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No Mom2Mom

The Plymouth Salvation Army's Mom 2 Mom sale, originally scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 11, has been cancelled.

Salvation Army officials said they reluctantly had to make the decision due to a lack of rented tables.

For more information, call the Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464.

Library closed

The Plymouth District Library will be closed on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11-12, for the Plymouth Fall Festival. Library users can search/place holds/renew materials online anytime at: plymouthlibrary.org.

For more information, call the library, (734) 453-0750.

Color blind

The Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion sponsors a discussion with essayist, author and educator Tim Wise, author of Color-blind: The Rise of Post-Racial Politics and the Retreat from Racial Equity, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, in the Vista TEch Center presentation room 550 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.



Language arts teacher Ryan Ballard begins getting to know his sixth-grade class at Central Middle School.

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Back to school special

Kids aren't the only nervous ones as classes resume



New Central Middle School teacher Lakeisha Love passes out class schedules to Julian Thornton and the rest of her sixth-grade class.

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A teacher once told Ryan Ballard if educators aren't nervous the first day of school for their entire career, they should get out of teaching.

As he herded students into his very first classroom Tuesday, the butterflies in his stomach were telling Ballard — a new language arts teacher at Central Middle School — he may have a nice, long career.

"I was definitely nervous, but I was excited at the same time," said Ballard. "I was excited and ready to help the kids as much as possible."

It's a far cry from where Ballard wanted to end up when he was coming out of high school. With a desire to be a sports broadcaster, Ballard got his bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Michigan-Flint, then went to broadcast school at Specs Howard.

But with student loans to pay, Ballard accepted an offer for an office job in Chicago. It didn't take long, though, to realize that wasn't where he wanted to be.

"I was sitting in an office making 60 cold calls a day to people who didn't want to talk to me," said Ballard, who'd always been encouraged toward a teaching career by family members who saw how good he was with kids. "I love being around kids, I love helping kids."

He spent last year student-teaching at Bentley Elementary (fifth grade) and Pioneer Middle School (language arts), and was one of some 5,000 applicants for teaching jobs in Plymouth-Canton. The 26-year-old from Flushing, who now makes his home in Ann Arbor, said last year's experience helped cement his desire to teach here.

"I knew from day one, after meeting all the people in the

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District: Change doesn't signal drug attitude shift

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Despite a concern it'll look like the district is softening its position on drugs in the schools, Plymouth-Canton administrators started school Tuesday with a new Code of Conduct that gives the district more discretion in handling drug offenses.

Revisions to the code — a copy of which each student signs when school starts — back off in some instances

from the "zero tolerance" policy, though that remains the district's obvious attitude toward drugs.

The new policy gives administrators "some leeway" to handle controlled substance offenses they deem less serious. The changes, district officials said, remove some ambiguity in the policy.

"There was some contradictory language in the old handbook," said Bob Hayes, the district's director of student services. "The (old) code said

two different things in two different places. It was hazy."

The former code listed suspension as a possible penalty for distribution of banned substances, while in another place listing expulsion as the consequence. And the zero tolerance policy left no room for determining degrees of a possible offense.

For instance, Hayes pointed out, a student who provided another student with an aspi-

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Fall fest food service club meal ticket

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's Fall Festival gives local service organizations a chance to flex their fund-raising muscles and support a variety of causes, while providing visitors with home-cooked meals away from home.

The festival, which starts at noon Friday, is a collection of events, activities and fund-raisers sponsored by churches, athletic boosters, neighborhood groups, cultural groups and nonprofits.

But its three major meals in downtown Plymouth (Taste Fest is Friday in Old Village) are each sponsored by a service club and have together become the festival's signature events. They've also become vital sources of revenue for the work promoted by the clubs.

"Everything we take in goes back into the community in one way or another," said Michael Richardson, chairman of the Rotary Club of Plymouth's barbecue committee.

The Rotary, which annually serves more than 10,000 barbecued chicken dinners, is preparing for its 55th barbecue, scheduled to run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Kellogg Park, with a take-out location at West Middle School.

The festival actually grew out of an annual Rotary picnic from the 1950s. Beneficiaries of barbecue proceeds include the Rotary's ramp-building program for people in wheelchairs, its fund for academic and vocational scholarships, the Salvation Army and Rotary International programs, such as the one providing safe drinking water sources in Honduras.

"That's why I'm in Rotary and that's why I have no hesitation working four or five days this week to make it a success," Richardson said.

Some 650 to 700 volunteers, working two- and three-hour shifts, will help out during the barbecue, Richardson said. Volunteers include

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The Kiwanis pancake breakfast is 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at The Gathering, next to the Penn Theatre, across Pennington from Kellogg Park.



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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.

Titanic tea

On Sunday, Sept. 26, Fashion Historian Pam Yockey will present fashions from the 1910 decade during "A Titanic Tea" at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Beginning at 2 p.m., a Victorian-style tea will be served complete with scones, tea sandwiches, and other fare. The tea that will be served is the Museum's signature blend, "Mary's Blend," a tantalizing cherry and almond black tea in honor of Mary Todd Lincoln. This tea is also available for purchase only in the Museum's store. Be sure to arrive at the Museum early (doors open at 1 p.m.) so you can take a step back in time in the special exhibit "Margaret's 1910," in honor of Margaret Dunning's 100th birthday. Ticket are \$20 for Plymouth Historical Society members

and \$25 for non-members, if purchased by Sept. 10. After that date, \$5 will be added to the ticket price. Admission to the Museum is included in the ticket price. You can purchase tickets at the Plymouth Historical Museum or using Paypal on the Museum's website at <http://www.plymouth-history.org/Events.html>. For more information, call 734-455-8940 or e-mail secretary@plymouthhistory.org.

Barn dance

The annual Salem Area Historical Society Barn Dance takes place Friday, Sept. 10 from 7-10 p.m. at the Three 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.

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



Cutest pet contest

Jill Andra Young Photography and Alsager Animal Care Center are launching their Pet of the Month Contest this month. Have your pet photographed at Jill Andra Young Photography, and choose your favorite photo from the photo session to be entered into the contest. Next get all your friends to vote for your pet. Sponsors include Destiny Games, Greko Printing & Imaging, Ribar Floral Co., Rose Catering Inc., Shampooch Dog Wash & Grooming and Showroom of Elegance Fine Jewelry. Our Sponsors are providing our monthly Prizes, with a combined total of over \$125.00 in prizes!!! To go directly to the Pet Contest in progress for contest details, information on possible deals and to vote go to www.alsager.newphotoproducts.com.

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

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 meeting 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 plans. 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 Pon teams present "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 audi-

tions 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 inspiration. Her quilt work expresses the texture, light and color of the river and its immediate surroundings.

A luncheon and fibertart 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 fibertart, 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 a capella choral tradition both sacred and secular. Musical periods include the 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 chuck-whitmore@live.com.

Mom 2 Mom

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

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

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

Montessori openings

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

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

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

VA consultation

Are you entitled to federal benefits from the Veterans Administration? Are you applying for federal benefits from the VA? Are you fighting for an increase of benefits from the VA? If yes to any of the aforementioned questions, Project SALUTE from the University of Detroit Mercy has the answers.

On Monday, Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m., at PLAV Post #166, 39375 Amrhein (at the corner of Echols) in Livonia, free individual consultations will be provided along with a complete presentation of available disability and pension benefit matters. Please bring your

DD-214 (discharge papers), recent rating decisions and any other documentation which will help attorneys understand and evaluate your current position.

Preschool openings

Plymouth Christian Preschool, a division of Plymouth Christian Academy, has openings for 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds, and young 5-year-olds for the 2010-2011 school year. Check the school's website for information about preschool, kindergarten, elementary, or secondary programs, and call the school office to request a tour of the facilities.

Plymouth Christian Academy is located in Canton on Joy Road between Lilley Road and Morton Taylor/Main Street. For more information, check the website at www.plymouthchristian.org or call (734) 459-3505.

New Morning openings Full-day kindergarten, half-day kindergarten, and preschool classes have fall openings at New Morning School, located at 14501 Haggerty in Plymouth.

Toddlers and their parents are invited to register for the fall Me and My Shadow program at New Morning School. Me and My Shadow is an introductory class for 2-4 year olds and their parents who will participate together in music and finger-play activities, art and discovery projects, and snack and story time, all centered on a seasonal theme. The theme for this session is Fruits and Vegetables.

New Morning School is an independent parent cooperative offering individualized education, multi-age classrooms, a 12:1 student-teacher ratio, and student-directed goal management plans. More information is available at www.newmorningschool.com. Call (734) 420-3331 with questions or to set up a personal appointment with the admissions director.

Class reunions

The Plymouth High School Class of 1970 holds its 30-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Plymouth Elks Club. Cost is \$25 per person.

For more information visit www.plymouthclassof1970.com or Cathwage@med.umich.edu or call Cathy Wagenschutz at (734) 453-7939.

The Plymouth High School Class of 1955 holds its reunion 5-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth.

Cost is \$45 per person. For more information, contact Terry West at twest@rosemoving.com or call (248) 473-8988.

Host families

AYUSA International is a non-profit high school foreign exchange student organization which welcome teenagers from more than 65 countries worldwide and provides a host family placement and ongoing supervision for 5- and 10-month academic programs.

These young people look forward to a warm bond of friendship with host families and a rewarding cultural exchange. Host families are asked to provide meals and a bedroom either shared or private. Students pay for all other personal expenses while in the U.S.

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Get ready to chow down at Fall Festival

The Kiwanis pancake breakfast is 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at The Gathering, next to the Penn Theatre and across Penniman from Kellogg Park. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door. Children 5 and under are free. The menu includes pancakes, sausage and coffee.

The A.M. Rotary all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner is 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at

Kellogg Park, rain or shine. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$9 at the door, \$4 for children 12 and under. Children under 2 are free.

On the menu are spaghetti with marinara sauce, optional meatball, tossed salad, bread, a 16-ounce water and a cookie, plus coffee and tea. There will be a tent at the park in which visitors can enjoy their dinners, or dinners

can be packaged for takeout. In case of bad weather, there will be drive-up to-go service at Ann Arbor Trail and Union Street.

The Rotary Club chicken barbecue is 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday (or until the 10,500 dinners are sold out) at Kellogg Park, with a take-out location at West Middle School. The menu will have barbecued chicken, corn on

the cob, a roll, soft drink and a cookie.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.

For a list of where tickets can be purchased in advance for any of the meals, visit the Website www.plymouthfallfestival.com.

Tickets will also be available, during Fall Festival hours, in a ticket booth at Main and Penniman streets.

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rin to battle a headache faced expulsion, while the student who asked for the aspirin faced a four-day suspension. Expulsion is the same penalty facing a student caught with a pound of marijuana to sell or distribute.

It's all a matter of degree, according to Hayes.

"Is distributing drugs in school appropriate? Of course not," he said. "It's wrong, and it should be punished, (but) expelling someone for providing an aspirin is overkill. There are degrees."

Trustee Dianne Gonzalez, who raised a concern about the changes at the Board of Education's last meeting, wants to make sure the district isn't softening its stance on drugs.

"My main concern is for student safety," Gonzalez said. "We are a zero tolerance district with regard to drugs. I think the policy is becoming more ambiguous, based on the changes. The consequences should be clear. We have so many administrators dealing with children. ... There should be consistency."

To more fully explain the policy, administrators will make a presentation on the Code of Conduct at the Sept. 14 Board of Education meeting.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the meeting room at the E.J. McClendon Education Center on Harvey.

The Code of Conduct also appears to be working, as the incidents of alcohol, tobacco and other drug offenses on the high school campus has dropped the last three years (data for 2009-10 is not yet available). In 2008-09, there were 107 incidents, compared to 149 in 2006-07, a drop of nearly 30 percent. Over the same period of time, controlled substance offenses have dropped by nearly half (27-13) at the middle school level.

"It's something we need to constantly be aware of and we keep an eye on it," Hayes said. "But do we have a huge drug problem? No, we do not."

Canton Township Police agree. Officer Sara Boritzki, assigned as one of the department's School Resource Officers, said there doesn't seem to be a rampant drug problem in Plymouth-Canton. She said the highest number of actual offenses involve prescription drugs.

