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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 one-year 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 scheduled 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 p.m.

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 festival 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 conducted.

The 5-2 vote (Trustee Dianne Gonzalez and Treasurer Judy Mardigan 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-the-counter 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. Mardigan 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," Mardigan 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 over-the-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
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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.

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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.

Wadsworth says she'd bridge partisan divide

BY MATT JACHMAN
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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.

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

BY MATT JACHMAN
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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, first-degree premeditated murder, second-degree murder and



Portellos

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

first-degree child abuse. She could spend life in prison without the chance of parole if convicted of first-degree murder.

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 sup-

posed 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 2008.

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

"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

BY SUE MASON
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 Wayne-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 dis-

tricts 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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Color blind

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

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

Admission is free to the public, but pre-registration is necessary. Registration is available online at www.mirrorroundtable.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 sizes.

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 Leyton, Genesee County Prosecutor, Candidate for Attorney General; Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano; Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon; State Senator Glenn Anderson, and Congressman John Conyers.

For more information contact Jim Amar at (734) 776 1763

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 e-mail 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 OLG and also a speaker at New Hope.

This informational work-

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 process.

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 10-month academic programs.

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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 opinion 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."

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Tailgate event hopes to be alumni attraction

BY BRAD KADRICH
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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-canton-schools.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 Sneiderman, 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 facilitator for the alumni event. "We wanted to connect with people before the game."



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



The former Plymouth High School, now Central Middle School.

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-canton-schools.net).

"Our hope is this event will grow, and reunions will be planned around it," Sneiderman said.

"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 events.

"Our hope is this event will grow, and reunions will be planned around it," Sneiderman said.

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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 mil-

lion, 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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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.

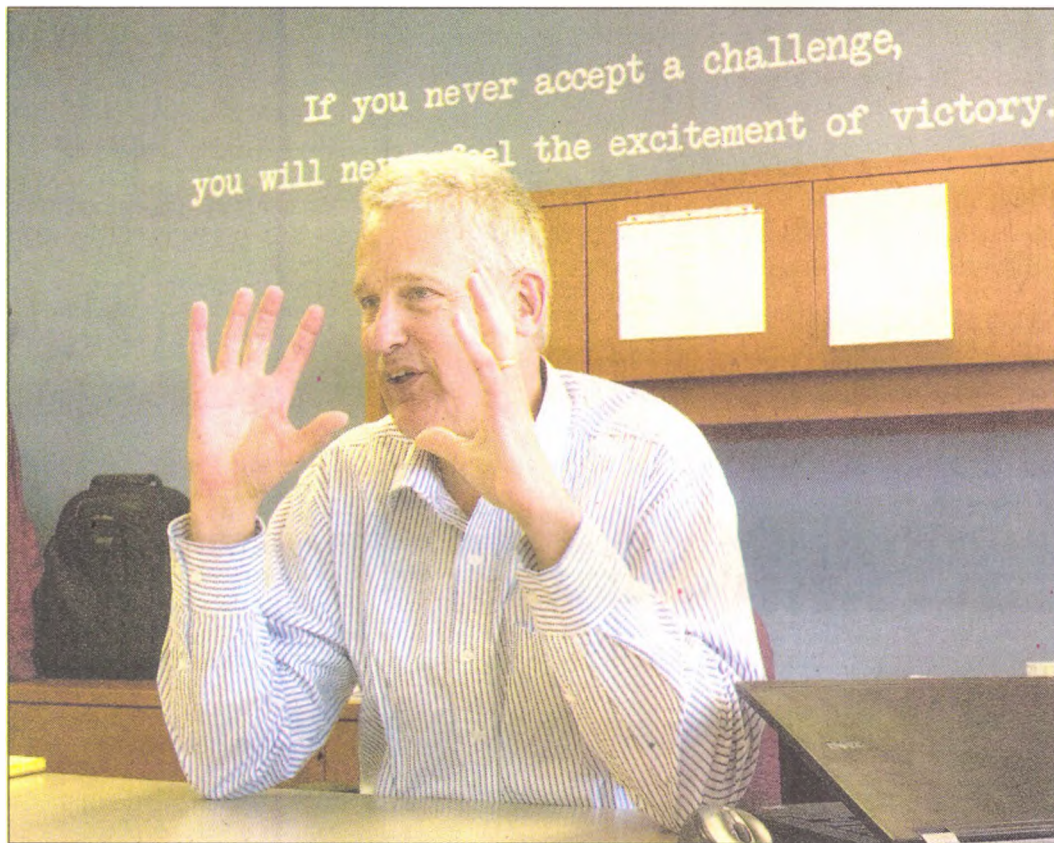
"Our students come here with a dream and walk away with a career with advancement potential," Klobucar said, giving a tour of the newest Ross school, 44958 Ford Road, tucked away in an office center north of Ford between Sheldon and Canton Center.

