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Township gives nod to first residential development of year

BY CAROL MARSHALL

What's old is new again. Or at least that's the case in a 96-home residential development, for which site plans were approved last week by the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

The development, Sheldon Estates, near Sheldon and Cherry Hill, is the last parcel of a Planned Unit Development (PUD) that was originally approved sometime between 1969 and 1972, according to Planning Director Jeff Goulet.

The township no longer has PUDs – they've since adopted provisions for Planned Development Districts – but the old PUDs had no sunset deadlines on them, so what was approved then is buildable now, Goulet said.

Due to a rapid decrease in the new housing market, the development was the first residential site plan the board approved this year, and Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said it may be an economically feasible project now for the very reason it has yet to be developed – the economy.

"A lot of these sites were left undeveloped because they were difficult sites or the lot sizes were not what the market demanded during the building boom we had for the last couple of decades," he said. "These are smaller lot sizes, and it's very possible that may be a benefit, in today's slower housing market."

Today, the township would require more open space in its developments, and lots on the 39-acre parcel would be 70 feet instead of the 60 approved for Sheldon Estates. However, Goulet said the development will be very similar to the neighborhoods to Lexington Square at its north border, and Franklin Park to the south.

Since it was first approved more than 30 years ago, environmental standards have been revised by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and building materials standards were changed in 1994, requiring homes to have 50 percent brick exteriors. Those requirements applied to Sheldon Estates, Goulet said. He added that even more important are changing consumer tastes, and that the elevations and home designs will have to appeal to today's homebuyer. The developer has 18 months to acquire all permits required to begin construction. If that does not happen, the project must be again approved by the township before building can begin, Yack said.

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The ultimate gift Death of teen donor has meant a decade of sight for Canton girl

About nine years ago, Connie Ayres received the news that to most parents is unimaginable. Her 16-year-old daughter, Amanda Siners, was pronounced dead after the car she was driving hit a tree near her home in Davison, a small Genesee County town.

As devastated as she was, Ayres made the decision to make her daughter a donor. She felt that's what her daughter, who was a senior in high school and an excellent student, would have wanted. "She always said she wanted to be a doctor so she could help people with medicine. I guess in a way I got to help her do that," Ayres said. "And it helped us in our grief, because something good came out of something so bad." Avres said she sat down and cried after she received a letter a couple weeks later telling her several patients benefited from organs and tissue provided by her daughter. One of those recipients was a little girl named Carmen Muglia, who had been blind since her birth a vear before. Two days after Siners died, Carmen Muglia received one of her corneas. Her other cornea was also a gift from a donor.





Magician Jay Alexander is one of the acts scheduled in the upcoming season at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. He'll appear (and possibly disappear) at 8 p.m. on Oct. 13.

Acts with broad

"Carmen was born blind. Both of her corneas were thick and blurry, almost like her eyes had callouses. It was like her corneas were wax paper," said Cesar Muglia, Carmen's father.

Today, Carmen, who will be 11 next month, is a fifth grader at Tonda Elementary. Although her eyes are sometimes sensitive to bright light, Carmen's vision is pretty good. Her family, which also includes mother Nancy and

Carmen's two sisters, has lived in Canton for

PLEASE SEE GIFT, A5

PHOTO COURTESY OF PAIGE BAKER

Carmen Muglia, 10, of Canton recently met for the first time Michelle Pugmire, sister of Amanda Siners, who died nine years ago and was donor of Muglia's cornea, which has given her the gift of sight. They went to a Tiger game together and promoted the Donate Life Coalition of Michigan.

appeal goal of Village Theater's 2006-07 season

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

As the curtain rises on The Village Theater and Cherry Hill's third season, there will be some new acts, some returning favorites, and some which are taking a break for a year.

One of the new offerings will be a monthly program known as "First Friday." On the first Friday of every month, visitors can, for a \$10 ticket, sample a variety of live music in an intimate setting – in the Biltmore Studio at the theater.

"It's just a great, intimate, relaxed way to try out a lot of different kinds of music, from folk to classical bells to a cabaret," said Jennifer Eubanks, recreation specialist.

PLEASE SEE SEASON, A5

What's your favorite piece of Ford Road art?

Here's your chance to tell Canton officials what your favorite piece of art is from the collection of public art along Ford Road. "We've talked about having this kind of involvement right from the beginning of the public art project," said Kathleen Salla, Canton Downtown Development Authority director. The DDA funded the installation of concrete bases for the eight pieces of art along Ford Road, as part of a larger public art project, which will include a permanent sculpture that is expected to be installed at the corner of Canton Center and Ford roads at the end of September. The cost for the temporary art was \$12,000 and the art was installed in April. The sculptures are in Canton on loan from the various artists who created them. At the end of next April, they will be taken down, and the DDA will either discontinue the project or seek new works of art. "It's been a tremendously popular program," said Salla. "It's one of the things we can do — because we are a

a little downtown — to draw attention to its uniqueness." The DDA is curious to hear which pieces of art the public

unique retail corridor and not

likes, in order to determine what type of pieces they will want if the program continues.

"We are really guided by what people are saying about

their favorites," Salla said. Residents can vote by visiting the Canton Web site at www.canton-mi.org and clicking on "learn more about Canton's Art Exhibit" under community information. The temporary art exhibit will be on display through April 30, 2007. All pieces are for sale through the Midwest Sculpture Initiative. The exhibit is being financed by the Canton DDA, and is a collaboration with the Canton Cultural Commission's Public Art Committee. For more information on the display, call (734) 394-5464.

By Carol Marshall





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Historical society to meet

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The Canton Historical Society will host Ford Motor Company corporate historian and author Robert Kreipke to its meeting in Cherry Hill School at 7 p.m. on Sept. 13. Kreipke will discuss the role Ford has played in southeast Michigan. The school is located at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads in Canton. The presentation is free and open to the public. Seating is limited so arrive a little early. For more information, call the Canton Historical Society Museum at (734) 397-0088.

Authors to appear

The Metro Detroit Book and Author Society fall book luncheon on Oct. 16 will feature four best-selling authors. They are:

 Barbara Ehrenreich, who hit a national social nerve with her nonfiction best-seller Nickel and Dimed about blue-collar America. Her new book is Bait and Switch: The (Futile) Pursuit of the American Dream, in which she questions the future of white-collar America.

Sebastian Junger is a journalist and author of the huge nonfiction best-seller The Perfect Storm. His new book, A Death in Belmont, is the eerie tale of Junger's connection to the infamous Boston Strangler.

Anita Diamant is a prizewinning journalist whose first novel was the best-seller The Red Tent. Her new historical novel is The Last Days of Dogtown.

Mary Roach is a science writer whose first book, Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers became a hit. Her new book is Spook: Science Tackles the Afterlife. The book event, sponsored in

part by the Canton Public Library, will be held at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia, on Oct. 16. The booksale room opens at 11 a.m. and books are sold at a discount. The lunch begins at noon. Authors will sign books after the luncheon.

Tickets are \$30 each and available now by mailing your name, address, a check for the number of tickets you want and a stamped self-addressed envelope to Metro Detroit Book & Author Society Tickets, P.O. Box 82013, Rochester, MI 48308-2013. Program and speakers are subject to change. Tables seat 10. To sit together, send for tickets together. There are no refunds.

For more information on the luncheon call (734) 397-0999, Ext. 154; or visit www.bookandauthor.org.

AWANA meetings

First Baptist Church of Canton, 44500 Cherry Hill Road, will be hosting its upcoming AWANA (Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed) club meetings for boys and girls. Every AWANA club meeting kicks off with team and individual competition. Then clubbers progress through graded handbooks, working individually and together with their leader. This year, the church will be sponsoring the AWANA program on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:15 p.m. The program is available to children 3 years old (by Sept. 15) through 5th grade, regardless of religious affiliation. Preregistration has already begun. The first AWANA Club meeting is Sept. 6.

For more information, please call (734) 981-6460 or email us at awana@fbccanton.net

New physician

Oakwood Healthcare System (OHS) physician, Indrani Nimmagadda, MD, is accepting patients at her new office Oakwood South Canton Internal Medicine, located at 42287 Cherry Hill Road.



Medicine with in women's and

holds privileges at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne and Oakwood Heritage Hospital in Taylor. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (800) 543-WELL or visit www.oakwood.org. Canton professional

honored

Canton resident Lisa A. Mininni has been named to the board of directors of the Human Resources Association of Greater Detroit, which represents the interests of more than 800 professional members from southeast Michigan and Ohio with human resources responsibilities. Mininni will

serve as vice president of community relations for HRAGD in 2006-07.

been an active HRAGD member since 1992. She is President of Excellerate

Associates and founder of The C Club for cancer conquerors. Excellerate Associates is a southeast Michigan-based firm that provides consulting, coaching and training services to help individuals and organizations navigate change. The C Club assists cancer survivors to reclaim, reshape and renew their lives following recovery from their illness.

Before founding Excellerate Associates and The C Club in 2002, Mininni held executive leadership positions in the health care, hospitality and legal industries.

Mininni's other volunteer service includes co-chairing the membership committee for Inforum, director of memberships for the Canton Chamber of Commerce and vice president of Career Transition Support Ministries. She received her M.S.A. from Central Michigan University and her B.B.A from Detroit College of Business. She is a certified professional business coach.

Blood drive

Contours Express -Plymouth/Canton, which is located at 8014 Sheldon Center in Canton, will be hosting an American Red Cross blood drive on Sept. 14 from 1-7 p.m.





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On the road with the Observer

Leah Hanson of Canton and her nephew, Dylan Hanson of Plymouth, hold up the Canton Observer while on board the USS Alabama, a World War II battleship docked in Mobile, Ala., on a recent family vacation.

Club members along with family and friends will be coming together to donate blood for the American Red Cross. Blood supplies continue to be critically low. To schedule an appoint-



ment, please call Contours Express at (734) 416-9350. Anyone who attempts to donate at this event will receive a free two week pass.

Hazardous waste round-up



Dr.

Nimmagadda is certified by the American Board of Internal special interests

health, diabetes endocrinology. She has practiced in the area since 2003 and

Santomauro's role in Canton will expand with promotion

BY KURT KUBAN AND CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITERS

Public Safety Director John Santomauro will now wear two hats, and as a result, he'll ultimately leave some big shoes to fill.

Santomauro's new title, as approved by the township board of trustees last week, will now be executive director for public safety and operations. The new title came about as the township administration was working out details of a restructuring plan.

"His strengths are my shortcomings, as far as developing staff and policies," Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said. "He's one of the best I've ever seen at recognizing leaders. It's intuitive the way he approaches leadership and leadership development.

Yack noted Santomauro's work with the public safety department, a concept he helped develop about five years after he hired on as chief of police some 21 years ago. Yack said Santomauro has developed "wave after wave" of leaders within the department, and says today it is "perceived as one of the best in the state of Michigan."

Santomauro said he will help in the development of professional standards, and refine policies to make sure they are up to date throughout Canton government.

"It's not any less important to develop management staff throughout Canton government than it is for public safety," Santomauro said.

Santomauro, who will report directly to Yack, said he will be meeting regularly with all department heads and begin



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER John Santomauro's new title, as approved by the township board of trustees last week, will now be executive director for public safety and operations.

implementing leadership development strategies.

"I'm not going to be here another 15 or 20 years, so part of my responsibility is to train and put in place my successor," he said.

But Yack is hoping Santomauro, 57, stays on at least five years.

Between now and the end of next year, Santomauro, will gradually take on more duties on the township administration side, and move away from public safety. Santomauro will take over some of the duties of the Administrative and **Community Services Director** Dan Durack, who is expected to retire in mid-November, as part of the restructuring plan.

At the end of next year, when Santomauro has totally transitioned to township administration duties, the township will name a chief of

Canton's two top-ranked officers, deputy chiefs Alex Wilson and Laura Golles, are not necessarily expected to be named chief of police. Golles will soon be eligible to retire. Wilson will be eligible to retire at the end of next year. However, neither has announced intentions to retire.

And it's also possible that the department will keep is current system in place, and will hire a public safety director, Santomauro said.

'In filling a public safety director position, we really would need to find someone with public safety experience with police and fire experience," Santomauro said. "However, if we create a police chief position, any number of internal candidates would possibly qualify."

When he hired in as chief 21 vears ago. Santomauro said his task was to rehabilitate a department which had good employees but no systems in place. During the past two decades, it's been the department's policy to develop and promote from within its ranks, a practice that Santomauro said has led to more stability, but also a higher level of talent and professionalism.

Santomauro will still earn the same salary as he takes on more responsibilities.

The range for the public safety director position is \$85,193-\$110,752, and Santomauro has reached the top of that range. He will make the same salary, even as his job duties change.

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Flag of truce?

Probably not, but the new We Support Our Troops flag that is flying in front of the Canton Township administrative building is the compromise the board of trustees have decided upon after Trustee Todd Caccamo's family criticized the board for not displaying a flag given to him at the last board meeting he attended before rejoining the U.S. Marine Corps. Township Supervisor Tom Yack said the new flag shows Canton's support for all American troops deployed overseas, not just a 'single individual.' Kay Caccamo said Yack and the other board members should honor the request of the people who gave Caccamo the flag, which included a number of local veterans, and display it at Caccamo's spot on the board dais.

Library to host special storytime program featuring grandparents

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Being read to is something we never outgrow, or so said Canton Public Library

Children's Services Director 7 p.m. Anne Heidemann. "Everyone likes to be read a

story. Even high schoolers," she said.

Next week the library will host a special program to bring grandparents and young children together, in honor National Grandparents Month and Grandparents Day.

"This is our first-ever grandparents storytime, called 'Have a Grand Time at the Library," said Laurie Golden, Canton Public Library marketing director.

The Sept. 7 program is for children, ages 3-5, and their grandparents, and will celebrate the special relationship between the generations. It's offered at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and

"Since National Grandparents Day is Sept. 10 we expect great turnout," Golden said.

The event is being offered to bring multi-generational programming to Canton residents, she said.

"There's value in this kind of interaction. It helps create a special relationship." Golden said. "When they become familiar with someone of another generation it. helps them develop relationships with all different kinds of people."

There is no shortage of grandparents at the library, according to Heidemann.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

'We noticed that we have a lot of grandparents in here with their grandchildren and it would be neat to do this. It's a benefit for everyone involved. The grandparents are happy to have an activity just for them," she said. "Also many kids are being raised by their grandparents, which is wonderful and we like to have something for everyone.'

Cookies and milk will be served at the event. Registration before the event is required. Those interested may register in person at the library, or by phone at (734) 397-0999.

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Boutique aims for name-brand niche

Consignment shop offers chance at clothing deals

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

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Alyse Jividen knows new businesses frequently struggle, so when she was searching for a name for her new consignment shop, she wanted one that would help keep her motivated if times got tough.

The name came fairly easily to her, and the Riley Grace Boutique was born.

The store, named after Jividen's two daughters, is a consignment shop for children's and maternity clothes Jividen opened three weeks ago on Forest in downtown Plymouth.

"I just thought having something close to my heart might make me determined to work harder to keep it running if there are hard times," Jividen, 29, said of the name choice, picked for daughters Ava Riley, 5, and 3-year-old Ella Grace.

She's hopeful there won't be hard times, though, because she thinks there's a niche for a shop like Riley Grace. Jividen, a 2002 graduate of Wayne State University, got the idea from her own experiences as a new mother, and from watching friends pay top dollar for clothing and other baby accessories.

It can, as every parent knows, run into big money.

"A lot of the people you know have more than one child, and it's expensive," Jividen said. "If you can get good, brand-name stuff at a fraction of the price, that would be great."

Jividen started taking consignments in her Plymouth home. Riley Grace accepts gently used clothing on consignment for 75 days, with the consigner getting 50 percent (60 percent on items sold for \$50 or more).

After 50 days, the items get marked down 25 percent. After 75 days, the items are either returned or donated to charity.

"Hopefully, that'll be rare that things get returned," Jividen said. "That's my goal."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Alyse Jividen, who grew up in Canton, opened Riley Grace Boutique, a consignment shop for children's and maternity items, in downtown Plymouth a few weeks ago.

SHOPPING FOR BABY

What: Riley Grace Boutique
 Where: 487 Forest (next to sideways)
 What's there: Baby and maternity clothing and accessories, sold on consignment
 When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Monday-Wednesday, Friday-Saturday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 Thursday
 Contact: Owner Alyse Jividen, (734) 459-6201

Items available at Riley Grace are name-brand items — GAP, Ralph Lauren, Gymboree, Zutano, Mini-Boden. Maternity items from GAP Maternity, Mimi Maternity and A Pea in the Pod are also available. Clothing has been the most popular seller so far, although Jividen said she's already sold a couple of bassinets. The signature piece so far is a crib/dresser combination put together by her husband, Jason, who assembles cribs in his spare time off from his job at Ford.

