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CONNECTION

Faith grants

The Plymouth Salvation Army, which has programs to help low-income and needy people with rental assistance, utility bills, food and more, now has a way to reach out to those who've recently lost their jobs.

"Faith Stimulus Grants" are grants intended to help the newly unemployed. Using matching funds from the Plymouth Community United Way, the Plymouth Salvation Army (which covers Canton, Plymouth, Northville and Belleville) may be able to assist with rent, utilities, medical care and food (spiritual counseling and volunteer opportunities are also available).

To provide the assistance, Salvation Army staffers must be able to verify applicants' end-date of work. Proof can come in the form of a letter of separation or proof of unemployment from the state.

Laurie Aren, the Plymouth Salvation Army's director of Family and Community Ministries, said she understands the reluctance to ask for help.

"We know that reaching out is hard," Aren said. "We know you have been our donors and now may be in need. We want to help you, as you have helped us so faithfully in the past."

Faith Stimulus Grant funds expire Sept. 30. For more information call the Plymouth Salvation Army, (734) 453-5464.

Just like eBay

Parents wanting to pay on-line for everything from athletic pay-to-play fees to meals are now able to do so after Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials went on-line this week with a PaySchools option.

On-line payments for high school and middle school athletic fees and cafeteria accounts are now available, with plans to add to elementary school cafeteria accounts and other fees coming in the near future, according to James Larson-Shidler, the district's assistant superintendent for business services.

Benefits of the program include 24/7 access on-line, the ability to view account history and the assurance of private and secure transmissions. The district, for example, does not see any banking or credit card information, Larson-Shidler pointed out.

The link includes frequently asked questions and easy-to-follow instructions on how to get started.

Once it's up and running, the on-line payment option can be linked on the district's Web site at www.pccs.k12.mi.us.



Barbara Gondick of Canton brought Abbie, a Jack Russell terrier, to the first Paws in the Park event in Heritage Park Saturday.

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Paw print

Animal event raises awareness, money

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jessica Durkin of Plymouth boils the issue of whether Canton should have a park dedicated to dogs down to one simple question:

"Kids have parks, why shouldn't dogs?"

The philosophy was the primary reason Durkin was in Canton's Heritage Park Sunday with her husband, Terry, their boxer, Apollo, and their pug, Owen, to support the first Paws in the Park fund-raiser.

The event was designed to raise money both for the Humane Society of Huron Valley and Canton's effort to establish a three-acre dog park adjacent to the Bartlett-Travis property on Ridge.

The Durkins, who frequently walk their dogs in Plymouth and wouldn't mind seeing their own community establish a dog park, are fully supportive of the idea in Canton.

"I think it's a good idea," Jessica Durkin said. "Dogs should have a place to be social and play."

All the events provided volunteers for one of the beneficiaries of the event — the Humane Society of Huron Valley — a chance to educate the public about their own existence (many people, they say, don't know HSHV is the place for animal issues in Plymouth and Canton, not to mention all of Washtenaw County), microchip identification and to adopt out pets to good homes.

Over the course of the weekend, 20 animals found new homes. Midwest Small Dog Rescue had nine small dogs adopted, while HSHV adopted out six dogs and five kittens. Just as importantly, HSHV volunteers did outreach work to educate the public.

"A lot of people don't know HSHV is the service area for Canton," said Deb Kern, HSHV's marketing director. "It was so important for us to do this outreach."



Scout, a border collie, competes in the air dog competition at Saturday's Paws in the Park event.

Kern estimated 35 percent of the animals coming in to HSHV don't make it back to their owners, and attributes it largely to the lack of knowledge about HSHV's purpose.

"We put them up for adoption," Kern said of stray animals. "But they were someone's pets."

Robin Liberatore of Canton hopes the event helps and the dog park becomes a reality.

"Canton always has nice events, and this was great," said Liberatore, at the event with daughters Reagan and Sarah, who are all in favor of the dog park. "It'll be nice for the dogs to have a place to go."

O'Brien said the event could never have succeeded without the help of Canton officials and dozens of volunteers. "We couldn't have done it without them," she said — and pointed out that, if nothing else, the event provided a social opportunity and a chance to raise awareness.

"What we noticed was for a lot of the people their animals are their 'kids,'" O'Brien said. "So this was a chance to come out and have a day with their 'kids.'"

'Express' rolls with 30 riders

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A new commuter bus line between Canton and Ann Arbor rolled into service Monday, drawing about 30 passengers as transportation officials scrutinize ways to build ridership.

"It's about what we expected," said Neil Greenberg, the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority's service development and communications coordinator.

Canton resident Julie Vanderhoff, a teacher at Thurston Elementary School in Ann Arbor, caught a morning ride in Independence Park on Denton Road south of Cherry Hill, then returned on an afternoon bus with passengers who otherwise would have driven separately.

"I was setting up my classroom," she said after she got off bus.

When asked to describe her trip, Vanderhoff said, "It was wonderful. It's comfortable, and it's good for the environment. That's why I'm doing it."

Vanderhoff brought a friend's son, 8-year-old Bennett Barker, back from Ann Arbor so he could visit her 9-year-old son Calvin, who was waiting in Independence Park along with Vanderhoff's mother, Gladys Lock.

The new service, dubbed Canton Express, leaves the park at 6:05 a.m. and 7:17 a.m. Monday through Friday and returns passengers to the same spot at 4:16 p.m. and 5:49 p.m., with multiple stops in between. It's intended for riders from Canton and neighboring communities who work, shop or have other business in Ann Arbor.

The 55-seat buses make stops at the Cherry Hill-Ridge Road intersection in Canton's Cherry Hill Village, not far from business owner Michael Provenzano's Le Cocoa Bean Chocolatier & Coffee House. He said some riders stopped in Monday morning before catching the bus.

"It gives good exposure to our Village," Provenzano said.

The buses make numerous stops at the University of Michigan Medical Center, U-M's campus and downtown Ann Arbor. Greenberg has said more than 3,000 Canton residents work for U-M, and another 1,000 or so are employed elsewhere in the city.

Canton Express can help commuters save fuel costs and mileage on their own vehicles and avoid Ann Arbor parking fees. The service is offered free for the first two weeks. Afterward, it will cost \$125 a month for a full-time commuter pass, with some employers paying half the tab; \$40 for 10 rides within a year; or \$5 for a single, one-way trip.

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First-day bus riders disembark the Canton Express at Independence Park in Canton.

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District brings back 50 teachers

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrators issued layoff notices in April, as required by the teachers union contract, they were expecting to lose some 200 students to Canton charter schools, so 50 teachers were issued pink slips.

After a summer where many fewer students left for charter schools and enrollment didn't drop the way they thought it might, officials have brought all 50 of them back.

"(Enrollment) is still a moving target, and there are positions to be filled," Ray Bihun, the district's assistant superintendent for human resources, told Board of Education members at their meeting Tuesday. "That's why we're able to bring all these teachers back."

When administrators looked at enrollment figures toward the end of last school year, it appeared Plymouth-Canton was down more than 480 students from their Fall 2008 student count.

But when they went back to the figures earlier this month, turns out the district as a whole

is actually up some 30 students. Enrollment is down at both the elementary (69) and middle school (49) levels, but is up at the high school park (149).

In a memo to board members, Bihun said a "steep decline" in enrollment in the March/June numbers, the district reduced staffing by 8.5 teachers at that level. Since then, enrollment has climbed, classrooms were added back at Bentley, Farrand, Dodson, Hulsing, Isbister and Workman elementaries, necessitating the return of 6.5 full-time equivalents.

While middle school numbers didn't change, enrollment at the high schools - up 149 students - allowed the district to bring back six teachers.

Figures provided by Bihun show the district expects to have 18,844 students, up 31 from the September 2008 head count. Current numbers (which will certainly change by the Sept. 8 opening of school) show 8,335 students in 16 elementary schools, 4,306 middle schoolers in five schools and 6,203 at the district's three high schools.

"I'm very optimistic," Bihun told the board.

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For more information about the service, log on to www.a2express.org and click on Canton Express, or call (734) 996-0400.

"We've had requests from Canton for this for a long time," said Mary Stasiak, AATA manager of community relations, standing in Independence Park just before the first return bus arrived precisely on schedule.

A similar service already is in place with Chelsea.

AATA officials acknowledged the bus lines won't accommodate all work schedules, and they said it's possible they could tweak or add new departing and arrival times depending on how successful the service becomes.

"It's really meant to serve individuals who have a pretty consistent work schedule," Stasiak said.

Vanderhoff estimated she will use Canton Express a couple of days a week, saying she would use it more if the ride home fit her schedule a little better.



Julie Vanderhoff was the first rider off the Ann Arbor-to-Canton commuter bus.

Township officials have agreed to provide as many as 100 parking spaces at Independence Park for commuters.

Meanwhile, Greenberg said Canton Express organizers will continue to seek ways to increase ridership, possibly by

asking homeowners associations to include information in newsletters. He said AATA officials didn't expect packed buses on the first day, yet they are hopeful the service will become more popular.

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Wayne County, IT firm open Plymouth Township tech center

BY BRAD KADRICH
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It's appropriate that football season has started, because Wayne County and Plymouth Township officials apparently made a game-saving tackle that kept alive a partnership with technology expert Secure-24 both sides say should be mutually lucrative.

The county and Secure-24, which provides IT security products and systems, along with Plymouth Township and various government officials, cut the ribbon Tuesday on the \$5 million, 18,000-square-foot Wayne County Technology Resource Center on Helm Court in Plymouth Township. Among the guests were Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards and Wayne County Commissioners Laura Cox, R-Livonia, whose district includes Plymouth, and Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, whose district includes Westland and part of Livonia.

The facility was designed to "offer and deliver critical IT services" to all 43 communities in Wayne County, as well as "creating capacity for private business IT services," according to Secure-24 vice president of sales Matt Wenzler. The center provides communities Information Technology infrastructure and disaster recovery services.

"Michigan doesn't have the kind of inclement weather issues that would cause us problems," said Wenzler, who pointed out Michigan is one of three states never to have a federally declared natural disaster. "They're using it as an economic incentive for out-of-state business to come here."

It was almost built to attract business to northern Ohio, which is where Secure-24 management had actually decided to build the center before Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Plymouth Township officials made them an offer they decided not to refuse, a deal that included tax incentives that drew the firm back into the state.



JAMES WALLACE

Matt Wenzler of Secure-24, Tahir Kazmi of Wayne County, Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Wayne County Commissioners Laura Cox and Joan Gebhardt cut the ribbon on the new technology center in Plymouth Township.

"We were going to leave until we were arm-wrestled to the ground by Wayne County and Plymouth Township," Wenzler said. "We were headed to Ohio, but Wayne County and Plymouth Township enticed us to stay here."

Both sides are calling the deal "a unique private/public partnership" that will reduce costs and create capacity for IT services for both government and private enterprise.

"It's the wave of the future," said Ficano, who said the deal would save the county some \$2 million per year. "In the past, government did its own IT work, and we couldn't keep up with the private sector. This shows we have the ability to think out of the box, and it shows government can function with a private entity."

Secure-24 invested an initial \$5 million to build the facility and expects its total investment to exceed \$10 million over the next several years. The facility, officials said, brings 40-50 jobs to the township now, but Secure-24 officials say the facility will generate more than 250 jobs in the county.

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CORRECTION

In the story, "Bond work on target as schools get remodeled," about Plymouth-Canton school construction projects in the Aug. 23 *Canton Observer*, the quote from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Deputy Superintendent Ken Jacobs, speaking about work being done on the E.J. McClendon Educational Center on Harvey, should have read, "This was always part of the plan from the start ... This was a need, not a want."

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Fresenius Medical Care

"Around Canton" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

Health screening

Meijer Pharmacy, located on Ford Road at Canton Center, will be holding their monthly health screening clinic 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, Sept. 3.

Cholesterol, diabetes, and liver function screening are available at a very affordable cost. Appointments are required; please contact the pharmacy for details at (734) 844-2733.

Village Faire

Step back in time and enjoy the Village Faire noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30 at the Preservation Park, formerly known as the site of the Bartlett-Travis House, located at 500 N. Ridge.

Enjoy a simpler time and pay tribute to Canton's rich history and heritage as you watch historical demonstrations, such as: cooking, knitting, blacksmithing, candle-making and plowing. There will also be music, face painting, a petting farm, guided tours of the Bartlett-Travis House and more. We'll offer a variety of activities for the whole family.

And don't miss the always-irresistible corn roast sponsored by the Canton Lions Club. Food wristbands will be on sale at the event, and pre-registration is not necessary.

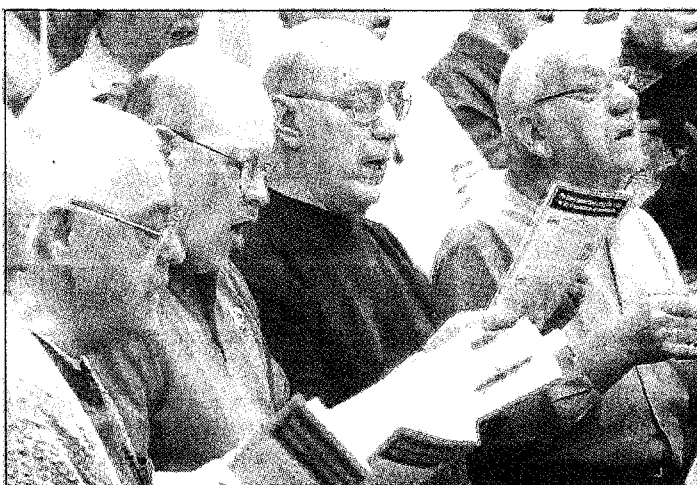
Residents of all ages are welcome to this free event, brought to you by Canton Leisure Services in partnership with the Canton Historical Society and the Canton Lions Club. No registration is required. To learn more about Village Faire, visit cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Golf scramble

Hickory Creek Golf Course hosts a Junior Golf Scramble 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29.

The event takes place at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Superior Township, just west of Canton off of Ford Road. Cost is \$25 for golf, pizza and prizes.

For more information contact Tami Beal via e-mail at trainwithtami@yahoo.com or by calling (734) 731-0238.



BeckRidge Chorale auditions

Auditions for the BeckRidge Chorale's 2009-10 season take place Tuesday, Sept. 1 and Tuesday, Sept. 15, at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. Singers can register for an audition by visiting www.beckridgechorale.org.

Chieftettes clinic

Youngsters who would like to be a Junior Canton Chieftette have their chance. The Chieftettes are hosting a Kids' PomPon Clinic for children ages 5-14 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Canton High School gym in the Phase III building.

Cost is \$40 per child and includes a T-shirt and snack. Discounts are available for additional siblings. Parents are invited to come see their daughters perform at noon and all girls attending the clinic will be invited to perform at the Chieftettes annual variety show on Sept. 19.

Registration is from 8:30-9 a.m. the morning of the clinic. Pre-register at www.cantonchieftettes.com before Aug. 27 and receive a \$5 discount. Registration is limited to the first 100 participants.

For more information e-mail PomClinic@cantonchieftettes.com

Bike raffle

Starting Aug. 31, Buffalo Wild Wings customers - including those at the Canton location - can enter a raffle for a chance to win a one-of-a-kind Great American Chopper Pro-Street, valued at \$26,000, and support a great cause at the same time.

Patrons can purchase raffle tickets for \$10 each from their server, and all proceeds benefit Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, a statewide agency whose mission is to help families cope with leukemia, lymphoma,

and related blood disorders.

"Buffalo Wild Wings has really stepped up to the plate to host an amazing fund-raiser to benefit Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan," said the foundation's President & CEO William Seklar. "The money raised will help us develop more robust programs and continue to provide for the families we serve."

The grand prize raffle drawing will take place 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Buffalo Wild Wings, 1873 E. Big Beaver Road, Troy.

Mom2Mom sale

The Mothers of Preschoolers at Connection Church in Canton host a Mom2Mom sale 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the church, located at 3855 Sheldon (west of I-275, north of Michigan Ave.) in Canton.

Admission is \$1. For more information, e-mail CCMopsMom@gmail.com or call (734) 334-0486.

Junior Miss

Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss is looking for contestants to participate in this years program, which takes place Friday, Nov. 20 at the Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton. Senior girls who will graduate from high school in 2010, reside in Plymouth or Canton and are interested in participating should go to the www.ajm.org Web site and register as a contestant.

The program is for senior girls who reside in Plymouth or Canton, no matter which high school they attend.

Questions should be directed to Marissa at pcjrmiss@yahoo.com. Officials are also still looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping with the program.

Church crafts

Connection Church (previously Tri-City Christian Center) is currently accepting applications for its annual Holiday Craft Fair 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 5.

Connection Church is located at 3855 Sheldon in Canton, north of Michigan Ave.

For more information contact Katy Reitz, (734) 693-5656 or katyreitz@mac.com

Canton newcomers

Interested in meeting your neighbors and getting involved with various interest groups? If so, the next monthly adult general meeting of Canton Newcomers will be held 7:15 p.m. Sept. 2, at the Sunflower Clubhouse (45800 Hanford, west of Canton Center).

The evening will include Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, as well as time for socializing, neighbor introductions, sign-ups for our over 20 interest group activities (Playgroups,

Bunco, Scrapbooking, Book Club, Men's Poker Night, Couples Social and more), and a raffle to benefit a local non-profit in need.

For more information, or to receive a complimentary copy of our newsletter, please visit www.cantonnewcomers.org or call Melanie at (734) 207-3341.

Sweetest Day dance

PLAV Post #166 and VFW Post #6695 will co-host a Sweetest Day Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 17, at the VFW Post located at 1436 Mill in Plymouth.

Tickets, which are tax deductible, are \$10 each and are available at the VFW lounge/club room. Entertainment will be provided by Benny Spear, of Benny and the Jets (specializing in '50s and '60s music) along with Greg Jaqua (an Elvis impersonator). There will be door prizes offered throughout the evening along with a cash bar.

For more information, call (734) 459-6700.

Crafters wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters (PCMB) is hosting its Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Ensemble on

Saturday, Nov. 21. Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fund-raising event to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton. The juried art event is produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/artcraft to download an application and submit with photos by June 26 for the first wave of jurying. For more details, contact exhibit coordinator Carol Rosati at (734) 455-0714. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. Over the last four years, over 7,000 attendees have visited the PCMB Arts & Craft Ensembles.

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton, Mich. The Holiday Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Nov. 21. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admittance is \$2.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Canton board honors six for saving woman

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Six people are credited with saving a 33-year-old woman who collapsed on a softball field at the Canton Sports Arena.

Their efforts, described by public safety officials as a textbook response, could easily have saved the life of Kimberly Lewis, who suffered what Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher described as a "cardiac problem."

Their valiant response prompted the Canton Township Board of Trustees on Tuesday to honor them for helping Lewis survive the inci-

dent, which happened around 8:30 p.m. June 28.

Steve Engebretson, a Canton sports staffer, was working when he heard a softball umpire, Jim Morris, yell "she's down." Engebretson quickly radioed the chief umpire, Dave Bartig, in the office and asked him to call 911 and bring an automatic external defibrillator, or AED, to the field.

Nick Johns, a Canton parks employee, was in the front office when the call came in, and he quickly drove Bartig and the AED out to the field, where several bystanders, players and Lewis' husband, Anthony,

were attending to her.

Meanwhile, Karen Donohue, an Oakwood nurse and teammate of Lewis, and Stephanie Schultz, a player on the opposing team, were administering CPR, and Donohue started using the AED when it was brought to the scene.

Moreover, Canton emergency medical service personnel arrived and were directed by Johns and Engebretson to the field where they took over efforts to rescue Lewis. Once Lewis was stabilized, she was taken to a hospital for further treatment.

On Tuesday, the township board honored Donohue, Schultz, Engebretson, Johns,

Bartig and Morris for their "commendable contribution" to the Canton community and to Lewis' survival.

"Thanks to you," Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin told them, Lewis "is here to play baseball another day."

Rorabacher later said Lewis survived the incident and has since attended another game to cheer on her team. He credited the team of rescuers for their efforts.

"There's such a little window with things like this," Rorabacher said. "It's nice to see everything work out like it did."

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CRIME WATCH

No sale, so thief swipes truck

A man who refused to sell a Ford F-550 told police it was then stolen.

The victim told police he was working on the truck, owned by the city of Detroit, at a business he owns on Ronda, southeast of Joy and Lilley. He also said he is a subcontractor for Jorgensen Ford.

The man had received a phone call from someone offering money for the truck after seeing it in the lot. The man told the caller it was owned by the city of Detroit and he couldn't sell it.

However, he said the truck was stolen sometime during a three-day period ending at 7 p.m. Saturday. He said he didn't notice any broken glass that might indicate how the thief got inside the truck.

The truck was described as a yellow, 2004 Ford F-550 truck with Detroit Lighting Department emblems on both doors and an aerial bucket on the back end.

Home invasion

Police are investigating a home invasion that occurred after a car was broken into — and personal belongings taken — from the Emagine Theater on Ford east of Lotz around 10:30 p.m. Saturday.

