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Veterans Day

Veterans groups in the Plymouth area join forces Thursday to honor men and women who've served in the U.S. military with the annual Veterans Day service in downtown Plymouth.

The service takes place 11 a.m. Thursday at Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park (in front of Central Middle School). The event is organized by the American Legion Posts 391 and 122, Vietnam Veterans of America Post 528, and the VFW Post 6695.

For more information, check out the Vietnam Veterans' website at www.vva528.org or call (734) 459-6700.

Siblings serve

A local brother and sister have decided to do something together: Serve their country.

Lance Cpl. Zachary Gornick, a 2009 graduate of



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Cpl. Gornick became a Marine Sept. 11, 2009, completed combat infantry school in November 2009 and security forces training in March 2010, and is stationed in Kings Bay, Ga.

Airman Gornick completed Air Force basic military training Oct. 15. She is training in aerospace medical technology at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

Area businesses close

Spa Julianna closed abruptly Monday. The message on the answering machine indicated the owner died and the decision was made to close, with no plans to reopen. Indigo Spa, Salon & Boutique in Canton is accepting Spa Julianna gift certificates. Go to www.indigoexclusiveoffer.com for more information.

Suburban Harvest at Main and Wing also closed. Word is a coffee shop that roasts its own beans will be the next tenant.

Turkey day

The Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center hosts "Turkey Donation Day" Saturday, Nov. 20.

Anyone who brings a frozen turkey (minimum 18 pounds) to the Fox Classic Pro Shop will receive free greens fees and a cart for 18 holes of golf that day. All turkeys will be donated to the Plymouth Community United Way and Salvation Army.

For more information or to make reservations, call (734) 453-7272.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Happy huddle

After what probably was the upset of the year in high school football, Plymouth Wildcat players let loose near the 50-yard line to celebrate their 17-7 victory over No. 1-ranked Canton in the district finals. Plymouth now will either face Novi-Detroit Catholic Central or Northville in the third round. For the story and more photos, please turn to the sports section, page B1.

Local Tea Party brewed success in state races

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Tea Party movement that flexed its muscles nationally Tuesday by helping elect dozens of Republicans to the U.S. House of Representatives is claiming success at the state level as well.

Patrick Colbeck of Canton Township, the Republican state senator-elect from District 7, which includes Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton, was an early member of the area's Rattle With Us Tea Party and enjoyed support from fellow members, who distributed literature, worked phone banks and made donations to his campaign.

"Patrick was one of us. We liked his message," said Sharon Lolloio of Canton, treasurer of Rattle With Us.

Colbeck "had his roots" in the Tea Party movement, said Bill Ballenger, a former state representative and senator and the editor of Inside Michigan Politics. "That was where he had his base of support," Ballenger said.

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The Tea Party had a message that resonated with voters like Bob Stevenson, which accounts for his support of Senate candidate Patrick Colbeck.

Artist's sculpture garden relocating up north

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sculptures that have intrigued and delighted neighbors and passersby in Plymouth Township for decades are on their way to a new home in the Charlevoix area.

The abstract concrete sculptures, some of which incorporate found and everyday objects, are the works of the late Hal Stein, who placed them in his yard on Ball Street, south of Ann Arbor Road, over the years, inviting neighbors and the curious to take a look.

"He was always happy to have people come in and look at the sculpture," Stein's daughter, Kathleen Stein, said of her father's sculpture garden. "It's sort of a landmark in the

area there."

Stein, who had a career as an art teacher and retired from Wayne Memorial High School, died last December at the age of 93. His wife Dorothy, a retired mathematics teacher, had died in 2001; they had purchased the house on Ball Street in 1956.

Former student Cal Kemppainen, an artist who owns a commercial sign business, had arranged to take most of the sculptures to his home near Charlevoix, and last week was putting them on pallets and readying them for the trip.

Even though their styles are different — Kemppainen is a representational painter, while Stein worked more in abstracts — his former teacher was an important mentor

and influence, Kemppainen said.

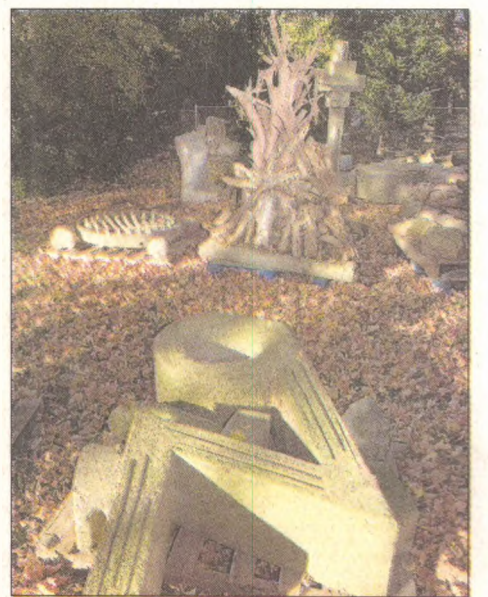
"I always came to see him to talk to him and get his points of view on things," he said.

Kemppainen owns a 140-year-old Gothic revival farmhouse, which he restored, on 30 acres near Charlevoix. He plans to set up the sculptures — there are 23 major works, and about as many smaller ones — on 10 acres at the front of his property and open the sculpture garden to the public.

He's honored to be able to get the sculptures. "I knew someday this would come and something would have to be done with them," he said.

Kemppainen said Stein used a pit in his back yard to make the sculp-

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The late Hal Stein's sculptures filled his backyard. They are heading for a Traverse City sculpture garden.

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The morning sun through the trees shows a few sculptures still standing Stein's Ball Street backyard.

SCULPTURE

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tures, taking sand and clay to make forms, into which he poured the concrete. Kathleen Stein said her father also wrote poetry and meditations, took photographs and painted.

"He was just one of those people who creates just like breathing," said Kathleen Stein, an instructor in art history at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. He especially liked "assemblage," she said, that is, the use of found and commonplace objects in three-dimensional works.

She said her father's abstract sculptures were an expression of spirituality. "He really believed in the spiritual in a very strong way," she said.

Kemppainen said Stein's works represented his search for creativity. "His whole idea was to try to figure out what creativity is," he said.

Kemppainen remembers



Much of the sculpture sits on pallets in the front yard, waiting for transport.

Stein's Wayne Memorial art classes as going beyond drawing technique to include lessons about Andy Warhol and the art movements current in the 1960s.

"To get that kind of an education, you would really have to get a college-level class," he said.

Kathleen Stein is planning to get to the Charlevoix area next

spring to help Kemppainen with the placement of the sculptures. Kemppainen he plans to build footings for the works in order to make their installation as permanent as possible.

He's using a 52-foot trailer, borrowed from a friend who has a trucking business, to take the art home, Kemppainen said.

Kemppainen's sculpture garden will be near the intersection of Ferry Road and U.S. 31, about six miles south of Charlevoix.

Kathleen Stein, an only child, said growing up with her father's creativity was "magical." She's happy the sculptures will continue to be displayed and in Kemppainen's care.

"My father's works will continue to be teachers," she said.

Salvation Army sets up for Thanksgiving drive

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With its major food drive rescheduled for spring, the Plymouth Salvation Army is counting more than ever on donations to help meet the needs of the 500 families officials estimate will seek help getting a Thanksgiving dinner this year.

The rescheduling of the major food drive came as local churches turn their attention to helping their own members. The result is that the Salvation Army's food pantry shelves are more bare than usual.

"Companies and churches are taking care of their own folks, which is a positive," said Laurie Aren, the Salvation Army's director of family and community ministries. "The negative is that we are seeing greatly reduced donations to the food pantry. The trickle-up effect has caused a significant downturn in the amount of donations we have received."

The Salvation Army will accept donations of food through Wednesday, though cash donations will be welcomed right through

Thanksgiving. Donations of turkeys (some 500 frozen turkeys are needed) will be accepted the week of Nov. 15, Aren said.

Among other Thanksgiving staples needed in large quantities are stuffing, cranberries, yams, broth, gravy (cans are preferred), corn, green beans, macaroni and cheese, potatoes, fruit, cereal, soup, canned spaghetti, rolls, rice, tuna fish, American cheese and boxes.

Salvation Army officials also point out donations should be checked for expiration dates. Food that has passed its expiration date cannot be included in the Thanksgiving giveaway.

Donations can be dropped off at the corps offices on Main Street just south of Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. Some businesses are also collecting, including Suicide Kings Tattoo Parlor, located at 42122 Ford Road (west of Lilley) in Canton.

With food being accepted through Wednesday, Salvation Army officials plan to sort and box the donations Nov. 19, then distribute them the weekend before Thanksgiving (Nov. 20-22).

Aren said donations will be put to good use, with an increasing number of local families asking for assistance. The Plymouth Salvation Army serves Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

"The need exists for an increasing number of Plymouth and Canton families, including single working individuals and retired adults on fixed incomes," Aren said.

For more information, contact Laurie Aren, director of Family & Community Ministries, at (734) 453-5464 or via e-mail at laurie_aren@usc.salvationarmy.org.

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

Garden club meets

The Plymouth Garden club meets 12:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, in the Plymouth District Library. Guest speaker will be Jeremy Christianson, whose topic is "Right Plant, Right Space." Greens orders will be collected during a short business meeting. Light refreshments will be served. The public is welcome.

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

Jazz @ the Elks

Jazz @ The Elks takes place the fourth Tuesday of the month from 7-10:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road just west of Haggerty, in Plymouth. These events are designed to keep the uniquely American tradition of Jazz alive in southeast Michigan. A \$5 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres and live jazz in a beautiful club setting.

On Tuesday, Nov. 23, the renowned John Trudell Jazz Quartet features Chuck Shermetero on keyboard, Bill Cairo on drums, Ray Tini on bass and John Trudell on trumpet and flugelhorn. This a popular group so come early for best seating.

Chair exercise

Chair Exercise is now offered at the Plymouth Community Cultural Center on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. This is a drop-in program, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Council on Aging. Cost is \$1.50 for each session. Enjoy the benefits of toning, stretching and cardiovascular workouts and a healthier life. The class instructor is Nicole M. Freeman, owner of "FIT 4 U." Everyone is Welcome to participate, just show up. The Plymouth Cultural Center is located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

Lunch and learn

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts "Lunch & Learn While Dining With Doctors" 1-3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth. The panel of doctors will include Ear Nose Throat, Anesthesia, General Surgery, Podiatry, Optimalogy, Urology, Gastroenterology, Gynecology and Orthopedic. The Dearborn Surgery Center has teamed up with the Plymouth Community Council on Aging to bring health care education to the



Going caroling

The Plymouth Historical Museum presents an 'Old World Christmas Carols Show,' performed by Simply Dickens, on Friday, Nov. 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. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

community. This is a completely free event which will include a catered lunch. Seats are limited, call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236, to reserve a seat.

DAR meets

The Sarah Anne Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (Plymouth-Canton-Northville) meet for the club's 84th birthday luncheon at noon Monday, Nov. 15.

Metropolitan Detroit Chapter Regents will be guests. State Regent Patricia Dennert will speak on "Patrick Henry."

The meeting takes place at Station 885, 885 Starkweather, in Plymouth.

Montessori open house

Plymouth-Canton Montessori School hosts an open house on Thursday, Nov. 11, for parents interested in enrolling their children in its pre-school or kindergarten programs. Teachers and staff will be on hand from 5:30-7 p.m. to provide classroom tours of the school which is located at 45245 Joy Road in Canton.

"We look forward to answering parents questions about the Montessori programs and materials that are specially designed for this age group," said Linda Myers, the school's administrator. "It's also a wonderful opportunity for us to talk with families in our community and acquaint them with the variety of culturally rich activities we offer young children."

Teachers and staff will be available at the Open House to give tours and answer questions. Children are welcome, and light refreshments will be served.

In addition to its pre-school and kindergarten programs, PCMS provides before and after school day care. The school also offers a fun and stimulating summer program that includes lots of arts and crafts, picnics, outdoor time, music, stories, games and field trips.

For additional information about the November 11 Open House and programs available

at PCMS, call (734) 459-1550 or visit www.pcmontessori.org.

