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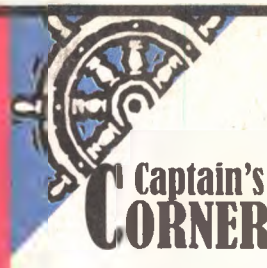
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Gerou alone

In an election year when some odd things have happened, one of the strangest — at least as far as Plymouth politics goes — is coming in the election for one seat at the 35th District Court.

Chief Judge Michael Gerou is experiencing something not a lot of judges have had in recent memory: A quiet election season.

Gerou, seeking re-election to the 35th District Court bench, is unchallenged in the non-partisan election.

It's a far cry from the last election season, when several candidates were vying for the seat being vacated by the retiring former chief judge, John MacDonald.

That election was won by James Plakas, who now sits on the 35th District Court bench with Gerou and long-time Judge Ron Lowe.

Lions hit streets

Members of the Plymouth Lions Club will take to the streets of Plymouth on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 26-27, to raise funds as part of the annual Candy Cane drive.

Funds donated by community members will be used to support many local organizations including Penrickton Center, Michigan Eye Bank, Leader Dogs for the Blind, and Plymouth High Schools Scholarship Programs.

Money raised will allow Lions to meet pressing needs in our community which include Sight and Hearing, which offers eye exams, glasses, and hearing aids to children and adults, First Step, and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Lions members thank everyone who contributes to this important work, whom they believe "are truly helping Lions make a difference in our community."

The Plymouth Lions Club has over 80 members and meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of the month at Karl's Cabin. Lions clubs are a group of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved with the Plymouth Lions Club, visit the club's website at www.plymouth-lionsclub.org.



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Carrie Markham was the spurned wife of local industrialist William J. "Phil" Markham. Mrs. Markham never smiled, and didn't dance or drink either. She was pals with Carrie Nation, of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. The two Carries busted up a few saloons together. Phil, on the other hand, was Mr. Personality and enjoyed a good time. Phil built what is now known as the Wilcox House for his paramour, but the two lovebirds were shunned by the good citizens of Plymouth. Carrie Markham continued to live within sight of her straying husband, in a home on the site of what is now the Box Bar. It's unknown whether Carrie is still spinning in her grave. Sharon Belobraidich plays Carrie Markham during the Plymouth Historical Museum's Plymouth Characters Cemetery Walk, held Friday night in Riverside Cemetery. The event drew over 150 people, according to Museum Director Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens. The event is sponsored by Suburban Harvest. See a photo gallery of the walk at www.hometownlife.com.

Stepping into the past

Halloween cemetery walk brings Plymouth history to life

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's early days came to life Friday at the city's Riverside Cemetery.

From Civil War veteran Willard Roe to banker E.J. Penniman to the ultra-religious wife of air gun inventor William Markham, characters from the city's history spoke from beyond the grave during a cemetery walk sponsored by the Plymouth Historical Museum. More than 150 tickets to the event were sold.

"We, the dead, depend on all of you to cherish our memories, to remember us," Guy Purdue, as Roe, said at the start of the tour.

"Life was tough here in Plymouth, very difficult in the 1800s," said Jack Grant, as Penniman, who grew up poor in New York, was a printer's apprentice for five years, and then moved to Plymouth as a young man, becoming a wealthy land owner, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives and the founder of the First National Bank of Plymouth.

Roe was born in Plymouth in 1838 and was a joiner, or carpenter, by trade. Married in 1861, he joined the Grand Army of the Republic, in Company C of the 24th Michigan Infantry, and fought at Gettysburg as part of the "Iron Brigade" of soldiers from Michigan, Wisconsin

and Minnesota.

"We narrowly escaped being captured by Johnny Reb" after he and a comrade became separated from the rest of their unit on the first day of the battle, he said.

Roe later became part of the Signal Corps, stationed in Washington, D.C., and participated in the funeral of the assassinated President Abraham Lincoln. He returned to Plymouth and resumed the life of a carpenter, becoming somewhat of a local celebrity.

Also part of the tour was Ella Chaffee, the first principal of Plymouth High School. Portraying Chaffee,

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Snyder touts vision at Plymouth Panera

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rick Snyder put a decisive halt to an ugly rumor toward the end of a quick campaign stop in Plymouth Friday morning.

"We're not selling the Mackinac Bridge," said Snyder, drawing laughter from several dozen people who packed into a corner of the Panera Bread restaurant in downtown Plymouth for a spirited stump speech from the Republican gubernatorial candidate.

Snyder, who leads in the polls as he and Democrat Virg Bernero head toward a Tuesday showdown in their contest for governor, was responding to Bernero's contention, earlier in the week, that Snyder would sell the landmark bridge if elected.

Aside from the laugh-line reference, Snyder barely mentioned his opponent, instead



Gubernatorial candidate Rick Snyder (right) talks with 20th state House candidate Kurt Heise of Plymouth Township, a fellow Republican, at the Panera event.

outlining his vision for the state and his approach to governing.

He said he'd take a positive, but no-nonsense, approach to uniting diverse interests in the state to pull in the same direction.

"It's a broken system," Snyder said of state govern-

ment. "There's been no real leadership, there's been no plan, there's been no vision."

Snyder, 52, is the founder of Ardesta, an Ann Arbor venture capital firm, and the former chairman of the computer company Gateway Inc. Bernero,

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Local clerks predict healthy voter turnout

BY MATT JACHMAN
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With the Michigan gubernatorial contest at the top of the ballot and two statewide ballot proposals — one of which would result in a constitutional convention — at the bottom, local clerks are predicting relatively high rates of voter participation in Tuesday's election.

Voters in Plymouth, Plymouth Township and communities throughout the state will be heading to the polls to pick a new governor, a new state House of Representatives and state Senate, plus circuit judges and local judges. Also to be decided are a measure that would bar people convicted of certain felonies from holding public office, and another that would lead to the election of delegates to a state constitutional convention.

In Plymouth Township, Clerk Joe Bridgman on Friday forecasted a turnout of 70 percent or higher, based on a high rate of returned absentee ballots and the interest in the race for governor. In the city of Plymouth, Clerk Linda Langmesser predicted a turnout of 65 percent, based on the same factors, plus the interest in the Proposal 1, the call for a constitutional convention.

"I don't know if that's just being optimistic," Bridgman said of his prediction. The township turnout in the last gubernatorial election, in 2006, was about 67 percent, he said. "This one you've got two new candidates. I'm thinking there'll be a little more turnout."

Bridgman added: "Our residents typically come out to vote."

As of about 1:40 p.m. Tuesday, some 4,497 absentee ballots had been requested by township voters, and about 76 percent had been returned. Bridgman said his office usually gets 80 to 90 percent of its absentee bal-

lots back.

Langmesser's office had issued 1,147 ballots by about 2:30 p.m. Friday, and had about 63 percent of them back.

There are nearly 7,100 registered Plymouth voters eligible to vote in Tuesday's election. Plymouth Township has nearly 21,600 eligible voters.

In the race for governor, Ann Arbor businessman Rick Snyder, a Republican, faces Democrat Virg Bernero, the mayor of Lansing. There are also Green, Libertarian and U.S. Taxpayers Party gubernatorial candidates on the ballot.

In the Plymouth area's state House race, Democrat Joan Wadsworth, a longtime Northville Public Schools Board of Education member, is competing with Republican Kurt Heise, an attorney and former director of the Wayne County Department of Environment, for the 20th District spot. Incumbent Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, is not seeking re-election.

In the five-way local Michigan Senate race, Democrat Kathleen Law, a former state representative, is facing Republican Patrick Colbeck, a management consultant, for the 7th District seat held by Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, who is term limited. Also competing are independents Michael Kheibari and John Stewart and Libertarian Marlin John Brandys.

Local voters will also help decide a Wayne County-wide proposal to renew, for five years, a property tax (about 25 cents per \$1,000 of a property's taxable value) to support county parks and recreation facilities.

In the state primary in August, the voter participation rate in Plymouth and Plymouth Township was about 31 percent.

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Howling good time

Plymouth's Kellogg Park fountain was running red for Thursday's annual Great Pumpkin Caper trick-or-treating event in downtown Plymouth. Thousands of costumed crusaders cruised the streets of Plymouth, benefitting from the generosity of local retailers for a safe Halloween event. For more sights from the night, please turn to Page A11.



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Driver charged in Canton mom's death

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BY DARRELL CLEM
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Howard

A 34-year-old Ypsilanti man accused of driving drunk, killing a Canton woman and injuring her two children is facing a Nov. 10 court hearing after he was slapped with multiple felony charges that could land him in prison for life.

Bradley Wayne Howard, a repeat drunken driver with a suspended license, was arraigned Thursday afternoon in 14-A District Court in Washtenaw County, two days after police say he crashed through a red light and slammed into 32-year-old Canton mom Stephanie Joyce Stone's car in Ypsilanti Township.

Howard was arraigned by Judge Julie Creal on charges of second-degree murder; operating while intoxicated causing a death; operating while intoxicated causing serious injury; a third offense of driving drunk; failing to stop at an accident causing death; failing to stop at an accident causing serious injury; driving with a suspended license causing a death;

driving with a suspended license causing serious injury; driving with a suspended license second offense; and having an open alcohol container in his Ford Mustang.

"He's facing some serious charges," Washtenaw County Sheriff Department spokesman Derrick Jackson said.

In other developments, a Key Bank employee confirmed that a fund to help Stone's family has been set up and that donations may be made at any Key Bank branch.

In court, Creal denied bond for Howard, entered a not-guilty plea for him and ordered him back in court Nov. 10 for a preliminary hearing to determine whether he should stand trial.

Howard's defense attorney, Ronald Gold, couldn't be reached for comment.

Authorities have said it appears Howard was driving 70-80 mph when he allegedly ran a red light at Ecorse and Harris roads, slammed into

the driver's side of Stone's Ford Taurus and pushed it into three other vehicles near the intersection. Stone died at the scene of the accident, which occurred shortly before 5 p.m. Tuesday.

The crash critically injured Stone's 13-year-old son, who suffered head injuries and remained at the University of Michigan Hospital on Thursday afternoon as he faced what Jackson said could be a long recovery.

"He was pretty badly injured," Jackson said.

Stone's son was sitting in the front seat with her when the accident occurred. Her 11-year-old daughter was in the back seat and sustained lesser injuries, and Jackson said the girl had been released from the hospital.

Reports have indicated mother and children were returning home to Canton from a relative's house when police say their car was struck by Howard's.

One witness with a cell phone captured Howard on video as he allegedly tried to flee the scene, before authorities captured him. He was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, where he was released before his arraignment on multiple criminal charges.

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46, is the mayor of Lansing and a former member of both the state Senate and House of Representatives. The Green, U.S. Taxpayers and Libertarian parties are also fielding gubernatorial candidates.

Snyder, who has called for replacing the Michigan Business Tax with a 6-percent corporate tax, said improving the economy is the way to cut taxes.

"By strengthening our economy, that's how we ... bring down taxes for everybody," he said.

He said he'd shake up the status quo in Lansing. If elected, Snyder said, he doesn't want politicians coming to him to ask for project funding.

Instead, he said, he wants their pitch to him to be, "Here's an outcome, a result, you can ask for that will make a difference."

Snyder also said that, as governor, he'd challenge the bureaucracy and ask why things are done a certain way.

"Do not tell me, 'Because we've always done it that way,' because I will throw you out," he said.

Snyder vowed support for the city of Detroit, and said he had confidence in Mayor Dave Bing's leadership. But supporting Detroit means enacting programs that work, "It's not just about spending money," he said.

Lou LaRiche, of the Plymouth Township Chevrolet dealership of the same name, liked what he heard from Snyder.

"He's a breath of fresh air, believe me," said LaRiche, whose dealership earlier this year won an arbitration that allowed it to return to the General Motors Corp. fold after the troubled automobile manufacturer, in the midst of reorganizing, dropped it in 2009.

LaRiche likes Snyder's upbeat message, suggesting a focus on the negative by many state residents is harmful.

"We feel that Michigan's economy is coming back slowly, but it's going to be very difficult, because there are so many people downplaying Michigan," LaRiche said.

College student Pam Hull of Redford Township was also impressed. She said she liked Snyder's businesslike approach.

"Not just your same old everyday politician," Hull said. "I think he's very clear-minded about everything."

Diane Verploegh of Northville Township said she hopes Snyder can turn around Michigan's economy so that two sons, both studying engineering at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, can return to the state to start careers.

"I'm not ready to give up on this state," Verploegh said.

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schooling after the eighth grade. It was something to which parents, many of them farmers, objected.

"They wanted them out in the fields. But sadly, they lost their case," and mandatory secondary school became the law in 1874, she said.

Carrie Markham, wife of the inventor (Will Markham was a competitor of the Plymouth-based Daisy Air

Rifle), spoke of her failed marriage (Will liked a good time, while she didn't even smile) and her association with another Carrie, the temperance crusader Carrie Nation.

"She and I destroyed a number of bars," Sharon Belobradich, as Carrie Markham, said.

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Six hopefuls up for four spots on library board

Four incumbents and two challengers are running for four spots on the Plymouth District Library Board of Trustees in Tuesday's election.

The Plymouth District Library, behind City Hall in downtown Plymouth, provides library services to people in the Plymouth area and is funded through a 1.46-mill (about \$1.46 for every \$1,000 taxable value) property tax on Plymouth and Plymouth township property owners.

The incumbents in the race are Brian Anderson, Eric Baczynski, Kimberly Hickey and Michael Pappas. The challengers are Dennis Keshishian and Chris Yoon. The library board terms to be decided Tuesday are for four years each.

Anderson, an engineering supervisor at Ford Motor Co., is seeking his second term. The board president, he said his top priority if re-elected would be to match the district's budget with the decreasing tax revenues that are resulting

from falling property values.

Baczynski, the deputy clerk in Plymouth Township, is also seeking his second term. Like Anderson, he said the library district needs to be fiscally conservative as revenues decline. Baczynski is the board's current vice president.

Hickey, seeking her fifth board term, is a clinical nurse specialist at the University of Michigan Hospital. She said her top priority would be to balance fiscal constraints with continuing the service

library patrons have come to expect.

Pappas, who is running for his fourth board term, said his priority if re-elected would be to look for ways to make the library relevant and maintain services with the same revenue.

Keshishian, a certified public accountant, said he wants to reduce the library district's tax rate, given what he said is a large available fund balance (approximately \$5.4 million at the end of 2009, according to an audit). Keshishian said

he running in order to bring fresh experience to the board.

Yoon, who works in marketing and has a master's of business administration, said he's running because he wants to be more involved in the community and thinks his skills are suited to the library board. If elected, he said, his top priority would be to provide relevant resources, including emerging media, to patrons. That's something at which, he said, the library has excelled.

Clinton speech picture perfect for Bird girl

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Nicole Kollias and her father, Bill, were shouting to get the attention of former President Bill Clinton during his Ann Arbor appearance last week, the last thing they expected was to have a photo taken with him.

The last expectation became the first order of business at the end of Clinton's speech, during which he called for young people to get involved in the political process. When he spied 10-year-old Nicole hollering his name and asking for a picture, he quickly obliged.

Nicole and her dad were in attendance courtesy tickets provided by U.S. congressional candidate Natalie Mosher of Canton, for whom Nicole has been stumping since the Fourth of July.

"He was really nice to me," said the 10-year-old Nicole, a fifth-grader at Bird Elementary School in Plymouth. "I told him I just wanted a picture. I was shocked he let me."

After Clinton's speech, Bill and Nicole, residents of Plymouth, stood near the stage and called out to the former president. He waved them up, apparently unbeknownst to his Secret Service detail, one of whom Bill Kollias said "tackled me." Clinton waved off the



Bird Elementary School student Nicole Kollias got a chance to meet former President Bill Clinton while he was in Ann Arbor last week.

officer and chatted with Nicole for a couple of minutes and allowed the photo to be taken.

Bill Kollias said he was just as surprised as his daughter when the former president agreed to meet Nicole.

"As he was getting ready to leave, he hollered out, and he saw her," Bill Kollias said. "I told (Nicole) I didn't think it was going to happen, but (Clinton) did it."

Nicole got involved in campaigning for Mosher, who is running against incumbent U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, in Tuesday's general election, after meeting her during Westland's Fourth of July festivities. Nicole found out in a conversation she and

Mosher shared a deep concern for the environment, and the fifth-grader has campaigned for Mosher ever since.

"The environment is really important to me," said Nicole, who makes sure her family recycles and is proud to be part of a "green" school at Bird.

Since that Fourth of July meeting, Nicole has taken campaigning to heart, including marching in a Labor Day parade, making phone calls, and holding Mosher signs at intersections.

"You can't tell my daughter that everyone is disenchanted with politics," Bill Kollias said. "I'm extremely proud of her."

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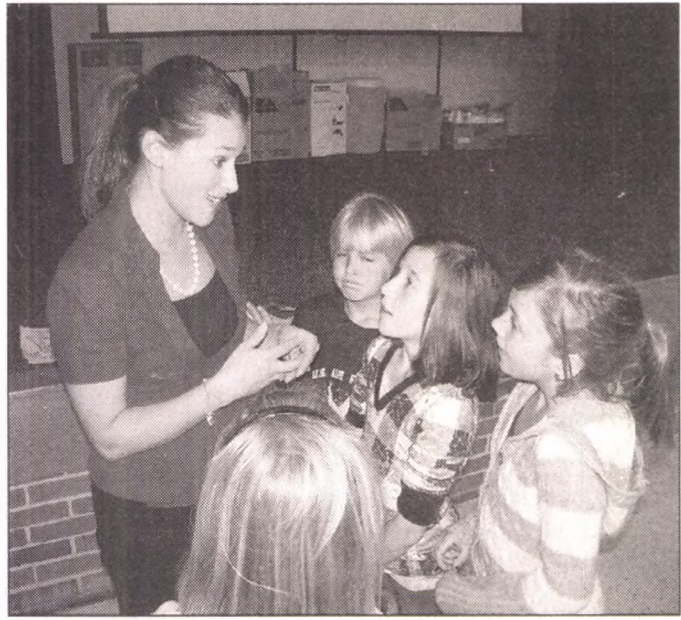
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Tonda students chat with author Maria Dismondy after hearing her book, "The Juice Box Bully."

Tonda attacks bullying issue

"Stand up!" "Don't be a bystander!" "Peace!" These were some of the words spoken by author Maria Dismondy, who read her book, *The Juice Box Bully*, to third graders at Tonda Elementary as part of National Bullying Prevention Day.

On that day, Tonda students participated in the "End of Bullying Begins with Me" campaign where students learned about what steps they could take to prevent bullying. Tonda educators talked to the students about bullying and the students signed their names on a sign at school acknowledging that ending bullying starts with each of them.

"Bullying unfortunately happens at every school," Tonda principal Kurt Tyszkiewicz said. "Our goal is to bring an awareness to the students and give the students the tools to help prevent it. We were very pleased at the number of students that turned in the pledges and

make a commitment to end bullying. We received over 400 pledges signed by our students and their parents."

Although the vast majority of schools are safe and nurturing places for students, bullying is a serious issue that every school in the nation faces. Nationwide, research shows that more than half of all school-aged children will be involved in bullying this year as a victim or a perpetrator with many more witnessing bullying acts on a regular basis.

As such, the Tonda Council sponsored the program to help bring student awareness to the issue of bullying by helping them to understand that the best way to eliminate bullying is for each person to start with them.

In addition to in-school activities, the school sent a letter home with students asking both the students and their parents to sign an anti-bullying pledge. More than 500 students returned the pledge.

District aims for healthier choices

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Denise Fotis learned a lot last year using a \$2,000 Healthier U.S. School Challenge grant to shift the menu at the Dodson Elementary School cafeteria to a healthier fare.

Now, Fotis — Dodson's cafeteria manager since the school opened nine years ago — is helping pass those lessons on to staffers at the other 15 Plymouth-Canton elementary schools.

