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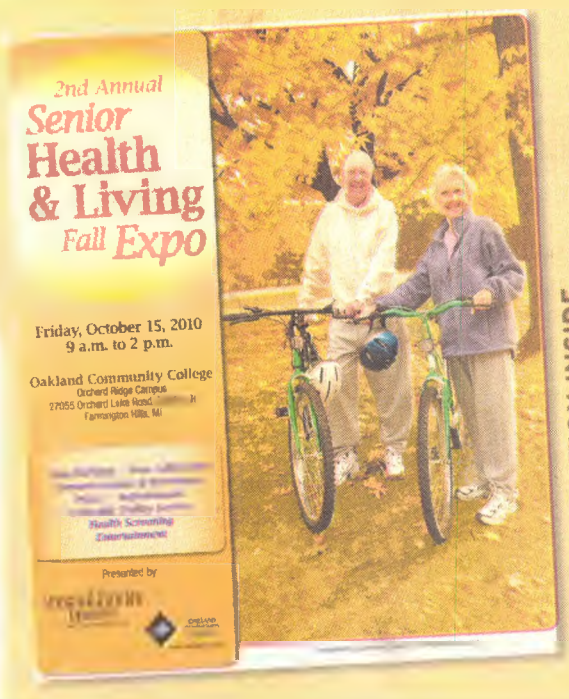

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Time banking

Plymouth-Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion has initiated an effort to combat an economic slump by pooling resources of disabled people, local businesses, at-risk youth, retirees, food pantries, religious leaders and others willing to give help to get it.

PCCDI has announced plans to bring Time Banking – a social change movement found in 22 countries on six continents – to western Wayne County, starting in Plymouth and Canton.

PCCDI has scheduled four informational meetings where people can sign up, ask questions or learn how they can help its planned Time Banking program:

- Pioneer Middle School: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, 46081 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.
- Big Boy Restaurant: 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at 45250 Ford Road, Canton.
- Karma Coffee Shop: 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, 3015 S. Wayne Road, Wayne.
- Panera Bread: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, 400 S. Main, Plymouth.

Potential members also may send an e-mail to PCCDI at plycancdi@gmail.com.

Giving Hope

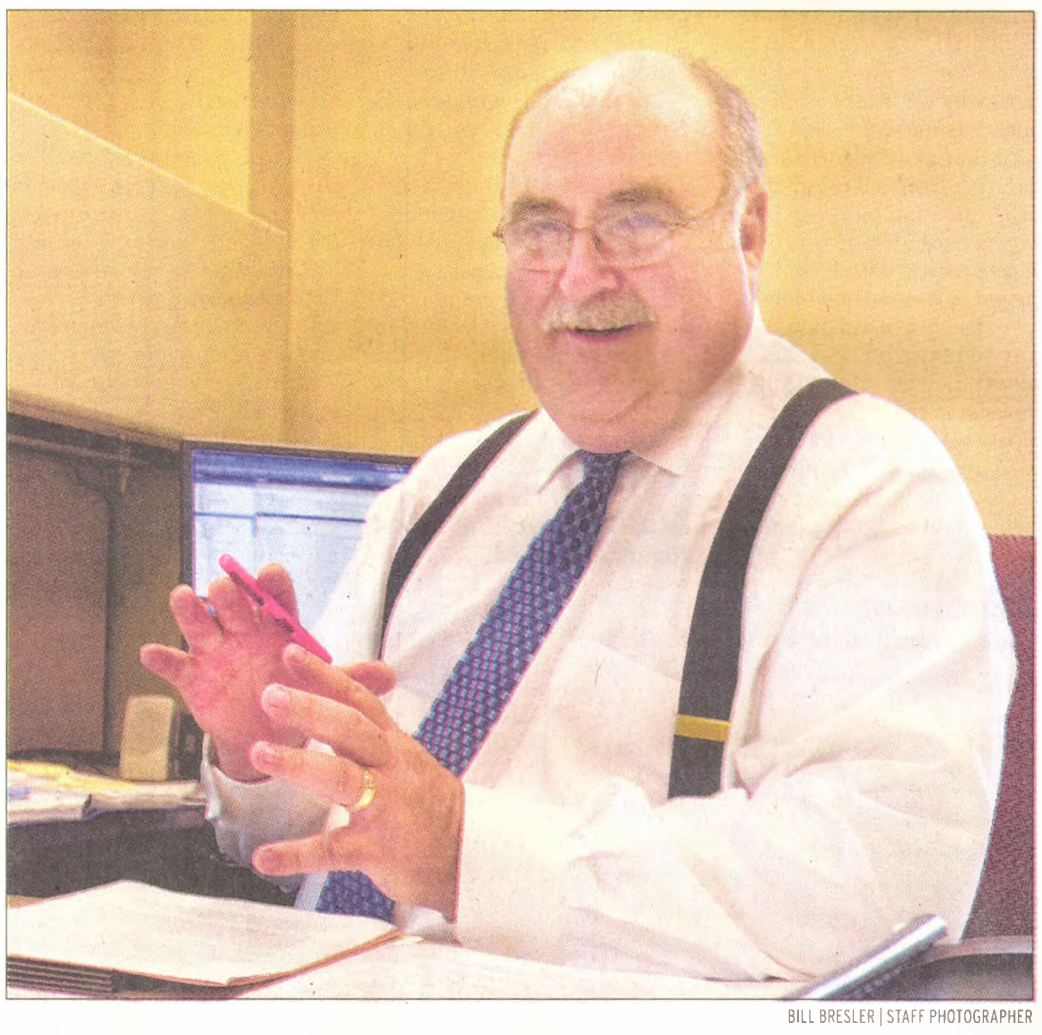
Dr. Jody Jones, a physician from IHA-Canton, will talk about menopause management and hormone replacement therapy at Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle annual meeting Wednesday, Oct. 13, at The Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, in Canton.

The Giving Hope program also will include reports from local nonprofits that have received grants from the organization, an update on current grant requests, a short business meeting and a social hour. A reception will kick off the evening at 6:30 p.m., with the program starting at 7:15 p.m. Light appetizers and desserts will be served. The theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill.

Formed in 2006, the Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle provides grant-making initiatives that address the needs of families in Canton and Plymouth, creates an endowment fund for the future and building a community of women philanthropists.

By pooling their charitable dollars, the 68 members of the organization are able to make a greater philanthropic impact. To date more than $20,000 has been distributed through the fund which is held at the Canton Community Foundation.

The Plymouth and Canton Observer newspapers and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital are sponsors of the program Oct. 13. Admission is $10. Call the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200 or e-mail givinghopewgc@gmail.com.



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Jim Anulewicz felt it was "time to turn over the baton." His retirement is effective Friday.

Developing a new plan

Planner takes lasting legacy into retirement

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jim Anulewicz remembers the days when there was virtually nothing west of Sheldon Road in Plymouth Township, and people wanted it to stay that way.

He can remember the planning commission meetings back then and the ones since, including meetings that would last into the wee hours of the morning.

"People would storm those meetings and they'd be screaming, 'If you allow (development past Sheldon), it'll be the death of this community,' Anulewicz recalls with something of a wry smile. "What they really wanted was to preserve the vegetation. They didn't want to have house after house after house. So we allowed the development, but you have to keep all of that in mind, too."

Needless to say, development west of Sheldon Road wasn't the death of Plymouth Township, and now the man responsible since the mid-1970s for how that all happened is headed into retirement, happy and satisfied he was able to help his township grow.

James Anulewicz started consulting with Plymouth Township in the 1970s, then joined the township's planning department in 1984.

Anulewicz, 66, walks out the door for the last time Monday after serving for so long as Plymouth Township's director of public services. He started consulting with the township in the 1970s, signed on in the planning

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Crime moves up, but township still safer than most

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Crime ticked upward in Plymouth Township last year, with the number of reported larcenies up significantly over 2008 and the number of robberies, burglaries and vehicle thefts up slightly, according to the latest numbers from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Still, the township remained much safer than most U.S. communities of its size, with the per-capita crime rates in all nine major categories, from murder to burglary to motor vehicle theft, substantially below national averages for communities of between 25,000 and 50,000 people. (There were no murders in the township in 2008.)

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reports for 2009, listing crimes across the country by region, state and municipality, were released last month. The numbers are complied based on reported crimes in the local jurisdictions, which generate reports that are sent to the FBI. The complete reports are available at www.fbi.gov.

Police Chief Tom Tiderington blamed a weak economy, high unemployment and dwindling resources for the rising numbers.

"It's a very difficult time for law enforcement and communities," the chief said. He said he expects the numbers to remain higher as long as the labor market is slow.

"We've got to get the economy turned around, and then I think we'll see less crime," township Supervisor Richard Reaume said.

Larcenies in the township were up by 26 percent, from 272 reported in 2008 to 344 reported last year. The township in 2008 saw a spike in thefts from parked vehicles, which would be included in the larceny category. The vast majority of those vehicles had been left unlocked.

The number of robberies, defined as a forcible theft, went from six to nine, the number of burglaries went from 62 to 77, and the number of vehicle thefts went from 20 to 24.

Tiderington pointed out that with low numbers to begin with in many categories, such as robbery, any increase is going to look like a large one, percentage-wise, but might not reflect a serious problem.

"Of course, if you're the victim, it's a huge increase," he said. "None of the robberies are good."

Tiderington said residents play a big role in keeping neighborhoods safe by watching out for each other and reporting suspicious incidents to police.

"They're certainly the eyes and ears of the police department," he said. "It's essential that they look out for their neighbors."

Educational programs, such as having officers speak occasionally to schoolchildren or a department-sponsored citizens police academy, which offered residents a detailed look at what police do and information on how to keep themselves safe, are important, too. Such programs, however, have been curtailed in recent years because of falling revenue and tightening township budgets.

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Fiegel won't get Walled Lake post

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Craig Fiegel will not be the new superintendent in the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools district.

Fiegel, Plymouth-Canton's superintendent the last two years, was notified Friday morning of the Walled Lake board's decision.

Fiegel had a pair of interviews with the Walled Lake board, which is looking for a replacement for William Hamilton, whose retirement is effective Dec. 1. Walled Lake officials want Hamilton's replacement in place by Nov. 1. Fiegel is one of three candidates called back for a second look.

Walled Lake board President Michael Karson notified Fiegel on Friday he wouldn't be brought back for a third. The other two finalists — current Lake Orion Supt. Kenneth Gutman and Paul DeAngelis, currently the deputy superintendent for education services in Birmingham — will be brought back.

Fiegel declined to comment.

Fiegel applied for the Walled Lake position in the wake of uncertainty over whether his contract would be renewed. The board

Fiegel

settled that issue last week, however, voting 4-3 not to renew Fiegel's deal. Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Treasurer Judy Mardigian and trustees Dianne Gonzalez, John Jackson and Adrienne Davis voted against renewal; board President Steven Sneideman, Vice President Barry Simescu and Secretary Nancy Eggenberger voted in favor of renewal.

Judy Evola, community relations director for Walled Lake Schools, said the board had "an amazing field of candidates, including Dr. Fiegel," and will move forward with Gutman and DeAngelis. Board members did site visits to Birmingham and Lake Orion schools Friday.

"The Walled Lake Board of Education had an incredible field of candidates and they were all very, very qualified," Evola said. "The board is still in the process of deliberating and doing their due diligence to make sure they've done a thorough job."

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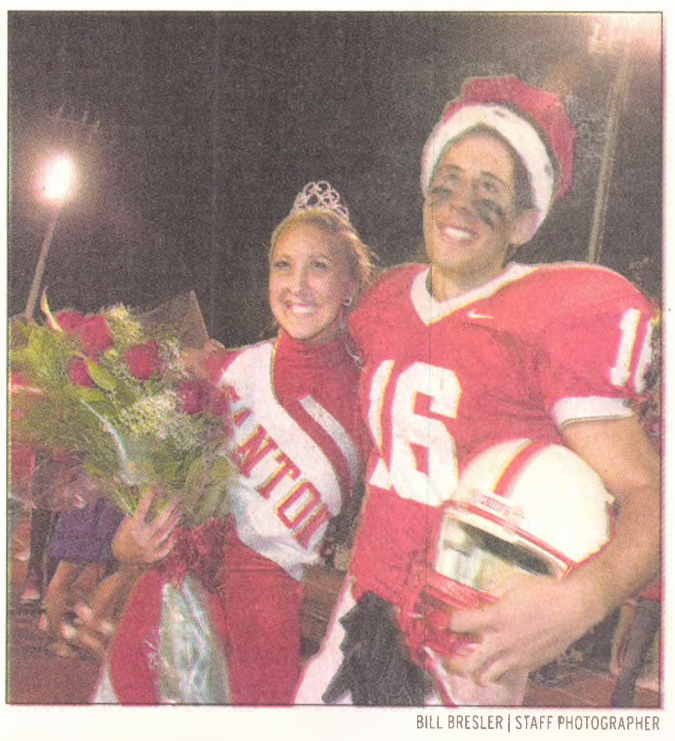

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Chief royalty

The Canton Chiefs celebrated homecoming with a victory over cross-campus rivals the Plymouth Wildcats. Seniors Rachel Nowak and Marco Deluca are Homecoming queen and king, crowned during halftime ceremonies.

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RETIREMENT

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department in 1984 and has been the department chief since 1989. Anulewicz will continue running the planning consulting firm, James D. Anulewicz Associates, he started at the same time he began working with the township.

"I've had a minimum of two jobs since I was 28," Anulewicz said. "That's basically seven days a week for more than 30 years. It's time to hand over the baton."

HIS FINGERPRINTS

Much of the development in Plymouth Township, which most observers agree is built out, has Anulewicz's fingerprints on it. Anulewicz said the township was able to successfully develop because all the parties involved in the building were willing to keep the same goals in mind.

Developers wanted something, the township wanted something and residents wanted something, and Anulewicz said everyone was successful — relatively — in achieving most of that.

"I've always said, 'Why can't I look at my goals, you as the developer look at what you are looking to achieve, and then look at the common things,'" Anulewicz said. "That's how you get to what all parties are building for."

Anulewicz

Anulewicz was a big part of that, according to Gary Roberts, the president of DeMattia Corp., the largest developer in the township. DeMattia built its Plymouth Township building in 1983, and Roberts, who was on the architectural staff back then, and Anulewicz have worked closely together ever since.

"I think the community owes Jim a great deal of gratitude for his efforts in making Plymouth Township what it is today," Roberts said. "You drive through the industrial park and see some of the vegetation ... it's one of the nicest industrial parks in the state, and a lot of those requirements and planning issues are all Jim."

Anulewicz remembers telling officials they needed a plan for Ann Arbor Road, which was then just a two-lane road, because it was "going to be an important corridor." Not much was done in that regard until the late 1990s and into the early 2000s, when then township Supervisor Steve Mann, now a trustee on the township board, helped create the Ann Arbor Road corridor.

"You had to have the foresight to know it was going to go from two to four lanes," Anulewicz said. "That forward thinking has for some time now been the hallmark of this community. We've done a lot of things that are right."

FINALLY, FREEWAYS

When Anulewicz started, access to the township was more limited without expressways like I-275 and M-14, and roads like Sheldon and Beck were crowded. Those expressways not only have made getting around easier, Anulewicz said, but they've made the township attractive to businesses.

"Instead of looking at the freeways as a negative, we looked at them as a positive," Anulewicz said. "We can have the high-tech corridor, but we can still keep it away from the residential. You couldn't ask for a better location. I believe that's why we're attracting so much business."

Anulewicz's ability to see planning from a look-to-the-future position has been his biggest asset, if you ask those who've served with him. Kay Arnold is a long-time member of the township planning commission, and she said Anulewicz knows things "never stay the same."

"You have to look forward, you can't just sit on your laurels," Arnold said. "He has been a saint as far as planning."

INTO THE FUTURE

Now he's ready to take his act into retirement, focusing on his private business and his family, although he won't have to worry about a lengthy list of projects waiting at home from his wife of three years, Kelly McCarty.

"No 'honey-do' list for him," said McCarty, who said she and Anulewicz have been together since 1997. "I really just want him to relax for a bit. He's worked extremely hard his entire life and he truly deserves a few months to catch his breath. Then we'll travel — Ireland, Poland, Alaska."

There were some raised eyebrows when he announced his retirement — "There were people who thought they'd have to drag me out of here kicking and screaming," he said with a laugh — but Anulewicz is happy to be going at what he feels is at the right time, and on his own terms.

What he wants most is to be remembered as someone dedicated to his craft who left behind a solid legacy.

"I'd like to be remembered as someone who was honest and capable at working with people to arrive at a common goal beneficial to all parties," he said before chuckling at his own cliche. "Every decision I've ever made was based on the best interest of the community. I want people to remember that."

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O&E, Hometown to offer advertising on Yahoo! sites

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Hometown Weeklies is partnering with Yahoo! to offer local advertisers more opportunities for digital advertising.

Announced last week, the partnership that begins in 2011 allows the O&E and Hometown group to offer advertisers digital ad space not only on hometownlife.com but also on Yahoo! sites as part of their local advertising solutions. As a result, local advertisers will benefit from expanded digital reach and enhanced audience targeting capabilities based on geography, user demographics, interests and more against that expanded audience.

The alliance combines the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Hometown Weeklies credible local brands and multimedia sales and marketing expertise with the powerful digital brand credibility and audience of Yahoo!

The new relationship will enhance the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Hometown Weeklies' audience solutions capabilities by increasing total digital audience reach 80.7 percent of local internet users.

"The Observer & Eccentric and Hometown local audience solutions, combined with Yahoo! provides powerful and effective reach, targeting, and results that deliver the right audience at the right time with the right solution," said Susan Rosiek, O&E/Hometown publisher and executive editor.

"Local advertising continues to be an important area of focus for us, and Yahoo! is committed to helping local businesses reach high quality target audiences," said Hilary Schneider, executive vice president, Yahoo! Americas. "This relationship significantly expands our local offerings and gives advertisers the technology and scale they need to reach their consumers online."

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Hometown Weeklies services western Wayne and Oakland counties, reaching over 1 million readers with 13 local community newspapers and on www.hometownlife.com monthly.

The new digital venture with Yahoo! enhances advertising solutions and is a strategic evolution for the suburban Observer & Eccentric/Hometown media group, which was recently recognized with awards by the Michigan Press Association for Best Ad Idea and Best ROP Auto Ad, among others.

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Staci Bockmann offers insight to help parents navigate the unknown world presented at the IEP meeting. She also offers tactics that encourage Educators and parents to become true partners with a common goal.
Presentation:
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• Strategies to consider during the IEP meeting
• What's next? Steps to take after the IEP meeting
Staci Bockmann is the mother of Blake, who is 12 years old, mainstreamed in school and on the Autism Spectrum. Staci is also a Parenting Coach, and Advocate for IEP's. Additionally, Staci and her husband Steve created www.MyGreatKid.com, a web site to provide resources for parents of children with Autism. Staci can also be heard every Sunday morning (8—9 AM) Live on WAAM Talk Radio 1600, The MyGreatKid Show, a radio show that talks about real life family issues.
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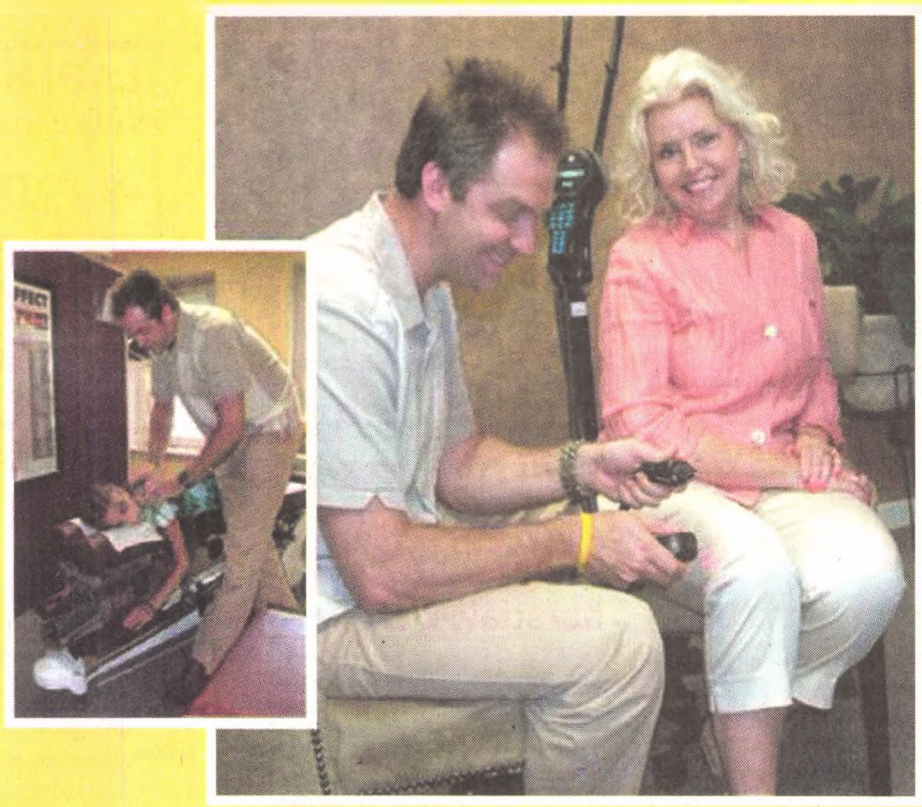

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Job search series

The Plymouth District Library will hold an Interviewing Seminar 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, featuring Keri Wayne, Career Management Consultant of Right Management, who will address important aspects of interviewing for a new job, including competency assessments, self promotion and interview preparation.

Sign up for this free program by contacting the Library, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4, or on-line at plymouthlibrary.org

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.

Council on Aging

• The Plymouth Council on Aging will hold a presentation, "How to Look, Act & Feel 20 Years Younger," on Wednesday, Oct. 13, at the Plymouth Cultural Center from 10-11 a.m.

The presentation will be given by Dr. Hicks from Canton Center Chiropractic Clinic.

Call the PCCA office at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 and sign up.

• On Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 10 a.m., at the Plymouth Cultural Center, the Council on Aging will host Wynwood Senior Living who will have a presentation on "Managing Diabetes." There will be light refreshments and coffee served.

Call the PCCA office at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 to sign up.

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.