"We do have issues, just because of our size here," Boritzki said of some 6,000 students who attend the high school complex. "Other districts seem to have a bigger problem than we do."

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club members, family members and local high school students in need of community service hours.

"It's just a pleasure to sit back and watch everything come together," Richardson said.

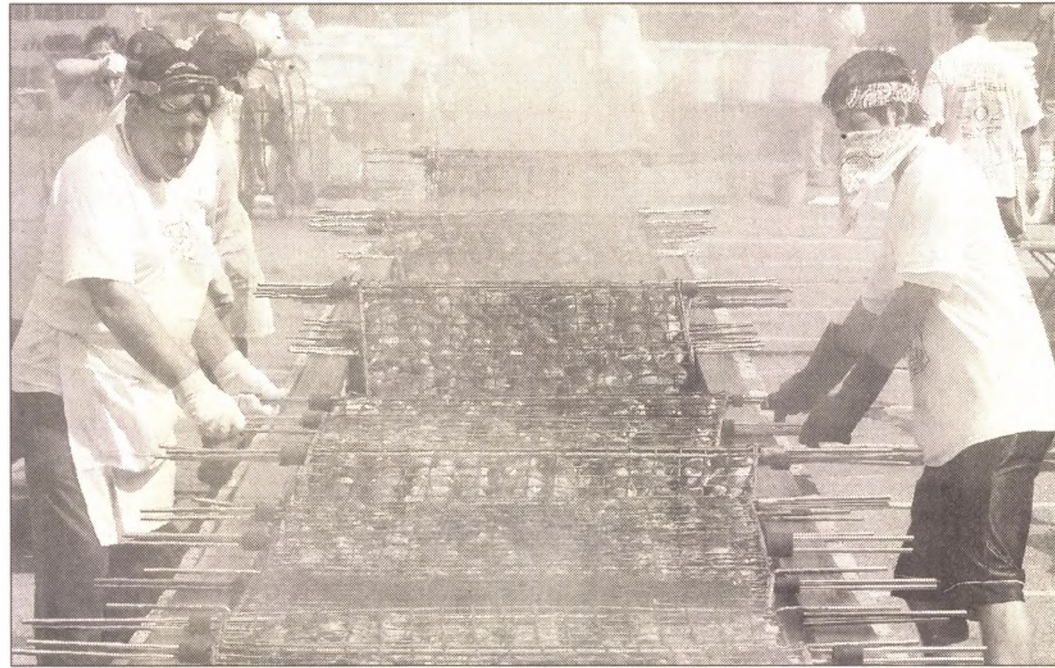
Saturday's spaghetti dinner is put together by the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., a smaller, newer group. It's the fifth year for the dinner, and 50 to 60 volunteers help out, including the 32 club members.

"With the club itself, it's all hands on deck," said Kate Rosevear, co-chair, with Tim Patino, of the dinner committee.

This year's spaghetti dinner is 4-8 p.m. in Kellogg Park. The dinner is typically attended by about 1,000 people a year.

"It makes the community aware of what we're doing, so it's an awareness-raiser," said Rosevear, a club past president and one of the founders of the spaghetti dinner. "It's a chance for the Rotary to kind of rub elbows with each other, come together as a group."

Much of the dinner's pro-



Sunday's Rotary Chicken Barbecue is the mainstay of Plymouth's Fall Festival.

ceeds will go to the Miracle League of Plymouth, which is raising money to build a baseball field for use by children with physical limitations and other handicaps. Groundbreaking, behind Central Middle School, is scheduled for next spring.

Saturday's pancake breakfast, 7-11:30 a.m. at The Gathering, next to the Penn Theatre, is sponsored by the Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation, which represents

two local Kiwanis clubs.

The pancake breakfast serves between 2,600 and 3,000 people a year, said Jim Grutza, the chairman this year. The money raised goes toward Kiwanis college scholarships, a local anti-hunger initiative, community events such as the Fourth of July Fireworks and the Plymouth Ice Festival and the Plymouth Salvation Army and the United Way, Grutza said.

"It's import that, especially

business people, give back to the community that's supporting them," Grutza said when asked about his involvement. "It's something I believe in, it's something I do. I don't even think twice about it."

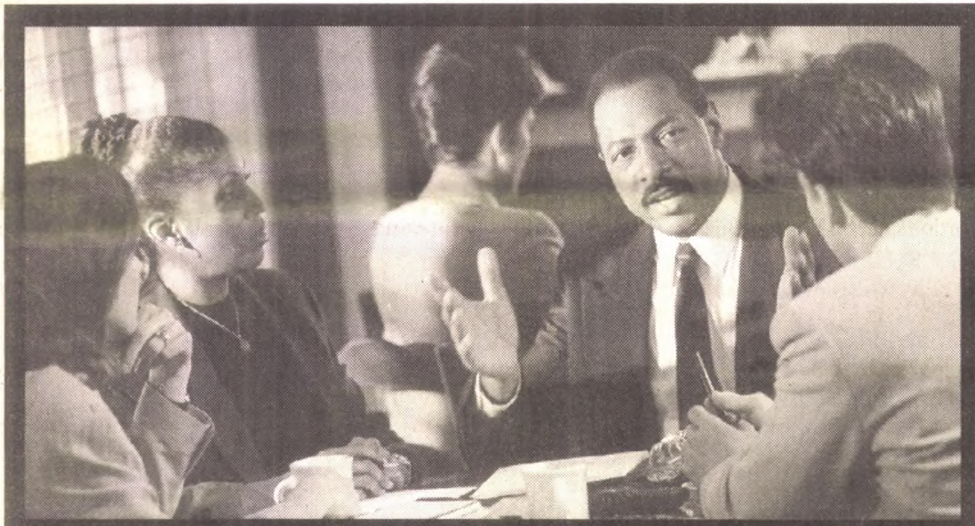
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BY THE NUMBERS

Alcohol, tobacco and other drug offenses at the high schools, according to statistics provided by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools:

	'06-07	'07-08	'08-09
Alcohol possession	1	3	4
Drug possession	32	6	22
Tobacco possession	35	19	13
Alcohol distribution	0	0	4
Drug distribution	1	1	3
Alcohol use	5	6	16
Drug use	4	8	11
Tobacco use	46	15	17



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Church thrift shop going strong after 60 years

Cautionary signs stolen from porch of house

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's Presbyterian Thrift Shop is marking 60 years of good bargains in support of good causes.

The shop, run by the 175-year-old First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, has been in five different locations since opening above a bakery on Penniman in 1950. Now on Mill Street in Old Village, the shop has special store hours and special sales planned for this weekend in honor of its 60th anniversary.

Shop managers and 31-year church members Ted and Lynne Porter said the thrift shop is an important ministry for their church, providing low-cost goods to bargain-hunters, raising money for a variety of charities and organizations, and offering social opportunities for the roughly 60 volunteers who work there and the many customers who visit regularly. There are no paid employees.

The shop, which carries clothing, kitchenware, small pieces of furniture, books (paperbacks for 25 cents), compact discs, jewelry (most pieces 50 cents), shoes, electronics, purses and more, has flourished since moving to its current location in late 2008, Ted Porter said. The new shop has more space, more parking and better visibility, he said, and is displaying merchandise in a more attractive, professional-looking way, with mannequins for clothing, a slotted wall on which to hang paintings and prints, and glass cabinets for jewelry and collectibles.

A sour economy has played a role in increasing shop traffic.

"Times are tough and we have more people coming to our store just to live within their budgets," Ted Porter said.

In 2008, approximately \$20,000 was raised for a variety of organizations, including the Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity of



Emogene Rogers likes that she can find nearly new items at the thrift store.

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Western Wayne County, the United Way, First Step and the Hope Medical Clinic. This year, Porter said, the shop is on track to raise \$35,000 or more.

The Porters like to keep the offerings fresh and turn merchandise over quickly, which is important, they said, in order to keep regulars coming back. Donations come from individuals (receipts are given for tax-deduction purposes) as well as from garage-sale leftovers and consignment shop merchandise that hasn't sold and whose

owners aren't interested in retrieving it.

But roughly two-thirds of the donations, Ted Porter said, are passed on to the Salvation Army, leaving the shop to carry the best. "We're very selective," he said.

Lila Vincent, a retired nurse, has been volunteering at the thrift shop since 1965, except for a 15-year gap when her hospital work hours prevented her from doing so. Now a shop substitute, she said the shop is in better shape than ever, and credits

the Porters and "great volunteers" for the success.

"It has just turned into a very wonderful shop," Vincent said. "Ted and Lynne have just done a wonderful job."

A Farmington Hills woman, who gave her name only as Arlene, said Tuesday that she's visited the shop roughly twice a week for the last 10 years during her trips to Plymouth.

"I like the town of Plymouth and I always stop in here," she said. "Everybody's so friendly." Arlene said she shops for nothing in particular, but is on the lookout for household items around which she can

decorate a room.

"I buy everything. It depends on what catches my eye," she said.

Hours at the Presbyterian Thrift Shop, 746 North Mill, are seasonal; currently they are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. For this weekend's anniversary celebration, the hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Summer merchandise, mostly clothing, and some select items throughout the store, will be discounted 60 percent this weekend.

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BY MATT JACHMAN
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Two signs cautioning drivers to be watchful for children playing were reported stolen from the porch of a house on Crabtree Lane in Plymouth Township on Sunday.

The high-visibility signs, each with a child's figure and the words "Slow, Child at Play," were taken between the morning of Sept. 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday, the complainant told police, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report.

Vandalism

Three tires on a Ford Econoline van were slashed late Saturday or early Sunday, police report. The van was sitting in a driveway on Jackson Drive in the township when the vandalism occurred, a police report said. The incident occurred between 11:30 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday, the complainant told police.

Bike stolen

A motor-assisted bicycle was reported stolen Saturday from outside a house on Clemons Drive in the township, police report. The theft occurred between 6 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Sunday, the complainant told police. The bike, with an electric motor, had been chained to a mailbox and advertised for sale, the complainant said. How the bike was removed from the mailbox was not reported.

Theft from car

An i-Pod and a skateboard were reported stolen Aug. 29 from a 2002 Ford Taurus parked outside a house on Green Valley Road in the township, police report. The car had been sitting in the driveway of the victim's house, a police report said. The theft occurred between 9 p.m. on Aug. 28 and 9 a.m. the next day, the victim told police. It was not reported whether the car had been locked.

