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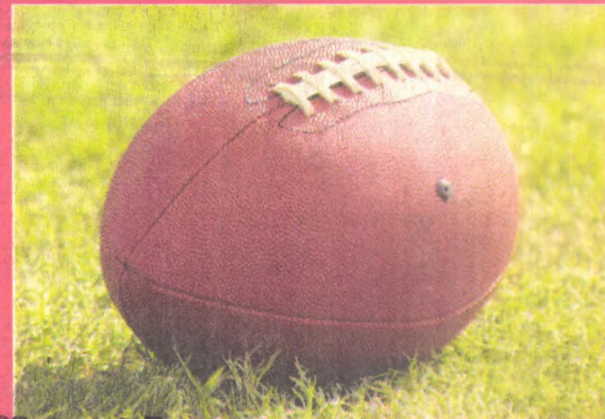
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**District pushes dynamic plan forward**

**PIPELINE**

**School meeting**

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the second-floor meeting room at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center.

Among the presentations the board is expected to hear are details of the Link Crew, the mentor program where upperclass students mentor incoming freshmen; Special Education reorganization, an update on leadership at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and the student Code of Conduct.

The E.J. McClendon Education Center is located at 454 Harvey in Plymouth.

**Color blind**

The Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion sponsors a discussion with essayist, author and educator Tim Wise, author 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.mir-roundtable.org](http://www.mir-roundtable.org) or by contacting Tanaya Parker by phone at (313) 870-1500.

**Euchre tourney**

The Canton Kiwanis Club sponsors a euchre tournament on Saturday, September 25, 2010 at the Summit on the Park.

All proceeds from the event will support community wide service programs such as their dictionary project that provides a personal dictionary to all third graders in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The entry fee is only \$10 with sign-in at 7 p.m. and games beginning at 7:30 p.m. There will be lots of prizes and a cash bar with refreshments available for purchase. Wash-ins are welcome.

Call Debby at (734) 282-2340 or e-mail at [dtorz@hotmail.com](mailto:dtorz@hotmail.com) to register or to get more information.

**Calling all Vets**

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

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

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

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dynamic Planning — the process of strategic planning for the future for which the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has been clamoring for so long — nearly got derailed before it could even get started Wednesday.

At the final study session before the Dynamic Planning Committee begins meeting to flesh out the district's vision and mission moving forward, board members came close to canceling, or at least delaying, the process because at least four of them don't feel the board has had enough input into

the process.

At issue was the quality of both the proposed vision statement, put together by the district administration, and the presentation the Board of Education will make to the Dynamic Planning Committee at the Sept. 20 kickoff meeting.

At the end of the day, though, the board decided (with a 5-1 "thumbs up" vote; board Treasurer Judy Mardigian had been excused at the time of the vote) to let the process go forward.

Some board members felt their part of the presentation — and the vision statement itself — should be more polished. Others felt it was ready

for the committee to begin its work.

"Policy, and the superintendent evaluation and curriculum decisions, are the work of the board, and we don't do those without a framework provided by the administration," board President Steven Sneedman said. "You have to start with a starting point. I'm interested in moving forward with this process."

The board, along with administrators and Kay Cornell, the consultant the district hired to shepherd the process, will start the Dynamic Planning Process with a kickoff meeting set for Sept. 20. The board received the draft vision statement, mission and beliefs

put together by Supt. Craig Fiegel and the Core Team at a meeting a few weeks ago, and Sneedman has been collecting input from board members since in an effort to polish the board's message.

The result met with a little resistance at Wednesday's special meeting. Mardigian, the only board member who participated in the last strategic planning process 12 years ago, said the current draft encompasses too much information.

"This doesn't clearly tell me what we are aspiring to become ... nothing pops

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**Tuning up**

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Nan Washburn will again be at the helm when the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra opens its 65th season.

**Boosters see upswing as PSO marks 65th year**

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Carol Hasse is a classical music fan and a devotee of local orchestras. She has season tickets to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and is a regular at concerts across the region.

But when she first saw the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra about four years ago, she took things a step further.

"I was just so impressed," said Hasse, of Orchard Lake.

Hasse now volunteers on the PSO marketing committee and is

involved with the Friends of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, a new fund-raising group that enjoys ticket discounts and other perks.

"The musicians need to be supported," Hasse said Thursday during Backstage Pass, a chance for symphony patrons to chat with conductor Nan Washburn and associate concertmaster Hektor Qyteti, who performed three flute-and violin duets at the evening's close. The free event, attended by about two dozen people, was at the Liberty Street Brewing Co.

Hasse's commitment is the kind of involvement Plymouth Symphony

Orchestra Society president Don Soenen welcomes. Soenen, the master of ceremonies at Backstage Pass, says things are on the upswing for the PSO after a recessionary economy cut its budget from more than \$400,000 in 2006 to about \$260,000 this year, its 65th.

He's encouraged by recent fund-raising efforts, Soenen said, and PSO programs that promise to get more people active.

"The symphony is more than just going to a concert a few times a year," Soenen said.

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**New PSO season, 'Music in Motion,' marks symphony's progress**

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

From classical favorites by Antonio Vivaldi and Frederic Chopin to a contemporary work by Ann Arbor's James Aikman to the world premiere of a new piece by New York composer Katherine Hoover, the Plymouth

Symphony Orchestra is offering "Music in Motion" for its 2010-11 season.

The theme marks the PSO's 65th anniversary and its evolution, from its founding in 1945, as a professional symphony. The six-concert season comes at a time of contracting budgets.

"It certainly has forced

us to be lots more creative and streamlined, and I don't think that's a bad thing," said Nan Washburn, the conductor and music director, who is beginning her 12th season with the PSO.

Despite the streamlining, Washburn is excited about the season and about new programs to

create more buzz about the PSO and keep the musicians working. Don Soenen, president of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Society, said fund-raising efforts have been picking up lately.

Washburn is proud the PSO has been able to stick

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**Slow kickoff to promising Fall Festival**

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Things were slow on Union Street in downtown Plymouth on Friday afternoon but that didn't bother Kathy and Ray Moore.

The crafters from Hillman, near Alpena, were at the Plymouth Fall Festival selling sweatshirts with Kathy Moore designs and embellishes with patterned accents, zippers and pockets, plus matching visors and button earrings. People were still at work and children were at school, they reasoned, and downtown should be packed Saturday and Sunday — if there's no rain.

"This is a wonderful little community here," Ray Moore said, adding their first trip to the festival, last year, was one of their best events of the season. They visit about seven festivals a year now, and have done as many as 15 a year, he said.

"We just enjoy the atmosphere during the festival," his wife said.

Down the street, Mike and Charlyn Darling of Westland told a similar story. They sell Charlyn's original acrylic paintings of characters, in fairy-tale-like set-

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Janet Beauvais and 4-year-old son Matthew Ruzzin ride the State Fair Fun Slide Friday at the Plymouth Fall Festival. Mom reported that the slide was a little bumpier than she anticipated.



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**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](http://www.cantonchiefettes.com)

**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](mailto:secretary@plymouthhistory.org).

**Garden club meets**

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

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



**Car club donation**

Terry Blumberg accepts a check for \$3,600 donated by America's Most Wanted Car Club, which raised the money at this year's Liberty Fest in Canton to be used for 'Blum's Landing.' The resort is on Orchard Lake near Roger City. It was put together with insurance money and other donations, made in honor of Sgt. Trevor Blumberg, killed in action Sept. 14, 2003, in Iraq. Wounded military members are welcome free of charge. See more about the resort at [www.blumslanding.org](http://www.blumslanding.org) or call Terry Blumberg at (734) 812-1500.

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**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](mailto:JBSTONE716@comcast.net) or Alice Chrenko, (248) 348-9610 or [dachrenko@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:enelson1c@att.net) or (734) 981-4938.

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

Marilyn Prucka holds an

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

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

**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](mailto: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.

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**PSO**

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Washburn, who is beginning her 12th season with the PSO and just signed a new three-year contract, said the symphony has had to reinvent itself because of the economy, cutting expenses where possible and taking on multiple projects, in addition to its regular season, to generate revenue.

The symphony has launched a series of small-scale concert events, Musical Treats, that are designed to raise money and give musicians and fans a chance to socialize together.

Washburn even designed the PSO's new website — plymouthsymphony.com — herself over the summer.

"Multitasking has certainly become a fine art — for all of our staff. They do a wonderful job," she said.

The PSO this year landed a major sponsor for the season, the Bank of Ann Arbor, which took over the local New Liberty Bank in the spring.

Bank of Ann Arbor is making a \$10,000 donation. Bank President and CEO Tim Marshall said it was important for the bank to give because a vibrant arts scene can have a positive economic impact on a community.

"These are times when the economy has led to significant cuts in arts by both the private and public sectors," Marshall said Friday. "It makes me feel that much more pleased that we're able to step up and give to the Plymouth community."

The PSO includes a range of performance and educational programs, including the Celebration Youth Orchestras for young people,



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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Orchestra Canton will play an important role as the symphony celebrates its 65th year.

Orchestra Canton and CLASSical

Music Outreach, an in-the-classroom music program for third- and fourth-graders. Washburn attributes the symphony's longevity to its ability to change and grow, and to its mission of performing works by contemporary American composers as well as classical favorites.

That musical mixture of old and new is something that continues to impress Hasse.

"I think that's so important. You have to keep moving," she said.

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**SEASON**

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to one of its core missions: showcasing works by contemporary American composers.

"That's really been our niche and makes us really distinctive," she said.

The new season begins 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, with "Flute Fantastique" at the theater at Cherry Hill Village in Canton Township. Flutist Eric Lamb, originally from Detroit, and composer Lowell Liebermann will appear.

On the program are the *Overture to Candide* by Leonard Bernstein, the *Symphonie Fantastique* by Hector Berlioz and Liebermann's *1992 Concerto for Flute and Orchestra*.

The other five 2010-11 PSO concerts are:

- "Prodigious Piano," 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at the First United Methodist Church. Featuring 11-year-old pianist Anastasia Rizikov of Toronto. The concert will feature works by Frederic Chopin, Ludwig van Beethoven and Ruth Crawford Seeger, a folk music specialist.

- "Home for the Holidays," 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at the Penn Theatre. Modern holiday favorites, a Christmas carol singalong and George Frideric Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*.

The 6 p.m. show, designed for a younger audience, will feature the Celebration Sinfonia, a youth string orchestra, playing with the PSO, and the 8 p.m. show will feature trumpeters John Hartwick

and Jamey Bostek.

- "Sunday Soiree," 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at the First United Methodist Church. A small ensemble, including Washburn on the flute and harpist Maurice Draughn, playing pieces by George Gershwin, Antonin Dvorak, Gustav Mahler and more.

- "Sunday Serenade at St. John's," 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Inn at St. John's. *Spring*, from Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*, Franz Joseph Haydn's *Organ Concerto in C* and James Aikman's *Ania's Song: A Pavane for String Orchestra* are on the program, and Aikman will appear.

- "Pictures at an Exhibition," 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at the theater at Cherry Hill Village in Canton Township. Featuring the Celebration Youth Symphony, a PSO offshoot, in a side-by-side performance. Katherine Hoover will be on hand for the premiere of her *J.M.W. Turner: Impressions*, a piece inspired by the paintings of J.M.W. Turner, a 19th century English landscape painter. Modest Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* is also on the program.

PSO tickets are \$25 a show, \$20 for those 62 and older and \$10 for students. Five-concert season subscriptions are available, as well as VIP passes. For ticket information, or to buy tickets on line, visit the PSO website, [www.plymouthsymphony.com](http://www.plymouthsymphony.com). The phone number to the PSO offices is (734) 452-2112.

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## First day of school

### New principal sees herself as 'luckiest girl in the world'

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Shannon Blick got her fair share of hugs on the playground Tuesday, enough to remind her why she believes "she's the luckiest girl in the world."

For Blick, the first day of school marked her first day with students as the new principal of Wildwood Elementary School. With a student population hovering around 600, she found every reason to smile.

"I can't brag enough about how great the day has been and how great the kids have been," said Blick, a Canton resident. "I can't brag enough about my staff. By far, they're the best in the district."

Parent Ron Wood shares Blick's view of Wildwood, but he was glad to see her on the playground with students Tuesday afternoon.

"I'm one of the hardest parents to make happy, and the Wildwood staff is the best to deal with," said Wood, who has a daughter, Valeriekay, and a son, Cory, at the school. "They work with you, they work with the kids."

"Mrs. Blick is probably the only female my daughter opens up to," he said. "She was sad to hear she might leave. I know she was glad to see you. We need more teachers like Mrs. Blick."

A product of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools — she graduated from John Glenn High School — Blick had served as a literacy leader for four years at Wildwood and was on her way to moving Marshall Upper Elementary School to be an interventionist



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Shannon Blick, the new principal at Wildwood Elementary, gets big hugs from second-graders Ashleigh Abernathy and Monique Denski.

in mathematics, when she was tapped to become its principal in August. She said her first phone call after her appointment was to her baby sitter. She has two children, ages 5 1/2 months and 19 months old.

And what was her first day of school like?

Blick admits her school day started early, just after 3 a.m., more because of her children

— her 19-month-old is teething — than first day jitters. She made sure she was at school early to be there to greet the students and their parents.

"To see their faces just beaming, that's the greatest," she said. "But above everything else, it was being there to talk to the parents and greet the students. It helps put their nerves at ease."

During the day, she did five assemblies — three on mastering lunch and two on the school's Positive Behavior System, "so everyone knows procedures and everyone can be successful."

Wildwood is the largest of Wayne-Westland's K-4 buildings, growing from 450 students to some 600 with the addition of a portion of the students from Madison and Patchin which were closed at the end of the 2009-10 school year. Fourth-graders have replaced fifth-graders as safeties and are now seen "as leaders in the school," Blick said.

The school has 22 classroom teachers, eight of who are new to the building, and Blick knows that the existing staff will bring the newcomers "up to speed on what we do at Wildwood."

"We'll be able to continue to do the great things we do here," she said, adding that "we have a lot of kids to share our love with."

Being a principal was something Blick decided she wanted to do. She worked at three different buildings and worked with a "great" administration at Wildwood. Being a literacy leader in the school also helped.

"It prepared me for this because I was already in a leadership position in the building," she said.

Getting ready to walk her kindergartners to the bus at the end of busy first day, Blick repeated her feeling about being lucky.

"People just don't know how lucky I feel to be here," she said. "I have a great staff and we lead the best kids here. I feel fortunate to be able to do what I love to do."

