

Of Davison, age 90, passed away April 13, 2010 at Genesys Hospice Care Center, Goodrich. Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will be held 1 PM Saturday, May 22, 2010 at Allen Funeral Home, 9136 Davison Rd., Davison. The family will receive visitors one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Genesys Hospice Care Center, Goodrich. Please share your thoughts with the family at www.allenfuneralhomeinc.com.



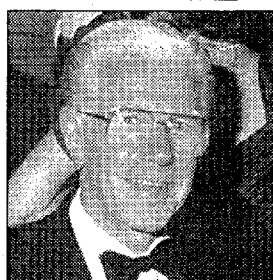
DOUGLAS D. WAACK

Age 63 of Canton Michigan passed, away Monday May 10th at Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor. Beloved husband of Kay for 32 years. Dear father of Ken (Meg) Guinn, Jim (Denise) Guinn, Doug Guinn, Ken Waack and Doug Williams. Son of Russell Waack (deceased), Ruth Waack (deceased) and Grace Waack. Loving grandfather of Jeremy, Rachel, Yoshi and Christopher. Brother of Russell (Retitia), Ruthann, Judy, Joan (deceased) John (Dawn), Mike (deceased), Tim (Crystal), Jeff (Mark), Annie (Liz). Survived by nieces, nephews, and cousins. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family. Services to be held Friday May 14th at Generations Funeral Home, 29550 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, MI. Visitation 11:00-12:00. Services at 12:30.



HAZEL FAYNE LOVELAND (Nee McCoy)

Age 75, of Canton, formerly of Lincoln Park. Beloved wife of 34 years to David. Loving mother of Dr. Jeffrey (Kathryn) Loveland, Dr. Robert (Michelle) Loveland, and Cheryl (Dr. Miles) Hammond. Cherished Grandmother of Joshua, Sarah, Brian, Alexander, and Robert. Decendant of the McCoy family of Pikeville, KY. She will also be missed by the many who she brought pleasure to through her culinary skills. Visitation, Wednesday 4-8pm; Thursday 1-8pm at J.L. Peters Funeral Home 3880 Fort Lincoln Park Mi. (313-928-6500). In state Friday 10am until time of service at 11am at First United Methodist Church in Lincoln Park, Rev. Mary Tame officiating. Inment at Michigan Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or The National Exchange Club. You can sign the register and print a memorial: www.jlpetersfuneralhome.com

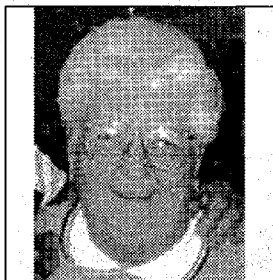


J. KENNETH SCHENDEN

Age 93 of Rochester Hills. May 10, 2010. Loving Husband of Wilma. Dear Father of James M. (Carolyn) Schenden, John J. (Kathryn) Schenden, Marilyn (Leo) Perazza, Dr. Michael J. Schenden and Kathryn M. (James) Nihls. Survived by 8 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Kenneth retired from GM after 40 years of service, was a life member of the K of C and Elks and a WWII Veteran. Funeral Mass Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 9:00 AM with an instate time of 8:30 AM at St. John Fisher Chapel University Parish 3665 Walton Blvd, Auburn Hills. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 6 to 8 PM at the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home 339 Walnut, Rochester. Memorials to Sister Jane Frances Miller, Memorial Endowment, C/O Congregation of St. Joseph, PO Box 29, Nazareth, MI 49074-0029. Online guestbook: www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

JAMES L. MARKEY

Age 86, of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away May 13, 2010. Arrangements: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



JOYCE MARIE ALLEN

Passed away May 12, 2010 at the age of 78. Her beloved husband Herbert passed away in 1995. She is the dearest mother of Brenda (Russell) Cotter, Ray (Julie) Allen and Keith Allen. Dear sister of Betty Smith, Pat Beaver and Ron (Joan) Roberts. She was still working as a cafeteria helper for the Northville Public Schools. Previously she was a school bus driver for the Plymouth-Canton Schools for 27 years. She loved playing cards, especially Euchre and Texas Hold'em. She was a member of The Moose Lodge and Eagles in Northville and American Legion Post 32 in Livonia. Funeral Services were held Saturday, May 15, 2010, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Followed by burial in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One



