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New locations

Local families used to having to travel to downtown Detroit to deal with the Michigan Department of Human Services no longer have to go so far.

Wayne County's local district offices have been designated to handle issues facing Plymouth, Canton and Northville residents needing the department's services.

Residents in Plymouth, Northville and in the portion of Canton served by the 48187 zip code will now be able to get their Department of Human Services issues serviced at the district office located at 27260 Plymouth Road (on the northeast corner of Plymouth and Inkster roads) in Redford. Call (313) 937-4200 for details.

Details are available on the state's website at michigan.gov/dhs

Election forums

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County will provide an opportunity for voters to hear from candidates for elected offices in the local area prior to the Nov. 2 general election.

The league will sponsor a candidates' forum for the 11th District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, featuring incumbent Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia and Democratic challenger Natalie Mosher of Canton.

That forum takes place 8-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive in Livonia.

The LWV also hosts a candidates' forum for candidates in the 20th (Plymouth-Northville) and 21st (Canton) House Districts and the 7th (Plymouth-Canton-Northville and Downriver) state Senate district.

The Senate forum takes place from 7-8 p.m., with Republican Patrick Colbeck and Democrat Kathleen Law invited; the race also includes independents John Stewart and Michael Kheibari. There is no incumbent in that race.

The House forum takes place 8-9 p.m. Republican Kurt Heise and Democrat Joan Wadsworth face off in the race for that seat, being vacated by Democrat Marc Corriveau, who decided not to seek re-election.

The forums take place at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, on Cherry Hill near Denton, in Canton.

Flipping for kids

The Plymouth Area Kiwanis Club hosts its traditional all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast during next month's Plymouth Fall Festival. The breakfast is scheduled for 7 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 11, at The Gathering in downtown Plymouth.

Tickets are \$6 in advance and are \$7 on Saturday morning. Children under 5 years old eat free. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased from any Plymouth Kiwanis member, the Kiwanis Popcorn Wagon in Kellogg Park on Friday evening, the Charities Ticket Booth on Friday evening, Vanessa's Flowers on Ann Arbor Road and the Plymouth Chamber office.



Father and son John and Michael Danic are both proud of their classic rides.

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Biker brigade

For laid-back bikers in Plymouth, coffee is the hard stuff

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A motorcycle club in Plymouth? Burly guys with patch-filled leather vests and long beards who aren't shy about gunning their hares and advertising their dislike of helmet laws?

Not quite. In Plymouth's biker club, an informal group of motorcyclists who hang out downtown Monday evenings to swap stories and drink coffee, the tone is subdued and the atmosphere laid-back and welcoming — and the bikers are as likely to be riding Kawasakis as they are Harley-Davidsons.

"We just want to have coffee and be together," Greg Pappas of Plymouth, one of the group's longtime members, said on a recent Monday. "It's more about being together than anything else."

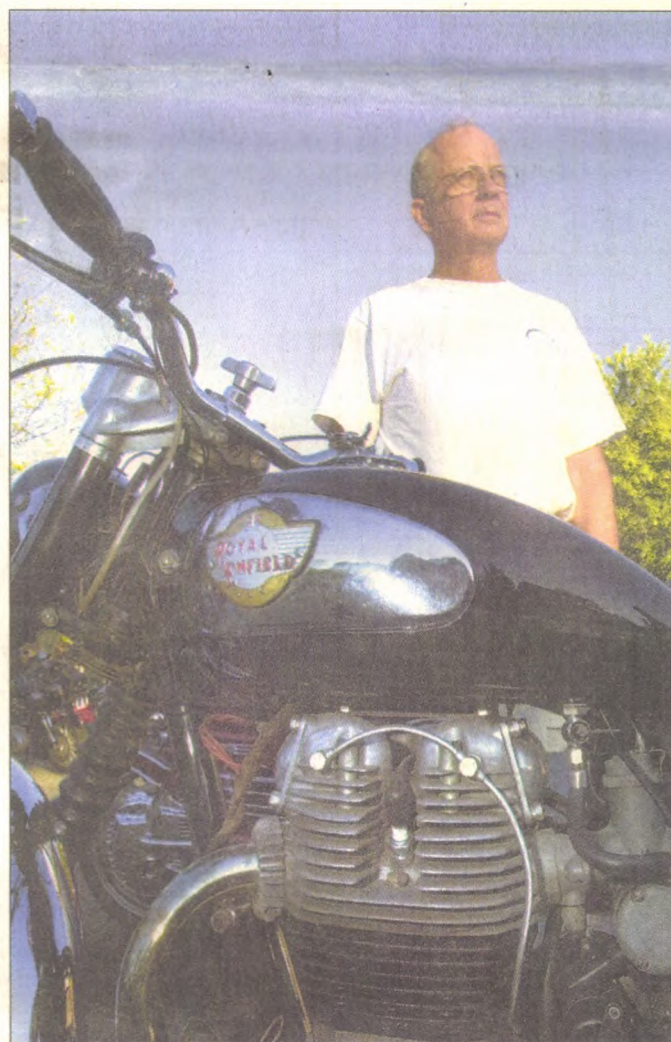
"Everybody's very friendly and very open," said David Kaftan of Ann Arbor. "Really, there're no bike snobs."

The unnamed club — the bikers don't want to make it formal enough to give it a name — gets together Monday evenings in the warmer months on Penniman, near Harvey, in front of the Plymouth Coffee Bean. Some park their bikes on the street, others in the lot of the vacant Dairy Mart on the corner.

The gatherings started about six years ago in front of another coffee shop, now closed, on Ann Arbor Trail. They moved to a diner in Canton Township, and that closed, too.

Then they found the Bean. "This just seemed to make sense," Pappas said, citing the casual atmosphere, the easy parking and the coffee shop's outdoor seating.

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Greg Pappas owns a 1965 Royal Enfield 750cc twin cylinder. A single cylinder Royal Enfield is still made in India.

District trims middle school sports hikes

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Parents with children getting set to play middle school sports are going to pay more money this year than they did last year for the privilege.

But not as much more as they'd originally thought.

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education Tuesday approved a reduction in the increase the district will levy for pay-to-participate programs for sports at the middle school level.

In figuring out the 2010-11 budget, administrators had recommended — and the board approved — raising the rate from \$75 for the first sport and \$75 for subsequent sports to \$125 and \$95, respectively.

"We were getting a little push-back about the increase, and we wondered if we weren't being a little aggressive," said Plymouth-Canton Supt. Craig Fiegel. "Considering the middle school (athletic program) is close to paying for itself, we'd like to take those (increases) back a little bit."

After reviewing the initial increase, administrators noted it represented a 67-percent hike for the first sport, and a 33-percent increase for subsequent sports. Even with the lower increase, Fiegel pointed out, the program is likely to gain some \$15,000 in revenue. In 2009-10, the program came within \$10,000 of the break-even point.

Board members were concerned lowering the increase would hurt the district's bottom line, pointing out it dropped expected revenue from a \$26,000 increase to just \$15,000.

"We didn't want it to be a profit center," said James Larson-Shidler, the district's assistant superintendent for business services. "We're looking at the (athletic) program as a whole. We don't think \$11,000 would impact the budget that much."

Trustee Adrienne Davis asked about the differences in the middle school and high school pay-to-participate fees. The high school increases are going to \$230 for the first sport, \$150 for the second (\$10 of which will go toward paying for athletic transportation costs).

However, while the middle school program comes close to paying for itself, Larson-Shidler pointed out, the high school program does not. The district, he said, supported high school co-curricular, including athletics, to the tune of \$1.4 million the last two years.

Cutting the middle-school increase back leaves the percentage of the increase on par with the high school sports, Larson-Shidler said. The high school percentages are 22 percent for the first sport, 40 percent for the second. A family with a two-sport student would see an increase of some 29 percent, Larson-Shidler said.

"I think it's appropriate the (middle school) increase would be in the same ballpark" as the high-school increase, said board Vice President Barry Simescu.

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Fire chief's wife denied surviving-spouse health insurance

BY MATT JACHMAN
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With some decrying the lack of a consistent policy, the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees on Tuesday voted down a measure that would have given the wife of Fire Chief Mark Wendel lifetime health-care benefits should he predecease her before he retires.

The vote was 2-5, with Clerk Joe Bridgman and Trustee Kay Arnold supporting the measure. Wendel, who married in April, had cited past precedent in asking for the benefit. The township has in the recent past given such a benefit to the wives of three department heads, including two fire chiefs, officials said.

"I would like to think my years of service

have some value," Wendel said at Tuesday's board meeting.

Wendel's wife, Susan, would be eligible for lifetime health insurance should he retire.

Those voting against the plan stressed they had nothing against the chief, but that they were reluctant to OK something, during an economic downturn, that could potentially cost the township in the future, and reluctant to continue the precedent set with the three other department heads. Supervisor Richard Reaume estimated the potential cost of the insurance as \$250,000 or more in present-day value.

"I don't think an ad-hoc policy is just a

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Humane Society benefits from second annual event

INSURANCE

FROM PAGE A1

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Canton could confidently claim its crown as canine capital. For one weekend, anyway.

Paws in the Park, an entertainment-packed event that drew 5,000 people and an estimated 3,500 dogs last August, returns from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday to Heritage Park, off Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer.

It's the pooch party of the year, smack dab in the dog days of summer.

Some dogs will parade around the park wearing their fanciest costumes or riding on parade floats, while others will move and groove to rock music or dash off a dock into a cool pool of water.

Still other dogs — and some felines, too — will look for a friendly face and a place to call home after they are brought to Paws in the Park by the Ann Arbor-based Huron Valley Humane Society and other local shelters.



Scout, a border collie, competed in the air dog competition at last year's inaugural Paws in the Park event. The event returns to Heritage Park in Canton Saturday and Sunday.

The event last year raised \$8,500 for HVHS and a Canton dog park that is expected to open next spring on Denton north of Cherry Hill.

"This year we'd love to double it," said Terri O'Brien, producer for the Street Marketing firm that is promoting Paws in the Park.

This year, all proceeds go to HVHS, which serves the Plymouth-Canton area and other communities.

Paws in the Park provides entertainment, adoptions, education, food, contests and shopping for pet owners and their pets.

Advance tickets are \$4 per person and may be bought through Friday at Pet Supplies Plus, 43665 Ford Road east of Sheldon. Tickets also may be purchased at the entrance for \$5, and children 10 and under get in free.

The event happens rain or shine, and dogs must be controlled on a leash by their owners.

Dog owners are encouraged to dress their pets in costumes and create floats for a one-mile Paw Walk set for 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday. Registration starts at 8 a.m., and a minimum \$15 donation is required.

Prizes will include a six-month supply of dog food from Canidae Pet Foods. Pet owners may preregister by logging on to www.pawsintheparkusa.com.

The first 500 people to sign up for Paw Walk will receive an official Paws in the Park bandana and one admission ticket to the main festival.

On-site adoptions will be offered, though Deb Kerr of HVHS said adopters are encouraged to bring along dogs they already have to make sure they'll get along with potential new family members.

"We like to do dog-to-dog

interaction," she said.

Paws in the Park promises hours of entertainment, including the Pawsitive Vybe Frisbee Team and a high-energy performance by Rock 'n' Roll K9s. Children are encouraged to join in the latter event.

Paws in the Park patrons also are urged to bring their furry friends to compete in the Ultimate Air Dog Competition. Dogs compete for distance by jumping off a dock into a pool in the event hosted by former Detroit Tigers pitcher Milt Wilcox.

Doggie Dash de Lure, a new event, will include a snow-fenced course where dogs can chase a fake squirrel over small jumps and through tunnels. Moreover, "fun runs" will be featured throughout the day Saturday and Sunday, and each day at 4 p.m. pooches will compete for prizes in fastest-dog contests.

Other events will include silly pet tricks, costume contests and dog/owner look-alike competitions. The Weiner Dog Race will feature canines resembling the shape of a frankfurter.

"Sometimes the dogs seem more interested in each other than in the race," O'Brien said.

For more information and for specific times of numerous events, visit www.pawsintheparkusa.com or look on Facebook.

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CORRECTION

Coverage of the Susan G. Komen 3-Day breast cancer walk mistakenly identified Plymouth City Commissioner Ed Hingelberg as the city's mayor pro tem. That title actually belongs to Mayor Pro Tem Michael Wright.

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is also the leader of the extraordinary gypsy jazz group, the Royal Garden Trio. Delaney is an established star and versatile musician. The Bluescasters perform regularly at concerts, festivals, and nightclubs in southeast Michigan. Read more: <http://www.myspace.com/detroitbluescasters#ixzz0wrioCk1N>



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BIKERS
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Unlike at some gatherings, the bikers here aren't looking to one-up each other, or to brag about their rides and tear others' down. There are a wide variety of bikes on display, and participants say they like the diversity.

"No attitudes," said Marcel Nistor of Redford Township, a laid-off automotive engineer who makes his own motorcycles, using parts from other bikes and fabricating some on his own. "No one's looking to raise troubles."

With every bike, there is a story. On this evening, Pappas was riding a 1965 Royal Enfield, a British-made motorcycle that once belonged to a high school friend.

He was riding the same bike

at Michigan State University in 1968 — he had loaned his car to a friend, and got the bike in return — when he met the woman who is now his wife, Gloria.

Years later, Gloria tracked down the bike — or rather, its parts. Pappas bought the parts and put them back together.

Richard Brown of Canton Township brought another British-made motorcycle, a BSA, or Birmingham Small Arms, a company that also once made the more famous Triumph motorcycle. He bought it new, from the Ann Arbor dealership where he worked at the time, after it caught his eye because the serial number and the model year — 1967 — were the same.

He likes the roar, and the torque, of the single-cylinder bike.

"When it was new there

wasn't much that could keep up with it from zero to 60," Brown said.

Brown has three other motorcycles, and said his decision to bring the BSA was "just a flip of the coin."

John Danic of Plymouth Township arrived on his 2003 Honda Shadow. He also has a 31-year-old Honda CB that he bought "as a piece of junk," took apart and put back together.

Danic has been into motorcycles for about three years. His son, Michael, took to them shortly before that; Michael Danic, who lives in Redford, brought his 1965 BMW on this particular evening.

His son's new hobby motivated his own interest, Danic said.

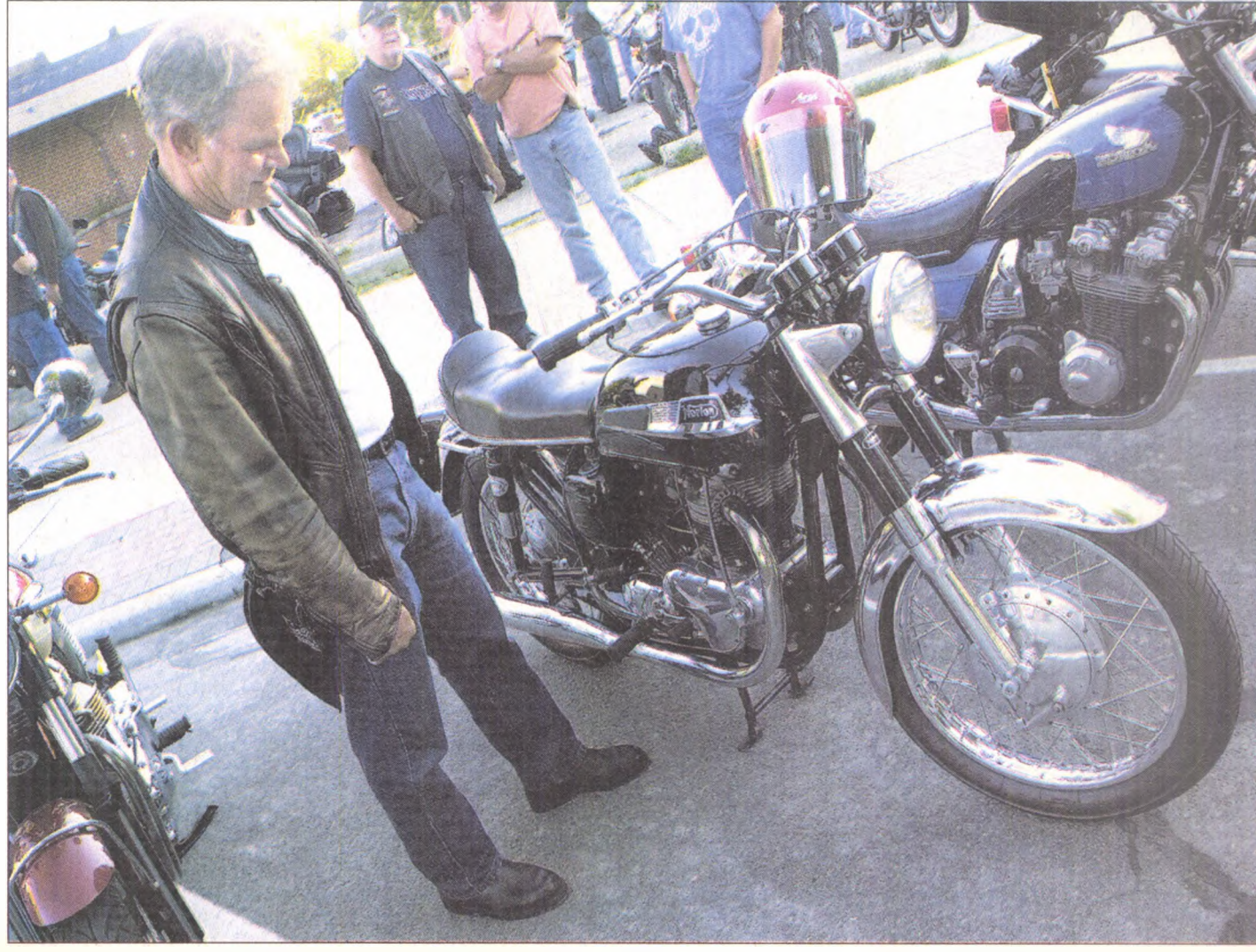
"Had to keep up with him," he said.