Shopping extravaganza

Bentley Elementary School sponsors a "Holiday Shopping Extravaganza" 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12.

More than 20 vendors will be on hand to sell a wide variety of specialty products.

Companies such as Lia Sophia, Avon, Phoenix Trading, Tastefully Simple, and PartyLite will be there along with many more.

A full list of companies can be viewed at the Bentley Elementary web site: http://bentley.pccs.k12.mi.us/

There will be door prizes to win throughout the evening and a \$1 donation is suggested at the door to support the Bentley PTO. Bentley Elementary School is located at 1100 S. Sheldon in Canton.

For more information on the evening, e-mail shirley_addison@yahoo.com.

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 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.

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 month of 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

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.

Another life sciences facility planned for Plymouth Township

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township will add to its status as a hub for the life sciences with the opening of the Michigan Center for Regenerative Medicine.

Work has begun on the newly founded MCRM, which will be located in a former 30,000-square-foot manufacturing building on Galleon Drive. It is benefiting from a \$2.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, awarded through Wayne County's Edge, or Economic Development Growth Engine, program. The money will be used to remodel the building into laboratories, office space and a state-of-the-art facility for human cell propagation and medical device manufacturing, said James Richter, an MCRM board member.

The MCRM is designed to assist companies that work with adult stem cells from donated organs to find treatments and create devices to help people with certain medical conditions, such as congestive heart failure and kidney disease.

"We view it as one of the pieces of infrastructure in southeastern Michigan that will basically help the market" in regenerative medicine and attract companies from around the country and around the world, Richter said.

Companies will lease lab and office space from MCRM, and the 2,600-square-foot manufacturing facility, which will be climate-controlled, pressurized, specially cleaned and regularly tested for con-

taminants, will be available for use by tenants and outside companies, Richter said.

Such a facility, which must meet Food and Drug Administration standards, has a price tag of \$1 million or more and can typically only be afforded by large medical companies, Richter said.

But the MCRM won't be for startups, Richter said. "These will be a little more mature companies. These will be companies that are already in the process of getting approval from the FDA for a treatment or device that uses adult stem cells," he said.

Two companies are already planning to locate at MCRM, Innovative Bio Technologies and Regulatory Affairs Associates.

IBT, a University of Michigan spinoff, is preparing for the manufacture of an artificial kidney, a miniature pump with 100 million kidney cells. RAA, which would need office space only, assists companies in interpreting FDA regulations related to new drugs and medical devices.

Labs are expected to be finished by the spring, Richter said, and office space sooner than that.

"Landing a world-class facility for adult stem-cell research, development, and manufacturing in Plymouth Township is extraordinary news for the community and for Wayne County," said county Commissioner Laura Cox in a press release.

The MCRM will complement the nearby Life Science Innovation Center.

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Tonda student honors mom in prose

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Justin Crouch saw the things his mom does for him — she goes to his football games, she takes him out to eat, she makes him cinnamon rolls every morning — and a thought popped into his head. Moms are cool.

So Justin, an 8-year-old third-grader at Tonda Elementary School in Canton, decided he'd like to share that opinion with others. Since his mom, Kim, is an accomplished attorney and author, Justin figured he knew exactly how best to get the word out about how cool moms are.

He wrote a book.

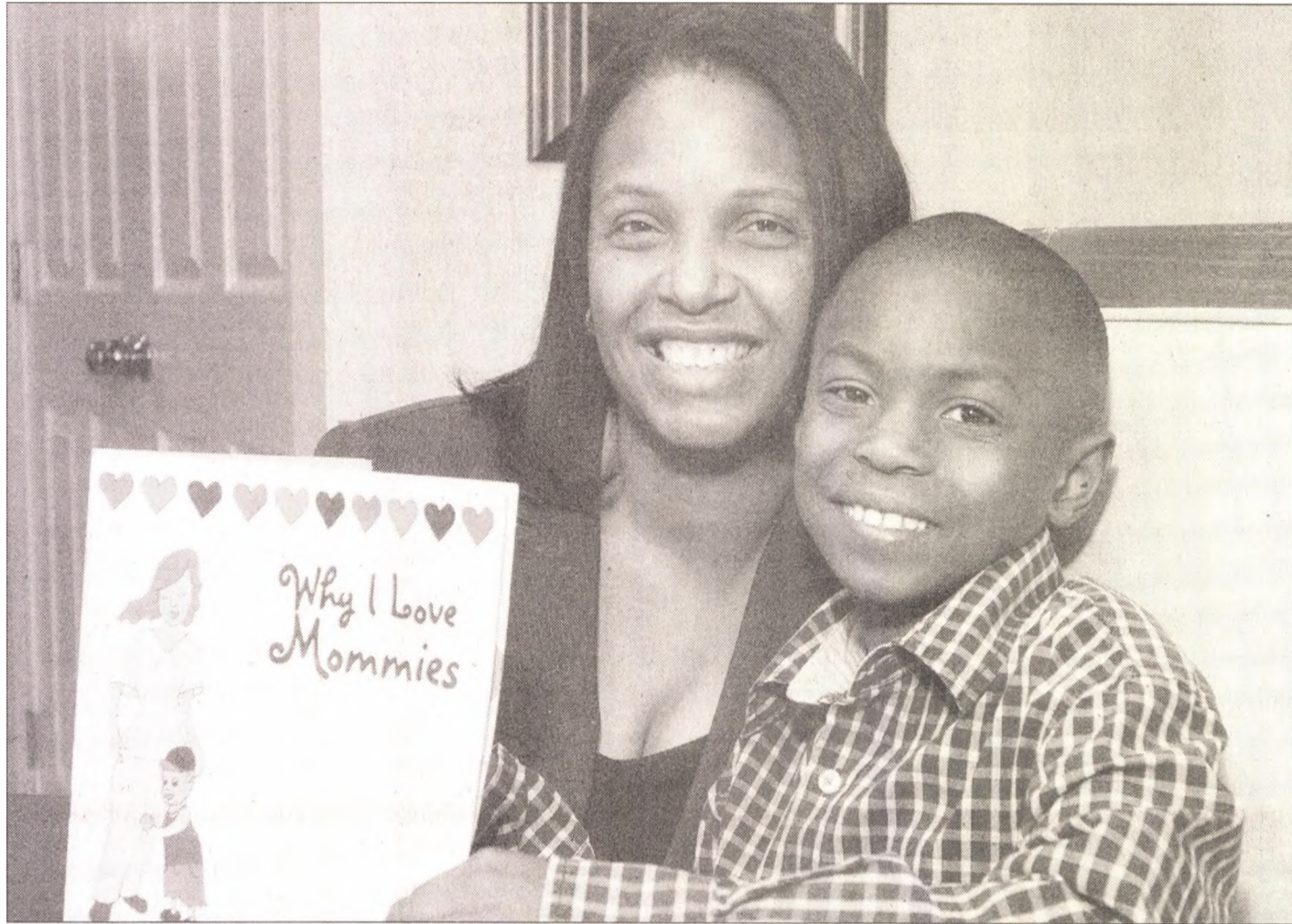
"My mom is cool and I wanted to write about how moms are cool," said Justin, the son of Kim and Julius Crouch of Canton.

Justin's first literary effort, *Why I Love Mommies*, was a summer-long work while visiting his grandmother in St. Louis. He did the writing and, when it was time to illustrate it, he talked to the illustrator. He had an "in" there, too, because he settled on Samantha Newman, the artist who also illustrated *Mother to Son*.

Words of wisdom, inspiration and hope for today's young African-American men, the book Justin's mother wrote, too.

With his experienced author-mom watching largely from the sideline, Justin worked with Newman on the various pieces of art he wanted included in his book.

"He worked with (Newman), decided which pictures he wanted on every page," said



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Author Justin Crouch and the inspiration for his book, Kim Crouch. The book went on sale Friday.

Kim Crouch, an attorney with General Motors. "There were things he didn't like and asked her to change. He really knew what he wanted."

There were other decisions to be made. Marketing, for instance. The family, in consultation with Justin, has scheduled a book signing in St. Louis, where Kim Crouch's family resides. They'll do

another one locally, though none has been scheduled yet.

And they had to decide how much to charge for the book, which was self-published through Kim Crouch's publishing company, First Generation Publishing. Justin had a figure in mind, but mom wanted him to be a little more realistic.

"He wanted to charge \$10

or \$20," said a chuckling Kim Crouch, who has a second edition of her own book due out in December. "We had to have a conversation about that. I told him to research other children's books, and he found out they were between \$5.95 and \$7.95, so that's where we settled."

Teaching their children about economics is nothing

new to Julius and Kim Crouch. Their two eldest sons, Julius III and Justin, have created a "make-believe" company Kim said she's "seriously considering" filing paperwork on. The company revolves around Julius' love of movies and the films he's created and edited using his flip video camera.

"We're really trying to instill entrepreneurship in them

THE FIRST ONE

What: Justin Crouch's first book, "Why I Love Mommies"
How: Published by First Generation Publishing
Why: "Because I wanted to show everyone how cool moms are."
Where: Available for \$5.95 at www.justincrouch.com

because we believe there has to be a paradigm shift based on what we've seen in the economy," Kim Crouch said. "You can't simply say 'get good grades and get a job.' As we've seen, there aren't that many out there.

"We try to tell them go to school, learn as much as you can and start your own business because the only person who can guarantee you a job is you. You are CEO of your life."

Justin, whose activities include playing for the Canton Lions, is already thinking about a second book, *Babies About the House*, inspired by his 1-year-old brother, Jaden (he's also got an 11-year-old brother, Julius III). Jaden, it seems, has a propensity for digging things out of the trash.

"It'll be about having a little brother around," Justin said. All of which leaves mom and dad feeling extremely proud.

"The truth is Justin did all this by himself, he wrote it, he's taken this process and exercised a lot of ownership over it, which is something we felt he should do," Kim Crouch said. "You can't believe how unbelievable proud we are."

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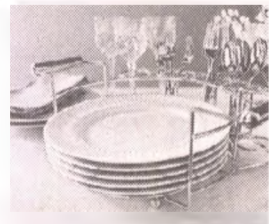
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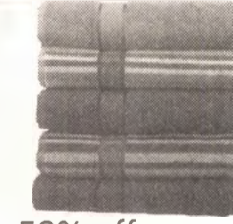
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High 'Volt'age

West Middle School teacher Lori Strachan's sixth-grade economics elective recently studied stocks, bonds, IPOs and General Motors. Student Turner Donlin volunteered his dad, Jim Donlin, a Quality Launch Manager for General Motors to come to school with a new Chevy Volt, an electric vehicle many consider critical to GM's survival. The Volt is a big hit with the students.

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Membership in the Taylor University Chorale is open to all Taylor students on an audition basis. Repertoire is selected from the spectrum of sacred choral works, from Renaissance to Contemporary Mass, Chichester Psalms by Bernstein, Faure's Requiem, Messiah by Handel, and Brahms' A German Requiem. The Chorale performs on campus, appears in concerts with the Fort Wayne and Marion Philharmonic Orchestras, and tours throughout the United States and beyond. International tour destinations have included

Great Britain, Austria, Italy, Germany, Scandinavia, Russia and Greece.

Founded in 1846, Taylor University is an interdenominational liberal arts university of evangelical faith located in Upland, Ind.

Ashland University

Emily Hoernschemeyer of Plymouth is a member of Sigma Tau Delta at Ashland University. She is the daughter of Robert and Catherine Hoernschemeyer and is majoring in creative writing.

Boston University

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 1,491 students, and among them was Muhammad S. Khan of Plymouth, who received a master's degree in medical science.

Boston University is the fourth largest independent university in the United States, with an enrollment of more than 29,000 students in its 17 schools and colleges. The university offers an exceptional grounding in the liberal arts, a broad range of programs in the arts, sciences, engineering, and professional areas, and state-of-the-art facilities for teaching and research.

Pain center invests \$3.5 million in hope

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Michael Adams has suffered debilitating back pain since he fell off a roof three years ago while repairing an air conditioner.

