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Happy trails

Join the Friends of the I-275 Pathway for trail cleanup day on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 9 a.m. until noon. The final cleanup of the year will be in Farmington Hills on the section of the trail north of 8 Mile.

Volunteers should bring clippers, pruners, tree-loppers, or any kind of hand tool to trim hedges and cut back brush. Wear work gloves, long pants and long-sleeved shirts, and bring a bike to get from your car to the work site. Parking is available at many nearby businesses.

For more information call John Bailey at (248) 310-4206, or visit the Friends of the I-275 Pathway on Yahoo! groups or Facebook.

Town hall

State Rep. Dian Slavens (D-Canton) hosts a town hall meeting on Monday, Sept. 21, in Canton to provide information to residents on two Michigan programs that can help parents and students save for college.

"As a mother with two children in college, I know firsthand how challenging it can be to pay for our kids' college education," Slavens said. "Rising tuition costs and a sluggish economy can make college seem out of reach for many working families."

The town hall meeting takes place 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

Slavens will be joined at the meeting by Robin Lott, Executive Director of the Michigan Education Trust.

For more information about the town hall, please call Slavens' office toll-free at (888) 347-8021 or send an e-mail to DianSlavens@house.mi.gov

Heart and bark

Four-legged family pets large and small are encouraged to attend the second annual Heart and Bark event with their owners 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail, located at Morton Taylor Road and Michigan Avenue.

The Humane Society of Huron Valley will be offering a low-cost micro chip clinic for animals for \$25 per pet.

A special "Dash for Doggies" kids fun run will take place at 11 a.m. to support the development of the Canton Dog Park. The course is approximately a ½ mile and all participants will receive a commemorative T-Shirt.

This fund-raising race is geared toward kids 12 and under. For details, contact (734) 394-5460.

Gathering steam

I-275 project gets wide political support

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Amid widespread political support, Canton Township officials Tuesday formally submitted a \$20.3 million proposal for federal economic-recovery dollars to dramatically reshape the heavily congested I-275/Ford Road interchange.

The project, if approved, could create hundreds of jobs and have a far-reaching, regional impact on motorists who use the interchange, situated just east of the Ford-Haggerty intersection that ranks among Michigan's most accident-prone spots.

The project has revved up fresh support not only from township officials, but also from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, retail giant IKEA and leaders from neighboring communities such as Westland, Plymouth Township and Van Buren Township.

The grant proposal, submitted through the Michigan Department of Transportation two months after township officials unveiled the plan, seeks \$20.3 million in federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER, funds. The plan comes on the heels of a regional traffic study.

Plymouth-Canton Supt. Craig Fiegel, in a letter to MDOT Director Kirk Steudle, said the project "would greatly improve safety for student bus- ing and pedestrian traffic" in an area including Haggerty Road, where the district has two schools.

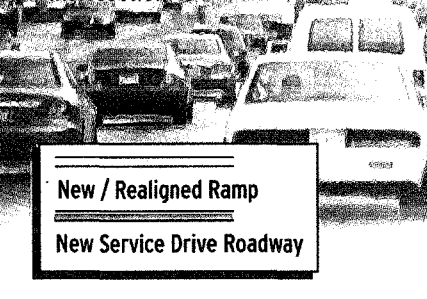
The massive project could ease traffic flow for untold motorists in three distinct ways:

- Drivers exiting southbound I-275 could use a new ramp to access northbound Haggerty, near IKEA, without ever getting onto Ford Road.
- Similarly, motor-

I-275/Ford Rd. Recommended Enhancement Concept

Features:

- Access to Northbound I-275 from Cherry Hill Rd. without use of Haggerty Rd., bypassing Ford/Haggerty intersection.
- Access from Southbound I-275 to SB Haggerty Rd. and Cherry Hill Rd. without use of the Ford/Haggerty intersection.
- Access from Southbound I-275 to NB Haggerty Rd. without use of the Ford/Haggerty intersection.
- Potential for improved access to development parcels east of I-275, relieving congestion at Ford/Lotz intersection.



ists exiting I-275 also could access southbound Haggerty by using another new ramp south of Ford.