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The crowd and their bikes meet Monday evenings, on Penniman near Harvey.



Howard Rundell bought this 1967 Norton Atlas in 1971 while in the Navy.



Monica Gabry admires Ron Coffman's Harley Roadster. She considers this her dream bike and hopes to own one in the future.



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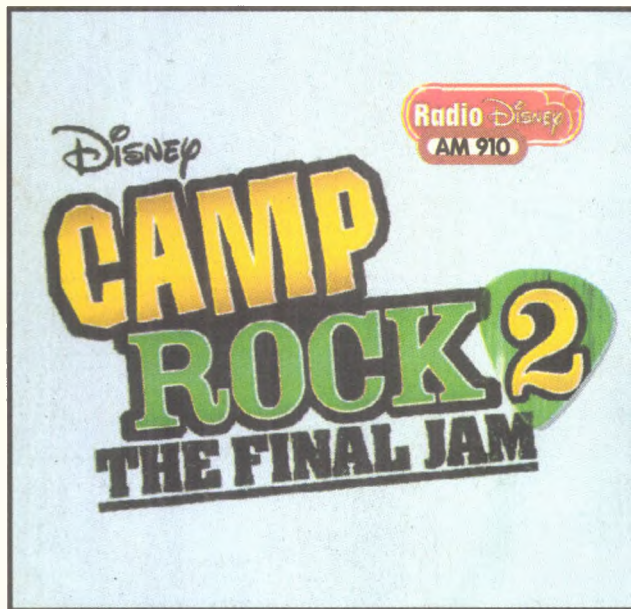
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GOP picnic

The Wayne 11th Republican Committee hosts a "Let's Fix Michigan Together" summer picnic 5:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, in Plymouth Township Park.

The picnic will feature state Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton), state Rep. John Walsh (R-Livonia) and Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox (R-Livonia).

Primary Republican candidates, November candidates and Republican elected officials are encouraged to attend, along with family members, friends and supporters. A \$10 donation is suggested per person. The park includes a sprayscape, a playscape and fishing. Hot dogs, chips and soft drinks will be served.

Plymouth Township Park is located on Ann Arbor Trail at McClumpha in Plymouth Township.

Couch to 5k

Anyone thinking about taking up running take note: There's a free beginners running group available in downtown Plymouth.

The group meets 8 a.m. Sundays starting Aug. 29 and will run until Oct. 3.

This free group class will start in front of Core Sport on Penniman every Sunday for six weeks. The group starts with a jog/walk interval training system designed by Couch to 5 K program. Many participants have successfully run a full 5k after this beginner program.

The run and run/walk averages about 30 minutes, and time is taken to guide the group through stretches.

For more information or to sign up e-mail pilatesteacher@hotmail.com or call (734) 459-1547.

Fall Fest crafts

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for the Craft Show, which takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 10-12.

The show will be on Union Street north of Ann Arbor Trail; 10-foot-by-10-foot spaces will cost \$75 per day or \$200 for the weekend. The jewelry vendor application deadline has passed. All other vendors are awarded spots on a first come-basis.

Applications can be downloaded at www.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more information call or e-mail Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614 or cbrown57@comcast.net.



Wish you were here!

The Nimmerguths of Plymouth took their local Plymouth Observer to the Gaylord City Elk Park while visiting their friends, Deb Muncey Vigliotti and Tony Vigliotti, at their cottage on Big Lake in Gaylord Michigan. Here's how the Nimmerguths tell the story: "The City of Gaylord maintains an elk herd and provides viewing areas for the public to stop and watch the impressive herd. Under the city's care, the roughly 70 elk can be viewed from near the Elk's Lodge located off Grandview at Elk View Park. The elk are tagged and so tame that they will eat from your hands (but watch your fingers). The herd is contained on 108 acres. City staff feed the animals corn, hay and sugar beets, plus vitamins. The herd started with 3 elk 14 years ago, when a local nature center closed. Currently a few of the bulls weigh well over 800 pounds and stand roughly 6 feet tall, which is quite impressive. The bulls will don their massive horns during the fall and winter, dropping them in the spring. We have been friends with Deb Muncey Vigliotti and Tony Vigliotti for over 20 years and our children grew up together while living in Plymouth Township in the Ridgewood Hills Subdivision."

Mom 2 Mom

The Plymouth Canton Mothers of Multiples host their semi-annual Mom-to-Mom sale 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 25, at West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail (at Sheldon) in Plymouth.

The event features department-style shopping (grouped by boy or girl, then by size), fall and winter boys and girls clothing (newborn to size 10), sets for twins and triplets and multiples items, clothes, toys, baby gear, strollers, maternity clothes

and a bake sale.

Admission is \$1, cash only, all sales final (no strollers before 10 a.m.). For more information e-mail pcmom@hotmail.com.

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run of Greater Detroit, an affiliate program of the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit, uses running to educate and prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living.

Registration for Plymouth-Canton, Northville, and Garden City schools will

open Saturday, Aug. 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Plymouth Family YMCA, 248 S. Union Street. Up to 15 girls will be accepted per team on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parents or guardians must be present in-person, may only register their own daughter(s), and should bring a form of payment.

Registration and health history forms will be available at the Plymouth YMCA beginning the morning of Aug. 28. Additional registrations after Aug. 28 will be accepted in person, by fax, or by mail at the Plymouth YMCA. Registrations will not be accepted at schools or by coaches. Financial assistance helps ensure that everyone belongs at the YMCA.

Visit the YMCA website at www.ymcadetroit.org for more information regarding the program. Contact Ashleigh Shiffler at (734) 453-2904 or ashiffler@ymcametrodetroit.org with any questions.

Book signings

Award-winning author and photographer Cheryl Vatcher-Martin will autograph copies of her books at the Westland Borders Express, Sunday, Aug. 28, from 1-3 p.m.

Her favorite book store, this Borders Express in Westland carries copies of "Haiku For You With Some One Room School House History," "The Cornstalks Are Whispering," "Cheryl's Musings: A Day In The Life Of An Award Winning Poet & Photographer," and her first book published, "Woman Reclining."

Martin will also be appearing at the Novi Borders Express 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, and at the Canton Borders 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. She can be reached via e-mail at peroinc5@comcast.net

Montessori openings

Plymouth-Canton Montessori School is continuing fall enrollment throughout August. Preschool, kindergarten and extended day kindergarten programs are available for children between the ages of 3-6 years old. The school is located at 45245 Joy Road in Canton, and fall classes are scheduled to begin Wednesday, Sept. 8.

In addition to its preschool and kindergarten programs, PCMS provides before and after school day care, and a summer program that includes lots of arts and crafts, in-house presenters, science experiments, dramatic play, cooking, picnics, outdoor time, music, stories and games.

For enrollment information or to schedule a school tour, call (734) 459-1550 or visit www.pcmontessori.org.

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Fall Fest cars

The Plymouth Fall Festival car show will feature antique and classic cars from 1980 and older Sept. 11-12, with a Cruz Night Sept. 10, in downtown Plymouth.

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New Morning openings

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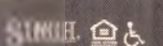
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Blitz targets families needing school supplies

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Some 300 families are registered and more are waiting now that the Plymouth Salvation Army has conducted its Back to School Blitz to support families in need of help getting school supplies for their school-age children.

The blitz took place Friday at the Salvation Army headquarters on Main Street just south of Ann Arbor Road, and a variety of volunteers were on hand to help. The annual event was broadcast for the first time on WSDP 88.1-FM, the student-run radio station serving the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Donations poured in from community groups, businesses and individuals. The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth donated \$750, while the Wilcox Foundation chipped in a check for \$1,000.

Youngsters in the Salvation Army's Day Camp collected returnable pop cans and pennies and came up with a \$217.41 donation.

"It was a good day all the way around," said Laurie Aren, the Salvation Army's director of Family and Community Ministries. "We had plenty of volunteers, the radio station was here and the community support was great, as it always is. These supplies will help set the tone for what we hope will be a fantastic school year for all of the kids in our community."

Volunteers from Girl Scout Troop 199 at Hoben Elementary School in Canton were also on hand, spending several hours sorting dona-



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Angela Moser, Rachael Macionis and Madelyn Macionis stand at the corner of Main Street and Ann Arbor Road advertising for donations of school supplies to the Salvation Army's Back To School program.

tions, unloading cars, putting together boxes and even drumming up business with signs at the intersection.

"Those girls — and a few brothers who came along — were a tremendous help," Aren said. "They've got such enthusiasm and a desire to help people."

While there are already 300 children on the list, with more waiting, Aren said the Salvation Army typically gets calls from school officials into the school year, asking for help. It's a partnership of which school officials are glad to be a part.

"We have a great working

relationship with the Salvation Army," said Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations. "They do a lot of good work there."

The Plymouth Salvation Army is still taking donations (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday), and of course monetary donations are always welcome.

While the application deadline has passed for assistance, Aren said anyone who needs the help can always call. She can be reached at the Plymouth Salvation Army by calling (734) 453-5464.

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Girl Scouts from Troop 199 at Hoben Elementary and Boy Scouts from Troop 781 at Our Lady Of Good Counsel volunteered to carry and sort donations. Participating scouts include: Rachael Macionis, Madelyn Macionis, Nick Macionis, Jennifer Koco, Allison Mattson and Alex Mattson.

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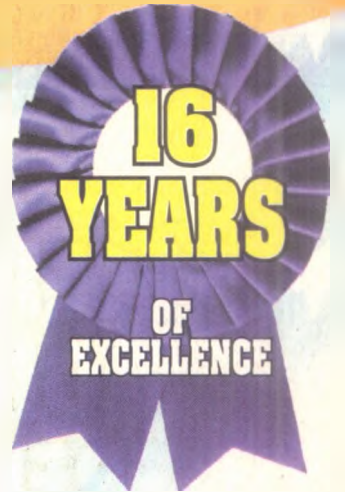


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Tax planning isn't one size fits all

It's not too early to start thinking about end of the year tax planning. Here are a few issues to consider implementing.

Remember, with any planning the key is to determine how it fits your individual situation. What's good for your neighbor may not be good for you. Don't do what everyone else is doing. Do what makes sense for you.

In addition if you can't (or won't) do it on your own, don't be afraid to consult a professional.

An issue that received lots of publicity at the beginning of this year was Roth IRA conversions. Although, Roth IRA conver-

sions have been with us for many years, the rules changed this year which made these conversions available to virtually anyone.

In the past, in order to perform a Roth IRA conversion one's adjusted gross income had to be less than \$100,000. That rule is no longer in effect. The other change with Roth IRAs deals with how the income tax liability generated by the conversion is paid. In the past, the year of converted was the year the tax liability was due. That is not the case this year. Although you can choose to pay the tax liability in 2010, there is an option this year (and this year only) to spread payment over 2011 and 2012.

These changes are significant and the results should be that more investors utilize Roth IRA conversions. The key benefit of a Roth conversion is that you're turning tax-deferred money into

tax-free money. Money accumulated within a Roth IRA can be withdrawn income tax-free. That is not the case with traditional IRAs.

In order to take advantage of the 2011 and 2012 tax deferrals, the transaction must be completed before the end of the year. Because many IRA custodians get busy near the end of the year you don't want to wait until the last minute to complete the transaction. Now is the time to determine whether a Roth IRA conversion makes sense and if it does there's plenty of time to perform the transaction.

Another year end move to consider deals with charitable contributions. Those over age 70½ are required to take minimum distributions. Consider donating the money to charity instead of taking the distribution. The key is you must have the money directly transferred from the retirement account to the charity.

This transaction must be completed prior to the end of the year. For individuals who do make charitable contributions, who are over 70½ and particularly for those who do not itemize their deductions, this is a great opportunity. The benefit is you don't have to pay taxes on your required minimum distribution. Donating the money directly to a charity avoids taxation.

The caveat here is this provision is not yet law. It is *expected* to be passed. Therefore, those who may be able to take advantage of this might want to hold off making charitable contributions until later in the year.

And finally there is some traditional year-end tax planning. For people who itemize, it may make sense to accelerate certain deductions into this year such as charitable contributions, state and local taxes and possibly medical expenses. On the other hand, for someone taking the standard deduction in 2010, it may make sense to defer into next year some of these same expenses.

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Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Benefit to remember woman killed in crash

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On the same day Robert Bojaj of Farmington faces a judge for his preliminary examination on second-degree murder charges, friends, family and loved ones of the woman he's accused of killing in a traffic accident will be gathering to remember her Friday.

Friends of Shelby Gunn, the 25-year-old Westland woman who died in the crash on I-275 in Canton Township Aug. 15, will gather 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday at the Crow's Nest to remember her life and raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"She was a friend of mine, and a friend of my family," said Marlene Pilotto, a Crow's Nest employee who is helping organize the benefit. "Any money raised will be going to Make-A-Wish Foundation because Shelby loved children."

Red Tape Riot will be the featured act (starting at 10 p.m.). There's a \$5 cover charge at the door, a 50/50 raffle and T-shirts for sale. Organizers will donate 10 percent of sales to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Gunn died in the accident, which happened on Northbound I-275 near Kopperrick around 1:40 p.m. on Aug. 15. Michigan State Police

said they have a witness who reported a vehicle passed him at a high rate of speed before the accident. A blood-alcohol test was administered to Bojaj.

In addition to the second-degree murder charge, Robert Bojaj was charged in 35th District Court with manslaughter with a motor vehicle, operating under the influence of liquor causing death and driving with a suspended license causing death, all 15-year felonies. The second-degree murder charge carries a sentence of up to life in prison, if convicted.

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Contestants to vie for Miss Wayne County title

Thirteen contestants are slated to compete in the 20th annual Miss Wayne County Scholarship Program which will be held on Saturday, Sept. 11 at Livonia Churchill High School.

Contestants will compete in five phases of competition at the competition, including private interview, on-stage question, physical fitness in swimsuit, talent, and evening gown.

During the competition, each contestant will also discuss her chosen platform, a social or community issue of concern to herself and our society at large.

The winner of the Miss Wayne County Competition will be awarded \$500 in scholarship funds for her college or graduate school education. Other cash scholarships will be awarded to preliminary competition winners, runners-up and special award winners, such as overall talent, overall physical fitness in swimsuit and community service.

During her year of service, Miss Wayne County will travel across the state, speak to government officials, business leaders, community groups and all types of citizens about her platform



Here are the contestants for the 20th annual Miss Wayne County Scholarship Pageant which will be held Saturday, Sept. 11 at Livonia Churchill High School. Back row from left: Christina Besh of Canton, Rachel Manna of Farmington Hills, Jasmine Jones of Detroit, Gabrielle Boyer of Belleville, Brittany Andrews of Livonia, Elyse Losen of Belleville, Da'Stanza Murphy of Taylor. Front row from left: Erin Hall of Dearborn, Christina Stachel of Clawson, Nicole Johnson of Detroit, Miss Wayne County 2009 Anjelica Francisco of Cassopolis, Teresha Hendricks of Westland, Lauren Allen of Inkster.

issue and encouraging them to become involved in her cause. She will also be eligible to compete for the Miss Michigan title in Muskegon in June.

The pageant will begin at

4:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

For more information about the Miss Wayne County Pageant, contact Sheila Sigro at (734) 367-0560 or visit www.misswaynecounty.org.

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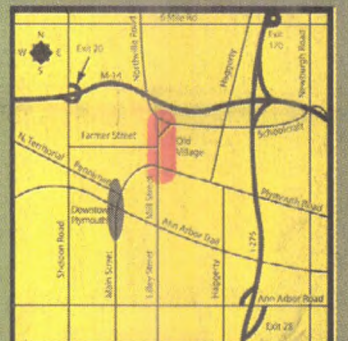
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Small-screen success

Local kids debut on new children's show

BY MAGGIE WUNDERLICH
CORRESPONDENT

Lights. Camera. Action! Six Canton kids will make television debuts on *Aunt Molly & Friends*, a new children's television show coming to Channel TV-20 Detroit. "I'm so excited and happy," said 9-year-old Apala Vaishnav, whose sentiment was echoed by the other children, who were selected to teach foreign languages and share their cultures.

Each half-hour episode will be filmed at the Oakland Mall studio (Troy) in front of an audience comprised of children from metro Detroit communities. The first show will be filmed on the set in September and children ages 6 to 10 are invited to be part of the studio audience.

Aunt Molly & Friends was created by Emmy Award-winning executive producer Christopher Ewing.

"A show like this is essential because this is how children's programming began — where mom and dad can take the kids down to the local TV studio to be part of the audience and they can see themselves on a weekly TV show," Ewing said.

Similar to Captain Kangaroo and Bozo the Clown, the audience will play games, sing songs and meet special guests. Also, interactive videos will include behind-the-scenes footage at The Detroit Zoo, Detroit Institute of Arts, Sander's Candy Factory, Better Made Potato Chip factory, Pewabic Pottery, Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village and more.

Ewing's vision is "to bring back awesome children's programming that existed 20 and 30 and 40 years ago when it was a happier time for everyone, especially kids and television." He said today's children's



Aunt Molly & Friends Executive producer Christopher Ewing (back) poses with local cast members (from left) Apala Vaishnav, Saatvik Vaishnav, Juan Oh, Ran Omori and Aoi Omori (in traditional native dress).



Tala Hussini in front of the green screen before appearing on the TV-20 children's show, "Aunt Molly and Friends."

programming is often violent. Some, he said, are passed off as educational when they're not.

During filming, Apala Vaishnav, along with 6-year-old brother, Saatvik, taught Hindi, one of the languages spoken by their family from Gujarat, India. Saatvik was all smiles and said, "It's exciting." The brother and sister stood proud in their colorful native clothing and spoke about their traditions.