Adams, 50, isn't sure he'll ever get to return to his building maintenance job, but he longs to ease his chronic pain enough to do simple chores like mowing the lawn.

He and wife Monica have new hope after finding Prizm Pain Specialists, a new Canton-based medical center at 6200 N. Haggerty, north of Ford.

"I'd love to get rid of the pain," Adams said, "but I'd be tickled to death if I can just reduce it by 50 percent."

His latest hope comes from a small device — a spinal cord stimulator — that one of Prizm's doctors, Jeffrey Rosenberg, expects to implant in his back. It delivers tiny doses of electricity to transform the pain into a pleasant sensation.

"He'll feel a humming instead of pain," Rosenberg said. "One patient described it to me as a warm humming."

Adams will get a hand-held



Dr. Jeffrey Rosenberg of Prizm Pain Specialists talks about how he is helping patients. In the background is Mike Humphries, Prizm executive director and practice manager.

device he can use to turn the spinal cord stimulator on or off.

"He'll have a remote control," Rosenberg said.

It's only one of many approaches Rosenberg, business partner Dr. Jeffrey

Kimpton and nearly 30 other employees offer at Prizm, a former Allstate insurance claims center transformed with \$3.5 million into an 18,000-square-foot pain-management center.

Prizm incorporates medi-

cal, behavioral, pharmaceutical, physical, interventional and therapeutic disciplines to treat pain, whether it's caused by injuries, cancer, chronic headaches, wounds, multiple sclerosis, shingles, arthritis, degenerative disc

disease, diabetic neuropathy or other medical conditions.

One patient may need pain medication or injections, another may benefit from psychiatry and still another may opt for alternative medicine such as acupuncture, said Michael Humphries, a registered nurse, Prizm executive director and practice manager.

Prizm continues to roll out its broad-based approach to easing pain, and coming weeks will bring amenities such as a yoga center and a pharmacy for a 500-plus patient base that has steadily grown since the center opened in September. Rosenberg said pain not only causes physical discomfort, it also often leads to emotional despair and depression.

Patients as young as 18 have sought treatment at Prizm, Humphries said, "and our oldest patient right now is 97"

Statistics indicate that over 22 percent of American adults suffer from severe chronic pain, and the National Institute of Health has said 39 million people can't find relief.

With that said, Humphries said anyone seeking to dupe Prizm just to abuse prescription drugs or sell them

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"Our purpose is to improve the quality of life for our patients and not to have drugs sold on the street," Humphries said.

Rosenberg, meanwhile, said it is his goal — and that of other Prizm employees — to improve the quality of life for patients like Michael Adams, whose back pain has persisted for three years.

Rosenberg said patients deserve a chance to enjoy their families, take their dogs for walks, remain as productive as possible.

"We want to give them hope," he said.

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 - ✓ Bob Young 1,349

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- ✓ Cynthia Diane Stephens 1,550
 - ✓ Kurtis T. Wilder 1,392

3RD CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE INCUMBENT

- ✓ Margie R. Braxton 868
- ✓ James A. Callahan 992
- ✓ Eric William Cholack 938
- ✓ James R. Chylinski 996
- ✓ Gershwin Allen Drain 945
- Wanda Evans 487
- ✓ Patricia Susan Fresard 1,014
- ✓ David Alan Groner 1,014
- ✓ Cynthia Gray Hathaway 959
- ✓ Michael Hathaway 906
- ✓ Muriel Diane Hughes 970
- ✓ Timothy M. Kenny 1,014
- ✓ Kathleen Macdonald 964
- ✓ Sheila Gibson Manning 955
- ✓ Bruce U. Morrow 833
- ✓ John A. Murphy 880
- ✓ Lita Helene Popke 1,100
- ✓ Mark Slavens 1,151
- ✓ Jeanne Stempien 1,025
- ✓ Brian R. Sullivan 1,071

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- ✓ Susan L. Hubbard 1,001
- John L. Sullivan 912

3RD CIRCUIT JUDGE

- ✓ Linda V. Parker 1,450

PROBATE JUDGE

- ✓ Milton L. Mack 1,255
- ✓ Cathie B. Maher 1,439



Several hundred people attended the recent Tea Party Rally held at Schoolcraft College, an indication the message resonated with voters, who installed several Tea Party candidates Tuesday.

TEA PARTY

FROM PAGE A1

Colbeck, 45, is an engineer and management consultant who advocates smaller, less expensive government and lower taxes. Lolloio, whose husband Marco owns a trucking firm that's been hit hard by the economic downturn, said Colbeck understands what a lot of people are going through.

Rattle With Us activists, Lolloio said, were also impressed with work ethic he displayed during the campaign.

"Pat walked the neighborhoods faithfully. He knocked on doors of people and met them face to face," she said. "That speaks of a man's character right there."

Lolloio is confident Colbeck will be able to effectively take to Lansing the Tea Party's desire for smaller state government.

"I think we're going to do some good things up in Lansing," Colbeck said.

Though herself a Tea Party member, Lolloio hesi-

tated to use the Tea Party label to name what she said was a broader push for smaller government. "I just consider it Americans saying enough is enough," she said.

Colbeck agreed. "It's not radical at all, it's very mainstream," he said. "It is very much a mainstream movement."

Republicans Kurt Heise, the winner in the 20th District Michigan House of Representatives race, and Lori Levi, who narrowly lost to incumbent Dian Slavens in the 21st House District, also enjoyed support from members of the Rattle With Us group, Lolloio said.

But their main goal was to elect Colbeck. "Patrick was the guy we were really pushing," she said.

Heise also said he thinks he'll be able to promote the Tea Party's agenda.

"If Tea Party people stand for limited government, smaller government, lower taxes and a respect for the law, then I think they will be happy with how I conduct myself in Lansing," he said.

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 - ✓ Bob Young 5,599

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- ✓ Eric William Cholack 3,487
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- Wanda Evans 1,586
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- ✓ David Alan Groner 3,927
- ✓ Cynthia Gray Hathaway 3,532
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- ✓ Muriel Diane Hughes 3,658
- ✓ Timothy M. Kenny 4,011
- ✓ Kathleen Macdonald 3,623
- ✓ Sheila Gibson Manning 3,458
- ✓ Bruce U. Morrow 3,097
- ✓ John A. Murphy 3,277
- ✓ Lita Helene Popke 4,065
- ✓ Mark Slavens 4,128
- ✓ Jeanne Stempien 3,734
- ✓ Brian R. Sullivan 4,008

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- John L. Sullivan 3,543

3RD CIRCUIT JUDGE

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PROBATE JUDGE

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- ✓ Cathie B. Maher 5,275

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 - ✓ Richard Zeile (R) 6,653
 - Elizabeth W. Bauer (D) 4,106
 - Lupe Ramos-Montigny (D) 3,153

- UM REGENT**
- ✓ Andrea Fischer Newman (R) 7,070
 - ✓ Andrew C. Richner (R) 6,780
 - Paul Brown (D) 3,471
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- MSU TRUSTEE**
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- UM REGENT**
- ✓ Andrea Fischer Newman (R) 1,813
 - ✓ Andrew C. Richner (R) 1,715
 - Paul Brown (D) 1,182
 - Greg Stephens (D) 1,119

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Arts council starts 42nd year of volunteer program

The Plymouth Community Arts Council has kicked off their 42nd year of bringing Art to children in Plymouth-Canton area schools.

The Art Volunteer Program, founded in 1969, currently includes 19 public and private schools and over 400 volunteers. For the 2010-11 school year the PCAC has provided 57 portfolios to be housed at the participating schools as well as 70 supplementary portfolios, 16 sculpture units, 12 culture boxes and dozens of art books available for check out at the PCAC by registered AVP volunteers.

In 1969, PCAC officials said, Joanne Winkleman Hulce had a vision of providing art enrichment to the Plymouth area schools. Together with other members of the community and a grant from the Plymouth Canton School Board of Education, she founded the Plymouth Fine Arts Council.

This was the first Council in the State of Michigan organized to provide services in the arts to the schools, according to PCAC officials. A year later, it became the Plymouth Community Arts Council, and boasted close to 60 members. Out of this original group came the Elementary Visual Program, also known as the "Picture Lady" program, intended to bring art into the classroom on a regular basis. Over the years, adults and children alike have fond memories of a "Picture Lady" or "Art Mom" coming to their school.

The purpose of the Art Volunteer Program, officials said, is to expand children's exposure to art through presentation of a variety of art styles and forms within the classroom setting. Volunteers may check out portfolios, sculpture units and culture boxes to present to their assigned classroom. Subject matters range from Ansel Adams to Van Gogh, from The Renaissance to the Heidelberg Project in Detroit. Some portfolios include a story-book about the artist, allowing the presenter to read a story to the children as part of the presentation. Volunteers are also provided with ideas for projects for "hands on learning" in the classroom about the artist or genre.

Art Volunteers need no experience, as the PCAC trains and educates parents, grandparents and friends who are willing to share art in the classroom.

Preschool art enrichment is also offered by the PCAC in the way of Preschool Art Classes including "You and Me Together" (for the younger child with a parent or caregiver) and "Littlest Artist Studio" (a fun and inspiring program for 4- and 5-year-olds).

Those interested in volunteering may check with their school or contact the Arts Council by calling (734) 416-4278, stopping by the PCAC at 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth or by e-mail to tamara@plymoutharts.com.



DAVID MALHALAB

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Pam Turkin, owner of Just Baked (with stores in Livonia, Ann Arbor, Canton, Royal Oak and at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi), shows off her cupcakes that were baked for a special America's Thanksgiving Parade Company party to unveil the DTE Energy float and to announce legendary radio Hall of Fame member, Dick Purtan, as Co-Grand Marshal, recently. Turkin has been a Parade Company supporter for many years and party goers loved her cup cakes.

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Power of the sun

Couple taps into solar energy, federal tax credits

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kurt and Tanya Schultz were looking for ways to cut their energy bill and live in a more environmentally-friendly home.

What they installed on their ranch home on Pembroke Street was nothing new — solar panels on roofs have been around for years — but what is unique about their photovoltaic system is a grid-tied array and a battery backup system.

The Schultz home is the first in Livonia to install such a system and obtain tax credits.

Not only has the couple cut their bills, but they also will receive a rebate from DTE Engery.

"We decided to do this because it is apparent that we and people around the world are consuming too many fossil fuels," said Kurt Schultz, an attorney in Plymouth.

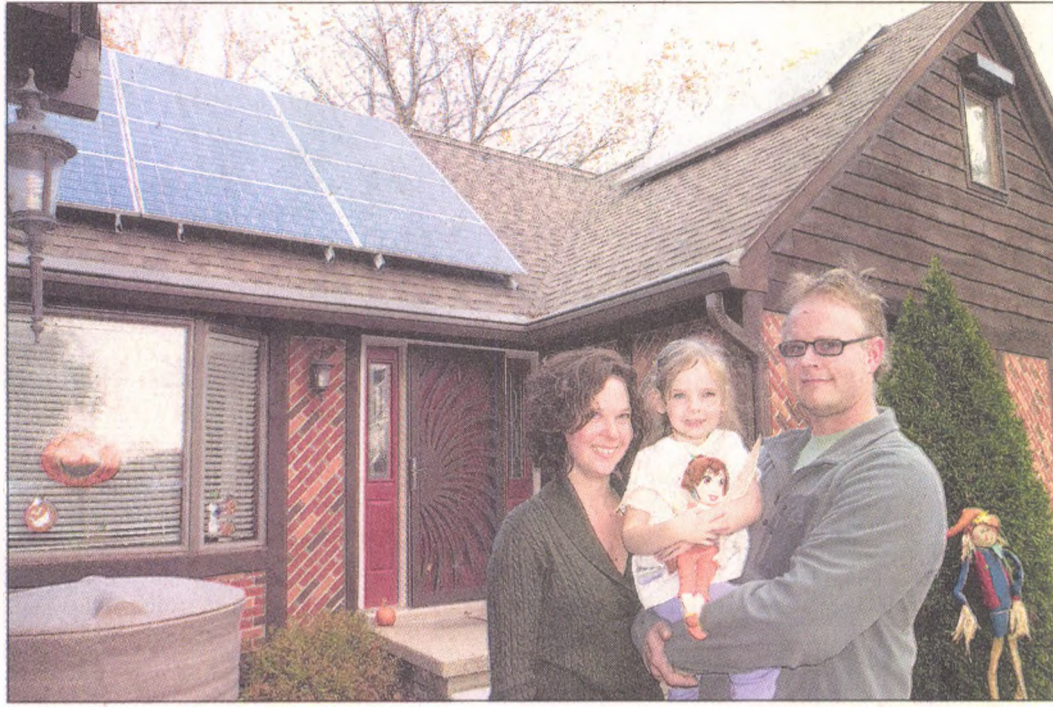
"The demand for coal and oil has increased. Our demand has increased, along with the demand in other countries. China's demand will increase 400 percent. Renewable energy will be the way to go."

