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Fishing derby

With the temperatures on the rise, it's a good time to bust out the fishing pole and wet a line. And at the Canton Leisure Services annual Family Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 2, there's a pretty good chance to land a nice rainbow trout. The derby will take place at Heritage Park where Canton will stock the pond with plenty of trout. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

No fishing license is required for the derby which is open to Canton residents only (proof of residency is required). There is a \$5 fee to participate, and people must provide their own fishing gear.

For people who are less than proficient with a rod and reel, Canton will host a free fishing lesson at the Heritage Park pond on Wednesday, April 29, at the Heritage Park pond. There will be four training sessions that will cover the basics of fishing and will start at 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Bring the whole family and your equipment out and learn the tricks of the trade to get prepared for the Derby on the following Saturday. No registration is required for the free fishing lessons.

For more information, visit leisure.canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5460.

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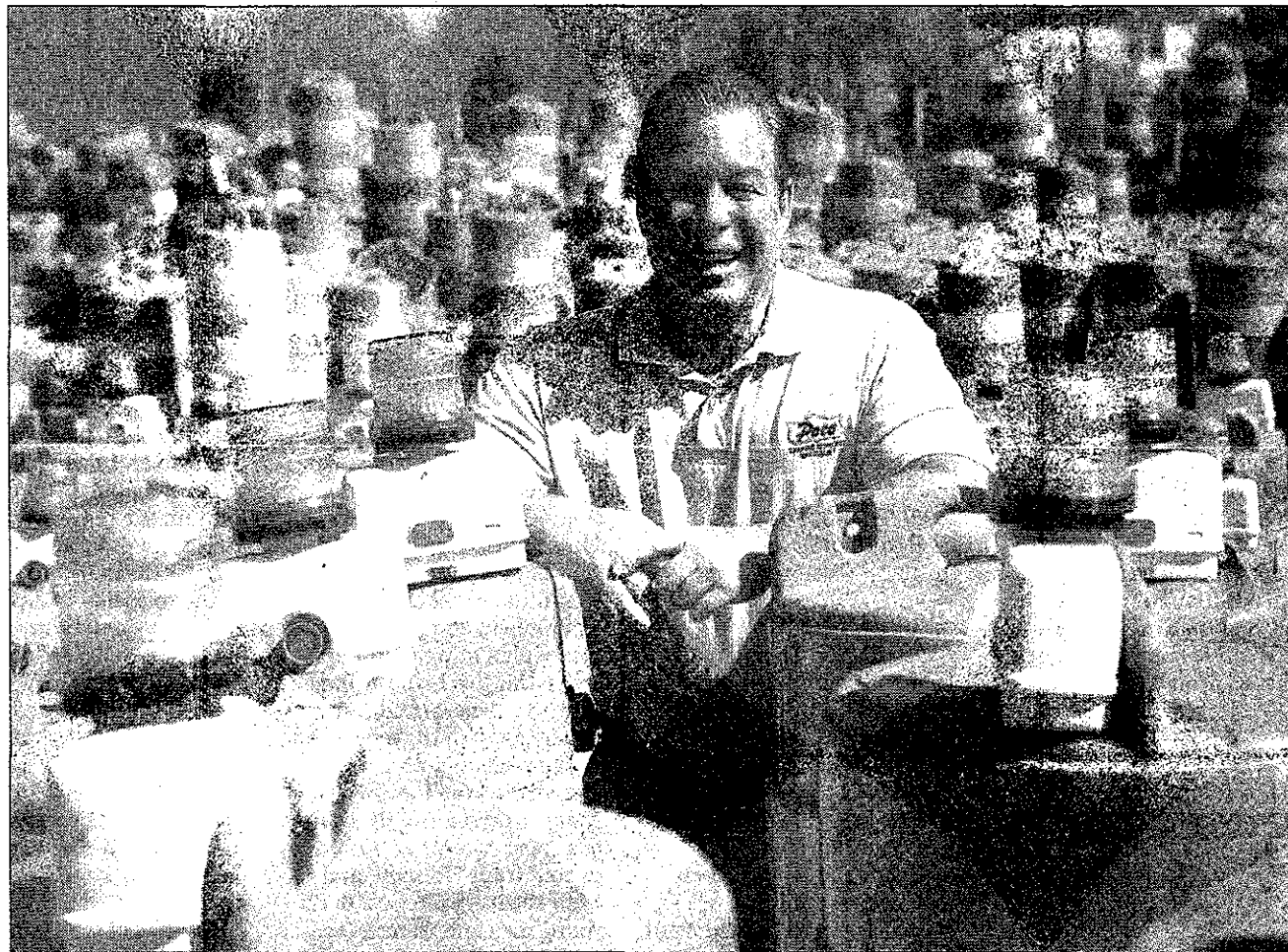
The Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee (Wayne 11th CDRC), which serves Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford and Westland, will host a fund-raising Lincoln/Reagan Day dinner on Thursday, April 30, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

The evening's featured speaker is Michigan Republican Party Chairman Ron Weiser and the keynote speaker is Tim Skubick of Michigan Public Television's *Off the Record*. The doors open at 6 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person, \$90 per couple and a table of 10 is \$450.

Weiser, founder of the real estate company McKinley Associates, retired as the CEO and chairman in 2001 to become the U.S. ambassador to the Slovak Republic. Since his return from the foreign service in 2005, he has been actively involved in political campaigns and nonprofit work.

Skubick is anchor and producer of the weekly public TV series *Off the Record*. He has anchored this weekly public TV series since 1972 and is the longest serving member of the state capitol press corps. The show is seen on Michigan Public Television stations and has an audience of 100,000 viewers each week.

For more information or to buy tickets, contact Pattie Coughlin at (248) 474-3525 or Coughlinlvn@att.net, or Carl Berry at (734) 354-6075 or xcop97@wowway.com.



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Poco owner Frank Powelson is king of the orange barrels. The company will have about 30,000 of the barrels on Michigan roads this construction season.

Behind the orange barrels

Poco building more efficient construction barricades even though drivers hate them

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Most motorists cringe when they see the orange and white construction barrels slowing traffic on the roadways.

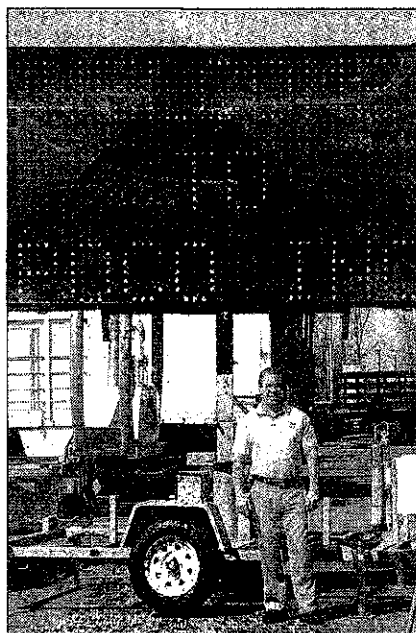
"I get very frustrated, it's like here we go again," Lori Harper of Romulus said at the Canton Public Library. "It seems they're around all the time. Traffic is already congested as it is, and then there are more delays."

Well, there's at least one person who gets a sense of satisfaction to see those orange barrels, arrow signs and message boards that generally signal havoc on the roads.

"It's a nice, warm feeling ... one of pride," Frank Powelson said. "It's nice to know the roads are being repaired because we seem to be behind the eight-ball in Michigan."

Powelson loves to dot the landscape with the color orange. And why not, he owns Poco, Inc., in Canton — on Sheldon Road, south of Michigan Avenue — the largest supplier of barricades to contractors in the state.

"In the next month, we'll have 30,000 barrels on the road," said Powelson, 54, who lived in Canton for about a dozen years before moving to Jackson. "We manufacture all our signs and the sign posts, which have to be crash-tested. We have to make sure if the posts are hit by a car at 62 miles-per-hour, the car isn't damaged beyond driveability. It cost us \$250,000 to come up with the design, which we patented and now sell to



Poco owner Frank Powelson and a solar powered message board.

other barricade companies."

Poco's new 26,000-square-foot building includes about 20,000 square feet for manufacturing the road closure barricades and the recognizable orange signs to other companies, municipalities and other states.

The plastic barrels are manufactured elsewhere, and Powelson said they order nearly 6,000 every year.

"The lifespan of a barrel can be from 30 seconds to maybe two years," Powelson said. "We lose a lot to theft and damage and generally have several truckloads to recycle each year."

Powelson, who grew up on the business started by his father, Murray, in 1964, remembers the old smudge pot barricades which had to be filled with kerosene to keep a flame burning, signifying lane closures. Then about 10 years ago, all of the arrow trailers and message boards were running diesel fuel 24 hours a day to operate. Now the barricade lights, arrow signs and message boards are run with solar energy.

"There are no more incandescent light bulbs, everything is LED," Powelson said. "The old-style flat lens is gone and we have a 360-degree dome light, which can be seen from any direction. Thus far, it's only made for Michigan."

"We used to change batteries every week and a half," he said. "Now we have lights that run for four months on two, six-volt batteries or on solar energy all construction season, and even recharging itself. The arrow boards are running on solar ... we're not using one bit of fuel and not emitting emissions into the air."

Powelson said he gets calls all the time from friends wanting to know what roads to avoid because of construction, and a few voice their complaints about the delays caused by the repairs.

"I tell them next year when they drive through they'll say, 'That was worth it. I can actually drive with my coffee cup in my hand and not spill it in my lap.'"

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Appeals court delays hearing for Orlewicz

BY BRAD KADRICH
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Jean Pierre Orlewicz's request for a new trial is still going to be heard.

There just may be some new ears listening.

Acting on a request from Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's office, the Michigan Court of Appeals has intervened in Orlewicz's case. The request came after Wayne County Circuit Judge Bruce Morrow closed hearings in February to listen to testimony about Orlewicz's mental state.

The higher court has told Morrow to stop holding closed hearings and has asked the judge to explain the reasoning behind hearing testimony and arguments behind closed doors in February.

That closed hearing, which featured testimony from a doctor who interviewed Orlewicz before the first trial, was requested by Orlewicz's attorney, Elizabeth Jacobs, who said afterward the doctor's testimony may not be heard in a potential new trial.

"There's no reason to taint a jury panel, which is what happened the first time," she said at the time.

Orlewicz, of Plymouth Township, was convicted last spring of killing and beheading of Daniel Sorenson of River Rouge, then trying to hide the victim's identity by burning his fingers and his body and disposing of the head in the Rouge River. The crime was carried out in the garage at the Canton Township home of Orlewicz's grandfather. Orlewicz was convicted in large measure due to the testimony of Alexander Letkemann, a Westland teenager who admitted to helping dispose of the body and testified that Orlewicz planned the murder. Orlewicz testified the killing was done in self-defense.

Morrow got the case when original trial Judge Annette Berry was disqualified over strong language she used in sentencing Orlewicz following his conviction.

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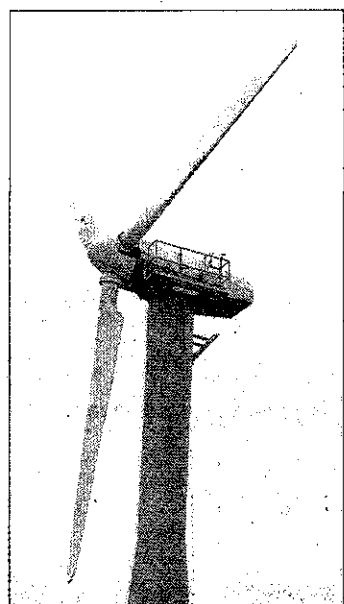
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Officials developing standards for wind turbines

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



MSU EXTENSION

Wind turbines come in many different shapes and sizes.

Wind energy turbines may be the 21st century version of television satellite dishes.

When satellite dishes began popping up on rooftops for the first time, communities played catchup in developing ordinances to govern how and where they could be installed.

As Michigan moves to become a leading state in renewable energy, communities — like Canton Township — are attempting to stay ahead of the curve by developing local ordinances and guidelines pertaining to wind energy turbines.

"There are a lot of factors to consider, depending on what kind of system they use," said Jeff Goulet, Canton Township planner, who is developing the

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you think Canton officials are being smart by getting ahead of the curve on developing ordinances pertaining to wind turbines? E-mail your opinions to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com or post a comment on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

guidelines that could be approved by Canton Township trustees in the near future. "We also have to consider setbacks from the property lines, height, where on the property they will be allowed and sound threshold. And there's shadow flicker mitigation, which is the shadow caused by turbine blades catching the sun's rays and

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Perennial exchange

Canton's Community Excellence Committee will hold its fourth annual perennial exchange in conjunction with Canton's Farmers Market on Sunday, May 3 from 9-11 a.m. at the historic Bartlett-Travis House, located at 500 N. Ridge Road. The exchange is open to everyone and is an excellent opportunity to exchange plants, meet other gardeners, and share garden designs and ideas.

In order to participate, gardeners will need to thin out their extra perennials and place them in a bag that is clearly labeled. Tables will be set up at the event to place perennials; however you do not need to bring a perennial in order to participate in the exchange.

In addition to the exchange, Canton's Farmers Market will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will offer fresh produce, organic foods, distinctive edibles, live plants and other merchandise. To find more information about Canton's growing Farmers Market visit leisure.canton-mi.org or contact the Market Master at (734) 394-5323.

Town hall meeting

State Rep. Dian Slavens (D-Canton) will host a town hall meeting from 6-7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 27, at



Slavens

underemployed workers in new skills and prepares them for jobs available now in high-demand fields, such as renewable energy and life sciences.

"In these tough economic times, it is vital that our workers know there are people and resources available out there to help them," Slavens said. "Bringing experts together with workers will help those who are looking for jobs or interested in building on existing skills. Michigan's residents need to know they are not alone in their struggles, and we are working hard to create opportunities to help get them back on the job."

Slavens will be joined by Derek Boston, departmental analyst for the Advocacy Program at the Unemployment Insurance Agency; and Greg Pitoniak, CEO for the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance, Michigan Works! Agency in Wayne County.

In addition to the town hall, Slavens also will be holding a coffee hour on Monday, April 27, from 11 a.m.-noon at

Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road about the No Worker Left Behind program that trains unemployed and



Hail to the flag (maker)

Bob Heft (center) poses with the Workman Elementary Cub Scout Pack 773 and the Dodson Elementary Pack 771. Heft, who is the designer of the 50-star U.S. flag, visited the troops at Workman on April 21. He talked about the flag and its importance.

Doyce's Red Beans & Rice, 524 Main Street in Belleville.

Slavens holds regular coffee hours to meet with residents and listen to their concerns and ideas. If your business is interested in hosting a coffee hour, please call her office at (888) 347-8021 or send an e-mail to DianSlavens@house.mi.gov.

'Tommy' auditions

Destination Theatre will hold open auditions for its musical Tommy on April 26 from 5-8 p.m., and April 27 from 6-9 p.m. at the Village Theater. Children's auditions will be on April 28, from 6-7 p.m. Enter through back door of theater only — auditions will be on stage.

Callbacks will be held April 28 from 7-9 p.m. There is a \$25 participation fee that will be due at first cast meeting. Show dates are July 23, 24, 25, 31 and Aug. 1-2.

"The Who's Tommy" will feature three female and four male principle characters and will also showcase a medium-sized ensemble of talented singers, actors, and dancers, ages 18 and older, from

which various other roles will be selected.

For general auditions, please prepare a contemporary/rock selection exhibiting vocal range (no songs from the show, please). An accompanist will be provided and no a capella singing will be accepted. Please bring piano music in your key for the accompanist.

Auditions will also include a movement component so please plan to wear appropriate clothing or bring a change of attire. General auditions will begin with the movement component on both days.

Auditions for Tommy's two younger personae will consist of a short excerpt of "Listening to You" from "Tommy" and a few theatre exercises. Both young men and women (ages 8-13) are welcome to audition at the time specified above.

For more information, visit www.destinationtheatre.org/auditions.html.