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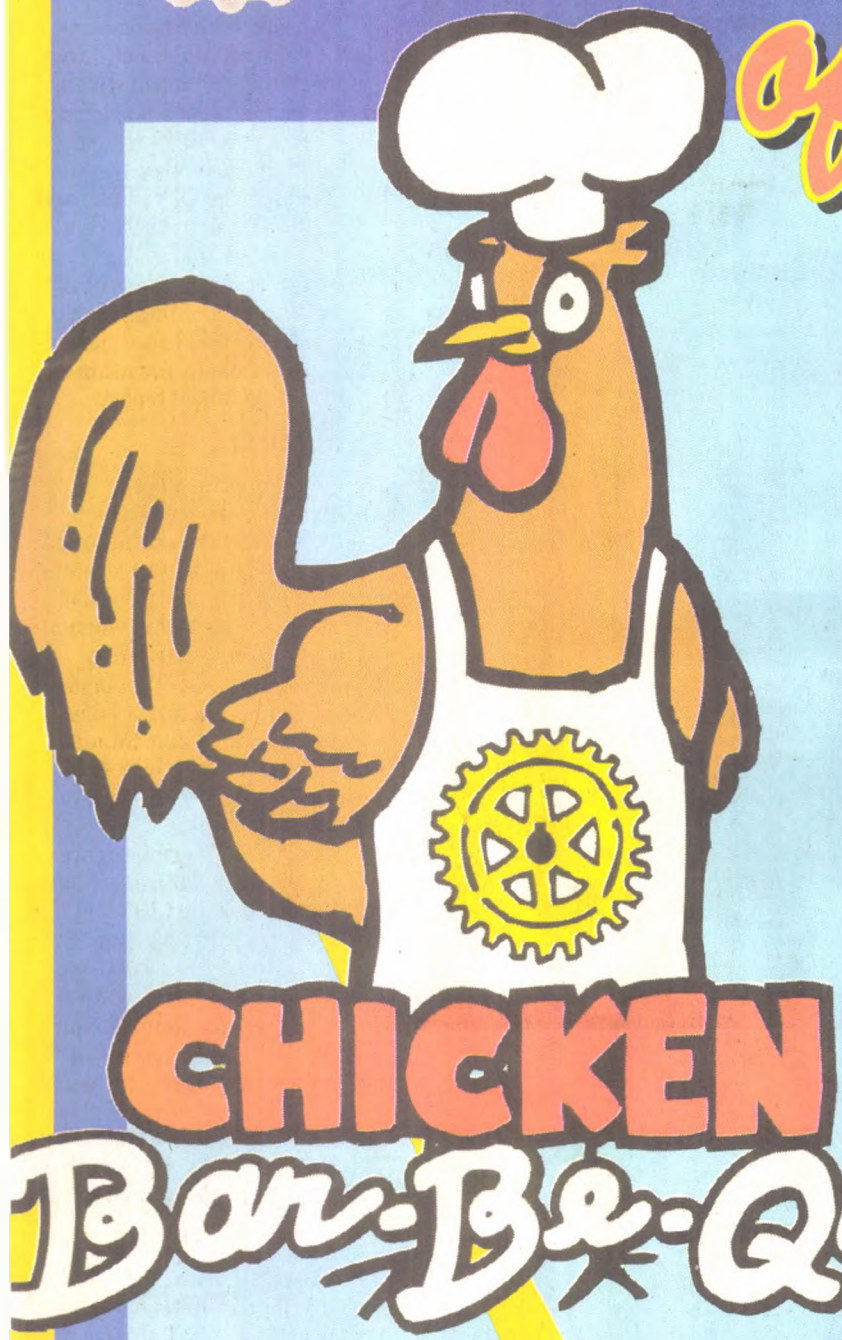
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Last first day brings mixed feelings

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tuesday was a day of firsts and lasts as schools opened in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

For some 19,000 students, it was the first day of school. For four building principals, it was the last first day of their careers.

The four — Marcia Moore at Allen Elementary, Lynn Haire at Miller Elementary, Sue Kely at Bird Elementary and Amy Potts at East Middle School — have all announced

their retirements. Potts leaves in December, the others retire when the school year ends in June.

The day produced mixed emotions. Moore, who has spent the last 10 years of her 40-year career at Allen, said she approached the day with the same attitude she's used every other year. People like her daughter made mention of it — Aww, Mom, it's your last first day" — but Moore said it's no different.

"The fact it's the last year isn't even on my mind," said Moore, who has taught in the Plymouth-Canton system for 35 years. "Your mindset has

to be in the here and now. You can't address each day as if it was the last day. I couldn't do my job if that's how I thought."

Potts, the principal at East Middle School the last three years, decided she'd leave at Christmas to give herself options for a potential out-of-state opportunity. She said it didn't even hit her until she was on her way to work that it would be her last first day.

"We've been so darned busy I haven't even had time to reflect on my decision," said Potts, who has been an educator for 27 years. "Just getting started, we had some unpre-

dictable glitches. It wasn't the smooth start we'd hoped for, but my staff has been awesome. I like what I'm doing, so for me it's kind of mixed feelings."

Haire, who has been the principal at Miller for 11 years, said she's "a little bit sad" about it being her last year, but it's having no impact on how she's going to approach the year.

"You balance (the sadness) by saying, 'It's going to be the best year ever,'" said Haire, an educator for some 34 years. "That's going to be my focus, making it the best year I can."

Kely had "mixed feelings" on the first day, but her focus for the year

will be on the children. As she does every summer, Kely made home visits to her kindergarteners and, armed with a new school motto — "Every Child. Every Chance. Every Day." — she's diving into "my favorite time of the year" with gusto.

"The first day of school is always an exciting time," said Kely, an educator for 37 years, the last four at Bird. "It's sort of sad because it's my last first day ... on the other hand, it's a celebration because a new year is beginning and we're off to a great start."

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SCHOOL

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district, and getting to know the students, that Plymouth-Canton was where I wanted to get a teaching job," said Ballard, who earned his master's degree in elementary education from U-M in Ann Arbor in June. "I was thrilled, to say the least."

Ballard was one of some 90 new teachers hired into the district after a large number of veteran teachers took advantage of a new state retirement plan earlier this year. He was among some 5,000 applications administrators received for their various openings.

According to Ray Bihun, the district's executive director of human resources, an estimated 800-1,000 applications flooded in for a single elementary school position alone.

Bihun pointed out the district had to fill the footsteps of some 90 teachers, all of whom had at least 30 years of experience. No one thinks replacing some 2,700 years of experience will be easy, but Bihun thinks the district got a good start.

"It was one of the best talent pools I've ever seen," Bihun said. "We got some brand-new teachers, and we got some really experienced teachers. These are some of the most talented teachers I've seen."

One of the new teachers is Lakeisha Love, also a new language arts teacher at Central Middle School. Love, who lives in Ypsilanti, taught for a few months at West Village Academy, a charter school in Detroit where she took over a classroom that had been manned by three other teachers last year.

When she welcomed her students Tuesday morning, she was doing it in her own classroom for the first time. Love, whose mother and great-aunt are also teachers, admitted she was "a little nervous" before class started Tuesday.

"I used to get into trouble for finishing my work early and helping other kids," Love said of her own academic experience. "I really liked school, and my friends didn't, so I'd say, 'How can I help you?' I really like to help kids."

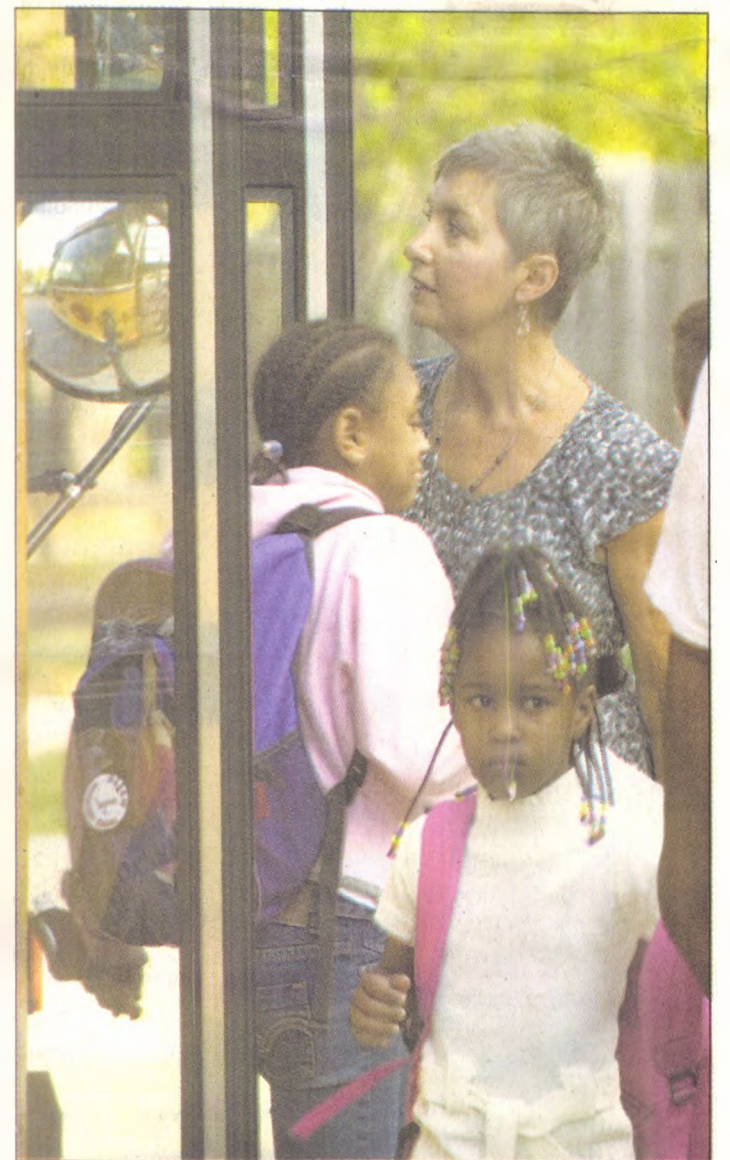


Maya Powell and her mom, Amy Powell, are both working. Maya works on her first kindergarten project and Mom fills out forms.

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Kindergarten teacher Heather Scott-Kearney talks with her new class at Allen Elementary School.



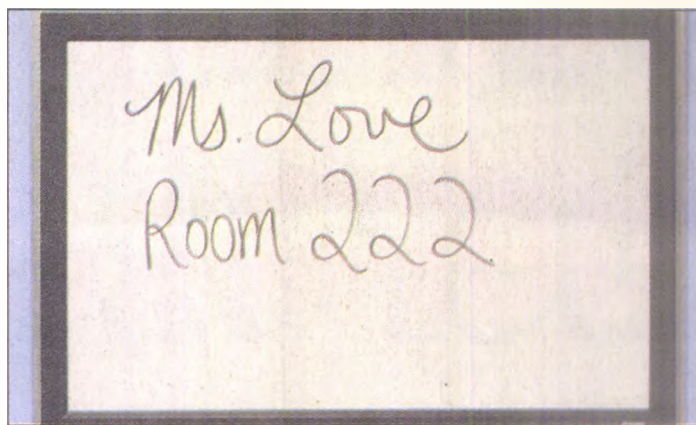
Principal Marcia Moore welcomes the last bus of the morning at Allen Elementary School.



Ryan Ballard watches as a cafeteria full of brand-new sixth-grade students meet their new teachers and head for class. Ballard is a first-year teacher, one of some 90 new teachers hired this year.



New teacher Lakeisha Love assures the new middle school students that she, too, is new to the building, and they will all learn together.



Central Middle School teacher Lakeisha Love got her first very own classroom, Room 222 at Central Middle School.

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"We went to my grandma and grandpa's. We slept over at our cousin's house." Carly Johnson, 6



"I got my hair done, and then I got it pressed." Trinity McCartha, 6



"Go to my grandma and grandpa's cottage. We went to my Uncle Jack's campsite." Dennis Rennells, 6



"Probably going to my cousin's cottage. It was very chilly." Olivia Connolly, 5

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Comic Opera Guild hosting auditions

The Comic Opera Guild holds auditions for its upcoming season from 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, on the second floor of The University of Michigan Music School, 1100 Baits, Ann Arbor and Friday, Sept. 17, 7-10 p.m., at the Plymouth Community Arts Council Building, 774 Sheldon in Plymouth.

The featured show of the group's 38th season is Offenbach's *Grand Duchess of Gerolstein*, a hilarious operetta that has fun at the expense of the military. This production will be the Michigan premiere of the show, which is quite popular in Europe, but relatively unknown here due to the lack of a good translation, Guild officials said. The Guild will perform its own translation, which modifies the show especially for American audi-

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ences.

The Guild's artistic director, Thomas Petiet, is hoping to attract people who are not familiar with performing in an operetta.

"Most people think they can sing in a musical," he said, "but not an operetta because it sounds like 'opera.' Yet operettas are all about fun in music, and while the main leads are likely to be classically trained, most of the others are singing actors. Chorus members need to be able to learn music, sing in tune, dance a bit, and mainly add spirit to the production."

The *Grand Duchess of Gerolstein* opens in the Lydia Mendelssohn Theater in Ann

Arbor, Feb. 24-26, and close in The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton April 2-3.

The Guild will also be auditioning for its Fall Concerts, which will be performed by a company of about 16 singers. Since 2003, the company has performed rare shows by composers such as Victor Herbert, Jerome Kern and John Philip Sousa in concert, and recorded them for distribution around the world. Many of the shows were recorded for the first time and are sought after by theater lovers and music libraries.

People should prepare a song, with sheet music for our accompanist. For chorus, if a singer does not have sheet music, we will simply vocalize them. All auditionees will read dialog, as there are a number of acting assignments in each

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Auditions will be in half-hour sessions; officials prefer people sign up for a specific time by calling (734) 973-3264 or by e-mailing the Guild at constu@comcast.net.