A SUNNY CONVERSION

The photovoltaic technology turns the sun's light energy into electrical energy.

After passing through a component called an inverter, the direct current (DC) electricity generated by the solar panels is converted to alternating current (AC). The system isn't cheap. The solar hardware cost about \$19,000, plus \$4,000 for installation. The Schultzes hired Hartland Electric for the installation.

Schultz expects that they will receive about one-third of that expenditure back in a reimbursement from DTE. About \$22 million is available from DTE Engery for residents through the Solar Currents



Kurt, Tanya and daughter Cassidy Schultz stand in front of their home. The couple recently installed solar photovoltaic panels on their home to capture solar energy and receive tax credit and reimbursement to cover a portion of the installation's cost.

program, according to DTE spokesman Scott Simons. DTE receives all rights to any Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) allocated to that renewable generation, while the Schultzes will receive a credit on their energy bill for the next 20 years.

About 145 customers participate in the program, according to Simons.

"The installation is offset by an average of \$22,000, based on an average system size of 4½ kilowatts, over 20 years," he said.

TAX CREDIT ADDED

The couple will also receive a 30-percent tax credit on the total cost of the materials, permits and installation. "So we are basically getting two-thirds off the bottom line price," Schultz said.

This system allows for Schultz to flick a switch during a power outage to a battery

backup system to run the electricity, while the solar panels recharge the same backup system. Previously, grid-tied systems would be shut down during a power outage because of the dangers of the possibility of "backflow" of energy circulating into a "down system," which could cause injuries, Schultz said. "So in essence, one's array would be shut down and useless during a power outage," Schultz said.

And if the sun isn't out during inclement weather to recharge the battery backup during a power outage, Schultz's system has a bypass to allow for a generator to power the house or to recharge the battery system.

Schultz can monitor how much energy is generated from the sun online and what each panel is collecting. Six panels were installed on the house's roof, four facing south toward the street, and two others fac-

ing west to catch the late afternoon sun.

FIVE-YEAR PAYBACK

Schultz expects the couple will get the payback in five years. He expects a rate of return on his investment of 100 percent because the price of energy is always going up, Schultz said.

"The panels feed the grid, we sell it to DTE and we're offsetting our monthly bill," Schultz said.

The family started using the solar panels about two weeks ago. Schultz pulled out his laptop and showed how he can monitor the amount of energy collected by the panels. They had gathered enough solar energy in one week to power 121 computers for a day or 367 light bulbs. The carbon dioxide that has been offset by the system is equivalent to what two trees would process.

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Summit to host women's expo

The Women's Expo returns to Canton on Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Women of all ages are encouraged to attend a special day dedicated to just them. This annual event will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and organizers are calling it "a great way for women to connect with one another, have fun shopping, enjoy delicious food and great products, and is an excellent way to spend a day with friends."

Mothers, daughters and friends will enjoy this annual festive event featuring health screenings, continental breakfast, raffle prizes, goody bags, and great shopping. Attendees will be able to kick-start the holiday season with demonstrations to help bring out the 'hostess' in everyone. Special demonstrations will include holiday decorating by Keller and Stein and appetizers by Chef Paul.

The expo will feature more than 40 vendors, featuring products and services ranging from health and beauty to home improvement and decor will be available. Displays and activities will also include: Avon; BC Sweets, LLC; Bella Rosa Events; Bizzzy 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, LLC; 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 Wogreen 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.

Admission is \$5, if ticket is purchased in advance at the Summit on the Park front desk, or for \$10 if ticket is purchased at the door. For more information on the 2010 Women's Expo and to view a complete list of participating vendors, visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

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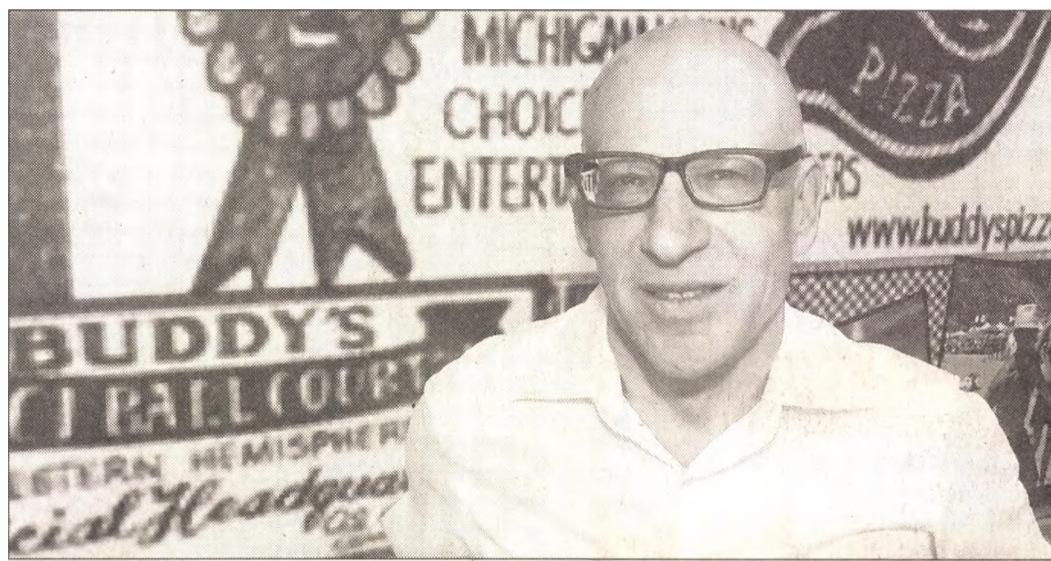
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Buddy's restaurant owner Robert Jacobs rises to the occasion

BY MEGAN SWOYER
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Buddy's owner, Robert Jacobs.

In many ways, Robert Jacobs runs his business as he does his life. Professional and private interests intersect at various points along the way.

As owner of Buddy's Pizza, the entrepreneur and businessman continually tweaks his restaurants' offerings, dives into Buddy's nonprofit causes and looks forward to growth and change.

He also, of course, enjoys plenty of good meals, whether it's a fresh Caesar salad and a bowl of Grandma-style chicken noodle soup, a slice of gluten-free or multi-grain pizza, or a sampling of crisp, light chicken tenders.

During his non-working hours, the Birmingham resident supports and donates time to various cultural institutions, tries new foods at various restaurants and constantly tweaks his health and fitness regime, looking forward daily to being the best man he can be.

BUSINESS EVOLVES

"Running a successful business means keeping up with change, tuning into competition, evolving with the times," says Jacobs, whose father, Bill Jacobs, purchased Buddy's in 1970. The original restaurant had been around since 1936 and still is operating today on Conant in Detroit. (See related story on Buddy's history.)

At the time of the purchase, Jacobs was a college student who jumped into the family business part time (he attended the University of Michigan and Wayne State University Law School) before joining full time. The family opened a second location in 1978 in Warren and, from there, the business expanded to nine locations (Dearborn, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Royal Oak, Bloomfield, Auburn Hills and Detroit, Mack Avenue). Bill Jacobs died nine years ago. Shirlee Jacobs lives in Florida. Jacobs has one sister, Monni Must, who is a Sylvan Lake-based professional photographer. She does not work for the company, but often donates time to a variety of Jacobs' charities, just as he supports her. (Must and her daughter, Sabrina, published a book, *Living Witnesses: Face of the Holocaust*; visit www.livingwitnesses.net for more information.)

LOVES TO EAT

"I love to eat," Jacobs says, quite simply. So running a 500-employee restaurant operation is a good fit for him. "We're comparing, shopping, experimenting, checking out other pizza and always fine-tuning the menu ... a lot of R&D goes into this."

Jacobs says his "organization chart" is loose. "I guess you could say we have GMs and managers at the locations, and a chief operating officer." At the main office in Farmington Hills, Jacobs works closely with Wesley Pikula, who pretty much is Jacobs' right-hand man.

"He's been here I think for 35 years," Jacobs says of Pikula. "We have a lot of people who have been here for many, many years. Our philosophy is all about a 'leadership of caring.'"

And keeping the pulse of customers' needs. In fact, last year, Jacobs added gluten-free pizza to the mix. The wheat-free fare is endorsed by certified celiac organizations. (Celiac disease is a disorder resulting from an immune reaction to gluten, a protein found in wheat and related grains and present in many foods.)

"There are very few gluten-free pizzas out there that taste great," Jacobs says. "We consider our gluten-free pizza the best on the market."

offering foods for those with allergies.

"I am very sensitive to food and have been watching what I eat more closely these days," says Jacobs, who was diagnosed with Guillain-Barre syndrome, an autoimmune disorder affecting the peripheral nervous system, usually triggered by an acute infection.

"When I learned of this syndrome I told myself, 'Everything will be OK, and I'll do what I have to do to get through it.' I was tough."

The trim, fit and energetic Jacobs insists that Buddy's always has made healthy fare. "Healthy food is not a revelation. It's not like I got sick and changed. It's more like I'm more in tune with mine and others' specific dietary needs now," he says, while enjoying a Caesar salad (without croutons) at the restaurant's "mother ship" location in Farmington Hills.

One of Jacobs' fitness trainers is a celiac (a person allergic to wheat and gluten) and shed even more light on living gluten-free.

YOGA STUDENT

Besides a healthy diet, Jacobs also practices yoga three times a week. "In my yoga training, the instructor will say, 'Go to your edge and relax.' It helps immensely," says Jacobs, who, with his bald head and lean physique, would make an excellent yogi extra in a movie. "I've been learning to slow down."

Working out is also part of his daily regime. "It's a way of life," Jacobs says. "My nervous system is still not what it was, but it's so much better due to exercise."

He also enjoys traveling, visiting museums, collecting art, reading and sports.

Jacobs reflects about the quality of his life as he does a good pizza. The more pure, the better, he believes.

"The secret to good pizza is quality with a lot of TLC and consistency," he says. Using Wisconsin, brick-style cheese, which melts well, helps too. "And we don't add sugar or

oil to our dough as many restaurants do to make the crust more golden."

CREDITS STAFF

He gives a lot of credit for his success to his entire staff. "We don't miss steps," Jacobs says. "We use great ingredients, we

make things fresh every day and we don't cut corners."

Quality comes in the way of a delicious salad dressing as well. The antipasto salad, for example, is a big seller due in part to its dressing. "We do a great job with the dressing," he says, adding that the mix-

ture features a spiced red wine vinegar and oil. Of course, he won't say what type of spice. Nor will he reveal exactly what makes Buddy's popular chicken strips so light and crispy.

Other menu favorites include the minestrone soup and the brownie with vanilla ice cream and Sander's hot fudge.

Jacobs notes that the company is always looking to improve and expand offerings. Recently, it initiated a food-sharing program.

As for community involvement, Jacobs and his business are always participating in several programs at once. Years ago, he began work with the Capuchin Soup Kitchen of Detroit, just as his father did.

"Since our success is based on food, it seemed natural to help others with food." Since 1977, Buddy's Pizza has donated more than \$1.2 million to the soup kitchen through its "Slice For Life" benefit.

Jacobs also is involved with programs at the Detroit Institute of Arts, The Henry Ford, the Detroit

Zoo, Beaumont Hospitals, the Cleveland Clinic, U-M, Karmanos Cancer Institute, Michigan Jewish Sports Foundation (as was his father) and more.

