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Vorva forces absentee issue



Jerry Vorva pledges to spend nearly \$5,000 to encourage the number of absentee ballot voters in the Plymouth-Canton school district. Currently, there are 1,100 absentee voters on file with the district clerk.

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva, whose lawsuit is holding up the Plymouth-Canton school district from selling \$79.6 million in bonds for new elementary and high schools, now says he wants to help the district administration get out the vote for the Oct. 3 middle school bond election.

"The middle school bond committee chairman (Mark Horvath) has said he would like to get 20,000 people to vote. I just want to help them," said Vorva with a smile.

School district fires back, A2

Vorva is on a mission to increase the number of absentee ballots in the Plymouth-Canton district.

"The schools don't want to do it

because they want to manipulate the election," said Vorva. "Seniors are used to getting absentee ballot requests mailed to them on a regular basis. The school district doesn't want the senior vote because it might hurt their chances."

Vorva estimates there are approximately 15,000 total permanent absentee ballot requests on file in all the communities served by the district.

In fact, there are nearly 10,000 in Canton Township; 3,100 in Plymouth Township; and another 1,000 in the city of Plymouth, according to the clerk's offices in each of the largest communities.

Voters on the permanent list automatically get an absentee ballot request form mailed to them, instead of having to request one for each election.

Liz Adams, the elections clerk for the school district, says she has approximately 1,100 permanent absentee ballot requests on her list.

Adams says anyone who would like an absentee ballot request form can call her office at (734) 416-3095. Residents can also ask to be put on the permanent list.

"The school district should take the lists from the cities and townships,"

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Attention CLASS OF 1999

The staffs of the Canton and Plymouth Observers are looking for one high school senior, male or female, who would like to have his or her final year of high school documented through words and pictures from September through June.

We hope to chronicle the trials and celebrations of a student preparing to graduate — from studying exams, working, and socializing to deciding on a career path, going into the military or attending college.

To be eligible you must be of senior status at Plymouth Salem or Canton High Schools; graduating in June of 1999; live in Canton, Plymouth or Plymouth Township; have permission from a parent or guardian; be willing to be photographed at events such as homecoming, school activities, prom and graduation; and be involved in at least one in-school or extracurricular activity.

What's in it for you? We'll provide you with a disposable camera to photograph occasions when we can't be present and you'll receive a photo album at the end of your high school year documenting your senior year.

Due to the size and time considerations, we will be choosing only one student for our "Year in the Life" project. If you are interested in participating and have received permission from a parent/guardian, please contact us (either you or your parent) as soon as possible. We'll be asking that you and your parent sign a waiver stating you agree to be photographed.

Call (734) 459-2700; write Plymouth or Canton Observer, Year in the Life Project, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170 or e-mail tschneider@oe.homecomm.net

We will accept names until 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7.

Work pace angers customers, merchants

CANTON LANDING

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

By the looks of the boarded-up storefronts, you'd think Palermo's Pizzeria, Star Jewelry and other tenants in the small shopping center behind Murray's Discount Auto Stores are closed.

"It doesn't look good. Most regulars know we're open, but others are just confused," said Paola Palazzolo of Palermo's.

Ana Takessian of Star Jewelers said customers do think the store is closed even though there are signs claiming otherwise.

One shopper, Renee Kurtycz, stopped into Star Jewelry on Friday to get her watch band fixed. She said the construction almost headed off her business.

"When it's all jumbled up like this, you don't want to bother with it," she said.

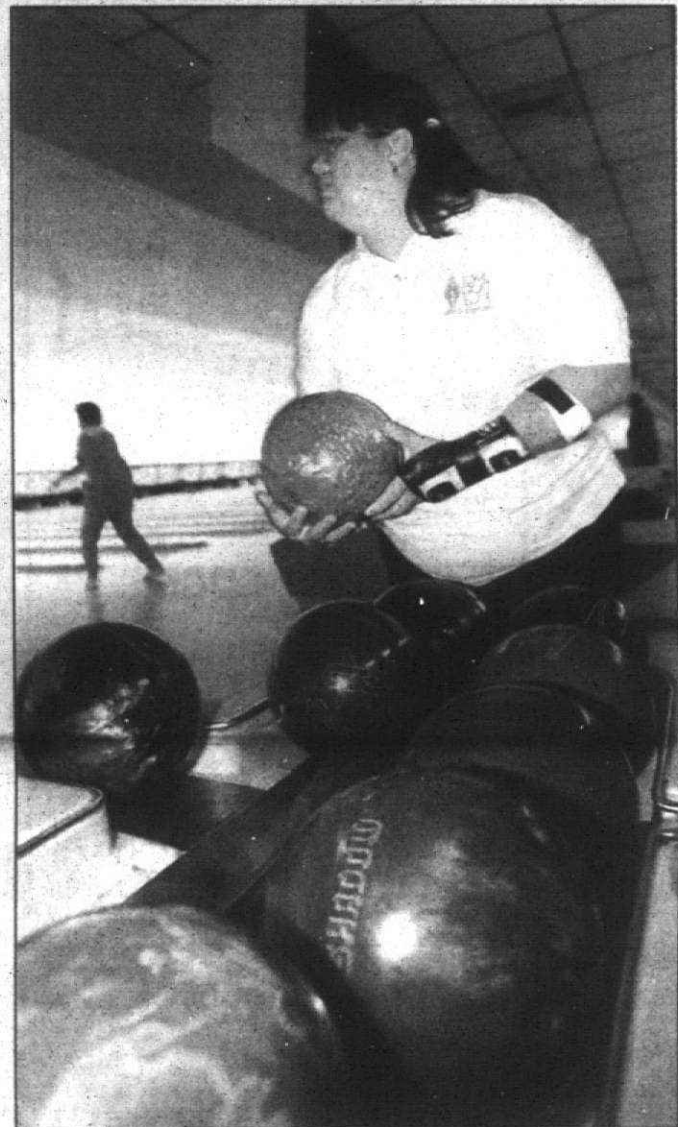
Ford Road Associates, owner of Canton Landing, is investing \$1 million on the facade changes, which includes rebuilding the front wall with half brick and half windows, said Eddie Bakal.

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They spare no effort in fight against cancer



On the ball: Carol Jacobs (right) of Canton picks up her ball and prepares to knock down the pins during the Bowling for a Cure event at the Superbowl in Canton Wednesday night. Pictured above, WJR radio personalities Dan Dickerson (left), holding son Justin, 5 months, and Steve Courtney chat on the air during the "Bowling for the Cure" event. The bowlathon at the Superbowl and other area bowling centers benefits the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and its programs. For more on Wednesday's activities, please turn to Al Harrison's bowling column in the Sports section of today's Observer.



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Plymouth-Canton head count still growing

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

It appears the Plymouth-Canton school district will see twice the increase in students for the coming school year than it originally estimated.

"It's safe to say we're probably up more than a hundred students," Superintendent Chuck Little told the board of education Tuesday. "It looks like we'll probably be up a couple of hundred students."

The preliminary enrollment figures show increases above 200. However,

school officials expect those numbers to level off much lower once school begins and transfers in and out of the district are concrete.

"We show a preliminary increase from last September's official school population count of 289 elementary students," said Little. "If you look at

the whole district, we see a projected increase of 540 students."

Two weeks ago, the district reported an estimated total increase of 407 students.

Administrators say based on such a

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Photographer joins Canton Observer staff

Paul Hurschmann has joined the staff of the Plymouth and Canton Observers as a photographer.

He replaces Bill Bresler, who moved to the Farmington Observer in July.

Hurschmann has worked as a temporary photographer at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers since last spring and had previously done freelance work for the company.

"Paul brings a wealth of experience as a photo journalist and a dedication to community journalism with him," said Tedd Schneider, Canton Observer community editor. "His photographs will offer readers a fresh perspective on life in our communities."

"I'm looking forward to establishing a long term presence in the Plymouth and Canton communities," said Hurschmann. "I'm also eager to meet and work with residents and community leaders from both communities."

Hurschmann, 39, has an extensive background in newspaper and new media photography. He has worked as a photo editor for the Associated



Paul Hurschmann

Press in New York and at the Hollywood Sun in Hollywood, Fla. He was chief photographer for the Ypsilanti Press from 1986 through 1989.

He was the photography editor for iRace, an Internet "magazine" aimed at auto racing fans.

Hurschmann graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1984.