• Drivers from the area of Cherry Hill Road could access north I-275 by using a northbound service drive along the interstate, bypassing Ford Road.

Tim Faas, Canton's municipal services director, has said the project would be far less costly than installing a completely new interchange. The design phase could begin as early as February, with construction potentially completed in 2012.

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, in a letter to Steudle, wrote

that "as a major thoroughfare in one of the fastest-growing communities in southeast Michigan, Canton's Ford Road continues to be burdened by higher-than-expected traffic volumes," adding there is a need "to improve vehicular and pedestrian traffic safety" around the I-275 interchange.

Joseph Roth, IKEA's director of U.S. public affairs, wrote to Steudle and said interchange improvements would "pre-empt any doubts (other) businesses may have about opening in the Canton community because of any safety or traffic facts/issues they may have heard."

Other letters of support came from Westland Mayor William Wild, 11th District Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara, Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, Van Buren Township Supervisor Paul D. White, Canton Downtown Development Coordinator Kathleen Salla, Canton police Lt. Scott Hilden and SEMCOG's Carmine Palombo, director of transportation programs.

Despite the strong support, Faas has said Canton is competing with many

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's plan to improve the I-275/Ford Road interchange could help cut down on traffic, and therefore accidents, at Ford Road and Haggerty, the township's most dangerous intersection.

FBI report: Canton carries low crime rate

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton Township has one of the lowest crime rates among 16 metro Detroit communities with populations of 50,000-100,000 people, newly released FBI statistics for 2008 show.

Canton fared better than communities such as Livonia, Novi, Farmington Hills, Troy and St. Clair Shores in a comparison that combines violent and property crimes per 1,000 residents.

Canton had the third lowest overall crime rate

— bested only by West Bloomfield and Shelby townships — among 16 communities with populations of 50,000-100,000 people in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

"It's very good news with everything that's going on nowadays in the world," said Canton resident Mary Lou Gagan, who chairs a neighborhood watch program in The Links of Pheasant Run subdivision.

The FBI's latest Uniform Crime Reports provided details of two categories — violent crimes including murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault, and property crimes including burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson.

Canton's crime rate of 19.71 incidents per 1,000 residents was calculated by combining the 120 violent crimes and 1,546 property crimes from last year — and factoring in a township population of 84,506.

Moreover, the township's rate was 10.1 points lower than the three-county average of 29.81 crimes per 1,000 people.

"Canton continues to be one of the safest communities in the metro area, with our total overall crime coming in far below that of the comparable community average," said John Santomauro, the township's public safety director.

FBI statistics for 2008 in Canton cited no murders, 14 rapes, 27 robberies and 79 aggravated assaults. In all, the FBI reported 1,546 property crimes.

West Bloomfield had the lowest combined crime rate of 14.11 per 1,000 people among the 16 communities in a three-county area with populations of 50,000-100,000.

By contrast, next-door Westland had nearly double Canton's crime rate with 38.45 per 1,000 residents, while Dearborn had nearly three-fold the crime rate with 54.13 per 1,000 people.

Santomauro said the township will continue to implement a proactive approach to crime by:

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Ford employees build legacy of caring

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Karen Stornant, a Ford Motor Company volunteer, took a short break from building a shed at Community Living Centers in Farmington.

"It's a good day to remember and give back," the Livonia resident said on the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

The shed will house bicycles and gardening equipment for residents at the Farmington facility that houses residents in two homes and an apartment building. It replaced an old tin shed that couldn't be secured.

"It certainly helps us take care of an item that needed to be replaced and we certainly didn't have the funds to do that," explained Laura Pollaccia-Scanlan, Community Living Centers executive director.

Ford not only provided the manpower, but paid for the shed, according to Ron Weber Community Living Centers marketing and development manager.

"The shed adds to the quality of their lives,"



Greg Boyle of Livonia, Krista DePoy of Canton and Julie Dimoplos of Garden City all volunteered in Redford.