The owner said the vehicle was broken into in the theater parking lot, and a garage door opener was taken along with the car registration and a cell phone.

About the same time, police were alerted to an alarm on Forest Bridge Drive, southeast of Denton and Geddes, and that led to a home invasion investigation. A police report didn't indicate what, if anything, may have been taken from the home.

Pair jailed after home invasion pleas

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two Ypsilanti men already have been sent to prison after police nabbed them during a home invasion in late June in Canton.

Joel Allen Boyd, 24, and Keith Eugene List, 26, were sentenced earlier this month after they pleaded guilty in Wayne County Circuit Court to charges of second-degree home invasion, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

The charges stemmed from a June 26 incident on Napier near Ford, on the township's west side. The pair was

arrested amid accusations a surveillance team trailed them to a residence, watched them knock on a door and enter the house to steal property.

Boyd was ordered Aug. 13 to spend one year/seven months to 15 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to second-degree home invasion. His earliest release date will be March 12, 2011.

List was ordered imprisoned on the same day as Boyd and was slapped with a sentence of one to 15 years for second-degree home invasion. His earliest release date will be Aug. 12, 2010.

The pair's decision to plead guilty averted a trial that had

been ordered when they voluntarily waived their preliminary hearings July 10 in 35th District Court.

Authorities had followed Boyd and List to the house on Napier after the men had been under surveillance following a string of home invasions that included Canton.

"When the officers lost sight of the men, they approached the house and witnessed the men inside the residence attempting to remove property," a Canton Police Department statement said at the time.

Boyd and List were taken into custody without incident.

According to MDOC records, Boyd had been

paroled in late 2008 after serving more than two years in prison for incidents in Washtenaw County that involved resisting arrest and assaulting a police officer, felony firearms, carrying a concealed weapon, and second-degree home invasion.

List had been placed on probation for a 2008 incident in the same county that included possession of cocaine and resisting/assaulting a police officer. He also had prior offenses including larceny from a vehicle and receiving stolen property worth \$1,000 to \$20,000.

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Wallet swiped

A man who went to Life Time Fitness on Haggerty, just south of Ford, reported that his wallet was missing after he placed it in a locker that was left unlocked.

The man arrived at the fitness center on Sunday afternoon, changed clothes and placed his wallet in the top portion of a locker without locking it. When he later returned, the wallet was gone.

Police advised the man to check his debit and credit cards promptly for any potential illegal activity.

Windows smashed

A man reported that windows of several tractors were smashed out sometime between 6 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Monday at a farm on Mott, between Denton and Ridge roads.

The man told police the tractors were locked up in a field where the incident occurred. He said he didn't know of anyone who might have done the damage. Police indicated they would have more of a presence in the area.

Missing money

A resident of Amherst Court, northwest of Warren and Lilley, told police someone stole \$150 from a table next to her bed while she and another resident had invited friends over. She found the money missing about 1:10 a.m. Monday.

Another woman also noticed \$15 missing from her wallet, which also was in the bedroom, according to police reports.

— Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

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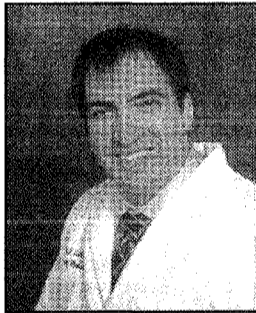
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Curiosity, camera help document Sheldon Road project

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Take a self-described "curious taxpayer," add a camera, an engineering background and a construction project that dominated the Plymouth area for two years and what do you get?

Gene Dickirson's latest book, *The Sheldon Road Project*, which documents, in more than 200 photographs, the construction of the \$15 million railroad underpass at Sheldon Road south of M-14 during the project's last six months.

Dickirson, a retired Ford Motor Co. mechanical engineer who lives in Plymouth Township, self-published *The Sheldon Road Project* earlier this year. It's his second book; his first, *GDT Speedster From Dream to Reality*, documents the design and building, from scratch, of an open-topped car by a team that included Dickirson and eight other engineering and automobile experts. (The car was sold to a collector in Texas, but the team would like to do another, Dickirson said.)

The underpass project piqued his curiosity in the summer of 2008, when it appeared not much was being

done, Dickirson said. "There was so little progress, it wasn't clear what was going on," he said.

So he picked up a camera and visited the site — frequently. Access wasn't a problem, he said, as long as he kept out of the way of workers. Visits by other onlookers — or "sidewalk superintendents," as he called them — weren't uncommon.

Dickirson apparently arrived on the scene at the tail end of several problems that had slowed the underpass project, and work picked up steam just over a year ago. The underpass was completed, and Sheldon Road reopened, last December.

The curious taxpayer became a curious engineer. Dickirson watched, and snapped, as railroad track was taken up, temporary track was put down, beams were laid, forms were made and concrete was poured.

He noted the coordinated efforts, and the inspection oversight, that helped convince him the project was a good one.

"I was really impressed by the way the team worked together. There was no dawdling on this thing," and no

obvious waste, Dickirson said.

The underpass is important, Dickirson said, because traffic on Sheldon will no longer be stalled by trains, saving many hours over time. Public safety personnel, too, won't be delayed in getting to emergencies.

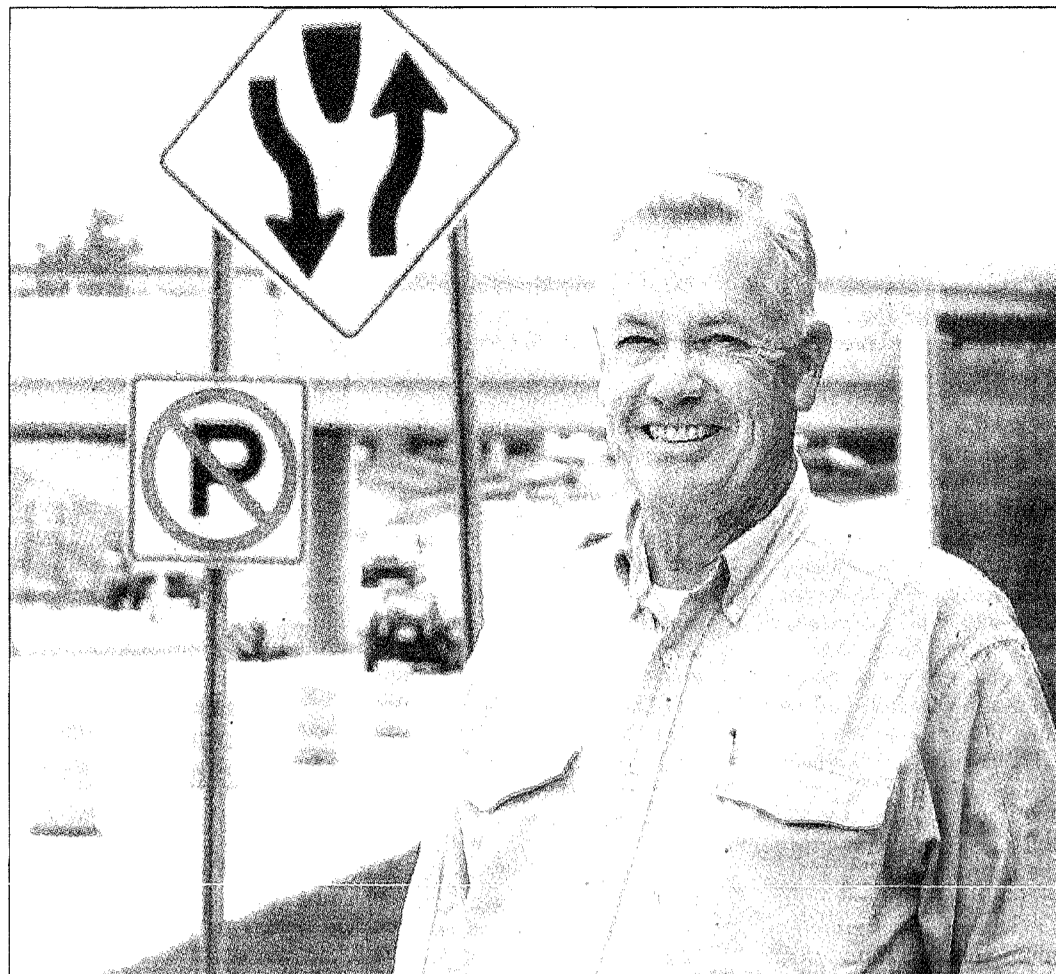
"The way this community continues to grow," despite current economic troubles, Dickirson said, "this is a good thing."

Dickirson, who hails from southern Illinois, worked at Ford in Dearborn for 35 years. He started out in 1963 as a draftsman, worked his way up to designer, then switched tracks and, with an engineering degree he earned while also working, became a mechanical engineer specializing in climate control systems.

His career spanned the transition from slide rule to pocket calculator to computer, he said. "It was a great era," he said.

'The Sheldon Road Project' is available at Michigan Made and More in Plymouth, As The Page Turns in Northville, and through online bookstores.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Gene Dickirson's 'The Sheldon Road Project,' is his second book, coming on the heels of 'GDT Speedster from Dream to Reality.'

NEWS BRIEF

Carnival time

Come one, come all to the Garden Carnival 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, at the Wayne County 4-H Children's Garden 5454 Venoy, Wayne.

Visit the garden for an evening of fun-filled garden education. Try your luck with bobbing for apples, add some facial color with face painting, look for riches in the compost treasure hunt or go wild with

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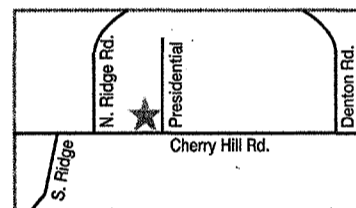


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Vendors, volunteers help make first Paws a success

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Humane Society of Huron Valley and the Canton Dog Park initiative got a paw up on awareness over the weekend.

An estimated 2,100 people came to Paws in the Park on Saturday (numbers weren't available for Sunday), with some 200 of them — along with 86 dogs — taking part in the Paw Walk fund-raiser Saturday morning. They dressed in costumes, made floats and generally had a good time.

The day featured performing dogs (the Purina Incredible Dog Team and the Rock 'N' Roll K-9s), and competing dogs (the Ultimate Air Dog long-jumping competition).

Paws in the Park sprang from a conversation folks at Street Marketing had with officials at HSHV, according to Street Marketing's Terri O'Brien, who organized the event. The idea of benefiting HSHV and the Canton Dog Park was too good to pass up. "HSHV had many animals

turned in because of the economy, because people just can't afford to keep them any more," O'Brien said. "We decided to have an event that benefited both the Humane Society and the dog park."

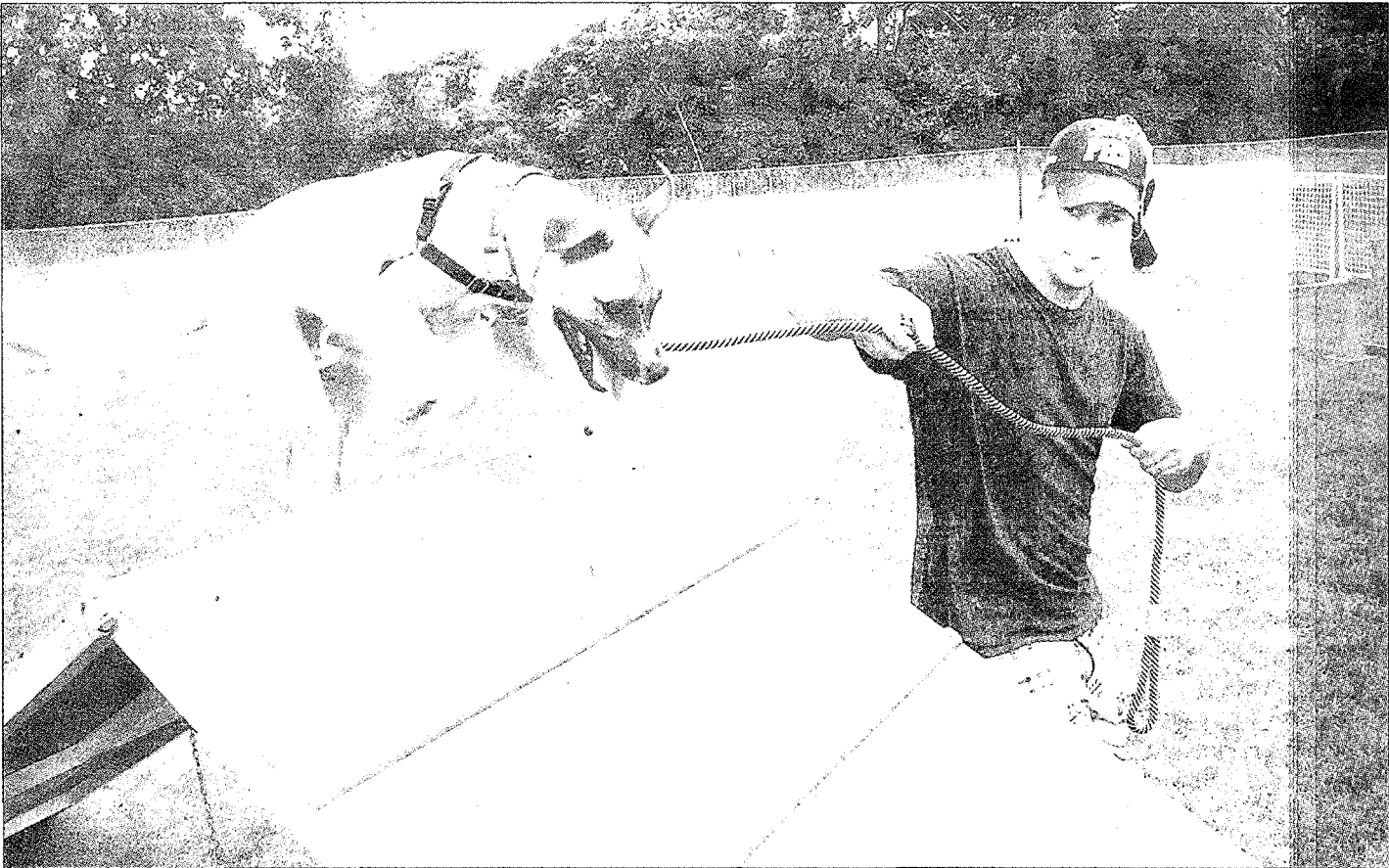
For vendors, it appeared to be a successful event. Joann Julian of Joann's Jewels in Eastpointe, who travels to various events most weekends, had high praise for the event.

"It was an awesome show," she said. "It was well-managed, attendance was great and everyone was very helpful."

O'Brien said the event could never have succeeded without the help of Canton officials and dozens of volunteers. "We couldn't have done it without them," she said — and pointed out that, if nothing else, the event provided a social opportunity and a chance to raise awareness.

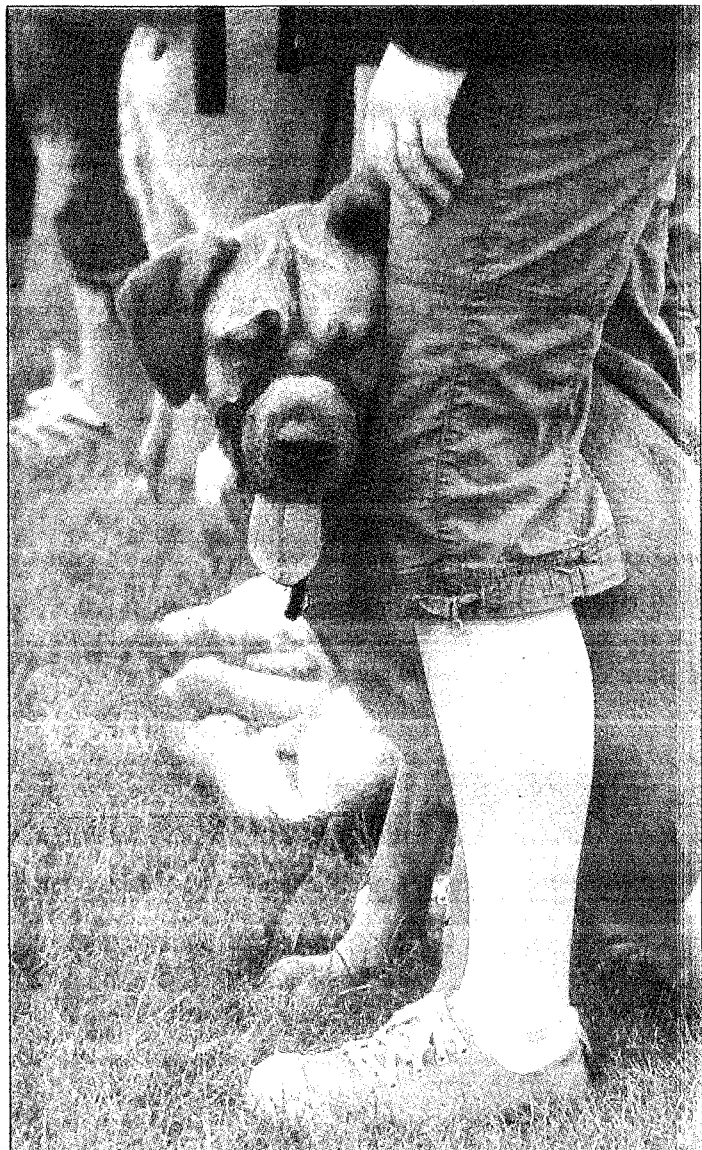
"What we noticed was for a lot of the people their animals are their 'kids,'" O'Brien said. "So this was a chance to come out and have a day with their 'kids.'"

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Joe Janiszewski of Canton and Rocco try out the ramp on the obstacle course.

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Nelly hangs out with owner Maureen McCorry.



7 of 9 performs with the Purina dog team.



Bob Hill's dog, Blue, works out on the obstacle course. Dog and owner are both from Plymouth.



No, Janelle Kowal of Livonia didn't get trampled by a dog. She just got paw prints painted on her face at Paws in the Park.

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Handle college savings plans with careful thought

It's hard to believe that there's only another month or so of summer. One issue many families face every fall is how to pay for their child's college education. This puts pressure on families and this year more than even because of the recession and the high unemployment in Michigan.

Most of the time when I discuss a college education it generally deals with saving. My advice is always to start early and to recognize that the cost of college is increasing faster than anything in our society other than health care.

It is important that parents have a strategy on how to deal with the withdrawals from investments when the money is needed. There is no one right answer when it comes to withdrawals. It all depends upon one's individual situation. However, there are some factors to take into consideration when it's time to withdraw money from a college savings account.

Typically, a college savings plan can be divided into two separate areas - money that is invested in taxable accounts and money that is invested in tax-free accounts, such as 529 plans. I prefer to use the taxable accounts first and once those are exhausted begin withdrawing from the 529 accounts. My reasoning is partly based on what has happened to the market over the last year. Many college saving accounts have taken a beating and the tax ramifications can be considerable.

In a taxable account, if you sell the investment and have a loss, you are going to be able to deduct that loss on your tax return. On the other hand, because of the nature of 529 accounts, losses are not deductible. Therefore, if you have losses, like many people do, you might as well take advantage of them. And because 529 plans grow tax free, you want to take advantage of that opportunity for as long as you can.

Another reason to use taxable money first is the new American Opportunity Tax Credit. We used to have something called the Hope Credit to provide relief for college tuition. The Hope Credit expired last year and has been replaced by the American Opportunity Tax Credit.

The American Opportunity Tax Credit is available only for 2009 and 2010 and provides



Money Matters

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a \$2,500 credit for qualified education expenses. The old Hope Credit was an \$1,800 credit.

Another good thing about the American

Opportunity Tax Credit is it can be used for any year of college. The Hope Credit was only available for the first two years of college.

In addition, the income limits to take advantage of the American Opportunity Tax Credit have increased from the Hope Credit. If you were single, the maximum amount of income to qualify for the Hope Credit was \$58,000. That has now been increased to \$90,000. For married couples who filed returns jointly, the income limit has risen from \$160,000 to \$180,000.

The American Opportunity Tax Credit allows you to obtain the tax credit on your federal return for 100 percent of eligible costs up to \$2,000, plus 25 percent of college cost of more than \$2,000. In other words, to take advantage of the full \$2,500 credit you will need at least \$4,000 in college costs.

The one hiccup with the American Opportunity Tax Credit is that eligible college costs cannot be paid from a 529 or even a Coverdell Education Savings account. Therefore, depending upon the cost of college you need to make sure you coordinate the 529 and American Opportunity Tax Credit.

The American Opportunity Tax Credit is only available for 2009 and 2010, therefore, you generally want to use this credit first before you touch your 529 plan.

For those who have children going to college in the fall, now is the time to coordinate the different accounts and know what accounts you should access and what accounts you should let grow. A good, well-thought-out strategy always works to your benefit. Good luck!

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

Plymouth gears up for Fall Festival

The Plymouth Fall Festival annually brings some new events as well as the "old reliables," and the 2009 festival, scheduled for Sept. 11-13, is no different.