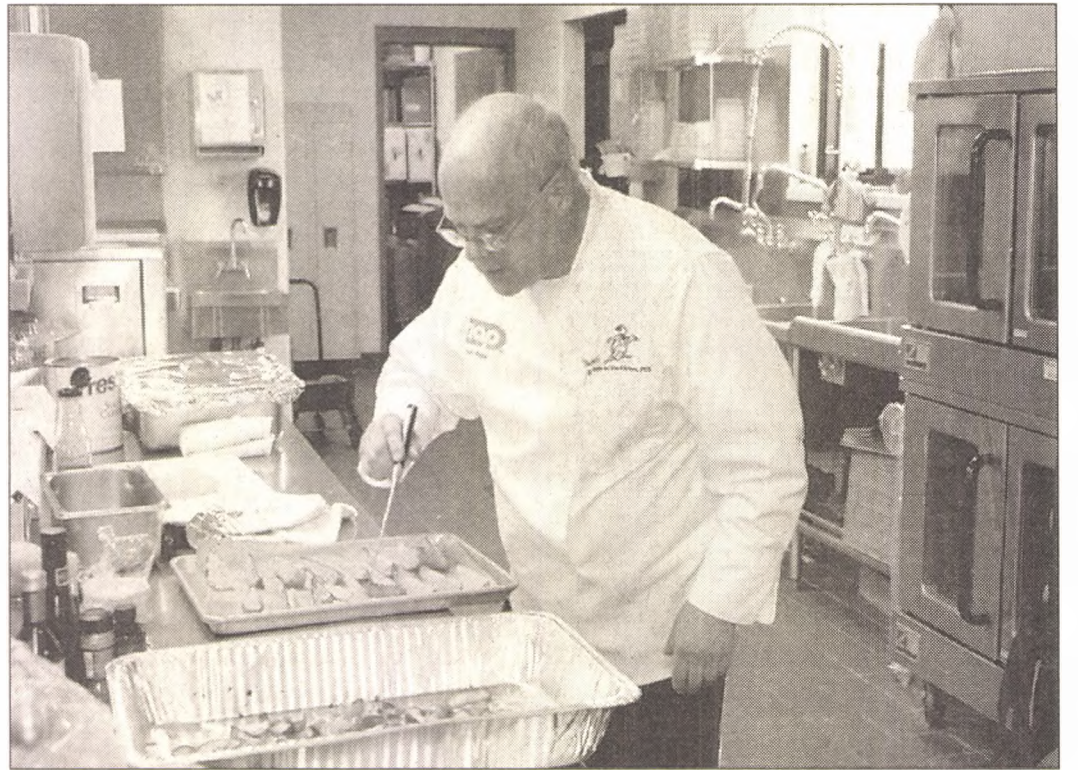
With the help of Chef Paul Penney, who travels the state conducting cooking demonstrations for food store giant Meijer, nutritionists and cafeteria managers from around the district spent time Friday learning how to present a variety of vegetables to students in such a way students will actually, you know, like them.

"What we're trying to do is get more veggies into kids' diets," said Kristen Hennessey, the district's food services chief. "We want to get a good variety of color, flavor and taste into their diets."

The demonstration Friday revolved around sweet potatoes, peas and apples. Penney, a Canton resident who has a child at Gallimore Elementary School, said getting students to eat healthier foods in school is critical to the fight against problems such as childhood obesity.

"We owe it to the kids," Penney said. "For some of these kids, this is the main meal of the day. If we have any hope of working on the (health-related) issues, it's imperative that we do this. It's all about the kids."

Hennessey said she hopes the emphasis on standards set under the Healthier U.S. School Challenge will help the district's other schools follow the lead of Dodson, which will be presented with the Bronze award from the program in December. The program issues monetary awards for each of



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Acclaimed Chef Paul Penney checks on his sweet-potato fries before a session on making school meals healthier at Dodson Elementary Friday.



Chef Paul Penney shows educators at Dodson Elementary School what a healthier school menu could look like.

there levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold.

"We changed a lot of things at (Dodson)," Hennessey said. "The goal now is to make some of the same kinds of changes at our other schools."

So far, according to Fotis,

who has worked in cafeterias for 16 years, students are taking to the changes pretty well. Students last year adjusted to changes such as whole-wheat pasta, whole-grain buns and breads and a salad bar.

"We haven't really heard a

single complaint," Fotis said. "The salad bar seems to be going better this year than it did last year. It hasn't been that hard. Kids are really flexible."

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Rec trail crosses final bridges

Chamber serves up Hollywood for 21st annual auction dinner

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Culminating an idea hatched nearly a decade ago, the last two of eight pedestrian bridges have been installed along a five-mile, wooded swath of the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail that crosses the township from Canton Center to I-275.

The two wooden bridges have been put in between Canton Center and Sheldon roads, but Bob Belair, assistant township engineer, said the finishing touches along the trail's westernmost section likely will not be completed for a few weeks.

The seamless trail — made pedestrian-friendly after the township mostly tapped into outside grants — cuts through Canton north of Michigan Avenue and gives nature lovers a place to hike, jog, ride nonmotorized bikes, go cross country skiing and escape the bustling world on either side of it.

The last two bridges complete a project Belair said began in earnest in 2008, following years of discussion and planning.

"This is huge," he said. "It just all fell together."

Nature Bridges Inc. of Tallahassee, Fla., installed



Workers install one of the last of seven pedestrian bridges along the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail in Canton.

the final two bridges last week, though Belair said the township still has to finish work such as fixing bridge approaches to make them accessible for people with disabilities.

The trail can be accessed from a trail head on Morton Taylor north of Michigan Avenue, where nature-lovers can park their cars and venture east or west along the 10-foot-wide path. Others,

especially those who live close to it, can walk or ride their bikes to the trail and access it from north-south roads such as Lilley and Haggerty.

Soon, residents should be able to access the new part of the trail at Canton Center south of Palmer, near a Canton Center bridge that crosses the Rouge River.

Just a couple months ago, hundreds of people ventured onto the Lower Rouge River

Recreation Trail for Sound Garden, an event that featured musicians and artists along the main trail and some of its offshoots. One couple, Wally and Cynthia Shelton, often walk the trail to shake off a hectic work day.

"I just love this place," Wally Shelton, a truck driver, said during Sound Garden. "It's so tranquil and relaxing."

Nature-lovers also have visited the trail for wood-carving events and other get-togethers intended to draw new visitors to the wooded area.

Township employees and some residents have long sought to spread the word about a recreation trail considered by many as one of Canton's best-kept secrets. Belair said nature enthusiasts are slowly catching on, and he said details will be released prior to a major grand opening — likely next June — celebrating the trail's completion.

Township officials have long said the trail helps to meet a need for recreation trails often cited by Canton residents in community surveys. The trail also connects with another pathway that has been receiving a major facelift along the I-275 corridor.

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BY MATT JACHMAN
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They'll be rolling out the red carpet at Laurel Manor in Livonia on Friday for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's 21st annual dinner and auction.

"Lights, Camera, Auction!" is the theme for this year's auction, picked as a tribute to Hollywood as well as a nod to the Plymouth area's role in the movie industry. Plymouth and Plymouth Township settings have been used in the filming of several big-budget features since Michigan offered tax breaks to the movie industry a couple of years ago, and celebrity sightings in town occur on a regular basis.

Chamber executive director Wes Graff expects about 400 people at the event, the chamber's biggest fund-raiser of the year. A red carpet will be rolled out for guests, two movie sets — one for a western and the other for a James Bond flick — will be set up, and actors from Barefoot Productions will be dressed up as well-known actors.

A series of clips from famous movies will also be shown, film scores will be broadcast in the background and some attendees will be dressing up as actors or movie characters. There will be an "oscarette"

awarded for the best costume. There will also be live, silent and raffle auctions, with prizes donated by chamber members.

Live auction an airplane ride over Plymouth, with dinner for two, a hotel stay and a couples massage; two pairs of boxing gloves, one signed by Muhammad Ali and the other by Joe Frasier, a "night at the museum" party for up to 10 children, with pizza, pop, museum tour and a chance to watch the film Night at the Museum; tickets to a Detroit Red Wings game; and dinner for eight at the Courthouse Grille (formerly Ernesto's).

Also to be auctioned is a chance to brew beer at the Liberty Street Brewing Co., a chance to make wine at the Wine Cellar, and a VIP package to next summer's Fourth of July fireworks in Plymouth Township, which includes special seating at the parade in Plymouth that morning.

"There're a lot of fun and new and different things," Graff said. Items for the other auctions include gift baskets (some with movie themes), electronics and appliances. Roger Weber, of television station WDIV, will be the master of ceremonies.

Tickets can be reserved through Thursday. For ticket information, call the chamber at (734) 453-1540.

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Vets event

Canton and Plymouth men, women and children are invited to the Veterans Day ceremony to be held at the Plymouth Veterans' Memorial Park, located on Main St. across from the city hall in downtown Plymouth, 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11.

Veterans Day is set aside to honor all the men and women who have served in the United States military.

The event will be hosted by American Legion Post #391, American Legion Post #112, Vietnam Veterans of America #528 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars #6695.

Wrestling boosters

The Salem Wrestling Boosters are sponsoring a Euchre Tournament Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010 at The Elks Club in Plymouth, located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road.

Players must be 21 years of age to participate. The player/registration fee is \$25 and includes cash prizes, 50/50 drawing, raffles and complimentary food along with a cash bar. The top (3) individuals will share 30 percent of the total entry fees. Limited space is available.

Contact Rich Rohn at rrohn@tmgwest.com or visit the Salem Wrestling web site at "wrestling.salemrocks.com" for more information.

Nuns in charge

"Put the Nuns in Charge," a long-running comedy from the author of "Late Night Catechism," is coming to St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church in Canton 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28.

Ticket prices range from \$20 for non-reserved seating and go up to \$75 for front row seats. All tickets include a dessert afterward. All proceeds will go to two great causes - St. Pat's Food Pantry in Detroit and World Youth Day.

Child care will be provided for a small donation. Tickets



Christmas carols

The Plymouth Historical Museum presents an 'Old World Christmas Carols Show,' performed by Simply Dickens, on Friday, November 12 at 7 p.m. The show highlights the carols that were well known long ago during the Christmas Season but are rarely heard by modern ears, along with a few of the more familiar tunes. There are also comedic holiday skits performed by group members. Simply Dickens is a period-dressed quartet of trained vocalists and musicians that specializes in the music of the 18th and 19th centuries. Tickets to the show are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door and can be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum or on the Museum's website www.plymouthhistory.org using PayPal. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth. The museum will be closed through Nov. 5 to prepare for the opening of 'Santa Magic.' If you would like to purchase tickets at the Museum, be sure to ring the buzzer next to the Church Street door to be let in during the transition period. Call ahead to be sure someone is in the building, (734) 455-8940.

must be purchased in person with cash or check at St. Thomas a Becket, located at 555 S. Lilley Road in Canton, south of Cherry Hill Road. Contact the church at (734) 981-1333 for further information.

Holocaust exhibit

During the month of October, the Plymouth Community Arts Council will exhibit special works by Ann Arbor artist Miriam Brysk entitled "Children of the Holocaust."

The exhibit will be available for viewing from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. The public is invited to attend a reception for the Artist on Sunday, Oct. 31 from 1-2:30 p.m.

At the end of 2007, Miriam Brysk published her memoir "Amidst the Shadows of Trees: A Holocaust Child's Survival in the Partisans". As she was writing her story, and feeling the pain and emotions of her childhood, she felt moved to consider the plights of those Jewish children who, unlike herself, did not survive. She felt a compelling drive to remember through art those children who perished, and to portray the nature of their disrupted lives during the Holocaust.

To preserve historic authenticity, each picture depicts a real child victim of the Holocaust, as well as the particular circumstances of his life and death. Each piece is named with the city the child is from and the likely place where he died. Children are

portrayed from the major Jewish population centers, the major ghettos and camps, and the sites of killings by the Einsatzgruppen. Present-day memorials are also included, usually at the top of each piece. All the pieces in this series are 24" x 16", excluding the fringes which add about 36" to the length.

For more information, feel free to call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278.

Home party

Our Lady of Good Counsel will host a Home Party Extravaganza and Craft Show on Friday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Social Hall, below the church, which is located at 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth Township, just west of Beck. Food will be available for pur-

chase and a raffle will be held. Admission is \$2 per person. All are welcome.

Hats for homeless

The Plymouth Community United Way has 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.

Pom clinic

Youngsters ages 5-14 who would like to be a Junior Canton Chiefette can attend the Kids' PomPon Clinic sponsored by the Canton Varsity Chiefettes. Participants will learn pompon basics as well as a short dance routine. So come and join the fun.

The clinic takes place 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Canton High School Gym in the Phase III building. Cost is \$45 per child, which includes a T-shirt, pom pons and a snack. Discounts for multiple siblings are \$76 for two family members and \$94 for three family members.

Parents are invited to come see their daughters perform at noon on clinic day and all participants attending the clinic will be invited to perform at the Canton Varsity Basketball game on Dec. 7.

Same day registration is from 8:30-9 a.m. the morning of the clinic. PRE-REGISTER by Nov. 12 and save \$5.

For more information contact Chiefette parents Nancy Rodgers at (734) 394-0699 or Karen Sundberg at (734) 394-1583 or e-mail pomclinic@cantonchiefettes.com

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 OLCG 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 Women's 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.

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OUR VIEWS

Our recommendations: Local races, ballot proposals

As voters head to the polls Tuesday, Nov. 2, the *Observer* offers the following recommendations in local races and state and county proposals.

Congress 11th District

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter is a politician of principle and integrity. His keen intellect is focused on the interests of his constituency. We don't always agree with McCotter, but anyone who has observed him at a congressional hearing knows that he seeks answers to legitimate and necessary questions.

We endorse his re-election on Nov. 2.

He has served in Congress since 2002. A Republican, he represents the 11th District which includes the western Wayne and western Oakland communities of Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Milford, Redford, South Lyon and Westland as well as others. Before being elected to Congress, McCotter served in the state Senate, the Wayne County Commission and Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees.

He brings an intelligent, studied and principled approach to issues. Except for a short tenure in the private sector, he has been a career politician but we don't regard that as negative. He's smart, principled and knows how Washington runs.

State Senate 7th District

Voters in the 7th state Senate District, which encompasses Plymouth, Canton, Northville and several Downriver communities, have a number of solid choices when casting their ballots in the Nov. 2 general election.

But when narrowing down the choices, we lean toward Plymouth Township attorney **John Stewart**, who is the moderate in a field that includes Republican Patrick Colbeck, Democrat Kathleen Law, independent Michael Kheibari and Libertarian Marlin Brandys.

Stewart has proven he can work with Republicans and Democrats. Unlike the Republican and Democratic candidates in this race, Stewart doesn't overreach to the right or to the left. Michigan's new governor is going to need the support of lawmakers like Stewart who know and understand the art of compromise.

A self-described fiscal conservative, Stewart served the 20th House District for six years, including service on both the appropriations and higher education committees. He supports repeal of the Michigan Business Tax and abolishing personal property taxes. He supports consolidation of services used by school districts.

Stewart grew up Downriver and raised his family in Plymouth, so he's familiar with the district from end to end. His experience in Lansing might be of some comfort to voters who find the other candidates too partisan for the new Michigan.

State House 20th District

Incumbent Democrat Marc Corriveau's decision not to seek re-election prompted a race for the open seat in the 20th state House District between **Kurt Heise** of Plymouth Township and veteran Northville Public Schools school board member Joan Wadsworth.

Heise is a municipal, environmental and labor attorney at Hemming, Polaczyk, Cronin, Smith, Witthoff, Bennett in Plymouth. He is a former director of the Wayne County Department of Environment in the Ficano administration. Heise lost that job when County Executive Robert Ficano shuffled departments last year.

Heise is a candidate who will provide something voters want — lawmakers of both parties finding centrist ideas and working together. His work with Democrat Ficano shows his willingness and ability to do just that.

What sets Heise apart in this race is his experience with local governments on policy details,

and his knowledge of western Wayne County.

State House 21st District

Incumbent Democrat **Dian Slavens** of Canton, who won the longtime Republican-controlled 21st District seat from Todd LaJoy two years ago, is a hard worker who spends her time in the district listening to her constituents and meeting with community leaders. In addition, she has a perfect voting record in Lansing. Lansing needs more representatives who can work together, and we believe Slavens to be such a legislator.

Slavens is effective on constituent services, is willing to listen to problems and does what she can to help solve them. As a member of the bipartisan freshman caucus, Slavens has made an effort to change the partisan bickering in Lansing.

While keeping her finger on the pulse of the district, Slavens has been busy in Lansing supporting several pieces of legislation. She championed a bill eliminating lifetime health care for state legislators, starting with those currently in office. The final version of the bill was watered down to include future legislators, but Slavens gave hers up anyway.

Believing lawmakers must lead by example, she co-sponsored a bill to slash legislative salaries by 10 percent from their current \$79,650. She supports phasing out or at least reducing the Michigan Business Tax and would explore other alternatives, including closing tax loopholes, to replace the revenue.

Slavens has been a solid first-term representative and merits a second term to continue the work she's started the last two years.

Wayne County Parks Millage

Wayne County is asking voters to renew, for another five years, a tax levy for parks that comes in at just under 0.25 (0.2459) of a mill.

Proposal P, the millage renewal, is projected to generate \$10.62 million in 2011 to operate several parks and related facilities, including major improvements to Hines Park, Elizabeth Park, Chandler Park and Fort Wayne.

In addition, some 15 percent of the millage has been rebated back for local park improvement projects.

It's a millage that western Wayne County residents can actually see and enjoy their tax dollars at work.

Vote Yes on Proposal P.

State Proposals

Voters will be asked to decide two state proposals on the Nov. 2 ballot, and we believe votes should say **No** to both.

Proposal 2010-1 asks voters whether to convene a constitutional convention to re-write the state constitution. The current constitution is the fourth in state history. Voters overwhelmingly rejected proposals to rewrite it in 1978 and 1994. Voters should say no again and reject Proposal 2010-1.

The estimated \$45 million cost along with two years of political and economic uncertainty are not what Michigan needs at this time.

Changes can be made by the state Legislature and voters without a significant rewrite of the basic government document.

Proposal 2010-02 is a legislatively proposed constitutional amendment that would add a Section 8 to Article XI of the 1963 Michigan Constitution.

Michigan's Constitution currently forbids anyone convicted of a felony involving a breach of the public trust from serving in the Legislature for 20 years.

The ballot proposal would add language to also put a 20-year ban on anyone convicted of a felony involving dishonesty, deceit, fraud or a breach of public trust while in office from seeking election or appointment to a position with authority over public assets.

The amendment on the Nov. 2 ballot was reported to have been drafted to preserve public trust in government.

Although the proposal sounds like a good idea, we agree with the MCRC that points to "the vagueness of some of the language."

A candidate's criminal record is generally an issue in any electoral contest and elected officials who appoint people with criminal records know they will be held accountable.

LETTERS

Rules enforced

In response to Robert Harris' accusation that we do not enforce our rules at League of Women Voters Candidate Forums (*Observer*, Oct. 14), we respectfully remind Mr. Harris that the "rule" he speaks of is that we will not pose questions to the candidates that contain personal attacks. That rule was followed.

Mr. Stewart chose to respond to a legitimate question in a way that some felt was an inaccurate statement. The role of the League moderator is not to be an instant fact-checker of each candidate's one-minute response, and though Mr. Stewart's response caused discomfort, he was within the "rules" of the forum.

Paula Bowman, president

League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County

Heise best choice

Kurt Heise understands that jobs and reviving the economy are the No. 1 priority in Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Wayne and that is why he is running to represent Michigan's 20th District in the state House.

Kurt understands that the state of Michigan is not living within its means and must budget just like all of our families. Kurt believes that we should restructure our tax code in order to attract companies to locate in Michigan, encourage startup businesses and once again renew Michigan's entrepreneurial spirit. Heise has the background working with municipalities and counties to know the policies and actions need to get Michigan on track for a bright and prosperous future.

Please vote for Kurt Heise for state representative in District 20.

Mark Hutchins
Canton

Support Law, Wadsworth

Sometimes I feel like I may be one of the few young people who chose to stay here in Michigan. After graduating from Albion College, I decided to stay in Canton and bought my condo here in 2006. I now attend grad school at Wayne State, but a lot of my friends have had to find work out of state.