He is a member of the National Press Photographers Association and executive vice president of the National Association of Freelance Photographers.

He is a native of Grosse Ile and an Ypsilanti resident.

MediaOne seeks permit for local phone service

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

MediaOne is hoping to reach out and touch someone by this time next year.

The cable television company is in the process of becoming a telephone provider for Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships as well as the cities of Plymouth and Northville. Spokesman Bill Black said MediaOne will provide one-stop shopping for communication services.

"Our research with customers indicates that they want to buy a bundle of services from one provider," he said. "We want to provide customers with a complete package of television, telephone and Internet services."

The Colorado-based company has already been granted a license to provide telephone service by the Michigan Public Service Commission. In June, MediaOne filed for permit approval from all five municipalities.

None of those approvals have been granted. A consortium of the municipalities, excluding Northville Township, which declined to join, drafted an ordinance to deal with the issue.

The ordinance, which is currently being reworked, must be adopted sepa-

rately by each town before permits are issued. By state law, the municipalities have until early November to take action on the permits.

Black expects all of the T's to be crossed and I's dotted before Christmas. Phone service should follow by next summer, he added.

"We don't have a timetable yet," said Black. "But we should be up and running within 12 months."

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack likes the idea of someone giving Ameritech a run for its local telephone money.

"I think competition is great," he said. "Our residents have benefited from having two cable companies. I think they'll benefit from having two telephone companies."

Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters agreed.

"Competition is a good thing," he said, adding that MediaOne's reputation as a cable TV provider has improved in the past few years. He thinks they'll do a good job with telephone service. "I think based on their cable performance, they have that potential."

The Plymouth-Canton-Northville

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THE WEEK
AHEAD

WEDNESDAY

Newcomers: The Canton Newcomers will hold its "ice breaker" meeting 7 p.m. at the Sunflower Clubhouse on Hanford Road. It's the first meeting of the 1998-99 season. For more information, call 844-8380.

Economic club: David Katz, county director for Detroit Metro Airport, is the featured speaker for The Canton Economic Club's quarterly luncheon. Cost is \$15. Call 453-4040 for reservations.

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added Vorva. "Many seniors think that since they're already signed up with their community, they don't have to sign up with the school district. If they don't get an absentee ballot request form, they don't know about the school election."

Vorva has taken out two newspaper ads with absentee ballot request forms, hoping people will use it to cast their vote in the middle school bond election.

"I also plan to mail request forms directly to voters in Plymouth and Canton," he added.

Vorva expects to spend more than \$5,000 of his own money to get out the vote.

"I want to unmanipulate their manipulations," said Vorva. "If they were running an honest election, they would do this."

"They can vote any way they

District seeks sanctions in suit

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton school district is seeking monetary damages from Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva for holding up the sale of \$79.8 million in bonds from the March 1997 school bond proposal.

"We're requesting all costs and attorney's fees incurred as a result of his motion for reconsideration," said Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for employee relations and personnel. "The loss to the district is significant for every day this is delayed."

School administrators aren't pleased Vorva exercised his right to have a rehearing in the Michigan Court of Appeals, after the same court rejected his lawsuit claims this summer.

■ 'Every day we're losing money because of the interest we're not incurring.'

Errol Goldman

—assistant superintendent for employee relations and personnel

School officials had thought Vorva would take his case to the Supreme Court. By asking for a rehearing, Vorva and his attorneys have given themselves more time to prepare for a state Supreme Court battle if he's again rejected in the Appeals Court. And it adds time to the resolution process, forcing the district to wait longer for a final decision.

Superintendent Chuck Little has called Vorva's move a delay tactic, further postponing construction of a new elementary and high schools.

"Every day we're losing money because of the interest we're not incurring," added Goldman. "We've not put a total figure on it because every day it's growing. If the court is to grant our motion, they will ask for a recommendation and then make a determination."

John Birchler, executive director of business operations, said the district is losing approximately \$11,000 a day in interest from the sale of the bonds.

School board President Mike Maloney estimates the scope of the project — two new schools,

new buses and technology improvements — has lost about \$10 million in buying power because of increased labor and material costs due to the delay.

"We have lost a lot of interest because of the delays in selling the bonds, plus an increase in construction costs," added Goldman. "If the court grants our motion, we'll take a look at a reasonable approach which will be based on either lost daily interest or the increased construction costs."

Goldman says the monetary figure would go back to Vorva's filing for a rehearing, which is July 31.

Meanwhile, Vorva doesn't seem too concerned about the motion for sanctions.

"They can ask for anything they want," he said. "What they get could be a different story."

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large weekly increase in projections, Plymouth-Canton schools could see an additional 200 students districtwide when the figures are finalized.

The official enrollment numbers will come on the state-mandated fourth-Friday count, which will determine how much state aid the district will receive. A growing school population means more money from the state.

"There's a certain amount of

accurate guessing we have to do," said Little. "We can't wait until something happens, then scramble to have teachers the opening day of school."

Less than a week before the start of school, administrators were still interviewing to fill six teacher slots before the beginning of classes Sept. 1.

"We've added staff at various elementary," said Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent

for personnel. "As we anticipate buildings getting more enrollment as school begins, we're trying to improvise for growth."

Because some of the kindergarten classes are a bit crowded while others aren't at capacity, the district has told parents at Farrand, Fiegel and Field elementary schools they could move their children to a less crowded situation.

"We have offered, on a volun-

tary basis, the opportunity for kindergarten parents to move their children to a school where there are lower class sizes in kindergarten," said Verna Anible, director of instruction. "Thus far, one family has taken advantage of the offer."

The schools with lower kindergarten counts are Allen, Gilmore and Hulsting.

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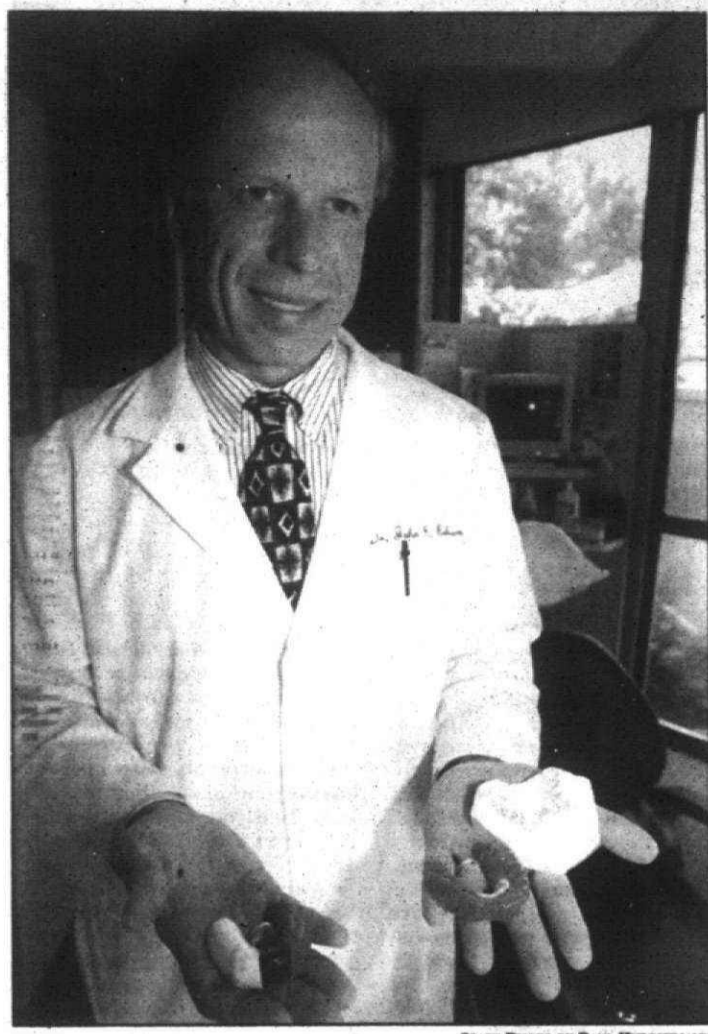
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Dentist says protecting student-athletes' teeth is high priority



Right equipment: Dr. John Robison's Canton practice offers low-cost, custom-fitted mouthguards to area student-athletes.

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER

John Robison takes great pride in the high-tech computers and imaging machinery he uses to help give his patients quality dental care.

But he's advocating a piece of low-tech equipment for area athletes to battle needless injuries.

