

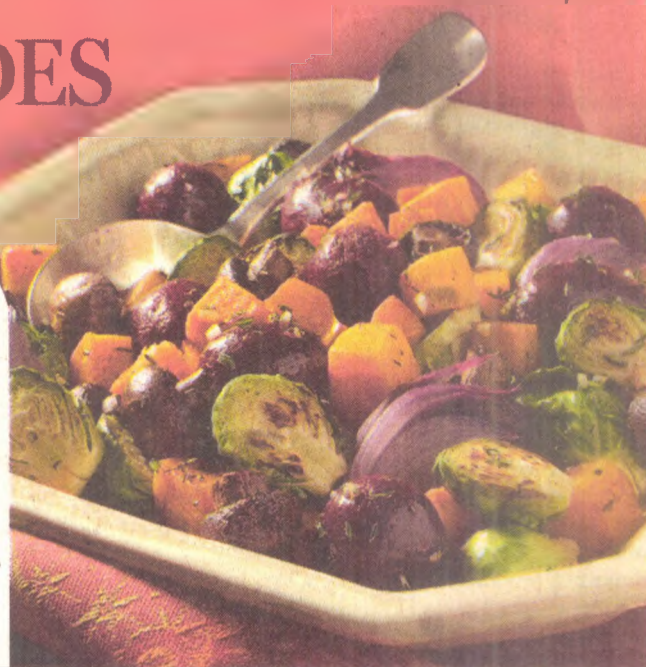


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## PIPELINE

### RESA meeting

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County hosts a meeting featuring a presentation by Wayne County RESA Superintendent Christopher Wigent and RESA Board President James Petrie.

RESA is a regional education service agency that provides services and support to Wayne County's 34 school districts aimed at improving student achievement and maximizing economies of scale in staff development, purchasing and administrative services.

The meeting takes place 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, in the community meeting room at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty, Plymouth.

Call (734) 421-4420.

### Ahoy, mateys

On the Rocks Detroit and Zodiac Vodka present the first annual Pirate Pub Crawl in downtown Plymouth Saturday, Oct. 2.

Pub-crawlers in pirate and wench costumes will "voyage" to five participating pubs in Plymouth from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. for swashbuckling fun, drink specials, and a chance to win prizes including a free deluxe night at the Motor City Casino Hotel. The cost to participate is just \$10, and ages 21 and up are invited.

The plundering begins at 336 Piano Bar (336 S. Main St.) where pirates and wenches check in to receive their official treasure map starting at 7:30 p.m. Buccaneers will then swashbuckle their way to these participating downtown Plymouth venues (all within walking distance): Penn Grill (providing free appetizers 9-11 p.m.), The Rock (free Tarot Card readings), Sean O'Callaghan's (free photos with pirate Nikki Black aka The Captain Jack Sparrow) and finally, the Ironwood Grill for live music by the Robin Horlock Band.

Advance tickets are available through On the Rocks Detroit's facebook, and via the participating venues. For more information, visit [info@ontherocksdetroit.com](http://info@ontherocksdetroit.com).

### Business honor

The National Federation of Independent Business honored state Sen. Bruce Patterson for his record of small business support.

According to the NFIB's Small Business Voting Record for this session, Patterson scored a perfect 100 percent this session earning him recognition as a "Guardian of Small Business."

Patterson was one of 19 state senators recognized for their efforts on small business issues.

"We are honored and delighted to recognize Sen. Patterson," said NFIB State Director Charlie Owens. "Clearly he understands the important role that small business plays in providing jobs and economic development in his community."

The 2009-10 Session Small Business Vote Record grades lawmakers on a scale of 0-100 percent, with 100 percent being a perfect small-business score.



Patterson

# Fiegel interviews for Walled Lake post

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Supt. Dr. Craig Fiegel, starting the final year of his original three-year contract and facing an uncertain future in the district, is among five candidates scheduled for interviews for the same post with Walled Lake Consolidated Schools.

Fiegel, hired in Plymouth-Canton before the 2008-09 school year, is set to interview for the Walled Lake position at 8:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday).

He said lingering doubt about whether the Plymouth-Canton board

would offer him another contract left him with no choice but to seek some job security for himself and his family.

"As I continue to observe the board, and reading how I think they're feeling, I felt like I wasn't sure where (renewal) going," Fiegel said. "This was an excellent opportunity. Walled Lake is a quality school district ... districts like that don't open up very often. I struggled with whether to apply. It finally came down to I've got to take care of my family and myself, so I thought I'd give it a look."

Walled Lake's Board of Education began interviewing finalists Wednesday. The district is look-

ing for a replacement for William Hamilton, whose retirement is effective Dec. 1. Walled Lake officials want Hamilton's replacement in place by Nov. 1.

Fiegel is in the last year of the contract he signed when the district hired him away from the Evergreen Park elementary district in Illinois to replace Jim Ryan, who retired following the 2007-08 school year.

Academic achievement has continued to rise in Fiegel's two years, with student scores on tests such as the Michigan Merit Exam, the MEAP and ACT consistently above

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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Craig Fiegel interviews for the same position in the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools Thursday night.



PHOTO BY DIANE HANSON

## Best foot forward

Marimba players Alex Babcock and Cheyenne Watson concentrate on music and timing skills during one of many P-CMB practice sessions. The marchers put in three intense weeks of camp at the school in August and now average three hours each weekday with football games on Fridays and all-day practice or competitions on Saturday. For more on the upcoming season, please turn to Page A6.

# Water bills likely to rise as use drops

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Water bills in Plymouth Township are likely to go up as officials look for ways to pay for the system's fixed costs — and a 9.3-percent hike in the wholesale price of water from Detroit — in a time of falling water use.

Township Treasurer Ron Edwards on Tuesday suggested a 22-percent increase in the combined water and sewer rate. That would take the rate to \$9 for every thousand gallons of water used, from the current \$7.35 per thousand.

"We have to raise the rates in order to cover those fixed costs," Edwards told the Board of Trustees at a special meeting on Tuesday. The treasurer indicated he was open to other suggestions.

The average township household uses about 87,000 gallons of water annually, so Edwards' proposal would cost that household about \$117 over the course of a year. Residential water bills are issued every four months.

Edwards said a 9.3-percent increase in the wholesale water rate was imposed by Detroit beginning in July, and that falling water use means falling revenues to the department. Water sales

in the township averaged 1.5 billion gallons over a recent 13-year period, he said, but were down to 1.2 billion gallons last year. The drop is due to the weaker economy — big businesses are typically high-volume water customers — and conservation measures, officials say.

"People are conserving water like we've asked them to do," said Trustee Steve Mann.

"But our system was built to deliver volume," Edwards said. Fixed costs include water and sewer maintenance and an annual \$3.1 million payment toward bonds issued by the Western Townships Utilities Authority, which provides Plymouth Township with some sewer service.

The township water department's working capital, that is, receivables plus cash on hand, dropped to an average just over \$4 million last year from \$7 million in 2007, Edwards said. Without raising rates, he said, that could drop to \$2 million in a year.

The township's auditors, Plante Moran, will present a more detailed briefing on the water department at the board's next regular meeting on Tuesday.

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## Tell us why family dinners are important



The *Observer* wants to hear about your family dinnertime and to encourage and challenge local families to eat together.

Share your family's experience and you could win a \$25 Kroger gift card (to help fix that dinner) and other prizes.

Send a photo of your family eating dinner and short essay (100 words or less) explaining why your family's meal-sharing is important or how/why you plan to start a new tradition of family dinnertime to: Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com). Attach the photo (jpg format only) and provide first and last names of everyone in the photo.

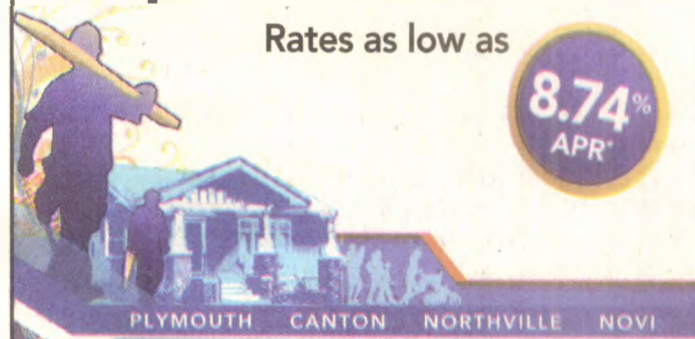
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"Around Plymouth" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

**Seeking vets**

The American Legion Beasley-Zalesny Post 112, located at 344 Elizabeth St. in downtown Plymouth at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail, is seeking veterans from all wars.

The post meets 7 p.m., the third Monday of each month, September through June. The active post, along with its Womens Auxiliary, works a number of programs both in Plymouth and at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor. The post's efforts are geared toward doing all they can to take care of needy veterans.

For more information please call Joe Burman at (734) 459-7324.

**Lobster fest**

On Saturday, Sept. 25, St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth will host a lobster fundraiser with proceeds supporting the church's work with Episcopal Appalachian Ministries and in the Dominican Republic.

The lobsters may be purchased either for home consumption or participants can attend the parish dinner. The lobsters are flown in fresh from Maine. The lobster dinner is \$22 and includes potatoes, Caesar salad, baked beans, rolls, dessert and beverages. The dinner will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. Fresh, live lobsters for carry-out are \$17 each and must be

picked up 4-5 p.m. on Sept. 25.

**Grief support**

Compassionate Care Hospice offers a five-week grief support series, "Adult Loss of a Parent," beginning Tuesday, Oct. 5. The group is for any adult who has experienced the death of a parent and will provide support and education on the grieving process.

The group will be conducted at the Compassionate Care Hospice office located at 5730 Lilley Rd., Ste. A, Canton, from 6-7:30 p.m. There is no charge.

For information or to register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator, at (734) 983-9050.

**Jazz @ the Elks**

Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780 presents "Jazz @ The Elks," a unique American creation helping to keep this tradition alive and well in southeastern Michigan.

The next program will be the Matt Michaels Duo 7-10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28. Matt Michaels is a Detroit music legend, pianist and accompanist to Barbra Streisand and others and former head of music at Wayne State University. Together with Dan Jordan on bass, this will truly be an evening of great jazz listening in a comfortable club setting.

There is no cover charge but donations are appreciated. The Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780 is located on Ann Arbor Road near Haggerty in Plymouth.

Call (734) 453-1780 or go to www.PlymouthElksEvents.com for more information.

**To-do list**

A free seminar, "To Do List for Children of Aging Parents," will be presented by Ken Bloom of Bloom Asset Management at the Plymouth District Library Thursday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m.

Bloom, who is an attorney and tax expert and also a partner in the law firm of Bloom, Bloom and Associates in Farmington Hills, will discuss things adult children of aging parents need to do to make sure their parent's medical, estate planning and financial situations are under control.

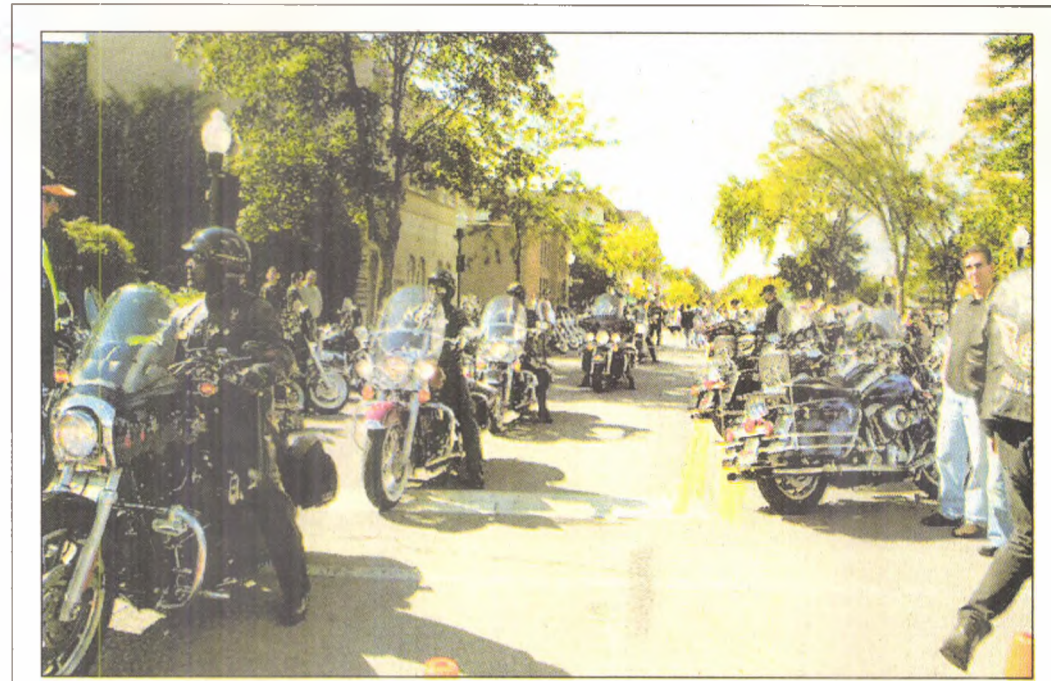


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**Bikers galore**

The 15th Annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff presents the fifth annual "Motor City Chili Ride" and "Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles Chili Ride" Sunday, Oct. 10, to benefit Habitat for Humanity. These motorcycle rides will begin at Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles dealership in Canton and Motor City Harley Davidson in Farmington Hills. Both rides will end at the Chili Cookoff in downtown Plymouth. Cost is \$10 per person. All riders will receive free VIP parking at the event, and the first 50 registrants will get a raffle ticket to win \$1,000, \$500 or \$250 cash prizes. Registration at Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles in Canton begins 8:30 a.m.; registration at Motor City Harley-Davidson in Farmington Hills begins 8:30 a.m. Escorted rides depart at 10:30 a.m. The Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off is in its 15th year and has raised over \$185,000 for different charities. Ride information is available at Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles, (877) 388-9508 or www.ClassicMotorcyclesDetroit.com or by calling Motor City Harley-Davidson, (248) 473-7433 or visiting www.motorcityharley.com

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# A century of memories

## Centenarian looks at a life shaped by Detroit's auto heyday

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ethel Spielman's story is a Detroit story.

Mrs. Spielman, who lives in the Independence Village senior citizens complex in Plymouth Township, was born just as Detroit was establishing itself as the world's 20th Century automotive capital. For more than 60 years, her life in the city was shaped by that boom.

Now, at age 100 — her birthday was Sunday — she has outlived Detroit's manufacturing heyday, and moved, with the city and the region, into a challenging new century.

"I always had a car," said Mrs. Spielman on Saturday as she visited with a niece and nephew, Penny and Chuck Kipley, and a live-in caretaker, Brenda Butler.