Among the events for the annual Festival, which centers around Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth, are:

- The first Party Lot, which promises "a rockin' party, Plymouth-style," takes place Sept. 11-12 and will feature two evenings filled with live entertainment. Sponsored in part by E.G. Nicks, Budweiser, WRIF-101.1 FM and Signature Professional Group, The Party Lot will fuse a lively mix of music, spirits and fantastic food.

Kicking off the party on Friday, Sept. 11, 2009 RIFF Rock Girl, Sarah Myrand, will be on-site broadcasting live from E.G. Nick's with WRIF's on-air midday talent, Meltdown, from 3-7 p.m.

Live entertainment will include Mass Transit Friday, Sept. 11, see www.masstransitband.com; and Global Village featuring a three-piece horn section, powerful vocals and a driving rhythm section, Saturday, Sept. 12, see www.gvparty.com.

The Party Lot hours are 6-11 p.m. Sept. 11-12. The Party Lot will be located off of Harvey Street and Ann Arbor Trail in the parking lot behind E.G. Nicks in downtown Plymouth. Admission to The Party Lot is \$3; minors under 21 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information, call (248) 960-0700.

- Fall Festival Taste Fest - The Plymouth Fall Festival 7th Annual Taste Fest is Friday, Sept. 11 at Station 885, 885 Starkweather Road. The Taste Fest will feature more than 30 area restaurants sampling their finest fare from 6-8 p.m. Tickets are available now at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, 850 W Ann Arbor Trail. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. Contact Colleen at (734) 455-1614 or cbrown57@comcast.net for more information.

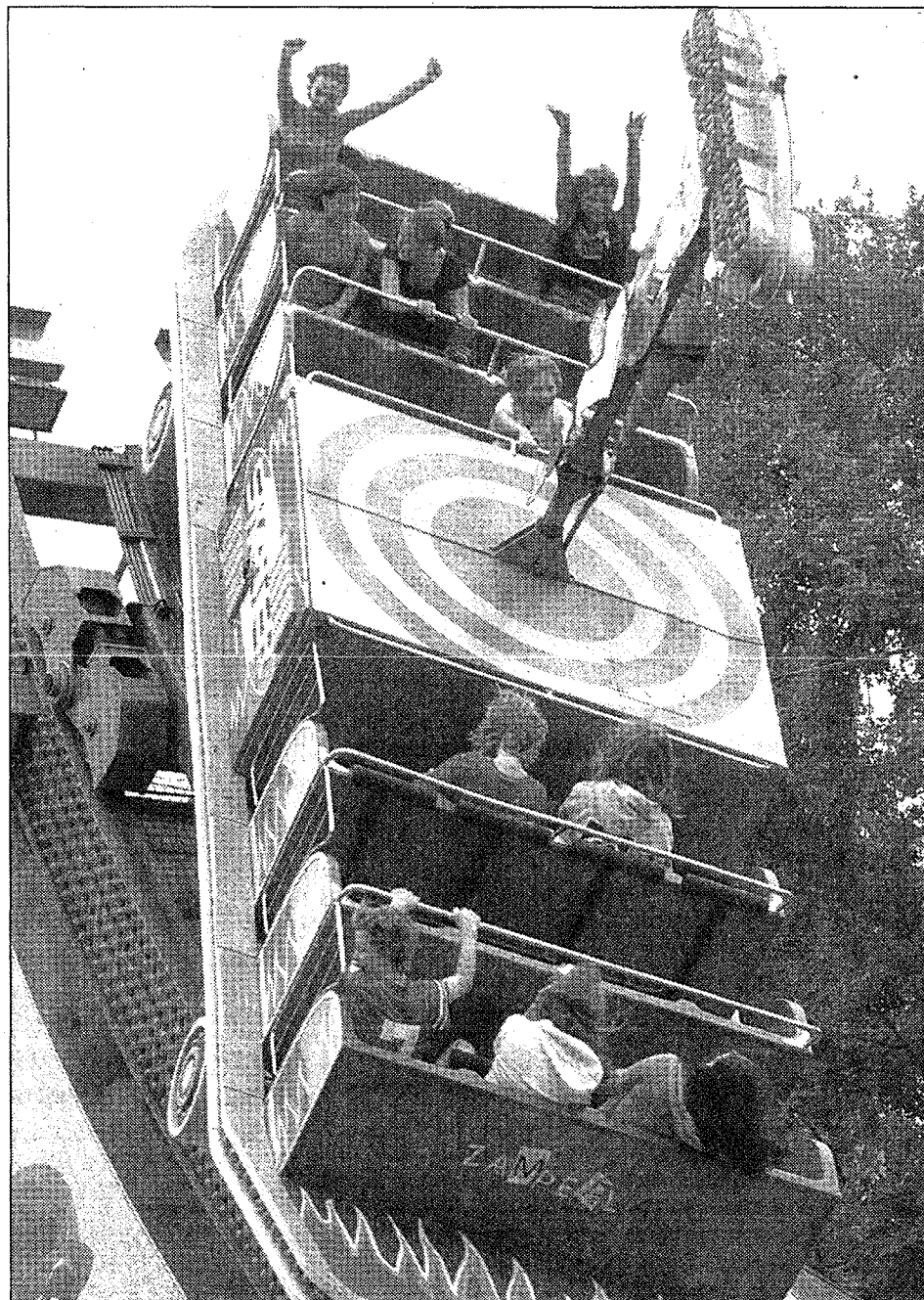
- Plymouth Fall Festival Antique and Classic Cars from 1979 and older Sept. 12-13, with the pre-registration "Cruz Night," Friday, Sept. 11.

Pre-registration cost (before Sept. 11) is \$10 for one day, \$15 for two; same-day costs are \$15 and \$20, respectively.

Registration forms can be found online at www.plymouthfallfestival.com; mailed forms must be received by Sept. 9. For more information call Dave Reeves, (734) 455-4018, or Chris Guiriere, (734) 756-7781.

- Perennial exchange - The Trailwood Garden Club, a branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, will sponsor a perennial exchange at the Plymouth Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 9-11 a.m.

It will be located at the east end of Kellogg Park at Union and Ann Arbor Trail. This is a free-bring something, take something event. Members will answer any inquiries about our club as well as general gardening questions.



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Downtown Plymouth becomes a carnival for Fall Festival, scheduled this year from Sept. 11-13.

For additional information call (734) 459-7146.

- Cutest baby - Personalized Nursing LIGHT House sponsors its first Cutest Baby Contest during the Plymouth Fall Festival Sept. 11-13. Winners will be announced Sunday, Sept. 13 at 5 p.m.

Parents should send one 5x7 (or smaller) picture with the required \$10 entry fee by Sept. 1. Mail entries to Cute Baby, c/o Teresa Smith, 575 S. Main, Ste. 6, Plymouth, MI 48170. Child must be 36 months old or younger.

For more information, call (734) 451-7800.

- Fall Fest crafts - The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for the Craft Show, which takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 11-13. The show will be on Union Street north of Ann Arbor Trail. 10' X 10' foot spaces will cost \$75

per day or \$200 for the weekend. Jewelry Vendors are juried and must have their applications in by June 30. All other vendors are awarded spots on a first come-basis.

Applications can be downloaded at www.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more information e-mail Colleen Brown at cbrown57@comcast.net or call her at (734) 455-1614.

- Business booths - The Fall Festival is accepting a limited number of applications from businesses interested in having a booth at the Fall Festival.

A 10-foot by 10-foot space is \$800 for the weekend. The Fall Festival runs Sept. 11-13. Applications can be downloaded at www.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more information call or e-mail Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614 - cbrown57@comcast.net.

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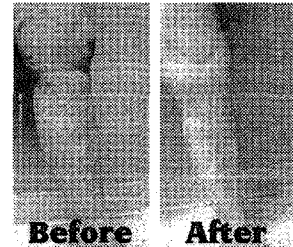
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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS

Going to the dogs was a good thing

A seasoned vendor who spends her weekends traveling the craft show circuit said last weekend's Paws in the Park event in Canton's Heritage Park was "well-managed" and organizers "did an outstanding show, especially for their first event."

Well, even without the qualifier, we agree wholeheartedly. The first Canton Paws in the Park was as big a success as it could have been.

The event raised money for the Humane Society of Huron Valley (the branch of the Humane Society that handles Plymouth and Canton, along with Washtenaw County), and for the Canton Dog Park project.

But as important as the fund raising was, there were several facets of the weekend that made the event even more crucial:

- Twenty animals — six dogs and five kittens from the HSHV, nine small dogs from Midwest Small Dog Rescue — were adopted, changing their status from "abandoned" to "pet."

- Nearly 90 dogs took their families (amounting to some 200 people) for the Paw Walk to benefit HSHV. Dogs dressed up and people created floats to compete for prizes, and a fun time was had by all.

- It gave the HSHV a chance to do an all-out educational assault on the lack of knowledge of their existence. HSHV handles stray animal issues for Plymouth and Canton. HSHV spokeswoman Deb Kern estimated 35 percent of strays that come to them don't make it back to their owner, and she attributes the statistic to the fact many people don't even know they exist.

- Some 76 vendors — the vast majority of them in the pet business — were on hand to provide everything from organic food to microchip identification.

There were performing dogs (the Purina Incredible Dog Team and the Rock 'N' Roll K-9s), and competing dogs (the Ultimate Air Dog long-jumping competition). And, of course, there were the pets, strolling the grounds with their owners in tow, socializing with each other and generally having a good time.

It was all brought together by the organizers, dozens of volunteers, the vendors ... it's a long list. Folks were helpful, knowledgeable and, equally importantly, passionate about pets.

The event gave the term "going to the dogs" a whole new meaning, one of which Canton should be proud.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

Here's a look at what readers are saying about stories on our Web site, www.hometownlife.com:

• In response to the story "Online campaign nets \$51K for Village Theatre":

artsbabe wrote:

"Thanks to everyone who made a donation! We so appreciate the outpouring of support. You can still donate ... through Aug. 31 at www.cfssem.org. You can also check out the 2009-10 theater season at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater. Buying tickets and attending the shows is the number one best way to support the arts in our community - and you'll have a great time in return!

• In response to the story "Canton fills police, firefighter slots":

MulberryBank wrote:

"Welcome!"

• In response to a letter headlined "Frustrated with McCotter":

MrScott wrote:

"McCotter I have found does listen. Further, as for Levin and Stabenow, you might do better talking to a cement wall as I have found. Have you heard Stabenow's latest revelation?"

CANTON OBSERVER



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COMMUNITY VOICE

What's the first thing you think of when you hear the words "back to school"?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.

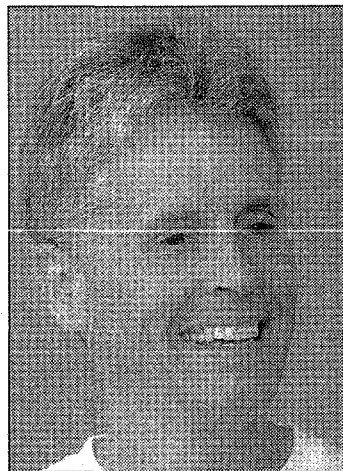


"I'm happy. Keeps them busy."

Sandra Allain

Plymouth Township

Who was with sons Thomas, a second-grader, and Louis, 3



"I think of going to the store and buying calculators and backpacks and new shoes. ..."

Mike Bellaire

Canton Township



"Shopping. The kids need their school supplies. New crayons, new pencils, new shoes."

Angela MacLellan

Plymouth Township

Who had daughters Caroline, a second-grader, and Elizabeth, a first-grader, in tow



"School supplies. ... I would give them as gifts ... It's top of mind because of TV."

Mike Brace

Plymouth

LETTERS

Geddes gap

I read the editorial, "Bridge project adds to Canton's nature," in the Aug. 6 Local Opinion column about the many bridges being built on the new trail, and my frustration over a Geddes Road pedestrian access issue was reinvigorated.

Let it be known, I'm 100 percent for the trail and its needs, but I have been trying for several years to get the attention of local, county and even state officials toward a situation that I believe requires the same kind of resolve and enthusiasm.

That is, the gap in the sidewalk on the south side of Geddes Road between Beck Road and Canton Center Road, which causes pedestrians to climb a hill, narrowly traverse a busy bridge, walk along the soft shoulder and risk their safety.

They all agreed, there needs to be a pedestrian connection to the two separate sidewalks that get the folks off of the roadway crossing the bridge, but no one has a monetary solution to the challenges that exist. So, it goes ignored.

The closest thing to a solution came in the form of a suggestion that the Canton Sidewalk Gap Committee would look at it as a possible target of theirs, because their task is to fill gaps that future development projects will not likely fulfill, but the funding of that entity is only about \$50,000 per year, and the estimate for construction of a pedestrian bridge, right of way acquisition and design is probably twice that amount.

So, it goes unresolved and out of mind. Meanwhile, safety issues exist in mingling pedestrian traffic and high speed vehicular traffic on a fairly narrow two-lane bridge, not to mention the nearly impossible access concerns for the physically challenged. Surely, there are some potential Americans with Disabilities Act concerns with this situation.

There is sidewalk on the south side of Geddes that runs west from the Rite Aid shopping center at Canton Center, all the way to within maybe a half-mile from Denton Road. When residential development picks up once again, there will be continued sidewalk to Denton, as such projects were already approved in the planning process.

You can literally walk, jog, ride your bike, Rollerblade, push a stroller, etc., all the way to the store from midway between Beck and Denton to the stores at Canton Center; that is, if you care to leave the discontinued sidewalk by Hunters Grove subdivision, climb the rather steep grass slope to the narrow bridge over a drain, be exposed to 50 mile an hour traffic, navigate soft shoulder in order to get to the other sidewalk by the Kimberly Meadows subdivision.

The sidewalk has been installed in bits and pieces over time by residential development projects. There is not only the drain to get over, there is a single residential property between the two subdivisions.

Granted, these are challenges to overcome, but I see no reason why the same concern and interest to connect pedestrian pathways with bridges on the nature trail cannot be extended to this pedestrian pathway.

Greg Greene
Canton

Lack of planning

My family and I have lived in Canton for the last 23 years. We live in the square between Haggerty and Lilley, Cherry Hill and Ford roads. In case you are unfamiliar, BOTH Lilley and Haggerty roads are under-

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going construction at this time.

Really, with some planning this should not be a major issue. Oh, yes, key word is PLANNING! Obviously, whoever is in charge of this construction failed to realize that they have made getting to and or from my house and back a huge ordeal. If those in charge had closed one of these roads northbound and the other one southbound, we could have made a loop. No, instead you closed BOTH northbound or southbound at the same time!

This necessitates my having to go all the way to Sheldon, then down Saltz when I make a trip to the store or the church. This not only wastes my time but wastes my money on additional gas and wear and tear on my car.

Please, township people in charge of construction, try and be a little more considerate of the people living in these construction areas. It is not rocket science to think of the most ergonomic way to do these things. Even an ordinary citizen like myself could figure it out.

I certainly understand the need to fix the roads, but would appreciate your consideration of my time and money too. In this difficult economic time, this is the least you can do for the people that live in our community!

Pamela Lincoln
Canton

Walker thanks

I would like to thank the city of Plymouth and all those who came out to support the Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk this past Saturday.

This was my second year participating in this great event and the second year that Plymouth has taken my breath away. Making our way down Ann Arbor Trail we could begin to see the crowd, but once we hit the corner and saw the pink fountain and all the people, it was amazing.

Feeling all the love and support from family, friends, and even strangers really lifted our spirits and reminded us of how many lives breast cancer has affected.

I hope and pray that the Breast Cancer 3-Day will continue to make Plymouth a part of the route for years to come. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

Kim Riley
Canton

Nothing reactionary

In the letter "First to worst," the writer blames some of our current economic malaise on our support of free trade policies.

Although I feel free trade is not as free as it can be and the U.S. should take action

against countries not trading in a fair manner, abandoning free trade and resorting to protectionism would be a grave mistake.

History tells us the Great Depression of the 1930s was prolonged and made even more severe because of the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act of 1930, which dramatically increased tariffs on over 20,000 imports. Obviously other countries retaliated against our exports in like fashion, cutting global trade in half.

It is a natural reaction in a bad economy to try to protect jobs at home by blocking imports that compete with products made here. I have noticed that a few countries have recently implemented protectionist measures that they disguised so as not to appear blatantly protectionist but to start a global tariff war at this time would be extremely counter-productive and would repeat the mistake we made in 1930.

Many U.S. companies depend on exporting their products globally. Many U.S. workers are kept employed because of exports. In fact, our export industry is strong and growing stronger each year, unfortunately we like to import even more than we export but that's the way we are.

I believe we will exit this economic recession stronger and hopefully smarter but only if we do not succumb to reactionary economic measures that sound good politically but make no sense in the real world of economics.

Janusz M. Szyzsko
Canton

Economic loyalty

A 1966 Pontiac is parked in the Murray's auto store lot several days before the Dream Cruise. Two-door hard top, green in color, and a wonderful example of what Detroit used to produce.

Several spaces down, a 25-year old BMW convertible, white in color, is parked. No styling at all, just an ugly white box, something the Russians could have made then.

Now there is no more Pontiac brand, and the BMWs of today are the prime example of the concept of making cars people want to buy.

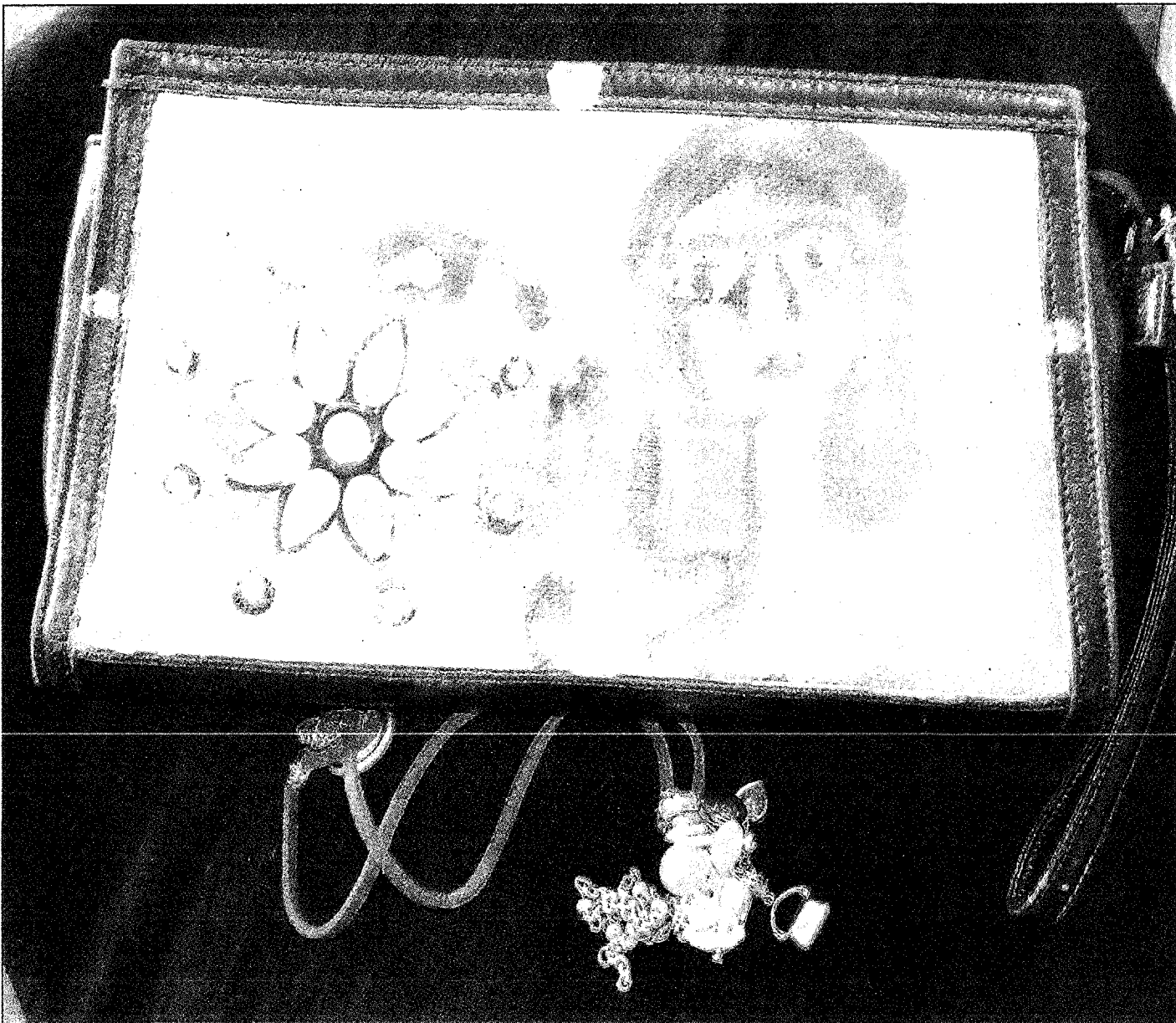
How could this happen? How could the BMW change from an ugly duckling to a lovely swan and the Pontiac from a beautiful swan to a dead duck? Has nothing to do with free trade, or blaming the workers, and the unions that represent their interests (heck, I'll bet the BMWs in this country were produced by union auto workers in Germany!).