This year, the Michigan Restaurant Association named Buddy's a co-winner for the Restaurant Neighbor Award, a national program established by the National Restaurant Association to honor and recognize restaurant operators who go above and beyond in supporting their communities.

Speaking of supporting the community, Jacobs, a big sports fan, offers a special program that pertains to the Detroit Lions.

"If the Lions score 31 points, those at the game can bring in their tickets for a free cheese pizza," he explains the day after the Lions' huge win against the St. Louis Rams. On that day, a total of 120 people so far had come in after the game to claim their cheesy prize. The giveaway program mixes his commitment to sports with his passion for pizza and community support.

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With GM, don't let emotions sway investment decision

Q: Dear Rick: I read your column a couple weeks ago about General Motors stock sale. I disagree with you and believe that GM stock is as close to a sure thing as you can get. GM is producing better quality cars and the fact that they have lowered their costs is all good news for the company. I think in light of these facts, along with the fact that a successful General Motors is good for Michigan, you should recommend the new stock.

A: I agree that GM is producing better quality cars. There is a national consensus that the quality of GM cars has improved. You are also correct that GM has gotten a better hold on costs. The company has reduced labor costs and that certainly will help the bottom line. However, even though I agree with you on these issues and that a successful General Motors would be great for Michigan, I still cannot recommend the initial public offering at this point in time.

As I mentioned in my previous article, emotions can not enter into the equation. I believe that when it comes to recommending an investment, what I want to happen is not a relevant factor.

As a Michigan resident, I would love for GM to regain its financial strength. I want GM



Money Matters

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to be successful, sell more cars and pay dividends to its shareholders. However, what I want to happen is irrelevant when making an investment decision. When I consider an investment, I follow a series of guidelines. I recognize these guidelines are not perfect and I may miss an opportunity. However, the guidelines factor into the decision-making process the importance of risk management for all investors.

I am willing to give up an occasional winner to protect myself from the all too frequent loser. I like an investment that has been around with a track record and that's not General Motors.

The GM which was once the largest corporation in the world no longer exists. The GM of today is made up of many of the same elements as the old General Motors but it is a new company. It has new management and a new evolving culture. Because it is a new company with a limited track record, I can't recommend the IPO for the new GM.

I have found that my guidelines smooth out the roller

coaster ride thus, reducing the emotional swing that all too often leads investors to make bad investment decisions.

I also received a letter from a reader who said all of us in Michigan should be buying General Motors Stock as a sign of support. While I do think that is a nice gesture, my job as an investment adviser is to make sound decisions for my clients.

Buying General Motors Stock as a sign of support is a symbolic gesture, however, it is not an investment. That doesn't mean you want to lose money rather it means that making money is not your primary goal. Of course, when it comes to showing support and loyalty, the gesture should go both ways. I only hope corporations show loyalty to their shareholders.

Investors need to focus and remember why they are investing money. It may not be politically correct to say, but as investors the focus is the return on investment. That should always be the primary objective when investing your hard-earned money.

Good luck!

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

No injuries in Canton house fire

No one was injured Friday when a Canton home sustained significant damage from a fire.

Canton Public Safety officials got the call around 12:30 a.m., a 911 call of a house fire in the 42000 block of Greenwood.

Both fire and police units

responded to the scene and observed smoke coming from the structure. Firefighters quickly determined that all occupants had exited the structure.

In full turnout gear and self-contained breathing apparatus, firefighters entered the building and found heavy

smoke and fire in the basement. The fire was extinguished using two 1½ inch hose lines.

Public safety officials said the cause of the fire is currently under investigation. No injuries were reported, but there was significant damage to the structure, officials said.



MARY QUINLEY

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Teen is Thanksgiving parade queen

BY MARY QUINLEY
CORRESPONDENT

This Thanksgiving Day, Makayla McCoskey will break one of her favorite holiday traditions. But that's okay.

Rather than watching the 84th America's Thanksgiving Parade on television, McCoskey of Farmington Hills will be in the parade, waving to the crowd from the Princess Fairytale Float.

"I was shocked! I was not expecting it at all," said McCoskey, 17, referring to the announcement that she had been named America's Thanksgiving Parade Queen.

McCoskey, who plans to be a neurogeneticist, received a \$1,500 scholarship to be used at a college of her choice. The University of Michigan tops her list.

According to Tony Michaels, president and CEO of The

Parade Company, the scholarship was developed "to recognize women who invest their time in their community, perform well in the classroom and have knowledge of our great Detroit traditions."

"To graduate with a 4.0 is my biggest goal right now," said the senior from North Farmington High School. Theatre, the National Honor Society, student government, the Farmington Hills Mayor's Youth Council, and Reverse Mentoring, a program McCoskey co-founded where students tutor older adults in current technology, keep the energetic teen busy.

The role of queen, McCoskey said, "means much more (to me) than just a crown, banner and riding on the Princess Float. It provides a wonderful opportunity to be a positive role model and to get involved in numerous community out-

reach events."

McCoskey is especially excited about the opportunity to throw out the first pitch at a baseball game next season. She will also make appearances at the VIP Rooftop Party, a fund-raiser for The Parade Company, and the Target Fireworks.

On parade day, a pink-speckled float will inch along Woodward Avenue with the newly crowned queen and her court aboard. Waving from the grandstands will be the queen's parents, Walter and Julie McCoskey, and her sister, Monica, 14.

It doesn't matter if you watch the parade in person or on television, said McCoskey. For her, the parade "allows everyone to come together, forget about their daily struggles, celebrate their blessings, and enjoy a magical, fun-filled experience."

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Halloween event aimed to end Lions' curse

An event was held Halloween Night to help "break the curse" of the Detroit Lions.

But even planning the event must have had an impact because, earlier that day, the Lions defeated the Washington Redskins. It was the Lions' second win of the season as quarterback Matthew Stafford returned to the lineup.

That evening, restaurant staffers dressed up in Halloween costumes. The event, organized by a member of the band performing at the restaurant, featured music, a palm reader and even a "priest" who showed up to deliver the Lions from the curse.

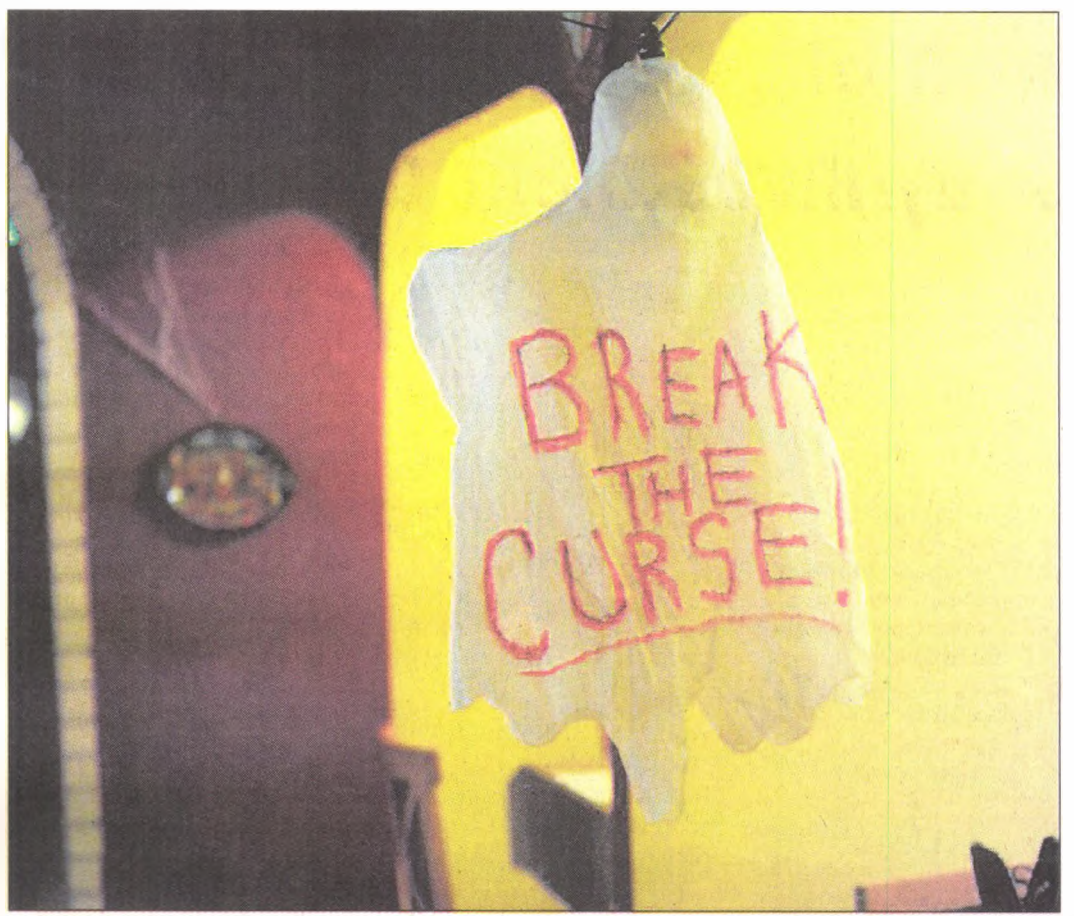
"We had about 100 people here and everybody enjoyed it," said John DeAngelis, manager at Zorritos Mexican Restaurant and Cantina on Plymouth Road.

The event was the brainchild of band member Eddie Cooper. "It was his idea to break the curse," DeAngelis said. The restaurant, the former site of Draft, changed to a Mexican menu in January.

The restaurant has more plans for holiday activities and promotions, DeAngelis said. The phone number is (734) 421-2300.



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Miss Farmington aims to strike out hunger with local event

BY STACY JENKINS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Miss Farmington Jenny Fernandez wants to strike out hunger, literally.

The Harrison High School senior is excited to invite the community to a special fund-raiser, Helping Hungry Hands, a bowling and vendor event to benefit Gleaners Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.

The event is set for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Drake's Lanes, 35000 Grand River, near Drake, in Farmington Hills.

A \$20 donation includes three games of bowling, shoes, pizza and pop. Anyone who brings canned goods will receive one free game of bowling with the donation.

The event will also feature an auction, a raffle and a chance to do some holiday shopping at a variety of vendor tables that will be set up.

Fernandez said she's thrilled to be able to host the fund-raiser to help her Miss Farmington platform.

"I am thrilled," she said. "It's amazing. (Geno Grabinski, assistant general manager at Drake's Lanes) knows how passionate I am about ending

hunger."

She's excited for her friends, family and the entire community to come together for a great afternoon to benefit the cause.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," she said. "They'll see people they know, and they'll get to know part of what I'm all about. They'll get to help feed their neighbors, because it's all staying in Oakland County."

Grabinski said he thought of the fund-raiser idea when he was a judge at the Miss Farmington pageant in July.