Other excited siblings were 8-year-old Ran and 10-year-old Aoi Omori, who taught Japanese. The sisters wore tra-

ditional Japanese kimonos and shared fun games and customs from their native home near Yokohama, Japan.

Also dressed in bright traditional clothing was 7-year-old Juan Oh, who was thrilled to teach Korean. Juan and her family moved here a few months ago from Suwon, Korea.

"It feels good to have a chance to be on TV and it's fun," said 10-year-old Tala Hussini, who taught Arabic. Her face lit up as she shared the customs from Damascus, Syria.

The *Aunt Molly & Friends* cast consists of Kaitlin Steer of Chicago (Aunt Molly), Lauren Beras of Plymouth (Lulu) and Brad Lowe of Clarkston (Rusty). The show will also feature Mr. Mulligan & Toby, humorous animated cartoons by Charles Goll.

Lowe is an award-winning puppeteer in television, film and theatre for over 30 years and will perform Rusty, Aunt Molly's shaggy dog.

"This show will provide an entertaining and educational experience that will spark the imagination of any child who has ever wanted a closer look, a question answered or a dream inspired," Lowe said.

For invitations to be part of the audience and to meet the cast, join Aunt Molly & Friends Fan Club at www.auntmollyandfriends.com.

Aunt Molly & Friends is a production of Hang on to the Dream Foundation, a non-profit organization that helps kids reach their goals by supplying them with needed equipment, opportunities or finances. For donations go to www.hangontothedream.com.

Foundation helps youngsters hang on to dreams

BY ALLIE GOODRICH
CORRESPONDENT

Children throughout America have been given the chance to pursue and achieve their dreams, within the struggling economy, thanks to the Hang on to the Dream Foundation.

"Dreams should be free," according to Christopher Ewing, Emmy Award-winning TV host and the non-profit organization's founder and president.

Ewing created this foundation in 2005 after writing a song titled "Hang on to the Dream" that correlated with an idea for a children's TV show in search of a way to give ordinary kids extraordinary opportunities.

"I created this song that dealt with encouraging someone to hang on to the dream," Ewing said. "I think that the whole premise behind the lyrics of the song was not giving up on the dream of becoming successful in whatever."

The kids who benefit from this foundation are the victims of the current economic exertion, according to Ewing. "Hang on to the Dream" works to provide these kids with the money and the tools they need to continue believing in their dreams, whether it be ongoing dance lessons or \$1,000 worth of art supplies, he said.

There is an application process for kids wanting to hang on to the dream, but Ewing said, "Either I find them, they find me, or we find each other."

"Basically, my staff and I go all around the country and look for really cool kids who do really cool stuff, and give them really cool stuff," Ewing said. "To me, I just see somebody with a dream and want to help hook 'em up."

The stories range widely from giving a young boy sky diving lessons to finding a voice-activated laptop for a girl who lost both arms, yet still managed to become a certified lifeguard.

Apart from the team traveling the nation presenting kids with these remarkable gifts, there is also a sponsorship program, which allows businesses and families to sponsor and help in the birth of these kids' dreams.

In addition to the sponsors, high school chapters were developed for the foundation. Mentors from "Hang on to the Dream" are sent to those schools to help the high school branches with fund-raising. Not only does this help raise funds and awareness for the foundation itself, at the end of every year 50 percent of the groups' earnings are split between the seniors of the club to help them achieve their dreams after high school.

According to Ewing, the foundation believes in the fact that life comes around full circle, in the sense the whole world can benefit from making one child's dream come true. Ewing said there could be a child out there right now whose dream is to go explore space or even cure cancer.

"Some kids don't think they're that special and they'll wilt," Ewing said. "Their dream will die on the vine, and not only will their dream not be realized, but the product of their dream won't be realized, and it sort of hurts everybody."

"Hang on to the Dream" has attracted many TV stations with its ability to change the lives of kids throughout the country. Interested stations are able to go to www.hangontothedream.com, as can interested sponsors, high schools or donors.

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OUR VIEWS



Among dignitaries manning the shovels for First Step's ground breaking ceremony were First Step's executive director Judy Ellis (right) and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano (second from right). Also helping were Loren and David Treadwell who chaired the Capital Campaign, Karen Colina Wilson, and Jennifer Hartke.

Take a stand Support the mission, work of First Step

On Sept. 27, 2009, 28-year-old Sarah Williams was brutally beaten and killed by her husband, George, in the parking lot of Chatters Bar and Grill in Westland. The autopsy report showed that she had injuries from head to toe, including a shattered eye socket, a skull fracture and a liver so damaged it was in pieces.

Nearly three out of four (74 percent) of Americans personally know someone who is or has been a victim of domestic violence, and studies suggest that between 3.3 and 10 million children witness some form of domestic violence annually.

George Williams pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and is now serving a sentence of 20-50 years in prison. At his sentencing, Westland Police Chief Alan Ramsden, Sarah Williams' uncle, told the judge, "These injuries didn't happen instantly. This was a brutally violent murder ..."

Domestic violence isn't pretty. It can be as small as a bruise or a black eye, but in many instances it is violent and deadly. The statistics are alarming at best. Nationally, one in four women has experienced domestic violence in her lifetime, and more than three women and one man are murdered by their intimate

partners in this country every day.

Nearly three out of four (74 percent) of Americans personally know someone who is or has been a victim of domestic violence, and studies suggest that between 3.3 and 10 million children witness some form of domestic violence annually.

For more than 30 years, First Step: Western and Downriver Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence has been working with the victims of domestic violence, providing them with shelter, advocacy, counseling and help in starting a new life. It has been a labor of love for the volunteers who got it started in 1978 and it remains as such today. The breaking of ground for new emergency housing earlier this month is a milestone that those individuals dreamed of so many years ago.

More than 83 percent of its budget is spent on domestic violence programming. First Step would not be able to provide services to the victims without the support of people who believe in its mission to reduce the incidence of domestic and sexual violence and to provide services to individuals affected by these crimes.

Donations, fund raising and in-kind services augment the funding First Step receives from the state and federal governments, United Way and foundations. It is a testimony to the organization and its supporters that in these difficult economic times, it has been able to maintain services and raise money to begin building a new shelter.

First Step wasn't able to prevent what happened to Sarah Williams and what is happening to others day in and day out. But for those who do make it to the agency, it is a safe harbor. We are thrilled to see First Step take on this undertaking even though it still need \$1 million to complete it. Just as the victims who come to the agency for help, First Step has put its trust in strangers to help complete the project.

We will never be able to eliminate domestic violence or sexual assault from our society, but we can be a part of helping those who have experienced it. They need to know that they do not have to endure the abuse, that there is something better.

We urge readers to help First Step reach its goal. From those who have been touched by domestic violence, whether a victim or someone who knows someone who's been victimized, a donation, no matter how small or how large, is all it takes.

Sarah Williams did not deserve to die like she did. She did not deserve the beating she endured. We as a society need to let those who would perpetrate such violence know that it will not be tolerated and that there is no excuse for such behavior.

Be a part of the solution by stepping up to help First Step.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Is the summer going by too fast for you?

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



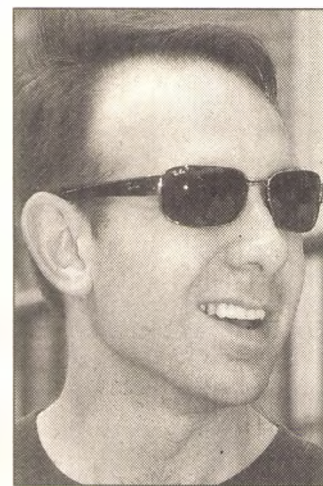
"I wish it was over, because the weather's just been terrible. ... The humidity, it's just been awful."

Gerri Kilsdonk
Plymouth



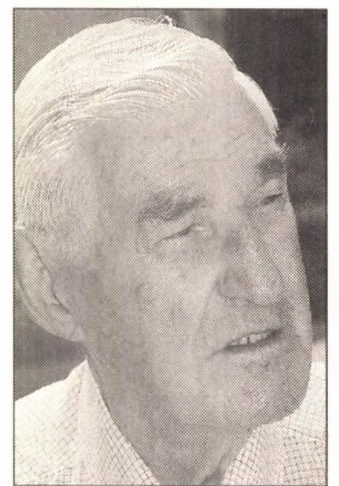
"I've been saying that to everyone. ... Now that I have little kids, time seems so much faster."

Cassie Hull
Westland



"Way too fast. We've been busy. We've been out hitting the parks."

Dan Maletta
Plymouth Township



"Oh, yeah. I haven't been anyplace traveling. ... I plan on traveling."

Cornelius Van Boven
Canton Township

LETTERS

3-Day thanks

I walked in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk for the Cure and wanted to express my thanks for all the supporters who showed up in downtown Plymouth on Saturday, Aug. 14.

Words can't express how much it means to all of the walkers who have been walking in very hot and humid weather. The freezer pops, bags of ice and water were terrific, but most of all, the cheers from friends, family and strangers will never be forgotten.

There were many cheering stations during the three days, but Plymouth shone the brightest - the band, decorating, etc. This was my first time walking and the supporters all along the walk made it so worth it. Plus, at the closing ceremony, we found out we raised \$5,400,000 which is terrific, especially in these tough times. Thank you, Plymouth, for all you did!!

Tierie Kelly
Team NNN
Canton

Edwards must go

Ron Edwards needs to be removed from office now.

I am absolutely appalled to see the name of Plymouth Township dragged through the mud on the evening news - all caused by Ron Edwards. I have not heard one good thing about Mr. Edwards ever since he was somehow elected to public office. I have, however, heard several complaints about his personal and professional conduct and his ability to do the job - complaints from both employees of Plymouth Township and from the citizens who have had to deal with Mr. Edwards.

This latest event is "The Last Straw." Ron Edwards should be embarrassed enough to resign and should really understand the implications of his behavior. But, I fear that his personal arrogance will blind him to the truth. He absolutely needs to do the right thing and resign from office. If Ron Edwards fails to do this, then I call upon the Board of Trustees, the township officers, and the citizens of Plymouth Township to take the necessary actions to remove him from office.

Enough is enough! We need leadership in this township that has both professional capability and personal integrity to serve the citizens.

Donald B. Bain Jr.
Plymouth

Don't answer 'pirate' calls

Are your daily activities repeatedly interrupted by phone calls that, when you finally get to the phone and pick up the receiver, you get either silence, which one may perceive as a rude waste of time or even a threat, or you get asked for money, probably by your credit card number?

We call them "pirate calls," because they fly under the false flag of "no name received" or "private caller" on the caller ID.

They are anything but private. If asked, the caller may cheerfully explain that it is just a call center "identification." Maybe. Even if they give you a number to call back, you can't really know whether it is a scam center, a so-called "boiler room." Therefore, we have adopted a policy of

never responding with money or credit card number and rarely even picking up the phone for any non-identifying ID calls.

In the first half of August, we received 23 "pirate" calls, 14 of them "private" and nine "Michigan" or "Massachusetts" or some other non-identifying ID. During the same period, we received only five honestly identified legitimate calls. With 82 percent of calls being "pirate," please excuse us if we don't run to the phone and answer you. Just leave a message on the answering machine, and we can call you back. Don't expect our politicians to remedy the abuse of caller ID; they are among the "pirates."

Bent and Renee Boving
Northville

Health care in America

There are people who say "it won't kill me." They put up with bunions, cataracts, hearing loss, etc. These people are Americans who have no health insurance. They put up with the pain and discomfort. They would get it fixed, but money is short. They save money to keep the car running. They pay their bills, and they know what they have won't kill them.

There are other people - like the woman who found a lump in her breast, or the man who quit smoking five years ago and now has a cough he can't get rid of, or the people whose feet swell up when they stand too long and they know their heart isn't working just right. They have no health insurance, and what if they get that first test and it's bad? Better not to know, so they just worry and pray.

Then there are fund-raisers! "Humpty Dumpty fell off the wall, so come eat pizza and they'll give 10 percent of your bill to help put Humpty Dumpty back together again. Come eat pizza and help!"

But the worst is the jar on the counter at party stores, restaurants, etc. with a picture of a child, young mother or father, and a young note that says, "Please help ..." You know the rest of the note.

Health care in America. It won't kill me! Please, God - not cancer! Fund-raiser, 10 percent will help. Help fill this jar. Only in America!

Mary Kiann
Northville

Support Right To Repair bill

The Automotive Recyclers Association strongly urges Congress to pass the Motor Vehicle Owners' Right To Repair Act (S 3181/HR 2057) to ensure that the automotive repair industry remains competitive so that vehicle owners can afford and conveniently have their vehicles serviced.

Car owners and independent shops need full access to the information, parts and tools necessary to accurately diagnose, repair or reprogram today's modern vehicles, yet vehicle manufacturers are making access to such vital information increasingly difficult and costly to obtain for independent repair shops and their customers. Without access to critical safety and repair information, motorists will be forced to patronize new car dealerships which may not be convenient or easily accessible to a car owner.

The Right To Repair Act will allow independent repair facilities and automobile recyclers

to compete on a level playing field and foster healthy, fair competition. Now, our members are forced to turn customers away everyday who want to use affordable recycled auto parts because it has become increasingly difficult to obtain the information needed to reinitialize the car's computer from the vehicle manufacturers. Contrary to their claims, Right To Repair would not require disclosure of the manufacturers' processes and trade secrets, and would not affect the dealer's warranty agreement. The Right To Repair Act has bipartisan support in both chambers of Congress. Please send a letter urging your members of Congress to support the Right to Repair Act by visiting www.righttorepair.org.

Michael E. Wilson
CEO
Automotive Recyclers Association

Oil spill a disaster

The BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico was a disastrous event that has had many consequences. This leak into the Gulf is not only affecting the landscape around it but also is having a negative effect on the natural inhabitants of the waters and land in the surrounding area.

The animals that live there - turtles, whales, dolphins, many different types of birds and the hundreds of species of fish - are all in a life-threatening situation. Their homes are being destroyed and they can no longer feed in the oil-infested water. The birds get their feathers covered in the oil. The oil stops them from being able to fly and often drowns them.

The oil also will suffocate the fish and mammals that live underwater. The deaths of all these will affect the ecosystem of this area for years to come.

Some species may even be facing extinction. These animals are helpless and the only thing that can help them is us.

There is someone who does not think that we should help these poor animals. German biologist Silvia Gaus thinks that we should be humanely disposing of the animals that have been exposed to the oil instead of cleaning them off and releasing them in clean areas.

He believes it is not worth saving the animals that have been harmed by the oil. His argument is that not a high enough percentage of animals that are surviving after being cleaned warrant cleaning all the animals.

I believe that each life that can be saved should be saved. These animals are an important part of the ecosystem and the loss of them is extremely harmful.

The percentage may not seem like many but when it is taken into account how many animals are dying, the percentage actually represents a very large number.

It is a cruel thing to think to just kill all of the animals because someone does not believe they are worth of saving. Even though only a small percentage of the animals are going to make it, we should do all that we can to help because it is the humans' fault that the oil is destroying their home in the first place.

Sarah Diven
South Lyon

Tour provides closer look at Prohibition

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When the Volstead Act banning the sale and manufacture of alcoholic beverages took effect in January 1920, Detroit's proximity to Canada spurred a new profitable, if illegal, industry.

By 1929, the illegal smuggling of alcohol from Canada was a \$215 million business in Detroit, second only to the automobile industry.

"About 75-80 percent of the liquor that came into the country came through from Wyandotte to Anchor Bay," said Stewart McMillin, who is hosting the Canada Prohibition Tour Saturday, Aug. 28. "We'll see where the old speakeasies used to be in Canada."

The 28 miles of shoreline provided plenty of boat houses and coves for smugglers

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STEWART MCMILLIN, *Canada Prohibition Tour host*

who used boats during warm weather and cars when the river was frozen.

Open to the public, the tour leaves from Westland's Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, south of Ford. The tour, by bus, leaves at 9:30 a.m. and returns at 8:30 p.m. The \$60 per person cost includes transportation, lunch and a \$10 voucher for dinner during a stop at Windsor's Caesar's Casino — gambling is optional.

The tour is entirely in Canada including going through Sandwich and Walkerville, both now part of Windsor and LaSalle.

"The old village of Sandwich was there before Windsor. It was where the British soldiers went when they left Detroit," said McMillin. "LaSalle is across the river from Ecorse and Wyandotte."

Lunch will be at the Victoria Tavern where Chris Edwards, a longtime Windsor tour guide and author, will present a PowerPoint presentation on Prohibition. At the next stop, the tour will visit Abars Tavern in Riverside, now part of Windsor, for a presentation by Marty Gervais on his most recent book about prohibition.

McMillin notes Abars is located right on the Detroit River and offers a good view of Belle Isle from the Canadian side.

"We expect to have a lady who is 101 years old who used to write for the old *Detroit Times*. She'd smuggle liquor in a belt around her waist," said McMillin. "People showed a lot of ingenuity in smuggling liquor."

On the round trip, the tour will use the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel and the Ambassador Bridge, both constructed during Prohibition.

It's required that all tour participants have a valid passport or an enhanced driver's license to present at the border.

Call Stewart McMillin for more details at (313) 922-1990 or (734) 765-5281.

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Firefighters hope to fill 'Boot' for MDA

Plymouth firefighters will be out this weekend as a part of the Muscular Dystrophy Association's annual "Fill the Boot" campaign.

Proceeds from the drive, which will run noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, in front of the Plymouth Kroger (Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon) and Busch's (5 Mile and Sheldon), will go to Jerry's Kids. In 2008 the Plymouth Fire Department raised \$1,081 during their campaign. They hope to surpass that number this year.