Bone marrow drive

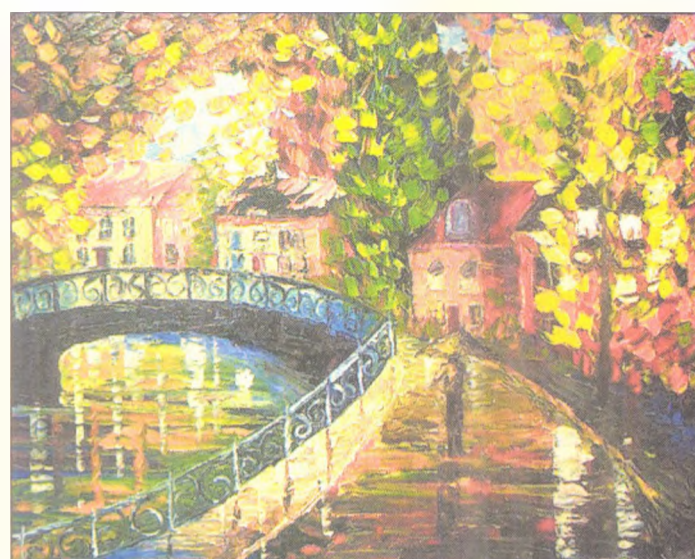
The NMDP's North Central Region will participate in Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity's National Donor Day at Eastern Michigan University. The Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity is officially back at EMU in 2010, with over twenty undergraduate members volunteering and working with a combined total of over one hundred total volunteers comprised of the Delta Sigma Phi Chapter at University of Michigan-Dearborn as well as other organizations from both EMU and UM-D's campuses. The drive provides local community members the opportunity to join others across the country who want to give the gift of life by joining the "Be The Match" registry, which is operated by the National Marrow Donor Program.

The local drive takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22.

Volunteers will be helping inform and register people, located at four of the busiest locations on the EMU campus with directional signage posted as well. The goal is to help more than 200 people join the registry.

"Thousands of patients with life-threatening diseases need transplants and do not find a donor in their family. We are encouraging local residents to come to the drive to learn how they could help save a life," said Tarita Gibson from the North Central Region Donor Center in Detroit.

Each year, thousands of patients are diagnosed with life-threatening blood diseases such as leukemia. For a chance to survive, these patients need healthy marrow and blood cells to help their bodies make



Artists in Birmingham

Plymouth artists Heidi Macintyre (painting) and Donna Williams (ceramics) will be featured in Common Ground's 36th annual Birmingham Street Art Fair, formerly known as Art in the Park, taking place Sept. 25-26. This year the art fair moves to an all-new location and becomes part of the vibrant street scene in downtown Birmingham, with artists booths lining Old Woodward south of Maple Road joining with Birmingham stores and restaurants. For more information about Common Ground's 36th annual Birmingham Street Art Fair go to www.theguild.org or call (734) 662-3382.

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For more information about marrow and blood cell donation, contact the North Central Region donor center in Detroit at (313) 833-2624 or the NMDP at 1-800-471-4627.

Grants training

The Community Foundation of Plymouth invites nonprofit

organizations serving the greater Plymouth area to an informational session scheduled for 10-11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 20 at the Plymouth District Library's Dunning Room.

CFP will introduce its grant-making program, application requirements, and a brief tutorial on how to apply for grant funding through an online application: www.communitygrants.org. All nonprofits serving the greater Plymouth area who are interested in applying for grant funding from CFP are encouraged to attend.

To RSVP, contact Tammee Fensch via e-mail at tfensch@aaacf.org or call (734) 663-0401. The fall deadline for grant applications to the Community Foundation of Plymouth is Wednesday, Oct. 6. For more information on how to apply, visit www.cfplymouth.org.



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Slavens coffee

State Rep. Dian Slavens, (D-Canton), invites residents to join her for a cup of coffee and conversation at one of her upcoming coffee hours in September. Slavens is the incumbent running in the 21st State House district.

Slavens will host coffee hours on:

- Monday, Sept. 13, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Canton Big Boy, 45250 Ford Road in Canton.

- Monday, Sept. 20, from 11 a.m. to noon at Mike's Red Apple Restaurant, 60 Main St. in Belleville.

Slavens hosts regular coffee hours and town hall meetings throughout Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township. Businesses or organizations interested in hosting an event with Slavens, or who want more information, can call her office toll-free at (888) 347-8021 or send e-mail to DianSlavens@house.mi.gov. Residents also can sign up for Slavens' e-newsletter and take her brief community survey by visiting her website at www.house.mi.gov/dslavens.

Wadsworth conversations

Joan Wadsworth, Democratic



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candidate for the Michigan House of Representatives 20th District seat, will host two more informal Community Conversations with voters in Northville, Plymouth, Canton, and Wayne during September.

At an ice cream social in Wayne on Sept. 14 and a coffee in Plymouth on September 21, Wadsworth wants a conversation with voters about her vision for revitalizing Michigan. She will share her plans for creating jobs, strengthening education, and supporting community services. Wadsworth also will be available to discuss any other issues on the minds of voters and answer questions.

The two Community Conversations will take place:

- At an Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Wayne Activity and Banquet Center, 35000 Sims Avenue, Wayne

- At a Coffee Hour on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the Coffee Bean, 884

Penniman Avenue, Plymouth.

Those interested in attending one of the Community Conversations are welcome to come for the entire hour or they can stop by any time during the hour to meet Wadsworth and get answers to questions about her plans for Michigan and her experience.

Coffee with Heise

Candidate for the open 20th state House seat, Kurt Heise, announced that he will hold a "Coffee with the Candidate" event in Northville on Sept. 16th.

"In order to effectively represent the citizens of Western Wayne County, it is important that I hear where they stand on the important issues that are facing our district and state. I invite area residents to come out for a cup of coffee and discussion on how we can work together for Michigan's future," said Heise.

Heise will meet with people 8-9:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, at the Senate Coney Island, 39430 Dun Rovin Dr., in Northville for coffee and conversation with residents of the 20th State House District.

The district covers the portions of Northville and Plymouth south of 8 Mile road, Canton Township east of I-275, and the entire City of Wayne.

Those interested may learn more about the campaign at www.heise4us.com.

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."

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 instructions. Potential auction bidders without a computer should contact Bid4Assets at 1-877-4-ASSETS for more information on how to register and bid.

Special procedures are in place to accommodate these bidders and will require completion of an Offline Bid Form. No auction activities will take place at the office of the Wayne County Treasurer.

For additional information on the auction and to view the properties, visit: www.bid4assets.com/wayne.

The Term and Conditions of Sale and a list of the properties offered are available online at the Wayne County Treasurer's website: www.treasurer.waynecounty.com.

Bid4Assets, Inc. (www.bid4assets.com) was founded in 1999. It is a privately held company located in Silver Spring, Md.

Ficano to discuss economic development, jobs

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano will discuss economic development and jobs in western Wayne at the fall program kick-off barbecue of the Northville Democratic Club on Saturday at a private home, 399 Rayson, in Northville.

Club President Scott Craig said Ficano, a graduate of Livonia Public Schools, Michigan State University and U of D Detroit Law School,



Ficano

will outline his sixth trade mission to China, coming up in November. One of Ficano's earlier missions aided in the recent acquisition of Nexteer Automotive by Tempo, keeping thousands of jobs in Saginaw.

Nexteer has an engineering center in Milford and a customer service center in Dearborn.

The barbecue, with more than 100 people in attendance, is being held at the Northville home of Tom and Janet Hess at 4 p.m. Suggested contribution is \$25, with food and refreshments served. Anyone interested in attending may RSVP at (734) 420-2133.

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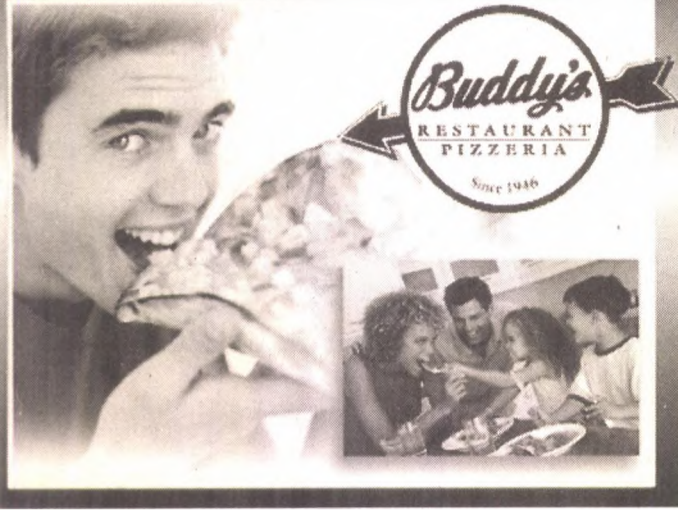
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Life insurance is a poor excuse for investing money

While waiting for a plane last weekend, I talked to a young man in his late 20s about the stock market and investing in general. He said he owned a variety of stocks, but had no clue about the companies. He said the only reason he bought the stocks was that he got a tip from a friend who said they would double within six months.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

He has owned the stocks more than a year. When I asked how the stocks had performed, let's just say that as opposed to doubling in value, they went in the opposite direction. I explained that he didn't make an investment, he took a gamble. I explained that the only way to be a successful investor is to have a game plan, focus on a goal and never rely on tips.

As long as I have been involved in the financial world, people have bought investments based on some sort of hot tip. I have yet to see any of these hot tips pay off. In fact, when I get a hot tip, my general reaction is to ignore it. Consequently, my recommendation to anyone who receives a hot tip is ignore it.

The young man also mentioned that another friend is encouraging him to establish an investment program. The program is basically a life insurance policy. He asked my opinion. He said his friend sells life insurance and is pushing him in this direction. I suggested that he needs new friends.

For years, I've seen salespeople push life insurance as an investment vehicle. They provide all sorts of projections showing how much you can withdraw tax-free if you

hold the policy for so many years. They make it seem as if this option is a no-brainer.

I believe that insurance is not an investment but, rather, a means of covering risk. Insurance and insurance-type vehicles are not the best way to establish an investment program. As far as I am concerned, it's one of the worst ways, if for no other reason than, when you buy an insurance policy, you are paying a significant cost for the life insurance. In addition, the investment alternatives within most insurance policies have higher costs and fees. Despite the favorable projections, which never come true, insurance policies are not good investment vehicles.

That doesn't mean you shouldn't purchase insurance. If you have family members who are financially

dependent upon you, you need life insurance to protect your loved ones upon your death. Your focus should be on what type of policy offers the best protection. For the majority of situations, I recommend term insurance. It is the most cost-effective type of life insurance, the easiest to understand and you can shop policies around and receive competitive bids.

My recommendation to the young man at the airport was there are many different types of investment vehicles that provide much greater flexibility and, most important, put more money in his pocket than life insurance. They include vehicles such as his company's 401(k) plan and investing any additional money into a Roth IRA.

I recognize that the stock market has been erratic at best and that some of the

guaranteed returns countered by some insurance companies seem attractive, however, the devil is in the details. When you dig deep into the option to use insurance policies as investments, you soon realize that they are more about insurance than they are about investing.

As I got ready to board my plane, I told the young man to remember the story about the tortoise and the hare. When it comes to investing, the only way to achieve success is to have a game plan and to be patient. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at monematters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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Karen Kellems Bailey, owner of Custom Creations and Invitations, gives a lot of credit to husband Bob Bailey.

Invitations with a homemade touch

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

Custom Creations: We design unique and original custom wedding invitations (and also any other special occasion ... anniversaries, baby showers/announcements, special parties, graduations, etc.), where every one is made by hand. They are made to specifically reflect the style and personality of the couple. We work within client's budgets to give them something unique and different and something their guests will want to tuck away with their memories of this special day. I have a selection of over 3,000 handmade papers from all over the world. Our prices begin at \$4 per invitation, which is a basic (but unique) card and includes the reception card, response card and envelopes. The price from there is dependent upon the papers and designs and embellishments chosen ... we can do all the bells and whistles a client wishes to make it uniquely theirs ... there is no maximum price ... that is up to whatever the client wishes for their custom design.

