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City meeting

Plymouth City Commissioners meet Monday at 7 p.m., in the chambers on the second floor at Plymouth City Hall (corner of Church and Main).

Among the items listed on the agenda under New Business are termination of both the fire and dispatch agreements the city has with Plymouth Township. Those agreements require a oneyear notice if city officials decide to terminate them.

The meeting comes a few weeks after results of a study the commission commissioned on potential methods of providing public safety services, including police and fire protection, to its residents.

Focus groups

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools staff, parents and community members are being asked to participate in focus groups this month to solicit their reactions to the work of the Dynamic Planning Committee.

The meetings will take place on Monday, Oct. 25, and Wednesday, Oct. 27 at the E.J. McClendon Education Center. The sessions will last no more than an hour, and interested individuals can participate by calling (734) 416-3048.

Volunteers should register for one of the following:

 Oct. 25 - Parents, 1-2 p.m.; staff, 3-4 p.m.; parents/community members, 6-7 p.m.

 Oct. 27 - Parents, 1-2 p.m.; staff, 4-5 p.m.; parents/community members, 7-8 p.m.

It has been more than ten years since Plymouth-Canton Community Schools engaged in a strategic planning effort. A steering committee was developed to help the district create its guiding goals. The committee consists of 50 members and has met three times. Additional meetings of the committee are schedule Oct. 4 and Nov. 1.

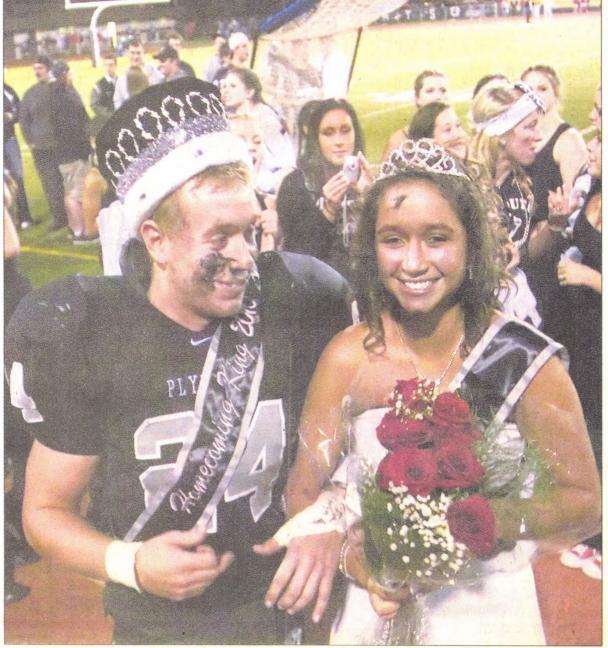
Candidate forum

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County hosts a candidate forum featuring candidates for the 7th state Senate and 20th and 21st state House districts Monday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Candidates for the 7th Senate seat (Plymouth, Canton, Northville and downriver) include Democrat Kathleen Law, Republican Patrick Colbeck, independents John Stewart and Michael Kheibari and Libertarian Marlin Brandys. That forum takes place 7-8

Candidates for the 20th House seat (Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Wayne) are Democrat Joan Wadsworth and Republican Kurt Heise. Running for the 21st House (Canton, Belleville and Van Buren) seat are incumbent Democrat Dian Slavens and Republican Lori Levi. That forum runs 8-9 p.m.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is at 50400 Cherry Hill.



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Wildcat royalty

Seniors Tony Rhodes and Christina Winkler are Plymouth High School's Homecoming king and queen. The halftime crowning kicks off a weekend of Homecoming fun for students.

Chili cookoff heating up in Plymouth

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

With new sponsors, a record number of participating restaurants and a weather forecast that can't be beat, all signs are pointing toward success for this year's Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff.

The 15th annual cookoff — informally known as the chili festival - is 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, in downtown Plymouth. It includes the popular Restaurant Chili Challenge, a new Battle of the Businesses competition, live entertainment, a motorcycle show and an International Chili Society-sanctioned cookoff in three categories

 red chili, green chili and salsa. The event raises money for

charity, particularly Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County. Last year's festival raised some \$15,000 for Habitat.

This year's edition features both a record number of participants in the Restaurant Chili Challenge (19) and a record number of sponsors (also 19). Organizers are pleased the festi-

val continues to grow. "When everyone is thinking twice about spending money, we're able to get more sponsors, and that is phenomenal for us," said Annette Horn, chairwoman and board president of the nonprofit Great Lakes Regional Chili Inc.

Horn expects 50 or more chefs to participate in the formal ICS cookoff, which will be judged in blind taste tests by a panel of 30 to 40

judges. The winner in each of the three categories will be eligible for the ICS world championship next year. Chili samples — but not salsa

will be available to the public. In the restaurant challenge, participants include returning winners the Omelette & Waffle Cafe (2009 People's Choice), and Picnic Basket Market (2008 Best Judged). Festival-goers can try the chilis (\$1 for a sample, \$4 for a bowl), and trophies are awarded in two categories:

Best Judged and People's Choice. The Battle of the Businesses, Horn said, was added this year as an additional way to involve businesses in the festival. Participating in the inaugural competition are

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Conduct code stays, with compromises

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With an apology from Supt. Dr. Craig Fiegel for providing "adequate time" for review of the 2010 Student Code of Conduct and a promise to continue to bring "serious drug offenses" up for potential expulsion hearings, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education voted to leave the new code in place while a review for legal propriety is

The 5-2 vote (Trustee Dianne Gonzalez and Treasurer Judy Mardigian cast the no votes) leaves the code, which had drawn the ire of some board members for what they felt was a relaxing of the district's drug policy, in force.

"Board policy does not require the board to approve the Code of Conduct, but they should review it in a timely fashion," Fiegel told board members at Tuesday's meeting. "While it is being reviewed, we will continue to bring drug questions to the board."

The code created some controversy in the last few weeks because it no longer makes what administrators deem "minor" drug offenses, such as sharing over-thecounter medicines such as Midol, cause for expulsion. While the code still mandates suspension for all drug offenses, administrators have leeway to determine "the seriousness of the offense," before recommending students caught for expulsion.

Some trustees had trouble granting that discretion, without solid policy behind them, to 13 different administrators at the three-high school park. Mardigian expressed concern the policy would leave the board out of the loop on enforcement of the district's policies against drugs.

"The board doesn't have to expel, but the board has to hear the cases," Mardigian said. "When kids are distributing illegal substances, there are significant issues ... it's a cry for help. My concern is ... we wouldn't know about these cases, and there would be wide discretion among administrators.'

In a memo to board members, Fiegel agreed to bring cases of illegal substance use, possession or distribution forward for potential expulsion hearings, even while the policy is being reviewed.

Small amounts and cases involving overthe-counter medicines — several people used the Midol analogy Tuesday - would still be handled at the discretion of administration, he said.

"Illegal substances (cases) will come to the board automatically," he said. "Smaller amounts would be at the discretion of

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Hopefuls battle for 20th District House seat

Heise: Record shows success, bipartisanship

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kurt Heise wants to work alongside Michigan's next governor, and he has a pretty good idea of who that will be.

'Rick Snyder and I are going to work very well together. I think we both come from the same kind of backgrounds, where we have both been assigned to struggling operations," said Heise, a Plymouth Township attorney, referring to Republican gubernatorial candidate Snyder, the former chairman of the computer company Gateway Inc.

According to Heise, Snyder's popularity — polls show him with a significant lead over Democrat Virg Bernero, the mayor of Lansing — represents voters' desire to have lawmakers of both. parties find centrist ideas and work together. That's how Snyder has portrayed himself, and it's something Heise says he can do, too.

"Michigan is in a state of crisis right now, and it's about more than merely (electing) people we've heard of, or who live down the street," he said.

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Wadsworth says she'd bridge partisan divide

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

State government is paralyzed by partisanship, with Democrats and Republicans unable to step toward the middle and compromise as revenues dwindle, problems mount and Michigan's economy continues to limp along.

ELECTION That's a perception Joan Wadsworth said she routinely

encounters among voters in Plymouth, Plymouth and Canton townships and neighboring communities as she campaigns for the Michigan House of Representatives. Wadsworth aims to change all that. "I will be a legislator who will work well with others," said Wadsworth, of Northville, during a recent interview.

"Folks are sick of the gridlock." Democrat Wadsworth, a community activist and 16-year member of the Northville Public Schools Board of Education, faces Republican Kurt Heise, an attorney and former director of the Wayne County Department of Environment, in the Tuesday, Nov. 2, election in the 20th District.

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Murder trial jury begins deliberations COOKOFF

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BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Jury deliberations began late Friday in the trial of a Plymouth Township woman accused of smothering her newborn daughter nearly two years ago.

Emily Portellos, 30, is charged with four felonies in the case: murder during the commission of a felony, firstdegree premeditated murder, second-degree murder and



spend life in prison without the chance of parole if convicted of firstdegree murder. The baby

first-degree

child abuse.

She could

was found in her bedroom on Oct. 15, 2008, shortly after Portellos underwent emergency surgery at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Portellos

had lost a lot of blood during what she said was a breech birth and was taken to the hospital by ambulance after her mother discovered her in the bedroom.

Testimony on Tuesday from a township police detective, Officer Marcy Linton, indicated Portellos, while recovering from surgery, had agreed to a scenario in which she smothered the infant after giving birth. The defense, however, challenged the supposed confession, which was not written down or otherwise documented.

The trial began Sept. 21 with jury selection, and testimony was wrapped up late last week, with closing arguments Friday. Jury deliberations are scheduled to continue on Monday.

Portellos has been jailed since her arrest in November

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the Plymouth Popcorn Co., Kilwin's, the theater company Barefoot Productions, and the sporting goods store Sun and

"They're all going to be creating their best pots of chili and competing against each other," Horn said.

The chili-cooking and tasting is centered around The Gathering, on nearby Penniman Avenue, and in Kellogg Park. Samples in the business competition and in the People's Choice competition will be available at noon, and samples from the ICS competition will be available later — 1:30 p.m. for green chili, 3 p.m. for red.

The festival is popular among motorcycle enthusiasts, and a motorcycle show, with judging in 17 different categories, will take place noon to 5 p.m. on Main Street. Registration starts at 10 a.m.

In addition, bikers will be riding into Plymouth from two dealerships, Motor City Harley Davidson in Farmington Hills and Dick Scott's Indian Motorcycles in Canton Township. The ride cost is \$10 and includes parking on Ann Arbor Trail.

Motorcycle fans can also enjoy a slow-speed exhibition by professional riders on Main south of Ann Arbor Trail at 1 p.m. The show will repeat at 3 p.m.

This year's festival will also include:

 Live music by Steve King and the Dittlies between noon and 5 p.m.

• Performances by five different dance companies,

beginning at noon. · Activities for children, noon to 5 p.m. at Kellogg Park and on Main north of

Penniman. • A dog costume contest — the Hottest Dog in the Coolest

City — at 2 p.m.• A raffle with a \$1,000 first prize, a \$500 second prize and a \$250 third prize.

 Concessions, and booths and displays by event sponsors and beneficiaries.

In addition to Habitat for Humanity, some proceeds this year are going toward the Miracle League of Plymouth and the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

The chili festival relies solely on volunteers, about 150 of them this year, Horn said. Volunteers come from beneficiaries such as Habitat and the Miracle League, but also from service clubs like the Plymouth A.M. Rotary and the Christian Motorcycle Association.

For event details, a schedule, and information on registering for the ICS competition, the motorcycle ride, the Hottest Dog contest or the Restaurant Chili Challenge, visit the website www.greatlakeschili.com. The chili festival hot line is (734) 776-9669; Monday is the last day to register for a chili competition.

SOS meeting to focus on school funding

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Local school officials are putting out an SOS call to Wayne County residents to get informed about school financing at a informational presentation Thursday, Oct. 14.

SOS - Save Our Students, Schools and State will have its chair Tom White and Mary DeYoung-Smith, president of the Michigan PTSA, as the speakers at the program, planned for 7-8:30 p.m. at Wayne Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium, 3001 Fourth St., Wayne.

"Parents need to go there

so they can understand 'what's going on and what needs to be done to fix this crisis," said Wavne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy. "We are supporting this so everyone of our parents, employees and stakeholders in

the district can attend." The program will look at the results of a Citizens Research Council of Michigan report on the issues the state is facing and at education's funding mechanism set under Proposal A.

The primary goals of SOS are to create a grassroots network of school personnel and community members to promote change through leg-

islative action, assist schools to operate more efficiently and effectively and create a reformed system for funding K-12 education that yields equitable, adequate and predictable funding.

According to SOS, "Michigan's school funding system is failing. It needs to be reformed. In the 15 years since the inception of Proposal A school funding system our economy has changed, our students have changed and our world has changed. Our school funding system needs to change as well. The needs are immediate as evidenced by the record number of school districts in deficit (bankruptcy) and the many more that are at the edge of a financial cliff. Both short- and long-term strategies are urgently needed to address the challenges faced by Michigan's schools.

According to Baracy, the meeting "is extremely important."

"It will contain information some of us may have forgotten or are not aware of because we weren't old enough to vote when Proposal A was passed," said Baracy.

For more information about SOS, visit its website at www. sosmichigan.org.

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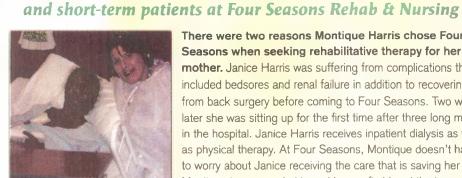
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Color blind

The Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion sponsors a discussion with essayist, author and educator Tim Wise, author of Colorblind: 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.miroundtable.org or by contacting Tanaya Parker by phone at (313) 870-1500.

Hats for homeless

The Plymouth Community United Way is preparing to kick-off a new clothing collection drive, "Hats for the Homeless," for the fall of 2010.

During the months of October and November, community residents can donate any new hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for all genders and

All donations can be dropped off to the Plymouth Community United Way located at 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2 in Plymouth or arrangements can be made for items to be picked up.

For additional information, e-mail Krista Strobel at kstrobel@ameritech.net or call (734) 453-6879.

Democratic rally

There will be a six club rally sponsored by the Community Democratic Club and similar clubs in Northville, Plymouth, Livonia, Westland and West Oakland Oct. 11 from 6-9 p.m. at Schoolcraft College's Vis Ta

Tech Center. This gathering is free and open to the public.

Invited candidates include candidate for Lieutenant Governor, Southfield Mayor Brenda Lawrence; David Levton, Genesee County Prosecutor, Candidate for Attorney General; Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano; Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon; State Senator Glenn Anderson, and

Congressman John Convers. For more information contact Jim Amar at (734) 776

Chili volunteers

The 15th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook off is scheduled for Sunday, Oct.10. This annual event draws thousands of spectators in downtown Plymouth.

Organizers are scheduling volunteers for 3- to 4-hour shifts throughout the day. To register to volunteer, phone the Habitat for Humanity office at (734) 459-7744, or email GLRChiliCookoff2010@ yahoo.com. Volunteers will receive an e-mail response confirming their spot as a volunteer. In exchange, volunteers will receive lunch and a T-shirt.

Garden club meets

The Plymouth Garden club will be meeting Oct. 11 at 12:30 PM in the Plymouth Library. The library is located at 223 S. Main Street. The club will hold a business meeting with focus on the annual greens sale.

Light refreshments will be served. Public is welcome.

For more information please visit the club's website at sites. google.com/site/plymouthgardenclub

Grief workshop

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church is sponsoring a one-day grief workshop, "From Grief to New Hope," Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to noon.

This free workshop is open to anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. It will be presented by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy. John is a published author of his own grief journey and a speaker with New Hope Center for Grief Support. Sandy is the Family Program coordinator at OLGC and also a speaker at New Hope.

This informational work-

ion is rendered.

'Most of the (discipline cases) in the system were for prescription drugs," Gonzalez said. "It's a huge problem."

Trustees John Jackson and Adrienne Davis, who had initially expressed concerns similar to Gonzalez's, were satisfied with progress the policy committee made on the subject and voted to leave the 2010 policy in place, with Fiegel's promises intact.

"Communication is the key," Davis said. "There were some communication issues, but I'm encouraged with where we are going forward."

shop will go into aspects of the grief journey and offer helpful coping ideas. Our Lady of Good Counsel is located at 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, Michigan. The workshop will be in the lower level social hall.

For registration information call Deacon Don Leach at (734) 453-0326, Ext. 223.

Penn history

The Penn Theater opened to the public in December 1941 on Penniman Avenue across from Kellogg Park. The theater is still in use today and is one of the gems of downtown Plymouth.

Joe and Ellen Elliott of the Friends of the Penn will talk about the history of the Penn Theater on Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Historical Museum. The talk will be held during the Plymouth Historical Society's monthly meeting. Admission is free to the meeting and lecture; donations are appreciated. Refreshments are served following the meeting.

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

455-8940.

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.

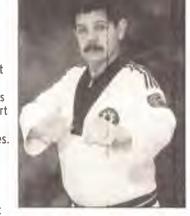
Grief support

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 pro-

The group will be conducted at the Compassionate Care Hospice office located at 5730

Tae Kwon Do tourney

The Salvation Army's Tae Kwon Do program is sponsoring a tournament to benefit The Salvation Army -Plymouth Corps programming. Funds collected from this event will support work within the Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville communities. The tournament takes place at the Salvation Army Gymnasium, 9451 S. Main in Plymouth, Saturday, Oct. 16. Opening ceremonies start at 11:30 a.m., the competition starts at



noon. Honorary Tournament Director will be Grand Master Prof. Eugene A. Humesky, Ph. D, 9th D, with co-director Sr. Master Joseph V. Hernandez, 7th Dan. Competition will take place in Student Forms and Sparring Competition, Black Belt Forms & Black Belt Breaking Forms Competition. Spectator fee is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 5-13 years old; children 4 and younger are free. Refreshments will be available. For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

Lilley Rd., Ste. A, Canton, from 6-7:30 p.m. There is no charge.