During this year's two-day event the Plymouth firefighters will be asking for donations from citizens who stop by participating retail

locations in an effort to "Fill the Boot Until There's a Cure."

For more information please contact Kristina Briones, fund-raising coordinator for the MDA at (734) 416-7076 or Plymouth Local #1496 Fire Fighter Terence W. Harned at (734) 453-3298.

MDA is a non-profit health agency dedicated to curing muscular dystrophy, ALS and related diseases by funding worldwide research. The Association also provides comprehensive health care and support services, advocacy and education. To learn more about the Muscular Dystrophy Association, visit www.mda.org

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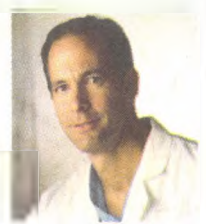
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2010 FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Wildcats eager to pounce

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mike Sawchuk knows whether his Plymouth football team wins or loses comes down to doing the job at the line of scrimmage.

That's because, from Victor Hicks to Kyle Brindza to Jerel Jenkins and others, there is plenty of skill throughout the Wildcats roster as the 2010 season opener (7 p.m. Friday against Salem) draws ever closer.

"The skill kids aren't the question," Sawchuk said. "It's can we block and tackle people."

"But I tell you what, the good thing about this group of kids is they want to work. They're not afraid to work at all."

Junior Tyler Goble (6-1, 220) is the lone returning starting lineman from 2009's 6-4 season. Vying to join him are Mark Wallath, Brandon Landers, Cody Ignagni and DeAngelo Barrow.

"They've all got to learn how to work together, especially in our zone scheme," Sawchuk said. "We're not real big, but we're strong."

Sawchuk added that "whoever doesn't win offensive line is going to have to play defensive line."

Meanwhile, competition also is pretty stiff between Victor Hicks and Shaun Austin for starting quarterback.

"It's pretty competitive," Sawchuk said. "Shaun can do both (run and throw), he's very athletic. Vic's improved on his throwing as well."

TOO GOOD

Even if Austin starts behind center Friday, Hicks figures to be right there with him as a fleet-footed wide receiver, for example.

"Vic can play wide-out, cornerback and safety on defense," the fourth-year coach said. "He's too good of an athlete not to be on the field."

Other players expected to produce as receivers include sure-handed Jake Morris and Brennen Beyer, both returning starters.

Solid running back candidates include Jenkins and junior Dante Fox. "They're two tough kids with speed,"



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

One of the players who will lead Plymouth's offense is Brennen Beyer (No. 7, left), who is trying to get away from Canton defenders Arron Boudreaux and Garrett Bryden (No. 11) during a 2009 game.

Sawchuk said. "They're both 190 pounds, big backs."

Speedster William Askew and Freddie Dunbar also should see playing time in the backfield. Askew is intriguing since he was on Plymouth's boys track and field team in the spring.

The Wildcats will have an active defense, especially from linebacker and the secondary, which should wreak havoc on KLAAs South foes.

"I don't think we can sit in my base

Please see **PLYMOUTH, B2**

FAST FACTS

School: Plymouth.

Head coach: Mike Sawchuk, 4th season (9th with program).

League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's record: 6-4.

Notable losses to graduation: Darrell Cohn (first-team All-Area); Matt Sheridan (second-team All-Area); Jordan Birman; Jernarian Caldwell; Matt Priebe.

Starters returning: Kyle Brindza, Victor Hicks, Brennen Beyer, Jake Morris, Tyler Goble, Jerel Jenkins, Phil Emminger, Anthony LeMerise, Tony Rhodes.

2010 schedule: Aug. 27 (vs. Salem at PCEP); Sept. 2 (vs. Howell); Sept. 10 (vs. Wayne Memorial); Sept. 17 (at Livonia Churchill); Sept. 24 (at Livonia Franklin); Oct. 1 (vs. Westland John Glenn); Oct. 8 (at Canton); Oct. 15 (at KLAAs crossover); Oct. 22 (vs. Adrian).



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Shown from the 2009 'Black and Blue' traditional season opener between Salem and Plymouth are Matt Morton of the Rocks and Tony Rhodes (No. 24) of the Wildcats. Both players figure to get reacquainted in Friday night's rematch.

Rocks all about improvement

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Numbers are down, but determination is up for Salem's 2010 football team, entering Year 2 under head coach Kurt Britnell.

The Rocks, who open at 7 p.m. Friday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park against Plymouth, look to improve on last year's 2-7 record with promising skill players and team unity as major reasons for such optimism.

"They say all the time that 'We don't have much, but we're all that we need,'" Britnell said, crediting that kind of attitude to a successful four-day team-building camp near Brooklyn, Mich.

Salem will have 35 or so

players taking on the Wildcats, and Britnell is all smiles when talking about how determined they are to turn the football program around.

"Slowly, from a program standpoint, we've got everybody buying in," Britnell said. "Last year's freshmen and this year's freshmen are hearing what we're preaching."

"Our beliefs, our attitude, our work ethic, our expectations, from parents and the athletes. That aspect is getting better."

According to Britnell, also potentially better is how the Rocks could fare in the KLAAs Central Division — if the good feelings and hard work translate to the gridiron.

"We are, up front, more ath-

Please see **SALEM, B2**

FAST FACTS

School: Salem.

Head coach: Kurt Britnell, second season.

League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's record: 2-7.

Notable losses to graduation: Austin Root (first-team All-Area), Jake Peterson, Brian Maksimovic, Blake Abbey, Dana Baltazar, Ed Merhi. **Starters returning:** Drew Thompson, Ethan Walsh, Evian Pardo, Marcus Houston, Tommy Rodriguez.

2010 schedule: Aug. 27 (vs. Plymouth at PCEP); Sept. 2 (at Walled Lake Central); Sept. 10 (at South Lyon); Sept. 17 (vs. Novi); Sept. 24 (vs. Northville); Oct. 1 (at South Lyon East); Oct. 8 (at Livonia Stevenson); Oct. 15 (vs. KLAAs crossover); Oct. 22 (vs. Canton).

Returning cast to spark 'Cats in 2010

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Last season ended on a bad bounce in the districts, but Plymouth's varsity boys soccer team hopes things will turn out differently in 2010.

The Wildcats, who finished 10-7-2 overall in 2009, would like nothing more than to turn the tables on the team that knocked them out last fall — campus rival Salem.

"We hope to one-up what we did last year," said veteran Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich. "We feel pretty good about the returning boys we have."

"There are a lot of tough teams in this area and we hope to be one of them."

The Wildcats already have begun

Plymouth Christian boys soccer preview, B3.

that quest, winning two of three games at Saturday's annual Gary Balconi Invitational. Plymouth dropped a 2-0 decision to Midland, but followed up with wins of 1-0 over Dexter and 2-1 over University of Detroit-Jesuit.

Plymouth returns key performers in all categories, starting with standout goalkeeper Kyle Brindza, entering his senior season.

Neschich said Brindza is "just an out-standing goalie. It gives you a little bit of confidence" having that kind of athlete in net.

Junior defender Mike Ambrose will help anchor Plymouth's defense, with strong senior midfielders Andrew Yoder

and Joe Klonowski among those who will key the all-important transition game.

Up front, senior forwards Nick Russ and Derek Foster will need to find the target for the Wildcats to put together a strong year in the KLAAs South Division and beyond.

"Both Nick and Derek have capabilities to put the ball in the net," Neschich said. "Both are very strong players."

Wednesday night, in a match that took place after this issue of the *Observer* went to press, the Wildcats played a KLAAs crossover against Walled Lake Northern.

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Plymouth's Michael Ambrose (No. 20), shown during a 2009 contest, is one of the key returnees for the Wildcats.

SIDELINES

Balconi Invite

Walled Lake Northern defeated Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 1-0, to win Saturday's annual Gary Balconi Soccer Invitational at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Earlier during the tourney, the Shamrocks defeated Salem 1-0 on a free kick that deflected in off a defender.

But the Rocks prevailed 2-0 over Midland Dow (goals by Chris Dierker and Tommy Halewicz) and played to a 1-1 draw with Canton.

Salem freshman Blake Townes scored in the first half, but the tournament host Chiefs knotted the match up with a marker in the second half.

Meanwhile, Plymouth's Wildcats won two of three contests. After losing 2-0 to Midland, the 'Cats took care of Dexter (1-0) and University of Detroit-Jesuit (2-1).

PCA prevails

Plymouth Christian's varsity boys soccer team defeated Bloomfield Hills Roeper 3-2 on Tuesday, the first time the Eagles have defeated the Roughriders since 2008.

Dan Ross scored two goals (one on a penalty kick) while Chris Scagnetti scored the winning goal on a nifty feed from Adam Powlus.

PCA freshman goalkeeper Jayme Putney did a solid job in goal as the Eagles looked to 3-0-1 overall and 1-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division.

MU wins opener

Second-half goals by Ogbemudia Iyoha and Jacob Rosiek carried the Madonna University men's soccer team to a season-opening 2-0 victory Sunday over Viterbo (Wis.) in a match played in Lacrosse.

Sophomore goalkeeper Parker Laabs (Canton) recorded the shutout as new MU coach Eric Scott won in his debut.

Scott praised the defensive efforts of Andrew Kidder and Andrew Huang (Canton).

"They (Kidder and Huang) helped to lock down their front line and we did a great job of not allowing central penetration," Scott said. "I thought we attacked well, but still need to get connected with our forwards more."

Rosiek tallied the game-winner in the 64th minute from Iyoha, who in turn added an unassisted goal in the 76th minute.

Scott also praised the efforts of Nick Dordeski (Livonia Stevenson), John Swiastyn, Derek Rosiek and Franco Giorgi.

O&E men's golf

Registration is still on for the Observer & Eccentric Open Men's Golf tournament.

The O&E Men's Open, a two-day, 36-hole medal event, will be Labor Day weekend, Sunday-Monday, Sept. 5-6, at Fox Creek and Whispering Willows courses, respectively.

Entries close at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, and will be open to the first 120 golfers. The entry fee is \$95 (cart not included). There will be a Senior Division (50-and-over) with a maximum handicap of 20 (U.S.G.A. index required to participate). A total of \$2,500 in prizes, including money for the low and net scorers for each flight, will be offered.

For more information on both tourneys, call (248) 476-4493 or visit www.golflivonia.com.

PREP GRID PICKS

Week 1 Thursday, Aug. 26	Brad Emons	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith	Jim Toth
North Farmington at Birmingham Seaholm, 7 p.m.	Seaholm	Seaholm	Seaholm	Seaholm
Westland John Glenn at New Baltimore Anchor Bay, 7 p.m.	John Glenn	John Glenn	John Glenn	John Glenn
Brighton at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton
Friday, Aug. 27				
Detroit University Prep at Lutheran Westland, 5 p.m.	University Prep	University Prep	Lutheran Westland	University Prep
Redford Union at Dearborn Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.	Edsel Ford	Edsel Ford	Edsel Ford	Edsel Ford
Dexter at Garden City, 7 p.m.	Dexter	Dexter	Dexter	Dexter
Farmington Harrison at Novi, 7 p.m.	Harrison	Harrison	Novi	Harrison
Farmington at West Bloomfield, 7 p.m.	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	West Bloomfield
Livonia Churchill at Walled Lake Northern, 7 p.m.	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill
Livonia Franklin at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.	Franklin	Franklin	Stevenson	Stevenson
Bradford Academy at Livonia Clarenceville, 7 p.m.	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville
Canton at Walled Lake Central, 7 p.m.	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
Plymouth Christian at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 7 p.m.	Lutheran Northwest	Lutheran Northwest	Lutheran Northwest	Lutheran Northwest
Salem at Plymouth, 8 p.m.	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Saturday, Aug. 28				
Redford Thurston vs. Madison Heights Madison at Southfield Lathrup, 4 p.m.	Madison	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston



Bill Bresler | Staff Photographer
 Marcus Houston (No. 31) will be called upon to again demonstrate his exceptional speed for Salem's football team.



Bill Bresler | Staff Photographer
 Plymouth mainstay Tyler Goble (No. 54) chases Canton's Rohn Gaudi during a 2009 game between the PCEP rivals.

Catholic Central taking it one step at a time

BY SAM EGGLESTON
 CORRESPONDENT

With decades upon decades of experience under his belt as the head coach of the Catholic Central Shamrocks, Tom Mach has gotten good at several things: Winning state championships, training football players and, of course, dealing with the media.

That's why Mach's teams always know that when they open up the fall preview section of any paper, no matter how well the sports writer knows their coach, they are only going to be reading the same things that their coach preaches to them each and every day at practice—one game at a time.

"The first goal is to win the first game and get that experience, then to get better each week," said Mach when asked about his season goals. "We're coming in with a little less game experience than the kids did the year before."

Last year the Shamrocks were simply unstoppable. They piled up a 14-0 overall record as they cruised unhindered to the state championship. They put up

a 4-0 mark in the Catholic High School League. They relied on defense to do the dirty work while the offense put up enough points to win, no matter who the opponent was.

"Last year was a unique group of young men that blended well with good talent," said Mach, who openly admitted last season that his backfield was one of the most talented, if not the most talented, he had ever coached. "This year we're working on the same premise of teamwork and hard work."

Leading by example will be tenacious linebacker/running back Justin D'Agostino, while tight end Geroge Darany will make a fine target and offensive linemen Brandon Tammaro and Nathan Wilkins hope to make plenty of big holes to the end zone. Greg Voutsos is also back from last year as a receiver and defensive back.

Also seeing time in the backfield will likely be returners Andrew Nelson, who also plays in the defensive backfield, and Justin Messner, who also patrols the defense as a linebacker.

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4-3 anymore, like we did the last couple years, because we don't have the horses up front," Sawchuk said. "We're going to do a little moving, ... we might have to slant and angle a little bit more, blitz a little more."

ALWAYS A THREAT

Up front, the Wildcats still feature Beyer at defensive end and he should be a force to be reckoned with.

Linebackers Goble, Tony Rhodes and Fox will be called upon to snuff out potential big plays by the opponent while returning starters Phil Emminger and Anthony LeMerise spearhead Plymouth's talented defensive backfield.

Augmenting Emminger and LeMerise will be Michael

Olevnik (free safety/cornerback), Hicks and Adadamola Adebisi.

Of course, the Wildcats have a not-so-secret weapon in senior kicker and Notre Dame-bound Kyle Brindza, who is a field goal threat from 50 yards or more.

Brindza also can pin opponents deep in their own zone, as can strong-legged backup John Gregory (a senior).

"He (Gregory) can punt, he can kick, he can put kickoffs into the end zone," Sawchuk said. "I certainly hope we have some situations where I can give John some reps."

According to Sawchuk, having such powerful kickers "takes the pressure off the defense. When they (rivals) got to start from the 20 all the time, they got to drive 80 yards, you know?"

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letic," he said. "We're not as big, but that's fine. The more athletes we have, the better."

HEART AND SOUL

The epitome of what the Rocks want their program to be all about is third-year starter Ethan Walsh. The senior co-captain will play tight end and linebacker and will be in the middle of the fray whether Salem is on offense or defense.

"He's just got a heart that's so big, his effort is unbelievable," Britnell said. "He's not a real vocal guy, but his actions show (that) he's just a tremendous leader."

Another player in that mold is senior co-captain Omar Kandah, slated to play either defensive end or linebacker on defense and line or tight end on offense.

"Omar is just a good, vocal leader and leader by example," Britnell said. "He's one of those guys who plays everything for us."

The 5-11, 185-pound Kandah was hurt during 2009, but came to camp stronger than ever thanks to an outstanding off-season in the weight room.

"He's making up for his lost time last year, for sure," the coach said.

One of Salem's top skill guys is senior Drew Thompson, expected to start at quarterback after moving over from wide receiver, where he played in '09. Britnell said Thompson will benefit in his new position simply from having experience as a wideout.

"Absolutely, because he knows the offense totally," Britnell said. "He knows what the receivers are doing, what they're looking for."

"Now he knows from a quarterback perspective what to look for. So that helps."

Besides tight ends Walsh and Kandah, targets for Thompson will include senior Matt Morton and juniors Evian Pardo and Brian Auquier.

The running game has the potential to be a spectacular plus for the Rocks, with junior

Marcus Houston and others.

"Houston can go 100 yards, he's got that kind of speed," Britnell said. "But we've got some other good skill guys."

Those include Pardo and junior tailback/slot receiver Nick Trower.

Pardo is stronger than ever and "he'll never leave the field," while Trower brings good hands, speed and strength to the mix.

Of course, those players' production is linked to the degree of help from the offensive line, and, as the opener looms, Britnell is still mixing and matching.

TIP-TOP SHAPE

Center Devon Burke is the lone returning player on the offensive line.

"We're going to be young," Britnell said. "We don't know who we're going to start yet."

There are six or seven players who have a shot to be in the starting lineup, including sophomores Nick Howey and Matt Grabowski (brother of former Salem standout Drew Grabowski). Junior Alex Brown is another promising lineman.

Most, if not all, of those players will see double duty on the defensive line.

"It's always a concern," Britnell said about linemen wearing out from all the toil. "But we've been harping on condition. They're going to be in the best condition they've ever been in, and they have to be."

Joining Walsh and Kandah at linebacker will be Trower, senior Tommy Rodriguez, Cyrus Pierce and Tyler Schultz.

Houston, Pardo, Morton, Devon Mullins and "scrappy" Brian Ciccioni are candidates for playing time in the secondary.

Walsh will add to his full plate by handling Salem's kicking and punting duties.

Britnell said the Rocks could make some noise in the WLAA Central if they follow the blueprint they studied at the team-building camp. "Play hard, play four quarters and just give effort."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

St. Mary Mercy 5K

Registration continues for the fourth annual St. Mary Mercy Hospital Embrace Life 5-kilometer run-walk for Cancer on Sunday, Sept. 12.