Cemetery walk

Meet and greet some of the characters from Plymouth's past at Riverside Cemetery during the Plymouth Historical Museum's "Plymouth Characters" Cemetery Walk on Friday, October 29.

Hear the tales of Plymouth's ghosts, such as the spurned wife of Phil Markham (inventor of the Markham Air Rifle), E. J. Penniman (banker and one of those present at the founding of the Republican Party in Jackson), and Civil War soldiers Willard Roe and Aiken Holloway.

Walks begin at both 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. from near the cemetery's mausoleum. Refreshments will be available at the cemetery following the walk, supplied by Suburban Harvest of Plymouth. Tickets are $10 per person in advance or $15 at the Cemetery and can be purchased on the Museum's website (www.plymouthhistory.org) using PayPal or at the Plymouth Historical Museum. The entrance to Riverside Cemetery is on Plymouth Road between the Courthouse Grille and the 35th District Court Building.

Emergency stuffing

Girl Scouts (from left) Alexa Rybicki of Plymouth, Madison Burk of Canton, Anna Costley of Plymouth, Anna Napiewocki of Plymouth, Erin Montgomery of Canton, Evelyn Kasperek of Belleville, Kaleigh Webber of Canton, Meghan Sullivan of Plymouth and Samantha Horn of Plymouth, from Girl Scout Junior Troop 41214 of All Saints Catholic School in Canton, collected 3,645 stuffed animals and donated them to Stuffed Animals for Emergencies (S.A.F.E.). The girls' community service will qualify the troop for the Girl Scout Bronze Award, the highest award for Girl Scouts at the Junior level. "The girls made posters and collection boxes, gave speeches at school and advertised in the school newsletter and in church bulletins," said Roberta Rybicki, Troop 41214 leader. "We collected, sorted, filled bags and loaded up a U-Haul with 3,645 stuffed animals."

Wadsworth meets

Joan Wadsworth, Democratic candidate for the Michigan House of Representatives 20th District, will host two more Community Conversations in October to share her vision for revitalizing Michigan with voters in Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Wayne.

Wadsworth will detail her plans for creating jobs, strengthening education and supporting community services. Wadsworth also will be available to discuss any other issues on the minds of voters and answer questions.

The remaining Community Conversations will take place the following dates, times and locations:

• Tuesday, Oct. 19, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at Karma Coffee Shop, 3015 South Wayne Road, Wayne.

• Thursday, Oct. 21, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth.

"If we want to leave a vibrant Michigan for our children, we must work quickly; we must make tough decisions; and we must work together," Wadsworth said. "Leaders have spent too much time delaying hard decisions and pointing fingers. I believe we can create a consensus around key priorities — reviving the economy, focusing on jobs, and strengthening education — and move our state forward."

The 20th District comprises the City and Township of Plymouth, Northville Township and the City of Northville south of Eight Mile/Baseline Road, a portion of Canton Township and the City of Wayne.

AAUW meeting

The Plymouth/Canton branch of the American Association of University Women will host its monthly meeting 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Rd. Plymouth, MI (just north of North Territorial Rd.)

The meeting will feature Tanya Panizzo of Fighting Spirit Personal Safety, who will offer tips on self-defense, mental and physical.

A light dinner will be served featuring chicken lasagna. A $10 donation is suggested.

AAUW is dedicated to advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. AAUW membership is open to all. For more information, contact Esther Nelson at enelson1c@att.net or (734) 981-4938.

SOS event

Parents who want to find out more about school funding, or the lack there of, are invited to an SOS - Save or Students, Schools and State - 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, at the Stockmeyer Auditorium on the campus of Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne.

The informational meeting is for all Wayne County parents and community members to hear the facts about how schools are funded and how they can help make adequate school funding a priority for Michigan. The speakers will be Tom White, SOS chairman, and Mary DeYoung Smith, president of the Michigan PTSA

SOS is a state-wide organization. Its vision is to help students, schools and the state "create a better future by mobilizing school communities to promote needed changes in how students are taught, and how schools and state services are funded and operate."

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

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

The Stockmeyer Auditorium is at the east end of Wayne Memorial High School, on Glenwood, east of Wayne Road. Parking will be available in student and staff lots to the east and west of the auditorium.

Free seminar

Plymouth Christian Academy sponsors a free seminar, "Combating the Growing Problem of Sex, Pornography, and Violence," 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, at The Barn next door to Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road in Canton.

Sara Grivas, director of Darkness by Default Ministries, will support parents from the community in helping their children avoid or escape destructive behaviors.

Contact Pastor Larry Machonga at Plymouth Christian Academy for more information by callnig (734) 459-3505, Ext. 2136 or lmachonga@plymouthchristian.org

Bug hunt

Friends of the Rouge will hold their annual Fall Bug Hunt 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at Schoolcraft College, located at 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia.

The Fall Bug Hunt is an excellent way to help assess the health of the Rouge River by joining a team of volunteers to search for critters in the streambed. Twice a year, teams of volunteers visit sites throughout the headwaters of the watershed and search for mayflies, stoneflies and other aquatic invertebrates. The presence or absence of these streambed creatures reflects the quality of the water and habitat.

To register or for more information, please call (313) 792-9621 or e-mail monitoring@therouge.org.

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.

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Teachers go theatrical in production

BY MAGGIE WUNDERLICH
CORRESPONDENT

"Good teaching is one-fourth preparation and three-fourths theatre." This famous quote by author Gail Godwin resonates with the members of Barefoot Productions, many of whom are teachers.

Barefoot Productions, Plymouth's only live theatrical company, was founded in 2006 by Artistic Director Craig Hane and recently opened its fifth season with the psychological thriller "Mindgame" by Anthony Horowitz. The cast (on and off stage) includes teachers David Alexander of Redford, Brian Cahalan of Flat Rock, David Fedewa of Northville, Betty Berryman of Canton and Steven White of Plymouth.

David Fedewa, a gym teacher at Dodson Elementary in Canton and Smith Elementary in Plymouth, believes his teaching background helps with acting because he speaks in front of students on a daily basis. Fedewa grew up in Plymouth and took up acting about five years ago after family members coaxed him into it. His favorite role so far is Andrew Rally in *I Hate Hamlet*, a dramatic comedy by Paul Rudnik.

"Being a teacher makes you come up with creative ideas and you need this creativity as an actor," Fedewa said.

David Alexander of Redford (from left), Denene Pollock and David Fedewa of Northville, who teaches at Dodson and Smith Elementaries, on the set of 'Mindgame.'

Another teacher involved in the theatre is Betty Berryman of Canton, who substitutes in the Plymouth/Canton district. Berryman is the production director for Barefoot and also loves to act. She became involved in acting and back stage productions about 14 years ago.

"Teaching is like being on stage and your students are your audience who you need to keep engaged," Berryman said. Because she spends so much time in front of children, she believes it helps her act for any age. Her favorite role so far is Doris in *Same Time, Next Year*, a romantic comedy by Bernard Slade.

Steven White of Plymouth shares this love for acting. He teaches art at Lady of Victory in Northville and is the property master and recording secretary for Barefoot. He has an extensive background on and off the stage, which expands thirty years. White enjoys working with the props, but his real passion is for acting.

He said, "It's nice to draw from my experience at this age and see what it can do for a part," said White, who acknowledged he enjoys working with younger people and passing on his knowledge and experience. "I guess that's the teacher in me."

David Alexander believes his teaching background helps with the theatre and vice-versa. He teaches AP Literature at Fordson High School in Dearborn.

"A teacher has to improvise and get feedback from the students," Alexander said. "I do anything at all to keep it visually interesting." His first degree was in music and he discovered it was easy to transfer performance dynamics of music to theatre. He studied theatre and literature and, after directing numerous productions, decided to give acting a try.

Brian Cahalan teaches at Farmington Elementary in Garden City and is in charge of set construction. Hane said Cahalan's talent of putting the stage together is "invaluable to every production."

"Mindgame" returns to the stage with performances Oct. 15-16, Oct. 22-23 at 8 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinees Oct. 17 and Oct. 24. Theatre location is at 240 N. Main in Plymouth (the former Walker-Buzenberg building). Tickets are $16 for general admission; $14 for students/seniors; $14 for groups of 10 or more. Individual tickets can be purchased online at www.justgobarefoot.com or by phone: (734) 560-1493.

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MILITARY NEWS

Spirit of America

Army Staff Sgt. Lindsay M. Natiw is one of more than 300 Army soldiers who will participate in the "Spirit of America 2010" as the Army celebrates its 235th birthday. The show is one of the Army's largest community outreach events presented by the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, D.C. The event celebrates the spirit, strength, and history of the nation with Spirit of America. Performers pay tribute to the selfless service, resilience, sacrifices and triumphs of the American Soldier.

During the event, soldiers bring history to life with the Spirit of America performance by capturing true stories of those who have answered the call to duty for our nation. The soldiers dress in historical uniforms to re-enact key moments in the U.S. Army and American history. The re-enactments include battle scenes with short periods of simulated gunfire, and performances by the Army's elite ceremonial units.

The show featured the U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own," and soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) — the Army's oldest active-duty infantry unit. Elements of the Old Guard include the Fife and Drum Corps, the Caisson Platoon, the Commander-in-Chief's Guard, the Continental Color Guard and the U.S. Army Drill Team.

Natiw, a fife instrumentalist, is assigned to The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, Fort Myer, Arlington, Va. She has served in the military for five years.

The daughter of John and Karen Natiw of Canton, the sergeant graduated in 2005 from Salem High School.

Training grad

Army National Guard Pfc. Tad M. Lloyd has graduated from the Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) Crewmember Advanced Individual Training course at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

The course is designed to train the crew member in launch operations of various missiles and ammunition in quick strikes during combat. The student was trained to perform maintenance in various launchers and re-supply vehicles and reload ammunition on these type vehicles.

Students were trained to drive, operate, perform maintenance and ammunition re-loading of the M270 self-propelled loader launcher and the ammunition re-supply vehicle and trailer. They also learned to mount radio sets in vehicles, cables communication components in vehicle launcher, and operate and perform operator maintenance on communications equipment.

Lloyd, a 2010 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School, is the son of Dollie A. Lloyd-Pado and stepson of Mike A. Pado of Canton.

Infantry training

Army Pvt. John F. Lloyd has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training.

During the nine weeks of basic combat training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons employment, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid skills, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experienced use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

The Advanced Individual Training course is designed to train infantry soldiers to perform reconnaissance operations; employ, fire and recover anti-personnel and anti-tank mines; locate and neutralize land mines and operate target and sight equipment; operate and maintain communications equipment and radio networks; construct field firing aids for infantry weapons; and perform infantry combat exercises and dismounted battle drills, which includes survival procedures in a nuclear, biological or chemical contaminated area.

A 2005 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School, he is the son of Dolly and stepson of Mike Pado of Canton.

Artillery training

Army Pfc. Joseph M. Henry has graduated from the Basic Field Artillery Cannon Crewmember Advanced Individual Training course at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

The course is designed to train servicemembers to maintain, prepare and load ammunition for firing; operate and perform operator maintenance on prime movers, self-propelled Howitzers, and ammunition vehicles; store, maintain, and distribute ammunition to using units as a member of battery or battalion ammunition section; perform crew maintenance and participate in organizational maintenance of weapons and related equipment; and establish and maintain radio and wire communications.

Henry, a 2003 graduate of Canton High School, is the son of Josephine and David Batway of Canton.

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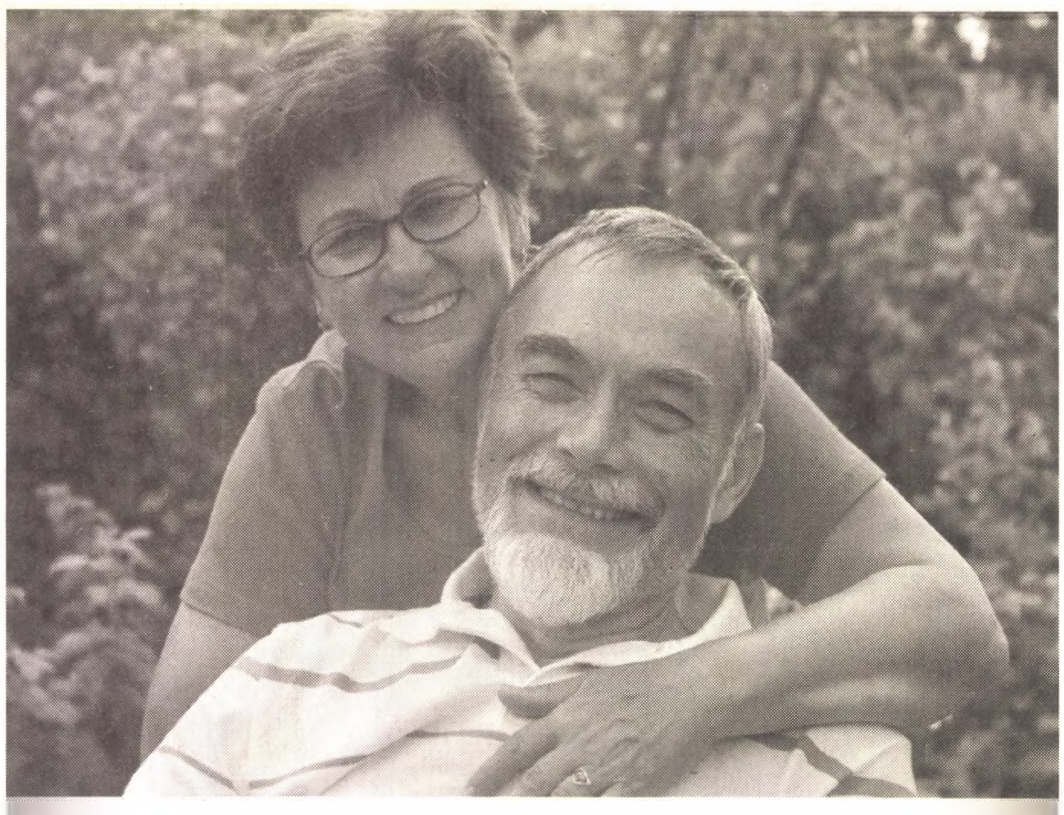

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IHA, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System to merge

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System and IHA, a leading physician group practice, both of Ann Arbor, plan to merge by the end of the year.

Announced last week, the merger creates one of the largest integrated health networks in Michigan.

The merger is expected to be effective on or before Dec. 31, at which time IHA will be a member of SJMHS and will initially serve as the integrated physician enterprise for St. Joseph Mercy hospitals in Washtenaw, Livingston and portions of western Wayne and southwestern Oakland counties.

IHA is the largest, fully integrated physician group practice in southeast Michigan with more than 150 doctors and 40 nurse practitioners, physician assistants and nurse midwives in 32 practices in 47 locations, including Canton and Plymouth.

IHA provides medical care to more than 250,000 patients. IHA's employed physician, nursing and support staff totals 950 professionals.

Patients with IHA doctors will see little change. They can continue to visit their doctors, St. Joe hospitals and the University of Michigan Hospital.

SJMHS is one of the largest health care delivery systems in Michigan comprised of seven hospitals in six southeast Michigan counties. SJMHS is licensed for 1,726 beds, has five outpatient health centers, five urgent care facilities and more than 25 specialty centers. It employs more than 14,000 individuals and has a medical staff of nearly 2,700 physicians.

"Our merger with IHA will create an integrated organization that will proactively advance clinical integration, patient-centered care, and community health. It will provide the framework and structure to increase the role of physicians in SJMHS leadership and operations," said Rob Casalou, President and CEO of St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor, Livingston and Saline.

"The merger will enable us to better prepare for rapid changes in health care delivery and financing stimulated by national health reform and lead to better coordinated care for our patients," added Casalou.

IHA President and CEO Bill Fileti said the merger "is in the best interest of our patients, providers and staff, and the communities we serve."

St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor's Chief of Staff Rosalie Tocco-Bradley, MD, Ph.D, supports the planned merger, "This will distinguish St. Joe's as a premier patient-centered care management organization that is closely aligned with physicians."

At the same time, IHA, SJMHS and its parent organization, Trinity Health, based in Novi, are accelerating affiliations and joint ventures with the University of Michigan Health System.

Trinity Health, a not-for-profit health system, is one of the state's largest employers with 14 hospitals, nine nursing homes, 19 senior housing facilities, eight home health care agencies and four hospices serving 35 counties. More than 25,000 associates provide care to one in 11 Michigan residents. With a national headquarters in Novi, Trinity Health has a nearly $1.1 billion payroll.

Nationally, Trinity Health is the fourth-largest Catholic health care system.

For more information visit www.trinity-health.org, www.ihacares.com, www.sjmercyhealth.org.

Decade of elegance

Showroom celebrates 10 years of happy events

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The staff at Showroom of Elegance: Bill Daniels, Bob Baker, Linda Robin, Mick Mastal, Jody Wolk, Linda Couts and Sharon Hamel.

Linda Robin knows the Canton community has been good to her in the 10 years since she opened Showroom of Elegance on Canton Center Road.

That's why Robin, who owns the showroom with her brothers (though they're more in the manufacturing end of the family business) has been so intent on giving back to the community, sponsoring a variety events and earning such a stellar reputation among her retail colleagues she was voted the Canton Chamber of Commerce's Business Person of the Year in 2006.

"I've always believed you have to give to get," said Robin, who opened Showroom of Elegance in October 2000. "You have to show people you care (about the community). The fact we can help in some small way is a good feeling and a positive for us."

Robin will celebrate the 10th anniversary by throwing the store its own birthday bash, though it's her customers who will get the presents. Partnering with 336 Main in Plymouth, and Canton's Crow's Nest and Bailey's Pub, Showroom will give out hundreds of cubic zirconia with each martini ordered in those three establishments. One of those CZ's will be specially encrypted.

Then, at Thursday's Diamond Decade Birthday Bash, the encrypted CZ will be revealed, and its owner will win a one-carat diamond valued at $5,000.

It's all designed to celebrate the success of Showroom, which since it opened has bought and sold jewelry, done custom design and repair work, and offered independent appraisals of customers' jewelry.

It's the retail end of the business to which Robin has always aspired, since beginning at the manufacturing end years ago.

"I've always wanted to own a store, and I chose a jewelry store because jewelry is what I know," said Robin. "I'm a people person. I like to deal with people, and I like to share in their moments."

Robin especially likes seeing people in their "happy" moments, such as anniversaries and engagements. That's why Showroom offers engaged couples a free limo ride and a bottle of bubbly when they purchase their ring at Showroom.

"Selling jewelry is a happy thing," Robin said. "You're helping people celebrate events that are significant in their lives. It's fun."

BIRTHDAY BASH

What: Showroom of Elegance 'Diamond Decade Birthday Bash'
When: 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14
Where: 6018 Canton Center Road, Canton
Why: To celebrate 10 years in business
Highlight: One holder of a CZ will win a one-carat diamond valued at $5,000
Details: Call (734) 207-1906

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In addition, after the planned retirement of two officers later this month, the 27-member police department will have five fewer officers than it did just two years ago. Tiderington is hopeful, however, that at lease some of those vacant positions will be funded for the 2011 budget year.

"Declining revenue means less and less resources," he said. "It's a very difficult situation."

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(L) Dorothy Wypych with 'PJ' Pragya Jalvkar

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(L) Janice Harris with Physical Therapist Larzetta Pace

Janice Harris came to Four Seasons after her doctor recommended the facility. Harris was suffering from complications that included bedsores and renal failure in addition to recovering from back surgery.

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Museum lands 1860 Lincoln campaign banner

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Score another one for the Abraham Lincoln collection at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

The museum on Main Street recently began displaying a homemade cloth banner from the 1860 — you read that right — U.S. presidential race.

The "Lincoln - Hamlin" banner (Lincoln's first vice president was Hannibal Hamlin) hung during that campaign outside the home of George Starkweather, a member one of Plymouth's founding families. The house still stands in what is now the area of Mill and Farmer streets.

The banner, about 6 feet by 2 feet, was donated by a Starkweather descendent from Holt, Mich., said Liz Kerstens, the museum's executive director.

"It's in fabulous condition," Kerstens said. "There're a few little spots on it, but it's 140 years old."

After the donation, a museum volunteer with a background in textiles researched fabric conservation and was able to give it a preservative treatment, Kerstens said. "It looks awesome," she said.

The museum had it professionally appraised, Kerstens said, and it turned out to not be worth much. "Of course, to us, it's priceless," she said.

The Plymouth Historical Museum recently began displaying a homemade cloth banner from the 1860 – you read that right – U.S. presidential race.

George Starkweather (1826-1907) was the first non-American Indian to be born in the area and was a lawyer, banker, teacher and farmer. He served in the Michigan Legislature, was a Village of Plymouth president and a Plymouth Township supervisor.

The banner is displayed in the museum's Lincoln Room, which has a collection of Lincoln-related books, newspaper clippings and artifacts.

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NEWS BRIEFS

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

Grief workshop

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

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

This informational workshop 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.

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.

PLAV recruiting

PLAV Post #166, located at 39375 Amrhein in Livonia (at the corner of Amrhein and Eckles) is seeking veteran members interested in joining a vibrant post, restructuring itself in the 21st century. The Post goal is to have a significant and meaningful impact within the veteran community.

The post meetings are the second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m., with the exception of July and August, and a light lunch with refreshments follows. Free beverages are provided throughout the meeting's. Those interested in additional information are welcome to call Roger L. Kehrier at (734) 453-2031 or stop in the night of a scheduled meeting.

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Tea Party groups, Dems to hold rallies in Livonia

A Tea Party rally featuring conservative candidates for statewide offices will be held 4-6 p.m. Saturday at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

A crowd of 1,200 to 1,400 is expected to attend the "Save Our State" rally. The event is being sponsored by six area Tea Party groups, including Rattle With Us of Plymouth.

Organizer Larry Recca, who lives in Troy but graduated from Clarenceville High School in 1976, said one reason Livonia was chosen for the event is because the city has no Tea Party organization of its own.

All Tea Party groups share the same three goals: constitutionally limited government, fiscal responsibility and free markets, Recca said. Currently, the closest Tea Party group to Livonia is Rattle With Us.

Candidates expected to attend include Republicans Ruth Johnson, who is running for secretary of state; Bill Schuette, who is running for attorney general; and Supreme Court candidates Justice Robert Young and Judge Mary Beth Kelly.