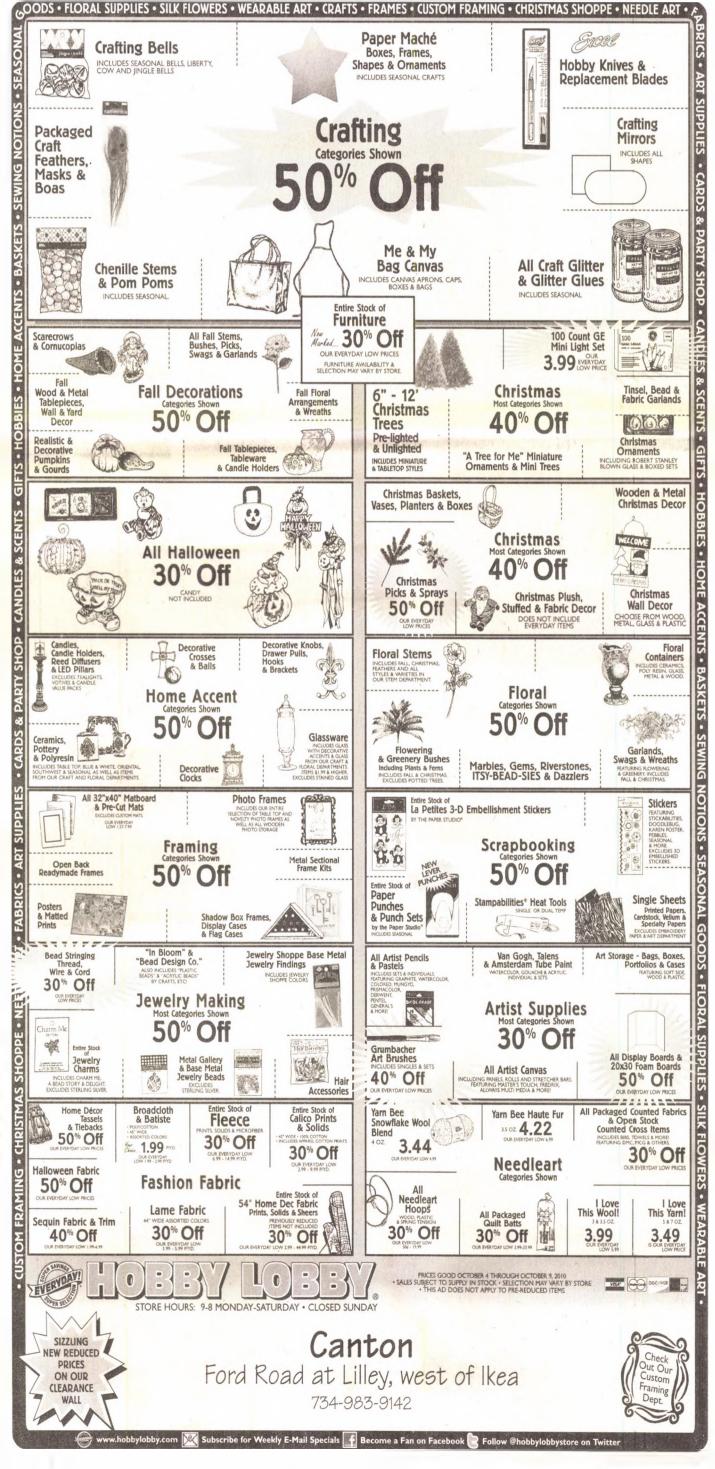
For information or to register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator, at (734) 983-9050.

Host families

AYUSA International is a non-profit high school foreign exchange student organiza-

tion which welcome teenagers from more than 65 countries worldwide and provides a host family placement and ongoing supervision for 5- and 10month academic programs.

These young people look forward to a warm bond of friendship with host families and a rewarding cultural exchange. Host families are asked to provide meals and a bedroom either shared or pri-

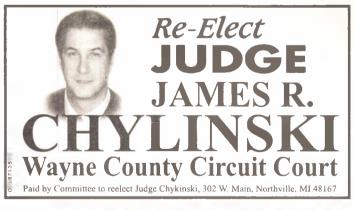


administrators. I think the administration is more than capable of making those decisions. We need to do our job. I have the confidence they can be consistent.

Gonzalez, who expressed concern because studies show the most popular drugs of choice among teens these days are prescription drugs like Xanax, Vicodin and OxyContin, wanted the 2009 policy reinstated until the board could hold a pair of public hearings on the matter, an affirmative vote by the board on each individual

change and a formal legal opin-

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Tailgate event hopes to be alumni attraction

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Hoping to bring former Plymouth-Canton students of all ages back into the fold, school officials last year formed an alumni committee charged with making the district a more graduate-friendly atmosphere.

The committee's first move was putting together a website (alumni.plymouth-cantonschools.net) launched in April 2009. Now, the committee is getting ready for its first alumni-themed event, "Gathering @ the Gridiron," an alumni tailgate party set to take place south of the Canton High School parking lot 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22

"The district has never really done a good job of keeping in contact with its alumni," said Steven Sneideman, president of the district's Board of Education. "The first step was to create the website and a newsletter. Now that we've gotten that underway, the next step is to reach out to make our alumni feel they're part of the district again."

The committee figured the game, Canton vs. Salem, would make be a natural for the first alumni event, since it was bound to attract a high number of grads anyway.

The committee will set up a large tent right outside the football field. There will be food, the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band will perform, and tables will be set up so alumni can purchase apparel from each of the park's three high schools.

We know many alumni are interested in coming to the Canton-Salem football game," said Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, the principal at Hoben Elementary and the facilita-



The Plymouth-Canton alumni website has galleries of photos that go back decades.



The former Plymouth High School, now Central Middle School.

tor for the alumni event. "We wanted to connect with people before the game.'

Alumni will also have an opportunity to record video/ audio answers to a variety of questions - "What's your

favorite memory of the park?" "What are your memories of the upper commons?" — for a video feature to be displayed on the alumni website (http:// alumni.plymouth-cantonschools.net).

"I think it's important the alumni feel connected to their district," said Vartanian-Gibbs, a member of the Class of 1984. "I think it's good for the district to plan events for alumni. They plan reunions for themselves, but those are outside what the district is doing. It's good to bring them back home. I think it's a good opportunity and creates wonderful memories for everyone."

Committee members obviously hope for good things for this - and other - alumni

"Our hope is this event will grow, and reunions will be planned around it," Sneideman

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Retirement costs offset funds gained in school bill

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jim Larson-Shidler couldn't stifle the chuckle when asked about the news the state Legislature had approved a \$154 addition to the foundation grant for each school district, meaning a \$2.9 million boost to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' general fund budget.

The chuckle came because Larson-Shidler, the district's assistant superintendent for business services, also found out the state will increase the percentage of payroll school districts pay for retirement from 19.1 percent to 20.66 percent effective Nov. 1.

"In one pocket, out the other," Larson-Shidler said with the aforementioned chuckle.

The state Senate Wednesday afternoon passed HB 5872 (S-5), which restores the remaining \$154 of last year's \$165 per student cut in state school aid as well as the \$4.5 million of the \$16 million cut in funding for intermediate school districts. It also would provide between \$23 and \$46 per student as a 2X addition for districts receiving the minimum foundation grant.

Plymouth-Canton will receive \$2.9 million with the \$154 per pupil increase and another \$816,000 for a 2X addition based on \$38 per student.

The hike in retirement costs, though, will cost the district some \$1.1 million, according to Larson-Shidler.

The money is one time only funding. It will disappear next year just federal stimulus money runs out. Estimates are that at that time districts could face a per-pupil loss of \$500-\$700.

In Plymouth-Canton, the money will help cover, among other things, a potential \$2.7 million in Step increases for teachers, a figure that wasn't included when the district put its 2010-2011 budget together, Larson-Shidler explained, because the district and its teachers are still negotiating a contract.

"It's definitely a temporary fix," said Larson-Shidler said of the Legislature's move. "This \$2.9 million covers that \$2.7 million and keeps our budget balanced."

The 19.1 percent retirement took effect Friday, Oct. 1, and was the amount districts used in planning their 2010-2011 budget. And looks like there is the possibility of yet another increase to 23 percent as soon as January. Administrators have heard the rate could climb to 26 percent next year.

Wayne-Westland Schools Supt. Greg Baracy, whose districts includes students from Canton and stands to gain \$2.4 million, said he fears if that happens, "the money may be used up before we get it."

Observer staff writer Sue Mason contributed to this report.

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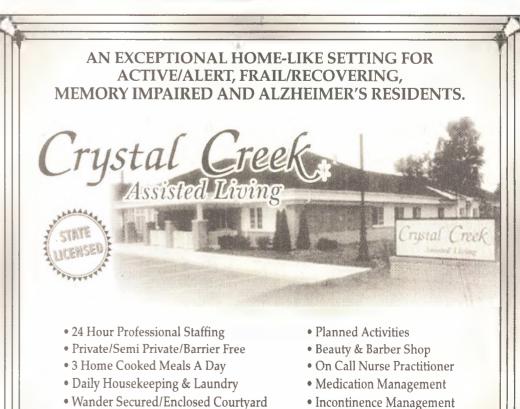
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Ross students share 'all kinds of stories'

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Laid-off workers, teens just out of high school and employees tired of dead-end jobs will share a common goal Monday when classes start for the first time at the new Ross Medical Education Center in Canton.

They will pursue a new career, a fresh start, in jobs that are expected to witness a nearly 30-percent growth within the next decade, said Don Klobucar, Ross director of new campus development.

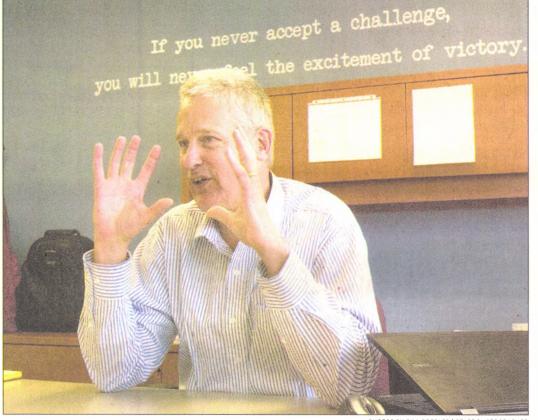
"Our students come here with a dream and walk away with a career with advancement potential," Klobucar said, giving a tour of the newest Ross school, 44958 Ford Road, tucked away in an office center north of Ford between Sheldon and Canton Center.

Ross offers morning and evening programs ranging from 30-42 weeks as it prepares students to become medical assistants dental assistants, medical insurance billers and office administra-

"A lot of our students don't like the jobs they have or they're fresh out of high school," said Ciera Ratliff, the Canton center's admissions representative. "Some of them are unemployed and need a new career. Our students have all kinds of stories."

Canton-based classes start Monday for 11 students enrolled in the medical assistant program, though Klobucar said enrollment is expected to increase rapidly as word spreads and as the dental assistant and medical insurance billing courses start in late October to mid-November.

The 11,000-square-foot Canton campus can accommodate as many as 220 students. Starting out, it has six staffers and 11 faculty members teaching courses and lab procedures 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. — hours designed to accommodate people who continue working



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while they learn a new career. "Some of our students are not happy with their jobs or they don't see room for advancement," Klobucar said. "We're also getting more students because of the economy and the number of displaced

workers."

Though 90 percent of Ross students are women, Klobucar said single fathers and students ranging in age from 18 to 65 are increasingly turning to allied health fields to start anew. Accordingly, Ross plans to open three to five new campuses each year in the Midwest.

Ross chose Canton for its 19th campus after researching demographics and deciding that the township and its neighbors — communities such as Plymouth, Livonia and Westland - offered a desirable market for the school's programs.

The new campus has an



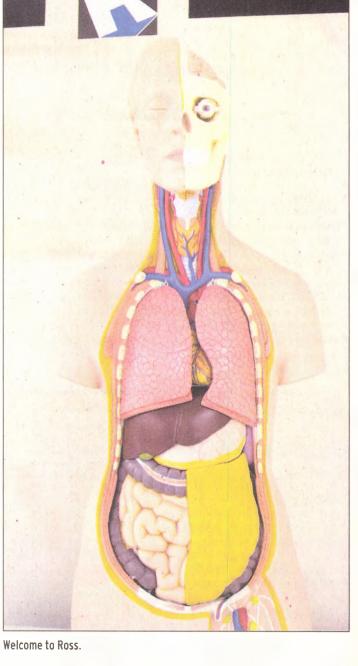
Medical Assistant classroom features hands-on equipment.

admissions department, a financial aid office and a career development section - all designed to offer onestop shopping for students. Everyone who attends Ross also participates in a six-week "externship" — an off-site

internship — and 50 percent of them get hired full-time that way.

Overall, Ross has a goal of placing 80 percent of its students.

"We're far above that every year," Klobucar said.



Alisa Biederman, a former high school teacher, works in job placement at the Cantonbased campus. She's eager to help people who have lost their former jobs or who need a new career path.

"I'm very excited about it,"

she said. In all, Ross has 14 campuses in Michigan, three in Ohio and two in Indiana. While the Canton campus has started

out with 17 employees, including faculty and other staffers, Klobucar said the center will, undoubtedly, create more jobs of its own.

'That number will only grow as enrollment goes up," he said.

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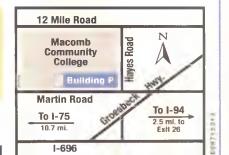
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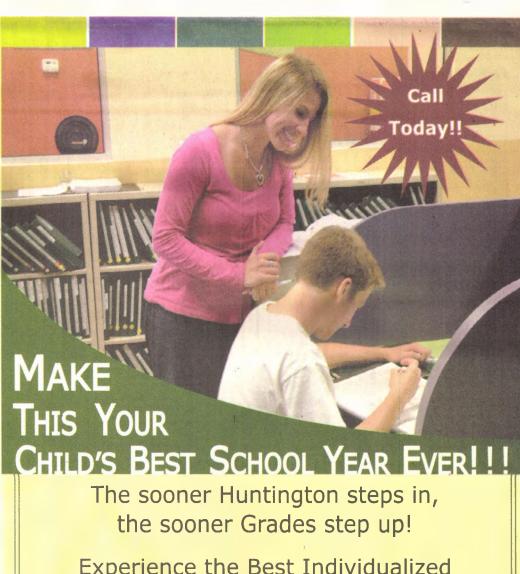
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Heise, 44, is the Republican nominee in the 20th District Michigan House of Representatives race. An attorney and the former director of the Wayne County Department of Environment, he faces Democrat Joan Wadsworth of Northville, a community activist and veteran school board member there, in the Tuesday, Nov. 2, election.

The district is represented by two-term Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, who is not seeking re-election. It is made of up Plymouth, the Wayne County portion of Northville, Northville and Plymouth townships, part of eastern Canton Township and the city of Wayne.

Heise spoke the the Observer in two separate interviews, one in June and the other Thursday.

He contends state government needs to be completely restructured.

THE HEISE FILE

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Who: Kurt Heise, 44 What: Republican candidate, 20th state House (Plymouth, Canton, Northville)

Family: Married 15 years to Catherine; children Katie, 13, and Claire, 11 Residency: Lived in Plymouth Township four years,

lifetime in Wayne County.

Profession: Municipal, environmental and labor attorney with Hemming, Polaczyk, Cronin, Smith, Witthoff Bennett in Plymouth; adjunct professor, U-M-Dearborn and Wayne State University; environmental and energy consultant for the Wayne State School of Civil Environmental

Engineering and other private and public sector clients. Education: Bachelor's degree in political science, University of Michigan (1988); Wayne State Law School, juris doctor (1991) and master's in labor

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Lawmakers should cut business taxes, streamline regulations, stabilize public education funding, make structural reforms to reduce the cost of government and trim the budget in order to point Michigan toward

economic growth, Heise said. Heise said his experience Ficano's administration, and says he was able to implement conservative principals in running the environment department while putting the customers - which he defined as the communities that make up the county — first. 'I think people see it as a plus if you have demonstrated

He was hired by Democrat

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the ability to work with the other party to get the job done," he said.

Reducing what he calls barriers to economic growth top Heise's priority list. The Michigan Business Tax is too burdensome, he said, and needs to be scrapped in favor of lower taxes.

"You have to lower taxes on business" and run the state with less revenue, despite the budget-cutting of recent years, he said. "There is more cutting that can be done and should be

He also favors state budgeting for two years at a time, as is done in Oakland County. He said the state needs to make structural changes in government — like reducing the pension and health care costs of state employees — in order to cut the budget.

Privatizing some services in areas like corrections, social services and mental health could also save money, as could consolidating school districts and local district courts, he said.

'The next several years for the state are going to be very challenging," he said.

But the Legislature should lead by example, he said — by cutting its own pay in half. (State House and Senate members currently earn nearly \$80,000 a year, plus get \$1,000 a month for expenses. A 10-percent pay cut will take effect next year.)

That, plus limiting in-session days to 75 a year — legislators would not get paid for . going over that — would force the Legislature to focus, he said.

"That would move everybody, in a sense of urgency, to get the job done," he said. Heise would also be open to revisiting term limits in the future.

Heise also said the state should make better use of its resources — such as its fresh water, which could be used to lure companies that need water. He supports the Aerotropolis plan at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport, which would develop the airport area as a shipping and business hub. "We've got a lot of room to grow," he said.

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THE WADSWORTH FILE

Who: Joan Wadsworth, 56 Residence: Northville; lived in district 25 years

Family: Husband, Steve Calkins; children Tim, Geoff

Education: Bachelors degree, Wells College, 1976; master's degree, University of Michigan, 1991 Professional background: American University,

Director of Noncredit Programs; American Association of State Colleges and Universities

Web site: www.joanwadsworth.com

Now represented by twoterm Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, who is not seeking re-election, the district is made up of Plymouth, the Wayne County portion of Northville, Northville and Plymouth townships, part of eastern Canton Township and the city of Wayne.

If elected, Wadsworth said, the economy and job-creation would be her top priorities. She would encourage colleagues to spend the first weeks of the next legislative session focusing on ways to address those

"Are there a series of steps in the middle we could agree to?" Wadsworth asked rhetorically. She thinks there are.

Her ideas for reviving the economy include:

 Reducing the Michigan Business Tax (including eliminating a nearly 22-percent MBT surcharge) and making the tax simpler. "Do that as a little piece of saying Michigan is open for business," Wadsworth said.

• Streamlining regulations, and offering businesses a more positive, customer-serviceoriented attitude. Michigan is hurt by the perception that it has a poor business climate, she said.

 Touting Michigan's business advantages, which she sees as a work force with manufacturing expertise, a growing entrepreneurial class and three major research universities.

Wadsworth also sees potential in the ongoing development of southeastern Michigan as a transportation center. With a freeway system already in place, projects like Aerotropolis at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport and a second bridge over the Detroit Kiver could pay off, she said.

