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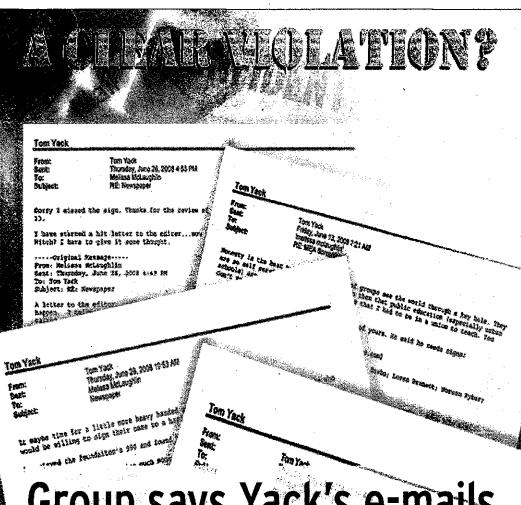
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Group says Yack's e-mails violate campaign laws

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After paying nearly \$400 for a stack of the township supervisor's e-mails, members of a local group say they are convinced Tom Yack used his township account inappropriately leading up to August's primary election.

'We were surprised to the extent that the e-mails went," said Watchdog Canton member Pat Lukasck, who says the group collected donations to purchase the 172 e-mails identified by Yack after the group filed a Freedom of Information Act request to get all of the supervisor's e-



running for office, mentioned the 2008 elections, the League of Women Voters and the Canton Community Foundation, as well as his correspondences with the Canton Observer.

"He discussed doing a 'hit piece' on (Canton treasurer candidate) Joan Noricks. It's terrible. I think he forgets he is an elected official," she said.

Yack, who spent six hours going through his e-mail March to August that files to fulfill the FOIA request, said his township were sent account is "open to anyone" to any canand that he doesn't believe didate on the ballot. his actions amounted to a discussed violation.

"If I'm convinced that (the state) views this as a violation, I will be the first to say that we need to work on a policy for all staff," he said. "If I did the wrong thing, I would apologize for that."

At the heart of Watchdog Canton's contention with the retiring supervisor is his support of Melissa McLaughlin's bid for trea-

Please see YACK, A9

Anchorman

Canton teen on the scene when news breaks

BY JULIE BROWN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rodney Harris, 16, defies the trend of teens being uninterested in news.

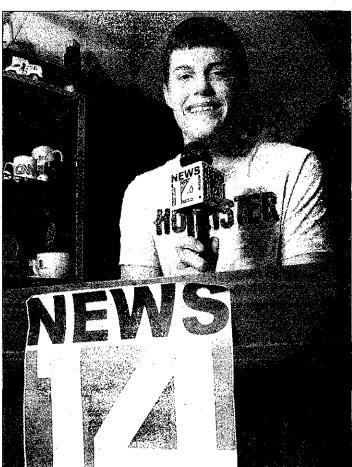
"I like knowing what is going on in the world," the Canton High School junior said. He has a news studio in his Canton home basement and broadcasts on his Web site, www.thenews14zone.com.

Harris, son of Rod and Sue, has been interested in news since preschool days. He's done the broadcasts for the past couple of years, covering local and national news, along with weather, sports and area gas prices. "I also cover breaking news on my Web site," Harris said, showing the Westland Rotary a clip of his broadcast about Sarah Palin on the GOP ticket story. He offers clips from John McCain, Palin, Barack Obama and Joe Biden, but emphasized his role as an objective newsman in not telling Rotarians which presidential candidate he'd vote for.

Harris has met CBS News' Katie Couric, after the network did a story on him and his news coverage. He enjoyed a tour of the CBS New York studio, and has also shadowed other television journalists. Harris has been featured as well on ABC World News Now and locally on Fox 2 Detroit.

At school, he's Web director and assistant news director for student radio station WSDP-FM. Harris is politically active as well, working on Steve Johnson's campaign for Wayne County commissioner.

He has done broadcasts from



Sixteen-year-old Rodney Harris, whose goal is to be a network news anchor some day, has a small studio in his basement where he records a news Webcast.

up north, where his family has a second home. He'd like to attend Central Michigan University, which has a good journalism program, or possibly Michigan State Universit Harris hopes to begin his career up north "and then work my

way down to Detroit." He's not interested in being a foreign correspondent. Harris, a former Observer teen journalist, gets help from cousin Amanda Sweet, his co-anchor, and other family members with his news

operation. Each newscast takes about an hour and a half to two hours, and Harris must juggle school and part-time work at the

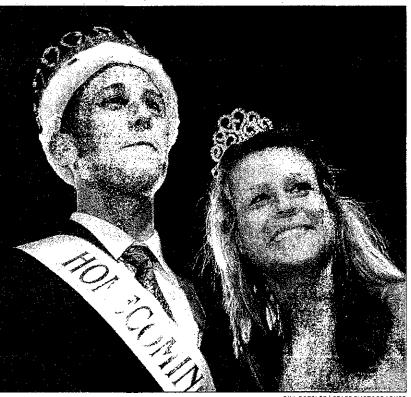
family's Sunoco station located at Newburgh and Cherry Hill in Westland.

"He was always inquisitive and wanted to know everything," Rod Harris says of his son. "He would just search for knowledge. We're pretty proud of him.'

Westland Rotarians were impressed during the teen's Sept. 25 visit to lunch at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army. "I'm excited to hear from him," said club member Margaret Harlow of Wayne, an owner of Harlow Tire in Westland. "We are going to see him within the next eight to 10 years as a news anchor."

Wildcat Royalty

Seniors TJ Madigan and Jill Brennan are Plymouth High School 2008 homecoming king and queen. The pair were crowned during halftime festivities at the P-CEP stadium where the Wildcats played the John Glenn Rockets. For results of the game, see the Observer sports section. The week's homecoming events continued Saturday night with the Plymouth High School homecoming dance.



'Rudy' actor in Canton to stump for Obama

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

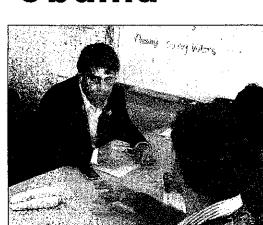
Actor Sean Astin touched down in Canton on Wednesday to drum up support for presidential candidate Barack Obama.

Astin, the star of the 1993 film, Rudy, was at Obama's Canton Campaign for Change office at 42011 Ford Road.

Upon his arrival, the Lord of the Rings actor spoke with campaign volunteers and then began making phone calls to area homeown-

"I'm a lifelong Democrat and I'm inspired by Obama," said Astin, who previously stumped for Sen. Hillary Clinton. "As soon as he clinched the vote, I began supporting him and I have extraordinary confidence in his ability

Astin, who had roles in The Goonies, Bulworth, Courage Under Fire and White Water Summer, has been filming a movie in



Actor Sean Astin talks to Barack Obama campaign workers Thursday before he began making calls in support of the presidential candidate.

Dearborn and says he was invited to do some local campaigning after attending Obama's rally in downtown Detroit Sunday.

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Girls night out

Young ladies between 6-12 years of age are invited to attend a "Girls Night Out" at 6-9:30 p.m. on Friday, October 10 at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. "Girls Night Out" participants will get a chance to relax, eat, laugh, as well as play fun interactive games, and swim at the Aquatic Center. Dinner, fun party snacks, and plenty of girly things will also be included in the evening's activities. Register for \$15 for members, \$17 for residents and

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The Wayne County Community College District is hosting a Plan Your Future @ College Night, 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20, at its Western Campus, 9555 Haggerty, Belleville. College Night provides an opportunity for students, their parents, family and friends to explore the

educational opportunities that are available at more than 30 colleges and universities. This event is open to the public at no cost. For more information, call (734) 697-5181.

'Stories from the Shadows'

Canton Leisure Services will host an evening of "Stories From the Shadows" on Sunday, Oct. 12 from 4-7 p.m. at Canton's Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail, located at Morton Taylor and Michigan Avenue. Storytellers will do their best to assure ageappropriate entertainment throughout the evening. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Parents are strongly discouraged in bringing children under 4 years of age to this scary event. Be sure to dress weather appropriately, wear comfortable shoes and make sure you're sitting next to someone braver than you.

Registration is required to attend this event where participants will hear about mysterious noises, haunted places, and unexplained events. Canton residents can currently register for just \$8 per participant. Non-residents can register starting Oct. 8 for just \$10. Space is limited. Sign up today online at leisure.cantonmi.org. In the event of inclement weather, call (734) 394-5460 for information regarding program cancellation. For more information about "Stories From the Shadows" and other Fall Canton Leisure Services events, call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.cantonmi.org.

Canton Newcomers

The Canton Newcomers monthly meeting scheduled for 7:15 p.m., Nov. 5 will welcome Jeannette Williams from the Canton Summit Aquatic and CPR Center, who will be

speaking on how we can best handle emergency situations at home (someone falling or fainting, general cuts, and other home disasters) and the best remedies for these situations. Demonstrations will be done with club volunteers.

In addition, Showroom of Elegance will be holding a "Gold Party." Bring your unwanted jewelry to be paid in cash for your items. This event also supports our club's fund-raising goals. The group welcomes new members and visitors, including residents who have lived in Canton a few months to more than 50 years.

The meeting will take place at the Sunflower Subdivision Clubhouse at 45800 Hanford Road, Canton. For more information, visit the group's Web site at www.cantonnewcomers.org for more information or call Melanie at (734) 660-2328.



Village Coney Island opens

The new Village Coney Island celebrated its grand opening on Wednesday, Sept. 24 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Cutting the ribbon is Village Coney Island owner Bechara Barghout, flanked by employees, family members and ambassador representatives of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. The restaurant, which is currently hiring, is located at 47182 Michigan Avenue in the Crossroads Village Plaza (at Beck Road). For more information, call (734) 495-3269 or visit www.villageconeyisland.com.

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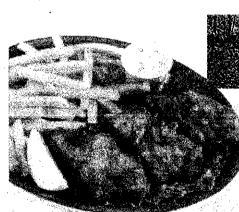
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Isabelle Jemdritz is 100 years old. The Scotland native still enjoys dancing and "a wee dram" every now and then.

Dancing, laughing are the secrets of longevity for Scotland native

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Isabelle Jendritz has the secret to living a long life: the

Highland Fling. The great-grandmother turned 100 years old Saturday and credits the Scottish dance to her longevity.

"The Highland Fling! Oh yes," she says, clasping her hands together.

To celebrate her century of living, Jendritz's daughter,

Beverly Udvardy, hosted a party for the feisty grandmother of nine at her Canton home. More than 60 people, including family members from Scotland, attended the gathering.

One of 13 siblings, Jendritz was born in Scotland and moved to Michigan at age 18.

She married Alex Jendritz and the couple had three children, Udvardy, Donald Jendritz and Kenneth Jendritz, Alex Jendritz died 10 years ago; the two had been married

"I feel really good," Jendritz smiled. "I love to dance and I have two beautiful boys and one beautiful daughter. I'm proud of my children.'

Udvardy said her mother is in very good health and doesn't take any medications.

"She laughs, she dances and she has no medication," she said. "That's her secret."

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Police looking for tips in attempted armed robbery

Canton Police are trying to identify a man that entered the Family Dollar store at 39409 Joy Road Wednesday evening and attempted to rob the clerk.

The man approached the clerk pretending to buy a bottle of drain cleaner and pulled out a handgun.

He then demanded that the clerk open the cash register but was soon startled by a customer in the store and fled the scene on foot with the drain cleaner.

No money was taken from the store and no one was injured during the incident.

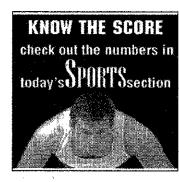
Township police have an instore video of the attempted robbery and are asking that anyone who recognizes the man contact them at (734) 394-5400.



Canton police are seeking the identity of this man in connection to a robbery Wednesday evening at the Family Dollar store on Joy Road.











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Teachers offer extension with class size cuts today's SPORTS section

BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, October 5, 2008

Wayne-Westland school officials had until 7 p.m. Friday to let its teachers union know if it would agree to a one-year extension of the contract with one change: a reduction in class sizes at all levels.

The Wayne-Westland **Education Association made** the proposal Thursday evening, giving the district's negotiators 24 hours to respond.

"Class size is such an important issue — for the sake of our students, we can't drag this on any longer," said Nancy

Strachan, WWEA president. "This offer is a great opportunity for the district to do what's right for students and their education. It's also a critical issue for the community. The administration has all the information they need — now it's time to make a decision."

The contract expired Aug. 25. The proposal, if agreed to by both sides, would extend the contract through August 2009 and reduce class sizes by nine

The district indicated that it would need seven days to respond to the proposal. The union, however, views the

request "as another stalling tactic."

"They did give us a partial proposal but because it is so far-reaching through this district, it will take some time to analyze and price out and determine how much disruption there will be in the schools and the community," Superintendent Greg Baracy

Baracy compared the work needed to determine the cost of the proposal to the two years it took to develop a redistricting plan 14 years ago.

"It's an impossible task for anybody to do in that amount of time," he said.

The contract talks have become contentious with the union filing several unfair labor practice charges and a lawsuit claiming the school board has violated the Open Meetings Act by not moving its meeting to a larger venue to accommodate larger attendance. The union had maintained that previous school board meetings have been held in rooms with limited capacity and limited notice, effectively minimizing public input of

board deliberations. The two sides reached an out-of-court settlement in the lawsuit, with the school board agreeing to post notices of special meetings on the district's Web site and move its meetings to the Stockmeyer Auditorium at Wayne Memorial High School to accommodate a larger audience.

"We see this decision to allow more members of the public to be part of these important meetings as some progress," said Strachan. "We're hopeful the board will be as cooperative when it comes to our latest bargaining proposal."

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ON THE AGENDA

Canton Planning Commission

The Planning Commission will meet at 7 p.m., Oct. 6 on the first floor of Canton's Administration Building. Items on the agenda include:

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Indian Motorcycle of Detroit: Consider special land use for outdoor display of vehicles. Property is located south of Michigan Avenue between Lilley and Haggerty Roads.
- Vinnie's Hamburger Stand: Consider special land use and site plan

approval for a drive-thru restaurant. Property is located south of Michigan Avenue, east of Beck Road.

NEW BUSINESS

- Sysco Food Services addition: Refer review of site plan to staff. Property is located north of Van Born between Haggerty and Lilley Roads.
- Willow Creek PUD Amend #4 (Hrc Manor Care): Refer review of site plan and PUD amendment to staff. Property is located on the southwest corner of Warren and Lilley Roads.
 - Michigan Avenue Marketplace/

meijer East: Refer review of final PDD and site plan to staff. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue between Sheldon and Lilley Roads.

■ Beaumont Medical Center: Refer review of site plan to staff. Property is located east of Haggerty Road, north of Michigan Avenue.

SET PUBLIC HEARING

■ Universal Academy: Set public hearing date for Oct. 20 to consider special land use request for a K-12 Public Charter School. Property is located south of Ford Road between Ridge and Beck Roads.

Canton Board of Trustees

The Board will hold a study session at 7 p.m., Oct. 7 at the Canton Administrative Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Agenda items include:

- Resolution in Recognition of Redline Youth Performance Ensemble as a Nonprofit Organization.
- Traffic Operations & Safety Study Results for Ford /Beck Intersection.
- 2008 Hazardous Waste Day
- SEMCOG 2035 Population Report.



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Canton Observer earns accolades in press contest

The Canton Observer staff earned several awards for journalistic excellence in the Michigan Press Association's annual Better Newspaper

In results that were announced last week, Canton Observer Editor Kurt Kuban earned a first place for editorial writing, and Sports Editor Ed Wright earned first place for both sports coverage and sports columnist. Their awards were among the 45 total awards earned by the Observer & Eccentric, Mirror and Hometown Weeklies earned in the contest.

Kuban was recognized for his editorials, including several that revolved around the controversy



Kuban

reporting and follow-up for a situation of significant community concern. Recognition of emerging seg-

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judges wrote:

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ment of community. Judges also lauded Wright for

his sports coverage. "In a field of highly competitive sports sections, Ed Wright's writing skill wins the day. His consistently engaging style, depth and creativity are matched by solid reporting. Other papers



Wright

sports sections in this division, the Plymouth-Canton Observer is the sports section

but if our judges

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we'd want every week," the judges Wright's sports columns also

struck a chord with MPA judges. "Mr. Wright employs some very creative techniques in his story telling. It's clear he gives great thought, not only to the subject he's presenting, but also to how it is presented. A pleasure to read," may have slightly better design or they wrote.

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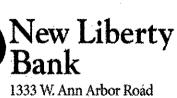
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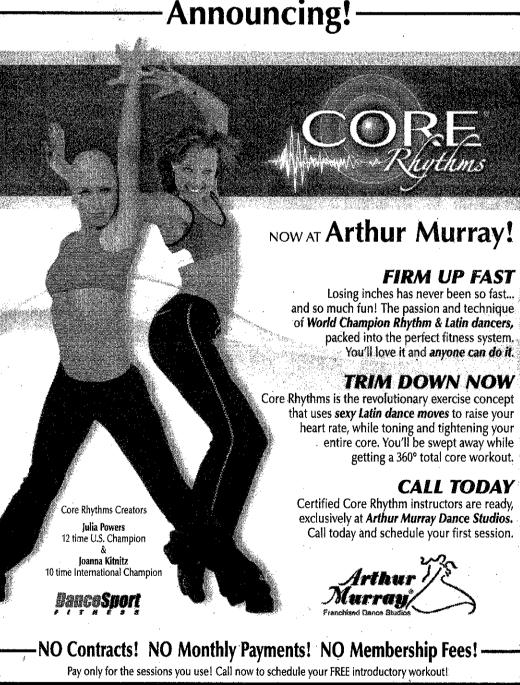
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Friends of Rouge looking for bug hunters

Volunteers are needed for Friends of the Rouge's annual Fall Bug Hunt 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18 at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center.. This is a great opportunity to get outside, learn about your local stream and have a good time.

Volunteers need no experience but must pre-register before Oct. 10. Children five and above are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult. On Bug Hunt Day, volunteers meet at a central location (Schoolcraft College) where they are assigned to a team. Each team carpools to two sites where they sample under the direction of a trained team leader. Volunteers take on the job of "picking" anything moving from sample trays brought up from the river.

Each team hopes to find lots of mayflies, stoneflies and caddisflies at their site because the presence of many of these sensitive insects tells them that the stream is in good shape.