ERMA MARGARET THOMPSON

10/18/1918 to 5/12/2010
Age 91, of Canton, died May 12, 2010 in Houston, Texas. She was born October 18, 1918 in Owendale, daughter of the late William and Gladys (Weiler) King. She was a resident of Plymouth/Canton for the past 55 years and was retired from Burroughs Corp. She was a member of the Vivian Society, the Plymouth Friendship Station, and St. John Neumann Parish in Canton. She enjoyed bowling, playing cards, watching sports and socializing with her many friends and family members. Surviving are her son, James M. Thompson and his wife, Patricia, of Houston, Texas; three grandchildren, Steven Thompson and his wife Melissa of Fort Myers, Florida, Susan Smith and her husband Jacob, of Aledo, Texas, and Kathryn Thompson of Houston, Texas; four great-grandchildren, Ethan and Austin Smith of Aledo, Texas, and Abby and Kira Thompson of Fort Myers, Florida; two sisters, Marion Stein, of Birch Run and Eva Goslin, of Sebawaing; two brothers, Bernard King and his wife, Norma, of Pigeon, and Donald King and his wife, Sandra, of Beaverton; several nieces and nephews, and her longtime friend and companion, Larry Slavin of Redford. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Maurice Thompson; her daughter Grace Margaret Thompson; two sisters, Madeleine Sontag and Rita Powell; and four brothers, Arthur, Edward, Harold, and Ronald King. Private burial will be held at Mt Hope Memorial Gardens in Livonia. Memorial Service will be held at St. John Neumann church in June, details pending.

RICHARD C. MEACHAM

On Sunday, May 9, 2010. Dear father of Richard (Pamela) Meacham, Katherine Etherington, Jennifer (Lynne Getz) Cohen-Jordan, Jeffrey Meacham, John Meacham, Lucas Meacham and Kimberly Meacham; dear brother of Terry Fischer and Susan Wright; dear grandfather of 10 and great-grandfather of 11; dear uncle to several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at Kutis South County Chapel, St. Louis, MO.

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

ROBERT EUGENE UTLEY

Age 97, May 7, 2010 of Ocala, Florida formerly of Farmington, Michigan. Beloved husband of the late Elizabeth (McClure) Utley. Dear father of Robert (Carol) Utley and Sheryl (Jon) Hartman. 4 Grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Pre-deceased by a brother Carlton Utley. Mr. Utley was a life member of the Farmington Masonic Lodge #151 in Farmington, Michigan. He retired from General Motors after 35 years as a machinist. He enjoyed golf, hunting, watching sports and telling a good story. In state Thursday 9:00am until funeral service 10:00am in the Chapel of Flowers-White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy. Arrangements by Price Funeral Home, Troy, (248) 689-0700. Memorials to the Hospice of Marion County, P.O. Box 4860, Ocala, Florida. 34478-4860. Share memories at: www.pricefuneralhome.net

SCOTT ALLEN KAUFMAN

Age 49 of Livonia. Beloved husband of Dawn. Loving father of Cory & Curtis. Also survived by many other loving family & friends. Funeral Services were held on Thurs. 10:30am at St. Priscilla Catholic Church 19120 Pulingbrook Rd. Livonia 48152 Please visit online guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com

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Support group offers tips to fight weight-loss plateau

As weight-loss warriors climb to the mountaintop of fitness and better health, they will inevitably cross a plateau or two in their journey. According to Dr. Nicholas Yphantides, medical spokesperson for TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), the nonprofit weight-loss support organization, "There are inevitable periods of plateau. You feel like you have changed nothing, yet the body fat no longer disappears and your weight loss seems to be stuck in neutral. The real dilemma is that the plateau can be a huge motivation killer."

The harm, he says, is that some people give up during a plateau and fall back into poor eating and exercise habits out of discouragement.

On a positive note, since it's best to lose weight slowly, steadily, and sensibly, plateaus often can be a body's balancing act. A plateau also can signal that a body has less fat left to lose.