Economic Support Summit

Canton Leisure Services and the Canton Public Library are teaming up to help dur-

ing these tough economic times. They have created the Economic Support Summit designed to help Canton residents who are looking for help with financial planning, finding a job and saving money.

The Economic Support Summit is a networking and assistance program, which will address the many challenges facing residents in this tough economy. Community members are encouraged to attend a kick-off event on Tuesday, April 28 from 6-9 p.m. at the Summit on the Park Banquet and Conference Center, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. Childcare will be provided at the Summit on the Park for participants attending the meeting.

The goal of the Economic Support Summit is to bring various community resources together under one roof. This group of Canton residents will continue to meet to discuss future developments, explore new economic opportunities and may even feature guest speakers.

For more information on the Economic Support Summit please visit leisure.canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5460.

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Bentley Fun Fest

Bentley Elementary, 1100 S. Sheldon Road in Canton, is having its Fun Fest on Saturday, May 2, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The event will have activities, games and prizes for all ages, including more than 20 raffle prizes and a 50/50 raffle. There will also be a "Lock Up" area hosted by the Canton Police Department (lock up friends, teachers, or family members), as well as inflatables for the children. Refreshments will include snow cones, cotton candy, hot dogs, ice cream, and more. For more information, call (734) 646-7513.

Neighborhood know-how

On Monday, May 11, from 6:30-9 p.m., Canton's supervisor's office will present "Neighborhood Know-How," an informational event on how residents can improve their subdivisions. This free event at the Summit on the Park welcomes everyone from homeowners association officers to all interested residents. Attendees can choose from a variety of break-out sessions on topics including covenants and restrictions, contracts, retention ponds, insurance, management companies, roads, collections and liens, and Canton ordinances.

Attendees can also look forward to door prizes and light refreshments. While the event is free, those interested in attending are asked to RSVP by calling (734) 394-5185.

Senior safety meeting

The Canton Senior Safety Coalition will meet at 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 29 at the Canton Police Department, Conference Room C.

Sgt. Mark Gajeski, who is the department's Community Relations Coordinator, will coordinate all Senior Safety Coalition meetings. This month's agenda will include an update on community policing, and address any comments and concerns.

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Patterson's phishing bill breezes through Michigan Senate

A bill sponsored by State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) that is pushing tougher punishments for Internet crimes sailed through the senate on Thursday.

In particular the legislation targets phishing, or fraudulently acquiring personal information over the Internet. Phishing is a unique form of identity theft where criminals use e-mails or pop-up ads to lead consumers to counterfeit Web sites designed to trick recipients into divulging financial data such as credit card numbers, account usernames, passwords and social security numbers. Because the criminals high-jack the names and logos of reputable banks, e-retailers and credit card companies, they convince consumers to respond.

If Patterson's bill becomes law it would increase to a maximum of 10 years in prison and \$500,000 in fines from the current five years and \$25,000. The bill also would allow the attorney general or the Internet provider file civil actions against the phishing site operators.

Patterson said the legislation strengthens consumer protections.

"I was happy to see that my legislation moved quickly through the Senate. My colleagues and I realize that this legislation is important to Michigan citizens, especially in this economy," Patterson said. "The Internet thieves see our state as vulnerable and ripe for taking advantage of our residents."

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flickering, causing a nuisance to the adjacent homeowner. There will be guidelines depending on whether it's a residential system or wind farm application."

Goulet said thus far he's only had a few calls asking about wind energy turbines.

Wayne Beyea, associate director of citizen education with the Michigan State University Land Policy Institute, said the push concerning renewable energy came last October, when Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed a bill requiring 10 percent of Michigan's energy come from renewable sources — wind and solar.

"That's created a pent-up demand, and communities and land owners are getting calls from people who want wind farms or site-specific wind turbines," Beyea said. "Some of these are tall towers, and there's the visual aspect as well as the safety issues. There are concerns about low-frequency noise, environmental concerns of putting them in the flyway of birds."

"Some communities have been caught off-guard and need to update their master plans and zoning ordinances for placement of wind energy facilities in their communities," he added.

Goulet said he expects any ordinances to change as technology changes.

"Michigan is pushing a lot of

energy independence issues, so we're waiting for codes and technology to see what can best be utilized by our residents," Goulet said. "Whatever we come up with will be something we constantly change and re-evaluate to keep up with the issues."

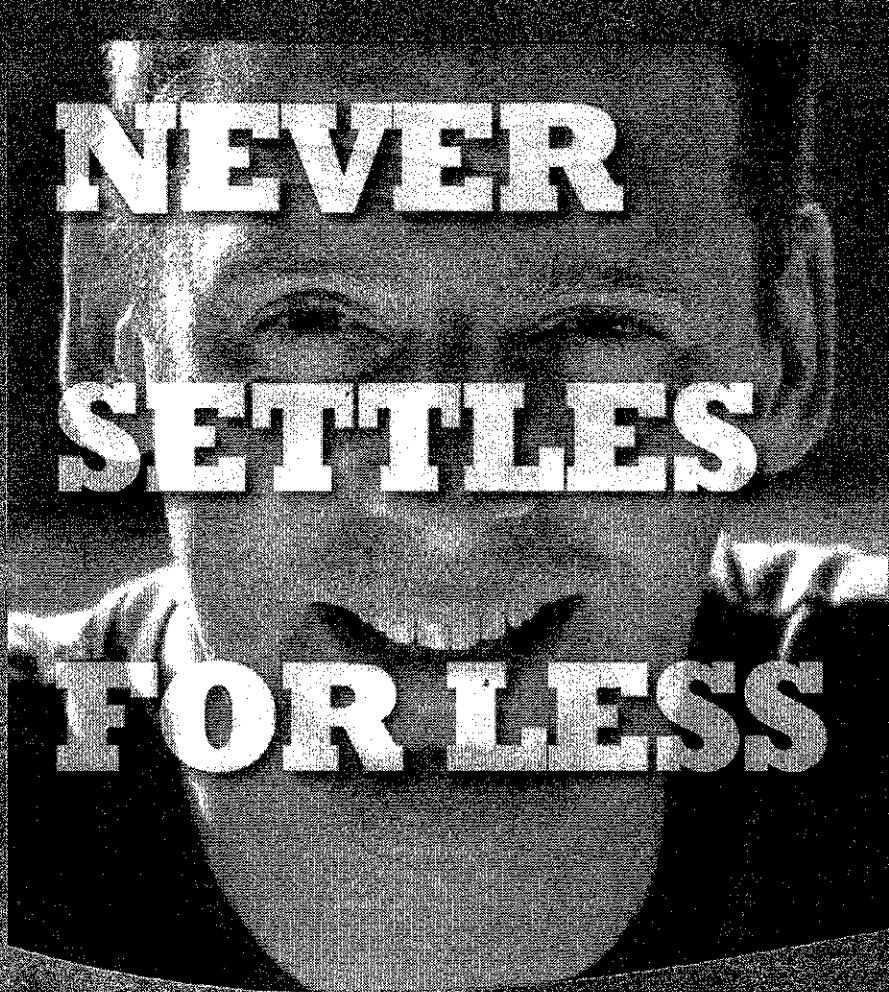
Beyea said for those who believe a wind energy turbine will erase energy bills, think again.

"Roof-mounted systems wouldn't cover most residential full-energy needs, it would be more supplemental," Beyea said. "Such as in the summer when people are using air conditioning and it's a huge draw on the electric grid. That's a time where energy can be supplemented at peak times."

WIND ENERGY FACTS

- Department of Energy's "20 % Wind Energy by 2030 Technical Report" finds that wind power can supply 20 percent of America's electricity by 2030 and reduce projected emissions of carbon dioxide, the leading greenhouse gas, by 25 percent.
- The generation of electricity from the wind does not result in any air emissions. By offsetting more polluting forms of energy generation, wind energy can actually improve air quality and our health.
- In 2007, wind energy generation prevented the emission of nearly 28 million tons of carbon dioxide — a greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change.
- An operating modern wind farm at a distance of 750 to 1,000 feet is no noisier than a kitchen refrigerator or a moderately quiet room.
- There is no evidence that the presence of a commercial windfarm within sight of a property systematically decreases that property's value. In some cases property values increased.
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EDUCATION

Grandparents get grand honors from kindergartners

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Inspired by her grandparents and their positive influence on her, teacher Kim Harrigan helped Bird Elementary School students honor their own grandparents on Thursday.

Harrigan's kindergartners danced and sang to *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, an alphabet-teaching story in song, then joined their visiting grandparents for snacks, photographs and tours of their classroom.

"I thought it was wonderful," Lucille Eaton, great-grandmother of kindergartner Alexis Nadell, said of the performance. She liked the way the students danced, she said. Eaton, of Novi, has two grandsons who also attended Bird.

"It was delightful," said Joy Yambor of Horton, Mich., grandmother of kindergartner Ella Workman.

It was the seventh annual grandparents day for Harrigan, an 18-year teaching veteran in the Plymouth Canton Community Schools. She recognized her three living grandparents, Maxine Harrigan of Livonia and Joe and Dorothy Siwarski of Northville, who were in the audience.

"I feel blessed, very blessed, to have you," Harrigan said, looking at the three.

Both the Harrigan and the Siwarski grandparents were a big part of her life as she was growing up, and they remain close, Kim Harrigan said. Both sets lived a few houses from each other in Detroit, she said, and there were a lot of family vis-



Bird Elementary School kindergartners sang and danced their way through a tribute to their grandparents on teacher Kim Harrigan's seventh annual Grandparents Day celebration.

its to that street.

"They're just the most loving people on this Earth," she said.

When the late Bill Harrigan retired as a Greyhound bus driver, he and Maxine moved to a farm near Manistee, and Kim Harrigan remembers many visits there, having fun with cousins and helping the grandparents with chores. "They taught me about work ethic," she said.

Kindergartner Ella Workman of Plymouth seems to be building similar relationships.

"He loves me," Ella said of Tom

Workman, her paternal grandfather. "He goes on trips with me. Colorado was our last trip."

"She's just a special kid," said Plymouth resident Workman of Ella. "She's very creative. She's well behaved."

Ella, who played the letter "H" in the skit, said she also enjoys going out to eat with her grandfather.

Grandmothers Mary Jo Workman and Joy Yambor also attended Thursday; grandfather Steve Yambor had to work.

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District, township agree on temporary rental space

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Officials of both the Plymouth-Canton School District and Plymouth Township figured they'd be able to work out a deal for the district to rent some township space while their curriculum department is being renovated. They recently did just that.

Both the district's Board of Education and the township's Board of Trustees approved an agreement that will allow the district to rent space in the township's Department of Public Works building on Port Street.

Although original talks centered around the township renting the space for \$1, final rent figures settled in around \$630 per month. The district will begin using the space this month and hope to be back in their usual space at the transportation yard by the time school starts.

The sides had originally started talking about the district renting space in the old township hall complex at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley, but when officials got a look at that space, which has been sitting empty and unused for a couple of years now, it just didn't meet expectations.

They settled on the DPW space on Port.

"It turned out to be a more complicated process than we thought, but it turned out to be a good deal," said Ken

Jacobs, deputy superintendent for Plymouth-Canton Schools. "This will allow us to get our school year off to a good start."

In addition to the rent, the district agreed to pay 25 percent of the utility fees for the space while they're occupying it, along with picking up some legal costs.

The curriculum department building, at the East Middle School complex on Lilley, is undergoing major renovations.

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PCA Gigabots rule

Plymouth Christian Academy's sixth-grade robotics team, the Gigabots, recently qualified for the World Championships of Robofest to be held May 9 at Lawrence Technological University. The Gigabots qualified on April 4 during a competition held at Canton Charter Academy. The team is comprised of (back row from left) Carson Moutsatson, Gregg Manni, (front row from left) Zack Eisen, Kyle Lemieux, and Isaac Middleton. They were one of two PCA teams part of the school's robotics club, coached by Joe Lemieux, Terrence Crown, and Jan Eisen. The club uses MindStorms robots from Lego to teach the students science, technology, engineering, and math principles and how to apply them in a fun, creative way. The Gigabots robot was named Clawinator, which would pick up a colored ball with its claw, determine what color it was, and then place the ball into a bucket depending upon the color of the ball. For a video of the robot in action visit www.schooltube.com.

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Man leaps to his death on I-275

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 21-year-old Ypsilanti man, who was living with relatives in Canton, fell to his death when he jumped off the Warren Road overpass onto I-275 shortly before 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Canton police say they were called to investigate a suspicious person on the overpass and when an officer approached the man

he jumped onto the southbound lanes. Police say he died at the scene.

Canton police are not identifying the victim, but do say he had an argument with family members prior to jumping off the overpass.

Southbound I-275 traffic was rerouted for about two hours as police investigated the case.

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Postal carriers hope to help fill pantry

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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The Plymouth Salvation Army food pantry can always use a little help.

It's going to get some assistance when letter carriers in Canton and Plymouth - as part of the nationwide effort by the National Association of Letter Carriers - replenish the cupboards with collections from businesses and residents during the annual food drive on Saturday, May 9.

Last year, Canton postal carriers collected 19,000 pounds of non-perishable food from residents on their routes, who left bags and boxes of food at the mail box. Plymouth postal carriers collected 19,600 pounds.

"We were so amazed and grateful that people opened their hearts," said Lois Fritz of Livonia, a Canton Post Office letter carrier who is one of several organizers for this year's effort. "Even the people in the poorest of neighborhoods gave



Postal workers Dan Marek and Tina Gramer unpack supplies during last year's food drive.

so generously. I think when people have gone through this themselves they know how important it is."

Laurie Aren, family and community ministries coordinator for the Plymouth Salvation Army Corps, said

her caseload is up 110 percent from last year.

"I have 8-10 appointments a day, with newly unemployed people uncertain about how they're going to pay their bills," Aren said. "We encourage them to keep up on their utilities and we will help them with the food."

Dan Marek of Plymouth, a letter carrier from the

Plymouth Post Office on Beck Road, has been coordinating the Plymouth Post Office effort the past four years.

"Every year we've continued to increase the amount of food we bring to the Salvation Army," Marek said. "The community constantly steps up to the plate and helps out the food pantry."

"The fortunate thing is we're increasing the amount of food we collect," he said. "The unfortunate thing is we're having to give that much away - plus more - because of the economy."

Fritz and Marek say donations will also be collected at the post office and by carriers on their routes from those who can't participate May 9.

Fritz said postal carriers decided several years ago to collect food for the Plymouth Salvation Army because it helps people in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

"People feel very committed to the community and wanted to bring it closer to home by knowing they were helping people in their community," said Fritz.

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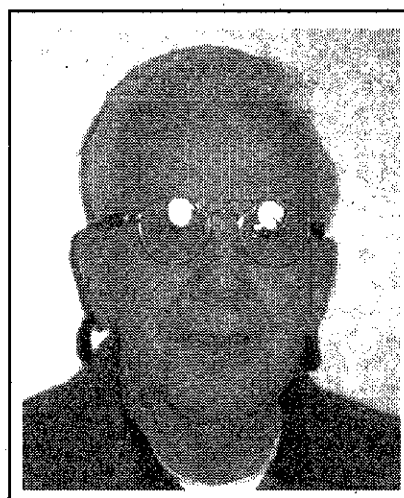
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Mr. J.S. struggled with macular degeneration. He came seeking help with reading, driving and watching TV. Dr. Smith made him three pair of glasses. "I use the pair for TV the most," he said.