It has everything to do with the Big Three's management, and losing their way morally and becoming culturally bankrupt, worrying much more about their CEO bonus, and executive pay rather than concentrating on making cars that people want to buy. THIS CAN CHANGE.

Anyone who doubts the spirit and will of the American companies and their workers is making a big mistake and is doing so at his own risk. Maybe it started with that old, ugly BMW with that all important BMW logo on the back deciding we're going to make great cars. The Big Three will do the same, starting with the blue Ford logo being put on world class autos.

Economic loyalty to this country is our salvation for getting out of this mess. I know we can do it.

Dave Travis
Livonia



Gwen Joy of Redford is known for her whimsical works, such as this hand-painted purse at 'Handbags & Heels,' at River's Edge Gallery, 3024 Biddle, in Wyandotte.

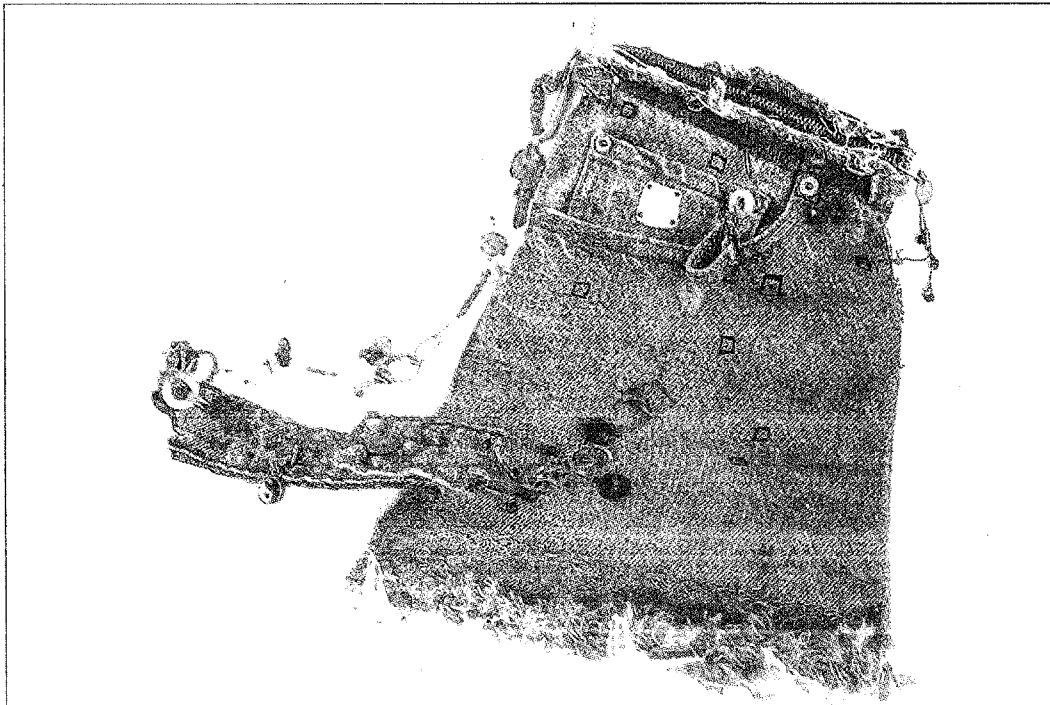
Legally Blonde

Ticketmaster in the center court location at Twelve Oaks mall will begin selling tickets to *Legally Blonde The Musical* from 8-10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28. Metro Detroiters, theatre lovers and *Legally Blonde* fans alike will have the opportunity to purchase tickets to the Fisher Theatre's presentation of *Legally Blonde The Musical* before the general public, exclusively at Twelve Oaks Mall, in Novi.

The first 50 people in line will receive *Legally Blonde* T-shirts. Breakfast goodies will be available while supplies last. All attendees will receive a Twelve Oaks VIP Pass, with special discounts and giveaways from more than 50 stores and restaurants throughout the mall. A look-alike of Elle's four-legged friend Bruiser will be on site.

Tickets will go on sale to the general public at 10 a.m. following the presale.

Customers can also enter the "Live Like Elle" contest in Center Court or online at www.shoptwelveoaks.com through Aug. 28. The grand prize winner will win two tickets to the show, a one-night stay at the Hotel Baronette, a \$50 dinner at California Pizza Kitchen and a \$200 Twelve Oaks Mall Gift Card. One



Denim purse by Westland artist Kelly Darke at 'Handbags & Heels,' at River's Edge Gallery, 3024 Biddle, in Wyandotte.

runner up will receive two tickets to the show. Donating to hunger In celebration of Macy's partnership with Feeding America through a campaign called Come Together, more than 650 Macy's stores will host the World's Largest Dinner Party at 6 p.m., Sept. 15. Macy's stores across the country will serve a first course to the first 100 customers to officially kick-off

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Mall in Novi. Fashionable art Local artists, Mary Brombach of Farmington Hills, Kelly Darke of Westland and Gwen Joy of Redford, are showing their works in an accessory-themed exhibition called "Handbags & Heels," at River's Edge Gallery, 3024 Biddle, in Wyandotte. Brombach is a glass artist who works with "slumping"



Farmington Hills artist Mary Brombach crafted this glass purse with glass 'surprises' inside at 'Handbags & Heels,' at River's Edge Gallery.

techniques. She made a life size glass purse sculpture with handmade glass surprises inside for the exhibit. Darke, a multi-media and textile artist known for a funky style, reuses designer fabric swatches, wire and bright colorful threads. Joy breathes new life into old objects. She creates fashionable necklaces out of old antique jewelry and broken musical instrument parts. Her purses are recycled as well and hand painted. For more about Handbags & Heels, call (734) 246-9880.

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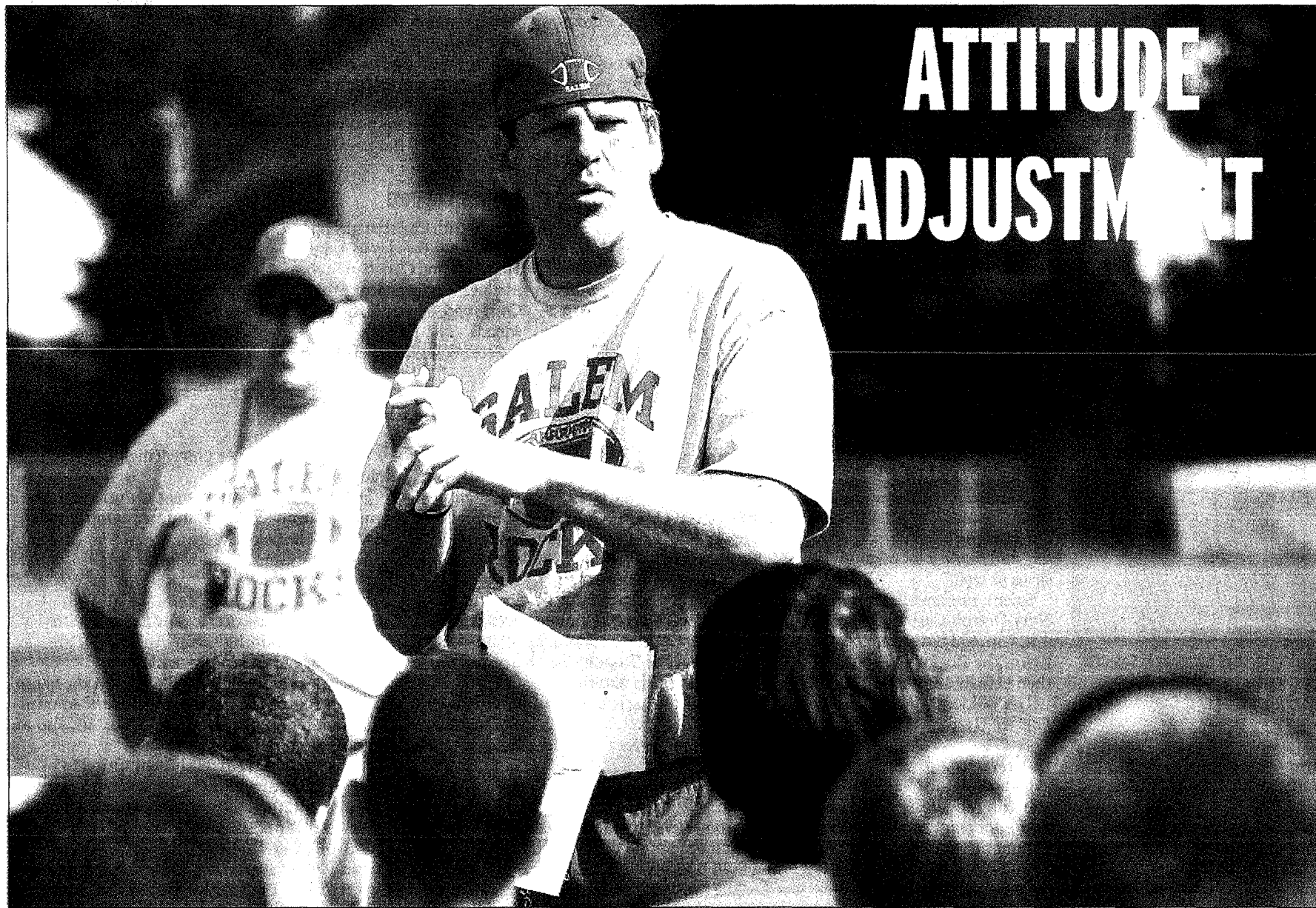
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2009 FOOTBALL PREVIEW – PART 2



ANNA MARIE WILSON

Salem head varsity football coach Kurt Britnell, talking things over with his team during a pre-season practice, is putting a positive stamp on the proceedings thus far.

Salem won't be solemn with new coach Britnell leading the way

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Who knows whether Salem's varsity football team will have a worst-to-first renaissance under new coach Kurt Britnell in the KLAA Kensington Conference's Central Division.

But beginning with Friday's 7 p.m. opener against Plymouth, folks will get a good read on how quickly the work ethic and positive attitude Britnell is preaching is sinking in to the players on the 2009 Rocks.

"Since I've been here with these guys, I've never talked about winning and losing," said Britnell, a former quarterback during his high school days at Salem. "But it's just doing the right things, paying attention to details. It sounds cliché, but if you do the right things all the time and worry about the details, the scoreboard will take care of itself."

But just to make sure the players

don't forget, the word "Attitude" is emblazoned on their team T-shirts.

"There are some things that you don't have any control over," Britnell said. "But you can control your attitude and your work ethic. That's been our message."

Salem is trying to begin a new era, one that would be much more successful than the last one. The Rocks went 1-8 in 2008 and have managed to scratch together only 13 wins over the past decade.

MIXING IT UP

Britnell, starting his first job as a varsity head coach, said he does like what he is seeing out of the team during workouts, and will now see how it does under the bright lights of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

He has talent at the quarterback spot to start the process.

Lanky senior Jake Peterson (6-7), described as a "pure quarterback," and

"Flutie-like" senior Brian Maksimovic are vying for the starting spot, but both figure to be key players regardless.

"Peterson has a decent arm, he can make all the throws," Britnell said. "Max is like our Doug Flutie, a scrambler guy throwing on the run. He makes plays, too and he can be a multiple offensive threat" including lining up at wide receiver or in the slot."

When Maksimovic is not at quarterback, he'll be one of several key targets for Peterson to throw to. The others are senior Alex King, juniors Drew Thompson and Matt Morton.

"They all have really good hands, they catch it with their hands and separate a little bit," Britnell said. "They tend to get yards after the catch. And we'll have junior Kenneth Middlebrooks who will push for some time."

Augmenting the wide-outs will

Please see **SALEM, B3**

FAST FACTS

School: Salem.

Head coach: Kurt Britnell, 1st season.

League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's record: 1-8.

Notable losses to graduation: Drew Grabowski (second-team All-Area); Heath Parling (second-team All-Area); Justin Bashi; Anthony Mullins.

Starters returning: Jake Peterson, Austin Root, Brian Maksimovic, Blake Abbey, Dana Baltazar, Ed Merhi, Ethan Walsh, Mike Grodus.

2009 schedule: Aug. 28 (vs. Plymouth at PCEP); Sept. 3 (Walled Lake Northern); Sept. 11 (Livonia Stevenson); Sept. 18 (at Novi); Sept. 25 (South Lyon East); Oct. 2 (at Northville); Oct. 9 (South Lyon); Oct. 16 (at KLAA crossover); Oct. 23 (vs. Canton at PCEP).

Britnell's pumped to bring winning back to Salem

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Turning around a program beset by losing and negativity in recent years drives Salem head football coach Kurt Britnell, even though he sometimes gets some unsolicited opinions on the subject.

During last week's Kensington Lakes Activities Association coaches' meeting, several coaches from other high schools came up to Britnell and said "Oooh, that's a tough job you're taking on over there," said the Rocks' new coach.

"I just said 'Let's get it on.'"

Britnell is amped up on different levels. He is a former starting quarterback at Salem who later was an assistant coach there before moving over to Plymouth High School.

In 2008, he was offensive coordinator for the Wildcats but came over to fill Salem's top spot after Parker Salowich decided to return to North Farmington. It is his first crack at a varsity head coaching position and he intends to hold onto it for a long time.

A classroom teacher, too, Britnell explained the approach he carries to the

gridiron.

"You teach them, you show them what you're doing, you don't just hoot and holler," he said. "Sometimes you get on them a little bit, but you have to teach them."

READY TO ROLL

However he does it, Salem certainly needs a boost, having managed just 13 victories over the past decade or so. In 2008, the Rocks were 1-8.

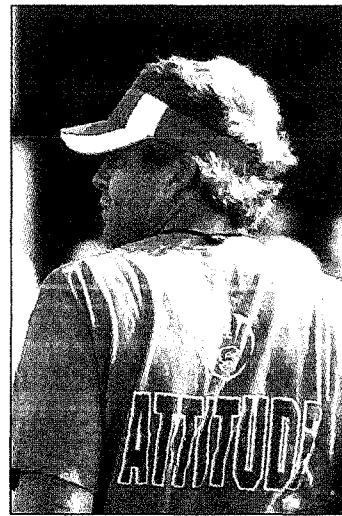
And Britnell is ready for the challenge.

"We don't talk about the past," said Britnell, an energetic, positive guy who directs

the Rocks with passion and purpose. "We don't say if you don't do this that this (losing) is going to happen again. It's about what you do today. You learn from your mistakes, you just get better every day."

During the two or three weeks of practices leading up to Friday's season opener (7 p.m. against Plymouth at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park), players found out that things move so quickly that there isn't time to dwell on things that might not be going well.

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BRIAN ABBEY

The back of Salem head coach Kurt Britnell's T-shirt says it all about what he's trying to change with this year's team.

SIDELINES

Wildcats break record

Plymouth's varsity girls golf team set team records twice in two days, with Tuesday's 390 score enough to win the 12-team Franklin Invitational at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia.

The Wildcats were paced by tournament medalist Kelsey Murphy, a talented freshman who registered an 18-hole score of 80 for the day. In the top-10 were freshman Sarah Thompson (102) and sophomore Lindsay Dean (102) while junior Chloe Marentic and freshman Mandy Kirsch tallied scores of 106 and 120, respectively.

On Monday at the Huron Valley Invite at Prestwick Village Country Club in Highland, the Wildcats registered a 393 for the record that would fall the next day.

The medalist was Murphy, with 79, with Thompson tallying a 97. In 11th place was junior Chloe Marentic (105), followed by Kirsch (112) and senior Liz Cizek (134).

Alumni soccer at PCEP

The Salem and Canton annual Men's Soccer Alumni Game is slated for 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12. The contest will follow the annual Salem-Canton varsity boys soccer contest at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and will be played at the varsity soccer stadium.

All alumni players from any year are invited to attend.

Salem players can contact coach Ed McCarthy at (248) 561-2846 and Canton players can contact coach George Tomasso at (734) 812-2290.

Travel baseball tryouts

Football might be in the air, but there's still time for youngsters to try out for 2010 travel baseball teams. Both of the tryouts are Sunday, Aug. 30. Following are the details:

■ The 2010 Canton Cardinals are holding tryouts from 2-4 p.m. Sunday for 9U and 4-6 p.m. for 10U. The age groups are determined by the player's age as of April 30, 2010. Players should arrive 15 minutes early to fill out registration forms and warmup. Tryouts will be at Fields 1-4 at Canton Sports Center.

To pre-register, contact Alan Zidzik for 9U at (734) 397-5739; Jim Good for 10U at (810) 397-6272.

Greater Canton Youth Baseball-Softball Association seeks to attract the most-talented players who are willing to commit to weekend tournaments and play between 30-50 games. The season runs from April through July.

■ Also on Sunday will be tryouts for the 2010 Motor City River Sharks 10U travel baseball team of the Kensington Valley Baseball/Softball Association. The River Sharks, helmed by Canton High School boys cross country coach Bill Boyd, are permitted to bring in three out-of-district players, so Plymouth and Canton youngsters will have an opportunity to impress.

Registration is 1:30 p.m. with tryouts following from 2-4 p.m. at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. For more information, send and e-mail to motorcityriversharks@gmail.com.

Sunday Night Mixers

Superbowl in Plymouth is hosting a mixed bowling league on Sundays, with action beginning at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13.

League president Chico Rodriguez said he needs couples who are interested in joining the fun to hurry and sign up. Contact secretary Sandy Carpenter, (734) 637-3363, or Rodriguez, (734) 453-2980; rosecater@comcast.net for more information.



ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Teammates swarm around Canton's Bobby Budlong (No. 5) after he scored the clinching penalty kick against Salem in the Gary Balconi Invitational Soccer Tournament.

Soccer invitational yields exciting day

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Gary Balconi sat in the stands Saturday to watch the annual high school soccer tournament bearing his name and must have been riding on cloud nine.

Eight varsity teams took to the four fields on the sprawling campus of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and the season-opening day featured plenty of excellent, sometimes compelling soccer.

Each having won twice earlier during the Balconi Soccer Tournament, both Canton and Salem squared off in the championship match at the varsity soccer stadium. A second-half tally by senior

midfielder Yusef Bazyzy lifted the Chiefs into a 2-2 tie.

The 60-minute contest ended that way, with the Chiefs and Rocks officially finishing 2-0-1 — although both teams did proceed with a round of penalty kicks which Canton prevailed in.

Those point-blank 1-on-1 chances were only tacked on to the end of the match to determine which side would receive Balconi medals.

But they also enabled both teams the chance to get in some practice on the tie-breakers.

"The PKs were just like practice," said Canton head coach George Tomasso. "To play three games in one day is always a

very hard task to complete and we played very well in the first two games.

"We've got some things to iron out, but Salem is one of those great teams and to be on their competitive level, with them being pre-ranked No. 1 on the season, I think puts our boys at a very good, confident level."

MAKING THE SHOT

The clinching PK was off the foot of Canton forward Bobby Budlong, who rifled his shot into the cage past Salem's Dan Adsit.

"After you score it's just a relief," said

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PHOTOS BY ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Diving to make a stop Saturday against Salem is Canton goalkeeper Kai Walther, who registered two shutouts earlier in the day to propel the Chiefs into the finals of the Gary Balconi tourney.

SOCCER

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Budlong, who assisted on both of his team's regulation markers. "Before my shot I just looked to the right corner, and be sure to give a little fake there, and then just hit it the other way."

Salem head coach Ed McCarthy said it is "a little bit of a stretch" to be called a No. 1 team although he agrees the Rocks should again be extremely competitive.

He credited the Chiefs for rallying from a 2-1 halftime deficit. Salem senior midfielders Evan Antich and Alex Tramel scored to overcome an early Canton lead (Mitch Pasuniak opened the scoring).

"I thought it was great the way they (Chiefs) fought back on a great individual effort by Bobby Budlong for that second goal," McCarthy said. "He got the assist, but he did a fantastic job of hitting that first strike that there's no way a keeper can hold on to that and then the rebound was right there. It was an exciting game."

NO MISTAKE

On the tying goal, Budlong smoked a hard shot from the right side of the cage that Adsit managed to get in front of. But there was nothing he could do as Bazzzy knocked in the rebound, with 26:39 to go in the second half.

Both teams had chances



Driving the ball Saturday is Salem's Alex Tramel, who scored one of his team's goals against Canton.

to go ahead. Salem's Tramel sent a crossing pass over to Jeff Cantin for a sharp-angle shot with 21 minutes remaining, but Canton keeper Kai Walther dove to knock it aside.

A rising shot by Salem senior midfielder John Krutty drifted over the crossbar a few minutes later.

At the other end, a Canton player's bid missed the mark as his shot dribbled through the goal-mouth.

Tomasso said playing on par with Salem would give his team a boost entering the Kensington Lakes Activities Association regular season (the Balconi games are registered as nonleaguers).

"It's really discouraging in these 60-minute games to

go down by a goal," Tomasso noted. "But we just kept our focus, we kept defending and we just worked really hard to get that equalizer in the second half."