Speakers include Tea Party favorite Jim Keena, author of *We've Been Had: How Obama and the Radicals Conned Middle Class America*, and Thayrone X from WAAM radio, host of "On the Edge with Thayrone."

DEMS MEETING TOO

In the meantime, an old-fashioned Democratic Campaign Rally will be held 6-9 p.m. Monday, also at Schoolcraft College.

Democrats up and down the ticket, including gubernatorial candidate Virg Bernero, have been invited to attend. The public may come to meet the candidates, learn more about them, and pick up yard signs and literature.

The rally is being organized by the Livonia Democratic Club and five other western Wayne and Oakland county Democratic clubs.

Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road.

Attendance up at Senior Celebration Day

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Seniors gather at Laurel Manor for the Western Wayne County Senior Celebration Day, sponsored by State Rep. John Walsh and the non-profit organization Senior Citizen Achievement Needs.

Several hundred seniors attended the 16th annual Western Wayne County Senior Celebration Day, Oct. 1 at Laurel Manor Banquet Conference Center, Livonia.

The event was hosted by state Rep. John Walsh and Senior Citizen Achievement Needs, a local nonprofit organization for seniors.

"I was really pleased with the turnout," Walsh said, adding attendance was higher than in recent years. "It was just a really nice day in large part because of all the sponsors; they respond every year."

The sponsors, or vendors, offset the costs of the event. Seniors pay just $5 each to attend.

The seniors receive a hot meal, play bingo, enjoy music by Mike Wolverton, visit vendors' booths featuring products and services for seniors, play games for prizes and have a chance to win raffle prizes.

This year, there were 36 vendors.

The event, which is both educational and fun, was started and then continued by Walsh's predecessors in the state House. He said he is glad to carry on the tradition. "This is just one way to thank the seniors for their many contributions over the years to build this great community," he said.

Nadia Xhakollari of Henry Ford Health Systems tells Dorothy Thrasher of Livonia that her blood pressure is just fine.

This year's event included more games the seniors are familiar with and enjoy, including Wheel of Fortune, putt-putt golf and bean bag toss. Prizes for those games were useful items such as pads of paper and pens.

Raffles prizes included gift baskets valued at $75 and gift certificates to restaurants, florists and Kroger valued at $10 to $20 each.

"I had very nice compliments from the people who attended," Walsh said. "Everybody seemed to have a good time."

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Visiting a local jeweler is safer way to sell gold

Q: Dear Rick: Money has been tight lately and I have seen ads where these companies will buy gold. I have some old jewelry and I decided to sell it. I sent the pieces of jewelry and I did get a check. After cashing the check and thinking about it I believe I should have received more for the gold. I contacted the company and was told my jewelry was not of the right purity. That's why I received less. I know I made a mistake by selling the jewelry the way I did. Do I have any recourse?

Money Matters

Rick Bloom

A: Unfortunately, I do not believe that you have much recourse.

The first issue is it's going to be your word versus theirs as to the weight of the gold and its quality. Assuming it is a reputable company, what you were told may be true. After all, there are different types of gold with different qualities that could affect the price. In addition, there can be differences in how the gold is weighed. These factors could make a major difference in the payment you received.

On the other hand, if it's not a reputable company, the fact remains you still have little to no recourse.

In order to bring an action against the company, you need the burden of proof. You would have to prove your jewelry was improperly weighed or that the company intentionally attempted to defraud you. You have no documentation. It's your word against the company.

However, if you wish to pursue, there are a couple of different options. The first is to contact the Attorney General's Office in Michigan which goes to bat for consumers if it suspects fraud. In addition, you can contact the Better Business Bureau and file a complaint or if the company is a member, you may be able to take advantage of the arbitration process. Nevertheless, you have a difficult case because you have no underlying documentation.

The question that many people have is whether they should take advantage of high gold prices and sell their jewelry. As far as I'm concerned, I have no problem with that strategy. If you have jewelry that you very rarely use it can be reduced to cash to help pay bills and make life easier for you.

That being said, I think the last place you should choose to sell your jewelry is a mail order company. Not that I think that every mail order gold company is crooked because I don't. However, by using these companies you are certainly increasing your risk of being taken advantage of.

If I had excess jewelry that I didn't need and that I wanted to sell, the first place that I would go would be to a local jeweler. Many local jewelers purchase jewelry and they have been known to give fair rates. The advantage of dealing with a local jeweler is that you know what the rate is going to be before selling it and you can even get competitive prices. It is very hard to get competitive bids when you deal with these mail order companies.

Whether you use a local jeweler or mail order company, I recommend that you document what you have before you submit your jewelry. Taking pictures and weighing the items that you are selling can be important documentation.

I've heard lots of ads on TV and radio offering to buy your jewelry. Although some of these ads have very well-known spokespersons, let's not forget that they are paid spokespersons. I don't know how much if any, due diligence these people do. In fact, I feel confident saying they do very little. Just because some national celebrity who you may respect promotes a company, that doesn't mean you should rush out and deal with them.

My advice is go through a local jeweler.

Good luck!

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

Annual expo features exhibits, programs, prizes

The second annual Senior Health & Living Expo, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, has something for seniors citizens as well as their friends and family.

The expo is presented by the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Newspapers* in partnership with Oakland Community College.

Free admission, free parking, free health screening and free refreshments (bagels from Detroit Bagel, assorted juices and coffee) are on the day's agenda, along with more than 40 exhibitors presenting ideas and services to help senior citizens lead healthier, happier lives.

OCC is located off the Orchard Lake Road I-696 exit north of 10 Mile Road. Parking is available out of Building H and a trolley will provide curb service to eventgoers.

Prize drawings will be held throughout the day. Prizes include movie and theater tickets, along with a grand prize of a one-night stay at the Townsend Hotel and a $150 voucher for dining.

The expo is a one-stop way to learn about assisted living options, health and fitness services, estate planning, Social Security Administration updates and volunteer opportunities.

Special presentations are scheduled on emergency preparedness and how to avoid scams targeting senior citizens.

The first 50 attendees through the door will receive a special gift courtesy of the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Newspapers*.

For a complete list of vendors, programs and prizes, see the special section inside today's paper.

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Share a photo of your favorite Halloween decoration (your home, your pumpkin, your costume, other) with readers at hometownlife.com (see the Reader Submitted Photo Gallery on the homepage) and you could win a prize!

Post your photo, then we will ask hometownlife.com visitors to vote. The top three vote-getters will win a prize. First prize is two tickets (in a suite) to the Nov. 29 Carrie Underwood "Play On Tour" concert at the Palace with special guests Sons of Sylvia and Billy Currington.

Second prize is two tickets to Rock of Ages, Nov. 9. at the Fisher Theatre featuring Constantine Maroulis - the American Idol finalist who was nominated for a Tony Award for his starring role in the Broadway production.

Third prize is four movie passes to Emagine Theaters in Canton or Novi or the Palladium/Birmingham Theater in downtown Birmingham.

Readers can view the Halloween gallery and recommend your photo.

Be sure to include a first and last name and the town where you live (only contestants from Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties are eligible to win prizes but anyone can recommend a photo).

Those who share photos that receive the most "recommend" votes as of midnight, Oct. 31 win prizes and will be published in the *Plymouth Observer* and the *Canton Observer*.

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Radio host offers IEP workshop

Though Staci Bockmann says her most important title is that of "Mom," she certainly has some other pretty impressive titles too.

Bockmann is a business founder, fundraiser, radio co-host, co-founder of www.MyGreatKid.com, a web-based resource center for parents of children with autism, a parenting coach, and an advocate for IEP's.

Bockmann

The IEP's, or Individual Education Plans, are what brings her to the Huntington Learning Center in Canton on Oct. 11.

Understanding the IEP process can be difficult and intimidating for both parents and education professionals, but all agree that the IEP is a critical element in the special needs student's success story. HLC and Bockmann have come together to give parents a specialized training on how to approach this very important topic. Bockmann will provide insight to help parents navigate the unknown world of IEP meetings. She also offers tactics that encourage educators and parents to become true partners with a common goal.

The workshop takes place at the Huntington Learning Center, 44630 Ford Road in Canton 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11. The session will last for approximately 1 hour. All interested parents are invited to attend. Admission is $10 per person/family. All proceeds will go to the Liberty Kids charity. Liberty Kids is a Michigan nonprofit charity aimed at helping children with Autism and other related challenges and disorders in making their needed therapy more affordable.

Space is limited, so RSVPs are required and can be made at (734) 207-7930.

Bockmann can also be heard every Sunday morning from 8—9 a.m. Live on WAAM Talk Radio 1600, co-hosting with her husband, Steve, The My GreatKid Show, a radio show that talks about real life family issues for all families.

Adventure guides

The Plymouth YMCA is offering a chance for parents looking for a great opportunity to spend quality time with their children, ages 5-12, while doing some fun activities and getting to know other families.

The Plymouth YMCA Adventure Guides program is a parent-child program designed to help foster a lifetime of understanding and friendship and to strengthen the relationship between children and parents.

According to Josh Landefeld, executive director of the Plymouth Family YMCA, Adventure Guides have the opportunity to develop a stronger relationship with their children by joining a unique "Circle" with whom they'll participate in activities like games, camping trips, ceremonies and family adventures.

"You and your child will take a journey of discovery and learning," Landefeld said. "Throughout this journey the Adventure Guide compass points - family, nature, community, fun and the YMCA character development values - will provide a sense of direction and inspiration for activities. As a member, you will be able to participate in larger scale activities such as weekend campouts, parties or parades. Conducting group exercises in the Circle fosters leadership, problem-solving, group work skills.

Landefeld said there will be a greater focus placed on the community component of the program as an emphasis will be placed on community service and charitable giving – all of which reinforce the YMCA's pledge to build strong kids, strong families and strong communities.

There are two events coming up in October and November. On Oct. 23, the group heads to Three Cedars Farm to do the corn maze, visit the animal farm, and enjoy dinner around a bon fire. The cost is $10 per person. On Nov. 6, the Guides will have a family fun night at the Livonia Family YMCA. The Y will open up its doors for the Guides so they can swim, play tennis, play basketball and spend time with friends and family. The fun night is only $5 per person.

People interested in finding out more about the Adventure Guides program or register for the upcoming year or events can contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or e-mail jlandefeld@ymca-metrodetroit.org.

Girl Scout volunteers

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan invites women of all ages to empower girls by becoming Girl Scout volunteers.

"In Canton, 252 girls are waiting and in Plymouth 105 girls are waiting for leaders to step up and lead Girl Scout troops right now," said Veronica Dukes, Membership Team Leader for the Ann Arbor Region of GSHOM. "For every adult who volunteers at the troop level, approximately ten more girls can participate in Girl Scouting."

Women who would like to share their talents, learn new skills and become expert girl mentors are invited to call Arika Lycan, GSHOM Membership Specialist for Plymouth-Canton, at 1-800-49-SCOUT, Ext. 7440, or email her at alycan@gshom.org.

Through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, girls discover their strengths, connect with others and take action to make the world a better place. In partnership with committed adults, Girl Scouts develop strong values and improve society. Today's Girl Scouts are defining new ways to lead at home and around the globe. Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan invites girls everywhere to become Girl Scouts. To join, volunteer or donate, visit www.gshom.org or call 1-800-49-SCOUT.

ANGELA HERNANDEZ

Serving others

Plymouth Township resident and Comerica Bank employee Patricia McCain-Murray (first on the left) volunteered to help build a wheelchair ramp for a Detroit resident in need recently as part of the bank's National Day of Service. Hundreds of volunteers from Comerica gave their time to support several community projects across Metro Detroit.

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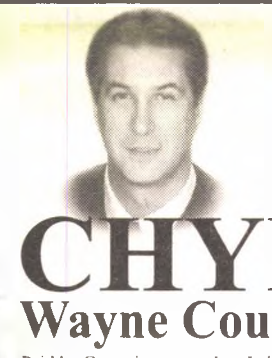
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Members of Congress receive an annual salary of $174,000. The election is Nov. 2.

WHAT WE ASKED.

1. What is your position on the U.S. role in Afghanistan? How long should combat troops remain?

2. Do you support making investments in alternative energy sources? Why? Why not?

3. What can you do in Washington, D.C., that would directly help Michigan's jobless rate? Be specific.

4. Does the United States need immigration reform? If so, what measures do you support to address the issue?

WHAT THEY ANSWERED.

McCotter

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1. Following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, America commenced Operation Enduring Freedom to depose the Taliban and destroy al-Qaeda's base of operations. Today, in Afghanistan America and her allies are leading a counterinsurgency operation to secure Afghans' freedom and prevent their nation's reversion into a terrorist safe haven. Arbitrary timelines divorced from the reality of counter-insurgency efforts on the ground are injurious to the Afghan and American people. The decision of how long combat troops remain ultimately rests with the commander-in-chief of our armed forces, President Obama, and at any time the sovereign government of Afghanistan can refuse our assistance.

2. Government does not "invest" your money; government spends your money - typically where you wouldn't, including Washington's politically favored individuals, entities and causes. Regarding energy, a sound policy to lower energy costs requires maximizing American production, promoting common sense, community-based conservation and encouraging free-market innovations in alternative fuels through the use of tax credits. Thus, we must oppose big government tax-and-spend approaches, most notably the House-passed "cap and tax" proposal that will raise energy costs on Americans and kill jobs, especially the manufacturing jobs powering our Michigan economy.

3. Our prosperity and recovery will come from the industriousness and ingenuity of the American people not from more trillion-dollar tax-and-spend, big-government schemes out of Washington. Higher taxes, spending, deficits and debt will only worsen this recession. To create the conditions for a sustainable economic recovery requires ensuring people keep their hard-earned money through tax relief; reducing government spending; cutting bureaucratic red tape; ending unfair trade practices – especially from communist China; and by breaking up the "too big" insolvent banks that, unfortunately, are now statutorily protected by the recently passed financial "reform" bill.

4. We must never blame the illegal immigrants who have been enticed to America and exploited by big business and big government. Fixing the broken immigration system to protect the sovereignty, jobs, wages and tax dollars of citizens necessitates increasing border security; eliminating taxpayer benefits to illegal immigrants; punishing business that "cheat to compete"; affirming there will be no amnesty; reforming the legal immigration system by emphasizing the asylum and assimilation; and providing localized, sustainable economic development to under-developed nations. Importantly, we must never cheapen the hard-earned citizenship of those immigrants who followed the law.

Mosher

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1. It's time for us to hand over the reins to the people of Afghanistan themselves. We've already spent $1.1 trillion fighting two wars in the Middle East. Now let's spend that money on building our economy, creating jobs and investing in infrastructure instead. I support a timeline that would begin the process of pulling troops out of Afghanistan within the next 10 months. Our troops have distinguished themselves with their brave service in Afghanistan and Iraq. Now it's time for them to come home.

2. Investing in alternative energy helped bring North America's largest lithium-ion auto battery plant to Livonia. The plant will employ 3,000 workers to create advanced batteries for the electric cars of the 21st century. Not only does investing in alternative energy create jobs, it sets us on the road to energy independence. Reducing our dependence on foreign oil will make us more secure. For these reasons, I strongly support investing in alternative energy. Unfortunately, Thaddeus McCotter has voted time and again against alternative energy and in favor of big oil. See H.R. 2454, 6/26/09; H.R. 7060, 9/25/08; H.R. 6049, 5/21/08.

3. First, I will support loans and tax credits for our small businesses so that they can grow and hire new workers. My opponent, Thaddeus McCotter, voted against plans to support small businesses during the economic crisis (see H.R. 5486, 6/15/10). Second, I will support investments in job-creating alternative energy technologies (see above), and in the research institutions that drive innovation. Third, I would fight tirelessly for funds to repair and maintain Michigan's roads, bridges and other infrastructure. To read my detailed jobs plan, visit www.mosherforcongress.com. The citizens of the 11th District deserve a representative who takes job creation seriously.

4. Yes. Frankly, our current system is broken. As part of the solution, I support passage of the DREAM Act. Once they graduate from college or serve in the U.S. military, this bill would grant legal status to those who came to the United States as minors. I support the creation of a guest worker system, which will reduce the incentive for immigrants to cross the border in the first place. Immigrants who learn English, who have not committed a crime, and who have paid their taxes should have a path to legal status.

Tatar

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1. Prosecution of the Afghanistan war was/is a mistake. We need to protect America from enemies at our own shores, not half way around the world. We must bring the troops home as soon as possible. The Middle Eastern countries are rife with tribalism and war lords. This mentality does not lend itself to a democratic form of government. We should realize the longer we stay, the results will be greater expenditures of money and men with no positive results. We can no longer be the policemen of the world. It has bankrupted the American way of life.

2. Government should get out of the private sector. Government's nothing but a hindrance to man's abilities to develop new technology. Let the free market determine when and what new technology should be developed. Government does not have the authority to regulate, nor aid one company over another, based on which lobbyist has the greater sphere of influence over the elected officials. Government is an unequal power that must relinquish the control it exerts on our free-enterprise system because government has only the Constitutional authority to protect Americans' life, liberty and property, and not to meddle in our affairs.

3. Taxes need to be cut permanently as President Kennedy did in the early '60s which not only stimulated the economy, but increased government revenues and reduced joblessness. The U.S. finan cial system is based on "fiat" money and must be corrected by Congress to get back to an honest money system. This mistake was implemented by the Federal Reserve and FDR and has led to our present economic condition over the past 100 years. If the government cuts spending, then allows the people to keep their hard-earned money, the American people will spend money and stimulate the economy by itself.

4. I believe that the United States needs no new immigration reforms. The problem of illegal immigration can be dealt with on case-by-case bases, with no amnesty. I also believe that state law supersedes federal law regarding these issues and therefore no amnesty can be given by the federal government. The challenge, for example, by Obama on the Arizona law was totally misguided and misplaced. Arizona law mirrors the federal statute that has been in place for decades but has never been enforced.

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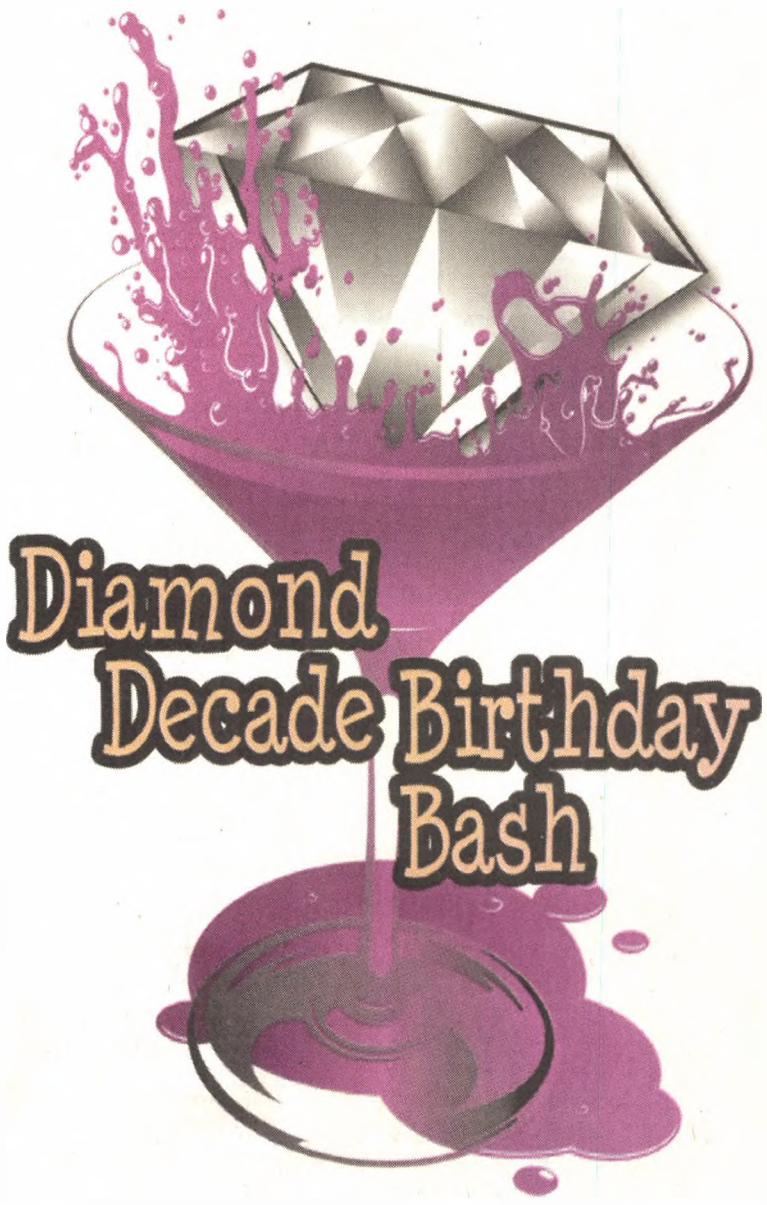

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Wildcats qualify for D1 state meet

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Before heading out to Washtenaw Country Club's first tee Thursday at the Division 1 girls golf regionals, Plymouth head coach Chris Moore and his team got together for a pep talk.

"We knew it was going to be a battle between Ann Arbor Pioneer and us to determine the last spot for the state tournament," Moore said. "The girls huddled together this morning just before tee time and had one goal in mind — qualify for states."

Plymouth needed to be one of the top three squads to earn a trip to Ypsilanti's Eagle Crest on Oct. 15-16 and they did thanks to a round of 385 (edging fourth-place Ann Arbor Pioneer, 388).

As a result, the Wildcats qualified for the D1 state tournament for the first time in school history.

"I was tremendously proud of the entire team for the perseverance all day," Moore said.

It was "mission accomplished" in large part due to Plymouth's 1-2 punch of sophomore Kelsey Murphy and freshman Sarah Thompson.

PRACTICE PAYS OFF

Murphy shot 84 to finish fourth overall individu-

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Playing well at regionals was Plymouth's Carly Curvin, shown taking aim at the conference meet.

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Plymouth junior defensive lineman Robert Riche (No. 77) tries to bring down Canton senior running back Zac Merillat (No. 21) during Friday's KLAA South matchup.

Chiefs mow down 'Cats to clinch

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Call Zac Merillat the epitome of Canton's football quest in 2010.

On Friday night, Merillat — on more than one occasion — kept his feet moving. He eventually broke through Plymouth's defensive wall to turn a short run into another big gainer.