The Hunt is part of a long term monitoring program designed to track the health of Rouge streams. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality uses the data to screen for problems and Rouge communities use it to track the health of their streams. The Fall Bug Hunt is funded by the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project.

Interested volunteers can register by calling 313-792-9621 or e-mailing monitoring@therouge.org before October 10. Volunteers are instructed to dress for the weather because they go out rain, snow or shine.

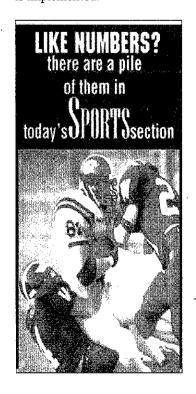
Feds make money available to deal with foreclosed property

Under the Housing Recovery Act 2008, Wayne County will receive \$25.9 million in congressional allocated funds to help deal with vacant, abandoned and foreclosed properties in the county.

The federal government dispersed \$3.92 billion around the country to help governments deal with areas hardest hit by foreclosure and abandoned properties. County Executive Robert Ficano will present a plan to the commission that will focus on reversing the negative impacts created by the country's housing financing crisis.

"Thanks to a team effort, Wayne County will be able to put a plan in place to tackle these serious issues in our municipalities due to the downturn in our economy," said Ficano. "We will be able to buy properties, refurbish them and put them back into productive use or demolish the ones that are abandoned and unsafe. This is a great tool to rid our communities of blight and revive many communities."

The plan also needs approval from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) before it is implemented.



Ficano leads 4th trade mission to China

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano will lead a 2008 trade delegation to four cities in China Nov. 7-16. The delegation is scheduled to tour the following four cities: Wuxi/ Wuji, Chongqing, Changchun and Beijing with an option to visit Chengdu.

Each city is a leader in automotive manufacturing and economic centers for their respective regions. The delegation will visit government officials

and numerous companies and conduct seminars that include one-on-one meetings to help Michigan businesses establish contacts in China.

A highlight of the trade mission will include participation in China's International Auto Parts Expo (www.iapechina. com) where the Wayne County delegation will present a highly anticipated seminar to promote awareness for our region and local companies.

The Detroit Regional Chamber, Detroit Chinese Business Association, United States Department of Commerce, Warner Norcross

& Judd, Comerica Bank, Butzel Long, Miller Canfield, Clayton and McKervy and others are supporting the trade mission to make sure that it is successful for all participants.

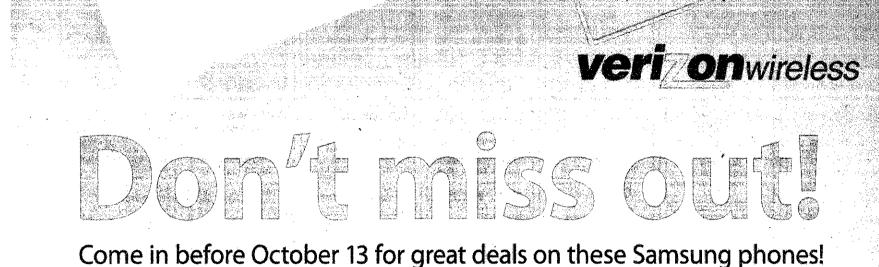
The goal of the trade mission is to match delegates with potential business partners,

automotive OEMs and suppliers, environmental technology engineering and equipment suppliers, real estate companies, travel and tourism services, logistics companies, financial institutions, schools, universities and technical colleges, service firms, trading companies and local govern-

"This is our fourth trade mission. To date we have had over one hundred delegates travel

with us with many positive outcomes reported. The interest in our trade mission continues to grow with those interested in learning how to do business with and in China or expanding business operations," said county executive Ficano.

We strongly believe that there are tremendous opportunities for businesses in our area in this global marketplace.







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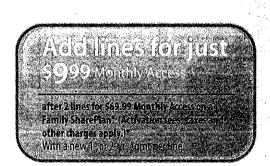
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CROP walk aims to stamp out hunger

BY JULIE BROWN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Worshipers from throughout the Plymouth-Canton community will again come together Sunday, Oct. 12, for the annual CROP Walk, the anti-hunger fund-raising event which has been held locally for more than 20 years.

"The last couple years have been a little light," said Bill Brave, a Plymouth resident and event chair with Barbara Fichtenberg of Canton. Brave is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church of Plymouth, Fichtenberg of Geneva Presbyterian Church of Canton.

The event, also held in other communities, supports Church World Service; organizers have designated 25 percent of the proceeds for the Plymouth Salvation Army, which serves Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

Participants can designate specific charities, such as the Catholic Relief Fund, Brave said.

This year's goal is 100 walkers and \$10,000 raised. Last year, there were about 50 walkers who raised nearly \$4,000.

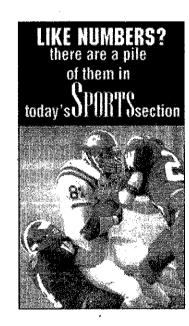
Registration will be 1:30 p.m., the walk 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, with walkers starting and ending at St. John's Episcopal on Sheldon. There are both two-mile and fourmile routes looping through downtown Plymouth.

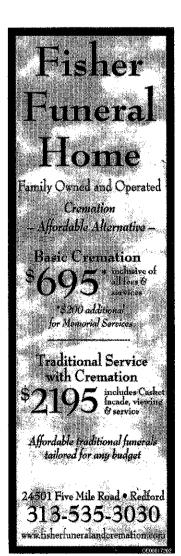
Walkers will be helped at midpoints by the Salvation Army canteen with water and snacks.

The event's been held the past several years in Plymouth. although Canton has also hosted it. St. John's Episcopal, Geneva Presbyterian and Praise Baptist Church of Plymouth have signed on. First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth members have indicated interest in rejoining, Brave said. Churches wishing to send representatives can call Brave at (734) 414-9867.

"We're trying to attract more young people," said Brave, a stay at home dad with kids ages 7 and 10. He, his wife and children enjoy the CROP Walk.

"We've all been walking since they were bables. It's a DOO: family event," he said. "The





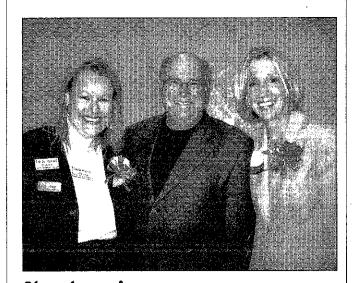
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Walking helps participants realize their relative prosperity: "It's for a good cause." You're representing what a lot of people in the world have to go through in obtaining fresh water."

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"It's a fun family event," organizer Brave said. "It's a fun event for people to try to make a difference."

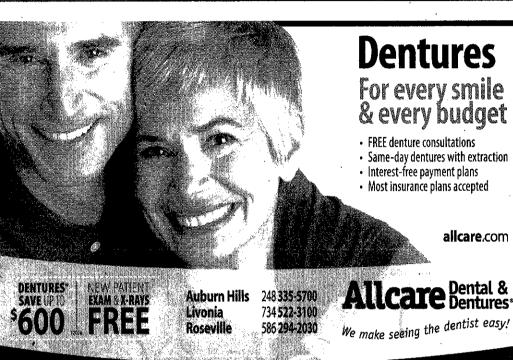
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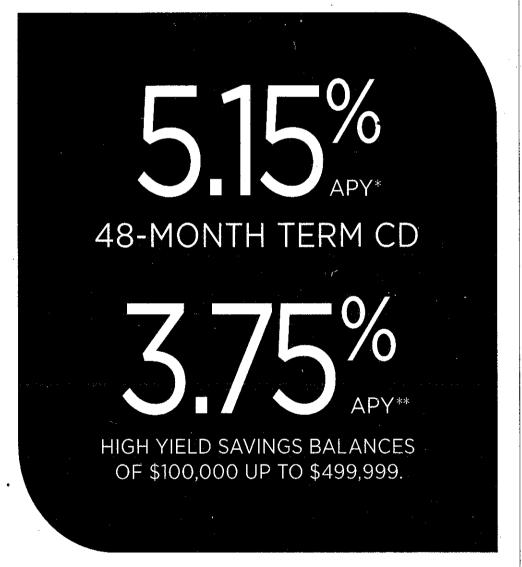
Chamber winners

The Canton Chamber of Commerce gave out it annual business awards on Wednesday. Linda Stansell of Holiday Inn Express (left) was named Ambassador of the Year; Tom Yack, Canton Township Supervisor, was awarded the 2008 Canton Chamber Excellence Award; and Karyl Niemi, of Canton Creative Marketing, was named Canton Business Person of the Year. Both Stansell and Niemi serve on the Canton Chamber Board of Directors. Yack is retiring after serving as the township's supervisor since 1988.





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Rick Bloom

fewer young people. Does **Money Matters** it really take

most people a lifetime to learn that they need to be careful with their money?

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Thanks for coming to the seminar. It's always exciting to see young faces in the audience. I, too, question why more young people don't take an active interest in understanding how

money works. What has happened in the financial markets the last few weeks should be a motivator for people to recognize the importance of being able to take care of one's money in our

society. After all, if we get into financial trouble there's no one to bail us out. For kids who are still in school, there's no doubt that the financial world will play a key part in their lives and thus the sooner they learn about finances the better it will be for

Being involved with money is more than being involved with your investments. It is understanding how money and finances work so you can make good decisions. We all make more decisions today regarding money than we have ever done in the past.

For example, it wasn't that long ago when we only had one phone company and one carrier for long distance. Fast forward to today, and the decision as to phone service is a lot more complex.

Teaching kids to have the methodology to make the right financial decisions is a skill. I encourage all parents to make sure their child gets a step up in life by teaching them the importance of making sound financial decisions.

Dear Rick: I read your column on a Roth IRA. Do I have to complete the conversion before the end of the year?

Roth conversions must be completed before the end of the year, however, you do not have to convert your entire IRA in one year. You can spread it out over multiple years. The advantage of distributing the conversion over multiple years is that you can spread out the tax consequences over multiple years as well.

It is an excellent time (down market) to convert traditional IRAs into Roth IRAs. By doing the conversion now (for the same dollar) you can convert more shares than you could have just a few months ago. If you were thinking about doing a Roth conversion, now is the time to be proactive and do it. Dear Rick: I know you don't

like to margin accounts but with the market so low don't you think now is the time? No. I'm not in favor of

margining accounts whether the market is good, bad or anything in between.

Margining is where you

use your portfolio to borrow money to invest. Your portfolio is the collateral to secure the outstanding debt. I believe borrowing money to invest is a bad strategy.

If the value of your portfolio declines, you could be forced to come up with additional collateral or you will have to begin to sell to repay the loan. The worst time to sell is when the market is low. In fact, in most of margin agreements, the brokerage house does not have to give you the option to increase your collateral or choose what you sell, it can do so

automatically. In a volatile market, you could lose control of your portfolio. I don't recommend margining accounts no matter what the conditions.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.





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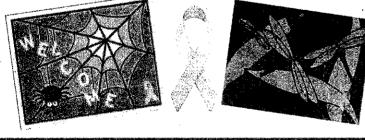


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surer. The longtime township trustee defeated Noricks in the Republican primary and will not face a Democratic opponent in the general election.

In an e-mail sent to supervisor candidate Phil LaJoy on May 29, Yack encouraged the state representative to back McLaughlin, saying that Noricks would give him "nothing but trouble.

In any case, I think it would be in your best interests to do whatever you can to assist Melissa," Yack wrote. "Sign locations, volunteers, lit drops, donor identification and so on. Melissa would be a tremendous asset to your team. Give it some thought and let's talk about it."

In many of the messages, Yack had exchanges with McLaughlin ranging from him offering advice on her yard signs and campaign literature, her opening statement at the League of Women Voters candidate forum, fund-raisers and things they were hearing about Noricks on the campaign trail.

In a June 26 message to McLaughlin, Yack wrote: "It (may be) time for a little more heavy handed approach with Joan. Do you have someone who would be willing to sign their name to a hard hitting letter?"

Yack says he took a keen interest in the treasurer's race after Noricks raised concern over Yack and McLaughlin accepting campaign contributions from developers that come before the board.

"Did it get my hair up? Yes, big time," he said. "She had a choice and she chose to treat Melissa as an incumbent treasurer and she made accusations."

McLaughlin had not returned a call to comment for this story as of press time.

'COMPLAINT SHOULD BE FILED' Noricks declined to com-

ment on Yack's e-mails, except to say "nothing surprises me anymore."

Watchdog Canton members, who sent copies of the e-mails to the Observer, also passed them along to Rich Robinson, executive director of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, a Lansing-based

nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that boasts of "following the money in Michigan politics."

"I think a complaint can and should be filed," Robinson said. "I haven't yet read through all of them but the ones I have read show a clear violation of the Campaign Finance Act and a clear pattern of using the township's resources for political purposes. It's unfathomable that this is not a violation."

Watchdog Canton has said it intends to file a complaint against Yack with the Secretary of State.

"If someone else doesn't do it, I'll do it myself," said Robinson, who likened Yack's use of his township account to a minister making a political endorsement from the pulpit.

Secretary of State spokeswoman Kelly Chesney said her office hadn't reviewed the messages and said it would be "inappropriate" to offer a comment on the matter. Chesney also didn't say whether e-mail correspondence through a government account is directly prohibited under Section 57 of

the Finance Act, which states: "A public body or an individual acting for a public body shall not use or authorize the use of funds, personnel, office space,

computer hardware or software, property, stationery, postage, vehicles, equipment, supplies, or other public

resources to make a contribution or expenditure or provide volunteer personal services that are excluded from the definition of contribution under section 4(3)(a)."

The Act does not apply to "an elected or appointed public official or an employee of a public body who, when not acting for a public body but is on his or her own personal time, is expressing his or her own personal views, is expending his or her own personal funds, or is providing his or her own

Sent: Thu 7/17/2008 10:25 AM To: 'Kuban, Nurt' Subject: League of Women's Voters

I don't know if you share my perspective that the questions asked last night designed to put Welissa on the defensive...campaign contributions, diversity, right to life, etc.

I would go so far as to suggest that Joan knew some of the questions before hand. In fact, two of the questions I submitted were butcher by Joan (no advanced knowledge of the

Call me a conspiracy mut, but one can deay that the screener is a Norrick's support....she should not served as screener

---- Original Message ----From: Tom Yack <tom.yack@canton-mi.org> To: melissa mclaughlin <melsplacel@yahoo.com> Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 7:55:08 AM Subject: RS: LWV opening remarks

Questions I am going to ask;

What involvement have you had in the Republican Party over the last ten years?

What changes would you make in the Treasurer's office?

What changes would you like to see made to Act 312?

The top e-mail here is on Yack sent to Observer Editor Kurt Kuban on July 17 about his concerns that Joan Noricks was provided with questions in

What do you believe are your qualifications for the role of Treasurer/legislator?

advance of a candidates forum hosted by the League of Womens Voters. The e-mail at bottom is one he sent to McLaughlin a day earlier in which he tells her the questions he will submit at the forum. In other e-mails he critiqued her answers.

Tom Yack

From: Sent: Subject:

Thursday, June 26, 2008 4:53 PM

Sorry I missed the sign. Thanks for the review of the letter... Mave no idea where I got

I have started a hit letter to the editor ... now must find someone to send it ... maybe Mitch? I have to give it some thought.

-----Oricinal Message----Prom: Melissa McLaughlin Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2008 4:49 PM To: Toe Yack

A letter to the editor, and use in a direct smil piece would be what I think should happen. I talked with Sharron Frice today (ships - he doesn't want it out there he's talked with mail and he thirts that I should do some hard hitting pieces as he believes

> personal volunteer services." The majority of Yack's emails were sent during regular

business hours.

A 'LIBERAL INTERPRETATION' Yack, who says he was a

cheerleader for McLaughlin throughout her campaign, said Robinson has a "liberal interpretation" of the Finance Act.

"I have lived here 37 years and I have a huge stake in the community," he said. "Endorsements are nothing new to politics, but if (they) think my endorsement was a tipping scale, they are selling Melissa very short."

And while he doesn't believe his actions constitute a violation of the Finance Act, Yack answered "probably not" when asked if he would send the messages again.

"I still think the right person won (but) I don't want to leave on a note contrary to how I've tried to operate over the last 20 years," he said.

Yack is expected to retire

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Identities of 'Watchdog' group are fuzzy

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As Watchdog Canton's efforts grow against Township Supervisor Tom Yack, so does the interest in their identities.

The group, which is said to be informal and has about six members who communicate via e-mail, filed a Freedom of Information Act request to obtain Yack's e-mails from March to August centering around the treasurer's race between Joan Noricks and Melissa McLaughlin, who won the election in a landslide.

One member of Watchdog Canton is Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, the Canton resident who spearheaded a petition drive in December in an unsuccessful attempt to get the township board to repeal the raises for elected officials.

The FOIA request for Yack's e-mails was filed by "P. Lukasik" but Pat Lukasck has said that spelling is wrong.

Lukasck, who backed Noricks in the race and believes Yack used his e-mail account inappropriately to support McLaughlin, says that she has lived in Canton more than a dozen years, but admits asking township officials to send a breakdown of the FOIA's costs to an address in New Boston. That property is believed to be the home of a Patricia L. Pondell.

When asked about the questions surrounding her identity, Lukasck said she gave township officials the address in New Boston because she doesn't trust Yack.

"He doesn't need to know who I am," she said. "It doesn't matter."

While Yack said anyone is free to file a FOIA in the township, he doesn't believe that Lukasck is being truthful about her name and residency.

"I don't believe that she's a Canton resident because all of the information has led me to believe otherwise," he said, adding that because of the situation "her comments and opinions are irrelevant to me." "If she lives in New Boston why shouldn't Canton taxpayers know that someone who has raised questions doesn't live in the community? She has no standing."

Lukasck said Yack should resign from office and that her group encourages Noricks to become a write-in candidate for treasurer in the general election.

Noricks, who says she doesn't have any involvement with Watchdog Canton, said she is not interested in a write-in candidacy.