As for the mouthpieces, the idea for starting a program came up at a staff meeting late last fall. Robison decided to launch the program for the 1998-99 school year.

He's hoping it'll mean fewer children coming to his office after a sports injury.

"I've seen too many kids come in," he said, "that are going to have problems for the rest of their lives."

When teeth are knocked out, athletes have very little time to get into the dentist office.

The tooth, first of all, must be kept moist for any chance to reattach. Robison said putting it in milk is best, but water will work, too.

From there, patients have about an hour to see a dentist. A root canal and stabilization of the tooth are done immediately. Patients then come back in two

fund-raisers for the "Make-A-Wish" Foundation, which works with terminally-ill children.

He makes a mold of the patient's mouth on the first visit. Athletes simply pick up the mouthpiece on visit No. 2.

"We're trying to make it as easy as possible," Robison said.

Traditional store-bought mouthguards are cheaper at about \$10. But Robison said they're much less comfortable than a custom made piece and often cause breathing problems.

The custom mouthguard also allows the athlete to communicate clearly. Since it covers the upper arch, it tends to stay in place more effectively, too.

After more than 20 years in Canton, the dentist isn't looking to drum up more business. He simply wants to help area athletes avoid injury.

"It's more that the kids in the community need this service," Robison said. "That's what we want to do."

For more information on the mouthguard, call Robison Dental Group at (734) 453-6320.

to four weeks to permanently reattach the tooth.

It's a costly process, Robison said. The cost continues to add up over the years as crowning and coloring of the tooth are needed.

"It'll never be the same," said Robison. "But they can get many years of use from the tooth."

If reattachment isn't possible, patients can have a bridge made or have an implant done. Again, it's thousands of dollars worth of dentistry.

Mouthguards, Robison said, provide a cheap insurance against such injuries.

Take high school football, for example. Less than 1 percent of all injuries are in the mouth.

In basketball, where mouthguards aren't required, about 35 percent of injuries are mouth related.

For \$35, athletes can avoid becoming a statistic. Two 15-minute sessions with Robison is all it takes.

Board OKs hotel, offices and condos

Canton officials gave final approvals on three projects Tuesday, including a three-story, 84-room hotel and a 23,500-square-foot OfficeMax at what was once a controversial location along Ford Road.

The township also sold five acres at Morton Taylor and Ford to the Aurogen Development Company for a wetland conservation district. The OfficeMax will be located on the Ford Road frontage.

"We don't often sell five acres for \$1,000 but this wooded wetland will forever remain open space," said Supervisor Tom Yack.

The five acres is several pieces of property that reverted to the township when taxes were not paid.

The McIntyre Garden Homeowners Association voiced loud objections to former plans for a Walgreen drug store and Pep Boys automotive shop.

The OfficeMax received the association's OK after it was assured that the seven acres of wetland and woodlands would buffer the subdivision from the commercial development.

"There will be two retail units with the OfficeMax being the largest and right now we're talking to the Men's Warehouse or something like that," said Bill Madden of Aurogen Development, Inc.

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"The new facade will be higher. We don't want to be anything less than the competition," he said.

Neighboring New Towne Plaza recently was remodeled when Kohl's announced it would anchor the strip mall at Ford and Sheldon.

'I don't agree with how long it's taken. They need more than two or three people on the job.'

Paola Palazzolo
-Palermo's Pizzeria

The recently relocated Secretary of State and several other businesses have been completed. However, the construction for the other tenants isn't expected to be completed until the end of October or early November.

"I don't agree with how long it's taken. They need more than two or three people on the job," Palazzolo said.

Palazzolo said he lost 20-25 percent of his business.

Both Palazzolo and Takessian of Star Jewelry agreed the remodeling is needed to compete with other businesses in Canton.

Michelle (Telier) Daugherty of Canton is buying the restaurant, the closing is set for Tuesday.



Still open: Renovations at the Canton Landing shopping center give the deceptive appearance that stores are closed. The project has hurt business, tenants say.

Restaurant gets new name, 'Boulder' look

Mr. B's restaurant on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth is about to become "Boulders," with a Rocky Mountain theme, karaoke and live music.

Why the mountain theme? "It's just something that came to me when I was driving down the road one day: Boulders. It just stuck in my head that that would be an interesting concept," Daugherty said.

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Family shelter to get facelift

Wayne County's largest family homeless facility will be upgraded this fall in many ways.

County Family Center has room enough for 23 families, about 108 individuals and is open seven days a week, 24 hours a day. There has been an increase in the client numbers as more people are released from state assistance and institutions.

Health department has new address

The Wayne County Health Department has moved. A building near Merriman and Michigan Avenue in Westland that has housed the Health Department for the last 50 years is slated for demolition.

Golf outing to benefit Madonna scholarships

Golfers often dream of a one-on-one lesson with a PGA Tour professional.

The awards banquet begins at 7 p.m. and features prizes and a silent auction of sports memorabilia including private suite tickets to the opening night of the Red Wings and 36 holes of golf for three at Oakland Hills.

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Pack a bag that's fun to open at lunch

Packing a school lunch your child will eat is not that difficult. The trick is to create a fun, healthy lunch they won't want to trade, or throw in the trash.

The first thing you need to know is how much time is allowed for eating. If the school has a lunch policy that says when children are done eating they can go play, naturally your child will hurry through their eating. Playing is definitely more fun than eating. Also, remember young children eat slower than older children. Your child may do just fine on a few quick bites of food.

Next, find out where lunches are kept. Sometimes they are shut up in a closed locker in a hot hallway, or put on a shelf in the classroom. Food safety has to be a concern when packing a lunch.

Keep food cool

Anything you take out of the refrigerator and put into your lunch must be kept cold. This includes meat sandwiches, tuna or egg salad, milk, cheese or yogurt, dips for fresh vegetables.

- Add a freezer pack to keep foods cold until lunch

- Freeze water in a leak-proof container to act as an ice pack.

- Freeze the beverage, a juice box or bottled water. It will thaw and be ready to drink at lunch time.

- Freeze pudding, yogurt, or canned fruits. By noon they will be slushy, but cold.

- Pack cold and frozen foods together. This keeps the food colder longer.

Pack your lunch the night before, and keep it in the refrigerator. Completely chilled foods stay cooler longer.

Freeze meat sandwiches and pack frozen in the lunch bag, they will thaw by noon and be safe to eat. Don't freeze hard-cooked eggs, tuna or egg salad sandwiches.

Foods that don't need to be kept cold

- Peanut butter sandwich
- Muffins or bagels
- Fresh fruit in the peel
- Unopened cans of fruit or pudding

Leftovers for lunch

A thermos can accommodate an endless variety of foods for lunch. Fill a thermos with last night's leftovers, hot soup or chili, cold or hot pasta salads, hot dogs, taco fixings, hot cereal.

Lunch tips

- Cut food into bite-size pieces so your child can easily manage them.
- Make everything look attractive, good enough to eat.

- Decorate small plastic containers that can be used in a lunch bag for small food items.

- If your child likes breakfast items, recycle the morning meal for lunch. Waffles or rolled pancakes with jelly, or dry cereal in festive containers, or decorated bags are great.

- Pack a hand washing wipe in the lunch in case soap and water aren't available. Encourage your child to use it before touching their foods and after they are finished.