## DISTRICT

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out at me," Mardigian said. "There are too many ideas, in my view. It needs to be more concise, and that's the work of the board. This isn't something we do very often. I want to make sure we take the time, because there's a lot of excitement here."

Trustee Dianne Gonzalez, the only trustee to vote against moving forward, said she felt board members needed far more input into the actual mission statement, citing a district in Texas where board members gave their individual visions, from which a consensus vision statement was constructed.

"I want kids to know if they come to Plymouth-Canton schools they can leave here and do anything," Gonzalez said. "I look at the vision statement put together by the administration, and I can't buy into it. I think this is mediocre."

But board Vice President Barry Simescu said he wasn't comfortable with the board crafting the actual vision.

"I'm not comfortable saying, 'The board has decided this is your vision,'" he said. "I think we as a community work together toward establishing the vision of the district."

To begin the process, the district solicited applications from community members to serve on the committee, which will meet four times over the next three months to shape the district's vision and mission and come up with goals to achieve the mission.

Some 70 people had applied as of Thursday.

"We're very excited with the variety of people who applied," said Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations. "We've got business

people and volunteers with degrees in education. It's easy to get excited when you've got people with those kinds of qualifications who want to roll up their sleeves and do this kind of work."

The board also revisited the idea whether board members should sit on the committee. The decision had been made not to include board members, a decision some wanted revisited Wednesday.

Trustee John Jackson, who initially was comfortable with the idea of no board members on the committee, changed his mind when Cornell pointed out the board would not have any real input into the work of the committee.

But Simescu said he worried the opinions of board members on the committee might be given undue weight.

"Board members being part of this committee scares me a little," Simescu said. "Board members carry more weight, and I think we need to be careful of that. We're going to have tremendous people on that committee. I think we need to be careful about stacking the committee. I don't think that's where we need to be."

The committee's final session is scheduled for Nov. 1, at which time members will vote on the final goals. The committee presents its final product to the Board of Education at a workshop tentatively scheduled for Nov. 16.

Board secretary Nancy Eggenberger said she was pleased with the board's presentation and excited to get the process started.

"I'm interested in hearing that the community has to say," she said. "I think there are some great statements (in the vision). I like what it says about our community and how we teach our kids. That's important."

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# No cause yet in Canton coney island blaze

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two diners from Plymouth showed up at the Olympus Coney Island on Thursday hoping to grab some lunch, but were stunned to find a fire-damaged storefront instead.

Signs hanging in the window were smudged and charred, the front window was blackened and crime-scene tape encircled the entrance, remnants of a Wednesday morning fire the women hadn't known had happened. "That's too bad, because they're nice people and it's a

good place," said the women, neither of whom wished to be identified. "We've been coming here for years. They're hard-working people and the food is very good. It's a shame."

No one was hurt in the fire, which broke out early Wednesday morning. Canton Township firefighters were called to the complex, on Joy Road near Lilley, shortly after 5:30 a.m. When they arrived, they found heavy smoke emanating from the restaurant when they got there. After extinguishing the blaze, firefighters tried to minimize the damage to the other business-

es in the complex. "The big thing was smoke damage," fire Chief Mike Rorabacher said. "It reached several stores on either side of the restaurant."

In addition to the Hallmark store, Izakaya Sanpei restaurant and the ACO Hardware store, the UPS store right next to the coney island sustained water and smoke damage.

The smell of the fire, and the remnants of the water used fighting it, were still evident Thursday. Owner Gail Berry said the odor, and the noise generated by the large fans staffers were using to air the

store out, were having a negative impact on business.

"When customers come in they notice it right away," said Berry, who said she's waiting on insurance adjusters to review the damage. "Our copying business is done for the time being. I have no idea how long before business can get back to normal. I'm hoping for two-three weeks, but that's probably being optimistic."

Rorabacher said the cause of the fire was still being investigated. No one answered a call to Olympus Coney Island.



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The early Wednesday morning fire did significant damage to Olympus Coney Island and caused smoke and water damage to adjoining businesses.

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things, that look like a cross between anime figures and so-called "big-eye art," and also sell prints, of those works.

Also in their second year with a booth, the Darlings expected things to pick up. "Last year, Saturday and Sunday, it was just packed and nonstop," said Mike Darling, who makes the prints of his wife's paintings.

Charlyn has fond memories of attending the Fall Festival regularly while growing up, doing karaoke with a friend on the big stage in Kellogg Park. "I can still remember people in the audience putting their fingers in their ears because we were singing so loud," she said.

The Moores' experience, and the Darlings', reflected the mood at the festival Friday afternoon: laid-back, but full of anticipation. Setup for some of the festival's major events was ongoing at Kellogg Park, representatives of community groups chatted during lulls in their fund-raising activities, and children and their parents arrived on the midway for carnival rides and games.

"It just reminds me of fall and of school starting, you know?"



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Abbey Byrne, 7 years old, and Emma Stapleton, 6 years old, ride the Orient Express Friday at the Plymouth Fall Festival.

said a wistful Matt Douglas of Plymouth, who was there with wife Katie and their daughter Shea, 3, and son Everett, 10 months. It was Shea's first time on some of the carnival rides.

Douglas, who grew up in Canton Township, said he's been going to the festival regularly for at least 25 years.

"I guess I liked the food, growing up," he said, noting there weren't any carnival

rides until recent years.

On Main Street, Mark Brown, vice president of the Plymouth Fire & Drum Corps, was out to support corps members, who were hawking roasted almonds. It was the corps' first fund-raising festival visit — they have performed at it several times — in many years, and the response was positive, Brown said. "People love the almonds," he said.

Brown, who was also

recruiting new members for the musical group, said the festival participation is part of the corps' effort to get active.

"We're trying to be more involved in the community and more present, so that people know what they do," Brown said. The group recently returned from a 12-show tour out East, including in New York City, New Jersey and Washington, D.C.

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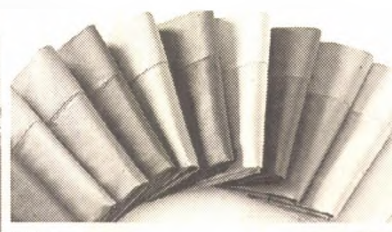
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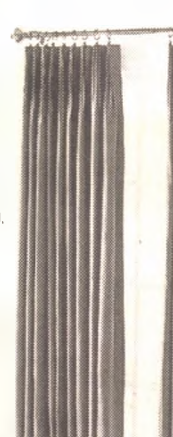
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## Tribute to folk legends will open new BaseLine season

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The BaseLine Folk Society will kick off its sixth season — and its second at its home in Plymouth — at 7 p.m. on Saturday with a tribute to Peter, Paul and Mary.

Founded in 2005 and originally based in Northville, BaseLine is an affiliation of musicians and fans working to preserve and promote acoustic, folk and traditional music.

The group hosts coffee-house-style open-microphone events on the third Saturday of each month, September through May, at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for

the Arts in Plymouth. The concerts include a musical host, a featured group or performer, and up to eight open-mic performances by players ranging from beginners to seasoned professionals, playing both original music and cover tunes.

The Lexington, Mich., -based A Circle of Friends is the featured act on Saturday, said Mike Mullen, one of BaseLine's founders. The group will be performing songs by 1960s folk singers Peter, Paul and Mary. Drop-in performers for the open mic session can play two songs each. George Stewart, a member of A Circle of Friends, will be the host.

Tickets are \$5 each at the door, or \$25 can buy a pass that's good for all nine of this season's shows. For a family, passes are \$50 a season.

Musicians interested in one of the open-mic slots should arrive between 6:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. to sign up. If more than eight musicians are interested, a lottery will be held to fill the eight slots.

The JWH Center for the Arts, the home of the Plymouth Community Arts Council, is at 774 North Sheldon, south of M-14, Plymouth. For more information, e-mail Mullen at [mjm-mullen@yahoo.com](mailto:mjm-mullen@yahoo.com).

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## Two W-W programs receive Michigan's Best Awards

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two Wayne-Westland Community Schools programs aimed at improving student achievement have been singled out by the Michigan Association of School Boards as examples of quality education.

Marshall Middle School, which has become an upper elementary, has been selected as a recipient of the MASB's 2010 Michigan's Best Award for its Power Lunch program, while the district's Bright Futures program has been tapped for the honor in the Before and After School category.

Wayne-Westland was among seven school districts to receive the Best Awards this year.

"We're really excited about this," said Superintendent Greg Baracy. "This really illustrates that Wayne-Westland is on the cutting edge when it comes to student achievement. This is the result of the creativity and innovativeness the Wayne-Westland district is known for in implementing programs that help students."

Power Lunch was honored in the Improving Student Achievement in English Language Arts and Social Studies category for its innovativeness and impact on student achievement. The program was developed in 2007 and stemmed from discussion by Marshall's School Improvement Team about the problem of arranging for students to stay after school to receive tutoring.

Many of the students who needed the academic help used district transportation and couldn't arrange for their own after-school trans-

portation. The team realized that if the school could offer the same tutoring programs during the school day, it could have a greater impact on student achievement.

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Power Lunch has provided a way for struggling and disadvantaged students to be involved in "rich, targeted and sustainable supplemental instruction" in which they would otherwise not be able to participate.

Eastern Michigan University's Institute for the Study of Children, Families and Communities developed the Bright Futures out-of-school-time programs to promote positive youth development and academic enrichment for the youth it serve according to Lynn Malinoff, program director.

Bright Futures is funded through two grants from the Michigan Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Centers and serves nearly 700 Wayne-Westland students in six programs at Adams Upper Elementary, a lower elementary program for the children in Norway which also meets at Adams Upper Elementary School, Marshall Upper Elementary, Franklin Middle, Stevenson Middle and Wayne Memorial High Schools.

Wayne-Westland will have EMU representatives on hand when it accepts its awards at a Nov. 6 ceremony co-sponsored by MASB and SET SEG School Insurance Specialists, exclusive sponsor of the MASB's Education Excellence program.

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is a major concern. As to your actual tax returns, my general rule has been to retain copies of the return. However, I'm not sure that in today's world it's as

important to save the returns themselves for any appreciable length of time. My new view is save your tax return for seven years and after that shred it. Like all rules, there are some exceptions and the one with regards to documentation deals with fraud. If the IRS suspects fraud there is no time limit as to how far back they can audit your return. Therefore, if you've taken unusual deductions, had a unique tax situation or any-

thing unusual about your tax return, save that return and the backup documentation for at least seven years.

There was a time when I saved every canceled check, bank statement and mutual fund company statement. Thankfully, times have changed. Technology has provided a very efficient and cost-effective means of saving documents. Because of technology, it is not as important for people to save as much paper documentation. For example, if you own a mutual fund and you need to get a past statement it is relatively easy to get one. The same is true with bank statements and other pieces of financial data. Mutual fund statements today are cumulative and you can get them online. When I receive a mutual fund statement, whether for an individual mutual fund or from a 401(k)

plan, I check the accuracy then shred the old one.

I believe from a record keeping standpoint the best strategy is to keep less not more. Sometimes I see people that save every piece of paper imaginable and they think they're doing the right thing. I think all it does is add clutter and increase the chance that you won't be able to locate an important document when needed.

I would like to wish the Jewish community a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. May this New Year bring peace, happiness and prosperity to the entire world. L'Shana Tova!

**Rick Bloom** is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [moneyatters@hometownlife.com](mailto:moneyatters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit his website at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).

# Fleming's 'Summer of Giving' Series raises \$10,000

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar raised more than \$10,000 for four local charitable organizations through a series of fund-raisers titled the Summer of Giving. The series provided local organizations with the opportunity to raise funds while expressing their appreciation to their donors. Hosted in the restaurant's private dining room, each event featured a selection of hors d'oeuvres and wine. The Summer of Giving series kicked off on June 25 when the restaurant welcomed Seedlings Braille Books for Children. Additional events raised funds for the Smart



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Women's Empowerment Organization, the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund and First Step.

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### Educating veterans

Wayne County veterans, veteran advocates and attorneys are invited to the free-of-charge 'Veterans Educational Summit: Navigating the Waters of VA Benefits' sponsored by the Canton Community Foundation. The two-day educational program is set for 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 21-22 at Laurel Manor and Conference Center, Livonia. (from left) Attorney Jim Fausone, CCF board member and program chairman, and CCF President Joan Noricks established the program to educate veterans on the benefits and programs available through the Veterans Administration. For more information and to register, contact the CCF at (734) 495-1200 or online at [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org).

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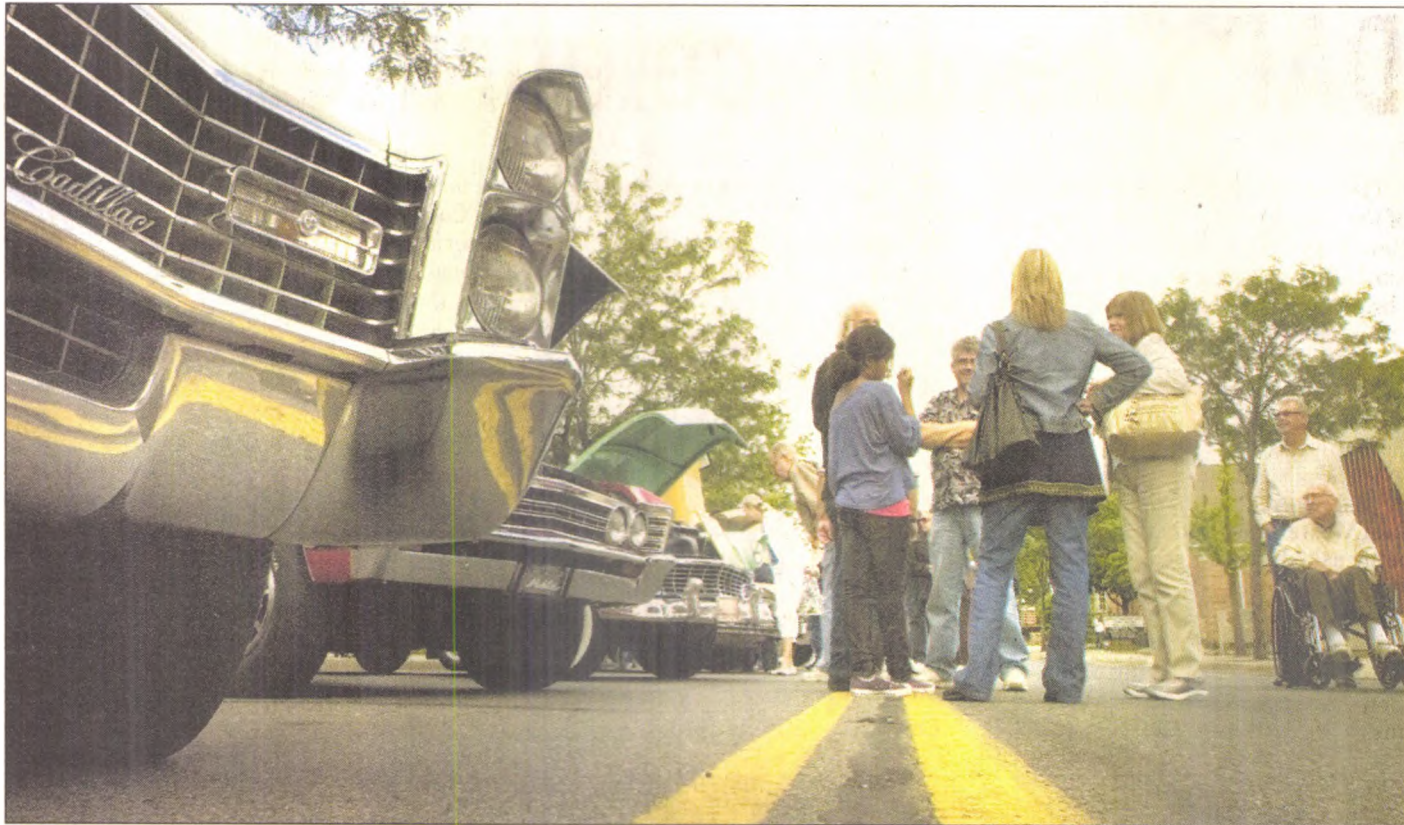
If you think you've missed the 55th annual Plymouth Fall Festival, think again.