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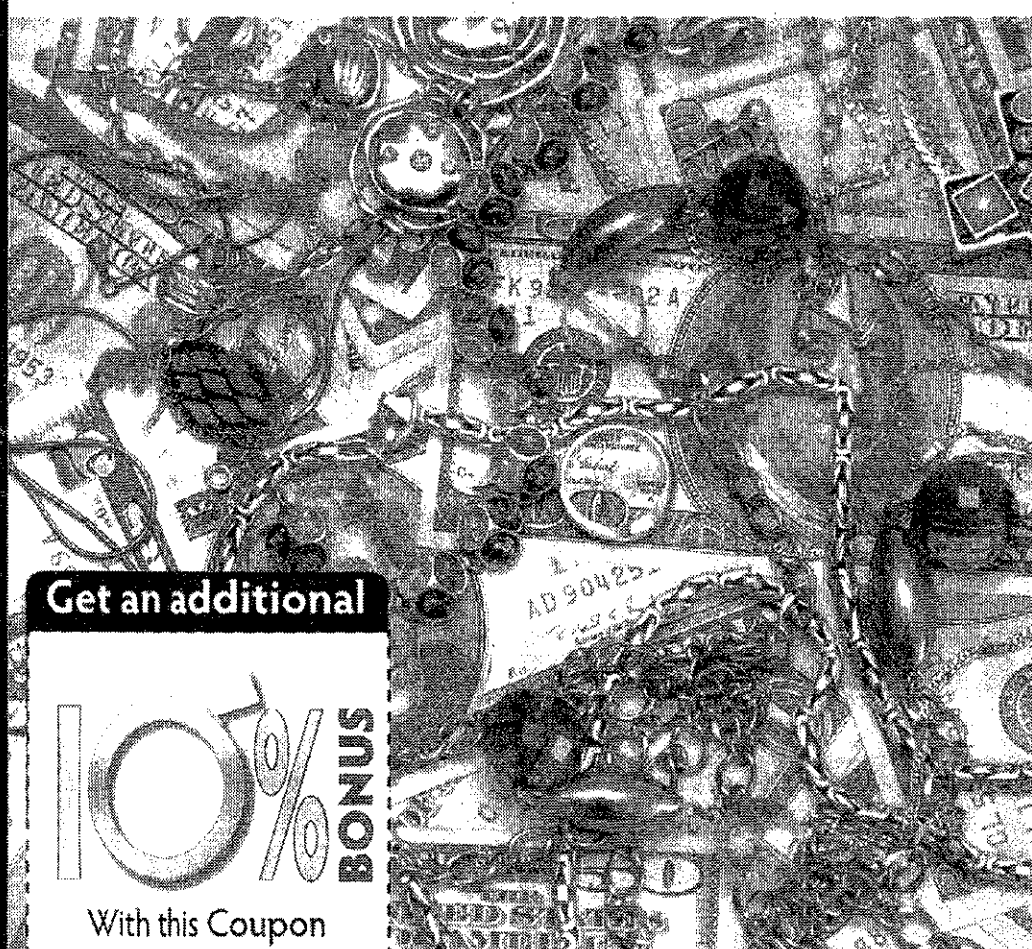


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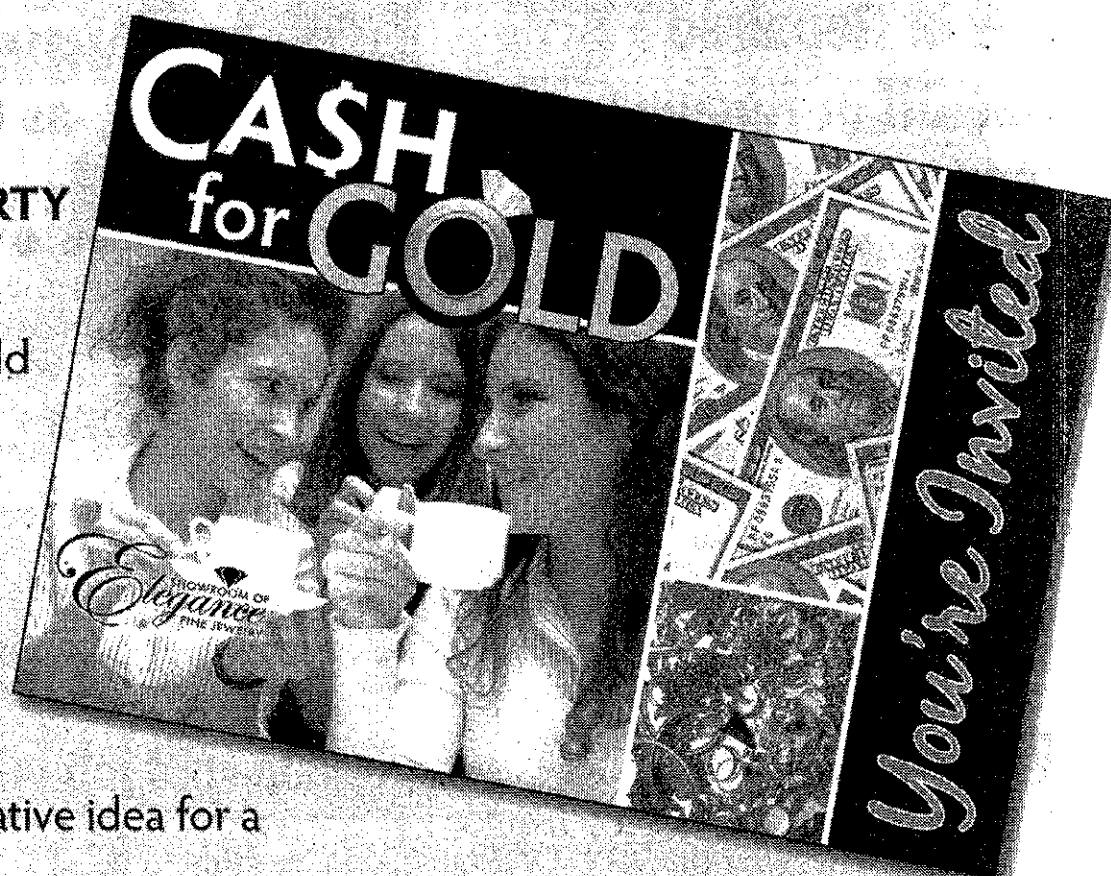
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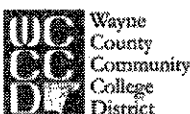
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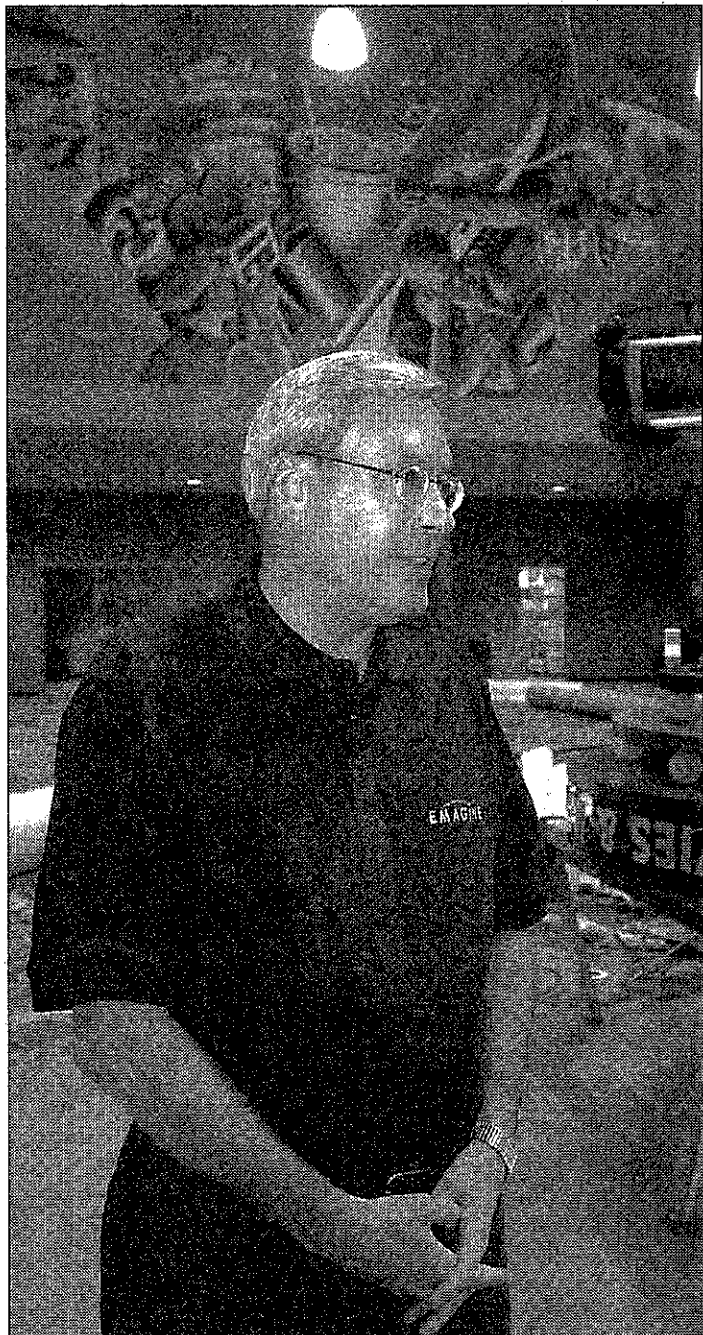
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Tickets will be offered on a first come-first serve basis from Monday, April 27 through Thursday, April 30 until 11 p.m. each day.

"As a locally-owned business, we are deeply grateful for the support we have enjoyed in the communities in which we operate. During these challenging economic times, it is our responsibility to reach out and try to bring cheer to those who have fallen upon hard times," said Paul Glantz, founder and chairman of Imagine Entertainment, Inc.

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High fees for mutual funds means low returns

Q: Dear Rick: I saw a story on 60 Minutes this week that dealt with 401(k) plans and fees. It got me to thinking about my 401(k) plan but also my mutual funds. I've read your articles in the past and I know that you recommend low cost investments. In going through my expenses on my mutual funds, including 12-b1 fees, it seems I'm paying nearly two percent in management fees. Is that too much? What should I do?



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

A: I did see the 60 Minutes story and it didn't surprise me. For as long as I've been involved in the financial world I have been talking about excessive fees.

Most investors pay little or no attention to fees and they end up paying too much. In today's difficult economy, it is more important than ever that all investors pay attention to fees.

Many investors in salaried deferral programs such as 401(k) plans or 403(b) Plans end up paying excessive fees when they don't have to. For example, people who work for non-profit organizations or school systems generally have more than one investment custodian to choose from. Unfortunately, instead of being proactive they wait to see what salesperson contacts them. The result is they end up with low returns and high fees.

Individuals in the for profit sector of the economy generally have only one plan available within a salary deferral program. A school system may offer seven or eight different investment companies in its salary deferral program but a corporation generally will only have one investment carrier. However, that does not mean an employee has no alternatives. Employees, particularly those who work for small businesses, can request employers to offer low cost options. Particularly, in a small business where the owner is working in the business and contributing to the salary program, it benefits not only the employees, but the owner as well to have low cost options.

A possible strategy for individuals who work for large companies is to have a small group of employees contact their human resource department and request a low-cost 401(k) plan. Companies that have high cost plans generally are unaware that there are other options available. There are many investment custodians who offer low cost plans that are beneficial to the employee and to the company.

If you are paying nearly two percent in management fees it becomes nearly impossible for you to make money and a change is needed.

It is time to sell your investments and look at establishing a new portfolio with lower cost funds. One rule of investing holds true: High fees equal low returns.

The question is why do some investment companies have substantially higher fees than others? The answer is simple – sales. Almost all mutual fund companies that have high fees do not use them to manage the portfolio. The money is not used for analysts or for additional research capabilities. It goes to provide incentives to the sales force.

One of the problems in the

investment world, identified during the 60 Minutes story, is that fees and costs paid by an investor are not adequately disclosed. Although they are disclosed in the prospectus, most are written by lawyers for lawyers. In other words, it's almost impossible for the average person to comprehend what they are reading. The industry itself likes to keep people uninformed. However,

we must be smarter.

One of my principal rules regarding investing is to never purchase an investment until you know what it costs you to buy, sell and hold.

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ON THE AGENDA

Canton Board of Trustees

The board will hold a regular meeting beginning at 7 p.m., April 28 at the Canton Administration Building. It will follow a closed session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the purchase of a private property.

Agenda items include:

- Appointments to the Historic District Commission
- Consider an offer from Duane and Sharon Bordine to sell 25 acres on Saltz Road to Canton Township for parks and recreation
- Consider increase of design contract with Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. for the 2009 IAC program
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Expanded Green Street Fair set for next weekend

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One might think it would be tough to top a first-time, two-day festival that drew some 90,000 visitors and promoted a cause that has since grown into a huge mainstream hit.

But Dianne Quinn and Raychel Rork are gonna try.

The organizers of Plymouth's Green Street Fair are bringing back an expanded version of the fair that blew into town last year and became such a big success. The fair, now a three-day event, runs May 1-3 in downtown Plymouth.

"It was super busy, so we felt like we could expand both the size and the length for our second year," said Rork, the daughter half of the mother-daughter organizing team. "It's a lot easier for people coming from all over to set up these great displays."

The event brings together companies, nonprofit organi-



Great weather drew some 90,000 visitors to last year's Green Street Fair in downtown Plymouth, prompting organizers to add a third day to this year's fair.

zations, artisans, live music, workshops and speakers. Attendees are, obviously, encouraged to learn the benefits of green, organic, and eco-friendly products and services. It showcases local and national businesses displaying, demonstrating and selling on-site.

According to Rork, this year's fair will feature a few new things, among them:

- A "green" magician performing a green Earth magic show in Kellogg Park;
- A "Recycling 101" area — an interactive display teaching the basics regarding what should or shouldn't be put in recycling bins;
- Organic cooking demonstrations by the Art Institute of Michigan focusing on

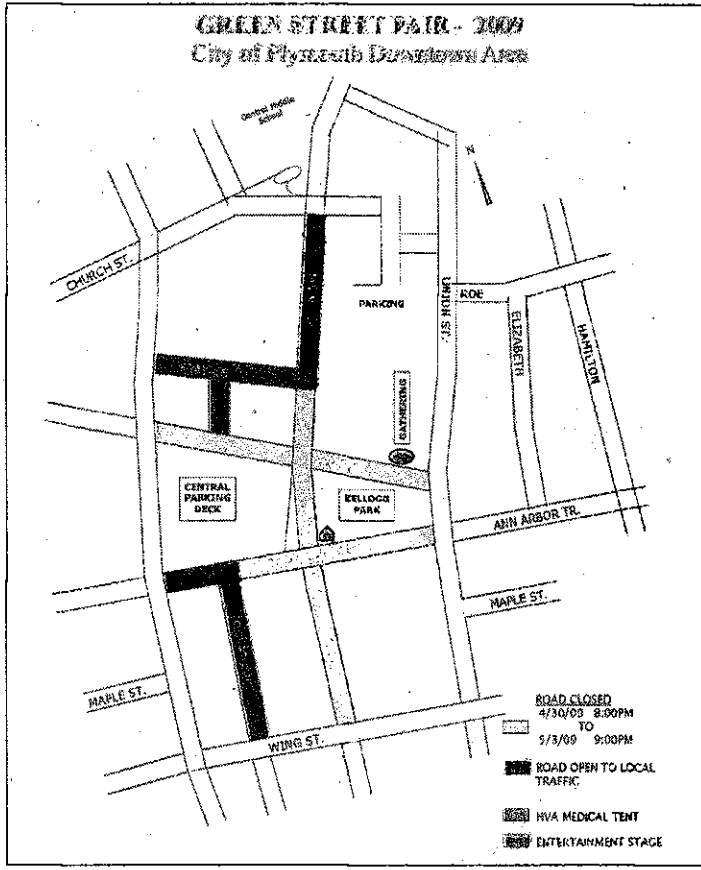
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- **What:** Green Street Fair
- **When:** Friday-Sunday, May 1-3
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- **Details:** A full schedule and more information is available at www.greenstreetfair.com.

organic ingredients; and

- A petting farm in Kellogg Park, with "lots of cute little farm animals, something new for the Park, I think," Rork said.

Other highlights include a "Green Speaker" series in The Gathering, where speakers will hold forth on a wide range of topics, and The Eco-Beats Stage, featuring local and regional entertainment



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Rork thinks the expanded schedule and the additions to the attractions will draw an even larger crowd than last year's fair.

"It's taken off since last year," she said. "It has really become more mainstream to see eco-friendly products in stores you're already shopping in. This makes it much more fun, to bring this information together in one place. You can learn a lot and you can really enjoy yourself, too. It's going to be really fun."