The conversation centers on other common Detroit experiences of the time: streetcar trips to school, movies at neighborhood theaters and downtown movie palaces like the Fox, shopping "all the time" at the downtown J.L. Hudson store, and dining out at Stouffer's restaurants (forerunners of today's food line of the same name).

Born to Edward and Lena Sheldon, Ethel lived with her family on Detroit's southwest side in her early years; her father worked on the city's streetcars and her mother was a laundress. In the late teens, the Sheldons moved to DeSoto, in the area of Fenkell and Livernois, where there were still wild blackberry fields nearby, the family said.

Mrs. Spielman attended Commerce High School,



Ethel Spielman is 100 years old.

a school for girls and the counterpart to Cass Technical, graduating in 1928. Like so many in Detroit then, she had a manufacturing-centered career: she was a stenographer and record-keeper at Thompson Products (later absorbed into what became TRW) and at U.S. Broach, a specialty machining company.

She married in 1935; husband George Spielman, who had come to the city with a brother, Wade, to find work, worked in the automobile industry and retired from Hamtramck's Dodge Main plant, where he had been a supervisor, in the 1970s. Wade Spielman married Ethel's sister Myrtle; Penny Kipley's mother, Florence, was the oldest of the three sisters.

The Spielmans, who had no children, were inseparable, except for George's three-year stint in the U.S. Army during World War II. He had a desk job at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri.

"When he went in the service, I was left alone," Mrs.



Ethel Spielman and her husband George visit the 1939 New York World's Fair.

Spielman said. Nevertheless, it was "not too bad, because I knew that he had to go," she added.

In their leisure time, the Spielmans traveled the country — almost always by car, her niece said. Mrs. Spielman has flown on an airplane only once.

They went to New York, Chicago, New Orleans, California and other destinations, Penny Kipley said, and annually to Florida, where they stayed in a resort on the Gulf Coast.

"We went every year" for about 15 years. "Had a good time," Mrs. Spielman said.

In addition to travel, she liked movies, early television shows with stars like Lucille

Ball, Dean Martin and Arthur Godfrey, and playing card games, something that arthritic fingers would make difficult now.

The Spielmans lived on Sussex on Detroit's northwest side for years, and in 1978 moved to an apartment complex in Northville Township. George Spielman died in the 1990s.

Penny Kipley said her aunt was always supportive as she and her first husband, Paul Bergamo, who died in 1972, were raising their three children in Redford Township.

"She helped us out a lot," she said, explaining that her aunt would babysit the children and take them shopping for school outfits. When

Penny's brother Leonard Swisher, then 13, came to live with them in 1960 after their mother died, Mrs. Spielman helped care for him, too.

Mrs. Spielman celebrated the century mark Sunday with the Kipleys, who live in Traverse City and visit



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Ethel Spielman received over 80 cards wishing her a Happy Birthday.

once a month, and a grand-niece, Denise Carter, and her husband, Mike, of Livonia. Leonard Swisher, of Louisville, Ky., also paid a visit to his great-aunt.

"She was really surprised" and pleased with Swisher's visit, Penny Kipley said Wednesday.

Butler, the live-in aide, described Mrs. Spielman as quiet. "She doesn't complain about anything. She just goes with the flow," she said. Another aide, Barb Chandler, rotates shifts with Butler to care for Mrs. Spielman around the clock.

Mrs. Spielman has several favorite foods, including ham, hot dogs, pink lemonade and chocolate, which she asks for often.

"We have a deal: You eat good, you get chocolate," Butler said.

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### DINNER

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children's essay and family dinner photo, one for a teenager's essay and family photo and one for a couple's essay and family photo.

Other prizes include a copy of *Let's Fix Dinner*, by award-winning author and illustrator Todd Parr (child's prize) and movie tickets to Emagine Theater.

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For more information on Family Day, see [www.casafamilyday.org](http://www.casafamilyday.org). Sharon Dargay can be reached online at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com) or (313) 222-8883.

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## Cox named city's police chief

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nearly 10 months after assuming the duties of chief of the Plymouth Police Department, Allen Cox Jr. can scratch the word "acting" from his title.

Cox, 41, was promoted on Monday, named Plymouth's police chief and public safety director by a 6-0 vote of the Plymouth City Commission (Commissioner John Barrett was absent).

A 12-year member of the department, he had been a lieutenant, and, since Wayne Carroll retired at the end of October 2009, the acting chief.

"He's going to make an outstanding leader for our department. He's going to be an asset to our city leadership team," said City Manager Paul Sincock in introducing a measure to appoint Cox.

Clerk Linda Langmesser swore in the new chief, and Mayor Dan Dwyer presented him with new gold badges.

"It's a great privilege to have you wear that badge on behalf of the city," Dwyer said.

The mayor drew laughter when he produced a paper sign with the chief's name on it instead of the traditional wood-and-metal desk nameplate. "Paul wants you to know there's been some budget cuts," Dwyer said.

After the meeting, Cox was congratulated by commissioners and posed for pictures with family members: wife Suzanne; a daughter, Chloe; and parents Allen Cox Sr. and Becky Cox. Another daughter, Alexandria, was at a dance



Plymouth Clerk Linda Langmesser swears in Lt. Al Cox as the city's new police chief, officially removing the term "acting" from his title.



Cox

Chief Cox said he expects a smooth transition — considering he's been doing the job for nearly a year.

"I'm looking forward to it. ... I've got a great group of guys," he said, adding: "And gal" in reference to Officer Jennifer

Dergis.

The appointment comes a month after city officials received a report on a study of Plymouth's police, firefighting and emergency medical services, a study that included suggestions for cutting costs. Two of the options involve transitioning to a public safety department, in which police officers would be trained to be firefighters and medical first responders.

Cox said his promotion doesn't signal that officials have picked one direction over another. All options remain on the table, he said.

The chief, who grew up in Canton Township, said "there's a lot more good than bad" in Plymouth.

"This city's been good to me," he said. "It's a great place to work."

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## Tempers flare at local store, but manager, patron disagree on cause

A 47-year-old Plymouth Township man was warned by police to stay away from a local convenience store after a manager there accused him of causing a ruckus on Saturday evening.

But the man told a different story, in which he was cheated by an automated teller machine and began yelling only when the store manager yelled at him, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report.

The incident unfolded shortly after 8 p.m. at the Quick Pick on Lilley north of Joy Road, the police report said. The store manager told police the man was angered by being charged a \$2 service fee at the store's ATM, and that he, the manager, responded that he didn't control the bank machine or the fees it charges.

The patron then began cursing, the manager told police, and knocking items off the shelves. The manager told him to leave, the report said, and he did so, but not before he knocked down a display of motor oil, according to the manager.

The manager was able to get the license plate number of the man's vehicle, and police tracked him to a nearby apartment complex.

He told police the store's ATM had given him only half of the money he had asked for, and that he became frustrated, police said. But only when the store manager yelled at him did he yell back, he said.

### CRIME WATCH

Police left after telling the man that if he visited the store again it would be considered trespassing.

### Truck theft

A 2008 Dodge Dakota was reported stolen Saturday from outside a business on Pilot Drive in the township.

The complainant told police he had parked the pickup there at about 6:30 p.m. Friday and returned shortly after midnight Saturday to find it missing. He had been leasing the truck and had just one week left on the lease, he told police.

### Car break-in

A purse, with cash and credit cards in it, was reported stolen from Sept. 16 from a car parked outside Bally's Total Fitness on Ann Arbor Road.

A window on the Volkswagen Jetta had been broken out, police said. The break-in occurred between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sept. 16.

### Vandalism

Six solar-powered landscaping lights were vandalized late Friday or early Saturday outside a house on Ash Court in the township.

The damage occurred between about 9:30 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday, the complainant told police.

By Matt Jachman

### FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Sept. 15-21:

- Tuesday, Sept. 21 — Residential rescue runs on Sheridan, on Shadywood and on Northville Road; vehicle accident with wash-down at Ann Arbor Road and I-275; investigations on Evergreen south of Ann Arbor Trail and on Shadywood.

- Monday, Sept. 20 — Residential rescue runs on Tyler, on Riveredge, on Burning Tree, on Main, on Evergreen and on Cassaday Place; rescue run to a public building on Plymouth Road; vehicle accident with wash-down on Ann Arbor Trail; mutual-aid-given run on Ladywood; rescue run on Ann Arbor Road.

- Sunday, Sept. 19 — Residential rescue runs on Sheridan and on Princeton; industrial rescue run on Five Mile; commercial rescue run on Five Mile; vehicle accident on eastbound M-14 at Ridge; vehicle fire on westbound M-14 and Ridge.

- Saturday, Sept. 18 — Rescue run on M-14; residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Meadow and on Ann Arbor Trail; special run on Northville Road; commercial rescue runs on Beck; downed wires on Mast.

- Friday, Sept. 17 — Commercial rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road; residential rescue runs on Brownell, on John Alden, on Northville Road, on Penniman and on Newport.

- Thursday, Sept. 16 — Residential rescue runs on Hilltop, on Northville Road, on Palmer, on Brownell, on Clemons and on Deer; industrial rescue run on Anchor Court; vehicle accident at Beck and Ann Arbor Trail.

- Wednesday, Sept. 15 — Rescue run at public buildings on N. Territorial and on Haggerty; commercial rescue run on Haggerty; industrial rescue runs on Sheldon and on Mast; special run at Ridge and Woodway; residential rescue runs on Wilson, on Brownell and on Marguerite; vehicle accidents at Joy and Tavistock and on northbound I-275 at M-14; rescue runs on eastbound M-14 at Beck and at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road.

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**FIEGEL**  
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Wayne County and state averages. In the 2009-10 school year, for the first time since the federal adequate yearly progress program was mandated, all of Plymouth-Canton's schools, with the exception of the Starkweather alternative education center, achieved AYP status.

Fiegel's team also produced a balanced budget despite the sagging Michigan economy and a declining foundation allowance from the state, drawing praise for the participatory budget process that had local residents providing input into budget decisions.

However, scores on Fiegel's annual evaluation dropped this year in areas directly attrib-

able to him. While rating him at 2.47 (on a scale of 1-5) in leadership, board members said Fiegel had "positive leadership examples," but expressed concern he "did not display enough leadership on long-range planning" and said he "needs to increase collaboration with Board and staff."

In a letter e-mailed this week to board members, Fiegel called Plymouth-Canton an "outstanding district" and said he'd welcome discussion of a contract extension, going so far as to offer to take a pay cut in deference to the economic climate.

"As there are several administrative-level retirements in this coming year, I feel it is important to ensure the appropriate stability in order to ensure the district's continued success," Fiegel wrote. "An

extension would be beneficial to the district to ensure continuity to the excellent progress and the district's current direction."

Fiegel said he likes the people in Plymouth-Canton, and that people here have "been very supportive."

"I feel like most recently a lot of people have stepped up trying to be supportive, and I was surprised to see that," Fiegel said. "A lot of times in a big district, it's 'Who cares,' in some regards. I don't want to abandon the good work we've done."

Board Treasurer Judy Mardigian, who voted in support of Fiegel's hiring two years ago, said she believes Fiegel has a right to look out for himself.

"Obviously, he has a right to do that," Mardigian said. "I think Walled Lake is a good school district, I can see why it

might be attractive. He has the right to look at what else is out there."

Board Vice President Barry Simescu said Fiegel's decision to seek another job leaves him "a little sad."

"I'd sure like him to stay in Plymouth-Canton," Simescu said. "I've said that all along, and I still feel that way."

Dianne Gonzalez, the only "no" vote when Fiegel was hired two years ago, said simply, "I wish him well."

Board Secretary Nancy Eggenberger said she "would be very disappointed to see (Fiegel) leave."

"He's doing an excellent job for our school district, and I hope the board will renew his contract," Eggenberger said.

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**WALLED LAKE WISH-LIST**

The five candidates to become the next superintendent of Walled Lake Schools:

**Craig Fiegel:** Current superintendent in Plymouth-Canton; 33 years educational experience; Ph.D., educational leadership, Kansas State University

**Paul DeAngelis:** Current deputy superintendent for education services, Birmingham Public Schools; 19 years experience; Ph.D. in educational leadership, Oakland University (expected December 2012); master's in public administration, University of Michigan.

**Dr. George Heitsch:** Current superintendent, Avondale School District; 34 years experience; Ed.D. in curriculum, Wayne State; master's in classroom teaching, Michigan State

**Kenneth Gutman:** Current superintendent, Lake Orion Community Schools; 18 years experience; Ed.D in curriculum and instruction, Wayne State University (expected December 2011)

**Christopher Hammill:** Current superintendent, Owosso Public Schools; 14 years experience; master's in education, Wayne State University

**AROUND PLYMOUTH**

**Color blind**

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

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

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

**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.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html>.

For more information, call 734-455-8940 or e-mail [secretary@plymouthhistory.org](mailto:secretary@plymouthhistory.org).

**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)



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# Steppin' out

Hometown marchers tuning up and marching out in force

BY DIANE HANSON  
CORRESPONDENT

There's a chill in the air and the hues of fall are beginning to tinge the leaves. That can mean only one thing for the musical marching fans in the Plymouth and Canton communities — the award-winning, nationally acclaimed P-CEP Marching Band is getting ready to take the field for the 2010 competition season.

And they'll be taking the field in force this year at 215 members strong, up from 170 last year.

"A good portion of the band, about one-third, is freshmen," noted David Armbruster, Director of Bands at the Park. "Some really good talent came up from all the middle schools, so it is a good group of kids we are seeing this year. Sheldon (Frazier, associate director) has been a big part of that. He's been pretty much in charge of the recruitment effort."

That recruitment effort has paid off not only with the talented new instrumentalists and color guard members, but also with a 24-member choir that will be an integral part of the nearly 10-minute show to be performed at local, state and regional competitions as well as at the Grand National Championships in Indianapolis.

"Our show is called 'The Source' and it's about dark vs. light," said Plymouth junior Michael Wolf, one of three drum majors this year along with junior Grace Wine and senior Kaitlyn Tracy. "Wherever there is darkness, there is always a glimmer of light and light always tri-



Trumpeters Jeana Banka and Nick Ayoub practice music and steps to this year's competition program, "The Source."

umphs over darkness.

"What excites me most this year is the challenge of putting this show together," added Wolf. "It is logistically difficult. There have been other bands that have done shows with a dark and light theme, but nobody does it like Plymouth. We are going to be one of those bands that come out this year and people are going to say we are

unreal."

Armbruster agrees. "It's going to be a show I think a lot of people are going to talk about," he said. "The kids really have the opportunity to do some great things and they have the potential to maximize their performance level."

And they are on target to do just that with more than six minutes of the show



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band warms up on a late summer afternoon. This year's band, including tubas (from left) Scott Hawkins, Rebecca Krupp, Anna Marchesano, Madelyn Momano, Alexandra Lemieux, and Scott Davison; Katie Nymberg on baritone; and William Garcia on trumpet; features 215 musicians, vocalists and color guard.