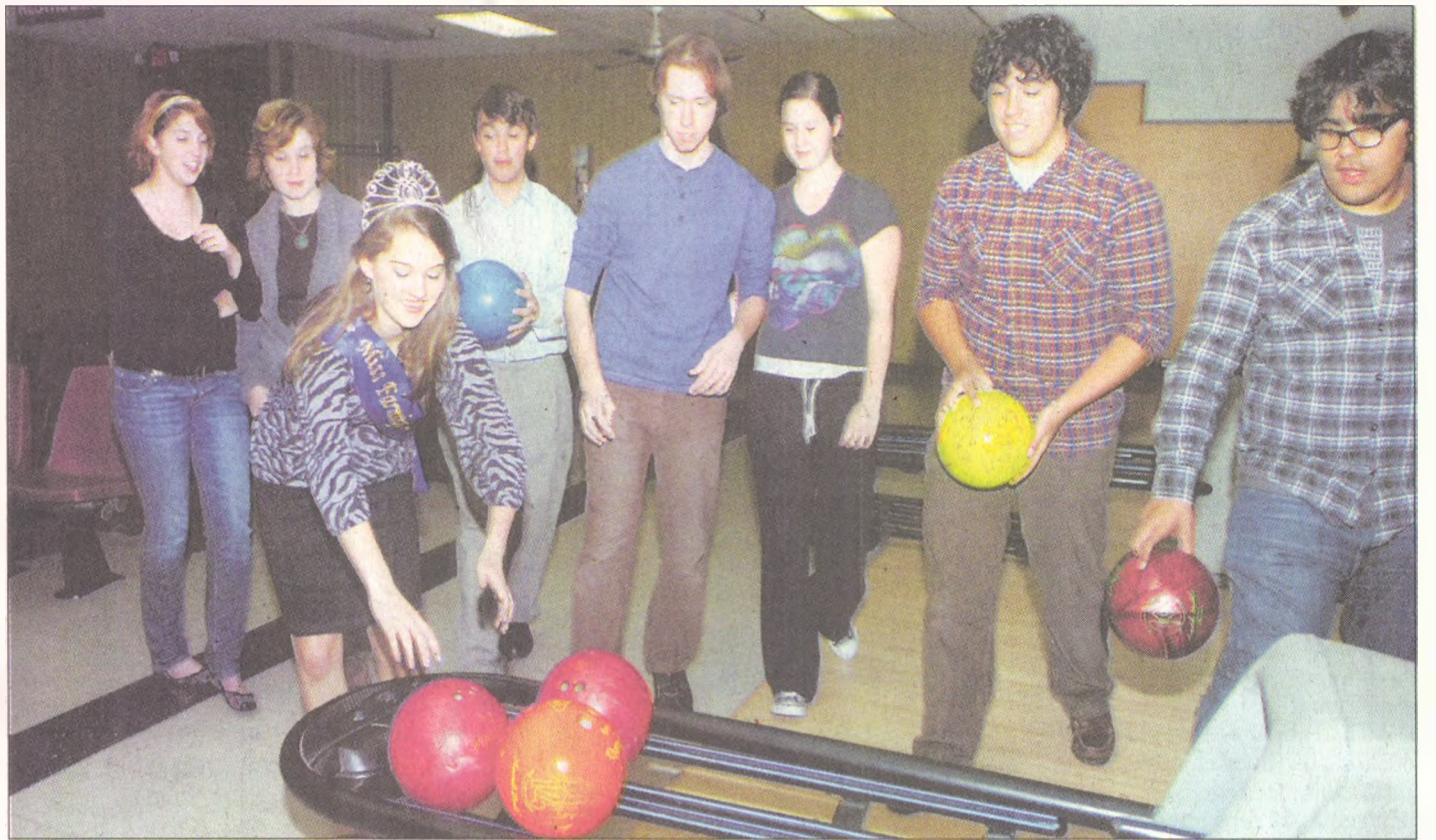
"Jenny was talking about wanting to feed the hungry, and I thought maybe we could do a bowl-athon," he said. "We're looking to have a great turnout that day."

Fernandez's friends are already supporting the cause. They brought bags of canned goods to the bowling alley this week.

"I know Jenny has been talking about this for a long time," said Allie Voigt, a senior at Farmington High School. "It's important for her and so it's important for me. I'm very excited, it should be a good time."

For more information about the event, call (248) 417-6362.

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Miss Farmington Jenny Fernandez gears up for her fund-raiser and food drive for Gleaners Food Bank on Saturday, Nov. 13 at Drake's Lanes.

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BOYS SOCCER

Canton's playoff run ends in OT

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton played "rope-a-dope" for 80 minutes Wednesday with No. 1-ranked East Kentwood in the Division 1 boys soccer semifinal at Holt.

Extra effort by junior forward Mitch Posuniak resulted in a Canton tally just 4:40 into the second half to make it 1-1. And, with a little more luck around the East Kentwood goal during an outstanding second half, the Chiefs would have snapped a 1-1 tie and earned a trip to the finals.

But East Kentwood's relentless offensive firepower proved too much as the Falcons scored three OT goals for a 4-1 victory. Canton (20-4-2) held on for a while in overtime, as the field was tilted toward Chiefs' senior goalkeeper Brandon Laabs.

"They are unstoppable, they just play one-touch and their guys, some of them have so many moves it's just too hard to stop them," said Laabs, whose 12 shutouts played a major role in Canton's excellent season. "We did very good in regulation, but in overtime they just kept coming."

In past seasons, Nermin Crnkic's tie-breaking goal at 6:05 of OT would have finished the contest. But under new MHSAA rules, soccer overtimes are comprised of two, 10-minute periods regardless of how many goals are scored.

The Falcons sealed the deal with anticlimactic markers by Dzenan Catic (with 10 seconds to go in the first OT) and Dino Duratovic in the second extra session.

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SILVER SHOCKER



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With Plymouth's stunning 17-7 victory over Canton official, Wildcats' junior quarterback Shaun Austin (No. 8) and junior lineman Tyler Goble celebrate. Behind Goble is senior Brennen Beyer (No. 7).

Fired-up Plymouth defense stuns top-ranked Chiefs

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nobody except the football players in silver and white would have believed it possible a couple of hours earlier: Plymouth rudely pulled the championship carpet from under the cleats of their rival Canton Chiefs.

Featuring a snarling defensive mojo and just enough offense, the Wildcats upset the No. 1-ranked Chiefs 17-7 Friday night in a Division 1 district final at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

After junior quarterback Shaun Austin took the final

snap and the clock ticked down to zero, he pointed toward the jammed-and-delirious Plymouth bleachers and the Wildcat party began.

"We were ready," Plymouth senior linebacker/tight end Brennen Beyer said. "We came out and we played physical, we played our butts off, it was great."

"And the fans are great ... we have a crazy student section. Our fans are great, they helped us pull this out."

Beyer (five solo tackles on defense; three receptions for 34 yards on offense) said

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Shocked and dejected, Canton's Matt Gunnis (No. 54) and Tyler Kinloch watch as Plymouth players celebrate Friday's 17-7 win in the district finals.

SIDELINES

That's it for Wildcats

Plymouth's varsity volleyball team knew it had a tough assignment anyway, going up against favored Novi in Wednesday's Division 1 district semifinal at Northville.

But the Wildcats found out they would have to take the court without their starting libero, senior Mariah Tesarz, who had an emergency appendectomy, head coach Kelly McCausland said.

Although Novi swept Plymouth 25-17, 25-15, 25-20 and eventually won the district title the next night against Salem, McCausland said "The girls rose to the occasion anyway" without Tesarz available.

"Junior Tayler Pastor stepped in to take the position and she did amazing with 30 digs," the coach said. "Kayla Bridge also had a solid night with seven kills and 18 digs."

Other solid efforts were turned in by Dani Risi (eight kills), Shayla Smalls (11 assists) and Jess Scott (14 assists).

Plymouth finished with an overall record of 21-13-4.

MU spikers win

Junior Megan Fricke's double-double carried the Madonna University women's volleyball team to a 25-18, 25-8, 25-21 triumph Thursday against host Cornerstone University at Mol Arena in Grand Rapids.

Fricke finished with 14 kills and 13 digs as MU locked up second place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Liz Dempsey (Livonia Franklin) chipped in with 13 digs and eight kills, while Karie Altman contributed 10 kills as the Crusaders wound up 14-2 in the WHAC.

Setter Evia Prieditis also handed out 30 assist-to-kills, while Amanda Koszela finished with 13 digs.

Cornerstone falls to 15-24 overall and 6-10 in the WHAC.

The Crusaders, who improved to 29-8 overall, receive a first-round bye and will begin the WHAC playoffs Friday in Fort Wayne, Ind., where first-place Indiana Tech will be the host.

MU, the second seed, will face the winner of Tuesday's quarterfinal match between Aquinas College and Cornerstone.

Ocelots stay alive

It took five sets, but the Schoolcraft College women's volleyball team outlasted Columbus State (Ohio) Community College in the quarterfinal round of the NJCAA Division II District E Tournament Grand Rapids CC's Ford Fieldhouse.

The Lady Ocelots improved to 21-13 overall with a 23-25, 25-19, 22-25, 25-22, 15-13 win and moved into Saturday's semifinal against top seed Oakland CC (40-5).

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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL DISTRICT FINALS

Salem comes up short

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Two close losses deflated Salem's volleyball squad Thursday, allowing Novi to sweep up the pieces and claim a fourth-straight district championship.

The No. 7 Wildcats (42-4-1) edged No. 26 Salem 25-23, 26-24, 25-13 on Northville's court, ending Salem's season at 30-9-3.

Although the Rocks never had a lead in the first game, they came out of a timeout down 13-8 and tied the score at 17. Several errors by Novi's offense offset the solid combination Novi senior Laura Subject (33 assists) and junior Victoria Rose (10 kills) created, allowing Salem to tie the score at 23.

"I think Victoria did a phenomenal job at the net for us," Novi coach Julie Fisetto said. "She's huge and no one can stop that. Victoria's

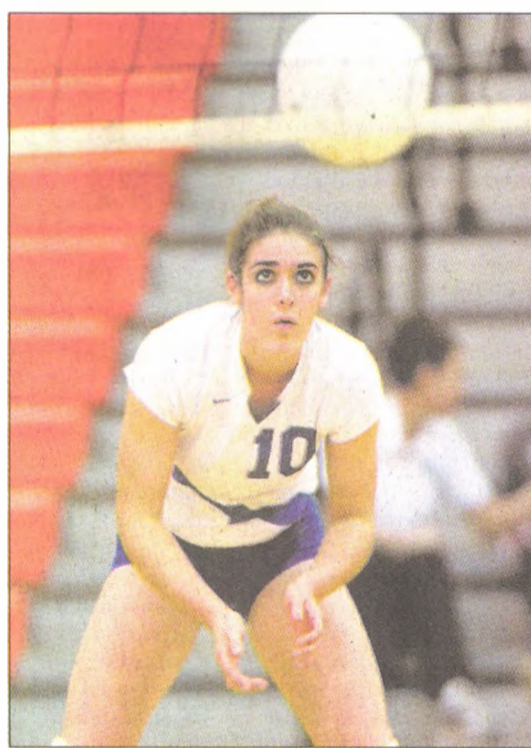
been a force for us all season. She gets better and better every game."

With the score tied, Subject connected with Rose for another kill and senior Erin Hoomaian (27 receptions, 18 digs) saved a ball from going out the back end of the court, allowing senior Erica Robb (15 kills) to get her slow start going with a 180-degree volley that landed in the center of Salem's zone where there was a hole, giving Novi a 25-23 victory in the first game.

Salem seniors Nicole Merget (9 kills) and Jillian Sommerville (7 kills) dominated the second game as the teams traded the lead 11 times and Rose continued with kill after kill for Novi.

"They're our go-to players," Salem assistant coach Kelly Jascot said of Merget and Sommerville. "They did well and played their hearts out. They did step up."

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JOHN KEMSKI

Salem senior setter Kerry MacDonald maintains sharp focus and intensity during the Division 1 volleyball districts at Northville. The Rocks lost to Novi in the final.

PCA stops Warriors

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After Plymouth Christian defeated host Lutheran Westland in Thursday night's Class D volleyball district final, the victorious Eagles hugged each other and hoisted the championship trophy.

PCA (26-9-2) earned the hardware thanks to a 25-18, 25-23, 25-17 triumph which lifted the Eagles into the regionals.