The race begins at 9 a.m. on the hospital grounds, located at Five Mile and Levan roads.

The cost is \$22 for runners-walkers who register on or before Friday, Sept. 3 (race T-shirt guaranteed). It's \$27 for those signing up after Sept. 3.

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Eagles won't let small roster get them down

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

BOYS SOCCER PREVIEW



With just 15 players on the roster, Plymouth Christian has a tough act to follow on the soccer field.

But head coach Larry Machonga wouldn't put anything past his players, even as they try to match or surpass the 11-10-1 record and district championship in 2009.

"I wish our bench was a little deeper but our guys are working hard and will be conditioned to play in every game this season," Machonga said. "We feel that within our conference we should do a little better than we did last year."

"But as always, we look at the season to help us prepare for districts — where we hope to win back-to-back championships."

Despite the low numbers out for the squad, Machonga and

his new assistant (his 20-year-old son, Bryson Machonga) like the energy they've been witnessing during preseason workouts and Saturday's Holt Invitational (where PCA went 2-0-1).

"We are down in numbers this year to 15 players but the skill, ability and talent of the players we have is incredible," Machonga continued.

The Eagles benefit from having a talented group of co-captains to lead on and off the field.

Senior Travis DeKruyter, junior Josh Middlebrooks and Dan Mullett and sophomore Dan Ross (18 goals in 2009) are expected to excel again this season.

ONE TO WATCH

Ross made the 2010-11

Olympic Development Prep Team and could be one player to really keep an eye on.

"Dan Ross is an outstanding player who plays confidently and unselfishly with the ball," the coach stressed. "He is a strong contender to break the all-time scoring record here at PCA over his high school career."

Backing up the quartet is a group of solid juniors. Those include Chris Scagnetti (3 goals at Holt Invite), Alex Chapman, Kurtis McKenzie and Jon Cook.

Sophomores looking to make an impact are Ethan Levack, Trevor Baloga, Matt Read and transfer student Caleb Postma.

Rounding out the roster is

freshman goalkeeper Jayme Putney, starting left-midfielder Adam Powlus and PCA newcomer Jacob Bailey.

The team will move on without last season's assistant coach Evan Baker, who took a job as freshman coach at Huron High School.

"Evan helped us to lay a great foundation for the soccer program here at PCA and we're thankful for his continued support and friendship on and off the field," Machonga said.

Meanwhile, Bryson Machonga is no stranger to PCA, having been a four-year varsity starter for the Eagles.

He holds the Michigan Independent Athletic Association record for assists before playing soccer in South Carolina with Erskine College.

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Gerou backs it up

The Gerou Chiropractic Softball Club defeated Kramerica, 10-9, in a one-game playoff recently to determine the Canton Parks and Recreation Men's Thursday Night Class D Division championship. The title marks the fifth decade the Gerou Softball Club or its predecessor teams have captured a league title. Team members include (front row, from left): Tom Gerou, Dan Dooley, Brian Dixon, Rodney Green, Mike Gerou; (back row, from left) Jason Zengulis, Dean Allen, Bill Otto, Shane Borton, Harry Stoddard and Kyle King. (Not pictured are John Barry, Dave Miller, Brian Kessler and Todd Bergmann.)

'Girls on the Run' signup is Saturday

Registration is Saturday for Girls on the Run of Greater Detroit, an affiliate program of the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit. Girls on the Run is a life-changing, experiential learning program that uses running to educate and prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living.

During the 10-week season, girls in grades 3-8 meet twice a week with trained coaches who lead them through fun games, uplifting workouts, and themed discussions on topics like dealing with body image and the media, resisting peer-pressure, making healthy decisions, and contributing to their community.

The season concludes with all girls completing a service project in their communities and running or walking in a special, non-competitive 5k event for Girls on the Run participants and their families. The 20-lesson program costs \$105.00 and is open to all girls in eligible grades at participating schools.

Registration for Plymouth-Canton, Northville, and Garden

City schools will open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Plymouth Family YMCA, 248 S. Union Street.

Up to 15 girls will be accepted per team on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parents or guardians must be present in-person, may only register their own daughter(s), and should bring a form of payment.

Registration and health history forms will be available at the Plymouth YMCA beginning the morning of August 28th. Additional registrations after August 28th will be accepted in person, by fax, or by mail at the Plymouth YMCA. Registrations will not be accepted at schools or by coaches.

Financial assistance helps ensure that everyone belongs at the YMCA. For more information, please contact the office prior to the start of registration.

Visit www.ymcadetroit.org for more information regarding the program. Please contact Ashleigh Shiffer at 734-453-2904 or ashiffer@ymcametrodetroit.org with any questions.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Aug. 27
Plymouth vs. Salem at PCEP, 7 p.m.
Brighton at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Luth. Northwest, 7 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Saturday, Aug. 28
Portage Northern Invitational, 8 a.m.
Ladywood Tournament, 8:30 a.m.
St. Joe Mich. Lutheran Inv., 8:30 a.m.
W.L. Central Invitational, 9 a.m.
Carleton Airport Invitational, 9 a.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Thursday, Aug. 26
University-Liggett at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Canton at Novi, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 27
Salem vs. Lake Orion Community, 5:30 p.m.
Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Friday, Aug. 27
Monroe Invite, 8 p.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Thursday, Aug. 26
WSU Relays, 5 p.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Thursday, Aug. 26
Farmington Inv. at Glen Oaks, 8 a.m.
Ladywood vs. Marian at St. John's G.C., 4 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 27
Grosse Ile Inv. at West Shore G.C., 9 a.m.
BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Aug. 28
South Lyon Inv. at Island Lake, 9:30 a.m.
Lansing Catholic Invitational, 10 a.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Friday, Aug. 27
S'craft at Central Ohio Tourney, noon.
(UM-Dearborn Early Bird Classic)
Madonna vs. Spring Arbor, 3:15 p.m.
Madonna vs. St. Xavier (Ill.), 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 28
S'craft at Central Ohio Tourney, 10 a.m.
(UM-Dearborn Early Bird Classic)
Madonna vs. Notre Dame (Ohio), 11 a.m.
Madonna vs. Georgetown (Ky.), 3:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Aug. 28
Heartland (Ill.) at Schoolcraft, noon.
Madonna vs. Univ. of Windsor at Greenmead Field, 2:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
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UM-Dearborn at Schoolcraft, 10 a.m.
Univ. of Windsor at Madonna, noon.

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Timeless tennis

Seniors stirring up mighty racket on area courts

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tennis often seems to be the forgotten sport these days when discussing athletic achievements.

Golf and auto racing seem to draw the most attention individually, while football, baseball and basketball produce the majority of headlines in the team aspect.

But for a group of two dozen or so locals, tennis is deemed as the *only* sport.

On virtually any day of the week there is a good bet anywhere from eight to 12, 14, maybe even 16 highly-motivated seniors lace up their best pair of sneakers and pull off the covers on their top-of-line Prince, Babolat or Yonex racquets for a competitive game of tennis on courts located throughout southeast Michigan.

This daily scenario is all made courtesy of one Chuck Glinz.

The longtime Redford resident and self-proclaimed "guru of tennis" has been the catalyst behind keeping the sport alive and kicking for a whole host of seniors whose competitive juices continue to flow freely.

It was Glinz who many years back created the Sunday Night Tennis League at the old Livonia Athletic Club after generating so much enthusiasm among tennis players outdoors at Capitol Park in Redford. And it was Glinz who also adopted play Saturdays at Sheldon Park in Livonia, and it is that same Glinz who manages to drum doubles play mornings at various other parks throughout Wayne County.

"Sports have always been a big part of my life and tennis is one of those you can play up to any age," said Glinz, who at age 78 can still attack the net or volley from the backline



Seventy-eight-year-old Chuck Glinz, the organizer behind the ever-expanding Sunday Night Tennis League, shows off his youthful tennis skills in recent outdoor competition. Glinz, of Redford, will accompany other locals next month to senior state tournament tennis action in Grand Rapids.

with equal authority. "We're all pretty equal and you see decent tennis no matter which court you play on. There are no particular teams, it's just the first four people that show up go out on the court and sometimes winners play winners and sometimes we just mix it up. Nobody sits for very long."

SELLING THE SPORT

Before retirement Glinz was a salesman, doing his best in making people aware of supplies in the sprinkler head industry. His uncanny ability to get the message across in such an accommodating way has been the key ingredient in developing the independence these tennis players enjoy.

"There isn't another group like this around anywhere," said Glinz, who estimates he still hits the courts an average of four times a week. "Most leagues

clubs form. But our league (Sunday Night Tennis League) is the only league that is a private league. We set it up and always find enough people to play."

"Chuck is the main guy, there's no doubt," assured 65-year-old Dave Petway while sitting on a park bench recently waiting his turn to join in on the morning action. "He's the straw that stirs the drink. If it wasn't for Chuck I wouldn't be playing nearly as much tennis as I do, and that's probably true for everybody here."

"He's our organizer," Petway continued. "He makes phone calls, puts together computer lists — I think he loves organizing sometimes more so than he likes playing tennis."

How strong is Glinz's love for the game and determination to continue to bring in new faces? Just check with the Novi Sports Arena, which ini-

tially resisted Glinz's attempts to house indoor tennis play, and now entertains dozens of his closest competitors three days a week.

"Chuck was a salesman traveling all over the state and he's not afraid to talk to anybody," said Jim Robinson, 67, a Novi resident who grew up in Livonia. "So when someone shows up just standing around a tennis court, he will walk up to them, introduce himself, and ask who they are and say 'you know we play tennis on Sunday night and we're always looking for players.'"

"He will put that pitch out to anybody he sees," Robinson went on. "And they will take it and become friends and move on to other things. It's Chuck being the salesman, and he sells tennis."

SERIOUS SIDE TOO

It's not all recreation out there. Each player has a USTA rating and views his level of

play on a serious note. That type of drive and determination has been instrumental in Glinz and company sending a team to next month's state tournament in Grand Rapids for Super Senior (Over 60) Division play.

If victorious, the group would advance to the Midwest playoffs Oct. 1-3 in Indianapolis.

"We went to the nationals three years ago in South Carolina and got beat in the semifinals," recalled Glinz. "It was a great time. We have some great guys who can really play the game."

In addition to Petway and Robinson, other locals who have become part of Glinz's tennis family include: Ed Barter of Farmington Hills; Harold Cook and Craig Orr, both of Plymouth; Frank Benfante and Don Smith, both of Canton; and Michael Banks of Redford.

Other regular participants include 70-year-old Alex Zimkovsky, of West Bloomfield, who playfully boasts to be the "best player" out there, Rick Warnicke of Orchard Lake, Harold Lollar and Mark Stevens, both of Dearborn Heights, Rich Ostella, of Trenton, and George Ginger and Ted Nowak, both from Northville.

"These are all pretty good players you see out here," informed Barter, a former state champion in the sport of racquetball, who like so many of these individuals shifted their emphasis toward tennis due to its competitive nature and camaraderie. "Right now I'm not playing regularly with them because I need shoulder surgery. But I've developed an underhand spin serve that I can get aces on and just plan on playing as long as I can."

More information can be obtained on this unique collection of athletes by logging onto www.tennisleague.net/firms.com.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

YMCA youth programs

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of youth instructional programs this fall, having the focus on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction.

Programs — open to YMCA members and community members — include Parent/Child Soccer, Preschool and Youth Soccer, Preschool and Youth Basketball, Intro to Volleyball, Preschool T-ball, Tiny Tikes Sampler and Club Kickball. All will run between Sept. 20 and Oct. 25.

There will be morning and evening classes available. Ages vary by program but there is something for children ages 2-12. For more information, please contact the YMCA at 734-453-2904 or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Co-ed soccer leagues

YMCA Co-Ed Soccer leagues are forming for children ages 4-10 with sessions from Sept. 20 to Oct. 30. Fundamentals in a safe and fun environment will be the focus.

Planned are one practice and one game per week on Saturdays.

The program cost is \$64 for program members or \$96 for community members.

MU hosts golf fund-raiser

Early registration is still open for Madonna University's annual Scholar-Am Classic to benefit the student scholarship fund, Friday, Sept. 17, at Western Golf & Country Club in Redford.

The Early Birdie rates (including golf, lunch and dinner) is \$175 per individual and \$700 per foursome. Those who sign up early can have two strokes shaved off their foursome's score and also golf with a Madonna scholar, professor, dean, board member or coach.

A busy fun day is planned. The schedule is as follows: 11:30 a.m., check-in; noon, lunch at clubhouse; 1 p.m., shotgun start; 5:30 p.m., cocktails and raffles; 6 p.m., dinner and awards.

For more information, contact Alan Pinon (734-432-5556, apinon@madonna.edu) or Ann Cleary (734-432-5421, acleary@madonna.edu).

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Store hits 5 years selling at 'reasonable' prices

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

Christine's Consignment: We sell ladies clothes, shoes, purses, jewelry- everything from costume jewelry to real gemstones. We have furniture, tables, lamps, pictures, mirrors, decorative accessories, kitchen & bath items, books & cookbooks and more! A lot of men come in to find golf balls or desk top items, billfolds, watches or some of the guy "merchandise" we have. We have top brands like Coach, Prada, Chico's, St. John, Ralph Lauren, Gucci, Louis Vuitton, Dooney & Bourke, Brighton, Juicy, Chanel, Swarovski, Lenox, Limoges, Hull, Waterford, Roseville, Villeroy & Boch and more.

Consigning at Christine's is easy. Call for an appointment at (734) 354-0780. Bring in your clean items and you receive 50 percent of the selling price. Come in any Tuesday between 11-7 and get your pay!

I recently celebrated five years in the consignment business and plan on many more. You're invited to come in and look around. You won't be disappointed. We will be happy to help you with your selections or answer your questions.

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

Christine's Consignment: I have always enjoyed shopping at consignment stores and decided it was time to open one of my own.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Christine's Consignment: I chose Plymouth because I love it here. I have lived in this area since I was 18 and couldn't imagine living or having a business anywhere else. The activities, shops, restaurants are always a pleasure.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Christine's Consignment: Besides the usual consignment



Christine Ray and Kurt Scott run Christine's Consignments. They recently celebrated their fifth year in business.

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items I always consider the unusual and unique. I've sold colorful birch, the jawbone of a cow, a bracelet made of bone (whose I do not know!) a beautiful leather saddle, a deerskin rug, several very unusual clocks and lamps to name a few. There are ALWAYS new items displayed daily.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Christine's Consignment: I've become even more aware of the importance of re-cycling for the good of the Earth. Instead of discarding perfectly good, re-usable merchandise that someone else can enjoy, people can bring it to

Christine's and consign it and make money as well. A discarded metal bed frame, for instance, can last in a landfill forever.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit of story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Christine's Consignment: A lady was going to buy a pair of jeans that she tried on. She was going on about the great fit and how good they looked on her. Come to find out that they were her jeans that she had consigned a couple of weeks earlier. She happily wore them home-no charge.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Christine's Consignment: My prices have always been extremely reasonable which is why I have many repeat customers. New customers always comment on the low prices and nice selection of merchandise. Young people just starting out and students find it fun and affordable to shop here.

Observer: What's in store for you're the future of your business?

Christine's Consignment: A lot of teen girls come in looking for "clunky" jewelry or jewelry boxes, toss pillows or other "got to have" items so I've decided to start consigning teen (girls) clothing.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Vet hospital accredited

Plymouth Veterinary Hospital of Plymouth has again received accreditation following a comprehensive evaluation by the American Animal Hospital Association.

The evaluation includes a quality assessment review of the hospital's facility, medical equipment, practice methods and pet health care management.

Only 15 percent of all small animal veterinary practices in the U.S. have achieved accreditation by the American Animal Hospital Association. In order to maintain accredited status, Plymouth Veterinary Hospital must continue to be evaluated regularly by the association's consultants.

"Plymouth Veterinary Hospital belongs to a select group of practices that are committed to meeting the standard of veterinary excellence," said Gregg Takashima, AAHA president. "AAHA hospitals pass a stringent evaluation of over 900 standards covering patient care, client service and medical protocols. By attaining accreditation, Plymouth Veterinary Hospital is demonstrating its dedication to offering the best care to its patients and clients."

Established in 1933, the American Animal Hospital Association is the only organization that accredits veterinary practices throughout the U.S. and Canada for dedication to high standards of veterinary care. Approximately 3,200 AAHA-accredited practices pass regular reviews of AAHA's stringent accreditation standards that cover patient care, client service and medical protocols. For pet care information or referral to an AAHA-accredited practice, visit www.healthypet.com.



Plymouth Veterinary Hospital of Plymouth has again received accreditation following a comprehensive evaluation by the American Animal Hospital Association.

Plymouth Veterinary Hospital, located at 725 Wing, has been an accredited practice member of the association since 1992 and can be reached online at www.plymouthvet.com.

Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out takes place Sept. 16 from 5-9 p.m. Ribar Floral will again provide roses for the first 500 ladies. Anyone wishing to participate should contact the chamber office, (734) 453-1540.

Camp Quality

Tech Tool Supply announced Camp Quality Night with the Plymouth Whalers, set for 7:05 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1. The Plymouth Whalers will play the Saginaw Spirit, but before that night arrives, the goal is to sell 3,000 tickets to the game. For each \$11 ticket sold, \$4 will go directly to Camp Quality Michigan. In addition to selling 3,000 tickets, Tech Tool Supply would like to raise an additional \$3,000 through donations and the 50/50 raffle. By achieving this goal, a total of \$15,000 will be raised for Camp Quality.

On Oct. 4, Tech Tool Supply will celebrate its sixth anniversary. And as a way of giving back,

Tech Tool Supply has decided to throw its first charity event for a great cause. Brent Hagood, the owner, says, "Over the 12 years that I have been involved with Camp Quality, I've seen firsthand all of the amazing things they do for children with cancer and their families," said owner Brent Hagood. "I volunteered at their summer camp in northern Michigan for seven years when I was younger, and the atmosphere they create for the kids is wonderful. Camp Quality is a wonderful organization that is very close to my heart."