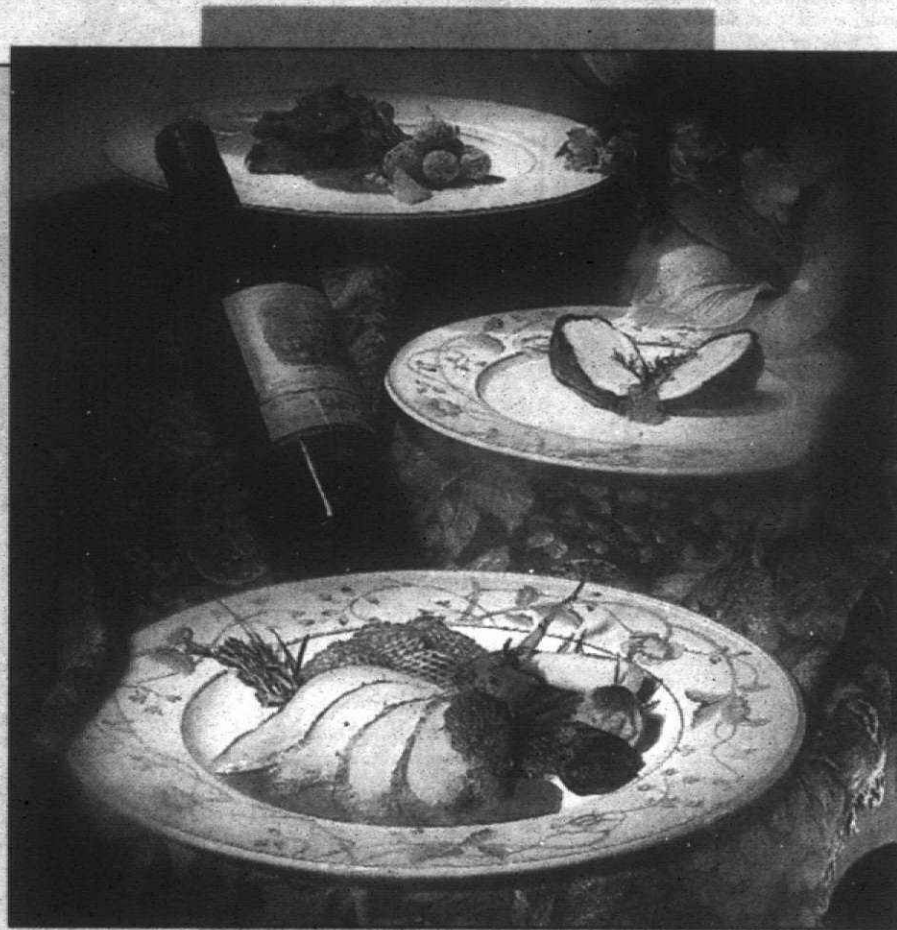
- Pack the lunch in a clean container. Wash out the lunch box or bag with warm water and soap every day. Throw away brown paper bags, use a fresh one daily.

Lois M. Thieleke of Birmingham is an Extension Home Economist for the Michigan State University Extension - Oakland County. For answers to food questions, call the hot-line (248) 858-0904.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Eating Better Sensibly



GOLDEN MUSHROOM ADDS DELIGHT TO YOUR KITCHEN

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

The Golden Mushroom, a Southfield dining landmark for a quarter century, unlocks secrets to preparing wonderful and creative meals in "The Golden Mushroom Kitchen, 25 Years of Chefs and Recipes."

"The cookbook offers the very best dishes from some of the finest chefs who have trained in Michigan," said owner Reid Ashton who conceived the idea of a cookbook honoring star performers whose culinary wizardry brought, and continue to bring, the Golden Mushroom its accolades.

In the cookbook 23 chefs provide recipes for a complete menu from hors d'oeuvre to dessert. The complementary flow of flavors from one course to another is unparalleled. Chefs contributing menus either currently work, such as Executive Chef Derrin Moore, or have worked, at the Golden Mushroom. A brief biography of each chef brings the reader up close and personal.

Hardbound, "The Golden Mushroom Kitchen" will be a welcome addition to your collection of cookbooks. Retailing for \$24.95, its 188 pages include over 200 recipes. A portion of the sale proceeds goes to scholarship programs at Michigan State University, the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association and the Michigan Restaurant Association. It is available at the Golden Mushroom and many other restaurants whose chefs are featured in the book. Phone orders may be placed at (248) 559-4230.

Culinary university

The breadth of imagination and dedication represented by the menus and recipes brings The Golden Mushroom a new moniker, Golden Mushroom Culinary University. As such, the kitchen of the restaurant provides an apprentice program for some of metro Detroit's top chefs. Once apprentices, Steve Allen of Steve and Rocky's in Novi, and Brian Polcyn, Five Lakes Grill in Milford, are now restaurant owners. Others, like Marty Blitz, is owner of Mise en Place in Tampa, Fla.

The number of chefs staying close to home has given the metro Detroit area dining prominence. Up north at Tapawingo in Ellsworth, Executive Chef Richard Travis displays his skills making the restaurant a destination for fine dining.

The early years

It all began with the genius of Milos Cihelka, the first Master Chef certified in the United States and the chef whose Continental cuisine put the Golden Mushroom on the culinary map. His biography places him at the Golden Mushroom in 1976 when he joined Ashton and later became partner. Only four years before, as a member of the 1972 U.S. Culinary Team, he won two Gold Medals in the Culinary Olympics in Frankfurt, Germany.

Returning in 1984, he won the Gold Medal with Distinction for a perfect score in eleven dishes. In 1986, Chef Milos turned tutor and coach for members of the Michigan Culinary Team that has won a total of 44 Gold Medals, three Grand Prizes and

two Best of Shows culminating with the Grand Prize in Gold.

That smell of past victory inspired Executive Chef Randy Smith of Birmingham's Big Rock Chop & Brew House to compete in the 1992 World Culinary Olympics where he won a gold medal as sous chef on the Michigan Culinary Team.

Following in the footsteps of his mentor Master Chef Milos who retired in 1992, Chef Kevin Enright has, for the last 14 years, been training other chefs enrolled in the culinary arts program at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. Enright credits his success to the training he received from Master Chef Milos in the Golden Mushroom kitchen.

In 1980, Chef Brian Polcyn joined the kitchen of Master Chef Milos and rose to the rank of sous chef. Today, as owner of Five Lakes Grill in his hometown of Milford, his culinary expertise has been recognized in many national magazines. He also serves as a culinary consultant to Northwest Airlines.

Creative isn't simple

But don't expect creative food to have simple preparation. Many recipes are challenging and include numerous steps. However, it does give the home cook an appreciation for what goes on in a creative restaurant kitchen.

Taking the guess work out of wine pairing is an added feature for the wine aficionado. Golden Mushroom's Sommelier Marlene Vendramelli has made a wine selection for most dishes.

See recipes inside.

Absopure celebrates 90 years of bottling water

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Diane Schuur, Regina Carter and Liquid Soul aren't the only familiar names at this year's Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival, Absopure Water Co. will be there too.

"We are proud that Absopure is the official bottled water of the 1998 Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival," said William Patrick Young, vice president of retail marketing for the Plymouth based company. "We felt it was a great way to get involved, we've been a festival sponsor for many years."

Look for the commemorative label, which includes a smaller version of the colorful Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz poster designed by Tania Macioce of Farmington Hills, an art director at J. Walter Thompson.

"Jazz lovers have discriminating tastes," said Young. "They're the type of people who drink our product. Water is the very best way to quench your thirst. People like the taste of it. Our spring water comes from southern Michigan near Irish Hills. The bottles are convenient and make it easier for people to drink water."

Ice cold Absopure Water will be sold at the Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival to refresh everyone enjoying "All that Jazz." Look for the commemorative label on one liter Absopure Water bottles at Farmer Jack and other stores.

"The commemorative label is Absopure's way of paying tribute to the world's largest free jazz festival in the country," said Young. "The bottles will be in stores this week. They'll be available until we run out."

Family business

Family owned and operated, Absopure Water Co. is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year. They're one of the nation's leading regional bottlers and marketers of a wide array of bottled water products ranging from distilled, spring and drinking water, to Cap 10 effervescent, naturally flavored mineral water.

The company has called Plymouth home since 1979. Like a good neighbor, Absopure supports not only cultural events such as the Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival but

helps people in need. When a water main broke recently in Macomb Township leaving hundreds of people without water, the company gave away about 4,000 gallons of water.

Beginnings

Absopure began in 1908 as a brand name of General Necessities Company. Back then, Absopure Ice was delivered to Detroit area customers on horse-drawn wagons. In the 1920s the company introduced the Absopure brand of electrical "Frigerators."

Arthur and Belle Porteous bought the Absopure name and formed a new company - Absopure Water Co. after General Necessities Co. went bankrupt following the stock-market crash on Wall Street in 1929.

In the mid-1950s, Young's grandfather, William P. Young, a self-taught engineer from Bay City, called on Absopure as part of his sales position with Fred Myers Co. While trying to sell Porteous a new bottle washer, Young

learned about the water company and purchased it in 1956.

Their son, William C. began working at Absopure part time when he was 16. He earned his degree in engineering from the University of Detroit and worked in a co-op program at Ford Motor Co. before joining Absopure full-time in 1961. He soon became the driving force in the company.

In 1973, the Young family merged their company with Beatrice Foods, a major food products company based in Chicago. The Youngs continued to manage the Absopure division. In addition to making a significant investment in new equipment and facilities modernization, it added CAP 10 sparkling water to the Absopure product lines. Over the next decade, it became clear that Beatrice and Absopure were growing in different directions. In 1982 the Young Family bought Absopure back.