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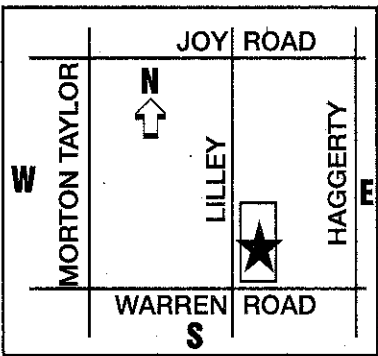
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HOMETOWN LIFE

Rymph's golden goal lifts Canton over 'Cats

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's doubtful even "Stretch" from "Fantastic Four" fame could have reached Tracy Rymph's game-winning shot in Friday night's soccer match between Plymouth and Canton.

With just under 19 minutes left in a scoreless, epic struggle between cross-campus foes, the Chiefs' senior forward stole the ball from a Wildcat defender at the 20-yard line and dribbled a few yards down the sideline before unleashing a rope that squeezed just over the outstretched fingertips

of Plymouth goalie Marissa Williams and just under the upper-right corner of the cross-bar to provide all the scoring in Canton's 1-0 victory.

The Chiefs improved to 3-1 while Plymouth slipped to 3-2.

"Tracy's individual effort and hard work are what created that whole situation," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "She tracked down a ball that was played over her head. She got a touch and then the finish was spectacular. She had the patience and the intelligence to make sure that that ball was on frame over the goalie's head."

"God bless Marissa. She

played a heckuva game. That was just a tough one to save. Marissa gobbled up everything else that came at her tonight."

If not for an incredible play by Williams and Plymouth defender Meeghan Hughes, Rymph would have scored moments earlier.

With 21 minutes left, Rymph controlled a loose ball on the door-step of the goal crease, but her close-range shot was somehow denied by Williams, who made the save from the seat of her pants. Hughes alertly touched the ball away from Rymph and cleared it out of harm's way.

The Chiefs had another

near-miss less than two minutes into the second half when Lindsey Winters' free kick from 30 yards out banged off the cross-bar.

The Wildcats' best second-half opportunity unfolded 17 minutes into the second stanza when Kelly Dobbs and McKenzie Hengesh nearly pulled off a perfect give-and-go play, but diving Canton goalie Samantha McPartlin dove on the loose ball a nano-second before Dobbs could route it into the net 15 yards away.

Plymouth's setback came just 24 hours after it dropped a hard-fought 2-1 decision

to state-ranked Livonia Churchill.

"After playing Churchill last night, we came out a little flat tonight," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "It's tough playing two emotional games like this on back-to-back nights. We could have played better, though."

The Chiefs played the first half heading directly into an often gusting southerly breeze.

"Any time there's zeroes on the board after you've played a half into a 40-mile-an-hour wind, you're happy," Tomasso said.

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GAME WRAPS

Lady Warriors triumph, 15-9

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team's depth led the Lady Warriors to a 15-9 victory over Waterford United Wednesday night.

"We manage to rotate all the players dressed for the game, keeping fresh legs on the field," said PCS coach Dave Medley. "It is nice to have games like this where you can try to get better as a team."

The Lady Warriors are currently in a three-way tie for third place in the competitive Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

PCS played well at both ends of the field. Leading the offensive charge were Chelsea Olson (seven goals) and Lauren Olson, who netted six. Lauren Allard and Nicole Rottell added single goals.

Sophomore goalie Meaghan Eldridge anchored the winners' defensive effort, stopping 15 Waterford shots.

"Meaghan did a wonderful job for us," Medley said. "Offensively, I liked what I saw with our players setting up plays and having more of a focus on assists by making the most out of what their defense was giving us."

PCS outshot Waterford, 38-24.

PCA track and field

Plymouth Christian Academy's appearance at last weekend's 14-team Shrine Open track-and-field meet was highlighted by a record-breaking performance by high jumper Jordan Allen.

Allen not only placed first with his 6-foot, 4-inch effort, he broke a meet and school record.

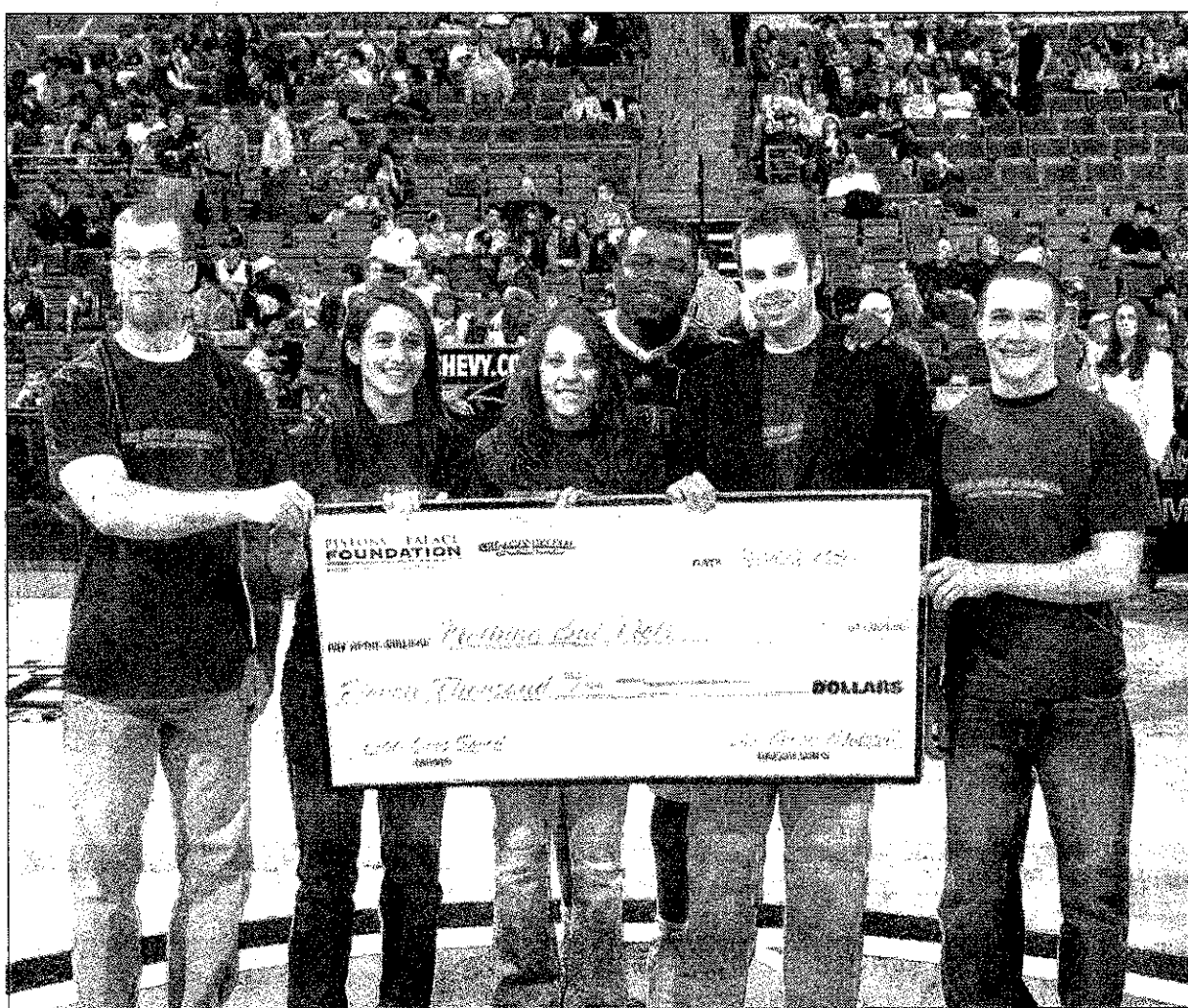
Also placing for the Eagles' boys team was Riley Goenewoud, who earned eighth with a long jump of 16-11 and ninth (out of 56 runners) in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.19. Goenewoud also turned in a stellar effort in the 200, placing 12th in 25.68.

Among those who shone for the Eagles' girls team was Jessica Soblesky, who placed second in the 200 with a time of 29.06.

Coaches: Please report results

Local high school athletic coaches are encouraged to report results of their team's contests to Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright, who can be reached at (734) 578-2767 or ewright@hometownlife.com.

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ALAN EISENBERG (NBA/GETTY IMAGES)

Canton native Scott George (far right) is pictured along with other members of "Chip Away at Malaria" during halftime of the Detroit Pistons' April 13 home game against Chicago. The group helped raise \$11,000 that was donated to purchase bed nets that help prevent malaria in Africa. Also pictured are (from left) Ryan Lambert, Lisa Zelenak, Jenna D'Alie, Detroit Piston Will Bynum and Greg Adamson.

Saving lives with sports

Canton native dedicates free time to malaria-prevention mission

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What started as a class project has evolved into a life-saving mission for Canton native Scott George and several of his Central Michigan University classmates.

George, who graduated from Canton High school in 2004, is one of the founding members of "Chip Away Malaria," a group of students who have raised over \$35,000 that has been donated to purchase and distribute malaria-preventing bed nets that are delivered to malaria-ravaged villages in Africa.

One \$10 insecticide-treated net can prevent an entire family from contracting malaria for up to four years, revealed George, who said the disease annually kills close to 1 million Africans.

"I first learned about the malaria epidemic during a sports manage-



'This is the most rewarding thing I've done in college and probably in my life so far. To be able to use sports as a vehicle to help out such a great cause is amazing.'

SCOTT GEORGE, a founding member of Chip Away Malaria

ment class in the fall of 2006," reflected George. "We read an article by Rick Reilly, who at the time was a writer for Sports Illustrated. The article described 'Nothing But Nets,' an organization that raised money for the nets."

"Myself and several other students thought it would be a great class project if we could raise money for 'Nothing But Nets' by organizing sports-related fundraisers like three-on-three basketball tournaments, dodge-ball tournaments and youth sports clinics. It kind of took off from there."

Earlier this spring, "Chip Away Malaria" and the Detroit Pistons teamed up on a fund-raiser that raised \$11,000 — enough to purchase 1,100 nets.

"The Pistons let us sell discounted game tickets," explained George. "For every one we sold, we got to keep \$10. So every time somebody bought a ticket, they were purchasing a net for a family in Africa."

Because many of the original members of "Chip Away Malaria"

Please see **NETS, B2**

Dunleavy & defense lead Chiefs to win

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The biggest play in Wednesday's softball game between Plymouth and Canton didn't show up in the box score.

With the Chiefs leading 1-0 in the bottom of the fifth and a Wildcat on third base, Canton right-fielder Christy Van Esley made a highlight-reel running catch and fired the ball to catcher Jordan Puskas, who in turn rifled the ball to third baseman Shelby Anthony to double the runner off third.

The Chiefs went on to win, 4-0, thanks largely to Van Esley's play and a complete-game six-hitter by junior pitcher Amy Dunleavy.

"It was a line shot and Christy grabbed it right by the foul line in right," said Canton coach Jim Arnold, describing the game-saving play. "To make a running catch and then make the throw that she did, it was quite a play."

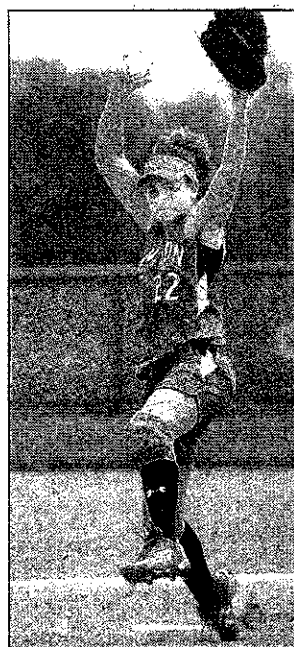
Canton, which registered nine hits, scored single runs in the third and sixth before tacking on a pair of insurance markers in the top of the seventh.

Dunleavy struck out five without walking a batter.

"She's a great competitor, very focused," Arnold said of his No. 1 hurler. "She did a great job of keeping the ball down today."

Sophomore shortstop CarolAnn Sexauer sparked at the plate for the Chiefs, going 2-for-3 with a pair of RBI. Samantha Podorsek and Anthony both ripped a pair of hits. Anthony and Dunleavy delivered Canton's other RBI.

The victory improved Canton to 4-1 overall and 3-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. Plymouth slipped to 3-1.



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Canton junior pitcher Amy Dunleavy, pictured in a game last season, hurled a shutout in the Chiefs' victory over Plymouth Wednesday afternoon.

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The Wildcats repelled

"Everybody was so excited and pumped to play. They played that way, too, the

Connor Martin led the winners' scoring attack with four goals and one assist. Also contributing to Plymouth's cause were Pat Smietacz (two goals, five assists), Ryan Renault (two goals), Brad Finch (goal, assist), Danny Norris (goal), Phill Flesch (goal) and Norm Freda, who

One of the biggest stories that evolved from Plymouth's victory was the play of sophomore goalie Michael Justus, who sparkled in his varsity debut.

Canton goalie Sean Walsh also played well, stopping 15 Plymouth shots.

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BY ED WRIGHT
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"We feel we can compete well in the KLAA South," said Canton coach Tom Alles. "Plymouth and Churchill will probably be our key matches in the new home-and-home format."

Providing strong play and leadership will be senior co-captains Jeremy



Lindlbauer and Andrew Rickerman, both of whom are four-year varsity performers. Rickerman earned All-division accolades as

Among those battling for the sixth starting spot are junior newcomers Tony Brown, Zach Guy and Travis Hall.

"I'm pleased with our start so far," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "We're

A pair of twin freshmen — Eric and Brandon Duprey — will give Salem a double dose of depth.

Tommy Halling has also been turning in solid rounds, Wilson added.

NORTHVILLE 147
SALEM 151
Thursday at Fox Hills G.C.
SALEM: Aaron Thompson, 36; Brandon Duprey, 37; Eric Duprey, 39; Adam Powers, 39; Tommy Halling, 39; Jeff Sroka, 47.
NORTHVILLE: Eric Goebel, 35; Trevor Gregg, 36; Tim Kelley, 38; Alex Bernstein, 38; Steve Brown, 38; Wes Gates, 42.
DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Salem, 0-1; Northville, 1-0.

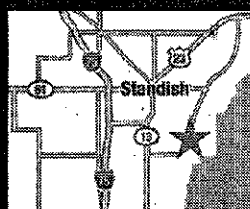
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The cutline that accompanied the photo of the Canton Soccer Club's Celtic '93 Black soccer team in Thursday's Observer was erroneous. The team participated in the National Indoor Soccer Championships in February — not last weekend, as the cutline read.

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Rock kickers tie up Mustangs, 1-all

Salem's girls soccer team battled perennial powerhouse Northville to a 1-all draw Friday night on the PCEP soccer pitch.

Salem's Lindsey Roy opened the scoring mid-way through the first half when her 30-yard laser of a shot found the back of the net. Roy was assisted by Kristina Klusek.

The Mustangs registered the equalizer approximately six minutes later off a perfectly executed set play.

Both team had opportunities to score in the final 40 minutes, but couldn't finish.

Senior Tracey Whalen was stellar between the pipes for the Rocks, stopping eight shots.

"It was a real team effort tonight," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "Everyone worked very hard to try and disrupt Northville's strong midfield and speedy forwards. I thought we did a great job of pressuring them into turnovers and forcing them backwards."

"Lauren Booth had a great game organizing our back line and stepping in to win key loose balls in the middle."

CHURCHILL 2, PLYMOUTH 1: The state-ranked posted a key victory Thursday in the KLAAs South Division at home against the previously unbeaten Wildcats. The win improves the Chargers' overall

record to 4-1 and 3-1 in the KLAAs South. Plymouth falls to 3-1 and 2-1.

Churchill's Darcy DeRoo opened the scoring at the 11-minute mark on a perfectly timed header off a corner kick from Bailey Brandon.

"It was on a rope," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said.

Brandon then set up Churchill's second goal at the 37-minute mark on a cross to Alyssa Mira.