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

Custom Creations: Well I like to say that if you want to make God laugh ... just tell Him your plans! I did just that ... and absolutely nothing I planned came to fruition. My life did drastically change, but not in the way I thought it would. When my husband and I got married 10 years ago, we planned to travel a lot ... we both had good jobs and loved to travel. Immediately after our wedding, I had a number of health issues arise and ultimately had to leave my job. My family and friends told me I was creative and that I should try something in that area. I have always loved the beauty and symbolism of weddings and decided to try my hand at wedding invitations. More recently, I tried the larger bridal shows, such as the Novi Bridal Expo at Rock Financial.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Custom Creations: Canton has flourished in the last few years and has a very diverse culture. My designs have no limit and my creativity has never been stumped, so I like to think I can create something unique and different for anyone's taste. That makes for a good mutually satisfying experience

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Business opened when?: It began to flourish 5-6 years ago when we moved to Canton. I previously worked out of my home office in Farmington Hills for 2-3 years until I outgrew that space.

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for everyone. I have gotten to know other businesses owners in the area and we are successful in promoting one another and in open networking, which I think is the best way to run a business. We all need to help one another.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Custom Creations: Again, what I do is custom and different. I design specifically for the couple. I have over 3,000 handmade papers from all over the world. My personality is outgoing, very friendly, extremely creative, adaptable and I think what's important to my clients is that I listen to what they want and what they hope to convey to their guests about the wedding with their unique invitations. Then I make their dream invitation a reality that sets the stage for the wonderful event to follow.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Custom Creations: I started out by just offering wedding invitations. Over the years my creativity and scope of design ability has drastically evolved and I am now able to offer many more items and unique ideas to the bride/client. I am basically one-stop shopping when it comes to invitations and stationery type items. People seem to like that fact that when they come to me, I will do everything they need for their wedding (including referring them to other vendors for their other needs) right down to a unique style of wrap-around addressing that I recently created where I also offer addressing of all their envelopes in a unique fashion.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Custom Creations: I have

to say that I have been so fortunate. I do have clients who are on smaller budgets and I still design something unique and different for them. I offer more options and smaller prices to fit their budget. I'm kind of known for giving little extras that I don't charge people for ... I just want to make it so special and I tend to add in a few freebies and surprises along the way, which sometimes elicits squeals of delight. That always makes my day. I know how expensive weddings can be so I try to be as reasonable as I can.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Custom Creations: Remember you are there to provide a service. Be happy and thankful that you are doing something you enjoy. Let the client know you are there for them and will do your utmost to give them a product that is memorable and unique. Make your part of their wedding something they will remember as a very positive experience. Referrals and word of mouth are the sincerest form of flattery - make them want to refer you to others. It will come back to you ... even if it's just in your own personal satisfaction!

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

Custom Creations: I continue to create new and unique designs and stay on top of current colors and trends ... although I have to admit "I pretty much do my own thing." I hope to expand my horizons and be able to offer even more to my clients, including expanding my line of other special occasion invitations. I hope to continue making clients happy with my creativity for many years to come.

CHAMBER CHAT

Scarecrows reservations

The Chamber is now taking reservations for Scarecrows in the Park. The cost is \$35 and includes a bale of straw and a sturdy pole to "build" your scarecrow on. Decorating begins on Friday, Sept. 24. To reserve a scarecrow call the Chamber at (734) 453-1540 or e-mail teri@plymouthmich.org. The number is limited to 25, so get one early.

Brandon speaks

University of Michigan athletic director and former Domino's Pizza CEO David Brandon will be our featured speaker at our Good Morning Plymouth Community Breakfast on Sept. 29. He will discuss the state of the U-M athletic programs and also relay interesting lessons from his successful business career.

The breakfast will be at Plymouth Manor starting at 7 a.m. Brandon will be speaking promptly at 7:30 a.m. and the event will conclude at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$13 per person. Cancellations must be received 48 hours prior to the event, since the Chamber is liable for all meals. Plymouth Manor is located at 345 N. Main St.

To RSVP for the breakfast, e-mail teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540. RSVP as soon as possible since the chamber can only take 200 reservations from members. This event is co-hosted with the Plymouth AM Rotary and sponsored by TDS Metrocom.

Prospecting workshop

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The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is once again sponsoring 'Scarecrows in the Park' in downtown Plymouth.

off phone prospecting in this interactive presentation.

From 8:30-10 a.m. on Sept. 28, Mike Winn from Sandler Training in Ann Arbor will present "No Pressure Prospecting." Sandler Training is a world leader in innovative sales and sales management training. For more than 40 years, Sandler has taught its distinctive, non-traditional selling system and highly effective sales training methodology, which has helped salespeople and sales managers take charge of the process.

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Ladies Night

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts downtown Plymouth's annual Ladies Night Out Thursday, Sept. 16, from 5-9 p.m. This event is a night for ladies to

enjoy an evening on the town with friends.

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

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

Participating stores this year include: Basket Kreations; 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 Olive Press; Penniman Gallery; R.S.V.P.; Sean O'Callaghan's; Sideways; SubUrban Harvest; Sun & Snow; Sunny J's Lingerie; Sweets 21; That's Awesom and TranquiliTea.

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Fall fun returns to annual Plymouth festival

Cars, crafts, food and carnival fun will take center stage in downtown Plymouth this weekend, Sept. 10-12, for the 55th annual Plymouth Community Fall Festival.

The festival will run noon to 11 p.m. Friday; 7 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday; and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday.

What started as a community picnic and chicken barbecue during the 1950s has evolved into a food and fun fest that not only offers barbecue, but breakfast, lunch and spaghetti dinner as well.

Taste Fest kicks off the weekend activities from 6-8 p.m. Friday, at Station 885, 885 Starkweather. Advance tickets are \$15 and available at Station 885 or the Chamber of Commerce Office, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail. They'll be available until 5 p.m. Friday at the ticket booth at Main and Penniman. Ticket-holders will have a chance to sample foods from more than 30 restaurants. Beverages will be available for purchase. The Wile E. Coyote Band will perform at the Taste Fest Stage.

The Kiwanis Club will serve its annual pancake breakfast



Youngsters take a train ride at the carnival during Plymouth Community Fall Festival.

from 7-11:30 a.m. Saturday, under the Gathering, across from Kellogg park. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the

door. Children, 5 and under eat for free. Get tickets from Jim Grutza at (734) 216-2858. Or buy them at the festival at the ticket booth at Main and Penniman.

Can't decide between spaghetti or chicken? Try both. AM Rotary Club will serve pasta from 4-8 p.m., Saturday, at the northeast corner of Kellogg Park. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$9 at the door; \$4 for kids, 1-12. Children under 2 eat for free. Call Rotary past-president Kate Rosevear at (734) 455-5810 for tickets or more information. Spaghetti is carry out or eat in.

The Rotary Club's Annual Chicken BBQ runs 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday in Kellogg Park and includes a half chicken, corn-on-the-cob, roll with butter, pop and a cookie for \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Advance tickets are available at Horton Plumbing, 1382

W. Main, Plymouth. Rotary ticket booths will be located at Ann Arbor Trail and Main or Penniman and Main.

After eating your way through the festival, try walking off the calories through the festival craft show on Union Street, between Ann Arbor Trail and Roe. Hours are noon-dusk, Friday, 9 a.m.-dusk Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Take a spin on a carnival ride or browse through antique cars on display Saturday-Sunday.

The Kellogg Park entertainment stage will offer music all weekend, starting with Parker Welling on Friday, The Randy Brock Group and The Crutches on Saturday, and Double Cross Band on Sunday. Other entertainment includes an Optimist Club pet show, dance performances, and martial arts demonstrations.



Visitors will find vintage and antique cars on display at the Plymouth Community Fall Festival.



Carnival games offer chances to win prizes at the Plymouth Community Fall Festival.



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BY SHARON DARGAY
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Look at a Marilyn Prucka quilt and you almost can see river eddies and ordered corn rows in the dyed, embroidered and burned patterns.

Take a whiff during the dye process and you can smell the landscape that inspires her work.

"The batting underneath is dyed with walnut hulls from walnut trees that grow along the river. When you boil the hulls ... it smells so earthy and wonderful," said Prucka, explaining the coloring process used on three quilts in her mudflats series.

Three pieces from the series, as well as 14 other quilts are on display this month at Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC). An artist reception for the exhibit will be held 6-8 p.m., Sept. 24 at the PCAC's JoAnne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 Sheldon, Plymouth. Prucka also is the guest speaker at the Council's Art Lunch, 11:45 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 15. The program includes a gourmet box lunch and Prucka's presentation, "Not Afraid to Dye," about her fiber art, creativity and process. Tickets for the luncheon are \$15.

Pat Adams, a member of the lunch committee who also handles exhibits, said PCAC offered two previous luncheons, one in December 2009 and one in May.

"They used to do them in the olden days here and then they got away from it," Adams said. "And the exhibits went away. We restarted those a year ago. There was a lot of interest in the luncheon and speakers and we decided to re-start them."

She said the first two luncheons sold out, drawing more than 50 participants. Monthly exhibits have included a variety of art styles and media.

"We're trying to offer different kinds of art. We go from watercolor to oil to woodcut to pastels. We haven't done a quilt exhibit since January," Adams said, adding that Prucka's work was recommended for display.

INSPIRED BY WATER

Prucka was volunteering as a docent at the Riverside Art Center in Ypsilanti when a PCAC member asked her to speak at Art Lunch. Prucka agreed to waive her usual speaker's fee in exchange for a quilt exhibit at the center.

"I'm tweaking it a bit," she said Tuesday, while hanging a few additional pieces for the show. "My inspiration has been from the Raisin River. My studio is on the river. I take inspiration from the landscape. My studio is in a very rural area. I have a huge field across the road."

The Monroe artist combines river and land in many of her works, include a series of mini quilts called "River Meets Land."

She uses a variety of methods, including dye, bleaching, painting, needlework and a technique that burns cotton fabric to produce her images.

A former hospital emergency room nurse, Prucka, took community college art classes before studying printmaking at the University of Toledo, where she earned a bachelor's degree. She switched to fiber arts for her master's degree at Eastern Michigan University.

"During course work on printmaking, a friend urged me to take an elective class called dyes and fibers. It totally changed my life."

Prucka said she works on art every day, whether weaving, quilting, or crocheting.

"It's something I love to do and I do it every day. I crave it," she said.



Fiber art by Marilyn Prucka is on display through September at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Westland theater offers youth classes

Inspire Theatre will register children and teens Saturday, Sept. 11, for its new Inspire School of Theatre Arts.

Registration for children, 7-16, runs 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 33445 Warren Road, Westland.

Students will learn about work on stage as well as behind the scenes. Study topics will include stage directions, finding your voice, understanding how to act, and working with others. Cost is \$20 weekly. A \$50 discount is available for full payment at registration.

Inspire Theatre began in 2005 and has produced such plays as the *Wizard of Oz*, *Father of the Bride*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, and many original productions, most written by Inspire Theatre founder Len Fisher.

Fisher, who majored in theatre at Youngstown State and holds a degree from North Central University, has been involved in theatre most of his adult life. He has acted, produced, written, and directed more than 50 productions and has directed children and adults both professionally and on the community level.

Most Inspire Theatre productions have included children but the classes are the theater's first venture solely for children.