The crib is the showpiece in the Riley Grace window — for now.

"Jason put it together and it sold on the first day," Jividen said. "We've already had people lining up in case that sale falls through."

Alyse Jividen, a 1994 Salem High School graduate, grew up in Canton. She moved away when she met Jason, and the couple recently moved back to Plymouth from Brownstown.

She said when they moved away, there didn't seem to be much attraction for young people. However, when they came back, she said, things were different.

"I couldn't believe when we were looking in the area there were moms and kids all over the place," she recalled. "The opportunity arose and I thought it would be a fabulous idea. I think there's enough business to go around in Plymouth."

So far, she's been right. Jividen said there hasn't been a day go by yet when someone didn't come in to consign something; likewise, she's made sales every day since the Aug. 8 open-

ing. "In an environment like this, everything is nice," Jividen said. "We look over the clothing really close, make sure it's all good. It works out well for the consigners, and it's good for the buyers, too."

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VFW raises cash with its M*A*S*H* ... Olympic games

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Calling all *M*A*S*H* characters.

Surely somewhere in Westland there's a Hawkeye Pierce, Radar O'Reilly, Hot Lips Houlihan or even a Corporal Klinger.

Modeled after the old television show and movie, the $M^*A^*S^*H$ Olympics are coming to Westland for a charity fund-raiser.

Get ready for races with wheelchairs, hospital gurneys, crutches and bedpans filled with what organizers call a urine-looking substance — OK, beer.

The Bova VFW, Post 9885, on Hix Road south of Warren, will host the event at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, to raise money for Wayne-Westland Special Olympics and World Medical Relief, a Detroit-based organization that helps impoverished veterans.

"We're looking for teams to compete," said Joseph L. "Larry" Tebor, Bova post commander.

Trophies will be awarded to first-place teams in each event, but the main trophy — a gold-painted bedpan will go to the team that accumulates the most points.

Already, Westland City Councilman James Godbout has issued a challenge, saying he is helping organize a team that may be hard to beat.

"It's a good event that raises money for worthwhile causes, and it sounded like a fun thing to do," he said. Godbout became involved through his work with local veterans when The Moving Wall — a smaller version of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial — came here for the Westland Summer Festival.

Teams will pay a \$20 entry fee, but Godbout indicated that efforts will be made to contribute more money.

Each team must have three men and three women, all adults, and any organization or business may become a sponsor.

For more information, call the Bova post at (734) 728-3231 or Tebor at (734) 377-8329.

World Medical Relief will donate the medical equipment used for the M*A*S*Hinspired races.

The event will be outside the Bova post, and spectators are welcome. Everyone who attends is encouraged to dress up as a $M^*A^*S^*H$ character, and a first-place prize will be awarded for best costume.

The races will happen "rain or shine," Tebor said, but a tent will be set up to help keep the crowd dry in the event of rain.

Donations will be accepted throughout the day. Businesses, organizations and individuals who want to give also may do so by sending checks or money orders to Bova Post 9885, 9440 Hix Road, Westland, MI 48185. Write $M^*A^*S^*H$ Olympics in the memo section.

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Officials want storm drains kept clean

In an effort to help protect local water resources, residents are urged to keep pollution out of storm drains during the month of September. Storm drains and roadside ditches lead directly to lakes and streams. Any oil, pet waste, fertilizer, leaves, or dirty water that enters storm drains can pollute drinking water.

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The following are simple steps to help keep pollution

The programs that Eubanks

is most excited about are the

LUMA Theater light show in

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"He's a hometown favorite,

having become famous on Last

from Michigan," Eubanks said.

within a tight budget, said Arts

It's a challenge finding enter-

Comic Standing, and being

tainment with broad appeal

Coordinator Jennifer Tobin.

"We have wanted to take

some risks and do some new

things on a really small budg-

et," she said. "At the same time

different types of performances

So what types of acts are

"Comedians," Tobin and

"People just want to laugh,"

Tobin said. "They're very popu-

we want to bring in enough

so that we can appeal to a broad population."

likely to pack the house?

Eubanks said in unison.

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out of storm drains and protect away from storm drains. water resources:

Sweep it: Always sweep extra fertilizer, grass clippings, and dirt back onto the lawn. By hosing off driveways these pollutants can easily enter storm drains and pollute lakes and rivers.

Keep it clean: Whether in the street or in the yard, remember to keep leaves, grass clippings, trash, and fertilizers

Only rain in the drain: Never dump motor oil, chemicals, pet waste, dirty or soapy water, or anything else down the storm drain.

Once down the storm drain, all of these materials pollute lakes and rivers.

Urging residents to keep pollution out of storm drains is just one step to keeping water clean. Additional steps include

conserving water; carefully storing and disposing of household cleaners, chemicals and oil; cleaning up after your pet; choosing earth-friendly landscaping; using fertilizer sparingly and caringly; and practicing good car care. Information on all these steps can be found at www.semcog.org or in the information racks located inside Canton's Administration Building.

Village Theater highlights for the 2006-07 season

■ McCabe Funeral Home

presents Mentalist/Magician

Tickets are on sale for the 2006-2007 theater season at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. It includes a wide variety of acts, from magicians to music, and from theater to children's entertainment. Here are a couple highlights:

Monster Mash Hålloween Kid's Concert, Oct. 7. Activities begin at 1 p.m. and showtime is 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15, but only \$12

Magician Jay Alexander will perform at 8 p.m. on Oct. 13. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for youth and seniors, and \$22 for groups of 15 or more.

"I think people are looking for things they can do with their families. They want something different yet safe at to do it with their families," Tobin said.

The theater was host to

Recently the families re-

united during an Aug. 18 trip

Coalition of Michigan, which is

comprised of hospitals, organi-

Michigan dedicated to educat-

informed organ, tissue and eye

In addition, the outing also

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need for more registered,

to a Detroit Tigers game at

Comerica Park. They were

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called the Donate Life

"I have a picture of Carmen in my purse. I kind of show it off just like I do pictures of my grandkids," she said.

donors.

about seven years. Her father says she is an above-average student and an excellent soccer player. Above all, though, he says Carmen is just a regular kid. And he knows, in large part, it is due to the amazing donation she received from Amanda Siners.

"It was the ultimate gift," Cesar Muglia said.

Over the years, Ayres and the Muglias have stayed in touch. Ayres has even gone to a couple of Carmen's birthday

Max Maven at 7 pm. on Nov. 12. Tickets are \$15. 🔳 Dueling Pianos - Michael & Amy LIVE from New York, at 8 p.m. on Dec. 23. Tickets are \$25, and \$22 for groups of 15 or more. There will be a

for groups of 15 or more.

the same time, and they want

the people who benefited from her sister's death. Ayres said her daughter was thrilled after meeting Carmen.

"Carmen is such a sweet girl, and she's a good student. My daughter wants to meet with her again in the future. It just makes us feel good that Amanda was able to help such a nice girl," Ayres said.

Cesar Muglia said the idea of organ and tissue donation was something that really never entered his mind, until it "fell into our lap." Ever since Carmen's surgery nine years ago, the Muglias have been big promoters of organ donation. He said one donor can help up

LUMA Theater - A Spectacular of Lights, at 8 p.m. on April 7. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$20 for youth and seniors. 4/7/07; 8pm Adults \$35,

Youth/Senior Citizens \$20

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill also showcases The Spotlight Players. Orchestra Canton, EverAfter Youth Theater, Destination Theater, Celebration Youth Orchestra, Canton Concert Band and Canton Community Chorus.

Download the entire season schedule at www.cantonmi.org/villagetheater.

394-5460, or in person or at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill box office. The Village ed at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

about organ donation. Not enough people make the choice to become donors, either because they don't understand it or realize how big an impact it can make on another person's life. Just like it did for Carmen Muglia.

"I just wished more people would do it," Ayres said. To learn more about the Donate Life Coalition of

Michigan please call Peggy Burkhard at (248) 770-5172, or visit the group's Web site at www.donatelifemichigan.org. To learn more information about becoming a registered organ donor, visit giftoflifemichigan.org. To learn



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Martini & Tapas pre-concert event in the Biltmore Studio at 7p.m. (21 years and older only) at a cost of \$15. Comedian John Heffron will perform at 8 p.m. on Jan. 6. Tickets are \$40, but only \$37 for groups of 15 or more.

Must be at least 17 years of age to be admitted. 52,000 ticket holders last year,

along with 5,000 volunteers and 4,000 performers, according to Tobin.

Tickets for this year's theater season are now on sale at the Summit on the Park. You may purchase by phone at (734)

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parties. Carmen is the only one of the group of recipients of her daughter's donated organs that Ayres has met.

allowed Carmen Muglia to meet Siners' only sibling, Michelle Pugmire, who for years had a certain level of apprehension about meeting

to 50 patients. Unfortunately, he and Ayres believe there are many misconceptions in the general public

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LOCAL NEWS

Pet show, bingo among Festival events

When it comes to pet shows, the Plymouth Optimist Club's pet show – held every year during Fall Festival can get pretty crazy.

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Organizers are expecting another zany event Sept. 9, when pet owners will gather their pets, everything from dogs and cats to frogs, snakes and goats, during the 2006 Fall Festival, scheduled Sept. 8-10 in downtown Plymouth.

"We see some unusual pets," said Felix Rotter, organizer of the pet show, held at the band shell in Kellogg Park. "One year two girls brought caterpillars to compete in the smallest pet contest. They won."

Ribbons will be awarded in three different divisions, with a total of 13 categories. Dogs will be judged, starting at 9 a.m., for the smallest, largest, longest tail, longest ears, best dressed and best trick.

"Unusual" pets will be judged starting around 10:20 a.m., in biggest, most colorful and most unusual. Cats enter the limelight around 10:45 a.m. and will be judged for smallest, biggest, longest hair and best-dressed.

"Everyone receives a participation ribbon; we want the children to walk away happy," said Rotter, who calls the pet show one of the festival's most popular events. "People seem to really enjoy what we do out there.'

Other events during fall festival include:

Bingo fund-raiser

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women host their annual Bingo Fund-raiser 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, on the opening night of Fall Festival. Doors open at 6, and the event ends around 9:30 p.m.

Before games begin, players may purchase a game packet for \$20, which includes cards for each game to be played all night plus jackpots. Players may also purchase gamecards throughout the night at a cost of \$1 per card. This enables night-long players to add games or jackpots as they go, and also allows guests who would just prefer to drop in for a game or two during the evening to do so.

Cash prizes include jackpots of as much as \$250 and \$500.

Proceeds from this event help Plymouth BPW provide scholarships to single, headof-household women returning to the workforce or improving their skills and education to better their ability to support their family. Scholarships are typically \$500, go to Plymouth residents, and can be one-time or renewable.

Plymouth BPW has been running this Bingo fund-raiser at the Fall Festival since 1982.

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Setting the festival table Food the order of the day as Fall Festival returns

The Plymouth Fall Festival and food go together, what with the pancake breakfast and the Sunday chicken dinner

This year, that tradition gets an addition with the debut of a spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. Saturday, Sept. 9.

"Our primary motivation for doing it is we have two beneficiaries," said Kate Rosevear, community service chair for the club. A "Field of Dreams" playscape for disabled people at Tanger Center, a Plymouth-Canton school facility, is among those.

The annual festival comes back to town Sept. 8-10 in downtown Plymouth. And food will be among the most prominent parts of the festivities.

The signature event of Fall Festival is, of course, the Rotary Chicken Barbecue, which helps close out the fes-

The club's costs have

tival from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10. It takes place in Kellogg Park, with a convenient take-out location at West Middle School. A second carry-out location at East Middle School was discontinued this year because of a lack of business.

Using a pair of 130-foot pits and some 14 pallets full of charcoal, Rotary members and hundreds of volunteers will try to pull off yet another successful barbecue. Organizers hope to sell some 10,500 chicken dinners this year.

"It takes 110 Rotarians to cook all that chicken, and they work very hard, but it's also the 500 volunteers who really pull off the whole thing," said Linda Jones of Fitness Things, the event chairperson. "That's what really makes the event a community event. We couldn't pull it off without that. We're raising money that goes directly back into the

The Plymouth BPW meets

community, and we have a great time doing it."

Pre-sale tickets cost \$9 and are available at Fitness Things, 1160 Ann Arbor Road; Horton Plumbing, 1382 Main; and Eisenbahn Model Trains, 479 Main. Tickets are \$10 the day of the event.

Pancake breakfast

Sponsored by the Plymouth Kiwanis Club, the annual [•]pancake breakfast takes place Saturday morning,7-11:30 a.m., under The Gathering across from Kellogg Park.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. Children 12 and younger eat for \$3.

Kiwanis serves the children of the world. International effort to eliminate Iodine Deficiency Disorder, Mott's Children's Hospital, scholarships and more.

Spaghetti dinner

The newest event is the

more information on BPW, please go to their Web site,

www.bpwusa.org. In October, Plymouth BPW hosts a membership mixer. Anyone interested in the Bingo fund-raiser, interested in scholarships or who want to join the group either can call Sandra Kline, (734) 459-9866, or e-mail sandrajkline@yahoo.com

Church bazaar

First Presbyterian Church hosts its third-annual Bazaar noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 9-10. The emphasis will be on handmade, garden arrangements, antiques, high-quality as well as gently used household

spaghetti dinner, sponsored by Plymouth Rotary A.M., to be served 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the east end of Kellogg Park. Price for dinner is \$8 at the door, \$7 presale. That includes pasta with a meat or marinara sauce, salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverage.

"We've had a lot of good advice," said Rosevear of help offered by the other service clubs. The Plymouth Rotary, which meets at noon Friday weekly at the Plymouth Cultural Center, has offered advice based on its successful chicken barbecue.

Kiwanians have been helpful with advice based on their pancake breakfast, as have others, said Rosevear, also a future club president.

At the Plymouth A.M. Rotary event, there'll be an opportunity to win a Toshiba CD/DVD player or 21-inch flat screen TV, or a two-night trip for two to Chicago or Toronto.

items.

Money generated during the bazaar goes to a wide variety of local charitable organizations, including AAA Crisis **Pregnancy Center, Fort Street** Open Door Mission, Ronald McDonald House of Detroit, Crossroads, Starfish Family Services, Habitat for Humanity, Hope Medical Clinic, Angela Hospice, Barnabas Youth **Opportunities Center,** Penrickton Center for Blind Children and others.

Goods will be on sale outside on Church Street, facing the new Memorial Park. Parking will be available at the back of the church. For

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ummer always ends too soon. We know that we still have six or seven more weeks of pleasant weather for outdoor activities. We don't have to haul out the parkas yet, though there will be some sweater days coming sooner than we like.



But, psychologically, ever since we were kids, Labor Day was the thud that ended summer. That last-gasp holiday (its meaning and origins never clearly explained) was the signal that pickup baseball games, bicycle cruising, swimming at the local pool and trips to Uncle Bill's cottage were at an end and (shutter) school was on us

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again. As adults, most of us don't get that clear division between the carefree days of summer and the return to work in autumn. We work most of the summer as well. But, still, we've been conditioned to understand that autumn is a serious time, a time to buckle down and get busy, a time to stop whiling away our days and make something happen. That nip in the air is our spur, our reminder that we are entering into a less languid season.

Professional baseball hangs on into October as the last vestige of summer, but it competes with the return of college and professional football.

This year, Labor Day also marks the official beginning of the fall election season. Michigan has a full plate of decisions to make Nov. 7. We will elect a governor, U.S. senator, U.S. representatives, attorney general, secretary of state and state representatives and senators. We'll decide on five and maybe six . state ballot issues and maybe some local issues. We'll elect members to boards we have to be reminded even exist and we'll elect judges usually without any clear idea about how they'll perform on the bench (and canny candidates won't give you a clue, either).

In other words, in the spirit of the season, we have our work cut out for us. We will be bombarded by radio and television commercials for candidates in the key gubernatorial and U.S. Senate races. You'll also see print ads for these and the other races.

The radio and TV spots tend to be more theatrical, pungent - deceptive. They've become such a cliche. A voice intones in horror that this candidate or that candidate has "sold out" Michigan. The complexity of political decisions get conveniently crushed into a sound bite. The other side is always offended that their opponents would run ads like well, like their ads!

Meanwhile, political consultants and ad agencies rake in the money. It doesn't seem to make sense, but these spots actually influence voters. In fact, for some voters it's the only information they get about the candidates.

Print ads seem to be more informative and less vitriolic (and, of course, we believe more effective).