The Festival continues in downtown Plymouth from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. The Rotary Club's annual chicken barbecue is 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (or until dinners are sold out) Sunday at Kellogg Park, with a takeout location at West Middle School.

Organizers were hoping for good weather and, at least to start, they got it. That left groups hopeful it would be a good weekend.

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

For more information on the festival, visit the Web site [www.plymouthfallfestival.com](http://www.plymouthfallfestival.com).



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It's early Friday evening. Both the classic cars and their admirers are on the streets for Plymouth's Fall Festival.



Sydney Alvin is a pretty lion, even when she's growling. Two-year-old Sydney and her mom stopped by the Funifaces' Face Painting booth.



Some of the rides are higher, and scarier, than others.



With a mighty swing, 5-year-old Connor Doyle rings the bell on the High Striker, run by Richard Sturr. Connor was checking out the fest with 4-year-old brother Austin and their parents, John and Kelly Doyle.

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# DAR Chapter celebrates Constitution Week

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold a sandwich luncheon on Sept. 20 as part of its observance of Constitution Week.

The luncheon will be at noon at the Plymouth District Library, 222 S. Main S., Plymouth, and feature a DVD presentation on the U.S. Constitution.

The luncheon is being organized by Mary Fritz, Cynthia Gresens and Pam Westerhold, and attendees are being asked to wear red, white and blue and to bring a bell, as well as bring white socks (men's sizes 9-12 and 13-15), crossword puzzle and word search books, playing cards, men's boxers or T-shirts for veterans at the Ann Arbor VA Hospital.

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

Thursday, Sept. 17, marks the beginning of a week-long national celebration of Constitution. It's one of the country's least known official observances. The tradition was started many years ago by the DAR.

In 1955, the Daughters Petitioned Congress to set aside Sept. 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was later adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into public law on Aug. 2, 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The aims of the celebration are to:

- Emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution, preserving it for posterity.

• Inform the people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life.

• Encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

The United States of America functions as a republic under the Constitution, which is the oldest document still in active use that outlines the self-government of a people. This landmark idea that men had the inalienable right as individuals to be free and live their lives under their own governance

was the impetus of the American Revolution.

Today, the Constitution stands as an icon of freedom for people around the world.

"Constitution Week is the perfect opportunity to read-and study this great document which is the safeguard of our American liberties," said DAR President General Linda Gist Calvin. "We encourage all citizens across the country to take time this week to reflect on our heritage of freedom."

DAR has served America for 119 years as its foremost cheerleader. In 1928, the Daughters began work on a building as a memorial to the Constitution. John Russell Pope, architect of the Jefferson Memorial,

was commissioned to design the performing arts center, known as DAR Constitution Hall. Today, it is the only structure erected in tribute to the Constitution of the United States of America.

Known as the largest women's patriotic organization in the world, DAR has more than 165,000 members with approximately 3,000 chapters in all 50 states and 11 foreign countries. The DAR has long promoted patriotism through commemorative celebrations, memorials, scholarships and activities for children, and programs for new immigrants.

For more information about DAR and its programs, visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org) or call (202) 628-1776.



Motorcyclists have been gathering in Westland for 16 years to ride and collect toys and money to benefit needy families.

## Motorcyclists rev up for annual Toy Ride

Motorcycle riders will take to the streets of Westland on Sunday, Sept. 19, to help the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army.

The Westland Community Foundation is inviting riders to join in the Motor City Harley Owners Group Chapter 2368, 16th annual Toy Run to collect money and toys for the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army to help them purchase food for

its food pantry and supply children with toys during the holiday season.

The motorcycle ride will start at the Westland City Hall. Check in is 10 a.m. to noon. Riders will leave promptly at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person plus a new unwrapped toy or \$15 per person.

The escorted ride will wind through the streets

of Westland, ending at Joy Manor, on Joy east of Middlebelt, where the group will enjoy an Italian meal of pizza, spaghetti, salad, rolls, dessert and pop which is included in the cost of the ride ticket. There also will be a auction.

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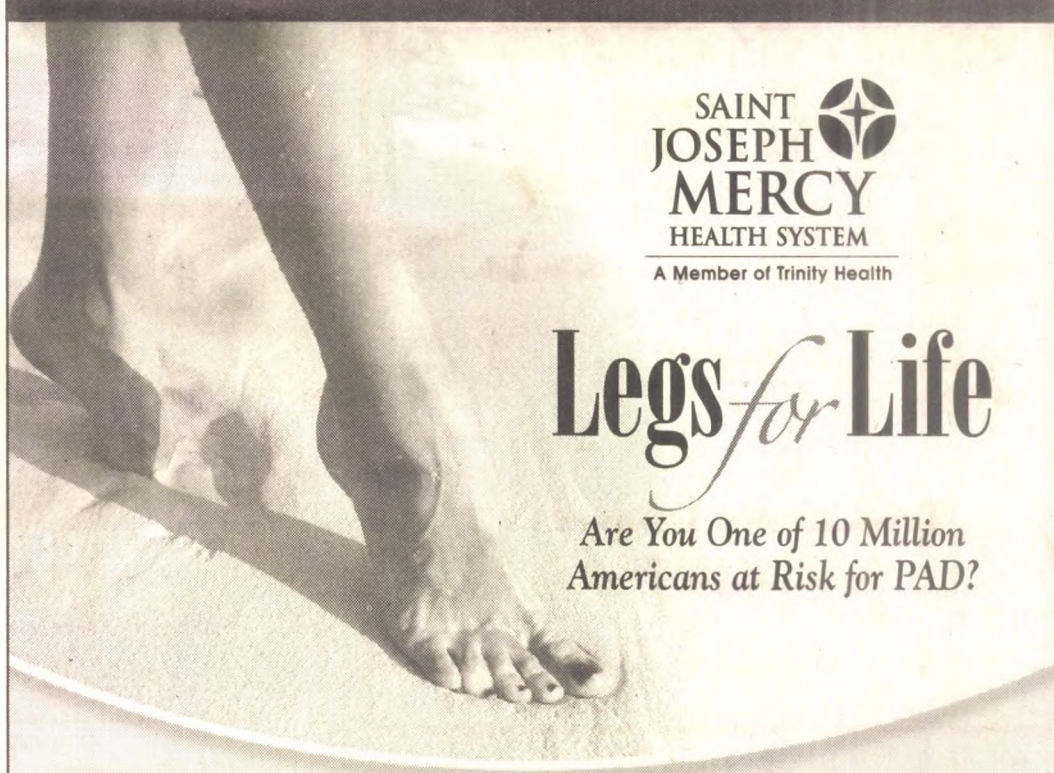


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# State, national candidates debate issues



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About 85 people attended the candidates forum.

BY KAREN SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Candidates hoping to represent Livonia residents in Lansing and Washington, D.C., answered questions from an audience of about 85 Thursday during a candidate forum at Livonia City Hall.

Only one candidate was not there — U.S. Rep Thaddeus McCotter.

But his opponents, Democrat Natalie Mosher and Libertarian John J. Tatar, as well as the Republican and Democratic candidates for the state House and state Senate, discussed their views on a wide spectrum of topics including taxes, term limits, health care and education.

“Thaddeus McCotter blew you off this evening,” Mosher told the audience during her opening statement.

McCotter’s campaign office sent an e-mail to the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County,



Democrat Natalie Mosher of Canton and Libertarian John Tatar are running against incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia, who did not attend the event.

which sponsored the forum, shortly after 1 p.m. Thursday saying McCotter’s official responsibilities precluded his attendance. “Such things often occur when an organization chooses a date and publicizes a forum without

confirmation from a campaign,” the e-mail read.

Paula Bowman, president of the league, said the organization was disappointed. It had sent McCotter a “save the date” card June 25 and purposely scheduled the forum for when Congress wasn’t in session, she said, adding he has attended past forums.

Larkin said elected officials should be able to work together to solve problems in the time currently allotted, six years for state representatives and eight years for state senators.

## CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES

Mosher said health care is a right for every man, woman and child, adding it must be affordable and accessible. Tatar said health care is not a responsibility of the government.

In response to a question about privatizing Social Security, Tatar said the government hasn’t done anything right. Mosher said she disagreed, saying Social Security and Medicare are among the most successful government programs. “Many single women over 65 would be living in poverty (if it weren’t for Social Security),” she said, adding she doesn’t support any privatization or weakening of Social Security.

Mosher supports pre-kindergarten education for 4-year-olds across the nation. “Kids have to be ready to compete globally,” she said. Tatar said the federal government should keep its hands off education. “What does Washington know about educating people at that level?” he asked.

Mosher said her three top priorities would be jobs, jobs, jobs, adding that government must assist small businesses with loans. Tatar said his priorities would be reducing the size of federal government, nationalizing the federal reserve and returning all troops home from overseas.

Marisa Downs of Plymouth is a Mosher supporter who attended the forum. She said her big issues are education, the environment and peace. She thinks Mosher will provide better representation in Congress than McCotter.

Doris VanVuren of Livonia, another Mosher supporter, said she wrote McCotter shortly after he was elected concerning Canadian trash coming into Michigan. She said he told her it was good for business. “I was thinking of us (residents),” she said, adding she wasn’t happy with his reply.

All of the state candidates but Larkins think changes should be made to current term limits. Anderson, Walsh and Pastor said term limits have been detrimental to state government, hampering the formation of relationships and the building of trust among elected officials that is necessary for stable, productive governance.

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# Island in the dreams: Bob-Lo talk inspires happy memories

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For Lori Feret, Bob-Lo has many good memories. "Many of us have fond memories of Bob-Lo Island and, of course, of the old steamers," the Madison Heights resident said during a Thursday, Sept. 9, Plymouth Historical Society presentation. Feret's been involved for years in efforts to restore the S.S. Columbia and S.S. Ste. Claire, the two steamers that took generations of Detroiters, as well as Canadians, to the popular island amusement park. "Some people had a favorite and would wait for it," she said of the two ships. The Columbia was launched in 1902 from Wyandotte, where the Portofino restaurant and condos now stand.

The Ste. Claire was launched in 1910, and listed at its launch, causing some concern but no injuries. It's the smaller of the two.

Feret's presentation at the Plymouth Historical Museum included historic photos of the ships and amusement park, as well as ads such as one from 1911 showing the round trip fare was then 85 cents.

### CAPTAIN BOB-LO

One photo showed Captain Bob-Lo, who came from a circus to entertain. He was Joe Short and died at age 91 in 1974, having retired at 90.

Bois Blanc ("white woods") Island was among destinations for steamships of the early



The S.S. Columbia, which took generations of Detroiters to Bob-Lo, is now undergoing a restoration project. Plans are for it to ply the waters of the Hudson River in New York for educational purposes.

20th century. Feret showed a photo of the new cafe connected to the island by a dock, which opened in 1901. In 1902, the Amherstberg dock was built with ferry service to Canada added.

The one-hour trip to the island, which in early days included the S.S. Britannia as well, featured band music to help pass the time. Early rides on the island included the first, a carousel, in 1906.

The memorable Amusement Building, still standing, arrived in 1910, the dance hall in 1913. At the time, it was the largest dance hall in North America and had a list of rules dancers had to obey.

During Prohibition, Feret said, rum runners on the

Detroit River traveled close to the Bob-Lo boats, figuring federal agents wouldn't shoot out of fear of hitting Bob-Lo passengers.

The amusement park closed in 1993, and the island is now home to some residential development. "It is a series of very rich summer homes," Feret said. A program attendee who worked in security at Bob-Lo noted there's a restaurant on the island open part of the week.

### BUILDINGS REMAIN

Feret showed photos of buildings still standing on the island, which is part of Canada. The building that housed the Dodge 'em cars remains standing.

Much of Feret's presentation focused on efforts to restore the Columbia and Ste. Claire. She and her daughter worked on cleaning and painting efforts for the Ste. Claire while it was docked in Toledo.

It later went to Lorain, Ohio, where a fund-raising "Nautical Nightmare" show was staged, with similar productions elsewhere nearby.

Both ships are now docked in Ecorse and owned by men who led groups aiming to restore them. The Columbia owner hopes to have that ship cruise on the Hudson River in New York for educational purposes. Plans are for the Ste. Claire to stay close to home and be restored.

Feret began volunteer-

ing with foundations for the ships, and later got a call from Richard Anderson, the Columbia's owner. He has no ties to Detroit other than his visits here.

Some Detroiters object to plans to put the ship in New York, but Feret noted it would otherwise be lost. Anderson is greatly interested in steamships.

"I'm hoping," she said of preservation efforts, which are challenging now. "That's all we can do is hope." Ron Kattoo, a Henry Ford Health System physician, heads the local Maximus Corporation which is working on the Ste. Claire effort, to feature private and corporate charters.

Feret likes going to local museums and meeting former Bob-Lo visitors. "I hear all their stories," she said. "It's a lot of fun to do that." She also had fun digging through Bob-Lo's history. "Bob-Lo was great. I wish it was still here." As a young single mom, she would camp on Amherstberg and take her children to Bob-Lo.