Yphantides points out that

real plateaus, when weight loss does in fact stall, are different from perceived plateaus, when a person is in denial and doesn't believe they are doing anything differently, yet the weight is not coming off.

"Honesty and accuracy are such core ingredients to healthy living for TOPS members that I have to mention them, as I frequently discover what I call a 'perceived plateau' upon deeper interaction and conversations with people who are frustrated with their weight loss," he says.

One cause of a true plateau is that the body is trying to achieve equilibrium, or homeostasis. In this state, the body wants to retain the status quo and not lose weight. Weight will resist coming off, even if the number of calories consumed and level of exercise stay the same.

Yphantides says that the key is to mix up your routine so the body reacts to changing signals. "Some weight-loss

warriors make the mistake of expecting different results with the same routine. It's easy to get discouraged, but it's more effective to get creative," he notes.

His strategies for overcoming a weight-loss plateau include:

- Eat the same weekly amount of calories but eat less one day and more the next to make the body react differently. Also, remember to drink water to feel full and avoid problems caused by dehydration.

- Try adding a new activity to an exercise routine. It will activate more muscles and change the way the body is used. For instance, if you typically walk daily, swim or bike instead. Add high-intensity cardio intervals to a low-intensity workout. If there's a fun, new dance class to try, this is a good time.

- Switch the type of workout. For example, trade an aerobic session for a strength-training or muscle-toning

class. This can increase lean muscle mass and jump-start the metabolic rate.

- Spread out daily food intake to fuel metabolism over a longer period of time. Add a few mini-meals each day, going from three meals to five, without adding calories. Make sure breakfast is a solid meal, because it results in better concentration and higher energy throughout the day.

Use patience and persistence as tools in the journey to overall wellness. Weight-loss plateaus will happen along the way but they can be overcome.

TOPS promotes weight management with a philosophy that combines healthy eating, regular exercise, wellness information, and support from others at weekly chapter meetings. TOPS has about 170,000 members in nearly 10,000 chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

Visitors may attend their

first TOPS meeting free of charge. To find a chapter, visit www.tops.org or call (800) 932-8677.

Here's a sampling of local TOPS groups:

CANTON

St. Thomas A'Becket, 555 S.. Lilley; meetings at 7 p.m., Thursday

FARMINGTON HILLS

Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile; meetings at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday
Tapiola Village, 35150 W. Eight Mile, in the clubhouse; meetings at 7 p.m. Tuesday

GARDEN CITY

The Harrison Center, 6701 Harrison, room 7; meetings at 10 a.m., Thursday
Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, 10 a.m., Friday

LIVONIA

Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann

Arbor Trail; meetings at 6 p.m., Tuesday
Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh; meetings at 9:30 a.m., Thursday
Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile; meetings at 7:30 p.m., Monday

REDFORD

South Redford Christian Church, 26505 W. Chicago Road; meetings at 7:30 p.m., Thursday
Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway; meetings at noon, Wednesday
Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly; meetings at 7 p.m., Tuesday

WESTLAND

Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road; meetings at 7 p.m., Monday
St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road; 7:30 p.m., Wednesday
Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley; meetings at 6:15 p.m. Monday

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

MAY

Botsford Commons

The senior living community will present "Living the Fullness of Life," 7-8 p.m., Thursday, May 20, in the Town Commons Dining Room, 21300 Archwood Circle, between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Road, north of Eight Mile, in Farmington Hills. Margaret K. Lightner, president of Botsford Commons Senior Community, kicks off the session with comments on living to life's fullest in a continuum of care retirement community. Her presentation is followed by: "Healthy Aging" with Dr. Annette Carron, geriatrician and medical director of the Botsford Senior Assessment Center; "Brain Fitness" with Diane M. Zide, executive director of senior living services at Botsford Commons; and "Getting Your Documents in Order: Community Resources" with Dawn Doyle, supervisor, social services. Dessert and beverages also will be served. For more information, call (248) 426-6951.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital

Julie Ader will present "Women and Stress: Healthy Responses to Life's Demands" from 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, May 20 in the hospital

auditorium. She'll focus on healthy alternatives to dealing with positive and negative stress that women encounter. The presentation also includes bone density, blood pressure and massages from 5:30-7 p.m. A \$5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit the Marian Women's Center Programs. To register, call (734) 655-1182. Or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

JUNE

Hemophilia Foundation

The Foundation's "Swinging for Smile" Charity Golf Outing, runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 7, at Fox Hills Golf Club of Plymouth. Proceeds go to HFM's Camp Bold Eagle and Eagle Outpost, for children with bleeding disorders. The event costs \$50 for dinner only per person, \$190 for golfing and dinner per person or \$750 for a golf and dinner package for four. Contact Dawn at (800) 482-3041 for more information.