These newspapers and others do provide information on where the candidates stand and who they are, what the ballot issues are about and other information. Our Web site www.hometownlife.com runs a voters guide featuring answers to questionnaires sent to candidates. The candidates themselves also operate Web sites that will give you the dirt on their opponents, but will also give you some idea where the candidates come down on issues important to you.

And in these difficult times for Michigan, all these issues are important to you - from the stagnant economy to the quagmire in the Middle East.

The latest figures from the U.S. Census Bureau merely confirm what we have known for a long time. Real income is down. Michigan has had the steepest plummet of the 50 states, dropping 12 percent from 1999 to 2005.

Politicians (even those who pretend they aren't politicians) will promise you that things will be different if you elect them. That's what running for office is all about. But it's up to us to separate the wheat from

the chaff, the politicking from the governance.

By the time Nov. 7 rolls around, the weather will be turning chilly and we'll be cooled on the whole political process and yearning for those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer.

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As summer ends, it's time to Other states take the lead in cable franchise reform

lmost everyone agrees that rewriting cable franchising laws to encourage competition will result in lower prices and better service. But legislation in Congress that would encourage competition nationwide is bogged down by political infighting and may not get passed this year. Some states are not settling for that, and are changing their own laws to modernize their

video services industry. And they're already starting to reap the benefits.

Texas was the first, passing a new franchising law late last year. Since then, cable subscribers have seen rates drop as incumbent cable providers have to work to compete for business. In Keller, Texas, the cable company cut their price on one bundled service in half to compete with Verizon.

Between 1995 and 2004, rates have increased by 86 percent. Since Texas has passed legislation promoting cable competition, rates have decreased 20 percent.

Indiana has witnessed similar successes, after their state legislature streamlined video franchising laws, A study by Ball State University estimates that the rate reductions brought on by increased competition will save current Indiana cable subscribers as much as \$262 million a year. Working harder and smarter to succeed will also encourage companies to invest in important new technologies like fiber-optic broadband service. AT&T alone is going to invest \$250 million in wiring Indiana communities to increase broadband coverage. TeleNomic Research, LLC found that every \$1 million of telecommunications investment creates 18 jobs. That's a significant economic boost.

The list goes on. New Jersey just finalized their new law and Verizon is already employing 1,000 technicians in the state and will spend \$1.5 billion over the next three years to develop a fiber network to power its television and Internet products. In all, 14 states have either passed or are in the process of passing cable franchise reform.

Michigan is one of them. Bills have been introduced in both the House and Senate that would establish a reasonable, fair process for companies to follow if they want

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a chance to offer video services in our state. Just a chance – not an edge, not preferential treatment — but merely the opportunity to compete in a free market.

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Remember that cable TV is not just about entertainment anymore. Television, Internet and telecommunications services are all coming together, and it won't be long before businesses and workers are going to need access to them to survive. Everyone will benefit from the countless applications of modern technology in education, healthcare, commerce and a variety of other fields. Newsit: ones are developed every day.

Giving companies the chance to compete in a free market is the right thing to do. It's not only fair (cable franchises are one of the last true monopolies left in this country) but it makes plenty of economic sense. We all want lower rates, and competition is one of the best ways to get them. But we also want modern, up-to-date technologies, and making the video services market competitive will spur their deployment.

According to the Phoenix Center, for each year that lawmakers continue to delay removing the barriers of competition American consumers stand to lose \$8.2 billion. In fact, Michigan alone stands to lose and \$77 million every year. 90.7

Today in Michigan, unemployment is hoven by ering around 7 percent and Livonia residents have been demanding competition and lower cable rates for years. By providing companies the opportunity to compete, Michigan would see a substantial investment from companies looking to upgrade current technology and view provide new technology to Michigan residents.

This investment would not only provide 201 better service and lower prices to consumers," it will also provide jobs to many Michiganders in need of employment.

All of the experts agree that the road to Michigan's recovery is diversifying our economy and investing in new technologies. Passing legislation that would promote com petition, lower prices, better service, and provide a substantial capital investment is not only a shot in the arm for Michigan's economy, but is also a building block in securing Michigan's future.

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Rolfe's goal nets milestone win for 'Cats

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday night, Plymouth standout junior forward Colin Rolfe hit the post with a shot that would have given the Wildcats a 1-1 draw with P-CEP rival Canton.

Twenty-four hours later, Rolfe hit nothing but the back of the net on a shot that gave the Wildcats



Rolfe night, Rolfe's goal 13 minutes into the second half proved to be the difference in

half proved to be the difference in the Wildcats' 1-0 triumph over

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Salem. The victory improved Plymouth's record to 3-3-1 while Salem slipped to 4-2-1. The game was the sixth in seven

days for both teams. "This win was huge for us

because it's the first time we've beaten one of the teams from the Park," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich, referring to Plymouth-Canton Educational Park neighbors Salem and Canton. "The kids were pretty excited afterwards. Hopefully, this win will give us the confidence we need with our very tough schedule coming up.

"We really struggled offensively against Salem because they're such a tough club to do anything against. After Colin's goal, they put a lot of pressure on our defense. We did all we could to fend them off. I think the fatigue factor was huge for both teams because we've both played so many games this week."

Salem was less than 24 hours removed from a scoreless showdown with Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division rival Livonia Stevenson.

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BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

On Thursday night, four days before Labor Day, Canton's football team observed Paye Day. It turned out to be anything

but a holiday for Westland John Glenn.

Led by first-year senior linebacker/quarterback Steve Paye and a take-no-prisoners defensive effort, the Chiefs buried the mistake-prone Rockets, 42-3, in a Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over game played on John Glenn's Irma E. Kionka Field.

The victory improved Canton's record to 2-0 (1-0 in the WLAA). Glenn slipped to 1-1 and 0-1, respectively.

Of the several pivotal plays



needed to make a play and I was just thinking about getting a sack," said Paye, replaying his game-changing effort. "The quarterback turned towards me and I hit him. I was looking for the ball, but then I saw Hasse pick it up and run."

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BILL'BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Canton senior linebacker Steve Paye forces Westland John Glenn guarterback Justin Reid to fumble during the second guarter of Thursday's Western Lakes Activities Association crossover game. Canton's Chris Hasse picked up the loose ball and ran 55 yards for a TD to spark the Chiefs' 42-3 victory.



Sox recall Haeger

Redford Catholic Central High product Charlie Haeger, a righthanded knuckleballer from Plymouth Township, has been recalled by the Chicago White Sox.

The 22-year-old Haeger, who made his Major League debut May 10 with the Sox in a spot start against the Anaheim Angels, posted a 14-6 record with a 3.07 earned-run average in 179 innings with the AAA Charlotte Knights of the International League.

Haeger, who earned a spot on Chicago's 40man roster, recorded 130 strikeouts and 78 walks with the Knights.

Baseball tryouts

The Tigers, a U12 Plymouth/Canton travel baseball team, will be holding a second tryout for the 2007 season on Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 6-8 p.m. Tryouts will be conducted by professional baseball coaches at Massey Field, which is located at the intersection of Haggerty and Plymouth roads. Eligible players must be younger than 13 years old on April

30, 2007. For more info mation, call Larry at (734) 812-3280.

Vock shines

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Vock concluded an outstanding performance at

Wildcats upend Rocks

Plymouth defensive back LaBrodric Caldwell (20) is pictured making a tackle during the Wildcats' season-opening victory over Hudsonville on Aug. 25. Plymouth defeated Salem, 42-7, Friday night. Results of the game were not reported to the Observer as of Friday night's deadline.



Belleville gridders edge Titans

Belleville's football team battled back from an early deficit to upend host Southgate Anderson, 14-6, in the Mega Red Conference opener for both teams.

The Tigers, who improved to 1-1 overall and 1-0 in the league, trailed 6-0 before knotting the game at 6-6 on Ken Jones' 14yard run last in the first quarter. They took the lead for good on Waseem El Awadi's 1-yard plunge early in the fourth quarter.

Coach Bob LaPointe's squad held on for dear life in the final minute of the contest when Anderson advanced the ball to the Tiger 3. However, senior defensive lineman Jacquais Dukes recovered a fumble to preserve the victory. Anderson quarterback Kyle Wentzel's 2-yard run put the Titans ahead, 6-0. The extra point was blocked. Jones' TD capped an 86-yard drive, which was kept alive on a third-and-3 pass from Phil Sullens to Shamon McGaughy. El Awadi's run capped a 58-yard drive. Sullens hit Jones for the twopoint conversion.

Coppiellie makes a point in Salem's 64-52 triumph

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Teresa Coppiellie has been asked to do a lot during her three-plus years as a Salem varsity basketball player, but playing point guard was never one of them.

That is, until Thursday night.

With usual starting point guard Alaya Mitchell playing limited minutes due to a broken nose, the 5-foot-11 Coppiellie ran the Rocks' offense for the lion's share of Salem's 64-52 season-opening victory over Belleville. And she did it like she does just about everything else on a basketball court -- with success.

"I thought Teresa did a nice job handling the ball and dealing with their defensive pressure," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "I thought we played well as a team, too, especially considering Mitch only played eight minutes. Our veterans did what veterans are

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supposed to do in situations like that."

Coppiellie finished with 23 points and four assists. She received ample support from sophomore forward Chelsea Davis, who twined 13 points, and Taylor Langham, who added nine.

Also making significant contributions to the victory were freshman Sara Stone (seven points) and Lauren Kurtz, who chipped in with six points, eight rebounds and four assists.

Salem needed all the contributions they received to help offset the spectacular performance of Belleville's Taylor Manley, who scorched the nets for 32 points.

The Rocks, who led 33-26 at the half, put the game away in the third quarter when they outscored the host Tigers, 18-6.

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the Junior World Diving Championships in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, last week by placing 13th in the 1-meter competition. Vock earned 287.55 points, which was less than one point from earning a berth in the finals. On Aug. 24, Vock placed 12th in the 3meter competition.

Locals at Albion

Several local athletes will be competing for Albion College athletic teams this fall. Among them are:

■ Plymouth native Katie Mills, who is on the Britons' 21-player varsity soccer roster. A graduate of Canton, she is the daughter of James and Susan Mills of Plymouth.

Plymouth native Danielle Shepard, who joins Mills on the Britons' women's soccer squad. The Canton grad is the daughter of Chuck and Carol Shepard of Plymouth.



LOCAL SPORTS

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Huge 4th quarter lifts Chiefs to win Gring delivers the decisive kick in Chiefs' narrow win over 'Cats

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

It took Canton eight minutes to turn Birmingham Marian's world upside down Thursday night.

With the Mustangs clinging to a 34-33 advantage through three quarters, the Chiefs turned on their after-burners for the closing stanza, outscoring their visitors 22-5 down the stretch to post a 55-39 seasonvictory over Marian (1-1).

Following a modest start senior point guard Becci Houdek closed with a surge for the Chiefs, netting 13 of her game-high 23 points in the fourth quarter. Six of Houdek's fourth-quarter points were the result of two long triples.

Senior forward Ja'nee Morton also had a strong final quarter, tallying six of her 15 points. Morton also grabbed a teamhigh seven rebounds.

Canton led 13-6 after one quarter and 19-18 at the half. "The biggest key for us was in the second quarter when

PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Sept. 8 Canton at Plymouth, 7 p.m Saturday, Sept. 9 Livonia Churchill at Salem, 1 p.m. **GIRLS BASKETBALL** 188. Wednesday, Sept. 6 Plymouth at Southgate Anderson, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept 7 Salem at Brighton, 7 p.m. Canton at Howeil, 7 p.m. Clarenceville at PCA. 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 Canton at West Bloomfield, 5 p.m. **BOYS SOCCER** Tuesday, Sept. 5 W.L. Central at Salem, 7 p.m. Plymouth at W.L. Western, 7 p.m. Canton at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m. PCA at Macomb Christian. 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6 Northville at Plymouth, 7 p.m. W.L. Western at Canton, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7 B'ham Roeper at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 Salem at East Lansing Invite, 11:15 a.m. Farmington at Plymouth, 1 p.m. Canton at Saline, 7 p.m. PCA at Shrine, 11 a.m. **GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY** Saturday, Sept. 9 Salem Brother Rice Invite

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Marian went up eight points," Canton coach Brian Samulski said. "The kids hung in and kept playing. They battled and fought their way back into the game.

"It was our first game and I think the girls were a little nervous in the first half. We played a little too fast. We finally started playing ball in the fourth quarter."

Senior guard Lauren Delapaz scored eight points to complement the strong offensive efforts of Houdek and Morton. Hilary Payne also played well in a reserve role as she contributed six points and four rebounds.

"Hilary stepped in and did a nice job rebounding when we were struggling early," said Samulski. "Marie Martin also played well. Her interior defense was outstanding." Sarah Bennett paced the Mustangs with eight points. The Chiefs return to action

Thursday when they travel to

Howell. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

F.H. MERCY 56, PLYMOUTH 49: The Marlins outscored the Wildcats 17-6 down the stretch to secure the road victory.

The Wildcats led 14-12 after one quarter and 43-39 with eight minutes to play.

The girls played extremely hard," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "We just didn't take care of the ball very well at the end and the turnovers proved costly."

Sophomore Kelsi Robinson had her second-straight strong game for the Wildcats (1-1), netting 15 points, including a pair of three-point baskets.

Plymouth sophomore Shaakira Haywood also played well, contributing 14 points and nine boards.

The Wildcats canned 13-of-20 free throws. Mercy was 12of-23 from the charity stripe. Plymouth returns to action

Wednesday when it travels to Southgate Anderson.

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Friday, Sept. 8

Schoolcraft at Alpena, 2 & 4 p.m.

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Wednesday night's soccer match between Canton and Plymouth proved to be a game of inches.

And a foot - Kyle Gring's

left one. With 18:35 left in the first half, Gring, a pitcher on the Chiefs' baseball team in the spring, ripped a hard, left-footed shot from 25 yards out that moved through the air like a knuckle-curve.

The hooking ball sailed over the left shoulder of Wildcat goal-keeper Brian Rissman and into the back of the net for the game's only goal in Canton's 1-0 victory.

Plymouth came within inches of tying the match with 2:40 left, but Colin Rolfe's sizzling shot from 15 yards out hit the goal post and bounced into the waiting arms of Canton goalie Parker Laabs.

"To be honest, if the goal post is round instead of square, that last shot by Plymouth is a goal," said Canton coach George Tomasso, whose team improved to 4-1-1 (1-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division). "That was a good, intense game. Plymouth got

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robbed at the end."

Tomasso praised the play of Gring, a senior who he expects big things from this season.

The goal Kyle scored was a great individual effort," Tomasso said. "He got in on our right side and set up his left foot for a shot. Their goalkeeper wasn't exactly set to receive the shot and it seemed to catch him by surprise.

"Kyle's been doing a great job in the air and on the ground for us so far this season. He's a great team player who's playing at the top of his game right now."

What was Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich's first thought when he saw Rolfe's shot hit the post and bounce into Laabs' waiting arms.

"I'm thinking, 'How did that not go in?," recalled Neschich. "I thought it was a goal. All in all, we played flat. We didn't play our best soccer. We didn't have any hop in our step."

Canton threatened to break the ice on four occasions prior to Gring's goal, but the Chiefs were stymied by a couple of spectacular plays by Rissman and a strong defensive effort from senior Travis Norris. The

first threat came four minutes into the game when Rissman ranged 12 yards from the net to stuff a left-wing break-away effort by Canton's Andy Huang.

With 20:02 showing on the clock, Rissman batted away a high-arching shot off the foot of Eric Piwowar, who punch what looked initially like a perfectly placed 20-footer from the middle of the field.

"Brian was solid," Neschich said. "I thought Anthony ж! Sasinowski and Travis Norris وي د played extremely well, too."

Tomasso said there were two primary reasons why the Chiefs are off to such a red-hot th 10 start. Canton's only setback in its first six games was a 2-0 loss to Salem in last weekend's Gary Balconi Invitational.

"Our conditioning is good †3T and we have very good team speed," Tomasso said. "We have" " speed everywhere this year, not just from one or two players. 20 N When you have a lot of fast players, it elevates the level of 32 your game.

ंत्रते "I give Plymouth a lot of 'X9 credit, though. This was an even game. It came down to we $\overset{\times 9}{}$ $^{>A}$ scored a goal and they didn't. ÷?) They have a very good team äΩ and a lot of leadership." : IN

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Rocks, Spartans battle to scoreless draw

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Wednesday night's Salem-Livonia Stevenson boys soccer game started as a battle of titans and ended as a battle of tie-tans

With both teams favoring defensive, conservative game plans, the key Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division showdown ended in a 0-0 tie in a match played at the P-CEP varsity soccer field.

The Spartans made two lategame runs at breaking the scoreless battle, but Salem senior goalie Brian Field snuffed out Luke Knochel's shot from the doorstep with 8:50 left and Rock defender Jon Gibson came up big with seven min-

PREP SOCCER

utes to play when he re-directed a shot that had bounced over Field and was heading for the net.

