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Early parade

Parade lovers who show up for the earliest Fourth of July parade in the country are going to get a little more sleep starting next year.

Fred Hill, the longtime organizer of the Kiwanis Good Morning U.S.A. Parade, said this week the parade will back up its start time 90 minutes and begin at 9 a.m. For years, the parade has started at 7:30 a.m.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Organizers will move the start of the annual Fourth of July parade back to 9 a.m. next year.

"We hear from people who think it's too early, and we're responding to that," Hill said. "It's a very successful parade that draws a lot of people, but we think we can draw even more with a later start time. We hate to see anyone miss out."

Hill pointed out the start time is the only thing that will change for the parade, which starts at Theodore and runs south along Main Street to about Hartsough. Hill said he isn't sure if the later start will cost the parade its status as the earliest such parade in the country.

"I think we'll still at least be tied," he said with a chuckle.

Wanted: Vacation photos

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Then look for your photo in the newspaper and on our Facebook site under "Wish you were here."

Call Kadrich at (313) 222-8899 with any questions.

Calling all Vets

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 in Plymouth is looking for Vietnam-era veterans to join the post.

Veterans can get a membership, and their spouses are eligible for associate memberships. The chapter, located at 1426 S. Mill in Plymouth, meets 7 p.m. on the second Monday of every month.

For more information, call Gary Kubik, (734) 459-6700.



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Bringing them back

Artist Janisse Lahti Larsson, who has designed and painted local murals at Busch's Market and Nico and Vali and as far away as Kuwait, gets busy restoring the murals on the wall of the Penn Theater in downtown Plymouth. For the story and more photos, please turn to page A7.

Canton man charged with bilking clients

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Barlow

A Canton man accused of embezzling more than \$350,000 from two men whose retirement funds he was hired to manage could face 20 years in prison if he is convicted of felony criminal charges.

Donald Barlow Jr., 44, faces a Sept. 10 preliminary exam in 35th District Court after he was arraigned Thursday on two counts of embezzling more than \$100,000. Judge James Plakas set a \$250,000 bond and entered a not-guilty plea for the defendant.

Barlow couldn't be reached by telephone. A recording indicated his voice mail box was full.

Attorney General Mike Cox announced the charges against Barlow and said they stemmed from an investigation con-

ducted by the Plymouth Police Department. Barlow was charged amid allegations he prepared tax returns for years for two known victims and, in 2007, advised them he could manage their retirement funds. The men agreed and collectively turned over more than \$350,000, according to Cox's office.

Starting in 2007, Barlow is accused of depositing the victims' money into a bank account for a bogus company, CapQuest Investments LLC, and periodically sending falsified investment reports to the men.

"Financial scams are devastating to the honest, hardworking victims," Cox said in a prepared statement. "During these difficult economic

times, there are individuals who betray the trust of their fellow citizens by pilfering their hard-earned money, and my office will not tolerate it."

An investigation began in December 2009 after a victim contacted law enforcement when he received an anonymous note advising him his funds weren't properly invested.

Barlow was arrested Wednesday evening at his Canton home and arraigned the following morning in 35th District Court. His preliminary exam for Sept. 10 is scheduled in front of 35th District Judge Mike Gerou.

Anyone who invested with Barlow or CapQuest Investments LLC — and who believes a portion of their money is unaccounted for — is encouraged to contact the criminal division of the state Attorney General's Office at (517) 241-6565.



Performance bash

Members of the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps on the march during their Aug. 14 performance for Karin Boesen Wilson of Westland. The command performance, which took place outside the Plymouth Township home of her daughter, Priscilla Behnke, was in honor of Wilson's 101st birthday. For the story and more pictures, please see page A8.

Critics rip Plymouth public safety ideas

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Proposals that would result in a reduction in full-time Plymouth Community Fire Department jobs were criticized Wednesday as shortsighted and dangerous.

The five options — which ranged from having 10 full-time firefighters supplemented by part-time and on-call personnel, to the city of Plymouth's withdrawal from the department altogether — were part of a new report on public safety services in Plymouth and how they could be delivered for less money.

But residents of Plymouth and Plymouth Township, the

communities served by the 23-member department, and PCFD firefighters blasted all five suggestions, saying they don't address many factors involved in firefighting and medical rescue and would put lives and safety in jeopardy.

"We won't have enough people to mount an initial attack on a house fire to save my family," Kevin Henderson of Plymouth told the City Commission at the Cultural Center after a presentation by representatives of the International City/County Management Association, which authored the report.

"I think if you adopt these proposals, people are going to die," said Tim Sullivan, also of

Plymouth.

The report, in detailing proposed personnel and organizational changes to the fire department, didn't account for how obligations such as ongoing training, equipment inspection and maintenance and fire prevention would be managed, Henderson complained. Attracting part-time and on-call supplemental firefighters, in a city the size of Plymouth, would be difficult, he said.

Sullivan said the report ignored the possibility of solving budget problems by bringing in more revenue by handling more patient transports to hospitals during emergency

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**City set for
festival fun**

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's Fall Festival, a collection of fun and fund-raising events that support local service groups, begins Friday afternoon in the city's downtown.

The 55th edition of the festival, which has its roots in a Rotary Club picnic from the 1950s, features a show of classic cars, carnival rides, artists' booths, entertainment and the annual Taste Fest, 6-8 p.m. Friday at Station 885 in Old Village. More than 30 local eateries are participating in Taste Fest.

"Our goals are always for the clubs to do well, raise money for their individual purposes, and everyone who comes to (the festival) to have a good time," festival committee president Colleen Brown said. As the weather goes, so goes the festival, Brown said, and with good weather last year, clubs reported good returns.

No Fall Festival would be complete without its signature food events: The Kiwanis pancake breakfast (7-11:30 a.m. Saturday), the A.M. Rotary's spaghetti dinner (4-8 p.m. Saturday) and the Rotary's famous chicken barbecue (from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday). Breakfast is at The Gathering, the dinners across the street at Kellogg Park.

But there's also bingo (6-10 p.m. Friday at The Gathering, sponsored by the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters), the car show (Saturday and Sunday on Main and Penninam streets) and the booths staffed by service and community organizations, ranging from local Vietnam Veterans of America (corn on the cob) to the Trailwood Garden Club (a plant exchange).

"We have a corps that have been in the Fall Festival a long time," Brown said, listing the Lions Club (pretzels and smoothies) the Civitans (candy and photo buttons and magnets) and the VVA as festival veterans.

Others, like the Canton High School softball team (corn dogs and hot dogs), at about a dozen years, is a relative newcomer, she said. Making its first appearance, or at least its first in many years, will be the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps (roasted almonds).

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Riders enjoyed the thrills of the 1001 Nights ride during Plymouth's Fall Festival last year. The rides — and the festival — return Friday.



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FESTIVAL
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Entertainment options at Kellogg Park will include country-pop musicians Parker Welling and her band Friday evening, a pet show, dance shows and a martial arts demonstration Saturday, The Randy Brock Group late Saturday afternoon and The Crutches Saturday evening. On Sunday, there will be performances by Gia Warner and Bobby Lewis, Midwest Tae Kwon Do and the Double Cross Band.

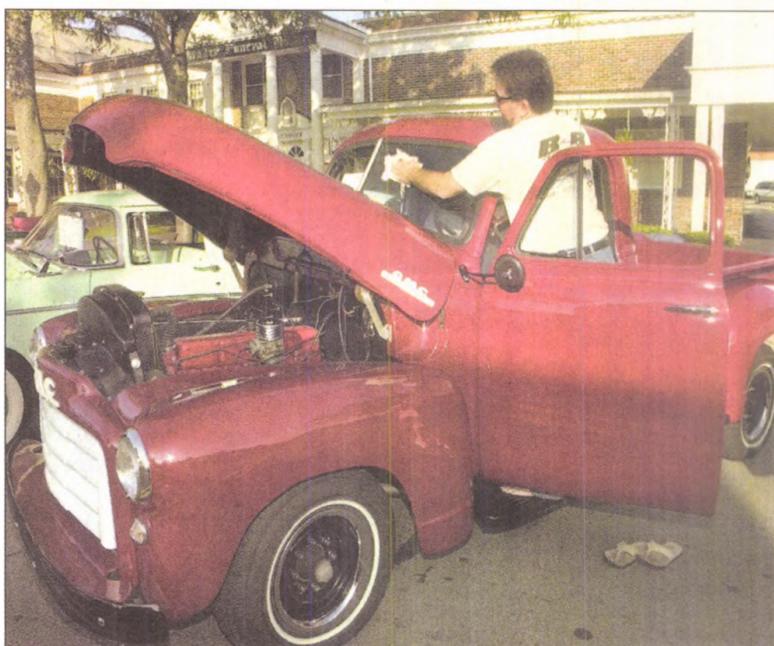
Brown said this is the first time in her five-year tenure as president that all available booths were filled a week before the event.

The festival committee did well enough last year, she said, that it was able to spring for booth fees for several groups. To qualify, a group must have participated last year and must be represented at all four major festival planning meetings.

Brown said committee members were happy to further help the clubs. "That's the whole point of the festival, is for the clubs to make money," she said.

Fall Festival hours are from noon to 11 p.m. Friday, from 7 a.m. (the beginning of the pancake breakfast) to 11 p.m. Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For Taste Fest on Friday, there will be free shuttle service 5-9 p.m. between downtown and Station 885. For more information, including maps of event and parking locations, visit the festival website at www.plymouthfallfestival.com.

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Jeff Fitzsimons helped get Darlene Looney's 1953 GMC pickup truck ready for last year's antique car show, part of the annual fun at Plymouth's Fall Festival.

FALL FEST STANDARDS

Here are just a few of the highlights of the Plymouth Fall Festival:

Perennial exchange: The Trailwood Garden Club sponsors a Perennial Exchange, 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, on a bring something (healthy plants only)-take something, basis. The club will be set up at the east end of Kellogg Park. Call (734) 459-7146.

Hog roast: Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial in Plymouth, sponsors the third annual free Hog Roast at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10. For more information, call (734) 658-8373.

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. Cost for pre-registration (before Sept. 10) is \$10 for one day, \$15 for both. Registration forms are online at www.plymouthfallfestival.com. Call Chris Gurriere (734) 756-7781.

Rotary steps up for food pantry

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Rotarian Russ Jones was at the Plymouth Salvation Army one day last week on business, and happened to walk through the Corps' food pantry.

Dismayed by the dwindling supplies on the shelves, and knowing how many families depend on the pantry, Jones decided something must be done, and the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club was the one to do it.

That's why Rotarians will be collecting donations at their ticket booth at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Main Sept. 10-11. Rotarians will man the booth, and accept non-perishable donations, 2-8 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday. Cash donations will also be accepted.

"I just thought if they need the food, with no real food drive coming up, maybe we could leverage the traffic we get for Fall Fest to make people aware," said Jones, who sits on the Rotary board of directors and the Salvation Army Advisory Board. "Even if we don't get a lot of food — people can't really carry bagfuls of groceries there — we can get a little food, create some

awareness, and maybe generate some donations. It's an opportunity to create some awareness that the ongoing need is there."

Food items most in need include things like Hamburger Helper, oatmeal, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, chunky soups, canned spaghetti and ravioli and canned meats such as tuna, chicken and turkey. Salvation Army officials said toiletries are always welcome, particularly shampoo/conditioner, toilet paper and deodorant.

The Plymouth Salvation Army, which serves Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville, feeds more than 100 families per month, plus more than 500 with its Thanksgiving program and more than 350 at Christmas.

"We depend heavily on donations to keep our food pantry stocked, and we're always so grateful for the generosity of the people in our community," said Laurie Aren, the Salvation Army's director of family and community ministries. "It's very generous of the Rotary Club to step up and try to help."

For more information on the food pantry, or to find out about eligibility requirements, call (734) 453-5464.

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Color blind

The Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion sponsors a discussion with essayist, author and educator Tim Wise, *Rise of Color-Blind: The Author of Post-Racial Politics and the Retreat from Racial Equity*, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, in the Vista TEch Center presentation room 55Q at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

If an under-privileged or disadvantaged group exists, then there must be a privileged or advantaged group that also exists. As part of the Michigan Roundtable's public education effort, Wise will discuss how structures and institutions have been put in place and reinforced by people of privilege in order to marginalize the other. The message is quite clear: Acknowledge your privilege and take responsibility to eradicate it.

Admission is free to the public, but pre-registration is necessary. Registration is available online at www.miroundtable.org or by contacting Tanaya Parker by phone at (313) 870-1500.

Senior Fest picnic

The annual Senior Fest Picnic takes place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, at Waterford Bend Park, located at 6 Mile and Northville Road in Northville.

Tickets must be purchased by Sept. 10 and cost \$7 for Plymouth Community Council on Aging members, \$9 for non-members and guests. The price includes a box lunch from Lee's Famous Chicken, entertainment, prizes and vendors. Tickets are available at the PCCA office, 201 S. Main in Plymouth. Free transportation can be arranged by calling (734) 459-8888.

Boblo steamers

Boblo Island Amusement Park was a getaway from the hustle and bustle of city life. Come listen to Lori Feret present a talk on "The BobLo Steamers: Matriarchs of the



Up (and down) the river

The Rouge River may not come to mind when one thinks of canoeing or kayaking, yet it is the roughest river for much of metro Detroit. On Sunday, Sept. 26, Friends of the Rouge is partnering with Riverside Kayak Connection to host an annual tour that highlights the industrial section of the Rouge River. Kayakers will be dwarfed by the massive historic Ford Rouge complex; entertained by the up and down of the unique suspension bridge that all have operators; surprised by the occasional fish and blue herons and awed by the huge release of steam from the coking operations on Zug Island. Reservations can be made by contacting Riverside Kayak Connection at (734) 285-2925. The tour includes shuttle service and lunch; kayaks are \$45 a person or bring your own for \$20. For more information on the tours and a link to a Google map with highlights, visit www.therouge.org.

Detroit River" on Thursday, Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Feret has been working on a restoration project for the BobLo boats. The talk will be held during the Plymouth Historical Society's monthly meeting. Admission is free to the meeting and lecture; donations are appreciated. Refreshments are served following the meeting.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth, one block north of downtown. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

Garden club meets

The Plymouth Garden Club meets Monday, Sept. 13 at 12:30 p.m. at the Garden Club Park, located at the corner of Forest and Sutherland.

This is a potluck luncheon. Please bring a dish to pass, your own place setting and a lawn chair. Beverages and dessert will be provided. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held at the Plymouth District Library. All are welcome.

For more information, visit

the website at www.sites.google.com/site/plymouthgardenclub

Good Grief golf

The 12th annual "Good Grief" golf outing to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support is presented by this year's Green Jacket Sponsor, Wynwood of Northville, Saturday, Sept. 12, at Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon, with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

The proceeds from this outing will benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, a bereavement outreach center located in Northville. New Hope provides free grief support services and resources to men, women, teens, and children throughout southeastern Michigan. The cost for this four-person scramble, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, dinner, contests, and prizes, is \$125 per golfer. Dinner only is \$35 per person.

For information about sponsorship opportunities or for registration information, contact Pattie Bingham at (248) 348.0115 and visit our website at www.newhopecenter.net.