Tickets for this event can be purchased from Tech Tool Supply via phone by calling (877) 208-6657; visiting the local showroom; mailing a check to Tech Tool Supply, Attn: Rebecca Gillespie, 9060 General Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170; or online at www.TechToolSupply.com

Donations are also being accepted by sending checks to Tech Tool Supply, Attn: Donations, 9060 General Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170. At the conclusion of the event, TTS will present Camp Quality Michigan with a check from all ticket proceeds and donations.

CHAMBER CHAT

Pinkalicious: The Musical

What happens when children eat one too many cupcakes? They turn pink!

Join this fun-loving and hard-working cast as they tell a story that will make you laugh and wish you were 6 again. Dynamic Stage Productions presents "PINKALICIOUS," the musical comedy based on the popular children's book with the same title, Aug. 26-29 at the Plymouth Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, in Plymouth.

Showtimes are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7 p.m. with matinees Saturday at 3 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets (\$12) can be purchased online at www.D2Productions.org or at the door.

For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

Ladies Night

Ladies, it's that time again! The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts downtown Plymouth's annual Ladies Night Out Thursday, Sept. 16, from 5-9 p.m. This event is a night for ladies to enjoy an evening on the town with friends.

Visit the participating stores and enjoy shopping, gifts, samples, prizes and refreshments. Several restaurants will also have special drinks, appetizers and more.

Participating stores this year include: Basket Creations; Bella Mia; Brass & Iron Bed & Gift Boutique; Candy Trail; Creatopia Paint Your Own Pottery; Dearborn Jewelers; Eclectic Attic; Genuine Toy



Alexa Andries (from left), Addyson Wickersham, Erika Shepler, Breanna Kempf, Allyson Lengers, Kennedy Shuck, Dearah Muhammad, and Megan Kempf bring "Pinkalicious" to the Plymouth Community Arts Council stage this weekend.

Co.; GiGi's Mode; Hands on Leather; Home Sweet Home; Isabella's Copper Pot; Jill Andra Young Photography; Kilwin's; Magnolia A Fresh Flower Market; Merle Norman; Old World Olive Press; Penniman Gallery; R.S.V.P.; Sean O'Callaghan's; sideways; Suburban Harvest; Sun & Snow; Sunny J's Lingerie; Sweets 21; That's Awesome and TranquiliTea.

Back by popular demand, Mr. 48170 will again be handing out roses to the first 500 ladies, courtesy of Ribar Floral.

10 Member Connection

10 Member Connection networking events have 10 members from different industries network with each other

in an informal setting at the Chamber office. Each participant will have up to 3 minutes to talk about their business and pass out information. There will also be time for one-on-one networking and to ask questions of the other participants.

To sign up for the Sept. 9 event, e-mail wes@plymouth-mich.org or call (734) 453-1540.

Chamber breakfast

The next Good Morning Plymouth Community Breakfast is scheduled for 7:30-9 a.m. Sept. 22 at Station 885, located at 885 Starkweather, in Plymouth's Old Village.

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Local artist reveals 'social realism' through photo portraits

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Stroll Kellogg Park in Plymouth on a Friday night and you might run into Livonia artist Shaqe Kalaj.

She'll be the woman with paper and pencil, drawing the historic Wilcox house. You can't miss her. She'll be sketching with her foot.

"It's a performing thing," said Kalaj, noting that onlookers might not mosey by if she were "just drawing with a hand."

"They are amazed at what I can do with my foot. I'm interested in the study of line and what I can do with it. I don't have as much control with my foot and that's the enticing part of it."

The combination plein air drawing and performance is just one way to take art beyond four walls and into the community. The outdoor work also gives Kalaj a chance to people watch, a process that has become an important part of her on-going "cityology" photography project. The first installment, which includes portraits of adults in Plymouth, Northville and Albuquerque, N.M., is part of a three-photographer exhibit, "Social Realism 2010" at Art & Ideas, 15095 Northville Road, south of Five Mile, in Plymouth. Kalaj, the gallery's artist-in-residence, also curated the show which includes the works of Thomas McMillen-Oakley, professor of studio art at Jackson Community College and Julia DeClerk of Metamora, in addition to her own. Kalaj said she sought photographers who communicated compelling "truths" in their works for the exhibit. McMillen's photos depict children in a series of images called "Dangerous Lives of Children." DeClerk also focuses on children, capturing spontaneous, unplanned poses that reflect a

range of moods, economic conditions or playfulness.

PEOPLE, CITIES

Kalaj chose adult subjects in three distinct geographic areas.

"Plymouth and Northville both have downtown areas. There's a sense of community when you walk in a downtown. People walk and participate with each other. I think people who walk around in a city symbolize something about the city. I'm still developing my theory, but it's the whole idea of studying people according to cities," Kalaj said, explaining her concept of cityology.

Kalaj said she was interested in exploring the way an individual's choice of dress or appearance defines their city. She started the project last April, while photographing people in Albuquerque. She noticed similarities as she studied her subjects in each locale.

"From Plymouth I got a lot of young people in the shots. There's a youth that exists there and a hip quality."

She found a sense of "ease" in many of the photos, including one of a burly man pushing a baby stroller and wearing a shirt that read "Powder Puff." Another shows a woman dressed in a bohemian-style outfit, resting on her arms as she lounges on the grass.

"In Northville I got an older group," she said, adding that images of both local towns showed a more "conservative quality" than Albuquerque. "I want to capture an honesty with this as well."

She plans to continue her cityology idea, photographing in Royal Oak, Ferndale, Detroit and other cities with downtowns.

"I want to capture the realism of today. The Social Realism 2010 exhibit came out of this project. I really thought about 1930 and how photographers went around photographing people, saying



'Female 3' from the Social Realism 2010 exhibit at Art & Ideas in Plymouth.

something about the times."

ISSUE-BASED ART

Kalaj describes herself as a content-based artist, who advocates on issues through her works. Her "Eat Me," series, an ongoing study of the farm industry, focuses on food through the perspective of animals. Her "Little Girl" series of paintings looks at children and the sensitive nature of abuse. "American Woman" explores gender issues. She uses the style and medium that best communicate her message. Initially she planned to paint portraits for the cityology project, but chose photographs because she wanted a documentary feel to her exploration of American culture.

"I look for things that reveal something about the world we live in," she noted. Transformation is a theme in much of her work.

"My intent is to take things we find not as beautiful, and to give them a different edge." One project, for example, turned biology cells — some of them diseased — into aesthetically pleasing art.



Livonia artist Shaqe Kalaj found a 'kind of ease,' youth and 'hip quality' in the subjects she photographed in Plymouth. She said this photo especially conveys a sense of openness and honesty.

The Albanian-American artist graduated from Churchill High School in Livonia and was trained as a painter and graphic artist at Wayne State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. She did graduate work in printmaking at the Eastern Michigan University,



HANNA KITCHENS

Shaqe Kalaj talks about the current photo exhibit, at Art & Ideas in Plymouth. Kalaj, of Livonia, curated the show. It runs to Sept. 18.

where she also earned a teaching certificate in art education.

A working artist, Kalaj also serves as Visual Arts Coordinator for VSA arts of Michigan. She coordinates the touring exhibit for emerging artists with disabilities at VSA and works with inner-city children. The 42-year-old artist was awarded a teaching artist fellowship from VSA in 2008-2009. She's exhibited her work throughout the country.

She teaches collage and

children's classes at Art & Ideas. Her fearless creating workshop is aimed at adults, helping them find "where the creative juice is and where the hindrances are."

Kalaj said her foot sketching may be on hiatus for a brief period while her injured limb ("I hurt my drawing foot") heals. Meanwhile, her exhibit runs through Sept. 18. The gallery is open 5-7 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 1-8 p.m. Friday and Saturday or by appointment. (734) 420-0775

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NUMBER C-2010-12

AMENDMENT TO DOGS ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 100, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 52, DOGS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR DOG AND KENNEL LICENSES; PROVIDING FOR APPLICATION, FEES AND EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR KENNEL MAINTENANCE AND DOG AND KENNEL REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR RABIES PREVENTION, A DOG POUND, IMPOUNDMENT AND RELEASE OF DOGS, QUARANTINE OF DOGS AND DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED DOGS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL AND SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION I. AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE.

This section provides that Ordinance Number 100, codified as Chapter 52, the Dogs Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 52.000. Purpose.** This section provides the purpose of this chapter.
- 52.010. Definitions.** This section provides the definitions for terms used in this chapter.
- 52.020. License required.** This section provides the license requirements.
- 52.030. Application requirements.** This section provides the application requirements.
- 52.040. Term of license.** This section provides for license terms.
- 52.050. Fees, exemptions.** This section provides for fees and exemptions.
- 52.060. Applications after June 1st.** This section provides for license applications for dogs which become six months old after the first day of June of any year.
- 52.070. Issuance of dog license.** This section provides for the issuance of dog licenses.
- 52.080. Lost tags.** This section provides for lost tags.
- 52.090. Kennel license required.** This section provides for kennel license requirements.
- 52.100. Application for kennel license.** This section provides for the application of a kennel license.
- 52.110. Fees for kennel license.** This section provides for kennel license fees.
- 52.120. Issuance of kennel license.** This section provides for the issuance of kennel licenses.
- 52.130. Maintenance required for a kennel.** This section provides for kennel maintenance.
- 52.140. Offenses by dogs.** This section provides the offenses that are prohibited.
- 52.150. Yard cleanliness.** This section provides for yard cleanliness.
- 52.160. Confinement of dogs.** This section provides for the confinement of dogs.
- 52.170. Rabies prevention.** This section provides for rabies prevention.
- 52.180. Dog Pound.** This section creates a dog pound for the Township.
- 52.190. Impounding of dogs.** This section provides for impounding dogs.
- 52.200. Release of dogs.** This section provides for the release of dogs from the Township pound.
- 52.210. Disposition of unclaimed dogs.** This section provides for the disposition of unclaimed dogs.
- 52.220. Quarantine.** This section provides for quarantine.

SECTION II: VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

This section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION III: SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION IV: REPEAL.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION V: SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION VI: PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION VII: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

Joe Bridgman, MMC
 Clerk

Introduced: July 20, 2010
 Adopted: August 17, 2010
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Publish: August 26, 2010

GET OUT

ART

Art & Ideas

Time/Date: Through Sept. 18
Location: 15095 Northville Road, south of Five Mile, Plymouth
Details: "Social Realism" photography by Thomas McMillen-Oakley, Shaqe Kalaj, and Julia DeClerck
Contact: (734) 420-0775

City Gallery

Time/Date: Through Sept. 9
Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Photography by Jennifer Berkemeier
Contact: (248) 473-1856

Northville Art House

Time/Date: Through Aug. 28
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
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Tom Taplinger, (left), Marion Busa, Terry Viviani, and Lee Thomas rehearse a scene from 'Larceny and Old Lace,' a comedy by the Still Got It Players. The show runs Aug. 25-29 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Details: Coolaide, through Aug. 28; Cowboy Bill Martin, Sept. 1-4; Chad Daniels, Sept. 8-11; Marc Ryan, Sept. 15-18; Doug Williams, Sept. 22-25; Ira Proctor, Sept. 29-Oct. 2
Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kicker-science.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Kelly Taylor, Aug. 26-28; Dave Landau, Sept. 2-4; Mike Green, Sept. 9-11; Brian McKim, Sept. 16-18; Jackie Flynn, Sept. 23-25; David Alan Grier, Sept. 30-Oct. 2
Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak
Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

CONCERTS

The Ark

Time/Date: Sumkali, Aug. 26; The Siegel-Schwab Band, Aug. 27; Vienna Teng, Aug. 28; Junior Brown, Aug. 29; Sam & Ruby, Aug. 31; Chris Knight, Sept. 7; The Strawbs, Sept. 9; The Spring Standards, Sept. 10; Billy Bragg, Sept. 11; Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Sept. 14; Toad The Wet Sprocket, Sept.

15-16; Vishten, Sept. 19; Aimee Mann, Sept. 21; The RFD Boys, Sept. 24; The Chenille Sisters, Sept. 25
Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.
Location: 5200 Woodward Ave
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Magic Bag

Time/Dates: Echoes of Pink Floyd, Aug. 27; Leon Russell, Aug. 28; The Ultimate Retro Party with The Mega 80's, Sept. 10, 18 and 25; Lewd Society & Lucky Brown, Sept. 11; Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise with Jamie McCarthy and Alyssa Simmons, Sept. 17; Stan Ridgeway, Sept. 21; Michelle Shocked, Sept. 24; Rick Emmett, Sept. 26; Bettie Serveert, Sept. 30
Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale
Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

Music Hall

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Oct. 7-9
Location: 350 Madison, Detroit
Details: "The Merchants of Bollywood," a dance and music spectacular based on the real-life story of the Merchant family dynasty, whose members have been prominent choreographers and filmmakers since the beginning of the Hindi film industry in the 1920s; tickets are \$25-\$65
Contact: Ticketmaster.com, Ticketmaster Outlets or charge by phone at (800) 745-3000

Trinity House Theatre

Time/Date: Hans York, Aug. 21; Cairn to Cairn, Sept. 10; Stewart Francke, Sept. 11; Matt The Electrician, Sept. 16; Pat Terry and John Austin, Sept. 18; Martyn Joseph, Sept. 23; Nobody's Darlin', Sept. 24; Kevin Meisel, Oct. 1; Jason Dennie and John Latini, Oct. 2; Madcat and Kane and Maxwell Street, Oct. 8; Rob Lute with Jo Serrapere, Oct. 9; Dana Cooper with Daphne Willis, Oct. 15; Daniel Martin Moore

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Location: 38840 West Six Mile, Livonia
Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

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Bakers Keyboard Lounge
Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays
Details: Jazz for Kids Program
Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit
Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

Detroit Institute of Arts
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Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission
Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Detroit Zoo
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day
Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free
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Contact: (248) 541-5717

FILM

Penn Theatre
Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., Friday, Aug. 27; 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 28-29; 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sept. 2
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: "Toy Story 3," \$3 admission
Summer matinee series: "Muppet Treasure Island," Aug. 26; shows at 1 and 7 p.m.; tickets \$3
Coming up: "Knight and Day," 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 3-4, 5 p.m. and 7:05 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 5, 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 9; and "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Sept. 10-11, 5 p.m. and 7:05 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 12 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16



'The Merchants of Bollywood' runs Oct. 7-9 at Music Hall in Detroit.

Contact: (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com
Redford Theatre
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Aug. 27 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Aug. 28
Location: 17360 Lahser, Detroit
Details: "Laurel and Hardy Film Festival," \$6
Coming up: "African Queen," Sept. 10-11, and "The Godfather," Sept. 24-25; \$4
Contact: www.redfordtheatre.com

Location: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills
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Still Got It Players
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 25-26; 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 27-28; and 2 p.m., Aug. 29
Location: Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton
Details: "Larceny and Old Lace," a spoof on a classic; tickets are \$15 for adults, 19-58; \$13 for seniors, 60 and up and students, under 19; \$12 per groups of 15
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MUSEUMS
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Time/Date: 2 p.m., Thursday through Sunday

Plymouth Historical Museum
Time/Dates: Through Oct. 24
Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Coming up: "Margaret's 1910" honors

THEATER

Barefoot Players
Time/Date: 10 p.m., Aug. 27-28
Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth
Details: "Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead," the "unauthorized" parody of the Peanuts comic gang. The 75-minute show is performed without intermission; \$10

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Sidney Bonvallet (center) and her daughter, CJ Christopher distribute mosquito nets to children and pregnant women.

Local family aims to clothe a village

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Sidney Bonvallet was distributing mosquito nets to the Shangaan tribe in remote Mozambique last year when she experienced a "God moment."

Her husband, Wayne, and daughter, CJ Christopher, heard the message, too.

"It became clear we need to help these people," Bonvallet recalled.

Since then the Farmington Hills woman and her daughter, a Clarkston resident, have sewn about 400 adult-sized nguvas — a traditional garment of the Shangaan tribe that can be wrapped into a head covering, dress or child-carrying sling — and made 150 nguvas for teens. They've also accepted the help of others who are interested in their quest to clothe 1,200 residents in Massingir Velho village.

A friend, Cathy McCarthy of Commerce, founded "Stitchy Women," a group of several sewing-savvy friends who produced 70 pairs of shorts and several dresses in one day for the Bonvallet's nonprofit, Helping Hands, Touching Hearts Foundation.

Meanwhile, Wayne Bonvallet is working to attain 501 c3 status for the organization.

The couple's fellow church members at Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia have sponsored backpacks filled with school supplies for village children. The congregation will

take on the Foundation's work as a mission of the church on Sept. 19 during a special celebration that will include a display of the Bonvallets' work, video presentation, and refreshments.

"I'm feeling now we can make it. I've always taken on big challenges," Bonvallet said. "We just decided to keep putting one foot in front of the other. If you do what's possible and are brave ... I always knew God would give us the miracle."

KEEPING THE FAITH

Bonvallet learned at an early age about the importance of faith and "giving back" to the community.

The native Texan grew up with four siblings and a divorced single mother in a one-room house with no running water. Her mother stressed that the impoverished living condition was temporary and that her brood should trust that God would care for them.

"Ever since then I can see no other way than to give back. Had people not cared for us we would not have made it," she recalled.

With a bachelor's degree in geology, Bonvallet travelled internationally, making several visits to Africa 40 years ago while studying seismic activity.

She met her husband 10 years later — both had been married once before — and started a business together. She had resigned from the



Wayne and Sidney Bonvallet of Farmington Hills pet a cheetah in South Africa.