### LOCAL MEMORIES

Gerry Barlage of Plymouth Township, who attended Feret's talk, has Bob-Lo memories.

"My first memory is as a teenager," said Barlage, a retired Plymouth librarian. She and five or six neighbor girls took the Woodward bus and then the boat to Bob-Lo.

"Later, I went on dates to Bob-Lo," said Barlage, who enjoyed the museum presen-

tation. She and her husband went on moonlight cruises in the mid-1960s before they were married, and later took their kids in the 1970s.

"I grew up in Columbus, Ohio," said Bee Friedlander of Canton, historical society board president. "I went once as an adult. I didn't have childhood memories of it. I enjoyed the talk."

Elizabeth Kerstens, museum executive director, said Feret spoke recently in Northville and was recommended.

"We find the nostalgia thing was pretty big," said Kerstens, noting the museum recently hosted a speaker on Vernors pop history.

Next month, there will be a program on the Penn Theatre's history, followed in November by J.L. Hudson's store author/historian Michael Hauser.

"Just trying to get more people interested in history," Kerstens said. Many society members are seniors and enjoy older Detroit history, she said.

"I'm not from Michigan," the museum director said. "I've never been there (Bob-Lo). I wish I would have." She more recently did a Detroit River cruise with her husband.

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More than 530 people participated in last year's 5K, raising more than \$18,000. Proceeds will support cancer services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, including mammogram screenings, support groups, and access to care for those in need.

The 5K run/walk is for cancer awareness. It is a celebration of life for cancer survivors, for those who have cancer, and an opportunity for family members and friends to participate to honor or remember a loved one.

Awards will be given to the first-, second- and third-place overall male and female winners of each age division of the 5K Run.

The USATF-certified course begins on St. Mary Mercy Hospital grounds and runners/walkers are then routed through the residential streets of Livonia.

Visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org) to register or for more information. Registration is \$27.

Following the 5K, beginning at 10:30 a.m. is the "Celebration of Health" Community Open House, a family-friendly event that offers a variety of free activities for all ages — kids and adults. Following is a list of the activities:

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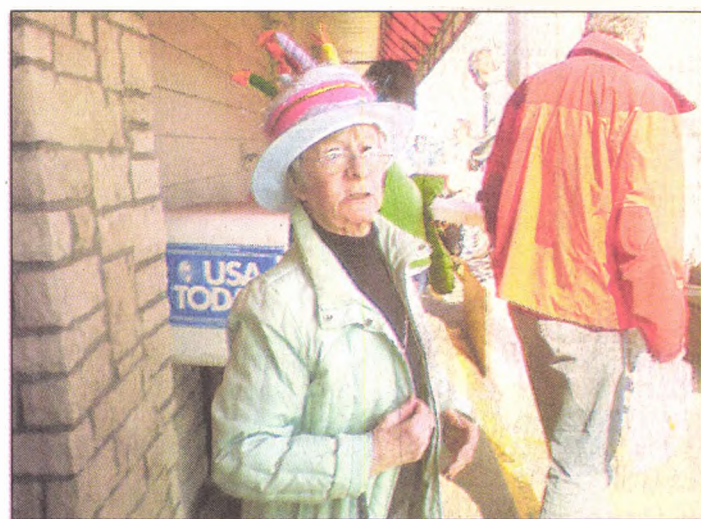
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The open house at St. Mary Mercy Hospital from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday will feature activities for kids, including clowns, balloon animals and face art.



Marie Porter of Livonia, wearing a silly hat on her 87th birthday, loves to walk.

## Local woman, 87, walks Mackinac Bridge for 21st time

BY KAREN SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Marie Porter of Livonia has walked the Mackinac Bridge every Labor Day for the past 21 years.

That alone is an accomplishment, but given her age of 87, it's especially remarkable.

"It's five miles long, and the first half's uphill," said a woman who answered the phone at the Mackinac Bridge Authority.

There's no way to know for sure who's the oldest person to ever walk the bridge or who's been doing it the longest because people don't register for the walk, said the woman, who declined to give her name. This year was the 53rd annual walk.

Oldest walker/longest walker or not, Porter's friend Colleen Budnik, 86, of Livonia is proud of her. She called the *Observer*. "I thought it was quite noteworthy," she said of Porter's accomplishment.

Porter said she first decided to walk the bridge after camp-

ing in the area. "I thought it would be fun." Then every year, she says it will be her last but she finds herself back there again the following year. "It's beautiful," she said of the view. "And the air is so clean and fresh."

This year she completed the walk in one hour, 30 minutes, 10 minutes faster than normal. "I was quite proud of that," she said, adding the wind was at her back.

Porter has always walked. She grew up in Scotland, where none of the young people had cars. "Walking was just something they did," she said.

She came to the United States after World War II, living in Detroit first and then moving to Livonia in the mid-1950s. She and her husband, William, who is deceased, raised a son and daughter. When the children were teenagers, she went to work in the restaurant at Hudson's at Westland Shopping Center, where she was for 21 years.

Much of her job involved walking as she served customers.

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# Canton scoring machine rolls over Patriots

## SIDELINES

### Chiefs rout Zebras

Canton routed Wayne Memorial 8-0 Thursday afternoon in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association boys soccer match that ended early due to the MHSAA mercy rule.

Junior Connor Furgason led the onslaught with two goals for the state-ranked Chiefs (5-2-1 overall, 1-1 in the KLAA).

Scoring single goals were juniors Tyler Winningham, Bryan Ren, Mitch Posuniak, Shean Krolicki, sophomore Bobby Budlong and freshman Griffin Parks.

Winningham was a major factor in the rout, as he collected four assists along with his goal. Drawing one helper each were seniors Phil Baciak, Sean Balnaves, junior Neil Zech and Posuniak.

Senior goalkeeper Garren Carr earned the shutout.

### Bounceback for Rocks

Salem's boys soccer team came back after a Tuesday night loss to Novi with a 2-0 triumph Wednesday over South Lyon, with goalkeeper Erick Beas stopping five shots for the shutout.

The Rocks (3-2-3, 1-1-0) scored once in each half, with the first by Jake Genrich on a long shot that skipped through traffic in front of South Lyon's goal.

In the second half, a great individual effort by Chris Dierker finished the scoring. Dierker took a pass from Genrich, then worked into an opening and drilled a 25-yard shot into the upper right corner.

### OT win for PCA

Plymouth Christian freshman Adam Powilus scored with 2:21 left in overtime Friday to give the Eagles boys soccer team a 2-1 win over Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett. Also scoring for PCA (6-1-1) was Dan

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BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth bounces back, B4

Canton's knack for turning nothing into something frustrated host Livonia Franklin Friday night, and the Chiefs hammered out a 41-0 victory in the KLAA South football matchup.

On the fourth play of the game, Canton junior running back Kevin Buford took a pitch in the backfield, eluded several Patriots and sprinted down the right sideline for a 59-yard touchdown to start the scoring.

"I don't think we blocked a soul on

that," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said. "Kevin just made three guys miss and outran everybody."

Buford (seven rushes, 148 yards, two TDs) also scored on a 66-yard dash in the third quarter to make it a 28-0 advantage.

Another big-play score for the Chiefs (3-0 overall, 1-0 in the KLAA South) was an 85-yard TD pass from senior quarterback Ben Merbler to senior tailback Davion Stackhouse (126 all-purpose

yards, two TDs) in the second quarter to widen Canton's lead to 21-0 at halftime.

On the play, the quarterback faked a run and then stepped back to unleash a high pass that floated down to Stackhouse — who then took off down the right sideline.

"Stacks (Stackhouse) had a big catch, that was a great throw from Ben Merbler," Baechler said.

### HANGING TOUGH

But the Patriots (2-1) actually gave the Chiefs something to think about just before that touchdown.

Franklin's offense hung in there against Canton for a 17-play drive that helped move the ball from the Patriots' 17-yard line into the Chiefs' red zone. The drive was helped along when a Canton player ran into the Franklin punter, enabling the Pats to keep the ball.

On second-and-two at the Chiefs' 18, senior quarterback Brent Marzion (5-of-10, 34 yards) looked for a target, only to find himself under duress from senior linebacker Matt Gunnis. The Canton player nailed Marzion for a 17-yard loss,

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# Chiefs edge Rocks in KLAA volleyball opener

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two campus volleyball teams squared off for an early September contest that looked and felt more like a stretch drive matchup.

Visiting Canton fell behind in games 2-1 to Salem Wednesday night in a KLAA crossover. But the Chiefs turned it up a notch to post nail-biting victories (30-28, 18-16) for the 3-2 triumph.

It was the conference opener for both teams.

"We did not play bad at all, we just couldn't finish when we needed too," said Rocks head coach Amanda Nies. "It was all mental for us."

As far as Canton head coach Mary Kryska was concerned, the turnaround took place because of an uptick in the serving department.

"We didn't serve aggressively enough in the first couple of games," Kryska said. "Salem's passes were nearly perfect when we weren't aggressive."

"It wasn't until we started to serve hard and aggressive that Salem wasn't able to set Nicole (Merget) every ball. When we started to serve aggressively, their serve receive started to get worse."

Salem opened strong with a 25-12 win in Game 1 and regained a 2-1 match lead with a 25-17 victory in the third game of the evening. Canton won the second game, 25-23.

"We started off slow and I think a lot of it had to do with nerves of first game and playing Salem, a cross-campus



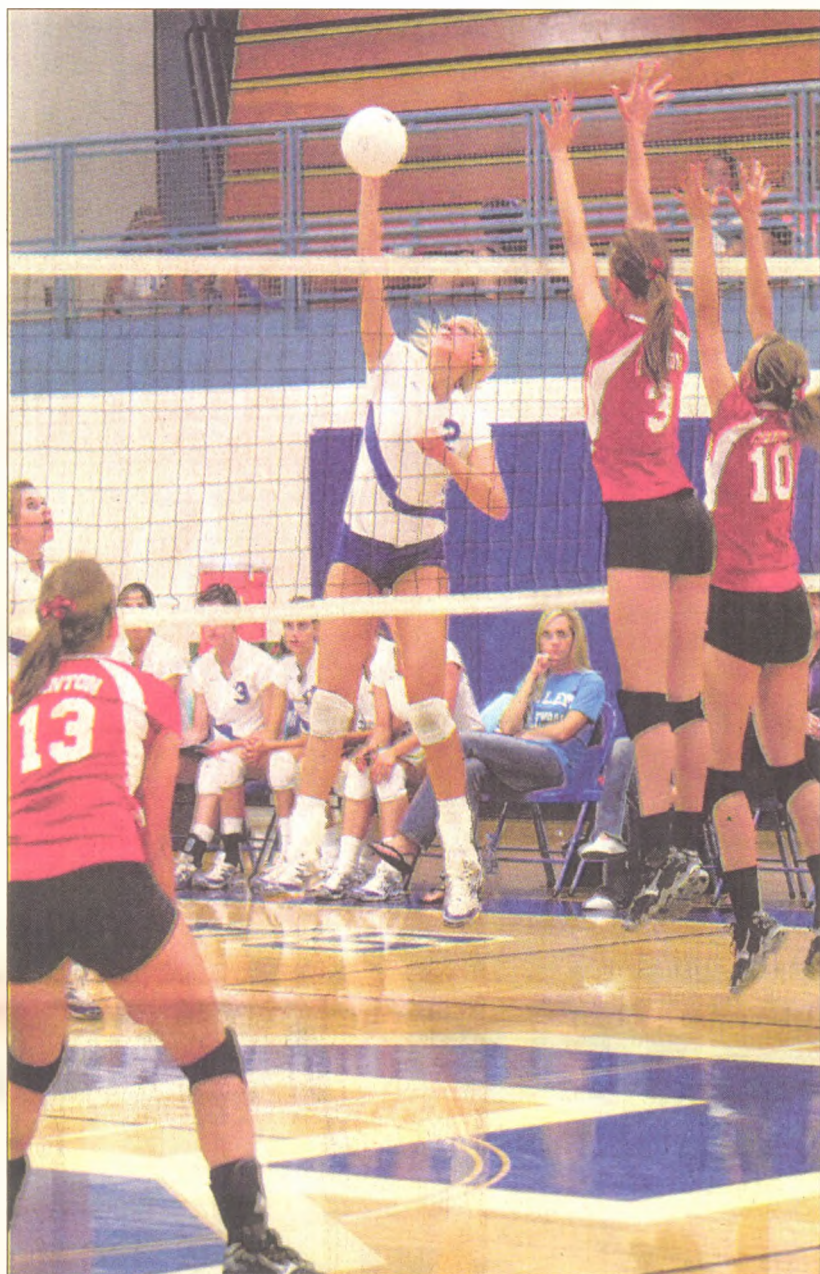
Getting set for the next play is Canton's Tori denBoer (No. 2).

rival," Kryska said. "Things we had been practicing all week were not executed in the first game and it was frustrating to watch."

"We turned it around in the second game but had to work for every point."

Nies said her team came out charging, with strong defense and an outstanding offensive attack.

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JOHN KEMSKI

Salem senior middle hitter Nicole Merget (No. 2) tries to slam the ball over Canton's Alaina Turner (No. 3) and Jordan Tubaro (No. 10) during Wednesday's KLAA crossover volleyball match. At left is Canton player Erica denBoer (No. 13).

# Young duo paying dividends for Plymouth

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

## GIRLS GOLF

With talented sophomores Kelsey Murphy and Sarah Thompson picking up where they left off last season, Plymouth's girls golf team is off to a rousing start.

Murphy, who was an All-Stater as a freshman in 2009, led the Wildcats with a nine-hole score of 43 strokes Wednesday at wind-swept Fox Hills in Plymouth as the Wildcats knocked off Westland John Glenn 198-269 in a KLAA South dual meet.

Right behind her with a 44 was Thompson, and the 1-2 punch has Plymouth undefeated after three matchups entering Friday's dual meet against Livonia Franklin (results not yet available).

"Kelsey and Sarah are both playing great golf this season," said Plymouth

head coach Chris Moore. "They put in a lot of extra time during the summer to improve. Their work ethic is contagious."

Their positive example is having a positive impact on other team members, including Lindsay Dean (54 against John Glenn), Carly Curvin (57 Wednesday), Danielle Allen and Lauren Prochazka — who registered respective scores of 59 and 61 against the Rockets.

"Several other golfers on the team are practicing beyond our normal practice hours to get better," Moore continued. "We still have many aspects we need to improve on, however, we are on the right track."

Moore said each team member will need to sharpen up on the green and with their mental preparation if the Wildcats are to earn a spot at the state

tournament by placing in the top three at the Plymouth-hosted regional (Oct. 7 at Washtenaw Country Club).