Michigan needs bold and principled leadership that will look to education as an investment in our future and will show up ready with a plan to create more jobs for Michigan workers. This year, my support goes to Kathleen Law for state senator and Joan Wadsworth for state representative.

Kathleen and Joan will be the new blood we need to fix Lansing. As a school board member, Joan will prioritize our education system and will work to make sure our schools have the tools they need to prepare students for the jobs of tomorrow. Kathleen will work to end tax breaks for companies that ship our jobs overseas, and give them to companies that create jobs here in Michigan. They both will support the high-tech, alternative energy jobs of tomorrow.

The people we send to Lansing must acknowledge the crucial connection between prioritizing education and rebuilding our economy. I am confident that Kathleen Law and Joan Wadsworth not only make that connection, but will fight to protect it.

Maralyn I. O'Brien
Canton

Supports Law

Kathleen Law knows that education is the key to a good future for our kids and our state. She has a plan to improve education that starts

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COLUMN

Candidates' simplistic, divisive rhetoric falls short on substance

We're deep into the silly and dangerous season of political rhetoric, when up is down, old partisan paranoias have resurfaced as new ideas and the right answer is always the one that wins me your vote.

We listen to office-seekers rail against career politicians, though many are career politicians themselves — or want to be. We hear them and their supporters make the case against big government, which, of course, they are eager to join.

We hear — for how many decades now? — candidates tell us that "government should be run like a business," repeating the line brightly, as-if it were an original thought.

That philosophy makes a good sound bite, but ignores the idea that government and business have different roles, different responsibilities, different places in society. (Government should be for all people, most of us would agree, while businesses, first and foremost, are for their owners and customers.)

Plus, with the economy still sputtering and some of the biggest banks and manufacturers dependent on government aid just a short time ago, while others collapsed spectacularly, business these days doesn't exactly offer a stellar organizational model. Do we want the government run like Bear Stearns, Lehman Brothers, or Enron?

Yet audiences eager for "change" — an all-purpose buzzword if there ever was one — lap this stuff up, convinced that their guy, or gal, alone can see through the thick policy murk that invariably gets in the way of trying to fairly govern a complex society in a complex world.

Locally, many of our communities are hurting because of repeated reductions in state aid, a continued decline in property tax collections, and a wave of foreclosed and abandoned homes.

Municipal workers, including police officers and firefighters, have been laid off in some communities and have taken concessions in some, and — while they take stop-gap measures — elected leaders don't seem

to have a plan to stop this downward spiral. Other communities have mostly dodged the bullet — for now.

Statewide, where the budget bloodletting has been ongoing for nearly a decade and many politicians talk about the need for structural reforms, but few (Andy Dillon comes to mind) have actually risked putting forth a plan, candidates tell us with a straight face that they'll cut the budget by so many millions, and eliminate or reduce this or that tax, in order to make the state more attractive for business and create jobs. Where the cuts will be made — on top of the accumulated budget cuts of recent years — is always a little vague.

Nationally, the situation is more troubling, as righteous anti-incumbent, anti-bailout, anti-business-as-usual Tea Party fervor has given way to the demonization of Hispanics, of Muslims, of labor unions (which represent less than 10 percent of the private work force), of the jobless, of gays and lesbians and "liberals."

Some radical candidates, often flying the Tea Party banner, have adopted positions that were a caricaturist's dream or a comic's laugh line not long ago: Abolish the minimum wage? Yeah, that'll guarantee good, high-paying jobs. Privatize Social Security? Right. Privatization's doing wonders for my 401(k)!

The political landscape, as it's painted by the popular media, increasingly looks like a battlefield inhabited by two diametrically opposing sides, each of which is warring to take its country back.

The problem is that picture leaves out the vast political center, where most of us who hold jobs and get laid off, pay taxes and lose the equity in our homes, and worry about retirement as we watch the value of our investments drop, live.

While not turning off the messages completely, and avoiding a fall into cynicism and apathy, voters would do well to maintain a healthy skepticism as they head to their polling places on Tuesday.

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with our youngest children so that they start school on track and ready to learn. She'll fight to keep our schools current with the latest technology, and will support our teachers so they can give our students the attention they need to succeed. Kathleen knows that the kind of education we give our kids is directly linked to the kind of companies and jobs that will come to Michigan. Her education plan will make sure that our kids are ready for the jobs of tomorrow, and Michigan is ready to attract those jobs here to our communities today. Vote Nov. 2 for Kathleen Law.

Michael Siegrist
Canton

Vote for Law

With more than 22 years experience as a research scientist in alternative energy, Kathleen Law is the leader who will take Michigan into the 21st century by creating green jobs.

For too long, Michiganders have had to decide between generating jobs or protecting our environment. Kathleen Law knows energy costs are going up while our overall environmental health is going down. Her solution is to manufacture clean energy to keep costs low and our air clean, our waters pure and our land livable. I could not agree more.

For Michigan to fully recover from the Great Recession, we must also invest in quality and affordable K-college education. Kathleen Law will help redefine Michigan as a leader in ensuring educational opportunity for all. She will enact policies to reform our public education system to produce modern-day manufacturing jobs, help small- and medium-sized

businesses succeed and get Michigan back to work. When Law sees a problem, she fixes it.

A large part of serving our community in the state Senate is dealing with the state budget – our hard-earned tax dollars at work. Kathleen Law believes wasteful spending has to stop. She will stand up to corporate interest and work to create an accountable and transparent government.

I hope my neighbors of Northville, Plymouth, Canton and the rest of Wayne County join me in supporting Kathleen Law for state Senate on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Kristy Pagan
Plymouth

Law right choice

Kathleen Law is the best choice for representing our community in the state Senate 7th District. I have had the opportunity to meet and discuss with Kathleen my concerns, and I can tell you that she has my complete trust. Kathleen is very smart, hard-working and honest.

Kathleen is a wife, mother and grandmother. She had a career as a research scientist for 22 years before she got into politics after fighting to save Humbug Marsh. She understands about dealing with the problems of aging grandparents and parents, the struggles of balancing a career and being a wife and a mom, and the concerns of being a grandparent. Kathleen will fight for our schools, our environment and to bring policy to Lansing that will bring jobs to our state. She will fight for our families and their future.

I will support Kathleen Law to be our next state senator for the 7th District and I encourage everyone else as well.

Mohammad Javed
Canton

Supports Levi

I wish to encourage voters to vote for Mrs. Lori Levi. The problem with this state and this country is politicians care more about going along to get along than to stand for what's right for the long-term growth and prosperity of its residents.

Going along is what has brought us one of the highest unemployment rates in the country and dropped our per capita income substantially. Most politicians choose to just go along with Jennifer Granholm resulting in her stated goal of us "being blown away in five years."

Mrs. Slavens talks like she is looking to cut spending and reforming government in one breath and then just recently voted for increases in spending by more than \$1 billion a year which also hires hundreds of new state employees (MI HB 5882). We can't afford any more of this state's outrageous spending that keeps burying our children in long-term debt. Jobs, jobs jobs is what Mrs. Levi focuses on, not spend, spend then tax and tax.

The one thing I see from Mrs. Levi is an ability to find common ground and help others see that it is the foundational principles of free enterprise that will bring jobs and prosperity to Michigan. She has talent and energy which is the kind of enthusiasm with a determination to get something done to bring jobs back to Michigan that we need. Not another wishy washy politician that says one thing and does another.

The thing I know most from Lori Levi is that even when she doesn't agree with you, she takes time to understand your point of view and explain hers. Although we don't always agree, I know I can count on an honest answer.

Donna Fitzsimons
Plymouth

Supports Slavens

I am writing this letter in support of state Rep. Dian Slavens of the 21st District. Dian is not a career politician nor a lobbyist, but a mother, grandmother and wife of Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Mark Slavens. She has worked as a respiratory therapist in southeast Michigan for more than 20 years, prior to running for public office two years ago.

While in Lansing she has been known to change a lot of people. She was elected to serve our communities of Canton Township, Van Buren Township and the city of Belleville and this is what she has done. She even voted for a pay cut for herself.

She is aggressively involved about attracting emerging industries like advanced batteries and alternative energy, and the need to create jobs by making Michigan the No. 1 spot for startup companies and small businesses to locate or relocate in Michigan and grow.

I hope that you will join me in voting Nov. 2 for Dian Slavens, and join her in her fight to clean up Lansing by injecting some much-needed fiscal responsibility

and accountability back into our state government.

John Herman, president

Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club

Vote for Wadsworth

Are you fatigued by the dishonest robo calls and literature attacking the candidacy of Joan Wadsworth, who is seeking election to the House of Representatives for the 20th District?

To associate her with a failed economic policy emanating from Washington, D.C. is astounding since the characterization of her philosophy of governance by those opposing her election is nothing more than a narrative that categorizes how our federal government spent recklessly and established enormous deficits under the George W. Bush administration.

The voracious appetite to spread inaccurate and misleading information by those opposed to Ms. Wadsworth's campaign for election to the state House of Representatives suggests that no bar is too low to satisfy a greedy lust for power because it begs the question of the character of her adversaries and their motive for not discussing the real issues confronting the district and our state.

Hopefully, the voters of the 20th District will see that Joan Wadsworth has a committed history of civic involvement in our community and is not a candidate who conveniently shuffles into town with no credentials or resume of achievement in the local affairs of the 20th District.

Joan Wadsworth's service on the Northville Public Schools' Board of Education for 16 years, her service on the Northville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and being recognized as the 2003 Northville Citizen of the Year are testaments and examples of the depth she will bring to the state Legislature. Contrary to the misleading information about Joan, she will fight to improve education, simplify our tax structure and do everything she can to promote a healthy business climate for the state.

With an MBA from the University of Michigan and a resident of the district for 25 years, Joan has the skill, unquestionable credibility, insight and proven commitment to move Michigan forward. I ask all voters of the 20th District to ignore the fraudulent campaign being conducted against Joan Wadsworth and give her your vote because she is a person who is running for office based on a legitimately sincere passion to serve the public.

Jim Amar
Plymouth Township

Supports Colbeck

In the upcoming election, we have the opportunity to make our voices heard by voting for those we feel have the right qualifications at this challenging time for our state. I will be voting for Patrick Colbeck for state Senate because he has the experience we need

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to get this state back to work. Patrick is not a special interest candidate or party insider. He is a small businessman who lives, works, and volunteers in his community.

As a small businessman, Colbeck understands the negative effects a heavy-handed government has had on our state's economy. He is committed to reducing the role of government in our business community, supporting a return to the principles of free enterprise in order to reduce burdensome regulatory policies. In addition, he supports eliminating the Michigan Business Tax, and restructuring our state's business tax code so that employers have more resources to reinvest in their companies and create new jobs.

I currently serve with Patrick on a local school board, and have seen firsthand his work ethic and commitment to education. These are the same characteristics he will take to the state Senate, serving all citizens of Michigan.

I urge voters in the state Senate 7th District to learn more about Patrick Colbeck, and his plan for turning our state around, by visiting his website at www.fixing-michigan.com. We need the service of motivated citizens, not "politicians."

Vickie Coleman
Plymouth

Wadsworth right choice

I would like to encourage voters in Michigan's 20th House District to support Joan Wadsworth for state representative. I have worked with Joan, and find her to be one of the most intelligent, open, reasonable and thoughtful persons I have ever known. Joan knows how to work with and listen to others and come up with solutions that work for all. We could really use someone with her skills and quality in Lansing.

Joan has extensive experience working with others in a non-partisan setting as a planner, administrator and problem-solver. She served on the Northville Board of Education for 16 years, including leadership roles, and today Northville has one of the best school districts in the state. She worked with the Northville Chamber of Commerce and chaired the Downtown Steering Committee and Northville has one of the most vibrant downtowns and communities in Michigan.

Joan has excellent ideas on how to improve the economy in Michigan, and to bring quality jobs to the state. She understands we must both encourage new business development and make sure existing businesses have reason to stay. She believes Michigan needs a simpler, more competitive tax structure. We also need smart regional

and state incentives programs that permit local communities to work together to support businesses instead of competing, sometimes to their detriment. She recognizes that both the tax structure and incentives program must be consistent so that Michigan is known as a business-friendly state.

Joan understands that education is a vital part of creating and maintaining a strong economy. It is important that our school systems receive adequate and predictable funding, and spend it wisely. She would like to see an increased emphasis on early childhood education and early intervention for struggling students, both of which not only serve our children well, but also have been shown to reduce overall educational costs. She would encourage more partnerships between business and education, and would like to see improved support for adults who return to the classroom to retrain or improve skills to allow them to re-enter the workforce.

I believe Joan is, by far, the best choice for state representative. She has the experience, knowledge, skills and temperament to represent us well and be a great asset to the state as a whole. When you vote Nov. 2, please remember to check the box next to Joan Wadsworth for state representative in the 20th District.

Mary Barr
Plymouth

Mosher supporter

Congressman McCotter doesn't seem to realize that the American workers are hurting and need help from him to revive our economy and provide jobs. He has steadfastly opposed the efforts of President Obama to get the economy back on its feet.

He rejected the stimulus bill which gave 3 million workers jobs and prevented the layoffs of hundreds of thousands of government employees. He has also rejected bills that would have provided billions in loans to small businesses and has stubbornly opposed tax credits to industries that are investing in clean energy.

McCotter's solution to the economic crisis is the same as his approach to climate change

and environmental pollution. Do nothing. Let the marketplace and thoughtless corporations decide what kind of country we live in.

But take heart, we can do something about our congressman's uncaring attitude by replacing him this election and voting for his Democratic opponent, Natalie Mosher. She has promised to be a champion for small businesses, seniors and workers, and fight to curb the destructive influences of greedy corporations in our government. Plus she thinks that protecting our environment and caring for the planet is a worthwhile endeavor. After all, it is our home.

Thaddeus J. Hejka
Canton

Levi listens

I attended the candidate debate at Cherry Hill Village and made some interesting observations between the two House candidates. Levi and Slavens. Lori Levi speaks from the heart and from an apparent conviction and confidence that certainly came through in every question asked. She understood that we need solutions, innovation and to return to the individual entrepreneur and small business to restore jobs. She consistently spoke directly to us in the audience from her experience in the business world. Mrs. Slavens had to continue reading her answers from her script, which may be political answers, yet clearly not anything she truly had done.

Most of the time Mrs. Slavens was speaking, I was duly impressed that Mrs. Levi listened and acknowledged when she agreed with her opponent and I believe that displayed a character and confidence that she is a team player when the ideas are good from both sides of the party lines.

Mrs. Levi was open and transparent. They were both asked about who their financial backers were and Mrs. Levi listed them openly, while Mrs. Slavens avoided the question entirely with reference to her regular supporters. I ask who are they Mrs. Slavens? Maybe she wanted to downplay that she is

heavily financed by the unions.

With jobs being the No. 1 concern of people today, I would bet my money on the ability of Lori Levi to be an innovator and initiator of great ideas to turn around Michigan and to forge new ground leading Michigan back to prosperity than Mrs. Slavens' claim to fame of introducing a bill to bring a battery plant here. Although that may be a good idea in the future, the problem is that the tax burden of that company has now been laid at the feet of all our existing business here in Michigan.

Please join me in electing a true grass-roots candidate that has walked the walk, not just talked the talk. My vote goes to Lori Levi for jobs.

Mario Perkins
Canton

Law will fight

Like me, Kathleen Law wants our kids to have the same opportunities that we had. I want my kids to be able to live, work and raise their

own families right here in Michigan.

For that to happen we need good jobs, and to get good jobs here we need good schools. Our kids need a good education so they can succeed in college and successfully compete for good jobs.

Kathleen Law will fight for the kind of common sense policies that will give us a world-class education system and bring new businesses and jobs to our communities. She'll make sure that our students have the classes they need in math and science for jobs in new businesses like alternative energy and manufacturing new advanced auto batteries.

Kathleen Law is the best candidate for the state Senate because as a scientist she understands what our kids will need to know when they join a workforce that's a lot different from when I finished school. Kathleen Law has my vote for the state Senate.

Marci Scalera
Canton

Support for Levi

I am voicing my support for Lori Levi. There are numerous misleading fliers circulating around implying that Lori would get rid of police and fire departments. That is outrageously false and, as a matter of fact, I have never met anyone so engaged in partnering with the Public Safety division. I attended a VBT "Refuse to Be a Victim Course" which Lori co-presented. From attending this course, I realize that she is very dedicated and has a strong commitment to public safety, community awareness and protection for our citizens.

She has sponsored multiple safety programs here in Van Buren Township at no charge to our residents. She has put on children's stranger safety classes, Eddie Eagle gun safe classes and senior protection classes. She has invested much time and effort to support the public safety for our citizens and I look forward to her working with us as a state legislator.

Diane Madigan
Van Buren Township



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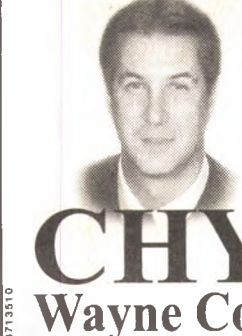


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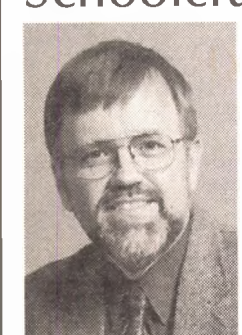


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Forum aims to teach on health-care reform

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An attorney who practices in employee benefits law will help local businesses learn how national health care reform affects them and their employees during a forum coming to Canton.

Roberta P. Granadier, a Butzel Long Attorneys and Counselors shareholder based in the firm's Bloomfield Hills office, has been tapped to lead the seminar, scheduled for 8:30-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, at Canton's Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, northwest of Canton Center and Palmer.

Granadier will outline an employer's responsibilities under new health care reform laws, amid hopes of helping the business community

understand and prepare for the new rules.

Canton's Economic Development Office and the Canton Chamber of Commerce joined forces to provide the forum for free, though anyone who plans to attend should register as early as possible by calling (734) 453-4040.

"There are so many unknowns about the health care reform, and we wanted to help Canton businesses by providing a free seminar that will help them navigate the potential changes to the health care benefits that they provide for their employees," Canton Economic Development Manager Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz said.

Granadier, a graduate of Boston University Law School and the University of

Michigan, practices in the area of employee benefits law. She formerly chaired the Oakland County Bar Association's employee benefits committee.

She will provide details of what employers need to understand about how health care reform has changed the employer-provided landscape. Though the effective dates of the changes will unfold gradually, Canton officials decided to offer the seminar to help local employers prepare now for what is to come.

Granadier is expected to cover topics such as health insurance reforms and group plan changes; grandfathered plan concepts; employer obligations; cafeteria plan changes; and long-term care insurance.

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Canton teen dies in auto crash

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Arashdeep Singh Cheema, 18, of Canton died Oct. 20 from injuries sustained in an auto crash. He was the son of Harjeet and Amandeep and brother of Hardeep. Services were handled by Vermeulen Funeral Home of Plymouth.

Dr. Bader Cassin, chief medical examiner for Washtenaw County, said, "He was the passenger of a vehicle, an automobile, struck by a semi truck. He died from multiple injuries received in that impact. He was dead at the scene."

Trooper Randy Phare of the Ypsilanti post, Michigan

State Police, said the driver of the vehicle Cheema was in was Sapna Virdi, 18, of Canton. "She's recovering in hospital right now. She's in stable condition right now," Phare said Friday afternoon.

The crash occurred about 2:35 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20. "Basically, Ms. Virdi was driving southbound on Gotfredson Road." She pulled in the Gotfredson and North Territorial intersection "in front of a semi truck," Phare said.

Traffic on North Territorial didn't stop, according to witnesses. "She may have believed it was a four-way stop. Traffic on North Territorial does not stop,"

Phare said of the intersection.

The accident is under investigation, to be submitted to the Washtenaw County prosecutor for review.

"I just interviewed Ms. Virdi today. It's going to be up to him whether he wants any charges," Phare said of his investigation and the county prosecutor.