The 'Stitchy Women,' a group formed by Cathy McCarthy of Commerce, sewed 70 pairs of shorts and some dresses for African villagers, all in one day. They are Kathy Perpich (back left), Sandy Biebel, Gail Morad, Chelsea and Stacey Foss, Cathy McCarthy (seated left) and CJ Christopher.

auto industry and he had retired, enabling them to travel the country together giving empowerment seminars and coaching clientele.

NEW FOCUS

Now with her husband close to 80 years old and herself nearly 70, Bonvallet has increased the time she spends on charity work. She still counsels some clients, but is devoted to Helping Hands,

Touching Hearts.

"I've always done something to give back. I've always felt how richly I've been blessed," she said. "I always wanted to be in the Peace Corps. Now it's like my dream has come true."

She's concerned about the Shangaan tribe, which will be displaced within the next two years to allow animal migration — including elephants — through their land.

"The Mozambican people

grow their own food, but have no other way to get other essentials. They are very contented and affectionate with each other. They are kind and tolerant. There are no stress lines on their faces. We didn't hear any whiney, demanding children when we were there.

"When we gave them school supplies, you'd think we had given them the prize of their lives. Our goal this year is for 300 school bags. We sew every

single day. We want to provide them with basic needs and help in this transition."

Bonvallet also has collected ready-made clothing. She looks for "nice cotton" that doesn't wrinkle. Villagers hand wash their apparel in a river and use shrubs and trees for drying, Bonvallet said.

She also hopes to send soccer balls to the village. About 600 children currently share two balls.

RAISING FUNDS

The Bonvallets plan to return to Mozambique in early 2011. They'll also ship clothing and other items at that time.

Several fund-raisers are planned to benefit the Foundation's work.

Proceeds from an estate sale through Sunday, Aug. 29, at 19789 Scenic Harbour Drive, Northville, will go toward the cause. The house is located west of I-275 off Eight Mile.

Other events include a wine-tasting in October and spaghetti dinner in November.

For more about the Foundation, visit www.clothevillagenow.com

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AUG. 26-SEPT. 1

Back to school party
Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Aug. 28
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda, off of Joy between Lilley and Haggerty Roads
Details: Free Fun, games, food and school supplies will be given to students who are in need. RSVP by Aug. 26
Contact: (734) 404-2480
Financial Peace University
Time/Date: Begins at 7 p.m., Aug. 31
Location: In the fellowship hall at Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Details: Dave Ramsey's financial seminar includes 13 informative sessions on saving, spending, debt and investing.
Contact: www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locate-class/ or call (248) 553-3380.
New church
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m., Aug. 29
Location: Holiday Inn Express, 46194 North I-94 Service Drive, Belleville
Details: Life Pointe Church debuts with worship service, practical preaching, fellowship, food and back-to-school supplies giveaway
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Vacation Bible School
Time/Date: Aug. 27-29
Location: Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School; \$5 per child with a maximum of \$20 per family
Contact: Register at (734) 464-0990

SEPT. 2-15

Detroit Lutheran Singers
Time/Date: Auditions by appointment only; rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m., Mondays, beginning Sept. 13
Location: Westminster Church, on west Outer Drive, east of Greenfield in Detroit
Details: The group plans auditions and will begin preparing for its fall concerts
Contact: To schedule an audition, call (248) 644-1091 or e-mail to rightlady@comcast.net
Picnic
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Bible class, 11 a.m. worship, followed by picnic, Sunday, Sept. 12
Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Bounce House for the kids and other children's activities as well as lots of food
Contact: (734) 427-8743
Prayer service
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9
Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Unity World Day of Prayer involves people of all faiths joining in prayer for the health and well-being of the world, as well as for one another.
Contact: (734) 421-1760; www.unityoflivonia.org
Rediscovering Catholicism
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., Mondays, Sept. 13-Oct. 18
Location: St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Discussion of Matthew Kelly's book, "Rediscovering Catholicism." Participants will follow the author's study guide of questions for reflection, as the group reads selected passages of the book. A limited number of free books are available. Participants can pick one up from the church office when they register for the discussion group.
Contact: Register by calling Nancy at (734) 591-9164, or e-mail to nnaujokas@hotmail.com
Sunday school
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. worship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday school, Sunday, Sept. 12
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, just west of Newburgh in Westland
Details: Music, crafts, games and fun kicks off the new season

of Sunday school. Activities are designed for kids age 3 through fifth grade, but Sunday school is offered to individuals of all ages who are curious about God and Jesus' teachings; no prior experience necessary. An additional activity is designed for young adults and adults
Contact: (734) 722-1735

SEPT. 16-30

Drug, alcohol talk
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 30
Location: St. Joseph Parish multi-purpose room, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon
Details: Alcohol and drug discussion is designed for abusers, family members, anyone interested in the topic. Theresa Lilly, author of "Addiction of a Loved One," and James Balmer, president of Dawn Farms in Ypsilanti, are the speakers. There will be time for questions and answers and refreshments will be served
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ONGOING

AWANA
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade
Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia
Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.
Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.
Livonia Unity
Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.
Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions
Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org.

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: (734) 846-4615 for information

Nicole's Revival
Time/Date: 9 a.m., Monday-Friday
Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture reading
Contact: (313) 531-1234

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000
St. Andrew's Presbyterian
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday
Location: 26701 Joy
Details: Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey
Contact: (313) 274-3820

Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: (248) 374-5920

Clothing bank
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday
Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty
Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need
Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

Crafters wanted
First United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 23
Location: Eight Mile and Taft in Northville
Details: 3rd Annual Community Bizarre Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at the church. A great opportunity for local entrepreneurs and artists to showcase their talents and products to hundreds of local customers. Booking now
Contact: For details and to reserve a place, e-mail to Pat Breslin at fumcbaazaar@gmail.com. Learn more about Village Banking at www.FINCA.org

Riverside Park Church of God
Time/Date: Oct. 22-23
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Applications are being accepted for the annual fall craft show. Rental spaces are 8- by 5-feet and can be reserved for one day at a cost of \$20 or two days for \$30. Tables an additional \$5
Contact: (734) 464-0990; download an application at www.riversideparkchurch.org

St. John's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: Oct. 9
Location: 555 South Wayne Road, Westland
Details: Looking for crafters and vendors to participate in a fall craft sale
Contact: (734) 721-5023
St. Thomas a'Becket
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Accepting applications for handmade crafts only for 20th annual Christmas Craft Show
Contact: craftshow@abecket.org or (734) 844-1232

Fellowship dinner
St. James Presbyterian
Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Details: Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals
Contact: (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

Food Bank
New Hope Church
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only
Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton
Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

Moms
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers. Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Angie at (248) 427-1020

Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope
Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

Prayer
Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesday
Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Details: Prayer, spiritual healing
Contact: (734) 427-3660

Nardin Park United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests
Contact: (248) 476-8860

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia.
Details: Enter through the back of the church
Details: Music, singing, prayer
Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896,

Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906
St. Michael's Church of Livonia
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday
Location: Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia
Details: Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction service follows. (734) 261-1455

Senior citizens
Riverside Park Church of God
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., third Thursdays
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Senior adults, age 50 and over, enjoy social interaction and food
Contact: (734) 464-0990

Singles
First Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program
Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry meets; cost is \$5
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant
Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others who are ready

to help cope or become involved in the other social activities offered by Widowed Friends.
Contact: (313) 534-0399
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., Sunday
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville
Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation
Contact: (248) 374-5920

Song Circle
Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m., every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (traditional Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net.

Support
Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling
Contact: (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile
Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: (248) 433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m., second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibro-Myalgia support group meets; no dues, but donations are accepted
Contact: www.metrofibrogroupp.com; or call Lucy with questions at (734) 462-1768

Riverside Park Church of God
Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Riverside Park Adult Day Ministry offers an adult daytime care program with a specialty in dementia care
Contact: (734) 367-4220; www.riversideparkchurch.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday morning
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and use if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.
Contact: (734) 421-8451.

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EDWARD GEORGE JOHNSON, IV
 61, August 24, 2010, of Farmington Hills. Ed is a retired Supervisor from Lear Corp. He is survived by his beloved wife Elaine; his loving mother, Shirl Hamer; step-children, Lisa (Mark) Fetters and Joe Zielinski; grandchildren, Corbin, Turner and McKenna; sisters, Jackie Rosa and Linda Childress; uncle of Tracy, Richard and Natalie. Ed is preceded in death by his father, Edward III; and his brother, Les. Committal service, Monday, August 30th, 12:30 PM at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Memorial tributes suggested to Karmanos Cancer Institute. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, Downtown Farmington, 248-474-5200. heeneey-sundquist.com



DOROTHY MARY TROSKO
 Long time resident of Farmington Hills, Michigan. She was a well-respected, loved English teacher at Stevenson High School in Livonia, MI. Born August 26, 1939 in Muskegon, Michigan, died February 23, 2010 after being afflicted with the terminal disease, ALS. Dorothy was the last child of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew (Christina) Trosko, of Muskegon Heights, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her parents and her oldest sister, Helen Winkel and Helen's husband, Royden. She is survived by her older sister, Emma Schoolmaster, of Grand Rapids, Mi., her older brothers, Julius Trosko of Farmington Hills and James E. Trosko and his wife, Kay Dowell, and their son, Philip. In addition, she was closest, during her childhood, with Connie Schoolmaster Owston, currently of Neskowin, Oregon. How does one take a measure of a person like Dorothy? After growing up with her brother, "Jimmy", almost as fraternal twins, enjoying the wonders of the outdoor life in the Muskegon area, including the multiple trips to her sister Emma's cottage, where Dorothy, Connie, and Jimmy would spend much of their childhood hiking the shores of Lake Michigan. She was attracted to the life of the mind and reading. She devoted her whole life to all around her. She sacrificed much of her personal life to caring for both her elder parents; first, living with them while her father was failing, and later, with her failing mother, until both died. Dorothy graduated with honors from Muskegon Heights High School, and then went on to get a B.A. degree at Western Michigan University and later a Masters degree at the University of Michigan. Her influence as an English teacher even reached as far as Kyoto, Japan. She served as a powerful role model to her students. One could never measure the positive influence she had on her students. While all her energies seemed to go into making others happy, she had her two dogs, the late Mc Duff and her current dog, Barney, who seemed to have returned her love in a totally unconditional, loving way. She loved to travel, internationally, and she had a passion for collecting various artistic artifacts. A memorial service will be held on August 28th at 11 a.m., with visitation from 10 a.m., at Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home, 17000 Middlebelt Road (S. of 6 Mile) Livonia, Michigan 48154. Jim Trosko will officiate a review of her life with family and friends. The family wishes that, in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the ALS Foundation, to the Karmanos Hospice or to the Stem Cell Research Laboratory of the College of Human Medicine, Dept. of Pediatrics and Human Development, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, 48824. Share a memory at www.mannsfuneralhome.com



THOMAS BRADLEY MILLER
 Age 82. August 20, 2010. Beloved husband of Joan for 60 years; dear father of Michael and his wife Monika Mertz, Donald and his wife Jane, Clifford, Valerie McCloskey, and John; dearest grandfather of Amber, Maxwell, Adam, Burie and Jacob. A memorial service was held at Roseland Park Cemetery. Arrangements by Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne. In lieu of flowers the family asks for memorial contributions to the Kidney Foundation of Michigan: 800 482-1455

BRADLEY K. WEAGE
 August 23, 2010, age 55, at Atlanta, GA. Beloved son of Caroline J. Weage. Dear brother of Steven J. (Nora) Weage. Uncle of Valerie Weage. A memorial service will be planned later. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

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Schoolcraft gala boosts scholarships, tempts taste buds

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you're looking for good food and good company, mark Sunday, Sept. 26, on your calendar.

The Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza will be held 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, as a fund-raiser of the Schoolcraft College Foundation. Price for the food and wine event is \$50 per person, \$20 of which is tax-deductible.

The benefit will be held at the college's VisTaTech Center, on the Livonia campus on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile.

"The foundation does this to raise money for scholarships," said Kristina Mayer, event chair, and a vice president of Bank of Ann Arbor at the Plymouth location. The Hartland resident serves on the foundation board.

"It's a great event. Come out and try it," said Mayer, a Schoolcraft alumna who earned an associate's degree in applied science focusing on business.

"I became involved via a customer" a few years ago, she said, and this year was asked to be chair.

"It is not just culinary," Mayer said, citing a young woman who'll be able to finish her nursing studies at Schoolcraft thanks to Extravaganza scholarship money. "There are many success stories. We do it every year."

Mayer's sister teaches at Schoolcraft. "A couple links," Kristina Mayer's "in my 40s" and agrees today's students are also well-served by Schoolcraft.

"Probably the value of a community college, and learning to support your community via the college. It's very important to support your community," she said of today's students at Schoolcraft and what she hopes they glean from their school days.

The Extravaganza usually draws upward of 800 people, and is hanging in there in a more difficult economy. "It has been a little bit challenging

GOOD TIME COMING

A raffle prize drawing will be held 4-5 p.m. the day of the event at VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College.

First prize is \$1,000 cash; second prize, \$500 cash; third and fourth prizes, \$250 cash; fifth, sixth and seventh prizes, dinner for two at the American Harvest Restaurant of Schoolcraft College. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10, and you need not be present to win.



Kristina Mayer, chairwoman of 2010 Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza.

for us. We've lost a couple of restaurants, unfortunately," Mayer said. "We've been pretty fortunate."

"It's great food. It is great food. We have so many great restaurants in our area that participate. You can't go wrong." Food ranges from sweets to seafood to fruit: "Just everything. Coffee and pastries. The list goes on and on. It's terrific."

The Extravaganza has quite a history.

"This is the 19th year," said Marjorie Lynch, Schoolcraft's coordinator of special events and fund-raising. She's a Plymouth resident.

"The event is really for the students and building the scholarship fund. Seeing the students being awarded scholarships and able to attend school is wonderful," Lynch said.

Organizers get a lot of attendees from the general public, through newspaper coverage and signs on the Haggerty campus. "A lot of couples, groups of friends that come together," Mayer said. Some attend from sponsorship groups as well.

Her bank is a sponsor, and other



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Sodexo Corporate Services executive chef Justin Gregg serves Michelle Annarino of Farmington Hills and Debbie Hiltz of Livonia a serving of red, white, and blue dyed rice and meatballs during a previous Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza.

businesses are welcome to join. "We get a lot of sponsorship from other businesses."

"It does take some effort. The folks behind the scenes at Schoolcraft, so many of them are so terrific," she said. "They do much more of the work than I do. They need to be commended. They really do most everything," Mayer said of staff organizers.

Culinary Extravaganza attendees will be able to sample some of the finest culinary delicacies from restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors in metropolitan Detroit. Visit www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation/events for a current listing of participating restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors. Sponsorship packages ranging from \$300 to \$5,000 are available and offer additional benefits. Please call (734) 462-4518 for detailed information.

Museum marks Ramadan with iftar dinner

The Arab American National Museum (AANM) will present an iftar dinner and film screening beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, at the Museum, 13624 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn. Tickets for the event are \$25 for Museum Members and \$30 all others; they are available online at www.arabamericanmuseum.org and at the door.

Iftar dinners break the sunrise-to-sunset fast observed by Muslims during the holy month of Ramadan, a period of fasting, reflection and prayer that began Aug. 11.

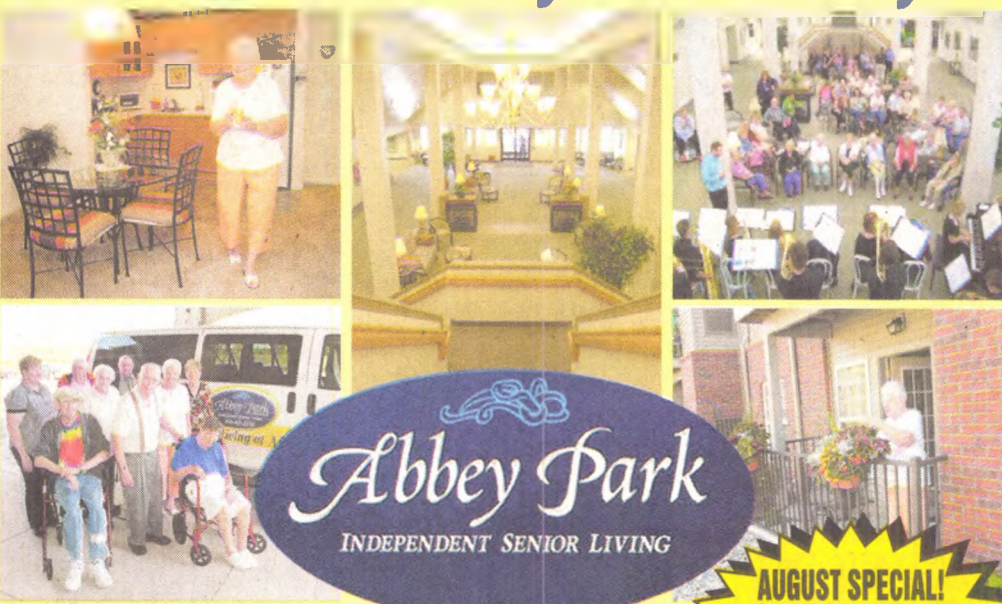
The evening will begin with a screening of the 2008 film *The Lemon Tree*, written, directed and produced by Eran Riklis and starring Hiam Abbass, Ali Suliman, Rona Lipaz and Doron Tavory. It's the story of a Palestinian widow who must defend her lemon grove when the Israeli defense minister becomes her new neighbor.

Immediately after sunset the iftar dinner will start in the Museum's Community Courtyard, with a menu of hummus; fattoush; stuffed lamb with rice and nuts; a chicken or vegetarian option; the special Ramadan dessert known as rose cheeks; and beverages.