"I thought the final score was a fair result," said Stevenson coach Lars Richters, whose team stood at 1-1-1. "It wasn't a real attractive game from either side. It was kind of a sluggish performance. Salem always makes it hard to score against them, and that was certainly the case tonight."

Stevenson senior goal-keeper Mitch Hildebrandt matched Field's stellar effort by making six saves.

"Mitch made the saves when he needed to tonight," said

Richters. "I thought Alex Wozniak and Brian Klemczak also played well."

Salem coach Ed McCarthy, whose team stands at 4-2-1 following Thursday's 1-0 setback to Plymouth, said the low-scoring result was no surprise.

"It's kind of what you expect Ś when Salem and Stevenson play," McCarthy said. "Both goal-keepers played well and, without question, the play Gibson made late in the game was huge. That was probably their best opportunity to score. He's the anchor to our defense and he came through tonight." 18.7.2

The two teams meet again 39 on Sept. 18 at Stevenson in what could prove to be the pivotal contest in the Lakes NO Division standings. 2%

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MU spikers take 'Early Bird' crown

The Madonna University volleyball team swept No. 21 Doane (Neb.) College by scores of 30-18, 33-31 and 30-22 on Saturday afternoon to win the UM-Dearborn Early Bird Tournament championship after posting a 4-0 record.

Madonna advanced to the championship game after a 3-0 win over Mt. Vernon Nazarene by scores of 30-15, 30-18 and 30-27 earlier on Saturday. The fifth-ranked Crusaders won two pool play matches on

Friday before advancing on to Saturday's championship bracket. Madonna defeated Spring Arbor and Tiffin both 3-0 in pool play.

Senior middle hitter Caryn Inman (Oxford) and junior libero Jacqui Gatt (Livonia Churchill) were named to the all-tournament team for their individual performances. Inman posted 17 kills and four block assists in the cham-

pionship game. Gatt recorded a team high 21 digs and led the Crusaders defensive effort in each match of the tournament." Freshman setter Inta

Grinvalds gained more confidence in her first collegiate season after recording 39 assists and six block assists in the Crusaders win over Doane.

The Crusaders improved to 5-0 overall and will travel to Great Falls, Montana this week and take part in the University of Great Falls Tournament beginning at 3 p.m. Friday against tournament host, the University of Great Falls.



WOMEN IN GOLF

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golfing industry a big hit

BY JIM TOTH STAFF WRITER

Ladies' leagues. Ladies' tournaments. Ladies' apparel. Ladies' clubs.

Ladies, Ladies, Ladies! Whatever happened to the hallowed grounds of the neighborhood golf course being an escape for the two genders?

What happened was a surging interest for more than a decade on the part of females young, old, professional, retired, moms - that propelled the sport of golf to the heights it enjoys today.

It was only 1990 when the ratio of players was 70/30 in favor of men. Today, that number is much closer to a 50-50 breakdown between men and women enjoying a quick morning nine or afternoon 18.

Those good ol' boy days are fading off to the sunset," explained David Graham, executive director for the Golf Association of Michigan (GAM), which hosts an equal number of events yearly for men and women. "In terms of participation (in GAM tournaments), we find that two-thirds of the participants are men. But that is changing as the

dynamics are moving where we're finding that of all the segments, the fastest growing segment - gender-wise - is women."

Those reasons are plentiful. The influx of young, charming, and extremely talented players onto the LPGA Tour has made the greatest impact as teenagers, like never before, have freed up time from their adolescent lives and picked the game up at an early age. Whether it's competitive or casual, family or friendship, young girls are trying to emulate their professional icons on the LPGA Tour.

The opportunity to socialize with one another is also a contributing factor.

"In the majority of our leagues, typically you see women from their late 40s all the way to 80," expressed Joy DeFranco, of Farmington Hills, who finds herself out on the links four to five times a week, including participation in three leagues. "Some women pick the game up later in life because their children have grown up and leave home, while others have recently retired. It's a great way to compete, socialize and be outdoors



and exercise."

"One of the main reasons behind more women playing is that it is social," added Al Marmion, longtime director of golf at Farmington Hills Golf Club. "The golf course is a great place to come out and be with your friends. It's all about camaraderie.'

It's also about the business world and the new opportunities that await. Corporate outings and work leagues have been quite beneficial for women to conduct business deals and further their careers.

A NUMBERS GAME

According to statistics recently released by Play Golf America, which is presented and sponsored by the PGA of America, there was a 90 percent increase in the number of facilities posting golfing events this year over 2005.

Play Golf America has set its 2006 focus on building upon successful programs such as PGA Free Lesson Month, American Express Women's Golf Week and Play Golf America Days by adding the likes of National Golf Course **Owners Association's Take** Your Daughter to the Course Week and PGA Free Fitting & Trade Up Month.

A staunch proponent of promoting the ladies game has been Gordon Marmion, director of golf and PGA professional at Fieldstone Golf Club in Auburn Hills.

'We have continuously opened the door for the ladies holding tee times, tournaments and leagues," said Marmion, Al's son. "The potential has always been there.'

According to Terri Anthony-Ryan, PGA head professional for the City of Southfield, the early stages of growth for women in the sport occurred during the 1980s when opportunities of various sorts were arising.

"Before that you really never saw women members at country clubs," said Anthony-Ryan. "It was then you heard them say, 'Teach me how to play because I don't want to stay at home or in the office.' Women were constantly trying to find outlets for themselves.'

Those "outlets" have been magnified greatly in terms of exposure, equipment, loyalty and travel throughout Wayne and Oakland counties, drawing



Rochester's Amy Meier dominated as a freshman last year with undeniable golfing ability coupled with mental toughness. Her long-term future in the sport is very bright.

closer the gap between men and women.

One example are trips like the ones DeFranco and three of her playing partners hold annually and call 'Spring out.' Their journeys have included Myrtle Beach, Fort Myers and stops in Arizona.

We've been doing it for six years now and we enjoy it more and more every year," DeFranco said.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The forecast is for the trend to continue - more and more ladies of all ages visible on

10 W public and private courses from Pheasant Run in Canton to Shepherd's Hollow in Clarkston.

Livonia Stevenson graduate ant. Kristen Polanski, a current -member of the Michigan State University women's golf team, who holds no aspirations of taking the sport to the ultimate level, sums it up pretty well.

"I'm going to be an amateur golfer the rest of my life and I'm going to enjoy it," she said, following play in a recent GAM championship. "I'll continue to play tournaments and hope I'm like one of these ladies.'

Luster of sport luring younger players

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

Big money, big exposure and big talent: Put all of that together and it is no wonder adolescent female golfers are clubbing the sports world into a frenzy.

High school coaches and golfers throughout suburban Detroit agree that the longterm future of women's golf indeed is rising like a Michelle Wie fairway shot.

Young girls are getting into the sport before their 10th birthday thanks to emerging stars such as Wie. Natalie Gulbis, Paula Creamer and Morgan Pressell - all extremely talented and ESPN-friendly women who weren't old enough themselves to vote when they first broke onto the pro scene. "Every time I turn on the TV, I see 15-year-olds, 16-year-olds who are some of the biggest names on the tour," said **Rochester High School varsity** girls golf coach Jeff Haney, who watched his own team win a Division 1 regional championship last spring largely due to the play of freshman Amy Meier. "And with the media exposure, it seems if someone does something, we hear so much about it. According to one of the best prep golfers in the area, Birmingham Seaholm's Louisa Shu, the women are "playing a sport, having fun doing it and also making money. Obviously, it's gained in popularity because it's covered so much. "I think Michelle Wie has done excellent things for women's golf because she is a very talented player and will bring it to the next level." For Wie, Gulbis, Creamer and Pressell - among others being able to nab hundreds of thousands of dollards per tour-

nament is just icing on the cake. The long and short (game) of it is, these golfers and the kids who watch and emulate them are pretty good.

Thanks to the growing media spotlight, the women pros are encouraging youngsters to take their chances on something that used to be snickered at by the big, bad boys of the golf course.

READY OR NOT

There's a splendid pay-off, too, whether or not the Ladies Professional Golf Association eventually beckons. For starters, girls are springi essential spots on high school golf teams as ninth graders, excelling at junior tournaments and grabbing college scholarships. According to Livonia Churchill varsity girls golf coach Gary Harper, there is a bit of follow-the-leader going on. "Girls are looking at golf and are seeing women play and think 'This is a game I could play for the rest of my life." On his own team, the best player is junior Shannon Warner, an All-Stater both as a freshman and sophomore. In 2006, she averaged 76 strokes for 18 holes and registered an eight-under-par at the Michigan State Universityhosted state finals. "She's the best player I've ever seen coming in as a freshman," Harper explained. "She has power, short game, everything." Warner and her peers also are demonstrating they have the mental toughness that any athlete in any sport require in order to excel. Haney noted how Meier triple-bogeyed the first hole of her first invitational last season, but went on from there to shoot a 75 and win the tournament.

Girls are gravitating to golf because of the Wie factor, but the popularity boom isn't just being felt at the high school level.

Quickly having plenty of success herself is Seaholm's Shu. just 16 as she enters her senior year. Her ascent is remarkable, considering she was 11 years old when she took up the game after watching her dad hit balls at a driving range. Shu broke into the Seaholm varsity scene as a freshman in 2005 and averaged 79 strokes per 18. Now, she's a "Dream Team" member who shot 76 per round in 2006 and placed fifth in the Buick Junior Open.

more girls are reaching high school with serious game. "The last few years I have had girls come into our program who are quite good players, with good swings."

Harper said teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association used to have a couple decent golfers and "they would carry you through the season. Now, every team needs three or four because it's gotten so competitive."

Girls are gravitating to golf because of the Wie factor, but the popularity boom isn't just being felt at the high school



Like one of her fairway shots, Livonia Churchill's Shannon Warner is taking a majestic flight path to success. Her coach said Warner, now entering her iunior year, is the best talent to ever step onto the Churchill girls golf varsity as freshman.

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But her coach, Leon Braisted, boasts another example of hot-shot girls on the Maples in Alexandra Lipa. As a freshman this spring, Lipa averaged a shade under 80 strokes. Beyond that, the everwidening path of golf as an attractive avenue for female athletes is one reason Braisted had 30 girls in his program in 2006.

IN THE SWING

"The trend is more and more girls are getting involved," Braisted explained. "There's the same playing field in terms of the state tournament. I think there's a lot of girls out there who could play on boys teams. They're closing the gap, they're hitting the ball just as far.

"And every week there's a different winner on the LPGA tour, not just Michelle Wie or Annika Sorenstam (who, at age 35, is a pioneering force of women's golf)."

Churchill's Harper concurred, noting that more and

Southeast Michigan Top 50 Junior Tour director and PGA golf instructor Dan Thomas said girls outnumber boys 3-to-1 for the lessons he gives at Fox Hills Golf Club in Plymouth Township and Oasis Golf Center in Livonia. The enrollment of girls in the

Top 50 Junior Tour also is on an upswing, although Thomas said it is "still not as high as we would like to see it."

FAMILY PLAN

Several coaches said the influence of the women pros certainly isn't the only reason for the surging popularity of golf with females. Parents are taking their children to the golf course for some family bonding that helps plant the seed of possibility.

"I don't think it's a fad," Braisted said. "Instead of going to a Tigers game and spending \$100, a family of four can go to the golf course for four or five hours. It's great family time."

Harper said young girls "come up seeing their dads playing and their moms playing. It's a good time for families looking to do something together. This is a game they can play their whole life."

That's what happened with

Warner, who learned about golf's nuances from her dad years before arriving at Churchill. It's how Amy Meier and her younger sister (incoming Rochester freshman Christine) became introduced to it. Amy and Christine are daughters of Randy Meier, a baseball star at Farmington High School who went on to play pro baseball.

"Christine is virtually at the same level Amy was a year ago, there's a half-stroke difference in average," Haney said. "...Their parents got the girls

out on the course early on in life, but as a fun thing to do.

"The girls liked it and went on to tournaments, like those and kept on going. It's not a case of the sport being shoved down their throats at age three or four."

LOOKING AHEAD

In those cases, they're sticking with it through junior tournaments and the prep grind and coming out the other end of the process with a shot at full-ride college scholarships.

"Girls have a great opportunity to earn college scholar-

ships with golf," Thomas said. "If a female student can average scores in the 70s she can earn a scholarship to most (D1) colleges.

"If she can average in the 80s, she can earn college scholarships to most (D2) colleges as well as other local colleges.' Agreeing with that assess-

ment is Shu.

"There's so many opportuni ties out there in terms of college," she said. "Playing women's golf in college is a good experience and a good way to get a scholarship."

A couple college offers already have trickled her way. "I definitely want to play golf in college and eventually I would like to try it in some amateur events."

But not everybody will follow the golf ball into a college campus. That shouldn't deter them from taking their cuts.

"Girls should go out there and play golf," said Shu, emphatically. "It's fun, you learn a lot of important qualities. The lessons you learn in golf, you will need in life. It's an awesome game."

Extremely popular, too.

Former prep standout still a big hit in club tournaments



Oakland Hills Country Club women's champ Claudia Cenko of Beverly Hills.

BY MARTY BUDNER STAFF WRITER

Claudia Cenko's love of golf has never wavered. She gets just as excited about an up-and-down birdie now as she did 33 years ago as a member of Bloomfield Hills Lahser's 1973 state championship girls golf team.

A Beverly Hills resident and the current Oakland Hills Country Club women's champion, Cenko participated in the recent GAM Women's Championship at Pine Lake Country Club. She competed against a mostly younger field with the same enthusiastic swagger she showed while helping

lead the Bill Rea-coached Knights to the first-ever state crown offered by the Michigan High School Athletic Association back in the day.

Cenko not only appreciated the competition, but marveled at all the young female golf talent out on the links today

"Playing that GAM event was a lot of fun and playing with all the college and high school kids was wonderful," savs Cenko. "It was a strong field and I finished in the middle of the pack in my flight.

"But what I noticed is that all those young kids are out there and they are getting so much better at playing the game these days.'

Cenko's family belonged to Stonycroft Hills Club in Bloomfield Hills and that's where she learned to play the game.

She played high school golf at Lahser then went on to graduate from Miami of Ohio in 1978 with a Business

degree. Miami of Ohio did not have a women's golf team at the time, but she did continue to play recreational golf.

Cenko worked at Detroit Edison for seven years and then left the workplace as she

and husband Michael raised a family of three that includes daughters Andrea (a college

tennis player at Tufts University in Boston) and Leah (a student at Birmingham Groves), and son Graham (a student at Berkshire).

All the while, even when they moved to Missouri for a few years, Cenko managed to keep up her golf skills.

"I'm very lucky my husband supports me," says Čenko, who this year celebrates her 25th wedding anniversary. "He enjoys the game as much as I do. Golf is like a hobby for me and my husband. It's our thing to do."

Cenko enjoys the game so much she plays at least four times a week and sports a 6handicap. Because her golf

skills are so strong, she is able to compete in district and state amateur tournaments.

Cenko has not only won three women's club championships at Oakland Hills (2001, '05 and '06), she's also played in some eight state amateurs plus a number of GAM tournaments around the state.

Women's golf, Cenko believes, is a sport that's gaining in popularity and status. "Golf is a game that gets in

your blood and sucks you in," she said.

"Every time you go out you want to get better at it. You always want to improve. There's always something new to learn. I love the game."

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Now go out there and win a jackpot.

A bright new star has appeared on the youth bowling scene.

Livonia's Kayla Blanchard captured the girls division of the Alro Steel-Michigan Junior Masters Association 21st season opener recently at Lodge Lanes in Belleville.

Blanchard, a rookie, earned \$200 in scholarship money.

Out of 102 entrants, there were 29 rookies bowling MJMA for the first time.

Kayla, the eighth seed in qualifying, defeated No. 3 seed Ashley Blakley of Grand Blanc, 189-168, and No. 5 Jennifer Churchill of Windsor 222-178 before meeting No. 1 seeded Christine Bator of Warren in the finals.

Blanchard captured the first and second game 192-158 and 185-177; lost the third, 186-222; before going on to win the title, 201-189.

"I was ecstatic over the win," Blanchard said. "It was a very tough group of veteran MJMA bowlers to beat."

Kayla is the daughter of Debbie and Ron Blanchard, who as good parents sometimes do, got her going at age two in bumper bowling.

She stars in the classroom as well, carrying a 3.5 GPA at Churchill High to go along with her 185 bowling average.

On the boys side, Westland's Justin O'Hara grabbed fourth place when he defeated both Brandon Dean and Jesse Hojnacki before losing to John Kelley of Sterling Heights, the eventual winner.