"Nope, not going to stop moving," Merillat said, smiling after his team's 36-0 victory over the Wildcats, which assured Canton (7-0, 5-0) the KLAA South crown. "Not until November."

Merillat (15 rushes, 142 yards and a touchdown) and his teammates, of course, know there's work ahead before the playoffs arrive.

> **'We played a great team defensively, they have great athletes on offense and our defense just played awesome tonight.'**
> TIM BAECHLER, *Canton head coach*

The Chiefs got it done Friday, shrugging off an early bump in the road — a rare three-and-out on the first series and a Plymouth scoring chance.

"They came out in a different front than we thought," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said. "We just needed to look at it, we saw three plays, got them over and made some adjustments and got them to settle down."

Baechler added that his team clicked the rest of the night, shutting down one of the top teams in the KLAA.

"We played a great team defensively, they have great athletes on offense and our defense just played awesome tonight," Baechler said, noting that putting the clamps on Plymouth's running game proved huge.

TURNING POINT

But as far as Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk was concerned, his team simply got thoroughly outplayed.

"They got way more athletes

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SIDELINES

Chiefs nab KLAA South

First-half goals by Bobby Budlong and Phil Baciak carried the state-ranked Chiefs (14-2-2, 8-1-1) to the KLAA South Division boys soccer title Thursday with a 2-0 victory over host Livonia Churchill (9-7-2, 6-3-1).

Brian Ren assisted on the game-winner and Dan Ovesea assisted on Baciak's goal.

Senior Brandon Laabs got the shutout in goal for Canton.

"They (Canton) came out and wanted to win – they took it to us," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "They got the 50-50 balls. They really wanted it and we didn't come to play the first half.

"We played better the second half and generated some chances, but it was too little, too late."

Bryan Bartig (first half) and Christian Van Dam (second half) split time in goal for the Chargers.

The victory sets up Canton for Monday's matchup at Novi for the Kensington Conference championship.

Blazers stick DCD

Junior Erin Cronyn's hat trick powered Livonia Ladywood to a 3-1 Division 2 girls field hockey victory Wednesday over visiting Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day.

Two of Cronyn's goals came in the first half off assists from sophomore Jackie Snyder and senior Erin Roney (a tip-in off a corner play). Senior Devin McParlane assisted on the third Cronyn score.

Senior Margaux tallied DCD's goal from junior Sarah Bernard.

Ladywood goalie Mackenzie Holme, a junior made three saves, while Amanda Tapp of the Yellowjackets had four stops.

Ladywood improves to 7-1-2 overall and 5-0-1 in the division, while DCD falls to 7-5-1 and 3-3-1.

Spartans nip Rocks in defensive struggle

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Battling for possession of a 50-50 ball Thursday are Salem's Jake Genrich (No. 9) and Livonia Stevenson's Alexander Prokop.

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There weren't many grade-A scoring opportunities Thursday night for Salem or Livonia Stevenson.

But all it took was a blistering kick by Spartans senior forward Pat Smith to decide the KLAA Central varsity boys soccer match at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Smith's drive from the left flank with 18:42 remaining in the second half bounced off a Salem defender into the far right corner past sophomore goalkeeper Erick Beas (seven saves) and that stood up in Stevenson's 1-0 victory.

"They drove a good ball in and there was a lot of traffic," Salem head coach Ed McCarthy said. "It's one of those unfortunate things and it found its way in.

"Other than that we played very, very well tonight, one of our best games of the year."

Stevenson head coach Lars Richter said Smith aggressively turned the corner and "just whipped the ball behind the defense" and it managed to find the back of the goal.

Over the final 18-plus minutes of the contest, the Spartans' defense didn't yield much to the Rocks in bend-but-don't-break fashion.

Salem senior midfielder/defender Brandon Barfuss and senior midfielder Dan Martin worked a nice play up the left side of the pitch, but could not finish with well-positioned Stevenson players in their path.

Martin did rip a shot behind Stevenson junior goalkeeper John Boudreau (who split duties with sophomore Zachary Verant), but the play was ruled offsides.

"Certainly late in the game they were defending and had lots of numbers back," McCarthy said. "But overall I'm satisfied with the number of scoring opportunities we got today.

"If we get a similar number of scoring opportunities, we'll get a goal or two."

The Rocks very nearly did score in the opening 10 minutes of the game, but Verant (three saves) got in front of the point-blank bid.

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Captain's CORNER

MATT DWAN

Who: Matt Dwan, 17, senior co-captain of Plymouth's boys tennis team.

Miscellany: Matt, whose parents are Nancy and Patrick Dwan, carries a 3.6 grade-point average. The fourth-year varsity player won the Plymouth Coaches Award three straight years (2007-09) and was All-Observer honorable mention last season.

Captain's job: "The job of a captain is to encourage teammates with a positive and optimistic mindset. You must constantly show teammates that you believe in them and in the team as a unit. Most importantly, a captain is set to be a role model for good behavior in matches or practice."

Leadership style: "My style of leadership is baded around 'actions speak louder than words.' My philosphy is that if I can demonstrate good behavior, others will follow."

Why him? "I was chosen for captain by my coach because of my ability to follow directions, lead the team and to demonstrate good conduct."

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Churchill 'D' stops Plymouth in three games

PREP VOLLEYBALL

A slow start hurt Plymouth Thursday night, as the host Wildcats fell in three games to KLAA South leader Livonia Churchill.

Plymouth (11-6-1, 3-3) lost 13-25, 19-25, 21-25. Churchill upped its mark to 26-6-2 overall and 6-0 in the division.

"We came out a little timid in Game 1 but we played a tough second and third game against one of the best defensive teams in the league," said Plymouth head coach Kelly McCausland.

The Wildcats couldn't get the ball over the net, with only 36 kills out of 150 attack attempts. But McCausland said her team showed character and heart.

"I think Churchill's defense sparked some desire in our players," she noted. "They rose up to their level of play and I am proud of them for that."

For Plymouth, top contributors included Mariah Tesarz (25 digs), Kayla Bridge (21 digs, 12 kills), Dani Risi (14 digs, 9 kills), Shayla Smalls (12 digs, 12 assists) and Alex Roberts (7 kills).

Salem sweeps

The Salem Rocks defeated South Lyon 25-13, 25-21, 25-20 on Thursday night behind great defense — especially from Kerstin Johnson, who led the team with 16 digs along with five kills and two aces.

Nicole Merget (10 kills, 3 blocks), Jillian Sommerville (7 kills) and Kerry MacDonald (28 assists, 7 digs, 4 aces) also had solid games.

"I am really proud of my girls after a loss to Novi on Tuesday," said Salem head coach Amanda Nies. "We really came out strong all three matches and never let up and kept up the intensity."

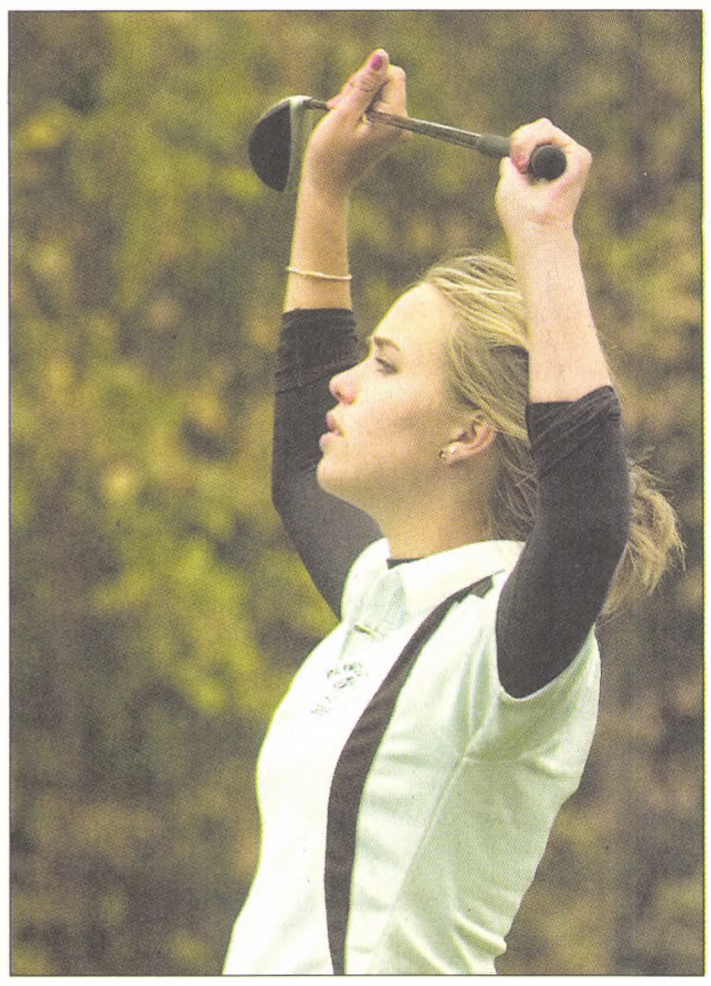
The Rocks improved to 11-6 overall and 4-2 in the KLAA Central with the victory.

PCA prevails

Kristin Malcolm (20 kills, 10 digs) and Briana Harris (21 assists) were the big guns as Plymouth Christian got past host Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest Thursday night.

The Eagles (16-6-1, 4-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference) won 25-15 in the opener and followed up with 25-13 and 29-27 wins to clinch the match.

After Saturday's tournament at University of Michigan-Dearborn, the Eagles will host Oakland Christian on Thursday.



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Plymouth's Sarah Thompson watches the ball during Tuesday's conference girls golf tourney held at Pheasant Run, where she finished eighth. On Thursday, she was second overall at the Division 1 regionals.

CLINCH

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than we do, what can we do?" Sawchuk said. "We couldn't match up with them, that's pretty much all I've got to say.

"We've got to get tougher if we want to do anything in the playoffs."

A turning point in Canton's homecoming game might have been on the Chiefs' second offensive series, which saw them starting to chew up big chunks of yardage.

First, the Chiefs had to see whether Plymouth senior kicker Kyle Brindza's 46-yard field goal try with about seven minutes left in the first frame would put the Wildcats in front.

Brindza's boot had plenty of distance, but drifted wide left and the Chiefs took a collective sigh before embarking on an 80-yard touchdown drive in 13 plays.

Merillat and Buford (14 carries, 142 yards) got the march going with back-to-back runs of 12 and 14 yards.

The Chiefs then broke loose with Stackhouse (11 carries, 93 yards) racing around left end for a 35-yard gainer down to Plymouth's 3-yard line.

Two plays later, Stackhouse scored from the 1-yard line and a subsequent two-point conversion from gritty senior Ryan Powell made it 8-0 with just 29 seconds to go in the quarter.

Merillat broke off runs of 12, 14 and 11 yards during Canton's next series, with the latter good for a TD and a 15-0 advantage.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats (5-2, 4-1) could not get anything going after their opening series.

WIDENING THE GAP

After Merillat's touchdown, a three-play series netted minus-12 in the yardage column with Canton senior linebacker Jeff Straub sacking quarterback Shaun Austin on consecutive plays.

Canton made it a 22-point spread at halftime when senior quarterback Ben Merbler lofted a perfect pass to Powell deep in the far right corner with five seconds left.

The Chiefs outgained Plymouth by roughly 270-15 in the first half, and finished the game with a 430-61 margin.

Midway through the third quarter, it was Buford's time to get in on the act. He zig-zagged his way to a 59-yard touchdown, sprinting past the last Plymouth defender down the right sideline.

A Plymouth fumble, caused by Powell's crunching hit, set up the final scoring — a 35-yard TD run by Stackhouse. The fourth extra point by Connor Shennan made it 36-0, with 10:35 remaining.

The Wildcats tried to get some points on the board in the final minute, with a running clock.

Donte Fox scampered for a 15-yard gain and Austin completed a 26-yard pass to senior Jake Morris at Canton's 25.

But Morris was injured on the play, as he was driven hard into the turf and Plymouth fumbled the next snap.

"Jake made a great job on that ball," Austin said. "I just threw it up and hoped he could make a play and he did.

"I hope he's all right, he was shaken up."

Rocks pummeled

Visiting Salem pulled to within 14-7 in the closing seconds of the first half Friday against Livonia Stevenson, thanks to a 40-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Drew Thompson to wide-out Ethan Walsh.

But the Spartans didn't let the Rocks get any closer in the second half, earning a 21-7 KLAA Central Division football victory.

Salem head coach Kurt Britnell said his team turned in another "uninspired" effort, falling to 0-7 overall and 0-5 in the Central. Stevenson improved to 3-4, 2-3.

There were a few bright spots. Although Thompson connected on just 7-of-22 passes for 167 yards, he found Walsh and Brian Aquier twice each (for 46 and 40 yards, respectively). On defense, Walsh picked off a pass and tallied six tackles, while Omar Kandah had seven tackles. Alex Brown registered a quarterback sack.

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One of Canton's hard-to-stop running backs, senior Davion Stackhouse (No. 2) looks to ward off Plymouth defenders Adedamola Adebiyi (No. 15) and DeAngelo Barrow (No. 54) during Friday's game.

GOLF

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ally, but Thompson really was the story with her round of 83 good for second place. Moore said Thompson turned in an "awesome" performance.

"She had struggles earlier in the week with her putting on some aerated greens at the conference tournament, which hurt her confidence," Moore said. "But she had some great practices since that day and the hard work paid off."

Also chipping in were Plymouth's 3-5 golfers: Danielle Allen (24th, 107), Mandy Kirsch (29th, 111) and Carly Curvin (35th, 116).

Moore said Allen and Curvin are starting to get rewarded for their excellent dedication and commitment this season, while Kirsch "had some great shots throughout her round."

Finishing ahead of the Wildcats were first-place Saline and Bedford, with 343 and 359 strokes, respectively.

Canton placed seventh with 441, while Salem had no team score.

The Chiefs' scorecard included Paige Osler (20th, 102), Kelsey McDougall (26th, 108), Mary Elizabeth Winther (33rd, 114), Chloe Luyat (36th, 117) and Kaylie Lobb (38th, 121).

Salem had a difficult day, with Katie Veno placing 42nd (129) and Christine Li placing 46th (136).

Other teams included Ann Arbor Pioneer (fourth, 388), Ann Arbor Huron (fifth, 409), Monroe (sixth, 435), Belleville (eighth, 477), Jackson (ninth, 485), Southgate Anderson (10th, 550) and Westland John Glenn (11th, 564).

A bright spot for the Rockets was Michelle Bishop, whose 102 score tied her for 20th place with Canton's Osler.

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Typical of Thursday's hard-fought KLAA Central boys soccer match, Livonia Stevenson's Charles Swingle (No. 17) and Salem's Chris Dierker (No. 21) vie for the ball.

SOCCER

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"Verant had to make a very, very important save early in the game which played a major factor in the outcome," Richters said. "And Boudreau (three saves) was solid when they made their late push."

DEFENSIVE TEST

Both coaches said their teams played well from a defensive standpoint.

"That (defense) was a focus for us going into this game, because of the big tournament (districts) starting a week from Monday," McCarthy said. "So we really wanted to improve defensively and I think we did that. We defended well against a good Stevenson team."

McCarthy said junior defender Jake Genrich "was fantastic and Brandon Barfuss was also very strong. Those two were the key to our back line today."

According to Richters, the hard-fought game was typical of the longtime Stevenson-Salem rivalry.

"It's one of the things you can count on when you play Salem, it's going to be difficult to score," Richters said. "And that certainly was the case today."

Both teams still have KLAA conference and association tournament matches next week, followed by Division 1 districts beginning Monday, Oct. 8.

The Rocks (7-8-3, 5-5-1 in the Central) will face district host Novi.

Stevenson (10-4-2, 6-3-1) takes on Berkley in the Farmington-hosted district.

PLYMOUTH 4, FRANKLIN 0: Caleb Divens scored twice as the Wildcats (11-3-2, 8-2) erupted for four second-half goals en route to a KLAA South Division boys soccer victory Wednesday at Livonia Franklin (9-7, 4-6).

Derek Austin and Andrew Yoder also tallied second-half goals for Plymouth.

The Patriots were missing leading scorer Jordan McGuire, while five others suffered went down with injuries during the match.

"We were outstanding the first half in terms of getting through balls, our overall ball movement and getting 50-50 balls," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "The second half we came out strong. We had opportunities, but they did not go in."

Ryan Tikey made 16 saves in goal for the Patriots, while Plymouth split the goalkeeping duties between Kyle Brindza and Rene Mejia.

"What caught us was their quick restarts," Rodopoulos said. "They got two goals and we got caught by surprise. I'm not upset with the way we played. We were just unfortunate with our finishing."

GIRLS SWIMMING DUAL MEET RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 102
SALEM 82
Oct. 7 at Salem

200-yard medley: 1. Stevenson (Brenna Gabrielson, Julia Hurley, Ashley Reed, Kaylee Dolinski), 1:58.04; 2. Salem (Abby Aumiller, Lauren Seroka, Emily Nelson, Julia Suriano), 1:59.02; 3. Stevenson, 2:00.52.

200 freestyle: 1. Savannah Hatt (LS), 2:01.11; 2. Aidan O'Dowd (LS), 2:06.65; 3. Maddie Gorman (Salem), 2:07.7.

200 individual medle: 1. Sarah Cauzillo (LS), 2:19.25; 2. Kayla Perchall (LS), 2:19.72; 3. Suriano (Salem), 2:22.44.

50 freestyle: 1. Seroka (Salem), 26.92; 2. Reed (LS), 27.38; 3. Gabrielson (LS), 27.64.

1-meter diving: 1. Cassie Morford (LS), 185.35 points; 2. Sarah Rudelic (Salem), 126.45; 3. Ally Herman (LS), 120.25.

100 butterfly: 1. K. Dolinski (LS), 1:03.87; 2. Claire Amin (Salem), 1:05.96; 3. Nelson (Salem), 1:06.57.

100 freestyle: 1. Hatt (LS), 56.15; 2. Aumiller (Salem), 56.48; 3. Emily Rogue (LS), 1:00.23.

500 freestyle: 1. Suriano (Salem), 5:26.84; 2. O'Dowd (LS), 5:37.01; 3. Irene Li (Salem), 5;47.68.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Hatt, Perchall, O'Dowd, Emilee Montini), 1:48.2; 2. Salem (Amin, Gorman, Amanda Nilles, Li), 1:51.45; 3. Stevenson, 1:52.04.

100 backstroke: 1. Aumiller (Salem), 1:01.95; 2. Seroka (Salem), 1:03.61; 3. Gabrielson (LS), 1:06.09.

100 breaststroke: 1. Perchall (LS), 1:14.15; 2. Ashley Micek (Salem), 1:16.63; 3. Maria Radzwion (Salem), 1:18.06.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Suriano, Seroka, Aumiller, Nelson), 3:51.9; 2. Stevenson (Hatt, Rogue, Montini, K. Dolinski), 3:52.37.

Dual meet records: Stevenson, 5-3 overall, 2-2 KLAA Central Division; Salem, 2-3 KLAA Central.

SALEM 105
PLYMOUTH 80
Oct. 5 at Salem

200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Linda Erickson, Emily Toro, Rachel Huhta, Abbey Kelly), 1:57.97; 2. Salem (Emily Nelson, Lauren Seroka, Claire Amin, Amanda Nilles), 1:58.67; 3. Salem (Maggie Sneideman, Ashley Micek, Irene Li, Vincenza Zaia), 2:06.20.

200 freestyle: 1. Julia Suriano (S), 2:00.84; 2. Stephanie Matsui (P), 2:05.47; 3. Maddie Gorman (S), 2:06.42; 4. Carolyn Stoddard (P), 2:08.62; 5. Jocey Lamoureux (S), 2:10.10.

200 individual medley: 1. Seroka (S), 2:15.87; 2. Erickson (P), 2:19.87; 3. Toro (P), 2:20.30; 4. Nelson (S), 2:23.21; 5. Amin (S), 2:25.29

50 freestyle: 1. Abby Aumiller (S), 26.20; 2. Huhta (P), 26.49; 3. Kelly (P), 27.20; 4. Sneideman (S), 27.90; 5. Lexi Eithier (P), 28.03.

1-meter diving: 1. Katy Telega (P), 140.70 points; 2. Bridget Maul (S), 121.45; 3. Sarah Rudelic (S), 114.85; 4. Ariel Magyar (P), 100.05.

100 butterfly: 1. Seroka (S), 1:02.86; 2. Erickson (P), 1:04.77; 3. Amin (S), 1:05.11; 4. Li (S), 1:06.05; 5. Kourtney Barber (P), 1:14.60.

100 freestyle: 1. Aumiller (S), 56.44; 2. Matsui (P), 56.98; 3. Huhta (P), 58.73; 4. Zaia (S), 1:00.64; 5. Nilles (S), 1:04.08.

500 freestyle: 1. Suriano (S), 5:26.65; 2. Gorman (S), 5:35.21; 3. Stoddard (P), 5:40.90; 4. Lamoureux (S), 5:43.76; 5. Kelly (P), 5:51.42.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Matsui, Huhta, Kelly, Stoddard), 1:46.30; 2. Salem (Nilles, Aumiller, Gorman, Suriano), 1:48.01; 3. Salem (Sneideman, Zaia, Lamoureux, Li), 1:54.08.

100 backstroke: 1. Nelson (S), 1:05.35; 2. Sneideman (S), 1:09.62; 3. Celeste Alexander (P), 1:10.08; 4. Ethier (P), 1:10.73; 5. Jenny Schwank (S), 1:11.41.

100 breaststroke: 1. Toro (P), 1:15.23; 2. Micek (S), 1:16.08; 3. Lydia Matson (P), 1:16.86; 4. Maria Radzwion (S), 1:19.15; 5. Sahmida Visai (P), 1:20.74.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Seroka, Suriano, Aumiller, Nelson), 3:50.73; 2. Plymouth (Stoddard, Matsui, Erickson, Toro), 3:50.99; 3. Salem (Gorman, Amin, Li, Lamoureux), 4:01.04.

Dual meet records: Salem, 2-2; Plymouth, 3-1.

PLYMOUTH 118
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 68
Sept. 30 at John Glenn

200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Linda Erickson, Emily Toro, Rachel Huhta, Stephanie Matsui), 2:01.08; 2. John Glenn (Kendra Burke, Khiry Sparks, Jennie Humbach, Kali Aloisi), 2:07.56; 3. Plymouth.