"I am not seeking that," she

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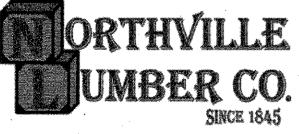
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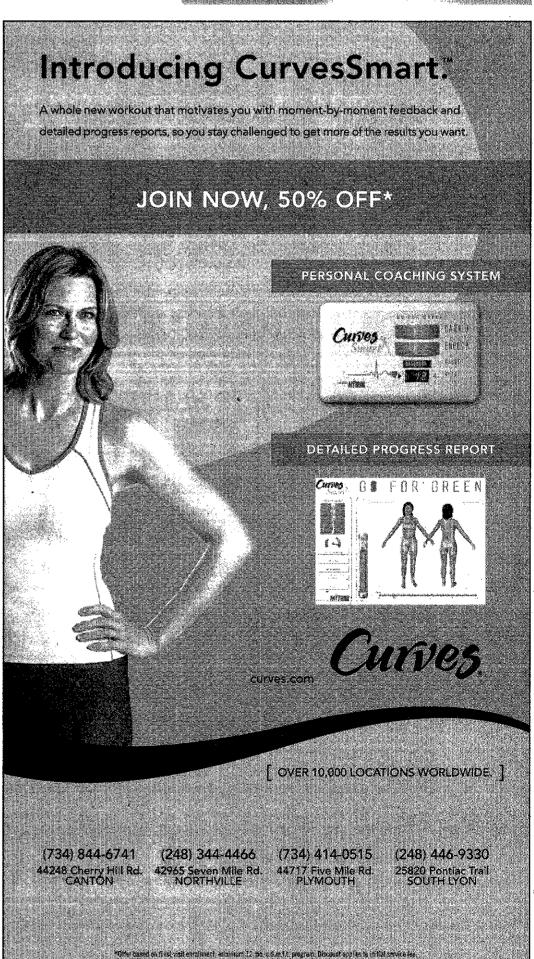
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Compact just first step to protecting **Great Lakes**

With a stroke of his pen Friday, President George W. Bush completed a decade-long effort to ratify the Great Lakes Compact, an eight-state (and two Canadian provinces) agreement that protects the Great Lakes from

large-scale water diversions. The compact, officially known as the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact, sailed through Congress almost unanimously. It prohibits new or increased out-of-basin diversions except under special circumstances; establishes uniform standards across the Great Lake states for evaluating new in-basin uses of Great Lakes water: and requires all the states in the basin to develop water conservation and efficiency programs.

Most environmental groups have lauded the compact, which was approved by Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, as well as the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, before it was sent to Congress.

"This is an historic day for the protection of a Great Lakes system that is a global treasure," James Clift, policy director for the Michigan Environmental Council, said Sept. 23 when the U.S. House of Representatives approved the compact.

There is no question that the compact is a monumental step in preserving the Great Lakes basin, which possesses 90 percent of the surface fresh water in North America and nearly 20 percent of the world's fresh water. The agreement means our thirsty neighbors in the Southwest and Southeast won't be siphoning off our water any time

However, now is no time to rest on our laurels. Certainly the compact won't stave off all the challenges facing the Great Lakes. For one thing, some lawmakers aren't completely happy with the compact. U.S. Rep. Bart Stupak, whose district encompasses much of northern Michigan, actually voted against the measure, because of his opposition to a loophole that allows diversions in the form of bottled water (containers smaller than 5.7 gallons). His fear is that the exemption will lead the courts to declare bottled water an economic commodity and off-limits to

There are many other challenges as well, such as cleaning up toxic sediment that plagues many areas of the lakes, as well as banning large ships from dumping their ballast water in the lakes, and the incessant invasion of exotic species that are causing havoc throughout the basin.

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The Plymouth Community United Way is a team of great people. The Plymouth Community United Way can attribute much of its success to the leadership of Marie Morrow and the tireless efforts of team members like Jay McDonald. Earlier this year one of our key team members, Jerry Trumpka, passed away and his passion for what we do has been sorely missed.

We rely on many volunteers, from those on our board of directors to those involved in each year's campaign. We all work hard to build awareness of our efforts throughout the Plymouth-Canton area and make sure the money you contribute is put to the best use possible.

One of the benefits of contributing to the Plymouth Community United Way is that we spend a lot of time making sure your contribution goes to organizations and efforts that have the biggest positive impact on our communities. This allows us to do this work for you. The organizations benefiting from your contributions do great work in our

communities. The Salvation Army, Growth Works and First Step are just a few of the very worthy organizations that rely on the Plymouth Community United Way for a significant portion of their operating expenses.

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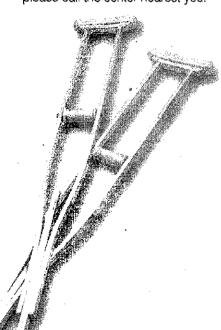


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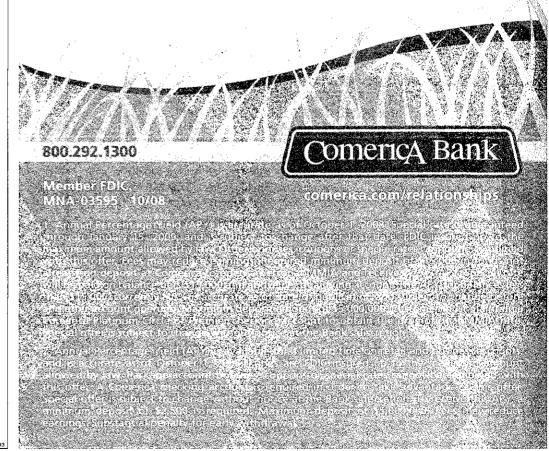
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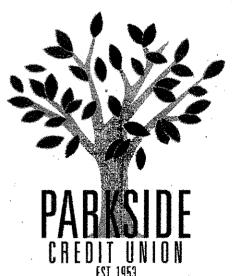
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Friday night lights -

Canton gridders outmuscle Patriots, seize division lead but like I just told them: Our defense bailed us out in a couple of games earlier **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** this year and our offense bailed us out tonight. That's why football is the ulti-When it came to distributing doses of dominating physicality Friday night mate team sport."

against Livonia Franklin, Canton's football team didn't discriminate.

They physically beat us tonight — on both sides of the ball, everywhere, lamented Patriots' coach Chris Kelbert.

In a shoulder pads-crackling game that developed the up-and-down pace of a basketball game, the Chiefs prevailed 49-34 on Homecoming night at Franklin to move within a victory of securing a berth in the first-ever Kensington Lakes Activities Association conference championship game.

Canton improved to 5-1 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA South Division. Plymouth is also 3-1 in the South, but a victory over Livonia Churchill next week would give the Chiefs the tie-breaker based on their Week 3 26-16 win over the Wildcats.

The Chiefs scored on 8-of-10 possessions while churning out 497 total yards to the Patriots' 395.

"The offensive linemen were our MVP's tonight," emphasized Canton coach Tim Baechler. "I've been tough on them the past two weeks and they've really improved a lot. I'm very proud of them. Our backs are running harder and blocking better for each other, too.

"It was an ugly night defensively,

Three Canton running backs eclipsed the 100-yard mark: Kiere Daniels, who picked up 170 on 16 carries; Adam Payter (108 on 13) and Ron Gaudi, who rolled to 103 yards on 14 attempts.

Canton quarterback Kevin Delapaz completed 3-of-7 for 69 yards and a TD, but the stats didn't do him justice, in Baechler's eyes.

"He's playing great," said Baechler. We don't throw a lot, so if Kevin's 3-for-6, everybody's like, 'That's terrible.' It doesn't look as good as if a quarterback who goes 10-for-20, but he's very efficient and he's getting better every week."

Franklin senior quarterback Mark McRobb turned in a stellar effort, completing 10-of-19 passes — many while on the run — for 175 yards and two touch-

Mike Gadsby ran for 97 yards on just five carries while Chris Vantuyl picked up 68 on 10 hauls.

"Our offense did some good things," Kelbert said. "We were able to throw the ball OK, but we didn't run the ball the way I wanted to. They really got the better of us on both sides of the ball

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Northville's

was able to

keep Salem

defense

running

Anthony

Mullins in

check Friday

back



teams usually do -we scored a defen-

sive touchdown, we blocked a punt for a

TD," said Salem coach Parker Salowich.

"Unfortunately, we got a punt blocked,

too, which negated some of our positive

a couple of weeks ago, we didn't get bet-

ter this week. I thought we played as

well as we did the past two weeks, but

where we want to be.

we need to improve every week to get to

penalties that wiped out some 10-, 11- or

"After turning the corner against Novi

2nd win barely eludes Rocks

plays.

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's Ethan Walsh did everything except park cars Friday night during the Rocks' football game against Northville.

Unfortunately, the sophomore's heroics weren't enough as the Mustangs escaped with a 20-14 victory before a boisterous crowd at the PCEP junior varsity stadium.

Walsh blocked a Northville punt that led to Salem's second touchdown, recorded seven tackles and punted three times for a 31-yard average in a break-

out performance. Northville's Jacob Weddle one-upped the effort, however, by scoring twice — the second coming late in the fourth quarter to give his team the deciding

points. The loss dropped Salem to 1-5 overall and 1-3 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division.

The resurgent Mustangs improved to

4-2 and 3-1, respectively. Tonight we did things that winning 12-yard gains." The Rocks struck first when line-

"We didn't have any turnovers

tonight, but we had a couple critical

backer Al Ibe pounced on a Northville fumble in the end zone to make it 6-0. Walsh's first of two extra points upped the lead to 7-0. Northville seized a 12-7 halftime

advantage thanks to a 9-yard Weddle run to paydirt and a 25-yard scoring pass from Dan Mills to Ryan Gerlick.

Please see ROCKS, B2



Whalers trade

Plymouth Whalers President and General Manager Mike Vellucci announced the acquisition 20-year-old left wing Cory McGillis from the Barrie Colts in exchange for an eighth-round draft choice in 2009 and a third-round draft choice in 2010.

Cory is a big, physical power forward who has a nice scoring touch around the net," Vellucci said. McGillis is 6-foot-2 and 215 pounds and can play center or left wing.

Ontario Hockey League teams can carry three overage players (1988 birthdays) on the roster. Along with right wing Patrick Lee, the acquisition of McGillis gives Plymouth two overages.

McGillis was originally selected in the first round (seventh overall) by the Windsor Spitfires in the 2004 Ontario Hockey League Draft, where he played for two-and-a-half seasons. McGillis was acquired by Barrie at the 2007 OHL Trading Deadline.

Hole-in-one

Plymouth resident Richard J. Nelson, 75, recorded an ace on the 109-yard fifth hole on the Fox Hills Woodlands course Sept. 25. Nelson used a nine iron to accomplish the feat.

YMCA basketball

The Plymouth YMCA fall and winter basketball leagues are now forming for kids between the ages of 4 and 12. The fall session will run Oct. 27-Dec. 19. The winter session with stretch from Jan. 20-March

There will be one practice and one game per week.

The cost is \$72 for program members and \$104 for community members. All participants also need a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey for

For more information, visit www.ymcadetroit.org or call (734) 453-2904.



Plymouth's Zach Hamed focuses in on a pass during a game earlier this season. The Wildcats blanked Westland John Glenn, 19-0, Friday night on homecoming.

Plymouth focuses on playoff berth following 19-0 triumph

BY ED WRIGHT

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After wreaking havoc on opposing defenses the past few weeks, Westland John Glenn's offense wrecked Friday night at Plymouth.

The wrecking ball was a Connor Martinled Wildcats defensive unit that paved the way to a 19-0 thumping of the Rockets on Homecoming night at Plymouth.

Martin, who registered 11 solo tackles and seven assists, was the primary catalyst for the defense that held previously red-hot Glenn quarterback Jerome Scales to a 5of-20 passing night.

The Rockets accumulated just 95 total yards compared to the winners' 254.

The victory improved the Wildcats to 5-1 overall and 3-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division. John Glenn slipped to 2-4 and 2-2, respec-

"We worked all week on the guys staying in their pass-rushing lanes and containing Glenn's quarterback," said Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk. "They did a great job of

"A Plymouth team has never started a season 5-1, so we challenged these kids to

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Salem regained the lead, 14-12, in the third quarter when Walsh blocked a punt and Alex King recovered

the ball in the end zone. Salem senior running back Anthony Mullins, who rushed for 320 yards in last week's 63-14 trouncing of South Lyon East, was limited to 78 yards on 23 carries.

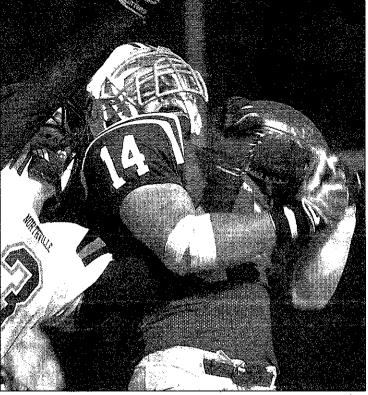
Rock quarterback Heath Parling was 3-of-9 for 38

"We didn't possess the ball the way we needed to," lamented Salowich.

Northville outgained Salem in total yards, 252-

The Rocks will look to double their win total Friday night at South Lyon.

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Justin Bashi nearly hauled in this Heath Parling pass, but Northville's defensive back knocked it away at the last second Friday night.

State-ranked Churchill bumps Plymouth

Plymouth's volleyball team suffered a three-game setback to Livonia Churchill Thursday night: 25-17, 25-19 and 25-21.

The loss dropped the Wildcats to 9-8-3 overall and 1-3 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division. Churchill improved to 4-0 in the division.

The Wildcats were led by Meg Quinlan (16 digs), Dani Risi (seven kills), Kayla Bridge (seven kills) and Briana Beyer (11 digs).

Chiefs sweep Zebras

Canton improved to 17-4 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA South Thursday night with a 25-11, 25-14 and 25-4 sweep of Wayne Memorial.

The Chiefs' serving game was stellar as they recorded 22 aces

without an error. "We aggressively ran our offense and had hitters move around and try new things

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Barnes. "We're still working out the kinks in our defensive play and serve-receive communica-

Shining for the winners were Jordan Kielty (14 kills, five aces), Kacy Moran (23 assists, six aces), Lauren Macuga (11 digs, five aces) and Kristen Muir (six ages and nine digs).

Novi edges Salem

On Wednesday at Salem, The Wildcats prevailed in a tense five-game match: 25-18, 21-25, 20-25, 25-15 and 15-11.

"I thought we played well after coming off a bad weekend," said Salem coach Amanda Suder, whose team slipped to 12-3-1 overall and 2-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's Central Division. "We moved our lineup around and our setter was tonight," said Canton coach Jen out, but Kerry MacDonald did

a outstanding job filling in

"It was a great match. The crowd was really into it. The kids needed a good performance and they got it."

Nicole Merget continued to shine at the net for Salem as she recorded 17 kills and six blocks.

"She was huge for us," said Suder. "Her hitting percentage was around 70 percent - she was on fire. She was really nailing the ball."

Kerry MacDonald dished off 36 set assists to go along with her four kills and 13 digs. Kelly MacDonald also spar-

kled, chalking up 12 kills and 13 digs. Suder also praised the play

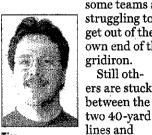
of Jillian Sommerville, Kelly Gitre (10 digs) and Lauren Dworzanin.

"Tracy Whalen played great defensively, too," Suder added. "She had 12 digs, four blocks and five kills.

Hopefully, your team's in red zone at this point of football season

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to space restrictions in this past Thursday's Observer sports section, the following Grid Picks column only ran online at www.hometownlife.com.)

ith the final third of the 2008 high school football season approaching,



Tim Smith

some teams are struggling to get out of their own end of the gridiron. Still others are stuck

two 40-yard

the remain-

ing teams are

crashing into

the "red zone," the 20-yard ter-

And there is a correlation

- figuratively speaking - on

the football field to their quest

to garner the six victories nec-

essary to automatically qualify

Where on the "field" is your

team? Breaking it down, it's

never as clear-cut as all that.

■ No chance, folks: To those

teams with less than two vic-

tories so far, meaning Livonia

Churchill, Wayne Memorial,

Garden City, it's already time

to play for pride because the

postseason probably isn't going

Only by running the table

will those teams have any crack

at the districts. And that would

require the Michigan High

School Athletic Association

needing to flesh out to the

mandated number of 256

playoff teams should there not

be that many winning the six

So get to five victories and

But of course, the last team

Livonia Franklin at 5-4 and the

Patriots ended up winning two

rounds in the Division 1 state

playoffs before losing to state

runner-up and crosstown rival

Livonia Stevenson, 10-7, in the

■ Stuck in the middle with you:

The final four weeks figure

to push some on-the-bubble

teams one way or the other.

Thurston and Redford

Three-win squads Redford

Covenant fall into that catego-

finishes to automatically qual-

ify. And teams with two wins

ry, since they would need 3-1

to make the field last year was

then let the chips fall where

Salem, Redford Union and

ritory that ends at pay dirt.

between where teams are

for the '08 state playoffs.

But let's give it a go:

to happen.

and Lutheran Westland - are iust one defeat away from being thrown for a loss back into "No chance" territory. ■ Full speed ahead: The play-

so far —Westland John Glenn

off goal line is within sight for on-the-move Canton, Livonia Stevenson, Plymouth and Livonia Clarenceville. Despite tough opponents on each of their schedules, these four-win teams only need to finish 2-3 and they're in.

In these cases, the red zone means green zone because it's go time.

It's also getting to be the stretch drive for the Observer sports editors, who are separated by just one game in the Grid Picks standings following Week 5.

Leading the pack with a 9-2 mark was Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright, who remains in first place with a 45-13 record. Tied for second both last week and for the season are Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons and myself (8-3; 39-19).

Unlike the teams, we prognosticators don't need to adhere to any formula to determine who goes to the playoffs or not. First of all, we don't have a Grid Picks Bowl or anything like that and secondly, we just pick 'em and hope for the best.

Now, let's take a closer look at this weekend's slate of high school games:

FRIDAY'S GAMES (ALL 7 P.M. STARTS UNLESS NOTED) LIVONIA CHURCHILL (1-4, 0-3) AT WAYNE (0-5,

0-3): These two Kensington Valley Activities Association South opponents have had a rough time in 2008, and each will look to bounce back from one-sided defeats. It will be good news either for the Chargers or Zebras.