Fields of dreams are in motion on most afternoons at Plymouth High School. While the Plymouth freshman, junior varsity and varsity football teams practice in the background, the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band perfects marching technique and memorizes drill and music, all dreaming of future success on the gridiron.

already on the field. Three weeks of intense at-home August band camps with many 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. practice days have been instrumental in giving the hometown marchers a substantial head start.

"Last year at this time we

had less than two minutes," said Armbruster, who took the reins as director last summer. "And there are some extraordinary props that will be used this year."

It's shaping up to be an incredible show and plans are to have everything on the field for

a complete production by the band's premier performance at the Great Lakes Invitational on the home gridiron Oct. 2.

"I think if people come to our shows, they will understand why we love marching band and why we work as hard as we do," said Wolf.

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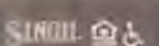
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Canton 'princess' off to national competition

Selia Rendon of Canton recently won the title of National American Miss princess at a pageant held at the Troy Marriott.

Selia, the daughter of Adrian and Monique Rendon, was judged on interview skills, formal wear, personal introduction and community service.

According to Monique Rendon, her daughter won categories including photogenic, most promising model and was first-runner-up in talent, casual-wear modeling, best thank you note and Miss Personality. For her efforts, her mother said, Selia won a \$1,000 cash prize, a trio to Disney World, and a tour of Hollywood. She also won a \$1,300 modeling scholarship.

The 7-year-old will be involved in community service and have the opportunity to meet the governor. An honor roll student, Selia, a second-grader who has danced since she was 3, will compete for the national title in Anaheim, Calif., in November.

Handcrafters show

Handcrafters Fall Fair welcomes world renowned doll maker Audrey Swarz, who got her start at Handcrafters 20 years ago. Swarz loves meeting



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her collectors and looks forward to coming back to where it all began - Handcrafters Northville. Collectors recognize Swarz for her sculpted one-of-a-kind dolls. Swarz began making dolls as gifts for family members and friends 20 years ago.

The fair takes place at the Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main in Northville, Oct. 8-10. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3 at the door.

Swarz is just one the more than 70 hand-selected, juried artists and craftspeople who will be showcasing their work at the

Handcrafters Fall Fair. Artists from glass design, gourmet foods, jewelry, original fashions, home and floral decor, personal care and many more will all be exhibiting at the event.

For more information, or pictures from one of Handcrafter's events, please e-mail Stephanie Jones at handcraftersunltd@yahoo.com. Pictures are also available on the show's website at www.hcshows.com.

Just Once piano

Traditional piano teachers might not approve, but thousands have learned the secret of how to play piano with the chord method.

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Chill at Joe and benefit First Step

First Step, along with honorary chair WXYZ-TV's Carolyn Clifford, are inviting families to chill out for a good cause with Chill at the Joe 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10.

The family friendly event at Joe Louis Arena will help raise needed funds to support First Step and its mission to help women and families overcome domestic violence and sexual abuse.

Chill at the Joe will feature a variety of crafts, games, entertainment, all-you-can-eat "game day fare," as well as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to tour the Red Wing's locker



Jay Thompson of Livonia rests on the boards as his 8-year-old nephew, Jack Boyk, also of Livonia, enjoys skating at the Joe Louis Arena.

room. Guests can also bring their skates or rent a pair of skates to take a few laps on the ice at Joe Louis Arena and participate in hockey feats of skill.

"Everyone had a wonderful time at the event last year. It was inspiring to see so much support from the community," said Judy Ellis, executive director of First Step. "It's an affordable, fun-filled event for all members of the family, at the same time helping other families to overcome violence."

"First Step works hard to make every dollar count towards its services for victims and their families. The financial support raised at the event will improve the lives of the women and children who rely on the organization for help," said Clifford.

Tickets for the event can be purchased through Theresa Bizoe at (734) 416-1111 or tbi-zoefs@gmail.com for \$30 per adult, \$20 for kids or \$100 per family. Net proceeds from sponsorships, silent auction and ticket sales will be donated to First Step.

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Cerella, Annie and Eleana Zhuang of Canton enjoy the entertainment at Saturday's Chinese Moon Festival.

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# Moon walk

## Chinese festival brings romance to the park

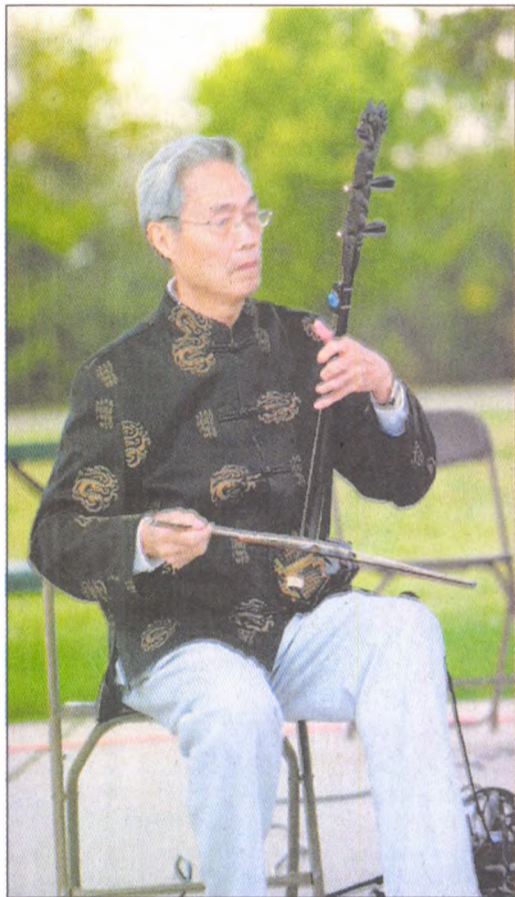
Traditionally, the Chinese Moon Festival, organizers say, is a perfect opportunity for romance, with its moon cakes, wine and the full moon.

Once the weather cleared Saturday, the scores of people who found their way to Heritage Park Saturday got exactly that: A nice, romantic evening.

The event, put on by Canton Leisure Services, featured strolls around the reflective ponds with friends and family, and folks walking hand-in-hand with a loved one surrounded by the picturesque scenery of one of the most beautiful spots in Canton.

According to organizers, just like Christmas or Thanksgiving is a major holiday in the West, the Moon Festival is one of the most important traditional events for the Chinese. Celebrated in the autumn, the Moon Festival is an occasion for families to reunite. When the full moon rises, families gather together to watch the full moon, eat scrumptious moon cakes, and sing moon poems.

Much poetry has been devoted to this romantic festival. The Chinese Moon Festival is full of legendary stories, organizers say, one of which legend says that Chang Er flew to the moon, where she has lived ever since. She is known to dance on the moon during the Festival.



Shiyou Chen of the Kalamazoo Folk Music Ensemble plays the two-string fiddle at Saturday's Chinese Moon Festival in Canton's Heritage Park.



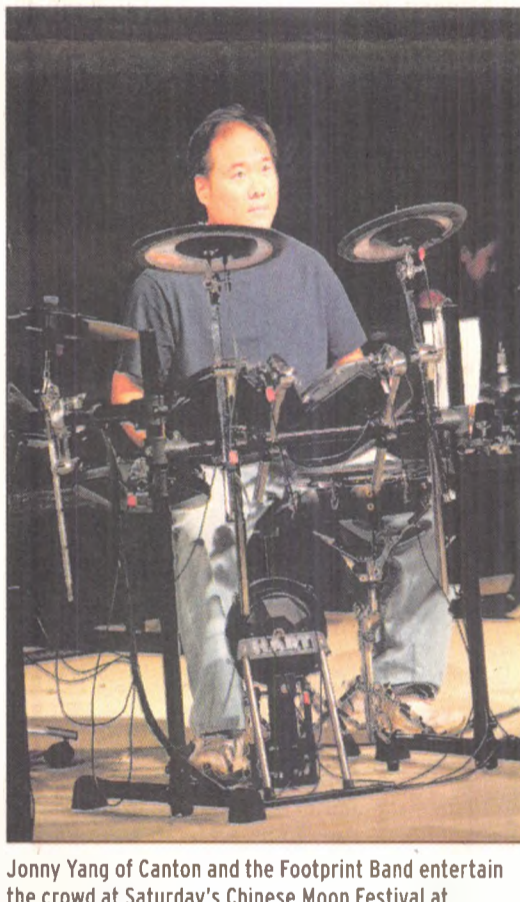
Alyssa Yang helps Hsiao-Yen Lai sell rice cakes and Moon Pies during the Chinese Moon Festival Saturday. Both Alyssa and Hsiao-Yen are from Canton.



Jie McCardle of the Kalamazoo Chinese Folk Music Ensemble plays the Hulusi at Canton's Chinese Moon Festival.



Aileen You performs at Canton's Chinese Moon Festival.



Jonny Yang of Canton and the Footprint Band entertain the crowd at Saturday's Chinese Moon Festival at Heritage Park.



Aileen and sister Connie You, both from Northville, play the Pipa.



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## OUR VIEWS

# Renew Fiegel

## Board should settle contract issue with Plymouth-Canton school chief

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has shifted the focus of its meeting Tuesday from regular business to a workshop designed to discuss a more well-defined evaluation and goal-setting process, both for the board and the superintendent.



Fiegel

While they're at it, they should settle one of the most important decisions they'll have to face this year and renew the contract of Craig Fiegel, the district's superintendent.

The decision became a much more pressing one with the news Fiegel, in the absence of any movement by the Plymouth-Canton board to keep him, is interviewing tonight (Thursday) for the same position in Walled Lake. Since Walled Lake wants its new boss in place by Nov. 1, a decision on Fiegel's future here is imperative.

It's tough to blame Fiegel for his frustration. In the two years since the board hired him, his administration has been able to keep the district's budget in check — despite the sagging Michigan economy and in spite of a projection that looks bleak when the federal stimulus well dries up — and test scores continue to rise. For the first time, all of the district's schools, with the exception of Starkweather alternative education center, made the grade on the federal Adequate Yearly Progress standards.

That's a lot of success, and the lion's share of the credit goes to teachers and students and department staffers. The district has an incredible reputation as a center of learning, and if you ask local Realtors it's often a destination district for people contemplating a home purchase.

**The split is fairly obvious. When a story was written on the subject at the time of Fiegel's evaluation, three board members — President Steven Sneiderman, Vice President Barry Simescu and Secretary Nancy Eggenberger — were willing to share their positive opinions on the record. Two other board members — Trustees Dianne Gonzalez and John Jackson — said it was inappropriate to speculate at the time. Treasurer Judy Mardigian and Trustee Adrienne Gonzalez didn't even return calls.**

But it's all happening under Fiegel's watch and, like the head coach of a football team, he deserves to reap the benefit of his organization's success.

Yet, it's clear some board members aren't satisfied. Fiegel's end-of-year evaluation wasn't all that great; the lower scores were in areas attributable directly to his performance. Board members haven't been entirely clear about what constitutes achieving particular goals, a concern that prompted calls for

Tuesday's workshop to more clearly define them.

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Walled Lake may not be the only district to come calling. As Eggenberger pointed out at a meeting last week, several other districts — she also pointed to Ann Arbor, Northville and Novi — are going to be looking for new superintendents by the end of the 2010-11 school year. Why wouldn't they look at a leader who is at the end of his contract with a district that has achieved the level of success Plymouth-Canton has reached?

Fiegel has made some mistakes, and he'd be the first to admit that. He didn't understand the political undercurrent in the district, and asked in hindsight he'd probably interact differently with the veteran staff he inherited. But whatever squabbles have surfaced internally, nothing has stopped the district from achieving great success.

We believe the board should renew Fiegel's contract now, and if they need more convincing, we think community leaders who support Fiegel should step forward and voice that support. If the board isn't going to renew him, trustees should stop tip-toeing around the issue and make that decision now. It's fair to Fiegel and, whether you like his performance or not, he's worked hard enough to deserve that consideration.

It's fair to the district, because it lets people know whether Plymouth-Canton will yet again be searching for another superintendent. And it's fair to people who might apply to come here, because it gives them time to decide if they want to come to a district that has had a revolving door on its superintendent's office. Quality leaders looking for job security may think twice about coming to a district which has had five superintendents in 16 years.

Contractually, the board has until later in the year to inform Fiegel of their decision. Trustees should spare the district the uncertainty — and avoid the distraction — and renew his contract now.

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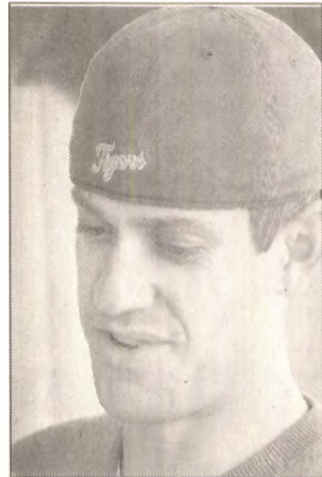
### Do you think the Tea Party is good for American democracy?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"I think it's good. ... With taxes, it's going to be good."

Brandon Underwood  
Canton Township



"I don't have any idea about the Tea Party."

John Huhn  
Plymouth Township



"Yes, I do, because it just might shake up these politicians. We certainly can't go the way we're going."

Mary Ann Sullivan  
Plymouth Township



"Diversity of opinion is always good for a free society, as long as people keep it within the system. ... It's important that all movements be honest with their alleged facts."

Marvin Stempien  
Plymouth Township

## LETTERS

### Support for Colbeck

There is no denying the changes going on in our country today. Voters are voicing their unhappiness with the economic situation and also looking for candidates that do not "toe to the party line."

I have met and talked to Pat Colbeck numerous times and read his position statements and am convinced this small businessman with a "hands-on" attitude and a reputation for hard work, and not stooping to negativity or partisanship, is the ideal candidate for these times.

Pat Colbeck is not a special interest candidate or a party insider. He is an independent thinker and listener who lives, works and volunteers in his community and is running to do what is right, not what is politically expedient.

Pat Colbeck has no agenda other than serving the people of his district. He will not just be another senator who goes along with the Senate majority leader. Pat Colbeck for state Senate would be the best vote you could cast.

Vasu Kotha  
Canton

### Study unacceptable

In response to the recently released public safety report (International City/County Management Association, i.e., city managers), I find the options totally unacceptable. We paid \$68,000 for them to suggest that we have a 12-hour-per-day fire department!

So, if I have a fire at my house, or I have a heart attack, outside of the 12-hour "window," I get second-class service. How outrageous

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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is that! I will try and schedule my life-threatening emergencies around the study's time frames.