"I've been with the company since I was born," said William Patrick Young with a chuckle. After earning his degree in marketing from the University of Detroit, Young, like his father, joined the company.

"It's always been part of me," he said. "I saw the bottled water industry as an exciting industry, something I wanted to be part of. It's something I've always known."

Part of Absopure's 90th anniversary celebration includes a strong marketing focus on hydration - water consumption. Labels include the words - Absopure "The Hydration Drink."

The Young family also owns three independent affiliates that grew from Absopure's success - Plastipak Packaging, Inc., Clean Tech, Inc. and Whiteline Express, Ltd. Absopure products touch 20 states in the United States.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Thirst quencher: Look for Absopure Water, with this commemorative label, at the Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival, and your grocery store.

Questions about the Internet prompt these interesting answers

There was yet another big survey about online use released the other day, this one estimating that some 71 million people in North America are now regular users of the Internet. Similarly, America Online announced last week that membership in its service alone now exceeds 13 million subscribers.



MIKE WENDLAND

said Young. "She chose the computer and divorced him." Young conducted an online survey and, using the same criteria used to determine addiction to drugs and gambling, identified almost 400 users who were psychologically dependent on the Internet.

They ranged in age from 14-70 and spent an average of 38.6 hours online every week. She said chat rooms were the biggest draw to Net junkies, who assume different roles under assumed names and act out, online, their fantasies. Some users have "virtual sex," others have actually met their Net lovers in person and begin real affairs.

Whatever your wife may be doing, it's not healthy. Get her some help.

Q: I have a son, 14. I thought he was innocent but I recently found by accident some porn stored on the computer. He's a good kid, but what's the best way to protect him? Educate him? And show him the right direction re: computers? He has a talent. Do I need some software to guard him against further problems?

A: First, don't think you're alone. Like the rest of the world, Cyberspace has some pretty rotten places, or neighborhoods. Your son obviously wandered into "the wrong part of town," or he was lured there by friends.

Yes, there is software available that will make it more difficult to him to get into places with objectionable material. SurfWatch (www.surfwatch.com) is one excellent filtering program that is available. So is a program called Net Nanny (www.netnanny.com).

And Microsoft's Internet Explorer Web browser has some effective ways to screen out content, too.

Don't forget to check out your hard drive for any files or pictures that he may have downloaded. You'll want to delete them and then do a regular inventory every couple of weeks.

But the best way ... the absolute best ... is for you to make sure you know how to use the computer and the Internet, too. Then, spend some time online with your son. Ask him to show you around Cyberspace. Learn and explore together. It's a great way to spend quality time together. Kids learn quickly and they take to computers naturally.

Over the years, I've found that the best way to keep our kids' Cyberspace activities healthy and productive is to first know what's out there ourselves ... so when our kids do start to head

off into the "bad neighborhoods," we are familiar enough with the turf to call them, back. Good luck.

Q: How do I know I'm not being ripped off when I buy something on the Internet?

A: Use the same criteria you use when you buy anything. Just because a Web site looks slick and professional, doesn't mean it's reliable. Look the site over carefully. Is there a real bona fide address? Be leery of people who only use postal boxes.

Is there a telephone number to call? If not, that tells you the Net company doesn't want you to be

able to reach them. Do they have a track record? If they've been in business over a couple of years, you should find other references to them by doing a search in their name.

The U.S. Federal Trade Commission has found more than 500 sites on the World Wide Web that are running pyramid and other scams on the Net. They've put a lot of good educational material on the FTC Web site (www.ftc.gov/pyramid) that you should check into.

Also visit the Better Business Bureau site (www.bbb.org) and a very aggressive site called Inter-

net Scambusters (www2.scambusters.org) that exposes the very latest Net rip-offs and archives the old.

Upcoming appearances: Today, Sunday, Aug. 30, I'll be broadcasting the PC Talk Radio show live from 4-6 p.m. at the Detroit Zoo. It's part of the WXYT Radio Lionfest event and members of the Detroit Lions football team will be on hand to sign autographs.

And, looking ahead, on September 26th, I'll be teaching a two-hour seminar on Computers and the Internet from 10 a.m. to noon at the Cafe Domain,

Washington and Fourth Street, in Royal Oak. Because space is limited, you must register to attend. Call the PC Mike Seminar line at (248) 423-2721. Hope to see you there.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday on Detroit's WXYT-Radio AM1270. He is the author of a series of Internet books. You can reach him through his Web site at <http://www.pcmike.com>

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Join the Plymouth Chorus in its 25th year

When Michael Gross joined the Plymouth Community Chorus as musical director and conductor in 1978, he had no idea the group would grow from 24 to 125 members. His task now is to find chorus members from the last 25 years to help celebrate the group's anniversary at a gala banquet and dance Friday, Oct. 2.

"There have been so many singers to come in and out of the chorus over the years," said Gross of Canton. "There have been hundreds of members, and we want to find as many as we can."

Leading the way

Gross took the reins of the chorus after William Grimmer retired. Grimmer, then choral director at East Middle School, founded the Plymouth Community Chorus in 1973. One of the great stories Gross tells is about Dolores Roth an original chorus member now living in California. At a final rehearsal before a concert, Roth tried to smooth over rough areas the chorus was experiencing by reminding them, "we always sound better in our dresses."

Plymouth Community Chorus

What: The chorus is looking for former members to help celebrate its 25th anniversary with a gala banquet and special commemorative program. For more information, call (734) 459-6829 or write to P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, MI, 48170.

When: 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2.
Where: Laurel Park Manor, Livonia.
The chorus holds open auditions for new members, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29 at rehearsals in First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. Especially needed are tenors, basses and baritones with some openings for altos and sopranos. Call (734) 455-4080.

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Musical memories

Musically, three occasions stand out in Gross' twenty years of leading the chorus - earning second place in the Great American Choral Festival several years ago in Plymouth; leading the chorus in a performance of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein tunes with original orchestrations; and being invited to sing at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., in 1995.

The chorus also sang at the Jefferson Memorial, on the Capitol steps and at Arlington National Cemetery, where they laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

"Also memorable was singing from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, and to have people all around listening, and just knowing those historic figures walked in those places," said Gross, who studied piano, voice and conducting at Eastern Michigan University.

The chorus has also performed with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and at Tiger Stadium. Their next concert is a benefit for the Brighton Cen-

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Inaugural festival nourishes Pontiac's cultural rebirth



Festival braintrust: "Arts, Beats & Eats" has evolved from a taste fest to a full-fledged festival. Event organizers include Steve Weikal, (left to right), Lisa Konikow, Jonathan Witz and Chuck Uzelac.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Whatever was in the food at Colangelo's in Pontiac last December when Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson strolled in for dinner is worth investigating.

Perhaps years from now when "Arts, Beats & Eats" - held for the first time this Labor Day weekend - is mentioned in the same breath as the Chicago Taste Fest and Denver's Cherry Creek Art Festival, the story will have become a full-blown legend.

According to the emerging folklore, the idea for "Arts, Beats & Eats" was initially broached as Patterson and restaurant owner Ernie Colangelo discussed a proposed taste festival that would feature the growing number of restaurants in Oakland County.

In only a few months, the idea admittedly borrowed from the annual Detroit Taste Fest evolved into a multicultural fine arts, culinary and musical extravaganza.

"The idea just kept getting bigger," said Steve Weikal, director of Oakland

County Arts, Culture and Film. "It had to be insanely big to get people's attention."

On Labor Day weekend, the festival will stop evolving long enough to spotlight 130 artists from around the U.S., more than 30 local restaurants, and nearly 60 local and national musical acts.

The much-anticipated celebration is widely considered as the long-sought catalyst to transform downtown Pontiac, said Chuck Uzelac, president of the Pontiac Downtown Business Association.

"In the short-term, it's a

lot of work, but when people come they'll find out what's been going on in Pontiac," said Uzelac of Bloomfield Hills, who opened a downtown gallery two years ago.

"Our downtown is a microcosm of the festival," he said. "We have a great downtown. We're not trying to build one."

'90s-style fest

Essentially, "Arts, Beats & Eats" is the definitive '90s-style festival - eclectic in taste and driven from the grassroots.

"We've taken a broad vision of what represents

the culture of the county and thrown our resources behind it," said Weikal.