"We have the basis for seeing the Detroit metro area as a major transportation hub," Wadsworth said.

She also argues that

Michigan should be "much more judicious" in handing out tax incentives in order to spur business investment. Fewer tax breaks could help close the budget gap, she said, and perhaps lead to a cut in taxes for all businesses, thereby also encouraging broader invest-

Public education is another priority for Wadsworth.

School districts have been faced with declining state funding in recent years, and Wadsworth proposes that all districts be allowed, at least temporarily, to ask local voters for a tax increase (which would be capped) in order to get through rough times.

In the long term, however, she wants the state to adopt a way of paying for schools that's more certain and equitable than the one Michigan adopted in 1994 with Proposal A, which raised the state sales tax and cut property taxes.

"I'm always a glass-half-full person," Wadsworth said. "I see an opportunity for the state to kind of leverage a discussion about how to create stable and equitable school funding."

She also favors a June 1 deadline for the education portion of the state budget, in order to give school districts, which begin their fiscal years in July, enough information to work state funding into their budgets.

Wadsworth also favors school district consolidation in some cases but would stop short of mandating it. Districts should start by looking at more shared services, she said.

Wadsworth said her experience on the school board and other organizations in Northville — the Downtown Development Authority, the Chamber of Commerce and more — have given her the ability to work with people with big differences and widely ranging points of view, and come up with consensus on key issues.

State lawmakers need to do that, too, she said, by focusing first on issues about which they agree.

"You find the things that you can work on together," she said.

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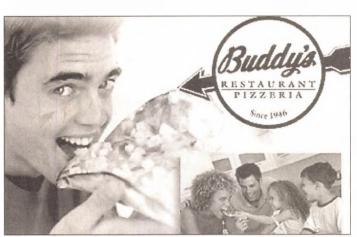
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Q: Dear Rick: Earlier this year my cousin passed away. He had a rather sizeable estate and he was single without children at his death. He had a living trust and therefore there no probate was needed. I recently received a check for my inheritance and there was a note attached that said that the trustee of his trust was withholding money for potential estate taxes. I know there are no estate taxes this year, so I called the trustee. He said the estate still could be subject to estate taxes. Do you think the trustee is right and, if not, what sort of legal action can I bring to get the rest of my inheritance?

A: You are correct in that at the present time there are no estate taxes in 2010. However, and this is where it gets confusing, there is no guarantee that we won't have the return of the estate tax this year and, furthermore, there is no guarantee that the estate tax won't be retroactive to the beginning of the year.

This doesn't seem fair and it's not right, however, equity and fairness generally have nothing to do with taxes. Therefore, because your cousin's estate was a large estate, it is possible that Congress could pass a new estate tax law which could impact your cousin's estate.

I believe it was responsible of the trustee to withhold money for potential estate taxes. After all, if the law changes and the estate was subject to taxes, the trustee could potentially have personal liability if the money was already distributed.

I know many people who are reading this would say you can't have a tax law passed at the end



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

in courts, the courts have allowed these retroactive tax laws. In fact, when President Bill Clinton took office, he signed a tax law that was actually retroactive to before he even took office. Once again, the courts determined that it was legal.

This (2010) is an unusual year when it comes to estate taxes. Since the advent of the estate tax decades ago, there has never been a year where the tax has been non-existent and yet, that is exactly what we have this year.

I have no doubt that Congress anticipated that when the current estate tax law passed, it would be amended by now. It wasn't and that is why the confusion. Congress has tried a number of times throughout the years to correct the situation, however, politics gets in the way. It is still possible that after the elections (in the lame-duck session), a new law will get passed. That is why I believe the trustee is being prudent by withholding money for the potential tax liability.

There is always much confusion regarding estate taxes. The great majority of Americans will not have to worry about estate taxes, however, if the present law is not amended, more Americans will be subject to the tax. Nevertheless, whether you are potentially subject to the estate tax or not, it is still important for everyone, no matter what your means, to do some sort of estate planning. Whether it is a living trust, a will, a durable power of attorney or a medical durable power of attorney, every adult needs some sort of estate plan. Reducing or eliminating taxes is important, however, what is even more important is protecting your family.

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When it comes to estate taxes, laws are going to change. What the new law will be and when it takes effect, no one knows at this point in time. Good luck!

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Judy and Russ Sarns' 1955 coral and gray Chevrolet Bel Air appears in the movie 'Flipped,' which was shown at the AMC 20 in Livonia.

Couple's classic car featured in 'Flipped'

Love story similar to their own

Russ and Judy Sarns of Livonia and several of their friends and relatives had a special reason for viewing the new movie Flipped at AMC 20 in Livonia Sept. 23.

The Sarns' 1955 coral and gray Chevrolet Bel Air was one of the classic cars used in the

The viewing was the culmination of a 15-month-long experience with the movie, said Judy Sarns.

"Our group of family and friends were faithful readers of my blog detailing our experiences with the movie," she said. "They were delighted to finally get to view the film and see our car parked out in front of AMC and also in several scenes in the film. We gave each attendee a small magnet with a picture of our car and the words, 'I flipped over the movie, Flipped - September,

2010." The whole thing started in the spring of 2009 when Russ, her husband of 46 years, saw an article in his Camaro Club newsletter asking if anyone owned a car from the mid 1950s to early 1960s. Film makers were looking for a vehicle for a movie being filmed that summer in Ann

Arbor set in that time period. "The article asked for a pic-



Judy and Russ Sarns' love story is similar to the one told in the movie 'Flipped,' which features their 1955 coral and gray Chevrolet Bel Air.

ture and description of our car. So we sent it in and a few months later were called and asked to bring our car to a warehouse in Ann Arbor to be looked at," Judy Sarns said.

The car spent eight days on the set in Ann Arbor that summer. The Sarns watched the fascinating process of movie making, anxiously awaited the completion of the film and went to the premier of Flipped in Indianapolis on Aug. 2.

The movie is based on the coming-of-age book Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen about a second-grade girl who has a crush on a boy her age

who moved in across the street from her. He, of course, did not feel the same way about her. They go through grade school and middle school together when he then realizes he does have feelings for her. The story depicts strong family values, according to Sarns.

The story is reminiscent of her and her husband's

romance, she said. "We met at age 10 in Sunday School, and I had a big crush on him. I invited him to my eighth-grade graduation dance in January of 1956 and five months later, he invited me to his. His father picked me up

in the family's 1955 coral and gray Chevrolet Bel Air, which I thought was a beautiful car."

Even though they saw each other each week in Sunday School and in the halls of Detroit's Mackenzie High School, they didn't date again until Judy's last semester at Mackenzie.

"We had all our dates in that car," she said of the Bel Air. "His parents gave us the car when we got married in 1964 and we sold the "rusty old car" in the early 1970s for \$75. Years later, Russ wished he could find a car just like that and in 1998, he did."



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Maggie Zakem of Plymouth Township has 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, marked on her calendar. That night, Wall Street Journal columnist and author Jeffrey Zaslow of West Bloomfield will visit the Plymouth District

The occasion? The 20th anniversary of the Contemporary Books discussion group at the library, 223 S. Main.

Zakem was hard-pressed to pick her top three from her years in the group but lists When We Were Orphans by Kazuo Ishiguro, a fiction title. "I called Vicki Sistek (another member) who was in Cleveland at the time," she recalled.

Zakem read the 93 Amazon comments on the book. "I was just looking forward so much to the discussion," she said. "It was wonderful. It was great. I really love the book group. I don't know what I would do without

The group began in 1990 under the tutelage of nowretired librarian Darlene Ursel. Group members meet each July to suggest titles, which Ursel and now current librarian Sue Patterson pick based on availability and interest.

Zakem recalled her former job at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church which kept her from Contemporary Books for awhile. "I just love and need to be able to discuss books," she said.

She likes tossing aside a book if she doesn't enjoy it, giving it just 10-15 pages. Cormac McCarthy's All the Pretty Horses got a Zakem toss after two

"I've never read Danielle Steel," said Zakem, who joined the group in 1995 when members read Lois Lowry's The Giver. She lists that and Joanne Harris's Gentlemen and Players as her other two favorites.



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an adult services librarian and Plymouth resident, has led the group for seven years. She tips her hat to Ursel who started it at a

time when book groups were

less common. "She was as usual before her time," Patterson said. "She in many ways set the model. I've

really continued her good work." Group members read Jane Austen's Sense and Sensibility from the 19th century as well as such 20th century novels as To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper

Lee and The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger. "It's a very elastic definition," Patterson said of Contemporary Books. "We occasionally dip back into the classics. Basically, I use my experience and judg-

Group members have asked about Kathryn Stockett's The Help, a current fiction best seller dealing with racial issues due out soon in paperback. "We borrow, we buy," Patterson said. The first *Harry Potter* book by J.K. Rowling generated a lively discussion.

GENERATING DISCUSSION

She looks at plotting and theme. "If it's too clear-cut, there's really nothing to say," said Patterson of the fiction and nonfiction, which need to generate a discussion. Group members take turns moderating

The group read the nonfiction Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortensen and David O. Relin, about Mortensen's work building schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan. For the every-otheryear Great Michigan Read, they read Bich Minh Nguyen's Stealing Buddha's Dinner, about her leaving Vietnam as a young child and growing up

in Grand Rapids. That author spoke at the Penn Theatre in Plymouth and was wellreceived.

"I've never had an author appeal to me," said Patterson of being approached to have members discuss an author's book. She chooses titles to appeal to a lot of people and get them outside their reading comfort zone.

"We try as much as possible to get a variety of points of view," Patterson said. Group members have read a couple of graphic novels. They also read Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer, a fiction title about 9/11's impact on a family.

The group meets 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Plymouth library, and has had younger attendees. A 22-year-old man recently attended the discussion of The Hitchhiker's Guide to the

Galaxy by Douglas Adams. "He was the authority on the book," Patterson said.

RULES HELP

There are few rules at Contemporary Books, with members asked to listen and respect others. Attendance runs 13-20 monthly, with the only requirement being to read the book.

Zakem joined with friend and neighbor Vicki Sistek of Plymouth Township, who also moved from Detroit's Rosedale Park in the 1990s.

"What I've found books that everybody loves don't generate a good discussion," Zakem said. "I will plow through a book I don't like such as A Reliable Wife" by Robert Goolrick, a fiction title about a not-all-she-seems mail order bride in rural Wisconsin of the early 1900s.

Susan Stoney, public relations specialist for the library and a Plymouth resident, noted people look in the newsletter for group titles to read on their own. Patrons often use those for library book kits, books in a bag also started by retiree Ursel.

A few years back, the library hosted a program on how to start your own book group. A Brown Bags lunchtime group started about 10 years ago and helps daytime patrons.

Pat Thomas, library director, is proud of her staff and the group's longevity. "Time flies, doesn't it?" said Thomas of Ann Arbor. "Absolutely, it's a point of pride but I have very little to do with it."

Thomas noted people talk about TV shows as well. "It's great if they can talk about books," seeing life in others' shoes. "I just think it's great. Plymouth reads. Plymouth always has read."

The Tuesday, Oct. 19, celebration with author Zaslow requires advance registration at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4, or online at plymouthlibrary. org. Group members are reading Zaslow's nonfiction *The* Girls From Ames now, to be discussed Tuesday, Oct. 12. The Oct. 19 party will include cake and refreshments as well as prizes. For information, call Sue Patterson at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 241, or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org.

Zaslow is married to Fox 2 anchorwoman Sherry Margolis. He co-wrote with Randy Pausch The Last Lecture as well as being coauthor with Capt. Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger of Highest

The Friends of the Plymouth District Library are sponsoring Zaslow's Plymouth appearance, at which all three of his books will be sold and signed. Sullenberger is the airline pilot who landed a plane safely on the Hudson River in New York City in 2009. In addition to that heroic act, Sullenberger drew praise from librarians for worrying about leaving a library book on the plane in the river.

W-W administrators press board for respect

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A group of Wavne-Westland building administrators has put the district's school board on notice that it expects to be treated with the same respect it shows trustees and other school officials.

In a prepared statement read at last week's school board meeting, Stephanie Acord, co-president of the Wayne-Westland Building Association, told trustees that "as our principals work to do what is best for kids, members of this board have condoned, if not participated in the disrespectful treatment of our membership."

"Our membership feels that we are respectful of the needs of the district and Board of Education, and asks only for that same level of respect in return to our membership," she said. "Public attacks against our membership are indeed public whether they happen inside the walls of this room, or in an electronic format on social networking websites."

Acord was referencing parent comments posted on a wall on Facebook as well as a posting by a board member that can be construed as condoning the "inflammatory" remarks.

The Wayne-Westland **Building Administrators** Association will no longer silently tolerate this treatment of our membership and to that end will use any means within our legal rights as a collective bargaining unit to address individuals that engage in activities that compromise the integrity of our membership and our learning community," she said.

Her comments are

the latest in a series of exchanges between the union and the school board in regard to a discussion at the April 26 meeting about the salary Mark Cesarz would receive as the newly appointed co-principal at Adams Upper Elementary School. The issue was raised by Trustee Carol Middel, who questioned what Cesarz would make in his new position and then pressed him to consider foregoing the pay increase, estimated at \$6,000, in light of the district's financial difficulties.

WWBAA protested the discussion, saying that was "disrespectful and certainly out of place in such a public forum." That was followed by a statement from school board President Skip Monit, acknowledging that "the board, as a whole, overstepped our boundaries" and offering "deepest apolo-

Acord told the board that it's expected that emotions and passions would be high during the transition to the K-4/5-6 elementary program and that "we all want to focus on what's best for kids." However, that is difficult "by the continued erosion of unity between the elected officials in our learning community."

Acord said that the union has been approached about working out the differences that have surfaced since the April 26 meeting and is hopeful that the issue can be resolved.

"We're more than willing to do what's best for our students and the school district and to continue to support its initiatives," she said. "All we expect is respect."

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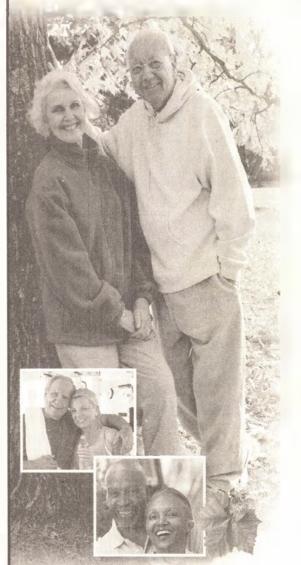
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County beefs up rules to protect nature preserve

BY LEANNE ROGERS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Some people apparently are unclear on the concept of a nature preserve.

Wayne County Parks staff recently cut up three bridges, part of a 2,500-foot illegal mountain bike trail that had been built across the Holliday Nature Preserve. Mountain bikes are prohibited from the 500-acre preserve of wetlands and forests due to the damage caused to the vegetation and habitats.

"When there is one mountain bike doing something in the preserve, there is not much to do. We had a crisis over the summer," said Bill Craig of the Holliday Nature Preserve Association. "They were not content with the existing trail system. They weren't supposed to be there. They made a long cut through the wood where there never was a trail. It was very disappointing when I saw

Whoever did the damage Craig calls them rouge

mountain bikers — spent a lot of time building their trail, including three illegal bridges,

one 23 feet long.
"This wasn't kids. These are adult men who want to ride mountain bikes through the nature preserve," said Craig. "I'm sure they were proud of what they did."

The illegal bridges were well-built using boards and the trail was marked with the initials MBT and an arrow sprayed on trees. The illegal trail was constructed near the Central City Parkway entrance to the preserve.

Once they were alerted to the illegal trail, Craig said he was pleased with the response from Wayne County Parks, which quickly cut up the bridges, and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, which has ticketed at least one mountain biker for being in the preserve. Mounted officers are patrolling the park in an effort to catch the mountain

"We have new signs. We had revised, updated rules

adopted by the Wayne County Commission that we put up on Earth Day," said Craig. "That had been a weak link - people would say they didn't know it was illegal."

The association also received support from the Michigan Mountain Biking Association. An e-mail from Dave Thompson, a member of the MBA state board of directors, stated that "the MMBA does not condone this type of activity and is concerned for the reputation of mountain bikers as a whole that can suffer at the hands of a few who, through either ignorance or malice, fail to play by the rules."

Due to cutbacks at Wayne County, Craig said enforcement in the park has been dif-

"It's hard to get the police in there," said Craig. "People will say that they heard guys with chainsaws but people don't get involved or they thought it was something we were doing."



Irogers@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-5428 The bikers not only built bridges, they cut down trees and vegetation to create their 2,500-foot trail in the preserve.









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Local firm racks up miles, donations to help M.S. patients

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

A Plymouth Township company last week marked 10 years of generosity toward the Michigan chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis

Conestoga-Rovers & Associates, a consulting engineering firm, has been participating since 2001 in the society's cycling fund-raising events, logging thousands of miles and an estimated \$200,000 in total contributions.

Multiple sclerosis is a disease of the central nervous system that affects movement. The M.S. Society raises money to help M.S. patients — there are about 18,000 in Michigan — and for medical research.

This year alone, some 25 CRA cyclists — employees, friends and business associates who bike under the name CRA Metro Wings — expect

to raise between \$15,000 and \$20,000 this year in the M.S. Society's three two-day Michigan bicycle rides. The Bavarian Breakaway (based in Frankenmuth), with a maximum distance of 200 miles, took place Saturday and Sunday and was the last ride of the season.

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"It's good to participate in something like this, where people are helping others," said Fred Blickle of Northville Township, an environmental engineer and CRA vice president.

Blickle founded the Metro Wings and is the team's captain emeritus. He participated this year in the M.S. Society's Mid-Michigan Breakaway, a round trip between Fenton in July (Blickle put in 175 miles). Cyclists spent a night

"It's just a very positive event, and I think it does a fine job of raising awareness to the community," Blickle said.

CRA's effort began in 2001, Blickle said, when several employees and friends informally participated in an M.S. Society ride. After that, he said, they organized a team and found local corporate sponsors to help with fund-

"I think if you can help others, you should do that," Blickle said. "I think everybody should devote a certain amount of time to helping others and helping your community."

The CRA Metro Wings cocaptains this year are Jeni Quigley, an environmental

motivation for his involvement: three aunts suffer from multiple sclerosis. For one of them, "just making toast in the morning is like a 75-mile bike ride," he said.

"Puts a lump in my throat," Abdallah said of his involvement. "When I'm struggling on the bike, there're no excuses.

"It's nothing compared to the everyday — just getting out of bed" for his aunts, he said.