The Chiefs might not have earned medals without the excellent work of Walther in goal. Earlier Saturday, he blanked University of Detroit-Jésuit (1-0) and Dexter (2-0).

"Kai had an outstanding day today, he made at least seven outstanding saves during the day and made a lot of good saves as well."

Salem, meanwhile, nipped Novi-Detroit Catholic Central 3-2, with Sal Savage netting two of the Rocks' goals and then defeated Plymouth (1-0).

The Wildcats did get past Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 1-0.

POSITIVE PROOF

Following the championship tilt, McCarthy reiterated how important soccer is to the Plymouth-Canton community.

One of the main architects for that was Balconi, a former athletic director in the district.

"Gary Balconi was here today and it was fantastic to spend a few minutes with him," McCarthy said. "The whole community takes great pride in the soccer that goes on here."

Saturday provided ample evidence that Balconi definitely was on to something when he launched the tournament in the early 1990s.

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Salem nips Wildcats 2-0

BY TIM SMITH
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Two days after the dust cleared from another Gary Balconi soccer tournament, two of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's three teams got together for a Kensington Lakes Activities Association conference cross-over tilt.

Salem scored a pair of first-half markers and that was enough Monday night as the Rocks blanked Plymouth 2-0 to improve to 3-0-1 on the young season. The Wildcats dropped to 2-2-0.

"It was a good start against a good Plymouth team," said Salem head coach Ed McCarthy. "It's always a more fun, more intense game when we play against each other in a campus rivalry."

Salem head coach Jeff

Neschich said his team played a solid game, but the Rocks could not solve Canton goalkeeper Dan Adsit (6 saves).

"We had our chances, but we didn't capitalize on them," Neschich said. "They're a strong team."

The Chiefs got on the board first when senior midfielder Alex Tramel deposited a shot past Plymouth junior goalkeeper Kyle Brindza. Assisting on the tally was junior midfielder Dan Martin.

Canton went up 2-0 when senior forward Sal Savage set up Martin.

Eagles clipped

Plymouth Christian dropped a 4-1 decision Tuesday to Auburn Hills Oakland Christian in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference opener for both squads.

Scoring for the visiting

Eagles was freshman Dan Ross on a penalty kick with about 30 minutes to go in the match to cut an early deficit to 2-1.

Ross took the shot after sophomore teammate Alex Chapman was fouled in the box.

But perennial powerhouse Oakland Christian tacked on two more goals past senior goalkeeper Jordan Allen to seal the victory.

"The score is not indicative of how we played," said Plymouth Christian co-coach Larry Machonga. "We had numerous scoring chances but we didn't take advantage of them. But we're looking forward to the next time we play those guys at the end of September."

Scoring three goals for the Lancers was "Mr. Soccer" hopeful Caleb Stanko.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Cool happenings

Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena continues to be a busy place even during the summer.

Drop-in Hockey sessions take place 4:30-5:50 p.m. weekdays and 10-11:50 a.m. on Sundays through Aug. 30.

There also are open skating sessions (noon to 2:15 p.m. weekdays; 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Saturdays) and "Sticks and Pucks" (2:30-4:20 p.m. weekdays; 12:30-2:20 p.m. Saturdays), also until the end of this month.

For more information, contact the Open Skate Line (734) 455-6620 or go to www.ci.plymouth.mi.us for up-to-date changes if any.

Sunday Night Mixers

Superbowl in Plymouth is hosting a mixed bowling league on Sundays, with action beginning 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 13.

League president Chico Rodriguez said he needs couples who are interested in joining the fun to hurry and sign up. Contact secretary Sandy Carpenter (734-637-3363) or Rodriguez (734-453-2980; rosecater@comcast.net) for more information.

Fall hoops league

Madonna University will sponsor a Sunday fall basketball league at 1 p.m. (ages 11-13) and 3 p.m. (ages 14-16) beginning Sept. 13 (through Oct. 25).

Each player will be guaranteed a minimum of seven games and will receive instruction prior to each game. (Game times will vary each week.)

The cost is \$125 per player (includes reversible jersey).

For more information, visit www.madonnacrusaders.com (click on summer camps link at the top of the page).

Whaler alum game

The Plymouth Whalers start their 20th season in the Ontario Hockey League with their annual training camp, Aug. 26-29 at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

Several special events will augment the camp itself, including the first-ever Whalers' Alumni Game set for 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, also at Compuware.

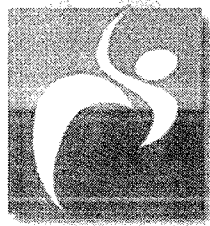
Whalers alumni currently committed to playing in the game include Pat Peake (1990-93), Chris Terry (2005-09), John Vigilante (2002-06), Steve Ward (2004-07), Andrew Fournier (2003-08), Tom Sestito (2004-07), Damian Surma (1998-2002), Dan Pawlaczyk (1993-97), Shaun Fisher (1997-2000), Bill McCauley (1992-95), David Liffiton (2001-04), Zack Shepley (2003-08), Kris Purdy (1997-2000), Scott Holsinger (1997-99), Jamie Lalonde (1997-2000), Duane Harmer (1993-95), Jeff Mitchell (1992-95) and James Ramsay (1998-2001).

More alumni are expected to be added to the roster.

The game is the caper to a busy week. The 2009-10 training camp begins with off-ice testing Wednesday, Aug. 26, followed by scrimmages 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. both Thursday and Friday, Aug. 27-28.

The scrimmages are open to the public. Rosters will be provided the days of the scrimmage.

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SALEM

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be tight ends Ethan Walsh (junior), Matt Kelty (senior) and junior Rodney Polk who is a good blocker. Walsh adds to the equation as a solid kicker, too.

MOVING THE CHAINS

The Rocks will employ a zone-style offense with one tailback at a time. It will either be junior Brad Trublowski (tough to bring down despite being just 5-9, 160) or sophomore Evian Pardo.

"Trublowski is a real hard downhill runner, it always seems like he's falling forward and that's a good thing," Britnell said. "Pardo is more of a slasher guy, he has quick feet."

With an offensive line that Britnell said should provide ample pass protection, the Rocks could enjoy some long, productive drives this season.

Up front will be plenty of size and strength: 5-10, 200-pound senior center Blake Abbey; 6-4, 330-pound senior guard Ed Merhi; 6-4, 275-pound senior guard Dana Baltazar; 6-2, 285-pound senior tackle AJ Smith; and 5-10, 185-pound junior tackle Devin Burke.

"I think if we need a couple yards we can get 'em," he emphasized. "(The offense) has a chance to be a ball-control offense, without a doubt, that can just grind out yards, get first downs and make them quick games."

"We have passing potential. Jake is very accurate and the receivers have good hands. So I think we can be multi-faceted in our run-pass ration and really keep teams guessing."

DOGGED DEFENSE

Many of those linemen will see double duty on defense, with seniors Gunnar Eisenmenger, Mike Guido, Chris Sweet and Colin Gross expected to be part of a deep rotation.

Manning the linebacker spot will be hard-hitting seniors Mike Grodus, Austin Root and junior Ethan Walsh.

Salem's secondary includes seniors Derek Draplin, juniors Davon Mullins and Drew Thompson and Alex Smith.

"We're athletic, that's the key," Britnell added. "... We'll tag-team tackle and rip-and-strip the ball. I like our style of defense, I like our mentality of defense. We've looked good lately against both the run and the pass."

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Let's get it started

With the high school football preseason finally over with, players such as Canton's Chris Merbler and kicker Nick Dibendetto (right) can't wait for the points to count, which they will beginning Friday night. Canton will visit Brighton while Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rivals Plymouth and Salem will hook up at 7 p.m.

PREP GRID PICKS				
Week 1	Brad Emons	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith	Jim Toth
Thursday, Aug. 27				
Farmington (6-4) at Southfield (11-2), 5:30 p.m.	Southfield	Farmington	Southfield	Southfield
Waterford Kettering (4-5) at Wayne (1-8), 7 p.m.	Kettering	Kettering	Kettering	Kettering
Westland John Glenn (4-5) at Waterford Mott (4-5), 7 p.m.	Glenn	Glenn	Mott	Glenn
Friday, Aug. 28				
Ferndale (8-2) at Redford Thurston (6-4), 7 p.m.	Ferndale	Ferndale	Thurston	Thurston
Garden City (2-7) at Dexter (1-8), 7 p.m.	Dexter	Dexter	Dexter	Dexter
Dearborn Edsel Ford (8-2) at Redford Union (4-5), 7 p.m.	Edsel Ford	Edsel Ford	Edsel Ford	Edsel Ford
Livonia Stevenson (10-3) at Livonia Franklin (5-5), 7 p.m.	Franklin	Franklin	Stevenson	Franklin
Hartland (9-3) at Livonia Churchill (3-6), 7 p.m.	Hartland	Hartland	Hartland	Hartland
Livonia Clarenceville (9-2) at Detroit University Prep (3-6), 7 p.m.	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville
Plymouth (6-4) vs. Salem (1-8) at CEP, 7 p.m.	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Canton (10-2) at Brighton (3-6), 7 p.m.	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
Pontiac (0-0) at North Farmington (2-7), 7 p.m.	Pontiac	Pontiac	North Farmington	Pontiac
Bloomfield Hills Lahser (11-2) at Farmington Harrison (4-5), 7 p.m.	Harrison	Harrison	Lahser	Harrison
Saturday, Aug. 29				
Dearborn Heights Annapolis (6-4) at Lutheran Westland (4-5), 1 p.m.	Annapolis	Annapolis	Lutheran Westland	Annapolis

Stocker wins O&E golf tourney; Plymouth's Coury takes 3rd

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Darci Stocker surprised even herself during Saturday's Observer & Eccentric Women's Golf Open held at Livonia Whispering Willows.

The school teacher from Flint, a late entry in the O&E after the tournament was washed out on Aug. 8, carded an impressive 18-hole round of 74 to win the Championship Flight low gross honors over two of her playing partners – six strokes over Livonia's Janina Jacobs and eight shots better than two-time defending champion Susan Macinkowicz of Chesterfield Township.

A regular on the Michigan Women's Golf Association circuit, the varsity girls coach at Davison High School took

home the first-place trophy and a \$90 gift certificate.

"I won my club championship at the Fortress in Frankenmuth, but I was terrible in the Michigan Women's Open and didn't make the match play," said Stocker, who played collegiate golf at Oakland University.

"I hit the ball the best I've hit it all summer. I had one birdie and lots of pars. I only three-putted once."

An overnight rain softened up the course.

"This is my first time ever on this course (Whispering Willows)," said Stocker, who played collegiate golf at Oakland University. "They have some challenging holes, but it's fair. It's a great course and a great course for women. The greens were tough, a little

grainy and tough to read."

ANDREWS RULES 1ST FLIGHT

As dominant as Stocker was in the Championship flight, even more impressive was Livonia's Shellee Andrews in the first flight.

Andrews, playing in her first tournament ever, shot an 87 to win by eight strokes over Peggy Stevens (Livonia) and nine over Barbara Coury (Plymouth).

"With two kids I've never had a chance to play, but now they're a little older," said Andrews, who won a first-place trophy and an \$80 gift certificate. "I've never broken 90, the best I've shot is a 92. You can call it beginner's luck. I was finally hitting my drives and I putted better than I've ever putted before. Usually I'm

around 40 puts, but today I had only one 3-putt."

Andrews plays co-ed softball and volleyball leagues, but recently joined an 18-hole Thursday morning league at Whispering Willows.

She had a home course advantage despite her lack of tournament experience.

"I've never taken a lesson," said Andrews, a Southfield High alum. "I got a tip from my husband. I changed my hand placement and moved my position forward. I also changed where to place the ball below my feet."

First flight low net honors (69) were shared by Stevens and Coury, while Sroka had a 72 to earn Championship Flight low net.

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OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC WOMEN'S GOLF OPEN

Aug. 22 at Whispering Willows CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT RESULTS

Low gross: 1. Darci Stocker (Flint), 37-37-74; 2. Janina Jacobs (Livonia), 44-40-84; 3. Susan Macinkowicz (Chesterfield Township), 42-40-82; 4. Sonia Physch-Dennison, 41-47-88; 5. Michelle Sroka, 48-42-90; 6. Pat Witek, 50-45-95.

FIRST FLIGHT RESULTS

Low gross: 1. Shellee Andrews (Livonia), 44-43-87; 2. Peggy Stevens, 49-46-95; 3. Barbara Coury (Plymouth), 52-44-96; 4. Kathy Brennan, 56-42-98; 5. Pat Cheal, 52-47-99; 6. Denise Buechel, 55-48-103; 7. (tie) Monica Oliver, 51-53-104; Lu Stockton, 55-49-104; and Joan Cleland, 55-49-104; 10. Elaine Crawford, 58-51-109; 11. Meghan Davis, 55-56-111; 12. Pat Shelton, 55-59-114; 13. Linda Cox, 65-49-124.

OVERALL LOW NET: 1. (tie) Stevens and Coury, 69 each (\$67.50 gift cards); 3. Sroka, 72 (\$50).

CITY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS & CHALLENGE Aug. 8-9 at Fellows Creek G.C. Individual medalist: Kevin Ryan (Westland), 70.

CITY CHALLENGE SCORERS Westland (376): Kevin Ryan, 70; Claudi Johnston and Jim McComb, 74 each; Briann Gabbart, 77; Rick Fontaine, 81. Canton (395): Zach McCurley and

Matt Wiley, 73 each; Bob Selberg, 79; Ross Gerulis, 84; Ken Eck, 86.

Wayne (427): Ted Salvatori, 78; Bill Hawley, 84; Mike Lorenz, 85; Rick Stoner, 88; Buddy Stoner, 92.

Livonia (no score): Steve Mato, 86; John Jordan, 89; Tyler Bledsoe, 91; Mike Mato, 109.

WESTLAND RESULTS

Men's championship flight: 1. Ryan, 70; 2. McComb, 74; 3. Gabbart, 77; 4. Fontaine, 81.

Men's senior flight: 1. Johnston, 74; 2. Bob Decker, 86; 3. Brian Pilarski, 112.

CANTON RESULTS

Men's championship flight: 1. Z. McCurley and Wiley, 73 each; 3. Selberg, 79.

Men's first flight: 1. Gerulis, 84; 2. Eck, 86; 3. Tim McCurley, 89.

WAYNE RESULTS

Men's championship flight: 1. Salvatori, 78; 2. Hawley, 84; Lorenz, 85. Men's senior flight: 1. R. Stoner, 88; 2.

B. Stoner, 92; 3. Doug Tompkins, 98.

LIVONIA RESULTS

Championship flight: 1. S. Mato, 86; 2. Jordan, 89; 3. Bledsoe, 91; 4. M. Mato, 109.

WOMEN'S RESULTS

Championship flight: 1. Sandy Felan, 80.

Senior flight: 1. Linda Granfield; 2. Darlene Hawley; 3. Bev Woodard.

OPEN DIVISION RESULTS

Championship flight: 1. Greg Gliha, 79; 2. John Sobczak, 92; 3. Jerry Maynor, 104.

BRITNELL

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"Let's go, reps, reps, reps," said the coach during an afternoon session when players might have been dragging from the morning drills.

Just in case anybody needed a reminder about the new regime, the team shirts have a key word on the back – "Attitude."

With seniors Blake Abbey, Derek Draplin, Brian Maksimovic, Jake Peterson, Austin Root, AJ Smith and Oronde Watkins, along with junior Ethan Walsh forming a so-called "leadership committee," Britnell is confident the positive vibe he and his staff (including another ex-Plymouth coach in Ricky Styes) is trying to establish will take hold throughout the locker room.

MESSAGES COUNT

"Those eight guys, through their leadership by action is really pushing the message that we're sending: great attitude, you work hard, structure, great character and doing the right things can help you be successful," Britnell said.

Changing a culture and having a team committed to turning things around won't guarantee the Rocks will suddenly become a contender in the KLAAs-Central. But Britnell is almost beaming about how the team has meshed throughout August.

"It's like night and day, they've improved so much in two weeks," he said. "They've grasped the philosophy of what we're doing on offense and defense. ... They're really enthusiastic, and parent and booster support and alumni support has been incredible with the e-mails and phone calls even to this day. There's a positive change going on."

Noticing a new approach

next door is Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk, who hated to see both Britnell and offensive line coach Styes leave for Salem.

"Kurt left because he had an opportunity to be a head coach," Sawchuk said. "I'm proud of him and he'll do a great job over there. And who wouldn't want their assistants to aspire to be head coaches, you know?"

TRUE BLUE

But Britnell bleeds Salem blue and he has plenty of bounce in his step these days.

"It's more special for me being here coaching this team than it is going against Plymouth (Friday)," Britnell said. "It's special when you step back and take a look at it, because of the relationship I built with those guys over there, the players and coaches."

"... There's no bad blood, but obviously we want to win. It's going to be like playing your brother."

Britnell also is excited about leading the Rocks to a comeback this season because it would give a number of the seniors a chance to taste some success at the varsity level and establish a template for 2010 and beyond.

"The program's been down a few years," Britnell said. "I want to do it (coach) for all the guys that have been here. This senior class, as a JV team went 5-4. We want them to set the tone for the future."

Of course, the Rocks could stumble against the Wildcats. Although the scoreboard is important, Britnell is more interested in how his team would mentally deal with any early season setbacks.

"That may happen, but how are they going to respond?" summed up Britnell. "They have nothing to lose, absolutely nothing to lose."

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MIAC castoffs bolster PCA hopes

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The breakup of the Metro Conference makes things tougher this season for the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, Plymouth Christian Academy included.

But for Eagles' varsity boys soccer co-coaches Larry Machonga and Evan Baker, having always strong programs such as Lutheran Westland, Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett and Ann Arbor Greenhills in the MIAC is a welcome

challenge.

"Fourteen of our 18 regular season games will be against conference opponents, many who are ranked in the top 10," Machonga said. "But come district time, we'll be prepared."

The Eagles (11-9 in 2008 in the MIAC Blue Division) benefited from the Metro's demise another way, with former Canton Agape Christian standout Don Mullett (a senior outside-midfielder) and his sophomore brother Dan Mullett (a midfielder-defender) joining PCA.

"We have a lot of returning players

and with Canton Agape going down we picked up a couple players and they're starting," Machonga emphasized. "He (Don Mullett) is a great acquisition and just a wonderful team player."

The Mulletts join a balanced squad comprised of equal contingents of seniors/juniors and sophomores/freshmen.

Leading the returnees is senior forward Jordan Machonga, who led the Eagles in 2008 with 18 goals and 14 assists.

"He's having a good season already," coach Machonga said. "He

scored two goals in the first invitational and is drawing interest from some colleges."

Returning senior midfielder Blair Robinson possesses perhaps the hardest shot on the team and provides excellent skills in dribbling and passing the ball.

Other key players include senior outside-defensive back Matt Zandee and junior center-defender Travis DeKruyter, both solid two-way performers who the Eagles can count on.

Some youngsters who can provide a shot in the arm offensively include sophomore midfielders Alex

Chapman, Josh Middleton and freshman midfielder Dan Ross.

One area of potential concern is goalkeeping, only because senior Jordan Allen is taking over the reins from three-year starter Brent Zinn (starting on a scholarship at Division 3 Cedarville University in Ohio).

But Machonga is very confident that Allen will capably take over the important job. "Jordan fills a huge pair of shoes and he's doing extremely well."

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Advertorial

TEE TIME

Your local golf guide



Playing from outside the teeing ground

By Jeanne Myers

The teeing ground is defined as a rectangular area two club-lengths in depth, the front and sides of which are defined by the outside limits of two tee markers.

In match play, if you play from outside the teeing ground, you do not get a penalty, but your opponent may immediately require you to cancel that shot and play from inside the teeing ground. He is not required to do so, and I suspect if you hit that tee shot out of bounds, he will be very silent! On the other hand, if you have a career shot, I'm sure he will ask you to cancel and re-play correctly.

Suppose you are playing a match and hit your tee shot out of bounds from the wrong teeing ground. This

is easy to do on many of our courses with unmarked holes. Obviously, a wrong teeing ground is outside the teeing ground. Your opponent does not recall your shot and require you to play from the correct teeing ground. Your ball was put into play, but is now out of bounds. Under penalty of one stroke, you are required to play from where you last played, so you must play again from the wrong teeing ground. And, interestingly, you may not tee the ball because the original ball was not played from the teeing ground of the hole being played. Therefore the wrong teeing ground is really part of it through the green and the ball must be dropped. That's adding insult to injury, isn't it?

In stroke play, the situation is very different. The penalty for playing

from outside the teeing ground is two strokes, and you must correct the mistake by playing from within the teeing ground. If you do not correct the mistake before teeing off on the next hole, you are disqualified. In the case of the 18th hole, you must declare your intention to correct your mistake before leaving the putting green. The tee shot played from outside the teeing ground and all subsequent shots before the correction is made do not count.