I couldn't make the city commission meeting due to the recent death of my dad (which the Plymouth Fire Department assisted him on at least three occasions in the last month while he was in hospice, and of which I am deeply appreciative), but this study is unacceptable.

Bloomfield Township recently passed a public safety millage based on the fact that it wouldn't increase the actual tax "dollars paid" from those paid in 2005. The millage "rate" is irrelevant. Tell me what my total property tax dollars owed is going to be next

year based on my current property value, and if that is going to be less than I paid in 2005.

Put a millage "rate" increase on the ballot, and let us voters decide to keep our public safety intact! We need not pay any more dollars than we paid in 2005! We want and need our police and fire departments.

Tom Kelly  
Plymouth

### Position too rigid

Three members of the Plymouth-Canton school board recently took the administration to task for portions of the new Student Code of Conduct.

I have been very proud to know the three board members involved. The hard work they do for the kids of our district draws my admiration and gratitude. That's why I was surprised to find them taking such a rigid position in response to the district assuming a more rational policy than the previous "Zero Tolerance" policy toward drug distribution.

Under the board's direction, our district has done a good job of putting a talented administration in place. Those administrators deserve policies that allow them to temper the blind imposition of rules with a bit of common sense.

Any policy that could force a kid to be suspended for loaning a friend an aspirin is sorely in need of reform. Our school administration had the guts to do so. I hope the Board of Education will not try to overturn that decision.

Bob Nelson  
Canton

# Public safety study points to tough road ahead for Plymouth city officials

An uphill battle, a can of worms, political suicide, the devil will be in the details — whatever metaphor you want to pick, there's no question officials in Plymouth have given themselves a tough assignment in beginning a public conversation about how to cut the cost of delivering police, firefighting and emergency medical services.



Matt Jachman

That's one of the few things that can be said on the topic with any certainty at this point following the release last month of a \$68,000 study by the International City/County Management Association.

The ICMA was asked to examine how police, firefighters and medical first responders in Plymouth now operate, and how they could, perhaps, operate more efficiently, and at less cost, over the long haul.

The resulting study, well over 100 pages, is full of facts, figures, charts and references to police and fire records. Response times, staffing levels, incident types and how police officers and firefighters manage the many tasks involved in their jobs are discussed at length, and five reorganization proposals, all of which would result in staffing changes at the Plymouth Community

Fire Department, are broadly outlined.

So, too, are a variety of smaller steps the authors say could save money or boost efficiency or both, such as equipping police patrol cars with automated heart defibrillators, training officers to use them, and offering such training to citizens as a multipronged approach to rescuing heart attack victims. (The study is available via the city's website, www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.)

Opposition to the proposals materialized quickly, with firefighters writing a response to the study and reviving their argument that the fire department should start transporting more people to hospitals when it responds to medical emergencies, instead of handing off a majority of the transports to the nonprofit, but private, Huron Valley Ambulance. More patient transports, they argue, will allow the fire department to bill patients for the service and thus recover some of the costs associated with the department, or even turn a profit.

Plymouth Township officials, who manage the fire department with input from the city under an intergovernmental agreement, have dismissed the idea of increasing patient transports, but in light of the study's reorganization proposals, all of which would lead to cuts in the number

of full-time jobs in the department, perhaps the idea is worth a closer look.

More transports or no, city officials are preparing to examine the study and act on its findings. Mayor Dan Dwyer said Friday that he doesn't want to rush the process, but that he doesn't expect the City Commission to still be discussing it a year from now, either. Both the commission and the township Board of Trustees have formed subcommittees to take an in-depth look at the topic, and officials in the two communities say they'll work together.

It's not going to be an easy task, with public safety careers and public safety — and perceptions the city's safety — on the line. But the money budgeted in Plymouth for police and fire alone this year is about 56 percent of the total general fund — nearly \$4 million. That means everything else — recreation, government, public infrastructure, building and grounds maintenance, constituent services — competes for the rest. With state revenue continuing to fall as Michigan lawmakers cut the state budget, and no significant increase in property taxes foreseen, the current course is, to coin a phrase, simply unsustainable.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Applauding administration**

After watching the recent school board meeting, I applaud the school administration's effort to move away from unreasonable drug policies that require the same penalties for incidents involving aspirin as those involving illegal, dangerous drugs.

I am disappointed and disturbed to see that some school board members are considering disregarding the recommendation of our education professionals by reverting to the previous draconian policies.

After reading the new code of conduct on the district website it is clear to me that we need to go even further because as it reads an incident involving aspirin still requires a minimum four-day suspension.

I want safe schools as all parents do; however, we need policies that target illegal, dan-

gerous drugs but don't also remove innocent kids from the classroom for actions that are not unreasonable either in school or out in the world.

**Tim Roraback**  
Plymouth

**Better off with GOP**

Since we've had recent history of Republicans leading Congress (1995 to 2006) and Democrats in control (2007 to present), it is easy to compare results of the two parties, as follows:

- The average unemployment rate during Republican control was under 5.0 percent, and was about 4.6 percent when they ceded control to the Democrats. Under Democrat control, it has now more than doubled.
- The federal deficit averaged \$200 billion

per year under the Republicans. It is now averaging \$1.2 trillion per year under the Democrats.

• Housing values increased about 3 percent per year under the Republicans, and decreased about 9 percent per year under Democrat control.

• The stock market increased by an average of 16 percent per year during the Republican years; it decreased about 5 percent per year under the Democrats.

Maybe some of the Democrats she's concerned about are worried about their jobs, homes and 401(k)s and are waking up to this realization: A Republican-led Congress is a much better steward of the U.S. economy than a Democrat-led Congress.

**Rick Engelland**  
Northville

'Aspirin' example clouds changes to Code of Conduct



**Dianne Gonzalez**

sequences if they decide to share with your child?

This year, in tandem with these Student Code of Conduct changes, the

Educational Park restructured the method in which major discipline is administered. As I understand it, from the explanation presented to the board, rather than have one administrator in charge of discipline, all 13 administrators now handle discipline for assigned groups of students.

That means 13 individuals, some of them new administrators, are being asked to read and interpret ambiguous new language in the Student Code of Conduct. We are fortunate to have great administrators at the Educational Park. With the ambiguous language, I am concerned with the ability to determine equitable and consistent consequences.

I am only one school board member. I am very committed to the safety and security of all of the students at the Park. It is a wonderful, big place. Clear, consistent expectations is a proper focus. Objective consequences are also imperative to the safety of all students.

The board needs to thoroughly review these Student Code of Conduct changes and determine if the changes reflect the word and intent of the Board Policies. District Policy 5530 states we are a Drug-Free School District. In order to achieve this goal, I believe we must be tough on those that use drugs and those who distribute drugs. The School Board consists of reasonable people. I am confident we can give the proper direction to the administrators and the students to make this a safe place for our employees to work and our children to learn.

Dianne Gonzalez, a Plymouth Township resident, is a member of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education.

Learn to know the ins and outs of annuities

After reading an article about annuities in a non-financial magazine, it is clear there is a misunderstanding about what annuities are and who, if anyone, should invest in them. Annuities are contracts with insurance companies. There are two basic types — variable and fixed.

Even though there are similarities between the two, they also have major differences. The similarities are the tax consequences. Money in an annuity grows tax deferred. An investor is taxed when the money is withdrawn. When the money is withdrawn the income is taxed at one's ordinary income bracket, not the favorable capital gain bracket. In addition, if money is withdrawn prior to age 59½ there could be adverse tax consequences.

Where fixed and variable annuities differ dramatically is regarding how the money is invested. A variable annuity offers many investment vehicles. Typically, these are mutual funds which will include a variety of equity and bond funds. The return as an investor is based upon the performance of the underlying investments. In a traditional



**Money Matters**

**Rick Bloom**

fixed annuity, the investor receives a guaranteed rate of return.

With this option the insurance company typically invests your money in a variety of government and investment grade corporate bonds. The key difference between variable and fixed annuities is how the money is invested and the return. In a variable annuity, the investor bears the risk. With a fixed annuity the risk is with the insurance company.

There is also a fixed annuity (known as equity-indexed) in which the investor receives a guaranteed rate of return. However, the return can go up based upon the performance of the stock market. With these types of annuities, in addition to buying U.S. Treasury and government bonds for the portfolio, the insurance company also buys some options on various indexes of the stock market. If the stock market performs well, the return can rise. On

the other hand, if the market does not perform, the principal is not at risk.

Throughout my investment career I have recommended different types of annuities for different situations.

My advice constantly changes because the economic environment changes and tax laws change. The changes impact these types of investments.

What also changes is the investment products as companies add new features. Some benefit the investor while others are not so good. What made sense five years ago may not make sense today. The issue is what is good today.

In today's economic environment, I have a hard time recommending that anyone take new money and invest it into a variable annuity.

Although variable annuities grow tax deferred, they are not tax-friendly. Income taxed at ordinary income is not taxed at the favorable capital gain rate. Thus a variable annuity can double one's taxes, not lower them.

Another downside — penalties and fees associated with many of products. The hid-

den fees and expenses some insurance companies place on these annuities make them inappropriate investment vehicles.

Fixed annuities (both traditional and equity index) can be appropriate investment vehicles for someone looking for an investment that has preservation of principal as its primary goal. There are many of these types of annuities that are investor-friendly and make sense for a conservative portion of someone's portfolio. However, not all fixed annuities are the same. Even though fixed annuities make sense for many investors, be very cautious before purchasing one.

In these challenging economic times, annuities are an investment vehicle that many people are exploring. My advice is to avoid variable annuities and focus on fixed annuities, whether traditional or equity-index.

Remember to always understand what you're investing in prior to signing on the dotted line.

Good luck!

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### Let it Reign

The U13 Plymouth Reign 98 Girls soccer team recently made it to the finals at the Autumn Blast Tournament in Petoskey. The squad experienced a penalty kick shootout and overtime playoff, part of an exceptional weekend. Pictured in the back row (from left) are Camilla Brown, Jordan Anheuser, Erin Heitzman, Taylor Mac, Anna DeBiasi, Jessica Paulson, Sydney Sullivan and coach Yao Kra. The front row (from left) includes Kara Hutchison, Emily Raymo, Nicole Clark, Sarah Bloem, Samantha McGrath, Kaya Knake and Ally Malec.

### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### Fall golf classes

Fall classes at Hickory Creek Golf Course are now accepting students to work with PGA professional Tami Bealert. Among offerings: New to Golf (6-7 p.m. Tuesdays); Basic Golf Fitness (6-7 p.m. Wednesdays); Golf Kinematics (7-8:30 p.m. Mondays) and — for kids — “Little Linksters” (ages 5-7) and “Junior Golfers” for ages 8-10. To register, go to www.TrainwithTami.com or call Bealert at (734) 731-0238. Hickory Creek is located just west of Canton, off of Ford-Napier roads.

#### Co-ed soccer leagues

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

and one game per week on Saturdays. The program cost is \$64 for program members or \$96 for community members. **Girls on the Run** Late registration is ongoing for Girls on the Run of Greater Detroit, an affiliate program of the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit. Girls on the Run is a life-changing, experiential learning program that uses running to educate and prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living. During the 10-week season, girls in grades 3-8 meet twice a week with trained coaches who lead them through fun games, uplifting workouts, and themed discussions on topics like dealing with body image and the media, resisting peer-pressure, making healthy decisions, and contributing to their community. The season concludes with all

girls completing a service project in their communities and running or walking in a special, non-competitive 5k event for Girls on the Run participants and their families. The 20-lesson program costs \$105.00 and is open to all girls in eligible grades at participating schools. Up to 15 girls will be accepted per team on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parents or guardians must be present in-person, may only register their own daughter(s), and should bring a form of payment. Registration and health history forms are available at the Plymouth YMCA with additional signups now being accepted in person, by fax or by mail at the Plymouth YMCA. Registrations will not be accepted at schools or by coaches. For more information, please contact the YMCA at 734-453-2904 or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

## Whalers ink area product Aleardi

There's more of a local flavor to the 2010-11 Plymouth Whalers, following the acquisition of Farmington Hills native Alex Aleardi from the Belleville Bulls. The 18-year-old-center was acquired from the Bulls in exchange for a pair of future second-round draft choices, one each in 2012 and 2013. Aleardi is a graduate of the Compuware Youth program who was originally selected by the Kitchener Rangers in the third round (43rd overall) in the 2008 Ontario Hockey League Draft. Announcing the trade Monday was Mike Vellucci, president, general manager and head coach of the Whalers. “We are very familiar with Alex,” Vellucci said. “We’ve already seen him play here at Compuware Arena. It’s great to be able to bring him back home.” Aleardi enjoyed his best offensive season in the OHL last year, scoring 16 goals with 25 assists for 41 points in 64 games split between Kitchener and Belleville. In all, Aleardi has scored 22 goals with 39 assists for 61 points and 146 penalty minutes in 129 career games.



PLYMOUTH WHALERS

The Plymouth Whalers this week obtained Farmington Hills native Alex Aleardi from the Belleville Bulls. He brings offensive potential, having led the OHL in preseason goal-scoring this month.

The Whalers are getting a player with big offensive potential as demonstrated by a five-goal performance Sept. 12 for Belleville. He was the OHL preseason goals leader with seven. Other Whalers with local ties include defenseman Austin Levi (Farmington Hills), Max Iafrate (Livonia) and winger Austin Mattson (Livonia). All players still in high school

attend classes at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Aleardi and the Whalers are preparing for the start of the 2010-11 season, which begins Thursday in Windsor against the two-time Memorial Cup champion Spitfires (7 p.m., WSDP 88.1FM). After playing in London on Friday, the Whalers host Barrie in the home opener 7 p.m. Saturday at Compuware Arena.

## WILDCATS

FROM PAGE B1 team defeated KLAA Central powerhouse Northville 27-28 on Tuesday at Cass Benton Park to improve to 2-0 on the season and show the Mustangs (1-1) they have stiff competition this year. Head coach Dave Gerlach, before the meet, described Northville as “the team to beat” in the division. Running 1-2 were Northville’s Clare Naughton (23:49) and Taylor Papp (24:06), followed by third-

place Salem sophomore Shannon Fitzpatrick with a mark of 24:07. Salem freshman Emily Marcero took fifth (24:15), with junior teammate Meghan Flynn in sixth with a time of 24:25. Also coming in under the 25-minute mark for the Rocks were sophomore Alexis Foley (24:35) and freshman Shannon Burke (24:51). At Friday’s Michigan State University Spartan Invitational at Forest Akers Golf Course, the Rocks finished seventh out of 29 teams with 249 points in the Elite race. Grand Haven (147) and

Traverse City Central (189) took the top two spots. For the Rocks, freshman Kayla Kavulich (12th, 18:56) and Victoria Tripp (26th, 19:20) earned personal bests and medals for their performances. Also with personal bests were Madison Goodpasture (74th, 20:26), Emily Bizon (79th, 20:34) and Kara Booms (86th, 20:37) from the varsity and JV runners Adrianna Beltran (20:37, 1st in JV division), Alejandra Beltran (20:41, 2nd JV), Amanda Beyer (21:06, 4th JV), Natasha Stevenson (21:18, 5th JV) and Phoebe VanHoof (21:55, 12th JV).