200 freestyle: 1. Huhta (P), 2:21.21; 2. Rachael Alholinna (WJG), 2:12.44; 3. Lindsey Bessinger (WJG), 2:17.11.

200 individual medley: 1. Linda Erickson (P), 2:24.84; 2. Abbey Kelly (P), 2:28.17; 3. Aloisi (WJG), 2:28.99.

50 freestyle: 1. Matsui (P), 26.38; 2. Carolyn Stoddard (P), 27.26; 3. Sparks (WJG), 27.37.

1-meter diving: 1. Desiree Clenney (WJG), 2:21.35; 2. Humbach (WJG), 192.50; 3. Brooke Graham (WJG), 141.95.

100 butterfly: 1. Alholinna (WJG), 1:05.99; 2. Toro (P), 1:06.11; 3. Kelly (P), 1:13.47.

100 freestyle: 1. Stoddard (P), 1:00.13; 2. Huhta (P), 1:00.76; 3. Lexi Ethier (P), 1:02.9.

500 freestyle: 1. Erickson (P), 5:48.18; 2. Emily Weiner (P), 6:03.27; 3. Bessinger (WJG), 6:04.86.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Huhta, Stoddard, Kelly, Erickson), 1:49.32; 2. John Glenn (Alholinna, Merissa Zarczynski, Bessinger, Sparks), 1:56.73; 3. Plymouth, 1:58.99.

100 backstroke: 1. Matsui (P), 1:07.08; 2. Celeste Alexander (P), 1:11.5; 3. Aloisi (WJG), 1:15.08.

100 breaststroke: 1. Sparks (WJG), 1:14.56; 2. Toro (P), 1:14.69; 3. Sahmida (P), 1:21.57.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Matsui, Stoddard, Kelly, Toro), 4:00.08; 2. John Glenn (Alholinna, Bessinger, Humbach, Aloisi), 4:11.3; 3. Plymouth, 4:15.86.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 3-0 KLAA South Division; John Glenn, 0-3 KLAA South.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

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Oct. 6-7 at Novi H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS (top 2 qualify for state finals): 1. Novi, 28 points; 2. Northville, 19; 3. (tie) Canton, Salem and Plymouth, 14 each; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 11; 7. (tie) Livonia Franklin and Livonia Churchill, 10 each; 9. South Lyon, 5; 10. South Lyon East, 4; 11. (tie) Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial, 1 each.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS

No. 1 singles: Aaron Zhang (Ply.) defeated Kevin Renehan (SLE), 6-2, 6-1; **semifinals:** Zhang def. Stephen Payne (LF), 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; Renehan def. Ryan Hansz (Canton), 6-0, 6-0.

No. 2: Walter Woods (LF) def. Brock Foster (Salem), 3-0 (injury default); **semifinals:** Woods def. Matt Dwan (Ply.), 6-3, 6-4; Foster def. Andrew Ying (Novi), 6-1, 6-4.

No. 3: Nathan Albanelli (N'ville) def. Jalen Woods (LC), 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (7-2); **semifinals:** Albanelli def. Andrew Cho (Novi), 6-4, 6-3; Woods def. Vince Sabatini (LS), 6-4, 6-4.

No. 4: Matt Evasic (N'ville) def. Michael Chang (Novi), 6-2, 6-3; **semifinals:** Evasic def. Ian Fleming (Ply.), 6-1, 6-0; Chang def. Dion Walker (Salem), 6-3, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Jason Carless-Greg Richard (Novi) def. Josh Perrin-Scott Devine (Salem), 6-0, 6-1; **semifinals:** Carless-Richard def. Phil Lee-Austin Weaver (N'ville), 6-0, 6-0; Perrin-Devine def. Josh York-Paul Franchina (LS), 6-1, 1-6, 6-3.

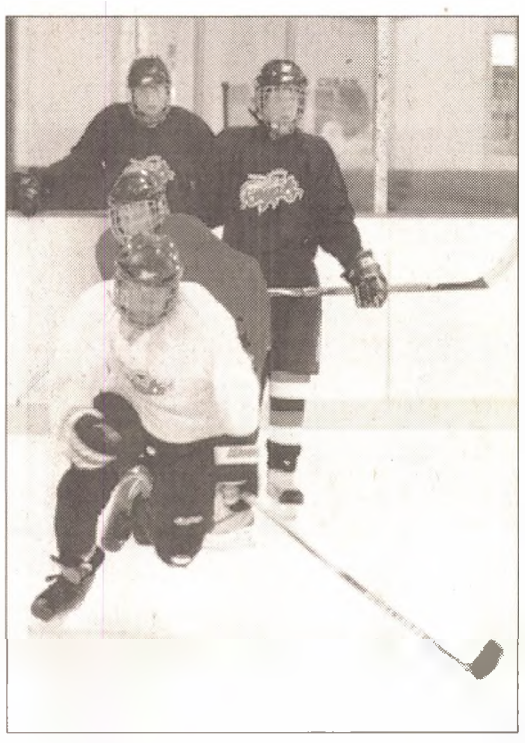
No. 2: Bill Bell-Alex Brizard (Novi) def. Kaemen Holman Rayos-Chad Northey (LS), 6-1, 6-2; **semifinals:** Bell-Brizard def. Drew Leist-Josh Heinze (Ply.), 6-3, 6-2; Holman Rayos-Northey def. Rocky Willette-Josh Wendel (Canton), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

No. 3: Nathan Farooq-Chaitanya Kanitkar (Novi) def. Drew Baldwin-Brian Manney (N'ville), 6-4, 6-4; **semifinals:** Farooq-Kanitkar def. Ryan McPherson-Eric Stromberg (LC), 6-0, 6-1; Baldwin-Manney def. Alan Halim-Ashwin Kumar (Canton), 6-1, 6-4.

No. 4: Stephen Kovacinski-Brandon Sanders (Novi) def. Luke Freeman-James Dodge (Canton), 7-5, 6-1; **semifinals:** Kovacinski-Sanders def. Tyler Foley-Vishnu Rajendran (Salem), 6-1, 6-0; Freeman-Dodge def. Rahul Raj-Trevor Page (N'ville), 7-6 (7-3), 7-5.

No. 5: Nishant Kakar-Jon Thompson (Novi) def. Nirmal Pathak-Steve Price (Canton), 6-0, 6-0; **semifinals:** Kakar-Thompson def. Brian Baumgartner-Kenny Denstaedt (LC), 6-3, 6-0; Pathak-Price def. Robert Hsu-Luke Jacobi (N'ville), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Area youngsters seek big year with Royals



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Jon Clark (front) of Plymouth gets in some skating drills with his teammates in preparation for the upcoming hockey season skating for the 96 Redford Royals.

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There is a group of young hockey players who have joined forces this season with hopes of advancing and achieving greatness in their future.

And with the help of Matt Blair, likely will succeed.

The Redford Royals '96 Bantam AA hockey team is set to drop the puck on an exciting season of hockey designed to lift the spirits and increase the talent levels of those involved. Eighteen skaters, comprised mainly of 13- and 14-year-olds (some from Canton and Plymouth), and a trio of coaches are preparing to embark on a 40-game schedule that will pit the Royals against top opponents vying for supremacy in the Little Caesars Hockey League.

"We're a purely developing program," explained Blair, who heads the Royals program behind the bench. "We have kids skating for us who maybe don't have hockey offered at their school, or are still a step or two away from making their varsity teams. We are out here working with them wanting them to advance to the next level.

"We don't have one player out there who is dominant, but we do have a lot of players trying to get better and wanting to be successful with hockey."

In Blair, the Royals, have a young and energetic coach determined to improve the talents of players and provide leadership pertaining to activities outside the sport as well.

"I always wanted to give back to a game that has given so much to me," said Blair, 26, whose playing days included suiting up for the Davenport and Eastern Michigan collegiate programs, along with the Helena Big Horns of the North American Hockey League. "I work hard to push my players to the next level."

AN ARRAY OF TALENT

A vast level of talent can be found among the 18 players on the Royals' roster, but there aren't many differences when it comes to determination to succeed.

Blair says every player is greeted with compiling a list of individual and team goals at the outset of the season and is personally responsible toward reaching them.

"When you are coaching players this young you have to sort of mesh your style of coaching," Blair explained. "You have some players you need to ride a little more to get them going and others who may be a little soft. Every player has different styles and it's the job of the coach to get the best out of them."

The current Royals roster is laden with talented skaters representing such areas as Redford, Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Farmington Hills, Westland, Novi and Northville. Included on this year's team are Paolo Bernola (Canton), Alex Caprara (Novi), Jon Clark (Plymouth), Brent Gaddy, Paul Hildebrandt (Westland), Matthew Hobbs (Novi), Parker Hodges (Livonia), Derek Klisz (Livonia), Michael Kolodin, Nick Misiak (Livonia), Steven Pino (Walled Lake), Christian Schneider (Novi), Lyle Soucey (Redford), Alex Sprindys, Christopher Tripi (Northville), Alex Trouba (Auburn Hills), Sean Wigler (West Bloomfield) and Brian Zalupski (Northville).

Caprara is the captain of the squad and Misiak and Hildebrandt serve as assistants.

"We're a solid team on both sides of the fence," said Blair, who is assisted on the bench by 26-year-old Joakim Nilsson and 19-year-old Clayton Hodges. "I would say our overall strength is team chemistry and a lot of hard working players who want to get better."

GOALS TO GET BETTER

Blair knows every player on the roster probably isn't destined for greatness on the next level, but that shouldn't hinder their ability to improve their play to some degree.

"Every kid has a separate goal in mind and no matter what level they want to go we will guide them to it," said Blair, a native of Taylor who currently resides in Manchester. "We want to look at all the options for them. We don't want them to be blindsided by anything. We want them to be fully prepared."

Blair refers to Soucey as a "very strong skater and really smart defenseman," while Misiak is described as "very talented offensively and defensively and a great kid who will go far in hockey."

Whalers get offense untracked, 7-0

Six players scored a goal and goaltender Scott Wedgewood turned aside all 34 shots he saw Thursday night to lift the visiting Plymouth Whalers to a 7-0 victory against Peterborough.

The win snapped Plymouth's two-game losing streak and improved the Ontario Hockey League team's record to 2-3-0-1 while the Petes dropped to 1-5-0-0.

Plymouth jumped out to an early lead, with captain Tyler Brown scoring at the 24-second mark. Before the game was three-minutes old, the Whalers had a 2-0 edge thanks to a power play tally by center Jamie Devane, his first of two in the game.

Also finding the range behind Petes starting netminder Andrew D'Agostini during the first period was Stefan Noesen.

Both teams had plenty of scoring chances in the middle frame, with the Whalers outshooting Peterborough 15-13. But while Wedgewood kept everything out at his end, Plymouth scored four more times — two each against D'Agostini and Keinan Brown.

The lamp-lighters were Farmington Hills' Alex Aleardi (his 8th), Devane, RJ Mahalak and Peter Neal, the latter with Plymouth shorthanded.

Nine Whalers collected assists, with defenseman Beau Schmitz picking up three of them and Aleardi and Mahalak each registering two.

Plymouth played two more road games over the weekend, at Ottawa and Kingston. The team returns to Compuware Arena to face Windsor at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16 in the third annual "Pink Out!" for breast cancer awareness.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Oct. 15
Canton at KLAA crossover, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at KLAA crossover, 7 p.m.
KLAA crossover at Salem, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 16
Cranbrook at Luth. Westland, 1 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Oct. 12
S.L. East at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
Ladywood at Mercy, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 14
Franklin at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Salem at Northville, 6:30 p.m.
Oak. Christian at Ply. Christian, 6:30 p.m.
Warren Regina at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.
Inter-City at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.
Luth. South at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 15
Macomb Christian at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 16
Mich. Elite Inv. at Warren, 8:30 a.m.
Romulus Tournament, 8:30 a.m.
Hartland Invitational, 9 a.m.

BOYS SOCCER
Monday, Oct. 11
Huron Valley at Wash. Academy, 5 p.m.
KLAA playoffs, TBA
Tuesday, Oct. 12
Roeper at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at A.A. Greenhills, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 13
Huron Valley at Luth. South, 4:30 p.m.
KLAA playoffs, TBA
Thursday, Oct. 14
Ply. Christian at Oak. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Liggett at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 15
Huron Valley at Luth. N'west, 4:30 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Tuesday, Oct. 12
Salem at South Lyon, 4 p.m.
Canton at Wayne (Flats), 4 p.m.
Churchill vs. Plymouth
at Cass Benton Park, 4 p.m.
Ladywood vs. A.A. Gab. Richard
at Hudson Mills Metropark, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 16
Gab. Richard Inv. at Hudson Mills, 1 p.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Tuesday, Oct. 12
Rocket Inv. at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
Canton at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 14
Plymouth at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Notre Dame Prep
at Livonia Comm. Rec. Center, 7 p.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Friday-Saturday, Oct. 15-16
(MHSAA Finals)
Division 1 at MSU's Forest Akers, TBA.
Division 1 at Ypsilanti Eagle Crest, TBA
BOYS TENNIS
Friday-Saturday, Oct. 15-16
(MHSAA Finals)
Division 1 at Midland, TBA.
GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Monday, Oct. 11
Mercy at Ladywood, 4:15 pm.
Thursday, Oct. 14
Ladywood at Univ.-Liggett, 4:15 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Oct. 12
Madonna at Aquinas College, 7 p.m.
St. Clair CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 14
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 15
Schoolcraft vs. Sault (Ontario)
at Alpena CC, 4 p.m.

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Judy Walker watches as the models make their way across the stage during a previous Redford Suburban League Fall Festival of Fashion. This year's event is Wednesday, Oct. 20.

Redford fund-raiser combines fashion, boutique, lunch

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Reva Wujcik isn't sure how the rumor — that Redford Suburban League had dumped its annual fashion show — took flight earlier this year.

But the Redford resident assures patrons the 37th annual show, luncheon and boutique is very much alive and heading into its final planning stretch this week. The event is Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

"We've had a couple of people tell us that," said Wujcik, League president, commenting on the rumor. "Every year we have a discussion about continuing with whatever fund-raising we do. If it came to the point where it was impossible to do that, we'd have another big fund-raiser of some kind. But right now, this show is our venue. People look forward to it and it has been successful."

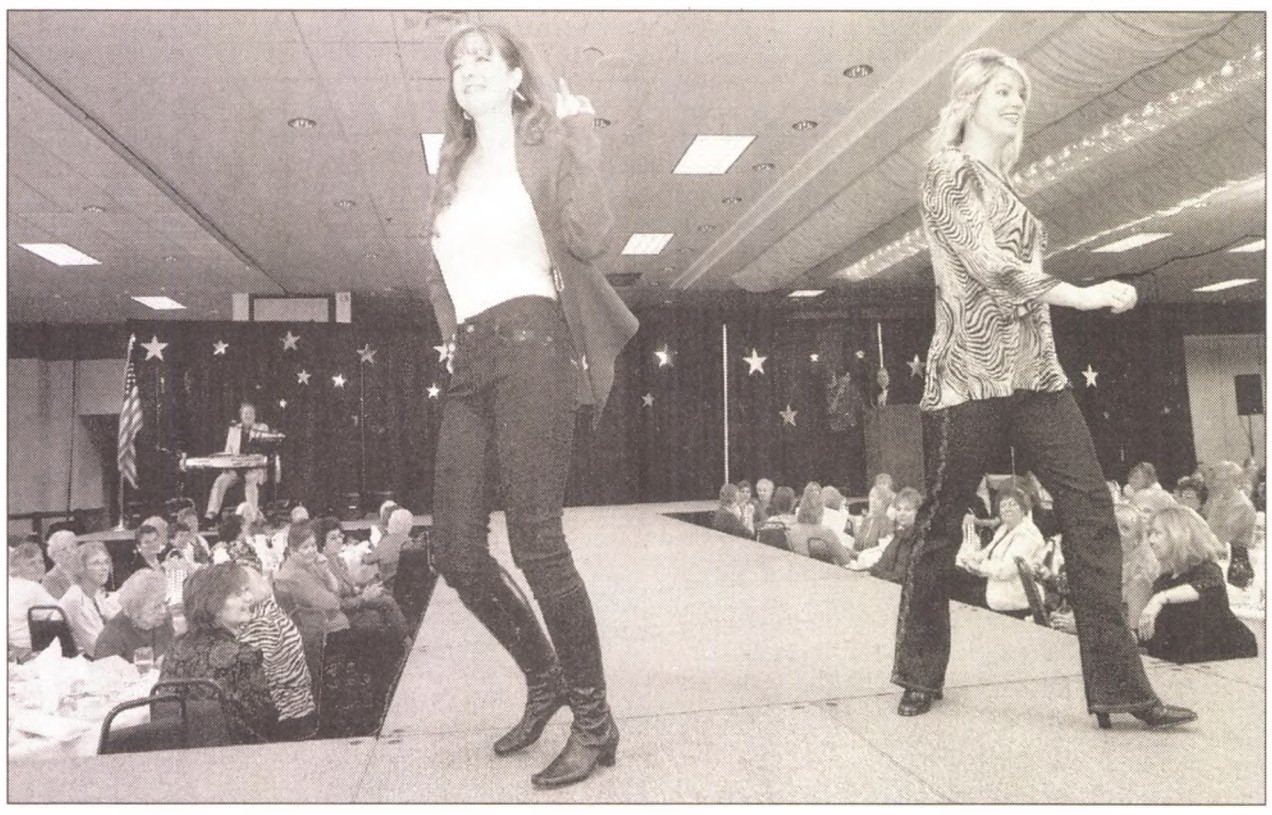
Since 1983 the show has raised $571,475 for Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City. Suzanna Kain, show chair, said the League donated $12,000 to Burger last year even though it experienced its "smallest crowd ever" at the fashion show.

The 116-member organization, now in its 55th year, has helped a variety of charities in the past but a few years ago decided to focus efforts on just one recipient.

"In the last few years autism has become a disability that people are very aware of. A lot of research is going on with autism. A lot of families are affected by autism," Wujcik said. "Everyone in our organization has a family member who has dealt with autism in some way.

"We've seen results of what the money does. It has done a lot with the speech department at Burger. They bought equipment they could not have otherwise bought."

Several staff members and some students from the school will model in the fashion show this year as they did last year. They'll wear fall and winter fashions from Dress Barn in Farmington, Men's Wearhouse in Novi and Parisian at Laurel Park in Livonia.



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Sheila Sigro, Mrs. Michigan International 1993, (left) and Laura Welling Abney, Miss Michigan 1998, strut the catwalk at the Redford Suburban League Fashion Show last year.

CASUAL TO DRESSY

Kain, of Madison Heights, oversees the mix of fashion and works with the stores. She aims for variety on the runway.

"We want the casual and the let's go out for dinner and the theater and for the holidays," Kain said. "With models from Burger School we're talking a younger age there and we'll show clothing for the mature woman also."

Presenting fashions for every age group can inspire ideas for holiday gift shopping, Kain noted.

"There might be people in the audience who say 'that would look good on my daughter or granddaughter.' I want to keep that aspect of the show, with an eye toward holiday shopping."

Kain attended a fashion show at Longacre House in Farmington last week to check out and compare clothing. She saw "a lot of purple" in the crowd. She hopes to see her models in a variety of colors and textures beyond "so much black" that's also seen in the fall.

"I'm looking at a beautiful grey herringbone suit with a ruffled blouse. I want to see someone steer toward that," she added, while browsing through clothing at Dress Barn.

DOZENS OF PRIZES

In addition to the fashion show, which starts after the luncheon at noon, Fall Festival of Fashion includes a boutique of approximately 25 craft vendors that opens at 9 a.m.

A popular raffle will return this year with more than 80 prizes. Tickets are $1 each or six for $5. A ruby and diamond ring, cherry wood and marble sink and vanity, four-day stay at a Harbor Springs condo and Detroit Red Wing tickets are among the prizes.

"You don't have to be present to win, " Wujcik noted. "We sell a lot of tickets. They are easy to sell. As soon as you say the profits go to Burger School for Children with Autism... almost everyone knows someone with autism. I took 100 to my bowling league and sold every single one of them."

Raffle tickets are available at the Fall Festival of Fashion and from League members. Tickets for the boutique, luncheon and fashion show are $45. Call Miriam Skinner at (734) 981-6003. If you're interested in joining the Redford Suburban League, call Janisse Quill at (734) 595-1403.

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Physician to speak at Giving Circle meeting

Dr. Jody Jones

Dr. Jody Jones, a physician from IHA, Canton, will talk about menopause management and hormone replacement therapy at Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle annual meeting Wednesday, Oct. 13 at The Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, in Canton.

Jones is involved in improving maternal and newborn health among the indigent of Michigan, volunteers as an officer for the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and works on legislative issues in women's health.

IHA is one of largest private multi-specialty groups in southeast Michigan. With more than 150 doctors and 40 nurse practitioners, physician assistants and nurse mid-wives from across 32 offices, IHA provides service to more than 260,000 patients.

The Giving Hope program also will include reports from local nonprofits that have received grants from the organization, an update on current grant requests, a short business meeting, and a social hour. A reception will kick-off the evening at 6:30 p.m with the program starting at 7:15 p.m. Light appetizers and desserts will be served at 8:30 p.m. The theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill.

Formed in 2006, the Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle provides grant-making initiatives that address the needs of families in Canton and Plymouth, creates an endowment fund for the future and building a community of women philanthropists.

By pooling their charitable dollars, the 68 members of the organization are able to make a greater philanthropic impact. To date more than $20,000 has been distributed through the fund which is held at the Canton Community Foundation.

The *Observer & Eccentric* and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital are sponsors of the program on Oct. 13. Admission is $10. Call the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200 or e-mail givinghopewgc@gmail.com.

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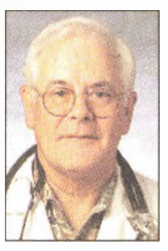
Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Some 20 years ago when I started writing this column the editors of this paper thought it important that you could contact me direct and I think that I can correctly say that a few thousand readers have done just that. I would like to thank all of you as there were many times when you gave me food for thought with your questions and kept the column going.

Today I would like to give you just one example of a reader who takes full advantage of the knowledge available to him and has proven to put it to good use. His name is Mike and he writes: "Joe, you have helped me on five different occasions, all successful. I have an Amana fridge model SXD22S2W. The ice dispenser works but the water side does not. I was told there is a reservoir behind the crisper that may freeze up. Can you please help? Please mail me back. Thank you."