PICKS: Wright (Wayne); Smith (Churchill); Emons (Churchill). CANTON (4-1, 2-1) AT LIVONIA FRANKLIN (4-1, 3-0): This KVAA-South contest very well could be the best of the week. The first-place Patriots

have tallied 184 points so far while the Chiefs also are an offensive machine, with 155 points in the bank. Whichever defense comes up with more timely plays probably will decide this one. PICKS: Wright (Canton); Smith

(Franklin); Emons (Canton). WESTLAND JOHN GLENN (2-3, 2-1) AT PLYMOUTH (4-1, 2-1): In a clash of KVAA-South rivals, Glenn is looking to rebound from a tough loss to Franklin while the Wildcats rolled over Churchill. These evenly matched teams have scored and allowed virtually the same number of points within division games. PICKS: Wright (Plymouth); Smith

(Plymouth); Emons (John Glenn).

NOVI (4-1, 3-0) AT LIVONIA STEVENSON (4-1, 3-0): Both of these teams are tied for first place of the KVAA-Central standings, and that bodes well for another compelling clash. Novi has scored 113 points (just one more than Stevenson) in Central tilts and allowed 54, while the Spartans have been a bit stingier on defense (giving up just 29 points). PICKS: Wright (Novi); Smith

(Stevenson); Emons (Stevenson). NORTHVILLE (3-2, 2-1) AT SALEM (1-4, 1-2): The Mustangs are stinging from a 21-7 loss to Stevenson and that means the Rocks could pay the price. But Salem is better than its record indicates and likely has extra con-

fidence following a blowout victory last week. PICKS: Wright (Salem); Smith (Northville); Emons (Northville). LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE (4-1, 3-1) AT LUTHERAN WESTLAND (2-3, 2-2): Both of these Metro Conference opponents are feeling good after Week 5 victories.

But the Warriors' defense figures to be severely tested by the highoctane Trojans, who romped 42-10 over Macomb Lutheran North on Friday. Lutheran Westland has won this matchup two of the past three years.

PICKS: Wright (C'ville); Smith (C'ville); Emons (C'ville).

DEARBORN HEIGHTS CRESTWOOD (2-3, 2-1) AT RED-

FORD THURSTON (3-2, 3-0): The Mega Gold leading Eagles are sky high following Friday's last-minute upset at Dearborn Heights Annapolis, but the Chargers can score plenty of points as their 48-8 trouncing of winless Ecorse indicates.

PICKS: Wright (Thurston); Smith (Thurston); Emons (Thurston).

DEARBORN EDSEL FORD (4-1, 3-1) AT GARDEN CITY (1-4, 0-4): These Mega Blue opponents are headed in opposite directions, although the Cougars will try to have a strong showing at their homecoming game.

PICKS: Wright (Edsel Ford); Smith

(Edsel Ford); Emons (Edsel Ford). REDFORD UNION (1-4, 0-3) AT TRENTON (3-2, 2-1): This year has been nothing but a frustrating journey — literally - for the Panthers, who can't seem to take advantage of opportunities when they get them. Last week, RU rushed for more than 400 yards but only managed 24 points at Gibraltar Carlson. Their fourth consecutive road game is to Trenton, where the Mega White

PICKS: Wright (Trenton); Smith (Trenton); Emons (Trenton).

sion teams 83-44.

rival Trojans have outscored divi-

SATURDAY'S GAME REDFORD COVENANT (3-2, 2-1) AT OLD REDFORD ACADEMY (2-2, 2-1) -- 1 P.M.: The visiting Spartans enter a pivotal game. They changed quarterbacks for the second half of Friday's loss to Southfield Christian and their top running back missed much of that contest with an ankle sprain. But Covenant still has plenty of offensive weapons to choose from, hav-

ing tallied 179 points so far. PICKS: Wright (Covenant); Smith (Covenant); Emons (Covenant).

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tonight." Of the 111 plays from scrimmage, the biggest unfolded with 7:05 left in the second quarter. With the Chiefs leading 21-14 and facing a fourth-and-6 from the Patriot 10-yard line, Baechler opted to forego the chip-shot field for a chance to build a two-TD lead.

The gamble paid off when Delapaz kept the ball around the left end and picked up the first down before getting pushed out at the 4. Two plays later, he scored on a 3yard keeper to make it 28-14.

"I thought about kicking the field goal, but then I thought, 'You know what? We're way down here and even if we don't get the first down, they'd have to go 90 yards," Baechler said. "Either way, we were going to go into the half with the lead, so I figured let's go for the jugular here and Kevin got it.'

Canton led 21-14 following an explosive opening 12 minutes during which Daniels found the end zone twice from 19 and 51 yards and Payter tallied the third TD

on a 22-yard scamper. Franklin's pair of first-

quarter TD's came on a 3-yard Mike Baumgardner plunge and a 63-yard strike from McRobb to Gadsby.

The Chiefs roared to a 35-14 halftime advantage thanks to a 3-yard scoring run by Delapaz and a perfectly placed 23-yard scoring pass from Delapaz to Satish Subramanian, who caught the ball at the 2 despite being covered like Saran Wrap by a Patriot defender.

The teams swapped third-quarter touchdowns -Vantuyl found paydirt from nine yards out for Franklin and Daniels sprinted in from 58 yards away for Canton.

After Vantuyl and Payter scored for their respective teams in the fourth quarter, Franklin capped the night's fireworks with a 5-yard TD pass from McRobb to Gadsby. Led by its path-clearing

blockers, Canton earned a huge advantage in first downs (23-14) and time of possession (29:04-18:51). There were no turnovers in

the contest.

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make history tonight. They rose to the occasion and now we're just one win away from qualifying from the playoffs again."

The Wildcats continued their habit of forcing turnovers as Martin and Michael Rose both picked off

Plymouth lit up the scoreboard first less than five minutes into the contest when senior quarterback Matt Skubik connected with Connor McKinney on a 19-yard TD strike. The ensuing extra point was no good, leaving the hosts' lead at 6-0.

The Wildcats extended their advantage to 13-0 two minutes later when Skubik scrambled in from two

Sophomore kicker Kyle Brindza capped the first-half scoring at 16-O with a 31-yard field goal with 13 ticks left.

Brindza's 29-yard field goal with 6:54 to go with the third quarter closed the scoring. Skubik finished 10-of-18 for

152 yards. His favorite targets ere seniors Ronnie Goble, who hauled in three spirals for 57 yards and Zach Hamed, caught three for 55. Terrance Guthridge picked up 94

yards on 23 carries for Plymouth.

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SWIM RESULTS

CANTON 111 PLYMOUTH 75 Thursday at Canton

200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Stephanie Matsui, Ellen Paiczynski, Sijia Hao, Lauren Maslyk), 2:00.95; 2. Canton, 2:03.01; 3. Canton, 2:08.51.

200 freestyle: 1. Kayla Eyster (C), 2:08.22; 2. Michelle Chang (P), 2:08.58; 3. Christine O'Keefe (C), 2:08.63.

200 IM: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 2:15.29; 2. Catherine Irwin (C), 2:21.96; 3. Stephanie Matsui (P), 2:23.95.

50 freestyle: 1. Karl Schmitt (C), 26.41; 3.

50 freestyle: 1. Kari Schmitt (C), 26.41; 2.

Ellen Palczynski (P), 27.27; 3. Chantelle Cole (P), 27.60.

1-meter diving: 1. Mallory Hudak (C), 177.55; 2. Robyn Piwowar (C), 159.50; 3. Catherine Huang (C), 153.90.

100 butterfly: 1. Catherine Irwin (C). 1:05:53; 2. Sijia Hao (P), 1:06.13; 3. Lauren Maslyk (P), 1:09.63. 100 freestyle: 1. Kayla Eyster (C), 57.24;

2. Kari Schmitt (C), 57.29; 3. Michelle Chang (P), 57.61. 500 freestyle: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 5:24.72; 2. Sijia Hao (P), 5:37.12; 3. Stephanie Matsui (P), 5:38.94.

200 freestyle relay: 1. CAnton (Kayla

Eyster, Christine O'Keefe, Kari Schmitt, Maggie Carlson), 1:48.91; 2. Plymouth, 1:48.92; 3. Canton, 1:54.66. 100 backstroke: 1. Rachel Huhta (P), 1:09.91; 2. Lauren Maslyk (P), 1:10.69; 3. Laura Wishors (C), 1:12.42

Kushner (C), 1:13.42.

100 breaststroke: 1. Ellen Palczynski (P), 1:10.75; 2. Sara Krebs (C), 1:13.30; 3. Kelfy. Bedro (C), 1:15.90.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Maggie Carlson, Kayla Eyster, Sara Krebs, Kari Schmitt), 3:53.17; 2. Plymouth, 3:55.21; 3. Canton, 4:07.83.

Canton, 4:07.83.
CANTON'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 4-0

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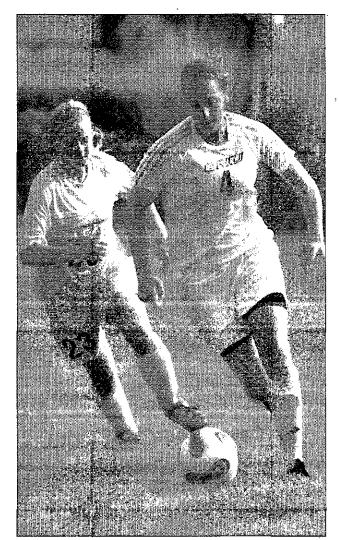
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Super sweeper

Plymouth High School graduate Brittany Hengesh has carried her soccer skills from high school to the collegiate ranks. Now a sophomore sweeper at Olivet Nazarene University in Illinois, Hengesh was named the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference's "Defensive Player of the Week" last week. Hengesh has been instrumental in the team's 6-1-1 start, which has included four shutouts.

Salem kickers humble South Lyon East, 8-0

How competitive is the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's Central Division?

So competitive that the No. 1 team in the state — Salem finished second in the division.

The top-ranked Rocks closed out KLAA regularseason play Thursday night with a resounding 8-0 triumph over South Lyon East to improve to 16-0-4 overall and 7-0-3 in the division. Unfortunately for coach Ed McCarthy's squad, Livonia Stevenson finished first with an 8-0-2 mark after the Spartans downed Northville Thursday night.

"It's disappointing because one of our goals coming into the season was to win the first-ever KLAA championship, which would have been special," said McCarthy. "That said, there are far bigger prizes left to win."

McCarthy was referring to a Division state championship. The Rocks' quest for a state title begins Monday, Oct. 13, in a District tournament opener against cross-campus rival Plymouth. The winner will play Canton, which drew a bye, two nights later.

A trio of Rocks registered a pair of goals each in the

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lopsided win over South Lvon East: Lachlan Savage, Dan Radosevich and Josh Pascarella. Brendan Quinn and Dan Martin added solo net-finders.

Pascarella contributed two assists and Radosevich one.

Will Allen remained stellar between the pipes for Salem, notching his fourth shutout in five games in relief of starting keeper Sasa Miskovic.

Salem will take on Canton Monday at 7 p.m. in a KLAA cross-over game.

Chiefs roll

Canton continued its streak of strong play Thursday night by ousting Westland John Glenn, 3-0, on the Rockets' home turf. The victory improved the Chiefs' record to 11-4-3 overall and 8-2 in the KLAA South.

Joey Krizanek and Mitch Posuniak netted first-half goals while Collan Baker chipped in with a secondhalf insurance goal. Sherif Hassanien, Brandon Tolinski and Brandon Burt registered assists for the winners.

Kyle Winningham picked up a shutout in goal for Canton. The senior stopped six Rocket shots.

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A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting to explain the project, answer any questions and purchase Bid Documents at a cost of \$20.00 per set will be held on Monday, October 13, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. Prospective bidders should meet at the project site, Idyl Wyld Golf Course, 35780 Five Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

Proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by the Director of Finance of the City of Livonia. Instructions to Bidders and Specifications for items required may be obtained at the Office of the Director of Finance, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan. All proposals shall be sealed in opaque envelopes, plainly marked with the name of the material bid upon, name of bidder, and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

The City of Livonia reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein.

> JACK E. KIRKSEY Mayor City of Livonia

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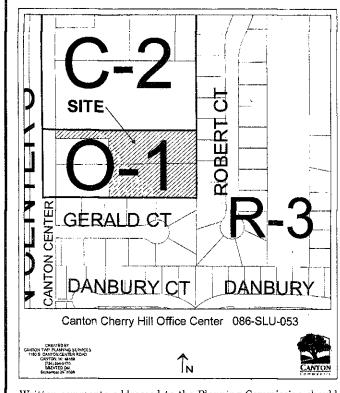
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 12 of 2008, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 20, 2008 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

CANTON CHERRY HILL OFFICE CENTER SPECIAL LAND <u>USE</u> - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A CHILD CARE CENTER AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 20.02B6 FOR PART OF PARCEL NOS. 086 99 0002 001 (325 CANTON CENTER S.) AND 086 99 0002 002 (345 CANTON CENTER S.). Property is located south of Cherry Hill and east of Canton Center Road.



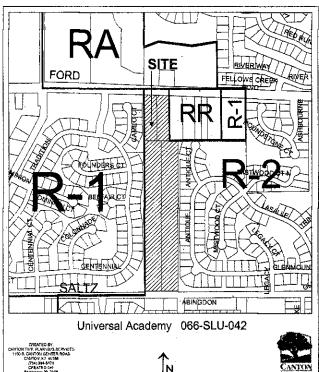
Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, October 16,2008 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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> LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR DDA STREETSCAPE Details are described in the bidding documents.

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General Description of Project Area: In an east-west direction, the

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.

A mandatory pre-bid conference is scheduled for 10:00 AM Local Time, on October 16, 2008 at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth Michigan 48170. A walking tour of the Project Area will immediately follow the conference. All bidders must attend this meeting prior to submitting a bid.

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- The term of the contract is three years.
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ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO: Ms. Marilyn Massengill Plymouth Township Clerk Plymouth Township Hall

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Oct. 10
Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.
Livonia Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
PREP BOYS SOCCER Monday, Oct. 6 Plymouth at Canton at

Salem at Tuesday, Oct. 7 Washtenaw Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8 KLAA Championship, TBA Thursday, Oct. 9 PCA at Inter-City Baptist, 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 Summit Academy at PCA, 4 p.m. PREP VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Oct. 7
Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
South Lyon East at Salem, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
PCA at Greenhills, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9 John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.

Livonia Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m. PCA at Inter-City Baptist, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11 Wildcat Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Salem at Madonna invite, 8:30 a.m.
Canton at Mega/KLAA invitational
at Northville, 8:30 a.m.
PCA at Mt. Morris Tournament, 9 a.m. BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday, Oct. 7
Wayne Memorial at Plymouth
at Cass Benton, 4 p.m.
South Lyon East at Salem
at Cass Benton, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Canton at Cass Benton, 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11 Canton and Plymouth Boys at Gabriel Richard XC Invitational, 1 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS Friday, Oct. 10 Division 1 Regional Meet, TBA GIRLS GOLF GIRLS GOLF Tuesday Oct. 7 KLAA Conference Meet at Pheasant Run, 9 a.m. Thursday Oct. 9 Division 1 Regional Meet, TBA GIRLS SWIMMING

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Livonia Churchill at Salem, 6:30 p.m. Northville at Canton, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 9

Livonia Churchill at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at Wayne Memoria, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 11
MISCA Meet, noon
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL **Tuesday, Oct. 7** Aquinas College at Madonna, 7 p.m. St. Clair CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 7 p.m. Schoolcraft at Henry Ford CC, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 11 Schoolcraft at Harper College II
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Wednesday, Oct. 8 Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10

Schoolcraft at Lakeland (Ohio), 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11 Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 2:30 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Saturday, Oct. 11 Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Livonia's Greenmead Field, noon. Schoolcraft at Cincinnati State, 1 p.m.

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Pianists play unrehearsed

here's a lot to be said for experience. Improvisation comes easy only to musicians who have played jazz for years. On Sunday, Oct. 12, pianists Matt Michaels and Dennis Tini combine over 100 years of performances to complement, more than duel, on Steinway grand pianos at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Even though the two won't rehearse



Linda Chomin

beforehand, it's sure to be an interesting, intense afternoon. The two men have become good friends over the years and admire and know each other's style

Michaels has played in jazz clubs like Baker's Keyboard Lounge for years, His trio built

a reputation as the group to watch on Wednesday nights at the Botsford Inn in Farmington. At age 76 he still plays piano from 7-10 p.m. on the first, third and fourth Thursday nights at Nikolas in Southfield with drummer Jerry Mckenzie, bassist Dan Jordan, and a guest artist. Michaels retired as professor emeritus and director of jazz studies from Wayne State University two years ago. He and Tini co-founded the jazz studies program there.

"It's totally an impromptu situation," said Michaels of Southfield. "It's modeled after the Marian McPartland radio show on NPR (National Public Radio) where she interviews piano players from all over

the world and then they play together DUELING I may ask Dennis forth. It's going to be primarily jazz

What: Pianists Matt Michaels and Dennis Tini perform on two Steinway grands When: 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12 Where: DiPonio room at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile,

Livonia

Tickets: \$15, and

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totally unrehearsed. what are his favorite choices for waltz or bossa nova and just kick it back and and light music, not classical. Tini, a

Farmington Hills resident, is hoping jazz lovers turn out not only for the port the festival keeping the only true American art form alive. The concert is a fund-raiser for the Michigan Jazz Festival, which spotlights local musicians every July at Schoolcraft College.

Tini is distinguished professor of music and former chairperson of the WSU music department. He continues to perform internationally. He took his "Global Peace & Understanding" CD on tour to 10 countries to try to create understanding. Next spring he's been invited to guest conduct choruses in Buenos Aires as well as to

What Midge Ellis and John Trudell, Tom Saunders and the board volunteers do is to create a fantastic jazz offering to the community. It's a wonderful audience and group of people that attend these benefit concerts every year," said Tini. "They are the reason jazz is continuing and we hope to introduce young people

because that's the future of jazz. I look forward to sharing some music with them and to see what happens when you put two pianists together who appreciate each other stylistically. Matt's a brilliant composer, pianist and musician. We're culling creative and musical experiences in the moment and reacting to what each other is playing based on total musical backgrounds and drawing on our experiences. We both appreciate all periods of music including baroque and romantic and contemporary music. I'm sure that will come out in the different styles and tempos. The nice thing is we have a very close relationship, musically and personally, and I think that will come out in our performance Oct. 12."

Linda Ann Chomin is the health and community life reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2145 or lchomin@hometownlife.com.



Bob Belair (in camouflage waders) and his children Bobby and Samantha hunted for bugs at Fellows Creek by Saltz and Morton Taylor in Canton.