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 administrators.

"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



Director of new campus development says Ross students will pursue a new career, a fresh start, in jobs that are expected to witness a nearly 30-percent growth within the next decade.

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



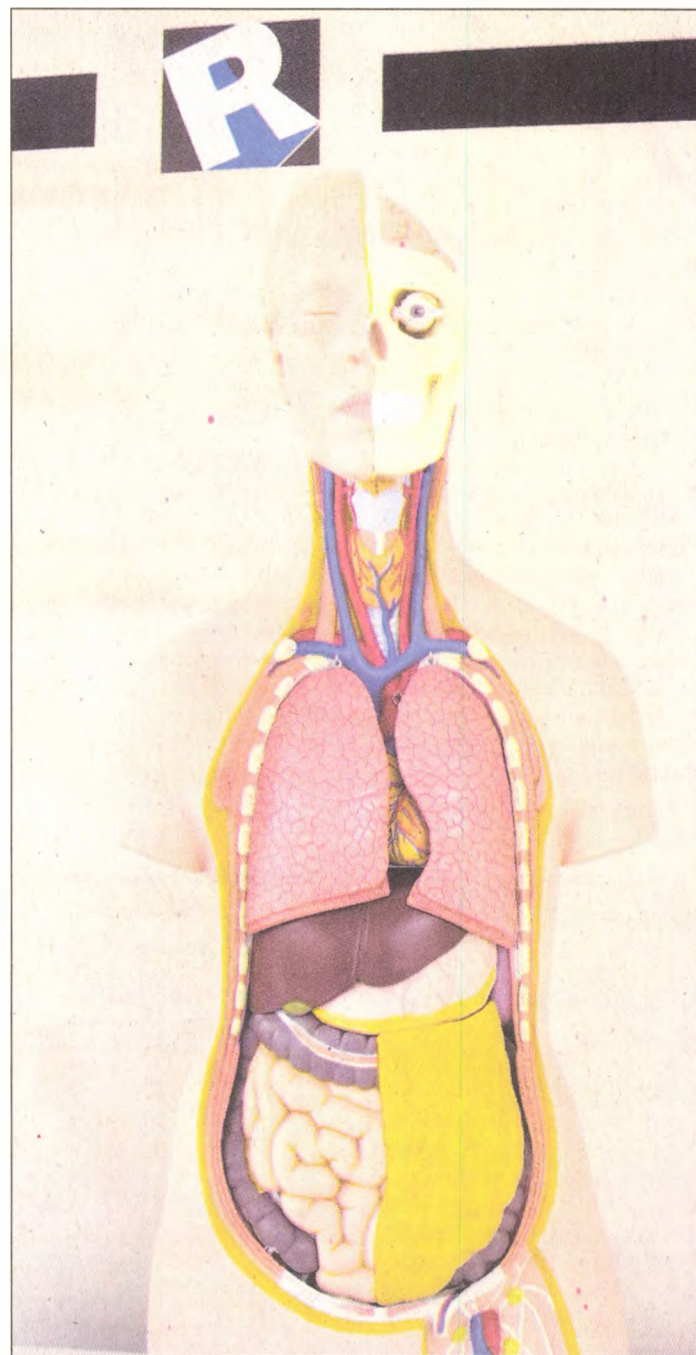
Medical Assistant classroom features hands-on equipment.

admissions department, a financial aid office and a career development section — all designed to offer one-stop 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.



Welcome to Ross.

Alisa Biederman, a former high school teacher, works in job placement at the Canton-based 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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HEISE
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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 up of 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

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.
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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

with local governments on policy details, and his knowledge of western Wayne County, has given him the skills the district needs in Lansing. He has specialized in environmental law and has negotiated with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

He was hired by Democrat County Executive Robert 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 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 done."

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.

THE WADSWORTH FILE

Who: Joan Wadsworth, 56
Residence: Northville; lived in district 25 years
Family: Husband, Steve Calkins; children Tim, Geoff and Virginia
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
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WADSWORTH
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Now represented by two-term 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 issues.

"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-service-oriented 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 River 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 investment.