However, those "resources" haven't translated into public funding. Projected revenue of \$550,000 for the festival will be derived solely from corporate sponsors.

More specifically, Patterson's support has translated into a ride on his political coattails. Half of the sponsors, said Weikal, are referrals from the county executive.

While some may contend that the lack of public seed money might jeopardize long-term plans, event producer Jonathan Witz said the timing and wide support of the festival guarantees corporate sponsors for years ahead.

"This will not look like any other festival. Each component of the festival can stand alone," said Witz, former event producer for Clubland in downtown Detroit.

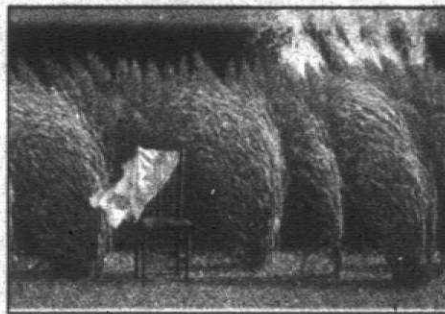
"People need to see Pontiac as a destination point."

About 50,000 people per day are expected for the four-day festival, said Witz. The key measure of suc-

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Arts, Beats & Eats

What: "Arts, Beats & Eats," featuring 120 fine artists, 35 local restaurants and 65 local and national musical acts.
When: Labor Day Weekend, Friday-Monday, Sept. 4-7
Where: Downtown Pontiac, along Saginaw Street
Admission: Free, call (248) 584-4177, or artsbeats-eats.com on the web for more information.
Proceeds benefit Lighthouse of Oakland County, Pontiac Rescue Mission, Dittich Foundation, Fancub Foundation for the Arts, Rainbow Connection, Boys and Girls Club of N. Oakland County, Haven, and Chrysler Oakland Arts Fund.



Grassroots eclecticism: The first annual "Arts, Beats & Eats" features 130 fine artists from around the country. The show features a range of media and styles, including Jack Brumbaugh's drawings and Jeanne Nash's fiber works.



ART FESTIVAL

Art show draws community together

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Seglinda Pritchard looks forward to Art on the Green every Labor Day as a way of reconnecting with the community. Hosted by the Franklin Arts Council,

Art on the Green

What: The Franklin Arts Council's 18th annual art fair featuring 78 artists and live entertainment by one-man band Rennie Kauffmann and guitarists Sean Blackman and John Arnold (latin, folk, blues). Proceeds benefit Very Special Arts Michigan, Birmingham Groves High School art programs, and children's art activities for Franklin's "Holly Day" in December.
When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7. Admission is free.

Where: Franklin Village Green (west of Franklin Road between 13 and 14 Mile Roads). For information, call (248) 644-5832, ext. 449.

Local artists exhibiting: Carol Berhorst, clay, Elena Arnaoutova, painting, Emi Watts, Japanese brushpainting, and Sue Walton, fiber, Bloomfield Hills; R.E. Salay, Troy; Marcy and Michael Feldman, and Nina Mann, Southfield; Cheryl Gleason, Franklin; Marcia Hoviand, Royal Oak; Susan Papazian Cobb, fiber, Barbara Abel, photography, Bruce Migdall, pastels and Kathy Phillips, water color, West Bloomfield; Celia Block, Farmington; David Tyndall, painting, Beverly Hills; Cynthia Frost, mixed media, Waterford, and Sara Hicks, floor canvases, Pontiac.

cil, the 18th annual arts and crafts show features 78 painters, sculptors, photographers and clay, glass, fiber, and wood artists.

"Art on the Green is a day of reunion in the community as people come back from wherever their summer has taken them," said Pritchard, a former chairman. "Art on the Green celebrates art and life. It's a day for community and to pick up something beautiful for the home."

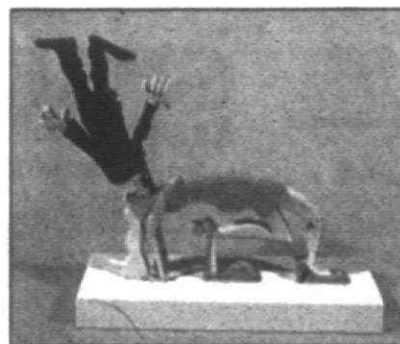
Art on the Green chairwoman Peggy Kerr is proud that show proceeds benefit community programs such as the Very Special Arts Michigan touring art exhibit. In the past, the arts council has used show profits to help support Michigan Opera Theatre programs for children, and to bring the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra into Pontiac Schools.

This year's recipients of booth fees will be Very Special Arts Michigan, Birmingham Groves High School art programs, and children's art activities for Franklin's "Holly Day" in December. "There's no charge to get in, but artist fees help fund community art

programs," said Kerr, Franklin Arts Council president. "Very Special Arts provides arts programs for children and adults with disabilities. As an added attraction we'll have a tent full of art by these children and adults."

"The money makes a difference in a small kind of way," added Pritchard.

For George Landino's students at



Seeing stars: George Landino will create whimsical folk art, including these popular kissing figures.

Students jam with pros at Montreux

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Education has always been a component of the Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival taking place Friday-Monday, Sept. 4-7, at Hart Plaza, Detroit.

In addition to performing, college and high school jazz musicians spend time with professional musicians. Matt Michaels of Southfield, director of Jazz Studies and an associate professor at Wayne State University, said high school and college students "love to share the stage with professionals." He compares it to athletics. Any student of golf would love to play on the pro tour. Same with musicians - they love to jam with the pros.

Educational programs include performances by the high schools and college bands, seven workshops on jazz improvisation at the Pepsi Jam Academy and a chance for students to meet and talk to performers.

Meet the Artist

"Meet the Artist" sessions involve singer Dennis Rowland, Detroit bop veterans Louis Hayes and Curtis Fuller, and the grandson of Duke Ellington, Paul, current leader of the Duke Ellington Orchestra.

"Jazz is just a great training ground for any type of music career," said Michaels. "You are really playing contemporary music... today's music."

Most of the WSU jazz ensemble students "come from the suburbs" according to Michaels who plays with a quartet every Thursday at Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills.

Michaels' 18-piece jazz band will play for one hour on the Main Stage on Labor Day. He plans on using a lot of student versions of jazz pieces in the show. "Many of the arrangements are very good," he said.

Jack Pierson, retired Dearborn Public Schools teacher and resident of Livonia until recently, emphasizes that the students not only get the opportunity to play to an audience, but also to participate in the clinics and "talk to the artist" sessions.

Pierson is executive secretary to the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association, and takes pride in the high school and college participation at Montreux.

"The 'meet the artists' sessions are especially important. They give the students a chance to meet with the professionals, ask them about the life of a musician, how they got started." The improv sessions also play a valuable role.

"It used to be kids could learn at improv sessions...they are just not as available as they once were," said Pierson. "At ours they can exchange ideas with other students."

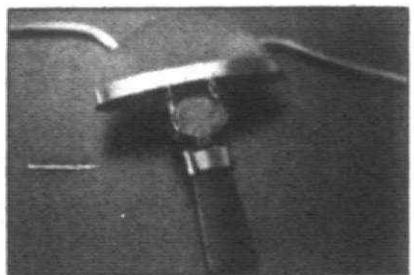
The seven clinic/workshops/improv sessions are scheduled either right before or right after the high school bands to facilitate student participation.

Big band

Pierson added that band directors feel the clinics are "very beneficial" to the students. Directors also get to see and hear the latest at the festival.

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Gold and silver: Charlotte Quinn designs contemporary fine jewelry on the cutting edge.

TRAVEL

Visit Drummond Island for a no-fuss outdoor getaway

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Don't go to Drummond Island off the eastern end of the Upper Peninsula if:

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"Go down to the ferry dock, sit a half hour and you're bound to see a freighter," said Kirk Astle, a clerk at Drummond Island Outfitters. "Wildlife is anywhere."

Outfitters, open mid-May

through September is a good source of maps and rentals of canoes, kayaks and bicycles. The helpful staff can direct where exactly to search for flora, fauna and rocks.

You can drive to many parts of the island on paved roads. But the best way to actually see things is to walk, especially along off road vehicle trails.

During a visit the first week in August, wildflowers including Queen Anne's lace, clover, daisies, a variety of asters and phlox abounded. Raspberries, in season late July and early August, are delicious right off the bramble.

Smelt and perch run in spring, perch in summer, salmon and perch again in fall.