Let's look at an example of the correct way to deal with this situation if it happens to you. You and your fellow competitors, after finishing the 10th hole, play from the teeing ground of the 15th hole instead of the 11th hole. You realize your error before finishing the 15th

hole, and return to the 11th tee and complete the round. Each of you adds two strokes to his score for the 11th hole. All the strokes made on the 15th hole do not count. But remember, if you didn't realize your mistake before teeing off on the 16th hole, you are disqualified.

Many competitions are played on golf courses that do not have hole signs. A Committee in charge of a competition should put some identifying marker on the holes so that players do not play from wrong teeing grounds. However, it is the responsibility of every player to know the stipulated round which is one of the conditions of the competition. A stipulated round consists of playing the holes of the course in their correct sequence, unless otherwise authorized by the

Committee. Therefore, a lack of hole signs will not absolve a player from penalty.

A further word about tee-markers — Before and during the first stroke from a teeing ground the tee-markers are fixed, and may not be moved. After that, they are obstructions. Therefore, if by chance, your tee shot caroms off a tree and comes to rest next to a tee marker, you will get relief from the tee marker for your second shot under the movable obstruction rule.

Jeanne Myers is currently an Assistant Tournament Director for the Golf Association of Michigan and also served as the Chairman of the USGA Women's Committee and is a Past President of the GAM.

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BUSINESS MILESTONES

Green suppliers

Yazaki North America, Inc., a leading supplier of vehicle power and data solutions to the automotive industry, has initiated a supplier recognition program to encourage its supplier partners to focus on environmental considerations as part of their production and product life cycle processes.

The "Green Suppliers of the Year" program recognizes suppliers who have made significant contributions to the preservation of the environment through their manufacturing, production and delivery processes and have exceeded others in their effort to reduce their impact on the environment.

Yazaki recognized Tyco Electronics, PTI Engineered Plastics and Emhart Teknologies in a luncheon

and award ceremony hosted by George Perry, president and CEO of Yazaki North America, and Olga Alavanou, vice president of Purchasing and Logistics at Yazaki North America.

"At Yazaki, we continue to drive for a greener planet by expanding our environmental scope to our supply base," said Ken Pichla, senior manager of Commodity Purchasing. "After piloting our Green Purchasing initiative and realizing positive results, we intend to expand the scope for the new performance year to not only help our suppliers improve, but to learn from them through the sharing of knowledge."

Jimmy Fund

HomeGoods shoppers nationwide will have the opportunity to donate funds for cancer research and care

as part of the ninth annual "Be a Hero" pin-up campaign benefiting the Jimmy Fund.

The campaign will run in HomeGoods stores, including the Canton location at 42615 Ford Road, from Aug. 27 through Sept. 20.

HomeGoods customers who would like to donate can purchase "Be a Hero" cards for \$1 each with 100 percent of the proceeds benefiting the Jimmy Fund, which supports cutting-edge research and care at the world-renowned Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

"All of us at the Jimmy Fund would like to thank HomeGoods and its generous customers across the country for helping make a big difference in the fight against cancer," said Mike Andrews, former Boston Red Sox second baseman and Jimmy Fund chairman. "New

discoveries are happening at a rapid pace, and funding is needed to develop the new treatments and cures that will benefit all facing this disease."

"We are honored to support the Jimmy Fund and the amazing work they are doing in cancer research and care," said Robyn Arvedon, HomeGoods spokesperson. "The 'Be a Hero' campaign, allows us, in partnership with our customers, to raise much needed funds for this very worthy cause."

Leadership forum

WARM Training Center and Paragon Leadership International are teaming up to launch an innovative one day leadership forum for emerging leaders in environment, energy and sustainability seeking real-life leadership development



George Perry (left), president and CEO of Yazaki North America, presents the Green Supplier of the Year Award to John Budreau, PTI's director of new business, and Kurt Nerva, president of PTI.

experience.

The event takes place at Next Energy's Detroit headquarters, 461 Burroughs Thursday, Oct. 15. To register and for more detailed information go to www.paragon-lead.com/EnE/ or call (877) 264-6200.

Additional topics on the

EPPRENTICE Experience™ agenda include expanding an alternative energy business, increasing the recycling efforts throughout cities in Michigan and creating strategies for diversifying manufacturing businesses into alternative forms of energy such as wind.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Canton couple takes aim at sweet teeth with CandyLicious

Observer: Please tell us about your business.

CandyLicious: We have over 165 varieties of candy, old and new; fresh popcorn, soda, ice cream, wedding candy tables, mylar balloons.

Observer: How did you first decide to open your own business?

CandyLicious: We wanted something fun in Plymouth, and we love candy.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

CandyLicious: All the events, foot traffic, and the town's great atmosphere.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

CandyLicious: It's original, clean, bright and fun, and we have great variety.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

CandyLicious: Word of mouth has been very helpful. We've received a lot of positive comments.

Observer: How has the economy affected your business?

CandyLicious: We're not sure yet, but the customers give us "two thumbs up." They love it.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

CandyLicious: Open seven days and stay open later. Plymouth is a great night environment.

Observer: What's in the future for your business?

CandyLicious: We'd like to expand and, hopefully, franchise.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share about your experience as a business owner?



Owners of CandyLicious recently cut the ribbon on their new store in downtown Plymouth. The store features bins full of classic candies, shelves with name-brand favorites and other candy accessories. On hand to cut the ribbon were owner Robin Khoury of Canton, William Khoury and members of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Committee. Not pictured is owner Jim Khoury of Canton.

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CandyLicious: We didn't think we'd have to hire anyone

the first year, but we did.

CHAMBER CHAT

Spotlight Players

The Spotlight Players perform *Oliver* next month at the Village Theater of Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Performances take place: 8 p.m. Sept. 18; 2 and 8 p.m. Sept. 19; 2 p.m. Sept. 20; 8 p.m. Sept. 25; 2 and 8 p.m. Sept. 26; 2 p.m. Sept. 27.

Cost is \$16 to \$18, senior, student and group discounts available.

Call (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or go on-line to www.canton-mi.org/village-theater to purchase tickets.

Oliver is the well known Charles Dickens-based story of an orphan in Victorian London as he makes his way from the cruel workhouse to the even crueler streets, finding a home amidst a gang of loveable pickpockets and a best

friend in The Artful Dodger. Go to www.spotlightplayersmi.org for more information.

BYOB Party

Indigo Salon and Day Spa hosts a "BYOB" (Bring Your Own Blow Dryer; Bring Your Own Brush) party 7:30 p.m. today (Thursday), Aug. 27.

The open-house event will feature fun, food and education on perfecting your style at home. Learn the tricks and tips of today's trends; bring a new client and receive entry to win a beauty make-over.

There is no charge for the event. Indigo Salon and Day Spa is located at 50545 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Networking breakfast

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts a Chamber to Chamber Business Networking

Breakfast 7:30-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1, at Sam's Club, 39800 Ford Road in Canton.

All businesses are encouraged to bring an invoice from your current products supplier for a complimentary Cost Comparison.

RSVP by calling (734) 469-0116.

Literacy fund-raiser

A Fund-raiser For Literacy takes place from open to close Sunday at Buffalo Wild Wings, 41980 Ford Road in Canton.

The only cost is for what you eat. CLC gets 20 percent for its adult literacy programs.

Contact joycesilagy@wideopenwest.com for your printable coupon. Coupons are also available at the chamber office located at 45525 Hanford.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Million-dollar challenge

In an effort to help the community and area renters, Sean Cragg and Gold Star Mortgage Financial Group have partnered with area real estate professionals to help put \$1 million back into the local economy and new homebuyers' pockets.

This goal will be accomplished by providing education and assistance concerning the purchase of a home to at least 125 first-time homebuyers by Nov. 30.

An event will be held today (Thursday) at The Summit On The Park in Canton. Attendees will have a chance to win an Apple iTouch. The seminars are free and open to the public. Advanced registration is required and a free credit report and credit analysis will be provided for registered attendees. Call (866) 249-2145 to register.

In February, President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. One provision of this legislation is the Homebuyer Tax

Credit, a reimbursement of up to \$8,000 available to first-time homebuyers. According to a survey released by the National Association of Realtors, nearly 50 percent of all homebuyers were unaware that a tax credit of up to \$8,000 currently exists for qualifying parties. Of those Americans actively shopping for a home, fewer than one in five knew about the credit and planned to use it. Individuals who have never owned a home as well as those who haven't owned one during the past three years are eligible for this year's Homebuyer Tax Credit. The modified adjusted gross income for a member of either of these groups is limited to \$75,000 for single taxpayers and \$150,000 per married couple. Individuals whose earnings exceed these amounts may be eligible for a partial credit and should contact their accountants for additional information.

For information about these seminars, or the tax credit, contact Sean Cragg at (734) 585-7040.

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NEW PATIENTS

New associate pastor trades career for the priesthood

BY LAUNA WAKENHUT
CORRESPONDENT

Parishioners of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Livonia welcomed one of the Archdiocese of Detroit's five newly-ordained priests as their associate pastor last month. The Rev. Raymond E. Arwady, who grew up in Northville and Troy, is an identical twin and the last-born son of Lester and Judy Arwady, now of Sterling Heights. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 30 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit.

At 36, he represents a growing trend of men choosing the priesthood later in life, after having successful educational and employment careers in the secular world. Holding his B.S. in mechanical engineering and his master's in engineering management from Oakland University, Arwady worked at General Motors' Pontiac Truck Product Center for nearly six years before hearing the call to the priesthood.

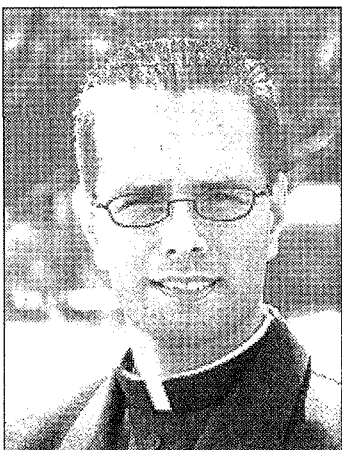
"I began to feel at around 27 or 28 years old that I had achieved almost everything in life that I thought would make me happy," Arwady explained, "and then I realized that I was not all that happy."

"I consider myself a product of my generation, drawn to what I call material glut-

tony." He was making \$60,000 a year in a career that held promise. He was a homeowner, with a \$37,000 SUV, a growing investment portfolio, and a large circle of friends.

Although he rejected the call from God when he first heard it, he continued to pray. Eventually he found himself increasingly drawn to reading scripture, praying the Rosary, and frequently visiting Jesus present in the tabernacle.

"Once I became convinced through prayer that God loves me more than I love myself, wants my happiness



the Rev. Raymond Arwady

more than I want it, and knows better than I do what will make me truly happy, then I could take that initial leap of faith and say 'Yes' to God. Only then could I give it all up to follow Jesus."

ENTERING THE SEMINARY

In 2002, Arwady began his studies at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, where he received his bachelor of philosophy, followed by his master of divinity, as well as his bachelor of sacred theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. He and his twin brother James, who will be ordained May 22, 2010, were among the first few Detroit seminarians who had the opportunity to complete a 10-week spiritual formation program offered by the Institute for Priestly Formation at Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. The program, highly regarded by many bishops and seminaries, is an option for all Detroit seminarians.

Arwady said he believes the two greatest challenges facing the Catholic Church in the United States today are catechesis and evangelization.

"If we were to add a third I'd say the attack on the human family. There is much disharmony in families today. It seems to me that we Catholics do not know much about our own faith,

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REV. RAYMOND ARWADY

nor do we seem to be zealous or have a readiness to share it with others. I see parishes clustering and merging, schools closing, and vocations dwindling. Evangelization and Catechesis are the cure. We need to reprioritize our lives and put God first. We need to return to the basics of family prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, and the daily use of our Bibles if we expect to grow as a Church."

SETTLING IN

Arwady is happy to be at St. Michael's and said he is "adjusting to the rhythm of his new lifestyle." He is surprised to find out how difficult adjusting to a new life can be, especially one as busy as the life of a parish priest.

"I had forgotten how difficult it was to adjust to the new life of a seminarian seven years ago and now I have to do it all over again."

St. Michael's is the oldest Catholic parish in Livonia. Established in 1931, it serves about 1,500 families and runs a formally recognized "School of Distinction," with approximately 800 students from kindergarten through 8th grade. He has been meeting as many of those parishioners as he can, "getting to know the people so I can serve them better." His hope for his ministry is simple: "To bring as many souls as possible into deeper relationship with Christ and to heaven, and to never grow weary in serving God and His people."



Matthew and Andrea Machemer of Westland are excited about his new position as music minister at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia. He grew up in Eastpointe and has a bachelor's degree in music education from Concordia University Chicago.

New music director joins Livonia Lutheran church

Matthew Machemer was installed as music minister Sunday, Aug. 23, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia. He is serving as church organist and oversees all choirs and musical ensembles in the congregation.

Machemer grew up in Eastpointe with parents, Melvin and Susan, and his brother, Joel. His musical interest grew through the influence of his family and by the piano lessons he began at age 5. Throughout his elementary and high school years he actively participated in nearly all school music ensembles.

Machemer attended Concordia University Chicago and graduated in December 2007 with a bachelor's degree in music education with an emphasis in choral music. During his time at

Concordia he was involved with a variety of choral and instrumental groups, took organ and voice lessons, and served as a substitute organist at various local congregations.

In January 2008, he was hired as parish musician at St. John Lutheran Church in Wheaton, Ill., where he directed children's choirs, adult instrumental groups, composed music, planned worship and played piano and organ for regular worship services.

Machemer has had pieces published by Concordia Publishing House and has been a contributing composer in their Acclamations project.

He and his wife, Andrea, live in Westland.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Religion calendar items appear on Thursdays on a space available basis. To submit an item, e-mail sdargay@hometownlife.com or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226, Attn: Sharon.Dargay. Item must include the venue address and phone number and any admission costs for events. Items must be submitted at least a week in advance of publication. For a complete listing of events online please go to hometownlife.com.

AUG. 27-SEPT. 2

Prayer service

The Metropolitan Detroit Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Moses the Black will hold an akathist prayer service honoring the saint at 7 p.m. Aug. 27 at St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford. St. Moses the Black is the Orthodox Christian patron saint of African-Americans. He was a 4th-century Ethiopian slave and gang leader who repented his sinful life and became a monastic in the Egyptian desert, known for his humility, wisdom and power over demons. An akathist is a hymn that recalls the life of a saint, a holy event, or one of the persons of the Holy Trinity. There will be an informal discussion of the life of St. Moses following the service. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Sharon Gomulka, secretary of the Detroit chapter, at (248) 477-6411, or Robert Mitchell, chapter president, at (313) 204-5103.

Bethany fun

■ Bethany Together Dance, 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 29 at Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, just east of Inkster Road, in Redford. Dance until midnight. Admission fee is \$12. For more information, call Loretta from Bethany East at (586) 264-0284.
■ Free concert with Air Margaritaville, for Bethany West and Bethany South Downriver, 4:30-7 p.m., at Lincoln Park Days 3525 Dix, in Lincoln Park. Bring your favorite refreshment and a chair. Call Kathy M. for information (734) 513-9479.

Open house

6:30-8 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 2, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Center, 14175 Farmington

Road, just north of I-96, Livonia. Toddler (starting at 18 months), preschool, pre-K and day care are available. The Center is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday. If you have questions, call Maureen at (734) 513-8413.

SEPT. 3-9

Bethany dance

8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 5, at St. Robert Bellarmine 27101 W. Chicago Road, at Inkster Road, in Redford. Admission \$10 includes refreshments. Tango lesson runs from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Call Diane K. for information at (734) 261-5716.

SEPT. 10-16

Mom-to-mom

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, at Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon, west of I-275, north of Michigan Ave., in Canton. Presented by Mothers of Preschoolers. Admission \$1. For more information e-mail to CCMomsMom@gmail.com.

SEPT. 24-30

Health fair

9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 26, at Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia. Includes free bone density screening, free body fat analysis, cholesterol screening on site for \$12 per person with onsite counseling regarding results, free blood pressure screening, massage therapy and other services. Call (734) 427-8743 for more information.

Movie

See "Fireproof" at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26 at Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia. The screening is free and it's followed by six weeks of free classes on Fireproofing Your Marriage, 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Sept. 30 - Nov. 4. Free Bible classes are available for children of all ages during the class. Call (734) 427-8743 for more information.

ONGOING

AWANA

Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers an AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Drop children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 426-0096.

Classes/study

■ New Life Community Church, 42200 Tyler, Belleville, offers a jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays, a reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays. (734) 846-4615
■ Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is designed to reduce stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.
■ Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.
■ Scripture studies, from 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.
■ Learner's Bible study, 7 p.m., Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.
■ Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions - at Livonia Unity, 28660 Five Mile. Classes include: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m. Call (810) 813-4073 for more information or send e-mail to gary@energeticarts.org.
■ Bible study, 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard Roads. The informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.
■ Bible talks, 4 p.m. Sundays at the

Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

■ Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia invites adults with developmental disabilities and special needs to attend a new Open Arms Bible class the second Monday of the month at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The class will include songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz.

■ Tuesday Ladies Bible Study from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5. Call (248) 348-7600.

■ A study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith, at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy. A group at 10:30 a.m., Thursday examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey. (313) 274-3820.

Concerts

■ Rush Hour concert series continues every Tuesday with gathering and refreshments at 5 p.m., concert 5:30-6 p.m., featuring performances by local and national jazz artists at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit. Free. Visit www.metroumc.org.

Fellowship dinner

Dinners will resume Sept. 18 at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

Films

10 a.m. Wednesday Kids Matinees and 4 p.m., Saturday family movie, at Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia. Guitar Praise game precedes the film on Saturday. Children in second grade or younger can play prior to the film; those in third grade and up can play after the movie. Pizza will also be served following the movie. All events are free. (248) 476-8222

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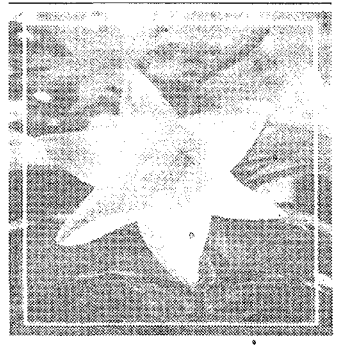
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RELIGION

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Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City, is available for rent. For information, call (734) 427-3660.

■ St. James Presbyterian, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. For information call the church at (313) 534-7730

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■ Music, singing, prayer at 7 p.m. Thursdays at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through entrance #2, at the back of the church. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906.

■ 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests. Call (248) 476-8860.

■ Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. followed by Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

■ 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month for prayer, spiritual healing and outreach at Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Call (734) 427-3660.

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Taking the stage

The Paul Keller Orchestra, a 15-piece big band, plays a concert at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27. This concert is part of the noteworthy – concerts with a cause – series of First United Methodist Church. Admission is free; a free-will offering will be received to benefit Habitat for Humanity. The church is located at 45201 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth Township, a mile east of Beck. For more information, call (734) 453-5280.

Hubbard, Livonia. Walking club meets at 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday in the Single Point office. All fitness levels welcome.

■ Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.

singleplace.org. Cost is \$5.

Soup kitchen

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chins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

Support

■ A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available 10 a.m. to noon Saturday mornings at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia. There are no requirements, this a service the

church wants the community to be aware of and utilize if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.

■ Are you or someone you know struggling with depression, divorce, grief, addiction, relationship difficulties, or job loss? Real Life Church through its volunteers and partnerships with area ministries and professionals provides classes, seminars, care, support & recovery groups, counseling, and prayer to help you get through life challenges. Visit the Web site for details on current classes and groups offered as well as location, days and times www.realifelymouth.com.

■ The Clothing Bank has moved to a new location west of Canton Christian Fellowship. Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need is available 10 a.m. to noon the fourth Saturday of each month, at 41711 Joy Rd. Call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org for information.

■ Overeaters Anonymous meets 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia, and 7 p.m. Sundays, in Classroom 1 at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia. (313) 387-9797. www.oa.org

■ St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets at 10 a.m., the first and third Friday of each month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care is provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

■ Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. for this weight support group that encourages members to lose weight and keep it off. Call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

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L. KONDEK

Brett Moore (left) as Oliver; Robert Doyle as Mr. Bumble; and Leah Page Cooley as Widow Corney in Spotlight Players' production of 'Oliver.'

Spotlight Players sing way through start, end of season

Spotlight Players kicks off its new season with *Oliver!*, the classic musical based on Charles Dickens' novel.

The show features a cast of local actors and follows the story of an orphan, played by Brett Moore in Victorian London as he makes his way from the cruel workhouse to the streets, where he joins a gang of lovable pickpockets and finds a friend in The Artful Dodger, played by Jeffrey Selewski.

Barbara Bloom choreographed the family-friendly show and directed the cast that includes actors from age 8 to 60-plus.

Shows are at 8 p.m. Sept. 18-19, 25-26 and at 2 p.m. Sept. 19-20, and 26-27 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. The Village Theater has free parking, is handicap accessible and has a concession stand.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors and students under 19. They're available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door. Box office opens an hour before show-time.

Spotlight Players, the resident adult theater group for the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, follows *Oliver!* with a drama, *Crimes of the Heart*, in November. *Barefoot in the Park* will open in February 2010 and *Oklahoma!* rounds out the season in April 2010.