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## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

# Tutor Time focuses on unique learning experiences

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

**Tutor Time:** Tutor Time of Plymouth Township provides high quality care for children ages six weeks through 12 years. We are open from 6:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. to help meet the needs of today's working parents. Part of what sets us apart is our proprietary LifeSmart™ curriculum, which was designed by early childhood specialists to grow the whole child cognitively, socially, physically and emotionally. It focuses on the principle that children are smart in many different ways. We believe that children learn best when they are actively involved in constructing their own knowledge, so our classrooms are designed to invite children to participate in self-directed investigations, while still allowing our highly-trained teachers to provide a strong emphasis on mathematics and literacy skills.

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

**Tutor Time:** My background is in teaching and I hold two bachelor's degrees and a master's degree. I knew that I wanted to open a business that gave me the opportunity to spend time with my family, but to also inspire children towards a love of learning. There is nothing more rewarding than watching a child grasp a concept, complete a task, start reading; every step in their educational journey is an honor to be a part of. This was truly a natural fit for me and I have loved every minute of it.

**Observer:** Why did you choose this area?

**Tutor Time:** Obviously, I wanted to choose an area that was close to my home. But we also looked for a location where there is such a great area and we are proud to be active members in the community.

**Observer:** What makes your business unique?

**Tutor Time:** We believe that Tutor Time is unique based on all that we have to offer. We are so much more than child care and believe that every child should have access to a high quality early education program. We have a world-class curriculum that prepares your child for success in school and beyond. We are also one of the few providers in the area that offers a private kindergarten program. It was designed to give special attention to each child with smaller class sizes and more one-on-one attention. Our teacher has been with us for six years and closely follows the curriculum set forth by the Plymouth-Canton school district. Children who are enrolled in our private kindergarten program are fully prepared for first grade and they love learning!

Beyond that, our school is beautiful, safe and full of age-appropriate learning materials and equipment. I can't say enough about our staff; many have been with us for a number of years. They are



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Neena Judge huddles with her Tutor Time student Emily Coyne, 4, at their Haggerty Road location.**

### TUTOR TIME

**Business name:** Tutor Time Child Care / Learning Centers

**Address:** 15225 Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township (at the intersection of Five Mile and Haggerty)

**Your name/title:** Neena Judge/franchise owner

**Your hometown:** Northville

**Business opened:** 1999

**Number of employees:** 30

**Hours of operation:** 6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Your business specialty:** We are an industry leader in early education and child care.

**Business phone:** (734) 420-2700

**Web:** www.tutortimeplymouth-township.com

committed to each and every child who walks through our door and we truly feel like an extension of their families.

We also earned the company's Center of Excellence Award. This prestigious honor is given to select Tutor Time locations across the country and only a small percentage of franchise schools receive this award. To achieve Center of Excellence recognition, our school must follow strict guidelines in the areas of our programs and curriculum, classroom environment, safety and parent involvement.

**Observer:** How has it changed since you opened?

**Tutor Time:** I am confident that our program has only gotten better through the years. We continue to make enhancements to our school and our teachers receive ongoing training to ensure they are the best around. We participate in a variety of events and give back so that we can be good stewards in the community where we do business. We have built a great reputation in the community and feel fortunate that our families refer us to their friends and others in the area.

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

**Tutor Time:** When you work with children, you are bound to have fun experiences every day. That's part of what makes early education so great! While there isn't a specific story that

I can think of to share, I can say that it is a joy to be a part of our students' lives. My staff and I have the opportunity to make a difference every day, and I can't think of a better feeling than that. I encourage any business owner to find something they are passionate about. It really is amazing to love what you do every day!

**Observer:** How has the recent economy affected your business?

**Tutor Time:** The economy in Michigan and around the country has been interesting, to say the least, over the last few years. However, we have been fortunate as research continues to demonstrate the importance of a quality early education program like ours, so parents strive to keep their children enrolled. To help them through these difficult times, we offer a variety of options for our families including part-time programs where their child can still get the educational foundation they need so that they are prepared for school. We are committed to our families and children and believe that is why we have sustained.

**Observer:** Any advice for other business owners?

**Tutor Time:** I can't stress enough that customer service has to come first. Without the continued support of our families, we wouldn't be here today. At our school, the children always come first -- and when you create that type of culture, I believe you will always succeed.

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

**Tutor Time:** We intend to continue providing our families with the high quality care around and hope to welcome new families to our school. We also will look for ways to improve our programs -- as we always do -- and will stay on top of the latest research regarding how children learn. We want to make sure that every child enrolled at our school gets a learning experience that you just can't find anywhere else. Beyond that, we work hard to keep our staff motivated and engaged in our business. We are so proud of them and their dedication to our school is unmatched in the industry. I know that Tutor Time will continue to grow, and I am looking forward to the next few years.

## CHAMBER CHAT

### Brandon speaks

University of Michigan athletic director and former Domino's Pizza CEO David Brandon will be our featured speaker at our Good Morning Plymouth Community

Breakfast on Sept. 29. He will discuss the state of the U-M athletic programs and also relay interesting lessons from his successful business career.

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

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

### Auction excitement

It's time to go to the movies this year for the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting, Dinner and Gala Auction. Walk the red carpet with over 400 attendees and join the chamber for a star-studded night at a Hollywood style party with live and silent auctions and raffles. Tickets are \$75 and include food, drinks, and dancing.

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The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is once again sponsoring 'Scarecrows in the Park' in downtown Plymouth. For details on how to get yours, call the chamber office, (734) 453-1540.

• Guest raffle tickets.

• Auctions require a cocktail attire or come as their favorite movie character. There will be a costume contest with an "Oscar" for the winner!

• New types of sponsorships are available that provide added recognition and include tickets to the event. Platinum table sponsorships are still \$975.

To RSVP or inquire about sponsorship opportunities, contact the Chamber at (734) 453-1540.

### Prospecting workshop

Struggling to find enough good prospects for your business? Learn how to build an appropriate mix of prospecting activities, including valuable lessons on taking the pressure off phone prospecting in this interactive presentation.

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### Scarecrows reservations

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



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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Giggy footprint

Gary Wunderlich, CEO of Wunderlich Securities announced the firm has signed an agreement to purchase five Private Client Group branches from RBC Wealth Management. The branches include Plymouth, Flint, East Lansing and Brighton in Michigan and Beachwood, Ohio.

This acquisition increases

the Wunderlich national footprint to 21 offices and 12 states. The agreement adds 32 new employees to Wunderlich Securities. Included in the group are 21 experienced Financial Advisors adding \$8 million in gross production and \$700 million in client assets under administration. Clearing for these branches will be provided through a new relationship with RBC Correspondent Services.

These Financial Advisors have worked together over many years and were seeking to return to a regional firm. Wunderlich Securities offered this opportunity.

"This transaction furthers our efforts to meet our commitment to building the highest quality regional firm dedicated to the needs of our individual, corporate and institutional clients," Wunderlich said.



## Youths from Rosedale Gardens Church build house on mission trip

Two groups from Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia spent a portion of their summer working with Habitat for Humanity on separate mission trips.

Both groups worked on a project in Janesville, Wis. The Young Adult group, with members ranging in age from 18-30, sent 20 individuals on the six-day mission. The group was formed nine years ago, when students coming out of the church's high school youth group, felt they needed a place to go after high school. The group not only travels on an annual mission trip, but also works on many service and fellowship opportunities throughout the school year.

The high school youth group sent 46 youths and six adults to Janesville. Each year, it undertakes a major mission project to help the less fortunate. Past trips have taken the youth group to Indiana, Mexico and South Carolina. In Janesville, members worked on the construction of a bi-level house, framing walls,



Members of a youth mission trip at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia show the house they helped build in Wisconsin.

installing decking, and cutting lumber under the supervision of Habitat leaders. By the end of five days, the group finished framing both levels of the house.

The Young Adult group continued working on the same building, dubbed the "prayer house," because all of the lumber was donated by local churches, schools,

and groups. Every board was inscribed with a special message, blessing, or prayer.

In four days, the Young Adult group framed the outside and interior walls of the second level, lifted and secured the trusses, and shingled the roof.

For more about the Rosedale Gardens youth groups, visit [www.rosedalegardens.org](http://www.rosedalegardens.org).



Prayer Temple, former home to Trinity Church of the Brethren, in Redford.

## Congregation dedicates church in Redford Twp.

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Members of Prayer Temple Missionary Baptist Church this month gained space to feed the homeless, conduct Bible classes and hold meetings.

The church moved from Detroit into the former Trinity Church of the Brethren building at 27350 W. Chicago Road, in Redford. A dedication is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29 and will include a worship service, tour of the building and light refreshments in the fellowship hall.

The Rev. Anthony D. Johnson, a Westland resident and pastor of the church for 10 years, said the new Redford address is a good fit for the 44-year-old congregation.

"We were looking at property in Detroit and didn't like what we saw. So many of our members were migrating to Redford, Westland and the Inkster area," he said. "The buzz word at our church is space. We finally have plenty of space necessary to do ministry. There was an on-going joke that we couldn't have more than one meeting at a time."

Now, with 10,000 square feet, the church can hold several classes and meetings at once. It also gained a fellowship hall for din-

ners and other activities.

Bible study classes are held at noon and 7 p.m. Wednesday and present a "practical" approach to scripture.

"If you're looking for something deep you're probably in the wrong church. We make it simple so that everyone can understand," Johnson said.

Mission, teacher and choir ministries meet on Thursday. The church feeds the homeless through quarterly visits to a shelter in Detroit, meets monthly with nursing home residents and has given backpacks and other items to needy students. "Community Days," Bible class in the out-of-doors, back-to-school rallies and community basketball games are among the congregation's many outreach programs.

Worship services are at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday. Sunday School runs 10:15-10:45 a.m. Sunday.

Johnson said the church youth ministry also plans to conduct its own service monthly in the church fellowship hall.

"We love God and worship," Johnson said. "We are Baptist by identity but we've been told it's a nondenominational presentation."

For more about Prayer Temple, visit [www.ptmbc.net](http://www.ptmbc.net).

## Take a tour of Capuchin ministry

Capuchin friars will lead a tour of the Detroit Capuchin ministries on Sunday, Oct. 3 during a "Family Day" program that marks the 50th year of the Father Solanus Guild.

The Guild spreads the knowledge of the Rev. Solanus Casey, who was a beloved Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. He faithfully served the people of Detroit by providing soup for the hungry, kind words for the troubled, and a healing touch for the ill. It also helps gather information to further Solanus' cause for sainthood.

Tour participants will be guided through the Solanus Casey Center, St. Bonaventure Monastery grounds, and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's Meldrum site, which includes Earthworks Urban Farm.

Family Day will begin with the blessing of the new Father Solanus garden, at 11:30 a.m. The garden will grow vegetables, herbs, and flowers. The vegetables and herbs will be used in the kitchens of the

Capuchin Soup Kitchen's two locations.

"The Capuchin Soup Kitchen nourishes the physical body and the Solanus Casey Center nourishes the spirit," stated the Rev. Larry Webber, Solanus Casey Center director. "This is a natural extension for both Capuchin ministries."

The free guided Capuchin ministries tour will start after the garden blessing and will continue until 3 p.m. The tour starts at the Solanus Casey Center entrance, 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit.

"Even those who are well educated on the spirituality of Fr. Solanus will discover new information," said Brother Richard Merling, a Capuchin friar and Solanus Guild director.

"This is a day dedicated to families and to the holiness of Fr. Solanus. The tour ties together our Capuchin ministries of the Solanus Guild, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, and the Capuchin Case Center ... all of which Father Solanus is the common thread.

"Father Solanus left St. Bonaventure Monastery in 1944, and here we are 66 years later, continuing to learn from his spirituality and holiness."

Free desserts created by Capuchin Soup Kitchen chef Alison Costello will be available at the soup kitchen's Meldrum site, across the street from the St. Bonaventure Monastery. Earthworks Urban Farm, a program of the soup kitchen, will be open for greenhouse and garden tours. Earthworks' harvest produce and the soup kitchen's On the Rise Bakery baked goods will be available for sale. Free light lunch snacks also will be available at the St. Bonaventure Monastery grounds.

Comfortable walking shoes are encouraged. In order to secure a food count, the Capuchins request an RSVP at (313) 579-2100, Ext. 169.

For more information visit [www.SolanusCasey.org](http://www.SolanusCasey.org), [www.solanuscenter.org](http://www.solanuscenter.org), [www.csk-detroit.org](http://www.csk-detroit.org), and [www.thecapuchins.org](http://www.thecapuchins.org).

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# Even corn can be spooky if it forms a maze

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Shari Peters will feed dozens of animals this year, all with the help of Maybury Farm's annual corn maze.

"It's for the animals. We've done it for several years now and it gets us through the winter months," said Peters, president of the Northville Community Foundation, which owns the farm. "We have sheep, goats, cows, turkeys, calves, chickens, draft horses, miniature horses, pigs, donkeys, every farm animal you can think of. We have llamas to keep the fox and coyote away."

Proceeds from the maze, which opened last weekend, will buy food for the farm animals through at least March.

"We're not a petting zoo. It's a working farm and our animals are there for a purpose," Peters said.

Approximately 350-450 volunteers annually help maintain the property, serve as docents, and assist with events. The farm grows produce for sale to the public, is open for visitors, runs garden clinics, a day camp and offers extensive educational programs on topics such as maple syrup production, farm animals, dairy and soils.

Once a part of Maybury State Park, the Foundation began negotiating for the property in early 2003 and took ownership in November that same year. Before it did, the farm's barns and livestock were destroyed in a fire.

"It was a February evening and the winds were about 40 miles an hour. Someone had put a kerosene heater in the barn. I was at a board of directors meeting the night it burned down. And then it became my responsibility to rebuild the whole thing," she said. "I had a wonderful Rolodex."

Peters said donations from both individuals and corporations helped



rebuild the barns and re-stock the farm, which reopened in September 2005.

"Today we have a group out there picking pumpkins for us. They're getting corn stalks ready for us and working in the corn maze."

The maze sits on 14 of the farm's 80 acres, includes a hayride and offers twisting, turning trails and dead ends that take about 45 minutes to complete. It's laid out in a tractor pattern, which can be seen only from above.

It's open 6-10 p.m. Friday, 1-10 p.m. Saturday and 1-7 p.m. Sunday, through Nov. 8. The last wagon to take visitors to the maze leaves one hour before closing time.