Birders go nuts on Drummond. Hawks, woodpeckers, blue jays, cardinals, ducks, geese and owls take flight, some easier to spot than others. Loons greet the dawn with their mournful calls. Butterflies flutter about.

Deer, difficult to encounter on

trails (they aren't tame here like at Kensington Metropark), occasionally meander to open fields or paved roads at the edge of woods.

The island is home to bear, too, but I've never seen one. My son says he and some of his buddies have glimpsed and heard coyote late at night while bonding around the campfire.

Earl Slusser, a retiree, has spent a lot of time on Drummond since 1975. He suggests that kids would enjoy swimming at Big Shoal Beach (free) and hunting gemstones at Marble Head on the eastern end of the island.

"For adults, rest," he added. "No phones. Get away from the TV."

The Drummond Island Historical Museum, open Memorial Day through September, is a worthy destination at any time, but especially on a rainy day. Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

All kinds of artifacts - pictures, books, medical equipment, farming and lumbering tools - actually can be handled there.

Audrey Seaman Moser, 68, museum curator, is descended from the first permanent non-native American settlers on the island.

"It seems like there's no in-between about Drummond. Either people love it or they don't like it," she said. "It's quiet here. Most summer people don't even have a telephone installed."

"You know what I like here - watching sunsets over the water," Moser said. "It's so gorgeous. It goes down so fast, too."

"We have a lot of snow," she conceded, "but we're prepared for it. There's places to push it."



Getting there: The vast majority of vacationers who visit Drummond Island arrive by car ferry and a neat little ride across the St. Mary's River.

The car ferry, a one-mile, 10-minute ride across the St. Mary's River from DeTour, runs year-around. Round trip fare is \$8 for car and driver, \$2 for each additional adult passenger. Visitors also can arrive by private boat and small, private airplane.

The fall color change peaking in late September/early October is spectacular. The scent of the pine trees complements the pastels.

Snowmobiling is popular in winter.

Some summer visitors book cottages the same time every year, cultivating friendships for themselves and their children. About half of the cottages close for the winter months.

Phil Stites has owned Wa-Wen Resort for nearly 20 years. Over time, he's built an outdoor swimming pool, basketball court and shuffleboard court for his chil-

dren, now grown, and guests.

"Sixty-seven percent of the land is still state-owned," Stites said. "It's peaceful, quiet, safe, low-key, less stressful. That would sum it up. If you feel trapped, you probably don't belong here."

Teens are especially drawn to the Teepee ice cream stand at the Four Corners in town and the bowling lanes at Woodmoor. Both are fairly inexpensive diversions.

Two golf courses, a few tennis courts, several restaurants, a couple of gas stations and grocery stores, a hardware store, medical clinic, credit union and Lutheran, Catholic and Congregational churches serve the needs of nearly 1,000 permanent

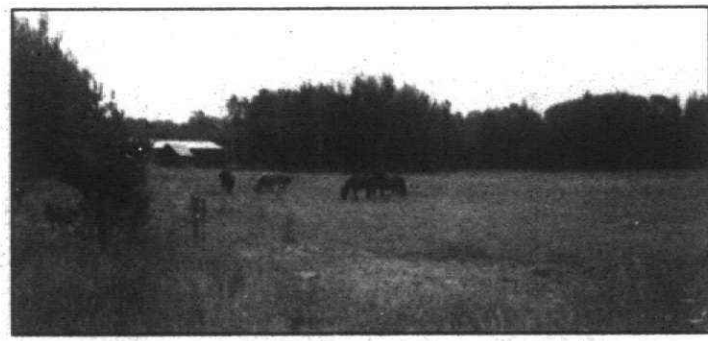
residents and visitors.

Drummond is an hour away from the Soo Locks and casinos of Sault Ste. Marie and the sites and sounds of the Straits of Mackinac.

The island never feels crowded, even at the peak of summer vacation. The folks really seem friendly. Be prepared to wave back at the driver of virtually every vehicle you encounter while walking. And don't forget to smile.

You can contact the Drummond Island Tourism Association by phone at (800) 737-8666 or on the Internet at www.drummond-island.com

(Next week, more UP adventures.)



Surprise encounters: Domesticated horses and cows live here, as well as wildlife such as deer, coyote and bears.

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WAY UP NORTH

"Brethren Days" are held in the small northwest Michigan town of Brethren (Manistee

County), Sept. 5 and 6. Events include fishing contest, polka party, country and western music and fireworks (Sunday night); (616) 477-5636.

WALK THE BIG MAC

You can join the thousands who make the annual trek across the Mackinac Bridge on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7. The walk begins in St. Ignace and ends in Mackinaw City. Walkers

may start any time between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m.

No one can start after 11 a.m. Roller skates, bikes, wagons, skateboards and animals are all prohibited. Seeing eye dog are allowed, however.

Vehicular traffic flows even during the walk as southbound lanes are kept open. Walkers park free at the Bridge View area adjacent to the start point;

buses are available in Mackinaw City for \$1.50 to transport walkers back to their car. Some walkers choose the ferries to St. Ignace where free shuttles provided by the ferry lines get you back to Bridge View. Information can be obtained at (906) 643-6950.

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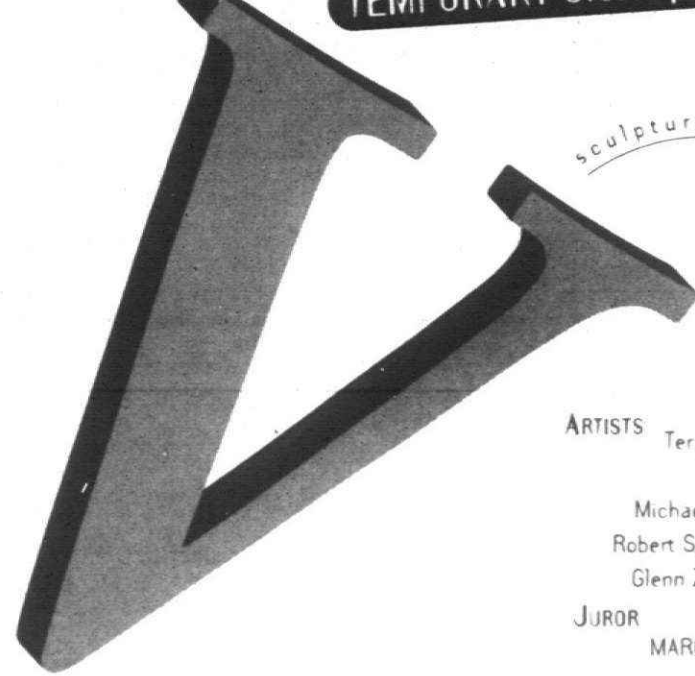


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Baseball tryouts

•The new Michigan Wolverines AAA Farm Club 13-year-old baseball team is having tryouts from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Heritage Park, located on Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Michigan. The team will play in the Little Caesars Federation. Players must be 13 for the 1999 season and cannot turn 14 prior to Aug. 1, 1999. For more information, call Terry Powell at (734) 394-0425 or Gary Mancini at (734) 454-1104.

•The Michigan Indians PeeWee Reese (12-year-olds) baseball team is currently conducting tryouts for its 1999 squad. The team is based in the Plymouth/Canton area, but there are no residency requirements. The team will play in the Little Caesars Federation; players must have birthdates on or after Aug. 1, 1986. For tryout times and information, call Bruce Price at (734) 453-9180.

Softball sign-up

The Canton Softball Center is now accepting registrations for its fall softball leagues. The six-week double-header league is offered for Men's, Women's and Co-ed Leagues with your choice of Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday playing dates.

Cost for the 12-game season is \$395 plus a \$50 forfeit fee. The season begins Sept. 8. Call (734) 483-5600, ext. 2 for more information.

PCJBA sign-up

Registration for the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball League, for boys and girls grades three through eight, will be 6:30-8:30 Sept. 3 and Sept. 10 at East Middle School. All students in the Plymouth-Canton school district, and all of Canton Township, are eligible.

All players in the league will play some part of every game, but no player will play the entire game. There will be a 10-game regular season, plus the season-ending tournament.

Registration fee is \$80 for grades 3-4; \$85 for grades 5-6; and \$90 for grades 7-8. Players will receive team jerseys, which they can keep.

Any high school students interested in serving as referees, and any parents interested in coaching, should register at the same times.

Registration for PCJBA teams in grades 9-12 will be announced at a later date.