La Marsa, a Mediterranean restaurant with locations in Farmington Hills, Waterford, Bloomfield Hills and Troy is catering the dinner.

For more information about the film screening and dinner event, call Suha Ahmed at (313) 624-0215 or e-mail to sahmed@accesscommunity.org

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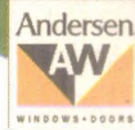
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This brick/stone ranch at 9242 Louis in Redford is listed at \$109,900. It has three bedrooms and a two-car attached garage. It has a finished basement.



This brick/vinyl four-bedroom colonial is at 267 Summerfield Drive in Westland. It's listed at \$175,000 and features four bedrooms and a two-car attached garage.



This three-bedroom colonial, listed at \$179,900, is at 44236 Crofton Court in Canton. It has a finished basement and an attached two-car garage. The home is of aluminum and brick.

\$100,000 - \$199,999 CAN PURCHASE A LOT OF HOUSE

Second of a four-part series on home prices.

BY JULIE BROWN
 O&E STAFF WRITER

Your \$100,000 to \$199,999 will go far in today's housing market in western Wayne County, Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Realtor Bart Patterson sees variety in all price ranges, including \$100,000 to \$199,999. "There are many pockets in the market right now because there's such diversity," said Patterson, vice president and general manager of RE/MAX Classic, with offices in Canton, Farmington Hills, Novi and Milford. Sellers need to have realistic expectations, not looking for 2,400 square feet in a colonial at the lower price end. "I think there's a lot of selection there,"

he said of the \$100,000-\$199,999 range. That includes some bank-owned homes under 2,000 square feet.

An analysis of sales data for May 8 to Aug. 8 of this year was done by Realcomp II Ltd. of Farmington Hills, the state's largest Multiple Listing Service. The analysis of residential and condo sales was done by marketing manager Fran Green.

For homes/condos priced at \$100,000 to \$199,999, the Realcomp II data showed: 24 Plymouth homes on the market, 23 sold in the past three months; 47 Plymouth Township homes on the market, 35 sold in that time; 260 Canton homes on the market, 132 sold in that time; 306 Livonia homes on the market, 176 sold in that time; 37 Redford homes on the market, five sold in that time; 148 Westland homes on the market, 47 sold in that time; 29 Garden

City homes on the market, nine sold in that time; 35 Farmington homes on the market, 25 sold in that time; and 218 Farmington Hills homes on the market, 109 sold in that time.

Gary Reggish, broker/owner of Remerica United Realty of Novi, said, "Right now, there is definitely a shortage of houses for buyers. Houses are selling." Reggish, a Livonia resident, noted homes are selling for full price or above, especially bank-owned homes in need of repairs.

"Three years ago, there was a wealth of product on the market," he said. The industry has worked through much of its inventory.

Reggish, president of the Farmington-based Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, did a computer search for Livonia homes at \$100,000 to \$200,000. "You're still able to get

some great deals," he said. For a Livonia home built 1960-80, as most were in that community, the average is selling at \$158,000, including at least three bedrooms, 1½ or more baths, a basement and a garage to accommodate generally two cars.

The average Livonia home Reggish describes is 1,500 square feet on up. It's on the market an average of 103 days, "which is not a long time."

Realtor Nancy Austin of Keller Williams Realty, who covers much of western Wayne and south Oakland, sees encouraging signs in the local real estate market.

"We were extremely busy during the time of the Obama incentives, the tax credit. We were just on fire," she said. Interest rates and inventory are still good.

"We're not dead, but we're not as

busy as we were," Austin said. "Prices are creeping up. It's not a rapid ascent. It's not going to be like it was five years ago when everything shot up, and that's probably a better thing."

Buyers look for a variety of architectural styles, Austin agreed, but all say, "I want a good deal." We hear it every day.

Austin said FHA (Federal Housing Administration) mortgages can help people into those homes, "at least for condos. Condos are tough to market." They're often in newer complexes that are not complete, so it's hard to arrange a mortgage and financing, she said.

"If a condo complex is complete there are fewer problems," said Austin, who works from her Canton home. Like her colleagues, she's encouraged by a recent uptick in sales, boosted in large part by federal government tax incentives many took advantage of.

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 10-14, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Sale Price	City	Address	Sale Price		
Davisburg	6278 Ridge Hollow Ln	\$9,000	22560 Mondavi Dr	\$90,000	1700 E. Maple Rd	\$160,000	
Farmington Hills	21739 Albion Ave	\$69,000	24429 Olde Orchard St	\$30,000	1839 Fleetwood Dr	\$145,000	
	31168 Berryhill St	\$225,000	24802 Olde Orchard St	\$65,000	Walled Lake		
	37618 Cherry Hill	\$375,000	50004 Streamwood Dr	\$210,000	1912 Scheffle Rd	\$85,000	
	28171 Kendallwood Ln	\$131,000	Oakland Township	3481 Shadwell Ln	\$354,000	602 Winwood Cir	\$95,000
	28334 Kirkside Ln	\$155,000	Orchard Lake	4475 Cranbrook Trl	\$400,000	Waterford	
	38105 Lantern Hill Ct	\$295,000	3787 Indian Trl	\$1,275,000	4106 Baybrook Dr	\$112,000	
	31885 Lanterwood St	\$135,000	Oxford	259 Oxford Lake Dr	\$135,000	5390 Dixie Hwy	\$190,000
	30594 Orchard Lake Rd	\$62,000	5 Willow St	\$122,000	1750 Eason	\$149,000	
	30344 Pipers Lane Ct	\$185,000	Rochester Hills	3140 Avalon Rd	\$25,000	3305 Harbours Blvd	\$266,000
	38249 Saratoga Cir	\$115,000	1710 Farnborough Dr	\$185,000	2652 Mann	\$155,000	
	25869 Skye Dr	\$175,000	1356 Kingspath Dr	\$260,000	5624 N Rainbow Ln	\$140,000	
Lake Orion	11208 Bald Mountain Rd	\$60,000	2178 Lagoon Dr	\$238,000	2900 Newberry Rd	\$40,000	
	3220 Cedar Key Dr	\$126,000	3724 Newcasttle Dr	\$320,000	1151 Whittier Dr	\$65,000	
	837 Corners Ct	\$55,000	244 Reilman Ct	\$129,000	West Bloomfield		
	2743 Fox Hollow Ct	\$27,000	591 Seabrook Dr	\$270,000	4215 Breckenridge Dr	\$90,000	
	3942 Mill Lake Rd	\$39,000	3334 Summit Ridge Dr	\$286,000	7005 Brookshire Ct	\$275,000	
Lathrup Village	17625 San Rosa Blvd	\$60,000	753 Wellington Cir	\$428,000	3477 Fox Woods Ct	\$390,000	
			1140 Whisperring Knoll Ln	\$212,000	2063 Long Lake Shore Dr	\$263,000	
Milford	585 Burns Rd	\$215,000	South Lyon	316 Second St	\$38,000	7393 Oak Tree Dr	\$200,000
	255 Skyline Dr	\$185,000	Southfield	17676 Addison St	\$24,000	7199 Pebble Park Dr	\$85,000
			20448 Midway Ave	\$34,000	6609 Queen Anne Dr	\$330,000	
Novi	47550 Beck Road	\$600,000	16245 Roanoke St	\$45,000	4403 Rolling Pine Dr	\$185,000	
	24188 Brentwood Ct	\$103,000	Troy	1033 Brooklawn Dr	\$127,000	2052 S Hammond Lake Rd	\$260,000
	28389 Carlton Way Dr	\$173,000		2596 Cheswick Dr	\$220,000	5113 Simpson Lake Rd	\$106,000
	23615 Dunston Rd	\$327,000				6065 Upper Straits Blvd	\$1,875,000
	47614 Greenwich Dr	\$255,000				7155 Willow Oak Dr	\$230,000
	22320 Miller Road	\$150,000				7270 Willow Rd	\$46,000
						White Lake	
						1983 Howland Blvd	\$200,000

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 10-14, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Sale Price	City	Address	Sale Price		
Garden City	8050 Rolling Meadows Dr	\$645,000	29736 Greenland St	\$190,000	578 Hartstough St	\$145,000	
	1728 Arcola St	\$91,000	8926 Hanlon Ave	\$163,000	40420 Ivywood Ln	\$182,000	
	6750 Lathers St	\$35,000	14740 Hix St	\$125,000	9421 Marlowe Ave	\$137,000	
	1421 Ralph St	\$75,000	38609 Jahn St	\$19,000	48760 Meadow Dr	\$233,000	
	30736 Rush St	\$60,000	19216 Meadowridge Dr	\$99,000	399 N Evergreen St	\$213,000	
Livonia	9075 Adams St	\$135,000	37619 Scone Ct	\$188,000	25883 Plymouth Hollow Dr	\$67,000	
	9805 Arden St	\$133,000	32701 Vermont St	\$108,000	Redford		
	19305 Brentwood St	\$65,000	15390 Woodring St	\$64,000	25586 Elba	\$64,000	
	9611 Cavell St	\$74,000	Northville	45775 Fermanagh Dr	\$413,000	13419 Farley	\$28,000
	12010 Cavell St	\$20,000	16464 Lincoln Dr	\$20,000	15388 Garfield	\$40,000	
	14171 Ellen Dr	\$144,000	16503 Mulberry Way	\$20,000	13211 Tecumseh	\$63,000	
	11698 Farmington Rd	\$79,000	46406 Pinehurst Cir	\$545,000	Westland		
	16818 Farmington Rd	\$100,000	47141 Red Oak Dr	\$390,000	30856 Cooley Blvd	\$106,000	
	16978 Farmington Rd	\$90,000	46103 Sunset St	\$70,000	30505 Louise St	\$90,000	
	9930 Fremont St	\$95,000	4190 Whisperring Knoll Ln	\$520,000	1140 Rahn St	\$73,000	
			Plymouth		1671 Shoemaker Dr	\$46,000	

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BIA

•Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents its Golf Spectacular and

Associates Networking Forum on Tuesday, Sept. 14, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Devil's Ridge Golf Club, a spikeless course, 3700 Metamora Road, Oxford.

Proceeds from the golf outing will benefit BIA-PAC. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with a 9 a.m. shotgun start (scramble format). Dinner will be served at 2:30 p.m. and will include ribs, chicken and burgers. Prizes will be awarded.

Registration is \$75 per person for the complete golf package including 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, dinner and golf competition contests. Dinner only is \$30 per person.

For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

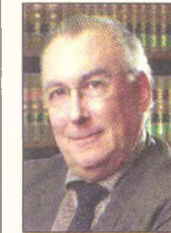
•Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents a Real Estate Continuing Education Course on Wednesday, Sept. 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

Lori Chmura of Middleton Training will present an update on real estate law and practices as required for Real Estate Continuing Education certification. Registration is \$60 per person for members of BIA's Sales and Marketing Council, \$80 per person for BIA members and \$125 per person for guests. Continental breakfast and lunch are included in the registration. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

Board responsible for unit upkeep

Q: We have a number of units that have been vacated by owners through foreclosure and the bank is not taking care of the units. Our management company seems to be doing very little about the situation and our board is too cheap to take any action. What can I tell them?

A: To the extent that you live in a condominium with attached units, the fact that the unit is not being taken care of may result in damage to other units, as well as the common elements. This is particularly the case in the winter if the water and/or heat are shut-off resulting in frozen pipes and other incidental problems. Moreover, the owner of the unit, whether it be a mortgage company or any other individual or entity, has a responsibility to maintain the unit regardless of whether it is occupied. In addition, the owner may be responsible for consequential damages suffered as a result of the failure to maintain the unit. You must remind your board of its obligations and that it could be held culpable if it does not take affirmative action in line with the comments in this response.



Robert Meisner

Q: At our annual meeting, we asked about a pending lawsuit. The attorney for the association refused to give us a response saying it was protected by the attorney/client privilege. Do you agree?

A: Yes, it is important to recognize that the attorney for the association represents the corporate entity, and, to the extent that there is litigation or legal issues with an individual co-owner or third party, the attorney and the Board of Directors must maintain confidentiality under their fiduciary duty obligations to the extent that the disclosure of that information would be adverse to the interests of the association. Therefore, the attorney was correct in not pouring his heart out, so to speak, with respect to the issues and strategies of the case against the co-owner in the condominium. If he "poured his heart out," that may well be malpractice on his part.

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

Challenging fun for ALL ages

Thursday

PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- 1 So far
- 4 Ripoff
- 8 Kachina doll maker
- 12 Draw on
- 13 Hung onto
- 14 Cold — icicle
- 15 1-70
- 16 Bullring yells
- 17 Glided
- 18 Young frog
- 20 Frozen-faced
- 21 Want-ad letters
- 22 Familiar digit
- 23 Narrow inlet
- 26 Took it easy
- 30 Criticize
- 31 Drop bait on water
- 32 Fork out
- 33 Meantime
- 36 Dinnerware item
- 38 Longing
- 39 Mark of Zorro
- 40 Cubed

DOWN

- 43 In plain sight
- 47 Like some exams
- 48 Dissolve
- 49 Candied goody
- 50 Invitation word
- 51 "— never fly"
- 52 Brink
- 53 Nautical mile
- 54 Finish last
- 55 Shriveled up
- 1 Mongol dwelling
- 2 This, in Havana
- 3 — off (miffed)
- 4 Drove away
- 5 Orchestra member
- 6 Toward shelter
- 7 Rx writers
- 8 Go quickly
- 9 Peace Prize
- 10 Major nuisance
- 11 Memorial Day race

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 23 Work da.
- 24 John, in Glasgow
- 25 Choose
- 26 Hasty escape
- 27 College stat
- 28 Dinner table exhortation
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- 31 Loud noise
- 34 Shoeleace hole
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- 36 Herb crusher
- 37 Luau welcome
- 39 Belly dance clackers
- 40 Quay
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- 43 Kill a bill
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- 45 Cougar's home
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Fun By The Numbers

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- acorn
- canning
- equinox
- haystack
- rake
- apple
- chestnuts
- fall
- leaves
- squash

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	6
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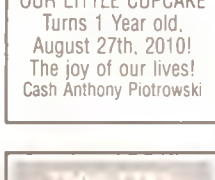
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Garage Sales 7110

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LIVONIA - 15600 Auburndale,
N/ 5, W/ Merriman. Computer
equip, name brand clothing,
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Aug 26-27, 9-5, Aug 28, 9-1.

LIVONIA - Thurs-Sun, 8-6pm.
17671 Bell Creek Lane, E. of
Farmington Rd., just N off 6
Mi Rd Household, Christmas
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auto brochures/literature, etc.

LIVONIA - Moving Sale

Fri/Sat., Aug. 27-28, 9am-4pm.
Name-brand teen
clothes, American Girl, RC
Toys. 16473 Fairway

LIVONIA

14736 Melrose St. Aug. 26-
28, THUR/FRI: 9am-7pm,
SAT: 8am-3pm. Wedding
gown/access. (size 4/5),
Flower girl dresses (6mo,
2t & 3t), furniture, electron-
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LIVONIA: Multi-Family

Garage Sale. 14744 Flamingo, S. of 5
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Wed., Thurs. & Fri., August
25, 26, 27th, 9am - 4pm.
23665 Maude Lea, Novi 48375

NOVI - Kid's bikes & clothing,

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8/27-8/28, 9-3pm. 44470
Midway Dr. off Taft btwn 9 &
10 Mile; Dunbarton Pines Sub

NOVI: Multi-Family, Ravere

Dr. 12 Mile, btwn. Novi & Beck,
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furniture, appls, electronics.

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If Joel Ewanick is supposed to be General Motors' marketing Batman, recruited to save the day for America's iconic automotive brands, then Chris Perry just http://adage.com/print?article_id=145474 .

Ewanick just swooped into his old cave at Hyundai's American operations and got Perry to join him as the new head of Chevrolet marketing. Perry took over last spring from Ewanick as Hyundai's CMO in the U.S. after Ewanick left Hyundai, by way of a brief stay at Nissan, to become GM's top marketer.

While at Hyundai over the previous few years, Perry and Ewanick comprised a Dynamic Duo that helped Hyundai gain massive chunks of the market and create Assurance, one of the most effective advertising campaigns of the Great Recession era. So Ewanick just had to have Perry help him

resurrect Chevrolet.

The switch raises questions about the marketing for the Hyundai brand, given the losses of Ewanick and Perry – and the fact that, while the Korean automaker has done remarkably well lately in the U.S., it's just not big enough to have a deep bench of marketing talent here.

Chevrolet seeks to gain from Hyundai's loss. On the strength of new products such as fresh versions of the Camaro and Equinox, Chevrolet's sales have been participating in the fledgling recovery at GM and in the U.S. auto industry. But the Chevy brand remains somewhat of a mess.

Perry becomes the fourth Chevrolet top marketer in the last 13 months. He replaces Jim Campbell, who took over in December. Campbell didn't help himself in June when he



Chris Perry will have a stable of new and refreshed vehicles to work with as he takes over marketing at Chevrolet.



President Obama drives a Volt off the assembly line at the GM plant in Hamtramck, with plant manager Teri Quigley.

and a colleague wrote an internal memo banning the use of the word "Chevy" because it promoted brand confusion. GM soon backed away from a blanket ban on the Chevy moniker.

Immediately after joining GM in May, Ewanick scrapped ad campaigns and agencies for Chevy. But Perry has got to get up to speed quickly, because Chevrolet is where the most important brand action is occurring at GM later this year.

There's the introduction of the Chevrolet Cruze in the next few weeks, which GM executives praise as their best small car ever. And then a few weeks later,



Chevrolet Cruze promises to be GM's best small car ever in the United States.

Chevrolet is due to introduce the much-anticipated Volt extended-range – or "plug-in" – hybrid vehicle.

Only the Batmobile would make more of a splash.

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