The afternoon was sunny and dry, "a little bit windy," Phare said.

The semi truck was eastbound on North Territorial. The male driver stopped immediately after the crash, Phare said.

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Thousands of youngsters prowled the streets, kids of all ages dressed in costumes ranging from Harry Potter characters to bumblebees, from scary witches, ghosts and vampires to soldiers, athletes and princesses.

It was the annual Great Pumpkin Caper, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce but really driven by the generosity of downtown retailers who lined the streets handing out treats — or doing tricks — as the kids streamed by.

The evening also featured the annual costume contest and, back by popular demand, a contest for the best-costumed pet.

City officials closed off streets, and local civic groups helped provide the traffic control to keep the children safe.



Looking for clues to where all the candy can be found? Eight-year-old detective Mary Olivia Andrews and her 5-year-old brother Adam Andrews, sometimes known as Batman, are on their way to the costume contest with mom, Monique Andrews. They live in Plymouth.



Katie Maxwell pets Bear Bryant, one of the toughest hot dogs you'll ever meet. Bear Bryant's human is Tony Piotrowski.



Chamber director Wes Graff is amazed that the band KISS showed up for the costume contest. Kenna, Roman and Mario Bonacorsi are from Plymouth. The other band members, Gianni and Mia Morelli, are from Bloomfield Hills.



Hayley and Bethany Jury try to dress Crackers, their 6-month-old lab, in a unicorn costume. Crackers isn't real sure about this Halloween thing.

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State Senate hopefuls share their views

Voters will have choices to make when they go to the polls to pick their next state senator from the 7th District, which covers Plymouth, Canton, Northville and

a number of Downriver communities.

The crowded race features Republican Patrick Colbeck of Canton, who survived a primary

challenge from Abe Munfakh of Plymouth Township; Democrat Kathleen Law of Gibraltar, who had no primary challenger; independent candidates John Stewart,

an attorney and former state representative from Plymouth Township, and Michael Kheibari, a pharmaceutical manager from Northville; and Libertarian Marlin Brandys.

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QUESTIONS

1. How would you balance the state's budget? Be specific. If you favor cuts, where and how much?

2. There remains a wide disparity in state funds allocated per pupil for school districts throughout the state. How would you address this concern? What is your recommendation? Be specific.

3. What are the top three ideas you would support to make Michigan's business climate more competitive?

4. Do you support multi-year budgeting? Why? Why not?



Marlin Brandys

1. I would not vote to approve a budget that was not balanced. I would consider cutting the MBT, 22% surcharge, property taxes, and the personal income tax. We could replace this revenue with a temporary sales tax increase of around 9%. We need to reduce the redundancy in our state agencies and take a close look at the salaries and benefits of state employees and elected officials.

2. We need to encourage more family involvement in education. We should gradually promote taking the responsibility of education away from the politicians and allowing for private entities to administer scholarships for each student to use at private and charter type educational establishments.

3. We should repeal the MBT and 22% surcharge tax. We must improve our educational base. Make Michigan a right to work state.

4. There are positive aspects and negative aspects of this type of budget. It is not a sure fire fix all. If we have the revenue to make it work then it will save us on time, money and resources. This will be difficult at first; however with a positive revenue stream it can be done and used to our advantage. As long as we have stable and predictive revenue that is a majority of our revenue stream; I believe this type of budgeting will be an asset to the state.



Patrick Colbeck

1. The FY2008-2009 Budget was \$42 billion. In order to balance the budget and create a tax environment conducive to businesses creating jobs, we need to cut \$5.5 billion. This equates to cuts in government operations of 8.5%. Businesses are often forced to make cuts of 10% yet government continues to grow. I believe that we can cut 8.5% of our expenses without impacting the delivery of front line services to our stakeholders namely our citizens, our businesses, and our local governments. We can do so via the consolidation of back office services and by implementing benefit reforms for state employees without impact the quality of health care.

2. The question about funding inequities is not the question that should be raised. We should all know by now that money alone will not fix schools. We should be focusing on how can we make schools more effective at instructing our students. Public School Academies receive an average of 25 percent less funding than district schools yet consistently perform better. But, if you are intent on discussing funding equity, I would recommend that we first need to identify the sources of the disparities - local millage supplements and targeted federal aid programs. What I would do is simplify the state school funding formula and work to get the Federal government out of the state education system over which it has no constitutional authority. The state funding formula should simply be the amount of school aid funds raised divided by the total # of public school students.

3. Treat businesses as customers not piggy banks; Simplify the interaction between businesses and state government (Starting with Michigan Business One Stop as benchmark, reduce the number and complexity of forms); Reduce the total cost of business operations (taxes, fees, health care, training, energy)

4. Yes. It enables better visibility and tracking of multi-year programs, it simplifies the creation of a new budget by allowing legislators to focus on exceptions to assumptions rather than starting from scratch, it enables better traceability to the policy decisions that drove specific budget line items, and it provides for less volatility in planning assumptions which mitigates the risk of surprise shortfalls requiring hastily crafted gap fillers such as the MBT. I also strongly support managing to the balance sheet as well as the income statement. We need to track our liabilities as they represent the burden place upon our posterity for which we are sworn to "secure the blessings of liberty" per the Preamble of our U.S. Constitution.



Michael Kheibari

1. I have great plans to balance the budget. Our correction budget for penal institution is 3 times higher than the national average. I have a plan to bring it to national average and it will save our state a billion dollars a year. Lottery company are giving different deals to different states, I will get the best deal to bring hundreds of millions of dollars to the state rainy budget to promote education, to fix the roads and to make our community safer.

2. A crucial part of having a strong and qualified work force is high-quality education. I strongly believe the residents of Michigan without proper education will go nowhere. I will protect school funds to provide excellent education to all residents at an affordable cost. Statistics show 50 percent of state graduates are moving out. I also have a plan for school districts and educators to retain all qualified teachers and graduates in Michigan. In my priority list school funding comes first and school budget cuts come last.

3. National companies can be involved on state projects with the contingency to hire our local workers first; giving special incentives to Michigan companies only for new Michigan hires which will bring more jobs to the state and will promote the level of customer satisfaction in our state; giving special incentives to those companies who want to invest on renewable energy and use Michigan workers.

4. I will go by yearly budgeting because the state economy is not fixed and is changing, otherwise we have to change the state budget every year. Even you cannot sign a long contract with contractors because in long term the cost of material and labor will be changed, too.



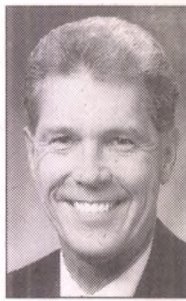
Kathleen Law

1. Michigan needs to take a positive step forward to reinvigorate its economy. I support policy that will reinvigorate manufacturing, support small and medium business, create real jobs and wealth in the 21st century economy of renewable energy. In Michigan if we are not making something, we are not making anything. We certainly need to review all government contracts to make certain we are getting the best deal for taxpayers. We also need to review the many tax credits the state gives to be sure they are helping to create or retain jobs and help Michigan families.

2. A single solution for schools throughout the state does not exist. There needs to be a serious conversation about how to address the fundamental needs of our education system in a transitioning economy.

3. Provide policy that will provide return on investment. Demand a tax structure which is like our neighboring states. Accept responsibility for supplying the rest of the country for products made in Michigan and getting our pool of talent back to work.

4. The value of two year budgets is the stability that it can provide, particularly to education and local government. That stability depends, however, on the state's ability to meet the commitment. Funding for schools is largely dependent on sales and income tax so if the economy falters, so does funding. My concern with two year budgets is that it's important for the legislature to review the state budget annually to be sure that spending decisions are made transparent and accountable to the taxpayers. As we reduce the size of government I want to be sure that every dollar is spent wisely and that we get the best return on our investment.



John Stewart

1. There is going to be a restructuring of the State tax system. We will need a more stable source of revenue for the School Aid Fund. Comprehensive tax restructuring would allow me to vote to repeal the Michigan Business Tax, 22% surcharge, and the Personal Property Tax. The tax structure should incentivize the consolidation of some school districts and local units of government. We must create a business-friendly environment to encourage businesses to create more jobs. Regarding cuts in spending, we must eliminate fraud and waste in the Medicaid budget. The Personnel Departments should be consolidated for State government.

2. The Plymouth-Canton School District receives more than \$1,000 less per student in the Foundation Grant than our neighboring school districts. Plymouth-Canton should be brought up to the same level as those communities. 20 j-monies should be reinstated for districts that voted to increase their millage when Proposal A was implemented. There must be stability and equity in the Foundation Grant. The School Aid Fund must be passed by July 1st in order for the school districts to pass their budgets and have a source of reliability.

3. I will vote to repeal the Personal Property Tax, just as Ohio did in 2006. This will greatly attract and encourage job providers in the fields of high tech and manufacturing. We need to expedite the system of processing permits for businesses. Restructuring the tax system for all businesses, including a repeal of the Michigan Business Tax and the 22% surcharge is an absolute must. I have been self-employed and lived on straight-commission for 26 years on Main Street in Plymouth. This is the reason I was named "Legislator of the Year" by the Small Business Association of Michigan.

4. Yes, I strongly support multi-year budgeting. This has been successfully accomplished with two and three year budgets in Oakland County. Legislation that would require two and three year budgeting along with on-time budgets would provide reliability and stability for local units of government. According to the Michigan State Constitution, there is an absolute requirement for a balanced budget. Multi-year budgeting would require the legislators and economists to be more realistic in providing that balanced budget.

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Money Matters

Rick Bloom

A: I believe more people ought to use them. On the whole, most credit unions offer the same type of services that banks offer and the fees are generally lower. However, just like not all banks are not the same, not all credit unions are the same.

In discussing credit unions, the adage, "this is not your father's credit union" definitely applies. In the past, credit unions did not offer the same services or convenience that banks did, however, that has changed. Over the years, whether it is checking accounts, debit cards, direct deposits or paying bills, credit unions offer many of the same services that banks

do. In fact, it is sometimes difficult to tell the difference between a credit union and a bank.

In the past, many retailers would not want to take checks from credit unions. At that time, credit unions operated differently. Instead of checks, they had drafts, which caused some problems. Today, from that standpoint, there is no distinction. In addition, now credit unions have ATMs and other types of amenities, just like banks.

Different credit unions have different fees and amenities. Just like banks have more than one option, the same can be said with credit unions. In the past, membership to a credit union was somewhat limited, that's no longer the case.

Virtually anyone can join a credit union and, in fact, most people find that they're eligible to join numerous credit unions. Therefore, just like you would with a bank, prioritize what services and amenities you want and use that as your guide to shop around different credit unions.

Another benefit of belonging to a credit union applies if you bor-

row money. Credit unions have very competitive terms on mortgages, car loans and other types of loans. Unlike banks, which are for-profit corporations, credit unions, by their nature, have a totally different structure. Credit unions are owned by their members.

An additional advantage of belonging to a credit union is that many have a variety of discount programs for such things as auto and homeowner's insurance. You'd be surprised how much money you can save by taking advantage of credit union discounts.

In the past, it was important for everyone to have a relationship with a bank. I no longer believe that is the case. I believe that many people no longer need the services of a bank and that they can save a substantial amount of money by belonging to a credit union.

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.

Audit: W-W uses fund equity to maintain its programs

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools district continued to use up its fund equity to maintain programs in the face of declining state school aid, but an in-house energy savings program and cost containment helped cut the amount needed to cover expenses in fiscal 2009-10.

The district continued to see its fund equity be used up to maintain programs, leaving it with \$7.8 million or enough money to continue school operations for 11 days if there is a catastrophic event and state funding ended. That amount represents 6.61 percent of expenditures and is below the state average of 11.68 percent.

"There's a lot of uncertainty in the financial arena related to school districts," said auditor Jeff Higgins of Plante Moran, the

school district's auditing firm. "A vast majority of your funding comes from the state and is dependent on the state economy. And the state's ability to appropriately fund education is dependent on tax collections which is dependent on the economy. It's makes budgeting difficult, it's hard to plan."

Higgins said that there is concern about the status of the federal stimulus money and the "funding cliff" that still exists because of it. Wayne-Westland received \$3.7 million in stimulus money in 2009-10 and is getting \$2.3 million in 2010-11. When that money runs out next year, if there is no change, the state will have to come up with \$300 million to keep the current funding level.

"There's a lot of concern about where the money will come from," he said.

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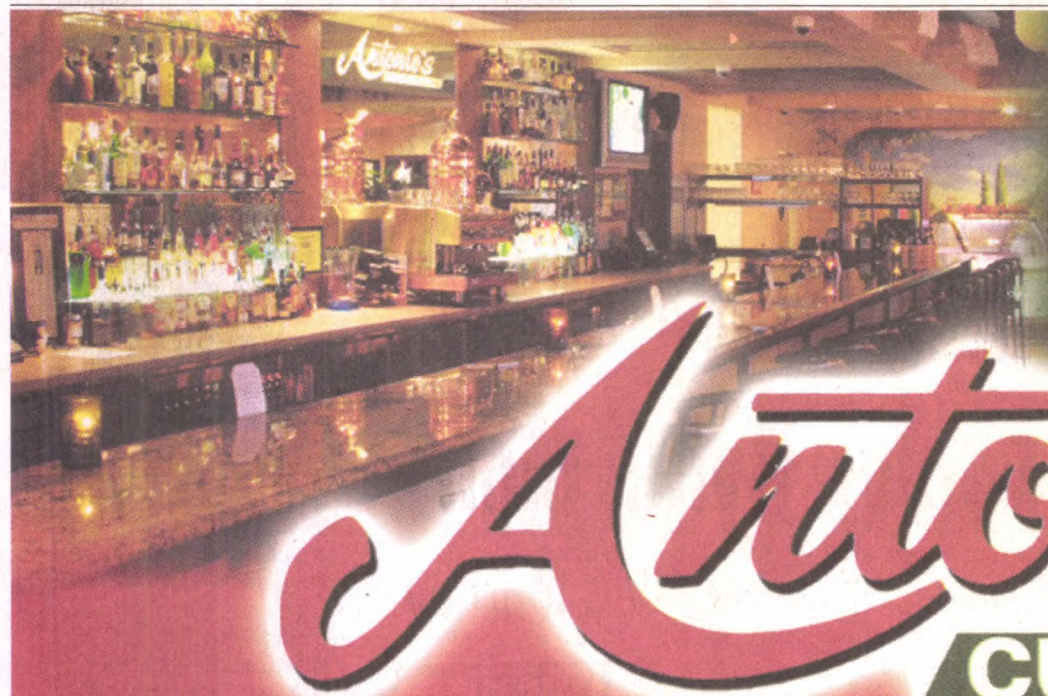
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Celebrating another Canton touchdown Friday night are Angelo Lanava (No. 33) and Zac Merillat. Both players scored during their team's 56-26 playoff win over Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Canton powers past Pioneer

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

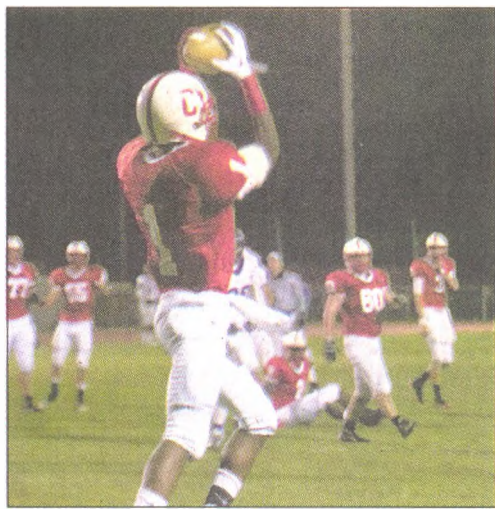
Everybody connected with Canton's football machine wants the 2010 postseason to go further than 2009's did — like the Division 1 finals at Ford Field, perhaps.

But at least the Chiefs' play-off march started exactly the same, with a whipping of Ann Arbor Pioneer at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Canton routed the Pioneers 56-26, virtually identical to last year's 60-24 triumph.

Led by excellent work on the offensive line and a mix-and-match running game that accounted for five touchdowns and nearly 400 yards, the Chiefs again showed why they are 10-0 with no intention of stopping now.

"It's been the same thing all year," said Canton head coach Tim Baechler. "We have a very talented group of backs and our offensive

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Canton's Kevin Buford (No. 1) reels in a 16-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Ben Merbler (No. 3, background, far right) with 15 seconds to play in the first half Friday night. That gave the Chiefs a 35-7 halftime lead over Ann Arbor Pioneer in the first-round playoff game.

Eagles flying high

PCA nabs 1st-ever MIAC tourney

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy's volleyball team now indeed is a "perfect 10" following Thursday night's Michigan Independent Athletic Conference tournament in Warren.

The Eagles defeated all three opponents to become the first PCA volleyball team to finish first in the MIAC both at the tourney and overall. PCA ended with a 25-9-2 record overall, but sported a 10-0 mark in the conference; the Eagles went 7-0 during regular matches.

For wins eight through 10, at the Michigan Elite Volleyball Club, the Eagles topped Bloomfield Hills

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Roeper (25-11, 25-6) and Ann Arbor Greenhills (25-7, 25-14) in best-of-three matches.

Then in the finals, a best of five, PCA easily won by scores of 25-12, 25-18 and 25-14.

"The whole team is stepping up and making significant contributions," PCA head coach Kelly Blackney said. "At a time in the season when it's easy to feel exhausted and burned out, I see our team pushing even harder toward the mark we have set out to reach. I am very proud."

According to Blackney, the Eagles sport plenty of talent and confidence. But a key has

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SIDELINES

Skid for Whalers

The Plymouth Whalers found the road not to their liking last week, losing two games by a combined score of 9-3.

On Wednesday, the Whalers lost 4-1 at Erie, with the lone goal scored by center Robbie Czarnik. Making 23 stops in the Plymouth net was Matt Mahalak.

Then on Thursday, Plymouth went up 2-1 in the third period on goals by Czarnik and Tyler Brown only to watch host Niagara re-claim the lead with three goals in three minutes en route to a 5-2 Ontario Hockey League victory. Scoring twice against Whalers goalie Scott Wedgewood (31 saves) was Ryan Strome.

Plymouth fell to 5-7-1-1 so far this season while Niagara improved to 9-4-1-0.

Captain's Corner

The Plymouth and Canton Observers will continue to spotlight varsity captains in a regular feature called "Captain's Corner," but nominees are needed.

If anybody knows of a worthy captain, please e-mail Observer sports editor Tim Smith (tsmith@hometownlife.com), who will in turn send out a questionnaire about leadership to be filled out and returned for publication.

Veterans 5K run

The Veterans Day Rosedale Area Neighbors Red, White and Blue 5-kilometer run-walk and 1-mile fun run-walk will

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Tough night for 'Cats

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A good week of practice had Plymouth volleyball coach Kelly McCausland feeling optimistic about her team as it prepared for the start of district play Monday.

But then came Thursday, a 3-0 loss to visiting Hartland in a KLAA association cross-over matchup of fifth-place teams.

The Wildcats barely played with the lead all night, losing 25-16, 25-21 and 25-18.

"This was probably the worst I've seen Plymouth play all season," McCausland said. "... I don't want to take anything away from Hartland, they were strong, with great

defense and great offense. But we did not show even a percentage of what we're capable of."

According to senior outside hitter Dani Risi, as frustrating as the loss to the Eagles was, the hope is for a quick turnaround. Plymouth (19-11-2) will play a weekend tournament and then face either Canton or Novi 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Northville district.

"We were not playing our game tonight, we just had a really hard time focusing," said Risi, who led Plymouth with just eight kills. "Just from where the sets were, our passes were off and every-

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Soccer player enjoys 'home-school' advantage

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jason Wensley stays away from the limelight, but the homeschooled Canton resident doesn't seem to mind.

In fact, he's thriving both as a student (4.0 grade-point average) and varsity soccer player. Wensley, a 17-year-old senior, is captain and center-defender for HAACH, which stands for Howell Athletic Association of Christian Homeschoolers.

He's the backbone of the HAACH Cougars defense — sparking the team's 14-1-1 record during regular matches. HAACH is gearing up for this weekend's national tournament of homeschool teams in Fort Wayne, Ind.