Call for crafters

The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual juried handmade-only Craft Show on Saturday Oct. 16, at West Middle School in Plymouth from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

For information on how to take part, call or e-mail Judy Stone at JBSTONE716@comcast.net or Alice Chrenko, (248) 348-9610 or dachrenko@hotmail.com

AAUW meeting

The Plymouth/Canton branch of the American Association of University Women will host its monthly Women on Sept. 16, at 6 p.m., at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon (just north of N. Territorial) in Plymouth.

The meeting will feature Lisa Noel, the branch's college delegate to this year's NCCWSL Leadership Conference. Noel will share information about the conference and describe its effects upon her life and future generations. AAUW is dedicated to advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. AAUW membership is open to all.

For more information, contact Esther Nelson at enelson1c@att.net or (734) 981-4938.

Chiefettes variety

The Canton Chiefettes Pom Team presents "Fame-A Variety Show" 1:30 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, in the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School.

Tickets are on sale now for \$6 and are available from Chiefette team members and parents or can be purchased for \$8 at the door on show day. For more information visit our website www.cantonchiefettes.com

Christmas auditions

Central City Dance in Canton is holding open auditions for its annual Christmas

Spectacular Broadway Show on Sunday, Sept. 12.

Performers from all over southeast Michigan are welcome to try out. Auditions will be:

- Dancers: 11-11:45 a.m. ages 6-8; noon-12:45 p.m. ages 9-12; 1:30-2:30 p.m. ages 13 to adult.
- Singers: 2:45-3:30 p.m. for all ages.
- Gymnasts: 1-1:30 p.m. all ages.

Sponsored by Central City Dance in Canton for the last five years, the show includes more than 300 costumes in eight scenes and 100 performers showcasing some of the most talented dancers, singers, and gymnasts from area dance studios, community theaters, and colleges throughout south-east Michigan.

This year there are five shows, Dec. 16th-19th at Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Additional information regarding the audition process can be found on the studio's website: www.CentralCityDance.com

Quilt art

Contemporary quilt art begins the fall season of exhibitions at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. "Confluence" is the aptly named title of Marilyn Prucka's September exhibit. The artist uses the Raisin River in Monroe for her quilt inspiration. Her work expresses the texture, light and color of the river and its immediate surroundings.

A luncheon and fiberart presentation by Marilyn Prucka will be held at the PCAC on Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 11:45 a.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by contacting the Arts Council at (734) 416-4278. "Not Afraid to Dye" is the theme of the presentation about fiberart, creativity and process.

Marilyn Prucka holds an MFA in Textiles from Eastern Michigan University and a BA in printmaking. She has been a guest lecturer at Wayne State University and teaches fiber and printmaking workshops.

An artist reception will also

be held on Friday, Sept. 24 from 6-8 p.m. The public is invited. The exhibit continues through Sept. 30 and can be viewed Monday through Thursday from 9-5. The Arts Council is located at 774 N. Sheldon Rd. in Plymouth. Call (734) 416-4278 for additional information.

Ensemble auditions

The Vocal Arts Ensemble of Michigan announces auditions for new members, all voices: Soprano, Mezzo Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Baritone or Bass. All must have the ability to read music and embrace music of the capella choral tradition both sacred and secular. Renaissance to current musical experiences both costumed and in traditional concert attire.

Auditions will be held at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12. Weekly rehearsals are on Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at Orchard United Methodist Church.

For more information, contact Charles Whitmore, Director, at (313) 254-1821 or e-mail chuckwhitmore1@live.com.

Barn dance

The annual Salem Area Historical Society Barn Dance takes place Friday, Sept. 10 from 7-10 p.m. at Six Mile Cedars Farm on Six Mile Road just west of Curtis Road.

Members and non-members are welcome. Admission at the door will be \$5 per person or \$3 for SAHS Members. The Picks 'N' Sticks will provide the music and their Square Dance Caller will assist dancers with all levels of experience. Proceeds will be used for the upkeep of the Jarvis-Stone School and the Dickerson Barn. Cider and donuts will be available for purchase. Major Sponsors include Karl's Cabin Restaurant & Bar, The Store in Salem, All-American Storage, Edith's Market and In Memory of Barbara J. Rohraff. Additional sponsors are: Country General Store and Salem Hills Golf Club.



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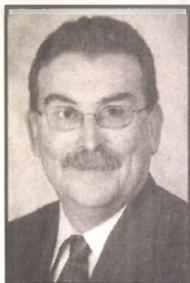
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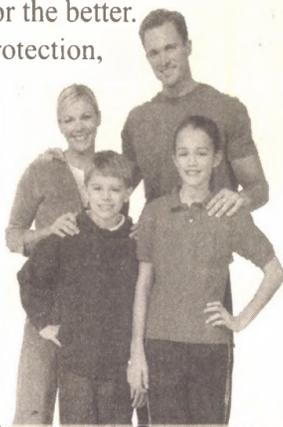
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Glenn freshmen start year with a blast-off

BY SUE MASON
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It may have been three years ago, but senior Darryl Shahid still remembers how hard it was to find his way around John Glenn High School.

That's why he spent Monday, Aug. 30, acclimating incoming freshman to the Westland high school.

"I want to help freshman make the transition," said Shahid, who was a lead mentor for Rocket Blast-Off, an orientation program for incoming ninth-graders. "I came here and met a mentor and he helped me out, so I want to help."

This is the fourth year the orientation has been offered at Glenn and Wayne Memorial High Schools. Close to 300 freshman attended Wayne High's program, held on Aug. 27, while close to 240 ninth-graders participated in the program at Glenn, where a number of Canton students attend.

"This is their first day of school," said Deanna Strong, who coordinated the two programs. "It's not going to be as confusing for them. On the first day of school, there will be 70 mentors walking around, helping the new students."

The members of the Class of 2014 were greeted at the front doors of the school by the marching band and ushered inside where they did activities like Getting to Know You Bingo and Getting to Know the School and were treated to a pep assembly, featuring the high school step team, JROTC and the band. Mentors also taught the freshmen the high school's fight song.

But they also learned the three L's — lockers, lunch and lost. They learned where their lockers were and how to open them, how to make it through the lunch line and walked the school so they don't get lost, Strong said.

Austin Clute, who is coming to Glenn from Stevenson Middle School, worked on his classes that will take him downstairs, upstairs and downstairs at Glenn.

"It's kind of scary, it's going to be hard getting around," he said. "This is a giant



Freshman David Ertman gets directions from junior Jesse Sanchez in finding his locker during this year's Rocket Blast-Off at John Glenn High School.

school."

"I think more kids should have come," said Tony Bojanowski. "I attended because it gave me an opportunity to see my classes. When a school is so big, you need to know where things are. With this you get to go and find your classes and your locker."

Mentor/senior Evan Woody took up the challenge of being a mentor because he wants to "take more of a leadership role" at Glenn.

"I want to be a teacher and this is a start," he said.

Senior Czarina Tejada liked the idea of helping the freshman. She, like Shahid, remembers how scary it was her first year at the school.

"I was alone," she said. "I followed my best friend (senior Eunice Onadia)."

The twosome led Krista Symansic, Jake Shollack, Trevor Simpson and Clute on a tour of the school.

"I'm glad I came," said Simpson. "We've got some good mentors. They have knowledge, they know where the classes are and how school can be."

"We're getting them to know where their classes are so they don't get lost, maybe they'll remember this on their first day," said Tejada.

There also was another piece of information given to the freshman — "1 freshman + six credits = sophomore" was printed across the back of their Blast-Off T-shirts, a message that every credit is needed to move forward.

As for the mentors, the message to them was that failure isn't an option for their freshman.

Teachers back to class without a new contract

BY BRAD KADRICH
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While nearly 1,100 teachers get back to work when school resumes Tuesday, the representatives on both sides negotiating their new contract still have some work to do.

Plymouth-Canton teachers, including nearly 100 new ones hired to replace a large number who retired after last year, report for the first day of school without a new contract, meaning they'll continue operating under the current agreement.

"We met last spring, we met a couple of times this summer and we have another session this week," said Ray Bihun, the district's executive director for human resources. "We've come to agreement on some language issues, now we're talking about compensation and benefits."

Bihun declined, citing the ongoing negotiations, to go into detail about what the district might be seeking in a new contract.

He did say, however, that the sides have agreed on language to deal with a new, state-driven requirement

for annual evaluations (the previous requirement, he said, was for an evaluation every three years).

"The state has put some new requirements on us in terms of evaluations," Bihun said. "We worked out language to make sure we comply with all state laws."

The current agreement expired Aug. 31. Any new deal would be effective Sept. 1.

Plymouth-Canton Education Association President Nancy Barrows also declined to comment on specifics of the negotiations. She did say negotiations between the two sides, who she said have met more than 14 times including committee meetings, continue to be amicable.

"We're still sitting down and talking," said Barrows, who said there's no way of telling how long talks will take. "We've taken care of a lot of things. We're working on the tougher stuff now. We have a good relationship, with the district and with the school board, and we'll eventually get to a settlement."

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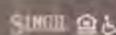
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Fiery crash kills Belleville man

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Belleville man was killed in a fiery crash Friday morning when the Ford pickup truck he was driving slammed into two unoccupied construction trucks parked on the side of northbound I-275 near Cherry Hill in Canton Township, police said.

Authorities identified the man as Leo Eugene West, 69.

Michigan State Police continued to investigate the crash, and Trooper Rocco Daversa said alcohol was not believed to be a factor in the accident.

The crash happened when the man's truck, traveling north on I-275, left the interstate and struck two construction trucks that Daversa said were parked in a grassy area just off the shoulder.

The man's pickup truck burst into flames, the trooper said.

"The impact from hitting the trucks shoved the pickup truck's engine into the passenger compartment and severed the fuel lines," Daversa said.

No one else was injured during the incident, which happened shortly after 7:30 a.m.



Michigan State Police said this Ford pickup, driven by a Belleville man, apparently rear-ended unoccupied construction vehicles on northbound I-275 just south of Cherry Hill Road Friday morning.

Daversa said the construction trucks belonged to a crew that had been working on the Cherry Hill Road overpass on I-275.

Michigan State Police had closed down the interstate following the accident, causing a traffic backup that Daversa said stretched to at least Ecorse Road.

Northbound traffic had started flowing again around 10:15 a.m., less than three hours after the accident, Daversa said.

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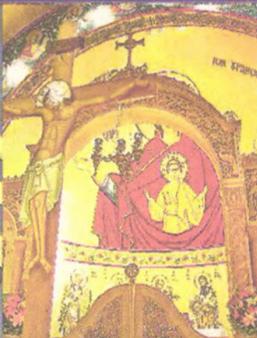
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The old saying goes, "April showers bring May flowers." Well, a hot dry August just ended and September got started with showers. Thursday's storms brought out umbrellas and relief for parched lawns.

Changes could save city \$500,000-plus a year, study finds

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A study of how public safety services in Plymouth are delivered suggests five different ways the city could save money by changing its relationship with the Plymouth Community Fire Department.

The 23-member PCFD, which provides the city and Plymouth Township with firefighting and emergency paramedic service, has a 2010 budget of about \$4.1 million, of which the city contributed about \$1 million. Firefighters now work 24-hour shifts and are based at three different stations.

Plymouth officials asked for the \$68,000 study, by the International City/County Managers Association, as they try to address anticipated revenue shortfalls and increasing budget pressures.

Three of the five fire department options suggested by the ICMA call for cuts in fire department personnel, and a supplementary staff of part-time and on-call firefighters. One option would keep two stations open, while two others would keep all three open. Annual savings for the city are projected at up to \$580,000 depending on the option.

The other two options presented would have the city

cross-train its police officers in firefighting and basic medical first-response medical care, and they would become public safety officers. The city would no longer rely on the PCFD for routine medical emergencies, traffic accidents and fire incidents.

Under one public safety option, savings are estimated at \$500,000 a year, excluding startup and training costs. Under the second, in which three officers would be added to the force (currently at 15), savings are estimated at \$229,000 a year, excluding one-time costs.

A private paramedic service would continue to play a major

role in providing emergency medical care in all five scenarios. Currently, the non-profit Huron Valley Ambulance services both communities, backing up fire department paramedics and providing most patient transports to hospitals during medical emergencies.

The current PCFD is made up of 21 unionized firefighter paramedics, plus the fire inspector, William Conroy, and Fire Chief Mark Wendel. Three union members were laid off in January.

The 136-page study is available on the city's website, www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

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medical calls. That's something firefighters have pushed for repeatedly; a majority of current patient transports are done by Huron Valley Ambulance, which charges insurers and patients for the service.

Lt. Rick Tefend, president of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1496, which represents PCFD firefighters, later made the same argument.

HVA, though a nonprofit, isn't "doing it out of the kindness of their hearts, they're doing it as a business," Tefend said. "If we transport all of the runs, we could probably bring three-quarters of a million dollars into the two communities."

However, township officials, who manage the department, have said firefighters are overestimating the revenue that would be generated by more ambulance transports.

Some critics suggested per-

sonnel cuts in the fire department, or the creation of a public safety department in Plymouth — in which police officers would be trained in firefighting and emergency medical response and in which there would be greater reliance on a private paramedic service — would endanger mutual aid pacts with neighboring communities, meaning help from nearby fire departments might not arrive in the event of a major fire.

Mayor Dan Dwyer later said that wouldn't happen.

"Rest assured we will not put any model in place that would not provide for the city to have a proficient mutual aid system," Dwyer said.

Commissioners, who had called for the public safety study as a part of their long-term strategy for dealing with budget shortfalls, were mostly quiet during the nearly two-hour meeting.

Commissioner Michael Wright, the mayor pro tem, said the report alerted him to "a dramatic change in the dynamics" of how police protection, fire-

fighting and emergency medical services are provided.

"There's going to have to be a significant rethinking of how we deliver these services" because of the cost and budgetary pressures, agreed Lawrence Matarese, the ICMA's director of public safety services and a former public safety director and city manager. "And that's occurring all over the country."

Bob Doroshewitz, a member of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, said those who will make decisions regarding the department's future have a stake in it.

"None of us are going to make a decision that's going to put life safety at risk, because we have our families and we live here, too," Doroshewitz said.

But firefighters criticized the report and its proposals in strong terms.

"I don't know what they're talking about, working two hours a day," PCFD Capt. Jim Jury said, referring to a line in the report that said firefighters are busy with medical and fire

runs in the city and township for an average of 90 minutes a day.

"When you have these multiple runs, where is the cavalry coming from?" said firefighter Jim Harrell, vice president of Local 1496. Harrell read from a list of dates from early this year on which there were multiple calls for services at the same time.

IAFF spokesman Terry Chesney called the ICMA report boilerplate, with only the statistics cited pertaining directly to Plymouth. "You didn't need some outsiders to put these numbers together for you," he told the commission.

But Matarese defended the study after the meeting, saying that if it reads like reports done for other communities, that's only because the methods used were the same.

Also presenting the report with Mararese was Kenneth Chelst, a professor of industrial engineering at Wayne State University and a consultant to the ICMA who supervised data analysis.

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Screen stars on Penn Theatre wall get a facelift

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They're almost ready for their closeups. Screen stars in downtown Plymouth are getting facelifts, and in some cases complete makeovers, after more than 20 years in mural form on the east-side wall of the Penn Theatre.