Volunteers hunt for clues to water quality

FALL BUG HUNT

What: Friends of the Rouge assess the health of the river When: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18 Where: Meet in lower level of VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia **Details:** Registration required by Oct. 10. To volunteer, call (313) 792-9621 or e-mail monitoring@therouge.org

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O & E STAFF

Tracy Slintak's son Kristofer is good at finding bugs, but then he's been hunting them for several years as part of a study by Friends of the Rouge. Three times a year Slintak and her 12-year-old team un to join volunteers in collecting specimens that help determine the water quality of the river.

By day, Tracy works for the city of Farmington Hills as an environmental coordinator making sure the city complies with various regulations, so she's already concerned about the river.

On Saturday, Oct. 18, she and Kristofer will be at Schoolcraft College for a brief orientation and then they'll head out to various sites along the river.

"The bug hunt shows us the general health of the river, It gets the public involved," said Tracy Slintak. "It's really hands-on learning looking for bugs. Leaders sample areas of the river. Volunteers then put samples in trays and start going through them to look for little wiggly things in the water, moving around, swimming around. Some bugs indicate there's



Children ages 5 and up are welcome to hunt bugs as part of a study by Friends of the Rouge. Here, they sort through specimens at Fellows Creek near Ridge and Ford roads in Canton.

not a lot of oxygen in it or there is. The bug hunt shows our efforts are helping to improve the condition of the river."

Sally Petrella is still looking for volunteers for the Fall Bug Hunt put on by the Friends whose mission is to promote restoration of the Rouge River watershed, which covers approximately 466 square miles, runs through 47 communities in Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties, and empties into the Detroit River, a major source of drinking water for southeastern Michigan residents.

Please see BUGS, C3

3-Day walkers blistered but smiling

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O & E STAFF WRITER

Danielle Momany of Rochester was putting gobs of Vaseline on the blisters on her feet, but had a smile on her face. The Rochester woman and her sister Diana Pierscinski of Royal Oak had just completed the first 20 of the 60-mile Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk Friday, Sept. 26.

A total of 3,000 walkers crossed the line into Rotary Park in Livonia where they'd bed for the night. The walk began at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills and ended last Sunday at The Henry Ford museum in Dearborn.

"It was still a lot of fun, but I'm ready to rest," said Momany, who walked from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. "The funny thing is I trained in these shoes. Training was harder and on rainy weekends we did it in gyms. We have a lot of friends and co-workers touched by breast cancer. We did fund-raisers like Mugs for Jugs with kegs of beer

and sold tickets."

Lori Lee spent so much time training with her daughter, Katie, a 15year-old junior at Stevenson High School, and mother, Jean Makela, 70, the 46-year-old Livonia woman was "even doing it in her dreams." Between the three of them they raised almost \$8,000. Participants were required to raise \$2,200 to walk in the event.

"My daughter Katie got me involved," said Lee, an elementary school teacher in Dearborn. "I said 'there's no way I can do 60 miles.' We started in March, training and doing fund-raisers. We have 31 names listed on the backs of our shirts of people who had cancer or died of cancer. Just about anybody can name someone who fought breast cancer and if not they'll know someone very soon. We know so many people affected by breast cancer. My grandma died of breast cancer. My mom had breast cancer."

Charlotte Oliver of Rochester Hills doesn't know anyone with breast can-

Please see 3-DAY, C5



Livonia resident and 17-year cancer survivor Rose Cerroni, right, talks about why she takes part in the Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk as she and her niece complete the first day of the walk at Rotary Park in Livonia.

Author to discuss Purple Gang

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Paul Kavieff, who's written several books on the history of U.S. organized crime, talks about the Purple Gang 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington

Kavieff, an engineer at Wayne State University, considers his interest in organized crime, particularly the Purple Gang, his avocation. He hold a bachelor's degree from

Oakland University and a master's in modern U.S. history from Wayne State University. His book, Detroit's Infamous Purple Gang (2008), will be available for sale after the presentation. The Purple Gang menaced the city of Detroit during the roaring 20's.

This is a free presentation and refreshments will be served after the program. For more information, call (734) 466-2495.

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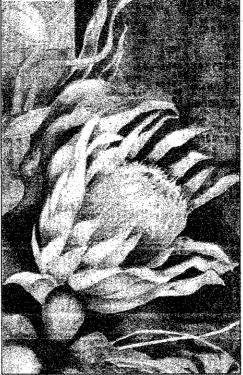
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Ruth Ann Platt of Redford painted this watercolor titled "Protea." The work is part of the Livonia Artists Club's Affordable Art Sale Oct. 11-12 at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

Club members to sell affordable art

The Livonia Artists Club holds its Affordable Art Sale 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, in the Atrium of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

Unframed and small framed paintings, art objects, notecards, and Christmas ornaments will be available.

The club has been in existence since 1960. Many of the artists have been painting for years but still attend classes and workshops to learn new experimental techniques and keep ideas

There are also several new budding artists anxious to show their work. This year's show features watercolors, pastels, acrylics, oils, colored pencil, collage, and photography.

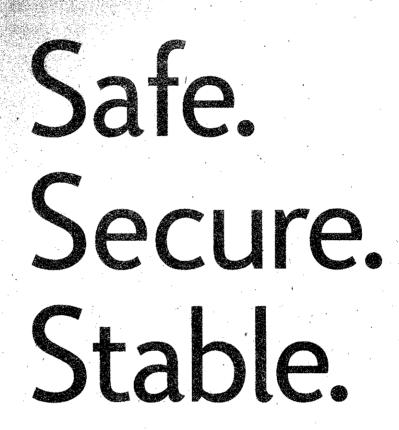
Club members meet at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of the month at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Visitors and aspiring artists are always welcome to drop in.

. For more information, call Nora Oxley at (734) 425-2005.

Author talks about Detroit's early villages

Gene and Barb Scott of Livonia give a talk and present an audiovisual show on Detroit's Early Villages as guests of the Redford Historical Society at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, in the little red schoolhouse next to the Post Office on Beech Daly, north of Plymouth Road.

Gene Scott is author of "Michigan Shadow Towns: A Study of Vanishing and Vibrant Villages" which is a compilation of more than 120 small communities. For more information about the book, call (734) 523-7844.



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The effort began in May 2001 with about 20 people and has since grown to 100, but volunteers are always needed. The Friends (therouge.org) began sampling the river in 1998.

Petrella says all ages from 5 on up are welcome but children must be accompanied by a participating adult. She suggests volunteers dress for the weather since the bug hunt is an outdoor activity. And don't forget to bring lunch and snacks because volunteers will be out in the field all day. Deadline for registration is Oct. 10.

"They'll be looking for mayflies, dragonflies, clams, snails, collecting and sorting them after identifying and counting them," said Petrella, volunteer monitoring program manager. "The leader calculates a score for the site which will tell if it's poor, good, fair, or excellent. In some cases we have unearthed problems we didn't know about that have led us to further investigate the site. More immediately volunteers discovered problems in the community. In Canton we discovered raw sewage leaking into the stream in a park. Another case we went to a site and all the vegetation had been removed causing the sediment to go into the water. Volunteers learn the way they take care of the land has a big impact on the river."

Volunteers need not know anything about bugs as leaders are trained in identifying specimens.



Volunteers sort through sample trays from Fellows Creek, looking for bugs by using tweezers, and for fast moving critters by using eye droppers.

sites in Canton, Farmington Hills, Birmingham, Northville," said Petrella. "In the field they're provided with identification cards. Most people know what a crayfish looks like, but may not know some of the water beetles, water striders. In the larval stage, mayflies are sensitive to changes in water quality. They use gills to breathe and need high levels of dissolved oxygen in the water. Some of the clams are very sensitive, the crayfish less sensitive. We're looking for a lot of these different types of critters. If you have a lot of especially sensitive ones that's going to tell you the site is in pretty good shape. Some of the sites in middle and lower rouge are showing improvement. We're really happy to see that."

Bob Belair has always been interested in the quality of the streams. For the last seven years he's served as co-team leader wading into the river to scoop up samples. He likes sharing the experience with his son Bobby, 6, daughter, Samantha, 4, and wife Theresa

"It's quite a learning experience," said Belair, who manages the Canton Township engineering department. "The best part is seeing the kids and their interest, At first my wife was not excited about it but after said it was really cool. She was surprised because the kids were into it and what they learned. In Canton we've seen an increase in water quality. We're starting to find more oxygen in the water, There's still a long way to go but it's good to see an improvement."

Bill Ruth feels like he's contributing to keeping the river and streams clean by volunteering for the bug hunts.

"I think all of us have to participate as members of our community," said Ruth of Redford.
"I fish and feel it's helpful. It's our water source."

Jordan Peerbolte became involved as a freshman at Salem High School as part of a volunteer project. The 17-year-old Canton resident the continues to

participate with his dad Marc.
"We had a lot of fun the first



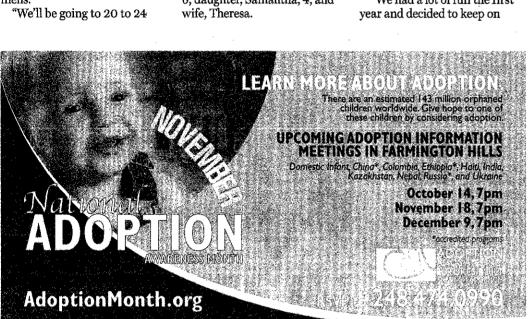
Bugs of all shapes and sizes astounded volunteers in McClumpha Park in Plymouth Township.

doing it," said Peerbolte, a senior who likes to camp and fish. "It's a real fun way to get out into the environment. You're actually doing something to help."

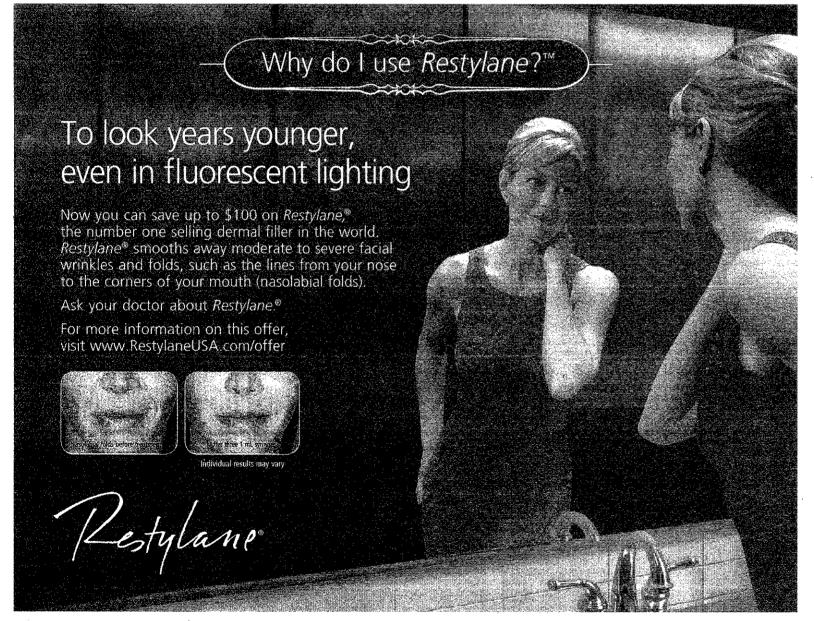
Whether you decide to volunteer for the bug hunt or not, Slintak said there's something everyone can do not to pollute the rivers, lakes and streams. "It's the actions we're doing daily to our rivers," said Slintak. "It's important to clean up after your pet. The water that doesn't soak in the ground eventually ends up in the Rouge River. Fertilize your lawn responsibly and sweep off paved surfaces. There's research for and against fertilizing. Fall is the best time

to fertilize, but make sure you follow directions, and dispose of hazardous waste properly. Nothing but rain should go down the drains on your street. All these things affect the bugs we see in the river."

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Learn about the newest innovations in art supplies at the Three Cities Art Club meeting 7-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, in the lower level of Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill.

There will be light refreshments and there is no charge to attend. For information, contact Marilyn Meredith weekdays at (248) 557-3800 ext. 123 or by e-mail at threecitiesartclub@hot-

Dennis Kapp, owner of Detroit's Martin Universal Design and Martin F. Weber Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., and his daughter, Dawn Knowles of Canton, will show the latest products supplied by their companies. Established in 1853 in Philadelphia, the Martin/F. Weber Co. is the oldest and one of the largest manufacturers of art materials in the United States. Originating in 1853 as Scholz & Company, a sales agency, the company evolved through a series of growth partnerships to become F. Weber and Company in 1887 under the leadership of owner, Frederick Weber.

Throughout the late 19th century, F. Weber and Company offered a wide range of imported and manufactured products. A significant number of patents for innovative art products were

awarded to the company. After the death of Weber in 1919 his sons, Frederick and Ernest, incorporated the company, becoming F. Weber Co. Inc. Fred became Technical Director. A creative artist and chemist, as well as author of artists' materials books, he developed many new

One of the most notable, is Original Permalba White, first formulated in 1921. Fred was the first to develop a nontoxic, opaque, white oil paint with smooth working qualities to replace the toxic, lead-based whites that artists had used for hundreds of years. It remains the artists' standard in white oil paint. In the 1930s Weber introduced new pigments to the industry with excellent light fastness and reduced toxicity to the artist and synthetic varnishes to replace the less stable natural materials used in the past. Turpenoid, an exceptional odorless turpentine replacement, was introduced in the 1950s. This remarkably early commitment to the development of safer art materials continues to the present.

Mention Three Cities Art Club at D & M Art Studio, 8691 N. Lilley Road, south of Joy, to receive a 15 percent discount on art supplies including products from Martin/F. Weber Co.

Redford artist opens exhibit with reception

Redford artist Sergio De Giusti presents his timeless work Oct. 10, to Nov. 21, at the Ellen Kavrod Gallerv at Hannan House, 4750 Woodward, three blocks south of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Meet the artist at an opening reception 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit www.hannan.org. De Giusti was born in Italy and is best known for his and David Barr's monumental collaborative sculpture, Transcending, the Labor Legacy landmark, in Detroit's Hart Plaza. The exhibit

includes, reliefs, sculpture, and drawings. De

Giusti has received several awards and public

and private commissions over the year.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Carriere-Mietelski

Terrence and Margaret Carriere of Howell, and former residents of Livonia for more than 50 years, announce the engagement of their daughter, Renee Therese Carriere, to Joshua John Mietelski of Pittsfield Township. He is the son of Darlene Porro of Britton, Mich. and Mr. and Mrs. Mietelski of New Milford

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Western Michigan University and works as an investments representative at Fidelity Investments. Her fiance earned a bachelor's degree from Southern Connecticut



University. He works as a vice president and account executive at Fidelity Investments.

The couple is planning an October wedding at Waldenwoods Resort in Hartland.

Macleod-Kelly

Colin and Mary Alicia Macleod of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison Mary Macleod, to Stephen Michael Kelly of Plymouth. He is the son of Thomas and Linda Kelly of Plymouth. The bride-to-be is a 2004 graduate of Canton High School and plans to graduate from Western Michigan University in December with a degree in elementary education. She is minoring in early childhood education, language arts and social studies. Her fiance is a 2003 graduate of Salem High School and plans to graduate from Western Michigan University



in December with a degree in nursing.

Inn at St. John's.

The couple is planning a June 19, 2009 wedding at The

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Weatherford

George and Cathleen (Sedgewick) Weatherford are celebrating their 50th anniversary this month. The couple wed Oct. 11, 1958 at St. Anthony Church in Long Beach, Calif. They met in Long Beach at a church gathering. George, a native of Portland, Ore., was in the U.S. Navy at the time and Cathleen, a Detroit native, worked for Douglass Aircraft. Though their first home was in California, the couple moved to Detroit, and once they started their family, became residents of Livonia. The Weatherfords joined St. Genevieve Church, where George became manager of the Catholic Softball League. He worked as a skilled drywall taperer, and served as umpire, referee, and coach. Cathleen worked for Livonia Public Schools. They have both

retired and are parents to two



daughters, Terry (Jerry) Vance and Karen (Doug) Cavins, and one son, Kevin (Denise) Weatherford. They are grandparents to four grandchildren, Shane and Shaun Vance, and Joey and Lauren Cavins. The Weatherfords will renew their vows Oct. 11 at St. Raphael Church. "They're the best parfor and the best grandparents anyone could ever have," said Terry Vance. "They are loved by many."

Create warmth with natural colors at home

American Blinds, Wallpaper and More, an online retailer of brand name custom window treatments and wall coverings, offers these tips for creating a warm, cozy house during fall and winter:

■ Use nature-inspired colors. Hues that reflect "air" make the house breathe. Earth-related colors can ground and calm a busy room. Water hues add a playfulness and fiery reds and oranges create a bold, confident environment.

Take a cue from the vibrant golds, rich reds, deep chocolate browns and toasty oranges in fall foliage as you decorate. The colors inspire life and energy as the days get darker and cooler. Look for ways to incorporate them into room décor.

■ Go natural with environment-friendly products that incorporate earthy colors and textures.

■ Carve out a tall pumpkin and use it as a flower vase or use small pumpkins for candles. A throw pillow, bowl of fresh citrus fruit or a bouquet of cut flowers are inexpensive ways to provide some color pop while welcoming guests with the feel of nature.

■ Rearrange your furniture to set your fireplace, instead of the television, as the focal point of the room. Footstools, ottomans, and floor pillows by the fire create an inviting, warm atmosphere that will get you through the harshest days of winter. And if you don't want the hassle of starting and maintaining a fire, try placing tall white candles in the fireplace for a similar glow. Add a few splashes of

vibrant color. They enrich any look and keep you from feeling drab. Deep colors also inspire confidence. Use an area rug to add warmth and personality to any room.

■ Design a wreath with colorful fall items. Make it a family project.

■ Prepare your own for winter by insulating the water heater, sealing leaks and drafts with caulk or weather strips, cleaning the furnace and changing the air filter. Consider insulating cellular shades or lined window treatments and install a programmable thermostat conserve energy.

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IRENE GOULD Age 86. Of Farmington Hills, MI. October 1, 2008. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, downtown Farmington



MARCIA CONNELL

Northville, passed away suddenly on October 1, 2008. He was born on June 2, 1964 in Livonia, Michigan to Robert eight loving years together. Foster loved his family and cherished his son. wife, and photography. He was techniliked to build computers. He is survived by his beloved wife Michelle; mother June Freydl; his in-laws Mark Freydl; and was dearly loved by many preceded in death by his father. A Time of Gathering Monday 2-8 p.m. A Memorial Service will be held Tuesday, 11 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Contributions to VA Hospital, Attn: Sleep Apnea Clinic, 2215 Fuller Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48175 Ashley, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR SON MICHAEL L. POND May 24, 1961 - Ocotober 6, 2007.