Justin also earned \$200 in scholarship money.

🖬 Taylor's Cyndi Black Patterson, along with Lisa Martin

Stoddard, were inducted recently into the Tri-City Women's Bowling Hall of Fame.

The Tri-City women have now merged with the Wayne-Westland Men's Association under the auspices of the USBC.

This year was the final for this hall of fame. It will now be combined under the new organization for both genders.

Black Patterson, a flight attendant for Pinnacle Airlines, has averaged 216 in the Ladies Classic League and had a high series of 720. She was also a member of the Tri-City WBA All-City team in 1999-200 and 2001-2002,

Lisa's Mother, Jane Martin, was also inducted in 2004 in the Star of Yesterday category.

Meanwhile, Delores "Dee" Tarpinian was inducted for Meritorious Service, having been a member of the Tri-City WBC for over 30 years where she has held various league officer positions over the years including director for the past 16.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia. He can be contacted at (248) 477-1839; or e-mail him at tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net.

SPORTS BRIEFS

GCYBSA NEWS

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association is seeking candidates for its board of directors. Two, three-year positions on the board are available.

Volunteers are also being sought for other positions in the organization, which serves 2,400 young players in Canton and Plymouth.

Nomination forms are due Sept. 12. Elections will be held Sept. 19-23 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Canton Softball Center. For more information, contact csc.canton-mi.org (GCYBSA) or call (734) 394-5489.

FREE SOCCER SHOOT

Canton Leisure Services will be hosting a free "Soccer Shoot" Saturday, Sept. 9, at Heritage Park (behind the township hall and library) in Canton Township. Registration is set for 9 a.m. with the shoot slated to kick off at 9:30 a.m.

The competition, which is sponsored by the Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, will be divided into four divisions each for boys and girls: 7-and-under, 8- & 9-year-olds, 10- & 11-year-olds, and 12- & 13-year-olds.

Medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in each division. The first-place winner in each division will be eligible to compete in the Elks' District competition on Saturday, Sept. 23.

'Y' FALL SOCCER

The Plymouth Family YMCA is accepting registrations for its fall soccer program, which is filled on a first-come, first-served basis

The leagues are forming for kids between the ages of 4 and 11 years old. Practices will start the week of Sept. 18, and games will begin Saturday, Sept. 30. There will be eight practices and seven games for each squad.

The cost is \$68 for program members or \$85 for community members. All participants will also need a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey, the cost of which is \$15.

All parents of interested players or potential coaches should call (734) 453-2904 for more details. The leagues are also in need of referees and volunteers.

KVBSA SEEKS TEAMS

The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association (KVBSA) is accepting applications for travel baseball and softball teams for the 2007 season. There are currently openings in all age brackets in both baseball (U9-U18) and softball (U10-U18).

Meetings for the upcoming season will be held in November.

• For more information, contact Jeff David at (586) 206-7646; e-mail jeff.david@kvbsa.com; or visit www.kvbsa.com.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The Plymouth Grizzlies 12U travel baseball team will be holding tryouts from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 10, at Plymouth Township (McClumpha) Park, which is located on Ann Arbor Trail, east of Beck.

All players must be 12 or under on April 30, 2007, and reside in or attend school in Plymouth, Plymouth Township or Canton. For more information and to pre-register, send an e-mail to sudzy190@aol.com; or call Rob Sudz at (734) 637-1638.

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Esson on Golf By Jeff Lesson

CBS DROPS THE BALL

While watching the thrilling World Golf Championship this past week at Firestone in Akron, Ohio, something was strange. The fact that Tiger Woods won the thing on the 4th sudden death hole for his 52nd career PGA Tour victory was not strange. The television coverage on CBS was.

Keep in mind this tournament was being played in the eastern time zone, which makes it very easy to show it live in the optimal time slot for televised golf - 3 to 6pm on the weekends.

Once Tiger and Stewart Cink hit sudden death it all speeded up. All of a sudden, the competitors were hitting a near 300 yard tee shot and then somehow hitting their second shot seconds later. This was physically impossible.

It became obvious at that point, that we were watching a tape delayed broadcast that CBS had led us to believe was live television. The slated time slot was for the golf to end at 6pm. Perhaps the network executives wanted to get out as soon as possible to get to "60 Minutes." But at what cost?

I only noticed it was tape delayed once they started playing one shot immediately after the other and the "recorded earlier" banner appeared in the corner of our screens.

Not showing it live was the first bad decision. Misleading us into thinking that it was live was even worse.

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"That play was huge because it was the one that let us draw first blood, so to speak," said Canton coach Tim Baechler. "It got us believing in ourselves and it put the momentum on our side of the field."

Paye also shined offensively when he was pressed into action at quarterback mid-way through the second quarter after starter Ben Vaughn suffered an apparent leg injury. Paye led the team on five scoring drives, including a threeplay possession late in the third

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quarter that was capped by his perfectly thrown 38-yard spiral to junior running back Dalton Walser.

"Steve did a phenomenal job tonight," Baechler said. "Here's a kid who doesn't play football his freshman, sophomore or junior years, but he comes out this year and learns two key positions very quickly. To come out and play quarterback the way he did tonight after not playing since little league is amazing."

toe with the Chiefs throughout the first half and held a 105-45 advantage in total yards at the intermission. However, Canton scored on four of its five sec-

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The Rockets played toe-to-

ond-half possessions to put the game on ice.

"Mistakes did us in tonight, but give Canton credit - they forced the mistakes," said John Glenn coach Todd DeLuca, referring to his team's four lost fumbles and one botched snap on a punt. "I thought we played with them in the first half, but vou can't turn the ball over as many times as we did against a team like Canton.

"If it wasn't for the turnovers, the score would have been a little closer and we would have walked out of here with our heads up, but the bottom line is Canton's a good football team and we won't be the last team to lose to them this season."

Canton threatened on its opening drive, moving the ball to the Rocket 10 before Glenn's Jerry Smith pounced on a Chief fumble. Fueled by Smith's 42yard run on a reverse, the Rockets drove to Canton's 35 before their drive stalled.

Both teams' defenses excelled during the opening half. The first offensive TD came with 49 seconds left before halftime when senior running back Deshon McClendon scored on a

6-yard run to make it 14-0. The five-play, 27-yard drive was set up when senior offensive lineman Nick Dunleavy recovered a fumbled punt return with 3:34 on the clock.

Glenn's lone scoring play of the night - Andrew Hein's 32yard field goal with 8:29 left in the third quarter — was set up four plays earlier when Antonio Smith recovered a Canton fumble at the Chief 19. The Chiefs scored on their

next four possessions. A 40yard dash by Walser with 5:28 left in the third quarter made it 21-3. Less than three minutes later, the Paye-to-Walser TD pass put the visitors up, 28-3. Canton closed out its third-

quarter barrage on McClendon's 25-yard TD run with 22 seconds left in the stanza. Paye's TD pass was set up by his own recovery of a Rocket fumble. McClendon's score came three plays after Donnie Laramie jumped on a loose ball at the Glenn 28.

Nick Moores put an exclamation point on the Chiefs' big second half with a 1-yard scoring plunge with 3:34 left. Junior Justin Scott accounted

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Canton senior linebacker Colin O'Shaunessy hauls down John Glenn running Blayre McCormick during the second guarter of Thursday night's 42-3 Canton victory. In addition to his stellar defensive effort, O'Shaunessy converted all six of his extra-point attempts.

for the Chiefs' fourth fumble recovery.

Canton outgained the Rockets, 274-114, in total yards. The Chiefs also dominated the first-down battle, 14-3.

Moores finished with 78 yards on 12 attempts while McClendon picked up 72 on 15

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carries. Walser gained 57 on seven runs.

Glenn's most productive offensive player was Smith, who had 41 yards rushing. Senior tailback Blayre McCormick was limited to 29 yards on 10 carries. Reid hit 3-of-6 passes for

six yards.

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Rolfe's goal was just the fifth yielded by the Rocks' defense in the first seven games.

The Wildcats' defensive effort was fueled by senior defender Travis Norris and junior goalkeeper Brian Rissman, Neschich said.

"Travis came up huge for us," Neschich said. "He got a couple balls off the back line that got past Brian. And Brian played great, too. It was really a team effort.'

The game-winning goal unfolded just like the Wildcats drew it up and practiced over and over during the preseason.

"We gained possession of the ball on a bang-bang play at midfield," Neschich said. "We had a couple of one-time passes, then Jeff Lucco made a move. He slid the ball in front and Colin pounded it home past their goalie."

Neschich praised the play of senior Anthony Sasinowski.

"He had a huge game for us," Neschich said. "He was a workhorse in the midfield."

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Imaginary friend normal

Is it normal for a 3-year-old to have an imaginary friend? My daughter spends hours playing with hers and I didn't think anything of it until a friend of mine mentioned that it is a sign of extreme loneliness and stress in children. Now I'm worried that my little girl needs professional help. Please tell me that this is normal behavior for a 3-year-old child. Paula, via Internet.

Relax. It is perfectly normal for a welladjusted 3-year-old child to have an imaginary playmate. Sometimes they have



several. And while it may sometimes signify feelings of loneliness, it is not an indicator of psychological or emotional concerns. In contrast, children with imaginary friends tend to be creative and intelligent. As long as the

Terry Wilamowski

imaginary friend is not allowed to become the surrogate for misbehavior (for example; "but I didn't do that ... Mr. Fuzzyface did"), imaginary friendships can help prepare the child for real world

relationships. I don't know where your friend received her information or why she chose to scare you with it. Maybe she's a little jealous because she doesn't have an imaginary friend of her own.

I am about to give birth to my first child and I want to follow the "family bed" method and let the baby sleep in the bed with my husband and myself. I believe that this promotes closeness and attachment to a degree that is too important to miss. The problem is that my mother and my OB/GYN disagree with this as a valid way to parent. I want to know your opinion on this. Is the "family bed" a sound method for developing strong attachment? Name withheld by request

Before we begin to address the idea of the "family bed," I feel that a brief overview of attachment is necessary. In short, attachment is the bond that develops between the infant and the care-giver and serves as the basis for the development of personality and relationships throughout the child's life. This process of attachment begins at birth (if not before) and continues to develop as the child interacts with his or her primary care-givers. And while early interactions are critical, there are any number of means to strengthen this bond. Holding, feeding, singing, kissing, bathing, changing, smiling ... interacting with the child is key. This being said, I do not share your conviction that sleeping with your child in the same bed provides a uniquely significant opportunity for attachment. Don't misunderstand me, sleeping next to your infant is very intimate and is a source for attachment. However, I believe that the dangers of this situation are too immediate to ignore. An adult bed with at least one sleeping adult and a multitude of pillows and blankets is a dangerous place for a helpless newborn to be. Several children are killed in this manner every year. In addition to the safety issues, one must also consider that in spite of their cuteness, infants make all manner of sounds and movements in their sleep which almost guarantees that the parent will sleep with at least one eye and one ear open. And as any new parent will tell you, you need to get your rest when it is available. Another main concern is that the bed becomes another place for the family unit and the couple that used to sleep there together are pushed aside. It is too easy to over-play the parent role at the expense of the spousal one. There is, however, a middle ground that affords the opportunity for attachment without compromising the child's safety and limiting the disruption of the marital bed. You can place the baby to sleep in a bassinet in your bedroom. This arrangement promotes closeness and attachment with the added bonus of having an easier transition when the infant is moved into his or her own room later on. In summary, I agree with you that sleeping in the same bed as your child is intimate and provides a great opportunity for attachment, but I feel that the risks far outweigh the benefits. In the end, you will find enough opportunities for attachment to ensure that your family's bond is strong even without the implementation of the "family bed."



Carol McCloud reads her book, 'Have You Filled a Bucket Today?' for a group of campers at Field Elementary School in Canton.

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Filling buckets Children's book author

on a mission BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

STAFF WRITER

Carol McCloud mesmerizes the children



ing the Livonia artist and Merrill Lundgren, The Bucket Man, to the kindergarten and first-grade students at Field Elementary. It was Lundgren, an 87-yearold Brighton resident who came up with the concept of bucket filling in 1979.



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from the moment she dons giant-size eyeglasses to read her new book. McCloud is serious about her message, but knows the Plymouth-Canton elementary students require a little magic if they're to remain interested in Have You Filled a Bucket Today? A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids.

One by one she flips through a largescale copy of the book with colorful illustrations by David Messing after introduc-

The magical eyeglasses allow McCloud to see the students' invisible buckets. The book encourages them to fill the buckets of family and friends with good thoughts and deeds and in so doing heap their own to overflowing. Their actions can be as simple as telling someone how they feel about them.

"It really is a support bucket," said

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A group of campers at Field Elementary School listen with all smiles to Carol McCloud's bucket filling stories.

Carol McCloud takes a look at her group of listeners with magical glasses that let her see everyone's invisible bucket.



Carol McCloud's new book was released July 1.

Walk to raise research funds in memory of Redford man

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Rosanne Ferrarotti knew something was wrong with her husband Gianni long before he was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. Gianni was favoring the left side of the lane when driving because the cancer had spread to his brain. Nine months later in July 2003 the 58year-old Redford man was dead.

Ferrarotti and her daughter Gianna Reichenbach were dismayed to learn that a test did not exist for early detection of lung cancer. Together they decided to find a way to raise funds for the research necessary to save lives in the future. In early 2004, they began planning the first walk in his name with the proceeds going to Karmanos Cancer

Institute. The third annual Walk in the Park & Family Fun Day takes place from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, at Kensington Metropark in Milford. Walkers as well as corporate sponsors are still being sought.

"My daughter had said, 'I don't know what we're going to do, but we're going to do something," said Rosanne Ferrarotti, a kindergarten teacher at St. Valentine's School in Redford.

"The majority of people die within the first year mainly because there's no readily available test to find lung cancer before it's progressed. If it's found in the early stage, it's because they were being treated for something else."

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Last year, an army of volunteers turned out at Kensington Metropark to make the second annual walk in memory of Gianni Ferrarotti a success.

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McCloud, a 56-year-old Brighton resident, and former marketing and research manager for the Observer S Eccentric Newspapers. "Kids are so compassionate and caring. The bucket gives them a way to express it, to express emotions.

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Throughout her presentation, McCloud encouraged the children to tell their moms and dads that they love them. At the end, she left a large and small bucket in each classroom so they don't forget.

"One little girl, her dog died and the teacher said, 'Let's fill Shelby's bucket.' All of the kids wrote notes. Shelby didn't even

want to come to school but was glad she did when she read the notes that showed everyone cared," said McCloud.

"We all loved the book," said Jennifer Mansfield, a staff person for the Plymouth-Canton schools' Kids Time Summer Camp. "We felt it passed on a different message."

When McCloud asked if anyone had ever bullied them, more than half of the kids raised their hands. Part of McCloud's mission is to stop bullying before it starts. For the first 25 years Lundgren's motivational speaking focused solely on adults. Eventually fourth-through eighth-grade teachers began requesting his bucket-filling workshops. McCloud's book reaches out to an even younger audience.

Messing literally drew himself and his painful memories of early childhood into the book. He created sketches from his first impressions while reading the book then scanned those ideas into his computer and added color.

"Carol gave me total freedom over what images to do," said Messing who began cartooning for magazines at age 20. He's now 57. This is his second children's book. His first was Marybeth Dillon-Butler's Myrtle the Hurdler, a story about a turtle who battles her bulge.

"Every scene was remembered from my childhood," said Messing. "I was the fat kid. I remember the bullying. I even drew myself on one of the pages. Carol's book was just a treat to do. It not only applies to young children but older kids and adults.

Lundgren couldn't be happier about the success of the book with all ages. He's grateful that McCloud replied to his call for someone to carry on his work. She had seen an article about his request in the newspapers in August of 2005.

One year later, the two are traveling together to book signings and presentations delivering their message. Even though 20 workshops have already been booked for the coming school year, their message isn't limited to children. The two have visited inmates at the Livingston County Jail and child development staff at Henry Ford Community College in addition to 60 Howell schools bus drivers and a real estate agency in Ann Arbor.

"I've been revitalized because of this," said Lundgren who was a 59-year-old senior vice president of marketing for Maccabees Mutual insurance company before leaving the corporate world for motivational speaking. "Now we're taking the message to bus drivers - 45 percent of bullying goes on on school buses. We

thought: 'We're missing the bus."

Shelly Williams, a first-grade teacher at Hoben Elementary in the Plymouth-Canton district, is going to use the book to teach students during the first week of school.