"I think it's very similar, actually," Wensley said when asked about the comparisons between homeschool and public school teams. "Obviously, based on our record, we're just as good as any other team."

The Cougars, who play and practice in Howell, have gone head-to-head this season with area teams such as Lutheran Westland (a 3-1 win), Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (3-3 tie) and Washtenaw Christian Academy (7-2 victory).

"The last time we played Plymouth Christian, we actually beat them 3-1, one or two years ago," said Wensley, whose dad Curtis is HAACH head coach. (His



Canton resident Jason Wensley is enjoying his senior season with the HAACH Cougars. The homeschooled 17-year-old is the team's captain.

mom is Christi Wensley.)

According to Curtis Wensley, also team chauffeur to many road games out in the Lansing and Grand Rapids areas, there have been several Canton athletes on the

Cougars in recent years. But his son is the first to be a varsity captain.

PERFECT ROLE

That designation was earned by the younger Wensley, since he is a fine communicator, leader and player who cut his soccer chops since age 9 with teams in the Canton Soccer Club. (Wensley will return next spring to the Canton Celtic squad.)

"He (Jason) is incredibly consistent on the field and has earned the respect of his teammates," Curtis Wensley said. "He leads by example and by his ability to communicate with his teammates on the field."

Last season, teammates voted to present Jason Wensley with the Team Choice Award. And on rare occasions, when not in the lineup, the Cougars suffer.

"He makes a difference in more ways than one," the coach added.

Wensley would rather that a fuss not be made about his various attributes, but he does take great pride in his leadership and communication qualities.

"One misconception about homeschoolers is we are not very sociable people," he said. "Actually, a lot of homeschoolers are very social."

"One of the problems with our team is actually people talking when they should

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MARIAH TESARZ



Who: Mariah Tesarz, 16, senior co-captain of Plymouth's volleyball team.

Miscellany: Mariah's parents are Kristi and Rodney Tesarz. The versatile athlete carries a 3.8 grade-point average and is a member of National Honor Society and participates in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Mariah's volleyball skills have earned her MVP and Defensive Player awards. She is a varsity winner in basketball and won the Wildcat Award; she also won the Coaches Award in volleyball and tennis and played on Plymouth's district-winning softball team.

Captain's job: "The job of the team captain is to motivate their players to do their best. They need to be a role model that leads by example and someone that their team can look up to and have no problem talking to."

Leadership style: "(Knowing) when to be serious and have a good time. You should always have fun while playing a sport, otherwise you shouldn't be playing. I know when to get us refocused on what we need to accomplish."

Why her? "I think my teammates chose me to be captain because they know that I am very dedicated, have a passion for volleyball and take it very seriously — considering I want to play in college. Also because I am someone that they can talk to and that will make a difference for our team on and off the court."

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MU victorious at Independence

After scoring a trio of goals with the wind in the first half Wednesday, the Madonna University women's soccer team saw visiting Marygrove College score a pair of goals late to make what was a one-sided match much more interesting before hanging on for a 3-2 win at Independence Park in Canton.

The Crusaders (3-6-5) got on the board in the 19th minute when redshirt junior Diana Brda (Westland/Franklin) played a corner kick to the head of freshman Amanda Ferrick who flicked the ball down to the waiting feet of fellow rookie Kristin Black. In turn, Black knocked it past Mustangs' keeper Kristen Jolly for a 1-0 lead.

Ferrick made it 2-0 in favor of the home side in the 34th minute when she took a pass from junior Andrea Mareel and beat Jolly with a high, hard shot to the middle of the net for the two goal cushion.

The MU lead grew to 3-0 just under three minutes later when freshman Amanda Jenaway (Livonia/Stevenson) picked off a goal kick and beat Jolly with a shot to the upper netting with 35:36 gone in the match.

Marygrove started to use



ANNA GATT

Madonna University junior goalkeeper Brittany Warner (Canton/Plymouth H.S.) pounces on the ball during a recent Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's soccer contest.

the wind to its advantage late in the match, getting on the board in the 86th minute when Jessica Niemi beat redshirt junior Chelsea Gregg (Livonia/Clarenceville) with a low shot that cut the Madonna lead to 3-1.

The lead shrunk to just a goal less than three minutes later when Joneli Cook took a pass from Nicole Polite and beat Gregg to the left side of the net to make it 3-2 with just over 90 seconds left in the

match.

The Crusaders were able to keep the Mustangs (5-8-1) from mounting much more of a threat and took away their third victory of the season.

Madonna redshirt junior goalkeeper Brittany Warner (Canton/Plymouth) earned the win, not allowing a goal during her 45 minutes of action in the first half. Gregg made three saves in her work in the second half while Jolly stopped 10 Crusader shots.



Reign-ing champs

Congratulations to the Plymouth Reign '00 boys soccer team, which recently won first place in their division. All of the players live in Canton or Plymouth. In the front row (from left) are Zack Friess, Alex Schafer, Adam Sinclair, Chintan Modi, Taylor Ufford and Matthew Breda. In the back row (from left) are coach Doug Morrison, Derek Greening, Justin Winn, Amaan Rahman, Alex Hill, David McGrath, Ahmad Alley, Zak Merchant and Maximilian Greil.

CHIEFS

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line executed fairly well. I'll have to look at the tape, but obviously with 56 points and (the) time of possession we did a good job."

GIVING KUDOS

Four Canton players rushed for at least 60 yards and found the end zone at least once to key the onslaught. The top gainer was junior running back Zac Merillat with 112 yards in eight carries and one touchdown.

"Our line did a great job," said Merillat, in his first season with the Chiefs. "They knew they had to come out here the first game of the playoffs and really set the tone for our next couple of games, however far we make it."

"I really owe it all to the line. The holes were big, all I had to do was take the football and run."

If it wasn't Merillat doing the damage, it was either seniors Kevin Buford (9-78), Davion Stackhouse (8-60) or junior Ryan Jones (7-83, 2 TDs).

Excellent blocking and the slick trickery of senior quarterback Ben Merbler also helped keep the Pioneers guessing.

Merbler, by the way, also completed four-of-six passes for 72 yards, including three

TDs.

"We emphasize keeping our fakes going, and that's a big part of our offense," Merillat noted. "So, to get our offense working we have to carry out our fakes, do everything to perfection."

Buford and Stackhouse not only scored a touchdown on the ground, each hauled in a scoring strike during a 28-point second quarter — going for 16- and 23-yards, respectively.

JUST A GLIMMER

The Pioneers, an at-large



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Sprinting toward the end zone for yet another Canton TD is junior running back Ryan Jones (No.14).

playoff team who finished 5-5 with the playoff loss, did have one brief moment of hope when they recovered the game-opening inside kick.

But after a one-series drive, Merillat spearheaded the Chiefs to a 71-yard scoring drive that required only nine plays.

Merillat got it going with a 35-yard run up the middle and he finished it with an eight-yard gallop into the Pioneer end zone with 6:20 left in the first.

The Chiefs scored on their next series, with a 26-yard run by Merillat moving the ball inside the Pioneer red zone.

Two plays later it was 13-0, with Buford taking Merbler's pitch on the right side of the backfield, hurdling a defender and racing in unscathed.

Merbler's three touchdown passes came within a four-minute span of the second frame to completely blow the game open.

He threw a pass to Stackhouse at about the Pioneer 2-yard line and the 6-0, 205-pound tailback did the rest. Stackhouse left a defender in the dust with a spin move and successfully dove into the

front-right pylon of the end zone.

With 2:48 remaining in the half, Merbler faked a run, stepped back and connected with wide-open senior tight end Angelo Lanava on a 15-yard TD.

A spirited 75-yard touchdown run by Pioneer quarterback Reilly Quigley (4-15, 69 yards in the air; 13-116, 2 TDs on the ground) finally gave the visitors something to cheer about, cutting the deficit to 28-7.

But back came the Chiefs in the final minute to score again. Merbler's 23-yard pass to senior tight end Garrett Bryden helped set up a 16-yard toss to Buford with just 15 seconds left. Buford reached up to easily snare the high, hard toss.

TALENTED DEPTH

Jones and senior fullback Nick Alaniva (7-43) pretty much took over the running game in the second half and did not disappoint.

Early in the fourth quarter, Jones put the icing on the Canton cake with a 63-yard touchdown run to make it 56-19.

"It felt good, but every day in practice they encourage me to keep working hard and it showed today," Jones said. "I learn every day from the other backs. They've been here longer than me and I don't feel down about not being a number one back because we're all good backs and every day we just work hard."

Baechler said Jones' strong play is just another example of the quality of depth on his squad.

"It's nice to be able to rest Kevin and be able to put another fast guy in there," Baechler noted. "He's still learning to play our system, but he's a talented kid."

The Chiefs' next playoff opponent will be either Plymouth or Saline, who played Saturday.

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be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 at Whitman Park (Mies Shelter), located off W. Chicago between Farmington and Merriman roads, in Livonia.

Check-in begins at 9 a.m. the closes at 10:30 a.m. The event will benefit the Livonia Symphony Orchestra. The Boy Scouts will also be on hand for its annual Can-Do Drive. The pre-race entry fee is \$15 (adult), \$10 (middle schools and high school), \$5 (younger) or \$40 (family).

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be ... practicing or doing what the coach wants them to do, which is one thing I have to keep them in line about."

He said he likes having the responsibility as captain of encouraging teammates to stay on the ball, literally and figuratively.

The Cougars also are different from public school teams because guys typically don't see each other at school and then head out to the field, although Wensley said he does see some of the players taking calculus or other classes at an Ann Arbor-based co-op.

"I know all of the people, obviously from being on the team, but a lot of the people I knew beforehand," he said. "A lot of them, slightly over half of them, go to the same co-op I go to."

"But a lot of the other guys I've seen around at other places. A lot of them go to a church in Ann Arbor ... a few of them go to other co-ops in the area as well."

Wensley still takes some courses at home, such as American government and civics.

DIFFERENT PATH

And while some might question whether homeschoolers get the same education — or have to work as hard for it — as those who go to public or private schools, he said folks shouldn't be so quick to judge.

"It's pretty cool," Wensley said. "I don't do all my stuff at home, even though most people think of homeschoolers as people who just stay home, like we sleep in and don't do much work."

"Some people think we don't do much work and that it's easy to be in home school, but that's not really the case."



HAACH senior defender Jason Wensley (left) dribbles around an opponent during a recent varsity boys soccer game. Wensley has years of experience playing for teams in the Canton Soccer Club.

Research backs him up. In a recent study published in *The Journal of College Admission*, it was reported that homeschoolers last year earned a 26.5 ACT score compared to a 25.0 mark for other college freshmen.

Grade-point averages and graduation rates also were greater among the homeschoolers, and that's not based

on a small sampling — there are an estimated 1.5 million homeschoolers in the U.S.

All of that should make Wensley feel pretty good about his decision to use a different kind of launching pad into the rest of his life.

Until then, he still has some soccer to play.

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Mustangs pounce on Pats' miscues

BY BRAD EMONS
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Northville's high-powered spread offense has received most of the accolades this season.

But in Friday's Division 1-Region 2-District 2 football playoff opener Friday, the Mustangs' defense played a major role in the scoring as they routed visiting Livonia Franklin, 37-7.

Northville, which improved to 9-1 overall, converted two of Franklin's four turnovers on the night into touchdowns.

Senior defensive back Levi Perry scooped up a fumble and raced 13 yards into the end zone with 1:32 left in the first quarter to give Northville the lead for keeps, 13-7.

And Trei Walton duplicated Perry's score by picking up another Patriot fumble and running 80 yards to give Northville a 30-7 advantage and put the game away with 10:12 left in the final quarter.

"You never expect that," Northville coach Matt Ladach said. "But when you see when those things happen, those are 'baggers' and those things are what really put Franklin away."

"The key tonight was our defense scoring. We're pretty good offensively, and when our defense puts points on the scoreboard, we're very dangerous."

Franklin (7-3) took the opening kickoff and scored its lone TD with an 11-play, 57-yard drive capped by a Jimmy Mazaris 1-yard run with 6:25 to go in the first quarter.

But Northville responded on the ensuing possession going 59 yards in eight plays with 5-foot-10, 155-pound junior speedster Brandon Love scoring from 10 yards out.

Ladach said answering Franklin's initial score was pivotal.

"Absolutely, it sure was," the Northville coach said. "We told our offense when we were on the sideline, 'Boys, we need to get one back, we need to get one back right now.'"

The Mustangs made some slight defensive adjustments as the first half unfolded.

"They were running that trap on us," Ladach said. "They were able to run it untouched a few times. Number 44 (Dan Muller) was doing a great job running that thing in there, and our backers weren't going over the top to the ball. But those guys did a nice job making their reads after that first series."

In the second quarter, Northville's defense sacked Franklin quarterback Brent Marzion three times.

Meanwhile, the offense took over after Perry's fumble return when Love turned the corner for a 38-yard run with 7:05 to play followed by a Victor Bodrie 42-yard field goal with 3:04 remaining to make it 23-7 at intermission.

Love finished the night leading all rushers with 138 yards on 13 carries.

"Number two (Love) was the least of our concerns coming into this," Kelbert said. "He had a good game. The way they hit the edge puts a lot of pressure on a defense."

Northville's final score came 7:10 left when junior quarterback Jeffrey Gertley hit Dawson Laabs with a 7-yard TD pass.

Gertley rushed 13 times for 51 yards and was 7-of-14 passing for 75 more.

Meanwhile, Northville's defense picked off two Patriot passes including one by Love in the second quarter and another by Perry in the final quarter.

Northville outgained the Patriots in total yardage, 287-247.

"To turn the ball over as many times as we did it's just not going to get it done," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "I think we played hard. It's just the mistakes. Too many of them. 'It's kind have been an Achilles Heel that we've had. Guys who haven't turned the ball over all season turned it over tonight."

"I don't know. It's just one of those things that just happened and you just can't make mistakes in a game like this."

Franklin had 21 first downs, but only one TD to show for it.

The Patriots were led on the ground by Dan Muller (14-for-79), Tino Benavides (15-for-68) and Mazaris (11-for-58).

"We moved the ball all night long running the ball," Kelbert said. "I don't think there were any big changes on either side. It was just a matter of them executing offensively and us turning it over. They were pretty much unforced turnovers. Fumbles — that's just our guys dropping the ball. That's the way it goes."

The Patriots also got pinned early by muffing a pair of first-quarter kickoffs. They started one drive on their own 5 and another on their own 1.

"This is the 10th game in a row that those (kick-off returns) have hurt us," Kelbert said. "It is what it is. It's the team we have and we make do with what we have. It's just something we couldn't put together all year."

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Chiefs knock off Knights in five

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's power players and callups from the junior varsity all did their part Thursday as the Chiefs knocked off the Knights of Walled Lake Northern.

It took five games to accomplish, but host Canton came away with a 3-2 victory in the KLAAs association volleyball crossover between third-place teams.

The Chiefs (29-10-3) lost the opener but rebounded with 25-21 and 25-19 wins in the next two games to go up 2-1. Northern (23-12-0) forced the fifth and deciding game with a 31-29 triumph in Game 4, but Canton prevailed 15-11 in the clincher.

"We started off slow, we were only tipping in the first game," said Canton head coach Mary Kryska. "We only had two kills in the first game. Then we started picking up, and as we hit more we just had to work around their big blocks, because they're all hitting."

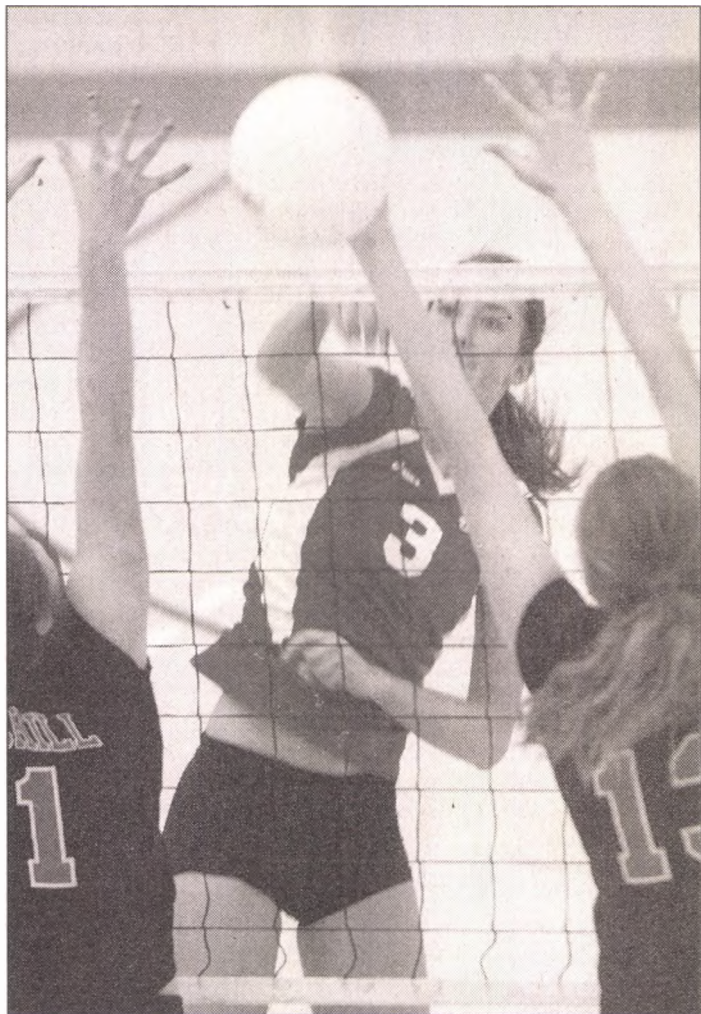
"They (Knights) have a lot of big girls. But we were very competitive with them because our team is (a lot of) offense, as well. It was whoever was going to hit more."

Not many teams boast two players up front who can knock the cover off the ball, in junior outside hitter Kristen Muir (16 kills, 34 digs, four aces) and junior middle blocker Alaina Turner (10 kills). They were electric at times with the way they pounded away.

"It comes with the adrenaline, and the intensity of the game," said Muir, asked about her ability to hit sizzlers that find the floor on the other side of the net. "It feels good to crush the ball so I like to do it as much as I can."

"I had some moments, I probably could have gotten more kills than I did."

In the clinching match, Muir picked up a pair of key points



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Canton's Tori denBoer (No. 3) smacks the ball over the attempted block of two Livonia Churchill players during a recent KLAAs South volleyball match. The Chiefs defeated Walled Lake Northern in an association crossover Thursday night.

with heavy spikes. She then collected the winning point with a nifty tip of a setup from junior setter Jackie Waite (18 assists).

The Chiefs also received big games from sophomore outside hitter Erica denBoer (eight kills, 20 digs, three aces), senior middle hitter Tori denBoer (nine kills, four blocks), junior right-side hitter Maggie Deloy (14 digs, five kills) and junior setter Lauren Martin (26 assists).

Besides the victory, Kryska said it was a big night because junior varsity callups Jordan Diedrick, Rebecca LeChevalier and Emily Lang (all sopho-

mores) received important playing time. All three also were expected to see more PT during a weekend tourney.

Kryska added that the way the Chiefs were able to rev up the offense against Northern can only help the team's confidence entering Monday's 5 p.m. district opener against Novi (at Northville).

"We're going to have to have a lot of defense, which is one thing we lack," Kryska said. "It's going to be a good game, it's going to be offense-vs.-offense."

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Celebrating after winning the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference tournament Thursday is the Plymouth Christian Academy varsity volleyball team.

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been the mental approach of never being satisfied with how things are going on the court.

"Our team consistently pushes to get better, work harder and not settle for (being) mediocre," Blackney

said. "We have really been working on our mental game and remaining tough no matter the circumstance."

"I thought that translated well at our conference tournament."

Blackney said Thursday's success was team-wide, although junior middle hitter Kristin Malcolm continues to be the straw that stirs the drink. Malcolm collected 26 kills, eight blocks, nine digs,

seven aces and 32 service points.