ONGOING

Fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail jeanieweaver@charter.net.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia; and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information, call (248) 559-7722 or visit www.aa.org.

Breast cancer support group

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital,

36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Caregivers support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Metro Fibromyalgia

Meets the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 2055 Merriman, Garden City. For more information, call Lucy at (734) 462-1768.

Wayne metro caregiver support

Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Ave., Westland. Meetings are also held at the

Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

Parkinson Support

Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For information, call (248) 433-1011.

CPR classes

Classes range from basic CPR for people who wish to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar or call (248) 937-3314.

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7 Ways to Improve Your Cover Letter and Get Your Application Noticed

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Don't underestimate the power of a cover letter. When well-written, attractively designed and customized for the recipient, a cover letter is a powerful tool that can practically scream, "Interview this candidate immediately!"

But when they are thrown together using little to no consideration, personalization or creativity -- as cover letters often are -- letters are as ineffective in the job hunt as blank sheets of paper.

"This is a major misstep when job searching," say Wendy Enlow and Louise Kursmark, co-authors of "Cover Letter Magic." "You should take advantage of every opportunity there is to stand out from other candidates."

Enlow and Kursmark also say that writing a cover letter can be more fun than job seekers realize. "With the right perspective and a positive attitude, you'll find that it affords you great flexibility. There is no one set format in which they must be written. There is no one style in which they must be presented. In fact, there are very few rules at all, and because they are so flexible, cover letters allow you to positively present just those skills, qualifications, achievements and credentials

you want to bring to the recipient's immediate attention."

There are a variety of ways job seekers can get creative with their cover letters and bring them to life in ways they never

one-size-fits-all cover letters.

2. Add a table or two-column section that closely connects the employer's requirements to your qualifications and professional

reader.

4. Feature a strong headline near the beginning of the cover letter. To keep it brief, yet powerful, address one of the employer's key concerns or spotlight your expertise or an attribute that will be particularly appealing to the employer.

5. Develop your own slogan or mission statement and include it near the top of your cover letter. This technique will enhance your career brand and stand out much like a headline would. To draw even more attention to the phrase, place it inside a graphic element that is attractive and appropriate.

6. Add a "P.S." to the end of your cover letter. Often, it's the first thing a person will read.

7. Include testimonials about you in the body of your cover letter or in an attractive sidebar. Testimonials will emphasize your skills and achievements and support claims you make about your expertise and why you're the best candidate for the job.

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considered. In their book, Enlow and Kursmark suggest a few of these techniques:

1. Find out what your target employer's slogan, catch phrase or mission statement is and brainstorm ways to include it in your cover letter's introduction. This technique will quickly capture the reader's attention, demonstrate that you are familiar with the employer and stand out from other candidates'

achievements. This strategy will quickly provide the employer with concrete evidence that you're a good fit for the job and worth learning more about.

3. Begin with a thought-provoking quote relevant to the position, the employer's goals or your target industry. Many people love to read, share and ponder quotes. Including one in your cover letter can be a quick and effective way to engage the