Of course, if Murphy and Thompson have yet to peak, other KLAA and regional competitors might have plenty to worry about.

CANTON 203, FRANKLIN 219: On Wednesday at Hilltop Golf Course, Canton improved to 3-0 overall with medalist Kelsey McDougall (47 strokes) leading the charge.

Other Chiefs contributing to the KLAA South victory were Paige Osler (50), Chloe Luyet (52), Mary Elizabeth Winther (54), Ariel Alber and Katie Adams (59 each).

For the Patriots (1-2), Lexi Smith and Mariah Barcus each tallied nine-hole rounds of 53 strokes.

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## BRITTA SWANSON



Who: Britta Swanson, senior co-captain, Plymouth girls cross country team.

Miscellany: Britta's parents are MaryJane and Curt Swanson. The National Honor Society member holds a grade-point average of 3.5 as she begins her senior year. Other achievements include earning a spot on Plymouth's record board for a 5K race and being MVP of the Plymouth girls tennis team, of which she was MVP last season.

Captain's job: "It's obviously to lead and guide them during the season. But more importantly, it's to be there for them if they need

advice, help or just a friend to chat with. It's being an honorable person that your team can rely on and look up to."

Leadership style: "I'm assertive when I need to be but for the most part I'm laid back and there to be a friend and helper more than a boss."

Why her? "I'm friendly with everyone. I'm not just friends with a few girls, I have a connection with every teammate."

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# SIDELINES

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Ross, midway through the second half to knot the score at 1-1.

Earning the win was freshman goalkeeper Jamye Putney.

## Tennis rout for 'Cats

Only a slight bump in the road at No. 2 singles kept host Plymouth from a perfect dual meet Thursday against Livonia Franklin. The Wildcats won 8-1 to improve to 2-1 in the KLAA.

No. 1 singles player Aaron Zhang won a tough match against Stephen Payne, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4 and then Franklin's Walter Woods edged Matt Dwan at No. 2 (7-5, 5-7, 6-1).

Seniors John Lopus and Ian Fleming took care of singles flights Nos. 3-4 (6-2, 6-0 and 6-1; 1-6, 6-0, respectively).

The Wildcats swept doubles action as follows: No. 1 Kyle Brzezinski-Kevin Standifer, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2 Drew Leist-Josh Heinze, 6-2, 6-0; No. 3 Akash Yerakola-Mitch McKinstry, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4 Cameron Earls-Josh Postel, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; No. 5 Danny Sinnott-Anthony Veltri, 6-2, 6-1.

## Canton netters win pair

After earning a tough 5-4 win Wednesday against Plymouth, Canton's boys tennis team romped to a 9-0 victory Thursday over Westland John Glenn.

The victories upped the Chiefs record to 3-0 in dual meets and drew praise from head coach Barb Lehmann.

"I am proud of their competitive energy and level of sportsmanship," Lehmann said. "Everyone on the entire team shows drive and determination."

"It is a great way to begin the tennis season and school year."

In singles flights against the Rockets, victories were scored by No. 1 Ryan Hanz (over Tommy Ruark, 6-0, 6-0), No. 2 Varun Bandri (over Mitch Dean, 6-4, 6-1), No. 3 Josh Wendel (over Carlo Tejada, 6-1, 6-0) and No. 4 James Dodge (over Connor Monroe, 7-5, 6-1).

The Chiefs also swept through doubles flights. Results included: No. 1, Rocky Willette-Luke Freeman won 6-3, 6-3 over Nick

Stone-Wayne Woodard; No. 2, Nirmal Pathak-Steve Price, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 over Brett Hudy-Nik Hubbard; No. 3, Sarav Shah-Travis Michalak over Shane Wiechert-Chris Sabal, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4, Lucas Underwood-Andrew Wade over Mike Woodard-Ion Villaroman, 6-3, 6-3; No. 5, Khoi Doan-Craig Lu over Ainsworth Orr-Charlie Messics, 6-1, 6-1.

Canton's win over Plymouth was quite a competitive tussle, but the Chiefs prevailed thanks to winning doubles flights Nos. 2-5.

Plymouth won three of four singles flights, however. Those included No. 1 Zhang (6-4, 6-3 over Hanz), No. 2 Dwan (6-3, 6-0 over Adam Payne) and No. 4 Fleming winning 6-1, 6-4 over Jordan Anderson. Canton won No. 3 singles, with Bandri winning 7-5, 7-5 over John Lopus.

The Wildcats also were victorious at No. 1 doubles, with the tandem of Brezenski-Standifer earning a 7-5, 6-3 win over Jimmy LaFontaine-Austin Payne.

But the Chiefs rallied throughout the rest of doubles action. Results included: No. 2 Willette-Wendel over Leist-Heinze, 4-6, 7-6 (6) and 6-4; No. 3 Alan Halim-Ashwin Kumar over Yerakola-McKinstry, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4 Dodge-Freeman over Earls-Postel, 6-3, 6-2; No. 5 Pathak-Price over Joe Klots-John Halpin, 6-3, 6-4.

## Rocks win big

Salem's boys tennis team also had success, rolling to an 8-1 victory over South Lyon East on Wednesday to improve to 5-0 in the KLAA and 3-0 in the Central Division.

Kevin Renehan defeated Salem's Jacob Scott at No. 1 singles (6-1, 6-1), but it was all Rocks after that.

Singles wins were collected by Salem's Brock Foster (No. 2, 7-5, 6-2), Brett Foster (No. 3, 6-0, 6-0) and Dion Walker (No. 4, 6-0, 6-0).

Keeping it going with two-set wins were Salem's five doubles tandems: No. 1 Josh Perrin-Michael Keum (6-2, 6-3); No. 2 Scott Devine-Zenek Pelekh (6-0, 6-1); No. 3 Cody Hazen-Alek Zultowski (6-2, 6-0); No. 4 Tyler Foley-Greg Selewski (6-1, 6-1); No. 5 Josh Amann-Vishnu Rajendran (6-2, 6-0).



Members of the over-65 Henry Ford Village slow-pitch softball team include: (front row, from left) Tony Alcalá, Bob Mosher, Rocky Veneziano, Dave Thomas; (middle row, from left) Jerry Holden, Marcel Loosbrock, Tom Long, Johnny Adams; (back row, from left) Vince DeMassa, Mgr. Dick Burr, Bill Porter, Don Barton, Mike Birt, Jim Swierpel.

## Softball pals still having great time – win or lose

Winning isn't everything. Just ask Canton's Bob Mosher and his pals who play on an over-65 slow-pitch softball team.

Mosher's team — sponsored by Henry Ford Village of Dearborn — just won four out of 28 games in the recently concluded regular season and also participated in playoffs.

"Not too good," Mosher said. "But I can safely say every player on our team had a good time and the camaraderie is great on this team."

"We are all looking forward to next season, with the exception of a few players that may not be back due to physical issues."

The over-65 league is made up of teams from Livonia (Canterbury and Bench Pub), Westland and the Detroit

Masters (Redford). Henry Ford Village, with 12 of 14 players from Observerland communities, plays home games at Canton's softball complex on Michigan Avenue.

Mosher said the two Livonia teams are the top two squads and "clearly have the 'best' players. We just go out and do our best every game and have fun."

Members of Henry Ford Village include Johnny Adams (Canton), Tony Alcalá (Livonia), Don Barton (Garden City), Mike Birt (Livonia), Dick Burr (manager, New Hudson), Vince DeMassa (Livonia), Jerry Holden (Canton), Tom Long (Canton), Marcel Loosbrock (Canton), Mosher, Bill Porter (Brownstown), Jim Swierpel (Farmington Hills), Dave Thomas (Canton) and Rocky Veneziano (Canton).

## CHIEFS

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and Franklin could not convert on third down. That was the last time the Patriots threatened.

According to Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert, it was a tough pill to swallow when his team could not put points on the board after such an impressive drive.

"It's frustrating because you can see we're capable of competing with them and being a good football team," Kelbert said. "But we just couldn't do it consistently."

Gunnis said his sack of Marzion couldn't have come at a better time. "There was a punt blocked and we had a 15-yard penalty on that," Gunnis said. "They had all the momentum in the world and they were down to the 20-yard line

and about to score, so yeah, it was big. To keep the shutout alive was big."

## WAKEUP CALL

Baechler said his team received an important jolt from that sequence.

"We needed that play, we got a little lazy," Baechler said. "Not to take anything away from Franklin, they're a tough, gritty team."

"They're very well-coached, they execute so well. I was nervous after watching their two games on film. And we got a little lax."

In the second half, which began 21-0, Canton did not give the Patriots much of anything.

The Chiefs gave up roughly 50 yards of offense (Franklin netted about 110 for the game) and widened the gap on Buford's second huge TD run with 9:06 to go in the third.

A second-effort 20-yard touchdown run by junior running back Ryan Jones and a 4-yard plunge by junior tailback Zac Merillat (11 carries, 52 yards) wrapped up the scoring.

Canton gained more than 310 yards on the ground, in 40 attempts, to ultimately wear out the Patriots.

Conversely, the Chiefs wrapped up Franklin senior running back Brandon Tower, who amassed just 18 yards for the night.

"We made a lot of mistakes and they don't make mistakes," Kelbert said. "To me, you have to play your absolute best game."

"You have to play perfect on both sides of the ball and we didn't even come close. But part of that is because they're so good."

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Battling it out at the net Wednesday are Salem's Jillian Somerville (No. 13, left), Kerry MacDonald (No. 10) and Canton's Erica denBoer (No. 13, red) and Alaina Turner (No. 3).

## VOLLEYBALL

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But the Rocks could not keep it up, despite a typically stellar night from senior middle hitter Nicole Merget (30 kills, 11 digs).

Contributing 48 assists and 18 digs was senior Kerry MacDonald while Madeleine Vala "had a great night all-around" with seven aces and 23 digs.

Other solid Salem performers were Lauren Dworzanin (seven aces, 12 digs), Kerstin Johnson (19 digs, two aces) and senior Jillian Sommerville (eight kills).

### SERVING IT UP

For the Chiefs, strong serving in the final games made a huge difference. In addition to aces, the Rocks weren't able to set up go-to player Merget.

"Every one of my servers got at least one ace," Kryska said.

Leading the way with four aces (along with 21 kills and 29 defensive digs) was Kristen Muir, who sparkled in her all-around game.

"Kristen Muir seemed to be our go to person throughout all of the games," Kryska said. "She was never subbed once

because she keeps the team together no matter who is on the court."

Up front, besides Muir, the Chiefs were powered by Alaina Turner's eight kills and six blocks while Maggie Deloy (five kills) and Jordan Tubaro (four kills with no errors) chipped in.

Defensively, Erica denBoer tallied 24 digs (along with three kills) and setters Jackie Waite (17 assists) and Lauren Martin (14 assists) were able to feed the heavy hitters.

Kryska also pointed to the effort of Laura Fcasni, who epitomized how the night went for Canton.

After a slow start, Fcasni did not commit a single error in games 4-5.

Although Wednesday's hard-fought match marked the first KLAA contest for both Canton and Salem, the teams actually got under way with tournaments in late August.

Canton won the Ladywood Invitational with a 6-0-1 record and improved to 7-0-1 with the win over Salem.

Meanwhile, the Rocks fell to 5-7-0 overall, following a 5-6-0 mark at the Walled Lake Central Invitational on Aug. 28.

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# Senior-laden Chiefs eyeing 3rd straight title

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The past couple years have seen plenty of success for Canton's varsity girls swimming and diving team. With many of those teams' girls back for 2010, the Chiefs want nothing more than to keep the hot streak alive.

Head coach Ed Weber's group went 6-1 overall and 5-0 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association—South last autumn, good for the division co-championship with Plymouth.

This year, with 21 seniors leading the way as well as a number of returning sophomores and juniors, Weber can't wait to see how this season stacks up with the last couple.

"We are looking forward to an exciting dual meet season which will require all members to commit fully for us to be successful," Weber emphasized. "We are also working towards our third South Division championship."

Beyond that, members of the Chiefs "are focused on qualifying for the Division 1 state meet" slated for Nov. 19-20 at Oakland University.

Canton's stellar Schmitt twins (Kari and Sara) are



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One of Canton's returning swimmers is Catherine Irwin, shown competing in a 200-yard medley relay. Irwin is one of 21 seniors on the team.

### GIRLS SWIM PREVIEW PT. 2

among the many seniors that Weber will be leaning on for personal bests and been-there, done-that leadership.

Other seniors include Kelly Bedro, Jordan Chaney, Kaitlyn Dugas, Kayla Eyster, Paige

Goodwin, Brooke Granowicz, Catherine Irwin, Grecia Jimenez, Jasmine Kinnard, Sara Krebs, Lindsey Kubacki, Shauni LaTurneau, Maddy McLean, Kristine Nguyen, Ashley Piper, Robyn Piwowar, Cassie Ratliff, Sarah Schmidt and Jaelyn Stine.

Kaitlyn Munoz is a top

returning junior while key returning sophomores include Delaney Adams, Abby Madison, Caitlyn Orr, Emily Pettit and Christine Pray.

Canton begins KLAA South action with a meet Thursday, Sept. 16 at Wayne Memorial.

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### MEN'S SENIOR GOLF RESULTS

three-day net score of 209. Johnston also won the low gross for super seniors.

The tournament had 34 winners out of a handicapped field of 94 players (50 years and older).

Maidment who won the MPSGA's annual Briegel Cup trophy for low gross score relative to age. Charlie Mutz is presently leading the field for the annual Gross Player of the Year Award, and Mike Phillips of Bloomfield Hills leads the field for the annual Super Senior Gross Player of the Year Award.

The State Open top prize finishers, with their three-day net scores, are as follows:

Overall low gross: Bob Stuewe, Lowell, 225; Overall low net: Charles Mutz, Clarkston, 209; Super-Senior low gross: Claud Johnston, Ann Arbor, 225.

Low Net Champions by Flight — Championship: Michael Lee Todd,

Pontiac, 215; First: Claude Frady, Riverview, 212; Second: William Wright, Riverview, 211; Third: Jim Aaron, Northville, 217; Fourth: Bob Hertel, Sterling Heights, 215; Fifth: Jerry LeVan, Bloomfield Hills, 216 (playoff winner over Richard Comiskey of Canton).

The Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association had its 14th tournament on Aug. 12 at the Tanglewood (The Lion) Golf Course in South Lyon.

David Ruelle of Waterford shot the low score of 75. Kyu Kim of Bloomfield Hills leads the field in the Briegel Cup standings (low gross score relative to age).