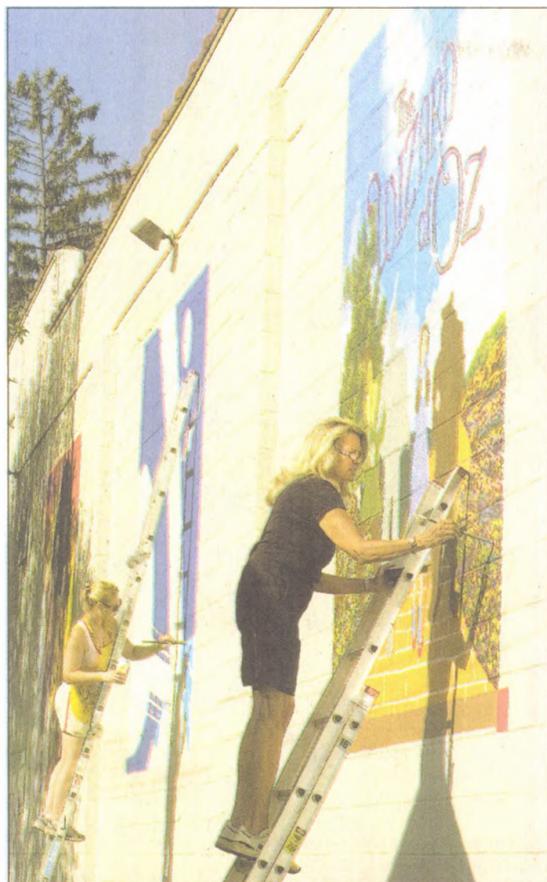
Plymouth artist Janisse Lahti Larsson, whose resume includes many public art projects and large-scale works, has nearly completed a makeover of the four murals, which depict stars and scenes from classic films: *Gone With the Wind*, 2001: *A Space Odyssey*, *The Wizard of Oz* and *The Sheik*, a 1921 silent movie starring Rudolph Valentino.

Ellen Elliott, executive director of the nonprofit Friends of the Penn, which runs the theater, said Larsson's work has made the murals pop.

"You can see all the depth to the pictures now, as opposed to before — it was really flat," Elliott said Wednesday morning as Larsson and an assistant, Katra Stubblefield, who teaches art at her studio on Wing Street, worked on the murals.

The original murals, from the 1980s, Elliott said, were painted from pictures that were projected on the wall and simply traced over, and therefore had a flatness to them. Paint had been peeling from the murals, and they were in need of restoration, she said.

Larsson's project also gave the murals more color and detail, such as the scenery surrounding the characters in *The Wizard of Oz* mural, and the flames, meant to symbolize the burning of Atlanta, behind



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Muralists Janisse Lahti Larsson (right) and Katra Stubblefield are repainting the movie-themed murals on the east side of the Penn Theater.

Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh in the *Gone With the Wind* mural. She's also painting a fancy "frame" onto each 9- by 10-foot mural.

Larsson, who has done commercial work for Busch's and Kroger supermarkets, the restaurant Nico & Vali, Meadowbrook Mall and even



Plymouth artist Katra Stubblefield takes time from her Wing Street studio to help her Godmother, Janisse Lahti Larsson, paint the murals on the wall of downtown Plymouth's Penn Theatre.



The Penn Theatre's Ellen Elliott talks about the mural project.

a hardware store in Kuwait, said she's had her eyes on the murals at the Penn for a long time.

"We've talked before, but it took a couple of years to come up with the money," she said. Larsson said another dream of hers is to paint a mural at the back of the theater, but Elliott said the Friends of the Penn decided to begin by



The tools of the muralist's trade.

restoring what was already there. "Paint has improved since these were originally done, so

I'm hoping they hold up longer," Larsson said. Elliott said Larsson is working for "a fraction" of what other artists bid for the project — some bids were \$6,500 or more — and is donating much of her time.

Larsson began the project early last month but, busy with other work, hasn't painted every day.

"It's amazing the time that she put in just to make sure they look the right way. We couldn't be happier," Elliott said.

The Friends of the Penn regularly tackles major projects at the 69-year-old movie palace; last year, the marquee in front of the theater was restored, and the front doors are slated to be replaced later this month with doors that more closely resemble the originals. A campaign to raise money for new seating is to kick off in a few weeks.

Larsson, who grew up in Plymouth Township and studied at the University of Michigan and the University of Uppsala in Sweden, said she was inspired to take up art when, as an 8-year-old, she went on a field trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts and was astonished with the amount of detail in *The Nut Gatherers*, an 1882 painting by William-Adolphe Bouguereau.

"It was as real as if it was a photograph, and I never forgot that, and I thought, 'I want to be able to do that,'" she said.

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Fife & Drum Corps salutes centenarian

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Karin Boesen Wilson, 101, poses with Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps members Mary Natiw, a drum major (left), and Canaan Gibbs, a fife player, as the Corps helps Wilson mark her birthday in Plymouth Township on Aug. 14. Canaan is Wilson's grandson.

Residents of an east-side Plymouth Township neighborhood were treated to a command performance last month as members of the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps helped a Westland woman celebrate her 101st birthday.

Karin Boesen Wilson, who turned 101 on Aug. 13, was surprised the next evening by the arrival of Corps members, dressed in the uniforms of George Washington's Life Guard, outside the home of her daughter, whom she was visiting. The group marched about two blocks to Pine Way Court, to the home of Priscilla Behnke, and serenaded Wilson, who was seated in a wicker chair for the show.

"She had tears in her eyes the whole performance," said Behnke. "She couldn't believe the amount of precision, and the kids in uniform." The concert also drew curious neighbors, who had been told of the Corps' plans.

The group played five or six pieces, including period standards such as *Old Guard* (which includes the *Yankee Doodle Dandy* tune) and *Irish Nights*. At the end, they marched away in formation.

"It was just really cool. She felt very special," her daughter said.

The Fife & Drum Corps has a busy schedule of parades and community events — and had just returned from a concert tour of New Jersey, New York and Washington, D.C. — but a private performance is relatively rare.

Behnke, however, has an in with the group — her son, Canaan Gibbs, 15, plays fife with the Corps.

"She had never seen them play before," she said of her mother.

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Karin Boesen Wilson on her 101st birthday with daughter Priscilla Behnke.



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Liquidating a mutual fund leaves few options

Q: Dear Rick: I just got notice that a mutual fund I own is being liquidated and the proceeds will be mailed to me. I've had this fund for about 10 years and have done pretty decently in it. I do not want to liquidate, but when I called the company I was told there was no alternative. Can you tell me if I have an alternative and, if not, what are the tax consequences?

A: Although it is unusual for a mutual fund to liquidate, it is not unheard of. Throughout the years for various reasons, many mutual fund companies have decided to close a fund, liquidate the proceeds and distribute them to shareholders. Sometimes the fund that is liquidated has underperformed and the company doesn't want to be burdened by a low-performing fund. In some situations, as opposed to liquidating and distributing the money, fund companies have been known to merge two funds. This happens when one mutual fund company takes over another. As opposed to having two funds in the same category, they'll merge them to get some economies of scale.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

However, that is not the case in this particular situation, where it appears that it is a straight liquidation and redemption. Unfortunately, there are no tax breaks on a liquidation and redemption of your fund. The transaction is handled as in any other type of sale — you subtract your adjusted cost basis from the proceeds you receive. If the proceeds are more than the basis, you have a gain. If the proceeds are less than your basis, you have a loss.

It is not unusual for a mutual fund company to liquidate one of its funds. It's no different than any other business. When McDonald's comes up with a new product and for whatever reason, it doesn't take off, the company cuts its losses and moves on. The same is true with mutual fund companies.

In some cases, a mutual fund

company will liquidate all of its portfolios and distribute the proceeds. That happened with Utopia Funds, a mutual fund company based in Traverse City. The funds never achieved the economies of scale necessary to run a profitable mutual fund. Management made the decision to liquidate and distribute the proceeds.

The Laudus Rosenberg Group of Funds is another mutual fund company that has recently decided to liquidate. The action had nothing to do with economies of scale or performance, but rather, irregularities.

Axa Rosenberg was the sub-adviser to the Laudus Rosenberg Group of Mutual Funds. Laudus hired Rosenberg to manage its funds. However, earlier this year it was discovered that there were some irregularities with how the fund was managed. Because of those irregularities, Laudus decided to liquidate and redeem all the Laudus Rosenberg Funds.

In the past, there were certain Laudus Rosenberg Funds that I recommended. However, when I received notice of the irregu-

larities and after doing my due diligence regarding all the portfolios that my firm manages, we liquidated any Laudus Rosenberg Funds. My decision was not based on the fact that there were irregularities, but rather how the company chose to handle those irregularities.

My philosophy is that every business in America is going to make mistakes. The key is how a company deals with them. I was unhappy with how the irregularities were handled and lost confidence in the fund's management team. As a result, I liquidated my positions. If I don't have confidence in the management team, there is no reason to stay with that mutual fund.

When a mutual fund involuntarily liquidates your investment, there are not many options available to the investor. However, there are new opportunities.

Good luck!

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County to sell tax-foreclosed properties online

The Wayne County Treasurer will auction 13,000 properties — including move-in homes, fixer-uppers and vacant land — online starting Sept. 17. It's the county's first time using the Internet to sell tax-foreclosed properties, according to officials. The online preview and auction (bidding takes place Sept. 17-23 at www.bid4assets.com/wayne), is the largest ever for Wayne County, which has hired Bid4Assets.com, an online real estate auction site. To preview properties, go to www.bid4assets.com/wayne. County officials hope that by getting the properties back on the tax rolls, they will be taken care of (lawns mowed, homes and vacant land maintained, etc.) and neighborhoods will thrive. Preview traffic is reported

to be heavy. "I've never seen website traffic like this before," said Matt Baker, CEO of Bid4Assets.com. "This is the highest traffic for any auction in the company's 11-year history." A county press release stated the decision to use the online auction service is a "result of the sheer number of properties, demands placed on the treasurer's office staff, the need to provide other essential services and the opportunity to maximize revenue from the sales that will be dispersed to the county's taxing municipalities." "With the substantial increase in auction activity, it was necessary to explore an alternative approach to perform the statutorily mandated auction in a cost effective manner," said Wayne County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz. "Bid4Assets.com

was selected because of the company's extensive experience in county government online tax foreclosure auctions and a proven record of increasing sales and revenues." "This is easily the highest level of interest I've seen in any of our online auctions," Baker said. "The convenience and ease of online bidding not only makes the whole process easier for everyone involved, it also opens the auction up to investors from coast to coast — and even internationally." All bidders must register with Bid4Assets.com and submit a \$1,000 deposit and \$25 processing fee, a total of \$1,025, in the form of a Cashier's Check or bank wire in U.S. funds, to Bid4Assets, Inc. prior to Sept. 10. See Bid4Assets.com Web site at www.bid4assets.com/wayne for deposit instruc-

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W-W schools get passing grade from state report

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When it comes to report cards, the Wayne-Westland Community Schools gets a passing grade.

So says the state's annual Education YES! School Report Card.

"We're very happy with the improvements we made across the board," said School Superintendent Greg Baracy. "This is the first time in some time that all of our schools made Adequate Yearly Progress."

The report cards were released recently for elementary, middle, and high schools, along with the annual report on each school's Adequate Yearly Progress, as required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act. And in Wayne-Westland, all of its 17 elementary, four middle and two high schools received passing grades.

Ten of the district's elementary schools — Schweitzer, Hamilton, Elliott, Madison, P.D. Graham, Patchin, Edison, Vandenburg, Wildwood and Walker-Winter — scored A on the state's report card, while a grade of B was handed out to John Glenn High School, Adams, Marshall and Stevenson Middle Schools

and Hicks, Hoover, Jefferson-Barns, Kettering, Lincoln, Roosevelt-McGrath and Taft-Galloway Elementaries. Only two schools received a letter grade of C — Wayne Memorial High School and Franklin Middle School.

This is the third consecutive year that more schools made AYP overall, with 86 percent of the state's schools receiving passing grades. To make AYP, a school must test 95 percent of its students in total and in each required student subgroup defined by the federal law. The school must attain the target achievement goal in English language arts and mathematics, or reduce the percentage of students in the nonproficient category of achievement by 10 percent ("safe harbor").

A school also must meet or exceed the other academic indicators set by the state: graduation rate for high schools and attendance rate for elementary and middle schools.

According to Baracy, there were "some appeals" and some issues with the special education subgroups that the district pursued and won.

"That certainly helped us," he said. "We monitor the data closely and make sure there isn't errors in the state data or in the reporting. Appeals are not unusual."

Paul Salah, senior executive director of instruction, pointed to programs like Marshall Middle School's Power Lunch and the Bright Futures after-school programs at Lincoln, Jefferson-Barns, Adams and Wayne Memorial in helping raise the scores.

Both programs have been recognized as Michigan's Best Award winners for 2010 by the Michigan Association of School Boards.

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Teens present Christian drama based on Columbine killings

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ask people what is the worst case of murder in a U.S. school and they will tell you the April 20, 1999, massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. That's when two students, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, embarked on a massacre, killing 12 students and one teacher and injuring 21 others before turning their guns on themselves.

It's nowhere near the magnitude of the deadliest act of mass murder in a school in U.S. history that occurred in Michigan in Bath Township in 1927, when a school board member blew up a wing of Bath Consolidated School, killing 38 primary school children and seven adults and injuring another 58 people.

Columbine, however, has become the focal point of school safety and anti-bullying initiatives across the nation.

It's also the basis of a Christian musical drama, *It's Not Too Late*, that teens at Merriman Road Baptist Church will present Sunday, Sept. 12, and Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17-18.

"People will be fascinated to see this play because of the icon Columbine has become," said director Alan Hyma. "It's an important part of history. When you say Columbine, it's not an event, it's about what happened that day."

The play, written in 1999 by Dick Lentz and based on the Columbine tragedy, looks at the day in the life of a high school and a similar situation. Jason Holmes, a disgruntled and distraught student, played by Chris Babb of Canton, ends up killing four students and himself. Among the victims is Lisa Caldwell, played by Katie Gibson of Livonia, who has a strong relationship with Jesus and isn't shy about making her feelings known.

"You see what Lisa goes through from her perspective," said Gibson. "She's always

'IT'S NOT TOO LATE'

What: "It's Not Too Late," Christian music drama, based in part on the massacre at Columbine High School in 1999.
When: 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, and 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17-18
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witnessing in class, always trying to incorporate her beliefs into the class. She's not trying to shove it on people, but she's so passionate about what she believes and wants everyone to feel the way she feels."

"She doesn't have a lot of friends because kids are freaked out by her strong faith," she added. "Jason hates her because he's heard enough from her."

"He's a young man who sticks to himself, he hates everyone and wants to do things his way," Babb said, adding that he's the complete opposite of the character. "I'm not crazy or angry."

The teens have been working on the play since May, rehearsing on Sundays and Wednesday, adding a Tuesday rehearsal as the show dates approached. According to Hyma, the play makes people stop and think "that if you stop and say hello it can change a life."

"It can make a person feel different, making them feel they're a part of a group and give them something to live for," the Dearborn resident said.

The cast includes 17 teens in seventh grade through college and five adults. There's also a crew handling the sound and lights for the production.