"It's important to instill selfesteem, to create a classroom community, and teach children to treat others with kindness and respect," said Williams. McCloud is filling buckets by donating portions of book, bumper sticker and T-shirt sales back to the schools. The Salvation Army receives 5 percent from sales of the book which retails for \$9.95 plus tax. The book has inspired others as well. Oakland Schools purchased a copy and placed see-through Braille over the text for blind persons to be

able to read. "It's important to live your life as a bucket filler, to learn to deal with bucket dippers (those who say unkind words

and perform unkind actions)." McCloud told the children, "If you want to have the best school year ever, fill a bucket every day."

Have You Filled a Bucket Today? A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids was published by Ferne Press. It is sold at Borders throughout metro Detroit, Barnes and Noble (Six Mile and Haggerty, Northville), Book Cellar & Cafe (Plymouth), Amy's Hallmark (downtown Birmingham), and www.bucketfillers.com.

Book signings are scheduled 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 (this is a story time) and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Barnes and Noble (Six Mile and Haggerty, Northville), and 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at Borders in Rochester Hills.

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According to the 2005 American Cancer Society statistics, six out of 10 people die within the first year of a lung cancer diagnosis, between seven and eight people die within two years. Lung cancer is the number one cancer killer among men and women in the United States.

More than 50 percent of newly diagnosed lung cancer patients have never smoked or have quit smoking, according to the National Cancer Institute Factbook. Gianni was a smoker.

"When my husband was diagnosed, we knew nothing about lung cancer. The percentage of money that goes to lung cancer is very small," said Ferrarotti, who since her husband's death has founded the nonprofit Gianni Ferrarotti Lung Cancer Foundation (GFLCF). In addition to the walk, the foundation holds a golf outing. Since 2004, the foundation has donated \$50,000 to the Gianni Ferrarotti Lung Cancer Research Fund at Karmanos.

"We're raising funds by asking for donations, \$20 adults, \$10 children before Sept. 4, then \$25 and \$15," Ferrarotti said. "We encourage people to form teams. They can do everything on the Web site (www.gianniscause.org). There will be prizes for adult and child winners for the most amount of money raised. It's all volunteer. We're fortunate to have good friends. We're still looking for someone to buy T-shirts, food, just to make donations."

Gianna Reichenbach is not only hoping the event grows in size this year but is working toward that goal. So are brothers Mike, 29, and Tony, 25, who will be helping out at the walk.

"One thing we're trying is adding a family fun day in addition to the walk with a kids run, kids craft table, moonwalk, face painting. For adults we'll have someone talk about yoga, a fitness expert, and masseuse," said Reichenbach, 31, of Southfield.

"The biggest fear is when somebody dies is that people will forget about him. We want his memory to live on as a great husband, great father. He never complained throughout the illness, never gave up even though we all knew what the end result would be.

"We know lung cancer affects so many people and so many families. The proceeds are not only going to Karmanos but helping families in financial need who are facing lung cancer."

Diane Malenfant believes the walk itself is helping to develop a greater awareness of lung cancer. The Farmington Hills resident saw firsthand the impact the disease had on the family. Malenfant is a longtime friend and former neighbor.

"I was there when Gianni died," said Malenfant, a first-grade teacher in Redford Union Schools. Malenfant has been instrumental in making the walk happen. "They were a family who had to go through all the shock and disbelief. They put their beliefs into action. They jump in and get involved. That's the way Roseanne has always been.

"Being part of all of it has been very fulfilling for me. We went to Karmanos last Thursday, took in cookies and brownies, set up information about our organization during chemo day for lung patients. I was told more than once that the families have been comforted by the message of hope from Karmanos doctors."

Like Malenfant, Linda Deakins volunteered to pass out cookies to the patients at Karmanos. The Howell resident is an accountant who serves as treasure of the foundation. She grew up in Southfield with Ferrarotti.

"It's important to me because of Gianni," Deakins said. "I lost another friend to lung cancer we'd known through high school. She was 56. They thought the cancer was in her knee, but the lung cancer had spread to her bone already. It's usually too late by the time they find

For more information about the walk or foundation, call (313) 532-0983, or visit www.gianniscause.org. For those unable to participate in the walk, donations should be sent to GFLCF, 17345 Kinloch, Redford, 48240.

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As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

Belleville High School All-Class Reunion for Belleville High

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School, 3-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Belleville High School Cafeteria. For information, contact Mildred Baker, chair, 139 Clarence St., Belleville, MI 48111; (734) 699-5231. Plans are in the works for the 7th Annual Alumni Banguet for Belleville High School. Committee members are planning for a tour of the high school, social time, and a dinner. Representatives from classes in the 1930s and on are arranging for alumni to return to their high school to reacquaint themselves with former classmates. Representatives are needed for several classes and addresses are being collected of alumni, so contact Mildred Baker if you can provide information.

Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Embassy Suites, 850 Tower Drive, Troy. Cost \$45. Send checks to Janice Broquet Pope, 8222 Coral Creek Loop, Hudson, Fla. Call (727) 868-8222 or e-mail jpope14.tampabay.rr.com.

Birmingham High School Class of 1956

Oct. 20-22, Kingsley Inn, Birmingham. For more information, contact Barbara Sweeney Drisko, (248) 644-8797 or barbaradrisko@hotmail.com. **Bishop Borgess High School** Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, Fifth Avenue Ballroom and Billiards (second floor), 25750 Novi

in advance, contact reunion committee at bb76reunion@vahoo.com for ticket information and details. Class of 1987 A 20-year reunion will be held

Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007, at the Livonia Marriott. For more information, e-mail borgess87@hotmail.com. **Cass Tech High School** Class of 1955-57

Road in Novi. You must reserve a spot

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 15-17, 2006, at St. John's Armenian Church, Southfield, Contact Rich Baylerian, (248) 735-4495, Barbara Grajek Schanfrankek, (248) 543-6353. Joann Ellison Armistead, (248) 533-9525, Susan Wilmot Hitchcock at hitchcocksw@hotmail.com. **Clarenceville High School** Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept." 29-Oct. 1. Sept. 29 - football game and party; Sept. 30 - banquet at Vladimir's of Farmington, \$45/person, open bar; Oct. 1 - breakfast at Leon's in Livonia. For more information, call Sharon Byrnes Hawk at (248) 529-3016. Cherry Hill High School Class of 1986

A 20-year reunion. Last graduating class, welcomes other classes. Friday, Sept. 15. at Double Tree Hotel, Romulus. For more information, contact Lisa (Brown) Graham at CHHS1986@hotmail.com or (734)466-9939.

Clawson High School Class of 1973

6 p.m. to midnight Oct. 28, at the San Marino Club, Troy. \$75, contact Linda (Morrill) Hale, (248) 761-5550, or Dave Lake, (248) 684-4200.

Clintondale High School Class of 1986

A 20-year reunion Saturday, Oct. 14. For information, e-mail clintondale1986@yahoo.com. Denby High School

Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 16, 2006, at the Club Venetian in Madison Heights. Contact Doreen (McClennan) Weber at dajweb@juno.com or Jerry Love at (586) 739-3840. **Detroit Chadsey**

Class of 1956

Looking for classmates. A 50-year reunion is planned for October 2006. All alumni from other years welcome. Contact Ted at (734) 462-2411 or Lillian at (734) 326-1324. Class of 1957

A 50th Reunion is being planned for the summer of 2007. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989) 366-9288. Detroit Cody

Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion is planned for Sept. 30, 2006, at Summit at the Park in Canton, \$60. Make check payable to Cody '76 Reunion and send to Laurene Craig, 6736 Elizabeth, Garden City 48135. Contact Pat (Pletzke) Wauford at Swaulor@aol.com; or Laurene (Zywica) Craig at (734) 536-3195 or Harry Werwinski at

bognutz@vahoo.com or (313) 274-7763. **Detroit Cooley**

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A 40-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at the Courtvard by Marriott in Farmington Hills. Buffet dinner, music, dancing, and a souvenir booklet. All interested January and June graduates please contact Julie (McLean) Work at (248) 477-6802 or e-mail: jwork2friends@yahoo.com

Detroit Eastern **Annual All-Class Reunion**

The Annual All Class Reunion of Detroit Eastern High School will be

the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan Road in Warren. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. with an open bar and sitdown dinner. Tickets are \$30 per person, with pre-paid ticket pickup at the door. Advance reservations only before Sept. 24. Contact Bob Butler, (313) 824-7230; Terry DesRivers Edwards, (313) 885-2562; or email:EHSReunion2006 @aol.com **Detroit Mackenzle**

held 2-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, 2006, at

Classes Jan., June and Summer 1956 A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 16, 2006, at the Novi Sheraton. For more information, call Harold Kappen

at (734) 261-0325 or okappen@earthlink.net. **Detroit Northwestern** Classes of 1950-51

Sunday, Oct. 15, at the Holiday Inn West, Livonia. Looking for classmates. Contact Marlene (Oleson) Hanna, hamharold@aol.com. **Detroit St. Andrew** Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion planned for Sept. 23. Call Sue Czut at (734) 425-4126. **Detroit Western** Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion will be held in September 2007. Seeking information on classmates from that year. All other classes welcome. Contact Judy Hull Rakowski at (734) 459-3832 or Judy Spiro Scranton at jlscranton@yahoo.com Detroit Southwestern

Class of 1957 A 50-year reunion is being planned for September 2007. Looking for

January and June graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Angle (Conz) Maccani at (313) 532-4379 or Ken Suski at (313) 291-5450.

Detroit Southeastern High School Class of 1946

A 60-year reunion 1-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, at the Vintage House in Fraser. For more information, call Jeanne Eversham at (586) 778-1913 or Fran Durham at (248) 344-4613 or frn.md@aol.com. **Epiphany Grade School**

Class of 1966

A 40-year reunion is in the planning stages for the summer of 2006. Contact Dorothy at (248) 477-9478 or dzsovder@hotmail.com.

Farmington High School Class of 1976

Fordson High School

Class of 1969

30-year reunion Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Holiday Inn Livonia West. Alumni can update their address at (734) 261-3264 celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com.

Visit Web site ctrinc.divincinet.com.

Munday-Snell

Melissa Munday of Livonia and Matthew Snell of Naubinway are engaged to married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of George and Pam Munday of Livonia and Jim and Turovaara of Livonia. She is a 1996 graduate of Churchill High School and works with Livonia Public schools.

The prospective groom is the son of Thomas and Christine Snell of Whitmore Lake and Mark and Cheryl Tryon of Naubinway. He is a 2002 graduate of Michigan State University and works with Thomson Medstat in Ann

Meier-Grancitelli

Jerold and Mary Meier of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Meghan Ann Meier, to Mitchell Ryan Grancitelli of Monroe. The bride-to-be graduated

from Canton High School is 2001 and Grand Valley State University in 2005.

The prospective groom is the son of Mark and Margaret Grancitelli of Monroe. He is a 2000 graduate of St. Mary's High School in Monroe and a 2004 graduate of Grand Valley State University. He is employed with Monroe Aluminum.

Dean-Snyder

Michael and Jill Dean of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Marie Dean of Plymouth to Zachary Jon Snyder of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School. Currently, Patti is a senior at Calvin college in Grand Rapids, seeking a degree in secondary education, English.

The prospective groom is the son of Tom and Jeanne Snyder of Canton. He is a 2002 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 2006 graduate of Calvin College with a degree in

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arbor. An April 2007 wedding is planned for St. Maurice Catholic Church in Livonia.



A fall 2007 wedding is planned.



mechanical engineering. Zac is employed as a project engineer for Marathon in Indianapolis, Ind.

A December wedding is planned at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

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JEAN D. CHALIFOUR Age 70, of Farmington Hills, August 26, 2006. Loving mother of Steven Culbertson and Jeanne Hedgepeth. Cherished grandmother of Robert

PHYLLIS JEAN FARR Age 80, of St. Clair and San Diego, died July 3 in California. She was born May 13, 1926, in Findlay, Ohio,

of Rochester, formerly of Lake Orion; age 93, passed away on August 27, 2006. Beloved wife of the late Jesse Mann and Al Vel; loving mother of Yvonne (Gary) Sabourin of Pontiac,

MARTHA S. VEL

Culbertson. Dear sister of Paul Johnson and Pat Morgan. Memorial service Thursday, September 7th, 4:00 PM at Church of Our Saviour Presbyterian Church, 6655 Middlebelt Rd., West Bloomfield. The family will receive friends at the church on Thursday from 3:30 PM until the time of service. Memorial tributes suggested to Angela Hospice or Hope for the Children (www.hope4children.org).

Arrangements entrusted to the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200)

MARTHA CLEMONS

80, August 30, 2006, at her home in Rancho Bernardo, CA. Long time res-ident of suburban Detroit. Mrs. Clemons was predeceased by her first husband, William F. Clemons. She is survived by her husband of five years, P. William Olds; sons David (Cindi), Mark (Karen), Scott (Karen), and Douglas and five grandchildren, Kathryn, Andrew, Laura, Stephen and Erin. A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Rancho Bernardo, CA. with private interment at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego. Donations to Sharp Health Care Foundation, 8695 Spectrum Center Blvd., San Diego, CA 92123.



W. WILLIAM (Bill) **ELDRIDGE III**

Of Hilton Head Island, Washington DC and formerly of Bloomfield Hills, MI, died peacefully in his sleep on Sunday, August 6, 2006 at his Washington DC residence. He was preceded in death by his first He was preceded in usan by the wife Alice Marie Hadley Eldridge. Survivors include his sons W. William (Bill) Eldridge, IV (Anne) of White Lake, MI and Thomas Hadley Eldridge (Nancy) of Anchorage, AK; granddaughters Jillian and Kelly, his cousin Betty Ahrens of Florida and his wife Frances Ulmer. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery on September 29, 2006. A memorial will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2006 at the home of Anne and Bill Eldridge. Please con-tact the family for further details.

May You Find Comfort in Friends to Edward and Caroline Keiser. She married John Farr on February 14, 1948. Jean is survived by her husband, John; her sons Robert and Stephen Farr; grandchildren Jennifer, Kristine, Sarah, David, and Grace She was preceded in death by one son, David Farr. A memorial service will be held Friday, September 8, at 11am, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, St. Clair. Arrangements by L.C. Friederichs & Son, St. Clair Memorials to donor's choice.

CATHERINE M. GRAHAM

Services for Catherine M. Graham age 83, of Livonia will be Sept. 9 at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia with burial at Glen Eden Memorial Park. Mrs. Graham was born August 3, 1923 in Murfreesboro, Tenn. and died August 30, 2006 in Madison Heights. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother attended Livonia Assembly of God Church for many years, was a devout Chrisitan, will be missed and always remembered. She is survived by her daughters, Dolores Allison and Barbara Graham, and son, Leonard Graham, three grandchildren and five great grandchildren and two sisters.

GERALD R. MOYER

August 26, 2006, age 77, of Plymouth. Beloved husband of 53 years to Helen Ann. Loving father of Jerry (Pam), Daniel, Ellen, Robert (Jomana), Ann and the late Mary Louise. Dear grandfather of Peter, Gretchen, Matthew, Christian, Elise, Aimee, Steven, Natalie and Mark. Dear brother-in-law of Paul (Darlene) DeBaldo. Mr. Moyer retired from CSX Railroad after 42 years of service. He was an avid railroad historian; collector of memorabilia and Lionel trains. Funeral Mass was held Tuesday, August 28, 2006, at Church of the Divine Savior, Westland, MI. Interment Our Lady of Hope Cemetery. Memorial contribu-tions may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. To leave a message of condolence

for the family log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

JOSEPHINE MAE PIAZZI Age 74 of Westland, passed away

August 30, 2006 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center Wayne. Born: November 13, 1931 and was a Crossing Guard. Survived by her husband: Joseph Piazzi & son, Tim (Dana) Piazzi. Preceded by son: Christopher Piazzi. Also survived by grandchildren: Gail & Tony Piazzi; brothers: John & Andrew Andriechack and sister: Irene Andriechack Service: Saturday, September 2, 2006 10 AM at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne, MI. Visitation: Friday, September 1, from 2-9 PM. Officiating by Father Jack Baker with Interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland, MI. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home, Westland, MI 48186. (734) 721-8555

Kathy (Tom) Middleton of Clarkston, Greg Mann of Orion and step-mother of Darlene (Len) Andrews and Ray (Rose) Velthuysen; dear grandmother of 14 and great-grandmother of 18; Sister of Amil (Bessie) Badovinac. Martha was preceded in death by her siblings John, Mark, Vera and Peter. She was a Teachers Aid at Blanche Sims Elementary School and performed vision screening with the Oakland County Schools for the Oakland County Health Department. She also was a past member of the Lake Orion United Methodist Church for many years. Martha kept herself young with yoga, long walks and dancing until the band quit playing. Funeral services will be held at the lake Orion Chapel of Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 1, 2006 with Pastor Marge Munger officiating. The family will receive friends on Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Interment Eastlawn Cemetery Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association-Detroit Chapter. To share a reflection with the family, please visit

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Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-

core.com. Garden City High School Class of 1987

Searching for all class of '87 Alumni for a 20-year reunion. Need to find current information on alumni (name, address, phone, email, etc.). Contact GCHSClassof87reunion@comcast.net or call Sheryll (Pietryka) Catton at (734) 367-0898.