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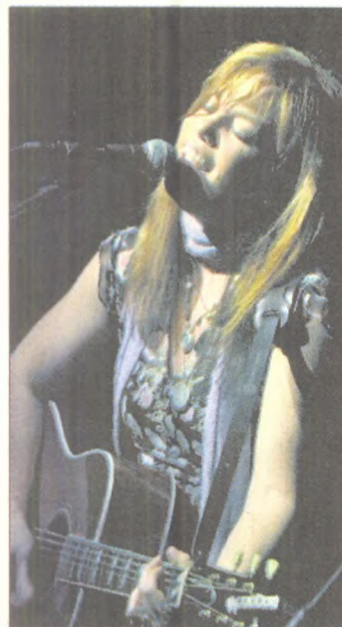
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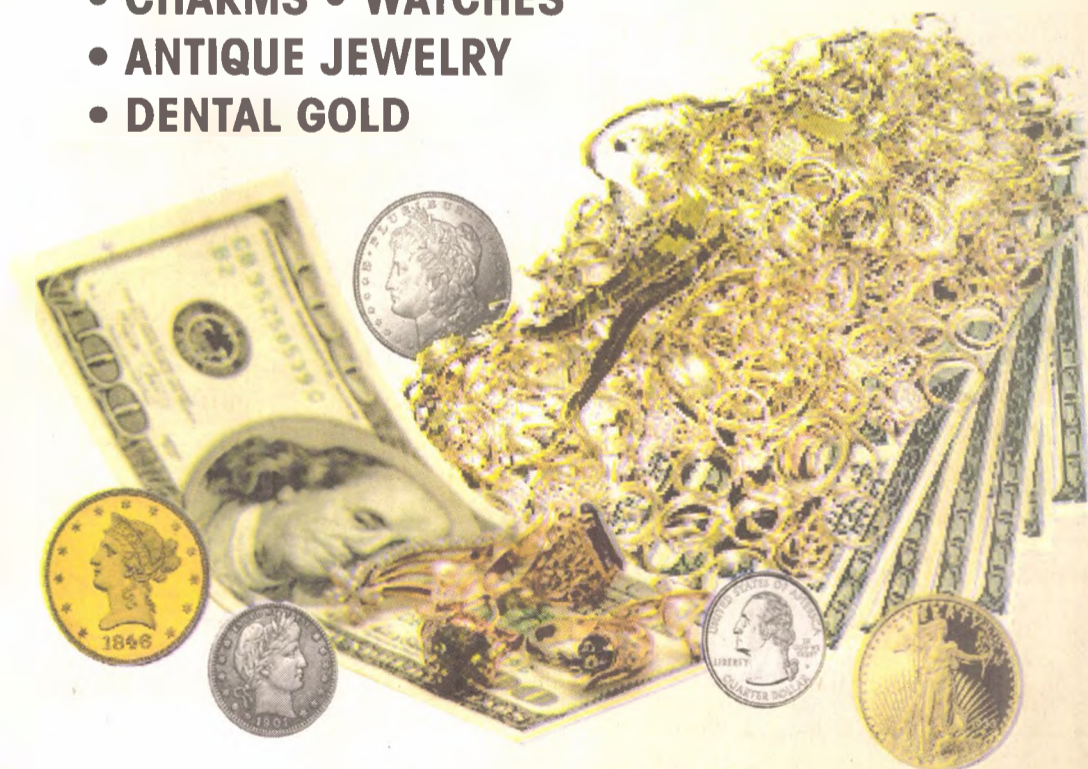
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BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Members of the metro area Jewish community will gather together today, Sept. 9 to celebrate Rosh Hashana, the beginning of the new year and start of High Holy Days that end Sept. 18 with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.

According to the Jewish Community Relations Council in Bloomfield Hills, worshippers will pray for peace in Israel and Jerusalem, security for the Jewish State, successful peace negotiations to bring Israelis and Palestinians together and a diminished threat of terrorism from such groups such as Hamas and Hezbollah.

But at Congregation Bet Chaverim in Canton, members will hear a message that resonates closer to home.

"The central message of High Holy Days is personal responsibility," said Rabbi Peter Gluck. "I will talk on how each of us needs to take better care of ourselves and families and to make small changes we are capable of making. I can't make international peace, but I can do better with family, friends, the work place.

"For me, the message (of High Holy Days) is that while there are global issues going on, that many people feel are beyond control, let us remember that our personal lives are what God asks us to take care of."

That includes eating better, exercising, avoiding excess, being responsible, being kind to others, organizing the day to accomplish important tasks, responding to others with love rather than anger, maintaining a positive outlook and giving thanks.

"Peace can come, but it starts with our own homes and friends and then we let that ripple out to the world," Gluck said. "If you look at the theme of Yom Kippur, the whole point is to start with yourself and assume personal responsibility in the part of

the world you live in, in every day life. If everyone did that you wouldn't have to worry about the world. The message is that in the flow of events, to show consideration and kindness and not just talk about it."

COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

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Families and congregations, like Bet Chaverim, build a sukkah — a hut or booth — made of boards and covered by a roof of branches and leaves at the holiday. The improvised structure is a reminder of the temporary dwellings used by the Israelites during their wandering through the desert.

Bet Chaverim will invite Cherry Hill United Methodist Church to help decorate the sukkah and give thanks together.

"We celebrate together as mutually caring communities. We have different pathways to God but the common values are there," Gluck said.

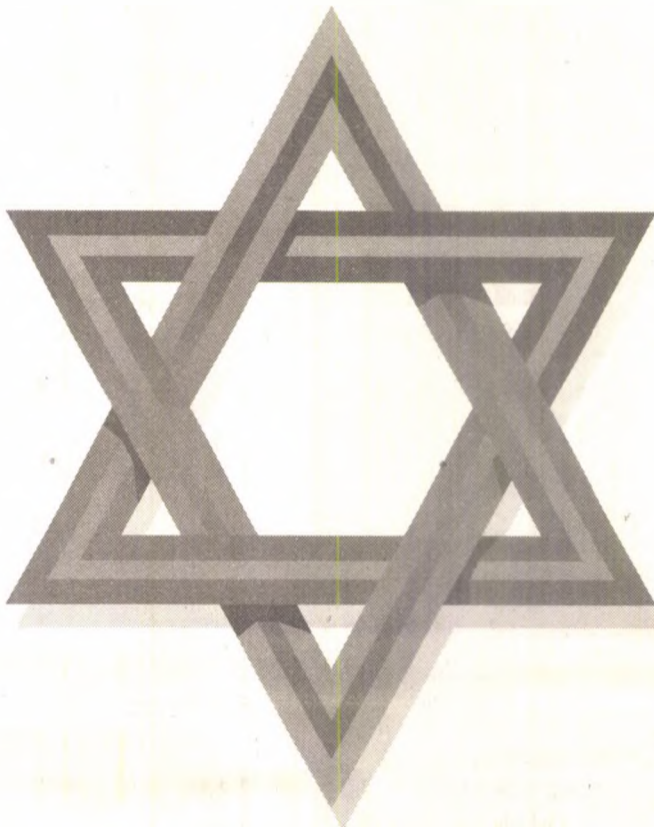
"It's a wonderful example of what can be when people take charge and relate and are responsible and live what they are teaching."

Rosh Hashana morning service at Bet Chaverim is 10 a.m. Sept. 9; Yom Kippur services are 7 p.m. Sept. 17 and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sept. 18. The Sukkot celebration is Sept. 26. It's located at 321 Ridge Road Canton.



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Members of Congregation Bet Chaverim in Canton celebrate Sukkot. The harvest holiday follows the High Holy Days, which start with Rosh Hashana and end with Yom Kippur.



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SEPT. 9-15

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., silent prayer vigil; 7-8 p.m., prayer service; Thursday, Sept. 9
Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Unity World Day of Prayer involves people of all faiths joining in prayer for the health and well-being of the world, as well as for one another.
Contact: (734) 421-1760; www.unityoflivonia.org

Rediscovering Catholicism
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., Mondays, Sept. 13-Oct. 18
Location: St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Discussion of Matthew Kelly's book, "Rediscovering Catholicism." Participants will follow the author's study guide of questions for reflection, as the group reads selected passages of the book. A limited number of free books are available. Participants can pick one up from the church office when they register for the discussion group.
Contact: Register by calling Nancy at (734) 591-9164, or e-mail to nnaunjokas@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

Breakfast

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to noon, Sunday, Sept. 19
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: All you can eat pancake and French toast breakfast includes ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, tea, coffee, milk, juice; \$3 adults; \$1.50 children, ages 2-10. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club
Contact: (734) 425-4421

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

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: 4171 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

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

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

Steve's Family Restaurant
Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursdays
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others who are ready to help cope or become involved in the other social activities offered by Widowed Friends.
Contact: (313) 534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., Sunday
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville
Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation

Contact: (248) 374-5920

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

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

Farmington Hills Baptist Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile
Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: (248) 433-1011

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

Riverside Park Church of God
Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Riverside Park Adult Day Ministry offers an adult daytime care program with a specialty in dementia care
Contact: (734) 367-4220; www.riversideparkchurch.org

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

St. John's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m., the first and third Friday
Location: 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets. Respite care is provided. The group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association
Contact: Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426

Thomas a' Becket Church
Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m., Thursday
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members to lose weight and keep it off
Contact: Margaret at (734) 838-0322

Unity of Livonia
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia
Details: Overeaters Anonymous
Contact: (313) 387-9797. www.ooa.org

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RICHARD R. ARONSON
 Age 84, of Livonia, passed away September 6, 2010. He was born July 26, 1926 in Detroit to Carl and Anna (Martenson) Aronson. On April 17, 1982 he married Sherry Ellison and they were very devoted to one another. He was a Teacher with Riverview Public Schools for 32 years and also was an adjunct faculty member at Eastern Michigan University. Richard was a member of the Wayne County Reading Assoc., the Michigan Reading Assoc., and the Scholarship Fund for Children. He enjoyed gardening and loved roses. He was an avid reader and would read anything. He is survived by his beloved wife Sherry; his children, Karl R. Aronson, Jane A. (Chris) Flieller, and Charlotte J. Aronson; and his brother Carl (Mary Kay) Aronson. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Kris M. Aronson, his son David J. Aronson, and his sister Lenore Bly. Visitation will be held Friday, September 10 from 2-8pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. The funeral service will be held Saturday, September 11 at 11am with visitation beginning at 10am at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Contributions would be appreciated to Cooper Upper Elementary 28550 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, MI 48185 attn: Sherry Aronson or In Tandem Theatre 628 North 10th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233. www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

MARTIN J. EWALD
 Age 78, of Traverse City, died Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010, at Munson Medical Center. A memorial service will be held Friday, Sept. 10, at 11 a.m., at St. Francis Catholic Church in Traverse City, with visitation one hour prior. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family. Condolences may be offered at: www.CovellFuneralHomes.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to: Covell Funeral Home
 232 E. State Street
 Traverse City, MI 49684
 (231) 946-6515

MARY HARRINGTON LLOYD (Nee Engel)
 Died September 4, 2010 at age 79. The beloved wife of 32 years to Ken Lloyd and daughter of Andy and Dorothy Engel of Manchester, Michigan, Mary is survived by her husband Ken, son Doug Harrington (Sue), daughter Anne Holloway (Gordon), Pam Dase (Brad), Leslie Williams, and grandchildren Tom, Liz, Andy, Lesley, Lauren, Jill, Jessie, Jonathon, Johanna, Katie, Denny and Zack. Mary was a graduate of Michigan State (BS) and Wayne State (MS) Universities and taught for over 30 years in South Redford at Thurston High School and Marshall Jr. High. Traveling to many parts of the world filled her retirement years, and she maintained an active schedule of volunteering, gardening, baking, bridge, and writing letters to friends and acquaintances. A memorial service will be held for Mary at Emanuel United Church of Christ in Manchester, Michigan on Saturday, September 11 at 11:00am with a luncheon following. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to Emanuel United Church of Christ or The Salvation Army.



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, Zoë, 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 (Meredith). Carol was preceded in death by her sisters, Marianna Malkowski, Eida 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 Methodist 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.



MARY S. (Kwik) CHMIELEWSKI
 Age 91. Devoted wife of the late Edward Loving mother of Mark (JoAnn) Chmielewski, Kathleen (John) Liadis and Christine (James) Abbey. Proud grandmother of Dr. Angela and Andrea Chmielewski, Stephen and Nicholas Liadis, Eric (Ann) and Jeremy Abbey and great-grandmother of Owen and Brendan Abbey. Dear sister of Clara (Kwik) Holoday. Mary was a devout Roman Catholic and a founding parishioner of Our Lady of Loretto Church, 60 year resident of Redford Township and an exemplary wife, mother and homemaker. Her life was centered around her church, home, family and education. She loved to bake, craft and garden. Mary was recently recognized for her life time achievements by a proclamation on the floor of the US Congress on her 90th birthday. Visiting Thursday 3-8 pm Rosary 7 pm at Charles R. Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly (btw 6-7 Mile). Instate Friday 9:30 am until a 10 am Mass at Our Lady of Loretto Church. Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

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BY BILL EMERICK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lee Hershey is into wine. He teaches a class about wine. He has experience as a retail consultant for wholesalers, wine shops and restaurants. He hosts wine-tasting events at homes and businesses. He reads about wine, writes about wine and extols the virtues of the drink at every occasion.