Many others helped the cause. Those included libero Abby Bartes (seven aces, 30 service points, 14 digs), setter Brianna Harris (48 assists), Amy Zinn (21 points, 10 kills), Jessica Rich (11 digs, 36 points), Folake Olojo (14 kills, five blocks) and Sarah Howard (seven kills, four blocks).

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thing was off tonight.

"We have a lot to work on (before districts) and hopefully we got all of that bad play out of our system."

Two Wildcats who had some success in the passing department, however, were freshman Shayla Smalls and junior Jessica Scott (15 and 12 assists, respectively).

NO 'MO'

Hartland (24-12-12) jumped out early in Game 1 and did not slow down the rest of the match thanks to heavy hitters up front and a defense that did not give the Wildcats many spots to place kill attempts.

"Everything was in rhythm tonight and I'm very proud of them," said Eagles' head coach Estelle Lashbrook. "Their goal right now is to go for districts, it's never been won in Hartland."

Strong all-around players such as Stephanie Jones (10 kills, 10 digs), Hannah Guilford (eight kills) and Kelsey Hill (six kills) ensure that Hartland at least will be in the conversation

this postseason — particularly with more performances such as Thursday's. Hartland is at the Milford district.

In Game 2, Plymouth enjoyed a brief run of success, leading 7-5 following a spike by senior outside hitter Kayla Bridge (20 digs, five kills) and service ace by senior libero Mariah Tesarz.

But the Wildcats could not build off of that small amount of momentum, and a four-point service string by Jones (featuring another spike by Hill) lifted Hartland into a 21-18 advantage.

On this particular night, that proved to be insurmountable as Plymouth just couldn't put the ball between the lines or come up with defensive sideouts.

It was more of the same in the third game, with Hartland going up 19-9 and coasting with little trouble.

McCausland, meanwhile, said the Wildcats will need to quickly turn the page.

"That's why it's so upsetting," McCausland said. "This week at practice they were geared up, we knew we had a huge week."

"... we knew this was going to try to prep us for the upcoming districts. The way they played, now we're going to have to regroup and start all over."

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Rocks show fight in district tuneup

BY TIM SMITH
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Emphatic comebacks not only lifted Salem past Brighton in Thursday's KLAAs association volleyball crossover, they gave the Rocks plenty of swagger just in time for the state playoffs.

In the matchup between fourth-place squads, Salem swept to a 25-16, 26-24, 26-24 victory. But it's how the Rocks won the final two sets that had head coach Amanda Nies beaming.

In the middle game, the Bulldogs were up 24-20 and poised to tie up the match. But senior Lauren Aschermann went on a six-point service run and Salem (28-8-3) eked out the win.

Game 3 was knotted up 24-24 when senior Kerry MacDonald served up back-to-

back aces to clinch the set and match.

"Our problem all year has been finishing," Nies said. "We did it the last two games. Being down by four points (in Game 2) and getting six in a row, that was huge, we haven't done that all year."

MacDonald was huge in all departments, with 43 assists and 14 digs along with her two aces.

Seniors Kerstin Johnson (24 digs), Jillian Sommerville (11 kills) and Madeleine Vala (15 digs) made big contributions as well.

Of course, the star of the show was senior middle blocker Nicole Merget, outstanding with 25 kills in 50 attempts with only three errors.

"That's a phenomenal game," Nies said.

Merget also helped out with 11 digs and four blocks against

Brighton (19-9-5).

"A lot of people are scared of Nicole, but sometimes she doesn't realize how good she is," Nies said. "That's kind of her biggest weakness. Sometimes we have to let her know 'No one should be blocking you,' and she'll say 'Coach, tell me exactly what to do and I'll do it.'"

"Her biggest thing is just to keep her intensity up. She gets a lot of swings. ... when you're getting 50 swings a night and 25 kills and digs all around, you're doing a lot of work."

If Merget is still looking for ways to get better following such a dominant performance, other teams in the Northville district definitely will have their own work cut out for them.

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Young Canton Lions battle Redskins

The Canton Lions varsity was handed its second loss of the season by the score of 29-6 by the Dearborn Heights Redskins.

From the opening kick, the Lions and Redskins showed the crowd why they are two of the best teams in the league. The Redskins jumped out on top, but the Lions never submitted and kept clawing their way back into the game.

Steve Cortelli recorded his first reception in the contest. Bobby-G hooked up with Levelle Steeples for a long TD. Charlie Turfe continued his strong, physical play. Tyrece Smith made some nice tackles from his cornerback position. But trumping them all was Ty Jasman, who played six different positions.

• In the JV game, the Lions set the tone for a 24-18 win over the Redskins thanks to an opening kickoff TD return by Jason Arnold. Freddie McGee, Alan Jones, Julius Crouch, Patrick Wayne, Jackson Austin, Issac Jackson, Joey Glunt, Shaw Lyall, Adam Abdallah, and Gage Moyers all provided great blocking that allowed Jason the opening.

Meanwhile, Canton's defense was stingy all day, particularly Alan Farmer, Miles Davenport,

Damarcus Kaigler, Shaw Lyall, Jackson Austin and Matthew Wayne.

• The Canton Lions freshman team came up a little short in their first loss of the season, falling 13-12 last Sunday to the Dearborn Heights Redskins 13-12 last Sunday.

After falling behind 13-0 at the half, the Lions came roaring back with second half scores from Justin Reynolds and a touchdown pass from Noah Brown to Spencer Brown.

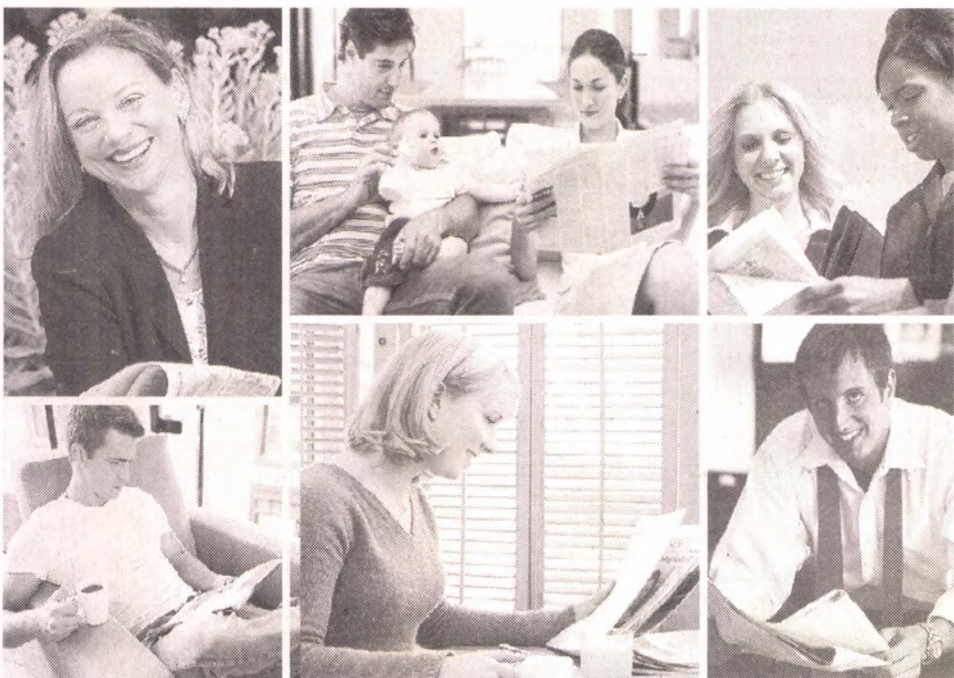
The Lions once again put up a strong defensive effort, led by Chase Meredith, Wesley Askew, Bennett Austin Eddie Cargor and Bradley Tyszkiewicz. The offense was paced by solid blocking from Ruben Williams, Connor Ostrowski, Julian Gocaj, David Crapps, and Chris Campbell.

• Black and Blue: The Lions end the regular season with the yearly Black and Blue battle with the cross town rivals, the Plymouth-Canton Steelers. The game is on Halloween this year and should be some great games. Come out the PCEP High School field to see them battle. The schedule is as follows: 11 a.m., freshman game; 1 p.m., JV game; 3 p.m., varsity game.

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Dog advocate group keeps pressure on pet stores

BY SHARON DARGAY
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Pam Sordyl will watch election returns Tuesday, but will be just as eager to hear about balloting in Missouri as she will the results of her home state.

"Proposition B in Missouri is huge. They're the capital of puppy mills, so on Nov. 2, that's what I'm going to be watching, because it could be a huge win for the overall campaign," she said.

"I hope next year they introduce a puppy mill ban (in Michigan. We've been waiting two years."

Sordyl, an animal welfare activist, knows a thing or two about puppy mills, dog-breeding farms known for keeping dozens and sometimes hundreds of animals in substandard conditions in an effort to maximize their profits when they sell to brokers who supply retail stores or directly to consumers via the Internet. According to the Humane Society of the United States, (HSUS) most of these mass breeding facilities are legal and can keep breeding dogs in cramped cages their entire lives as long as they supply basic food, shelter and water. The HSUS has worked with rescue groups and law enforcement to shut down abusive puppy mills, but its major campaign is convincing the public to end consumer demand for mill-bred dogs by adopting rather than buying pets.

STAGING RALLIES

That's also where Sordyl and Puppy Mill Awareness Meetup members have focused their



Pam Sordyl (right) during a rally with another Puppy Mill Awareness Meetup member. The group hopes to convince retail outlets to switch from selling puppies to adopting out homeless dogs.

efforts for the past two years.

Sordyl, a former Plymouth resident who now lives in Oakland County, founded the group in Northville after a friend from the Humane Society of Huron Valley told her about a new pet store in the community's quaint downtown. Sordyl had participated in educational rallies held near Petland in Westland, but took a different approach when she organized a rescued dog parade in Northville.

"We got the whole town talking. We approached all the businesses and asked them to support us ... put out dog dishes and talked about what

we found, that they (the store) was getting their dogs from Missouri." The store closed and Sordyl's group began to attend animal-related events, including the annual Pet Expo in Novi, to spread the word about puppy mills.

When HSUS investigated Petland nationwide in 2008, Puppy Mill Awareness Meetup headed to the company's Westland store, which closed a few weeks ago after five months of weekly rallies near the store.

Sordyl isn't sure if the group's continued presence compelled the store closing. A corporate spokesperson

did not return a call to the *Observer* by publication time.

"We didn't want them to go out of business. We wanted them to stop selling dogs from puppy mills and bring in rescue dogs," said Christine White of Milford, who led many of the rallies in Westland.

During the 50 rallies the group held in Westland, members of the public shared stories about 15 sick dogs they had purchased from stores.

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One woman's story: adopt, don't shop

BY SHARON DARGAY
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Judy Fisher of Livonia knew better.

She was aware that puppy mills — large scale dog breeding farms — are known for the squalid conditions in which they confine their live products. She knew puppy mills supply pet stores via brokers or sell directly to consumers through the Internet, shipping young canines to buyers throughout the country. And she had heard that over-breeding at puppy mills often results in sick dogs.

But Fisher, who had searched unsuccessfully to adopt a new companion after her dog, Rascal, died in July 2009, has a big heart. A lifelong animal lover, Fisher let her heart lead her when she bought a Yorkie mix puppy, "Simon," from a Westland retail outlet in September 2009. Now she faces \$2,100 in surgical fees to repair a results of a congenital disease that causes the hip joint to collapse, leading to osteoarthritis.

"When I went out looking for new companion I wasn't looking for breed or size. When you've had animals like I've had, all my life, that's not what you look for," said Fisher, who visited the Michigan Humane Society several times, looking for a new dog. "Smaller dogs went so fast. To go during nor-



Judy Fisher shows off Simon.

mal adoption hours was hard for me."

Fisher, who works as a logistics analyst for a watch distributor, applied for dogs through a local rescue organization but "it didn't work out with them."

BUYING A DOG

She never considered shopping at a retail store, but was discouraged by her inability to find the right match. Temptation, she said, got the best of her when she saw a puppy sign in a pet store. Meeting Simon was "love at first sight" and Fisher decided to rescue the pup from his cramped cage, and noisy environment.

"I couldn't walk out of that store and feel good about

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Louise Scanlan (left) offers a variety of vintage items to customers at previous "Treasures from Grandma's Attic."

Collectibles display, antique appraisal set at Greenmead

Shoppers can browse vintage items and collectibles at "Treasures from Grandma's Attic," on Saturday, Nov. 13 and then get appraisals just two days later, all at Greenmead Historical Park, in Livonia.

Vendors will display and sell "treasures" from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Grandma's Attic, a cross between a flea market and rummage sale.

On Monday, Nov. 15, the Livonia Historical Society will present an appraisal evening with Doug Dalton, auctioneer, at Greenmead.

Dalton, who graduated from the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit, has been a full time auctioneer for 25 years. He has conducted more than 2,000 auctions and in addition to working independently, also has worked for the Boos Gallery

and Park West Gallery. He has conducted hundreds of charity auctions and raised more than \$3 million for worthy causes.

Dalton is a certified appraiser of fine art and antiques, and is a member of the Certified Appraisers Guild of America.

The Livonia Historical Society meeting with antique appraisal will start at 7 p.m.

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Both Treasures from Grandma's Attic and the antiques appraisal will be held in the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead, located at Newburgh and Eight Mile, in Livonia. For more information, call (248) 477-7375

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Sue Mallick of Plymouth shows her collage, titled "Conversations." It won a third place award in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia's annual fall exhibit.

Awards given in annual art exhibit

Eugene Clark of the College for Creative Studies in Detroit recently awarded winners in the annual fall art exhibit, "Artistic Expressions," presented by the Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL).

Lori Zoumbaris of Belleville won first place for her watercolor, "Flirting with Fuschias." Zoumbaris, a professional painter, works in acrylic, watercolor and colored pencil. She is a graduate of Center for Creative Studies.

Second place went to Regina Dunne of Northville for her pastel, "Serenity." Her pastel portraits have won many awards.

Third place went to Sue Mallick of Plymouth for her collage, "Conversations." Sue was a commercial artist before she began painting in fine arts in 2002. She works mainly in acrylics and collage. This is her first award.

Barbara Eko Murphy of Northville, received two awards. She received an Honorable Mention and a Best of Show award for a watercolor painting, "Budding Artist" of her granddaughter.

Other artists who received Honorable Mention awards were Beverly Johnson of Livonia for a mixed media, "Mexican Flowers," Mary Kehoe of Farmington for a water color, "Roosters Paradise," S.K. Spiteri of Livonia for a collage, "First in One, Scape Theory," and Anna Willis of South Lyon a mixed media of "The Escapees."

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Simon

ADOPT

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myself, knowing he was still in that cage. They did try to keep it clean, but it was way too hot. To see kids beating on the glass... if I could have taken all of them (the dogs) I would have."

She adopted a second dog, "Nelson" last summer from Almost Home Animal Haven's no-kill shelter in Southfield. Her two "furry children" play like brothers, but Simon is hampered by the painful Legg Perthes.

In correspondence with the Better Business Bureau, the store, now closed, offered to negotiate less costly surgery through its veterinarian. Fisher declined and pointed out that the store's veterinarian had initially examined Simon and signed his health

certificate. The congenital disease was diagnosed by Fisher's own veterinarian several months after Fisher purchased the puppy.

Fisher, who is recuperating at home after suffering a stroke during the summer, was happy to hear the store closed this month.

"I don't have the money to take anyone to court. The only thing I want is his surgery. I'm going to have to start sacrificing for the \$2,100 surgery bill."

Fisher said her decision to buy Simon is a double-edged sword. "It was a rescue thing for me. But if I could go back and do it again, I wouldn't just walk into a store not knowing what I was walking into."

She suggests that prospective pet owners spend time on the Internet doing their research first, before heading to a shelter.

"There are way too many dogs out there in need of a home."



Inclement weather doesn't stop a Puppy Mill Awareness Meetup member from rallying.



Pam Sordyl talks with a motorist during a rally in Westland.

ADVOCATE

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records available through the Michigan Department of Agriculture to find out which out-of-state breeders supply local stores. After finding the breeder, she researches public inspection reports about the their facility.

"Before I protest a new store, I will write a letter to the owner and I will call the owner." She asks them to stop selling and start adopting out dogs, a request that hasn't attracted any takers. "It seems like they are deciding to go out of business instead."

The group has begun to target new stores or those poised to open, sending a "big message" about selling puppies. When a new store planned to open at dog-friendly Partridge Creek Mall in Macomb Township, Sordyl met with both the store owner and mall management.

"We asked the store to switch to adoptions and we asked the mall to seriously investigate the breeders. They didn't want protesters out there. They liquidated in 10 days."

The group has begun to broaden its efforts and geographic reach. Members now regularly protest at a store in Flint, and there are plans

to conduct rallies this winter in Novi and throughout Macomb County. White, and other members sometimes work undercover as they visit breeders in Michigan or react to information they've culled from the group's Web site and other message boards.

UNLICENSED SELLER

The group last year started watching and visiting a Brighton Township man who was peddling dogs out of his garage.

"We learned that he isn't zoned to be there. And then we found out he needs a veterinary license — that's a felony. He had 30 dogs and was doing his own vetting."

Sordyl, who is married and has three dogs, previously worked in finance at General Motors. She'll be a guest speaker this week at a puppy mill conference in Chicago, Ill.

"Education is important. We can shut down all these pet stores, but then there will be someone selling on the side of the road, or at a flea market. They're everywhere. If we can get to the public first, really educate the public in making wise choices, we can steer them to the shelter. We've got to get people to focus on rescue."

Puppy Mill Awareness offers information on reporting sick dogs, finding adoptable dogs, as well as other online tools at www.meetup.com/puppymillawareness/

Shop, mingle at annual Women's Expo at Summit

More than 40 vendors with products and services ranging from health to home improvement will be on hand at the Women's Expo Saturday, Nov. 13 at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. The annual event will run from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and will offer health screenings, continental breakfast, raffle prizes, goody bags, and shopping.

Special demonstrations will include holiday decorating by Keller and Stein and appetizers by Chef Paul.

Displays and activities will also include Avon, BC Sweets, Bella Rosa Events, Bizzy Lizzy Bakery, BluLady Crafts, Body Contouring By Design, Bowtastic, Brackney Chiropractic, Canton Farmer's Market, CC Baby, Cellar Door Soap Co., Clearly You, Creative Memories, Don't Worry Bead Happy, Longaberger, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Mind & Mood Clinic, Mrs. B's Brittle, Nutrition for a Change, Oakwood Healthcare System, Phoenix Trading, Renewal by Anderson, Sansonetti Sauces, SendOut Cards, Simply Fun, Somers Primitive Painting, Sophia's Boutique, Soul Purpose, Summit on the Park Personal Training, Stella & Dot, The Pampered Chef, Thirty-One Gifts, Tupperware, UCI, University of Michigan Livonia Vein Center, Osborne Books & More, Walden University, and Wowgreen International.

All guests will receive a gift bag filled with goodies from participating vendors. This annual event is sponsored by Community Financial, The Goddard School, Oakwood Healthcare System, and Renewal by Anderson.