My first reply, done immediately because I know that Mike is demanding and understands the word urgent: "Hi Mike, thanks for your note. Remove the crisper drawer in the bottom of the refrigerator section. Check out the tank and see if you can observe any ice in it. Let me know. Regards Joe Gagnon."

Mike's second e-mail arrived the next morning: "Joe, thanks for getting back with me last night. I took the crisper drawer off. The tank you're talking about is almost an S shape with two plastic lines going to it. I removed the one screw that holds it to the back wall. I'm not sure if there is supposed to be water in it. It appears to be heavier than it should and the plastic tank seems to be really hard/rigid as if it is filled with water and frozen inside. I can't press the plastic in at all. There is no give at all. I turned and rotated the tank to see if I could hear any water in there and could not. If you think it is frozen would I pull the two plastic lines off the tank and take a blow dryer to thaw or keep it attached and try to thaw it out in the fridge. I don't know if those plastic lines are compressed in the tank. Or maybe you think it is something else. Please mail me back."

Mike's third e-mail arrived midafternoon of the next day: "Hi Joe, I was wondering if you got my e-mail this morning? "

My second reply: "Hi Mike, thanks for your three e-mails which I receive as quickly as you send them. Trust me Mike, I'm trying very hard to be prompt. Now, in regard to your efforts so far, you are not getting a passing grade. You have got to be able to figure out if the reservoir tank is full of ice or water although I don't think it's frozen or you would have complained about food freezing in the refrigerator section. That is not the case. In 99 percent of cases where the water dispenser is not pouring out water the cause is usually a defective water valve on the back of the refrigerator, or problems with water pressure from the supply line, many times caused by a water filter that has not been replaced on a regular basis."

Yes Mike, it has been my pleasure helping you several times in the past. It took your perseverance to get the job done and I made note from past communications that you would rather I e-mail you than call you on the telephone. This is no problem and I await your next e-mail.

For those of you readers who would prefer a phone call from me, rather than an e-mail response, please say so and I will be glad to do so during the hours you wish. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and at 2 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com

Find pets, crafts at adoption event

The Country Cat and City Kitty Rescue will hold an adoption event in conjunction with the Halloween Costume Walk for pets and owners, today, Sunday Oct. 10

Purrs and Paws Pet Adoption will run from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. in Garden City Park, Cherry Hill and Merriman. The event will include dogs, cats, birds, fish and other animals in need of homes; dog demonstrations, crafters, vendors, baked goods for sale and a horse and rider exhibition.

Dr. Shera Dickie of St. Julian's Cat Care will be on site to answer questions.

Country Cat and City Kitty also will accept donations for its pet food and kitty litter drive. For more information call Ann at (248) 249-9267.

Preschool open house Sunday

Stop in today, Sunday, Oct. 10, for birthday cake and a look at the programs and facilities of Livonia Coop Nursery Preschool, 9601 Hubbard, in Livonia.

An open house will run from 2-4 p.m. at the school, which offers programs for children, age 2-4.

Livonia Preschool is a non-profit organization owned and operated by the parents of the children enrolled in classes. Pareents also lend a hand in the classroom.

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Get free souvenir photo at chili fest

If you're heading to the 15th Annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff today, Sunday, Oct. 10, in downtown Plymouth, don't forget to stop in at Jill Andra Young's photo studio for a keepsake photo.

Visitors who stop in from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. can pose in front of a stars and stripes background, have their picture taken and later download it from www.greatlakeschili.com for free.

She will photograph individuals, couples and small groups.

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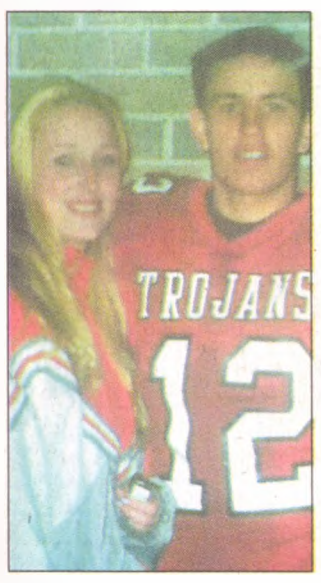

McGahan-Fioretti

OCTOBER WEDDING

Clarenceville High School sweethearts Nicole McGahan and Joseph Fioretti are being married today, Sunday, Oct. 10 at Excalibur Castle in Las Vegas, Nev.

Proud parents Edie McGahan and Sandy Fioretti, both of Livonia.

A reception will follow on Oct. 16 at Corsi's in Livonia.

Lennis-Sage

JUNE 2011 WEDDING

Ron and Rachael Lennis of Chicago, Il., and Kellie Malloy of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Shea Elizabeth Lennis, to Elisha Peter Sage, son of Michael and Teri Sage of Livonia.

Shea, a registered nurse, graduated from Eastern Michigan University and Elisha, a mechanical engineer, graduated from Lawrence Technological University. The happy couple both attended Livonia Stevenson High School.

The couple currently resides in San Antonio, Texas. They plan a June 2011 wedding in Plymouth.

Raymond Cornellier and Laura D'Angelo at their wedding in 1950.

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Raymond Cornellier and Laura D'Angelo marked their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 30. They were married in 1950 in Grosse Pointe. They have lived in the Commerce area for 56 years.

Their children are Gary Cornellier (Sandra) of Plymouth; Mark Cornellier (Betsy) of South Lyon; and Bryan Cornellier (Cheryl) of Holt. They have five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Raymond retired from Burroughs/Unysis, and Laura was a housewife. They are members of Church of the Holy Family in Novi.

The couple celebrated their anniversary by revisiting their favorite Michigan locations.

Flohr-Witkowski

AUGUST WEDDING

Amy Frances Witkowski and Kevin Matthew Flohr were married Aug. 28, 2010 in an outdoor ceremony at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. The Rev. Robert Carr of Faith Lutheran Church, Livonia, officiated.

The bride, daughter of Paul and Julie Witkowski of Livonia, is a 2004 graduate of Churchill High School. She graduated from Madonna University in 2008 and works as a registered nurse at Garden City Hospital.

The groom, son of Bruce and Linda Flohr of Livonia, is a 2004 graduate of Stevenson High School. He graduated in 2008 from Schoolcraft College and works as building supervisor for Livonia Recreation Center. The bride's attendants were Caitlin Petersmark, Lisa Flohr, Kellie Flohr, Trista Flohr, Laurie Flohr, and Victoria Buscemi.

The groom's attendants were Patrick Oakley, Scott Flohr, Paul Flohr, Gregory Flohr, Ryan Witkowski, and Anthony Buscemi.

A reception also was held at Fox Hills Country Club.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

They reside in Livonia.

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Robert and Eleanor Mullins of Garden City celebrated 60 years of marriage on Sept. 16. They were married in 1950 in Detroit.

Robert retired from Great Lakes Plastics in Salem after a 50-year career. Eleanor is a homemaker.

They're active in the Garden City First United Methodist Church.

Their children are Elaine Monks of Kentwood, Sandra Haraburda of Caledonia, Daniel Mullins of Columbia, Md., Laura O'Connell of Milford, and Jennifer Ness of Birmingham.

Robert and Eleanor Mullins of Garden City on their wedding day and in a contemporary photo.

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Girl Scout Junior Troop # 41214, from All Saints Catholic School in Canton, shows off some of the 3,645 stuffed animals it collected for Stuffed Animals for Emergencies (S.A.F.E.). The girls' community service will qualify the troop for the Girl Scout Bronze Award, the highest award for Girl Scouts at the Junior level. Roberta Rybicki, troop leader, said the girls made posters and collection boxes, spoke at school and advertised their project in church bulletins and the school newsletter. S.A.F.E. will distribute the toys to Detroit area hospitals and shelters. Pictured are Alexa Rybicki, (left) of Plymouth; Madison Burk, Canton; Anna Costley, Plymouth; Anna Napiewocki, Plymouth; Erin Montgomery, Canton; Evelyn Kasperek, Belleville; Kaleigh Webber, Canton; Meghan Sullivan, Plymouth; and Samantha Horn, Plymouth.

REUNION CALENDAR

Send reunion items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

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.

Livona Bentley
Class of 1961
Planning a 50th class reunion for 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail to dbruner@twmi.rr.com or call Don Bruner at (734) 524-0979 to register and for more information.

Livonia Churchill
Class of 1980
30-year reunion, Nov. 27 at One Under Banquet Hall at Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia. Seeking classmates and contact information. Join the group on Facebook by searching Livonia Churchill
or e-mail Mary Furlong Tabone and Kathy Hesch Zelin at churchillclassof80@yahoo.com.

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OCT 10-13

Baseball story
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11
Location: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 5631 North Adams Road, Bloomfield Hills
Details: Former Detroit Tiger player, Frank Tanana, and his wife, Cathy, will present "Riches Beyond the Diamond," the story of their journey through baseball life. A dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Advance dinner and program reservations are $10; $12 at the door.
Contact: (248) 646-5041 or e-mail jmcmichael@bslcmi.org for more information or to reserve for dinner and the program

Book study
Time/Date: 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday through Nov. 13
Location: Grand Traverse Pie Co., 41640 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth
Details: Living Peace Church presents a study of Harvey Cox' book, The Future of Faith. The church meets for fellowship and worship at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings at Field Elementary School, 1000 S. Haggerty in Canton
Contact: (734) 233-1466 or e-mail to info@livingpeacechurch.org

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

OCT. 14-20

Breakfast
Time/Date: 8:30 am - noon, Sunday, Oct. 17
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: All you can eat pancake and French toast breakfast sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club, includes pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, tea, coffee, milk and juice; $3 adults; $1.50 children, ages 2-10
Contact: (734) 425-4421

Concert
Time/Date: 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17
Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills
Details: The Birmingham Concert Band performs a program called "Music for Symphonic Band." The concert features Danielle Mukami, Birmingham Concert Band scholarship awardee, and a special segment of Irish music; free
Contact: (248) 474-0584

Concert
Time/Date: 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17
Location: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville
Details: Gary and Ron Matthews in concert
Contact: (248) 374-7400

Divorce support
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Mondays, for seven weeks beginning Oct. 18
Location: Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Group for parents and their children (through 8th grade), "Rainbows," offered by National Council of Jewish Women, SPACE for Changing Families. $10 registration fee; must pre-register
Contact: (248) 355-9936 or e-mail space@ncjwgds.org

Living Rosary
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 20
Location: St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Biannual "Living Rosary,"in which a person or small group represents each bead of the rosary and leads the prayer it represents. The ceremony is held by candlelight and as each prayer is offered, a candle is lit to represent that particular bead. The ceremony, which commemorates October as the month of the Rosary, will follow the parish's monthly day of Eucharistic Adoration in which the church is open for adoration from 10 a.m. until closing ceremonies at 7 p.m.
Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext. 200 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org

Mass of Anointing
Time/Date: 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16
Location: St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Aimed at Catholics recovering from a serious illness, facing surgery, or suffering from a chronic health condition. Register by calling the church
Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext. 200

Multimedia performance
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16
Location: Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, 1340 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills
Details: Actor Brad Sherrill performs "Prophets," a multimedia piece that is based on Isaiah, Jeremiah, and other prophetic texts. Tickets are $8 per person, $5 per student for advance reservations and $10 at the door
Contact: (248) 626-2515

Pumpkin patch
Time/Date: Noon-6 p.m., Oct. 17, 24 and 31; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 16, 18-23; and 10 a.m. to dark, Oct. 25-30
Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Pumpkin Patch sales will benefit Forgotten Harvest, a nonprofit that rescues surplus, prepared and perishable food for emergency food providers
Contact: (734) 464-0211

Rummage Sale
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15 and 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 16
Location: Fellowship hall at Holy Trinity Lutheran, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. Details: $2 bag sale on Saturday
Contact: (734) 464-0211

Spaghetti dinner
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 15
Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City
Details: . Cost is $7 for adults, $3.50 for children, 3-11, and free for children under 3. Advance tickets available at the church or at the door
Contact: (734) 427-3660

Why be Catholic?
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Oct. 14
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Season two of the series kicks off with Debbie Herbeck, youth and women's ministry advocate and producer of Renewal Ministries' television programming for EWTN. She'll share the story of her conversion from traditional Judaism to Catholicism. A children's' ministry is available by prior arrangement by e-mailing to childrenministry@livoniastmichael.org
Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext. 200 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

OCT. 21-OCT 27

Barbecue fund-raiser
Time/Date: 4-7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 23
Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile one block west of Inkster, in Livonia
Details: All proceeds will support the church's "Feed the Hungry" Ministries. Food will include: North Carolina Pulled Pork Shoulder, Southern Bar-B-Q Chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, red-skinned potatoes and beverages. Advance tickets are $7.50 for adults and $3.50 for children. At the door, tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children while supplies last
Contact: (734) 513-8457

Coats donation
Time/Date: Deadline to drop off coats is Oct. 22
Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: The Corps needs coats in adult sizes medium to extra large to fit middle and high school students. Individuals and businesses can drop off new coats at the Farmington Hills location. Southwestern Oakland County residents who need a new coat for their K-12 student can contact the Corps office during the first week of October. Only households which are pre-determined to be low-income and within the Corps' service area will be eligible for the program
Contact: (248) 477-1153

Games night
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 23
Location: Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River Ave., Farmington
Details: Bring favorite card or board games to this event, sponsored by Widowed Friends, a support group for women and men age 55 and under
Contact: Sue at (586) 939-0349 or e-mail ywfriends@gmail.com

Mass for widowed
Time/Date: Check in at 2 p.m., Mass at 2:30 p.m., Oct. 24
Location: St. Columban Church, 1775 Melton, north of 14 Mile between Woodward and Coolidge, in Birmingham
Details: Widowed Friends, a peer group in the Archdiocese of Detroit, meets for Mass, support and refreshments
Contact: Gerry at (566) 795-0477 or visit www.widowedfriends.org

Trunk or treat
Time/Date: 6-8 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 24
Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Dress in costume for this event that will include games, prizes, treats and lots of fun
Contact: (734) 427-8743

OCT. 28-NOV. 3

Bazaar
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 30
Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 35300 W. Eight Mile, Farmington
Details: Baked goods, Nisu, white elephant treasures, Christmas items and a jewelry table. Refreshments will be served by the choir for a nominal fee. There will be a raffle at 1 p.m. Raffle tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5.
Contact: (248) 478-6520

Trunk or treat
Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia
Details: Members and friends of the church will pop their trunks and tailgates to reveal candy, stickers and other goodies. Children in the community may attend and bring their Trick or Treat bags with them. The church requests that children wear family-friendly costumes and be accompanied by an adult. Activities will take place both inside and outside. There will be games, prizes and candy
Contact: (248) 474-3444

Trunk or treat
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m., Oct. 30
Location: McKinley Elementary School, 9101 Hillcrest Street, Livonia
Details: Bring your kids in their costumes for treats, a hay ride, a gourmet chili cook-off, and lots of other fun; free and sponsored by Bell Creek Community Church
Contact: www.bellcreek.org

NOV. 4-10

Christmas bazaar
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6
Location: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy, Dearborn Heights
Details: Handmade items for Christmas giving; cookie walk and bake sale; Attic Treasures, Jewelry and other items
Contact: (313) 274-3820

Ladies' Inspiration Day
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Nov. 6
Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Dr. Brenda Snow is the guest speaker. Child care is available for children under 8. RSVP for child care and bring a sack lunch to the event for each child registered
Contact: (734) 427-8743

Quilt show
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Nov. 6
Location: Westland Christian Union Church, located at Marquette and Wayne Road, Westland
Details: Ladies United Voice of the church sponsors the show that will include door prizes; vendors, and a bake sale in addition to quilts. Lunch will be available. The group requests a $3 donation for admission
Contact: Mary Surbrook at (734) 721-6871

School open house
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7
Location: 10450 Joy, in Plymouth and 4101 E. Joy, in Ann Arbor
Details: Both Spiritus Sanctus Academy campuses are hosting open houses. The Academies are independent K-8 Catholic Schools, administered by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. The Academies place a priority on faith development along with a challenging and integrated curriculum. All of the Academy students are accepted into the Catholic high school of their choice. Tour the campuses, talk with teachers and students, and meet the principals.
Contact: For Plymouth, (734) 414-8430; for Ann Arbor, (734) 996-3855

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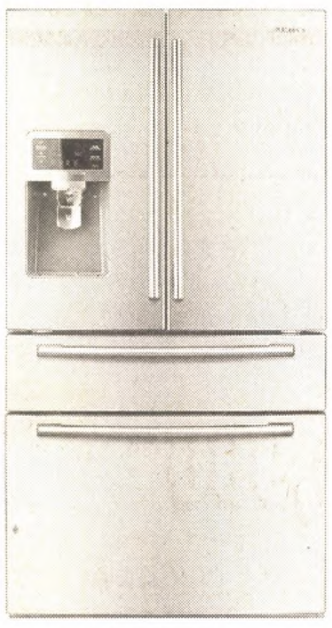

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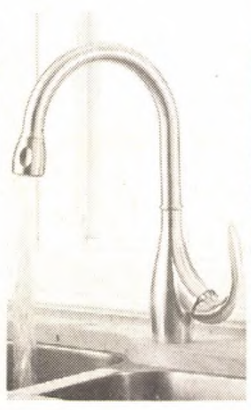

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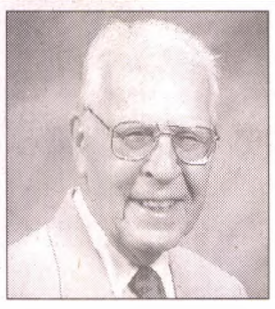
RODA BAKER

Age 95, passed away in Arizona on October 2, 2010, formerly of Plymouth, MI. Funeral services are pending. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader Funeral Home, Plymouth.



ALBERT G. BALLERT

Age 95, passed away on October 5, 2010 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Mr. Ballert received his Bachleor of Education at the University of Toledo, his Masters of Science in Geography at Syracuse University and his Doctorate in Geography from the University of Chicago. Dr. Ballert found his true calling in life through his research with the Great Lakes Commission, beginning during it's inception in 1956 and continuing as Director of Research " emeritus " through 2006. He authored numerous publications, newsletters and checklists relating to the ships and their cargo, water levels and precipitation. His work became his mission, his passion, his hobby. Dr. Ballert visited every port and community along the entire Great Lakes and Seaway` coastline, accumulating an extensive body of photographs from his visits. Many a person heard him declare he was " the luckiest man in the world " to have such an interesting vocation. Although Dr. Ballert's (Al's) roots were from Ohio, he was an avid University of Michigan football fan. A favorite past time was to cheer his beloved Wolverines with his wife at his side at home games. Their maize and blue banner was ready to hang at the many bowl games they attended. He leaves his beloved wife I. Josephine Ballert and his 'children Colby (Carol) Ballert amd Josette (David) Koets. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Steven (Katie) and Sara Koets and Brendan (Janie), Cassandra and Zachery Ballert and great-grandson Connor Koets. He was preceded in death by his son Albert Jr. Visitation will be Friday, 1:30pm until time of funeral service at 3pm at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be given to the church or to the donor's choice of organization in his name. Share your special thoughts and memories at:

www.schrader-howell.com

GERALDINE QUINN BRIGGS

Peacefully went home to be with her Lord and Savior on October 2, 2010. Resident of Livonia since 1948. Loving wife of the late Otis Lee Briggs. Beloved mother of Laurel Farnell McNulty, Richard (Barbara) Briggs, Jerome (Sandy) Briggs, Lorraine (Alan) Matthews, Mary Ann Desmond, and Stephanie Pender. Also survived by 13 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter. Services were held Tuesday Oct 5 at 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Priscilla Catholic Church, 19120 Purlingbrook Road, Livonia. Memorials suggested to St. Vincent DePaul Society. Please share a memory at:

www.mannsfuneralhome.com

KENNETH A. BROWN

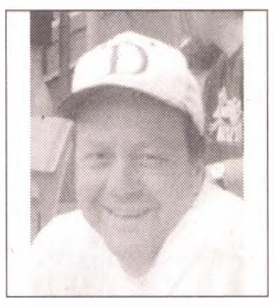
Age 70, of Northville. Beloved husband of Blanche and the late Nancy. Loving father of Heather (Rick) Hoffman. Proud grandpa of Katherine, Stephanie, Zachary, Rachael and Rick and dear daughter in law Sandy. Preceded in death by his dearest son Craig. Memorial Service was held at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 6 Mile Rd., Northville on Friday. Memorial contributions may be made to the Leader Dogs for the Blind and/or American Cancer Society. Please visit online guestbook at fredwoodfuneralhome.com

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

RICK GREGORY COTE

Age 49, of Fishers, passed away on Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at Clarian North Medical Center in Carmel. He was born on February 2, 1961 in Detroit, MI, and grew up in the Farmington, MI area. He and his wife, Denise were married on July 24, 1993 in Sarasota, FL. Rick was a manager for Robert Half International Finance & Accounting. He earned his bachelor's degree in finance from University of South Florida and his master's degree from Keller Graduate School of Management. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Noblesville; and was very active with Relay for Life and fundraising for the American Cancer Society. Rick is survived by his mother - Suzanne (Nicholls) Gault; wife - Denise (Gerke) Cote; daughter - Lauren Grace Cote; son - Nicholas Ryan Cote; three brothers - Robert Cote, Scott Cote & James Cote; grandmother - Mary Nicholls; and several cousins, nieces & nephews. He is preceded in death by his father, John William Cote. Services will be held at 1:00PM on Saturday, October 9, 2010, at First United Methodist Church, in Noblesville, with Rev. Jack Wolfe officiating. Visitation will be Friday, October 8, 2010 from 4:00PM to 8:00PM at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville. Burial will be at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Noblesville. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society 5635 W. 96th St, Suite 100 Indianapolis, IN 46278 - or - acsdetermination.org (search team: Rick's Racers (under 'find an athlete')). Online condolences can be given at:

www.randallroberts.com.