"Alyssa really got off the mark for the first time this season and really created a lot of chances," Hebestreit said. "And I thought Hannah Otto up-top did a great job of maintaining possession, checking back on balls and controlling the play."

"I thought we controlled the game for the most part. They (Plymouth) got behind us twice and were dangerous both times."

Plymouth's Kelly Dobbs scored at 39 minutes, but the Wildcats couldn't score the equalizer against Churchill goalkeeper Stefanie Turner, who to make only one save.

Goalkeeper Marissa Williams made two key stops for the Wildcats to open the second half.

SALEM 1, SOUTH LYON 0: On Thursday night, the host Rocks edged the Lions thanks to Emily Lundh's goal mid-way

through the first half. Kristina Klusek assisted on the game's lone goal.

"Lindsey Roy won the ball and made a very intelligent slotted pass to Kristina, who crossed to Emily and she finished it nicely," said Salem coach Joe Nora, describing the game-winner.

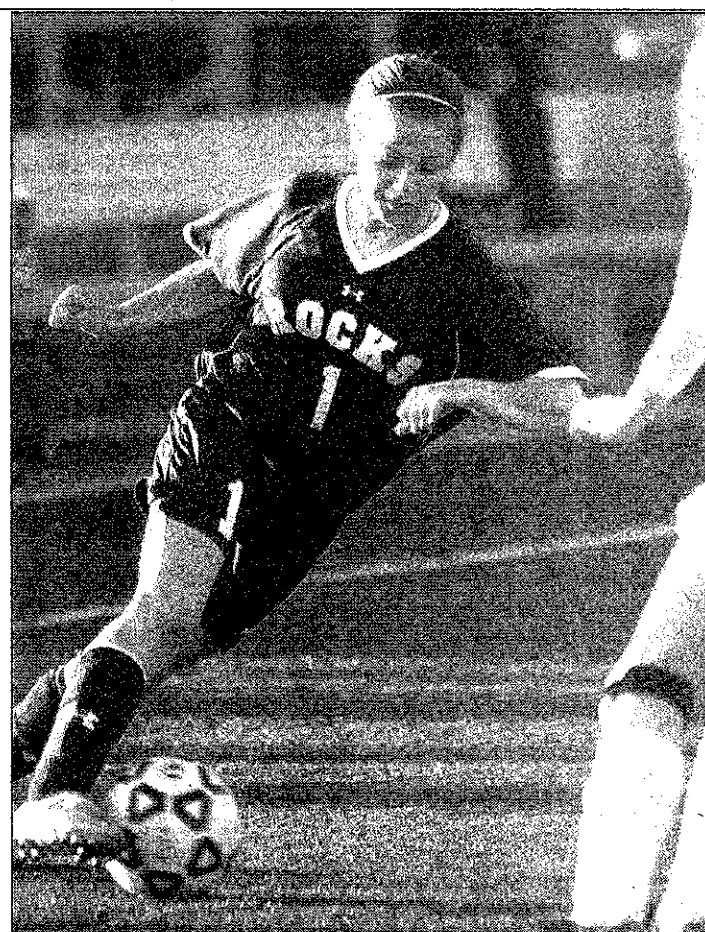
Tabitha Mann earned the shutout between the pipes for the Rocks, stopping all four shots she faced.

"Defensively, we did a better job of stepping up and pressuring tonight," Nora said. "It paid off with more possession and more quality chances on net. It was a great step in the right direction for us as a team. Something we need to continue to do throughout the season."

CANTON 8, WAYNE 0: On Thursday, the host Chiefs received two goals from Tracy Rymph, Christy Balewski and Megan Staub and single goals from Leslie Weisz and Melanie Pickert.

Lindsey Winters notched a pair of assists for the winners, who got one helper each from Rymph, Balewski, Jessikah McClendon, Alyssa Cottrell and Kathryn Hurley.

Samantha McPartlin recorded the shutout for the Chiefs, who led 6-0 at the break. The game ended in the 46th minute due to the MHSAA eight-goal mercy rule.



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Salem's Kristina Klusek, pictured during a game earlier this season, contributed an assist on the Rocks' lone goal in their 1-1 draw with Northville Friday night.

GIRLS TENNIS

CANTON 6 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 3 Friday at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Angelica Woods (LF) defeated Janelle Burdiss, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 2:** Emily Wisniewski (LF) def. Vicki Chen, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Megan Leung (C) def. Angela Tomassini, 6-3, 6-0; **No. 4:** Rachel Youseff (C) def. Rebecca Fenner, 6-2, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Paige Babala/Kayla Davis (C) def. Crystal Henderson/Jennifer Reillinger, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Katie Noetzel/Jacklyn Hollingsworth (C) def. Stephanie Belcher/Lindsay Fenner, 6-3, 7-5; **No. 3:** Katelyn Montgomery/Taylor Eppel def. Sarah Nofize/Jaclyn Hordell, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 4:** Brittany Vance/Catherine Sanctum (C) def. Annie McLead/Katherine Zurenko, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 5:** Angela Browning/Jaclyn Kurc (LF) def. Michelle Nagy/Jordan Boeve, 6-2, 6-3.

CANTON'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 3-0.

PLYMOUTH 7 JOHN GLENN 2 Friday at Plymouth

No. 1 singles: Chelsea Craig (P) defeated Latina Yacks, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 2:** Jessica Bracey (P) def. Louisa Villaroman, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 3:** Sarah Mitchell (P) def. Jamaina Johnson, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Priya Joshi (P) def. Katy Harris, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Sabrina Laurence/Shannon McFadden (JG) def. Gina Matar/Radhika Patel, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 2:** Desiree Cienney/Brooke Zywick (JG) def. Katie Binger/Lindsey Stemberger, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2; **No. 3:** Allison Santori/Lauren Jeong (P) def. Brittany Harris/Misha Martinez, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Julia Fratila/Annie Mackenzie (P) def. Nhem Bernard/Montana Graszek, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 5:** Britta Swanson/Kayla Griffey (P) def. Rachel Alholinna/Chelsea Ouellette, 6-0, 6-0.

PLYMOUTH'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 2-2.

NORTHVILLE 9 SALEM 0 Friday at Salem

No. 1 singles: Haley Johnston (N) defeated Alli Carpenter, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 2:** Tanya Joseph (N) def. Lisa Hursin, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Joanne Weber (N) def. Anna Norman, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:** Erin Doud (N) def. Morgan Spencer, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Laura Taylor/Ursula Cauffiel (N) def. Rachel Norman/Ariel Rojo, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Abby Grajek/Sabrina Masciulli (N) def. Kerry MacDonald/Alex Lamb, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 3:** Maudie Smith/Amy Bernstein (N) def. Victoria Brotz/Kayla Zabowski, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 4:** Valerie Juan/Mackenzie Powers (N) def. Ashley Davis/Katie Fletcher, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 5:** Caiti Darish/Jenna Grazik (N) def. Emma VanHoof/Bethany Haller, 6-2, 6-1.

CANTON 9 WAYNE MEMORIAL 0 Thursday at Canton

No. 1 singles: Janelle Burdiss (C) defeated Morgan Greig, 6-4, 6-0; **No. 2:** Vicki Chen (C) def. Samantha Gaskill, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Megan Leung (C) def. Jessica Gush, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Rachel Youseff (C) def. Xiyang Wang, 6-0, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Paige Babala/Kayla Davis (C) def. Kara Windsor/Madelyn Bevil, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 2:** Katie Noetzel/Jacklyn Hollingsworth (C) def. Nancy Watson/Kristi Thomas, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Brittany Vance/Catherine Sanctum (C) def. Alicia Evans/Calee Parendo, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 4:** Michelle Nagy/Jordan Boeve (C) def. Melinda Powers/Megan McGregor, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 5:** Maggie DePento/Nikita Bhatnagar (C) def. Victoria Baker/Samantha Collins, 6-4, 6-1.

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton, 2-0.

SALEM 8 SOUTH LYON 1 Thursday at South Lyon

No. 1 singles: Alli Carpenter (S) defeated Erin Hawkins, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4; **No. 2:** Linda Ling (S) def. Magan Penkevich, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Anna Norman



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Salem No. 1 tennis player Allie Carpenter, practicing serves, and her teammates were looking to pull an upset of state-ranked Northville Friday afternoon. However, the Mustangs prevailed, 9-0.

(S) def. Emily Rosochacki, 7-6(1), 6-3; **No. 4:** Morgan Spencer (S) def. Jessica Bemiss, 2-6, 6-1, 7-6(6).

No. 1 doubles: Rachel Norman/Ariel Rojo (S) def. Sally Barrens/Leah McGuire, 2-6, 6-1, 7-5; **No. 2:** Kerry MacDonald/Alex Lamb (S) def. Patty McAllister/Brittany Johnson, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 3:** Stephanie Mushna-Andrea Cogo (SL) def. Victoria Brotz/Kayla Zabowski, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 4:** Ashley Davis/Mallory Rojo (S) def. Maia Clark/Janelle Matuch, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 5:** Emma VanHoof-Bethany Haller (S) def. Emily Bohn/Annemarie Pavlock, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 5 PLYMOUTH 4 Thursday at Plymouth

No. 1 singles: Katelyn Foster (LC) defeated Chelsea Craig, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 2:** Nicole Kruse (LC) def. Jessica Bracey, 6-3, 6-4; **No. 3:** Kelly Houghan (LC) def. Sarah Mitchell, 5-7, 7-6(5), 6-3; **No. 4:** Priya Joshi (P) def. Kristi Fata, 6-0, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Val Rose/Kristi Walker (LC) def. Gina Matar/Radhika Patel, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 2:** Katie Binger/Lindsey Stemberger (P) def. Courtney Bennett/Nikki Fata, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 3:** Lauren Jeong/Allison Santori (P) def. Allison Gale/Jessica McClain, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4; **No. 4:** Claire Marchesano/Annie Mackenzie (P) def. Caitlin Griffith/Maria Paul, 6-2, 7-5; **No. 5:** Shreea Handa/Lauren Pata (LC) def. Kayla Griffey/Julia Fratila, 7-6(4), 6-4.

PLYMOUTH'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 1-2.

UPCOMING SCHEDULES

PREP BASEBALL
Monday, April 27
Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Salem at South Lyon, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 28
Parkway Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 29
John Glenn at Canton, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Salem at S.L. East, 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 30
PCA at Inter-City Baptist, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 1
South Lyon East at Canton, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Plymouth (DH), 4 p.m.
Salem at John Glenn (DH), 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 2
Canton at Lumen Christi (DH), 11 a.m.
Plymouth at Milford, 11 a.m.
PCA at Lutheran Westland Tournament, TBA
BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
Tuesday, April 28
John Glenn at Plymouth at PCEP JV Stadium, 3:30 p.m.
Northville at Salem, 3:30 p.m.
PCA at Lutheran Westland, TBA
Canton at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 2
Observerland Relays at Churchill H.S., 3 p.m.
Plymouth, Salem girls at W.L. Western Stafford Relays, 9 a.m.
Canton girls at Stevenson Invitational, 10 a.m.
PREP SOFTBALL
Monday, April 27
Churchill at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Salem at South Lyon, 4 p.m.
Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 28
Macomb Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 29
Wayne at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Salem at S.L. East, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 4 p.m.
Friday, May 1
Stevenson at Plymouth (DH), 4 p.m.
Salem at John Glenn (DH), 4 p.m.
Franklin Rd. at PCA (DH), 4:30 p.m.
South Lyon East at Canton (DH), 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 2
Salem Invitational, TBA
PCA at Lutheran Westland Tourney, TBA
GIRLS TENNIS
Monday, April 27
Plymouth at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 29
Canton at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Salem at Novi, 4 p.m.
Friday, May 1
Plymouth at Churchill, 4 p.m.
South Lyon at Salem, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 2
Plymouth at Woodhaven Invite, TBA
Salem at Pioneer Quad, 8 a.m.
BOYS GOLF
Monday, April 27
Livonia Churchill at Canton at Hilltop, 3 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth at Fox Hills, 3 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem at Fox Hills, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, April 29
Plymouth at Canton at

Hilltop, 3 p.m.
Novi at Salem at Fox Hills, 3 p.m.
Thursday, April 30
Salem at Northville at Tanglewood G.C., 3 p.m.
Friday, May 1
Canton at Wayne at Woodlands G.C., 3 p.m.
Churchill at Plymouth at Fox Hills, 3 p.m.
Salem at D.G.C. at Detroit Golf Club, 9 a.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Tuesday, April 28
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Salem at S.L. East, 7 p.m.
PCA at A.A. Greenhills, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 30
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.
PCA at Roeper, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 1
W.L. Northern at Canton, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at A.A. Greenhills, 4:30 p.m.
Washtenaw Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
BOYS LACROSSE
Monday, April 27
Novi at Canton, TBA
Plymouth at Northville at Cooke School, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 29
Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.
Salem at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 2
Ypsi Lincoln at Canton, 1 p.m.
Plymouth at OLSM Invitational, 1 p.m.

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Strong pitching completes Rocks' sweep

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's pitching staff turned in a "K"-complete performance during Friday's double-header against visiting Livonia Churchill.

The Rocks two starting pitchers — Joe Posler in game one and Dave Hales in the nightcap — both tossed complete games while racking up a total of 17 K's along the way as Salem swept the Chargers 7-2 and 10-0 on a warm, windy afternoon.

The second game was stopped after five innings due to the MHSAA's 10-run mercy rule.

The two triumphs improved Salem's record to 7-4 overall and 4-1 in the KLAA's Central Division. Churchill falls to 5-4-1 and 3-2 in the KLAA South.

"I thought Joe and Dave both pitched really well," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "The second game only went five innings, but Dave could have gone all the way if it had gone seven because he was well within his pitch count."

"It's always nice when you strike out 17 like did today because that's 17 less plays you have to make in the field."

Salem senior catcher Dave Loos is taking advantage of a promotion up the Rocks' batting order. Loos continued his torrid hitting, going a combined 5-for-8 in the twinbill with two RBI.

"I'm not sure how long Dave's hitting streak is, but it seems like he gets two or three hits every game for us," said Rumberger. "He's catching well, too."

Posler struck out 10 and yielded just four hits in the opener. Ben Matigian suffered the setback for Churchill.

Salem broke a 1-all deadlock in the fourth with three runs before adding one in the fifth and two in the sixth. The Chargers scored once in the seventh.

Joining Loos in the game one hit parade were Sam Ott, who contributed a double and two RBI, and Andrew Grabowski, who did the same.

Hales turned in a striking encore in the second game, scattering five hits while whiffing seven. Loos (2-for-4, two RBI), Ott (2-for-4, two RBI), Posler (3-for-3, one RBI) and Grabowski (third home run of the season) all make major contributions at the dish.

Salem scored at least one run in each of the five innings. Its big frames were the three-run first and fifth.

The Rocks committed just two errors in the two games.

Chiefs, Spartans split

Junior Jeff Sorenson proved Friday he has a flair for the dramatic, clubbing the game-winning homer in the top of the seventh inning while earning the victory in relief as Livonia Stevenson won the all-important opener of a baseball double-header over host Canton, 5-4.

Sorenson went 3-for-4 and knocked in two runs. He then came on for starter Mike Tuttle, throwing 1.1 scoreless innings of relief while striking out two and not allowing a hit as the Spartans improved to 5-0 in the KLAA's Central Division.

Teammate Jake Wilson went 2-for-3, including a 2-run homer in the sixth to give Stevenson a 4-2 lead before Canton rallied to tie it with two unearned runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Canton starter Dan Staples went the first 5.1 innings, allowing four runs. He fanned five before reliever Andrew Tidwell, who took the loss, gave up one run on three hits in 1.2 innings.

Dan Stoney went 2-for-3 with an RBI as Canton fell to 3-3 in the KLAA's South Division.

The Chiefs won the nightcap, 14-7, as Carter Staffeld went

2-for-2 with three RBI and two runs scored. Nick Tomilenko added two hits and two RBI, while Ben Staley was the winning pitcher in relief going the final 2.2 innings in the game halted by darkness after five.