The CRA Metro Wings

mean a lot to Pam Beaudry of Fenton, who was diagnosed with M.S. 14 years ago. Beaudry is a "power partner," or honorary team member, for three cycling teams, including the Metro Wings. Her job is to provide inspiration and motivation to the cyclists.

"These guys and girls are just incredible," Beaudry said. "Their hearts, they have the kindest hearts, and the love that I give them I get in return and it strengthens me."

Beaudry and her husband, Doug, each year use a car to follow cyclists during the Mid-Michigan Breakaway, with Pam taking photographs of the moving cyclists and offering them hugs and encouragement during rest stops.

"I do a lot of crying cause I'm so overwhelmed at what they're doing," Beaudry said.

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Plymouth senior Adedamola Adebiyi (No. 15) eludes Westland John Glenn defenders Donnell Brewer (No. 3) and Duron Govantes (No. 24), en route to a 45-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter. Plymouth senior Jacob Morris (No. 2) is back to give blocking support.

Wildcats' aerial game on target in rout

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

This time, there was no end-ofgame craziness or footage that might wind up on ESPN.

Yes, Plymouth and Westland John Glenn renewed acquaintances Friday night. But unlike the 2009 game, this year's was a flat-out whipping as the host Wildcats won 48-0.

Plymouth, now one win from clinching a state playoff berth, scored 28 points in the second quarter — all on touchdown passes from junior quarterback Shaun Austin — to make the team's homecoming game a festive one at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

That pretty much told the tale of the KLAA South contest, which finished with a running clock after Plymouth made it 35-0 early in the third quarter.

"I don't know if it's payback," Wildcats head coach Mike Sawchuk said about whether his team had extra incentive to get back at the

Rockets for last season's strange loss. "You try to learn from those mistakes and learn from what happened. We just came out and played well."

John Glenn head coach Tim Hardin said what transpired last year had no bearing on Friday's game, "none whatsoever." Hardin said his defense simply couldn't stop Plymouth's aerial attack, which accounted for 323 yards and five TDs from Austin.

"I don't think it was an effort thing, it was an execution thing," Hardin said. "They threw the ball on us like crazy, but they didn't pound us, they didn't outplay us physically."

Meanwhile, the Rockets could only succes ₹ 185 yards on offense.

FEELING GOOD

Last October, Plymouth players thought they won the game against the Rockets and started running off the field. But officials didn't whistle the play dead and a Glenn player scored a 33-yard touchdown for the victory.

Sawchuk didn't think there was an emotional carryover, but senior running back Jerel Jenkins (nine rushes, 47 yards, one TD) did.

"That was the only thing on our minds," Jenkins said. "Just thinking about what they did to us last year and how that happened."

Jenkins also said the team's seniors "knew it was homecoming and we just had the feeling" things would work out this time.

It did take a while, with the teams scoreless after one quarter. But with 9:09 to go in the half, Austin fired the ball over the middle to wide-open junior Donte Fox and he did the rest. Fox raced to a 76-yard touchdown, easily outdistancing John Glenn defensive back Duron Govantes.

Plymouth senior Philip Emminger then intercepted Rockets quarterback Jeff Kuhary (11-of-20, 74 yards) inside the John Glenn 40-yard line.

That led to a 23-yard strike from Austin to senior wideout Brennen

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Several players enjoyed productive nights for Canton, now 6-0 overall and 5-0 in the KLAA South division.

Canton romps again, 48-7

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton clinched a state playoff berth, as expected, with Friday's 48-7 victory over Livonia Churchill.

The Chiefs rolled out to a 21-0 lead after one quarter at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park junior varsity field, and had a 41-0 edge before the Chargers got on the board just before halftime.

Several players enjoyed productive nights for Canton, now 6-0 overall and 5-0 in the KLAA South division.

Seniors Davion Stackhouse and Kevin Buford scored three and two touchdowns, respectively — with each player finding paydirt from 60 yards out or longer.

Stackhouse (9 rushes, 168 yards) and Buford (8-79) had help from junior Zac Merillat, who scored a touchdown, rushed for 63 yards in nine attempts and made 12 tackles.

Braden Price (14 tackles) and Jeff Straub (11 tackles) also had strong defensive games while senior Ryan Powell scored on a 61-yard punt return in the second.

Churchill's record dipped to 2-4 overall and 1-3 in the KLAA South.

2nd half dooms Salem

Visiting Salem led 14-13 over South Lyon East at halftime on Friday night, but it went all downhill after that for the Rocks in a 31-14

Salem (0-6, 0-4 in the KLAA Central) spoiled an excellent all-around game by Marcus Houston, who ran 31 times for 174 yards (including a 55-yard touchdown) and picked off two South Lyon East passes.

Other bright spots included senior Ethan Walsh (30-yard TD, 11 tackles) and Tommy Rodriguez (10 tackles).

PCA takes drubbing

Still looking for their first win as a varsity high school program, Plymouth Christian lost 64-14 at Saginaw Buena Vista on Friday night to fall to 0-5.

Scoring for the Eagles were Matt Dodson (30-yard TD) and Eric Jipping, who tallied 106 yards (including a 35-yard TD) in 20 rushes.

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SIDELINES

Olympic medalists to skate Friday

Arctic Edge of Canton and its figure skaters will be holding a dress rehearsal for the upcoming figure skating season 10 a.m. Friday and the general public is welcome (admission is free).

Olympic Gold Medalists Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir will be performing their routines along with Olympic Silver Medalists Meryl Davis and Charlie White and a host of up and coming skaters from the Arctic Edge. For more information, please contact the Arctic Edge Ice Arena at (734) 487-7777

Victory for Canton netters

Canton's boys tennis team had a strong tuneup for Saturday's KLAA conference meet, knocking off Walled Lake Central 7-2 on Tuesday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. The match was a crossover of No. 1 teams.

Scoring wins in singles play for the Chiefs were No. 1 Ryan Hansz (6-1, 6-4 over Glenn Miller), No. 2 Adam Payne (6-3, 6-1 over David Arnold) and No. 3 Varun Bandri (6-3, 7-6(2) over Matt Saperstein).

In doubles play, the No. 2 tandem of Rocky Willette-Josh Wendel won 6-3, 7-6(3) over Central's Mike Kinoyan-Blake Boedecker, No. 3's Alan Halim-Ashwin Kumar won 6-1, 4-6,

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'Cats, Chiefs get most out of friendly rivalry

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The KLAA conference golf meet looms Tuesday. But, for campus rivals Plymouth and Canton, Wednesday's dual match at Hilltop Golf Course was also a pretty big deal.

Plymouth, sparked by sophomore All-State hopeful Kelsey Murphy (35, match medalist) and sophomore stalwart Sarah Thompson (45), defeated the host Chiefs 180-204.

The Wildcats improved to 8-0 overall while Canton dropped to 5-5.

"This is a great warmup" for the KLAA Kensington Conference meet, said Plymouth head coach Chris Moore. "It's always fun playing our cross-campus rivals. It's good, they're playing well."

Tom Alles, whose squad featured a 45stroke performance by Paige Osler. "This will be good competition for

Concurring was Canton head coach

them, to see who they have to beat out there. (on Tuesday, at Pheasant Run Golf

Please see GOLF, B3



Plymouth and Canton golfers pose for a group shot before Wednesday's dual match at Hilltop Golf Course. For the Wildcats (back row, from left) are Lindsay Dean, Christy Pattison, Stefania Sgambati, Sarah Thompson and Kelsey Murphy. Canton's squad includes (front row, from left) Kaylie Lobb, Paige Osler, Kelsey McDougall, Ariel Alber, Mary Elizabeth Winther and Chloe Luyet.



co-captain of Canton's girls

Miscellany: Abigail, whose

parents are John and Patrice

Gorzalski, carries a 3.8 grade-

of the National Honor Society.

Captain's job: "I believe my

teammates, making sure that

to be accomplished to put us

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give new runners tips on how to

improve."

the team is doing all that needs

cross country team.

ABIGAIL GORZALSKI

Who: Abigail Gorzalski, 17, senior point average and is a member She also helps coach cross country during the spring at Canton Charter Academy Middle School. example. Why her? "I think I was chosen job consists of encouraging my



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to be captain because I have worked hard all four years on the team."



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Whalers' Brown on NHL mission

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Last year, Tyler Brown was all over the ice as a forward for the Plymouth Whalers.

But his role with the OHL club was more Kris Draper than Henrik Zetterberg, and he came through with 14 goals among 39 points while being a highly effective penalty killer for Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci.

This time around, at age 20, Brown seems to be bigger, stronger and a dangerous offensive force — something the Whalers will need to overcome the probable departure of overall No. 2 NHL draft pick Tyler Seguin.

Fresh off a successful stint at Pittsburgh's NHL training camp, Brown had two goals and two assists in Plymouth's first three games, teamed up on a potent line with Farmington Hills native Alex Aleardi (7 goals) and Garrett Meurs.

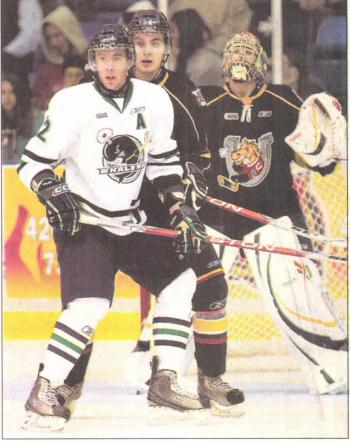
"He had a great Pittsburgh camp, I think it improved his confidence quite a bit, too," said Vellucci about Brown. "When he got back from Pittsburgh they talked to us and said he had an awesome camp and if he performs early this year he may get a contract from them."

Currently a free agent and one of Plymouth's four overage players (those who begin the season at age 20), Brown indeed might have bigger fish to fry.

TAKING NOTES

Brown, a Canton resident during the hockey season, said rubbing elbows with the likes of Sidney Crosby definitely helped him see there is a big-butattainable hockey world away from Compuware Arena.

"I thought I played pretty well in the rookie tournament, I didn't show that I was too nervous," Brown said. "I actually was pretty composed out there and playing with those type of guys just definitely helps you out."



Tyler Brown (left), shown during Saturday's home opener, is back with the Plymouth Whalers as an overage player. But a National Hockey League team might soon come calling if he continues his excellent all-around play.

The speedster talked to anybody he could find for pointers about being a professional. He morphed into a sponge — soaking in the big-league experience — and finding out what steps he'll need to someday get that contract.

"They noticed my defensive kind of game, they saw that," Brown said. "They'd like me to put more points up this year. I'm three games back now and I have a couple goals, a couple assists, so I'm trying to show them I can play an all-around game and see what happens."

MORE CONFIDENT

Now, for as long as it takes before hopefully signing a NHL contract (which he can do all season with permission from the Whalers), he is trying to utilize what he learned.

"When you're at Pittsburgh the game is definitely a lot faster," said Brown, no relation to former Whaler and Westland native Tyler J. Brown. "Coming back to the 'O,' you're just picking up what you got from Pittsburgh and applying it to your game.'

Compuware fans observed a different Brown his first shift of the Sept. 25 home opener against Barrie.

"I feel I have more confidence playing in this league now," he emphasized. "I know the coaches are relying on me to have a big year, so I'm going to do what I can to maybe get a contract this season. And if not, just keep doing what I'm doing."

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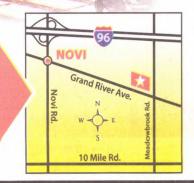
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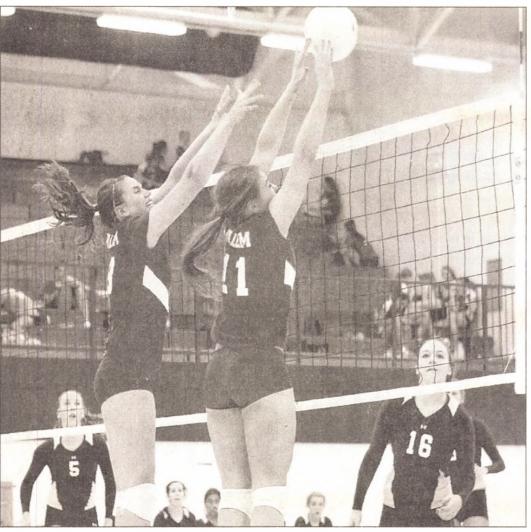
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Salem's Jillian Sommerville (middle) and Madeleine Vala (No. 11) jump in unison to put a block on the ball during Thursday's KLAA Central volleyball matchup against Livonia Stevenson.

Different paths to victory for Salem, Plymouth spikers

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If her team's inconsistency Thursday bugged Salem volleyball coach Amanda Nies, it didn't keep the Rocks out of the victory column.

Salem won 3-2 in a rollercoaster-like KLAA Central contest against visiting Livonia Stevenson.

The Rocks lost the opener 26-24, but came back with 25-9 and 25-16 wins in Games 2-3 to go up in the match. Stevenson squared things with a 25-23 win in Game 4 but Salem took care of matters in the decisive game, 15-8.

"We were very up and down the whole night," Nies said. "We would play well one game and then another way the next.

"We really need to keep our momentum. It has been a problem all year."

She said her team received a great performance from Jillian Sommerville, with 12 kills and five blocks. Also strong as usual was Nicole Merget (20 kills, 14 digs, 6 blocks) and

Kerry MacDonald (43 assists, 12 digs, 5 aces). Other Salem contributors included hard-hitting Kerstin Johnson (9 kills, 15 digs, 3 aces), Lauren Aschermann (15 digs) and Katie Vincent (10

digs). The win moved Salem's record to 10-5-0 overall and 3-1 in the Central. Stevenson's

ledger fell to 9-5-3/1-2. Plymouth wins in 3

Excellent work from the serving stripe Thursday night paid off for visiting Plymouth, with a 3-0 win at Livonia

Franklin.

The Wildcats took the first game of the KLAA South contest, 25-10, and followed up with 25-22 and 25-5 wins to finish off the Patriots.

Plymouth (11-4-1, 3-1) benefited from the serving of Lindsay Stemberger and Madelyn Betts, who ran up strings of 10 and 11 points, respectively.

Coach Kelly McCausland also praised her team's work up front and on defense.

"Our blockers got a lot of touches on the ball," she said, listing Emilee Beyer (4 solo blocks, 12 block touches), Betts and Alex Roberts (the latter two combined for 15 block

On defense, Mariah Tesarz (16 digs), Kayla Bridge (13 digs), Stemberger and Laura Schmid (each with 10 digs) helped bottle up the Pats (0-4 in the division).

PCA prevails

Continuing overall excellence Thursday night was Plymouth Christian, with a convincing 3-0 volleyball win over Michigan Independent Athletic Conference rival Lutheran Westland.

The Eagles (13-3, 3-0 in the MIAC) featured power (17 kills from middle blocker Kristin Malcolm), defense (11 digs from libero Abby Bartes), slick offense (20 assists from setter Brianna Harris) and serving prowess (19 service points from Bartes).

Harris also tallied seven kills and chipped in with smart decision-making and aggressive attacking.

Outside hitter Amy Zinn

chipped in with nine digs and two kills while middle blocker Folake Olojo (7 kills, 2 blocks) and defensive specialist Jessica Rich (8 digs) helped the PCA

Tuesday's action

• On Tuesday, Salem dropped a five-game match to Northville (21-25, 25-17, 22-25, 25-21, 13-15) despite 37 kills from Merget and a team-high 22 digs and 45 assists from MacDonald.

Abigail Dworzanin (14 digs), Sommerville (6 kills) and Madeleine Vala (7 digs, 5 kills) all helped the Rocks push Northville to the limit.

• Despite a sluggish start Tuesday, Canton defeated KLAA South opponent Livonia Frankin in four games.

The Chiefs (13-3-1, 3-0) dropped the opener, 25-23, but rallied with 25-16, 25-19 and 25-23 wins.

Canton coach Mary Kryska said highlights included Alaina Turner's net presence (15 kills with no errors, 4 blocks) and Kristen Muir's 11 kills, 11 digs and perfect record in serve receive.

"We can count on her (Turner) to kill the ball and mix it up a lot to keep the other defense guessing," Kryska said.

Jackie Waite (20 assists, 9 digs) and Lauren Martin (16 assists) keyed Canton's offense with Erica denBoer (15 digs), Alex Bryden (12 digs) and Laura Fcasni (10 digs) strong on defense.

Chipping in with six kills was Maggie Deloy while Tori den-Boer added three blocks.

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Mercy dominates Rock Maurer invite

Despite a fourth-place finish at the Sept. 25 Rock Maurer Invitational at Salem, the host Rocks did have some sparkling performances.

Salem's lone first-place showing was turned in by sophomore Abby Aumiller in the second heat of the 100 backstroke. Aumiller finished with a mark of 1:01.96.

Second-place finishes were registered by the 200-medley relay team (Aumiller, junior Lauren Seroka, senior Emily Nelson, freshman Julia Suriano, 1:56.12), junior Maria Radzwion (first heat 200 IM, 2:25.44), Seroka (fourth heat 200 IM, 2:16.44), Suriano in the third heat of the 100 backstroke (1:03.90) and Nelson in the

fourth heat of the 100 backstroke (1:03.05). Farmington Hills Mercy dominated the

proceedings with 351 total points. Finishing behind the Marlins were Northville (214), Livonia Stevenson (197), Salem (141.5), Canton (137.5) and Ann Arbor Pioneer (137).

The Chiefs also had a first-place performance, as senior Sara Krebs topped the field in the fourth heat of the 100 breaststroke (1:12.07).

Coming in second for Canton was the 200yard freestyle relay team, with a mark of 1:50.68 in the third heat. That quartet included seniors Paige Goodwin, Kelly Bedro, Maddy McLean and freshman Hannah Jenkins.

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING RESULTS

Event 13C/50 freestyle: 1. Schinella (FHM), 26.63; 4. McLean (C), 27.57; 6. Nilles (S), 28.23.

Event 14B/50 freestyle: 1. Steffl (FHM), 25.01; 3. Sneideman (S), 27.73; 4. Bedro (C), 27.73.

Event 15A/50 freestyle: 1. Nikki Barczak (FHM), 24.40; 2. Destinee Barmore-Hicks (C), 26.13; 3. Suriano (S), 26.42.