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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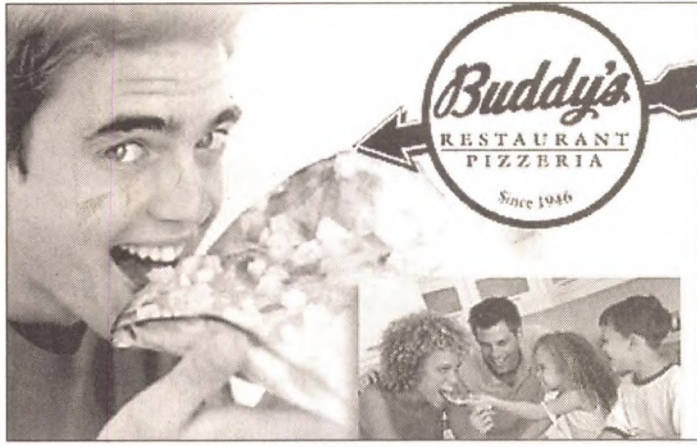
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Q: Dear Rick: Earlier this year my cousin passed away. He had a rather sizeable estate and he was single without children at his death. He had a living trust and therefore there no probate was needed. I recently received a check for my inheritance 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

of the year that is retroactive to the beginning of the year. Although it does seem unfair and un-American, it has happened before. When it has been challenged 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, how-

ever, 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.



Several of the Sarns' friends and relatives attended the showing of the film at 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 movie.

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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PLEASE TAKE NOTE: A public accuracy test of the M-100 Optic Scan Voting System will take place at 12:00 p.m., on Wednesday, October 6, 2010, at the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, for the November 2, 2010 State General Election.

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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 this."

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 bikers.

"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 difficult.

"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."



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 Society.

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.

"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 and Michigan State University in July (Blickle put in 175 miles). Cyclists spent a night in an MSU dormitory, and ate in the cafeteria, before making the trek back.

"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-raising.

"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 co-captains this year are Jeni Quigley, an environmental engineer, and Matt Abdallah, a construction superintendent who took part in the Bavarian Breakaway.

Abdallah, of Commerce Township, has a personal

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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Paula Beaudry, Tammy Willis-MS rep, Conestoga-Rovers vice president Frederick Blickle, Matthew Abdallah, and Jennifer Quigley are all happy about the donation.



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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 over-age 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-but-attainable 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."



RENA LAVERTY

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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Running for a gain after catching a pass Friday is Plymouth senior Thomas Afetian (No. 21), who caught two passes for 25 yards in the Wildcats' 48-0 win over Westland John Glenn.



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

HAVING FUN

Plymouth made it 28-0 with just five seconds left when Austin and senior Adedamola Adebisi 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 him."

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 4-yard run by junior Frederick Dumar.

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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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.

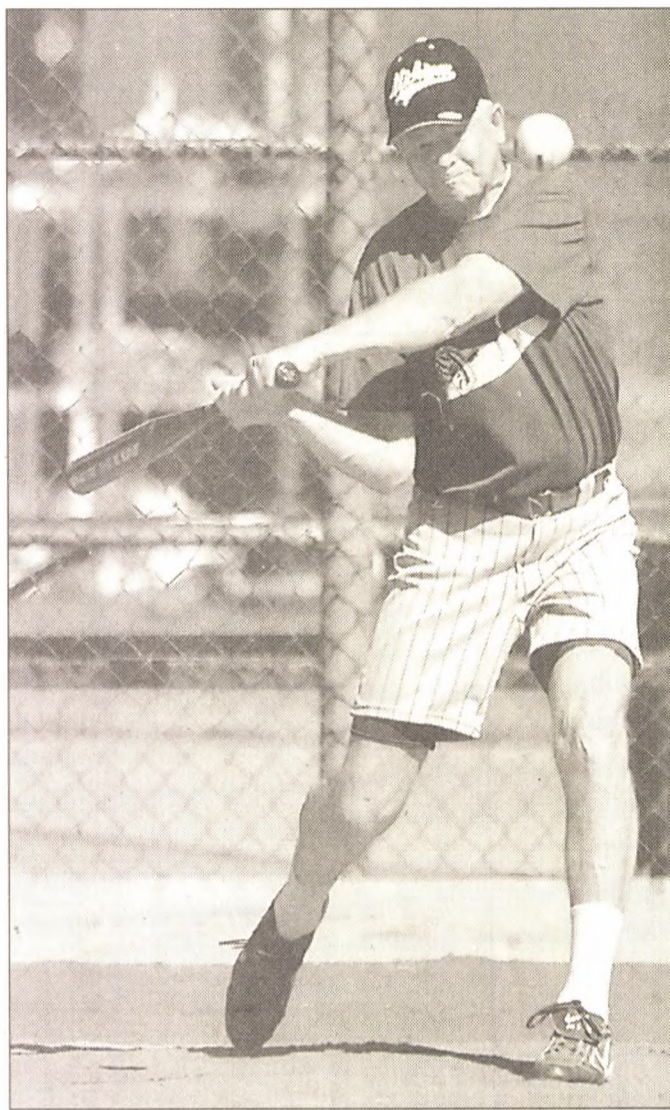
"I found out earlier this year and I'm very excited to become a part of it," said Green, 65, who will comprise the hall's 19th class along with Tom Fitzsimmons, Carol Hutchins, Mike McDowell, Evelyn Micol and Dennis Troshak. "Many of the players already in there I either played with, or against, and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

Heading to the hall

Green's diamond heroics has him part of elite class

BY JIM TOTH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



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.