The Warriors watched, then walked off the court with their eyes downcast — Lutheran Westland finally lost in the districts, ending a hot streak of

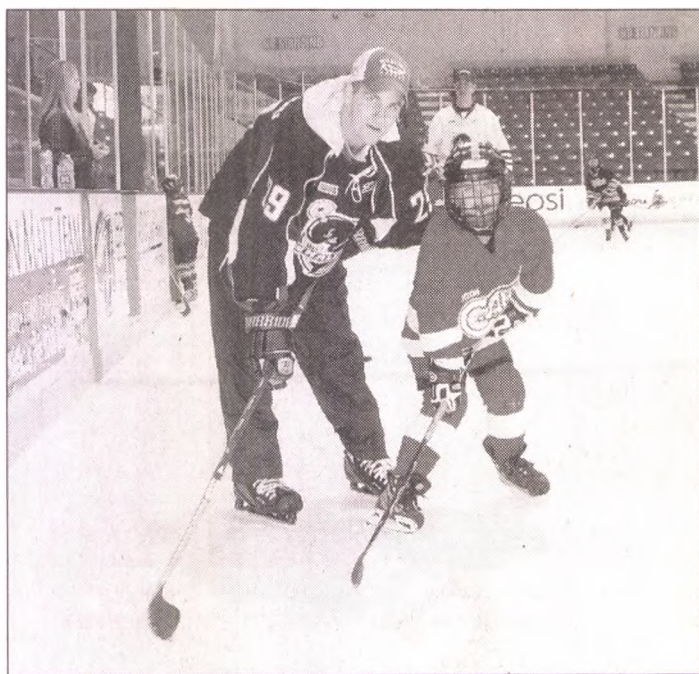
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That's Plymouth Whalers goalie Scott Wedgewood (No. 29, left), posing with a young fan during Tuesday's Sticks and Pucks event at Compuware Arena.

Kids 'vote' for Whalers

Plenty of youngsters didn't have school on Election Day so they voted for the Plymouth Whalers instead. The Ontario Hockey League team gave Observerland parents an attractive option for their kids, especially those who happen to play hockey. Youngsters enjoyed a free Sticks and Pucks session at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township, and later enjoyed a pizza party and autograph session with members of the Whalers. Sticks and Pucks is more low-key than a normal hockey clinic anyway, and the kids got plenty of time to meet and interact with Whalers players — several who have already been drafted by National

Hockey League teams, such as goalie Scott Wedgewood. An example of the low-key approach of the day, Wedgewood didn't strap on his goalie pads for the interactive skate and instead donned a ball cap and carried a regular hockey stick instead of his usual goalie stick. "It's hard to say who has more fun at Sticks and Pucks sessions, the skaters or the Whalers," said Natalie Shaver, Whalers sales and marketing administrator. "We've found many kids and their parents becoming repeat customers over the last few years, where they sign up and ask to skate with their favorite players. There's plenty of time for interaction and a fun time."

VOLLEYBALL

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HOLD IT
After allowing Salem to score four straight points, Novi called a timeout while up 18-17. When play resumed, the scoreboard read 18-18 and match officials declined requests from Novi's coaching staff to re-check the scores. The Rocks used the mishap to build a 22-19 and 24-21 lead, looking to tie the match at one game apiece with just one more point. But the Wildcats had other plans, scoring four straight to win 26-24 after Subject set Robb up for two kills, senior Savannah Green earned a serving ace and Rose blocked a kill attempt by Merget. "Salem is a very competitive team. Everything goes out the door when it's everyone's last game," Fiset said, adding, "I was never really worried. I believe in them so much. They don't tend to crack. This team can do it." Merget got a kill out of the gates to give Salem a quick lead in the third game, but several Wildcats jumped in on the action and a few Rocks mistimed their hits as Novi took a 12-4 lead. A timeout in midst of that streak didn't help Salem, as Subject faked a set and tapped the ball over the net after a long series of saves by both squads, giving Novi a 14-5 lead. "That second game, when we were up 24-21 and we couldn't (close it out), that kind of deflated our energy and our momentum. It's hard to come back from a loss like that,"

said Jascot, who filled in for ineligible head coach Amanda Nies. "She missed the coach's meeting deadline by a couple days. I think the girls stepped it up, though. We didn't quit. We started off slow, but we picked it up." Salem tried to battle back in the final contest, but the Wildcats could taste victory when they took a 20-10 lead. Up 23-13, Novi senior Kaley Bowles narrowly got a kill in along the right sideline and then set up junior Lesley Harrington for a kill toward the core of Salem's defense, which shattered the Rocks and gave Novi another district championship with a 25-13 finale. "All around, our seniors, in general, had great leadership throughout the season and in this tournament," Jascot said. Senior Kerstin Johnson added four kills for Salem, while senior Kerry MacDonald had 25 assists. Sophomore Abigail Dworzanin chipped in with two serving aces and junior Katie Vincent had four digs.

SALEM TOPS LIONS
Meanwhile, the Rocks needed four sets on Wednesday to get past South Lyon in the district semifinals. After losing the opener 20-25, Salem bounced back with 25-14, 25-14 and 25-21 wins. Merget sparked the Rocks with 15 kills, seven digs and three aces. Other key Salem performers included Sommerville (11 kills, 5 blocks), Dworzanin (9 digs, 7 kills), MacDonald (35 assists) and senior Lauren Aschermann (5 digs, 3 aces).

DISTRICTS

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nine wins and four titles. "I hate losing," said Warriors' head coach Kevin Wade. "We gave it a good effort. I told them it's OK to lose when you work as hard as you can, someone has to lose." "It was a good match, we gave it everything we had but they're better than us." The match was a back-and-forth affair for most of the first two games, which might have bothered previous Plymouth Christian teams, said head coach Kelly Blackney. That didn't happen Thursday, with the team collectively shrugging off any hitting errors or defensive lapses along the way and ultimately taking it to the Warriors (17-25-4).

TOUGHING IT OUT
"This whole season we've been working on our mental toughness," Blackney said. "That's one of the things in years past that we've been kind of weak on." "So finally, in our district when we're facing a tough opponent, we had to figure out what we were made of out there. We couldn't get away with just hitting the ball over, we had to be strategic in our placement. We had to be tough." One of the key players for the Eagles, senior setter Brianna Harris (29 assists, five kills), said the team's mindset going into the night was to "definitely come out strong, maintain a lead and control the game." That's how Game 1 started, with PCA going up 4-1 following a pair of spike kills from junior middle hitter Kristen Malcolm (14 kills, 18 digs). The Warriors didn't cave in, however, with a three-point service string from junior libero Taylor Wiemer (eight service points, 26 digs) putting Lutheran Westland up 11-9. But PCA freshman outside hitter Jennifer Malcolm's sideout made it 11-10 and gave junior outside hitter Amy Zinn (15 digs, eight kills) a chance to serve. A three-point surge followed, featuring an aggressive spike from the middle of the floor by senior libero Abby Bartes (18 digs). "She (Bartes) was really key," Blackney said. "She's always moving on defense and anticipating the ball." Harris, likewise, charged in from the back for a nifty tip, helping PCA edge toward game point and senior middle hitter Folake Olojo (four kills) clinched the opener with a four-point run. Game 2 was even closer than the first set, with a one-point differential much of the way.

NO LATE RUN
Lutheran Westland actually barged ahead 18-15 thanks to four service points from junior Erica Killian (11 assists), with junior Amanda Terranella's perfectly placed tip accounting for one of those. It was 20-19 for the Warriors when an official ruled that a Lutheran Westland kill attempt sailed long for a PCA point — although it looked as though an Eagle tipped the ball as it went over. That evening the game and the Eagles finished it off on a spike by junior Sarah Howard (four kills) and tip by Kristen Malcolm. "Those calls happen," Wade said. "We went back and forth. ... Our goal is to keep it close as long as possible and make that late run, and we just didn't do it." Breaking open Game 3 for PCA was Harris, with a five-point service run (including an ace) to give the Eagles an 18-10 advantage. Blackney said her team has a lot going for it entering Tuesday's regional opener at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes. The Eagles will face the winner of the Bloomfield Hills Roeper district. "Kristen and Folake did a lot of good things up there (at the net) but we also had a good outside attack from Amy Zinn and a good right-side attack from Jenny Malcolm," the PCA coach stressed. Other top contributors for the Warriors included Terranella (seven kills, six blocks), freshman Leah Refenes (eight assists), junior Marisa Hahn (15 digs) and senior Alyssa Shirkey (nine digs). "We expended a lot of energy in the first two sets," Wade said. "And losing the second set made the biggest difference in the whole match. If we win the second set it's 1-1, they might be a little more tense. "... I'm not saying we win the match, but you make it a lot more interesting rather than have them so loose and care-free." According to Wade, who in five seasons has compiled a record of 152-52-17 along with four appearances in the regional finals (and reaching the finals in 2008), the hope is the players coming back in 2011 will remember watching another team celebrate on their floor. "We've got a good solid core coming back," Wade said. "I feel bad for the seniors, they put a lot of energy and effort into it and came up short. But in terms of underclassmen, they get to say 'OK, we lost,' get them to think about this for a while."

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Altman high marks
Madonna University women's volleyball player Karie Altman (Taylor/Allen Park Cabrini) has been named to the 2010 ESPN Academic All-District IV first team. The junior biology major, who carries a 3.98 grade-point average, was the only student-athlete from a member Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference institution to be selected and the only NAIA player on the first team.

Altman currently leads the WHAC with 457 total kills (3.7 per set), which places her 22nd among NAIA schools. She also ranks 17th in the nation in hitting percentage (.369) and ranks third in the conference in total blocks (125).

Volleyball tryout

The Madonna University women's volleyball team will be hosting an open tryout for all unsigned high school seniors and junior college players at 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at the MU Activities Center. For more information or to confirm attendance, contact assistant coach Brian McClain at (248) 495-5307.

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Holiday greetings

Cards spread cheer and nonprofits' messages

Nonprofit organizations are gearing up for the holiday season by selling greeting cards that help raise awareness of their missions and funds for their causes.

For the fifth year, Seedlings Braille Books for Children is selling 12 different greeting card designs in two sizes by Pumppernickel Press. Sixteen large cards per box cost \$18 and a box of 10 smaller cards is \$10. All designs are fine art embossed cards, made from premium grade, recycled paper, printed with agri-based inks and Made in the USA, including the packing material.

The proceeds from the sale of the cards help Seedlings provide high quality, low cost children's literature in braille to visually impaired children locally and around the world.

Cards are available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday at the Seedlings' office, 14151 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 427-8552 for directions and more information. Or visit www.seedlings.org/donate.php for a look at all of its new card designs.

Here's a sampling of other local nonprofit holiday cards:

- Michigan Humane Society Cards, by Skidmore Studio in Royal Oak, feature a cover illustration with a dog and cat at a warm, safe and loving home. The message inside says "May all your wishes come true this holiday season." The back of the card carries the MHS logo and message. Each box of 15 5-by-7-inch cards and 16 envelopes costs \$10.95 plus tax.

Buy cards from the MHS Shop Line at (800) 866-9189, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays



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or from the online store at www.shopmichiganhumane.org. The cards also are available at MHS' Detroit, Rochester Hills and Westland locations. Its Westland adoption center is at 900 N. Newburgh.

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- Right to Life - Lifespan Card sales benefit the organization's pro-life activities in the tri-county area. This year's selection includes The Baby King, Holy Family with Shepherds and Madonna and Holy Child. Prices range from \$16 for a box of 20 cards to \$7 for a box of 10 cards. To place an order, arrange for pickup or for more information, call the Wayne West/Downriver Lifespan office at (734) 422-6230 or the Oakland/Macomb office at (248) 816-1546. Lifespan, established in 1970, is dedicated to the protection of human life from conception through natural death.

- Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute Orders must be placed by Nov. 16 for the Institute's holiday cards. Five different designs and a choice of verses are available. Cards may be ordered

in increments of 25 of the same style card. Cards cost \$1.65 each if purchased in a box of 100; \$1.95 each if bought in a box of 50 or 75; and \$2.50 each for 25 cards.

Order forms are available online at www.karmanos.org/holidaycards. Call Debbie Fellberg at (313) 576-8102 for more information.

- Capuchin Soup Kitchen Christmas cards offer messages of peace and raise funds to help the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph continue its ministry to the needy in the Detroit area. Each of its two soup kitchens serve approximately 2,000 hot meals daily. Approximately 300,000 pounds of food is distributed to families each month. Ten cards cost \$10 and 20 cards cost \$18. Visit www.eskdetroit.org to download an order form. Or e-mail questions to Stephanie Murray at smurray@eskdetroit.org. The Capuchin Soup Kitchen administrative office is at (313) 579-2100, Ext. 215.