MINERVA A. PARKS

Age 86. September 30, 2008, of Garden City. Beloved wife of Elijah. Loving mother of Pat Alvarado & Bev (Bill) Torni. Dear grandmother of Joe Alvarado, Billy Torni & Tracy Torni. Great-grandmother of Alex & Tia Alvarado and Jenna & Lucas Torni. She was preceded in death by her grandson, Ruben Alvarado. Funeral services were held Saturday at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City, 734-425-9200. Please sign Minerva's online guestbook at

www.rggrharris.com.

TED KUCHAR

Age 86. Formerly of Birmingham, MI. Passed away August 28, 2008 in Spring Hill, FL. Employeed by Tappan Brothers, Inc. A U.S. Army veteran who is survived by his loving wife, Leonora; children Ronald (Dianne) of New Baltimore, MI; Beverly Keast (Lon) of Shelby Twp., MI; Nancy Lau (Michael) of Rochester Hills, MI; six andchildren and two great-grandchildren. Ted was laid to rest at Florida National Cemetery.



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GARDEN CALENDAR

All about roses

Learn about winter preparation for roses at 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 5 and 12 and at 11 a.m., Monday, Oct. 6 and 13, at Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, just south of Belleville, Includes a garden demonstration of techniques that prepare roses for winter survival. (734)

461-1230 Accessorizing the garden

Michael Saint of the Good Earth Landscape Institute will show you how to punch up your garden with the proper placement of garden accessories, from 10-11:30 a..m., Tuesday, Oct. 7, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates Birmingham. Cost is \$19. Register at (248) 644-5832 or www.commmunityhouse.com

Meadow Brook benefit Proceeds from the Meadow Brook

Colossal Indoor Garage Sale, Oct. 15-18, at Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion, on the Oakland University campus, in Rochester, will benefit the 14 gardens surrounding Meadow Brook Hall. Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club presents the event, which will start with a prèview sale and silent auction, from 6:30-9 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 15. Sale hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday -Friday and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday. Admission to the preview is \$10. Admission to the sale from Thursday-Saturday, is \$1. (248) 364-6200. www. meadowbrookhall.org

Butterflies and moths

The Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association will look at the "Life Cycles of Michigan Butterflies and Moths" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. \$3 for non-members. Parking on Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail. (734) 326-0578, www.sembabutterfly.com

Michigan Orchid Society Karen Miur, an accredited American

Orchid Society Judge from California, will show slides about the Japan Grand Prix at the Michigan chapter's next meeting, 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 19, at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits, Birmingham. Miur is one of few women who are invited to judge at the show, which is the largest and most prestigious

orchid shows in Japan. She also has judged shows in Canada, Guatemala, Peru, Ecuador, Brazil and South Africa. For more information call Betty at (586) 416-1496.

African Violet Society

The Michigan State African Violet Society will host its annual Fall Display and Plant Sale, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Oct. 18 and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 19 at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. The free event features African Violets. Gesneriads and supplies on sale. Call (248) 698-3628 or e-mail ingridbowman07@comcast.net.

Lily bulb sale

Michigan Regional Lily Society will sell hundreds of colorful, high quality hybrid lily bulbs from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24-25, at the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, 1669 West Maple, between Southfield Road and Cranbrook, in Birmingham, Many kinds of bulbs - Orientals, Asiatics, Species, Orienpets - will be sold. Plant lilies now for blooms next year. No credit cards accepted, www.mris.

Noon recital features pianist

Pianist Panayis Lyras performs a one hour recital noon Wednesday, Oct. 8, in the VisTaTech Presentation Room on the Schoolcraft College campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia.

Lyras was the silver medalist in the Sixth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. He is an internationally acclaimed musician who has been a guest artist with major symphony orchestra around the world. He also performs with chamber music ensembles and has appeared at the Interlochen Summer Festival. Lyras is currently artist-in-residence and professor of piano at the Michigan State University School of Music.

The program includes sonatas by Mozart and Beethoven, and works by Granados and Debussy. Sponsored by the Schoolcraft College liberal arts office and music department, the recital is free.

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FOSTER R. FREYDL Age 44, of Ypsilanti, formerly of

and June (Roberts) Freydl. Following High School he proudly served his country in the Navy, where he received Crypto and FAA Certification. He was united in marriage to Michelle (Cady) Freydl on July 30, 2000 and they spent He treasured the friendship of his neighbors. He had a heart of gold and would do anything for anyone. Foster adored his cats Bling Bling and Tigger Bruno. He enjoyed traveling with his cally and mechanically inclined, and his son Matthew James Freydl; his and Lee Cady; his brother Karl (Maria) other family and friends. Foster was or Affordable Vet Services, 611 S.





Beloved wife of James D. Dear moth-9 pm. Please visit and leave a note of condolence at www.uhtfh.com.

Sadly the first year has passed. Mike, you are always in our hearts Mom, Dad and Sister



MARY LOU BROWN

October 2, 2008. Age 76, of Westland. er of Karen (Don) McCloud, David (Bridget) Brown, Thomas (Kathleen) Brown and Diane (Kurt) Haranczak. Sister of Willis, Claude and Roy Johnston. Grandmother of Jason Taryn, Matthew and Adam McCloud, Timothy and Luke Brown, Alexandria and Nicholas Brown and Jimmy Haranczak. Great-grandmother of Angelo D. Dimichele. Service Mon-11:30 am at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland. Family will receive friends Sunday 2

STRICKLAND Age 90, a lifelong civic and communi-

ty volunteer and resident of Southern Pines and Pinehurst for 38 years. Died September 30, 2008, at Moore Regional Hospital after a brief illness. Mrs. Strickland was born August 18, 1918 in Detroit, MI and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Michigan, Class of 1939, of which class she would become president. She was selected Queen of the Big Ten in 1939 and represented the Elgin Watch Company at the 1939 World's Fair in New York. A member of the Delta Gamma Fraternity, she continued a lifelong relationship with the fraternity, serving as national president from 1968 to 1972 and was among the first directors of the Delta Gamma Foundation. She was a chairman of the Alumnae Development Council of the University of Michigan and received the University's Distinguished Alumni Service Award. She was instrumental in developing and supporting the Aid to the Blind program of the Delta Gamma Fraternity and became chairman of the Sight Conservation project. She married Russell Strickland in 1940, and they lived in Bloomfield Hills, MI, where Mrs. Strickland was a member of the Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, The Bloomfield Hills Country Club, and was on the board of trustees of the Cranbrook Educational Community. The Stricklands retired to Pinehurst in 1970 and Mrs. Strickland continued her community voluntarism. She served as President of the Garden Club of the Sandhills, President of the Garden Club of the Country Club of North Carolina and President of the Silver Foils. She was a founder of the Women's Special Events Committee of the Pinehurst Country Club and a founding member of the Women of the Chapel of The Village Chapel, Pinehurst. Mrs. Strickland maintained a lifetime commitment to leadership and education and lived her long life with sophistication, poise, grace, beauty and humor. Surviving are her children, Paul Kent Strickland (Elise Backinger) of Salida, CO, John Connell Strickland (Cynthia) of Pinehurst, and Sheridan Strickland (Michael Thomas) of Washington, D.C., and two grandchildren, Christopher Connell Strickland of New York, NY and Amanda Strickland Berg (Harold William Berg,

made to the Delta Gamma Foundation, 3250 Riverside Drive, Columbus, OH, 43221 or to The Village Chapel, PO Box 1060, Pinehurst, NC 28370.

III) of Winter Park, FL. Mrs.

Strickland was predeceased by her

husband, Russell Steele Strickland, to

whom she was married for 66 years, and by her sister Jane Connell Hanson.

A memorial service will be held at The

Village Chapel, Pinehurst on October 4th at 11:30 am. Interment will be at

Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be

(Powell Funeral Home)

cer but she was walking just the same. This was her third year.

"I wanted to raise awareness. It's an important cause," said Oliver. "I wouldn't normally walk 20 miles, but we're suffering for a reason. When you walk 7 hours it gives you time to think and reflect. It's an amazing journey, very invigorating."

Leah Barnett of Ferndale was excited to see people lining the walk to cheer her on as she arrived at the park. More than 480 crew and volunteers had been working since 4:30 a.m. to make the 3-Day a success. Hundreds of pink tents were set up by the Romeo Bulldogs boys football team as part of the city that include medical and dining areas, and rows of portable potties. White remembrance tents honored those who lost their battle with the disease.

"It's my first year," said Barnett. "It's difficult but I feel good. I feel pretty good."

Fourteen girls, ages 10-12, from Girl Scout Troop 662 at Messmore Elementary in Macomb County, were among the cheerleaders at the park

"We had a guest speaker diagnosed with breast cancer and fighting it 15 years. She passed away two weeks ago," said troop member



Danielle Momany of Rochester talks about her experiences and blistered feet after completing the first day of the Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk at Rotary Park in Livonia.

Isabella Palazzolo.

Rose Cerroni of Livonia is a 17-year survivor of breast cancer. She was a member of the Hines Pink Pathers team along with her niece Gloria Leonetti.

'My niece and I are two of 59. We raised \$123,000 for our team by holding events such as bowling tournaments and selling cookbooks that included stories about why we walk," said Cerroni. "At age 70 I'm still going strong after my first 20 miles."

Leonetti admitted she was tired but felt great.

"I loye it," said Leonetti. "It's a wonderful experi-

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ence."

Colleen Gallagher of Ferndale found the walk, her first, inspiring.

"I've seen a lot of people suffer through it and am convinced there's a better way to treat it. There were survivors on the walk. You go through the cheering sections along the walk and you know they have lost

somebody," said Gallagher. Nancy Kurdziel of East Lansing walked with co-worker Michael Streeter of Bath because "there are too many women dying" of breast cancer.

Jenne Fromm, national 3-Day spokesperson, hopes proceeds from the walk eventually lead to a cure. About 75 percent of the money goes to national research, and up to 25 percent to local breast cancer and health programs. This year the Michigan race raised \$7.2 million.

"We have 14 walks across the country and Michigan is the largest one," said Fromm. "Michigan is always supportive."

The 2009 Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day walk is scheduled for Aug. 14-16. For information, visit www. the3day.org.

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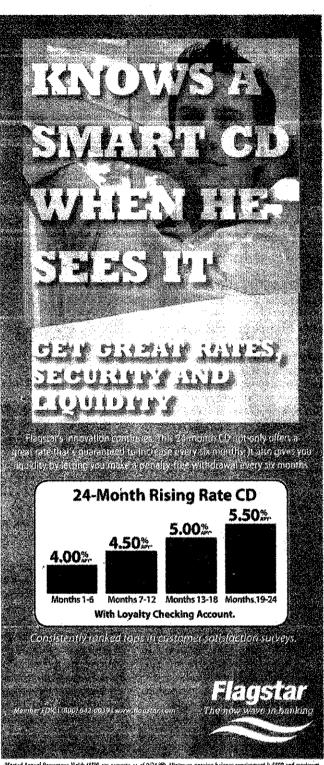


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Walkers walk across congratulatory signs as they complete the first day of the **Breast Cancer** 3-Day Walk at Rotary Park in Livonia.

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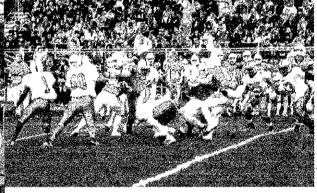


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October events raise awareness of breast cancer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Katrina Studvent just turned 30 when she found a lump in her breast. She's urging women to pay attention to their bodies. The Southfield woman had no family history of breast cancer. Today she's back at work full time and studying for a master's degree in social work at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, but is still haunted by the grueling experience that included surgery to remove one breast and six months of chemotherapy.

"You can never say it's all gone," said Studvent. "I constantly stress to friends and family the importance of self-checking. Go for regular checkups, even 30 or younger need to ask questions."

Several events are taking place during October to inform individuals about breast cancer. Most hospitals offer support groups for survivors to share information. St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia not only holds meetings in Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center on the second Tuesday of the month, but is planning a Ladies Night Out to spotlight Reiki, the gentle art of hands-on healing, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7. The evening includes screenings for blood pressure and bone density, and massages. Registration is required. Call (734) 655-1182.

On Saturday, Oct. 25, in recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month the Marian Women's Center at St. Mary's hosts Massages, Manicures, Mammograms & More from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mammograms must be scheduled in advance by calling (734) 655-1159. The daylong event includes opportunities to ask doctors and a dietitian questions and receive information on breast self-

exams. The Sharing & Caring support program at Beaumont Hospitals holds its annual Breast Health Fairs focusing on breast health/screening, cancer genetics, lymphedema prevention, meditation, support programs, treatment, and cancer clinical trials 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, in the Cancer Center Hallway on the Royal Oak Campus, and Oct. 30, on the ground floor of the Troy Campus. For information, call (248) 551-1219.

Sharing & Caring regularly schedules talks about a variety of topics related to breast cancer. In October subjects range from preserving fertility prior to cancer treatment to what you need to know about breast cancer clinical trials, and a vegetable-based diet and cancer. For information, call (248) 551-8586.

Curves of West Bloomfield is offering the Liv Aid breast selfexam kit to help women become more comfortable with performing monthly self-checks. Nonmembers can get a free kit when they come in for a complimentary fitness assessment. For information, call (248) 738-9900.

The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K walk is an event to honor and celebrate breast cancer survivors, educate women about the importance of early detection and prevention, and raise money to fund lifesaving research and support programs to help eliminate breast cancer 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, registration at 7:30 a.m. at Gallup Park, Ann Arbor. To register or for more information, contact the American Cancer Society at (248) 663-3400 or stridesmetrodetroit@cancer.org, or visit www.cancer. org/stridesonline.

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Breast cancer update

Physicians reveal latest in treatment, diagnostics

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Dr. Eleanor Walker grew up in the Caribbean using leaves from bushes to treat illnesses so she's especially open to new ideas when it comes to medicine. After reading a journal article about acupuncture relieving the side effects of hormone therapy in prostate cancer patients she applied to the Susan G. Komen Foundation for a grant to see if the Eastern practice would be as effective in individuals with breast cancer.

Cutting edge medicine has become standard practice in the area with physicians like Dr. Frank Vicini at Beaumont Hospital conducting clinical trials to reduce radiation treatments from six weeks to five days. Recently several oncologists and surgeons took time to talk about the latest advances in treatment and diagnostics for breast cancer patients.

Walker, a radiation oncologist at Henry Ford Hospital, lead the study of 47 breast cancer patients who found relief from hot flashes and night sweats after receiving acupuncture for 12 weeks. The symptoms were caused by hormone suppression treatment with Tamoxifen or Arimidex. The study followed women over a year and compared the results to Effexor which is usually given to reduce side effects, Acupuncture not only proved to be as effective but increased energy, sense of well-being, clarity of thought, and sex drive plus the results lasted about three months after stopping treatment. Patients on Effexor saw an increase in hot flashes after only two weeks.

EARLY INFLUENCE

"I'm always interested in integrative therapy," said Walker of Troy. "My mother, aunts and uncles if you got sick went to the back yard and picked a bush to make tea. That influenced me in looking for other ways to supplement treatment."

Walker would like to do a follow-up study to find out if patients might only need treatment three to four times a year, She's excited about collaborating again with the hospital's Center for Integrative Medicine because the study incorporated Eastern and Western medicine. Innovation is key at Henry Ford Hospital which recently began scheduling mammograms online at henryford.

"Henry Ford is an active participant in most of the big studies in chemo and radiation and genetic profiling," said

Vicini is the principal investigator for the national study to reduce the number of radiation treatments and still remain effective. He was recently encouraged by a Canadian trial that showed three weeks of radiation treatment work just as well as a longer course for women with early-stage breast cancers, He's

equally excited about a Beaumont program for individuals at high risk for developing breast cancer.

'We're setting up a program for a high risk clinic. When a woman comes in for a mammogram we do an initial risk assessment, a questionnaire, and provide physicians with a risk assessment based on mammogram and information on potential risk of developing breast cancer," said Vicini, chief of oncology and a radiation oncologist at Beaumont Hospital. "We're reaching out to the community and trying to decrease the impact of breast cancer, trying to catch it before it develops."

While Dr. Nayana Dekhne, a breast surgeon and director of Beaumont's Breast Care Center, is concerned about patients with a family history of breast cancer, she believes all women could benefit from making certain lifestyle choices like eating six to eight servings of fresh fruits and vegetables daily.

"Just physical activity is tremendous in preventing breast cancer," said Deknne. The logic is the estrogens or hormones are fat soluble so they might be less at a cellular level. Women who have a lower BMI (Body Mass Index) are probably at a lower risk."

OFFERING OPTIONS

Dekhne considers risk-reducing surgery one of the new, exciting developments. She's seeing more patients, especially the younger ones, opting for aggressive treatment such as bilateral mastectomies. As a surgeon, her job is to offer options. For years the standard for mastectomy has been to remove the nipple to minimize the recurrence of cancer.

"The nipple-saving mastectomies we can do now modified techniques to leave skin flaps with minimal tissues and save the nipples if possible because reconstructed nipples don't match God-given nipples," said Dekhne, who's followed the advances over 18 years of treating breast cancer patients.

Dr. Linda Dubay is especially looking forward to advances in imaging. The earlier a cancer is caught the better the

outcome. "Nationwide as far as imaging it's a very exciting time. We realize we're missing a lot. We're going to see a lot (of advances) in the next five years," said Dubay, a general surgeon who specializes in breast cancer at Providence Hospital in Southfield and Providence Park Hospital in Novi where she is medical director of surgical services. "Treatment is cutting edge right here and now. One of the exciting things that's completely experimental is related to immunotherapy. There are a few physicians in the country freezing advanced cancers that begin to die off so the body can fight off the cancer. There's new imaging on the horizon at Karmanos with water imaging that's completely experimental but it's exciting. They're

coming up with non-radiation imaging. In my 15 years as a breast surgeon, it's changed pretty dramatically. Going off hormones was a big thing that was contributing to breast cancer. Excessive hormones increase breast cancer risk, adding fuel to the cancer."