Mostly, though, he just wants to get people to taste the ancient fermented-grape beverage. Most anyone who does, Hershey feels, will be hooked.

Hershey, 74, will be conducting a wine-tasting seminar at the 19th annual Culinary Extravaganza, a food and beverage event to benefit the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Program. The event, scheduled for 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, is at the college's VisTaTech Center.

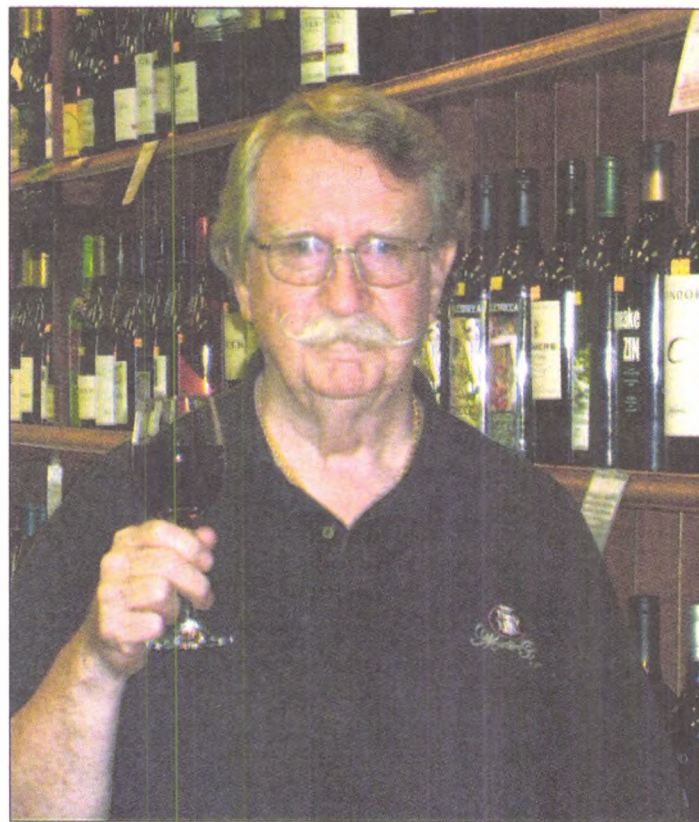
More than 50 vendors, featuring the area's leading restaurants and pastry shops, will be on hand to offer samples of food and beverages, including wine and distilled spirits. Tickets are \$50, \$20 of which is tax-deductible.

Hershey's role at the Extravaganza is the same one he's pursued for the last 35 years — entertaining and educating about the wide world of wine. "I'm kind of like this conduit for wine," he said in describing his avocation.

For the past 23 years, Hershey has taught classes on wine at Schoolcraft College as part of the school's personal enrichment program. His fall schedule includes Wines of the Southern Hemisphere and The Heart of Great Lakes Wines, both five-week courses that introduce students to the history and significance of the wine-making tradition in those regions — as well as plenty of tasting.

PASSION FOR WINE

Hershey has also been involved in various consulting positions, including with the famed Beaulieu Vineyard in Rutherford, Calif., located in the legendary Napa Valley. He's spent time as a sommelier at the Bay Harbor Yacht Club near Petoskey and most recently was instrumental in building the wine collection



Lee Hershey teaches wine classes at Schoolcraft College and will conduct a tasting seminar the the annual Culinary Extravaganza.

at The Grapevine restaurant in Novi.

It's his passion for wine, though, that's evident after even a short conversation about his beverage of choice. Hershey looks forward to his seminar at the Extravaganza as a way to widen the cult of devotees.

"It introduces people to me and, if you like my presentation, you may take my wine class," he said. "That benefits the school, it benefits me and it may benefit them in the end. We never know what you learn, but we all learn a little bit from each event."

Hershey will be offering samples of some of the half-dozen wholesalers and vintners expected at the Extravaganza, including Black Star Farms from Michigan's Leelanau Peninsula, J&J Importers and Ann Arbor Beverage. The idea is to give patrons a taste of different varietals and vintages in the hope they'll later hunt for something they enjoyed.

"You're tasting it, you're not really guzzling it," he said, "just like you're not going to eat 50 meals. If you pour a wine and you like it and want it, you'll go to a retailer and ask for it later."

"People can come and eat and drink and have a good

time and learn a lot."

'ENJOYABLE AND APPROACHABLE'

The seminar is just a small taste — pun intended — of what Hershey offers in his ongoing enrichment classes at Schoolcraft. He's seen a bit of a dropoff in enrollment in light of the state's economic woes, but he also said up to 45 percent of students take the class more than once, some as many as 35-40 times. Ages range from 21 (minimum) to as old as 80. And women outnumber men by a large margin.

"All the guys are in the bar, drinking beer," he said, chuckling. Even so, there's no one demographic that dominates his students.

"Every imaginable (type of) soul on the planet has taken my classes," he said. "You name it — all kinds of folks have taken the classes."

Once they've enrolled, it's Hershey's job to see that they put aside any misconceptions that about wine and wine drinkers.

"The problem with people getting involved (with wine) is the amount of pretension in the world," he said. "A Frenchman or an Italian

ALL ABOUT WINE

Lee Hershey will conduct his wine seminar and tasting at the 19th annual Culinary Extravaganza, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at the VisTaTech Center on the campus of Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. Tickets are \$50 and can be obtained by calling (734) 462-4518 or going online at www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation.

Hershey is also teaching two classes this fall as part of Schoolcraft's personal enrichment program. Wines of the Southern Hemisphere starts Sept. 20 and The Heart of Great Lakes Wines starts Nov. 8. Each meets 7-9 p.m. Mondays for five weeks and costs \$169 (\$135.20 for seniors). To enroll, call (734) 462-4448 or go online at www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd

thinks of wine like we think of groceries — you know, pick up a loaf of bread, a salad and a bottle of wine. In this country, there's a standoffish attitude about alcohol, I think from in the prohibition days.

"There's an aura that's been created and people are intimidated. It's hard to get people into (wine) because of this attitude. In a class like mine, we try to show people it's fun and something they can enjoy. It's very enjoyable and approachable. That's the biggest hurdle to getting people into the wine world."

Hershey's seen a lot of trends in his years in the industry, but the current economic downturn has actually contributed to some positive aspects in his mind.

"The economy is such that you don't have a lot of enthusiasm for getting into wine like it once was," he said.

"People are very cautious and becoming better wine buyers. We're putting pressure on wine makers to produce better wines. It doesn't matter if it's cheap — if it's no good, you won't buy a second bottle. If it's garbage, it's garbage."

"A lot of retailers don't necessarily know their market.

If you've got a stack of \$4.99 bottles of wine, you're going to end up marrying them," he added with a laugh.

"The sale of \$25-\$30 bottles of wine haven't changed that much. The people who spend \$40 on a bottle of wine with dinner haven't been affected by this economy. They never moved like a forest fire, but they haven't been hurt."

Hershey still attends several dozen trade tastings a year and estimates he tries up to 5,000 different wines each year. He doesn't have a favorite ("My favorite wine is the one someone else pays for"), but he will offer this allegory.

"If I was stranded on an island and a voice from above said you can have only wine one for the rest of time, but you can have as much as you want for the rest of your life, for me it would be a red Burgundy from France," he said.

It might not be the same for everyone, but Hershey would like to help his students find out for themselves — one glass at a time.

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A SPIRITED VENDOR

If wine is not your beverage of choice, fear not. Attendees of the Culinary Extravaganza at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center can also partake in a "flavored martini" promotion courtesy of McCormick Distillery. According to Joe David, McCormick's area manager for the Midwest, the company will offer tastings of its 360 vodka line of "eco-friendly" products. This is the third year McCormick has participated in the Extravaganza, but David said the variety will be larger this year thanks to new flavors introduced this summer.

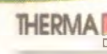
The 360 brand of vodka features locally sourced grain for the company's distillery in Kansas City, Kan., and recycled and biodegradable packaging. David said the vodka is distilled four times and filtered five times. "It's a very clean-tasting product," he said. McCormick will serve half-ounce tastings either chilled or on the rocks of eight different flavors of vodka: double chocolate, cola, Mandarin orange, bing cherry, Madagascar vanilla, sorrento lemon, Concord grape and Georgia peach.

"The way we infuse these products is so that they taste just like the flavor right out of the bottle," David said. "Unlike some flavored vodkas, we added residual sugars. We tried to collect the essence of the flavors."

David said the martinis were very popular at last year's Extravaganza: "We ran out of olives," he said.

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This four-bedroom Cape Cod is at 838 Haggerty in Canton, and is listed at \$369,000. It's of brick with a three-car attached garage.



This four-bedroom colonial, listed at \$314,900, is at 47143 Woodlong Drive in Canton. It's of brick/wood with a finished basement and a two-car attached garage.



This four-bedroom colonial, listed at \$349,900, is at 6406 Connaught Court in Canton. It's of brick with a finished basement and a three-car attached garage.

Sales of homes \$300,000-plus show improvement

Fourth of a four-part series.

BY JULIE BROWN
 O&E STAFF WRITER

You've heard a lot about declining home values, and may think only a superstar athlete could afford a \$500,000 home in Canton, Plymouth, Livonia or Farmington Hills. That isn't necessarily the case.

The higher end up to \$500,000 also has homes in our area: "I think there's some out there at that," said Realtor Bart Patterson, vice president and general manager of RE/MAX Classic, with offices in Canton, Farmington Hills, Novi and Milford. "There's definitely an improvement." Inventory of high-end local homes has dropped in recent months.

He agreed some buyers are still in the \$300,000-\$500,000 range. "There are people still transferring that

would be looking," Patterson said. He found 50 such properties in Farmington Hills as he looked.

Those ranged from 2,000 to as large as 6,000 square feet, the largest one a contemporary with five bedrooms, 3½ baths on a short sale. "You can see there are lots of options," Patterson said.

In addition to transferring businesspeople, there are still professionals like lawyers and doctors with income allowing them to buy more expensive homes, Patterson said.

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

For homes/condos priced at \$300,000 to \$399,999, data showed: seven Plymouth homes on the market, two sold in the past three months; 23



This home, listed at \$300,000, is at 31045 Sudbury St. in Farmington Hills. The three-bedroom colonial features a finished basement and a two-car direct access garage. It's of aluminum.

Plymouth Township homes on the market, 17 sold in that time; 30 Canton homes on the market, 32 sold in that time; nine Livonia homes on the market, nine sold in that time; and 36 Farmington Hills homes on the market, 11 sold in that time. There were no homes in that range sold or on the market in Redford, Westland, Garden City or

Farmington. For homes/condos priced at \$400,000 to \$499,999, Realemp II data showed: one home on the market in Plymouth, five sold in the past three months; 12 Plymouth Township homes on the market, five sold in that time; 11 Canton homes on the market, six sold in that time; three Livonia homes on the market,

none sold; and 15 Farmington Hills homes on the market, one sold. There were no homes in that range on the market or sold in Redford, Westland, Garden City or Farmington.

Dale E. Smith, executive vice president of the Farmington-based Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, sees some \$500,000 range homes closer to Birmingham, as well as some in Canton. There's still a good supply, he said, although there had been even more.

"Those homes are kind of the forgotten ones nobody's talking about," Smith said of high-end homes, noting dollarwise their value's been hard hit. At lower prices and more modest dwellings, homes are selling more in western Wayne County and the Farmington area.

"The number of sales has picked up," Smith said. "We're not continuing to find it spiraling downward. So that's a good sign."

Smith said local Realtors have seen that improvement "mini-trend" in the last two or three months. "It's kind of an encouraging sign," he said.

He noted the recent tax credit extension for buyers boosted sales on thousands of homes that otherwise would have gone back on the market. That expired at the end of June and that evening Congress extended it to Sept. 30 for sales already in progress.

Without the extension, Smith said, some 8,000 Michigan home sales would have halted, most of them in metro Detroit.

"That would have added to the burden we're already under," Smith said. Major players in the market remain banks and foreclosures, less so government's Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

"They're still in the background and not much of a player in all of this," Smith said.