Advance tickets are \$5 from the Summit on the Park front desk, or \$10 at the door on event day. For more information visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

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OCT. 31-NOV. 3**Book sale**

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-noon, Sunday, Oct. 31

Location: St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Annual used book sale, bake sale and boutique

Contact: Peg Besecker at perkypegb@aol.com or (734) 522-2826

Trunk or Treat

Time/Date: 5:30p.m. Oct. 31

Location: Harvest Ministries Church, 28233 Drake, Farmington Hills

Details: Games, candy, hot dogs

Contact: (248) 478-1511 ext.58

NOV. 4-10**Catholic series**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, just south

of Plymouth Road, between Farmington Road and Merriman, Livonia

Details: Teresa Tomeo, author, media specialist, EWTN and Ave Maria Radio syndicated talk show host, will talk about rejecting the "fast lane" life of a secular TV news reporter and return to the Catholic faith of her childhood

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

Christmas bazaar

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 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

End of life planning

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 4

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

Details: Monsignor John Kasza is

the guest presenter

Contact: RSVP to (734) 425-5950

Ladies' Inspiration Day

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 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

Pumpkin patch

Time/Date: Noon to 6 p.m., Oct. 31 and 10 a.m. to dark, Oct. 28-30

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Pumpkin Patch sales will benefit Forgotten Harvest, a non-profit that rescues surplus, prepared and perishable food for emergency food providers

Contact: (734) 464-0211

Quilt show

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 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

Tea, fashion show

Time/Date: Doors open at noon, Sunday, Nov. 7

Location: Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, 29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Ladies of Sacred Heart 2nd Annual Tea, Luncheon and Fashion Show. Luncheon provided by Thomas's Catering of Livonia. Fashion show provided by Clothing Cove of Milford. Tickets are \$30 each; tables of 8 may be reserved

Contact: (734) 482-3170 or (734) 261-8560

Widowed Friends

Time/Date: 6 p.m., Friday, Nov. 5

Location: Antonio's Cucina Italiana, 2220 N. Canton Center Road in Canton

Details: Widowed men and women gather for dinner and conversation. If more than 18 people respond, a special menu that includes family-style servings of salad, bread and mostaccioli, along with one choice from five different entrees, coffee, tea and ice cream would cost approximately \$17. If fewer than

18 respond, participants will order from the regular menu, with separate checks

Contact: RSVP no later than Oct. 29 to Patty at (734) 699-5148

NOV. 11-17**Alternative Christmas**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 13

Location: St. Fabian Parish, 32200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Charities will sell items that can be used as gifts. All of the money goes to the charity itself. Hope Lutheran Church collaborates with the parish on the annual event

Contact: (248) 553-4610

Composer festival

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 13

Location: Birmingham First United Methodist Church, 1589 Maple, between Southfield Road and Cranbrook, Birmingham

Details: Gilbert Martin will lead the festival choir of more than 100 voices performing his own works. Tickets are \$5 at the door

Contact: (248) 646-1200

Gift Bazaar

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 14

Location: Congregation B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake, south of Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: One-stop shopping for all of your gift needs for the holidays and other special occasions. Among the featured items are books, baby clothes, toys, doll clothes, arts and crafts, jewelry, women's wear, sweaters, hats and accessories, handbags, home decor, tea pots, and more

Contact: (248) 788-0600

Grief during holidays

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14

Location: Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: GriefShare presents a program designed to help those who have lost loved ones cope with the holidays. Topics include using the holidays to heal, handling parties and invitations, and dealing with traditions and other changes. A \$4 donation covers the cost of the

workshop

Contact: (313) 682-7491

Holiday Bazaar

Time/Date: 4-8 p.m., Nov. 12 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 13

Location: Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road, Garden City

Details: Lots of booths, along with a cookie walk, Christmas boutique, and a silent auction. All-You-Can-Eat turkey dinner served from 5-7 p.m. on Friday. Cost of the dinner is \$7 for adults, \$4 for kids 4-12, under 3 eat free. Lunch and snacks will be available on Saturday

Contact: (734) 421-7620

Pomegranate Guild

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14

Location: The community room of the Prentiss Apartments, located on 10 Mile east of Greenfield in Oak Park

Details: The group studies and creates Judaic needlework. At this meeting it will sew and stuff teddy bears for charity and finish projects for Special Olympics and the children's Holocaust Memorial in Texas

Contact: (248) 661-5337

Share the Bounty

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Nov. 12

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: The annual fund-raiser includes decadent sweets and chances to win handmade items and gift baskets for the benefit of needy families at Christmas. The church is partnering with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and has committed up to \$1,000 for the fund-raiser to benefit the needy in our area. Tickets are \$15 and all proceeds will help approximately 15 families through the Salvation Army

Contact: (734) 464-0211

Trivia fun

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. registration; 7:30 p.m. start, Nov. 12

Location: St. Damian Community Room, 30055 Joy, Westland

Details: A night of fun playing trivia. Minimum of two players on a team. Cost is \$15 per person, ages 18 years and up. Pizza and snacks included. Cash bar available

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RELIGION

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Contact: Dave Chiola at (248) 752-2340 or the parish office at (734) 421-6130

ONGOING

AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten-fifth grade
Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.
Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

Livonia Unity

Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.

Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine – a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions
Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org.

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: (734) 846-4615 for information

Nicole's Revival

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday

Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford

Details: KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer

Contact: (313) 531-1234
Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: (248) 374-5920

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday

Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty
Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need
Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

Crafters wanted

First United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 23
Location: Eight Mile and Taft in Northville

Details: 3rd Annual Community Bizarre Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at the church. A great opportunity for local entrepreneurs and artists to showcase their talents and products to hundreds of local customers. Booking now
Contact: For details and to reserve a place, e-mail to Pat Breslin at fumcbazaar@gmail.com. Learn more about Village Banking at www.FINCA.org

Riverside Park Church of God

Time/Date: Oct. 22-23
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Applications are being accepted for the annual fall craft show. Rental spaces are 8- by 5-feet and can be reserved for one day at a cost of \$20 or two days for \$30. Tables an additional \$5
Contact: (734) 464-0990; download an application at www.riverside-parkchurch.org

St. John's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: Oct. 9
Location: 555 South Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Looking for crafters, vendors for a fall craft sale
Contact: (734) 721-5023

St. Thomas a'Becket

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Accepting applications for handmade crafts only for 20th annual Christmas Craft Show

Contact: craftshow@abecket.org or (734) 844-1232

Fellowship dinner

St. James Presbyterian
Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Details: Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals
Contact: (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

Food Bank

New Hope Church
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton
Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

Moms

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m., first and third Thursday, MOPSnext. Both programs run through May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPSnext supports mothers of school-aged children. The theme will be "Momology - The Art & Science of Mothering" for MOPS and "Boundaries" for MOPSnext

Contact: Rebekah Creeden at (734) 524-0283 for MOPS and Susan Magner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPS

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope

Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

Pet-friendly service

Time/Date: 1 p.m., Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gath-

ering as non-denominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs
Contact: (313) 563-0162

Prayer

Nardin Park United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests
Contact: (248) 476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church

Details: Music, singing, prayer
Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

St. Michael's Church of Livonia

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday

Location: Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia
Details: Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction service follows. (734) 261-1455

Senior citizens

Riverside Park Church of God
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., third Thursdays

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Senior adults, age 50 and over, enjoy social interaction and food
Contact: (734) 464-0990

Singles

First Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry meets; cost is \$5
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others who are ready to help cope or become involved in the other social activities offered by Widowed Friends.

Find out more
about the "NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING" on this page
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THE PROPOSAL

Arbor Ridge Residence is a proposed **community-based elderly care residence** at the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Ridge Road in Plymouth.

It is our desire to keep this location **residential in character and in use**. The request submitted to Plymouth Township is **NOT for a change in zoning**; however, to maintain the current residential zoning and still fulfill our purpose in caring for local elderly individuals, Arbor Ridge Residence must request and obtain Approval of a Special *Land Use* from Plymouth Township.

To keep our new neighbors and the Plymouth Township community informed and aware of our plans for Arbor Ridge Residence, we've created an informational website at

www.ArborRidgeResidence.com

On ArborRidgeResidence.com, you can

- discover why Arbor Ridge Residence is good for Plymouth Township
- view actual site plans and drawings of the proposed property use
- read testimonials from current neighbors of Village Oaks Residence, a similar community-based elderly care residence in Novi, Michigan
- view the Plymouth Township land use requirements
- request additional information about the land use
- send a letter of support to the Plymouth Township Planning Commission

HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

We would love to answer any questions you have about Arbor Ridge Residence of Plymouth. Contact us at

www.ArborRidgeResidence.com
or call 734-634-3007 for additional information.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF LIENED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that a closed bid sale will be held on November 18, 2010 at 1:00 PM at 40671 Joy Road Canton MI 48187 County of Wayne. AMERICA'S BUDGET STORAGE will sell to satisfy the lien on property stored at 40671 Joy Rd Canton MI 48187, by the following persons. The inventories listed below were notated by the tenants at the time of rental. AMERICA'S BUDGET STORAGE makes no representation or warranty that the units contain said inventories. Unit A19 Lapp, Business Inventory: Unit D 41 Little, Household Goods: Unit F 24 Jones, Household Goods: Unit G 10 Post, Household Goods: Unit I 33 Shorday, Household Goods-Tools: Unit J 03 Mitchell, Household Goods: J 15 Haynes, Household Goods: Unit J 35 Anderson, Household Goods: C116 Pazera, Household Goods: Unit C210 Bunt, Household Goods: Unit C 212 Hull, Household Goods

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Request Approval of a Special Land Use
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, November 17, 2010
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 pm
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL for an adult foster care residence for seniors, in the Single Family Residential District (R-1-E), on Tax ID R-78-048-99-0015-000, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 6.2. The property is located North of Ann Arbor Rd, South of Woodway Dr, East of Fellows Creek Dr, West of Ridge.

Application: 2037/1010 Applicant: James Roose

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel description, see tax records based on Tax ID Number: R-78-048-99-0015-000

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, extension 9. The meeting will be held in the meeting room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth MI 48170.

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Job seekers get the power of Team Eforce support

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Cleo Parker, of Livonia, had some good news to share with fellow Team Eforce members this past Thursday.

"I just got a job, so I'm sort of making the rounds of my groups," she said, including Team Eforce (Encouraging, Friendly, Optimistic, Resourceful, Committed, Engaged).

The weekly support group for job seekers is affiliated with a Southfield church, Highland Park Baptist, and meets weekly at the Farmington Community Library's main branch on 12 Mile between Farmington and Orchard Lake roads.

"We've been running about 10 people," said Team Eforce facilitator John Baker, of Farmington Hills, an architect. The group had met Thursday mornings for two hours, but beginning Monday, Nov. 1, will meet at 9 a.m. Mondays at the Hills library.

Parker lost her last professional-type job in the fall of 2008 at Jumpstart Automotive Media. She'll be associate director of research as of Nov. 1 at Starcom MediaVest.

Larry Fee used to facilitate the Farmington Hills group, but got a contract job, so Baker took over the faith-based group.

"I'm reinventing myself," said Baker.

The Team Eforce meetings begin with prayer, although the group is open to people of all faiths.

"What did you do last



A recent Team Eforce (Encouraging, Friendly, Optimistic, Resourceful, Committed, Engaged) session included (left to right) Jenny Hu of Farmington Hills, Veronica Player of Farmington Hills, Meatta Reeves of Detroit and Teddy Lee of Novi. The group will begin meeting 9 a.m. Mondays as of Nov. 1.

week and what are you going to do?" Baker asks each person.

The larger Career Solutions Workshop at the Southfield church, which is run like a "Career Boot Camp," encourages the smaller get-togethers. The Hills group began in July 2009.

"It's a self-running program at this point," said Elyse Streit, head of the adult reference desk for the Hills library. Team Eforce started using a study room at the library but outgrew that.

Sharon Vincent, library branch head, and Streit came up with a plan for the group.

"We wanted them to really have a place," Streit said. "It was a win-win situation all around."

The first two facilitators are now working, she said.

"A lot of them are IT people, engineering. It's an encouragement group, a support group. It has complemented our mission. We're really happy to allow them to come here," she added.

Baker worked for 30 years for the Taubman organization and was let go in a January 2009 downsizing.

"I've been looking and doing freelance," he said.

Group members are encouraged to use LinkedIn for business connections.

"Our motto is 'We never want to see you again,'" he said with a smile aimed at now-employed Parker.

They decided to switch to Monday morning meetings because that's not



PHOTOS BY DON MCKERCHER

Facilitator John Baker of Farmington Hills and Cleo Parker of Livonia listen during a recent Team Eforce session at the library in Farmington Hills. Parker was happy she'd landed a job in her field, advertising.

a great time to call busy employers. That will leave Thursday morning free for job searching.

Most Thursday meeting attendees had college degrees, and were often victims of the auto industry downsizing. Jenny Hu, of Farmington Hills worked for General Motors 20 years, and was laid off.

Hu got a job with the federal government in Washington, D.C., helped by her language skills in Cantonese and Mandarin. That job was too much for her family situation, so she's back in Michigan.

"I enjoy it very much," Hu said of Team Eforce. "People are very, very positive and will share a lot of information."

Group member Veronica Player of Farmington Hills is using a free Take Charge program through Walsh College, bringing in professionals in a larger group in fields like accounting and project management.

She has a background in statistics/quality as a data analyst and began attending Team Eforce this fall.

A career coach recently visited and has worked with some members.

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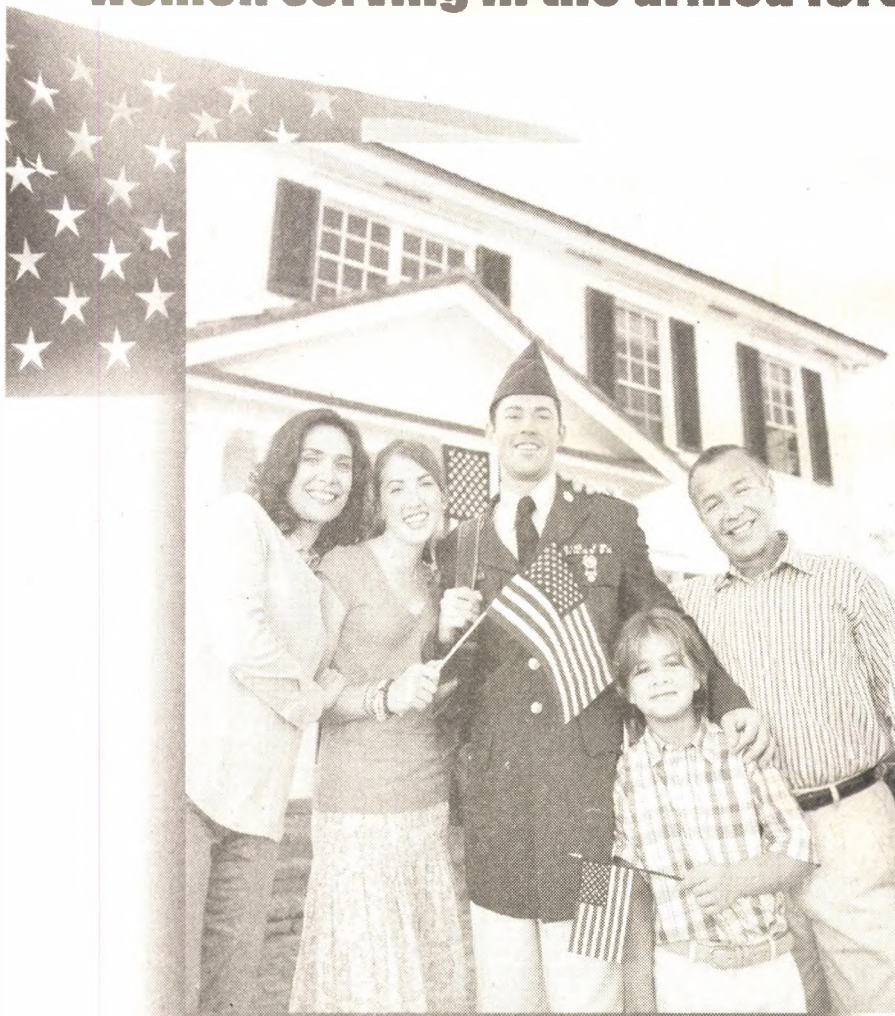
Baker noted the group does resume work and practice interviews.

Baker said the group will cross that bridge when it comes, when he finds a job. He's looking forward to someday returning to work.

"When it's a love, it's not really work," Baker said.

Baker can be reached at jbaker48334@gmail.com.

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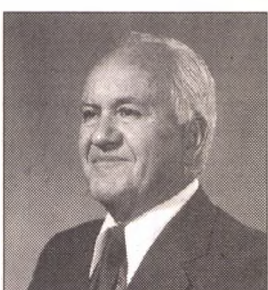
BETTY L. HILZINGER

Greenville, Age 87, formerly of Berkeley and Holly, passed away late Friday evening, October 8, 2010 at Crystal Springs Peace Harbor in Grand Rapids. The daughter of Frank W. & Elsie M. (Hansen) Irons, she was born on Feb. 12, 1923 in Detroit and grew up in Berkeley, where her father was chief of police and later Oakland County sheriff. Following her graduation from Berkeley High School, Betty completed her nurses training at Mt. Carmel and worked as a registered nurse. On April 21, 1945 she married Phillip G. Hilzinger and together they enjoyed 63 years of marriage. A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, she had been a member of the Berkeley Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. In retirement, she and Phillip made their home in Holly. She was preceded in death by her husband, Phillip G. Hilzinger; a son, Phillip G. Hilzinger, Jr.; a son-in-law, Jim Ford; a grandson, Joshua Hilzinger; and a brother, Jim Irons. Surviving are a daughter, Gail A. Ford of Greenville; a son, Robert F. & Kathy Hilzinger of Knoxville, Tennessee; five grandchildren, Jack Ford of Greenville, Erin & Sam Baldwin, Kami Ford, all of Grand Rapids, Nathanael Hilzinger, and Krista Hilzinger, both of Knoxville, Tennessee; and three great grandchildren, Jordan, Jenna, and Jake. Honoring her wishes, private family services will be held at Oakview Cemetery & Mausoleum in Royal Oak. Contributions in Betty's memory may be directed to the Michigan Special Olympics (www.somi.org) or to the charity of ones' choice. To send a message of sympathy to the family, please visit: www.ChristiansenCares.com. Arrangements were entrusted to the Christiansen Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Greenville.



DOROTHY ANN DeLAURO

Oct. 23, 2010, age 87, of Novi and long time resident of Plymouth and Canton. Beloved wife of the late Joseph. Loving mother of Robert (Diane), Greg (Cheryl) and Kathleen (Jay) Kargula. Proud grandma of Lydia, Ashley, Joe and Kevin. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral Mass Wed. 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth (at Beck). In state at church Wed. 10 AM. Visitation Tues. 1-4 PM and 6-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (Btwn. Sheldon & Beck). Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Vascular Research. To share a memory with the family, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com



RICHARD BOOTH WALLACE

October 24, 2010 Age 89 of Bingham Farms, formerly of Bloomfield Hills. Founder and former CEO of ND Industries in Clawson. Former Treasurer of the Evening News Association. Beloved husband of Mary Ann (nee. Mead) for 70 years. Dear father of Christine Lamarche (Paul), Margaret Kell (Michael), Richard M. (Lydia) and John S. (Barbara). Also survived by 11 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. Brother of Elizabeth McLean. Grandson of the late George and Ellen Booth, founders of the Cranbrook Educational Community. A memorial reception was held at Bloomfield Hills Country Club. Memorial tributes to the Beaumont Foundation, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd. Royal Oak, MI 48073 or the Cranbrook Educational Community P.O. Box 801 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303 A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500 view obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

FREDERICK MICHAEL SWAIN

In loving memory of Frederick (Michael Swain) passed away 10/26/2010. He left behind his beloved wife Virginia of 45 years and 4 daughters, Eileen, Ann, Mary, and Carol and 6 Grandkids, Rebecca, Raymond, Robert, Kayla, BJ, Breanna and Sister Maryann and Brother Bill. He was a loving husband and great dad and brother and he was a wonderful papa who will be dearly missed.