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.

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.

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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.

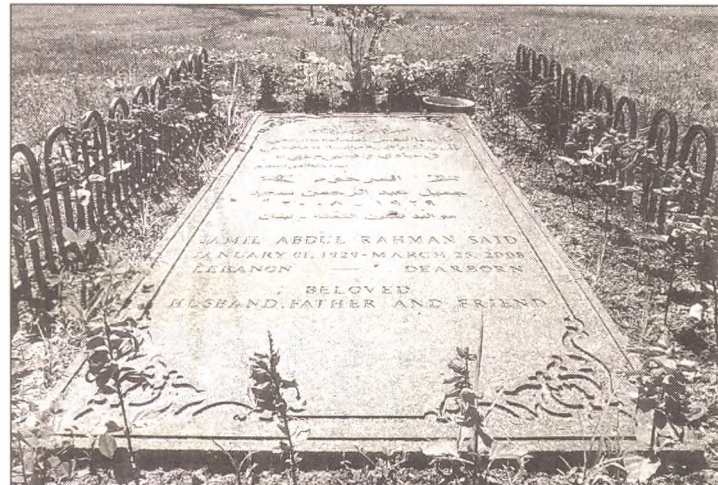
"I like that idea. My wife threatens to do that to me. I haven't decided what cemetery, probably St. Hedwig."

Bak, 56, a prolific Detroit-area 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 write.

"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-



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



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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.

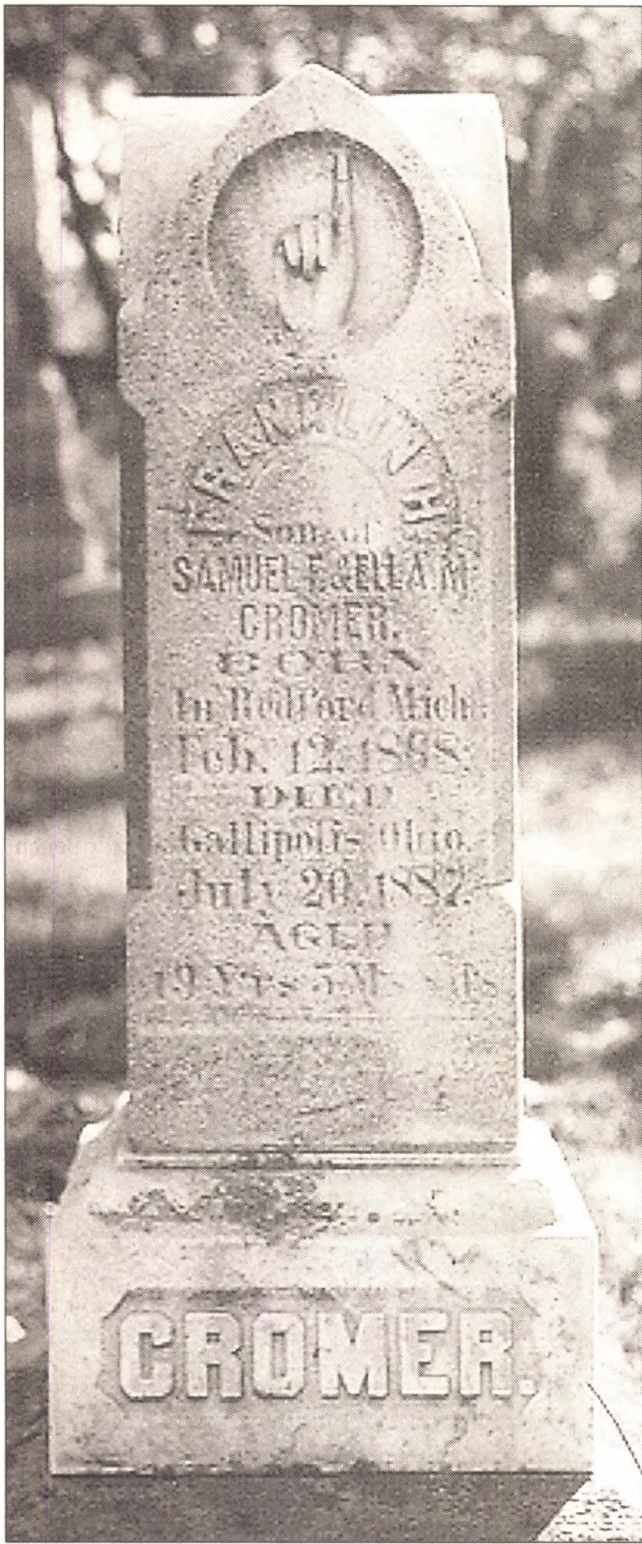
IN GOOD TASTE

"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 II. 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 no joke.