Here's what's planned at other community theatres this fall:

■ Barefoot Productions kicks off its fall season with *Mister Roberts*, Oct. 8-25 at the Walker/Buzenberg building, 240 N. Main, Plymouth. (734) 582-9688

■ Rosedale Community Players Farmington Players includes *Twelve Angry Men*, *Last Night of Ballyhoo*, *Twigs* and *Funny Valentines* in its 40th anniversary season.

Exact running order and show dates are to be arranged. The Redford troupe is searching for a new home and has found a temporary stage at Bushnell Congregational Church in Detroit. (313) 532-4010

■ Farmington Players starts its new season with *And the Winner Is*, a play written by Mitch Albom, Oct. 2-17. The Players' home is the Barn Theater, 32332 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 553-2955

Hear rock, country, gospel music at Michigan State Fair

Watch horses prance, enter contests, ooh and aah your way along aisles of vegetables and perfect pastries, eat cotton candy, take a spin on a gut-wrenching ride, watch acrobats and drill teams, dancers and rock musicians and much more at the Michigan State Fair.

The nine-day event starts Friday, Aug. 28 at the fairgrounds, located at Eight Mile and Woodward in Detroit.

In addition to the livestock, agricultural displays, home and community arts exhibits, the fair offers a myriad local performers, as well as celebrity musicians.

Mark Farner, formerly of Grand Funk Railroad, kicks off a series of free nightly concerts in the fair bandshell. Farner performs at 7 p.m., Aug. 28. Farner sang with Grand Funk Railroad on such memorable hit songs as *Closer to Home*, *Foot Stompin' Music*, and *We're in an American Band*.

The Detroit area Gospel Show takes the stage from 4-9 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 30.

Dennis Edwards and his Temptations Review will be perform at 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 31 — Motown Day at the fair.

Pete Rivera, original lead singer of Rare Earth will appear with Mike Pinera, original lead singer of Blues Image, Jerry Corbetta, original lead singer of Sugarloaf, and local Detroit bass player and session man Larry Prentiss. Performing as The Classic Rock All-Stars, the band will appear at 2 p.m. and as the Temptations Review opening act at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 31.

Red, Cavo and Pop Evil rock out at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 1.

The fair will feature the final Michigan competition of the Colgate Country Showdown at



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Red



Pop Evil

3 p.m. and 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 3. The showdown includes musicians who have won competitions at various locations around the state. The winner of this country music competition will compete for the national title.

Starship starring Mickey Thomas will perform at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4. The show will feature a complete retrospective of the biggest hits of the Jefferson Airplane, Jefferson Starship and Starship.

Survivor will take the stage at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 5, fol-

lowed by country artists Jake Owen and Love and Theft at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6.

The bandshell series ends at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 7, with Billy Squier, who is touring with his band for the first time since 2001.

The concert series is free. Admission to the Michigan State Fair is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, age 3-12 and senior citizens, age 62 and older.

Children under 2 enter free. Fair hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. (313) 369-8250.

GETOUT

ART

Eastern Michigan University

Time/Date: Elements of Photography, Sept. 3-Oct. 2, Coping with the Unknown, Sept. 8-Oct. 2; Excavations, through Aug. 28

Location: Photography in the University Art Gallery, 900 Oakwood on EMU's Ypsilanti campus; Coping and Excavations in the Ford Gallery, in Ford Hall, north of Cross Street at Normal Street on EMU campus

Details: Photography exhibit features work of nationally and internationally acclaimed photographers. Artist reception is 4-6 p.m., Sept. 9. Coping shows the work of Joe Meiser and Adrian Hatfield. Artist reception is 4-6 p.m., Sept. 10. Excavations is a master's degree thesis show

Contact: (734) 487-0465 or e-mail to jlocket@emich.edu

Farmington Hills City Gallery

Time/Date: "Studies of Place and Views of Space" through Sept. 25

Location: Costick Center at 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Works by Rachel Reynolds and Robert Zahorsky

Contact: (248) 473-1856.

Lotus Arts Gallery

Time/Date: "Impression & Expressions: Exploring Modern Printmaking," through Aug. 29. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Location: 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth

Contact: (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734)453-5400

Northville Art House

Location: 215 W. Cady Street, downtown Northville

Contact: (248) 344-0497, or visit www.northvillearts.org

Village Theater at Cherry Hill

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday through Aug. 30

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Michigan Comics: Mirth, Mockery, Mayhem," features more than 100 pieces of original artwork — editorial cartoons, gag panels, comic strips, comic books, graphic novels and other works on paper — and showcases the talents of 40-Michigan artists

Contact: (734) 394-5300 or visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater

BENEFITS

Dawn Farm Jamboree

Time/Date: 1-6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 13

Location: Dawn Farm, 6633 Stoney Creek Road, Ypsilanti

Details: Free admission. Proceeds for the farm that helps recovering alcoholics and drug addicts, raised through an auction, gift tables and sales. Live music by NoteWorthy, hayrides, pony rides, rock climbing wall, children's tent, chair massages, farm tours, live and silent auctions, vendors, food and beverages. Farm fresh eggs available for purchase

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CAR, CRUISE EVENTS

Botsford Commons "Cruise In" classic car show

Time/Date: 4 p.m. to dusk, Friday, Aug. 28

Location: Botsford Commons, 21450 Archwood Circle, Farmington Hills

Details: Fifth annual event, cars, free outdoor concert with big band sounds

Contact: (248) 477-7400

COMEDY

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Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: Improv most nights. Three original sketch comedies 8 p.m. Thursdays: Jeremy Conn and Garrett Fuller, both of Garden City, in their one-act comedic play, "Travel Earth Timeshares," through Sept. 24. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

Contact: (248) 327-0575; www.gocomedy.net

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

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Jazz Cafe at Music Hall

Time/Date: 9 p.m. third Thursdays

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Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m.

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Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Open Mic 8 p.m. most Wednesdays

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

Palace of Auburn Hills

Time/Date: Frank Caliendo/Bill Engvall, Oct. 24

Location: 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills

Contact: (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com

CONCERTS

The Ark

Time/Date: Little Feat, Aug. 27; Notorious, Aug. 28; Great Lake Swimmers, Aug. 29; Yid Vicious, Aug. 30

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

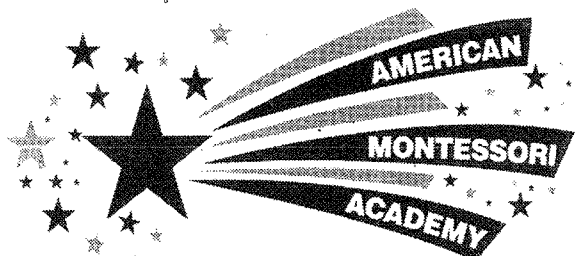
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New classes, tasting events offer expert tips on wine, spirits

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

If you've ever sat at a nice restaurant and wished you had a clue about what drinks complemented the food you just ordered, maybe taking a class at a local college, specialty store or wine bar is all you need to make your taste buds dance.

You don't have to be a wine snob to know the difference.

"From a social gathering standpoint it's becoming more popular and not as scary for people to understand what to do," said Shawn Loving, Schoolcraft College culinary arts department chair.

Schoolcraft College's fall enrichment classes give students a chance to learn about the new wines of Tuscany (class begins Monday, Sept. 28, for three weeks) and Bordeaux (class starts Monday, Nov. 2) with instructor/consultant and wine guru Lee Hershey.

In Oakland County, Oakland Community College is hosting "Wine Tasting Viva France," 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays, now through Sept. 8. Students will "travel" through France tasting wines from the most important regions while learning how to decipher different French wine labels. The cost is \$149. For more information, go to www.oaklandcc.edu/ce.

Other area community college enrichment classes will take students to regions around the world to learn about wines that are coming from New Zealand, Chile and Africa.

"They are doing much better and becoming much more popular and much more popularly priced," said Darlene Levinson, OCC Culinary Studies Institute instructor.

If you want to try something new, drinks with fresh herbs and savory flavors are among the latest drink trends, Levinson said.

"Some students are interested in know-

ing what's out there," she said. "They want to know about wines and how to read a wine menu."

If you think you know it all, there's always something new to learn.

"This weekend I'm having a girl party," said Levinson, who plans to serve friends pureed cucumbers, mixed with lemonade and lemon vodka.

Or, she said, you can use soda water and fresh herbs, like rosemary and thyme, from the garden. "There's a big movement to make drinks fresh and not use mixes," she added.

In one of her classes, Levinson says, "We taste something every week. Sometimes I put out 10 different vodkas and we taste the differences or 10 different whiskies and taste the differences. That's a lot of fun."

Loving, of Schoolcraft College, said, "I always followed a myth that wines had to be expensive. It's fun to know this red wine goes well with this protein or meat. It's a fun challenge to coordinate wines and spirits as opposed to be standoffish. It's more relaxing and inviting as a whole."

Area restaurants and wine shops also offer a variety of tasting events.

Grape Expectations, 555 Forest Ave. in downtown Plymouth, will host an Italian Wines/Wine Tasting Dinner at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15. Patrons will sample wines from the Piedmont region and specifically from the winery Beni Di Batasiolo. Go to Grape Expectations on the Web at www.gewinebar.com or call (734) 455-9463.

WineStyles, 17386 Haggerty in Livonia, offers a variety of wine events each month. On Tuesday, Sept. 1, WineStyles offers Ladies Night from 5-9 p.m. Flights of wine (a sampling of six different wines) are just \$10. For more information, go to www.winestylesstore.com or call (734) 464-9600.



Let fall culinary classes stir up your passion for good food

The Food Network and the popular movie, *Julie and Julia*, have put culinary arts in the spotlight.

Personalities, like Emeril Lagasse and Rachael Ray and the economy are feeding our basic instinct to learn how to cook, and bake well in our own homes.

Community colleges are offering a wide range of classes this fall through continuing education programs for cooking enthusiasts who want to spice up their international culinary repertoire, learn a new technique for cutting vegetables and herbs or create decadent desserts at home.

Schoolcraft College in Livonia offers an extensive list of classes from indoor grilling and breadmaking to intricate pumpkin carving and cake decorating.

Popular continuing education classes at Schoolcraft involve preparing vegetarian meals, making homemade baby food and healthy food preparation.

Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn offers culinary adventures to tempt anyone's sweet tooth with offering such as gourmet chocolate confections and "stuffed" cupcakes.

Oakland Community College's "Decadent Gourmet Apples" class lets students create five applies covered in rich caramel, enrobed in four flavors of chocolate and sprinkled with layers of crunchy toppings. Learn how to create a gourmet fresh fruit bouquet at an OCC this fall.

For a complete list of continuing education classes and seminars: Schoolcraft at www.schoolcraft.edu/pdfs/cepd/2009_fall_culinary_seminars.pdf; HFCC is at www.hfcc.edu/programs and OCC is at www.oakland.cc.edu/ce.

-Correspondent Diane Andreassi contributed to this story.

Sample wine, food at festival this weekend

Meadow Brook Music Festival hosts its 9th annual Wine and Food Festival 1-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, and 1-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30.

Tickets for adults are \$18 in advance and \$25 at the event, and include eight free wine samples, wine and food seminars and non-stop live entertainment. Designated Driver tickets may be purchased for \$10 and include two free soft drinks. Tickets for kids, age 12 to 17 years, are \$5 and those under 12 are admitted free.

Tickets are on sale now at Palacenet.com, The Palace and DTE Energy Music Theatre Box Offices and all Ticketmaster locations. Tickets will also be available at the Meadow Brook Music Festival Box Office the day of the event. Each ticket is valid for one-day admission to the festival grounds.

Tickets may also be charged by phone to American Express, Discover, Visa and MasterCard by calling (800) 745-3000.

Award-winning wineries from the state of Michigan and across the globe will be on hand showcasing more than 100 varieties of wine including Chardonnay, Merlots, Rieslings, Sparkling, Dry Red and dessert wines. The festival's on-site retail store will have select wines available for purchase at the event. A list of components is attached.

In addition to wine sampling, there will be seminars covering wine, food and other topics of interest. Festival goers will also enjoy continuous live entertainment, glass-blowing demonstrations and special exhibits and displays throughout the weekend.

Presenting sponsor Kroger will host a tent featuring a free sampling of foods made from "Select Michigan" locally grown and produced items created by chefs from the International Culinary School at the Art Institutes of Michigan.

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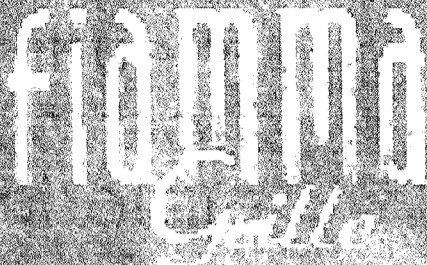
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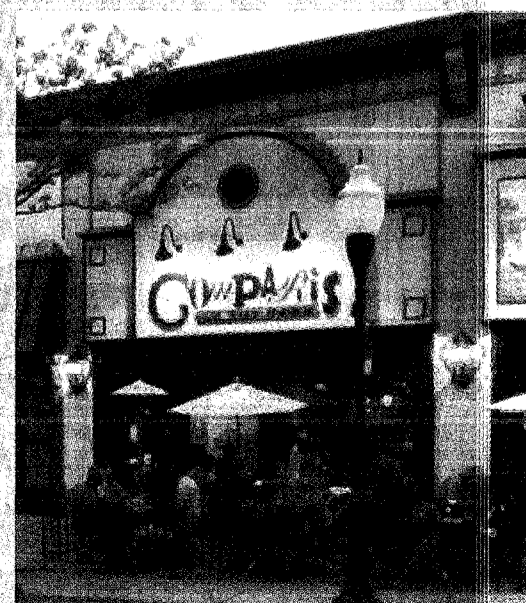
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Local pros: Market's 'starting to look up'

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Gary Reggish, owner of Remerica United Realty in Novi, has been in real estate 10 years. The Livonia resident's president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

"Things are absolutely starting to look up," Reggish said. The multiple listing service numbers through June show more homes sold in June than in previous Junes for many years.

"That is awesome news," Reggish said. "June was a record month for home sales."

He's pleased with a 27 percent drop in houses on the market, reducing inventory and helping with supply and demand issues. "That's absolutely a direction we want to be moving in," Reggish said.

The WWOCA president cites good depth of homes available and the \$8,000 tax credit available to first-time buyers. That's getting many people off the fence, as it sunsets Nov. 30.

"We've been working very hard in promoting that it's a good time to buy," Reggish said.

Some people treat the housing market like the stock market, waiting for prices to drop. They may miss a great buying opportunity, he said.

"We're moving in the right direction" toward stabilizing property values. "We're heading toward stability."

He sees people relocated by their employers coming back to Michigan; some were in temporary corporate housing and may qualify for the \$8,000 credit.

Reggish is seeing more sold signs on properties, which boosts additional sales. "When they see movement, they start to buy."

More realistic pricing is also helping. "Same rules have always applied. Price a home right, you're going to get activity and you're going to sell."

In a declining market, as opposed to appreciating or stable, the seller should aim just below recent sales. "We're shooting at a moving target," Reggish said.

The economic downturn in Michigan related to auto company woes has certainly hit housing. "People tend to hold off on spending because they're uncertain about the future," he said, citing older cars on the road and home repairs delayed.

"They're going to have to start investing in goods," Reggish and others at Farmington-based WWOCA are working with Michigan legislators on job creation.

He noted our state has lost some



600,000 jobs since 2000, mostly in auto manufacturing. "That has a huge impact in the salability of our houses." He and others are working at the state level to bring in new companies for job creation and boost small business startups as well.

Michigan is below the national average on small business ownership, Reggish said.

Dan Elsea, president of brokerage services for Southfield-based Real Estate One, also has his finger on the pulse of the housing market.

"There's cause for optimism," said Elsea, a 25-year veteran of real estate who lives in Troy. The main thing he sees is first-time buyers and investors buying, driving down inventory.

"That's always the first sign you look

for in a housing recovery," Elsea said, adding that recovery piece isn't always tied to the economic requirement. For a full recovery, "the economic piece has to kick in at some time. This is the first stage of the good news." The shift will be to a neutral or even seller's market.

Elsea agreed the \$8,000 tax credit helped; until recently, 70 percent of their sales were in the \$100,000 market. They're starting to see activity at prices above that, and he noted great interest rates and housing deals got people to buy.

"They're still staying and buying because 80's still a good price as compared to 120," Elsea said. He anticipates the higher end will improve, with the slowest category the \$500,000 to

\$900,000 or so.

That category was created in the 1990s largely by dual income families, Elsea said, a less stable economic unit. There's also a demographic gap in that category between baby boomers and the next generation of buyers.

Realtor Adam Hammons of RE/MAX Classic in Canton agreed things are looking up in the housing market. "We've been seeing the market since about April pick up," said Hammons, a Westland resident. "We've had a real improvement in sales."

Homes up to about \$80,000 are selling well, and Hammons is seeing movement in Canton in the \$125,000-\$165,000 range. "It's been a great time to buy," he said, adding he sees increased consumer confidence.

Hammons finds the \$8,000 credit has helped but the driving factor is elsewhere, "how much home you can buy for these prices right now." He's a seven-year veteran of real estate, and agreed many consumers were scared and holding off on purchases.

"Now it seems like everyone is relaxing a bit and spending more. I think it's going to continue," he said. Hammons is encouraged that there will even be small increases in values.

"So that's good news."

Ruth Martin, associate broker with Remerica Hometown One in Plymouth Township, said, "I would definitely say it is looking up. We are getting rid of a lot of inventory. There are starting to be some competing offers."

Some investors are picking up foreclosed properties. "The banks are trying to work out the short sales a little faster. I'm very optimistic, absolutely," said Martin, a Livonia resident with 23 years in real estate. "I think the stimulus check is helping a lot of first-time buyers."

Realtor Ron Jasgur, who owns Homesource Realtors in Southfield, is seeing an upswing. Jasgur, with 12 years in real estate, noted home sales have increased in the last six-eight months.

"Pricing, on the other hand, is another story," the Commerce Township resident said. There are still homes in good neighborhoods with good schools.

"The volume has definitely picked up," he said. "It's a great time to buy."

He's seeing first-time buyers interested in the credit, up around the \$250,000 point and below. "Obviously, there is pent-up demand for the higher end items," Jasgur said.

He added high unemployment in Michigan puts a damper on home sales: "Everybody would be buying if they knew they could sell."

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Robert Meisner

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Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Come to a free 59-minute Career Seminar 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, to find out why now is a good time to get into real estate. Questions regarding startup cost, commission and success potential will be answered. It is offered by Keller Williams Realty, 36642 Five Mile, Livonia 48154. Call (734) 266-9000 to reserve a seat.

Real Estate as a Second Career

A seminar for individuals considering real estate will be held each Saturday at noon at Home Smart Realty, 20853 Farmington Road. Call (248) 426-6754 to reserve your seat. Offered by Home Smart Realty.

Foreclosure tours

Tour foreclosed homes in

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Investors

Learn about legal updates concerning the real estate industry including mortgage debt relief, first-time buyers, lead paint, license requirements, energy credits, Proposal A, military housing relief, etc. This seminar will give Realtors 2.0 hours Continuing Education credits. Sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland Thursday, Sept. 10, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members, \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742. (www.REIAofOakland.com)

BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) NABHR Professional Remodelers Council presents a seminar on "Financial Planning" on Wednesday, Sept. 9, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Brad Hinkson of Hinkson Construction, Inc. and NABHR chair, will moderate the presentation that will address how to evaluate the financial health of your business, self-diagnosis and how to get back on the right track.

There is no charge for council members and \$15 for guests. Advance payment is required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry

Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will hold a Real Estate Continuing Education course on Thursday, Sept. 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at BIA Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Lori Chmura of Middleton Training will present the course that meets the state-mandated requirement for six hours of Real Estate Continuing Education.

Registration fees are \$60 for SMC members, \$80 for BIA members and \$125 for guests. Continental breakfast and lunch are included. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present an overview of the Michigan Uniform Energy Code on

Thursday, Sept. 17, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Construction and Development Services, LLC will present the training including comparison of the four compliance strategies, an explanation of the various methods of demonstrating compliance, a discussion of construction related changes, a description of the different foundation insulation systems, a comparison of insulation materials, and a view of the Sample Cost Scenarios of the different methods.