Visitors, age 18 and older, can compete in a treasure hunt for hidden wooden animals as they make their way through the maze. Those who find all of the animals qualify for a chance to win one of five Meijer Gift Cards worth \$100.

"What I heard everyone say is that this is a good maze. Oh, it may look

simple, but it has so many dead ends. We do have corn cobs in there and they will help you out."

She suggests trying the maze after sunset when it's dark and spooky.

"We have a ton of fun with it. And from the feedback we get, people enjoy it and realize the donation keeps the farm open."

Cost is \$9 for adults and \$7 for children, 3-11. Children 2 and under enter for free. Coupons for a \$1 discount are available at Tom Holzer Ford, 39300 10 Mile, Farmington

Hills and at Meijer, 20401 Haggerty, Northville.

Corn Stalks and hay stacks are available for \$8 each at the farm, along with snacks and drinks at the welcome center. Visitors can see the animals until about 5 p.m.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile, a half mile west of the state park entrance, in Northville. Call (248) 374-0200 for more information.

Here's a sampling of other area corn mazes:

- Erwin Orchards' maze is open 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily through Oct. 31 at 61475 Silver Lake Road, South Lyon. Visitors who find six pictures hidden in the maze receive a free doughnut and glass of cider. Cost is \$5 per person, free for children, 2 and under. Nighttime weekend hours are 7:30-11 p.m., through Oct. 23 and Oct. 28-31. Admission is \$8 per person, cash or check only. Includes wagon ride, bonfire, cider, doughnuts and live monsters. (248) 437-0150.

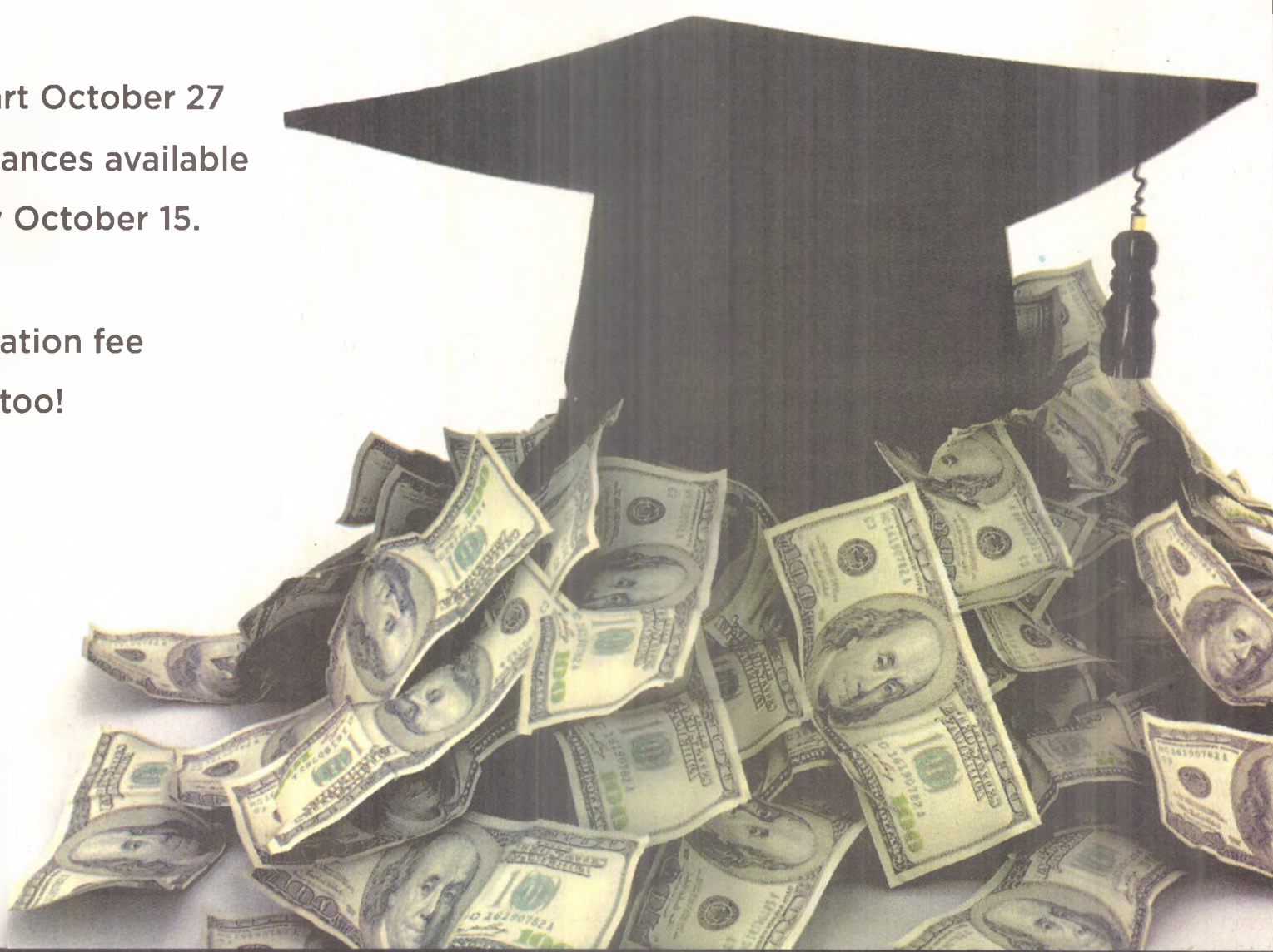
- New Lawn's Sod Farm is open 6-10 p.m., Friday, 1-10 p.m. Saturday, and noon-7 p.m. Sunday, through Nov. 7, at 50240 Martz, Belleville. Bring a flashlight to navigate this 13-acre maze cut in the shape of the Detroit Red Wings logo. The attraction offers three mazes in one for beginning through experienced visitors. Cost is \$6 for youth, \$9 for age 12 and over and \$6 for seniors. (734) 481-0033

- Wiard's Orchards offers a corn maze as a part of its country fair, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday through Oct. 31. Admission is \$11.99 per person and free for babies under 23 months. Twilight admission, begins at 4:30 p.m. and costs \$9.25. Pony rides, face painting, candle dipping, karaoke, petting farm, labyrinth and many other activities are included. Wiard's is located at 5565 Merritt, Ypsilanti; (734) 390-9211.

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# Fashion in Detroit seeks runway models

Fashion In Detroit, Michigan's premier annual fashion event, will hold an open casting call to find undiscovered models for its runway shows that are planned for Oct. 22-23, at MotorCity Casino Hotel.

The casting call will take place 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2, in the Executive Ballroom at MotorCity Casino Hotel, located at 2901 Grand River Ave., Detroit.

The casting call is open to the public for both men and women ages 14 to 30. No previous runway experience is required.

Women must be a minimum of 5 feet, 7 inches tall, maximum size 6, and men must be at least 5 feet, 10 inches with a maximum jacket size of 44 inches.

Models must attend the open call with a headshot and a full-body photo. Professional prints aren't required.

Women should wear form-fitting clothing and high heels, and men should be dressed in fitted jeans and a fitted shirt.

All candidates in attendance will have their headshots and sizes reviewed. Some candidates will be invited to stay and walk for members of the Fashion in Detroit Executive Committee. Selected models must be available to walk the runway at Fashion In Detroit Oct. 22-23.

Fashion In Detroit is an annual, two-day fashion event co-created by Project Runways Joe Faris, along with Karen Buscemi, K'Kio Hardin, Lians Jadan and Leslie Ann Pilling to put a fashion spotlight on Michigan and create a venue that fills the needs of many locally-based designers and the Michigan fashion community.

The two-day event this year will include 12 runway shows by a collection of local and national designers, designer trunk shows, "Cheers Michigan" product displays, a VIP private reception, and an Afterglow bash. Each day's admission ticket includes six fashion shows, gift bags, a souvenir guidebook/lookbook and eligibility for high-end giveaways.

Fashion In Detroit will feature top models showcasing the best designs of Spring/Summer 2011.

For more information, visit [www.fashionindetroit.com](http://www.fashionindetroit.com), call (248) 677-1769 or e-mail [info@fashionindetroit.com](mailto:info@fashionindetroit.com).



Motorcycles make their way to a previous Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff in Plymouth. Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff

# Get your motor running, head out for chili, Oct. 10

Two motorcycle rides will make their way to the 15th Annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff on Oct. 10 in downtown Plymouth.

Cost of participating in the 5th annual Motor City Chili Ride or Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles Chili Ride is \$10 and proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity. All riders will receive free VIP parking at the Cookoff and the first 50 registrants will get a raffle ticket to win \$1,000, \$500 or \$250.

The rides begin at Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles dealership in Canton and Motor City Harley-Davidson in Farmington Hills. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. on Cookoff day at both locations. Escorted rides start at 10:30 a.m.

The Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff is in its 15th year and has raised more than \$185,000.00 for different charities. The 2010 charity is Habitat for Humanity.

The event will include a red and green chili competition, salsa competition, restaurant chili challenge and a battle of business chili competitions. "Steve King and the Dittilies" Band will perform, motorcycles will be on display, dogs will vie for the "hottest" costume and activities will be available for children.

For motorcycle ride information call Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles at (877) 388-9508 or visit [www.ClassicMotorcyclesDetroit.com](http://www.ClassicMotorcyclesDetroit.com). For information on the Motor City Chili Ride, call Motor City Harley-Davidson at (248) 473-7433 or visit [www.motorcityharley.com](http://www.motorcityharley.com).

# Halloween party benefits the Detroit Opera House

Tour the Detroit Opera House and get spooked at the same time, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 30.

Guests at the second annual Haunted in the House will discover tricks and treats in the historic 1922 former movie palace's magnificent grand lobby and second floor, including a mind-warping performance by the Detroit Circus.

More than 600 people attended last year's inaugural event, which raised more than \$15,000 for Michigan Opera Theatre's opera and dance programming, as well as educational outreach.

Costumes aren't mandatory but cash prizes will be awarded for the best. Cash prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. DJ Tom T will spin spooky sounds, and an emcee from 93.9 The River will be on hand for the costume contest. Specialty

drinks, candy treats and midnight snacks also will be available.

The VIP lounge, sponsored by Centaur, Mosaic and Pegasus, will feature a private DJ and an open bar and hors d'oeuvres until 10 p.m. Midnight treats will be provided by Tubby's Southgate, Sander's Fine Chocolatiers and Zumba Mexican Grille.

Tickets for Haunted in the House are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. VIP tickets are \$75 and \$80 day of the event. VIP tickets include access to an event preview and VIP lounge, and valet parking. Guests must be 21 or older.

Tickets are available at the Detroit Opera House ticket office, 1526 Broadway, Detroit; by phone at (313) 237-SING; or online at [www.MichiganOpera.org](http://www.MichiganOpera.org).

# Roller derby skaters plans bout in Livonia

Roller Derby fans can see skating action up close at a discounted admission Sunday, Sept. 26 at Riverside Arena in Livonia.

Detroit Derby Girls' Motor City Disassembly Line will take on Canada's Tri-City Thunder at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. The arena is located at 36635 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Tickets are \$5 at the door. Detroit Derby Girls regular season bouts have been held at the Masonic Temple in Detroit for the past five seasons, where the league has drawn sold-out crowds. The league's teams regularly use Riverside Arena as a practice venue.

"We are looking forward to hosting the upcoming international bout at Riverside Area,"

stated Detroit Derby Girls' President, Amy Ruby, who also skates under the name Racer McChaseHer. "Roller derby is a growing sport here in southeast Michigan and we're pleased to be able to bring our increasingly popular form of entertainment to new venues whenever we can."

"We have enjoyed a great relationship with Riverside Area for years and are excited to try a bout there."

Many of the local favorites of the Detroit Derby Girls will be compete in the international bout, including Dizzy Devine, Cats Meow, and Honey Suckit, voted fan favorite this year.

For more information about The Detroit Derby Girls, visit [www.DetroitDerbyGirls.com](http://www.DetroitDerbyGirls.com).

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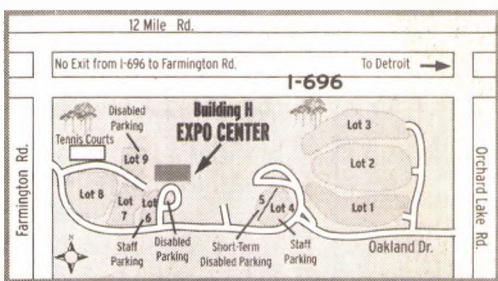
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# Seasonal Soups, Sides AND Salads



### (Family Features)

**C**elebrate the change of seasons with a change in the menu. These recipes for soups, salads and sides featuring seasonal foods will be a welcome addition to the table. And they're simpler and quicker than ever when from-scratch ingredients are paired with convenient prepared options.

**Soups:** Cooler weather heralds the return to warm, satisfying soups. Versatile German Potato Salad Soup is an easy main dish that takes advantage of ready-to-use canned German potato salad. Simply combine the potato salad with sautéed bell pepper and onion, beer and a meat choice, if desired. Ready in 30 minutes.

**Tip:** Top the soup with crunchy rye croutons and crumbled bacon.

**Sides:** Roasting enhances the flavor of vegetables and fills the house with enticing aromas. Hearty Roasted Vegetables is a colorful mix of red onion wedges, baby portobellos, butternut squash, Brussels sprouts and herbs, plus a jar of whole pickled beets. The sweet-tanginess of the beets adds a delicious new dimension to the roasted flavor profile.

**Tip:** Vary the herbs ... try sage and parsley, or other on-hand favorites.

**Salads:** Focus on seasonal textures, flavors and ingredients. Beet and Red Cabbage Salad is delicious and doubles up on nutrient-rich vegetables. Using jarred pickled beets and sweet and sour red cabbage, all of the pickling, slicing and shredding is already done. Crisp-tart apple and crunchy toasted pecans are added just before serving.

**Tip:** Try substituting pears for the apple, walnuts for the pecans. Or, sprinkle with crumbled goat cheese or blue cheese.

For more delicious seasonal menu ideas, visit [www.aunt-nellies.com](http://www.aunt-nellies.com) and [www.READsalads.com](http://www.READsalads.com).