Event 16D/1-meter diving: 1. Erica Allor (FHM), 273.87 points. (FHM), 273.87 points. **Event 17C/1-meter diving:** 1. Christine Peterson (FHM), 259.26; 5. Bridget Maul (S),

Event 18B/1-meter diving: 1. Lauren Roberts (FHM), 387.66; 3. Sarah Rudelic (S),

Event 19A/1-meter diving: 1. Emmy Orrico (FHM), 369.12; 3. Robyn Piwowar (C), 290.01; 6. Erica Bolz (S), 173.91. Event 20D/100 butterfly: 1. Briana

ROCK MAURER INVITATIONAL Sept. 25 at Salem Sept. 25 at Salem
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Farmington Hills
Mercy, 351 points; 2. Northville, 214; 3.
Livonia Stevenson, 197; 4. Salem, 141.5; 5.
Canton, 137.5; 6. Ann Arbor Pioneer 137.

Event 1C/200-yard medley relay: 1 Mercy (Jordan Ewald, Hannah Knoop, Geri Michalzuk, Shannon Lemmer), 2:00.19; 3. Salem (Jenny Schwank, Maria Radzwion Marie Cross, Vincenza Zaia), 2:09.75; 6.

Canton (Laura Weisz, Mackenzie Dugas, Christine Pray, Sarah Schmidt), 2:16.64. Event 2B/200-yard medley relay: 1. Mercy (Elliott Schinella, Halie Zulch, Christine Edwards, Rachel Mack), 1:59.18; 4. Salem (Maggie Sneideman, Ashley Micek, Natasha Consul, Amanda Nilles, 2:05.73); 5. Canton (Kaitlyn Dugas, Kelly Bedro, Rachel

Event 3A/200-yard medley relay:

1. Mercy (Taylor Steffl, Maria Bargardi,
Annie Valentine, Sato Kakihara), 1:53.59; 2. Salem (Abby Aumiller, Lauren Seroka, Emily Nelson, Julia Suriano), 1:56.12; 5. Canton (Caitlin Orr, Sara Krebs, Catherine Irwin, Delaney Adams), 2:03.54.

Event 4D/200 freestyle: 1. Michalzuk (FHM), 2:06.48; 3. Irene Li (S), 2:11.47; 5. Faith Goodwin (C), 2:13.74.

Event 5C/200 freestyle: 1. Noel Huffman (FHM), 2:02.41; 4. Jocey Lamoureux (S), 2:10.68; 5. Kayla Eyster (C), 2:10.80. Event 6B/200 freestyle: 1. Savannah Hatt (LS), 1:58.23; 4. Maddie Gorman (S), 2:07.60; 5. Hannah Jenkins (C), 2:09.07.

Event 7A/200 freestyle: 1. Hanna Cowley (AAP), 1:55.16; 5. Aumiller (S), 2:04.21; 6. Madeline Madison (C), 2:07.39. Event 8D/200 IM: 1. Ewald (FHM),

Event 9C/200 IM: 1. Annie Valentine (FHM), 2:21.63; 3. Krebs (C), 2:28.74; 4. Micek

Event 10B/200 IM: 1. Kakihara (FHM), 2:16.39; 3. Nelson (S), 2:20.81; 6. Irwin (C), Event 11A/200 IM: 1. Bargardi (FHM),

2:13.78; 2. Seroka (S), 2:16.44; 5. Adams (C), 2:23.90. Event 12D/50 freestyle: 1. Mack (FHM), 26.96; 4. Claire Amin (S), 28.07; 5. Paige Goodwin (C), 28.08.

Event 21C/100 butterfly: 1. Lia Nagata (N), 1:02.73; 3. Kaitlyn Dugas (C), 1:09.24; 5. Nilles (S), 1:12.61. Event 22B/100 butterfly: 1. Valentine (FHM), 1:01.41; 4. Orr (C), 1:08.74; 6. Brenna Shortal (S), 1:20.40.

Event 23A/100 butterfly: 1. Steffl (FHM), 1:01.29; 3. Seroka (S), 1:03.40; 6. Adams (C), 1:05.66. Event 24D/100 freestyle: 1. Noe

Huffman (FHM), 56.94; 3. McLean (C), 1:00.83; 5. Jenny Schwank (S), 1:05.02. Event 25C/100 freestyle: 1. Christine Edwards (FHM), 56.44; 4. P. Goodwin (C), 1:01.09; 6. Kelley Zimmerman (S), 1:06.09.

Event 26B/100 freestyle: 1. Olivia Samoray (FHM), 56.56; 4. Eyster (C), 59.07; 6. Malissa Tabbey (S), 1:04.83. Event 27A/100 freestyle: 1. Barczak (FHM), 51,94; 5. Barmore-Hicks (C), 59,18; 6. Amin (S), 59,79.

Event 28D/500 freestyle: 1. Emma Michalzuk (FHM), 5:35.86; 3. Gorman (S), 5:36.42; 4. Pray (C), 5:53.85.

Event 29C/500 freestyle: 1. Geri Michalzuk (FHM), 5:31.13; 3. frwin (C), 5:44.03; 4. Li (S), 5:54.71. Event 30B/500 freestyle: 1. Kaylee

Event 31A/500 freestyle: 1. Savannah Hatt (LS), 5:09.82; 4. Lamoureux (S), 5:39.17;

Event 32C/200-free relay: 1. Northville (Elizabeth Hetu, Lily Chen, Riley Bruen, Maeve Nichols), 1:51.33; 4. Canton (A. Madison, Dugas, Caroline Wall, Lindsey Kubacki), 1:57.92; 6. Salem (Brenna Shortal

Abi Collingwood, Maddie Maikowski, Natasha Event 33B/200-free relay: 1. Mercy (Geri Michalzuk, Carlee Jackson, Rachel Mack, Emma Craig), 1:47.24; 2. Canton (Goodwin, Bedro, McLean, Jenkins), 1:50.68; 6. Salem (Nilles, Tabbey, Zimmerman, Zaia), 1:5718

Event 34A/200-free relay: 1.Mercy (Steffi, Samoray, Huffman, Barczak), 1:41.46; 5. Canton (Adams, Eyster, M. Madison, Barmore-Hicks), 1:49.34; 6. Salem (Amin, Gorman, Li, Lamoureux), 1:52.95.

Event 35D/100 backstroke: 1. Jordan Ewald (FHM), 1:03.21; 4. Sneideman (S), 1:09.01; 6. Laura Weisz (C), 1:15.10. Event 36C/100 backstroke: 1. Aumiller

(S), 1:01.96; 4. F. Goodwin (C), 1:15.12. Event 37B/100 backstroke: 1. Edwards (FHM), 1:02.15; 2. Suriand (S), 1:03.90; 6. Dugas (C), 1:12.58.

Event 38A/100 backstroke: 1. Bargardi (FHM), 1:02.09; 2. Nelson (S), 1:03.05; 4. Orr

(c), i:05.75.

Event 39D/100 breaststroke: 1. Sarah
Kane (FHM), 1:17.86; 5. Dugas (C), 1:22.87.

Event 40C/100 breaststroke: 1. Kayla
Perchall (LS), 1:14.20; 3. Madison (C), 1:19.60;
6. Kristy Rupp (S), 1:27.31.

Event 41B/100 breaststroke: Catherine Cui (N), 1:12.71; 4. Bedro (C), 1:18.12; 6. Radzwion (S), 1:20.29. Event 42A/100 breaststroke: 1. Krebs

, 1:12.07; 6. Micek (S), 1:17.75. Event 43C/400-free relay: 1. Mercy (Emma Baldus, Valentine, Ewald, Schinella), 3:58.82; 4. Salem (Tabbey, Amin, Zaia, Sneideman), 4:13.83; 5. Canton (Irwin, Dugas, Wall, Kubacki), 4:19.46. Event 44B/100 freestyle: 1. Mercy

(Craig, Huffman, Jackson, Bargardi), 3:51.54; 4. Canton (Orr, Krebs, P. Goodwin, F. Goodwin, 4:04.66; 5. Salem (Gorman, Li, Lamoureux, Micek), 4:07.10. Event 45A/100 freestyle: 1. Mercy

(Samoray, Kakihara, Edwards, Barczak), 3:39.75; 4. Salem (Seroka, Suriano, Nelson, Aumiller), 3:52:55; 6. Canton (M. Madison Eyster, Jenkins, Barmore-Hicks), 4:04.42

GIRLS SWIMMING DUAL MEET RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS CANTON 121 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 55 Sept. 30 at Franklin

200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Caitlin Orr, Kelly Bedro, Delaney Adams, Maddy McLean), 2:04.08; 2. Canton (Catherine Irwin, Sara Krebs, Madeline Madison, Kayla Eyster), 2:07.50; 3. Canton (Laura Weisz, Faith Goodwin,

Michelle Wiggins, Paige Goodwin), 2:16.85. **200 freestyle:** 1. Kaitlyn Kozyn (F), 2:06.53, 2. Kaitlyn Dugas (C), 2:12.87; 3. Hannah Jenkins

200 individual medley: 1. Orr (C), 2:24.49; F. Goodwin (C), 2:38.36; 3. Mackenzie Dugas **50 freestyle:** 1. Kayla Douglas (F), 26.32; 2. Bedro (C), 27.79; 3. Emily Pettit (C), 28.66.

1-meter diving: 1. Robyn Piwowar (C), 190.35 points 100 butterfly: 1. Adams (C), 1:04.93; 2. Irwin (C), 1:07.69; 3. Kozyn (F), 1:07.76. 100 freestyle: 1. Douglas (F), 57.57; 2. P. Goodwin (C), 1:01.40; (N), 56.4; 2. Sarah Cauzillo (LS), 57.34; 3. Perchall (LS), 57.77.

500 freestyle: 1. Krebs (C), 5:45.40; 2. Eyster (C), 5:59.42; 3. Jenna Michniewicz (F), 200 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin (Colleen

Anthony, Douglas, Kozyn, Clarissa Roberts), 1:53.31; 2. Canton (Jenkins, Rachel Barszcz, F oowin, McLean), 1:56.47; 3. Canton (M. Dugas Shelby Lefferts, Christine Pray, Alexandria

100 backstroke: 1. Destinee Barmore-Hicks (C), 1:09.67; 2. Anthony (F), 1:15.10; 3. Bedro (C).

100 breaststroke: 1. Abby Madison (C), 1:18.28; 2. M. Madison (C), 1:19.87; 3. Kristine

400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Krebs, Eyster, Orr, Barmore-Hicks), 4:02.57; 2. Franklin (Anthony, Kozyn, Catharine Studzinski, Douglas), 4:07.66; 3. Canton (Barszcz, M. Dugas, Weisz, F. Goodwin), 4:16.51.

Dual meet record: Canton, 3-0 overall, 3-0

SOUTH LYON 49 DEXTER 22 PLYMOUTH 7 Sept. 25 at Dexter

200-yard medley relay: 1. South Lyon (Chanel Bonin, Erin McCurry, Paige Drazga, Corinee Caldwell), 1:54.40; 4. Plymouth (Linda Erickson, Abbey Kelly, Emily Weiner, Carolyn

Stoddard), 2:03.29. 200 freestyle: 1. Kacie VanBuskirk (SL), l:55.84; 4. Stephanie Matsui (P), 2:05.56 200 individual medley: 1. Rachel Green 50 freestyle: 1. Drazda (SL), 24.95; 4. Rachel Huhta (P), 26.65



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Plymouth's Carolyn Stoddard, shown from a dual meet last month, is among Wildcats having a successful season so far.

1-meter diving: 1. Rachel Eckler (SL), 220.65 points; 11. Katie Telega (P), 120.15 100 butterfly: 1. Casey Edwards (D), 1:00.53; 3. Erickson (P), 1:04.81. 100 freestyle: 1. Drazda (SL), 53.90; 6.

500 freestyle: 1. VanBuskirk (SL), 5:11.13; 2. Matsui (P), 5:34.62; 4. Toro (P), 5:39.87.

200 freestyle relay: 1. South Lyon Caldwell, Andrea Monk, Green, VanBuskirk), 1:43.89; 3. Plymouth (Huhta, Stoddard, Toro, 100 backstroke: 1. Chanel Bonin (SL).

13.84; 5. Huhta (P), 1:10.12. 100 breaststroke: 1. McCurry (SL), 1:13.66; 3. Erickson (P), 1:16.69; 5. Lydia Matson (P),

400 freestyle relay: 1. South Lyon (Bonin, Drazga, VanBuskirk, Green), 3:44.49; 3. Plymouth (Toro, Huhta, Matsui, Erickson),

PLYMOUTH 148 **WAYNE MEMORIAL 32** Sept. 23 at Plymouth 200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Lexi Ethier, Abbey Kelly, Carolyn Stoddard, Emily Weiner), 2:08.09; 2. Plymouth (Lydia Plencner,

Kourtney Barber, Casey Wing, Sahmida Visai).

O'Connell, Emily Luke, Bailey Hart), 2:25.69.

2:07.07; 2. Emily Toro (P), 2:07.68; 3. Lydia Matson (P), 2:23.36. **200 individual medley:** 1. Rachel Huhta (P), 2:33.98; 2. Wing (P), 2:39.04; 3. Ethier (P),

200 freestyle: 1. Stephanie Matsui (P).

Plencner (P), 30.57; Barber (P), 30.66 1-meter diving: 1. Ariel Magyar (P), 100.80 2. Katy Telega (P), 90.35 100 butterfly: 1. Weiner (P), 1:10.32; 2. Stoddard (P), 1:12.83; 3. Kelly (P), 1:13.08. 100 freestyle: 1. Huhta (P), 1:01.01; 2. Luke

50 freestyle: 1. Linda Erickson (P), 27.45; 2.

500 freestyle: 1. Matsui (P), 5:35,24: 2. Toro (P), 5:38.57; 3. Erickson (P), 5:39,13. **200 freestyle relay**: 1. Plymouth (Danielle Hutko, Ethier, Stoddard, Erickson), 1:52,95; 2. Plymouth (Barber, Visai, Toro, Huhta), 1:55.02; 3. Plymouth (Marlee Sherrod, Matson, Ellen Crilley, Stacey Jedele), 2:05.42. 100 backstroke: 1. Weiner (P), 1:11.11; 2. Wing

(P), 1:15.02; 3. Plencner (P), 1:16.62. 100 breaststroke: 1. Kelly (P), 1:21.25; 2. Stoddard (P), 1:22.61; 3. Ethier (P), 1:25.24. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Weiner Toro, Kelly, Huhta), 4:01.03; 2. Plymouth (Plencner, Wing, Erickson, Matsui), 4:14.88; 3. Wayne (Gema Lopez, Kaycee Coffman, Hart Luke), 4:40,94.

6-0 over Dave Yang-Ian Farquhar and No. 4 James Dodge-Luke Freeman took a 6-2, 7-6(2) win over Blake Simons-Nori Mochizuki.

Canton kickers blank Glenn

Sophomores Dan Ovesea (2 goals), Bobby Budlong (1 goal, 2 assists) and junior Tyler Winningham (I goal, I assist) paced Canton's 5-0 victory Thursday over Westland John

The KLAA South win improved the Chiefs' record to 12-2-2 overall and 6-1-1 in the division, which they lead. Canton now is on a bigtime roll, having won eight and tied one over the past nine matches.

Dividing the shutout were seniors Brandon Laabs and Garren Carr.

Senior co-captains Sean Balnaves and Phil Baciak connected on the other tally, with Balnaves finishing the play for his second goal of the season.

Budlong now has 10 goals and 11 assists. He leads the Chiefs in assists, total points and is tied with Mitch Posuniak for the goal-scoring lead.

All-WHAC golfer

Madonna University golfer Michelle Hall is headed to the 2011 NAIA National Championship next May after claiming individual medalist honors by a single stroke in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

The sophomore from Flushing also earned All-WHAC first-team honors for the second straight year after averaging 79 in four WHAC jamboree 18-hole tourneys this fall.

Lady Ocelots fall

In an MCCAA Eastern Conference women's volleyball match Thursday, host Macomb Community College defeated Schoolcraft College in four sets, 25-15, 25-22, 19-25, 25-13. The loss drops the Lady Ocelots to 11-7 over-

all and 3-3 in the conference, while Macomb improves to 13-10 and 5-1.

Club in Canton)," Alles said. "Plymouth will certainly be in the mix for that. I'd say we're an average team for the KLAA right now.'

For the Wildcats, Murphy and Thompson were followed in the scorecard by Lindsay Dean and Christy Pattison (50 for each) and Stefania Sgamboti (60).

In addition to Osler, the Chiefs received good performances from Chloe Luyet (52), Ariel Alber (53), McDougall (54), Kaylie Lobb (56) and Mary Elizabeth Winther (59).

CRANKING IT UP

Alles said Wednesday's contest against the Wildcats at the Plymouth-based Hilltop could get the competitive juices stirred up — something that can be beneficial both in meetings between teams from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and tourneys.

"They'll be playing with some heart today, I'm sure," •

Alles said. "... I've been coaching the boys for 16 years and they're very competitive (against Plymouth). And the girls are beginning to learn that a little bit more. "But they've got to play with

pete with this Plymouth team because they're very competi-There's no disputing that fact, with the Wildcats spearheaded by an outstanding sophomore duo that settles for

some heart in order to com-

nothing than being the best. A prime example of that attitude was the focus showed by Murphy as she prepared her tee shot at No. 5. Murphy, in a foursome with Thompson and Canton's 1-2 punch of freshman Kelsey

McDougall and junior Paige

Osler, stepped up to the tee

down the middle of the fair-

and laced a long, straight blast

The approach by Murphy and Thompson, as far as Plymouth is concerned, is no surprise given the high goals set by them as individuals as well as by the team.

"They come focused every match," Moore emphasized. "We've had a good year so far, and they haven't lost and they want to continue "They want to finish the

year undefeated, that's one of our goals. They come prepared every day.

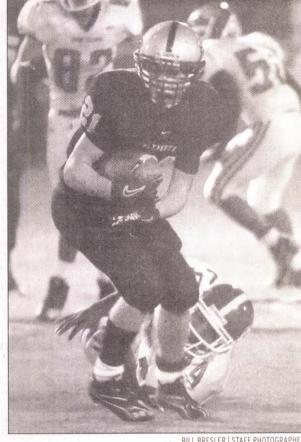
According to Alles, who has a young, improving squad, Osler and McDougall have consistently been his top players with averages in the low 50s. "They've probably emerged as our two best players this year."

Plymouth wins again

On Thursday at Fox Hills, the Wildcats defeated Livonia Franklin 175-229 to up their record to 9-0.