CHARLES EUGENE WILLNOW

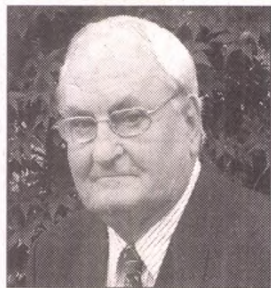
Retired Tool Designer - T.R.W Of Evans, GA, age 87, entered into rest Thursday, October 28, 2010. The beloved husband of Mrs. Larkie Pelphey Willnow. Other family members are: Son Eugene C. Willnow, Michigan; beloved step son Melvin H. Fyffe, Evans, GA; daughter Linda Willnow, Michigan; and 3 grandchildren. Mr. Willnow was born in Jackson, Michigan, a retired tool designer with T.R.W., a Army and Air Force Veteran serving in WWII and the Korean Conflict. He was the son of Charles Elmer and Helen Willnow. He was a member of Berean Bible Fellowship. He was a golfer and a bowler. He graduated in the Class of 1941 in Plymouth, Michigan. At his request, he was cremated. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Thomas L. King Funeral Home 124 Davis Rd., Martinez, GA 706-863-6747



JAMES A. NAKONECZNY

Age 52, beloved son of Valerie and the late Peter. Dear brother of Peter (Pam), Richard (Sue) and the late Tom. Loving uncle of Richard Jr., Brian, Thomas Jr., Lindsay and Megan. Great uncle of Isaiah. Visitation Monday 12 Noon until Memorial Service at 3pm Charles Step Funeral Home 18425 Beech Daly Rd. (btw 6 & 7 Mile). Final resting place Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

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CHARLES W. McDONALD
 October 27, 2010, age 81. 50th District Judge-Pontiac, First Municipal Judge of Northville. Beloved husband of Marlene. Dear father of Timothy, Dr. Thomas, Charles & Terrence McDonald and Margaret Grzesiak. Also leaves eleven grandchildren. Services were held on Saturday. In lieu of flowers contributions are suggested to St. Kenneth Catholic Church or the charity of your choice in Chuck's honor. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com



KEVIN JAMES BRUNAIS

Senior Airman, October 26, 2010. Age 25. Beloved son of Jesse and Lynda (DeMuro) Brunais. Loving brother of Katherine and Sarah. Visitation Monday 3-9pm and Funeral Service Tuesday 10:30 am at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

PATRICIA A. BLOOM

October 28, 2010, Age 81 of Redford. Beloved wife of the late Carl B. Mongold and grandmother of the late Tony LoVasco. Loving wife of David Bloom. Dear mother of Linda (Al) Goodwill and Terry (Robert) Panacka. Sister of Sandra (Jim) Nash, 5 grandchildren and 10 Great grandchildren. Visitation Sunday from noon to 7pm at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia where services will be held on Monday at 1pm. Please sign the online guestbook at: www.rgrharris.com

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CURTIS H. MARK
 Passed away Thursday, October 21, 2010 in Farmington Hills. Curt was had been a resident of Macon, Georgia; Sacramento, California and spent the last 12 years in Farmington Hills. He was a lover of guitars and the music from them. Much of his early years were spent with various rock and roll bands throughout Michigan and the country. His second pursuit was with computers where he had a special interest in internet security. Surviving family include his mother, Ruth Mark, brother Richard and children Justin of Tampa, Florida and Jacob of Phoenix Arizona.



CYNTHIA L. BORELAND
 October 28, 2010. Beloved wife of Jim for 22 years. Mother of Rick Ziegler (Kimberly). Grandmother of Zachary and Jacob. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), Tuesday 2-8p.m. Memorial service Wednesday 1p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. Visitation begins at church at 12:30p.m. Memorial tributes to Angela Hospice or Church Missions at First United Methodist Church. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



Bonnie's a beauty

My name is Bonnie and as you can see by the photo I'm quite stunningly lovely. I'm a 2-year-old fawn colored Greyhound with beautiful soulful brown eyes. I'm a very happy girl but I would love to find my very own forever family. Would you like to meet me? Please call Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption at (866) 438-4739 and visit www.greyheart.org.

WESTLAND RESIDENT MARKS 90TH BIRTHDAY

Joan Rita Ott celebrated her 90th birthday just the way she likes it - surrounded by her family and friends.



Friends and family gathered recently to help Joan Ott of Westland celebrate her 90th birthday.

The Westland resident enjoyed being "in" on the planning for the party that was held on Sept. 25 at the Rhapsody Restaurant in Southgate, according to her daughter, Karen Jamieson of Las Vegas, Nev.

Ott was born on Oct. 3, 1920, in Ford City to Silver Patrick Hebert and Mamie Hebert. Living through the Roaring Twenties, followed by the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl, contributed to her lifelong "make do" philosophy. She raised five children through the post-war 1940s through the turbulent 1960s and 1970s, all with great faith, common sense, and a positive attitude.

She lived in Ecorse, River Rouge, Wyandotte, Southgate and Allen Park. She enjoyed visiting with family and friends and reliving memories with many long ago colleagues at Wyandotte Savings Bank, where she was head teller.

Ott keeps active at the Presbyterian Village in Westland, often entertaining other residents with her rendition of Patsy Cline's *Crazy* on Karaoke Nights.

She was married twice, first to the late John Shevnock and then to the late Cletus Ott.

In addition to Jamieson, Shevnock family members attending the celebration were

Kathleen Yaeger of Sterling Heights, and Jacqueline Betke of Livonia as well as Michael Shevnock of Surfside Beach, S.C., and Patricia Boulogne of Boston, Mass. From her extended family were Errol and Norma Ott, Gary Ott, Keith and Pauline Ott, and Jeff and Pam Ott.

MILESTONES

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Charles and Hazel (Brennfleck) Martindale of Farmington celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 1.

The couple was married in 1950 at the Highland Park Presbyterian Church.

They marked the occasion with a luncheon party at the Woodpointe Residence in Livonia, where they renewed their vows with family and friends. Hazel's brother, Ralph Brennfleck, who stood up in their wedding, also celebrated his 91st birthday. Their niece, Gail Angliss, who also served as their flower girl, also attended.

The couple has three children: Cheryl (Don) Williams, Merry (Charles) Dietzel and Neal (Beverly) Martindale. They have seven grandchild-



Charles and Hazel Martindale of Farmington

dren. Chuck served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper and is a retired commercial printer. They are members of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church and are known for their generous hospitality. Their Christian faith has been an important part of their lives through a rich and blessed 60 years.

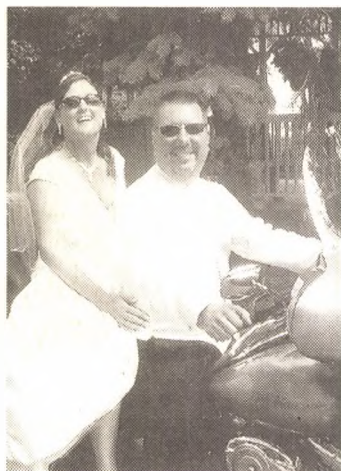
JUNE WEDDING

Andrew Caruso and Tina Schwertner were married June 12, 2010 at Laurel Manor Wedding Chapel in Livonia.

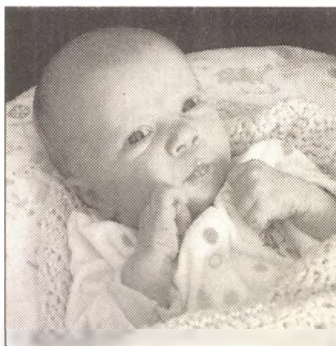
The groom's daughters served as bridesmaids and a granddaughter was the flower girl. The bride's sister was the maid of honor.

The groom's cousin was the best man.

After the ceremony the couple drove off on their Harley Motorcycle to meet family and friends at a backyard reception. The couple lives in Livonia.



Caruso-Schwertner



Verona Marie Turri

AUGUST BIRTH

Verona Marie Turri was born Aug. 28, 2010, at home in Canton.

Her proud parents are Jason and Kalin Turri. Grandparents are Gary and Theresa Turri of Canton, and Jill and Brian Albertsen of Livonia. Terry and Marge Byrd of Livonia are great-grandparents.

ST. LUCIA BREAKFAST TICKETS AVAILABLE

Tickets are on sale now for the annual St. Lucia celebration on Dec. 4 at Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills.

The event includes a breakfast, procession, performances by the St. Lucia choir and children's groups at the church.

Tickets are \$10 each for the 7:25 a.m. seating and \$15 for the 10:55 a.m. or 12:40 p.m. seatings. Tickets can be ordered by calling the ticket line at (248) 788-7094. The event will be the 31st and final St. Lucia celebration. The church will plan a new and different Christmas program in 2011.

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NEW FACES

Three physicians recently joined the staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Hazem Eltahawy, M.D., Ph.D., FRCS, specializes in neurological surgery and received his degree as well as completed his residency at Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt. He completed a spine surgery fellowship at Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit.

He is a member of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons and North American Spine Society.

Jayant Jagannathan, M.D., also specializes in neurological surgery and received a degree from the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, Md. He completed residencies at University of Virginia Medical Center, Charlottesville, Virginia, and Wayne State University, Detroit.

Jagannathan is a member of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

Both Jagannathan and Eltahawy are located at the Wayne State University Physician Group - Department of Neurosurgery, 14555 Levan, Suite 116, Livonia, and 4160 John R., Suite 925, Detroit; (313) 831-0777.

Karol Otteman, D.O., specializes in obstetrics and gynecology, and received a degree from Western University of Health Sciences, Pomona, Calif. She completed a residency at Providence Hospital & Medical Centers, Southfield.

Otteman is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. She is a member of the American Medical Association and American Osteopathic Association.

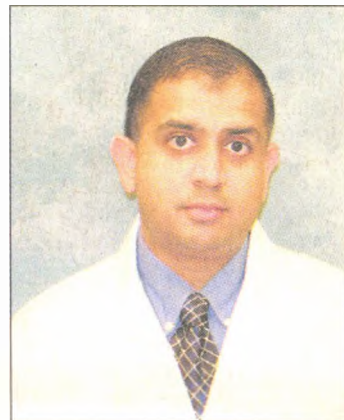
She is located at Westside OB/Gyn, 15370 Levan, Suite 1, Livonia, (734) 464-9055; and 5800 N. Lilley, Canton, (734)



Karol Otteman, D.O.



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981-2400.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

NOVEMBER

Teens and drugs

Part one of the free workshop, "Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do," runs 7:30-9 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 2, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. It will provide information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems. Part one is repeated every first Tuesday of each month, from October through June each year. Part two, "What To Do," will run 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 9 and will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified, and will include a recovering teen speaker. Part two is repeated every second Tuesday of each month, from October through June each year. The programs are free and open to the public. Parents, other family members, teens, and people who work with teens may attend. Free literature about alcohol/other drugs and teens is provided. For more information call (734) 973-7892 or e-mail teensusingdrugs@gmail.com

Flu vaccines
St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will offer the flu vaccine to family and friends of employees age 18 and older, as well as community members from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2 and Thursday, Nov. 4 in Classroom 11, at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. The 2010-2011 seasonal influenza vaccine covers three strains of flu. There are two strains of influenza A (H3N2 and H1N1) and one influenza B strain all in one dose. The cost is \$15 per person, or free with Medicare B (proof required). Register by calling the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8950.

Baby basics

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a class in infant care and breastfeeding from 10 a.m. to 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."

Memory screening

Botsford Commons Senior Community will offer free memory screenings 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16 in Farmington Hills as part of National

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Lee Muller of Livonia holds her balance in the yoga demonstration class at the Messages, Manicures, Mammograms & More women's event held Oct. 23 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Nearly 200 women attended the event, which included pampering with manicures and massages, free health screenings, yoga and Zumba classes as well as educational sessions with physicians from the hospital.

Memory Screening Day 2010. In addition to the memory screenings, Botsford Commons will offer balance and depression screenings. Guest speakers will include experts on healthy aging, driving, brain fitness and other senior resources. Light appetizers and beverages will be served, and visitors may view a resident art show. Botsford Town Commons at 21300 Archwood Circle in Farmington Hills. To make an appointment for screenings, call (248) 426-6930.

ONGOING

Alzheimer's Association

The Greater Michigan Chapter provides a welcoming and secure environment for families and individuals experiencing the early stages of Younger Onset Memory Loss. Participants can take part in ongoing discussions that focus on issues that affect those with memory loss under age 65. Meetings are 5:30-7 p.m., the third Tuesday of the month, at Bloomfield Township Senior Services, 4315 Andover, Bloomfield Hills. To register call The Harry L. Nelson Helpline at (800) 272-3900.

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and non-members of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

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Fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail: jeanieweaver@charter.net.

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Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a recovery program for people having trouble controlling the way they eat. Based on the 12 steps of AA. Open to all and free. Weekly meetings are held 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton. (866) 914-3663; www.foodaddicts.org

Hearing Loss Association

The Western Wayne Chapter provides information, education and support for those with hearing loss, their families and friends. Meetings are 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, Garden City. Contact aferack@comcast.net or (734) 664-3297.

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2. Medical records technicians What they do: Maintain and evaluate the accuracy of patients' medical records, including exam results, X-ray reports, lab tests and past diagnoses. What they need: Most often, an associate's degree from a community or junior college, with coursework in science and medicine. What they earn: \$31,837/year With benefits and bonuses: \$36,575

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4. Clinical laboratory technicians What they do: Perform tests that result in the detection, diagnosis and treatment of disease. They analyze the results and relay them to physicians. What they need: The usual requirement for an entry-level position is a bachelor's degree in medical technology or one of the life sciences; however, a combination of education, on-the-job experience and specialized training may suffice. What they earn: \$27,861/year With benefits and bonuses: \$32,070

5. Mental health counselor What they do: Work with individuals, families and groups to address and treat mental and emotional disorders and promote optimum mental health, using a variety of therapeutic techniques. What they need: A master's degree is typically required to be licensed as a counselor, which may entail 48 to 60 hours of graduate study. What they earn: \$40,338/year With benefits and bonuses: \$46,206

6. Medical scientists What they do: Research human diseases to provide the information necessary to develop solutions to human health problems, such as vaccines and medicines. They may also perform clinical investigations, technical writing, drug application reviews and patent examinations. What they need: A doctorate in a biological science is the minimum education required for most prospective medical scientists. Medical scientists who perform invasive procedures on patients must obtain licensure by graduating from an accredited medical school, passing a licensing exam and completing up to seven years of graduate education. What they earn: \$88,281/year With benefits and bonuses: \$103,638

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- "Go right!"
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- Cu successor
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- Like broken glass
- Decided
- Airport closer
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- Go at an easy gait
- Novelist — Rand
- Ra's symbol
- Wheel buy (2 wds.)

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36 States firmly
37 BB shot
39 Ziegfeld nickname
40 Not hurt
41 Sociable types
45 Hematite yield
48 Sponge feature
49 Cote murmur
50 Took the plunge
51 Strong — ox
52 Untrained, as recruits
53 Black hole, once
54 Reasons
55 Coffee brewer

DOWN

- Boxers, informally
- Caller's code
- Music notation
- Build, as assets
- Sausalito's county
- They often clash
- Just out
- Lamp-pug
- Flour into
- Morn's counterpart
- Itch
- Nave neighbor
- Turn sharply
- Bon Jovi of rock
- Slalom obstacle
- Aquarius' tote
- Studies
- Peal of thunder
- Improve, as skills
- Fall birthstone
- Memo abbr.
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- Mary Kay rival
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- Non-earthlings
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Nissan Sentra 2.0 Sr Is Fun, And A Good Value For Your Buck

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With the economy in its current state, a lot of car shoppers have adjusted their expectations, trying to get as many features as possible while shelling out the least amount of money. And while you may need to keep that price low, that doesn't mean you want to give up any kind of fun. Nissan's 2010 Sentra 2.0 SR is Nissan's answer to that problem.

All the Sentras got a facelift for 2010; the SR 2.0 benefits from a new fascia and a new grille. The SR comes with a sport grille, side sill spoilers, rear decklid spoiler with integrated brake light, chrome exhaust tip finisher, smoked headlights and taillights, and special "SR" badging on the rear deck. 16-inch, seven-spoke aluminum alloy wheels are standard. It won't blow you away, but it is a nice package for a car in its price range.

The SR is powered by a 2.0-liter 4-cylinder engine, rated at 140 horsepower and 147 lb.-ft. of torque. It's mated with a CVT (Continuously Variable Transmission) automatic transmission.

Acceleration is decent enough,

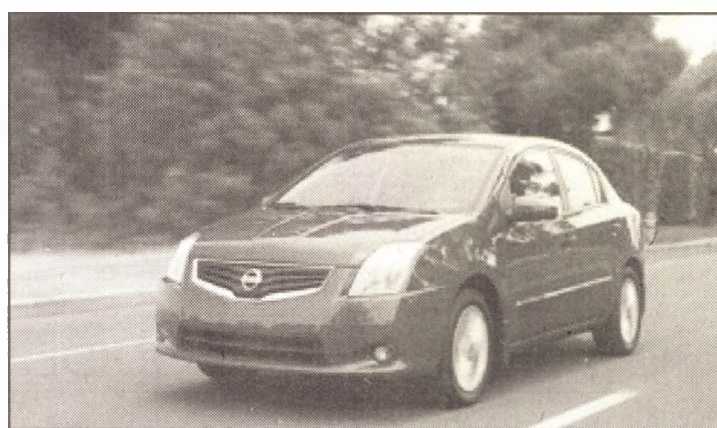
but the strength of this powertrain is the mileage. EPA rates it at 26 mpg in city driving and 34 mpg on the highway.

The Sentra provides pretty good responsiveness and decent ride and handling. The front suspension consists of independent struts with coil springs and in the rear it's a torsion beam system. Nissan has given the Sentra "ripple control" shock absorbers that help to smooth out the bumps. The power-assisted steering system makes the car easy to handle and it can handle tight spaces pretty well.

Nissan has done a nice job with the cabin. The standard cloth seats (leather is available) provide good support. There's a good amount of room up front; the rear seating area is a bit cramped for taller passengers. The rear seats are 60/40 fold down seats. The instrument panel includes a tachometer and the steering wheel includes audio controls.

There's a driver information center in the cluster that includes a trip computer. The center cluster is very well laid out. Everything is within easy reach and the controls are very logically placed.

There's a small storage bin located above the audio system. Air conditioning is standard, as



Nissan's 2010 Sentra 2.0 SR answers the need to keep the price low, but not give up any kind of fun!

are cruise control, power locks, remote keyless entry, rear window defogger, and power windows.

If you opt for the \$850 "Convenience Package," you'll get a Bluetooth phone system, leather-wrapped steering wheel, cargo net and Nissan's Intelligent Key System.

With that system, you don't actually have to insert the key to start the engine; so long as the key is with you, you can just turn the "key" that fixed to the steering column to start the engine. I don't really see this as a big advantage, but maybe that's just me. I just find it easier to keep track of the key if it's actually in the steering column.

The standard audio system is a 160-watt AM/FM/CD system with six speakers. There's neither a satellite radio nor a navigation system option for the SR, but it does come with an iPod connectivity kit that allows you to play your iPod directly through the head unit.

The car comes with anti-lock brakes, front seat side-impact

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The Sentra 2.0 SR starts at a little over \$17,000. Add the Convenience Package, the package that gets you traction control, splash guards and the floor mats and you're a little under \$20,000.

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Write Avanti NewsFeatures auto critic Dave Menard at Avanti1054@aol.com.

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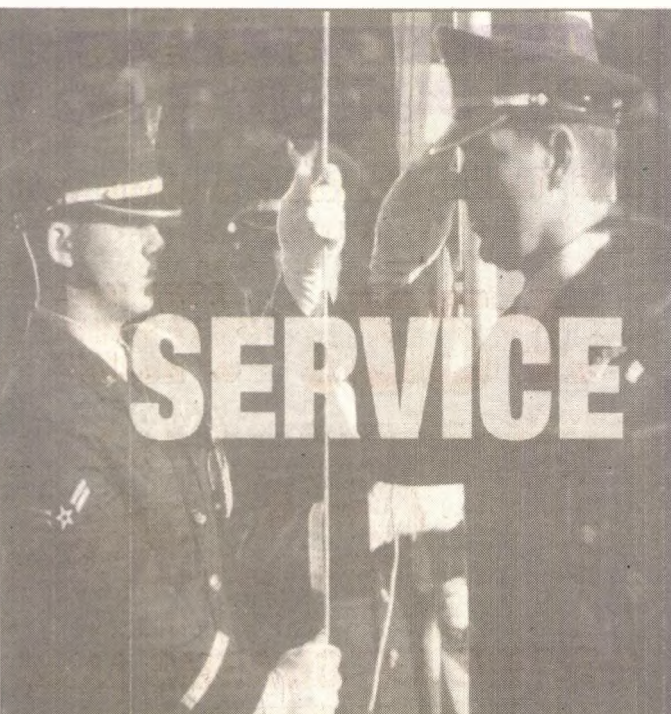
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