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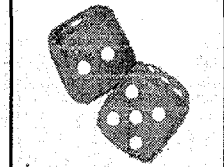
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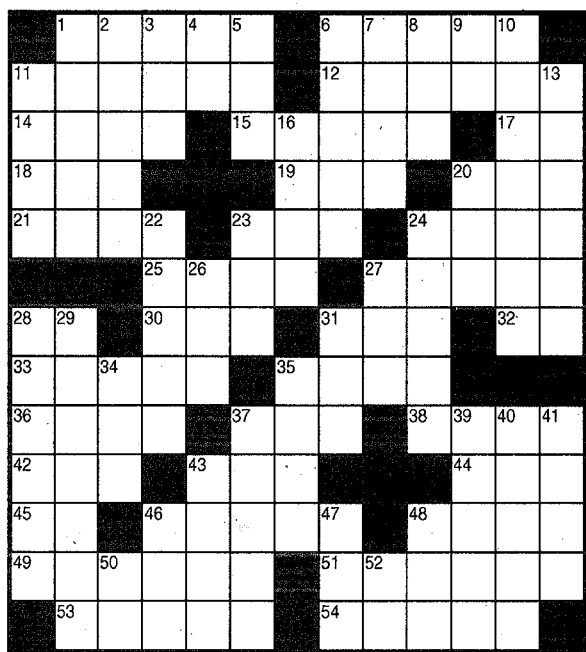
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- ACROSS**
- Steakhouse order (hyph.)
 - Bean or horse
 - Green fruit
 - Stockpiles
 - Too Proud to Beg
 - Cheech's partner
 - You, old-style
 - kwon do
 - Connections
 - Film speed no.
 - Movie lioness
 - Thirsty
 - Attention getter
 - Moccasin or pump
 - Snickers (hyph.)
 - City rte.
 - Label
 - Home, in the phone book
 - Tailor's meas.
 - Flung
 - Muscle twinge
 - Four quarters
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- Court case
 - Nuisances
 - Decide on
 - Compass pt.
 - PC key
 - Impostor
 - Charged particles
 - Badger
 - Copy a cassette
 - Sharp bark
 - Near the floor
 - Distant
 - Mate's comeback
 - MD station
 - Women with nieces
 - Commotion
 - Like some raisins
 - Granddad, to dad
 - "Love Her —" (Doors tune)
 - Surrounded by
 - Locomotive, briefly
 - Epic journey
 - Pasture access
 - At the table
 - Engage
 - Hearth residue
 - Purplish flower
 - Follow relentlessly
 - Bothersome
 - Hem and —
 - Playing card
 - Vogues
 - Axiom
 - Josh
 - Cold and windy
 - Russell or Vonnegut
 - Sharp dresser
 - Gobbled up
 - Deceitful
 - Chipper
 - Furnace need
 - Do arithmetic
 - Luxury resort
 - Theater sign
 - Price wd.
 - Kind of radio