THOMAS R. DOSTAL

Age 52, of Livonia, passed away October 7, 2010, after a long battle with cancer. The beloved husband of Carmen Marie (Sabatini), and dear father of Anthony and Anna, he is also survived by his loving parents Bob and Mary Ann Dostal of Midland, MI, and siblings Lori Dostal (Keith Latham), Pam (Drew) Bassi, Lisa (Charles) Alliss, Julie Dostal (Pat McNary), Joe (Stacy) Dostal, Marcie (Charles) Cassidy, and Jerry (Jodi) Dostal. He also leaves behind his beloved mother-in-law Dora Sabatini and in-laws Louis (Mary) Sabatini, Paul (Rhonda) Sabatini, Dora (Dennis) Martini, Richard (Debra) Sabatini, Michael (Karen) Sabatini, and many nieces and nephews. Tom was a devoted husband and father; his greatest joy was being with his family. Tom was known for his sense of humor and love of sports. He rarely turned down the chance to play, watch, or coach Anthony and Anna's teams. Since 2001 Tom and his family were all active members of the Livonia Goodfellows, "No Child without a Christmas" program. Tom graduated from Midland High School in 1976 and Central Michigan Univ. in 1980. He and his family have lived in Livonia since 1983. He worked as a sales representative for NES Rentals for the past nine years. The family wishes to thank his many caregivers and friends. View obituary and share memories at Heeney-Sundquist.com. St. Aidan memorial service details are also on the website.

MARY LOU GITRE

Died peacefully at her home in Beverly Hills, October 4, 2010. She was 90 years old. Mary Lou was born May 5, 1920, in Detroit, to Louise (nee Sullivan) and William Gitre. She graduated from Marygrove College in 1942 and taught at Greenfield Elementary School in Birmingham for many years. Mary Lou was a member of Christ Child Society, AAUW, and a Catholic Alumni Club. She was an excellent bridge player all her life and had many friends in her different clubs. Mary Lou also enjoyed golf and travel. She will be deeply missed by all those who knew and loved her. Mary Lou is survived by her beloved sister, Maureen Gitre Roberts, nieces, Colleen (Peter) Nicholas and Kathleen Roberts and great-nephew and niece, Joseph and Rosemary Nicholas. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Sunday 2-8pm. Rosary at 7pm. Funeral at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, 32340 Pierce, Beverly Hills, Monday 10am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9:30am. Interment in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit. Memorials appreciated to Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, 29575 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334.

Condolences at:

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VIRGINIA JOYCE HARRIS

Age 80, of Tecumseh passed away September 25, 2010 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ypsilanti. She was born April 23, 1930 in Detroit, MI the daughter of Alfred and Ethel (Baker) Lint. She married Robert Harris on June 17, 1950 and he preceded her in death in November 2001. Virginia was the owner and operator of the Bisque-It Ceramic Store in Farmington Hills, Michigan before moving to Tecumseh in 2005. In addition to running her own business, she enjoyed cooking, gardening, and bowling. She also loved tinkering with her aquariums and tending to her tropical fish. Virginia is survived by her sons, Robert (Shirley) Harris of Clinton, MI, and Keith Harris, of Jackson, MI, and three grandchildren; Adrienne, Clair, and Robert Harris. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, her four brothers and one sister. At her request, cremation has taken place. A gathering to remember and celebrate her life will take place at The Evans Street Station, 110 South Evans Street, Tecumseh, MI 49286, on October 12, 2010, from 4-8 PM. Light refreshments will be served. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charily of the donor's choice. Condolences may be offered to the family at:

www.handlerfuneralhomes.com

JULIA HOMAK

Oct 4, 2010, age 87 of Westland. Beloved aunt of the late Joan Marsh. Great aunt of Lynne Faulkner, Loreen (Brian) Graham and Leigh (Pat) Prouty. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd., Westland. Memorials to American Diabetes Association or the Michigan Humane Society would be appreciated by the family.

To share a memory please visit:

vermeulenfuneralhome.com

ERIC DOUGLAS JONES

Age 52, died Sept. 14, 2010. Wife: Mairi, Children: Jasmine, Kelsey, Megan, son Justin (d 1996), Father LaVerne M Jones (d), Mother Eleanor G. Jones. Obituary and condolences at: www.lynchfuneraldirectors.com

GEORGE LAMBIE

Age 80, September 29, 2010, has gone to join his beloved wife Terri. Loving Dad to Dee (Graham) Perrie and Dawn (Dave) Parks. Dear Papa to Jason (Susie) Gibb, David (Kelly) Gibb, David Carter Parks and Diana Parks. Great Papa to Alexander Gibb. Cremation has already taken place. An open House for family and friends will be held at George's home on Saturday October 16, 2010, from 1p.m. to 5p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Michigan. Please sign George's online guestbook at

www.cremationmichigan.com.

HENRY N. LESTER

Age 85, veteran of the Army Air Corps WWII, of E. Lansing, MI, formerly of Manistee and Livonia, passed away Oct. 3 at his residence. Husband of 59 years to the late Audrey J., nee Culp. He is survived by his daughter Genie (Ken), son Robert (Cyndie), grandchildren Geoffrey (Deborah), Jennifer (Ron), Jamie (special friend James), Tracie, Steven and Ryan, great-grandchildren Samuel, Abigail, Chloe and Maxwell, special friend Jean, sisters Thryza (Roger), Mary Jane and Francine, and brother Sprague. Former president of Melvindale MI Kiwanis Club, former member of Livonia Christ the King Lutheran Church Council, and active in retirement years in Manistee arts associations. After many successful years with Fruehauf Trailer Co., of Detroit, he retired to the home he and Audrey shared on Lake Michigan, in Manistee. He was an amateur photographer, talented in macro-photography. His sense of patriotism and love of nature and photography have been passed on through his children and grandchildren. The family will honor his life and memory with a private service at Ft. Custer National Cemetery where he and Audrey will be interred. The family is being served by the Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, Lansing.

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

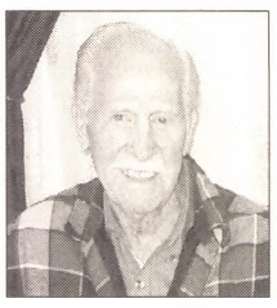
ROBERT B. LINDBERT

Age 94, passed away October 4, 2010. He was born in Royal Oak Twp., MI on March 14, 1916 to Otto and Lydia (Platt) Lindbert. Mr. Lindbert was the Mayor of Farmington from 1953-1965 and was a key person to the city's development. He'd started his own company, L & H Wood Manufacturing Co., from the ground up and had also dabbled in the steel strapping industry. He helped others start their own lumber mills and resourced out a lot of work in further support of those he'd helped. He retired when he was 52. The family had a summer cabin on Big Bear Lake since 1948 and he spent his winters in Florida from 1950-2005. He was a remarkable musician and played the tenor saxophone. He enjoyed performing at various local clubs, including Tally's Bar and Hidden Valley Resort. He'd always had an ear for music and was awarded the Most Talented High School Musician at the Chicago World's Fair in the 1930's. His grandson now plays his same instrument. A true philanthropist, he was involved in various organizations throughout his lifetime, was a member of the Jaycees, Goodfellows, and had served as President of the Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club. He was also very instrumental in fundraising efforts for the construction of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Lewiston. Mr. Lindbert was brilliant, inquisitive man who loved to learn, as well as being clever, kind, and giving. He was one to be mindful of the needs of others and sought to lend a hand whenever he could. He was a good cook and loved to travel. An adventurous and athletic person, he enjoyed downhill skiing, boating, fishing excursions, and all types of hunting, with a true passion for the outdoors. He'll also be remembered by his family as a flamboyant dresser, never one to shy away from bright plaid pants. Mr. Lindbert is survived by his daughters, B.J. Mares and Judy Godmar, both of Florida; nine grandchildren' 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandson. He was preceded in death by his son, Thomas Lindbert. A MEMORIAL MASS will take place on Friday, October 8, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. from St. Francis of Assisi Church in Lewiston. The family will receive friends at the church on Friday beginning at 1:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Aspen Ridge Retirement Village, through the Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734. Friends may share condolences online at:

www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com

EMIN MEHMETAJ

Also known as Thanas Aliu in his native Albania, died October 4th, 2010 at the age of 88. He was born March 15th, 1922 in Tragjas, Vlore Albania. His father and mother were Ali Mehmeti and Merushe Dermishi Mehmeti of Tragjas, Vlore Albania. Mr. Mehmetaj is predeceased by his wife Maria Quadrelli Mehmetaj of Birmingham, MI and his brother Merko Mehmetaj and sister Masi Mehmetaj Russi of Vlore, Albania. Emin is remembered as a loving father by his son Joseph Mehmetaj of Royal Oak, MI and his daughter and son-in-law, Eva and Lawrence Kool of Clifton Park, NY. He is loved and remembered by his granddaughters Olivia, Julia and Sylvia Kool. Emin was a good man and a gentleman and will be remembered by those who loved him. Funeral and internment at Roseland Park Cemetery Royal Oak, MI 48067, (248) 541-1154, on Monday, October 11, 2010 at 11:00 AM. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted by the family to the Gordon C. Emerick Funeral Home, 1550 Route 9, Clifton Park, NY 12065, 518-371-5454.



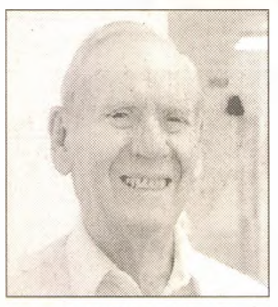
HERBERT LEE PEACH

Age 81, passed away September 22, 2010. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Rose in 2003. He is survived by his beloved children: Shannon Patterson, Christie Hults and Michael (Monica) Peach; grandchildren: Kelly (Hector) Lopez, Darcy (Luke) Madsen, Tracy Sprague, Heather Patterson, Tristan Peach, Christiana Peach and Ariana Peach; great-grandchildren: Tyler Sprague, Faith Rose Madsen, Brook Madsen, Emma Madsen and Gracelynn Madsen. Memorial service is Saturday, October 16, 2010, at the Salvation Army Church, 26700 W. Warren Road, Dearborn Heights, MI. at 1:00pm.

GAIL ANN SARRAULT

Age 67 of Howell, formerly of Canton, MI, passed away at her home Monday, October 4, 2010. She was born January 1, 1943 in Cincinnati, OH. Beloved wife of 33 years to Dennis Sarrault. Dear mother of Angie (Ken) Mackey of Littleton, CO and Eric (Lori) Sarrault of Crystal Lake, IL. Also survived by grandchildren, Avery and Quinn Mackey of Littleton, CO, Maci Sarrault of Crystal Lake, IL and Maddy Diedrick of Howell. Gail was a volunteer at OLHSA and a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Brighton where Mass of Resurrection was held Friday, October 8 at 11:30 a.m. (in state 10:30 a.m.), Father Carl Pung, Celebrant. Arrangements by MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or OLHSA. Please visit the family's online guestbook at:

www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com



LEO J. SEMIGAN

October 6, 2010, age 93. Predeceased by wife Jessie, and parents Artin & Cecilia. Brother of Rita Thompson. Uncle of Patricia Stoddard, Cathryne Rimsa and Caryle Ekberg. Also great-nieces and nephews. Brother-in-law of Halina Borkowski. Special friend of Pauline Kalafut and William Shamoun. He will be missed by his family at Wynwood Assisted Living in Northville. Family will receive friends Sunday 2-8 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) with Rosary Sunday 7 p.m. Funeral Mass Monday 11 a.m. at St. Alan Catholic Church, 2345 Coolidge Rd., Troy. Visitation at church begins Monday 10:30 a.m. Rite of Committal Service Monday 2 p.m. at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Memorial tributes for masses or Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament or Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

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ANTHONY J. "Tony" STOCKWELL

Age 79, of Westland, died Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010, in Gregory, MI, at his son's home, surrounded by family. He was born May 25, 1931 in Grosse Pointe Farms, the son of Chalmer and Helen (Sullivan) Stockwell. Over his lifetime, he made numerous fishing trips to Canada with family and friends. He enjoyed spending time outdoors and watching his sons and grandchildren play hockey. He was an active kid at heart, retiring his roller blades just a few years ago. Tony touched many lives over the years, making children happy was a top priority. He was "Grandpa" to many of all ages. He is survived by his wife Dorothy of Westland; children Janet (Gerald) Szymanski of Alanson, Barbara Biskner of Westland, Joyce Stockwell of Westland, Kenneth (Machelle) Stockwell of Cary, IL, Dennis Stockwell of Gregory; brother of Mary Lou (Leo) Sheehan, Sally (Neal) Hannan, Lawrence (Veronica) Stockwell; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister Suzanne Schwein. Tony's wishes were to be cremated. A celebration of his life took place Saturday, October 9th at the Bailey Center in Westland.

ELIZABETH R. WORTLEY

October 2, 2010, age 91. Resident of Birmingham, MI since 1958, and longtime member of St. James Episcopal Church and the Women's Village Club. Wife of the late Alfred. Mother of James (Carole) and William. Grandmother of Kristen. Also survived by her brother, Robert Jones (Irene). A memorial service was held Saturday, October 9th at St. James Episcopal Church, Birmingham. Family suggests memorial tributes to Leader Dogs for the Blind, P.O. Box 5000, Rochester, MI 48308.

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Study group offers lectures on history to cultural arts

The Plymouth Study Group presents a series of lectures on a variety of topics, Thursdays, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth.

Membership for the Study Group is $20 per series. Coffee, tea and refreshments are served starting at 9:45 a.m., with lectures beginning promptly at 10 a.m. For more information on the Plymouth Study Group and their fall series, contact Connie Grifford at (248) 477-7049.

Upcoming topics:

Oct. 14 — Mary Ann Wheeler, retired Livonia Public Schools librarian and a guide at the Plymouth Historical Museum, offers a snapshot of Abraham Lincoln's family.

Oct. 21 — Beverly Thomas presents a program on the musicals of Rogers & Hammerstein.

Oct. 28 — Musical presentation by the Fabulous Heftones.

Nov. 4 — Sue Daniel from Greenmead Historical Park will give a presentation on Michigan's one-room school houses. Kathy Anderson of "Tastefully Simple" also will be on hand.

Nov. 11— Still-Got-It Players talks about what's new at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill; freebies will be available for some events.

Nov. 8 — The Arbor, a vocal ensemble, carols in Victorian costumes.

Find craft items for dogs, like these Snuggle Sacks, along with many other handmade goods at the Delta Kappa Gamma craft show at West Middle School in Plymouth.

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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

NORTHVILLE

The Northville Christmas Market opens at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, with the annual illuminated Christmas Parade. It will run 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 on Main Street. The event will include 60 artisan and craft booths, free carousel rides, treats. Free admission. Visit www.michiganchristmasmarket.com.

PLYMOUTH

Delta Kappa Gamma presents its 26th annual craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 16, at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail. Dee Winterhalter, a watercolor artist with works in private and corporate collections worldwide, will exhibit at the show for the first time. In addition to her watercolors, the show will feature jewelry, American Girl doll clothes, soaps, candles, seasonal decorations, clothing, accessories for dogs and much more.

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

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Reasons why mammograms still matter

Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in women, and is the second leading cause of cancer-related death for women in the United States, according to the American Cancer Society.

The organization expects 7,340 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed this year in Michigan.

The American Cancer Society supports research that has found annual mammograms, beginning at age 40, are still a woman's best defense against breast cancer death. Finding breast cancer early is the best way to control it, and the evidence supporting annual mammograms as an effective detection strategy is stronger than ever, according to the organization.

Here's a list of the American Cancer Society's reasons why mammograms are worth receiving:

• Early detection is the best defense – When breast cancer is detected early, at a localized stage, the survival rate is 98 percent. Once breast cancer has metastasized and spread throughout the body, the five-year survival rate drops to 27 percent.

• Mammography works – Mammography can detect breast cancer an average of 1.7 years before it can be felt by a clinical breast exam. Although mammography is not perfect, the imaging technique does detect the majority of breast cancers and can provide women with an important lead in treating the disease.

• Risk increases with age – That means there is no safe age to stop having a yearly mammogram.

• Once a year is enough – On average, a mammogram appointment takes about 20 minutes from start to finish. While you may be hesitant to have your yearly mammogram, that is less time than your favorite half-hour weekly television program – and it could save your life.

• Lead by example – Encourage the women in your life to get their annual mammogram by having yours. Peer counseling is especially effective and provides an added emotional support network.

• Lower health care costs – While mammograms range in cost from $75 to $600, early detection testing for breast cancer saves as much as $20,000 in initial treatment costs for each breast cancer case that is detected early.

• Financial support is available – Women without health insurance are eligible to receive their annual mammogram for little or no cost. The National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP) is a federal program that makes breast cancer early detection testing more available to medically underserved women.

• The exposure to radiation is minimal – The risk of harm from radiation exposure during a mammogram is extremely small and cannot cause cancer. In fact, the level of radiation, during a mammogram, is comparable to the level of radiation exposure from a dental exam.

• Mammography is safe and reliable – The Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) is the federal law that ensures mammography is safe. All mammography personnel and facilities in the United States have met stringent standards, must be accredited, FDA-certified, and must pass annual inspections.

For more information visit www.cancer.org.

Pinking out

The Plymouth Whalers hockey team wear pink for breast cancer awareness in a special game last year. They'll do it again at a game against Windsor, 7:05 p.m., Saturday Oct. 16 at Compuware Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth. The pink jerseys that team members wear for the annual "Pink Out!" game will be auctioned off for the cause. Players will get their hair dyed pink Oct. 13 at Lucky Hair Company in Canton and will work the "Tip-A-Whalers" event Oct. 14 at CJ's Brewing Company at Compuware Arena. All tips from the night will be donated to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. The team hopes to raise $10,000 in donations before the Pink Out! game. If they do, Whalers general manager and head coach Mike Vellucci and associate coach Joe Stefan will sport pink hair, too. To donate, call Lucky Hair Company at (734) 844-8166. Donations also can be dropped off at Compuware Arena; (734) 453-8400.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

OCTOBER

Alzheimer's

Learn the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's disease, 6-7:30 p.m., Oct. 14 at St. Genevieve Catholic Church, Fr. Wolber Activities Center, 28933 Jamison, Livonia. Call (800) 272-3900 to RSVP.

Baby basics

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a class in infant care and breastfeeding from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, in classrooms 1 and 2 at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile in Livonia. The class will teach the skills of feeding, bathing, diapering, skin care, soothing and safety. Participants should bring a stuffed animal or doll to use during a demonstration on how to hold the baby when breastfeeding. The fee is $55 per couple. To register call (734) 655-1162 or visit stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

Bipolar class

Jacqueline Castine, author of *I Wish I Could Fix It, But...* and a community education specialist for the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority, will lead a class, "Living with Bipolar Disorder," 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 12, at Holmes Jr. High School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia and from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at The Community House, 380 South Bates, Birmingham. The author will share her personal story of living with bipolar disorder and discuss supports and services for people with mental illness and family members. She'll teach success stories for coping with mental illness and offer information on how to respond to family members or friends who struggle with mental illness and addictions, especially those who refuse to seek help. Class fee is $25 and Castine's book can be purchased for $14 at either class. Register for the Livonia session by calling Sharon at (734) 744-2602 and for the Birmingham session at (248) 644-5832.

Fibromyalgia

The Fibromyalgia association, H.O.P.E. will present the program, "Explain Pain" for patients, families, physical therapists, and the pain community, 6-9:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 12, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel, 21111 Haggerty, Novi. The purpose is to inform and empower people living with Fibromyalgia and chronic pain. Refreshments will be served. This program is used throughout Europe for chronic pain patients. This is its debut in Michigan. For more information visit: hffcf.org or call (248) 344-0896. Register on line at: http://tiny.cc/7i3ge

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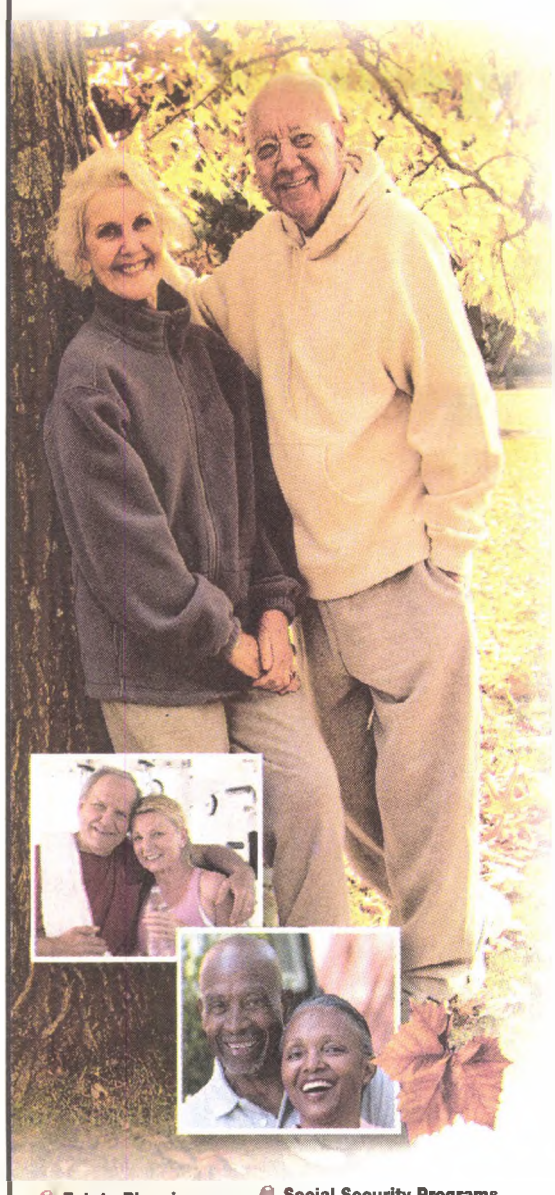

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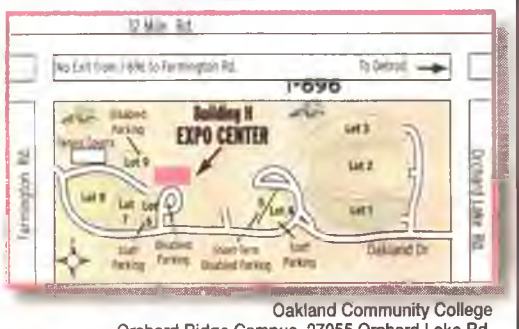