Once again, Murphy was the medalist, with a round of 36 for the day. Pattison and Thompson each tallied scores of 45 while Danielle Allen (49), Carly Curvin (56) and Sarah Uhlian (67) rounded out the card.

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Beyer. That combo struck again for a 14-varder, with 1:08 remaining in the half.

Plymouth made it 28-0 with just five seconds left when Austin and senior Adedamola Adebiyi teamed up for a 45-yard score.

In the first minute of the third quarter, Austin and Beyer worked their magic for the third time, expanding the margin to 35 points. Beyer (three catches, 128 yards, three TDs) caught the pass at his own 45 and raced down the right sideline for a 91-yard six-pointer.

"What a weapon to have out there at 6-5," Sawchuk said about Beyer. "And Shaun delivers the ball well, too. We've got a couple weapons out there, but if they're going to one-on-one him, we're gonna throw it up to

Austin downplayed his slow start, adding that having receivers such as Beyer, Fox and others makes his job a lot of fun.

"They make me look good every night, every one of them," Austin said. "Not just Donte and Beyer, every one of them will make the play.'

After Jenkins recovered a John Glenn fumble, he tallied a 10-yard touchdown run with 9:17 remaining in the third. Plymouth's final points were

scored in the fourth, on a 4yard run by junior Frederick Dunbar.

The Rockets, whose leading rusher was Jimmy Perez with 52 yards in seven carries, dropped to 2-4 overall and 1-3 with the defeat.

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Heading to the hall

Green's diamond heroics has him part of elite class

BY JIM TOTH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

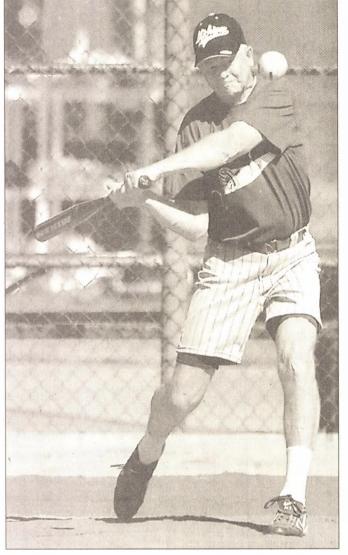
If you've walked through the hallways of Redford Union High School sometime over the past 40 years it may be hard to believe that your vocational drafting instructor was also one of southeast Michigan's premier men's softball players.

Longtime Redford resident Bob Green — who not only attended RU as a student, but later taught and eventually served as assistant principal - spent plenty of his hours outside the classroom slamming hits, running bases and scooping up hot shots for many of metro Detroit's premier softball clubs.

For his longtime involvement and outstanding play throughout, Green will be honored Tuesday evening along with five other inductees into the Metro Detroit Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame.

"I found out earlier this vear and I'm very excited to become a part of it," said Green, 65, who will comprise the hall's 19th class along with Tom Fitzsimmons, Carol Hutchins, Mike McDowell, Evelyn Micol and Dennis Troshak. "Many of the players already in there I either played with, or against, and I feel honored to be joining them."

Green, who grew up in Redford and graduated from RU, spent the better part of eight years playing for the nationally-renowned Snyder's Softball Club dur-



Canton resident Bob Green, who spent more than 30 years as a teacher and assistant principal at Redford Union High School, will join five other inductees Tuesday night into the Metro Detroit Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame.

ing the decades of the 1960s and 70s. Primarily a second baseman, Green went on to suit up for other premier teams in southeast Michigan such as Rinaldo's, Miller of Redford, Gatsby's Nothdurft Tool, National Trails, Liberty Construction and Northwest Pipe.

As member of the Nothdurft 45 & Over squad in 1991, Green helped propel the team to the ASA national title. Green also suited up for Northwest Pipe when the team captured the ASA Men's 55 & Over national crown in 2001.

"Every team had its joy to play for," responded Green when asked if one squad ranked ahead of another. "When I started out with Snyder's I made lifelong friends. We grew up playing ball and we still get together. The same can be said with the other teams -Nothdurft, Miller, Rinaldo's. I know I've developed a lot of friendships with people I played alongside with, or suited up against."

And that list continues to grow today as Green, who presently resides in Canton, played in some 30 games over the summer for Bench Pub in Men's 50 & Over league play.

"It's still very competitive, but at this age it's also exercise," Green said. "The enjoyment now is building lifelong friendships. We go out after and get a bite to eat and talk and just have a lot of fun."

Green still has fond memories of Redford where he joined the school district in 1969 teaching vocational drafting. In 2000 he became assistant principal at the school where he served in that manner upon his retirement in 2005.

"It was a wonderful community and a great area to grow up," Green said.

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A tombstone in Redford Cemetery marks the spot of a 19-year-old who

died in 1887

BONEYARDS

Writer looks at 3 centuries of death in Detroit area

BY SHARON DARGAY **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Richard Bak wouldn't mind going to his grave seated and with a cup of coffee in hand.

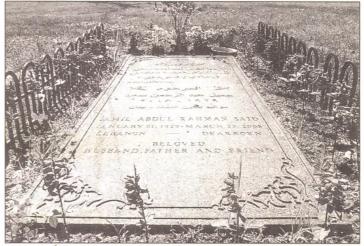
"I like that idea. My wife threatens to do that to me. I haven't decided what cemetery, probably St. Hedwig."

Bak, 56, a prolific Detroitarea author and free-lance writer, lives near three potential final resting places and has written about dozens more in his new book, Boneyards: Detroit Underground, (\$34.95) published last month by Wayne State University Press and released in book stores last week. Its more than 200 pages of text and images take readers on a historical journey from early Native American burial mounds to contemporary street shrines, through cemeteries - including some in western Wayne County — into funeral homes and memorial services.

Bak accumulated photos and researched cemeteries for a documentary he had hoped to

"About that time my father passed away, too. You start facing your own mortality and I said, well, maybe I should do a book. I found that no one had done a book like this in Detroit.

The more he researched the topic, he realized the book would encompass more than just cemeteries. It would show the evolution of funerals in homes to funeral home busi-



Islamic Memorial Gardens in Westland is the state's first cemetery for Muslims.



William Ganog Cemetery in Westland is a favorite site for ghost hunters.

nesses, talk about the changes in burial practices, and spotlight both the famous and unclaimed in metro Detroit cemeteries.

"I thought it was an opportu-

nity to show three centuries of death in Detroit."

He worked on the book off and on for three years, making an attempt to visit as many cemeteries as he could. With

hundreds of burial grounds statewide, he knew he had to narrow the focus to mostly metro Detroit. He mentions 60 cemeteries in the book. If he couldn't visit a particular site, he found a photograph. Many photographers donated their work for *Boneyards* and some images also came from historical collections. The art drives the text on the page in some cases. In others, Bak unearthed interesting stories and found an image to match.

IN GOOD TASTE

"I told my editor at Wayne State that I wanted to do a certain kind of book, not to be gross or disrespectful. There are some really creepy ones," he said, referring to photos of the deceased in their caskets. "I tried to keep it in as good taste as possible.

Photographing a late loved one became a part of the funeral ritual for many families from the mid-19th century through World War ll. Before the widespread use of personal cameras, "memento mori" or mourning photos often were the only images a family had of the deceased.

Home funerals also were the norm during the 1800s and into the first few decades of the 20th century. In Boneyards, Bak describes the home viewing as generally including trays of ice beneath the casket to keep the body cool, a black wreath on

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Comedy extravaganza supports rescue

BY SHARON DARGAY **O&E STAFF WRITER**

A \$5,000 veterinarian bill is

But Guardian Angels Animal Rescue hopes supporters will have a good laugh while fund-raising that sum, which will pay for surgery on a dog that was stabbed in the

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Guardian Angels Animal Rescue, with approximately 30 members, regularly takes on the dogs and cats with special needs and places them in foster care until it finds a permanent home, said co-founder Sandra Mezza of Westland.

TOP DOCS

Jeffrey H. Miller, MD

Over the summer it worked with Livingston County Animal Control, pulling cats, that would otherwise have been euthanized, from its shelter.

"We had a lot of people emailing us, desperate because they were killing so many. It was a ridiculous amount, like 25 a day. I stepped in to help and found out we were the only group helping," Mezza said. "Now we're hoping other groups step in because Detroit really needs us."

Guardian Angels works with a family in Detroit that helps it find strays in abandoned buildings and rescue abused or injured pets.

'It's sad. We just pulled a cat out of an abandoned house and someone had taken off its tail. She was declawed, so she was a pet at one time."

Mezza created the organization after a stint with another rescue that claimed it was no kill, like Guardian Angels, but interpreted the concept differ-

"My version is no kill. If you get an animal that needs care, you don't put it down. It shouldn't be about the money," she said. Or about space availability.

"Working in Detroit, we've had a lot of messed up dogs and cats. A lot of groups pick and choose who they take. We're the opposite. We tend to



Ettinger

found a senior dog that had lived nearly its entire life in a kennel, she rescued it and had it groomed.

take the ones

no one wants."

When Mezza

'The first time I showed him I placed

him (in a home)."

When she heard about Metro, the Detroit dog with the injured eye, she arranged for a vet appointment. The dog was tested and treated for heartworm, vaccinated, defleased and wormed. The vet called the condition of Metro's eye life-threatening and in need of surgery.

That's when Franklin comedian Connie Ettinger stepped in to help raise money for the operation. She'll emcee the show on Oct. 5, that features comedians Bob Phillips, Dave Bell, Julie Lyons, Terri Stearn, Dean Mink, Russ Brown and Mike Bobbitt.

ANIMAL LOVERS

"I have four cats, aged 19, 18, 6 and 3. I think the last two were left behind after Detroit's economic crisis hit and someone in foreclosure simply decided they had too much to handle," Ettinger said. "And, apparently, I have the word "sucker" tattooed on my forehead in ink only cats can



Guardian Angels Animal Rescue found this puppy, Summer, in an abandoned building in Detroit.

read. But there are simply too many unwanted animals out there and if I could take them all in, I would. But, since I can't, God bless the people at GAAR."

She said all of the performers are animal lovers. Bobbitt has four cats, for example. Landau owns two dogs.

"Comedians are generous with their time if there is a good cause behind it and I think the sheer number of comedians performing, plus the talent level of this show — which is extraordinary — is a testament to their recognition of what Gandhi said: 'The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are

"We just hope we can make some other animal lovers smile



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While cleaning toys at Livonia Co-op Nursery School, Rebecca Kritzman heard a useful parenting

Another member suggested she allow her daughter to have a "half" sleep over, allowing friends to visit in their pajamas, but go home by 8:30 p.m.

"They felt like they'd had a sleep over, but without the sleeping," said Kritzman, who was reluctant to allow her four-year-old to stay the night elsewhere. "I got that idea all because I was there cleaning toys. Little things like that you get when you sit and talk to other parents.'

It's one of the perks of membership in a co-op preschool according to Kritzman, co-president of Livonia Nursery, Inc., the parent organization of Livonia Co-op Nursery School.

Talking with other parents and sharing ideas is unavoidable because parents volunteer for hands-on work in the classroom. They pitch in with chores after school, such as monthly toy cleaning, and with organizational tasks, hiring and curriculum.

"I think with co-op you end up with a good community of other kids for your children to play with and to be around. It gives them a good start to school and it gives you a good network of parents to support you. You learn a lot about how your kids grow and function and what they need to learn. You learn how your children learn while you're helping them. It's a

cool place to be. Livonia Co-op Nursery School, 9601 Hubbard, will be the nostalgic place to be, 2-4 p.m. Saturday,



Children at Livonia Co-op Nursery School show off their talent at an annual show. The co-op preschool is celebrating its 60th anniversary.



Reading time is extra comfy on Pajama Day at Livonia Co-op Nursery School. Members will hold an open house and celebrate the school's 60th anniversary on

Oct. 10, as it celebrates 60 years. Cake will be served at the open

house. Enrollment is open for the school's classes for age 3 and 4.

There's also a combined class for

Kritzman isn't certain how the school was started 60 years ago. About 30 years ago it absorbed another preschool.

"I don't know of any other co-op that has been around that long. The concept has been around for a long time. I went to a co-op when I was a child. It was a co-op I eventually taught in."

Kritzman said co-op nursery schools teach parents how to "get involved" and she finds that many from the Livonia school have gone on to volunteer for PTA and serve on PTA boards.

"During my year off I couldn't believe how much I missed it," said Kritzman, who has children age 4, 7, and 8. "It can be a very fun experience. You really do make friends."

the door and a floral arrangement with a clock set to the time of death.

"It was hard to pin down the switch from home funerals to funeral homes, but basically by the early 1950s, more people were being laid out in funeral homes. My grandfather was laid out at home. I remember my brother saying he couldn't sleep for two nights. People still are laid out at home. I talked to a couple of funeral directors who said it's rare, but they still get requests."

CREEPED OUT

Bak said most of the stories he encountered were more interesting than creepy, but there were a few spine-tingling tales.

He was fascinated by the "pervasive fear" of being buried alive during the 19th century, and he recounts stories in the book about individuals who were mistakenly declared dead and readied for

"I think probably one of the creepiest things is the unknowable number of empty graves because the bodies have been stolen in the middle of the night by 'resurrectionists," Bak said. The grave robbers trafficked in corpses for medical schools and dug up the newly-buried in the middle of the

The graveyard shift is where we get the term from. Families would assign a member to look over the grave at night."

Ganong Cemetery in Westland, which legend says is haunted, didn't even rattle the author, although a photographer was stung by wasps during a visit.

Bak said he accumulated enough images and stories for a second book about burial grounds statewide. Meanwhile he's also juggling magazine articles and two other books on Detroit history.

He said the graveyard project "makes you realize life is short and it doesn't matter if you are president of General Motors or some guy who is a normal joe."

"We all wind up in the same place. You can't take your money and your fancy cars with you."

He'll speak at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 20 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms and at 7 p.m. Nov. 10 at the St. Clair Shores Public Library, 22500 Eleven Mile, St. Clair Shores.

Detroit Zoo Boo brings some less scary Halloween fun to town

The Detroit Zoo's annual "merry-not-scary" Zoo Boo celebration returns this Halloween season, featuring a festively decorated half-mile trick-or-treat trail through the front of the Zoo. Presented by Meijer, Zoo Boo will be held on the evenings of Oct. 15-17, 22-24 and 29-31, 2010, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., rain or shine.

Elaborate pumpkin displays will line the treat trail, where greeters will pass out goodies to costume-clad children at treat stations along the route. A trail of eerie fog and mysterious sounds will lead through a spooky graveyard to the Haunted Reptile House, where friendly witches, vampires and other monsters have taken up residence for the Halloween season.

The Ghouly Games Tent, sponsored by Blue Care Network of Michigan, will feature Halloween-themed games, prizes, arts and crafts and a hay maze. The popular live minimusical "Zoo Boo Revue" will be performed in the Main Picnic

New to Zoo Boo is the Zombie Zone, sponsored by Tim Hortons, featuring ghastly games, spooky activities and pumpkin-carving demonstrations. Costumed kiddies can enter the Tim Hortons costume contest and have their photo taken and posted on the

Advance tickets for Zoo Boo can be purchased at Booth One at the front of the Detroit Zoo or online at www.detroitzoo.org. Tickets are \$7 per person ages 2 and up. Time slots for Zoo Boo are 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. If a date and time slot is not sold out, a limited number of tickets may be available at the gate that day after 5 p.m. for \$10.

zoo's website. The community will vote and a zoo-themed prize will be awarded for the best costume. Also new this year is the limited-release movie "The Curse of Skull Rock" at the Wild Adventure 3-D/4-D Theater in the Ford Education Center. The 3-D pirate adventure enhanced with 4-D special effects will have guests jumping out of their seats. Tickets for the Wild Adventure 3-D/4-D Theater are an additional \$3 per person; children under 2 are free.

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92.3, Channel 955 and FM98 WJLB. The Detroit Zoological Society is a nonprofit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. Situated on 125 acres of naturalistic exhibits, the Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of

10 Mile and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak. The Detroit Zoo is open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through Labor Day (with extended hours until 8 p.m. Wednesdays during July and August), 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. the day after Labor Day through October and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March. Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free. The Belle Isle Nature Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. year-round; admission is free. For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit www. detroitzoo.org.

GARDEN EVENTS

Send garden news to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

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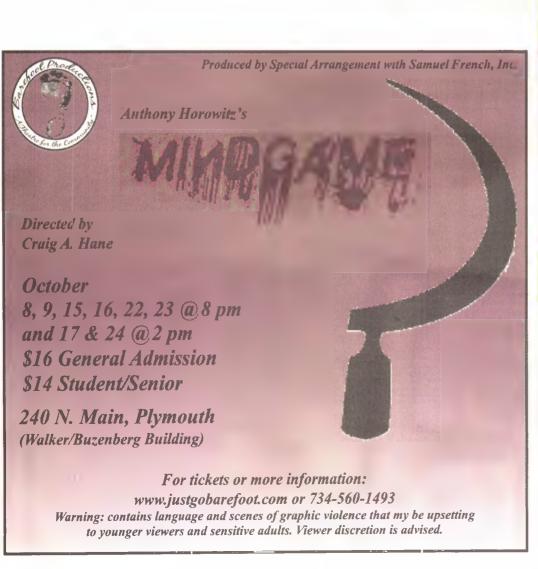
Livonia Garden Club, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 5, at the Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington Road. The club welcomes visitors.

AT ENGLISH GARDENS

Learn to make an herb window garden at 7 p.m. Oct. 13. The workshop fee is \$19.99

and includes four herbs in a decorative window box.

English Gardens has seven locations. Nearby stores are at 4901 Coolidge, Royal Oak; 22650 Ford Road at Outer Drive, in Dearborn Heights; 6370 Orchard Lake Road at Maple in West Bloomfield; and 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor.