"Individuals from the church have volunteered to make this happen," said Hyma.

While the play does end in

the death of five people, it's graphic only in the sense that the audience hears five gunshots. Nothing is shown. In the last scene, the lights go down as Lisa sings *Amazing Grace* while Jason holds a gun to her head.

"It'll end with the actual 9-1-1 tape from Columbine," said Hyma. "We'll play the three-minute track of the call from the teacher in the library."

Mark, played by Nick Walters of Dearborn Heights, is the bully in the play. Along with Matt, played by Austin Manuel of Garden City, he picks on Jason and ends up being one of the victims. Matt is somewhat of an outcast who ends up becoming friends with Jason, whom Manuel describes as a user and manipulator.

"Matt realizes what Lisa is saying is right and Jason realizes that what he thought was brainwashing didn't work," Manuel said.

Deena Sciatto of Redford plays Judy Jones who wants nothing to do with Lisa. She's uncomfortable with her views, but in the end realizes she needs to take a serious look at her faith. Also appearing in the cast are Emily Weathers of Garden City as Katie Smith, a new student in the school; Emily Crouson of Livonia as Crystal, a friend of Judy's that the cast describes as "a teacher's pet," and Abigail Hyma, Elizabeth Sciatto, Jordan Babb and Ryan Manuel as other students.

For Walters, the play has opened his eyes to what people go through.

"It's amazing how many people go around hurting," he said. "They go through life that way. That one thing has changed me."

The performances are free of charge and open to the public. A free will offering will be collected to support the Columbine Memorial Foundation in the maintenance and upkeep of the Columbine Memorial.

"We want people to come and see this," said Hyma. "We'll find a seat for them."



Mark (Nick Walters of Dearborn Heights) yells at Judy Jones, played by Deena Sciatto of Redford and Lisa Caldwell, played by Katie Gibson of Livonia, is a scene from 'It's Not Too Late,' being presented by teens at Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City Sept. 12, 17-18.

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BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Everybody who came out to Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Thursday night expected host Canton to have a real battle against Grand Blanc and Notre Dame-bound running back Justice Hayes.

Hayes was nowhere to be found, gaining a paltry 20 yards in nine carries.

But the Chiefs came out storming — senior linebacker Garrett Bryden picked off a pass just two plays into the nonconference football tilt — and made numerous highlight reel-worthy plays en route to a stunning 62-20 victory.

“They (Bobcats) are a great team, I’m shocked,” said Chiefs’ head coach Tim Baechler about the dismantling of Grand Blanc.

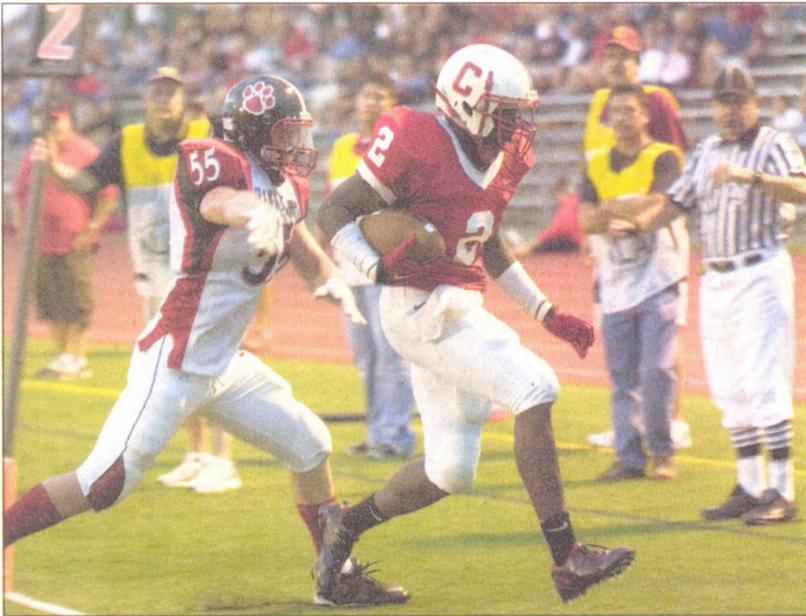
Baechler said his defense didn’t do anything special against Hayes. “We just ran our defense, same stuff we did last week.”

But all the hype about going up against Hayes, not to mention 6-3, 215-pound junior tailback Detrick Goff (19 carries, 190 yards), didn’t phase the Chiefs (2-0).

On play two of the night, Bryden snared an over-the-middle pass attempted by Grand Blanc senior quarterback Ryan Morley at the Bobcats’ 25-yard line.

That set up a 21-yard touchdown strike from Canton senior quarterback Ben Merbler to senior running back Davion Stackhouse to put the Chiefs in front.

Both teams traded touchdowns over the next three minutes, with 5-9 junior tailback Zac Merillat (8-88 yards) again putting Canton in front. While the Grand Blanc defenders keyed on



Canton senior running back Davion Stackhouse (No. 2) sprints into the end zone past Grand Blanc defender Luke Maclean to give the Chiefs a 39-13 lead in the second quarter Thursday.

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Wildcats fall to Howell, B2.

Stackhouse and junior speedster Kevin Buford, Merillat shot through the line and veered 48 yards into the right corner of the end zone for the score.

But it was Bryden’s second interception of the quarter that seemed to deflate Grand Blanc (1-1).

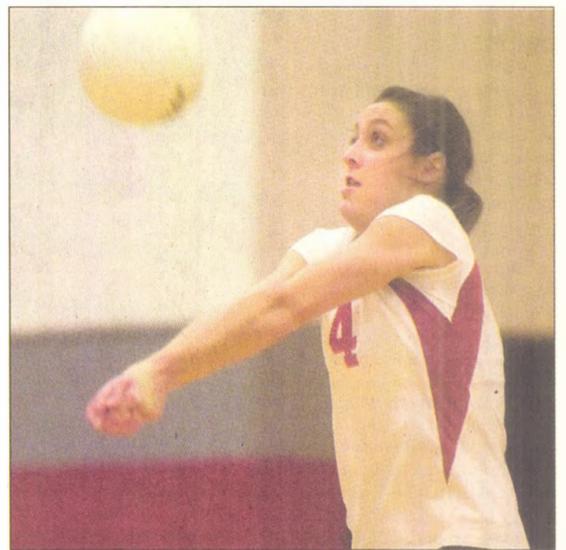
The Bobcats were just beginning a drive, with hopes of once again answering the Chiefs. But a Morley pass was tipped and fluttered high into the air toward Bryden — who waited like a baseball outfielder before catching the ball and dashing 35 yards into the end zone.

With 6:56 left in the first,

Please see **CANTON, B2**



Canton’s Kevin Buford (No. 1) races for yardage Thursday against Grand Blanc during a non-conference football matchup. Blocking for Buford is Zac Merillat (No. 21).



Canton’s top returnees includes junior outside hitter Kristen Muir, shown from a 2009 contest.

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Chiefs will bring it

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW – PART 2

Bang, ... zool. Those sounds you hear as volleyballs being slammed over the net by an array of heavy hitters who comprise Canton’s 2010 roster.

Chiefs head coach Mary Kryska will trot out an offensive force beginning Wednesday at Salem.

“We have some of the hardest hitters I’ve seen come through Canton,” said Kryska, during a recent practice. “We run a lot of different plays, we run a lot of different strategies.”

She is optimistic her team — in the least — will be just as tough as last year’s 23-6-0 squad, which battled Division 1 state semifinalist Livonia Churchill tooth and nail during three meetings.

It figures to be a very tough race in the KLAA South. The Chargers are the favorite with

five starters back from their 50-5-0 team, but cross-campus Plymouth also will be a juggernaut.

“I’m looking to go far this season,” Kryska added. “I think we’ll take a couple tournaments, and hopefully the division and then go on to win districts for the first time.”

Kryska emphasized that top offensive weapons such as junior middle blocker and co-captain Alaina Turner, junior outside hitter Kristen Muir and sophomore outside hitter Erica denBoer, for example, can find gaps on the other team’s side of the court.

“We’ll be able to hold the other team’s middle blocker,” Kryska said, “... the middle on the other team has to stay with our middle. ... If we go outside,

Please see **VOLLEYBALL, B3**

He’s still part of the varsity club

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Life as a Shamrock is letter perfect for Mike Tibbits.

And that’s true even this fall, when a shoulder injury is forcing Tibbits to the football sidelines in his senior year at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

Undaunted, the 17-year-old Plymouth resident still will earn a letter as team manager.

“It still hasn’t sunk in yet,” said Tibbits, about tackling paperwork instead of opponents. “I’m not in the same position I was in before, not on the field hanging out with the boys.”

But at least he is still part of the team.

“They’re my brothers really,” Tibbits said. “I have real close friends that are on the football team and some of them play basketball or baseball with me.”

“I’ve been playing with them for three years.”

It would have been four years, except that he sustained a torn labrum to his left shoulder during the 2009 football season.

“If I were to take a blow to that shoulder it might hurt it even more and that would set me back for basketball and baseball,” Tibbits said. “I just didn’t want to take the chance. But

‘I just didn’t want to take the chance on that. But being a manager still helps me to be around the guys and be a part of the team, in a way I’ve never experienced.’

MIKE TIBBITS, CC senior

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MIDDLE MAN

He’ll keep busy keeping parents updated about meetings, schedule changes and other matters.

At the start of preseason workouts, he doled out equipment to players and continues to help coaches by monitoring everything from 40-yard-dash times to how much weight players can bench press.

Tibbits figures to be in the middle of on-field water breaks all season, too.

The shoulder injury wouldn’t deny him of completing the letter trifecta last year, playing for the varsity basketball and baseball teams. In fact, he was the only junior athlete to earn three letters for Catholic Central in ’09-10.

“I feel a little bit of a twinge here and there, but I just toughen it out,” he said.

“I’ve had worse bumps and bruises than that. I’ve just got to toughen it out and not think about it, think of something else.”

Achieving three-letter status in 10-11 will happen, albeit in a different way.

Tibbits, of course, will return to action when basketball season returns.

HONOR ROLE

And he wouldn’t miss the 2011 baseball season, since he considers it his best sport and the one his grandfather (Patric Cavanaugh) played well enough to be signed to a contract in the early 1940s by the Cleveland Indians.

Tibbits by the Cleveland Indians.

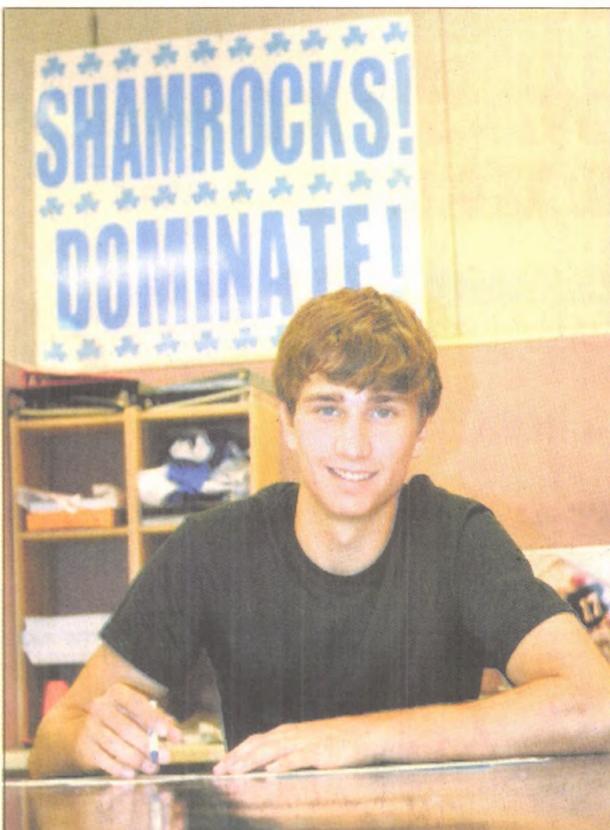
1940s by the Cleveland Indians. Tibbits says he is a three-sport guy to honor Cavanaugh, who died in January. “It feels great (to play three sports),” Tibbits said. “My grandpa did the same thing so I kind of feel like I’m following in his footsteps.”

In an era where prep athletes increasingly stick to playing one sport, Tibbits hopes younger athletes at Catholic Central think about expanding their athletic horizon. “Playing three sports gets you in condition for every sport you play.”

There’s also a lot of running around to take care of business.

After classes resume in early

Please see **TIBBITS, B4**



Plymouth resident Mike Tibbits performs some of his duties as team manager for the Novi-Detroit Catholic Central varsity football team.



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CANTON

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Canton had a 20-6 edge and never looked back after that. "He (Bryden) was our leading tackler last year, he's so smart, he's got so much football savvy," Baechler said. "He's a great player and he showed a way tonight."

GOING FOR IT
About the play, Bryden said he first thought he would just "go get it and give the ball to the offense." But then he saw an open lane and went for it.

"It gets everyone going on the team, the defense gets fired up, the offense gets fired up," said Bryden, referring to the interception return. "It keeps everyone fresh and helps out a lot."

Canton really broke it open with two TDs within eight seconds early in the second quarter, a stanza where the Chiefs scored 35 points.

Junior tailback Ryan Jones took it in from the six-yard line with 11:26 left in the frame, capping off a 59-yard drive.

Then on Grand Blanc's first ensuing offensive play, Hayes fumbled a pitch deep in his own zone. Senior linebacker Braden Price pounced on the pigskin and plowed over the goal line to give Canton a 33-6 advantage with 11:18 remaining.

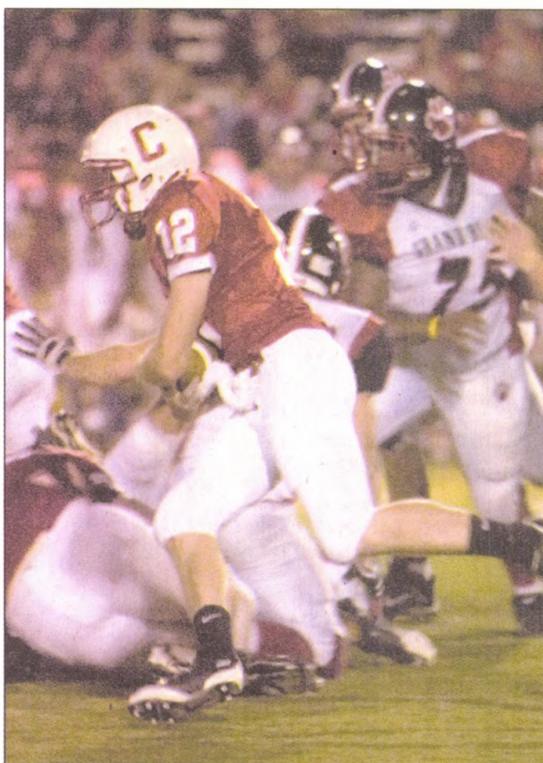
The Chiefs had little success stopping Goff, however, and he scored a 52-yard touchdown to make it a 33-13 game with just under 10 minutes left in the half.

But on the following kickoff, Buford fielded the ball inside his own 10 and couldn't be brought down until reaching the Grand Blanc 40-yard marker.

The 52-yard return (he earlier jump-started a drive with a 20-yarder) enabled the Chiefs to stay firmly in control.