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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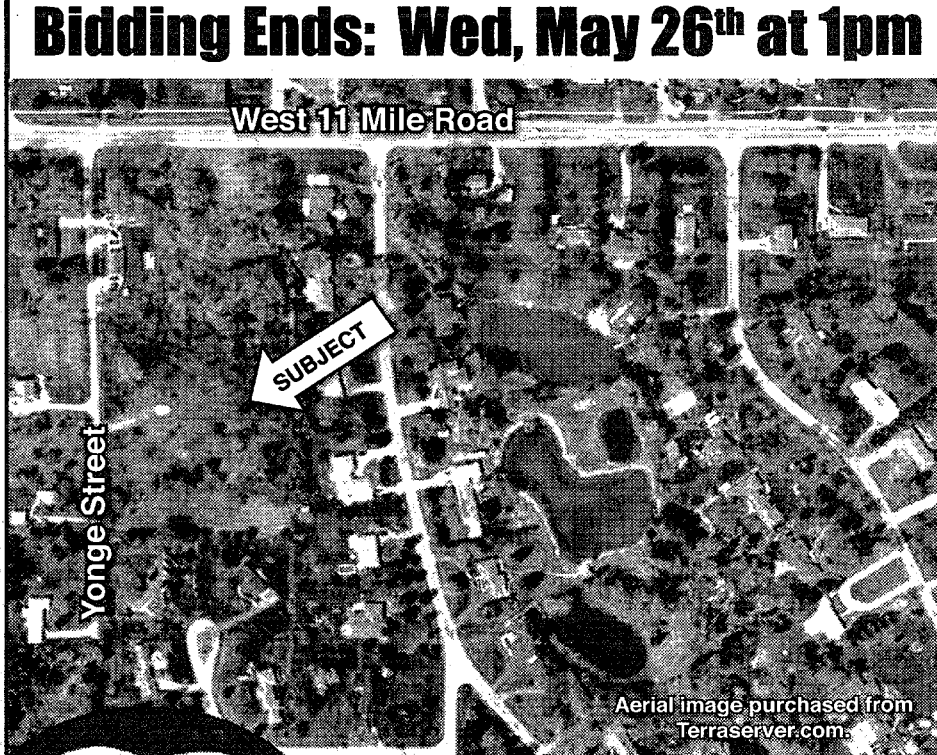
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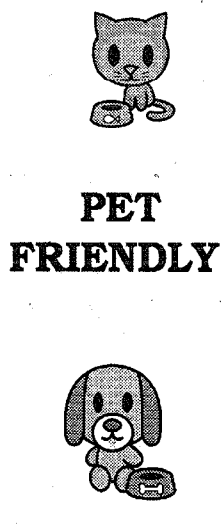
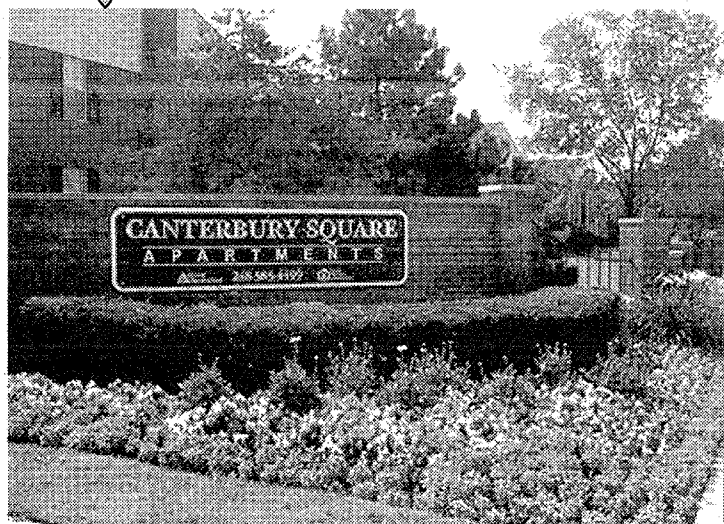
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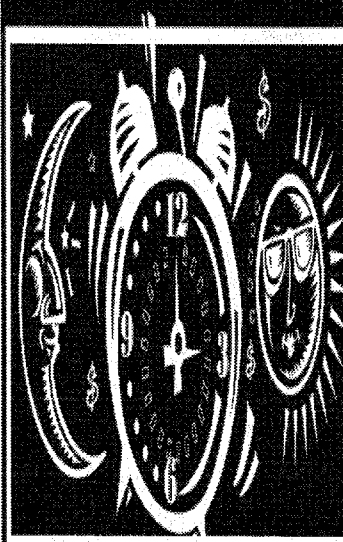
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May 22, 10-4pm. 734-981-0286</p> <p>FARMINGTON FLEA MARKET Sat. & Sun. May 22 & 23, 8am-5pm at Historic Winery 31505 Grand River at Orchard Lake Rd. VENDORS ALSO WANTED</p> <p>7100 Estate Sales 7100</p> <p>BIRMINGHAM Estate Sale Wed. May 19th - Sun. May 23rd, 9am-4pm. 455 Aspen Rd., S/ Maple. W/ Southfield. Fabulous gently worn designer clothes, shoes, purses, sunglasses & jewelry. From labels like: Galliano, Chanel, Chloe, Stella McCartney, Gucci, YSL, Jil Sander, Fendi, Giorgio Armani, Alaia, Dior, Dolce and Gabbana and more! Also available: gently worn fabulous children's & mens clothing & housewares. If you missed our sale last year, you won't want to miss this one! *You only live once, die like a Diva!