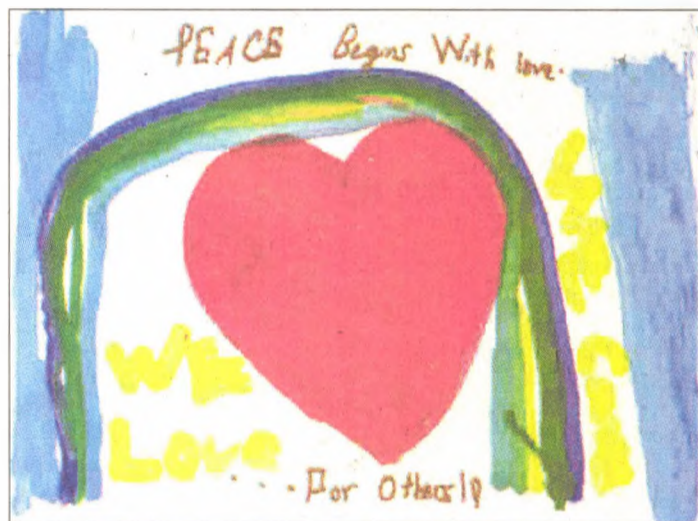
- HAVEN The 2010 HAVEN Holiday card features a snowman and the message that reads: Warm Wishes This Holiday Season. Cards come in packages of 10 for \$10 with red envelopes. Cards are available at www.haven-oakland.org or by calling (248) 334-1284, Ext. 341.

Card proceeds fund HAVEN programs which include counseling, emergency shelter and advocacy services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Farmington Hills and other Oakland County communities.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

The tragedy is that less than half of those persons who are denied benefits file an appeal. Thus, many thousands of people who deserve benefits never receive them.

Those denied can appeal on their own, but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience.



In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups.

Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are also highly experienced in assisting him with Social Security Disability cases. And they are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of clients' cases and administrative procedure.

Attorney Bieske welcomes you to call him to determine if you may be eligible for these benefits. He offers free phone or office consultations. If Bieske represents you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. These are not the same as Workers' Compensation benefits. It is possible to receive both benefits at the same time. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/Widower's benefits).

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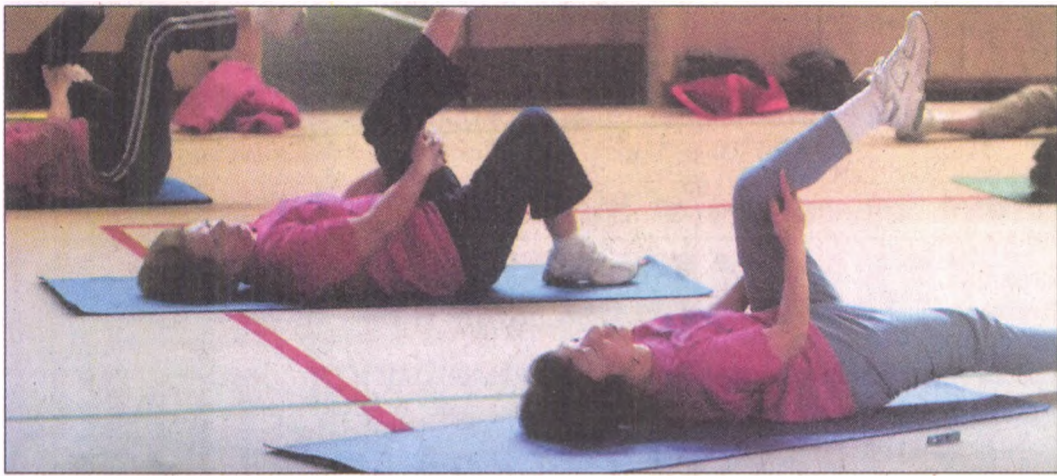


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Faith, Fun, Fitness

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Women at Faith Covenant exercise.

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Their workout complete, the women gather around the snack table. Fitness instructor Stella Schelske of South Lyon has joked with the women at Faith Covenant Church this morning about their workout, reminding them of Halloween candy they've recently eaten.

The weekly "Faith, Fun & Fitness" sessions are Thursday morning at Faith Covenant Church at 14 Mile and Drake in Farmington Hills. The current session will wrap up soon with a Thanksgiving potluck, with the next session to start in January.

"It's kind of like a Mother's Morning Out," said church member Jean Jacquin of Farmington Hills. She likes that Faith, Fun & Fitness draws women of all backgrounds and ages, including young moms.

"They can come and have their children babysat," she said, adding one Japanese mom with young twins was grateful for the help at the church.

Jacquin began attending when the sessions started in the early 1980s. Her daughter was then 1. "She's now 30," Jacquin said with a smile.

"We also take walkers outside and we walk through the neighborhood," she said. Women who attend aren't all church members.

Each morning begins with roughly an hour of exercise, with aerobics done to Christian music, followed by snacks and a program. A recent program was on cake decorating, and Thursday, Nov. 4, Faye Buchan of Warren was the speaker.

"I'm showing how to do gift boxes with fresh flowers on top," Buchan said. "These are my examples here," she added,



Faith, Fun & Fitness also includes food and special speakers.

pointing to festive and colorful gift boxes.

Just before Buchan began, the women focused on the 23rd Psalm's meaning, with some translation into Japanese. Keiko Olsen of Commerce Township was invited by originator Jan Larson, who now lives in California but visits Michigan in summers.

"With the winter weather the exercise is not built into your daily life," Olsen said. "This is one time you're going to exercise."

Olsen also likes the speakers. She's originally from Japan and has been in the U.S. for 19 years. She's attended the church program about eight years and is among women who volunteer at the Hills church in planning programs.

"We've got a lot of Japanese ladies," said Nancy Sjogren of Novi, one of several women who coordinate Faith, Fun & Fitness.

"A lot of expatriate families," Sjogren said, noting others have come from Germany and other countries. "We've got an age range, too."

"You learn from each other," Sjogren said. "It's fun and interesting."

The child care for preschoolers is helpful, said Sjogren, whose kids are 14, 12 and 8.

"Some of them used to come with me when they were younger," she said.

Additional information is available through the church office, (248) 661-9191. Jacquin noted the group starting in January generally goes through Easter time.

"It brings the ladies together," added fitness instructor Schelske, who's in her fourth year teaching at the church. "The whole body-mind-spirit health, what health and fitness is all about."

Faith Covenant Church also hosts a 10-11:30 a.m. Monday Spotlight program which provides an environment where non-native English speakers can listen to English, practice speaking and form friendships.

There are nine women who assist as conversation partners, with six helping with child care. The group of 25-30 is open to both women and men. Sessions of Spotlight are wrapping up, but will resume Jan. 24. For details on Spotlight, call Laurie Larson, (248) 624-7441, or Doris Toll, (248) 714-9406.

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Alternative Christmas Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13 Location: St. Fabian Parish...

Anniversary dinner

Time/Date: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14 Location: 6800 Drake, between Maple and 14 Mile...

5-12 pay \$18. Contact: (248) 788-0600 Composer festival Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 13 Location: Birmingham First United Methodist Church...

Day of Reflection

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Nov. 13 Location: St. Columban Parish, 1775 Melton, Birmingham Details: Widowed Friends presents a "Day of Reflection..."

Gift Bazaar

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 14 Location: Congregation B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake, south of Maple...

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...

and invitations, and dealing with traditions and other changes. A \$4 donation covers the cost of the workshop

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...

Movie series

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14 Location: The Corners: A Campus for Caring Communities, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield Details: "The Commercialization of Childhood" looks at the effects of children's advertising on the health and well-being of kids...

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...

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...

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...

NOV. 18-DEC. 15

Santa Lucia breakfast Time/Date: Saturday, Dec. 4 Location: Faith Covenant Church, 35415 West 14 Mile, Farmington Hills Details: The event includes a breakfast, procession, performances by the St. Lucia choir...

Concert

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Dec. 11 Location: Ward Presbyterian Evangelical Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville Details: The Detroit Handbell Ensemble, along with area handbell choirs, will perform music of the Christmas season...

concert Contact: (248) 374-5969 Concert Time/Date: 4 p.m. Dec. 12 Location: 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia Details: The St. Aidan Adult Choir, along with the St. Aidan Children's Choir...

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

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...

Livonia Unity Time/Date: Monday movement 9:00am-9:30am; Thursday 9:00am-9:30am; Friday 9:00am-9:30am Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - rid the body of toxic pathogens and painful emotions

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- CVS Pharmacy 1791 N Haggerty & Palmer Rd.
- CW's Chicken 7337 N Lilley Rd.
- Dimitri's 11511 Belleville Rd., Belleville
- Dollar Store 5720 N Sheldon Rd.
- En-Joy Party Store 39409 Joy Rd.
- Holiday Market 520 S Lilley Rd.
- Kroger 1905 N Canton Center Rd.
- Kroger 45540 Michigan Ave.
- Leo's Coney Island 1735 N Canton Center Rd.
- L George's Coney Island 43711 Michigan Ave
- Marathon Gas 41479 Michigan Ave.
- Marathon Gas 42438 Warren Rd.
- Maria's 11700 Belleville Rd., Belleville
- Maria's Bakery 115 N Haggerty Rd.
- Meijer Gas Station 45003 Ford Rd.
- Meijer Gas Station 9701 Belleville Rd., Belleville
- Mobil Gas Station 41358 Ecorse Rd
- Mobil Gas Station 8773 N Haggerty Rd.
- Mobil Gas Station 42421 Cherry Hill Rd.
- Mobil Gas Station 44350 Warren Rd.
- Borders 43425 Ford Rd.
- Oakview Party Store 42256 Palmer Rd.
- Olympic Coney Island 43043 Joy Rd.
- Parthenon Coney Island 39910 Ford Rd.

- Plato's Coney Island 42405 Ford Rd.
- Richardson Pharmacy 42433 Ford Rd.
- Rite Aid Pharmacy 2249 N Canton Center Rd.
- Rite Aid Pharmacy 4151 S Canton Center Rd.
- Shell Gas 5640 N Haggerty Rd.
- Shell Gas 40400 Michigan Ave.
- Speedway Gas 5596 N Lilley Rd.
- Speedway Gas 45350 Ford Rd.
- Sunoco Gas 42495 Joy Rd.
- Valero Gas 41350 Ford Rd.
- Valero Gas 40200 Michigan Ave.
- Valero Gas 44431 Michigan Ave.

- Kroger 44525 Ann Arbor Rd W
- Main Street Liquor 480 N Main St
- Marathon Gas 510 S Main St., Northville
- Marathon Gas 402 N Mill St
- Mayflower Party Store 824 S Main St
- Mobil Gas Station 1545 Ann Arbor Rd W
- Mobil Gas Station 39425 6 Mile Rd., Northville
- Mobil Gas Station 19090 Northville Rd., Northville
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- Pilgrim Party Store 895 Ann Arbor Rd W
- Plymouth Super Center 410 Ann Arbor Rd W
- Podons Party Store 40522 E Ann Arbor Trl
- Red Olive Family Restaurant 47185 Five Mile Rd
- Rite Aid Pharmacy 800 Ann Arbor Rd W
- Shell Gas 47181 Five Mile Rd
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- Speedway Gas Station 15255 N Sheldon Rd
- Speedway Gas Station 1066 N Mill St
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- Busch's Market 15185 N Sheldon Rd
- Cannon Park (Corner Of Farmer) 554 Starkweather St
- Citgo Gas 42395 Ann Arbor Rd E
- Coney Island 15165 N Sheldon Rd
- CVS Pharmacy 133 E Dunlap St., Northville
- CVS Pharmacy 1400 S Sheldon Rd
- CVS Pharmacy 16855 N Haggerty Rd
- CVS Pharmacy 44300 5 Mile Rd., Northville
- CVS Pharmacy 40900 Ann Arbor Rd E
- CVS Pharmacy 49485 ANN ARBOR RD W
- Denny's Restaurant 39559 Ann Arbor Rd E
- Farmers Market 760 Penniman Ave
- Goodtime Party 567 7 Mile Rd., Northville
- Hiller'sMarket 15455 Haggerty
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