Ten plays later, Stackhouse (98 all-purpose yards, 3 TDs) scored with a four-yard carry to up the lead to 40-13.

"I feel if they make a big play, then we have to come right back at them and make a big play and get the intensity



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With the victory well in hand, Canton head coach Tim Baechler gave the second team plenty of snaps. Here, junior Kyle Adams (No. 12) rips off a long run during the fourth quarter.

back up," Buford said. "Our defense was kind of losing it a little and we had to bring the intensity back."

REASONS TO BELIEVE

Baechler underscored the importance of the clutch plays such as those made by Buford, Bryden and others.

"It just totally makes you believe, (and) that's what you need," Baechler said. "And in big ballgames you need your best players to step up and make something exciting happen."

Yet another example took place when senior defensive back Sam Scott came through with a timely interception at the goal line to foil Grand Blanc.

Next came an 80-yard TD sprint by Buford, whose 112 yards led the team's ground game of nearly 400 yards.

Buford stepped through the line and danced down the right side of the carpet, leaving

the Bobcats behind. The Chiefs tacked on a two-point conversion run by Stackhouse to widen the gap to 35 points with 1:54 on the clock, ensuring a running clock for the second half.

Then with just six seconds before the half, Merbler (who completed both passes he attempted, both for TDs) connected over the middle with Stackhouse for a 47-yard score.

Canton's only second-half scoring came on a 44-yard run by Merbler, midway through the third stanza.

Meanwhile there was another sign of Canton's incredible depth: Backup quarterback Kyle Adams tallied 62 yards rushing in three carries late in the contest.

"I can't wait to watch the film," Baechler added. "There's a lot of kids besides our stars that played well."

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Wildcats stumble late

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Plymouth football coach Mike Sawchuk didn't mince words following Thursday's disappointing 18-10 home loss to Howell.

"We were so undisciplined and selfish," Sawchuk said. "We gave them the game."

Sawchuk said personal fouls, turnovers and generally sloppy play hurt the Wildcats, who gave up two touchdowns in the final three minutes. Plymouth dropped to 1-1 with the KLAAs crossover loss at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's junior varsity field.

Plymouth trailed 6-3 at halftime (with its lone points on a Kyle Brindza field goal), but went up 10-6 in the third thanks to a 60-yard fumble recovery return by junior Donte Fox.

Fox picked up the ball after senior defensive end Brennen Beyer and junior linebacker Tyler Goble put a double smackdown on Howell quarterback Greg Cauley to knock the ball loose.

The Wildcats had a big opportunity to put the game away late in the fourth. Still leading 10-6, the Highlanders faced a fourth-and-four and

the Plymouth defense put heavy pressure on Cauley.

But the Howell quarterback managed to somehow get a pass off, and it led to a 37-yard completion to Mitch Faulkner at the Plymouth 6-yard line.

Then, tailback Matt Sullivan took it in from there with 2:37 left to put Howell in front, 12-10.

That sequence really hurt because it kept the Wildcats from getting the ball on downs with good field position and a chance to burn minutes off the clock and also extend their own lead.

The Highlanders (2-0), who outgained Plymouth 118-56 on the ground, tacked on another TD for good measure. Sullivan ran it in from the 2 with less than a minute remaining.

Plymouth junior quarterback Shaun Austin completed 8-of-23 passes for 80 yards, while Fox (12 carries, 50 yards) and senior wideout Adedamola Adebisi (four catches, 49 yards) were top contributors for the Wildcats' sputtering offense.

Sawchuk said he hopes the loss is a wakeup call that his team will respond to before Friday's home game against KLAAs South opponent Wayne Memorial.

"It's a character check, who's going to come in here with character and who isn't," Sawchuk said. "Who's going to be able to look the coach in the eye and get to work."

Salem downed

Salem lost 35-23 Thursday night at Walled Lake Central in a KLAAs football crossover contest.

The loss dropped the Rocks to 0-2 for the season, and the squad will look to break into the victory column at 7 p.m. Friday at South Lyon.

Eagles thrashed

Down to just 13 players following a knee injury suffered by quarterback Dillon Rahill, Plymouth Christian carried on Thursday only to suffer a 63-12 loss to Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

Taking over the quarterback job for PCA was freshman Daniel Jipping, and he did a solid job considering the circumstances. Jipping threw for 62 yards, including a 60-yard touchdown pass to senior Matt Dodson.

The Eagles (0-2) also scored on a 5-yard run by Dodson, who totaled 88 yards rushing.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Sept. 10 Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m. Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Salem at South Lyon, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 Ply. Christian at Luth. Westland, 1 p.m.	WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8 South Lyon at Salem (Soccer Field), 7 p.m. Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m. THURSDAY, SEPT. 9 Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m. FRIDAY, SEPT. 10 Ply. Christian at U-Liggett, 4:30 p.m. SATURDAY, SEPT. 11 Canton at Salem, 6:30 p.m. (Soccer Field, followed by Alumni Game) BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY THURSDAY, SEPT. 9 Ypsilanti Early Bird Invite, 4:30 p.m. FRIDAY, SEPT. 10 KLAAs Inv. at Willow Metropark, 9:45 a.m. Bath Invitational, TBA. GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING TUESDAY, SEPT. 7 Churchill at Salem, 6:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8 Ladywood vs. Canton, 6:30 p.m. GIRLS GOLF WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8 Salem at Northville, 3 p.m. Franklin vs. Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m. John Glenn vs. Canton	THURSDAY, SEPT. 9 Ladywood vs. Lutheran North at Cracklewood G.C., 3 p.m. FRIDAY, SEPT. 10 Churchill vs. Canton at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m. Stevenson vs. Salem at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m. Plymouth at Franklin, TBA. BOYS TENNIS WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8 Canton at Plymouth, 4 p.m. S.L. East at Salem, 4 p.m. THURSDAY, SEPT. 9 Novi at Salem, 4 p.m. Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Canton, 4 p.m. SATURDAY, SEPT. 11 Wildcat Invitational, 8 a.m. Monroe Invitational, TBA. GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY TUESDAY, SEPT. 7 Sacred Heart at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m. THURSDAY, SEPT. 9 Ladywood at Warren Regina, 4:30 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL THURSDAY, SEPT. 9 Schoolcraft at Flint Mott CC, 7 p.m.	FRIDAY, SEPT. 10 (Julie Martin Mem. Classic at Madonna) Madonna vs. Davenport, 3 p.m. Madonna vs. Rochester College, 7 p.m. SATURDAY, SEPT. 11 (Julie Martin Mem. Classic at Madonna) Madonna vs. Univ. of Windsor, 9:30 a.m. Madonna vs. UM-Dearborn, 1:30 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8 Kellogg CC at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m. SATURDAY, SEPT. 11 Madonna at Rochester College, 2 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER MONDAY, SEPT. 6 Schoolcraft at Iowa Western, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8 Madonna vs. Calvin College at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m. SATURDAY, SEPT. 11 Schoolcraft at Albion College, noon SUNDAY, SEPT. 12 Schoolcraft at Adrian College, 4 p.m. MEN'S & WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY SATURDAY, SEPT. 11 Titan Inv. at Cass Benton Park, 9:45 a.m.
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Girls tank squads among toughest

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Hopes are high both for the Salem and Plymouth varsity girls swim teams, both anticipating a very competitive and rewarding season.

Veteran Salem head coach Chuck Olson said the Rocks have "an opportunity to be special," thanks to a number of returning state qualifiers.

Those include seniors Ashley Micek, Emily Nelson (All-State 100 back), juniors Lauren Seroka, Irene Li and sophomores Abby Aumiller and Jocey Lamoureux.

That nucleus helped the Rocks place sixth last season in the Lakes Conference finals and Olson said expectations are for the team to climb the ladder this time around.

Olson emphasized that Salem was one of the five teams from the KLA Central Division that finished in the Top-19 in the Division 1 state meet in 2009.

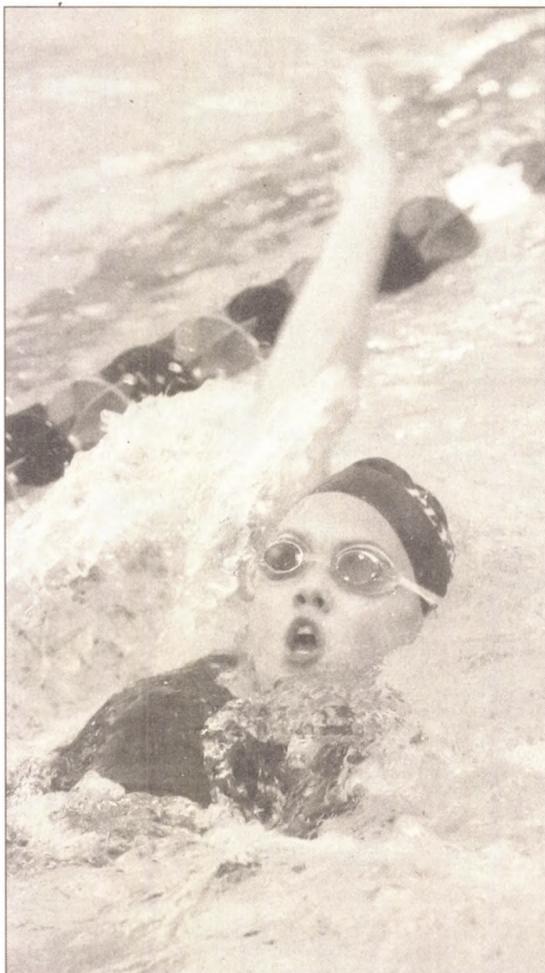
"The Central Division appears to be even better," Olson added.

Salem got off to a good start by finishing in a first place tie with Bloomfield Hills Laher at the recent Metro Relays at Grosse Pointe North.

For the Rocks, the 400-free relay (Aumiller, Lamoureux, Nelson, Seroka) and 200-back relay (Aumiller, Julia Suriano, Seroka and Nelson) both finished first.

Plymouth preview

Meanwhile, as opening dual meet wins of 100-86 over Monroe and 100-75 over Tecumseh show, the Plymouth Wildcats will have a very strong season in the KLA South.



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Plymouth's Emily Toro splashes her way to a third-place finish in the 200-yard IM during Tuesday's season opener Monroe. Toro is one of the Wildcats who returns from a strong 2009 season.

GIRLS SWIM PREVIEW

Head coach Doug Schade said a number of returning swimmers "will have a significant impact on our team."

Those include Stephanie Matsui, Linda Erickson, Emily Toro, Emily Weiner, Rachel Hutha, Abbey Kelly, Carolyn Stoddard, Lydia

Matson, Lexxi Eithier, Celeste Alexander, Casey Wing, Kourtney Barber and Danielle Hutko.

"I would say that our swimmers should compete well on all levels and I look forward to good competition in our division and conference," Schade said.

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GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS
PLYMOUTH 100 MONROE 86
Aug. 31 at Plymouth
200-yard medley relay: 1. Monroe, 1:58.84; 2. Plymouth (Emily Toro, Stephanie Matsui, Linda Erickson, Abbey Kelly), 2:00.0; 3. Plymouth (Lexi Eithier, Lydia Matson, Celeste Alexander, Danielle Hutko), 2:12.65.
200 freestyle: 1. Megan Hunter (M), 2:02.49; 2. Carolyn Stoddard (P), 2:05.59; 3. Emily Weiner (P), 2:11.36.
200 individual medley: 1. Erickson (P), 2:19.12; 2. Amanda Miller (M), 2:24.58; 3. Toro (P), 2:24.62.
50 freestyle: 1. Jill Carps (M), 25.40; 2. Rachel Huhta (P), 26.84; 3. Kelly (P), 27.67.
1-meter diving: 1. Skylar Teal (M), 174.15 points; 4. Katy Talega (P), 117.85.
100 butterfly: 1. Matsui (P), 1:06.06; 2. Miller (M), 1:07.50; 3. Toro (P), 1:08.49.
100 freestyle: 1. Carps (M), 55.80; 2. Huhta (P), 59.97; 3. Weiner (P), 59.89.
500 freestyle: 1. Hunter (M), 5:33.7; 2. Stoddard (P), 5:35.37; 3. Kelly (P), 5:58.36.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Monroe, 1:47.09; 2. Plymouth (Toro, Huhta, Stoddard, Weiner), 1:47.20; 3. Monroe, 1:59.69.
100 backstroke: 1. Erickson (P), 1:03.58; 2. Jarrait (M), 1:08.85; 3. Eithier (P), 1:09.38.
100 breaststroke: 1. Matsui (P), 1:14.28; 2. Miller (M), 1:14.73; 3. Matson (P), 1:20.36.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Kelly, Huhta, Erickson, Matsui), 3:55.18; 2. Monroe, 3:57.40; 3. Plymouth (Eithier, Stoddard, Weiner, Casey Wing), 4:04.45.
Plymouth's dual meet record: 1-0 overall.

PLYMOUTH 100 TECUMSEH 75
Sept. 2 at Plymouth
200-yard medley relay: 1. Tecumseh, 1:58.42; 2. Plymouth (Emily Toro, Stephanie Matsui, Rachel Huhta, Linda Erickson), 2:01.23; 3. Plymouth (Lexi Eithier, Lydia Matson, Celeste Alexander, Abbey Kelly), 2:10.25.
200 freestyle: 1. Carolyn Stoddard (P), 2:05.28; 2. Emily Weiner (P), 2:13.44; 3. Marlene Kelley (T), 2:18.78.
200 individual medley: 1. Rachel Waite (T), 2:16.00; 2. Erickson (P), 2:19.63; 3. Kelly (P), 2:33.56.
50 freestyle: 1. Matsui (P), 26.34; 2.

Danielle Sloan (T), 26.58; 3. Huhta (P), 26.98.
1-meter diving: 1. Marissa Martin (T), 196.20 points; 3. Katy Talega (P), 104.40; 4. Ariel Magyar (P), 86.30.
100 butterfly: 1. Merritt (T), 1:04.94; 2. Toro (P), 1:07.79; 3. Weiner (P), 1:14.60.
100 freestyle: 1. Waite (T), 55.77; 2. Matsui (P), 56.28; 3. Huhta (P), 59.27.
500 freestyle: 1. Stoddard (P), 5:32.40; 2. Kelly (P), 6:00.13; 3. Casey Wing (P), 6:15.84.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Matsui, Huhta, Erickson, Stoddard), 1:45.89; 3. Plymouth (Weiner, Matson, Kourtney Barber, Wing), 1:56.18.
100 backstroke: 1. Merritt (T), 1:06.32; 2. Eithier (P), 1:09.75; 4. Celeste Alexander (P), 1:11.02.
100 breaststroke: 1. Erickson (P), 1:24.86; 2. Matson (P), 1:20.49; 5. Barber (P), 1:24.89.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Toro, Stoddard, Weiner, Kelly), 3:58.47; 3. Plymouth (Wing, Eithier, Alexander, Barber), 4:18.43.
Plymouth's dual meet record: 2-0 overall.

PLYMOUTH 176, WAYNE MEMORIAL 308
Sept. 1 at Gateway G.C.
Plymouth scorers: Kelsey Murphy, 39 (medalist); Sarah Thompson, 40; Christy Pattison, 44; Lindsay Dean, 46.
Dual match records: Plymouth, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLA South; Wayne, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLA South.