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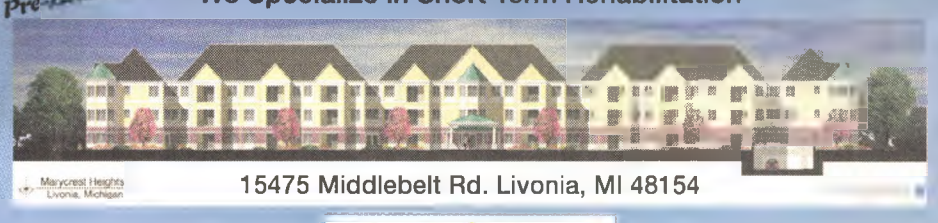

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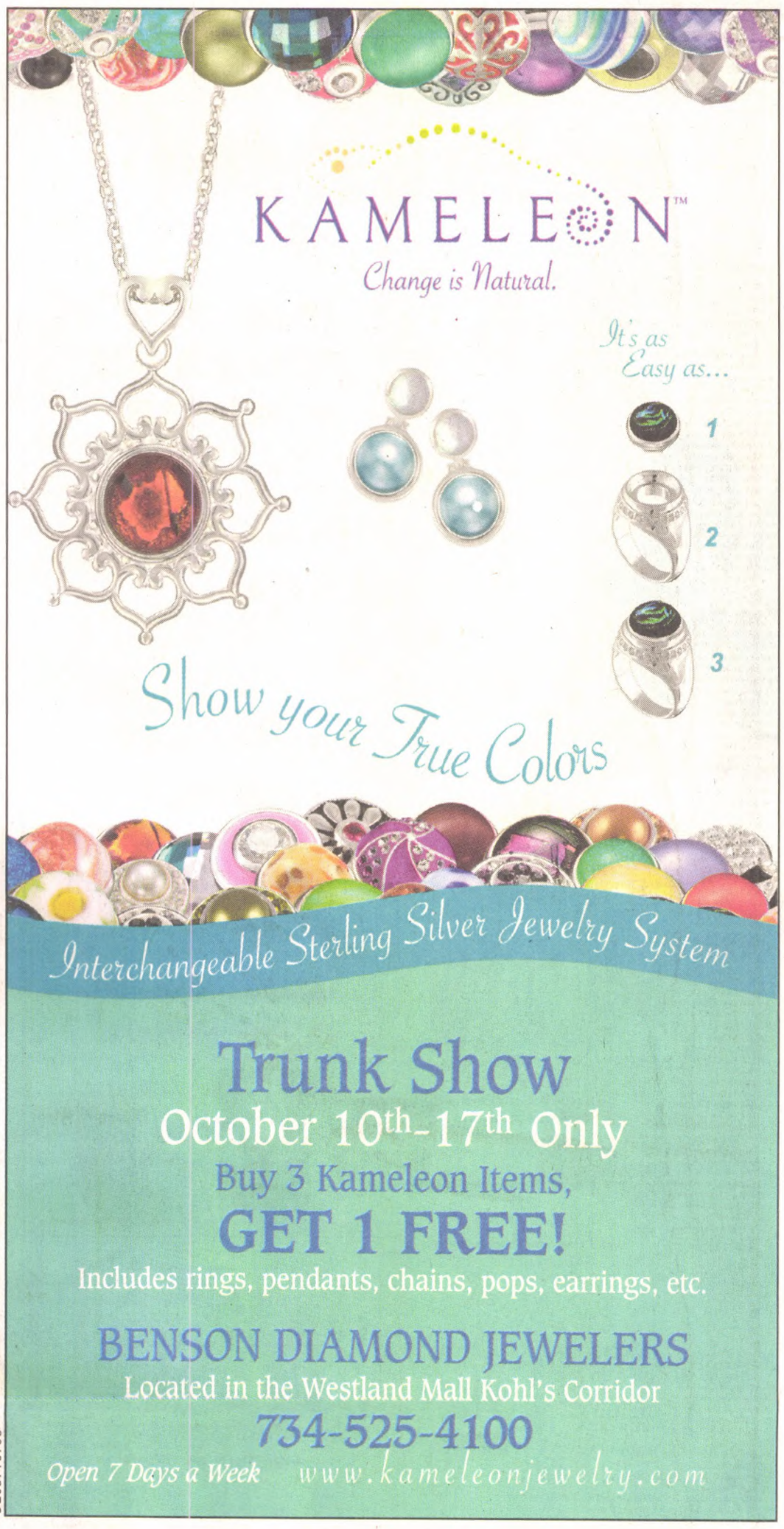

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Success tip: Rushing a project with a "now or never" push can create a crisis. Slow down or later on an apology or redoing something will be your reward.

Interview power: Never wing it on an interview. Research before you go.

Avoid co-worker clash: Always start conversations from their point of view, not yours.

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You Like Blue The Least

Your never-ending concerns about quality tweak things to a higher standard. Projects and goals become a rousing success.

Success tip: Challenge others to envision and discuss considerations in detail. Otherwise, your questions can be seen as disapproval or that you're not a team player.

Interview power: Plan ahead. Create "why they need you" bullet points.

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Your natural curiosity reveals profound facts that bring forth invaluable, more thorough information. Keep your power and gain more contemplation time by not giving an immediate yes or no.

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Interview power: Speak-up, be assertive, but not pushy. Tell them what you do well.

Avoid co-worker clash: When they bark orders, don't be rebellious. Write it down.

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Which color do you like the least: green, purple or orange?

You Like Green The Least

Your independent, responsible nature allows you to work for long periods of time without any support. You know how to build a strong team, even adopt co-workers as if they were your family.

Success tip: Pay attention to others' dilemmas, especially when they don't measure-up. Chances are they just can't do it.

Interview power: Listen, what's important to them? Discuss what they want to hear.

Avoid co-worker clash: Ask for support or don't expect it. Otherwise, you'll later blow a fuse.

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You Like Purple The Least

Your methodical approach quickly, without any emotion, puts an end to assumptions or exaggerated facts. Information, which is now valid, can then be used to draw successful conclusions.

Success tip: Don't avoid brainstorming your true career potential. No it's not venturing into uncharted waters or a waste of time and money.

Interview power: Open your mind to possibilities, even if it feels uncomfortable.

Avoid co-worker clash: Don't reject new ideas until you've calculated risk and long-term income.

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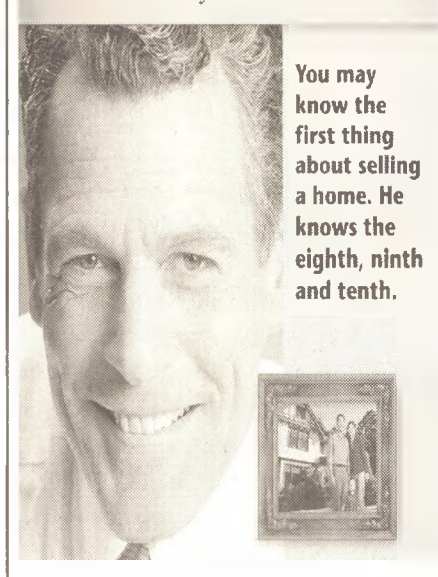

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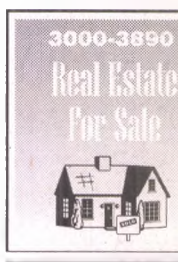

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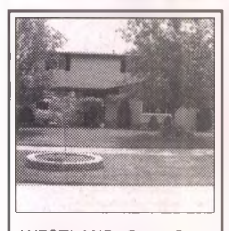

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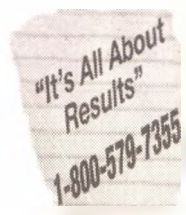

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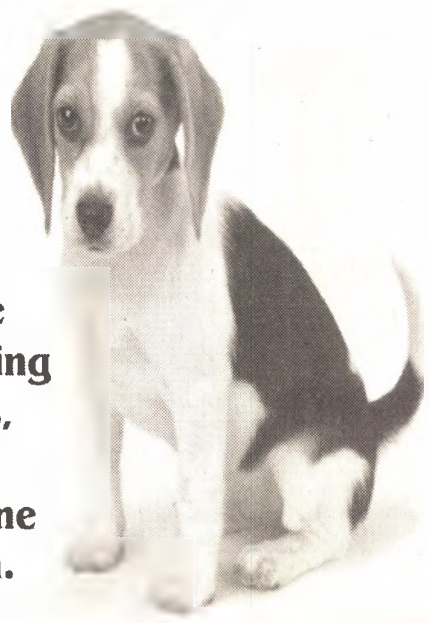

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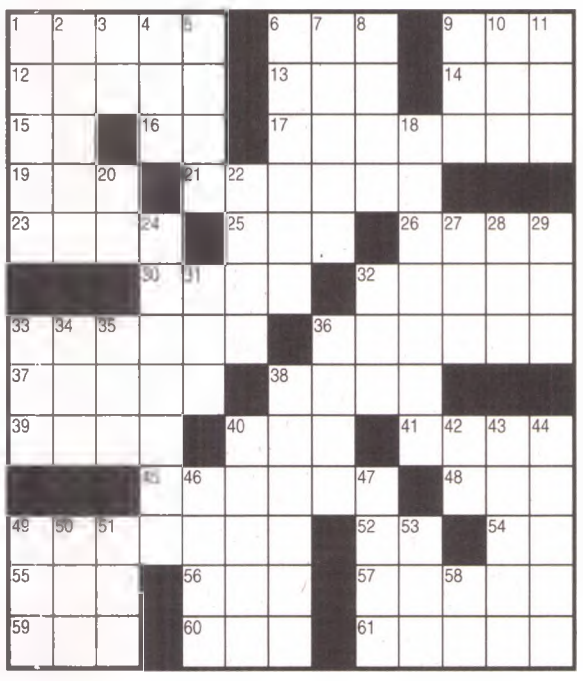

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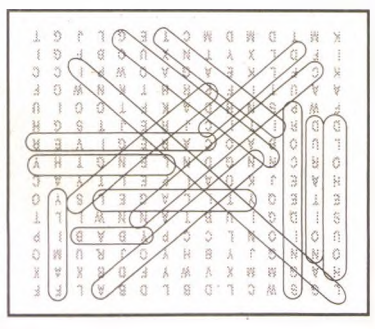

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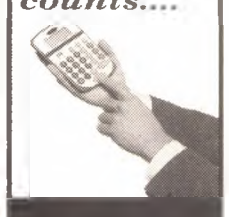

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CANTON: Grace Lutheran Church. Sat., Oct. 16, 9am-3pm. 46001 Warren Rd. (btwn Canton Ctr. & Beck). No prior sales.

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Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W 11 Mile Rd. Tues., 10/12, 6-8pm; Wed., 10/13, 9-5pm; Thurs., 10/14 9-4pm, Bag sale.

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7100 Estate Sales 7100

SOUTHFIELD ESTATE SALE
18202 Filmore, 10 Mile & Southfield area. Oct 7-9, 10-5pm. Piano, furniture and lots of misc items.

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CANTON: End of Season 6 family sale. 42638 Keystone. 1 blk. S. of Ford Rd., west side of Lilley. 100's of household items. Bedding, drapes & furniture, collectibles, old & new, Longerberger, records & a lot of plus size clothes. Today Sun. Oct. 10 also Thurs-Sat Oct. 14, 15 & 16, 9-5. Something for everyone.

CANTON: Thurs. & Fri. Oct. 14-15, 9am-5pm. Misc. items. 42151 Woodcreek Lane E. of Lilley, S. of Palmer.

COMMERCE TWP.
Helping Hands Non-Profit Sale. Drop off donations Oct. 11-13, 2-8pm. Sale Oct. 14-16, 9-6pm at Wilcox Farm, 3562 Commerce Rd 48382

FARMINGTON
Rummage Sale To Benefit The United Methodist Women Farmington First United Methodist Church
33112 Grand River (across from Star Bucks). Thursday, October 14, 9am-8pm & Friday, October 15, 9am-2pm. Household items, clothes, furniture, toys, tools, electronics, baked goods & more!

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Oct 14, 15 &16, from 9am-4pm. NO Early Birds! 49496 N.Glacier, NORTHVILLE, MI 48168. Furniture, antiques, pictures, sewing machines, treadmill, lamps, children's toys/clothes, household items in excellent condition

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WESTLAND: 2 Family Yard Sale - Sat. & Sun., Oct. 16 & 17, 10am-5pm. 38539 Jill Dr. Home Decor, household items, some books & misc.

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Semi-retired WF, young 60s, 5'6", brown/brown, easy on the eyes, H/W proportionate, seeks WM, 58-66, N/S, health-conscious, with a good sense of humor. I enjoy music, theater, movies, museums, art fairs in the summer and enjoy life and general. ☎327176

POSITIVE OUTLOOK
DWCF, 72, looks much younger, 5'2", long dark brown hair, brown eyes, N/S, N/D, seeks SWM for friendship, possible LTR. ☎656264

SAY I DO
Me: Black, short, young, extremely sexy, very sensitive, slightly dominant ways, lives alone. You: not white, under 50, tall, 200-300lbs, stable, gentle, compassionate, handyman, very affectionate. Us; N/S, N/D, N/Children, monogamist, serious, poetry, cooking, jazz, homebody, very laid back wants marriage, no pets, Leave name and number only. ☎328635

LET'S MEET
Well-educated, attractive female, brown hair and eyes, 5'9". Looking for companion to enjoy movies, dining, travel, etc. Love to cook even better (I love Italian food). If you're a sweet man, in your 40s to 50s, have pretty eyes, and know how to spoil a lady, call me. ☎332666

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. ☎230694

IT COULD BE YOU!
SBF, 41, 5'3", dark complexion, cute, with herpes, looking for a gentleman, 30-50, who has herpes, for friendship or more. I enjoy outdoors, going to the park, museums, travel, weekend trips, time at home, watching movies, reading, concerts. ☎332387

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...
40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 49-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. ☎962317

CURVACEOUS
SWF, 47, 5'7" 155lbs, hazel eyes, dimples, enjoys r&b music, jazz, dancing, dining out, blues, sports. Seeking SBM, 21-42, with similar interests, for friendship first, possibly more. ☎283605

ARE WE A MATCH?
SBF, 36, 5'8", 150lbs, looking for a SBM, 35-45, who likes movies, dining, concerts, walks in the park, hanging out. ☎324444

TOTAL LOSER!
I have no looks, no interests, no talent, no I.Q, no friends, no job, and haven't dated since 1982! OK, stop laughing and here is the truth. I am a SJPF, 47, 5'8", blonde, shapely, bright (advanced degree), fun, caring, passionate, and one of the nicest people you will ever meet. Among other things, I love great conversation, a great sense of humor, and great kissing. Seeking compatible male, late 40s - mid 60s, for permanent best friend and lover. I'm temporarily living in Milwaukee but may move to Michigan soon. ☎324039

ARE WE A MATCH?
SBF, 49, enjoys watching tv, spending time with family and friends, shopping, jazz and R&B. Looking for SB/HM, 21-42. ☎327078

SEEKING A BLACK MAN
SBF, 44, no children, lives alone, looking for a non-smoking, non-drinking, drug-free man who enjoys travel, playing cards, getting together and just having a good time. ☎332295

WEST SIDE BEAUTY
Professionally employed in the beauty field. SWF, 5'6", slender, 54, seeks a gentleman, 44-52, HWP, many interests including music, movies, cultural events, camping, and most things outdoors, light smoker, for friendship leading to relationship. Sincere responses only. ☎230791

SEEKING A MAN WHO IS...
young-at-heart like me. Recently widowed WF enjoys dining, dancing, bowling, golf, good movies and more. Would like to have good male companionship with a WM, 50-65. ☎330750

I'LL BE WAITING
Veryy gorgeous SF, multi-racial, 31, 5'7", medium build, in search of a man, race unimportant, 40-65, kids ok, who is living his life to the fullest, financially secure, sincere, who likes concerts, cooking and traveling, for friendship first leading to possible relationship. ☎332436

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. ☎279171

READY TO SETTLE DOWN?
WF, 5'5", blonde/brown, loves horseback riding, movies, cooking, quiet nights at home, reading, going out, playing sports. Seeking a family-oriented WM, 38-44, who likes the same things. ☎321514

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

WAITING FOR YOU
SWM, 63, looks 50, N/S, well-built, dark brown hair, fun to be with, wants to meet a fun, pretty SWCF, 49-55, with outstanding personality and a lot of character. ☎333646

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
SWM, 53, 5'11", 180lbs, N/S, like chess, backgammon, coffee houses, going to the gym, comedy clubs. Seeking SWF, 35-55, with similar interests for friendship first leading to possible LTR. ☎218827

SINGLE, HANDSOME WM
Marketing professional, part-time personal trainer, tall, athletic, muscular, 6'2", 205lbs, 49, brown/blue, degreed, looking for an attractive woman, with a great personality, who is friendly, positive, active and fun. ☎982364

LONELY AND READY
SWM, 55, average build, Italian, Virgo, N/S, looking for a SWF with similar qualities and who's ready for a serious relationship. Call me if interested. Redford. ☎860305

TALL, ATHLETIC SWM
Good looks, good personality, muscular, 50, 6'2", 205lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, degreed, easygoing. I enjoy exercising, the parks, road trips and trying new activities. Seeking single female for fun, friendship and more. Age and area open. ☎531308

HANDSOME MALE
SBM, 6', HWP, professionally employed, kind, considerate, confident, likes concerts, travel, dining, seeking WF, 30-58, attractive, passionate, loving and affectionate. ☎984967

ONE-WOMAN MAN
Italian SWM, 52, brown/brown, in very good shape, seeks AF, 40-65, who likes going out and having fun. ☎330127

SOMEONE TO TALK TO
SWM, 46, 5'8", 180lbs, black hair, blue eyes, looking for SWF, 24-36, for companionship, maybe more. ☎334101

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎269646

SEEKING LTR
SWM, 5'8", 140lbs, fun-loving, honest, faithful, romantic, affectionate, enjoys cuddling, kissing, outdoors, sports, art, playing pool, laughing, candlelight evenings. Seeking SF, 45-55. ☎334107

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2011 Gmc Sierra Hd 3500 Crew: A True Heavy-Duty Truck

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By Dave Menard
For Avanti NewsFeatures

The 2011 GM Sierra 3500 HD. A heavy truck for heavy use.

If you've done any shopping for trucks, you know the marketplace is full of different shapes and sizes. You can find small trucks for small jobs, and large trucks for large jobs.

Then there are the real workhorses, the heavy-duty segment of trucks. These are the trucks with most towing power, the biggest payloads and the most room to take a work crew, if you need to.

If you're looking for one of those heavy-duty trucks, the GMC Sierra 3500 HD Crew Cab SLE might be the one you're looking for.

There's certainly no doubt that this is a heavy-duty truck. It's certainly big; with an overall length of 20 feet for the standard box (more than 21 feet for the long box), a width of more than six feet (standard box, almost eight feet for the long box) and more than 77 inches in height, the Sierra HD is an imposing figure in your driveway.

You also know it's heavy-duty when you see the numbers for its towing and payload capacity -- 17,000 lbs. with conventional towing and more than 6600 lbs of payload, both of which are top-ranked in its class.

The Sierra HD comes with chrome rear bumpers, 18-inch aluminum wheels, front recovery hooks, camper-style mirrors, chrome grille surround, and cargo box illumination. For some reason fog lamps are standard. You'll have to spring for the SLE Preferred Package to get those and a locking tailgate. You might want to get the optional Chrome Assist Steps ($689); getting in and out of the 3500 can be a challenge without them.

The Sierra HD is powered by a standard Vortec 6.0-liter V8 engine. If you're looking for something even bigger, you can opt for the Duramax 6.6-liter V8 turbo diesel ($7,195). Rated at 397 horsepower and 765 lb.-ft. of torque, this engine gives you the most power in its class.

The other half of the diesel powertrain consists of an Allison 1000 six-speed automatic transmission ($1,200). The transmission features tap up/tap down shifting and a tow/haul mode that reduces shift cycling for improved cooling when towing heavy loads. Even moving this large frame, the diesel powertrain provides surprisingly good acceleration and the shifting is fairly smooth.

GMC has given the Sierra HD a new fully-boxed steel frame. The driving experience is pretty good for a heavy-duty truck.

The suspension is a redesigned short-arm independent front torsion-bar system, which has a front axle weight rating of up to 6,000 pounds, enough to attach a snow plow.

The new asymmetrical leaf-spring rear suspension handles larger loads than the previous version.

The steering system is new; it includes a new, larger steering gear, power steering pumps and linkages. The Sierra handles well for a large truck. It's a challenge to maneuver in tight spaces and park but large trucks usually are.

Inside, the Sierra 3500 Crew Cab is roomy and comfortable. Instrumentation is complete with a voltmeter and an oil pressure gauge. The seats provide good support. There's plenty of room inside, even in the rear seating area, and the rear seats fold down for even more cargo area.

The 3500 comes with a leather-wrapped steering wheel, air conditioning, power widows and locks, tilt-steering wheel, and cruise control. A "convenience package" gives you adjustable power pedals, a universal home remote, remote vehicle starter system (nice in winter weather), and rear window defogger ($860).

The SLE packaged referenced earlier also gives you automatic dual-zone air conditioning, Bluetooth phone capability, a USB port, and a six-way power driver's seat adjuster ($980).

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD system with six speakers that includes three months of satellite radio service. A rear vision camera system is available ($450), but for some reason a navigation system isn't. As with all General Motors vehicles, one year of OnStar is standard with the Sierra 3500.

With OnStar, you can make and receive calls hands-free, get updated vehicle diagnostics, ask for directions or restaurant recommendations, or summon emergency help at the touch of a button. The system also automatically calls for assistance in the event airbags are deployed.

The Sierra 3500 Crew cab starts at a little over $40,000. With the convenience package, the SLE preferred package, the diesel engine and Allison transmission powertrain, the trailering package including the integrated trailer brake controller, the rear vision camera system and the chrome assist steps and you're looking at a total of almost $52,500.

That's a good chunk of change, but this is a true heavy-duty truck.

You'll have to decide if it's too heavy-duty for your wallet.

Dave Menard is an auto critic for Avanti NewsFeatures. He can be reached at Avanti1054@aol.com.

2011 GMC Sierra 3500 Crew Cab
Vehicle class: Large truck.
Power: 6.6-liter V8 turbo diesel.
Where built: Flint, MI.
Base price: $40,485.
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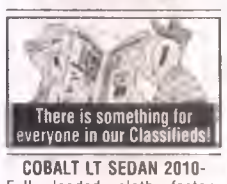

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