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OCT. 3-6

Discussion series

Time/Date: 7 p.m., first and third Mondays, beginning Oct. 4 Location: Convent Meeting Room

Location: Convent Meeting Room at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: DVD series, "the Teaching of Jesus Christ: Reflections by Fr. John Corapi," will be shown. A facilitator will lead the discussion based on the series. Aimed at those interested in going step-by-step through the teachings and theology of the Church

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Lecture

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Time/Date: 7 p.m. Oct. 6 Location: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph at 14 Mile, Bloomfield

Details: Melvin I. Urofsky, Professor of Law, Professor Emeritus of History at Virginia Commonwealth University will discuss Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis' life, career and enduring contributions to the American legal system. No charge, but reservations are required

Contact: (248) 865-0628

Life chain

Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Oct. 3
Location: St. Michael the Archangel
Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: Right-to-Life-LIFESPAN
sponsors a demonstration of quiet
witness and prayer to show their
opposition to abortion. Signs will
be provided. Participants will stand
outside the church, along Plymouth
Road

Contact: (734) 261-1455

Mission

Time/Date: Oct. 3-6

Location: St. John Bosco, 12100 Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Mass at 4 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday; mission talk at 7 p.m., Sunday; 8 a.m. Mass and 7 p.m. mission talk Monday-Wednesday

Monday-Wednesday
Contact: (313) 937-9690

Senior lunch

Time/Date: Noon, Wednesday, Oct. 6

Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield

Details: 24th Annual Inter-Congregational Seniors Luncheon, co-sponsored by Beth Ahm Seniors, the Beth Elders, ChaZaKah, Emes, Pace Setters, Shaarey Zedek Seniors, and Temple Israel Treasures. The event will feature entertainment by former Miss Michigan Stacey Mason. \$20 for members of the sponsoring seniors groups, \$22 for others. Open seating. RSVP by Oct. 3

Contact: Charlotte Jonap at (248) 766-9516

OCT 7-13

Angels program

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, October 7

Location: St. Aidan Parish, Bixman Hall, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: David J. Conrad, M.A. theology, investigates the reality of angels. Discover how angels operate and are distinctly different from human beings, reflecting the diversity of God's creative work **Contact:** RSVP to (734) 425-5950

Baseball story

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11 Location: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 5631 North Adams Road, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Former Detroit Tiger player, Frank Tanana, and his wife, Cathy, will present "Riches Beyond the Diamond," the story of their journey through baseball life. A dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Advance dinner and program reservations are \$10; \$12 at the door.

Contact: (248) 646-5041 or e-mail jmcmichael@bslcmi.org for more information or to reserve for dinner and the program

Book study

Time/Date: 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday through Nov. 13

Location: Grand Traverse Pie Co., 41640 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Details: Living Peace Church presents a study of Harvey Cox' book, The Future of Faith. The church meets for fellowship and worship at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings at Field Elementary School, 1000 S. Haggerty in Canton

Contact: (734) 233-1466 or e-mail to info@livingpeacechurch.org

Cantor honored

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 9 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10 Location: Temple Shir Shalom, 3999 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield

Details: Two programs honor
Cantor Penny Steyer for her 20
years service to the temple.
Saturday event includes hors
d'ouvres and desserts, along with a
musical tribute by seven performers and two choirs; Sunday event is
a concert by Opus Two, a duo, playing music by Leonard Bernstein.
Student admission on Sunday is

\$10; adult admission each day, \$36 Contact: (248) 737-8700

Revival

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 10 and 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 11-13

Location: Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, Westland

Details: Rev. Jimmy Mitchell, chaplain of the West Virginia State Police, is the guest speaker. He spoke at the memorial service for miners who died in the Upper Big Branch Mine explosion in Montcoal, W.V. He also attended many of their funerals

Contact: (734) 721-9040

Rummage sale

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Saturday, Oct. 9

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, near 12 Mile and Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

Details: \$3 and \$6 bag sale on Saturday; bake sale Contact: (248) 553-3380

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REUNION CALENDAR

Belleville High School Class of 1971

Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail BHS.1971@ yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS.

Birmingham Groves High School Class of 1975

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

Detroit Mackenzie

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

Class of 1960

50th reunion will be held 0ct. 16 at The Marriott in Livonia. For more information contact: Tim Yarde at (248) 573-7147 or Russ and Judy (Mackinder) Sarns at (734) 464-7166. Farmington High School

Class of 1970

Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the group on Facebook by searching Farmington High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dblehn@aol.com

Garden City High School Class of 1960

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Garden City West Class of 1970

40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at

Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ included for \$50 per person. Classmates from the classes of 1968-1972 also invited to attend. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

Livona Bentley Class of 1961

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

Livonia Churchill Class of 1980

30-year reunion, Nov. 27 at One Under Banquet Hall at Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia. Seeking classmates and contact information. Join the group on Facebook by searching Livonia Churchill

or e-mail Mary Furlong Tabone and Kathy Hesch Zelin at churchillclassof80@vahoo.com

CRAFT CORNER

Send information about your upcoming craft show to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@ hometownlife.com. Remember to include a telephone number readers can call for more information.

LIVONIA

Frost Middle School Craft Show is set for 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6, at the school, 14041 Stark, west of Farmington Road, north of I-96. Admission is \$2. No strollers. (734) 744-

PLYMOUTH

Delta Kappa Gamma presents its 26th annual craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 16, at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail. Dee Winterhalter, a watercolor artist with works in private and corporate collections worldwide, will exhibit at the show for the first time. In addition

to her watercolors, the show will feature jewelry, American Girl doll clothes, soaps, candles, seasonal decorations, clothing,

accessories for dogs and much more. Admission is \$2. For additional information call (734) 495.9327 or e-mail to jbstone716@comcast.net. All profits will support scholarships for Plymouth Canton Community Schools district stu-

WESTLAND

St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S Wayne Road, will offer handcrafted items by local artists, as well as products from Dove Chocolate Discoveries, Avon, PartyLite, Beijo Bags, Mary Kay, Longaberger, and Tastefully Simple to name just a few.

The show runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at the church. (734) 721-5023.



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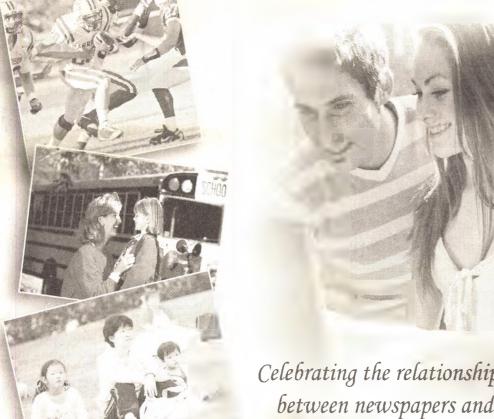
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The Kanes of Farmington Hills on their wedding day

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Philip Sr. and Helen (Elliott) Kane of Farmington Hills and Greenbush, cel-

ebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last week. They were married Oct. 1, 1960 at St. Valentine's Catholic Church in Redford.

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The couple has six children: Catherine (Henry) of Bluffton, S.C. Christine (Rick) Vert of Livonia,

Anne (William) Krist and Philip Jr. (Lauren) of Farmington Hills, Colleen (John) Logan

of Garden City, and Timothy (Lisa) of



Philip Sr. and Helen (Elliott) Kane of Farmington Hills

Sterling Heights. They are grandparents of nine grand-

children: Adam (Jessica Seav), Derek and Troy Woloszyk, Jacob and Sean Vert, Sara and Samantha Krist, Margaret Logan, and John Kane. Addison Kane is due to arrive on Dec. 6.

The entire family celebrated with a surprise dinner and a Detroit Tiger baseball game. Included in the celebration were Helen's mother, Virginia (Harbert) Elliott, 99, and her

sister, Patricia (Ron) McKay, of Sterling Heights.

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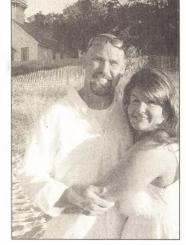
BEACH WEDDING

Jackie Phelps and Mike McGue were married Aug. 28, 2010 on the beach at Mission Point Lighthouse, Traverse City. The Rev. Karen Marrs officiated.

The bride is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and Central Michigan University. She is employed as a Paralegal at Ford Motor Credit.

Her husband also graduated from Wayne Memorial High School. He is employed at Infrasource Underground Construction.

The couple resides in



Phelps-McGue

Livonia

FAITH NICOLE KOZAK

Faith Nicole Kozak was born James Jablonicky of Westland, Aug. 10, 2010 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn.

She joins parents, April and Chaim Kozak, and siblings, Jason, 7, and Jordan, 2, at home in Westland.

Proud grandparentrs are

Pamela Jablonicky of Garden City, and Bongchae and Tom Kozak of Westland.

Great-grandparents are Shirley Daly and Ki Suk Chon, both of Westland.



Faith Nicole Kozak

FRANKLIN JAMES MATTISON

Franklin James Mattison weighed 8 pounds and measured 21 1/2 inches when he was born Sept. 18, 2010 at

Proud parents are Jordan Chicago, Ill.

Grandparents are Jason and Carol Mattison of Livonia and

Great-grandma is Frances Mattison of Northville.



Prentice Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

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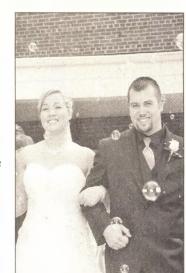
Carly Ann Hanner and Christopher John Oldani were married June 12, 2010 at St. James Presbyterian Church, Redford.

The bride, daughter of Patricia Manns of Livonia, is a 2006 graduate of Clarenceville High School and a 2007 graduate of L'Esprit Academy. She is a cosmetologist at Trimmers in Westland.

The groom, son of John and Karen Oldani of Livonia, is a 2005 graduate of Clarenceville High School and a 2006 graduate of Lincoln Tech, in Indianapolis, Ind. He is an auto mechanic at Bill Brown Ford in Livonia.

Laura Prieskorn, friend of the bride, served as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Oldani, sister of the groom and the brides friends, Malina James, Lauren Hash and Angela Waldowski. Flower Girl was Emily Waldowski.

John Clarey, friend of the groom, served as Best Man. Groomsmen were Tyler Manns, brother of the bride, Michael Horn, cousin of the



Oldani-Hanner

groom and friends of the groom, Michael McWhinnie and Ryan Nickerson. Ushers were friends of the groom, Jason Prieskorn, Joseph Mihela and Casey Sillanpaa.

A reception was held at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Ocho Rios, Jamaica. They reside in Livonia.

BUCHANAN-BALKO

Dawn Marie Balko and Adam Buchanan were married Oct. 2, 2010 at Connection Church.

The bride, daughter of Denise Balko of Westland, is a graduate of Kettering University and works for Terumo Cardiovascular.

The groom, son of Rena Buchanan of Bryan, Ohio, is a graduate of the University of Toledo. He works for TRW Automotive.

The couple lives in Belleville.



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AUDREY MAE HAMMER

Troy, MI, Sept. 24, 2010, age 89, Beloved mother of Laura Ralph, Jeffery Hammer & Deanna Lute. Arrangements by: Simple Funerals 248-227-1954

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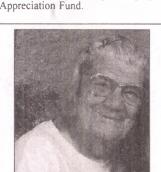
BARBARA ANN DOWELL

Age 63 died Sept. 27, 2010 at Providence Hospital after a brave 17 month battle with cancer. Preceded in death by husband Larry and parents Ralph Wineman and Margaret Cowley. Barbara retired from Farmington Public Schools, where she worked for 27 years. Born in Yonkers, NY April 27, 1947 but moved to Michigan as a young child where she resided in Detroit all her life. Survived by son Brian (Carmen) Boyd of Livonia, Mark Dowell of Novi, grandchildren Jordan and Matthew, Jackie & Christopher, Sister Carole Layne of Livonia, special nieces Colleen (Jason), Lauren & Ashley Brasgalla of Secaucus, N.J., nephew Timmy Ray of Jovi Uncle Tom Stankey Indianapolis, IN and many other family and friends who will greatly miss her, especially Linda Hogan who was a dear lifelong caring friend.

Visitation Thursday 3-8pm, service Friday at 11:30am at Charles Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly, between 6 & 7 Mile Rds.

BARBARA "JUNE" PALME

Kalamazoo, formerly of Birmingham. Passed away on September 27, 2010 at Friendship Village in Kalamazoo. Born June 28, 1928 in Elizabeth, NJ. Loving wife, mother, community and church volunteer and former member of Birmingham First United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by son Scott, husband, Josef. and is survived by two children: Craig (Dolores) Palme of Chesterfield Twp, MI and Gayle (Roger) Finder of Portage, MI; three grandchildren. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held on Oct 16 at Friendship Village, Kalamazoo. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Care of SW Michigan or the Friendship Village Employee



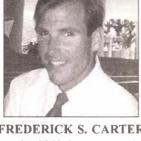
EUNICE SYLVIA IRENE MADDOCK 08/24/1924 - 09/23/2010

Eunice Maddock, age 86, a resident of the Mt. Victory Community in Pulaski County, KY, passed away at her home after a lengthy illness on Thursday, September 23, 2010. She was born August 24, 1924 at Plymouth, MI, the daughter of the late Harvey Thomas & Elta Burden Thomas. Eunice was united in marriage to Doyle G. Maddock & he preceded her in death. Eunice was also preceded in death by one son, Johnny L. Maddock; & four brothers, Leland, Clarence, Morris & Sidney Thomas. Survivors include two daughters, Marvel Parent, Westland, MI, & Ilene Maddock, Brookport, IL; eleven grandchildren, Corena Brock, Annette Robbins, Sheila Adams, Judy Lewis, Lynn Lee, Rhonda McAfee, Gary Maddock, Justin Maddock, Michael Parent, Michelle Rohde & Kenneth Parent; many great & greatgrandchildren; daughter-in-law, Jeanetta Maddock, Brookport, Illinois. Funeral details will be announced at a later date. Online condolences at:

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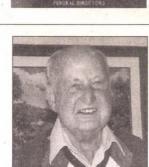
Always in our thoughts. Forever in our hearts. Mom, Dad and sister Michelle



FREDERICK S. CARTER

September 25 2010 Age 54. Husband of Martha for 14 years. Father of seven beautiful children, Frederick S. "Spencer", Charles, Mary, Elizabeth, Catherine, Caroline and the late Jack. Also survived by his two brothers, John Carter and Paul Carter. Services were held Friday at St. Hugo of the Hills Church, Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to "The Fred Carter Family Memorial Fund" (for Fred and Martha's children's education accounts), c/o 32515 Woodward Ave. Royal Oak, MI 48073. View obituary and share memories at:

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GEORGE ROMEO HAMEL

Age 91, September 22, 2010 oving husband of Margaret (Haggerty) Hamel of 64 years, brother of Leo (Wanda) Hamel (age 98) & his current 22 direct descendents: His five children Patricia (Robert) Nakoneczny, Larry (Lynette) Hamel, Diane (Dave) Wallen, Kenneth (Deborah) Hamel & Colleen (George) Siroonian; his 15 grandchildren Carrie (Jason), Matt (Danae), Dan, Greg, Nick, Brian, Christopher, Jeff, Megan, Kellie, Michael, Brett, Griffin, Katie & David; and was "Grandpa George" to his great granddaughters Madeline & Natalie. He was "Uncle George" to the children of his best friend Jim Feeny and Margaret's twin sister Marion: Jim (Kathy) Feeny, their children Jennifer, Molly, James & Katie; Kathleen (Steve) Goch, their children Alex & Anneliese; Nancy (Rick) Gorton, their children Michelle, Nick & Colleen; Daniel (Teri) Feeny, their children Maureen, Bridget, Colleen & Tim; Bob (Maribeth) Feeny, their children Brian, Patrick & Kevin. George R. Hamel was youngest of 17 children born to Azarie & Emma Hamel in Port Arthur, Canada on November 22nd 1918. Since then the number 22 has followed him throughout the years: born on November 22nd, became a U.S. Citizen on May 22nd, inducted into the Army on September 22nd, wounded in the Battle of the River Roer on February 22nd and received the Purple Heart, discharged on January 22nd, on June 22nd married his sweetheart Margaret (born March 22nd), retired on December 22nd and on September 22nd with a chuckle, he left to watch over his 22 descendents, extended family and friends who dearly loved him. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, October 2nd at 10:00 a.m. at Church of the Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, just north of 10 Mile Rd. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: The Autism Society, 4340 East West Hwy., Suite 350, Bethesda, MD 20814 or online at:

JACQUELINE A. "JACKY **JOHNSON**

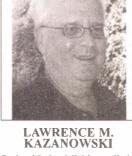
www.autism-society.org

Formerly of Garden City, Sept. 29, 2010. Visitations Sun., Oct. 3, 12 noon funeral 4pm. Palmer Bush & Jensen Family Funeral Home, Holt Chapel.

JULIE ANN YOUNG

Madison Heights, MI, August 23, 2010, age 67. Dear aunt of Karen Hewelt, Bonnie Palombit & Scott

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Of Orchard Lake, Michigan, died suddenly September 24, 2010, at the age of 68. Beloved husband of Cara (nee Benson). Devoted father of Kristin and John. Dear son of Charlotte and the late John. Loving oldest brother of Robert (Diane), Roger and John (Cindy). Dearest son-in-law of Marjorie and William Benson, Jr. and brother-in-law of Chris Rushworth and William A. Benson III. He also leaves behind nine nieces and nephews and many other family and friends. A 1959 graduate of Dearborn High School, Larry graduated with honors from both the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, with an SBEE degree in 1963, and from Stanford University with an MBA in 1965. Larry had a successful, satisfying career in his 34 years at Ford Motor Company (1965-1999). He joined Ford in 1965 as a product planner and in 1968 was sent to Turin, Italy, as program manager for the Pantera. Among his many other assignments he was Director of Product and Business Planning at Ford Brazil, General Manager of Plastic and Trim Operations, and Vice President of Business Strategy and Development at the Visteon group within Ford. After his retirement from Ford, he served as President and CEO of Cambridge Industries. Before and after retirement; Larry also immersed himself in nurturing his family, competitive sailing out of the Detroit Yacht Club and Bayview yacht clubs, and golf at Orchard Lake Country Club. To satisfy his livelong love of strategy and learning he studied quantum physics and string theory. The Funeral Mass was Wednesday, September 29, 2010, at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Shrine Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are appreciated for Gleaners Community Food Bank, P.O. Box 1380, Troy MI 48009; Forgotten Harvest, 21800 Greenfield Rd., Oak Park MI 48237,

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RAYMOND LESTER JUNK Passed away on August 24, 2010 at the age of 89. Before moving to Franklin, Tennessee, Ray lived in Livonia, Michigan for over 50 years, where he was employed by the Wayne County Road Commission for more than 27 years. Preceded in death by his wife Bonnie, his grandson Ryan Bowers. granddaughter, Terry Lynn Adamson and brother, Robert Junk, Mr. Junk is survived by sons David Junk, Gary (Darlene) Junk and Dale Junk; daughters Karen (Dave) Rogge, Debbie (Steve) Ball, and Pam Bowers; nine grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren and brother, Don Junk. To honor both Ray and Bonnie, a memorial service will be held at Moose 538, 29137 Ford Road, Garden City, Michigan on Friday, October 8th at 1 p.m. Inurnment will be held at Tillsonburg Cemetery in Tillsonburg, Ontario, Canada on Saturday, October 9th at 1:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans, Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301 Attn: Gift Processing.