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 eye.

The Livonia-based rescue will benefit from "For the Love of Animals," a comedy show with eight perform-

ers, Tuesday, Oct. 5, at Joey's Comedy Club, 36072 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and show time is 8 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person. Reservations are recommended by calling (734) 261-0555.

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.

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 e-mailing 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."

NO KILL

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

"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

take the ones no one wants."

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

"The first time I showed him I placed



Ettinger

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, de-fleas 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 treated.'"

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



and raise some funds for a terrific organization that is really feeling the economic crunch."

For more about Guardian Angels Animal Rescue visit www.gaarmichigan.org. The organization shows its adoptable pets from 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at Petsmart, 385 Haggerty, Commerce Township.

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NOT TREATING RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

There are instances when a physician will not treat a patient with rheumatoid arthritis. One situation is when the arthritis appears resolved. Rheumatoid arthritis can run a spectrum of intensity, so an individual may have a slight, moderate, serious or severe degree of involvement. At any time the immune system may awaken and rid the body of the irritation driving the arthritis. Or, the body's own mechanisms plus medication may repair the impaired immune system. Then the arthritis resolves and the need for medication disappears.

A second reason to stop arthritis medication is that the diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis is incorrect. For example: a person's exposure to a virus - Parvo B 19 - may cause an arthritis that at first appears indistinguishable from rheumatoid arthritis. A physician could well see the presenting joint swelling as representative of rheumatoid disease and start methotrexate and an anti-TNF drug. However, the speed of recovery and further blood tests could reveal that the joint condition was not rheumatoid arthritis and these medications were not in order.

Another reason to stop arthritis medication in rheumatoid arthritis is if a patient experiences a far advanced or a burnt out case. Some patients, fortunately only a few, are resistant to all rheumatic drugs and giving these people more medication only increases their risk for complications. Or, all involved joints are lost because of the intensity of the arthritis and there is nothing possible to save with more medication. In such cases the physician is correct to stop arthritic drugs and focus on providing relief from pain.

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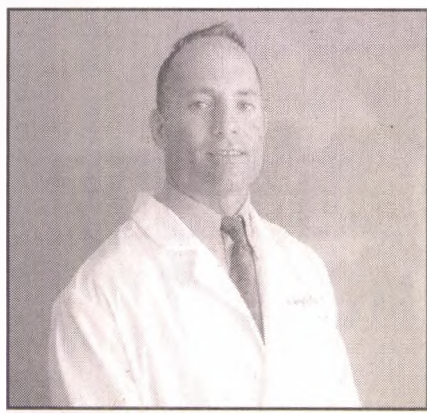
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Lots of love: Preschool marks 60 years with open house

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

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

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.

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 both ages.

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."

BONEYARDS

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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 burial.

"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 night.

"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 Ghoully 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 mini-musical "Zoo Boo Revue" will be performed in the Main Picnic Grove.

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

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.

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.

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GARDEN EVENTS

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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 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
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org

Lecture

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Oct. 6
Location: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph at 14 Mile, Bloomfield Hills
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
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.
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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
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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
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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 Oct. 16 at The Marriott in Livonia. For more information contact: Tim Yarde at (248) 573-7147 or Russ and Judy (Mackinder) Sarns at (734) 464-7166.

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@twml.r.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@yahoo.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) 744-2670