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 181 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 182
Aug. 31 at Whispering Willows G.C.
Plymouth scorers: Kelsey Murphy, 40; Sarah Thompson, 41; Mandy Kirsch and Lindsay Dean, 50 each; Christy Pattison, 54; Danielle Allen, 55.
Dual match records: Plymouth, 1-0 KLA South; Churchill, 0-1 KLA South.

CANTON 203, WAYNE MEMORIAL 290
Aug. 30 at Hilltop G.C.
Canton scorers: Kelsey McDugall, 49 (medalist); Mary Ellis and Paige Osler, 51 each; Katelyn Adams, 52.
Dual match records: Canton, 1-0 KLA South; Wayne, 0-1 KLA South.

VOLLEYBALL

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then that middle blocker on the other team is late getting to the outside and there'll be wide open space."

The Canton attack has other options, too, such as junior defensive specialist Alex Bryden who can deliver "good power hits from the back row."

Junior outside hitter Maggie Dely and senior middle blocker Tori denBoer are part of a nucleus of players who can make opponents pay for mistakes.

Junior right-side hitter Katie Benner and junior outside hitter Jordan Tubaro are another contributors.

Of course, good setters are instrumental to thunderous spikes.

Kryska said the offense will benefit from the talents of junior setters Lauren Martin and Jackie Waite, who both can serve it up or chip in with their own offense.

Canton's defense is working on getting better, with Bryden, senior defensive specialist Laura Fcasni and sophomore Becca Middleton expected to provide plenty of digs.

"If we're on, we're on," Kryska said. "We'll get a touch on every ball. Laura Fcasni has really good reaction time and gets a lot of touches."

"I think we could improve on our serve-serve, but that comes with extra practice and I think we'll be fine."

Co-captains Muir and Fcasni both said the team's mix of experience, enthusiasm and team camaraderie should help it be very competitive and prepared for the pressure games that will come their way.

"We're all excited," Muir said. "We're working real hard on these two-a-days and I think we have a really good chance this year."

"Last year, Churchill was our archrival (but) now it's Plymouth. We have a lot of talent on our team, you don't get that a lot with a high school team."

Fcasni said she and her teammates come to practice "super excited, and twice a day that's hard to do. But I think we're really close, we're excited to come in and see each other and hang out with each other and have fun and click really well."

Coming Thursday: Plymouth's volleyball preview.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Among top returnees for Plymouth Christian's volleyball team are Kristin Malcolm and Amy Zinn (No. 9), shown from a 2009 contest.

PCA shooting for ninth straight district

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy's volleyball team will try for its ninth consecutive district title in 2010, and hopefully even get past regionals.

The Eagles have plenty of outstanding players from last year's 29-11-3 team back to give it a shot.

Junior middle blocker Kristin Malcolm along with senior middle blocker Folake Olojo, senior libero Abbi Barte, senior setter Brianna Harris, junior outside hitter Amy Zinn and junior defensive specialist Jessica Rich provide head coach Kelly Blackney with a group that knows what it takes to win.

PCA also has newcomers with potential in junior right-side hitters Sarah Howard and Haley Wright, sophomore outside hitter Mary Anleitner and freshman outside hitter Jenny Malcolm.

"We have a great chemistry on our team," Blackney said. "The girls are all friends and are totally dedicated to the game."

PREVIEW

"They work extremely hard in practice and have great attitudes. I can already tell that we will be the type of team that will not settle for anything but our best."

The Eagles were pretty darned good in 2009, winning the districts for an eighth straight year and reaching the Division 4 regional final for the second year in a row. Unfortunately for PCA, Hillsdale Academy proved too tough in the final (the Colts won in four).

Plymouth Christian got the season underway Monday, with a quad match at Roseville.

PCA defeated Roseville (25-19, 25-21) and Southfield (25-18, 25-23) but dropped a 21-25, 18-25 decision to Sterling Heights Stevenson.

"If we would have cut down on our unforced errors in the Stevenson match, I am quite certain we would have left the gym with a 3-0 record," Blackney emphasized.

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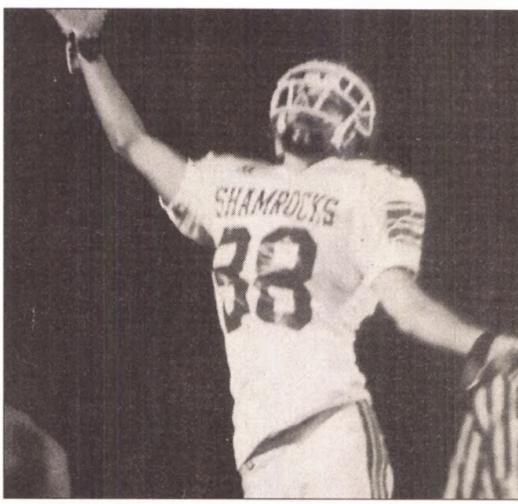
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TIBBITS
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September, what won't change with Tibbits donning a clipboard instead of shoulder pads is the serious juggling act he'll endure. Competing for his time will be the CC football gig, classwork and playing fall baseball for the Michigan Dodgers — a team including several players from the Shamrocks. "I'll get managing duties out of the way and just manage my time well," Tibbits added. "That means when I get home I just go right to the books and then off to baseball practice." With that kind of whirlwind schedule, Tibbits couldn't be blamed one bit if he gave himself a well-deserved water break.

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Mike Tibbits injured his shoulder during the 2009 football season, but is earning a varsity football letter this year by being team manager for the Shamrocks.

Scrimmages good test for Whalers

The Plymouth Whalers tuned up for Saturday's pre-season opener with a series of scrimmages at Compuware Arena and a couple players showed the summer hasn't dulled their scoring touch.

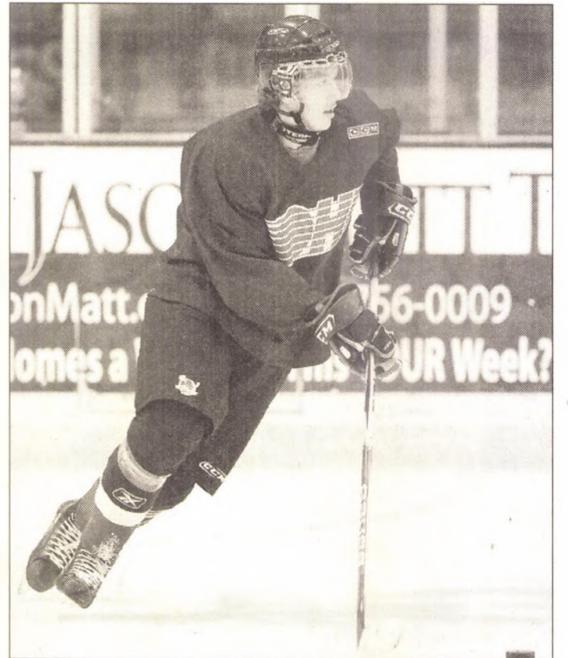
James Livingston and Mitchell Heard each scored three goals over four scrimmages, two taking place both on Wednesday and Friday.

Friday's scrimmages were closely played, with the Blues nipping the Whites 3-2 in the afternoon tilt — following a 2-2 tie in the morning skate.

In the first 20-minute half of Friday's afternoon scrimmage, the Blues (Tyler Brown, from Rickard Rakell) and Whites (Garrett Meurs, unassisted) traded markers.

Heard (from Tom Wilson and Scott Wedgewood) and Jamie Devane (from Livingston) put the Whites up 3-1 before the Blues closed the gap with 30 seconds left when Peter Neal scored from Ryan Ivey and Adam Restoule with the extra attacker.

Friday morning's 2-2 tie found Tom Wilson hitting the net twice for the Whites



Rickard Rakell of the Plymouth Whalers scored one goal and set up two others for the Blues during a pair of scrimmages Friday at Compuware Arena.

while Rakell (from Brown) and Restoule (from Rakell and

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The alums will compete immediately following the varsity match between the 2010 Rocks and Chiefs slated for 6:30 p.m. Interested alumni can call Salem coach Ed McCarthy (248) 561-2846 or Canton coach George Tomasso (734) 481-2290.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Meeting: Salem girls lax

There will be a pre-registration and information meeting to determine if there is enough interest in having the first Salem girls varsity lacrosse team in 2011. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, in the library at Salem High School. Parents and students are encouraged to attend.

Salem returns the least amount of players from the now-defunct Plymouth-Canton-Salem United team, which was composed of players from the three schools

at PCEP. There are about 70 returning players from the United squad, with only a dozen or so from Salem.

Former United head coach Dave Medley (who coached the team from 2006-09) said "this is a wonderful opportunity to be a part of Salem's rich athletic history, and for girls to experience the fastest growing sport in the country."

Lacrosse also provides girls with a chance to play at the collegiate level. Nicole Rotell (Plymouth) and Chelsea Olson (Canton) are currently playing at Indiana Tech University, for example.

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Brother, sister document places, people along U.S. 12

BY SHARON DARGAY
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Most drivers travel Michigan Avenue and never think twice about it.

For Jillian and Bryan Bogater, the stretch of highway also known as U.S. 12 is an ongoing adventure.

The brother and sister are documenting their travel along the interstate highway that stretches from downtown Detroit to the Pacific Ocean in Washington. The Canton natives drove a portion of the road together in June and plan to complete the trip next summer.

Bryan, a professional photographer who lives in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., shot close to 900 images on film during his first leg of the journey. Jillian, of Ferndale, a former newspaper reporter, interviewed the people they met along the way, kept a journal and posted her iPhone photos daily to Facebook for some 600 friends who followed their progress on a trip that was as much about reliving childhood memories as it was about documenting new adventures.

"I grew up two miles from Michigan Avenue and so I was on Michigan Avenue all the time. It's in my blood. It's part of my identity," Jillian said. "And it starts in Detroit,

which I identify with quite a bit. So when Bryan came to me with the idea of doing this trip, I was thinking, what a great idea — and almost a homecoming. It's so great to be travelling on this road that starts in such familiar territory. Every bit of it was delightful."

U.S. 12 had always intrigued Bryan, who recalls travelling along the road to and from the family's cottage in Hillsdale.

"I remember my dad telling me U.S. 12 goes to the Pacific and it fascinated me," he said. "It fascinated me for 20 years that the road by my house ends up at the Pacific Ocean. I figured someday I'd have to travel it."

Bryan prefers travelling alone and enjoying the journey with his camera, an experience he likens to "meditation behind the lens." But he knew Jillian's journalism skills would compliment his photography on U.S. 12, especially if their travels were to evolve into a book. She was the only travel companion he'd consider inviting on the trip.

"I don't want to debate with anyone if I want to turn left or right, keep going or stop," he said. "With her there's no hassle. We're always on the same page. And I like being with her."

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Structures - such as this church - landscapes, people and oddities all were fodder for Bryan Bogater's camera lens during his trip along U.S. 12.



This photo of a vintage-style gas pump is among nearly 900 images that Bryan Bogater captured on film during his trip along U.S. 12.

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Four Seasons resident Joe of Redford, MI with Janice, Joe's caretaker and friend

Joe Stevens can't stop talking about the times he played for Bob Hope and President Harry Truman. Stevens played saxophone and clarinet with the U.S. Army band during World War II. His love of music is one of the reasons he's enjoyed living at Four Seasons for the last four years. At least once a week entertainers perform or sing songs from the past. He likes the entertainment showcased at Four Seasons, and enjoyed festivities at his 90th birthday party with cake and a luncheon.

"They do a lot," said Janice Mielcarek, Joe's caretaker. "They have activities. When it's music in the dining room, I stay."



Betty Noe of Dearborn, MI completed rehab and returned home July 2010

Betty Noe practiced cooking breakfast for several mornings before going home. She spent three months at Four Seasons recovering from fractures of the wrist and leg and a shattered knee. Her stay in the Sub-Acute Unit included physical and occupational therapy.

"When I first broke my leg and arm I was scared to death that I would be in a wheelchair, the rest of my life but with the help of the three wonderful people, P.J., Priscilla, Manouj, I am walking again. God bless all of the wonderful people at the Four Seasons nursing home. I praise them all for their help."

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A 'serve yourself' bookstore in a small town near Coldwater.

BY BRYAN BOGATER

ROAD

FROM PAGE B5

SEASONED TRAVELERS

They toured the Southwest together a few years earlier and Jillian, like her brother, had traveled extensively on her own. She once took a two-month road trip with canine companions, driving back roads and visiting cities in the South without a map to guide her.

"When I was 16 my dad took us out through the Badlands to Washington, to California on a six-week road trip. I think my dad instilled the value of getting out on the road and really experiencing things firsthand," Jillian said.

Both siblings camp and hike, as they did when they were kids. They slept in a tent during good weather — and found affordable indoor lodging when storms loomed — during the U.S. 12 trip.

Jillian, who works as an editor for a University of Michigan publication, could spend a maximum six days on the road. She flew home from Minneapolis, Minn. Bryan continued on to Billings, Mont., before heading back to Florida. He was on the road for 13 days.

Together, they stayed in Michigan City, Ind., the first night and Richmond, Ill., the second.

During the first day out,



Jillian Bogater and her brother Bryan Bogater before heading out on a trip to document US 12, from Detroit to the Pacific Ocean.

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continued on through the Dakotas and part of Montana. The road stretches west through Idaho and Washington.

Jillian said most stops along the way occurred "organically," without a pre-planned itinerary. A sunlit farm field, crumbling barn, architectural oddity or humorous sign might all be reason enough to document the surroundings. One time they stopped to photograph sheep and spent 25 minutes appreciating the "magical" scene.

Although many of Bryan's photos depict landscapes and structures, the pair met interesting locals as well. Both recall the chef/owner at American Accent Pizza in Black River Falls, Wis., who made "awesome" food, according to Bryan, but had a tough time making ends meet.

Jillian's most memorable meeting was with Elena Greendeer, a member of the Hochunk tribe. Bryan noticed her fishing at a pond near the road and asked if he could photograph her. She welcomed the travelers into her home, offered them drinks and showed them her needlework and family photos.

"The thing I see, is people have pride wherever they are living," Bryan said. "No matter how small the town, they love to be where they are."

For more about the 212-mile portion of U.S. 12 through Michigan, visit www.us12heritage.org.

they stopped at a town near Coldwater and noticed what Bryan described as a "serve yourself" bookstore. Hard covers were 35 cents; soft covers, 25 cents.

"The quality wasn't all that great ... but it was amazing to me to see this town basically vacant, and these people had a bookstore. It was a great idea that people could read and it didn't cost a lot of money," he said.

Another time, outside Madison, Wis., they stopped to photograph a neon bowling alley sign and discovered a mail deposit box that had been turned into a collection container for used American flags. They hope to return to the site when the local VFW holds its

flag-burning ceremony.

CHILDHOOD FUN

They deviated from the road and its surrounding landscape only once — to see downtown Chicago — and then caught up with the highway again north of the city. They spent two nights in the Wisconsin Dells, where Jillian said they explored its "magical kind of cheesy fun."

"It was like experiencing Americana at its finest. We went on a duck boat ride. We went to a water park. We were drawn to the Dells. What it gave us, in terms of reliving our childhood, was so great. I was really grateful for that," she said.