Flight A — First place: Everett Bailey, Manchester; David Ruelle, Waterford; third: J.A. Grow, Bloomfield Hills; Donald Prince, Shelby; fifth: Don Ward, Sterling Heights.

Flight B — First: Jim Gostovich,

New Baltimore; second: Patrick Harrison, Ann Arbor; John Thompson, Highland; fourth: Larry Brady, Shelby; Tim Broderick, Leonard; David McTear, Redford.

Flight C — First: Marshall Johnson, Detroit; Wesley Knight, Livonia; Paul Sleboda, Plymouth; fourth: Ron Fedoronko, Warren; Jim Mattison, Roseville; Jim Morris, Mount Clemens.

Flight D — First: Dennis Frantz, Wixom; second: Ron Myers, Livonia; Everett Winters, Royal Oak; fourth: Jim Aaron, Northville; Daniel Moore, Plymouth.

Flight E — First: Richard Hall, Westland; second: Richard Irwin, Plymouth; Jerry LeVan, Bloomfield Hills; Frank Majkowski, Commerce.

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## Remember good times, tears at annual Angela Hospice walk

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

It's only 2.3 miles long, but packs in a lifetime of memories.

The Walk of Remembrance on Saturday, Sept. 25 from Madonna University to Angela Hospice in Livonia, melds a leisurely stroll with a peaceful setting, beautiful music, and a program designed to help participants reflect and commemorate loved ones who have died.

Sheila Wofford of Canton couldn't ask for a better way to remember her mother, the late Betty Monteith, while also demonstrating her appreciation for Angela Hospice.

"I've done the cancer walks and Relay for Life, but I'm so excited about this because it was so amazing what they did for me," said Wofford, who organized a team of family members and friends to participate in the third annual walk. "When you take someone who does not know which way to turn and help them as much as they helped me... I want everyone to have the same opportunity I had."

Wofford turned to Angela Hospice for help after her 82-year-old mother was diagnosed with a cancerous "tumor

the size of a football" in her lung last year. The former Westland resident, who lived



The late Betty Monteith inspired the 'Betty Boops' team led by her daughter, Sheila Wofford, at this year's Angela Hospice Walk of Remembrance.

with her daughter in Canton, was hospitalized in "excruciating pain" in July 2009.

"It wasn't until hospice came in that she was out of pain," Wofford said. "She finally got the medicine she needed."

"Someone recommended them to me. They came right out and solved problems before they came up. They met

with the whole family. They laid out all the options. I got to concentrate on Mom and not worry about anything else. I couldn't imagine not having them. They made it 100 percent easier on me."

## FAMILY TEAM

Wofford, who received bereavement counseling through Angela Hospice, said her mother remained hospitalized for about a week and a half before her death on Aug. 2, 2009.

Team Betty Boops, named after Wofford's mother and her mother's favorite iconic character, will collect donations for Angela Hospice in conjunction with the walk.

"There are seven of us. I'm going to push my son, who's in a wheelchair. My mom just adored him and he adored her. He, too, is happy to give back," she said.

Northville resident and hospice nurse, Kathleen Pidruzny, was among the 500 walkers who participated last year. She formed a team of friends and family to walk this year.

"It's a beautiful walk," she said. "They loved it. They thought it was so peaceful."

## OPEN TO ALL

Bob Alexander, Angela Hospice business development manager, said the walk draws participants of all ages and from many communities. Although walkers may raise funds for the nonprofit hospice, the event is meant to satisfy the need to honor deceased loved ones. It also gives participants an opportunity to see the lush grounds of the Felician Sisters' campus.

"It's open to the entire community, as is so much of what we do," Alexander noted. "We want it to be a leisurely walk.

A harpist will perform at a grotto along the route and a



Northville resident Kathleen Pidruzny (far left) and fellow walkers enjoy bagels and painted rocks for the memorial garden, at the 2009 Walk of Remembrance. They walked in memory of her father Howard Pingston. With Kathleen are Colleen Brumo of Dearborn Heights; Allison La Combe of Canton; Colleen Pidruzny of Northville; Carla Sladewski of Dearborn Heights; Jo Ann and Veronica Brumo of Dearborn.

## WALK OF REMEMBRANCE

**When:** 8 a.m. registration, 9 a.m. opening ceremony

**Where:** Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia

**Details:** 2.3-mile walk from Madonna through the Felician Sisters' campus to Angela Hospice is designed to encourage participants to commemorate loved ones who have died. The event includes an opening ceremony, music, refreshments, and a chance to decorate a rock for the hospice's memorial garden. Fees are \$20 in advance or \$25 on the day of the walk. Children, 6-12, pay \$5 and children, 5 and under, are free and don't need to register. Registration includes a commemorative T-shirt, ribbon, craft and refreshments. All proceeds benefit Angela Hospice's bereavement programs, including free grief support counseling, which are open to the public

**Contact:** Barb Iovan at (734) 953-6045 or download a registration form from [www.angelahospice.org](http://www.angelahospice.org).

Participants at the 2009 Walk of Remembrance stroll through the Felician Sisters' campus in Livonia.



Walkers gather at the start of the 2009 Walk of Remembrance.

violinist and keyboard musician will play at the Ladywood High School track. In addition to receiving a map of the route, walkers will find "conversation starters" in their programs. The suggestions are designed to help them reflect on the life of the loved one who has died.

"We really do nurture that remembering piece," Alexander said, adding that walkers can decorate commemorative rocks when they finish the route. "They write little messages on the rocks. It's so precious to watch family clusters, walking around the rock garden, looking for

the perfect place to put their rock down. It's like a personal ceremony."

Participants will have the option of leaving the rock in the garden or taking it home.

Wofford said she'll likely leave hers in the garden with a message explaining how much she misses her mother.

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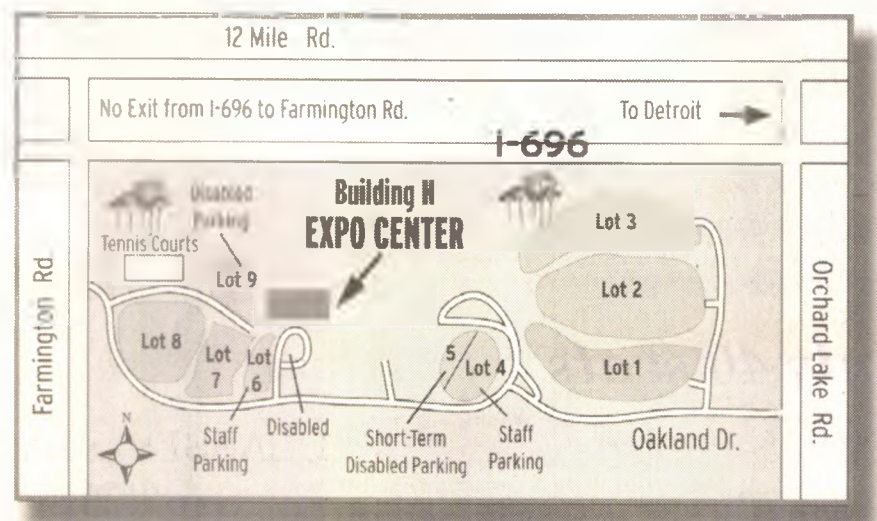
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# See regal touches, elegant additions during home tour

BY MEGAN SWOYER  
CORRESPONDENT

If you're looking for ways to spruce up your home this fall with new adornments, fresh colors and creative furniture arrangements, gather a houseful of ideas at The Community House's Annual Birmingham Home Tour.

Eight houses — from contemporary to traditional — will open their doors for tours on Thursday, Sept. 16. Think of it as wandering through a thick, colorful home magazine, room by beautiful room, yard by heavenly yard. Only you get to see it, touch it (most of it, anyway) and savor it in person. Everything from pool cabanas and children's basketball courts to a dog's hangout spot to great Grandma's dining room furnishings awaits tour goers. Three of the stops are the homes of interior designers, while other homes feature homeowners with a knack for style who have made it their goal to create family-friendly environments. One home showcases special touches that were added specially for the tour by The Michigan Design Center.

## CLEAN LINES

Interior designer Jeffrey King has instilled beauty at every turn at his 1921 jewel box of a home, located across from Barnum Park. Not only is the home a nod to unique elegance, but it also inspires tour goers on how to make the most out of every inch of space. Originally a Salt Box-style bungalow, the home was expanded from 1,400 to 2,400 square feet. Seven years ago, King added a master suite, family room and kids play room, along with

a new garage and landscaping. The kitchen and laundry room are more recent renovations.

"It's monochromatic, classic-modern," says King, who adds that the clean lines in the furnishings keep the home modern. "We used building materials that are true to the original architecture and are very classic, but transitional."

Tour goers will learn about how important patience is in obtaining just the right look. For example, King's red powder room wasn't an instant "yes!" Says the designer: "It took me four reds before I got the color right." At the top of the stairs, visitors will enter a "Good-and-Plenty" paradise of pinks, whites and blacks in one daughter's bedroom. Outdoors, crisp-white furnishings pop from simple, verdant green landscaping, including a lovely swathe of boxwood. Be sure to look for the splashing fish near the fountain.

## ENTERTAINMENT AREA

Outdoor beauty also awaits at the Feiten home in Bloomfield Hills. Built in 1968, this house has undergone fabulous renovations during the five years that interior designer Paul Feiten has lived there. "People say it looks regal," he notes. The backyard pool area features custom-designed mirrors, a cabana (built in 2009) with antique lantern (found in Michigan) and foliage and hostas aplenty, all providing an inviting entertainment area. Music also can be played through outdoor speakers. The pool was original to the property but was renovated and updated with new cement, tiles and limestone wall.



Jeffrey King's 1921 Birmingham house exhibits clear, uncluttered lines and an elegant treatment of space.



Jeffrey King's 1921 Birmingham bungalow has a modern look, with the expansion of 1,000 new square feet.

Indoors, visitors will see several majestic touches — from stately mirrors and luxe silk draperies to a head-turning crystal chandelier and Crema Marfil floors. Don't miss the garage, through a door off the laundry room. The homeowners decked their car space with crown moldings, chandelier lighting

and other decorative adornments so that "the party" can move just about anywhere.

One of the more artful homes on the tour is a 1972 Minoru Yamasaki-designed home in Bloomfield Hills. Yamasaki was an American architect best known for his design of the twin towers of the World Trade Center buildings One and Two. He was one of the most prominent architects of the 20th century. Owned by interior designer Lynda Charfoos and her husband, the home features teak trim, white walls, marble floors, an indoor pool and inspiring art throughout its 6,000 square feet. Its timeless, "international style" features 14-foot curtain walls, and a flat roof. "I feel like I'm a custodian of the home," says Charfoos. "It's really a special part of Detroit's history."

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# Coping with Alzheimer's disease, dementias

## Support group helps caretakers carry on

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Greg Lucky and Pat Martin, both Redford residents, are caring for ailing loved ones. Martin, 80, cares for her husband and Lucky, 56, both of his parents.

"We live together, one happy zoo," Lucky said of his family, including his parents, both 86.

They were together recently for a Caregiver Support Group meeting, sponsored by the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency and held at The Village of Redford on Six Mile.

"It can be quite emotional," said Nancy Coman, senior services case manager for Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, of caring for a loved with Alzheimer's or other dementia. "We come together and share with each other problems that may be occurring. They come together to learn coping skills."

On a recent Thursday morning, the group was joined by Julie Darocha, life enrichment coordinator for The Village of Redford, part of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan. Coman talked about journaling as a tool to clarify feelings, getting a clearer view after a time of anger.

Martin and Lucky have been coming to the group at least three years, and heap praise on Coman. "She'll call and see if there's anything she can do," Martin said. Martin's husband, 81, is stubborn and difficult to deal with, so she has to make tasks "game-like."

Lucky said, "They're not easy to get along with," of his parents. He was living in California for many years and returned home when his parents became ill. Lucky's no longer able to work due to his family responsibilities.

His mom has advanced Alzheimer's and is totally dependent on him for care. Lucky's dad has other issues, including early dementia. "Everything is an argument, because he can't remember," Lucky said.

"I've had to learn patience," added Lucky. "It's my turn to give back to them."

Martin's son, in his early 50s, lives nearby and is a great help with his dad.



Nancy Coman of the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency explains the purposes of the Caregiver Support Groups.

Her husband's an amputee, missing part of his leg, so he crawls while trying to escape. "I've just come to accept that," said Martin.

Having company over is difficult. She insists her husband come to the table for meals, and he continues to enjoy his food. Even the family dog helps Martin, alerting her when something's wrong.

Coman has arranged respite care for Lucky's family. His mom had a stroke about 10 years ago, with her husband her initial caregiver. Lucky quickly realized that wouldn't work.

"He didn't want to tell me how things really were," he said of his dad.

At the meetings, also held at other community locations, Coman shares information on community resources.

"There are issues they experience on a daily basis," said Coman, who earned a bachelor of science degree from Madonna University and is a gerontologist.

Some people who have participated for many years are now caregiver-mentors for others. Often, such mentors have also been through hospice with their loved one, and want to help others earlier in the process.

"They know the whole process of caregiving," Coman said.

She has firsthand experience. Her dad had early onset Alzheimer's along with Parkinson's and cancer. Her late brother was ill and she cared for him, as she did for an aunt with congestive heart

failure living out of state.

Coman, who also studied in dementia at Madonna in Livonia, urges participants to get a diagnosis and secure power of attorney. She works with Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services/Elder Law & Advocacy Center, which includes operations from the nearby Redford Community Center.

"I try to have an open atmosphere where they can share their emotions," she said of support group meetings. She often stays after meetings end, people call her with concerns.

A spiritual component is included, and community resources include the local Alzheimer's Association.

She agreed elder care is a growing issue as the baby boomers reach retirement age. "Housing may become a difficulty," said Coman, as will finding caregivers to care for an aging population.

At the Caregiver Support Groups, offered free of charge to participants with Senior Alliance support, people are often caring for a spouse, sibling or parent. "It's a role reversal, that's another thing," Coman said of caring for a parent.

"Funding is tight really everywhere," she said of dementia research. "The University of Michigan is doing some wonderful research."

Isolation is often an issue for caregivers, she said, something the monthly support groups help to fight. She's looking into an evening caregivers, who often



Pat Martin and Greg Lucky of Redford discuss the challenges of being a family caregiver. Martin cares for her husband, Lucky for both of his parents.

have job conflicts during the day.

"We want to get the word out that there's help," she said.