Wilson had two hits and two RBI, while Sorenson added two hits and an RBI.

Stevenson is 6-3 overall, while Canton is 7-4.

CANTON 1, PLYMOUTH 0: On Wednesday at Plymouth, junior left-hander Kevin Delapaz outdueled Wildcat sophomore southpaw Mike Nadratowski. Delapaz improved to 4-0 by limiting the 'Cats to one hit over five innings while striking out six.

Nadratowski tossed a two-hitter, striking out eight.

The game's lone run came in the fifth when Canton's Joe Galanty singled in Dan Stoney from second. Nick Tomilenko had the only other Canton hit.

Travis Mewton delivered the only Plymouth hit.

The win boosted the Chiefs' record to 7-3 overall and 3-2 in the KLAA.

SALEM 15, NOVI 5: On Wednesday at Salem, the Rocks broke open a tight game by pushing across four runs in the fourth and six in the fifth. Salem improved to 5-4 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA. The Wildcats slipped to 5-4 and 2-2, respectively.

Chris Kordick earned the win with two innings of scoreless relief. Kordick yielded just one hit while striking out three.

The winners' hitting attack was sparked by Dave Loos (2-for-3, home run, three RBI), Sam Ott (2-for-2, two doubles, three RBI), Kyle Powell (2-for-2, two RBI) and Joe Posler, who contributed three hits and one RBI.

Salem outhit Novi, 13-6.



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Chorus makes spring concert fun

It's amazing what people will do to have fun. Ken Heim joined the Livonia Civic Chorus 10 years ago so he would have somewhere to sing besides the shower. He never dreamed he would be dressing up as a frog for the spring show. Heim isn't playing any amphibian though. The Westland man dons the green suit as Kermit for Earth Tones, the chorus' concert.



Linda Chomin

Saturday-Sunday, May 2-3, at Clarenceville High School in Livonia.

A mild-mannered retired teacher who taught at Thurston High School in Redford, Heim performs *Bein' Green* in keeping with the theme which revolves around saving our planet. He just hopes he can remember all of his lines as the Livonia Civic Chorus memorizes all of their music. For this concert that means 16 songs including *Colors of the Wind* from *Pocahontas*, *Over the Rainbow*, *Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In*, *Blue Skies*, *For Good from Wicked*, and *What a Wonderful World*.

"I enjoy it. I'm not really a ham but don't mind being in front of people and doing some things," said Heim. "I'm just glad it's Kermit and not something else."

Peggy Gaskill and rest of the members are never quite sure what director Donna Gleason will ask of them and that keeps the chorus exciting. Gaskill joined two years ago after semi-retiring as an educational consultant. The Livonia Civic Chorus rehearses weekly for the concerts they present at the holidays and in spring with accompaniment by Rimma Stolbov. Established in 1965, the chorus has 50 members this season. Proceeds from the shows go to scholarships for high school and college students pursuing musical studies.

"Donna is a fearless lead-



PHOTOS BY PEGGY GASKILL

Livonia Civic Chorus member Sharon Jones helps Kermit (Ken Heim) try on his frog costume for 'Bein' Green,' one of the songs performed at the group's spring concert May 2-3, at Clarenceville High School.



Livonia Civic Chorus director Donna Gleason (right) looks over 'The Color Purple' with soloist Marilyn Bell-Maxwell.

er. We do a lot of the silly things we do because she talks us into it," said Gaskill of Livonia. "She looks for themes with social relevance but also hope that people who come enjoy these songs and do a little toe-tapping with us."

Like Gaskill, Gleason had always wanted to be part of a community choir. She directed the music ministry at Redford Baptist Church for 22 years.

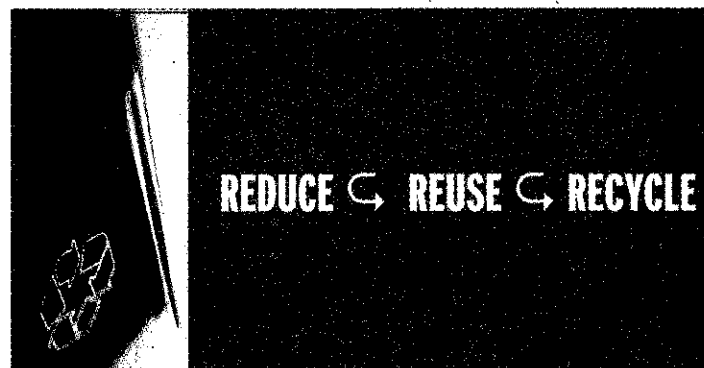
"Being able to sing together as a group and enjoy music is an important outlet for people. If it weren't for church and community choruses people would never get a chance to sing," said Gleason, a Farmington Hills resident. Gleason started off as an accompanist for the Livonia Civic Chorus and took over directing six years ago. She works as an accompanist at Walled Lake Western High School where she serves as

vocal director of musicals and has a knack for moving productions along. It's apparent Gleason put a lot of thought into the spring Livonia Civic Chorus program.

"I came up with the concept of songs about going green because that's what everybody is talking about these days. Everybody is concerned about the environment and saving the earth. I try very hard not to do the same old same old. We usually do something in a foreign language. This time it's a Celtic song and we have slides to go with that to show just how beautiful our world is."

Curtain times for the Livonia Civic Chorus concerts are 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$10 children/seniors, and available at the door or by calling (248) 543-2946. For more information about the chorus, visit www.livoniacivicchorus.org.

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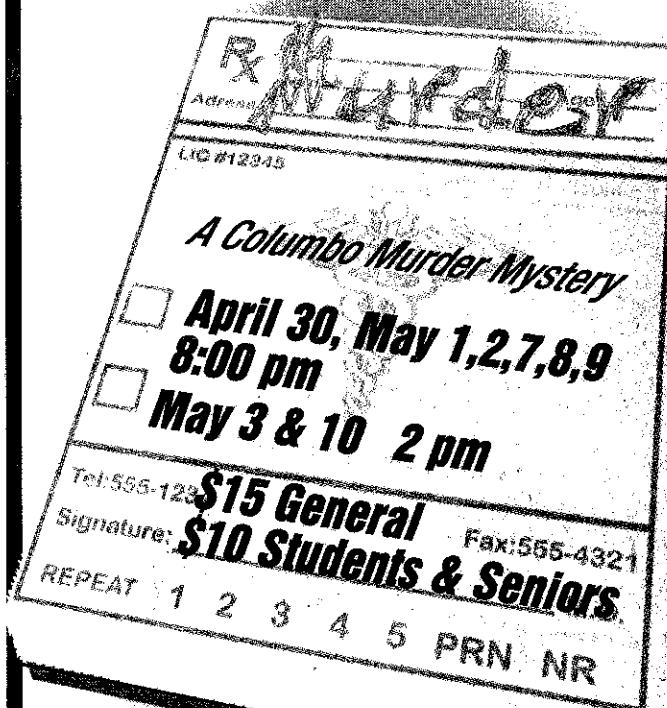
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Club hunts for hidden treasures

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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It was a beautiful day for treasure hunting a week ago Thursday in Rotary Park in Livonia. More than a dozen people of all ages scurried around with metal detectors in search of coins and tokens at the event staged by Michigan Treasure Hunters.

The club usually attracts around 100 members to its monthly meeting at Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia. The next meeting should draw an even larger crowd with the group's annual open house Tuesday, April 28. The fun starts at 7:30 p.m.

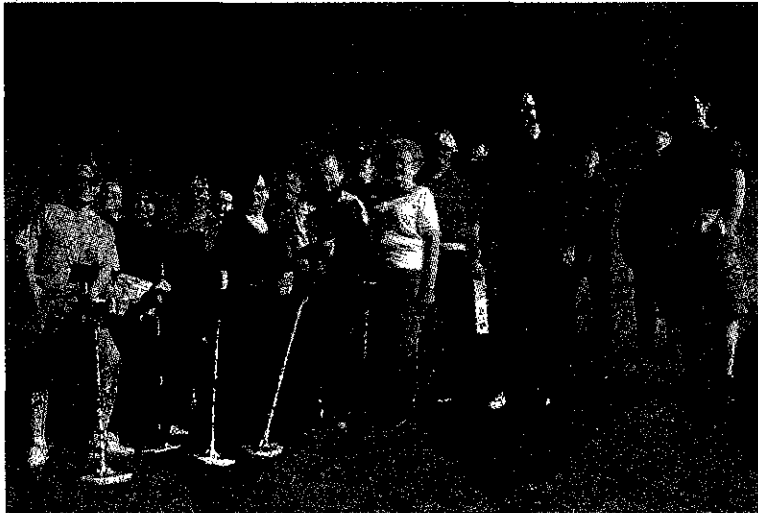
Members vie to win awards for the best finds at every meeting including the upcoming open house.

"It's a family-oriented club with activities throughout the year including an annual fall hunt in Milan," said Dave Picard, chairman of the board and a Livonia resident. "The April meeting is a big meeting when members display their finds throughout the year. The winners of different categories are broken down into jewelry, coins, tokens and relics. Last year, one woman found a \$33,000 diamond ring. I was a relic winner for finding a 10,000-year-old fossil. You might find a Roy Rogers cap gun, old metal toys and trucks. It's basically a fun thing."

When Al Temple founded the club 36 years ago, only 11 treasure hunters showed up at the first meeting. Today, the club has 120-130 members. Metal detectors can be as inexpensive as \$100, making the hobby affordable. Members also sell reasonably priced used equipment at meetings.

"I thought, wouldn't it be nice to find things and talk with other people about how much fun it was," said Temple, 80. "We put on a display at Livonia Mall and as a result had 63 people at the next meeting."

In recent years, many of the members learned about the club from the Web site, [www.michigan-](http://www.michigan-treasurehunters.com)



The Michigan Treasure Hunters club gathers at Rotary Park in Livonia a week ago Thursday for a seeded hunt.



Joanne Rundell searches for treasure. Behind her, Lynn Walker digs after hearing a signal or beep through her headphones.

treasurehunters.com. Joanne Rundell joined 18 years ago. Members are still talking about her finding an 18K and platinum butterfly brooch valued at \$5,000.

"I thought it was junk but brushed off the dirt and uncovered 61 diamonds plus rubies and emeralds," said Rundell. "It's thought to be probably from 1834."

The club brings in authorities monthly to educate members about their finds. Some specialize in collecting certain items.

"We just had an authority on the Civil War," said Picard. "We've had Detroit Police Dive and Rescue ...

an authority on dog licenses."

PART OF HISTORY

Voice after voice chimes in about the fun and history involved with the hobby.

"We've made a lot of people into historians," said Sherry Klisz of Livonia, who shares her love of detecting with husband Tom. "The meetings are interesting. You would not believe what comes out of there."

Mark Branton holds up a cast iron soldier from World War II. "The kids used to play with these," said Branton. "When you find something and don't know what it is you Google it. We find bullets, buckles. When we find beer cans, pull tabs we take those away."

The club's motto is to leave the area cleaner than when they found it. Except for a few areas of disturbed sod, park visitors would never guess a seeded hunt had occurred.

"We have token hunts once a month when we plant silver coins and tokens in the ground," said Picard.

"You can go into most state parks but we don't detect in cemeteries or hallowed ground," said Sherry Klisz. "We have certain standards."

"A lot of good service comes out of this too," added Tom Klisz. "If someone loses something, they contact us. It's a service we do."

GOOD WORKS

The nonprofit club is "big on community service." At Christmas, they purchase Toys for Tots and in September hold a hunt to raise money for the National Kidney Foundation. One of their members died from kidney disease. All of the merchandise is donated.

Kayla Branton, Mark's 14-year-old daughter, joined a couple of years ago. She is a student at Stevenson High School and is busy with the track team but still found time to come to the Thursday hunt.

"At first I had to come because I didn't have a baby sitter but then I got into it," said Kayla Branton of Livonia. "There's a bunch of people you know and share a hobby."

"We even have a legally blind member that regularly goes on hunts outdoors with us," said Picard. "It's fun. It's like Christmas."

This was the first hunt for Alex Ferguson, 14, a Stevenson student. "I thought it would be fun being able to find things no one else can find," said Ferguson.

John Parker, 13, regularly attends the hunts with uncle Dwayne Seyuin of Redford.

"I wanted to show him there's other sports out there, different types of hunting, and it's good exercise," said Seyuin. "I think we make a difference. We go on playgrounds and find nails and things that kids cut themselves on. We're doing a good service to keep kids safe."

Michigan Treasure Hunters meet 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. To contact the club, write Michigan Treasure Hunters, P.O. Box 510237, Livonia, MI 48151-6237.

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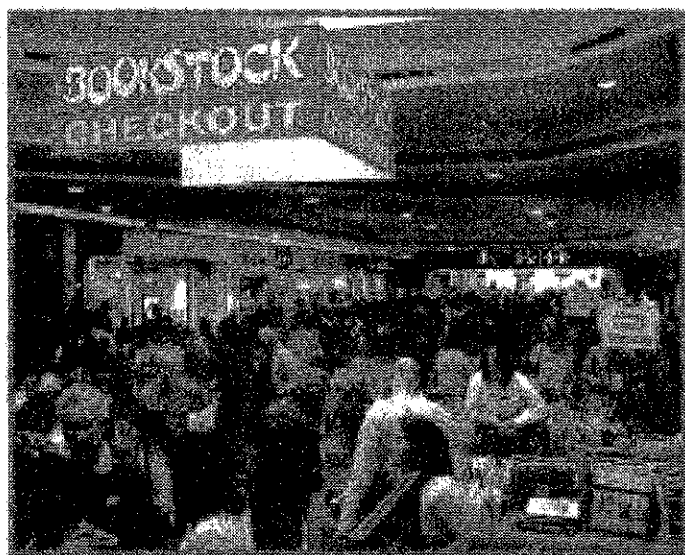
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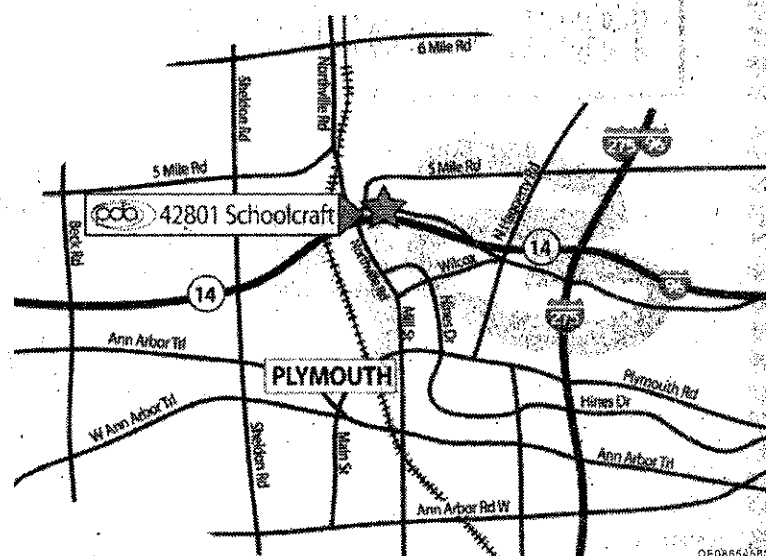
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Chris Giftos, a New York florist, will lecture and demonstrate flower arranging at 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 29, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, in downtown Detroit. A luncheon will follow his presentation. Giftos retired as director of special events and chief floral designer at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art after 33 years of creating floral arrangements for special events at the prestigious museum.

During his career as a master floral artist, he created arrangements for princes, movie stars and famous philanthropists. In addition to creating floral masterpieces, Giftos will sign copies of "The Art of Floral Arranging," the latest book in which he is highlighted. Books will be available for purchase at 10:30 a.m. Tickets for the lecture and demonstration are \$25. The lecture, demonstration, and luncheon tickets are \$50. For reservations, call (313) 833-4005 or go to dia.org. For more information, call (313) 833-7967.