</p> <p>BLOOMFIELD TWP. Estate Sale. May 20-22, 9-4. 30 yr. accumulation. Electronics, tools, sports, Hallmark ornaments, household items, Pendleton blankets, Barbies & automotive. Cash Only. 1235 Lenox. Adams/Square Lake.</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS. 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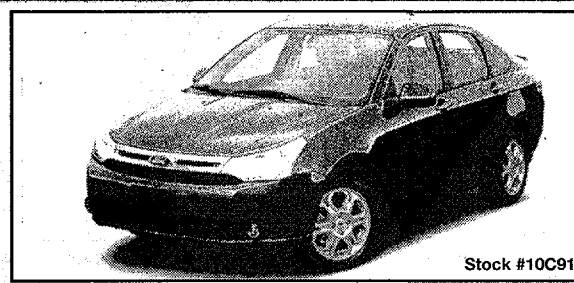
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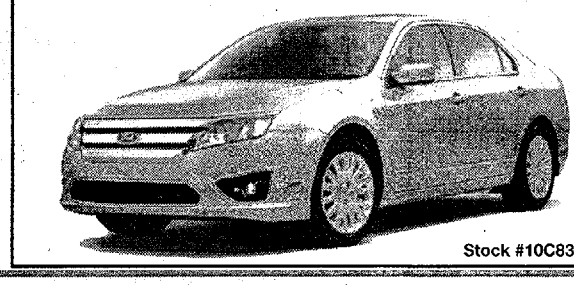
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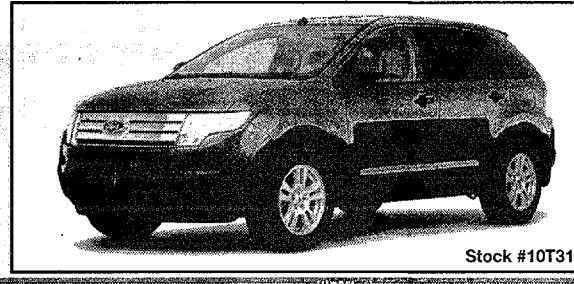
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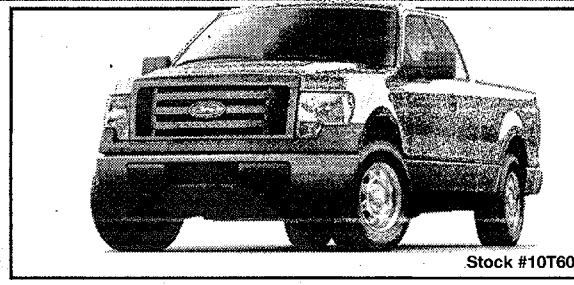
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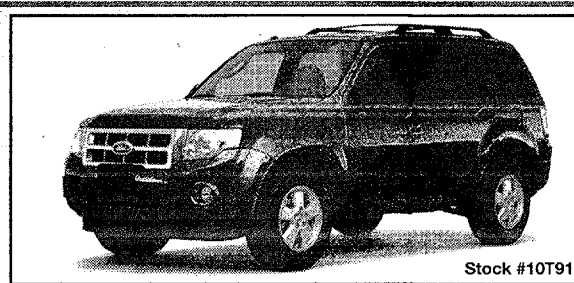
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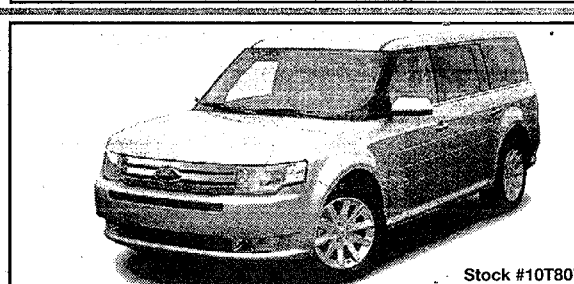
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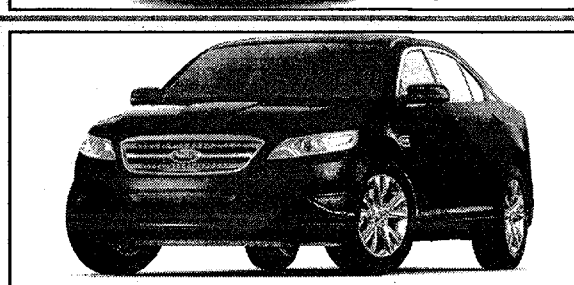
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