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 24-28, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Sale Price
Canton	1625 Aberdeen St	\$169,000
	7334 Admiralty Dr	\$234,000
	41642 Haggerty Woods Ct	\$130,000
	42008 Hanford Dr	\$181,000
	45237 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$39,000
	45226 Lothrop Rd	\$245,000
	170 Madison Ct	\$330,000
	1627 Morrison Blvd	\$177,000
	1780 N Morton Taylor Rd	\$173,000
	45635 N Stonewood Rd	\$150,000
	238 Nassau Ct	\$150,000
	46213 Polo Dr	\$220,000
	42902 Saxony Rd	\$165,000
	43338 Stonington Ct	\$180,000
	6591 Weatherfield Way	\$240,000
2068 Woodbine Dr	\$210,000	
Garden City	30855 Barton St	\$77,000
	899 Douglas St	\$78,000
Livonia	28824 Elmwood St	\$28,000
	30952 Elmwood St	\$64,000
	29924 Florence St	\$82,000
	30940 Hennepin St	\$76,000
	32171 James St	\$90,000
	14221 Arden St	\$112,000
	14223 Berwick St	\$130,000
	14123 Blue Skies St	\$127,000
	8905 Danzig St	\$75,000
	9562 Deering St	\$99,000
	17312 Deering St	\$109,000
	18501 Deering St	\$35,000
9847 Denne St	\$123,000	
28473 Elmira St	\$63,000	
34419 Fargo St	\$300,000	
18363 Foch St	\$82,000	
19783 Gary Ln	\$270,000	
30539 Hathaway St	\$114,000	
18818 Hillcrest St	\$92,000	
14166 Hubbell St	\$115,000	
15671 Ingram St	\$360,000	
17000 Levan Rd	\$145,000	
32043 Maine St	\$137,000	
39044 Mayfield St	\$114,000	
29448 Winton St	\$140,000	
29475 Winton St	\$105,000	
Northville	16273 Aspen Valley Dr	\$550,000
	17560 E Northville Trl	\$327,000
	20131 E Whipple Dr	\$290,000
	17294 Hilltop View Dr	\$315,000
	16047 Homestead Cir	\$235,000
	39407 Jasmine Cir	\$310,000
	16432 Lincoln Dr	\$20,000
	16448 Lincoln Dr	\$20,000
	42063 Pon Meadow Dr	\$274,000
	48877 Rainbow Ln S	\$310,000
	42952 Richards Ct	\$100,000
	16481 Sherwood Ln	\$313,000
Plymouth	50544 Beechwood Ct	\$80,000
	11707 Lehigh Rd	\$292,000
	725 Pacific St	\$175,000
Redford	8920 Brady	\$30,000
	8870 Farley	\$50,000
Westland	11301 Grayfield	\$170,000
	18637 Lennane	\$202,000
	18256 MacArthur	\$117,000
	14384 Mercedes	\$190,000
	19936 Poiciana	\$130,000
	8953 Rockland	\$198,000
	26470 W Six Mile Rd	\$283,000
	18859 Wakenden	\$283,000
	9591 Wormer	\$283,000
	36118 Abbey Dr	\$550,000
1891 Alexander Dr	\$327,000	
32523 Anita Dr	\$290,000	
8287 Carrousel Blvd	\$315,000	
35796 Castlewood Ct	\$235,000	
36520 Deerhurst S	\$310,000	
1280 Easley Dr	\$20,000	
1451 Edwin St	\$20,000	
6712 Geronimo St	\$274,000	
30714 Gladys Ave	\$310,000	
308 Marigold Cir	\$313,000	
3427 Marina Ct	\$80,000	
1266 S Venoy Rd	\$292,000	
34233 Shawnee St	\$175,000	
2420 Stieber St	\$310,000	
27663 Trailbrooke Cir	\$310,000	
Westland	36118 Abbey Dr	\$145,000
	1891 Alexander Dr	\$85,000
	32523 Anita Dr	\$83,000
	8287 Carrousel Blvd	\$107,000
	35796 Castlewood Ct	\$54,000
	36520 Deerhurst S	\$101,000
	1280 Easley Dr	\$60,000
	1451 Edwin St	\$70,000
	6712 Geronimo St	\$170,000
	30714 Gladys Ave	\$110,000
308 Marigold Cir	\$86,000	
3427 Marina Ct	\$75,000	
1266 S Venoy Rd	\$157,000	
34233 Shawnee St	\$60,000	
2420 Stieber St	\$106,000	
27663 Trailbrooke Cir	\$15,000	
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HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

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Auburn Hills	15 Cross St	\$5,000		
	2629 Konrad Ct	\$116,000		
Beverly Hills	17869 Dunblane Ave	\$243,000		
	1221 Latham St	\$409,000		
	20072 Wellesley St	\$396,000		
Birmingham	955 Forest Ave	\$250,000		
	550 Henrietta St	\$721,000		
	1221 Latham St	\$250,000		
	2535 Manchester Rd	\$399,000		
	2366 Northlawn Blvd	\$505,000		
	2684 Pembroke Rd	\$188,000		
	971 Pierce St	\$1,120,000		
	256 Ravine Rd	\$160,000		
	663 W Frank St	\$190,000		
	Bloomfield Hills	660 Woodland St	\$285,000	
		2467 Yorkshire Rd	\$138,000	
		40740 Woodward Ave	\$90,000	
Bloomfield Township	6420 Apple Grove Ln	\$200,000		
	1312 Ashover Dr	\$165,000		
	136 Bloomfield Blvd	\$105,000		
	3641 Bradway Blvd	\$435,000		
	3350 Burning Bush Rd	\$500,000		
	4584 Covered Bridge Rd	\$250,000		
	618 Deauville Ln	\$328,000		
	1996 Devonshire Rd	\$78,000		
	599 Fox Hills Dr N	\$55,000		
	416 Fox Hills Dr S	\$49,000		
	3211 Greentree Rd	\$220,000		
	4851 Haddington Dr	\$234,000		
3054 Heron Pointe Dr	\$490,000			
1997 Klingensmith Rd	\$56,000			
650 Lasher Rd	\$240,000			
2952 Masefield Dr	\$318,000			
3675 Middlebury Ln	\$178,000			
3641 Quail Hollow Dr	\$235,000			
788 Robinhood Cir	\$207,000			
2798 Turtle Shores Dr	\$950,000			
3774 Wabeek Road	\$512,000			
Clarkston	5470 Chanto Dr	\$127,000		
	8151 Fawn Valley Dr	\$185,000		
	8889 Minne Wanda Rd	\$180,000		
Commerce Township	6612 Park Valley Dr	\$320,000		
	5812 Pine Breeze Dr	\$285,000		
	6275 Pine Knob Rd	\$135,000		
	5945 S Main St	\$55,000		
	6927 Tappan Dr	\$65,000		
	Farmington	4635 Alban St	\$118,000	
		486 Charlevoix St	\$167,000	
		4792 Driftwood Dr	\$248,000	
		8401 Hummingbird	\$248,000	
		Farmington Hills	23845 Gill Rd	\$174,000
			32838 Cadillac St	\$300,000
			25054 Castlereigh Dr	\$127,000
Farmington Hills		30780 Country Ridge Cir	\$260,000	
		28875 Eton Glen	\$218,000	
		30317 Glenmuir St	\$113,000	
		28230 Greening St	\$72,000	
		22199 Harsdale Dr	\$293,000	
	38940 Holsworth Ct	\$160,000		
	38157 Lantern Hill Ct	\$328,000		
	21319 Mulberry Ct	\$180,000		
	30594 Orchard Lake Rd	\$50,000		
	29416 Pendleton Club Dr	\$55,000		
	23030 Purdue Ave	\$55,000		
	30478 Scotshire Ct	\$183,000		
24950 Toddy Ln	\$185,000			
22456 Vacri Ln	\$280,000			
29860 W 12 Mile Rd	\$42,000			
28418 W Eight Mile Rd	\$27,000			
27529 W Echo Vly	\$34,000			
Lake Orion	3866 East Pond Ct	\$220,000		
	3088 High Pointe Ridge Rd	\$45,000		
	923 Pine Tree Rd W	\$182,000		
	325 Torrey Pine Ct	\$187,000		
	Lathrup Village	28466 Eldorado Pl	\$136,000	
		27397 Goldenedge Dr W	\$110,000	
		18260 Wiltshire Blvd	\$79,000	
	Milford	3860 Dabale Ct	\$36,000	
		752 Duchess St	\$152,000	
		1550 Highwood Ct	\$280,000	
		216 S Houghton St	\$152,000	
		631 Woodside Dr	\$89,000	
Northville		1194 Concord Ct	\$85,000	
		20941 Lujon Dr	\$239,000	
		51281 Park Place Dr	\$485,000	
		956 Whitegate Dr	\$350,000	
		Novi	41983 Aspen Dr	\$317,000
			21070 Chase Dr	\$250,000
			41390 Clinton Dr	\$98,000
	Oakland Township	23597 Dunston Rd	\$342,000	
		22690 Heatherbrae Way	\$180,000	
		40960 Hollydale	\$108,000	
		31201 Kingsley Ct	\$309,000	
		48805 Pebble Ln	\$240,000	
1127 South Lake Dr		\$52,000		
45554 White Pines Dr		\$333,000		
24061 Willowbrook		\$136,000		
Oxford		4169 Barnes Ct	\$410,000	
		4155 Bold Mdws	\$271,000	
		3701 Deer Springs Dr	\$340,000	
		3773 Mountain Laurel Blvd	\$560,000	
	3586 Tremonte Cir S	\$95,000		
	Rochester	214 S Castell Ave	\$400,000	
		1836 Alsodorf Ave	\$161,000	
		2372 Chalet Dr	\$177,000	
	Rochester Hills	3710 Connors Dr	\$343,000	
		781 Crestwood Ln	\$450,000	
		2603 Frankson Ave	\$114,000	
		1626 Glenbrook Ct	\$139,000	
1943 Independence Dr		\$290,000		
3324 Innsbrook Dr		\$180,000		
2162 Kennedy Dr		\$255,000		
2380 Lassiter Dr		\$180,000		
2822 Longview Ave		\$138,000		
723 Majestic		\$708,000		
3421 Mayacoo Ct		\$390,000		
1200 N Livernois Rd		\$386,000		
531 Pinehurst Dr	\$21,000			
South Lyon	2982 Powderhorn Ridge Rd	\$240,000		
	2081 Rochelle Park Dr	\$140,000		
	518 Tennyson	\$110,000		
	2839 Trailwood Dr	\$93,000		
	1636 Tree-side Dr	\$214,000		
	2135 Willow Leaf Dr	\$197,000		
	Southfield	160 Princeton Dr	\$24,000	
		916 Stoney Dr	\$161,000	
		28700 Bell Rd	\$136,000	
	Troy	19201 Birchridge St	\$86,000	
		28448 E Larkmoor Dr	\$64,000	
		28535 Evergreen Rd	\$80,000	
27027 Lexington Pkwy		\$42,000		
27027 Lincolnshire Dr		\$85,000		
23801 Philip Dr		\$60,000		
30840 Red Maple Ln		\$112,000		
17221 Revere St		\$110,000		
23800 Riverview Dr		\$100,000		
Walled Lake		1891 Alton Cir	\$138,000	
		1338 Appleford St	\$38,000	
		1383 Appleford St	\$50,000	
	120 Cherry Grove Ln	\$195,000		
	224 Lake Village Dr	\$50,000		
	1525 Leon Rd	\$50,000		
	2352 Trevor Dr	\$120,000		
	333 Winslow Cir	\$129,000		
	West Bloomfield	7573 Ashburton Ct	\$190,000	
		1928 Bloomfield Oaks Dr	\$275,000	
		3314 Bloomfield Shore Dr	\$287,000	
		6540 Brookshire Dr	\$273,000	
5367 Cambourne Pl		\$130,000		
7418 Carlyle King		\$348,000		
4948 Champlain Cir		\$296,000		
6972 Cottonwood Knoll St		\$192,000		
2618 Depey Dr		\$65,000		
5370 Fox Ridge Dr		\$174,000		
7416 Franklin Ridge Ln		\$239,000		
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