Plant sale

The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum

(MBGNA) will hold its 29th Annual Spring Plant Sale 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, May 9, and noon to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, May 10, at the Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. Nearly 25,000 pots of perennials, native plants, accent annuals, climbing vines, herbs, scented geraniums, edible offerings such as strawberries, rhubarb, onion and shallots sets, seed potatoes, and other plant varieties will be sold. MBGNA members may attend a party and plant sale from 3-7 p.m., Friday, May 8. Local garden experts and MBGNA staff will offer free demonstrations. Visit www.mbgna.umich.edu or call (734) 647-7600.

MILESTONES

Golson-Brazier

Cristie Elizabeth Golson and Tim Brazier, both of Livonia, announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Art and Gloria Cook of Lexington, S.C. and Carter and Beth Golson of Indian Trail, N.C. She's a graduate student at Madonna University and is employed by Coram HealthCare, Novi.

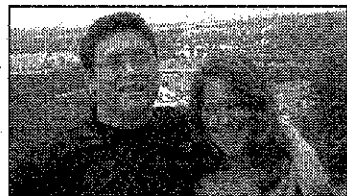
Her fiancé, son of Normie Brazier of Westland, is employed by Outback Steakhouse, Ann Arbor.

No wedding date has been set.



Golson-Brazier

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



Mark and Alicia Hosch

Mark Jared and Alicia Elizabeth (Graves) Hosch of Canton will celebrate their first anniversary next month.

The couple married May 31, 2008 at St. Genevieve Catholic Church, in Livonia.

They enjoy watching their son, Bryce Graves, play hockey. They also golf, ski and enjoy nature together as a family.

Food, fashion and fun set for show

The 14th annual Michigan International Women's Show will offer food, fashion and fun Thursday-Sunday, April 30-May 3, at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

"Girlfriends, sisters, mothers and daughters will get the jump on the new spring looks and lifestyles," said Beth Anderson, show manager of Southern Shows. "We have all the best in shopping, make overs, cooking demonstrations, entertainment and much more."

Justin Martin from *High School Musical 3: Senior Year* who plays Donny, the sophomore ball boy on the basketball team at East High, will answer questions and sign autographs on Saturday.

Gabrielle 'Gabby' Reece, Women's Beach Volleyball League star and one of ESPN world's sexiest athletes, will share her health and fitness tips to help women make practical choices for on-the-go, active lifestyles. Reece has appeared on *The Rachael Ray Show* and has been featured in *Shape* magazine.

Author and Junkmaster Sue Whitney will explain her junking secrets through the practice of reduce, reuse, recycle, and repurpose for finding and transforming junk furnishings and accessories into treasured items. Whitney's presentation

will be sponsored by Salvation Army, which will have a boutique featuring collectibles and fashion wear for sale in addition to having staff members modeling clothing items on the runway on Saturday.

Cooking Light magazine's Executive Chef Billy Strykowski will share his passion for food and entertaining on Friday by creating his low calorie, full-flavored recipes for slow cooking in a crock pot, cooking on a budget and fun, fast and delicious dinners. A free magazine will be given to the first 1,000 showgoers.

Swimwear designer Carol Wior will divulge "Swimsuits Slim Secrets" at the Fashion Stage with tips to enhance and maximize any woman's figure and tricks to hide flaws.

Free health screenings for total cholesterol level, blood pressure reading, bone density testing, glucose level and other tests will be available at the AARP/Walgreens Wellness exhibit along with health education materials.

Product sampling, beauty treatments and mini-makeovers with Artistry skin care and cosmetics also will be available.

Executive Chef Paul Penney from Aussie in the Kitchen, a personal chef service, will share techniques and recipes dur-

ing his demonstrations on the Cooking Stage.

The latest developments in women's health, cardiology and pediatrics will be available at the DMC Pavilion sponsored by Detroit Medical Center. Doctors from all areas of medicine will be on hand to answer individual health related questions during their Doctors Are In session on Saturday.

Rock Financial Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Avenue between Novi and Beck Road in Novi. Show hours are 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$9; youth 6-12 pay \$5 and children 5 and under are admitted free with a paying adult. Advance tickets, which include a one-year subscription to *Ladies Home Journal*, are \$8 online.

Showgoers can bring clothing and household goods to the Salvation Army's donation site set up at Rock Financial Showplace's main entrance and receive a tax receipt and \$2 off on-site adult admission purchase.

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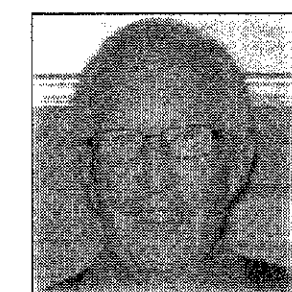
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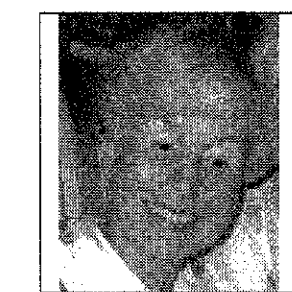
ARVID (BILL) WILLIAM JOHNSON

1/19/1928 - 4/21/09. Age 81, of Beverly Hills, MI. Beloved husband of Anita (Deutsch). Father of Russell (Gin) Johansson, Mark Johnson and Kristine Seymour. Loving grandfather of Alex, Kayann, Lauren, Austin and Mary. Brother of Arlette (Bob) Stock and Darlene (Harry) Bolz. Arvid was born in Chicago, Illinois on January 19, 1928. He served in the Navy in 1946-1948. He moved to Michigan in 1952 and lived in Farmington and later Beverly Hills. He was a partner in the sales agency of Frank J. Brady and associates and later formed AWJ and Associates. He was President and CEO of Specialty Screw Corporation of Rockford, IL. He was a long standing member of the Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Bloomfield Hills, MI and a member in the Thorn Ministry at St. Brendans Catholic Church in Clearwater, FL. He served on the board of Goodwill Industries of Detroit. He was a Senior member at the Detroit Athletic club and a Lifetime Member at Meadowbrook Country Club. Visitation at McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills Sunday, 4/26 3:00-7:00 p.m. Funeral at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Bloomfield Hills 4/27, 11:00 a.m. Donations may be made to: Goodwill Industries of Detroit or Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Bloomfield, MI.



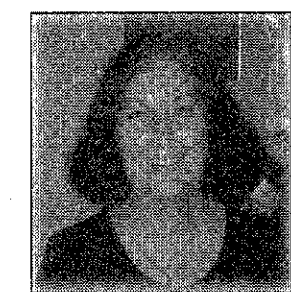
HELEN M. O'CONNOR

Age 92, passed away peacefully on April 8, 2009. Beloved wife of the late James O'Connor. Loving mother of Mary Eddy (James), Grandmother of Suzanne Tempelhof (Michael) and Allison Barbary (Scott). Memorial Mass will be held on May 2nd at Holy Name Church, West Roxbury, MA. Memorial tributes to Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Dr., Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



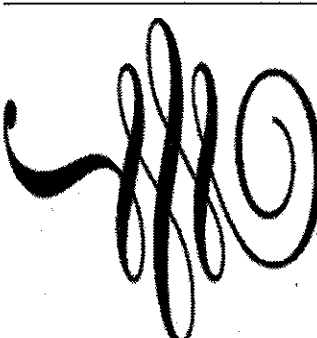
MARGARET JEAN WALTERS

Of Columbia, South Carolina passed away on April 14, 2009. Margie had moved to South Carolina in 2005 after dividing her busy life between Naples, Florida and Orchard Lake, Michigan. Cherished daughter of Stuart and Florence Cogsdill. Margie was born on July 20, 1920 at Keifer Hospital in Detroit. After attending Jefferson Jr. High and Miss Newman's School in Detroit during the heart of the Great Depression, Margie attended Mt. Holyoke College in South Hadley, MA, receiving a B.A. in Economics & Sociology in 1942. The fact that Margie did not see since birth was never a factor in the high expectations that her parents placed before her. A handicap was not allowed as an excuse. Her demands of excellence became her personal standards in business, marriage, family-life, volunteerism and friendship. Margie was married to Gene Alexander White of Grosse Pointe in the summer of 1942. Gene pre-deceased her in 1973. After WWII, the couple lived on Meyers Road in Detroit and Pine Lake in Oakland County eventually settling on Glenhurst Road in Birmingham. Between 1947 and 1960, four children were adopted; Stuart White (Suzanne) of Ann Arbor, Cynthia Perthou (Peter) of Blytheville, SC, Gordon White (Sonya) of Blytheville, SC and Marilyn Gaither (Todd) of Elgin, SC. Additionally, Margie is survived by her sister, Kathryn Fife (Robert) of Chapel Hill, NC; three nieces, Pam Bird (David) of West Bloomfield, MI, Katie Edelstein (David) of Bellingham, WA and Mariann Knapp (Randy) of Lyndon, WA along with one nephew, Robert S. Fife (Mimi) of Madison, CT. Margie has five grandchildren; Megan Roether (Brian) of Plymouth, MI, Caleb B. White of Hilton Head Island, SC, Stuart Neil White of Blytheville, SC, Margaret Ann Gaither of Elgin, SC and Alex Gaither of Elgin, SC. She has one great-grandchild, Josephine Margaret Roether of Plymouth, MI. Margie was the President of The Junior League in Birmingham from 1956-58. She was a Board member of the Oakland County Child Guidance Clinic from 1955-60 and a Board member at Brookside School from 1959-62. The Detroit Rotary Club awarded her their "Exceptional Woman of the Year" award in 1962. From 1965-67, Margie was a Founder and Board member of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Teen Center. She served on the Cranbrook School New Horizon Board from 1974-76 and was Small Business Chair of the Detroit Symphony Fund Drive from 1971-74. Additionally, she was a Board member of The Boys Clubs of Detroit from 1974-76 and a member of The Vestry at Christ Church Cranbrook. Margie became the Chairperson of the family company, Cogsdill Tool Products in 1974, serving in that capacity until 1992. The tool company was moved from Detroit to Farmington Hills and finally to Camden, SC in 1977. Her chairpersonship was marked with acute attention to business detail and a phrase she loved to use with regard to management, "Hold their feet to the fire!" In 1978, Margie married William Walters, the next president of the family company. Their love for each other and their business leadership was a terrific combination that endured until his death in 1992. Margie left her Orchard Lake home in 2003, moving to Bloomfield Hills and eventually to Naples, FL when retirement beckoned. As her world became smaller, she moved closer to three of her children in Columbia, SC. Burial at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit has already taken place. Margie's family invites all who wish to remember her life to attend a Memorial Service at 11 am on Thursday, May 7 at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. Donations in her memory can be made to The Oakland County Library For The Visually & Physically Impaired at 1200 N. Telegraph, Bldg. 14E, Pontiac, MI, 48341. Checks should be made out to the "Oakland County Library Foundation", in the memory of Margaret J. Walters. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



TERRI Y. (LOGAN) TREST

Age 59, died February 10, 2009 in a multiple-vehicle accident in Reeves County, Texas. A memorial service is scheduled 2 p.m. Saturday, May 9th at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Southaven, MS. Terri was born in Memphis. She was a graduate of Horn Lake High School, Northwest Community College and USM. She was employed at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills, Michigan where she worked with children and where she attended Trinity Episcopal Church. She and her husband of 36 years recently retired to Foley, Alabama. She will be missed by many. She is survived by her husband William J. (Jim) Trest, Jr., daughters Heather Trest of Florida, and Kristin Trest of Arizona, mother Jimmie Logan, and brother Boyd "Bubba" Logan, Jr., sisters Gina Kestler and Donna Harper and many beloved nieces and nephews. She will be interred by the family at the Biloxi National Cemetery.



LOUISE WISER

Died April 24, 2009, age 94, at the Medilodge of Yale, in Yale, Michigan. Beloved wife of the late Stanley Wiser. Louise is survived by son, Wesley (Pat) Wiser, and daughter-in-law Carol Wiser. She was predeceased by son, Robert. Also survived by ten grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren, and two sisters-in-law. Visitation Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home, 17000 Middlebelt Road (South of 6 Mile) on Sunday from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Services Monday at 1 p.m. Share a memory at www.mannsfuneralhome.com

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Sun's coming up: Hills native on national tour for 'Annie'

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's no doubt Jillian Wallach is a Star To Be.

The Farmington Hills native is part of the national touring cast of *Annie*, which visits the Fisher Theatre in Detroit May 5-10.

Wallach grew up in Farmington Hills, graduating from North Farmington High School in 2004.

She continued her studies at the competitive American Musical and Dramatic Academy, a conservatory in New York City.

These days, Wallach, daughter of Stacy and Howard, is touring throughout the U.S. and Canada playing the character Star To Be in *Annie*.

"It's a dream come true," said mom Stacy. "We've been to so many shows at the Fisher through the years."

When Jillian was younger and involved in performing, her parents would picture her being on stage at the Fisher some day.

Jillian, calling from the road en route to a performance, agreed. "I'm so excited," she said of appearing at the Fisher. "It's going to be a great week."

"It's quite exciting to get a national tour at this age," Stacy Wallach said.

Wallach, 22, is a source of pride for her parents, as is sister Shelby, 20, a sophomore at Michigan State

University. Like her sister, Shelby was in high school productions but now likes to watch Jillian from the audience.

A big group from the family, as well as North Farmington High School, will attend opening night and other Detroit *Annie* performances. Howard and Stacy Wallach have traveled quite a bit to see Jillian in other shows, including North Carolina and Minneapolis, Minn., for *Annie*.

"She's worked since she graduated. She's been fortunate," Stacy Wallach said.

In addition to Star To Be, Jillian also understudies seven other roles. Star To Be in the adult cast gives her a featured solo in the first act, as well as being in the ensemble the entire show.

At North Farmington High, Sue and Dean Cobb were her theater mentors, along with choreographer Lucy Koviak. At Dunckel Middle School, Kathy Seremet was a big help.

"Kathy recognized her voice in middle school and really helped put her on the path," Stacy Wallach said.

Jillian Wallach is glad her family and former teachers will see her in Detroit. "I've always said I wouldn't be where I am today without those people," she said. "They get to see me perform."

This is her seventh or eighth professional show, and she plans to return to New York, where she has an apartment, "and get the next gig." She's been traveling with *Annie* since October 2008 and will finish up in June with a possible extension.



The national cast of 'Annie,' coming to the Fisher Theatre May 5-10.

It was tough for the senior Wallachs to leave Jillian in New York City at age 18, as her former classmates were buying freshman textbooks.

"She has never had a Plan B," her mom said. "This has been all she ever wanted to do." Dean Cobb

encouraged that in high school, and the Wallach family is grateful.

"She made auditioning her job," said Stacy, adding her daughter also takes classes and vocal coaching. Jillian sang at the Michigan Opera Theatre in *Carmen* at age 9 following a school performance

that led to an audition there.

Jillian Wallach said there are 26 in the *Annie* cast, including the youngsters who play the orphans. There are traveling chaperones who accompany the children, as well as an orchestra and others. A crew travels on a separate bus, with

about 50 people altogether.

"She's always known what she wanted to do," said her mom. Jillian's goal is to be on Broadway.

To find out more, visit Jillian Wallach's blog, www.starttoeontour.blogspot.com. For ticket information, visit Annieontour.com.

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO: C-2009-03
SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, CHAPTER 93, SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS; TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM RADIUS OF A CUL-DE-SAC TURNAROUND; TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM DIAMETER OF TURNAROUNDS FOR CUL-DE-SACS AND LOOP STREETS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. SECTION 93.420.H. CUL-DE-SAC STREETS.

93.420.H. Cul-de-sac Streets.

This section provides that cul-de-sacs shall terminate with an adequate turnaround with a minimum radius of 60 feet of right-of-way.

SECTION 2. SECTION 93.430.A. STREET RIGHTS-OF-WAY ROADWAY WIDTHS.

This section provides the following:

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Loop Streets	110 Feet
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Alley	24 Feet

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 3. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

This section provides that all Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

Joe Bridgman, CMC
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Admission is \$5 per person, children 5 years and under free. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Show begins at 5:45 p.m.