Class of 1996

A 10-year reunion 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the Livonia Holiday Inn, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Addresses needed. For information, e-mai gc96reunion@sbcglobal.net.

Garden City East Class of 1976

- Oct. 21 at Roma's of Garden City, contact Linda Fischer at (734) 591-9103 or
- sunniedai@twmi.rr.com for more information.

Garden City West Class of 1981

Garden City West Class of 1981 A 25th class reunion is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 4, at Summit on the Parkway in Canton. For more information, please e-mail: gcwestclassof1981@vahoo.com.

Grosse Pointe North

Class of 1991 Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com.

Livonia Bentley

Class of 1966 The Bentley High School Class of 1966 will host a reunion from 6 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon, 53503 W. 10 Mile. Cost is \$50 per person. Contact Bob Mundy at (248) 427-0320.

Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com.

Livonia Stevenson Class of 1986

A 20-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 14, at St. Mary's Cultural Center. Alumni can update their

address by calling (734) 261-3264 or emailing celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com.

Visit the Web site at ctrinc.divincinet.com. southeast Michigan and wintered in Naples, Fla., and cur-Township.

rently live in Plymouth John and Beverly have three children: Martin (Char) Stoops

of Waterford; Gwendolyn



Bloomfield Hills; and Brent (Debra) Stoops of Plymouth Township. They have five grandchildren and five greatgrandchildren.

A party for family and friends was planned in their honor.

NEW VOICES



Andrew Dennis Kolozsvary Michelle and Andy Kolozsvary of Plymouth announce the birth of their son, Andrew Dennis Kolozsvary, on

Grandparents include Tom and Mary Ellen Lesperance of Clinton Twp., Andy Kolozsvary

Ethan Christian Ness

announce the birth of their son, Ethan Christian Ness, on May 15 at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

Ethan joins sisters Haley, 3, and Katrina, 19 months. His grandparents are Robert

and Eleanor Mullins of Garden City and Lillian Ness of Birmingham.

Hayley Elizabeth Gerwing

Jeff and Heather Gerwing of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter, Hayley Elizabeth Gerwing, on July 5 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Hayley was 6 pounds, 15 ounces at birth and 21 inches

Grandparents are Nard and Pat Cossaboon of Bridgeton, N.J. and Ted and Carol Gerwing of North Huntingdon, Pa.



July 15.

of Macomb Twp., and Mary Kolozsvary of Traverse City.

John and Jennifer Ness

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AROUND TOWN

MADD 5K walk

Mothers Against Drunk Driving sponsors the Strides for Change 5K noncompetitive walk Saturday, Sept. 30, at Olde World Canterbury Village in Lake Orion. The ceremony begins at 9 a.m., and the walk starts at 9:20 a.m. Registration forms and more information can be found on-line at www.stridesforchange.org

Baby Walk

The 2006 MCARE Michigan Baby Walk to benefit research into Sudden Infant Death Syndrome takes place Sunday, Sept. 17, at Maybury State Park, 20145 Beck in Northville. For more information, contact event manager Carol Facca, sidsnews@comcast.net

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Fall training begins Sept. 5. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

Sally Ride festival

Join hundreds of girls in grades 5-8 for an exciting day of science and socializing at the Sally Ride Science Festival Saturday, Sept. 30 at the University of Michigan's College of Engineering in Ann Arbor. The festival features an action-packed street fair with experiments, food, music, and fun: a chance to meet and listen to former NASA astronaut Kathryn Sullivan, the first American woman to walk in space; and exciting workshops given by women ranging from veterinarians to aerospace engineers.

Parents and teachers are also encour-

COMMUNITY CALENDAR aged to attend. The Ann Arbor combined weight of over 3,800 pounds. For more information, call Science Festival will take place at the

University of Michigan on the North

Campus Diag. The day begins at 11 a.m.

with check-in and the street fair, and

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more information or to register, con-

The hospital's Bariatric Center cele-

brates its first anniversary with a

Plus-Size Clothing Sale for the com-

munity 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, in an

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St. Mary's classes

(734) 655-2692. M St. Mary Mercy offers bariatric surgery, performed laparoscopically at its Bariatric Center. To learn more about it, the hospital offers a free educational seminar 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 655-2692 to register.

Genealogical society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. Speaker Sharon Brevoort will talk about "Timelines and Chronologies: Placing Your Ancestor in Historical Context." A help session starts at 6 p.m., and the public is invited. For informátion, call Margaret, (810) 227-7745.

Flea market

The Livonia Historical Society hosts a Flea Market 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at Greenmead Historical Park and Newburgh and 8 Mile in Livonia. Food and refreshments will be available, and the village will be open for tours noon-3 p.m. For more information, call (248) 477-7375. Art/craft festival

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club

hosts its 23rd-annual Art & Craft Festival 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at the AAWCC, 1830 Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor. There will be 50 juried exhibitors from Michigan in attendance, Admission is \$3, children 12 and under are admitted free (no strollers). For information, contact Penny O'Malley, (734) 429-8137 or email pennyhomalley@aol.com **Literacy Council tutors**

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and

communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information. Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parentswho have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know

someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M. The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every

Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

Plymouth Newcomers

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents

while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or robertplusianet@aol.com

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatique

The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman **Road Baptist Church on Merriman** south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768 MOPS meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861. Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has smallgroup discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May, Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth. Canton and Westland offers a variety. of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

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201 South Main	SENIOR SERVICES		13,900.00
1160 Sheridan	SENIOR		10
	TRANSPORTATION		37,060.00
42375 Schoolcraft		R CENTER	
	IMPROVEMENTS		43,540.00
46555 PORT	ADMINISTRATION	•	<u>10.500.00</u>
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Notice is hereby given that on (Monday, September 18th 2006), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA an Extra Space Company, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

Sucry 7 housday PURE ENTERIAM MERI **CITY OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, the 5th day of September, 2006, at 7:00 o'clock, p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings at the City Commission Chamber, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan, to consider the adoption of an ordinance Develo to the Increment Financing Plan for the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Plymouth pursuant to Act 197 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1975 as amended.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit for the Year 10 (2007-08) the Universal Service Fund (USF) Proposal. Specifications and bid forms are available by phoning Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Technical questions can be directed to Jim Casteel in the PCCS Technology Department at (734) 416-2708. Sealed bids are due to the E.J. McClendon Building, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170, on or before 2:00 p.m., Monday, September 18, 2006. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school.

> Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools JUDY MARDIGIAN, Secretary

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PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE **CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN** WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2006 7:00 PM (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

PUBLIC HEARING

Ann Arbor Road PUD Amendment Parking, SP06-05 Signage and Car Rental

- 400 W. Ann Arbor Road
- Zoned: ARC, Ann Arbor Road Corridor
- Applicant: Plymouth Supercenter Inc.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator 201 S. Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170 (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

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The boundaries of the development area to which the amended Plan applies are as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the north line of Church St. & the east line of Union St; thence south along the east line of Union St. to the north line of Lot 19, Fralick's Addition; thence east along the north line of above said lot 19 to the east line of Lot 19; thence south along the east line of above said lot to the north line of Lot 11, May Subdivision; thence east along the north line of above said lot 11 to the west line of Elizabeth St.; thence south along the west line of Elizabeth St. to the south line of Lot 14, May Subdivision; thence west along the north line of George B. Shafer's Subdivision, a distance of 204.6 ft. to the east line of Lot 240, Assessor's Plat No. 9; thence south along said lot a distance of 165.00 ft. to the north line of Ann Arbor Trail; thence west along the north line of Ann Arbor Trail to the east line of Lot 710, Assessor's Plat No. 20; thence south along the east line of said lot to the north line of Lot 733, Assessor's Plat No. 20; thence west along the north line of said lot to the east line of Lot 734, Assessor's Plat No. 20; thence south along the east line of said lot to the south line of Maple Avenue; thence west along the south line of Maple Avenue to the east line of Deer St.; thence south along the east line of Deer St. to the southwest corner of Lot 763, Plymouth Plat No. 21; thence west along the south line of Lots 759 and 760, Assessors Plymouth Plat No. 21, a distance of 130.94 ft.; thence north along the west line of said Lot 759 a distance of 132.65 ft. to the south line of Wing St.; thence west along the south line of Wing St. to the west line of Lot 131, Nash's Plymouth Subdivision; thence north along the west line of said lot to the south line of Maple Avenue; thence west to the west line of Lot 285a2b1, Plymouth Plat No. 12; thence north along the west line of said lot a distance of approximately 148 ft. to the south line of Lot 285al, Plymouth Plat No. 12; thence west along the south line of said lot a distance of approximately 105 ft. to the west line of Lot 285al, Plymouth Plat No. 12; thence north along the west line of said lot a distance of approximately 82 ft. to the north line of Lot 285al, Plymouth Plat No. 12; thence east along the north line of said lot to the southwest corner of lot 288, Plymouth Plat No. 12; thence north along the west line of Lot 288 to the north line of Ann Arbor Trail; thence east along the north line of Ann Arbor Trail to the southeast corner of lot 347, Plymouth Plat No. 13; thence northerly along the west line of S. Harvey St. to the south line of Church St.; thence east along the south line of Church St. to the west line of Lot 191, Plymouth Plat No. 8; thence southeast along the west line of said lot; thence east along the south line of said lot; thence northeast along the east line of said lot to the north line of Church St.: thence southeasterly along the north line of Church St. to the point of beginning at Church and Union Streets.

Copies of the proposed Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan, maps, plats, etc. are on file at the office of the City Clerk for inspection.

At the public hearing, all interested persons desiring to address the City Commission shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Plymouth.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from the City Manager

This notice is given by order of the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Michigan.

This is a public meeting and any interested person is invited to attend. City Hall is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and is handicapped accessible.

> Linda Langmesser Clerk, City of Plymouth

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Advertisement for Blds

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Charter Township of Plymouth, Michigan, Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will accept sealed bids for the following Project:

STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE FOR DDA STREETSCAPE Details are described in the bid Drawings and Specifications.

Bids for the above Project shall be accepted no later than 3:00 PM Local Time, on September 21, 2006 at the Office of the Clerk. Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170-4673 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

General Description of Work: Maintenance on forty-eight (48) decorative street lights and four (4) illuminated street name signs, Services include as-needed repairs and replacement of poles, luminaries and lamps.

General Description of Project Area: The decorative street lights are located along Ann Arbor Road from Eckles Road to Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township. The illuminated street name signs are located at the intersection of Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township.

Copies of the bidding documents are available for pick-up only (no mail delivery) at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170-4673.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), payable to the Charter Township of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, as security for acceptance of the contract. A bid bond in the Michigan Standard Form issued by an approved surety company may be furnished in lieu of a Certified Check.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

The Township reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any and all bids in whole or in part and to waive any defect or irregularity in any bid if it is deemed in the Township's sole discretion to be in the best interest of the Township. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

REQUIREMENTS

- The Contractor shall be duly licensed by the appropriate 1. authorities to perform Work.
- Insurance shall be in accordance with the Charter Township of 2. Plymouth insurance requirements.
- 3. The Contractor must provide references for similar jobs.
- The signed contract is not assignable or transferable to any 4. other company without approval of the DDA.
- The term of the Contract is one year and may be renewed by 5. written agreement of both parties at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date.
- The Contractor will conform to all applicable Federal, State 6. and local laws.
- The contract award by the DDA must be approved by the 7. Plymouth Township Board of Trustees.

ANY INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS BID ARE TO BE DIRECTED TO:

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Mr. Thomas R. Hollis, DPW Manager Charter Township of Plymouth 9955 N. Haggerty Plymouth, MI 48170-4673

Ph: (734) 354-3270 Ext. 3

ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:

Ms. Marilyn Massengill Plymouth Township Clerk 9955 N. Haggerty Plymouth, MI 48170-4673

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One-visit dentistry

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Technology eliminates waiting time

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITES

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Sunday, September 3, 2006

Dr. Timothy Thomas realizes patients prefer to visit the dentist's chair in his Livonia office as infrequently as possible. No one wants to hear that they require a series of appointments to restore a decaying tooth with a crown. Time is a commodity in today's hectic world.

Realizing that, Thomas is among several local dentists who've invested \$100,000 in CEREC, a computer-aided design and manufacturing system that produces fillings (inlay/onlay), crowns and veneers in one 90-minute visit. No more sitting through an uncomfortable procedure as an impression is made of the tooth then waiting two-three weeks for a crown to return from the lab. While drilling and preparation time remain the same, CEREC allows dentists to deliver a lab product in the office. The cost to the patient is about the same as a similar traditional procedure since the technology saves the dentist time as well.

"My patients are very time-oriented. It's a big time-saver, cuts it almost in half," said Thomas. "We basically re-enamel the teeth with ceramic and there's no re-numbing, no second visit."

A small wireless television camera sends realtime video to a large-scale, overhead monitor and a computer screen next to the chair. Thomas then alters and edits the image until he and the patient are satisfied with the design. Hitting the mill button sends the information to a machine equipped with diamond-coated instruments that fabricate the restoration from a solid ceramic block. About 15 minutes later, the crown, filling or veneer is ready to be cemented in place.

We can even make crowns for implants," said Thomas.

NO TEMPORARY

Tara Coss was especially relieved to learn that CEREC would eliminate the need for a tempo-

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rary. In May 2006, Thomas used the technology to restore one of Coss' lower back teeth. The 25year-old Belleville resident is a dental hygienist in Thomas' office.

"The process was really easy, no impressions. Lots of times there's sensitivity with a temporary," said Coss. "I didn't have any. I had two crowns done the conventional or traditional way and I was counting the days until they were back from the lab, and the CEREC restoration feels like a real tooth. It feels natural."

Even though studies have shown lab and ceramic restorations are comparable in fit and durability, Thomas decided to do his own research after buying the technology eight months ago

"I had the lab fabricate a restoration and the machine duplicate what the lab does," said Thomas, who's been a dentist 21 years. "There have been over nine million restorations worldwide. It's a nice restoration with convenience at the same cost and we're designing our own parts. It makes us better dentists. We can see the tooth with 40-times greater magnification. It's an exciting time in dentistry."

The technology has evolved over 20 years. The CEREC method was developed at the University of Zurich in 1980 but not used to treat a patient there until 1985. In 1994, CEREC 2 began producing fillings and veneers and, by 1997, crowns. Three years later, CEREC 3 introduced the first CAD/CAM system allowing computers to design and manufacture restorations. The three-dimensional capability was introduced in 2003 with CEREC 3D. Today, Thomas uses the technology to treat nearly all of his patients that require a filling, crown or veneer.

"This is the final three-dimensional version, I

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A small wireless television camera sends real-time video to the wall monitor. Dr. Timothy Thomas demonstrates with hygienist Tara Coss, who has had work done with the new CEREC equipment.

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was waiting for the latest version," said Thomas who followed in his father Victor's footsteps to become a dentist. "The \$100,000 initial investment is probably the biggest obstacle, but re-enameling of teeth with ceramics is where dentistry is going. Is it going to eliminate the lab? Probably not right away and the lab will still be needed to produce restorations larger than the machine will allow."

GROWING TREND

Dr. Ronald Berris uses CEREC technology in about 30 to 40 percent of his patients in the West Bloomfield office he shares with Drs. Julie Goldstein and Douglas Shiffman. Although he first bought CEREC 2 about six years ago, he returned it to Sirona Dental Systems due to technological limitations and a lengthy learning curve. Six months ago, he bought CEREC 3D which allows a dentist to manipulate the design. Berris, who's been a dentist 32 years, says his father wouldn't believe the technology if he was alive and

still practicing dentistry. "We still can't give up the lab," said Berris. "The limitations are that the shade selection is limited and you're never going to get the aesthetic of layering in a lab. If you compare a CEREC crown to a crown done by a lab person, the lab is a little bit

better." So why did Berris invest in the technology?

"It saves patients from coming back for a second appointment," said Berris, "and it saves designs on computer if they break (and need to be replaced), and the restorations last a lifetime."

For more information, Thomas can be reached by calling his Livonia office at (734) 464-2664, Berris at his West Bloomfield office at (248) 661-4000. For a list of local dentists using the technology, visit www.cereconline.com.

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The new crown is milled from a small porcelain block. The blocks come in different shades to match the patient's own tooth color.