### GERMAN POTATO SALAD SOUP

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

Cooking Time: 15 minutes

Makes 4 servings (about 1½ cups each)

1 cup chopped onion

1 cup chopped red bell pepper

1 tablespoon olive oil

2 cans (15 ounces each) READ German Potato Salad, chopped\*

1 bottle (12 ounces) beer, preferably a light ale\*\*

¾ cup reduced-sodium, fat free chicken broth

6 ounces (1 cup) diced ham, smoked turkey or sliced smoked sausage, optional

½ teaspoon salt, optional

¼ teaspoon pepper

1 tablespoon chopped parsley

Rye croutons, optional

Crumbled bacon, optional

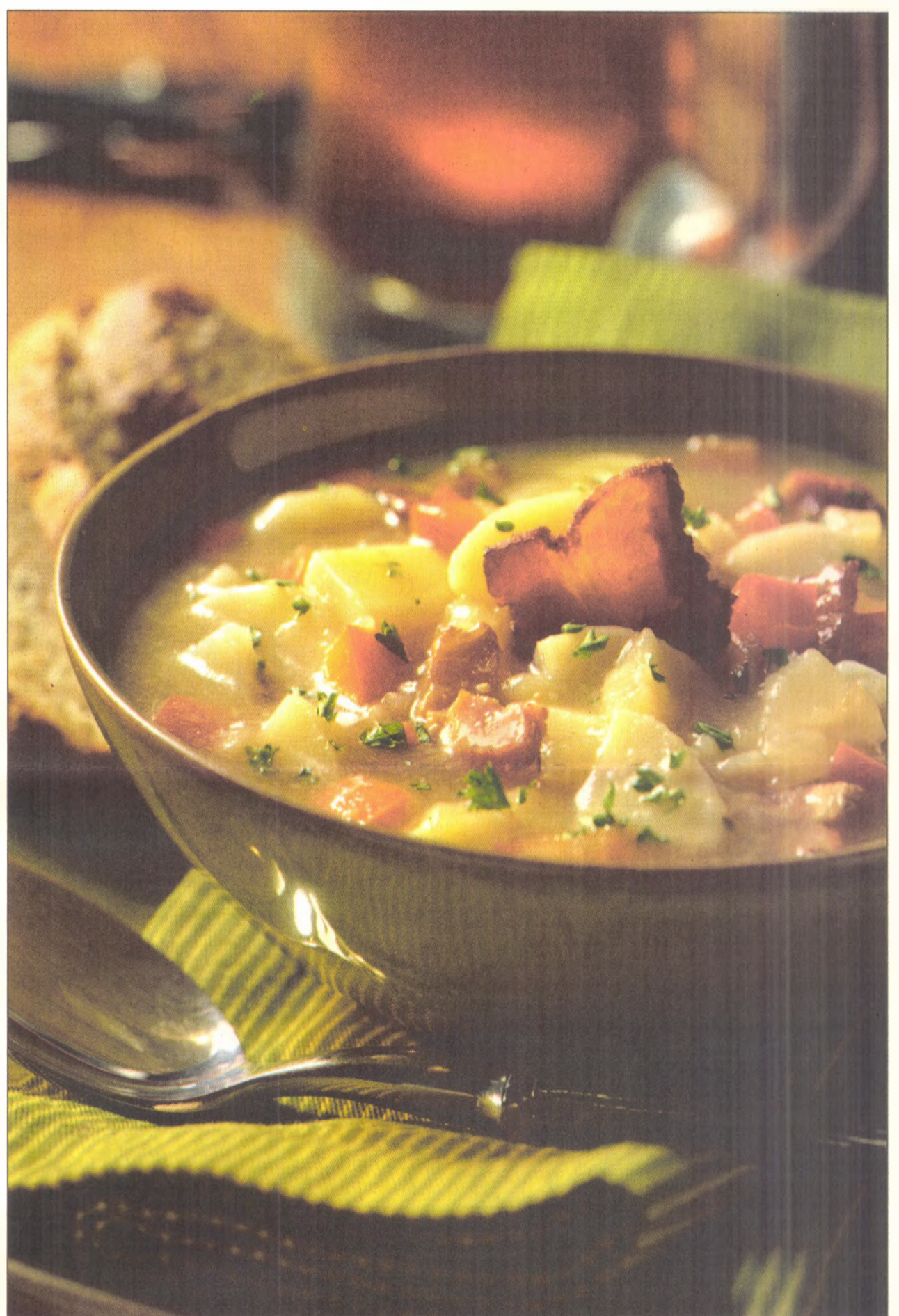
Sauté onion and bell pepper in oil in a Dutch oven or 3-quart saucepan over medium heat until onion just starts to brown, 5 to 7 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add potato salad, beer, broth and meat, if using; stir to combine. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add salt, if desired, pepper and parsley.

Serve topped with rye croutons and bacon, if desired.

\*Note: To chop potato salad, remove top from can, insert clean kitchen scissors into potato salad and snip until chopped.

\*\*Substitute 1 can (14 ounces) chicken broth for the beer and chicken broth in the above recipe.



### HEARTY ROASTED VEGETABLES

Preparation Time: 10 minutes

Cooking Time: 45 minutes

Makes 6 servings

1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Whole

Pickled Beets, well drained

1 medium red onion, cut into 10 wedges

2 cups baby portobello mushrooms, cleaned and stems trimmed

2 cups butternut squash pieces (¾-inch pieces)

2 cups Brussels sprouts, ends trimmed

and scored with a cross cut

3 tablespoons olive oil

1 clove garlic, finely chopped

2 teaspoons chopped fresh rosemary

2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme

½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon pepper

Preheat oven to 400°F. Place all vegetables except Brussels sprouts on a rimmed baking sheet (15½ x 10½ x 1-inch) and drizzle with olive oil. Add garlic, rosemary, thyme, salt and pepper; toss to coat. Roast in oven 15 minutes.

Add Brussels sprouts; stir and continue to roast until vegetables are tender and browned, about 30 minutes, stirring once. Adjust salt and pepper to taste.

### BEET AND RED CABBAGE SALAD

Preparation Time: 10 minutes

Cooking Time: 15 minutes

Makes 6 servings (about ¾ cup each)

1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Pickled

Beets, whole or sliced

1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Sweet & Sour

Red Cabbage

½ cup red currant jelly

½ teaspoon ground onions

¼ cup thinly sliced green onions

1 cup chopped Granny Smith apple (about 1 small apple)

½ cup chopped toasted pecans\*

Salt and pepper

Drain beets and cabbage, combining both liquids in a small bowl. Pour ½ cup of the combined liquids into a small saucepan; discard remainder. Add red currant jelly and cloves to saucepan; whisk to combine. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer until liquid is thickened and reduced to ½ cup, about 10 minutes. Cool.

Meanwhile, cut sliced beets in half, or whole beets into wedges. Toss beets, cabbage and green onions with cooled red currant dressing.

Just before serving, stir in apple and pecans. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

\*To toast pecans, bake in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet in preheated 350°F oven until fragrant, about 5 to 8 minutes. Remove from baking sheet; cool.



Joes' Produce and Gourmet Catering in Livonia will offer caprese salad and other dishes Sunday, Sept. 26, at Schoolcraft College's Culinary Extravaganza.

# Culinary Extravaganza

## Sample signature foods, beverage from nearly 50 vendors

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Katherine Socall wouldn't miss Schoolcraft College's 19th annual Culinary Extravaganza for three reasons:

She's studying chocolate-making at Schoolcraft and has taken other creative courses at the school.

As owner of Biscotti Bar Bakery in Plymouth, she has worked with a nutritionist who teaches at the college.

And she wants Extravaganza patrons to taste delicious treats — including a wide array of biscotti — that are “good for them,” too.

“I think this is a wonderful opportunity,” said Socall, who will serve samplings along with nearly 50 other restaurant, bakery and beverage vendors at the event, Sunday, Sept. 26.

“The school is fantastic. I'm honored to be there.”

Socall has made organic and natural baked goods, along with gluten-free treats, for the past three years in Plymouth.

“We're known for our icing. We do nice icing that isn't overly sweet. I try to use more healthy things that won't raise your glycemic level,” she said. “If I use lemon oil, it's pure lemon oil. We don't want preservatives and things we know can cause potential harm. People need to eat well.”

She said her signature baked good — biscotti — is firm, but not too hard, and can keep for three months if properly stored. Her bakery is known for its unusual twist on biscotti flavors, from baklava to “Cosmopolitan Snowball.”

She'll serve mini cupcakes, cookies and a variety of biscotti at the Schoolcraft College event.

Joe's Produce and Gourmet Catering in Livonia will serve soup through dessert, all in bite-sized servings.

### CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA 2010

**What:** A celebration of food and wine, benefitting Schoolcraft College students and the Culinary Arts Program

**When:** 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 26

**Where:** VisiTech Center, Schoolcraft College, Livonia

**Details:** Patrons will taste samples from nearly 50 restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors. The event includes a wine seminar, silent auction and raffle

**Tickets:** \$50

**Contact:** (734) 462-4518; [www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation/](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation/)

“I know chef wanted to do a deconstructed mini caprese (salad),” said Laura Livingston, catering director. “While she's doing that, our pastry chef is doing some kind of shooter, in a shot glass.”

“We're still bouncing around ideas with the soup, maybe wild mushroom or tomatoes, whatever is happening (in season) right now.”

The catering staff at Joe's will have their hands full this weekend with the Culinary Extravaganza and a catering showcase, beginning at noon, Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 25-26 at the store.

Linens, floral and table arrangements will be displayed while patrons sample food and beverages.

The store has staffed a booth at Culinary Extravaganza for five years. Livingston said the event is a perfect setting for the store's chefs to show off their work.

“Now that we have 10 culinarians from Schoolcraft, it's a given that we'll be there.”

### CITY BITES

#### Swashbuckling fun

**Plymouth** – Here's your chance to play pirate, win prizes and down drink specials from five participating pubs. On the Rocks Detroit and Zodiac Vodka will present the first annual Pirate Pub Crawl Oct. 2 in downtown Plymouth. Participants will don pirate and wench costumes and visit pubs from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Event organizers say costumes aren't mandatory but add to the fun.

Pub crawl check in will start at 7:30 p.m. at 336 Piano Bar, 336 Main, where participants receive a treasure map to help guide them from pub to pub.

Cost is \$10 and includes free appetizers from 9-11 p.m. at Penn Grill; free tarot card readings at The Rock; posing for free photos with Nikki Black, Captain Jack Sparrow impersonator, at Sean O'Callahan's; and live music by the Robin Horlock Band at Ironwood Grill.

Pirates and wenches who get their treasure maps stamped at each venue will be eligible to win the grand prize of a free deluxe one-night stay at Motor City Casino. Contestants in the best pirate and wench costume contest will get a Zodiac Vodka prize package.

Advance tickets are available through On the Rocks Detroit's Facebook page, and via the participating venues. For more information e-mail to [info@ontherocksdetroit.com](mailto:info@ontherocksdetroit.com).

#### All about chocolate

**Plymouth** – The sixth annual “A Chocolate Affair” to benefit First Step, will run 2-5 p.m., Oct. 3, at the inn at St. Johns, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth.

First Step offers counseling and shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, an Irish charity group, presents the event that will include music by Livonia Symphony string and horn ensembles, and chocolate tastings from local restaurants, bakeries, caterers, and chocolate makers.

The organization has added a garden luncheon this year. It will feature a speaker from First Step who will share her survivor story and a performance by “Voices in Harmony” from Sweet Adelines. The luncheon will be held noon-2 p.m. in the Garden Gallery at the Inn at St. John's First Step.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$25 advance sales only; tickets for the Chocolate Affair also are \$25, and a combined ticket is \$45. Tickets are available by calling Barbara Weir at (734) 453-1459 or Kittie Higgins at (358) 449-6570 and at the First Step offices in Plymouth, (734) 416-1111.



A pirate pub crawl in downtown Plymouth will feature Captain Jack Sparrow impersonator, Nikki Black.

Participating businesses include Treat Dreams of Ferndale, Dearborn Inn, The Claddagh Irish Pub & Restaurant, Mary Dennings Bakery, Sander's Candy, Bahama Breeze, On the Border Mexican Cantina, Kilwin's of Plymouth, Jeff Zak Catering of Plymouth, Treats Catering of Farmington, Aubree's Pizzeria and Tavern, Romano's Macaroni Grill, Fat Chef in a Little Coat Catering, and The Plymouth Popcorn Company.

#### More chocolate

**Dearborn** – Mark Nov. 21 on your calendar for the 26th annual Chocolate Jubilee, a fund-raiser for the Alzheimer's Association. The chocolate taste festival costs \$50 and begins at noon, at The Henry (formerly the Ritz-Carlton). For ticket information call (248) 996-1048.



Cupcakes are among the chocolate desserts served at a fund-raiser for First Step last year.



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## Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

### CROSSWORD PUZZLER

**ACROSS**

- 1 Game official
- 4 Licks
- 8 Lady's honorific
- 12 Kilt-wearer's no
- 13 Prune, once
- 14 Hoopie's word
- 15 Japanese bedroll
- 17 Calf-length
- 19 Soph's place
- 20 Roulette bet
- 21 Colossal ones
- 23 Tour — force
- 24 Historical periods
- 26 Mouser
- 29 Not spaced-out
- 30 Hard to find
- 31 Baked item
- 33 Force
- 35 Count on
- 36 Too bright
- 37 Baseball stat
- 38 Deli sandwich
- 40 Wyo. neighbor
- 42 Taste
- 44 Hairy humanoid

- 46 CD preceder
- 48 Ember
- 49 Doled out
- 50 1939 Lugosi role
- 52 "Whatever — Wants"
- 54 Larry King's channel
- 55 Water-ski locale
- 56 Disadvantage
- 57 Peppery

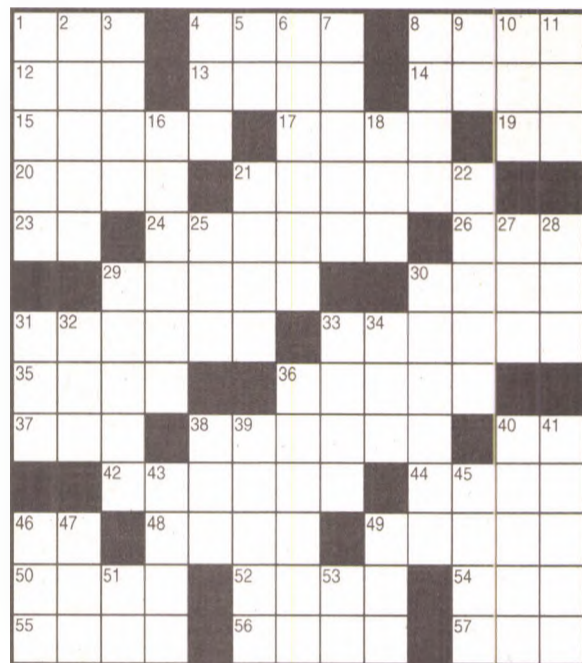
**DOWN**

- 1 Hungry
- 2 Soft purple
- 3 — Fountain of jazz
- 4 Hosp. staffer
- 5 Indy racer — Unser
- 6 Volcanic rock
- 7 Ian of Rhodesia
- 8 Fritz's possessive
- 9 Silver, in the lab
- 10 Murmur of content

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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CLOSEUP KINKS  
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- 11 JAMA readers
- 16 Kind of ticket (hyph.)
- 18 Berlin article
- 21 Pamplona runner
- 22 Creepy
- 25 Butter serving
- 27 Circle portion
- 28 Rock concert souvenir
- 29 Globe substitute
- 30 Night flight (hyph.)
- 31 Opposite of post-
- 32 Above, to Tennyson
- 33 Canary's home
- 34 Yes, on the Riviera
- 36 Ten- — hat
- 38 RN employer
- 39 Iridescent stones
- 40 Office worker
- 41 Wasn't guilty
- 43 Large lot
- 45 Write on metal
- 46 Mae West role
- 47 Links org.
- 49 Kiosk buy, slangily
- 51 Not hurt
- 53 Refrain syllable

## SUDOKU

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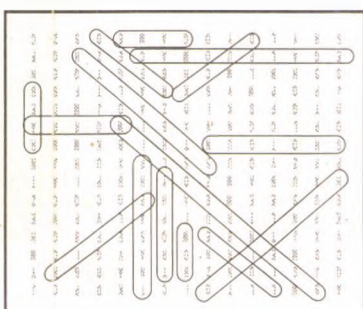
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- bear deer hunting rifle trophy
- bow duck lure shotgun wilderness

**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE**

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7	8	2	1	5	6	7	9	8
1	9	9	8	6	7	7	2	6
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**PRAYER:** Pray 9 Hail Marys for 9 days. On the 9th day make 3 wishes. & publish this prayer. Your wishes will be granted. M

**Garage Sales 7110**

**BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE** Were back! Great stuff! Thurs-Fri. Sept. 23-24, 9-3pm. Very nice clothes, some estate items, discounted Christmas decor. 364 N. Cranbrook.