She spent her last night on the trip outside Minneapolis before flying home. Bryan con-

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The doctor concentrates on returning the knees to normal function. That change will aid the back more than exercise, surgery or medication as the best way to return to normal posture and ambulation.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

AT ENGLISH GARDENS

Learn about fall container gardening at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at all English Gardens locations. The presentation will show how to freshen up your containers with new varieties of cold-tolerant annuals and perennials. Learn about designing, planting and maintaining flowers and plants in outdoor containers.

The store will focus on fall lawn care at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 18. A presentation will offer tips on keeping your lawn healthy

through the winter and into next spring.

A presentation at 10 a.m., Sept. 25, will show how to use green house plants to improve air quality in the home and a program at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, will offer ideas on adding color to the fall garden.

English Gardens has seven locations. Nearby stores are at 22650 Ford Road at Outer Drive, in Dearborn Heights; 6370 Orchard Lake Road at Maple in West Bloomfield; and 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor.

GARDENING CONFERENCE

The University of Michigan, Dearborn Environmental Interpretive Center presents Growing with Master Gardeners Conference, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn. The all-day educational program for environmentalists and gardeners of all levels will offer two keynote, classes, shopping, and lunch. Details and registration at www.mgawc.org. Or call (734) 786-6860.

Send in your book club details

Do you have a neighborhood book club that's particularly enjoyable? Do you like getting together to talk about what's new in books, and discuss the latest best sellers or older favorites?

The *Observer* plans to feature such neighborhood clubs in an upcoming Hometown Life Woman section. Please

send a brief description of your club (JPEG photos are welcome as well) to Julie Brown, presentation editor, at jcbrown@hometownlife.com. Let us know what you're reading, and what people think of those titles, as well as when and where you meet.

Ladies Night: shopping, prizes

The first 500 women who attend the annual Ladies Night Out, Thursday, Sept. 16, in downtown Plymouth will get a rose courtesy of Ribar Floral.

The event runs 5-9 p.m. and will include 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 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 Flower 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.

Arts group offers fall classes

Registration is available now for fall art classes at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL).

Classes are taught by professional artists who accept students at all levels of ability.

Edee Joppich and Marj Chellstorp will teach watercolor classes as well as workshops on watercolor techniques. Lin Baum will teach figure drawing and portraits. A model fee will be included in the tuition.

Two recent additions to the faculty are Tim Marsh, who will teach colored pencil, and Kim Ensch, who will teach acrylics.

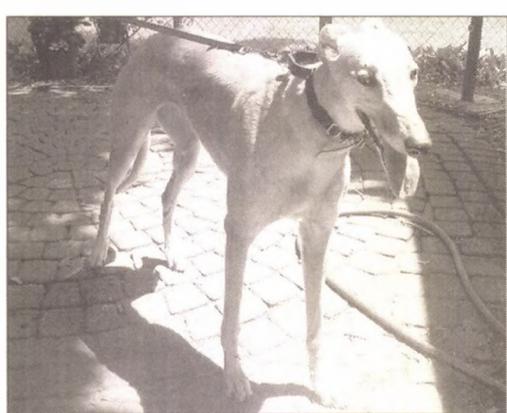
Jim Markle will offer a second pastel workshop for VAAL. Laura Whitesides Host will investigate various print-making techniques in a monotype class.

VAAL is dedicated to advancing knowledge and appreciation of the creative

arts and offers studio classes, twice-yearly exhibits and twice yearly exhibits.

Fall classes will meet from September-December at VAAL's new location, New Five Shopping Center, 37653 Five Mile, Livonia.

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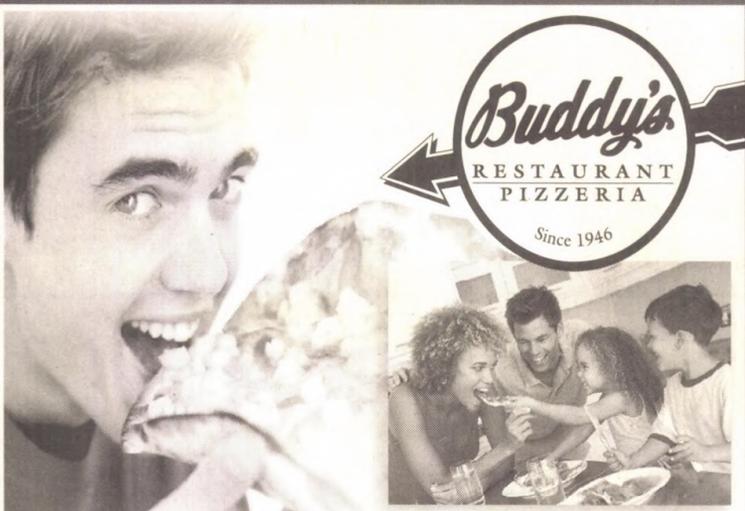
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Birmingham Groves High School Class of 1975
 35th class reunion, Oct. 22-23, will include homecoming game, Friday night, and party, Saturday night, at The Birmingham Community House. Contact groves1975@gmail.com or Groves Class of 1975 - 35th Class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

Birmingham Seaholm Class of 1970
 40-year reunion, 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 18 at The Community House, in Birmingham. Visit www.seaholmclassof70reunion.com for information and to register contact information.

Dearborn Lowrey High School Classes of 1949-51
 A joint reunion of all three classes will be held Sept. 26 at the Warren Valley Golf Club in Dearborn Heights. Call Peggy Webster at (313) 383-4699, Bob Rock at (313) 274-8370 or Shirley Vonn at (313) 291-6069. Or e-mail to yankeesouthern@hotmail.com.

Detroit Cody Class of 1965
 Looking for graduates from the January and June classes for a September reunion. For more information call Tim Dunning at (248) 879-2148 or e-mail to timdunning@wowway.com or call Chris Snopkoski Nashlen at (734) 261-3116.

Detroit Mackenzie Class of 1962
 Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

Class of 1960
 50th reunion will be held Oct. 16 at The Marriott in Livonia. For more information contact: Tim Yarde at (248) 573-7147 or Russ and Judy (Mackinder) Sarns at (734) 464-7166.

Detroit Pershing Class of 1960
 50th reunion festivities in September will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

Farmington High School Class of 1970
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classmates. Join the group on Facebook by searching Farmington High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dblehn@aol.com.

Garden City High School Classes of 1950s and 1960s
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Class of 1960
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Garden City West Class of 1970
 40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ included for \$50 per person. Classmates from the classes of 1968-1972 also invited to attend. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

Livonia Bentley Class of 1961
 Planning a 50th class reunion for 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail to dbruner@twmi.rr.com or call Don Bruner at (734) 524-0979 to register and for more information.

Plymouth High School Classes of 1970 and 1969
 Saturday, Sept. 11, at Rock Bar & Grill, 844 Penniman, Plymouth. The mini-reunion follows the Class of 1970's reunion at the Elks Lodge. The class of 1969 can attend the event as early as 8 p.m.

Redford High School Class of 1960
 Reunion Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Radisson Hotel Livonia. For more information call Nancy Foster Lightbody at (734) 425-3099 or e-mail to nlaopie@gmail.com.

Redford Thurston Class of 1970
 40th reunion, 6 p.m., with dinner buffet starting at 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Radisson Hotel, 17123 Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. \$30 per person. E-mail to Robin Dasenczo Sindici at treasuresoldandnew@sbcglobal.net if interested in attending. Booked rooms also are available at \$79 per night; suites for \$149. Anyone interested in a room reservation must call (734) 464-1300 by Sept. 22 and identify themselves as a member of the Thurston High School 40th reunion group.

Redford Union Class of 1975
 Reunion runs 5-11 p.m., Friday, Nov. 26, at Embassy Suites Livonia. Cost

is \$50 per person; ticket deadline is Oct. 1. Make checks payable to Joanne Piasecki and send to Reunion Redford Union 1975, P.O. Box 530213, Livonia, MI 48153. Questions? Contact RU75Reunion@gmail.com or Reunion Redford Union 1975 on Facebook.

Rosary High School Class of 1966
 Planning 45th reunion in July of 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail Pam at Taffttoo@aol.com

Royal Oak High Class of January 1950
 6 p.m., Oct. 16, at Red Run Golf Club, 2036 Rochester Road, north of 12 Mile, Royal Oak. \$50.00 per person. \$50 per person; choice of entree. Make checks payable to Class of January 1950 Reunion and mail to Margaret (Hobbs) Monroe, 3045 Helen Court, Royal Oak, MI 48073. For more information call Monroe at (248) 435-3306 or Roy Leet at (248) 737-2845. Guests welcome; deadline for tickets is Sept. 30.

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Hyacinth Church, 3151 Farnsworth, Detroit. Mass at 11 a.m., school open house, snacks and refreshment. For more information, call the rectory at (313) 922-1507.

Warren Fitzgerald Class of 1968
 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, at DeCarlo's Banquet Center, 10 Mile and Mound, Warren. Buffet dinner, cash bar. Tickets are \$35. Contact Ken Rix at (586) 781-4552, kenrix@ameritech.net, or Bill Ziemba at (248) 689-6216, billziemba1968@aol.com.

Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1985
 25-year class reunion, Saturday Oct. 9, at the Livonia Marriott; contact Steve Johnson at (734) 635-0369 or Tanya (Ibrahim) Williams at (734) 223-5558.

Class of 1975
 35th reunion, Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Livonia Marriott. RSVP and buy tickets at www.jghsclass75.com. For more information call Loren Zeidman at (248) 877-0909 or e-mail to l_zeidman@americancredit.com

Class of 1985
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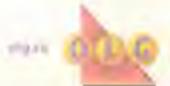
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SEPT. 5-15

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
Grief Share
Time/Date: 6-8 p.m., Sundays, beginning Sept. 12
Location: Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This 13-week seminar features practical suggestions and reassurance through video interviews with counselors, grief experts and others who have experienced the loss of a loved one. "The Effects of Grief," "Your Family and Grief," and "Stuck in Grief" are just three of the topics that will be discussed. Workbooks will be provided. There is no charge for the program, but a \$15 donation is suggested to help cover costs.
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

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Contact: (734) 421-1760; www.uniofflivia.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
Schedule change
Time/Date: Sunday morning Eucharist is at 8:30 a.m. (non-singing) and 10:30 a.m. (singing). Sunday School for adults and children is 9:30 a.m.
Location: Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: The church resumes its regular worship schedule on Sept. 13. A new priest, the Rev. Wayne Knockel, will start the regular service schedule.
Contact: (734) 591-0211
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
Contact: (248) 349-3127
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 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
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
Canton Christian Fellowship
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 fumcbazaar@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.riverside-parkchurch.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
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.
 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

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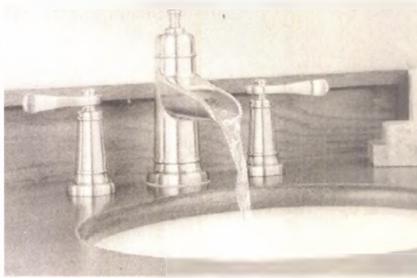
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PUBLIC HEARING CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

A public hearing on the proposed 2011 budget for the Canton Public Library will be held on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the library community room. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied in support of the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188-1600. Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the library.

Eva Davis
 Library Director

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Plymouth District Library 2011 PROPOSED BUDGET

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 on the following proposed 2011 budget:

General Fund	\$3,805,208
Debt Service Fund	602,251
TOTAL	\$4,407,459

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

The proposed 2011 budget documents are available for public examination at the Plymouth District Library on the upper level at the Reference Desk during regular Library hours.

Patricia A. Thomas, Director
 Plymouth District Library

The District Library Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon (7) seven days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Barbara Kraft, Secretary, Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 at 734-453-0750 X 217.

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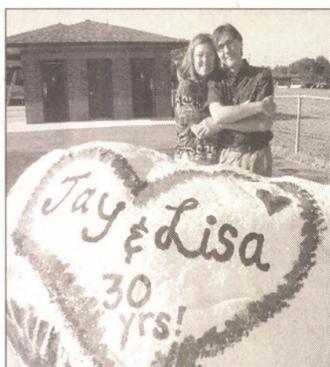
30TH ANNIVERSARY

Jay and Lisa (Gade) Asquini of Livonia marked their 30th wedding anniversary on Aug. 29.

The couple exchanged vows at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in 1980.

Their children are Lina (Todd) Roeser of Royal Oak and Carl of New York City, N.Y.

They are a "mixed" Livonia marriage. Jay attended Riley Junior High and Lisa went to Frost Junior High. Both are graduates of Bentley High School.



Jay and Lisa (Gade) Asquini of Livonia pose at the 'old Bentley rock' on the former Bentley High School athletic field. 'Sure was fun to paint the old Bentley rock again,' Lisa noted. 'It was a surprise to my husband.'

60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Ken and Mary (Karey) Marshall of Farmington Hills celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Aug. 12 at Rocky's of Northville. They were married in 1950 in Detroit by Monsignor Art Karey, the Rev. Ray Marshall and several other friends.

Ken is retired from the food service industry, at A.J. Marshall Co., in Detroit. Mary is a homemaker and grandmother.

Their children are Susan (Pat) Hayes of Ohio, Mike (Mercedes) Marshall of Farmington Hills, Sandra "Sam" Marshall of Plymouth, Steve Marshall of Detroit, Nancy (Roy) Williams of Royal Oak, John Marshall of St. Clair Shores and Mary Kay (Matt) Stelling of Colorado. They also have eight grandchildren.

The couple enjoys gardening and volunteering at Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Clare of Assisi Catholic churches. They usher and serve as extraordinary ministers.



Ken and Mary Marshall of Farmington Hills

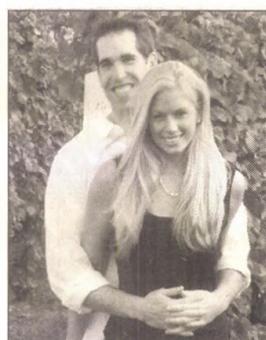
AUGUST 2011 WEDDING

Beth Danielewicz and Jeffrey Long announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Mark and Angie Danielewicz of Farmington Hills, is a 2003 graduate of North Farmington High School, and a 2006 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in finance. She is employed by Capital IQ in Los Angeles, Calif.

Her fiancé, son of Ron and Dawn Long of Highland, is a 2002 graduate of Milford High School and a 2006 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in finance. He works in finance for DaVita, a dialysis company.

An August 2011 wedding is planned in Traverse City.



Danelewicz-Long

RALKO-FISCHER

Charis Anne Fischer and Adam Michael Ralko were married May 29, 2010 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Short Hills, N.J. The Rev. Chris Beirne officiated.

The bride, daughter of Steve and Linda Fischer of Short Hills, N.J., graduated summa cum laude in 2009 from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science and most recently was employed at the Show-Me Institute, a free market think tank located in St. Louis.

The groom, son of Greg and Mary Anne Ralko of Livonia, graduated in 2002 from Catholic Central High School.