CLINICAL TRIALS

Dr. Amy Weise is excited about the possibility of some day eliminating chemotherapy as a treatment. At Karmanos Cancer Institute where she is a medical oncologist, researchers like herself are involved in a wide range of clinical trials looking at new combinations of medications including targeted therapy.

"Some of the trials use traditional chemo medications but alter the frequency in which those are given," said Weise. "We're also participating in a major trial that takes patients' tumor type and does genetic analysis and places patients into three risk categories. It's helping us to characterize the aggressiveness of the cancer at a molecular level so in learning more about the aggressiveness, we're able to eliminate the chemo and safely treat them with hormone therapy. We have a prevention trial looking at aromatase inhibitors compared to a placebo in women who are postmenopausal but at increased risk of developing cancer. We have unique trials not available at any other institution using different arms of the immune system to attack the cancer. We're the largest Phase I center in Michigan. Phase I is the first time a drug is tested in a person, brand new medica-

At the University of Michigan hospital, Dr. Jennifer Griggs is concentrating her research on quality care. The medical oncologist is director of the Breast Cancer Survivorship Program.

"We're spending more time with longterm effects of treatment," said Griggs. "Most people can resume a normal life, but can suffer with nerve problems, pain in fingers and toes after chemo, cardiac effects of treatment, swelling of the arm after lymph node removal, hot flashes, sleep problems. We're helping people make sense of what happens, Breast cancer is a life-altering event, Unlike cardiac rehab we don't have a model for getting back to being in charge of their health care. We want to make sure women benefit from the best therapies out there. PARP inhibitors directed at BRCA1 and 2 (genes); it's the first time for therapy directed at genetic mutation. We consider all of those options in every patient. There's no holding back on chemo in some people but we're getting smarter about who needs it, where there would be no benefit. We hope to see more people being cured and make advances in prevention and quality of care of people."

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Experts: Treat eye allergies with caution

With news reports indicating this could be the worst year ever for the common allergen ragweed, area residents should not only prepare for sneezing and stuffy or runny noses but for eye allergies. The Michigan Optometric Association wants Michigan residents to be aware of eye allergy symptoms that may occur this fall and the precautionary steps needed to ensure healthy eyes.

Eye allergy symptoms can include itchiness, swollen or inflamed inner eyelids, tearing, blurred vision and sometimes mucus or watery discharge. These symptoms can be very uncomfortable for allergy sufferers and may impede sports activities, school performance and job productivity. For contact lens wearers, allergy season may present other difficulties involving airborne allergens that can adhere to the lenses and cause discomfort.

Many people use eye drops to relieve the symptoms associated with eye allergies. MOA doctors warn this practice may result in trouble if people are not

"Eye drops may temporarily help to relieve eye allergy symptoms and keep contact lenses clean," said Dr. Teresa Seim, MOA past-president. "However, certain symptoms of eye allergies can be similar to other eye conditions so it is best to schedule an appointment with an optometrist to determine the best treatment for any eye issue."

The MOA offers the following tips regarding eye drop safety for allergy sufferers:

Prescription eye drops are generally very effective and because they are applied topically, there are usually few systemic side effects. Most prescription drops are only used once or twice a day and many can be used to prevent the allergic reaction in the first place.

Over the counter eye drops are not as effective or safe as prescription drops. If used in excess, non-prescription drops can cause a rebound effect and actually make the eyes more red and irritated.

The best treatment is avoidance of the allergen. If you can identify and avoid the particular agent you are allergic to, the symptoms will improve dramati-

Treating eye allergy symptoms does not take a one-size-fits-all approach. There are many factors that go into getting the right treatment for symptoms. When visiting an optometrist, it is important to accurately describe symptoms so the doctor can prescribe a medication that safely and efficiently relieves the symptoms.

For more information about eyes or to locate an optometrist, visit michigan. aoa.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

OCTOBER

Ladies night out

Reiki: the Gentle Healing Art Tuesday, Oct. 7, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Blood pressure and bone density screenings, and massage will be offered 5:30-7 p.m., lecture from 7-8:30 p.m. Speaker is the hospital's Reiki Master Jane Kaleski, a Certified Massage Therapist, Medical Massage Therapist and Certified Infant Massage Instructor. Registration required. No charge, but a \$5 donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center programs. Call (734) 655-1182 to register or for information.

Grief seminar

Join national grief expert and author Dr. Alan Wolfelt as he presents The Wilderness of Grief: Finding Your Way 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, at Michigan State University Management Education Center, 811 Square Lake Rd., Troy. No charge, but reservations recommended as seating is limited. To register, call (248) 362-2500. Visit www. desmondfuneralfuneralhome.com for details and

Low vision support

The Canton Low Vision Support Group for the visually impaired meets 2:30-4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, at the Summit on the Park community center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. For information, call (734) 394-5485.

Stop smoking program

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, Sunday-Thursday, Oct. 12-16, and Monday, Oct. 20; at Metropolitan Adventist Church fellowship room, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. No need to register. For information, call (248) 349-5683.

Walk to fight diabetes

Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Detroit Zoo, Royal Oak. Proceeds go to the American Diabetes Association to help prevent and cure diabetes through programs and services in Michigan. To register as an individual or lead a team, visit diabetes.org/stepout or contact Stephanie Camalo at 1-888-DIABETES, ext. 6692 or scamalo@diabetes.

The key to glycemic diets, and the amount of cholesterol in meat

Bob from Royal Oak e-mails that he has been hearing a lot about high and low glycemic diets lately. He wants to know which is more effective when it comes to weight loss.

Bob, high glycemic foods are high in simple carbohydrates and cause a rapid increase in blood sugar. Low glycemic foods enter the system more slowly and contain more fiber

A recent study compared the two

diets. The weight loss was the same with both groups, but with a key difference. Those on the high glycemic diet lost more muscle weight while the low glycemic dieters lost more fat.

The low glycemic group also had higher levels of leptin, which leads to a higher metabolic rate. The bottom line: if you want to lose weight, eat a diet rich in low glycemic carbs and fiber and low in refined sugar.

See your doctor for the diet plan

that is right for you!

Paul from Farmington wants to know if a lean cut of meat has less cholesterol than a fatty cut.

Paul, fatty meat has about the same amount of cholesterol as lean cuts, since the concentration of cholesterol in fat and lean tissue is the same, 20 to 30 milligrams per ounce. Cholesterol is a fat-like substance found in all cell membranes and nerve fibers of animals. The reason

to avoid fatty meat, or at least to trim all the visible fat, is that it is rich in saturated fat, which stimulates the body's production of cholesterol even more than dietary cholesterol does.

Peter Nielsen is a health and fitness expert, and owner of Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield and Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield. If you have a health or fitness question, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com.



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Peter Nielsen

REUNION CALENDAR

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the newspaper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your reunion announcement at least two weeks in advance to Linda Chomin. Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mich., 48150, or e-mail ichomin@hometownlife.com.

Bishop Borgess High School Class of 1988

A 20-year reunion will be held on Oct. 11 at the Fairlane Club, Tickets, \$50 per person, include dinner, drinks and music. No ticket sales at door, For more information visit www.88reunion.net, e-mail borgess1988@gmail.com or call (313) 410-3750.

Brighton High School

Class of 1989 Planning a 20th reunion and searching for classmates. Please sign up at "yahoo groups-brighton high school class of 1989" for more information.

Cass Technical High School Classes of 1964-67

Reunion dinner dance, Saturday, Nov. 15. Call Rita, (313) 567-8133.

Class of 1959 50th reunion with a 3-day weekend of activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. For information, visit www. casstech59.com or contact Marge Teramino Knable, reunion@casstech59. com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

Cherry Hill High School Classes of 1983-84

25th Reunion, 6 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland. Cost, \$50 per person, includes dinner and open bar. Casual attire. Advanced tickets only by Sept. 30. Call Lori Westerholm, (734) 834-6796, Mary (Potvin) McCollough, (734) 658-1014 or Renee (Scott) Liske, (734) 425-7826

Clarkston High School Class of 1998

A 10-year reunion will be held at Deer

Lake Athletic Club in Clarkston, 6:30 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 29. The evening includes dinner, entertainment and/or dancing and cocktails. Ticket price TBA. This is an adult dinner, and each alumnus is welcome to bring one date. For more information, look on MySpace and Facebook, visit http://clarkston1998reunion.myevent. com, e-mail chs1998grads@hotmail. com, or call Samantha at (248) 884-8658.

Clarenceville High School Class of 1988

20th high school reunion, Oct. 17-19. Contact Julie (Mansell) Pierce at (734) 996-2513 or pierce.julie@gmail.com for more information.

Class of 1978

A 30 year reunion will be held Friday, Nov. 28 at the O'Kelly K of C Hall in Dearborn, Contact Diane (Verostick) Kapelanski at (734) 981-0091 or dianekap@comcast.net for more

information. Dearborn Fordson Class of 1969

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

Detroit Cass Tech

Class of 1958 A 50-year reunion, Oct. 11. For details, call Isabelle at (313) 882-4626 and at casstech58.com

Detroit Chadsey High School Class of 1957

An Alumni Dinner will be held Saturday, Oct. 11 at American Legion Post No. 32, at 9315 Newburgh in Livonia. Contact Pat at 734-522-1284.

Detroit Christ the King Elementary Class of 1963

A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734) 354-0223 or e-mail denplace@bigfoot.

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Detroit St. Brigid Class of 1959

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Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Please contact szonyek@ att.net with any information about

classmates. Class of 1978

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 29, For more info, contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605-0377 or e-mail western1978@att.net.

Detroit Winship School Class of 1956

Members of the eighth grade graduating class of 1956 who are interested in planning a reunion, should call Beth Weingarden at (810) 695-7882.

Farmington Harrison High School Class of 1998

A 10-year reunion will be held at Andiamo Italia's Dirty Martini Lounge, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29. Purchase advance tickets, \$55, by sending a check payable to "HHS Class of 1998" c/o K. Crites, 4105 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, III. 60613. A limited number of premium priced tickets will be available after Nov. 1. No tickets at the door. Contact Kelly English Nelson at HHS.1998.Reunion@hotmail.com.

Ferndale High School Class of 1963

45th reunion, Oct. 11, at Shield's Pizza,

Southfield, Call Betty (248) 852-8530. Garden City High School Class of 1960

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Class of 1989

Need classmates to register online. Send names, addresses and e-mail addresses to Paula at gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com. Visit www.mvspace.com/gchs20threunion. The reunion date has not been set vet.

Grosse Pointe North Class of 1991

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

Lincoln Park High School

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year reunion. Contact: Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or nc6897@sbcgloblal.net.

Livonla Bentley Class of 1958

50th reunion, Oct. 10-12, including golf at Whispering Willows Golf Course and dinner at One Under. For details contact Ellen Baumgartner Dorman, (734) 261-6984; Jane Faries Hopper, (248) 474-3728.

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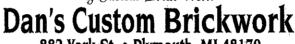
A reunion is in the pre-planning stages. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kavninilu@aol.com.

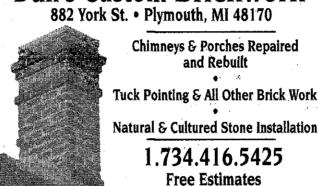
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Redford Thurston Class of 1968

Pre-Party Get Together 5 p.m. Friday Nov. 21, at Bar Louie, 37716 West Six, Livonia, 40th Year Reunion with strolling buffet 6 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 22, at Detroit Marriott Livonia, 17100 Laurel Park Drive North, \$50 per person plus cash bar. Contact Tony D'Ascenzo at tonyd@guardianplumbing.com, Terry Tipton at tetipto@ netscape.net, or visit www.thurstonclassof1968.com for details.

Redford Union Class of 1978

30 Year Reunion Saturday, 6 p.m. till? Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008, at Riverbank

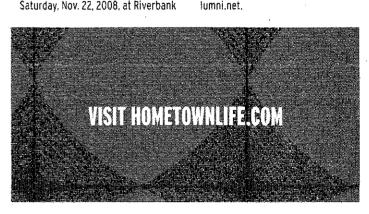
Golf Club, 24095 Currie Road, South Lyon. Cost \$20 per person if paid by Nov. 1, \$25 per person after Nov. 1. Contact Teresa (Linblad) McManamon at teresamac7@yahoo.com or (517) 861-0010, or Linda (Pearce) Dugan at Ilduqan@comcast.net or (734) 454-0745. Dress is casual. Hors d'oeuvres . from 7-9 p.m. Cash bar.

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PLANTAR FASCIITIS Plantar fascilitis presents a medical dilemma: a common problem seen by rheumatologists

odiatrists and family practitioners with no one as yet able to provide a successful treatment. You know when you are experiencing plantar fasciitis. You feel marked pain on the bottom of your foot (medically called the plantar surface), that is worse on waking, making the initial steps out of bed almost unbearable. The term "fasciitis" refers to the swollen tissues between the bones of the foot and the thick skin sole of the foot. Why this area becomes swollen and painful is unknown. The easy answers such as

excessive running, prior foot injury or ill fitting shoes do not apply to the majority cases of plantar fasciitis. MRI imaging has shown that in plantar fascilitis, not only is the plantar tissue swollen, but

the surrounding bone is bruised. Current medical thinking is that possibly the pain of plantar fasciitis is not from the swollen tissue but from the injured bone.

Since no one treatment can claim consistent success, a large number of therapies, claim attention. Advocates exist for physical therapy, application of heat, application of cold, shoe inserts, pressure molded orthotics, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, pain medication, shock wave therapy, ultrascund therapy, radiotherapy, steroid injections and surgery.

Practical treatment consists of finding a comfortable pair of shoes and keeping as active

as possible, as in time the foot pain will leave. However, keep in mind, that the resolution of

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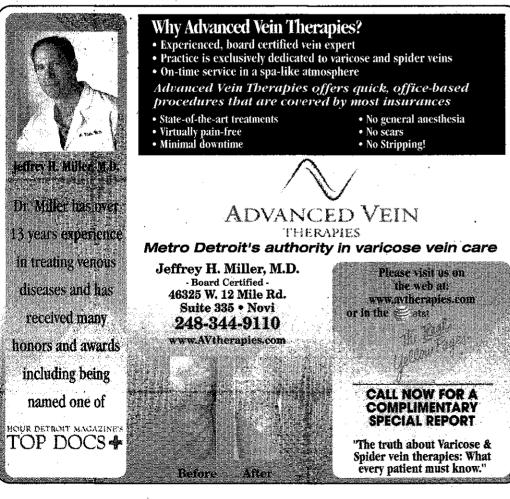


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situation around Psychotherapist and workplace coach Elayne Savage of Berkeley, Calif., says that if you feel rejected, you're probably "taking something personally, causing you to feel slighted, wronged or attacked. You're jumping into the center of your own universe. Recalibrate by creating

distance to see the situation more clearly. Imagine walking alongside yourself. Clarity and distance allow you to *choose* to make a different response.' INCIDENTS

Dori Harrell is a freelance writer in Yakima, Wa., with a book in progress. Before the first of her three incidents with a single employer, she'd won regional awards as a local reporter. "I'd been nominated by coworkers for that month's (internal) Editor's Choice award," she recalls, "for in-depth articles about a topic

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that would affect the community in many ways." The editor rejected her three consecutive times, even though Harrell received the most nominations. The first time, she was in shock.

Each time it happened, co-workers e-mailed supportive messages about how she should have won. That continued for a week or two.

Not being recognized for excellence stings, especially if external sources have already conferred rewards. The same is true for job seekers who don't land a job they really want. Joseph Meuse, managing director of Belmont Partners Inc., in Washington, Va., has started five companies projected to generate \$10 million in revenue this year. He provides shell companies for small- to medium-sized businesses going public.

At 23 or 24, Meuse found a job he was passionate about. Although specific details are a bit hazy after more than a decade has passed, he thinks that he interviewed several times after walking in the door at the local office and asking for a job. He had more interviews at the regional location and an office north of it. "If I remember correctly, I was told no three times," he reports. RESOLUTION

Harrell and Meuse reacted differently. "It was eating me up to go into work every day," Harrell comments. "It was affecting my work, writing and desire to get out of

"It was affecting my life," she adds. "I had to start talking about something else. Since there was little I could do, the one thing I could do is not take it as

Because of this decision, she agonized only about a week the first time; during her return to her desk the second; and, expecting nothing the third time, even less She still e-mails story ideas and sees former colleagues

Meuse acted on the spot. "Boy, they're wrong," he said to himself. "They're wrong about me." Five minutes after hanging up the phone, he hopped into his car and drove to a nearby city he knew nothing about. The receptionist pointed him to HR, but no one was there. Asking for something to write on, he was handed a 4x6 or 5x7 notepad "and just started writing, just what I believed in," he explains. "No one will be more dedicated or work harder . . . " He went on for at least ten pages. The fourth call from the company was the

The experience for Harrell was life-changing, causing her to shrug her shoulders and "just move on," she remarks, when similar situations arise. Today she advocates giving recognition to people who deserve it, even if you don't like them. Meuse learned that 'life and work is just a bunch of problems. You get up every day



Freelancer Dori Harrell and former colleague Scott Sandsberry, a sports and outdoors reporter, regularly meet in Yakima, Wa., to critique their book manuscripts. Harrell retains ties with co-workers in the workplace where she didn't receive recognition for excellence.

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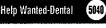
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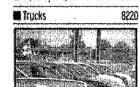
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However, with such fine offerings from Honda, Nissan, Scion and Toyota in this economy car class, the competition has been stiff.

The 2008 Aveo is good on gas, which cars in this segment are known for, but it's not as miserly as the Honda Fit or Toyota Yaris. That's because these models have more refined

and sportier engines. So, when it comes to price, the Aveo is more comparable with the bargain bin Kia Rio. The Aveo, which is assembled in South Korea

but sold by your Chevy dealer here in America, is available in two body styles: a sedan and hatchback that's called the Aveo5. Both Aveos come with two trim levels: the Special Value and LS on the Aveo5 hatchback,

and LS and LT on the Aveo sedan. Special Value means getting what you pay for, which, starting at \$9,995, isn't much. Standard equipment includes 14-inch steel wheels, manual

mirrors and windows and manual locks. The Aveo5 LS adds the availability of options such as 15-inch alloy wheels, air conditioning, cruise control, a sunroof, power windows, carpeted floor mats, keyless entry and a CD/MP3

The Aveo LS sedan is similarly equipped, but offers an upgraded interior with better materials and an auxiliary MP3 jack. The LT sedan rounds out the trims with almost all of the LS model's optional features standard, while offering upgraded seat cloth and the availability of options like leatherette upholstery and upgraded audio with an in-dash CD changer and steering-wheel-mounted audio controls.