> I'm sure you'll be back on your feet in no time! Bill from Redford e-mails that he works out religiously, but sometimes finds that it interferes with his other activities. Bill, for most people bodybuilding is a healthy activity, but for others, it can become an obsession. Such people have what's called a "Dysmorphic Disorder." That means that they can become obsessed with the slightest defect in their body's appearance. The condition effects up to 2 percent of the U.S. population and can lead to a person choosing a workout over an essential activity.

Most of those affected by the condition are men. It's a disorder that is similar to anorexia but whereas anorexics think they're too fat, those with Dysmorphic Disorder see themselves as having underdeveloped muscles. You should always try to create a healthy balance in your everyday activities, but if you feel yourself going overboard, you should check with your doctor for more information regarding this possible

condition. If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, email Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV-NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

SEPTEMBER

Tai chi classes Open house the week of Sept. 4, classes start week of Sept. 11 and run 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, at the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Michigan, a nonprofit, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, east of 1-275, Livonia. Call (248) 332-1281.

Volunteers wanted

Hospice of Michigan hosts a volunteer training session starting Sept. 20 with a deadline for participants to register by Sept. 5. A team of 85 volunteers provides more than 5,000 hours a year helping hospice patients and families. To register, contact Sherry Wagenknecht at (734) 769-4212 or send e-mail to swagenkn@hom.org. **Volunteers wanted**

American Red Cross is looking for at least 3,000 volunteers to take part in a disaster readiness exercise implemented by the Red Cross, Homeland Security and other emergency management organizations Sept. 8-9. The exercise will simulate weapons of mass destruction in Southwest Detroit. The Red Cross needs volunteers to serve as evacuees, shelter residents, and persons to be decontaminated. To register, volunteers should visit the Web site at www.semredcross.org. For additional information, call Tawana Ward at (313) 494-2863.

Common pediatric conditions

6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, in classroom I of the Ellen Thompson Women's Health Center at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. Features Dr. Harvey Leo talking about asthma and how life threatening food allergies pose a significant issue for both adults and children. Dr. Scott Moore discusses ear infections and their causes and treatment options. Pediatric neurologist Dr. Brian Woodruff focuses on childhood headaches and seizures, symptoms and diagnosis, and treatment options. Pre-registration required. Visit wwwsjmercyhealth.org or call (734) 712-5800.

Mini health fair

Livonia Parkinson's Support Group is hosting a Parkinson Mini-Health Fair 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. An Ask the Doctor sessions with Dr. N. Tayfor, D.O., a neurologist, will be offered. Vendors with information about Parkinson's Disease will also be available. For information, call (734) 421-4208. **Plus-size clothing sale** St. Mary mercy Hospital's Bariatric Center

celebrates its first anniversary by hosting a Plus-size Clothing Sale 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, in an outdoor tent on the hospital's north grounds, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. There will be gently used clothing for women (sizes 14-32) and men (sizes 40-60 and up to 5XL. For more information, call (734) 655-2692.

CHADD meeting Child and Adults w

Child and Adults with Attention-Deficit 794% Disorder will be meeting Monday, Sept. 11, at the Way Elementary School on W. Long Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. There will be two meetings in separate rooms addressing parent and adult concerns. The parent meeting will have 🗟 Fran Parker, Ph.D., psychologist in Private Practice and Coordinator of EOC CHADD. presenting on Parent-to-Parent: Tips for raising AD/HD kids through the lifespan. It is an introduction to the National CHADD program to empower parents. Wilma Fellman, M.Ed., LPC, a Career Counselor in Private Practice and renown author will be speaking on Making your Career Work Better with AD/HD. Sign in is at 7 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m. All meetings are free to CHADD members, \$5 donation per non-member families. For 🔙 more information, call (248) 988-6716. 📝 🕬 Benefit performance

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The Rat Pack is Back goes smoke-free fof-a³² performance Sept. 12, at the Gem Theater and in Detroit to benefit the American Lung Association of Michigan's research, education and advocacy initiatives. The show recreates one of the famous Las Vegas performances with Frank, Sammy, Joey and Dean. Tickets are \$50, \$110 for a spear cial pre-show and VIP dinner at the Century Grille Restaurant. Call (248) 784-2030.

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Divorce support

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis, at the Women's Resource Center in Room 225 of McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Chronic care workshops

Medical Network One, an interactive health management service provider offering comprehensive disease management support for individuals living with chronic conditions, is offering a workshop series on managing chronic care. Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions is based on the Stanford Chronic Disease Self-Management Program which was developed and tested ---by Stanford University. The workshop is not disease-specific and is designed to help 3 participants build confidence in their ability to manage their health and maintain active and fulfilling lives, and deal with frustration, fatigue, depression and pain. The cost is \$30. There is an optional text book available for an additional charge. Workshops begin Sept. 13, every Wednesday for six weeks, at the Older Persons Commission, 650 Letica Drive, Rochester (248) 656-1403, and Sept. 14 every Thursday for six weeks, at Macomb Senior Center, 19925 23 Mile Road, (586) 992-2900. To register, call (248) 475-5711 or visit www.miteam.org.



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Dr. Timothy Thomas demonstrates the use of the CEREC CAD/CAM dental lab in his Livonia office. The milling machine sits behind the computer in the corner of the room.

Bed rest may hurt, not help Peter's Principles

Bonnie from Oxford recently injured her ankle and has had to stay off of her feet for days. She emails asking when she should be able to move around again. Bonnie, recent research shows that depending on your injury, too much bed time may hurt more than it helps. The research compares over 39 studies on how much bed rest is the right amount and arrives at some surprising

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conclusions. A total of 15 conditions, ranging from back problems to heart attacks, were examined. And, not one of the studies showed that extended bed rest helped improve the situation. In some cases, it even made things worse. For some injuries and illnesses, bed rest is unavoidable but many respond better to an active recovery.

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Wednesday, October 4 DATE Palace of Auburn Hills: 8:00 am-4:45 pm Joe Louis Arena: 9:00 am-5:45 pm TIME Palace of Auburn Hills or Joe Louis Arena

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Dentists find their career offers something to smile about

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Dentistry's been a good field for Dr. Joe Tseng, who has a practice in Westland.

"You're working for yourself, can set your own time," said Tseng, a Farmington Hills resident and graduate of the University of Detroit's dental school. "Nothing is life and death like the medical field."

Tseng, who did his undergraduate work at the University of Michigan, likes helping people feel and look better, and get out of their pain.

He has been practicing since 1975 after two years as a U.S. Navy dentist; Tseng got financial help for dental school from the military. His D.D.S. program was four years of study following his undergraduate studies.

"I think the opportunity is good because more older dentists are retiring," he said. A related field with good job opportunities is dental hygiene.

"They're always in demand, the hygienists," said Tseng, who noted that the University of Detroit Mercy, U-M, Ferris State and others teach dental hygiene. For dentists, Detroit Mercy and U-M are the only two dental schools in Michigan.

Canton dentist Dr. Janis Hayward has also found the profession rewarding. She graduated from U-M's dental school after earning a B.S. in dental hygiene there, and has practiced 22 years.

"It's been an excellent field for me," said Hayward, who has also balanced raising 13-yearold twins with her career. "It's harder when you're your own boss and not working for someone else."

She's been in the field long enough to see successive generations come in. The contact with people is what Hayward likes most about her profession. "I just enjoy the many friendships I've made over the years with my patients."

Hayward, an Ann Arbor resident, noted that aesthetic dentistry is expanding. "It can make a big difference in people's lives," she said. One patient, a young man, had spacing problems with his teeth. She did veneers to improve his smile, and he became more confident with his peers.

Hayward's glad she got her undergraduate degree in dental hygiene, which helped her pay for dental school and see other practices. "It was a good way to transition into being a dentist." There are more women in the

profession now, she added. Hayward also likes restoring dental implants, which restores chewing ability without reducing teeth on either side. That can be good for those with dentures, she said, "and be a wonderful life quality improvement."

The American Dental Association Web site (ada.org) has information for those interested in careers in dentistry. The ADA has delegated the Commission on Dental Accreditation the responsibility for the evaluation of advanced dental education programs and for the listing of programs that are conducted in accordance with published educational standards. Included in this listing are all accredited advanced education programs, which include dental specialties, general practice residencies and advanced education in general dentistry.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to accredit dental assisting, dental hygiene and dental laboratory technology education programs.

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Upon graduating from dental school, Rebecca Himm, joined her father, William Himm, in his Livonia practice.

education programs. The programs are evaluated in accordance with published accreditation standards.

Each accredited dental education program has its own application process and admission requirements. The American Dental Education

Association (ADEA) in Washington, D.C., has the American Association of Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS). This is the central application service for the dental schools.

This service is available to all students applying to dental

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The attractive exterior appeal, combined with an innovative interior design, makes the Delos (336-033) an outstanding choice. The floor plan distributes 3,039 square feet over a two-story layout that is quite unique. The top floor is a two-wing configuration, with the center open to the main level. One wing has two large gaulted bedrooms that share a full bathroom and loads of storage space. A railed walkway leads to the opposite wing where you have a big guest bedroom and a vaulted exercise or recreation room. A full bathroom also separates these rooms.

The center of the main level, open to above, has a vaulted entry with a sitting room and a huge family room warmed by a gas fireplace. The

kitchen and dining room are open to each other. The dining room has an optional wet bar and sliding glass doors that access a big deck. The kitchen features an island cook top, garden window, double ovens, walkin pantry, appliance center and trash compactor.

Between the kitchen and garage are a utility room and half-bath. A convenient recycling center is in the garage along with room for a freezer.

The isolated master suite is loaded with amenities. They include a walk-in closet, private patio and a bathroom with linen storage, raised tub, twin basins and skylit dressing area. Adjacent to the master suite is a combination den and home office. This goodsized room boasts built-in bookshelves, a tray ceiling and two entrances.

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Charity Event

RE/MAX Partners will hold its Fall Charity Event 6-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at the real estate office, 4000 Crooks, southeast corner of Crooks and Normandy in Royal Oak. There will be pony rides 6-8 p.m. and tethered hot air balloon rides 8-10 p.m. There will be face painting, a rock climbing wall, giant slide and petting zoo. Food will be served. Proceeds will benefit Children's Miracle Network in support of speech and language impaired children at **Beaumont Hospitals' Center** for Childhood Speech and Language Disorders. For information, call Children's Miracle Network at (248) 645-2060 or **RE/MAX** Partners at (248) 435-1100.

Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will be hosting a Career Seminar 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, at the Livonia office, 36642 Five Mile. Find out about costs, compensation, training, and prelicense requirements. RSVP: (734) 266-9000. Keller Williams will also host a Career Seminar 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, at the Plymouth office, located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. RSVP: (734) 459-4700.

Buying a home

A Free Homebuyer Class will be 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, at Fidelity National Title at Six Mile and I-275. It is put on by **Rosemary Firestone of** RE/MAX 100 and Michael

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southeast corner of Seven Mile and Napier in the western part of Northville Township. It is a 15,000-square-foot shopping center.

The neighborhood shopping center is scheduled to open in late September or early October 2006. The buildings are on the road with parking in the rear, similar to stores of the 1940s or 1950s. There is outside seating and an outside public restroom.

The center was designed to resemble the architecture of the past with brick and block and stone. The building and parking lot lighting are also from the 1940s, and the pedestrian sidewalk and seating areas will be colored and stamped concrete.

Owners are now leasing spaces. Owners are represented by Century 21 Market Place in Commerce Township, (248) 668-4900.

Builders Institute

The Oakland Builders Institute will offer:

A 16-hour seminar, How To Build Your Own Home, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 9 and 16, at the Hilton Suites Hotel, 2300 Featherstone Road, Auburn Hills. Designed for those who want to contract their own home construction as well as those who want to work with a builder, the course details each stage of construction as well as rights and responsibilities. It covers home financing, the building process, builder's terms and contracts as well as building codes, insurance requirements and more. Cost is \$220 including textbook and a book covering home building information pertinent to southeast Michigan. Pre-registration with payment by Sept. 7 to Oakland Builders Institute, (800) 940-2014.

A 16-hour seminar to help you pass the Michigan state builder's examination offered in cooperation with Henry Ford Community College, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, Sept. 12, 14, 19 and 21, at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail. Cost is \$189 for residents plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions, \$208 plus \$20 for textbook/sample questions for nonresidents. Pre-registration with payment by Sept. 8 to Henry Ford Community College, (313) 317-1500.



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By Dave Menard Avanti NewsFeatures

I have to confess that I ve never been much interested in owning a convertible. I ve always hated the ragtop look; even when the tops down it has to go somewhere, and the solutions never been very attractive.

A few manufacturers have offered removable hardtops; these have generally been awkward to deal with, and if you find yourself in a sudden rainstorm, getting that top back out and on the car was a real pain. So while I love driving with the top down, the WAF (Wife Acceptance Factor) has never been high enough to allow me to do so. The 2006 Volvo C70 T5 convertible could change all that.

That's right -- I wrote Volvo and convertible in the same sentence. I m also going to write Volvo and cool in a sentence, and when s the last time you could see that? The Volvo C70 T5 is a two-door that uses a power retractable hardtop to change from an attractive coupe to a cool convertible at the touch (and hold) of a button. It s easy. No latches to unlock, no pieces to move around, it s a simple as stepping on the brake and pushing a button. In seconds, the roof disappears into the trunk, and an attractive cover closes over it. If you come up to s sudden rainstorm, pull over and reverse the process. A message comes up on the dash to tell you simple process that should increase the WAF tremendously.

With the roof closed, the C70 is a nice-looking wheels.

Inside, the cabin is simple, yet attractive. The instrument panel is well-laid out, with the tachometer, coolant temperature gauge and fuel gauge all easy to read. There's a Driver Information Center in the middle of the instrument panel.

The standard power leather seats are comfortable and are easily adjusted. The brake pedal is located a little too close to the accelerator for me, but this is a minor



2006 Volvo C70 T5 Vehicle class: Subcompact car. Power: 5-cylinder engine. Mileage: 21 city / 29 highway. Where built: Uddevalla, Sweden. Base price: \$38,710 Price as tested: \$44,075

quibble. The center console provides storage, and the thin center stalk found on other Volvos is also found here; there s a storage tray behind the stalk that contains the audio and climate control system controls.

Volvo says the C70 T5 is made to seat four adults. Take that with a grain of salt.

With the drivers seat in the position I like, there isn t much leg room for whoever would sit behind me. Getting in and out of the rear seating area, while not the breeze Volvo would have you believe, is certainly not excruciating. There is a power switch on top of the seats and a handle to pull to make adjusting the seats for entry and exit a little easier. The rear seats are comfortable but if you really need to use the rear seats for people on a regular basis, this might not be the car for you.

The C70 T5 comes with automatic climate control, power windows and locks, cruise control, rear window defroster, and trip computer. The standard audio system is a 160-watt AM/FM/six-disc CD system with eight speakers. You can upgrade to a system that will give you a whopping 910-watt amplifier, a subwoofer and 14 speakers with Dolby Pro-Logic II Surround sound. It s a \$1550 package, but if you can afford it, you ll love it. The bass just rolls through your body and with the equalizer you can get crisp highs, too. No direct connection for mp3 players, though. An integrated garage door opener, headlamp washers, and a navigation system are the major options available.

The standard powerplant on the C70 T5 is a fivecylinder, 2.5-liter DOHC exhaust-driven, turbocharged engine. It s rated at 218 horsepower and 236 lb.-ft. of torque. While not blazing fast, there s plenty of power for merging. The manifold and turbo unit are cast together in high-alloy cast steel, which is extremely resistant to

heat (emission temperatures are permitted to reach 1,922iF), the need for cooling using gasoline has been minimized. The engine can therefore run on a leaner mix with lower fuel consumption and reduced emissions. It's EPA rated at 21/29 mpg.

This engine is mated with your choice of a standard six-speed manual or the optional five-speed automatic transmission. The automatic shifts smoothly and effortlessly, and has auto-stick which allows you to control the shift points, if you choose.

The C70 handles very well, quick and responsive. The front suspension is a MacPherson strut system with coil-over springs and stabilizer bar. In the rear, it s a multi-link independent system with coil springs and stabilizer bar. Power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering is standard, as are anti-lock brakes. The ride is quite on the open road while providing good feedback when its needed. The wheels respond quickly to the steering wheel and its fairly easy to park and maneuver. Dynamic Stability Control and traction control are standard.

Safety has always been a Volvo trademark, and the C70 T5 has a lot of safety features. A door-mounted side-impact rollover inflatable curtain is standard, as are dual-stage front airbags, side-impact airbags, whiplash protection system, and roll-over protection system.

The 2006 Volvo C70 T5 starts at \$38,710. Add the upgraded audio, the automatic transmission, and the integrated garage door opener package, and you re at about \$42,900. And that s for a cool Volvo convertible.

Be honest -you never expect to ever see that sentence, did you?

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