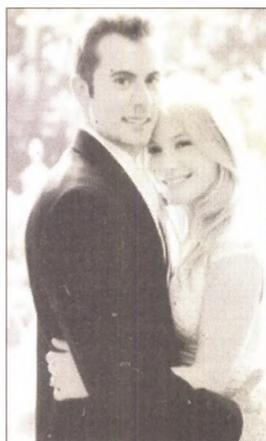
He graduated summa cum laude in 2006 from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., with a bachelor of arts degree in biology and from Washington University School of Medicine in May 2010. He's a first-year resident physician in internal medicine at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Laure Fischer, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Attendants were the bride's friends, Eileen Kim, Alexis Berko, Anisa Phillips, and Anna Luft.

Mark Ralko and Evan Ralko, the groom's brothers, served as best men. Attendants were Jeffrey Fischer, brother of the bride; and groom's friends Christopher Pedrole and Lucas Groves.

A reception was held at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, N.J. The couple honeymooned in Turkas and Caicos.

They live in Ann Arbor.



Ralko-Fischer

Job strategy seminar planned at library

Lisa Brown, a career counselor at Schoolcraft College, will present a job searching strategies seminar, 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, just east of Farmington Road, in Livonia.

Participants will learn effective methods of obtaining employment. Brown

will talk about resumes, advanced job searching techniques, interviewing, and other pertinent career related information.

This event is free and open to the public.

Brown is certified as a global career development facilitator, job and career

development coach, as well as a practicing licensed counselor. She has helped several unemployed workers find jobs with attention-grabbing resumes, advanced job seeking strategies and interview techniques. She can be reached at lbrown@schoolcraft.edu.

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CAROL F. GUREGIAN

Age 84, died September 2, 2010. Beloved wife of Lionel for 60 years; dear mother of Sally Guregian of Northbrook, IL (Robert Witte), Mary Guregian Jenkins of Hingham, MA (Michael) and Elaine Guregian of Akron, OH (Dale Dong); devoted grandmother of Danielle, Alex, Zoe, Chris and Quinn. Born November 11, 1925, one of six children of Florence and Rex B. House, she is survived by her only brother, Walter House, of Webberville (Meredit). Carol was preceded in death by her sisters, Marianna Malkowski, Elda Oliver, Marjorie Taylor and Joan Guregian. Salutatorian of her high school class, Carol earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University), majoring in math, and a master's degree in education from Wayne State University. Carol's farm upbringing in Fowlerville instilled in her a love of nature that she brought to her work as a math and science teacher at Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth and as a photographer. A born teacher with a bright and inquisitive mind, she also taught algebra and biology at Lowrey High School in Dearborn and preschool at Plymouth Cooperative Nursery and Stone School Nursery in Ann Arbor. Carol was deeply compassionate, with an eye and ear for beauty that she expressed in many art forms. Her curiosity and zest for life continued unabated during the six years she lived with pseudomyxoma peritonei, a rare form of cancer. She found peace in the flower gardens she cultivated with Lionel, and she treasured her volunteer work, especially her long affiliation as a board member of the Visitation Children's Home Society. Visitation from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Dixboro United Methodist Church. Memorial tributes may be made to the Methodist Children's Home Society, 26645 W. 6 Mile Rd., Redford, MI 48240-9988.



DR. THOMAS HENRY BONINO, SR.

Went to his Lord and Savior on September 3, 2010. He was born August 4, 1932 to Thomas Bonino and Ruth VanFleet of Dearborn, MI. He graduated from Dearborn High School 1950, Albion College 1954 and Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine 1957 with internship and residency at D.O.H. in Dermatology. In 1961 Dr. Bonino opened the Dermatology Center in Redford where he practiced Dermatology for 49 years. He had been a Professor of Dermatology at MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine and served as Secretary of the Board of Dermatology for 43 years. In 1953 he married Corinne "Connie" Collier with whom they had five children: Robin Roberts (Dr. Frederick Roberts), Dr. Thomas, II (Deceased), Kara DeLuca (Dr. Anthony DeLuca), Krincy Rice (David Rice), Cami Cote (Rev. Christopher Cote); 17 grandchildren. Dr. Bonino attended Calvary Bible Church, Lapeer. A private family service has already taken place, officiated by Rev. Christopher J. Cote, burial in Metamora Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 1421 E. 12 Mile Rd, Madison Heights, MI 48071 or Botsford Hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave, Farmington Hills, MI 48336. "...those who seek me early, shall find me." Prov. 8:17

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MARY "Pam" RYAN

died peacefully on September 1, 2010. She was a longtime Bloomfield - Birmingham resident. Loving mother of Michael A. Jr. (Mary Beth), Timothy, Terrence (Beth) and Christina (Kenneth) Gustafson. Dear grandmother of Emily, Michael III, Jack, Kathryn, Kelly, Daniel, Anna, Megan; and Amber and Scott Gustafson. Longtime friend of Edward Richardson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael A. Sr.; parents, Joseph and Kathleen; and brother, Joseph III. The family suggests donations to the American Heart Association or the Michigan Humane Society. A Memorial Gathering is being planned for early October. Please sign Pam's online guestbook at: www.cremationmichigan.com

PAMELA E. AHONEN

Age 56, passed away, August 27th, 2010. She was born on July 29, 1954, in Detroit, daughter of Stanley and Blanche Peters. Pam was a loving and devoted mother. She enjoyed taking long walks and being outdoors. She loved animals, but most importantly, she loved being with her family. She is survived by: her beloved children, Nicole (Brian) Madden, Joseph Ahonen, her mother Blanche Peters and her brothers, Timothy (Janis) Peters and Stephen Peters. She will also be survived by her granddaughter, expected in December. She was preceded in death by her father Stanley and her former husband Thomas. A Liturgy of the Word funeral service will be held on Tuesday, September 7th at 11:00 AM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. LILLIPS. Online Guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

RUBY BROTHERS

August 29, 2010, age 91, of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Wendell Stafford and the late Rosemond Brothers. Dear mother of Ronald (Reba) Stafford, Frederick (Judith) Stafford, and Gail Stafford. Grandmother of seven and six great-grandchildren. Memorial service at Westland Christian Union Church, corner of Wayne and Marquette, Westland, Saturday 12 noon. Cremation rights were accorded. Remains will be interred in Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne. Please view memorial and send tributes at: www.uhtfh.com

SHIRLEY NUECHTERLEIN

Age 81, August 30, 2010. Beloved wife of Gene. Dear mother of Rev. Paul (Ellen), Donna (Timothy) Stephan, and David (Tina). Loving grandmother of 9. Dear sister of Elsie, Doris, William (Estate), the late Robert (Sue), the late Margaret, and the late Marie Krist Christenson. Visitation Thursday 2-9pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. Instate Friday 10am with Funeral Service 11am at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Rd., Livonia. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Faith Lutheran Church or Food for the Poor (www.foodforthe poor.org). Please share a message with the family at: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

WANDA R. CROSBY

Age 92, of Royal Oak, MI, passed away at Hospice House in Holland, MI August 25, 2010. She is survived by her daughter, Claudia Crosby of Royal Oak, sons, Jim Crosby (Kathy) of Troy, and Tim Crosby (Sheryl) of Holland; also four grandsons: Matt (Megan), Brian, Scott and Kevin; and one granddaughter, Christine. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 11 at Birmingham First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham, MI. Visitation will be 5-8pm on Friday evening and 10am on Saturday at Birmingham First United Methodist Church. Memorials may be made to Birmingham First United Methodist Church designated for the church or United Methodist Women's Memorial Fund.

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JOAN KINNE SAVAGE

Age 73, of Canton died Sept. 8, 2007, at her home after a courageous battle with lung cancer. A lifelong non-smoker, Joan Mae Kinne was born on March 14, 1934, in Williamston, MI. While growing up, she worked as a cashier at her parents' Lee Theater in Whitmore Lake and Lyon Theater in South Lyon. She graduated from South Lyon High School in 1952 where she was a majorette in the marching band. She received a Secretarial Science degree from Michigan State College in 1954, a BS in Business Education from Eastern Michigan University in 1968, and a MA in Secondary Education from EMU in 1973. She married Carleton McNeel Savage on June 11, 1955. She worked for 26.5 years for the Plymouth-Canton Community School district as a high school teacher in the Business Education Department and as a co-op coordinator. She was a member of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, the Canton Historical Society, and former President of the Delta Pi Epsilon, Gamma Alpha Chapter at EMU. She enjoyed spending time with her family, square dancing, traveling, ushering at the Fisher Theater in Detroit, and playing bridge where she achieved ACBL Gold Life Master status in 2005.

Joan is preceded in death by her husband Carleton M. Savage in 1994; parents Gladys E. (Powell) Kinne; and Rex W. Kinne in 1959; and by her brother Douglas G. Kinne in 2000. She is survived by sons Michael McNeel Savage of Esko, MN; Gary Douglas Savage of Plymouth, MI; daughter Teresa Gail Savage of Canton, MI; grandsons Mark McNeel Savage and Henry Salvatore Savage; granddaughters Sarah Elizabeth Savage, Emily Jean Savage, and Grace Elizabeth Savage. Joan is buried in Williamston's Summit Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to: savagejk@yahoo.com.



HERBERT "HERB" WALLACE SUTER, II

August 18, 2010, age 56. Lifetime resident of Birmingham area. He was an avid sportsman who enjoyed shooting and fishing. Herb was a very generous man, loved by family, friends and neighbors. He truly enjoyed life. Loving husband of Margaret for 32 years. Son of Margaret A. B. Suter (the late Kenneth). Also survived by two sisters, brothers-in-law and numerous nieces and nephews. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btw 13-14 Mile) Thursday 3-8p.m. Memorial service Friday, 11a.m. First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, MI 48009. Memorial tributes to First United Methodist Church of Birmingham or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, 31313 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 209, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2577 or Boy Scouts of America - Great Lakes Council, 1776 W. Warren Ave., Detroit, MI 48208. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

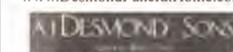


ROBERTA L. (BOBBI) HARRELL

Age 100, passed away on August 29, 2010 in Livonia, Michigan. She was born in Russellville, Kentucky on December 19, 1909. Beloved mother of Cindy L. Holewinski, Sylvania, Ohio, Ruth Ann Wetmer, Sylvania, Ohio, Frank D. (Ronata) Harrell, St. Petersburg, Florida and Linda E. Parker, Livonia, Michigan. She is also survived by seven grandchildren including Penny Parker (John) Wuebben and two great grandchildren, Willis and Whitney Wuebben who cherished and adored their "G.G."

NICHOLAS PAUL COX

August 27, 2010. Age 28. Devoted father of Alexis and Amberlynn, loving son of Susan Marie Cox (Robertson) and Ronald Cox. Brother of Shawn Cox. Also survived with much love, by many cousins, aunts, uncles, step-brothers and sisters and grandparents. Memorial Service: Thursday, September 2 at 11:00am, Twin Oaks Christian Church, 22333 King Road, Woodhaven, MI.



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Grant aids U-M researchers' probe into bacterium impact

Clostridium difficile, a wily, familiar bacterium, causes a growing number of serious infections in U.S. hospitals and nursing homes. With a \$7.5 million, five-year award from the National Institutes of Health, University of Michigan researchers plan to discover what factors in the microbe and in patients make C. difficile a formidable, costly problem that infects nearly a half-million Americans each year.

U-M scientists and clinicians from many disciplines will conduct three inter-related projects that will focus on:

- The pathogen's genetic variations, to understand how pathogen variation leads to different disease outcomes
- The beneficial gut microbiota that, when altered by antibiotics, leave patients vulnerable to infection
- The human immune response to C. difficile infection

The deeper knowledge should lead to better prevention measures, treatments and ways to keep infections from recur-

ring, says U-M infectious disease specialist Dr. Vincent B. Young, who will direct the effort.

"If we can identify a deficiency in the host response, we may be able to develop a vaccine to compensate," Young says. "With increased knowledge of how a person's beneficial microbiota are altered by antibiotics, we can develop ways to give back microbiota that keep C. difficile in check." Young is associate professor in the U-M departments of internal medicine and microbiology and immunology.

C. difficile infections have doubled and grown more severe in recent years. Each year, 215,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with C. difficile infections while in hospitals or after a hospital stay. Another 263,000 develop C. difficile infections in nursing homes. The disease causes 28,500 deaths annually, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

C. difficile infection causes mild to

severe symptoms ranging from diarrhea to life-threatening colon inflammation.

Despite the availability of antibiotics to treat it, C. difficile increasingly recurs in some people. In contrast to many other hospital-acquired infections, recurrent C. difficile does not arise through antibiotic resistance, but through long-term changes in the makeup of the normal microbial inhabitants of the gut.

The multidisciplinary effort at U-M will bring together investigators with expertise in microbiology, immunology, clinical medicine, epidemiology, microbial ecology, evolutionary biology, animal modeling and bioinformatics. U-M's three interrelated projects tackle specific aspects of C. difficile pathogenesis.

Young will lead the overall consortium at U-M and will direct a project on the microbial ecology and molecular pathogenesis of C. difficile infection.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital plans open house

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will present its fourth annual "Embrace Life" 5K run/walk for Cancer at 9 a.m., Sept. 12. More than 530 people participated in last year's 5K, raising more than \$18,000.

Proceeds will support cancer services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, including mammogram screenings, support groups, and access to care for those in need.

The 5K run/walk also is designed to raise awareness of cancer and to celebrate life for cancer survivors and for those who have cancer. It's an oppor-

tunity for family members and friends to honor or remember a loved one.

Awards will be given to the first, second and third place overall male and female winners of each age division of the 5K Run. The USATF-certified course begins on St. Mary Mercy Hospital grounds at Five Mile and Levan and runners/walkers are then routed through the residential streets of Livonia.

Registration is \$27. Visit www.stmarymercy.org to register or for more information.

After the race, beginning

at 10:30 a.m., the hospital will present its "Celebration of Health" Community Open House, a family-friendly event that offers a variety of free activities for all ages.

Health activities will include blood pressure and bone density screenings, tours of the operating room, an "Ask the Doctor" booth, pet therapy dogs, B.U.S.T.E.R. the stroke robot, along with information about cancer, diabetes, stroke, heart disease and more.

Kids will have an opportunity to play games, meet

clowns, make crafts, watch balloon animals being made, play in inflatable bouncers, see emergency vehicles and meet the Livonia Thunderbolt Squadron, civil air patrol unit.

Entertainment will include music by the Sunset Boulevard Band, magic shows, Dora the Explorer and more, including food, refreshments, prizes and more.

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How Do I Find A Job When Nobody Is Hiring?

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Which word best defines today's economy?

- A. Downsizing
- B. Layoffs
- C. Mergers
- D. Outsourcing
- E. All of the Above

In the morning paper and on the evening news, these buzzwords have become synonymous with the "Great Recession," a time of chronically high unemployment with no end in sight.

Businesses continue to scale back, leery of increasing taxes, regulations and mandates that have them hamstrung. Making matters worse is that the unemployment rate, typically a lagging indicator of recovery, is likely to deteriorate before it improves.

It is often said that perception is reality, which is why it seems like nobody is hiring. The reality is that nobody is advertising, but there are

jobs. The key to finding those jobs is by adopting a new paradigm of seeking out not jobs, but business opportunities.

While the direction of employers will be away from hiring people in the traditional 9 to 5 sense, there is actually an uptick in independent contracting or business to business (B2B) relationships that limit a company's exposure to the rising costs of healthcare, workers' compensation, litigation and disability.

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