One Caregiver Support Group, attended by Lucky, Martin and others, meets 10 a.m. to noon the second Thursday of the month at The Village of Redford, 25330 W. Six Mile, Redford, in The Fireplace Room. Either the caregiver or recipient must be age 60 or older.

Also in Redford on the second Tuesday of the month, a group meets 10 a.m. to noon at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway.

There's also a group in Westland that meets 10 a.m. to noon the third Tuesday of the month at the Kay Beard Building, 30712 Michigan Ave.

A Romulus group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins.

Those attending for the first time are asked to call Coman at (734) 955-6752, Ext. 228, as locations sometimes change.

Martin and Lucky sum up their support for the group. "Invaluable," she said. "Support. Venting," he added.

"Just knowing there's someone there that understands," Martin said. "There are few people that understand the situation."

Lucky added, "They don't have a field of reference. They can't relate." Both find the group helpful.

"They are very popular," said Erin Evans, communications manager for the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, of the groups. "This program has seen an



Nancy Coman and Julie Darocha, life enrichment coordinator for The Village of Redford, discuss ways to make the support group even more helpful.

increase in need. We're getting a lot more caregivers.

"I strongly encourage people to attend," Evans added. "The meetings really do offer a lot of resources. Nancy does a great job for caregivers who attend the meetings."

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To all residents and other interested parties: Agenda's and Minutes for the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees Meetings are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the Township Website: [www.plymouthtwp.org](http://www.plymouthtwp.org). They are also posted in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road Plymouth, Michigan for public perusal.

Meeting dates: July 20, August 17, September 14 & 28, October 12 & 26, November 16, and December 14

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Board of Trustees Meetings.

JOE BRIDGMAN, MMC  
Township Clerk

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### Legal Notice Charter Township of Plymouth 2010 Summer Taxes

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The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular meeting September 21, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Friends Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Tuesday, September 28, 2010 Delphinus Medical Technologies, Inc.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2010, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider the request of Delphinus Medical Technologies, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for machinery, equipment, furniture, and fixtures located at 46701 Commerce Center Drive, Plymouth Corporate Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request of Delphinus Medical Technologies, Inc. is on file in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

During the public hearing any resident of Plymouth Township or members of the Legislative Board of any affected taxing unit in the Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments addressed to the Clerk will be considered. Contact phone number is 734-354-3224.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday September 28, 2010, will be held in the Town Hall at the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Following the public hearing, the Board may decide on the request by resolution.

Joe Bridgman, MMC  
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**Top Online Source** 57percent of consumers identified local newspaper Web sites as the top online source for local information, ahead of the totals for all other media.

**Source for Local Information** Newspaper sites ranked first as a source for local information (29%), local sports (27%), local entertainment (26%) and local classifieds (39%), ahead of both local television Web sites and online portals. And, consumers value local content with 57% indicating that local information is very important.

**Trustworthiness of Advertising** Consumers agree that their opinion of online advertising is influenced by the type of Web site on which the ad appears. Local newspaper sites ranked first in trustworthiness of advertising.

**Current, Credible and Relevant** Consumers consider local newspaper Web sites to be the most trusted source of online advertising, with ads that are perceived to be more current, credible and relevant to them.

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MILESTONES



John and Donna Thomas of Plymouth

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

John and Donna (Hinkle) Thomas of Plymouth marked their 50th wedding anniversary July 16, 2010.

They were high school sweethearts at the old Plymouth High School in the late 1950s and married in 1960 at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

The couple celebrated their milestone event with their daughter, Jill, at the Signature Club atop the Hancock Building in Chicago, Ill.

They also held a small family dinner prior to their big day.



John and Donna Thomas on their wedding day in 1960

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Jim and Terri Frank of Redford marked their 25th anniversary on Sept. 9. The couple were married in 1985 at St. Paul of the Cross Chapel.

Terri is a homemaker and Jim is employed as a furniture restorer. The couple is active in the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Their children are Jason Thomas and Michael James.

The Franks celebrated their milestone anniversary with family and friends at a local restaurant.



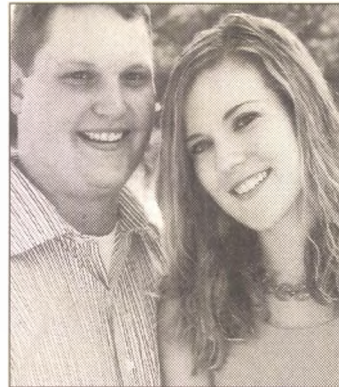
Jim and Terri Frank of Redford on their wedding day.

GUTKOWSKI-KRANTZ

Kathleen Ann Gutkowski and George Michael Krantz announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Gerry and Chris Gutkowski of Canton, is a 2003 graduate of Divine Child High School and a 2008 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in occupational therapy. She is employed by Children's Hospital, Detroit.

Her fiance, son of George and Kim Krantz of Roseville, is a 2003 graduate of Roseville High School and a 2008 graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor's degree in public affairs. He is employed by Adaptive Mediquip, in



Gutkowski-Krantz

Washington Township. A September 2010 wedding is planned at Church of the Divine Child in Dearborn.

BASORE-CARLSON

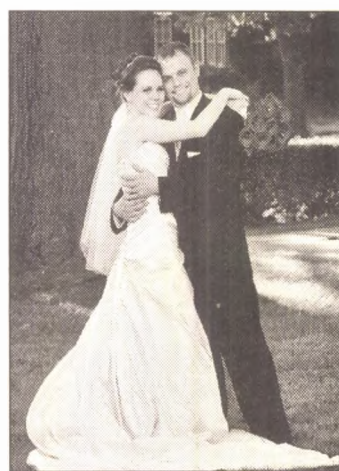
Kendall Carlson and Joseph Basore were married Aug. 13, 2010, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit. The Rev. Peter Smith officiated.

The bride, daughter of Kenneth and Kelly Carlson of Plymouth Township, recently graduated from Indiana University with a master's in clinical social work and currently works as a mental health practitioner at Bloomington Hospital in Indiana.

The groom, son of Randal and Pamela Basore of Kalamazoo, is finishing a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry at Indiana University.

Taylor Carlson, the bride's sister, served as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Shannon Basore and Tiffany Basore, the groom's sisters, and Anne Racey, the bride's friend. Gianna McCue, the bride's cousin, was the flower girl.

Christopher Socha, the groom's best friend, served as Best Man. Groomsmen were Thomas Nixon, Jared

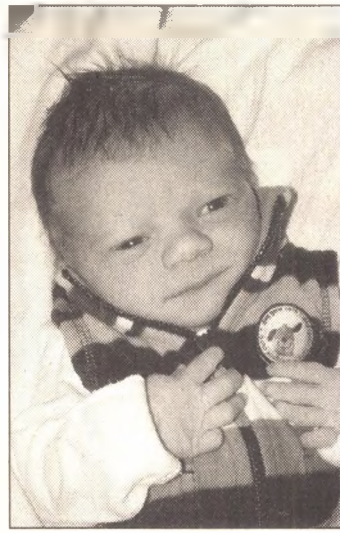


Basore-Carlson

Eisenlohr, and Jeremy Burton, the groom's friends. Ushers were Erik Carlson and Gordon Carlson, the bride's brothers, and Tyler Howard, the groom's future brother-in-law.

A reception was held at Lauren Manor in Livonia. The couple took a honeymoon trip to Tulum, Mexico.

They reside in Bloomington, Ind.



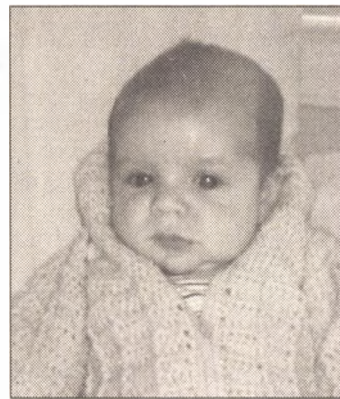
Dylan Christopher Kuna

DYLAN CHRISTOPHER KUNA

Dylan Christopher Kuna was born Dec. 27, 2009, at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. Proud parents are Debby and Randall Kuna of Farmington Hills.

Grandparents are Barbara Schultz of Birmingham, Larry and Ronna Schultz of Commerce Township. Mary Lynn and Duane Walsh of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Ken and Kathy Kuna of Brighton.

Great-grandparents are Mary Tierney and Helen Snow.



Jeffrey William Androsian Jr.

TWINS BORN

Andra and Jeff Androsian of Dearborn announce the birth of their twins, Jozlynn Faith and Jeffrey William, Jr. on June 24, 2010, at Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

They are the first grandchildren of Lynn and Stan Samsel of Livonia and Sandy and Bill Androsian of Brighton.

Great grandparents are Alice and Joe Schmitt of Stone Lake, Wisc., Joanne and Bill Rendon of Taylor, and Kitty Androsian of Pinckney.



Jozlynn Faith Androsian



Alderman-Zdrodowski

JULY 2011 WEDDING PLANNED

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alderman of Livonia and Mr. and Mrs. Watson Zdrodowski of Canton announce the engagement of their children, Beth Alderman and Jamie Zdrodowski. A July 2011 wedding is planned at the Sweetest Heart of Mary Church in Detroit.

Beth is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She earned a B.S. degree in movement science from the University of Michigan and a doctorate degree in physical therapy from Oakland University.

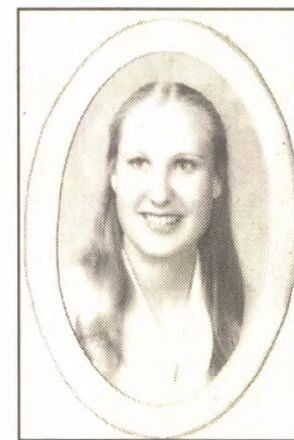
Jamie is a graduate of Salem High School with B.S. degree in biopsychology and cognitive science with a minor in biology from the University of Michigan and a masters degree in genetic counseling from Northwestern University.

Both practices orthopedic physical therapy at Accelerated Rehabilitations Center in Chicago, Ill., and Jamie is employed by the University of Illinois-Chicago Medical Center in Pediatric Genetics.

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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., the International 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., Milwaukie, WI 53233. [www.casterlinefuneralhome.com](http://www.casterlinefuneralhome.com)



CLARIBEL E. LUIBRAND (Chamberlin)

Age 91, of Stevensville, Montana, went to be with her lord on September 6, 2010 at Community Medical Center Missoula, Montana. She was born on June 24, 1919, in Friendship Township, Michigan, the daughter of Orin and Fannie (Benedict) Chamberlin. She graduated from Honor High School in 1937. She worked many years at Western Electric in Plymouth, Michigan. In 1988 she married Albert J. Luibrand, together they enjoyed many years of retirement together. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Albert J. Luibrand. She is survived by her children Caleb of Beulah MI, Jonathan (Marilyn) of Stevensville MT, and Nathan (Grace) of Corvallis MT, along with many grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Christian Missions in Many Lands (c/o missionaries Steven Luibrand-Serbia and Timothy Luibrand-Turkey), PO Box 13, Spring Lake, New Jersey 07762-0013, or online at [cmmlusa.org](http://cmmlusa.org). A memorial service will be held Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI. Visitation will be from 10:00 AM till 1:00 PM before the service. To share memories please visit: [vermeulfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulfuneralhome.com)



JULIE SPARKES CHATER

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me. Psalm 23. Julie Sparkes Chater left this earthly life and entered into God's loving arms on 8/29/10. Julie was born in Ft. Worth, TX on January 25, 1957. Her earliest years were spent in the Dallas, Ft. Worth area. She later moved with her family to Southern California and then on to the Bloomfield Hills, Michigan area. She graduated from Bloomfield Hills Lahser High in 1975. During her high school years, her generous spirit became obvious to all through her volunteer work at the Beverly Manor Convalescent Center. This set the stage in working with victims of Hurricane Katrina years later. During her formative years, Julie was also a member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church and enjoyed singing in the youth choir. Shortly thereafter, Julie moved back to Texas and continued her education and graduated from the University of Texas Arlington with a degree in political science. After graduation, Julie had a long and accomplished career in the legal profession. In 1996, Randy Chater, her future husband, was blessed to marry Julie. Julie and Randy made their home in Azle Texas for 10 years, before moving to the Phoenix area. During their 14 years together, Julie and Randy shared their adventurous spirit, which took them to many new places, whether hiking the Grand Canyon, snorkeling in the Sea of Cortez, exploring the desert Southwest, or the Northern California wine country. They loved to travel together. Julie loved music, cooking, and her animals, especially Elvis, the mule she rode as a child. Julie was predeceased by her parents, Jack B. and Ellen Sparkes. Julie will be missed by her loving and devoted husband, Randy, her brother Jay Sparkes, her sister-in-law Katherine Peters and nephew Evan and niece Olivia, her sister-in-law Carole Estes and nephews Alexander and William, her canine friends Casper and Winnie, and her feline friends Buckwheat and Squiggly. Julie was the kindest, gentlest, most forgiving person, she will be missed by many, we were all blessed to have known her. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Leukemia-Lymphoma Society Donor Services, P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202 or [www.leukemia-lymphoma.org](http://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org). Arrangements entrusted to: Mariposa Gardens Memorial Park & Funeral Care, Mesa, AZ



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.

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](http://www.CovellFuneralHomes.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to: Covell Funeral Home 232 E. State Street Traverse City, MI 49684 (231) 946-6515

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

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 Hollaway (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.

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(Betty & Her Great-Granddaughter)

Happy 86th Birthday Betty!  
Loving, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend.  
For over 26 years, Betty volunteered almost daily at the Maplewood Senior Center in Garden City. Whenever she met a person in need, she would do her best to help them, never letting her own handicaps deter her from that mission. Although her dedication and hard work were responsible for the smooth operation of the center, she was always content to remain in the background. Betty always looked for the best in everyone and lived her belief that giving and caring from the heart is what life is all about. Her memory lives on in the hearts, thoughts and actions of her cherished family and friends and the thousands of lives she touched during her years at the center.  
Thank you Elizabeth for everything, including those wonderful ground bologna salad sandwiches you always made for us. We raise a glass of peach schnapps in a birthday toast to you, and sip your favorite drink while your favorite musician once again sings and plays your most requested song, "Wasted Away in Margaritaville," just for you. May you have a heavenly birthday!  
All our love, your family & friends.  
Private Services were held

## HEALTH

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## Teen weight loss program offered free to 850 youths

Medical Weight Loss Clinic is offering its medically supervised "Pro-Teen Plan" at no cost to youths aged 10-17 as part of its continuing efforts to help fight childhood obesity.