Registration fees are \$55 for Green Built™ Council members, \$75 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$95 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of May 11-15, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

41569 Ayrshire Dr Canton \$130,000	29120 Broadmoor St Livonia \$200,000
40459 Bay Harbor Ln Canton \$102,000	9928 Brookfield St Livonia \$112,000
5756 Gilman St Garden City \$90,000	18914 Glenarry Dr Livonia \$295,000
	29729 Nottingham Cir Livonia \$120,000
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	17305 Vacri Ln Livonia \$195,000
	18922 Heather Ridge Dr Northville \$573,000
	16521 Mulberry Way Northville \$259,000
	15537 Prestwick Cir N Northville \$549,000
	42955 Whiststone Ct Northville \$210,000
	342 Pacific St Plymouth \$168,000
	157 S Mill St Plymouth \$135,000
	480 Sunset St Plymouth \$105,000
	9216 Berwyn Redford \$105,000
	18852 Brady Redford \$75,000
	26155 Cathedral Redford \$80,000
	19371 Garfield Redford \$43,000
	15085 Gaylor Redford \$140,000
	6770 Chirrewa St Westland \$112,000
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- 14 Quay
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- 16 Versatile vehicle
- 17 Energetic ones
- 18 Bishop's rule
- 19 Mountain pass
- 20 — de force
- 22 Whale's diet
- 24 Erudite person
- 28 Cajole
- 30 Sketcher's need
- 31 Action film highlight
- 32 "Peanuts" kid
- 33 Snorts with glee
- 36 August sign
- 37 Pursuit
- 38 Interest amt.
- 40 Pay out
- 43 Love in a gondola
- 45 Does perfectly
- 46 Nearly wins
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- 50 Type of needle-work
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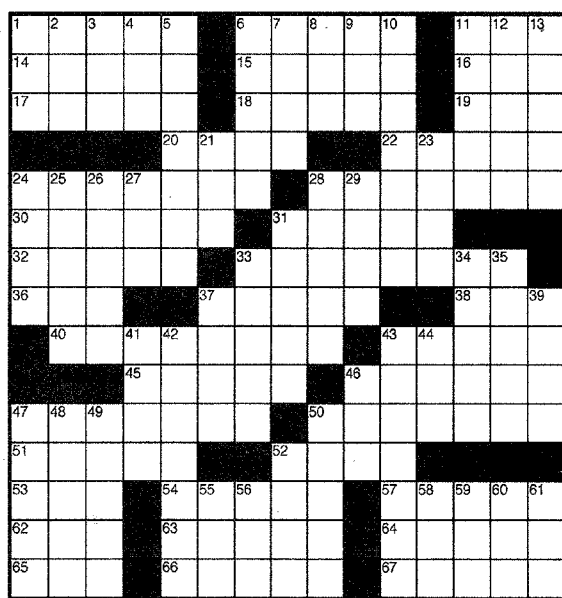
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- 3 — been had!
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- 6 Happen
- 7 Fly high
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- 9 Back when
- 10 Worst-smelling
- 11 Crystal-clear
- 12 Lagoon maker
- 13 Hardly a wall-flower
- 21 Rowboat need
- 23 Walk unsteadily
- 24 Talk up
- 25 Wailed
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- 27 Big Ten team
- 28 — idea was that?
- 29 Playwright
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7100 Estate Sales **7100**

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Fri/Sat, Aug. 28 & 29, 10-4
Sale #1 - 5247 Park Ridge Ct., W. Bloomfield, MI 48323
(N. off Pontiac Tr. 3.5 mi. W. of Orchard Lk Rd. take Park Ridge Dr.) Custom furniture, Baldwin Baby Grand, 99 Mercury Grand Marquis 30K mi. **Sale #2 - 4331 Covered Bridge Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302** (S. off of Long Lake, W. of Telegraph, take Water Wheel Lane) Good traditional furniture & accessories. 1990 Cadillac Sedan DeVille 25K mi. **Sale #3 - 9454 Rolan Meadows Dr., Belleville, MI 48111** (Take I-94 W. to Belleville Rd., turn left to Tyler Rd. right, to Rolan Meadows left). 3,200 sq.ft. model home loaded with new furniture & accessories. All Must Go! **Top \$ Paid for Gold, Silver, Watches, Muscle Cars.**
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LIVONIA ESTATE SALE Aug. 28 & 29, 9am-5pm. 33635 Hathaway. Furniture, toys, games, collectibles, books, tools, records, hunting, computer kits & exercise equip, model kits, video games, clothing and MORE!

NORTHVILLE: 19002 Heather Ridge Dr. W. of Ridge Rd., btwn. 6 & 7 Mile. Fri. & Sat. 10-4. Desinger furniture & accent items including: Young Chang Piano, Custom Rugs, Henredon King Bdrm. Pub table, patio set, foos ball & ping pong tables & MORE!

NOVI: 23488 Broadmoor Park Lane, 10 & Beck. Thurs. Fri., Sat., 9am-5pm. Photo/info at: iluvantiques.com

TROY: 8/28, Fri 9-4, 8/29, Sat 10-4. Off Big Beaver (16 Mile) & Adams. Brooklawn to Norwich to 1559 Witherbee. 586-344-2048. iluvantiques.com

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WAYNE ESTATE SALE:
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Garage Sales **7110**

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BIRMINGHAM Huge Sale- Designer men's & women's clothing, home decor. 8/28-8/29, 1-6pm. CASH-ONLY. 2235 W. Maple Rd.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS
GARAGE/YARD SALE - Aug. 28-29, 9am-4pm. CASH ONLY! Baby and children's clothes, toys, baby strollers, Step 2 Playhouse, small electronics, TV's (27 & 31 inch), men's and women's clothes, yard equipment, books, DVDs, Pro Form treadmill, household items and much more! 2540 Broadway, N/Maple and W/Cranbrook.

BLOOMFIELD TWP. Antique baker's cupboard, designer clothes, luggage, rollerblades, lamps. Sat. 10-5pm. 6129 Lantern Ln, W. of Telegraph btwn Maple & Quarten; Foxcroft Sub.

CANTON 3 Family Garage Sale
2067 Bellingham, Palmer & Sheldon. Fri., 9-5, Sat., 9-12 (Half off).

CANTON: 4 Family Sale.
Household items & decor, toys, books, furniture, TV & much more. Fri-Sat, Aug. 28-29, 9-4pm. 2029 Stonebridge Way, off Beck, S of Cherry Hill. Cash only.

CANTON- HUGE Garage Sale. Sat. Aug. 29, 8-4pm. Southwest corner of Beck & Geddes. Furniture, baby & children's clothes, toys, back-to-school supplies, outdoor tents, framed artwork, candles. ONE DAY ONLY!

CANTON - Leisure furniture, paddle boats, swing sets, accessories, etc! 8551 Ronda Drive. (734) 927-3400. Come down & check out the fun!

Garage Sales **7110**

Farmington Garage Sale
Corner of Power and Loomis. Trundle bed, DVD stand, boys and womens clothing, toys, games, portable dishwasher, and much more. Friday 10-5pm, Saturday 10-5pm, Sunday 12-3pm

FARMINGTON HILLS: Aug. 27-28. Household items, furniture, bedding, holiday items, kitchenware. 37280 Aspen. S. of 9 Mile, E. of Halstead.

FARMINGTON HILLS - Aug. 27-29, 10-6. Multi-family, 21539 St. Francis, N/8 Mile, W/ Inkster. Furniture, electronics, CDs, tools, household items - big & small, carpets, comforters, toys & clothes.

FARMINGTON HILLS - Design business & multi home sale. Aug. 29-30, 12-6p. 25820 Orchard Lake, S. of 11 Mile. Misc furniture & art work.

FARMINGTON HILLS
ESTATE/GARAGE. Huge Sale! Thur-Fri-Sat. Aug. 27-29, 10-6. Clothing, glassware, kitchenware, china sets, office supplies, furniture, art, vintage, collectibles, books, more. 29480 Sugarspring. Holly Hill Sub. W/Middlebelt, S/13 Mile.

FARMINGTON HILLS - Estate sale. Aug. 27-29th. 34543 Fendt. 10-5pm. Off Gill, 1 blk N of 8 Mile. Furniture, pictures, records, tools, dishes, books, toys, lamps, clocks, jewelry, nic-nacs & more.

FARMINGTON HILLS: Huge 4 family garage sale. Fri-Sun. Aug. 28-30th, 9-5pm. Everything imaginable! 8 ft Western plow, power tools, furniture, antiques, 1920s 2-tone oak dining room set w/table, buffet and 2 chairs, perennial flowers, brand new items. Attention collectors: we have 30 yrs plus baseball cards (1950-1990s), many in mint cond. So much more, you have to come see for yourself! 21929 Leyla (9 Mile/Inkster)

FARMINGTON HILLS- Kid's stuff & a lot of misc. items. 8/27-8/29, 9-5pm. 25811 & 25812 Castlereigh, S of 11, E of Middlebelt.

FARMINGTON
Household items, furniture, medical equip., tools, books, toys, collectibles. Vintage/antiques. 8/27-8/29 9-5pm. 23500 Sans Souci, off Middlebelt btwn 9 & 10 Mile

GARDEN CITY: Gigantic Sale! Aug. 28-30, 10-5pm. Glassware, pots & pans, small appts, tables, bikes, tools. 24" & 18" pipe wrench. Snow/ Roof Shovel, old country music 8 track tapes, metal closet, queen size sheets, car seat, vinyl upholster material, 64 Chromonica, 12 string Crestwood Guitar, 25 yrs old. Black diamond strings, never used, lots, lots, more. 30835 Rosslyn, btwn Ford Rd & Cherry Hill, E. off Merriman

LIVONIA 15575 Mayfield, E. of Farmington, N. of 5 Mile. Baby & children's clothing, furniture, toys & household items. Thurs-Sat. Aug. 27-29th, 9am-4pm.

LIVONIA: 30523 Hoy St. S. of 5 Mile, W. of Henry Ruff. Household - holiday items - lights & extension cords. New bird houses. Books & much more. Aug. 27, 28 & 29 9-4.

LIVONIA: 35938 Ladywood. Aug. 27-29, 9-4. Numerous household, men & women clothes. N. of 5, E. of Levan.

LIVONIA: Aug. 27-29, 9:30-4. 36316 Jamison, 1 blk. S. of 5 Mile, 3 houses E. of Levan. Antiques, household items, collectibles, CDs, video games, books & more.

LIVONIA: Aug. 27-29, 9-4. Multi-Family. Appliances, furniture, clothes, games & more for home & family. 18636 Glengarry, 7 Mile/Newburgh.

LIVONIA: Aug. 28-29, 9-4pm. Home goods, toys, books, DVD's, kids bikes, kids clothing & jackets, costumes, collectibles incl Dept. 56, table saw. 19991. Southamton. Btwn. 7 & 8 Mile, off Gill Rd.

LIVONIA: Big Sale. Thurs-Sat. 9-3. 29061 Olson N. of Joy, E. of Middlebelt. Lots of toys, baby items & MORE!

LIVONIA - Fri-Sat, 9-5pm. 29844 West Chicago, btwn Middlebelt & Henry Ruff. New & used clothing, toys, misc.

LIVONIA GARAGE SALE
SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
Sept. 2 & 3, 9am-4pm. 18600 Haggerty Rd. btwn. 6 & 7 Mile Rds. Tables, chairs, office furniture & misc. items.

Garage Sales **7110**

LIVONIA Huge Garage Sale! Aug. 28, 29 & 30, 8am-6pm. Furniture, jewelry, collectibles, framed art, golf items and more. 9145 E. Bassett Ct. S. of Ann Arbor, E. of I-275.

LIVONIA- PERISH-WIDE garage sale. TOOLS, furniture, household, collectibles, vintage, garden, decor, purses, jewelry, religious. 8/28 & 8/29, 9-5pm. Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 W. 6 Mile (just E of Middlebelt). No early sales.

LIVONIA
Sat., Aug. 29, 7:30-4pm. 19235 Bethany. Furniture, tools, housewares, car parts.

LIVONIA Two Family Sale - 32931 Southgate St. Livonia, near 6 & Farmington. Thurs-Fri, Aug. 27-28th, 9am-4pm. Household items, bar stools, baby /kid, scrapbooking, books, movie, much more!

LIVONIA- Various household items, clothing & more! 8/27-8/30, 8-5pm. 18529 Manor Ln in Calburn Manor Sub, btwn 6 & 7, W. of Newburgh

NORTHVILLE: 20507 Wood-bend Dr. Beck/8. Kitchenware, appts, garden tools, books, antique phone, toys & mirrors. Fri-Sat. Aug. 28 & 29, 9-6.

NORTHVILLE: Aug. 27-29, 8am. Furniture, dishes, kids clothes, toys, clothing, accessories. 206 W. Dunlap. (Downtown). 248-762-2652

NORTHVILLE SAT, 8/29 ONLY! 9-4pm. Home accessories, rugs, granite countertop w/sink, custom crib, toys, etc. 44871 Gaiway

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PLYMOUTH Fri. & Sat., 9am-5pm. Everything Must Go! 12238 High Meadow Court, Sheldon & Ann Arbor Trail

PLYMOUTH Household, antiques, Longaberger, furniture, toys. 46718 Darwood Ct./Woodlone North Sub - Fri 8/28, 9:00 am.

PLYMOUTH TWP. Multi-Family. Thurs-Sat. Aug. 27-29, 8-4pm. Home goods, glassware, clothes. 46431 Barrington btwn Joy & Ann Arbor Rds., W. of McClumpha

REDFORD
9am-3:30pm, Fri-Sat, Aug. 28-29 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes, 1 blk E of Inkster, 1 blk S of Schoolcraft. To reserve space (as low as \$10 for 2 days) call 313-538-2660, 10am-2pm, Mon-Fri. New free school supplies will be given out while supplies last. No early sales, cash only please!

REDFORD MULTI-FAMILY SALE Kids, household, clothes. 14932 Summer, S of 5, E of Beech Daily. Thurs-Mon., 8-27 thru 8-31, 10-6pm

ROMULUS YARD SALE Aug. 27, 28 & 29, 9-6pm-weather permitting. Household, collectibles, home school supplies. 38312 Castle

SOUTH LYON Don't Miss This One! 10300 Otter Dr. (Lakeside Estates North), off 10 Mile, btwn Rushton & Dixboro. Aug. 27-29th, 8am-4pm. Kid's clothes, TOYS, home goods, tools & collectibles. Everything Must Go!

SOUTHFIELD Antiques, collectibles, Mary Kay. 16279 & 16269 Rutherford, 2nd block north of 12 Mile, off Pierce. Fri, Sat, Sun., 10 AM ONLY!

SOUTHFIELD: Block Sale. Bellbrook & Brooks Lane. S. of 12 Mile, W. of Lahser. Aug. 28-30, 9-5. Clothes, art, toys, household & other treasures.

WEST BLOOMFIELD: China, furnishings, many gift items. Fri. & Sat. 8:30-7pm. Sun 11-5pm. 3810 Green Lake Rd. Pontiac Trail & Green Lake Rd.

WESTLAND - A MUST COME SEE! Antique furniture, white whicker chairs, vintage kitchen table, chairs & hutch, household items. 9am-4pm, Fri 8/28 & Sat 8/29. 232 N Hawthorne St, Cherry Hill between Wayne & Venoy.

WESTLAND: Fri. & Sat. Aug. 28 & 29, 10-4. No Early Birds. 5840 N. Harvey. Wayne & Ford Rds.

WESTLAND: Hickory Woods Apts. Community Yard Sale. Aug. 29, 11am-5pm. Cherry Hill Rd. Just E. of Newburgh.

Garage Sales **7110**

WESTLAND - Lighthouse Indoor/Outdoor Sale
34033 Palmer Rd, btwn Wayne & Venoy. Aug. 28-Sept 5, 9-7pm. Furniture, computers, appli, dishes, collectibles, jewelry, electronics, leather coats. ALL PROCEEDS TO PURCHASE FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

WESTLAND- Sleeper sofa, other furniture, anti-que bdrm set, washer/ dryer, Tiger's jackets, collectible coins. Fri & Sat. 10-5pm. 34400 Spring Valley Dr. (Holiday Park).

Moving Sales **7130**

DEARBORN (WEST) Furniture, household goods, crafts, misc. Aug. 27-29, 10-5pm. 22165 Cherry Hill, E. of Outer Dr.

FARMINGTON: Moving Sale! Antique china cabinet, oak kitchen table, couches, chairs, all appliances, lamps, etc. Sept. 4-5, 10-4pm. 32338 Shiawassee. Near Power.

NORTHVILLE TWP. Interesting collectibles, Christmas items, toys & more! Thurs. & Fri. 9-4pm; 10029 7 Mile, 7 Mile & Chubb

REDFORD MOVING SALE! Sat. Aug. 29th - Thurs. Sept. 3rd. 18686 MacArthur. Men's clothing, electronics, VHS movies, crafts and more!

SOUTHFIELD 21537 Stahelin, N. of 8 Mile, W. of Southfield. Aug. 27-29th, 9am-4pm. Haywood Wakefield dining set, furniture, household items, lawn & garden, lots of stuff!

Clothing **7140**

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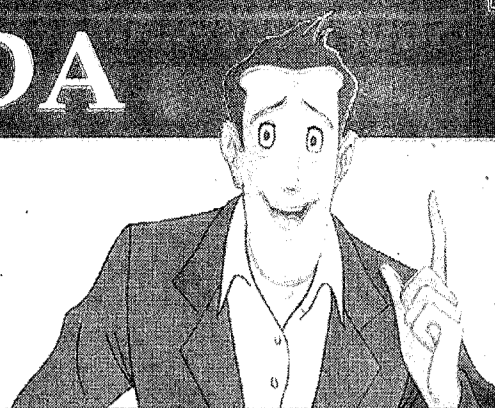
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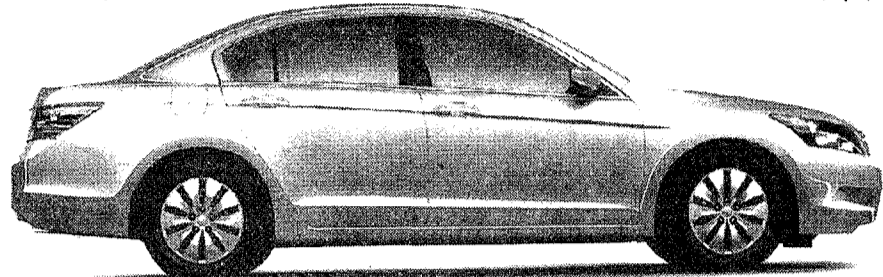
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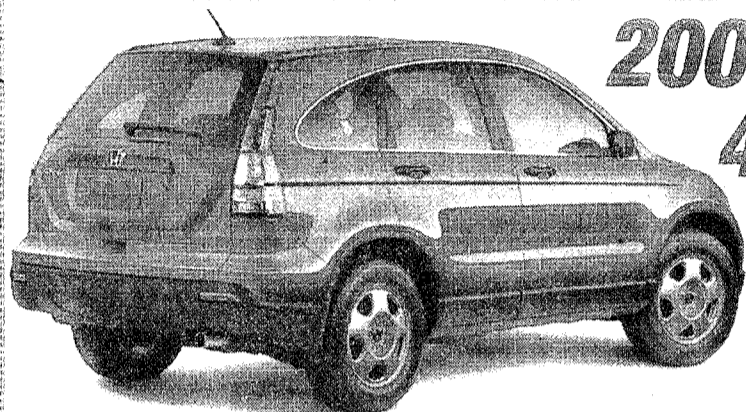
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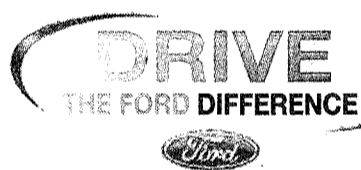
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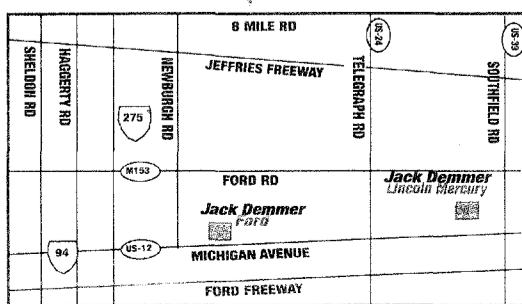
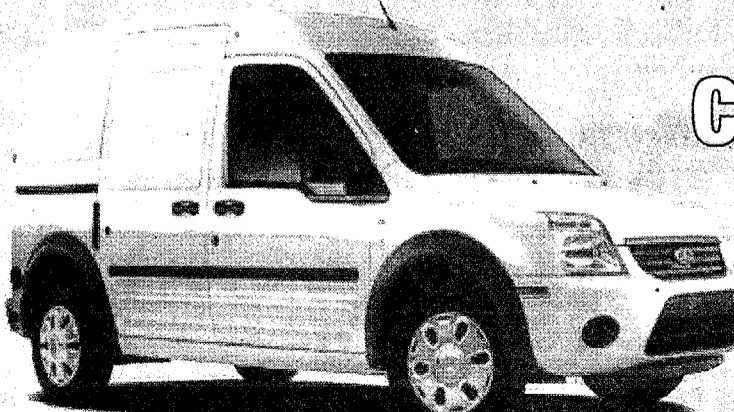
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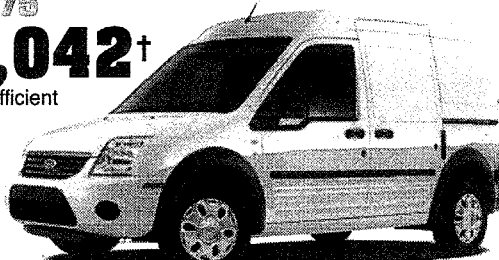
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