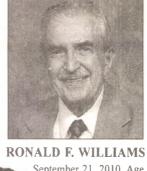


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Age 85, retired Hickory Grove elementary school teacher, drama program advisor, and former long time Birmingham resident died September 27, 2010 in Lansing, MI. Please visit:

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RICHARD GEORGE METRY

Of Rochester passed away September

27, 2010, with his family at his side,

at William Beaumont Hospital in

Royal Oak. He was 69 years old.

Richard was born September 25, 1941, in Detroit, to Nedra and Oscar

beloved wife, Dianna and daughters,

Bonnie (Patrick) Foley and Catherine

(Eugene, Jr.) Boyle. He is also sur-

vived by his grandchildren, Patrick

Ryan, Meghan Katherine, Kathleen

Mairin and Jack Ryan Foley, and

Charles Richard and Catherine

Dianna Boyle, sisters, Genese (Nick)

Bouchard and Lorraine (Brian) Tidd,

and many cherished nieces and nephews. Mr. Metry is preceded in

death by his sister, Arlane (the late James) Shier and his parents, Oscar and Nedra Metry. Funeral Services

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of Beverly Hills. Proud vet-eran of the US Army Air Corps., WWII. Longtime stockbroker for First of Michigan/ Oppenheimer. Husband of the late Marjorie A. Dearest father of Nancy L. Bruning (Robert) and the late Ronald A., Robert P., Randall S. and Carol Royle. Grandfather of Debra, Shelley, Erin, Ryan and Eric. Great grandfather of Samantha, Devin, Anthony and Ava. Brother of Jon D. Also survived by his dog Abby. Committal services with military honors will be held privately at Acacia Park Cemetery. Memorial tributes to the American Cancer Society.
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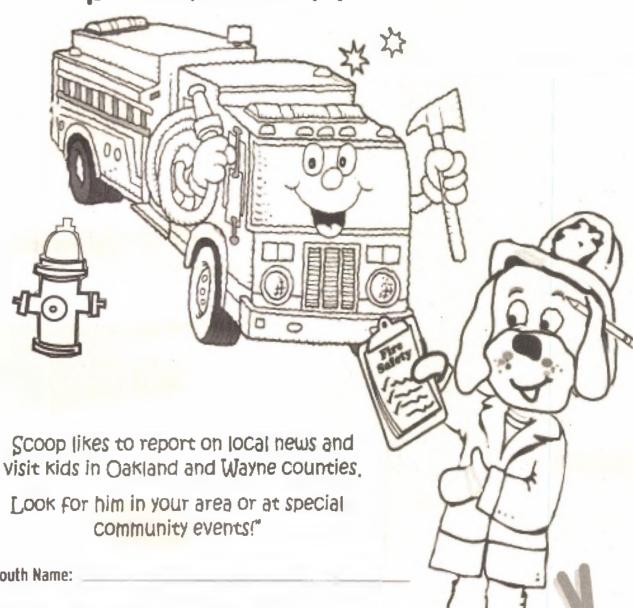
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Skip processed foods when adding fiber to your diet, experts urge

For years, any weight-loss aficionado could easily tell you the best sources of dietary fiber: whole grains, legumes, fruits, and vegetables. But grocery store shelves are crowded with traditionally low-fiber foods that are now packed with fiber, like candy, ice cream, and artificial sweeteners.

According to TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), the nonprofit weight-loss support organization, these "new fiber" foods may not yield the same health benefits as their traditional high-fiber food counterparts.

Dietary fiber - also called roughage - is defined by the Institute of Medicine as the edible, nondigestible component of carbohydrate and lignin found naturally in plant food. Fiber is not digested or absorbed in the small intestine, and it does not contribute calories; rather, bacteria in the stomach metabolize the fibrous parts of food. When you eat a food that contains a natural source of dietary fiber, you are eating intact

Added fiber consists of isolated, nondigestible carbohydrates that have beneficial physiological effects in humans. These fibers can be synthetically manufactured or derived from other plant or animal sources. An example of an added fiber is pectin extracted from citrus peel and used as a gel in making jam or jelly. Generally, added fiber is referred to



as isolated or functional fiber.

Total fiber is the sum of dietary intact fiber along with added isolated

Nutrition facts on food packaging can be confusing because they include all sources of fiber, whether they are from intact or isolated sources. It's why you might see upwards of 10 grams of dietary fiber listed for a fiber-fortified flour tortilla that traditionally would have only one or two

Fiber can help lower cholesterol, regulate blood sugar, and promote a feeling of fullness.

According to The Institute of Medicine, women ages 50 and younger should consume 25 grams of fiber per day. Women ages 51 and older should aim for 21 grams per day. Males, 50 and under, need 38 grams

per day. Men ages 51 and older should consume 30 grams of fiber per day.

ISOLATED VS. INTACT FIBER

According to Katie Clark, assistant clinical professor of nutrition at the University of California-San Francisco and nutrition expert for TOPS, the health benefits of intact fiber are widely accepted among health professionals.

Researchers who study the effects of fiber have focused on dietary fiber that occurs naturally in high-fiber foods. But do the health benefits of dietary fiber extend to synthetically manufactured or extracted fibers added to traditionally lowfiber foods? The American Dietetic Association (ADA) maintains that, "Whether isolated, functional fibers provide protection against cardiovascular disease remains controversial."

"Because we don't know to what degree the health benefits of dietary fiber are attributable to intact fibers, most dietitians and nutrition professionals are recommending that consumers focus on eating foods that are naturally high in fiber," Clark says.

Whole foods such as whole grains, legumes, fruits, and vegetables are not only high in fiber, but low in salt, devoid of added sugar, and tend to be lower in calories than processed and packaged foods. Many of the isolated fiber foods on the market are highly

processed and are high in salt, added sugars, and extra calories.

'Much like the notion that 'organic junk food is still junk food,' keep in mind that a 'high-fiber cookie is still a cookie!" notes Clark.

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To determine whether the fiber in a food product comes from an intact or isolated source, you should search the ingredients list on food packaging.

The most common isolated fibers that manufacturers use to bulk-up traditionally low-fiber foods are maltodextrin, inulin (chicory root), polydextrose, oat fiber, resistant start, pectin and gum.

By increasing the amount of whole grains and legumes in your diet and making sure to eat five to seven servings of fruits per day, it's possible to meet your dietary fiber needs without eating fiber-fortified or isolated fiber

"Fiber can be an important tool in weight loss, diabetes management, and reducing the risk for other chronic diseases," says Clark. "When selecting high-fiber foods, look for whole fiber foods over fake fiber foods to maximize your health potential."

Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. To find a local chapter, visit www.tops.org or call (800) 932-

Participants sought for fibroid study

A clinical research study is under way by obstetrician and gynecologist, Jay Berman, of Wayne State University Physician Group, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, in effort to identify an alternative treatment for uterine

The typical treatment is a hysterectomy, the second most common surgery among women in the United States.

Berman is the only surgeon in Michigan who performs this technique and was chosen for his expertise during laparoscopic procedures.

This clinical research study, evaluation of the "Halt System in Laparoscopic Treatment of Symptomatic Uterine Fibroids with Radiofrequency Ablation," aims to preserve the uterus rather than remove it through a traditional hysterectomy. This procedure is an alternative to a myomectomy as well as a traditional hysterectomy.

It is estimated that as many as 70 percent of women develop uterine fibroids at some point in their lives. Most women do not experience symptoms and will never be aware that they have or had a fibroid. However, about one-third of women, predominantly African American, experience pain in the lower abdomen, back and pelvis, heavy bleeding during menstrual periods and severe bloating. Some fibroids can grow to be the size of a basketball in or outside the uterus.

The Halt study, sponsored by Halt Medical, seeks to enroll up to 30 local women and 150 women nationally who are premenopausal and 25 years of age or older, have a history of menorrhagia (heavy bleeding) and have completed child bearing. To date, very little information is known about what causes fibroids, and this procedure is an alternative to more invasive surgery. Eligible participants will undergo an outpatient laparoscopic procedure using an investigational device called the Halt Fibroid System. This system is designed specifically for uterine fibroids and consists of a radiofrequency (RF) generator and a RF probe with deployable needle electrodes. An intra-abdominal ultrasound is then used to locate and visualize the fibroids. Participants return home the same day and are usually able to work within a week.

Screening for this study is being performed at Wayne State University Physician Group, 26400 W. 12 Mile, Suite 140, Southfield.

For more information about the study or to participate, call Julie McQueeney, research coordinator, at (248) 263-3571.



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Twitter Job Search 101

Selena Dehne, JIST Publishing

You can gain a wealth of advantages when turning to Twitter for help in the job search. You can research companies and organizations, uncover little-known job leads, connect with recruiters and employers and learn up-to-the-minute news about the industries and employers that interest you.

It's important to note, however, that your activities on Twitter won't pay off until you've invested some time learning how to use it best. Those new to the social networking site often complain that Twitter is too overwhelming, time-consuming and intimidating to be a useful tool in their job search campaign.

That's why Chandlee Bryan, coauthor of "The Twitter Job Search Guide," has developed a blueprint to help job seekers ease into the Twitter experience.

"It takes some time to gain momentum on Twitter," Bryan explains. "I recommend phasing into your plan. Doing so, you'll find that your network will grow, your relationships will deepen, your job search will become more productive and you'll just have more fun."

Bryan outlines her four-week blueprint for easing into the

Twitterverse:

Week One: Twitter Boot Camp

Allow yourself time for a learning curve.

Create your account, claim your username and design your background.

Set goals for your job search: How do

you want to use Twitter? As a source of job leads, for company research, to expand your network ...? Write your Twitter bio. This should identify what makes you unique and tell readers

what you want. You may also want to mention a special achievement or unusual accomplishment.

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Write 10 to 12 tweets offline. Then, tweet one or two of them each time you log in.

Follow 15 people you know who won't be judging your account.

Week Two: Lurking And Cultural Immersion

Search for hashtags and industries of interest to you. (Example of a

hashtag: #greenjobs)

Actively begin following people you don't know in your field.

Observe posts of others and how they use hashtags.

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"A feed is Web content from a source such as Twitter that can be delivered to your cell phone, e-mail or a

> designated Web page you set up. You can subscribe to a feed with services like Feedreader.com or Google.com/reader," Bryan explains.

"Feeds enable you to actively review new content on a relevant topic without having to search for it on your own; once you've established a

feed, the information will be delivered to you automatically. Feeds can help you optimize your time in conducting employer research, monitoring trends in your field and finding job openings.

Subscribe to Twitter lists. According to Bryan, "Lists enable you to organize users into groups. Through lists, you can view tweets from users you don't follow. If you don't want updates from hundreds of users in your stream, creating or subscribing

to lists by subject area is a great way to optimize your time on Twitter."

Week Three: Full Throttle

Ask engaging questions that start conversations.

Retweet others.

Tweet blog posts and other items of interest that align with your brand or career goals (save space by shortening URLs in your links). Don't forget the 75/25 rule: Approximately 75 percent of content should be professional and 25 percent can be personal.

Week Four And Beyond: Onward, In **15 Minutes A Day**

Expand your reputation, including creating lists.

Revise retweets to include your own opinion.

Incorporate both online and offline content for tweeting (from attending association meetings and workshops to sharing Google News alerts or blog comments).

Selena Dehne is a career writer for JIST Publishing who shares the latest occupational, career and job search information available with job seekers and career changers. She is also the author of JIST's Job Search and Career Blog (http:// jistjobsearchandcareer.blogspot.co m/). Follow her on Twitter at http:// twitter.com/SelenaDehne.



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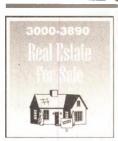
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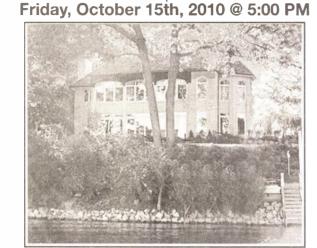
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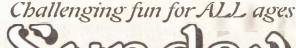
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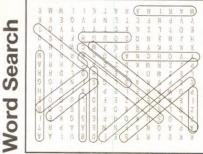
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When it comes to a classic American icon, you can't beat the Ford Mustang. And the 2010 Ford Mustang takes a retro return to its roots with a refreshing design that bears a striking resemblance to the iconic 1969

The redesign for 2010 takes the Mustang up a notch, with changes to the trademark coupe. This year, the Mustang debuts with a fierce front and rear fascia, four-light grille, forward fender lines, a stronger, more muscular shape and a curvier rear. If you've always longed for the Mustang to look like it did 40 years ago,

America's long love affair with the Mustang began in 1964. With the 2010 model, Ford improves many of the changes that began when the Mustang was outfitted with a new platform in 2005. This model comes in rear wheel drive - would you expect anything less? and in a coupe and soft-top convertible.

The 2010 Ford Mustang comes in four models; V6, V6 Premium, GT, and GT Premium. Tilt steering wheel, cruise control, air condition, a CD audio with MP-3 comes standard, along with split rear folding seats and power windows.

We also liked the options – a Shaker 1000 audio system and a voice-activated Sirius NAV system with Travel Link, just to name a few. What we liked about the Mustang is the raft of safety features, including ABS, traction control, electronic stability control, four airbags, a remote keyless entry and a tire pressure monitoring system.

Add even more safety features with an optional rear view camera. All these safety features may help explain why the Mustang got a five-star government safety rating. Now for the look.

The Mustang bears a very close resemblance to last year's model in size and shape. This is not a complete design overhaul; it's a revision with changes in noticeable areas. Let's start with the obvious area

where the Mustang was changed - the exterior.

The new Mustang borrows the roof and Apillars from the previous year's model. But that's where the similarities end. The front and rear of the 'Stang are slightly tapered. The fender flares aren't so obvious and are more sculpted.

It's muscle - after all, it is a Ford Mustang - yet it's with a 21st century modern touch. With the exception of the roofline, everything is brand new. The headlamps are new, with a four-light grille. The rear end design has strong angled fenders along with a new tail lamp design with three LED bulbs.

The Mustang looks, well, more muscular. Which is why this model is getting so many comparisons to the 1969 model. That's because of the power dome over the hood, raised areas over the rear wheels and strong, bolder front and rear fascias.

Even the wheels and tires are new, with 1inch bigger dimensions ranging from 17 to 19 inches for better handling and braking. The more muscular design makes the current model appear smaller.

Yet, Ford is careful not to change too much on the Mustang. This is, after all, the Ford Mustang. And so the Mustang keeps many of the classic lines that signal the popular Pony muscle car

And while the Mustang borrows from a retro look, it also seemingly borrows from old horsepower of an era gone by. It musters a paltry 210 horsepower and 240 pound feet on the V6. Compare that to the Chevrolet Camaro, which gets 304 horsepower and 273 pound feet from 3.6 liters; the Hyundai Genesis Coupe, which gets 306 horsepower and 266 pound feet from 3.8 liters. The V8 GT comes with more horsepower for a galloping start.

Translation: The V6 Ford Mustang will get left in the dust from even a V6 Honda Accord. Now that's embarrassing. The Mustang



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accelerates from 0 to 60 in 6.6 seconds. While a standard sports car enthusiast might snub their nose, the horsepower clearly falls into two camps - the V6 for the set who don't feel the need to speed and the V8 for everyone

Don't buy the V6 if you're looking for a fast muscle car; you won't get it.

Now let's look at the interior, which also has been refreshed. The cabin is still retro, but there are much

higher quality materials used. Just goes to show you that a sports car doesn't have to be utilitarian. Now, the Mustang won't fool you to thinking that you're driving a luxury car. Yet, it is definitely a much needed improvement. The coupe and the convertible offer seating that holds four. You can fit adults in the backseat, but just to warn you, it might be a close fit. Which, if you're buying a sports car for room, it might be time to buy a sedan.

Trunk space is ample, with 12.3 cubic feet in the coupe and 9.7 in the convertible. Inside, there are a number of things that caught our attention. There's a new dashboard made of soft plastic molding - a vast improvement over the piecemeal, hard plastic dash that it replaced.

There's metallic trim with different textures depending on if you get the V6 or V8 model. The metal look doesn't end there. There's also metal trim on the shift knob. This is not "fake" metal; it's the real thing, not some metallic plastic. Ford gets major kudos for its tasteful black dashboard and wealth of aluminum trim and panels.

Don't forget the beautifully stitched leather seats and a navigation system that boasts an

eight-screen, reverse camera. The only thing that should be reconsidered are the main gauges, which can be hard to see when driving.

There are no major mechanical changes in the V6, but the GT is built on the Bullitt model. The GT has a few powertrain changes, including a cold air intake, a 250rpm increase and 3.5-inch exhaust tips. The V6 is just OK for horsepower; the Bullitt model is more than satisfactory when it comes to what's underneath the hood.

The redesign, however, reduces the drag on the GT and base model by 4 to 7 percent. Improved window and door seals have reduced wind noise as well. We weren't quite sure what to expect when it came to the ride, but new chassis bracing and recalibrated suspension give the Mustang a better, more comfortable ride with a bit more sticking when cornering.

Overall, the Ford Mustang boasts changes that give it a better ride and a better look. Classic muscle car enthusiasts will be pleased with the Mustang's nod to the nostalgic 1969 model. But if you're looking for speed, it's best to stick with the V8.

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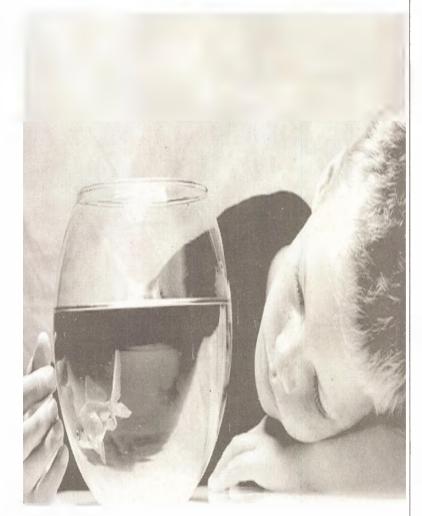
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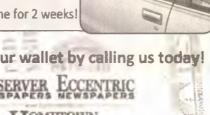
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