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

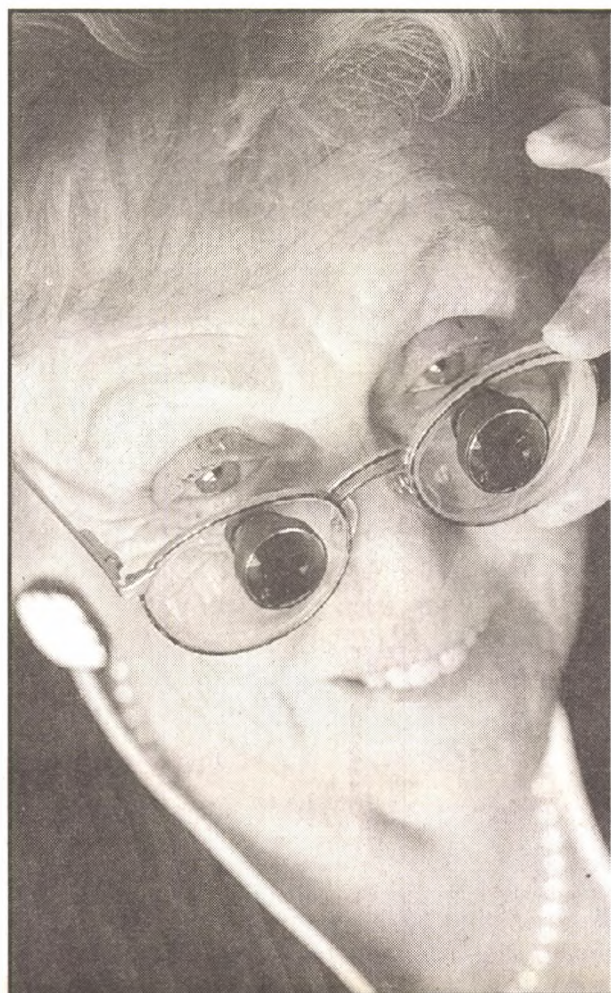
to her watercolors, the show will feature jewelry, American Girl doll clothes, soaps, candles, seasonal decorations, clothing, accessories for dogs and much more.

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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.

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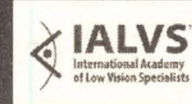


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The Kanes of Farmington Hills on their wedding day

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Philip Sr. and Helen (Elliott) Kane of Farmington Hills and Greenbush, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last week. They were married Oct. 1, 1960 at St. Valentine's Catholic Church in Redford.

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 Sterling Heights.

They are grandparents of nine grandchildren: Adam (Jessica Seay), 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.



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

MILESTONES

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 Infrsource Underground Construction.

The couple resides in Livonia.



Phelps-McGue

Livonia.

FAITH NICOLE KOZAK

Faith Nicole Kozak was born 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 grandparents are James Jablonicky of Westland, Pamela Jablonicky of Garden City, and Bongchae and Tom Kozak of Westland.

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



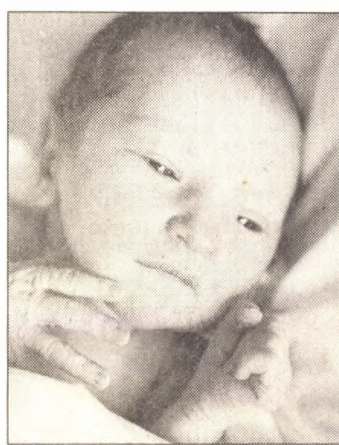
Faith Nicole Kozak

FRANKLIN JAMES MATTISON

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

Proud parents are Jordan and Jena (Lerash) Mattison of Chicago, Ill. Grandparents are Jason and Carol Mattison of Livonia and Tom and Debbie Lerash of Bad Axe.

Great-grandma is Frances Mattison of Northville.



Franklin James Mattison

OLDANI-HANNER

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



Oldani-Hanner

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.

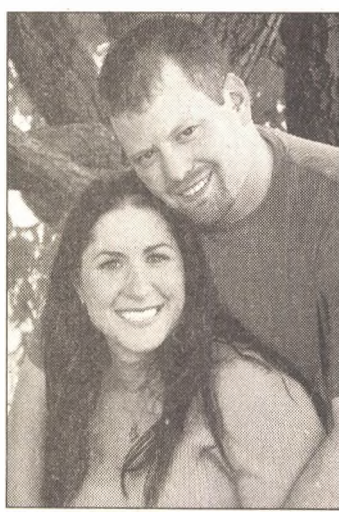
BUCHANAN-BALKO

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.



Buchanan-Balko

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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 www.SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com



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 Novi, Uncle Tom Stankey of 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 Appreciation Fund.