The Aveo sedan's radios come from GM's family of premium radio systems that have new features and capabilities such as an auxiliary input jack for iPods and satellite radio accessories.

The base radio is an AM/FM stereo with four



Since it made its debut in 2003, the Chevy Aveo has been a popular choice for compact car buyers.

speakers. A CD/MP3-capable ratio with sixspeaker sound system is available, as are steering

wheel audio controls.

The 2008 has a 1,6-liter 4-cylinder engine that is good for 103 horsepower. A five-speed manual transmission is standard, and there's also an optional four-speed automatic.

Fuel mileage ratings are 23 mpg in the city and 33 on the highway with the manual transmission and 23 city/31 highway with the automatic.

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The Aveo sedan and Aveo5 hatchback have different interior designs. The sedan got an overhaul in 2007, while the hatchback stood pat. So it's no surprise the sedan has higher-quality materials, like wood-grain or metallic trim, a driver's armrest and additional storage.

The Aveo sedan has a "tall car" design and generous dimensions that offer ample interior space – capable of accommodating passengers more than 6 feet tall in each of the five seating positions.

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Although it's one of the lowest-priced cars offered in the U.S., via the Aveo's trim the very start of amenities, such as a glass suppose on the start of the start of

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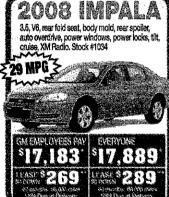
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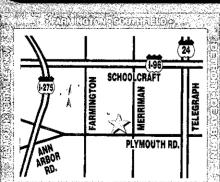
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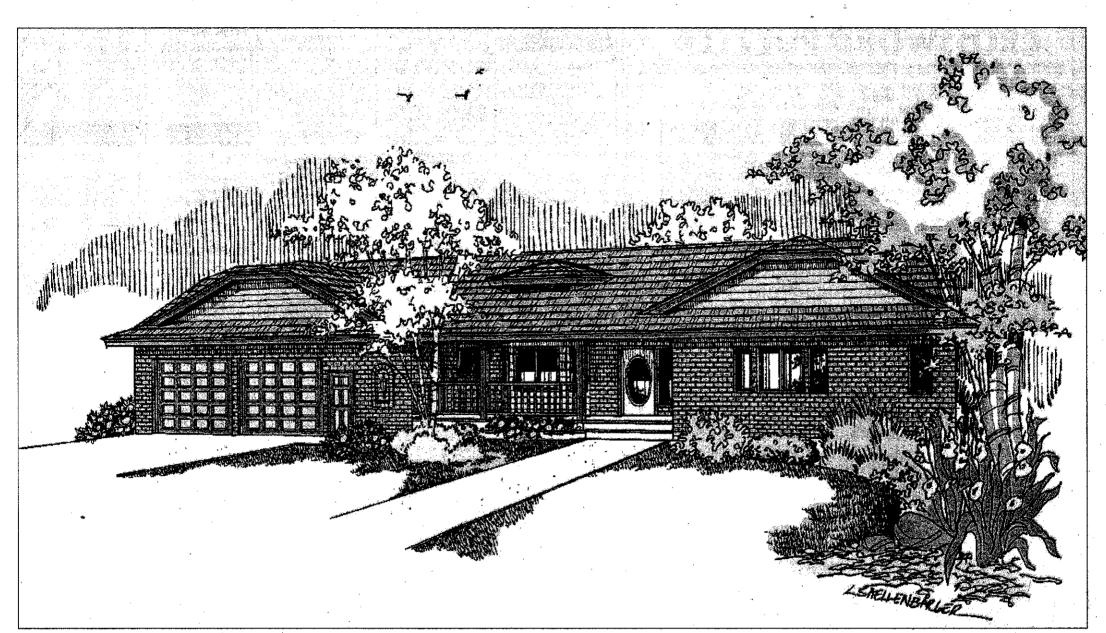


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Sturdy Hall design leads way to life of comfort and ease

The symmetrical exterior of the Hall (406-66) is accentuated by "Dutch clips" in the roof design. With 2,060 square feet of living space and a basement option, this is a sturdy, brick home with an efficient floor plan.

The garage easily fits two cars as well as allowing extra storage and shop space in the rear. There is a door to the back yard for taking the lawn mower outside. From the garage, there is a convenient kitchen access for carrying items inside. A utility room, enhanced with deck access as well as a half bath, is also located near the garage entry.

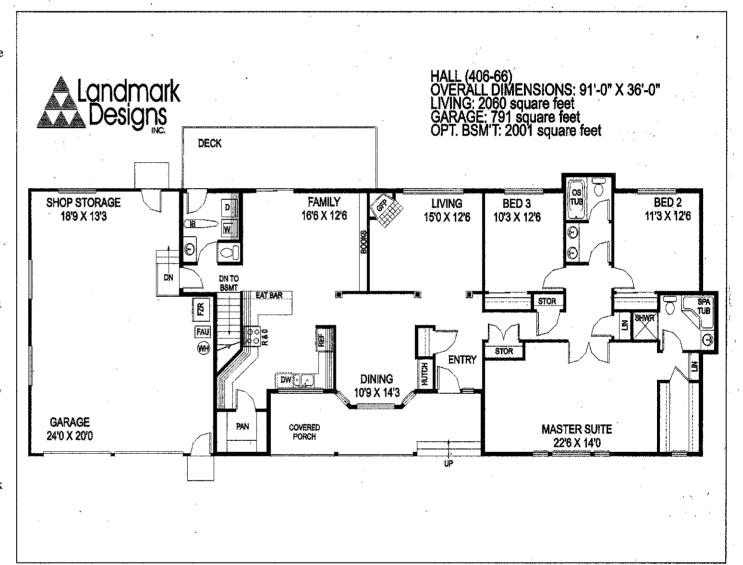
The family room is spacious and close to the kitchen. One whole wall contains bookshelves for the library look. Sliding doors to the deck makes those Sunday afternoon lunches fun. The kitchen overlooks the covered porch. Cooking is made easy with an enormous counter and cabinet space, and an eating bar at the end. There is the perfect window above the sink area for watching the outside and taking one's mind off dishes and cook-

The dining room is next to the kitchen and has a built-in hutch. This is a great touch because it uses area that would otherwise be lost. The bay windows in this room overlook the porch. Across from the main entry is the living room with a gas fireplace in one corner. This room has a pillared entrance, which magnifies the solidity of the home. The entire right end of the Hall consists of a master suite, two bedrooms, and a full bathroom. Outside the rooms are storage closets that can also be

used for linen.

Entry to the enormous master suite is through two French doors. The walk-in closet has a window in the end for extra light, and a linen closet is located at the entrance. The bathroom has both a corner tub and a shower. Because of the width of this suite, part could be used for a sitting room. A basement plan is available. It is undeveloped and unfinished. This leaves an area for one's imagination and for extra space. Stairs are located between the kitchen and garage.

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Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt
Construction will discuss
building with materials and
methods that result in Green
Built™ certification. Building
Green offers a change from
selling cost per square foot
to making an environmental statement. This course is
required for all builder members of Green Built™ Michigan.

Cost for the training is \$65

per person.

For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry
Association of Southeastern
Michigan (BIA) will sponsor
a Certified Graduate Course,
Business Accounting & Job
Costs on Tuesday, Oct. 14. The
course will be held from 8 a.m.
to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters,

30375 Northwestern Highway,

Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.
Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS,
of Builders Professional
Services Group will present
how a good foundation in the
basics of finance is vital for sustaining growth and profitability in conducting a business.
Registration fees are \$155 for
National Association of Home
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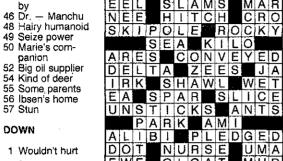


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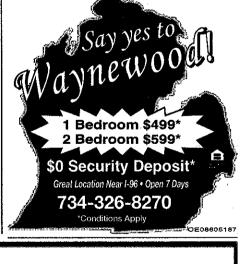
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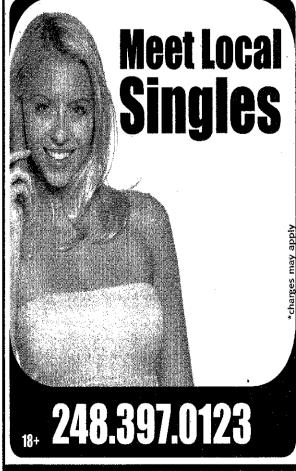
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Good looking SBF, hwp, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 57"+, 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. 23147056

me. 12759845 **VERY ATTRACTIVE**

HELLO THERE Asian woman, 5'2", 180lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, N/S. Enjoys d'ining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. 22113901

SF, 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, short hair, looking to meet an honest, loval, funny man. 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. 2289947 SEARCHING FOR A MAN... 40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. 2962317

ARE YOU THE ONE?

HELLO OUT THERE SWF, 39 years young, seeks SWM, who enjoys lifes simple pleasures. I enjoys dining out, com-puters, movies, the parks walks, travel and life in

general. Friendship first. 2241298

WHY NOT CALL? ship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. 2217234 LADY IN THE WOODS SWF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sassy

and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. 27210247 DOWN-TO-EARTH AND HONEST SBF, 36, 5'10", N/S, short hair, no children, looking for SBM, 35-50, who enjoys festivities, travel,

spending time together. 2280950 BEAUTIFUL SBF... 37, seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first,

maybe leading to more. 27271683 ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, N/S, likes rollerskating, canceing, exercise, theater, travel. Seeking a centleman, 45-70, who is healthy, fun-loving financially secure, looks decent. 22287305

Attractive, sexy BF, 34, seeks true gentleman. You won't be disappointed when we meet! 2287057 ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, seerious SBM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, willing, and able to commit. 22273603

A NEW BEGINNING

SBF. 47. 5'4". likes action movies, swimming

A POLISHED DIAMOND

dancing, plays, outdoors, just having fun. Seeking SBM, 45-55, for friendship or more. 27289151 COULD YOU BE THE ONE? Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, tove and

laughter. 2230694 I NEED A LOVE... to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. 2568059

GET TO KNOW ME Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. 23963760 READY FOR A FRESH START?

OUTGOING BF, 24, student, looking for BM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTA. 2222940

DOWN-TO-EARTH Asian woman, 5'2", 110lbs, slim, attractive. independent; loving caring, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel, quiet times at home. Seeking very handsome W/AM, 47-56; N/S, clean-shaven, H/W proportionate, for friendship first. 2281229

Happy SF, loves country music, dancing, Looking for honest, sincere SW/BM, 30-60, children ok, for friendship first. 2284932 PRETTY COMIC BOOK NERD SWF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5°10°, 165lbs, mature body/mind, looking for a lonely handsome man, 20-30, race open, clean-cut, open-mind-

ed, who can make me laugh and who is witty.

SINCERE AND HONEST

MAN OF CLASS SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you?

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, life. Seeking possible LTR. 2279171 LET'S GET TOGETHER SBF, 54, 5'8", N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SB/WM, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or

more. 2222444 **CALLING ALL GOLFERS!** WiWF, 62, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. 22976914

ARE YOU LONELY?

Attractive female, 5'5", 120lbs, fun-loving blonde, retired, would love a little of your time to enjoy each other's company. Seeking pleasant gentleman, 65-75. 23891247 GIRL NEXT DOOR Sugar and spice and . . attractive blonde, 5'5", 50s, enjoys cooking, travel, drives, more . . . seeks soul-mate, call me; serious replies an-

swered, 23233677 HAVE A GOOD HEART? WF, 33, 5'5", blonde/green, looking for WM, 22-45, who loves Nascar, classic rock and more. CHOCOLATE TREAT

Refined, romantic, creative divorcee, enjoys an eclectic lifestyle. Professionally employed, very youthful and fun loving, 60s, enjoys dining, travel, music, the arts, family and friends. Seeking fit non-smoking gentleman, 50+. 2281197 IN SEARCH OF

a man with a positive outlook for dating, dining out, and companionship. I'm a SWF, 58, 5'8", HWP, and I enjoy walks, cycling, skiling, snowshoeing, and more. \$288886 **ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS** BF, 5'5", 150lbs, likes cooking, listening to music, camping and more. Would like to meet a man to

enjoy life with. 36-60. 2284318 MATURE MAN WANTED SBF, 33, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tali, muscular SBM, 25-40, wh bookstores, movies, dining, water. 2287856

DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonderblue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1"+, 225lbs+, KEEP COOL SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SB/HM, 18-25; who keeps it real. good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman. **T287598**

FORMER RUNWAY MODEL Attractive SBF, 510°, 140lbs, N/S, one kid, likes clubs, outdoor activities, dancing, working out. Seeking single male, 25-38, 61°+, N/S, slim to medium build for friendship first, dating and more. \$\frac{\partial 2285613}{\partial 2285613}\$

STILL SEEKING Very cute SBF, 57, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 46-59, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to com-

mit to someone special. 2113198 **BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST** Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 5'6', 124'bs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated, loves music, dancing, motorcycles, outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking-attractive-gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/ qualities, for friendship/LTR. 2245846

friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic, N/S SM, 40-65, that loves reading, midnight plonics, walking, and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and self-worth. 2282618

SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?

SBPF, 55, 5'4", interested in developing new

MEN SEEKING WOMEN **VERY AFFECTIONATE MALE** WM, 36, 5'11", 200lbs, brown/hazel, tan complex ion financially secure likes movies, concerts

honest, down-to-earth, easygoing WF, 25-45, to

SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. MATURE WOMAN WANTED

REALITIFUL PRINCESS W

share time with. 2295800

SBM, 38, 61", 207lbs, dark complexion, no kids, N/S, N/Drugs, looking for SBF, 29-40, with same qualities. No drama! 22295452 . SINGLE DAD WM, 57", 150lbs, brown/brown, medium build, two children, likes the outdoors, working on cars, having fun. Looking for a good, down-to-earth, nonest, attractive WF, 23-33, for dating.

22284933 A SPECIAL GUY DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks

honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, con-certs, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. 22269646 LONELY, GENUINE HEART SBM, 29, no children, light smoker, seeks sexy, attractive SF, 20-31, who wants to see the real

side of me. 2227987 STAND BY YOUR MAN Smart SWM, 50,5'11", 180lbs, employed, ISO BF, 25-55, for a real relationship. I like cooking, cuddling and more. 2295474

DECENT, GOOD MAN

Faithful, humble, understanding SBM, 56, N/S, with good values and morals, financially independent, looking for love with SF, 50-62, N/S. **2295850** LET'S MEET! SWM, 45, looking for a SWF, 18-35, who is fun-loving, outgoing, enjoys sports. Call if that's youl

Sincere, fun-loving, down-to-earth SBM, 44. ISO romantic, honest, intelligent BF, 25-55, with great SOH, for companionship, possible LTR. LET'S TALK SWM, 40, 5'5", foves to partyl Looking for a fe-male companion, 18-35, for friendship first, pos-

HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING

sibly more if it develops 2294946 TALK TO ME! SM, 36, 6'2", 210lbs, medium build, loves working out. Seeking sweet, loving, caring, kind SW/ BF. 35-45. 2294942

READY FOR A RELATIONSHIP

Male, 60, tall, slim, attractive, brown/brown, no

bad habits, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind

female, 40-70, 127287161

LIKES TATTOOS WM, 5'11", 175lbs, hazel eyes, enjoys bowling, darts, going to movies. Looking for an easygoing WF, 20-35, who enjoys the same, for dating and fun together. 2295670 LOOKING FOR THE "ONE" SWM, 61, 5'9", 170lbs, blond/blue, degreed, veteran, N/S, N/D, Catholic, humorous, spontaneous, like music, outdoors, sports, seeks attractive, easy going SWF 45-65. 27278705 SEMI-RETIRED SBM, 41, 6'1', 220lbs, N/S, light drinker, likes mov-les, music, dancing, dining out, travel, bowling and relaxing at home. Seeking SWF, 21-50, with similar

interests, to settle down with. 2293532 NIGHT OUT ON THE TOWN? SWM, nice-looking and friendly seeks interesting female, 35-51, for dating and friendship. **292944**

IT COULD BE ME!

SWM, 35, 6', brown/blue, muscular build, looking for special SF, 18-31, to hang out with and get to know. 22294679 LAID-BACK AND COOL SBM, 33, 5'7", seeks petite, small SBF, 29-44, who is smart, intelligent and laid-back, has a

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH SBM, 5'11", 156lbs, slim build, likes to relax and chill. Would like to meet a woman, 20-58, who judges beauty from the inside, like I do.

ARE YOU THE ONE?

sense of humor. 22295190

Educated SWPM, 37, looking for SWF, 28-56, for friendship first. I love theater, movies, good conversation. 17292523 CALL THIS MAN! Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romar

nings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. 27112288

CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY

Wise and kind SWM, 46, enjoys simplicity, art fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests 2200459 LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE SWM, 70s, 5'4", N/S, would like to meet a lady, 65-72. I enjoy taking walks, riding bikes, taking trips. Seeking SWF, 62-75, for friendship, maybe

LETS GET GOING! SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, frendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. 23128302 SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely,

independent and know what you want in life.

GOOD BETTER BEST! SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. 27992943 KIND AND COMPASSIONATE

Attractive SWPM, 48, 5'10", 190lbs, N/S, never

married, loves outdoors, going to church, traveling, family time, candle light dinners, movies, seeking kind and caring hard-working lady, 30-50, for possible LTR. 2291990 A WALK AND A TALK Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded counterpart

for where ever it goes. 2200890 SOMEONE SPECIAL

SBM, 61, 6'1", HW proportionate, brown eyes, beautiful smile, affectionate, getting ready to retire, homeowner, loves fishing, vegetable and flower gardens, antiques, walks in the park. Seeking SF, 45-63. \$\frac{\frac{\frac{1}{2}}}{225048}\$ EASYGOING Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. WLTM SWF, for dating and

fun times. 27187614 GOOD MAN FOUND Recently divorced BM, 43, 5'8", 200lbs, educated, enjoys movies, nights out, intelligent conversation, weekend trips, seeking easy going, smart, affectionate female. 2267088

JUST ME AND MY DOG WM, 5'11", 180lbs, short dark/green, likes roller-blading, biking, running, the outdoors, animals, more. Looking for SF, 21-37, with a cool personality and can appreciate an awesome guy

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