**CANTON MOVING SALE IN BASEMENT** RAIN OR SHINE! 1986 Century Ct., S/Palmer, E/Canton. Fri. Sept. 23-25, 9am-5pm. Two solid wood Early American dining sets (one w/mismatch cabinet) (one w/mismatch curved table) (one w/mismatch glass Curio Cabinet, electric tread mill, antique mirror, Jewelry Armoire, tupperware (new & used), clothing, knick-knacks, wardrobe cabinet, leather chaps, craft items, household, garden & misc.

**CANTON CENTRAL PARK** S. of Cherry Hill, W. of Beck. Subwide Sale. Sept. 23-25, 9-4pm. Furniture, household, clothing, misc.

**CANTON WETHERSFIELD SUBWIDE GARAGE SALE** S.W. corner of Haggerty & Palmer, Thurs., Fri. & Sat. Sept. 23, 24 & 25, 9-4pm.

**CANTON Windmere Sub-Wide** Garage Sale - Thurs-Sat. Sept. 23-25th, 9am-7pm. Off Warren, btwn Sheldon & Canton Center.

**CANTON - Misc yard sale!** Fair weather sale. Yard items, bikes & etc! Sat. Sept. 25th, 9-5pm. 43749 Proctor. Off Sheldon btwn Cherry Hill & Palmer

**CANTON** Sept. 22-26, 10-6pm. 1617 Marlowe. Btwn Saltz & Ford Rd. off Sheldon. Rain or shine.

**COMMERCE** 10am-3pm. 5000 Oakwood Court., off Commerce Rd. Electronics, bikes, toys, etc.

**FARMINGTON HILLS - MULTI HOME GARAGE SALE!** Sept 25-26, 9am-4pm. Averhill St. btwn Shawwassee & 9 Mile. E. of Middlebelt.

**FARMINGTON HILLS HUGO 20 + HOME SUB SALE** 9am-5pm, Thurs-Sat. Sept 23-25. N. of 9 Mile. W. of Halsted. 248-426-9037

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**FARMINGTON HILLS** Teacher/Homeschool Garage Sale You name I have it! Friday 4:00 pm to Sat. 9:25 9:00 am - 4:00 pm 12 Mile & Drake On Seven Oaks.

**FARMINGTON HILLS - Huge** garage sale. Baby stuff, clothes, tools, stereo, kit cabinets, household goods, tow dolly, ping pong table, 9/23-9:25, 9-5pm, 27191 Arden Park Ct., 11 Mile & Inkster

**FARMINGTON HILLS** 31996 Olde Franklin Dr. Sat. & Sun. Sept. 25 & 26, 9-5. Household, lawn/garden tools, books & toys.

**Farmington Hills:** Kid's toys & clothing; household items, furn., electronics. 9/24-9/26, 4-4pm. 33506 Walnut Ln. off Farmington Rd btwn 13&14.

**FARMINGTON** Huge Fund Raiser Garage Sale! Thurs. 9/30, 9am-5pm. Proceeds for AAUW Scholarships. Collectibles, antiques, tools, household items, etc. 33868 Glenview, Farmington, 48335

**LATHROP VILLAGE ESTATE SALE** Everything Must Go! Beds, Couches, Dressers, Tables, Chairs, Stools, Lamps & other furniture. Many many other household items. Fri, 9/24 & Sat, 9/25, 9am-2pm 28717 Blackstone, Lathrup Village. S. of 12, W. of Southfield.

**LIVONIA - Some misc** furniture, 68" TV, stereo system, Thomasville desk, grandfather clock, etc. 18630 Garden, 1.5 bks from 7 Mi. Fri-Sat, 10-5

**LIVONIA 16882** Yorkshire, S. of 6 Mile, E. of Hubbard. Sept. 23-25th, 9-5pm. Home Gym, Furniture & Misc

**LIVONIA HUGO** Annual Sub Sale - Btwn Wayne & Newburgh, enter Sub from Ann Arbor Trail or Joy. Sept. 23-25, 9am-5pm. Antiques, collectibles, comics, action figures, 96 Harley Sportster, bath sink and so much more!

**LIVONIA** SALE! 38884 Northfield (NJoy Rd/W/Hix). Sept. 23-25, 9am-5pm. Great selection of home decor books jewelry and much much more!

**LIVONIA** Antiques tools, collectibles, ladies bike & misc items. Thurs-Sat. 9/23-25. 8:30-4:30pm 20102 Southampton, Btwn 7 & 8 Mile, E. of Gill.

**LIVONIA - Christmas** Village with accessories, 2 matching chester drawers, dishes & Christmas items. Sept. 25, 8am-4pm, 19033 Doris, 7 and Middlebelt.

**Garage Sales 7110**

**LIVONIA: Garage/Moving** Sale. Sept. 24, 25 & 26, 8am-6pm. 18290 Bainbridge, 1 bkm. E. of Merriman, S. of 7 Mile. end of street. Washer/Dryer, stove, McDonald Beanie Set, Beer Steins, furniture, nursing stuff. You name it we got it! 9/24-9/25: 9-5pm, 926 Westbrook Rd., 3 bks E of Pontiac Tr. off 9 Mile.

**SOUTH LYON - Toys,** books, electronics, office supplies & more. 9/24-9/25, 9-4 885 West Hills Dr., Hidden Creek Sub. N/9 Mile, W/Pontiac Tr.

**WEST BLOOMFIELD:** Sept 24-26, 10-4pm 4272 Greenstoun Dr, Orchard Lk & Walnut Lk. Clothing, strollers, toys, household & tons more!

**NORTHVILLE MULTI HOME** Sept 23-25. Antiques, furniture, household items, fridge, clothing, books & more. Rouge St., near the Cider Mill.

**NORTHVILLE** Multi-Family Subdivision - Abbey Knoll Subdivision, N. of 8 Mile, E. of Beck. Sept. 23-25, 9am-5pm

**NOVI** 41415 Glyme, cross roads North of 9 Mile & West of Meadowbrook. Saturday, Sept 25, 9am-4pm.

**NOVI/NORTHVILLE MULTI-FAMILY** 43347 Riverbridge Ct., 8 Mile (Chase Farms), E. of Novi Rd. Thurs.-Sat., 9am

**NOVI:** Lamps, pictures, men's clothes, kitchen, sofa, assorted furniture, exercise equip, books 9/25 & 26, 10-4pm. 24671 Picara, 10 Mile/Beck

**PLYMOUTH - 10 Rolling Oaks** GARAGE SALES Various Homes, Various Days! Thurs-Sat. Sept. 23-25, 9-5pm. Off N Territorial, btwn Beck/Ridge

**PLYMOUTH** Street Sale - Lots of kids', household items. N. Holbrook St., off of Plymouth Rd. btwn Haggerty and Lilley. 9/25, 9/26, 8am - 3pm.

**PLYMOUTH - Collectibles,** antiques & more! 9/23-9/25, 9am. 51257 Plymouth Lk Dr., N. of Ann Arbor Rd. W. of Beck

**Redford Aldersgate Church** Annual Fall Rummage Sale. 1000 Beach Day, Btwn Plymouth & W. Chicago.

**REDFORD GARAGE SALE -** Something for everyone! New and slightly used items, 9/24 - 9/26, 10-6pm, 19158 Wakenen, 7 & Beech area.

**REDFORD:** Tools, hardware, antiques, housewares, jewelry, books, misc. Thurs-Sat. 10-6pm, 13560 Royal Road, E. of Beech Day.

**ROYAL OAK** Garage Sale! Adult & kid's clothing, exercise equip., kitchenware, toys and much more! 9/24, 10am-6, 9/25, 10am-5, 9/26, 10am-3pm, 1218 Mohawk, Royal Oak, MI.

**SOUTH LYON** Brand Name School Clothes, Antiques, Home Decor, Toys. Multi-Family Sale. Sept. 25th & 26th, 9am-4pm. 10932 Aqua Lane.

**SOUTH LYON** Garage Sale - 1347 Coach House Lane. Sept 23-25, 8am-3pm. Washer, o/c entertainment center, toys and more!

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**SOUTH LYON - Multi family** sale. Home furnishings, furniture, brand name teen/tween girl's clothes, electric scooters, bikes, skylight, entry door, foosball table, games, children's books, much more! 9/24-9/25: 9-5pm, 926 Westbrook Rd., 3 bks E of Pontiac Tr. off 9 Mile.

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**WESTLAND - Multi-family** sale. Coats, bathroom cabinets, tools & misc. 9/23-9/25: 9-6pm, 34053 Fernwood, Darwin off Cherry Hill.

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**Moving Sales 7130**

**PLEASANT RIDGE ESTATE SALE** Fri. & Sat., September 24 & 25, 8AM-5PM. - 12 Oxford Blvd, south of 696 and west of Woodward. Vintage furniture from Drexel, Kindel and Lane. China, glassware and household items. No pre-sale! Cash only!

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**BABY FURNITURE SET:** 3 pieces - Crib, changing & tall dresser. All maple, very good looking, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. **TT230694**

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**POSITIVE OUTLOOK** DWCF, 72, looks much younger, 5'2", dark dark brown hair, brown eyes, NS, ND, seeks SWF for friendship, possible LTR. **TT656264**

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By Dale Buss

For nearly two years, Audi USA has been softening up the collective American psyche on behalf of its fuel-efficient "clean diesel" vehicles. Executives of the German luxury brand lobbied in Washington, D.C., for extension of diesel-purchase tax credits. Audi ran a TV ad last year showing hundreds of barrels of oil - presumably made superfluous by diesel cars -- rolling themselves back onto an oil tanker.

And during the last Super Bowl telecast, Audi spent nearly \$3 million to air a fetchingly humorous commercial that depicted its robust diesel-powered Q7 SUV as the savvy motorist's answer to the freedom-robbing vice created by America's nosy, consumption-parsing, killjoy "green police."

Now, Audi is enjoying the payoff for its diesel-touting investments. Barely a year after their introduction here, about half of the A3 compact sedans Audi sells and 40 percent of the Q7s are Turbo Diesel Injection (TDI) versions. Those sales shares are more than double Audi's initial expectations. It's no coincidence that Audi posted a record first half in overall U.S. sales, even as the industry as a whole struggled, and that the brand is on its way to its best year in the American marketplace.

Encouraged by outside recognition

such as the A3 TDI's selection as the 2010 Green Car of the Year by the Green Car Journal, American car buyers are warming up to diesel philosophically as well. "The types of people jumping into these cars are the creative class, who want to make a real statement with it - a green statement," said Scott Keogh, chief marketing officer of Audi USA. "They also see that it's making sense on the rational side."

The technology has real green chops because diesel fetches up to 40 percent better mileage than gasoline engines and emits about 30 percent less in greenhouse gases. It offers exceptional torque, while hybrids produce little. Diesel is ideal for long-distance driving and pulling loads, while hybrids aren't - and "range anxiety" will prove the biggest drawback to upcoming all-electric models such as the Nissan Leaf.

"The engines are much quieter than previous [diesel] engines," added Stuart Johnson, manager of the engineering and environmental office for Volkswagen of America. "That contributes to the fun-to-drive aspect." Here's how German brands are rolling with diesel in the U.S.:

Volkswagen was the last big diesel seller of mainstream models in the pre-clean-diesel era, through about 2006. Once again it is the only budget-



Audi's humorous Super Bowl ad last February about the "Green Police" featured its diesel-powered Q7.

Audi's A3 was named the 2010 Car of the Year by Green Journal.



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TDI accounted for a whopping 86 percent of Sportwagen sales in June. "Compare that with take rates of only 5 to 6 percent for hybrid versions of Camry and other popular sedans," said Andres Valbuena, a VW product planner.

Mercedes-Benz sells three SUVs - ML, GL and R Class - in its Bluetec diesel package with price premiums of up to about \$4,000. U.S. diesel sales actually are down compared with two years ago as the company prepares to import a Bluetec version of its E-Class sedan by the end of the year.

"But diesel is an important part of our product portfolio, and it will be here to stay," said Sascha Simon, head of advanced product planning for Mercedes-Benz USA. One reason: "Dealers tell us that their best sales tool is to put someone in

a diesel version without telling them it's diesel."

BMW has pursued a power strategy, inserting a six-cylinder, 265-horspower diesel engine in its small 335 sedan as well as in its X5 SUV, at a premium of around \$2,500. Take rates for diesel are about one-third for X5 but much lower for the 335.

"We wanted to show that diesels can be nimble, agile, swift and responsive, and no vehicular platform can prove that better than the 3 Series," said Martin Birkmann, manager of product planning for BMW North America.

Audi chose a different path for its A3, inserting a four-cylinder diesel with just 140 horsepower and adding only \$1,300 to the price. "In cars, the No. 1 fuel consumers want to see is thing efficiency; they'll take torque and performance as a secondary thing," Audi's Mr. Keogh said.

Enthusiastically, Audi plans to add TDI options for at least two more U.S. models over the coming year, Keogh said, hinting that the A4 sedan and Q5 crossover might be on that roster.

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