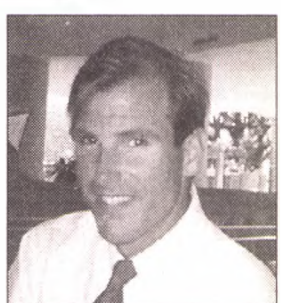


EUNICE SYLVIA IRENE MADDOCK

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 & great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Jeanetta Maddock, Brookport, Illinois. Funeral details will be announced at a later date. Online condolences at: www.langenewbros.com

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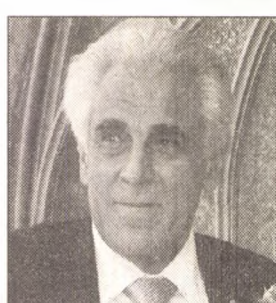
FREDERICK S. CARTER

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: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



LAWRENCE M. KAZANOWSKI

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 lifelong 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, or a charity of one's choice. www.mccabefuneralhome.com



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 Metry. Richard is survived by his beloved wife, Dianna and daughters, Bonnie (Patrick) Foley and Catherine (Eugene, Jr.) Boyle. He is also survived 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 have taken place. Interment in Guardian Angel Cemetery, Oakland Twp. Condolences at: lynchfuneraldirectors.com

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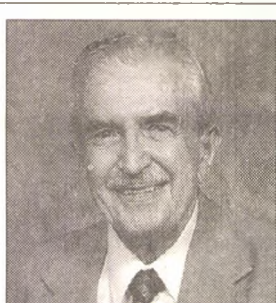


GEORGE ROMEO HAMEL

Age 91, September 22, 2010 Loving husband of Margaret (Haggerty) Hamel of 64 years, brother of Leo (Wanda) Hamel (age 98) & his current 22 direct descendants: His five children Patricia (Robert) Nakonecny, 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 descendants, 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: www.autism-society.org

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.



RONALD F. WILLIAMS

September 21, 2010. Age 88 of Beverly Hills. Proud veteran 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. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500 view obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

JACQUELINE A. "JACKY" JOHNSON

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 Hewelt. Arrangements by: Simple Funerals 586-777-0555 www.SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com



RUTH IRENE (Watson) ANDREWS

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: www.holihanatkin.com for more information & to make online condolences

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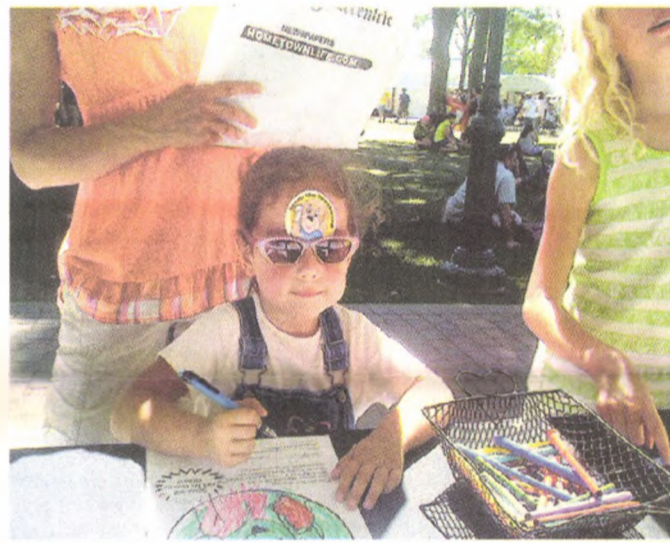
Sparky and Scoop at the Farmington Hills Fire Department.



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Scoop at St. Mary Mercy Community Open House.

Welcome boys and girls to Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights!

Scoop, the newshound, will be offering contests on a monthly basis. Look for Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights page monthly in this newspaper. The page will feature photos of you and Scoop at local events. This month's contest features Scoop and Sparky the Fire Dog™ urging everyone to place and test smoke alarms in every room of your house. Make sure everyone in your home knows the family fire escape plan.

For more on fire safety games and activities check out www.sparky.org.