Men's racquetball

A men's fall racquetball league, sponsored by Canton Parks and Recreation Services, is now forming. Cost is \$100 per player, which includes all league court time and awards.

There are no residency requirements. Matches will be played at Body Rocks-Racquettime, in Livonia. Matches will be on Wednesdays starting Sept. 16 and last for 13 weeks, with 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. court times. Players will be divided into divisions based on ability level.

For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

TeeTime Classic

The fourth annual TeeTime Golf Classic, Friday, Sept. 11 at Cattails Golf Club, 57737 Nine Mile Road, South Lyon.

The event will benefit the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft Community College.

The cost is \$85 (includes 18 hole scramble format, electric cart, range balls, hot dog lunch and buffet dinner). Dinner only, a 4:30 p.m., is \$30. Hole sponsorships are also available for \$100.

Registration (coffee and doughnuts) starts at 8 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m.

Prizes includes longest drive and closest to the pin (women and men).

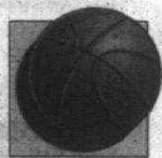
For more information, call (248) 486-8777.

S'craft offers classes

•Schoolcraft is also offering a beginning kayaking class, 7-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12.

The course fee is \$85 per person. For more information, call (734) 462-4413.

Canton shocks Borgess in opener



Unexpected? Yes — and no. That's because with Plymouth Canton, the unexpected has become anticipated. Their season-opening win over defending Class C state champ Bishop Borgess just adds to the legend.

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Her first varsity game and already Plymouth Canton sophomore guard Anne Morrell has listened to her coach at a key time and done exactly the opposite.

A prima donna in the making? Hardly.

What Morrell did midway through the fourth quarter of Canton's 45-43 win Thursday over Redford Bishop Borgess led to a basket and praise from Bob Blohm, one of the state's most respected coaches whose strategy works nine times out of 10 and sometimes more.

This time, Morrell had a better idea. Her back-door cut off an out-of-bounds pass from center Janell Tweit-

meyer surprised the Spartans and gave Canton a 38-32 lead with 4:50 left, starting the Chiefs on a 6-2 run.

"I just looked where they lined up and I knew our play was not going to work, so I switched up and went opposite," said Morrell, who finished with four points.

Blohm was glad she improvised. "You've got to read it and play," Blohm said. "I like players like that."

Borgess rallied late but a shot that would have forced overtime rolled off as time expired.

The season opener in Borgess' steamy gym was the start of a rugged stretch for the Chiefs, who start three

sophomores to go with seniors Elise Thornell and Twietmeyer.

Canton has upcoming dates with state powers Flint Northern, Birmingham Marian and Flint Powers as well as games against formidable Catholic League opponents Farmington Hills Mercy and Harper Woods Regina.

"I just like how we came out and competed," Blohm said. "We just tried to keep in front of them and take away their drives. We made mistakes and some turnovers but it's Game 1. I think we've got to get more consistent, but where we're at from where we started,

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Let the running begin!



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Off and running: One of the last races of the 1997 season was the WLAA conference championship (above), in which Salem runners finished third and Canton placed fifth. Personnel losses will make it difficult for Salem to match that finish, but Canton is looking to move up in the league standings. Both teams have non-scoring events this week; the season starts after Labor Day.

Newcomers could help carry Chiefs to contention

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

With a couple of his top runners from 1997 graduated and no true "frontrunners" returning, one might think Plymouth Canton girls cross country coach George Przygodski would be wondering if this year's team could even match last year's finish.

But he's not. In fact, Przygodski is convinced this season's squad will outdo last year's.

"I'm very excited," he said. "We've got a real good corps of runners to build around."

It isn't just having five of his top seven runners returning that has raised Przygodski's optimism. It's four newcomers to the team that he

called "varsity impact athletes." None have run cross country before (and two of them are seniors), but all have been extremely impressive.

"We're going to be better," he predicted. "It's just a matter of how much better."

Although somewhat experienced, what Canton doesn't have is many seniors among its top nine runners. Indeed, the lone senior returnee is Lark Haunart.

Sarah Rucinski, a junior, has the best credentials from a Canton team that was pretty much middle-of-

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Losses will make Salem's season an uphill struggle

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

Going into the first practice sessions, Plymouth Salem figured to be among the best in the Western Lakes Activities Association in girls cross country, despite the loss of four strong seniors. Then disaster struck.

Salem coach Dave Gerlach was notified that his top runner, sophomore Alyson Flohr, was moving to the Northville district. Just like that, fortunes were reversed; Northville, which finished fourth in the WLAA last season, 71 points behind third-place Salem, is now considered a possible title contender with Flohr on the team.

That's because as a freshman, Flohr finished eighth at the league meet,

16th at the regional and 64th at state.

"That's a huge loss, obviously," said Gerlach. "Flohr was like a franchise player. But one player doesn't make a team."

And even with all the losses — also lost were state qualifier Evelyn Rahhal, Ellen Stemmer, Erin Lang and Jill Danek to graduation — Gerlach believes his team can be a contender.

"We've been third (in the WLAA) the last three years," he said. "One of our goals is to compete for the league championship. I still think we can have one of the best teams in the

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Churchill stops CC; Canton rolls

BRAD EMONS
SPORTS EDITOR

Two warning shots have been fired by the Livonia Churchill boys soccer team.

And the Chargers have made it loud and clear, they could be a team to be reckoned with this fall.

After knocking off state-ranked Novi 2-1 in its season opener Thursday, Churchill came back home Friday night and put a 4-2 hurting on Redford Catholic Central.

"Those are two tough warmups against two tough teams, I'm very happy," Churchill coach Chad Campau said. "We're already two wins ahead of last year. We had three ties to start last season."

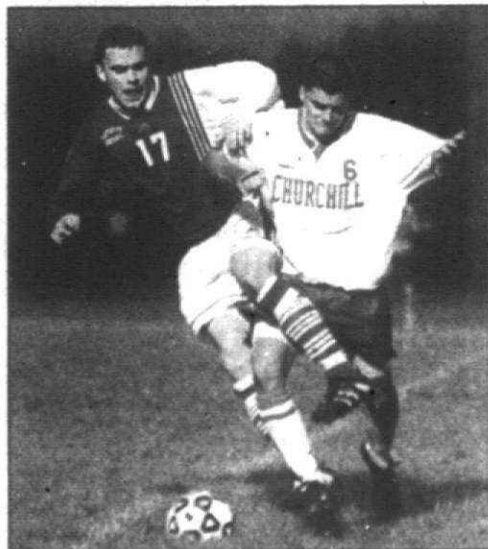
Also ahead of last year is 6-foot-3 striker George Kithas, who nearly single-handedly destroyed CC.

He notched a hat trick in the win over the Shamrocks. The athletic Kithas, who is strong and quick when going to the net, tallied a goal in the win over Novi as well.

"Last year my job was the take the pressure off (Rob) Bartoletti, so I had to be patient," Kithas said. "But it's my senior year now and it's time to step it up."

Kithas' header off a throw-in from Mark Sicilia just seven minutes into the game gave Churchill a 1-0 lead, but CC's Nick Show tied it at 1-1 just seven minutes later.

Kithas scored unassisted with 16:08 left and Sicilia



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Elevated: CC's Ken Toporek (left) and Churchill's Shaun Murray battle for possession.

rammed home a penalty kick with 11:40 remaining to make it 3-1 for Churchill.

Kithas then teamed up with Shaun Murray to propel the Chargers to a 4-1 lead, leaving CC staring at a three-goal deficit just before the half.

CC, which dropped to 1-1, was without head coach Dana Orsucci, who was attending his brother's wedding. Assistant coach Dave York could watch only helplessly as the Shamrocks tried to defend Kithas one-on-one.

"He's a decent player, we just gave him the time and space he wanted," York said. "We need to keep possession of the ball, but we ended up playing their game — kick and run. The one time we kept it, we scored."

The Shamrocks played the final 31 minutes a man short when senior defender Patrick Gannon was banished with a red card.

Canton 6, Monroe 0: Scott Wright continued his goal-scoring barrage, collecting three more Wednesday as Plymouth Canton blanked non-league foe Monroe at Canton.

The win improved the Chiefs' record to 2-1.

Wright now has six goals for the season. Other goal-scorers for the Chiefs against Monroe were Kevin Presley, Mike Riemma and Pete Andreoli. Presley and Riemma also had assists; Evan Malone collected two

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