PLYMOUTH STAMP SHOW

The 40th annual show with more than 40 dealers from the U.S. and Canada continues 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Plymouth Central Middle School at Church and Main, Plymouth. Admission is free for the show sponsored by the West Suburban Stamp club. For details, visit www.plymouthshow.com.

TOMMY AUDITIONS

Destination Theatre announces open auditions for The Who's rock opera, Tommy, 5-8 p.m. Sunday, April 26, and 6-9 p.m. Monday, April 27, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, Canton. Call backs 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 28. Children's auditions 6-7 p.m.

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Tuesday, April 28. Show dates are July 23-25, and July 31 to Aug. 1-2. Visit destinationtheatre.org for details.

The theater group is looking for individuals who can sing, dance and or act to fill lead and ensemble roles. Those auditioning should be age 18 or older. Young boys and girls auditioning for the Young Tommy role must be age 8 to 13 and accompanied by an adult.

GO GREEN

The Green Street Fair comes to Plymouth noon to 7 p.m. Friday, May 1; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 2, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 3. The fair was founded to help educate the public about the benefits of organic and eco-friendly products and services and features green companies, artisans, entertainers and speakers.

For more information, visit greenstreetfair.com or call (734) 259-2983.

CONCERT OF FINALISTS

The 15th annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan High School Students reached its final stage as 10 finalists were selected out of 30 entries received from schools throughout the state. The young singers compete in the Concert of the Finalists 4 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at the Italian American Cultural Society's Banquet & Conference Center.

The public is invited. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$7 senior citizens and high school students, and may be purchased in advance at the Italian Cultural Society's office or at the door on the day of the concert. For information, call (586) 228-3030, e-mail iacsonline.net, or The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan at (734) 455-8895 or e-mail Verdiopera@comcast.net.

The competition is sponsored by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan in cooperation with the Italian American Cultural Society, and the Italian American Club of Livonia Charitable Foundation which is sponsoring the prizes.

This year's competition began last November when the Verdi Opera invited high school vocal music students to submit CD recordings of two Italian songs or opera arias of their choice. At the concert, each of the finalists will be required to sing their two selections from memory, with a piano accompanist. Each finalist will receive prizes ranging from \$50 to \$1,000. The finalists are Mary Baron and Daniel DuComb, Cranbrook-Kingswood, Bloomfield Hills; Michael Fragale, Haslett High School; Mary Garner, Zachary Niedzwiecki, Kate Sumner and Erik Wilson, Traverse City West; Chelsea Helm, West Bloomfield; Elizabeth Hoard, Grand Ledge, and

Skylar Rose, Interlochen Arts Academy. The judges include Karen VanderKloot DiChiera, Director of Community Programs, Michigan Opera Theatre; George Shirley, renowned tenor of the Metropolitan Opera and a former Director of the Vocal Arts Division of the University of Michigan School of Music, and Steven Henrikson, a well-known opera performer, teacher, clinician, and adjudicator for the last four decades.

The purpose of the competition is to encourage and help the development of young talented vocalists, and to promote the appreciation of music and the Italian language.

KIDS BLACK TIE GALA

Kids Now Learning and Development Center, a non-profit learning and development center in the Wayne/Westland school district, will be selling raffle tickets for a \$10,000 cash giveaway at its For the Kids Black Tie Gala Sunday, July 26, at the Barrister House Banquet Facility of St. Clair Shores (the winner does not have to be present to claim prize). The tickets for the drawing will be sold at \$125.00 per person. Proceeds benefit the children of the center which plans to build a new playground this summer. For more information, visit www.kidsnowlearning.org or call (734) 457-2397.

REUNION CALENDAR

Brighton High School

Class of 1989

Planning a July 25 reunion at Barnstormer Entertainment Complex in Green Oak Township. There will be a buffet dinner, DJ, and cash bar. Tickets \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. Contact Kelley (Doan) Simpson at (269) 375-5773 or at email4kelley@yahoo.com, or see groups.yahoo.com/group/brightonclassof1989.

Cass Technical High School

Class of 1959

50th reunion with activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow

Country Club in Southfield. Visit www.casstech59.com or contact Marge Teramino Knable, reunion@casstech59.com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

Clarenceville High School

All Class Reunion

Sunday, August 30, 2009 from 10 a.m. until close at Kensington Metropark, 2240 West Bung Rd., Milford at South Martindale, Shelter T. Potluck lunch at 1 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and its BYOB on adult beverages, non-glass. To help cut cost, please feel free to bring a package of burgers, hot dogs, and buns too. This invitation includes everyone who attended the Livonia Clarenceville School system, whether you are a graduate or non-graduate. Teachers, staff and faculty both past and present are also welcome. For more information, contact Walter E. Ragland II at wragland2@hotmail.com or (269) 720-5679.

Dearborn Heights Riverside

Class of 1967

A 42-year reunion is planned for Sept. 18-19, 2009. Event includes: Friday night graduate-only get-together with pizza and salad (\$10) at DeLuca's, 27424 W. Warren Road, Westland; Saturday night dinner at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets for Saturday event are \$35 per person. Contact Gerry Porta for more information at (734) 718-9401 or gwiatr@gmail.com.

Detroit Blessed Sacrament

Class of 1952

Planning a high school reunion on June 27, 2009. Looking for classmates. Call Shirley Boots at (734) 525-8746.

Detroit St. Brigid

Class of 1959

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

Detroit schools

Planning a mini reunion for anyone who graduated from Bagley Elementary in January 1957 or Post Junior High School in January 1960 in Detroit. If interested, call Gloria Weinman Little at (248) 352-9114 or e-mail to Mariene.Kutnick.Yamron.hahatdc@yahoo.com. The reunion is planned for Feb. 27, 2009.

Detroit Mumford

Class of 1959

50th Reunion Aug. 1, 2009, at Somerset Inn, Troy. For more information, visit www.mumford1959.myevent.com or call (248) 788-7008.

Henry Ford II

Class of 1982

Looking for classmates to attend a reunion picnic on June 6, at Stony Creek Metropark. A reunion also is planned for 2010. For details, contact Gwynne (Doemer) Bambach at (248) 740-9759, ford21982@aol.com or visit www.classreport.org.

**NOTICE TO ELECTORS
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring, constructing and equipping a new parks and recreation building and site improvements and appurtenances related thereto.

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Joseph Bridgman, CMC
Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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Historic Botsford Inn to reclaim its past

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OSE STAFF WRITER

For generations the Botsford Inn was the site area families chose to celebrate special events, but long before that the historic building played an important role in the development of Farmington.

From the time it was built in 1836, the white clapboard structure hosted decades of travelers on the Grand River Trail established by Native Americans.

Local historian Brian Golden talked about the inn that once welcomed stage coaches on the Plank Toll Road between Detroit and Howell during a luncheon at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia earlier this month.

Botsford Hospital purchased the inn in 1999 and removed additions made over the years, but left the original structure untouched. Plans call for turning the inn into a meeting place once again. This time patients and their families would receive support services there while going through cancer treatment.

"Native Americans were the reason the inn came into existence," said Golden as he showed the map of roadways that ran along Grand River, Shiawassee and Orchard Lake, the three main trails. "The trails are why people came to Oakland County. The trails connected farm to farm, village to village, but were dirt. In the 1850s the Plank Road Act allowed the laying of boards or planks over the road that went through downtown Farmington and you paid a toll to use the roads."

Golden told the story of the two brothers, Orrin and Allen Weston, who built the structure and eventually opened a tavern and a place to stay for the night. In the 1840s builder Stephen Jennings came along and renovated the structure and named it the Sixteen Mile House. It became the Botsford Inn in 1860 when Milton Botsford, a Quaker, arrived from upstate New York and purchased it. Botsford's son Franklin eventually took over until Henry Ford bought the inn in 1924. The hospital is restoring the rose garden Clara Ford loved so cancer patients can enjoy the serenity while undergoing treatment.

OAK DANCE FLOOR
"Henry Ford used to court Clara at the Botsford Inn regularly. She was from Redford and they'd go dancing there. He had a soft spot for it," said Golden, director of the Heritage & History Center in Farmington

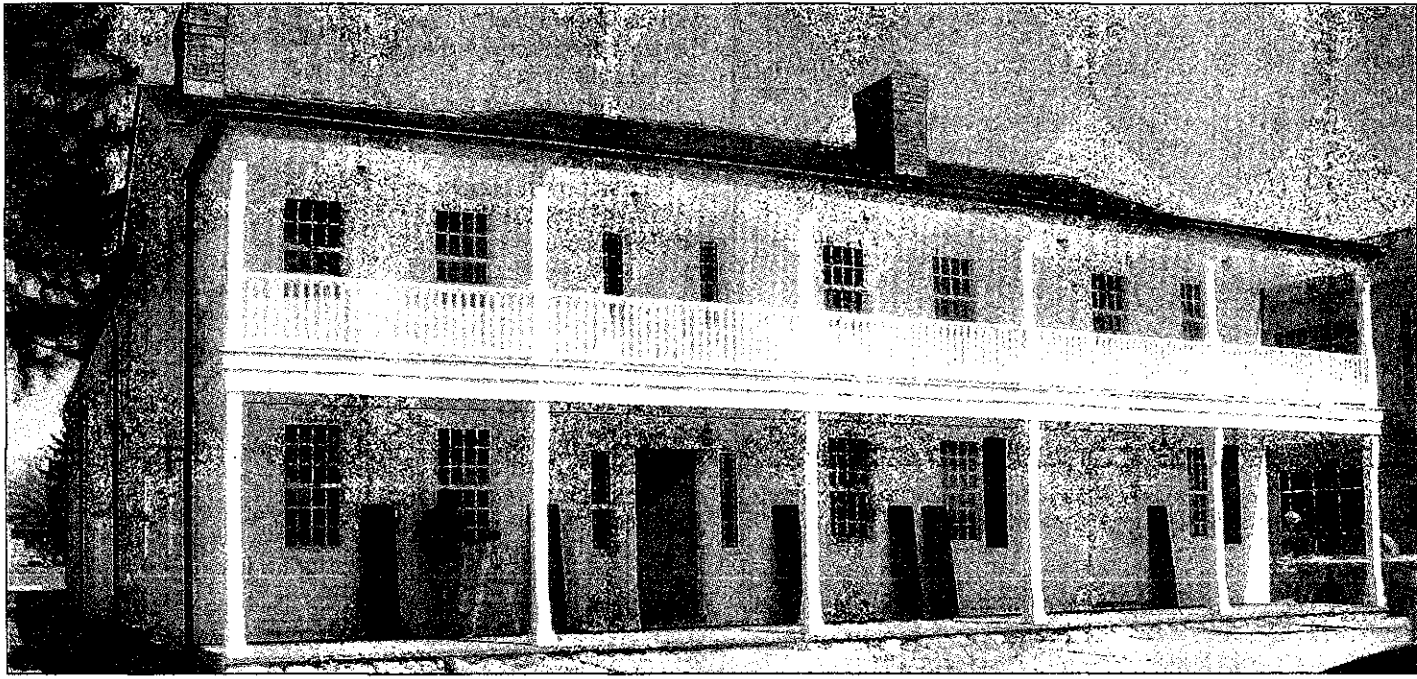


PHOTO BY STACY BRAND

Restoration work on the exterior of the Botsford Inn is nearly complete. Here a workman preps the window area before installing shutters.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Above, Local historian Brian Golden talks about the history of the Botsford Inn during a luncheon at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. At right, the audience listens to Brian Golden's presentation on the history of the Botsford Inn during a luncheon at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hills and author of several books including *Farmington: A Pictorial History*. "Ford added an addition and spring-loaded oak floors to absorb the shock of dancers in the ballroom. The inn had two doors and still does. The left was into the hotel for prim and proper ladies and gentlemen. The right was for common people like farmers who lived in the area and came to the tavern for meals."

When Ford died in 1946, the building was sold to John Anhut who passed it down to his son John Jr. who sold it to Botsford Hospital in 1999. At that time antiques and furnishings from the inn were put into storage.

"Anything identified as an antique was kept, bottles, glasses, photos, paintings but are going to require conservation," said Lynn Anderson, Botsford's marketing manager. "Conservators came in when hospital bought

it. Some furnishings came from the Fairlane Estate and the University of Michigan-Dearborn didn't care to keep them. We didn't want to get rid of anything of value. The biggest part is raising money."

COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS
Enough funds were raised to pay for the \$1 million restoration of the inn's exterior. Maria Kaminsky hopes individuals with memories of the gathering place will contribute to the effort of

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Walking routine helps Michigan woman shed 162 pounds

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
O&E STAFF WRITER

Jodi Davis lost 162 pounds in 16 months, simply by walking it off.

Now, the Coloma resident is encouraging others to lose weight, one step at a time.

Davis was morbidly obese, on her way to topping out at 300 pounds in her early 30s. Now, the mother of three is trim and athletic, and working to help others change their lives.

"I'm a walking spokesperson, health advocate, however you want to describe me," Davis said during a recent interview with the *Observer & Eccentric*. "Today I was called skinny. I like that."

Davis pulled her jacket aside to reveal a Blue Cross Blue Shield pedometer clipped to her waistband.

"Five thousand steps so far today, and that's just from shopping!" she quipped.

The standard walking goal for health and fitness is 10,000 steps a day, which Davis said is easily achievable with small yet persistent lifestyle changes.

Davis was always heavy, but after having children her weight crept into the danger zone. She spent her days putting her family's needs before her own, and after the kids were tucked in bed, she'd settle on the couch for me-time, which consisted of late-night, high-fat snacks.

She remained in denial until a relative died of weight-related problems.

"When I went to the funeral and saw her son standing by her



Jodi Davis shed 162 pounds in 16 months by walking. Now, she encourages others to take their first steps toward healthy living.

casket, without a mom, I thought 'that could be my kids,' Davis said. "She never had a second chance. I did."

So, Davis laced up her tennis shoes and started walking. She began slowly, but the benefits came fast. Davis started to feel better and her clothes got looser.

She has walked a mile and a half, at a brisk pace, almost every day since.

"My motto is 'no excuses.' If it's raining, get an umbrella. If it's cold, get a coat. If I'm tired, oh well," she said. "I'm an average,

typical, ordinary person just like you. If I can do it, anyone can."

Davis changed her eating habits as well.

She still has fast food from time to time, but orders a single burger instead of a super size combo.

She sometimes snacks at night, but has traded chips and dip for pretzels with mustard or popcorn. She also eats smaller

portions.

"One bite tastes the same as 20," she said. "It's a mind set."

After slimming down, Davis wrote a letter to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan CEO and President Daniel Loepp and a partnership began.

Davis now blogs for the BCBS WalkyTalk website, and tours with the Blues Cruiser to meet the public and encourage them to lead healthier lives.

People relate to her message of lifestyle change because she never uses the words 'diet' or 'exercise.'

"For a fat person, 'exercise' is being seen in spandex, being laughed at, huffing and puffing," she said. "But walking gets you out of the house, reduces stress, oh, and if you walk with a friend you can walk forever."

Davis plans to participate in Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan's National Walk at Lunch Day on April 29.

The workplace walking program encourages people to take time during their lunch break to start walking toward better health. Most Americans' schedules are built around their workdays, so NW@LD is designed to fit into — not compete with — their daily routine.

BCBSM employees throughout the state will participate in the event, and others are encouraged to form their NW@LD teams.

For more information on NW@LD, and to read Jodi Davis' blog, visit www.walkytalk.com.

BENEFITS OF WALKING

- Studies show walking 30 minutes a day, five days a week, lowers the risk for heart attack, stroke, breast cancer and diabetes.

- Walking helps control weight and improve muscle tone.

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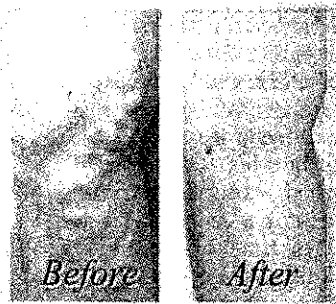
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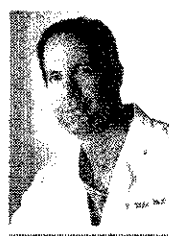


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