Hey kids! Coloring Contest

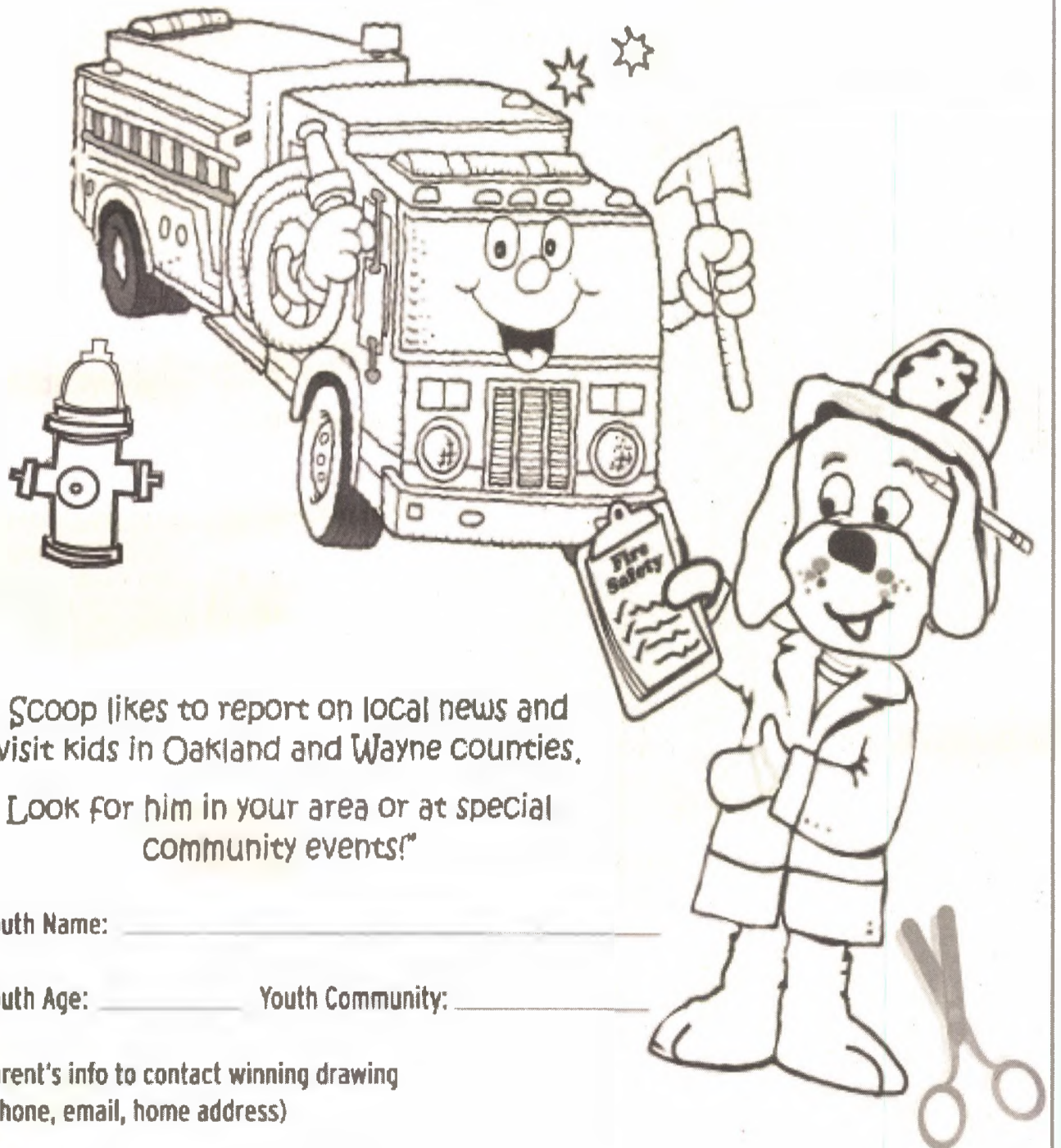
Youth ages 5-10 are invited to color Scoop by his fire engine. Scoop will be pick two winners in each age category:
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Ages - 9-10
Winners will receive tickets to the Emagine Theater in Canton or Novi.

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Investigate Fire Safety with Scoop the Newshound!



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Youth Age: _____ Youth Community: _____

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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 fiber.

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 fiber.

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 tra-

ditionally would have only one or two grams.

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 low-fiber 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.

LABEL SLEUTHING

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 foods.

"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) 932-8677.

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 fibroids.

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

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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, co-author 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?

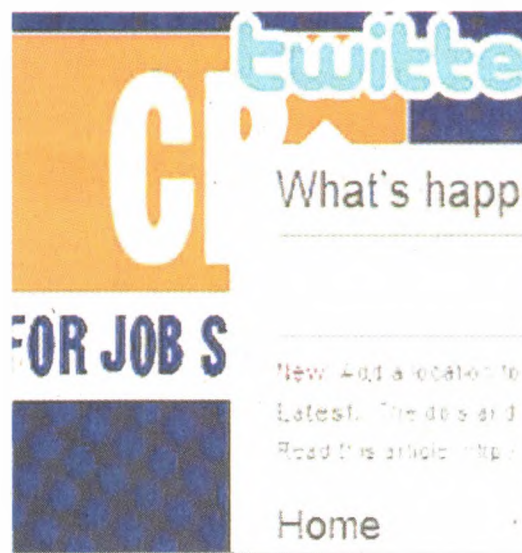
As a source of job leads, for company research, to expand your network ...? Write your Twitter bio. This should identify what makes you unique and tell readers what you want. You may also want to mention a special achievement or unusual accomplishment. Write 10 to 12 tweets offline. Then, tweet one or 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. Subscribe to job feeds.

"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).

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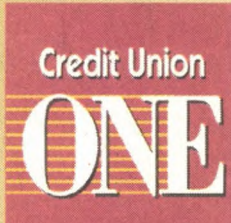
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