Beginning Monday, Sept. 20, it will make the program available for eight weeks to the first 25 youths, 10-17, who qualify at each of its 34 locations throughout Michigan and across northern Ohio. Qualifications will be based on an age-appropriate minimum body mass index (BMI) as determined by Medical Weight Loss Clinic guidelines.

"We all know the dangers of

childhood obesity," said Alberta Lipinski, nursing supervisor of Medical Weight Loss Clinic.

"Nearly every day, the media is reporting on the dangers of this condition and how it has become an official epidemic. We want to help provide the tools and support that these young people need to learn how to lead a healthier lifestyle."

Individuals interested in this free offer can call (800) GET-SLIM to schedule an appointment at a clinic in their area and begin a personalized weight loss program. If demand exceeds available clinic resources for the day, participants

will be offered an appointment at an alternate clinic nearby until all spots are filled.

Those who successfully complete the eight-week program will receive two tickets to a Detroit Pistons game. They also will be entered for an opportunity to win a free makeover valued at \$500 for new clothing and a new hairstyle. Robard Corporation and Promedis Corporation will provide samples of nutrient supplements at no charge.

Much like its adult plans, the Medical Weight Loss Clinic Pro-Teen Plan is aimed at safe weight loss using an effective, medically

supervised approach.

"Kids and teens know that being overweight is not healthy, and a majority of them know they are not happy because of it," added Lipinski. "Our goal is to help these youths regain their self-confidence while teaching them how to make healthier food choices, the importance of portion control and the value of exercise."

Supervised by board-certified physicians, Medical Weight Loss Clinic programs use regular grocery store food and are customized based upon a patient's medical profile. Each patient receives one-on-one support from Clinic profes-

sionals with the focus of the weight loss program to help patients develop healthy and satisfying eating habits.

To show her support in helping fight childhood obesity, and at the request of Medical Weight Loss Clinic, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm has officially declared the week of Sept. 20 as "Childhood Obesity Awareness Week" in the state. Leaders in other communities, where Medical Weight Loss Clinic has facilities, have followed her lead and have issued, or plan to issue local proclamations. Locally that includes Canton Township, Farmington Hills, and Plymouth.

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The Fresenius Medical Care Sheldon Corners, 6064 Sheldon, features 12 dialysis treatment stations, an online charting system with touch-screen monitors at dialysis stations, an emergency back-up electrical generator, treatment stations designed for patient comfort with individual media systems and reclining, heated treatment chairs with massage features. Dialyzers are used only once, unlike other facilities that may disinfect and re-use them.

In addition to in-center daytime hemodialysis services, Fresenius Medical Care Sheldon Corners offers home dialysis. Other dialysis patient services include a kidney transplant support program, anemia management, nutrition counseling, bone disease management and social worker support. Ahmed Rehan, M.D., a nephrologist affiliated with Nephrology Associates of Michigan in Ypsilanti, is the medical director of the new facility.

For more information about the clinic, which is accepting new patients, call (734) 207-6219 or (866) 4-DIALYSIS.

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# That's a Real Job?

Anthony Balderrama, CareerBuilder.com writer

One of the many unfortunate effects of the Great Recession was felt by longtime professionals who found themselves looking for a job for the first time in decades. These skilled and experienced workers discovered that the job market was significantly different than it was 20 years ago, or in some cases, even just five years ago.

A shift in public demand can create new jobs or cause others to fade away. Technology also plays a significant role in the evolution of career opportunities, as some of today's jobs (think Internet security) couldn't have existed 40 years ago. The job industry has a natural give and take that permanently removes certain jobs and creates other. For instance, within the manufacturing industry alone you can witness a shift

from one emphasis to the other. Once upon a time turntables and large console stereos were being built in droves because they were found in every home. Today digital music players and music-playing phones are being churned out for music lovers. The production is still there, but the job titles changed.

Now, as you try to find the right career, you just don't recognize some of these job titles. In order to simplify your job hunt and perhaps realize where your skills can be put to good use, we've put together a list of five jobs that many job seekers don't recognize but that are real opportunities. In some cases the jobs are relatively new, while others are just often overlooked.

Here are five careers you've probably never heard of:

**Social media managers / social media strategists**

**Industries:** Technology, public relations and communications

**What they do:** Social media has emerged in the past six years as a

serious player in the business world. Although MySpace, Facebook, Twitter and Foursquare began as ways to kill time or connect with friends, they have become essential extensions of a company's brand. Social media managers and strategists help organizations how to use social media to connect with customers, what



messages they should be conveying and how to measure success. Social media experts can be part of a marketing that is promoting a new ad campaign online or

**Cybrarians**

**Industry:** Library and information sciences

**What they do:** Cybrarians are exactly what the name implies: a librarian for the 21st century. Cybrarians

have the same research and data gathering skills of traditional librarians, but they apply that knowledge to online technology. They are experts in accessing online information and using the latest technology to conduct research. (Many libraries and research centers do not distinguish between the two, as many traditional librarians have the same education and technology skills as a cybrarian.)

**Risk management specialists and managers**

**Industries:** Finance, technology and insurance

**What they do:** Risk management professionals look at specific projects or initiatives and assess the potential damage that could occur to any involved parties and set plans for dealing with it. Although that description is vague,

it can be applied to a variety of industries. In one setting, a risk manager might estimate the cost of a natural disaster and what the financial repercussions would be. In the technology sector, a risk manager can look at computer safety issues, such as data leaks or security flaws.

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**Industry:** Health care

**What they do:** Patient advocates work for health care patients who need assistance understanding the often confusing world of medical bills and treatments. They educate patients on their rights and ensure they are consulting with the proper specialists. They also help patients sort through medical bills and keep important items in order.

**Futurists**

**Industry:** Science and social sciences

**What they do:** Simply, futurists are the opposite of historians. Futurists predict how an industry, consumers or even nature might change over time. They use research and case studies to understand what is happening today and then attempt to figure out what will happen in the coming years. Futurists are employed by many organizations, from an educational institution to a corporation wanting to create a business plan that is ahead of consumers' demands.

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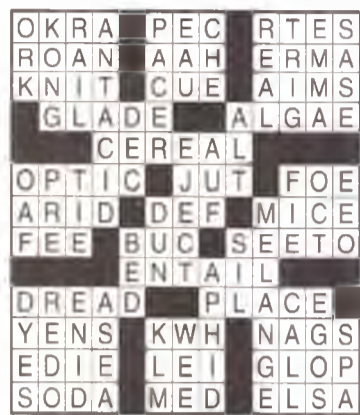
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- 6 Fact
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- 16 Limb
- 17 Courtroom VIP
- 18 Tip of a pen
- 20 Freight
- 22 Brief swim
- 23 Cornfield sight
- 25 Acquired
- 26 Hires a lawyer
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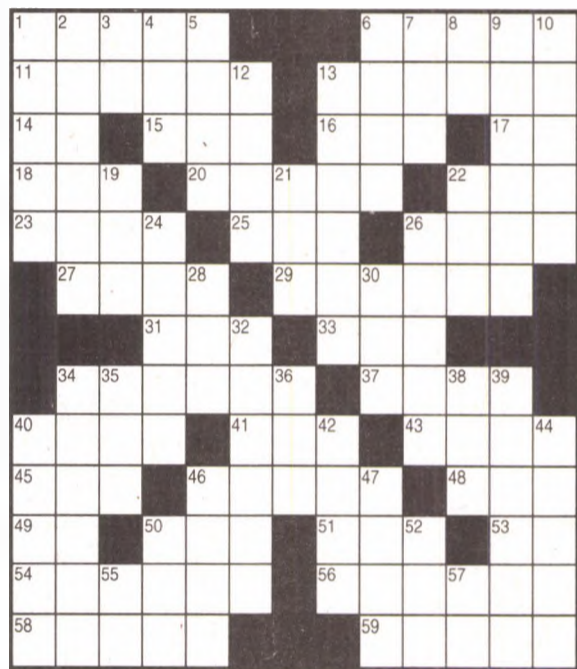
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- 41 German conjunction
- 43 Tune
- 45 Navigator's dir.
- 46 Bridle path
- 48 Paris season
- 49 NFL event
- 50 1960s Chairman
- 51 Like some raps
- 53 Univ. preceder
- 54 Snake-haired lady
- 56 Looks friendly
- 58 Drops
- 59 Advertising ploy
- 1 Derrick
- 2 Rooftop gadget
- 3 Can. province
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- 8 Eur. country
- 9 Put in order

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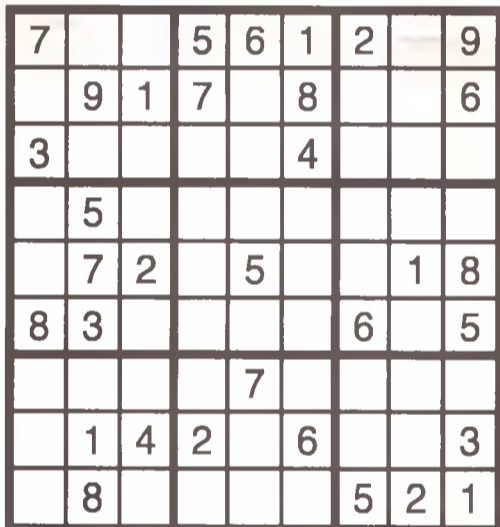


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- 10 Mounds
- 12 Hitch in plans
- 13 Made up of diverse elements
- 15 Bikini half
- 21 Compost
- 22 Expected any time
- 24 Went undercover
- 26 Leaves laughing
- 28 Earth's star — choy
- 32 Synapse neighbor
- 34 Haphazard
- 35 Prior to
- 36 Spiral molecule
- 38 Kind of deer
- 39 Ball game starter
- 40 Not cling (2 wds.)
- 42 Claims
- 44 Fresco base
- 46 Art colony town
- 47 Gravy no-no
- 50 Execs
- 52 Old space station
- 55 New Eng. state
- 57 Behold!

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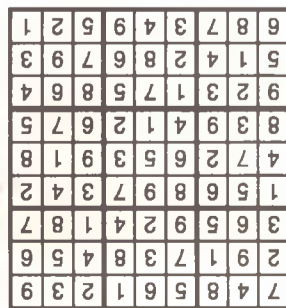
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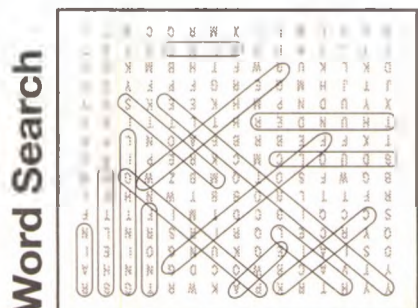


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# XLR pushes Cadillac ahead

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The 2010 Cadillac XLR luxury convertible is loaded with high-end features that include a retractable hard roof. And with a 0-60-mph time less than 6 seconds, it possesses more speed than most people need.

This sweet RWD ride is based on the same platform as the Chevrolet Corvette. However, its ride is quite different as it is tuned to be more of a GT than a sports car.

For example, rather than the Corvette's 6.0-liter, 400-horsepower V8, the XLR uses a 4.6-liter 320-horsepower V8. The use of lightweight components such as aluminum suspension pieces and composite body panels allows the XLR to be a nimble speed demon with some serious torque.

Cadillac offers a highly exclusive XLR Platinum series that includes luxury touches like a hand-crafted leather interior. Exterior/interior color combinations include Black Raven (Ebony/Cashmere); Goldstream Metallic (Burl/Cashmere); Liquid Amethyst (Burl/Cashmere); Light Platinum (Ebony/Cashmere); Elektra Blue (Ebony/Cashmere); Crystal Red (Ebony/Cashmere).

The base XLR, which comes in around \$80K, comes with most of the luxury features other cars in its class has, including 18-inch alloy wheels with run-flat tires, adaptive xenon HID headlights, eight-way power and heated leather seats, Bose audio with satellite radio

and a CD changer, OnStar telematics, a navigation system and dual-zone automatic climate control.

Some advanced technologies standard include Adaptive Forward Lighting that enables the headlamps to swivel in along with vehicle steering; a head-up display; StabiliTrak; heated and cooled seats; Keyless Access with push-button start; and DVD navigation and entertainment.

The top of the line model is the XLR-V, which runs in the six figures. Largely separated from the base model by power, under the hood sits a hand-built, supercharged 4.4-liter V8 that puts out 443 horsepower. It also gets firmer suspension tuning and upgraded brakes. To make it stand out from the regular XLR, 19-inch wheels, a mesh grille and quad exhaust tips have been installed.

The XLR-V also gets a standard heated steering wheel and optional chrome wheels.

Fuel economy ratings for the XLR-V are 14 miles per gallon in the city and 21 mpg on the highway while the base XLR gets 15 mpg city / 24 mpg highway.

The gauges are clear, with white numbers on a black background, surrounded by chrome rings.

The touchscreen, mounted high in the center stack and boasting large displays, helps keep the dash uncluttered by eliminating the need for



The XLR is the second roadster offered by Cadillac in recent years

numerous single-use buttons.

With unique eucalyptus wood in light or dark tones, combined with aluminum accents, the interior design expresses the level of refinement that Cadillac is known for.

The XLR is a two-seater, with not a lot of room to store large items. There are a few places to stash stuff away in the doors, center console and glove box, though none of them are large.

As for trunk space, the retractable hard top takes up three-fourths of the trunk when it's down. Although an unlikely fit, Cadillac says owners should be able to store a small golf bag in the trunk or passenger seat.

The XLR offers an electronically retractable hard top, as opposed to cheaper convertibles with time-consuming manuals.

By pushing and holding a single button, the XLR can convert from coupe to open roadster in less than 30 seconds. The top is made of aluminum and magnesium with composite exterior panels, a heated glass backlight and glass rear-quarter windows.

On the safety front, the XLR comes with antilock disc brakes, run-flat tires, a tire-pressure monitor and stability control all standard, as are side airbags that offer head as well as body protection. Rear parking sensors are also included.

The XLR has adaptive cruise control, which uses a radar sensor mounted at the front of the car to detect objects in its path. If the lane ahead is clear, the system maintains the set speed. When it detects a vehicle in the same lane in front of the car, the system adjusts speed to help maintain a constant following distance.

The XLR features Magnetic Ride Control, an electronically controlled, magnetic-fluid based real-time damping system. Standard on XLR and XLR-V, it uses four wheel-to-body displacement sensors to measure wheel motion over the road surface and responds by adjusting the shock damping at speeds approaching one millisecond.

So you can keep your eyes on the road while driving, the XLR comes with a head-up display that shows information such as speed, fuel level and audio status on the windshield.

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**Cadillac XLR**  
**Vehicle class:** Convertible roadster  
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