Weber said explaining that it was too difficult for residents to individually try to store their equipment.

Community Living Centers was founded in 1968 by Mary Wagner, who had a son who was mentally retarded. She founded the agency and

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Rosiek named publisher of newspaper group

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Sue Rosiek, executive editor of the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Newspapers*, has assumed the additional responsibility of publisher for the group of community newspapers.

The announcement was made by Susie Ellwood, chief executive officer of Detroit Media Partnership, which manages the business functions for the *Detroit Free Press* and *The Detroit News* and serves as sales agent for the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Newspapers*.

"Sue is a highly talented, multi-faceted leader who drives excellence throughout her organization. She has been an integral part of the successes at these newspapers as well as being an



Rosiek

reflects the great work she does."

Rosiek has held various positions at the *Observer & Eccentric*, including reporter, community editor and managing editor.

She is a member of the Board of Trustees of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System.

Rosiek also is a member of the Livonia Community Marketing Consortium

active community member," Ellwood said. "Sue is dedicated to local reporting and I am pleased that her title now accurately

and a founding member of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle, a pooled fund of the Canton Community Foundation,

She also serves on the Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza Committee, Farmington Public Schools Turn Around Achievement Awards Committee and Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast.

Rosiek and husband, Steve Barnaby, have one son, Ian Barnaby. They live in Plymouth Township.

Rosiek is a graduate of Michigan State University with a B.A. in journalism.

Detroit Media Partnership, L.P. manages the business functions of the *Detroit Free Press* and *The*

Detroit News. As the largest newspapers in Michigan, with two of the most visited Web sites in the market, the *Free Press* and *The News* combine to reach a weekly audience of 2.1 million people."

Detroit Media Partnership is the advertising sales agent for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, *Novi News*, *Milford Times*, *Northville Record*, *South Lyon Herald* and *Livingston County Daily Press & Argus*.

Gannett Co., Inc., owner of the *Free Press*, is the general partner in DMP; MediaNews Group, owner of *The News*, is the limited partner.

SOURCE: 2008 Scarborough Report
- August 2006-July 2007, Detroit DMA

opened the first group home in 1969. It was so successful that the waiting list grew and now there are Community Living Centers group homes in Southfield, Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Some of the Community Living Centers residents in Farmington Living Centers helped build the shed.

"This project allows people in the community to have the experience to work along side with people with disabilities and to see that they are regular individuals just like you and I," Pollaccia-Scanlan said.

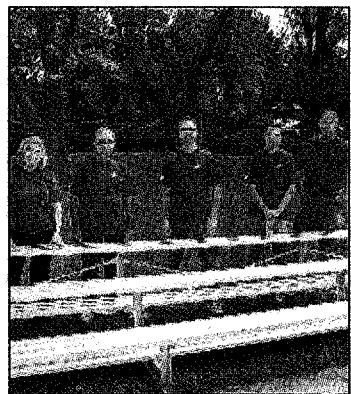
Stornant and McKee were among more than 8,000 Ford volunteers in 15 states and 40 countries who took part in the fourth annual Global Week of Caring.

Local volunteers involved in Ford's Accelerated Action Day Friday worked at southeastern Michigan shelters, family centers and other non-profit projects during the Community Building event.

Volunteers were expected to contribute 30,000 man-hours of labor to helping those in need from orphanages to the disabled and homeless.

"Ford has been a neighbor in this community and across the country for its 106 year history starting with Henry Ford," explained Jim Vella, president Ford Motor Company Fund and Community Services.

"A neighbor needs you more in tough times than good



Showing off the bleachers that they had just built were Arnita Kalaja of Melvindale, Hamid Rashid of Canton, Paul Levko of Brownstown Township, Igor Reznik of Bloomfield Township and Steve Lancucki of Sterling Heights.

times," says Vella, a Canton resident. "And in Michigan we've experienced an economic tsunami. We're trying to be part of the solution as opposed to being a part of the problem. I can only see our efforts expand in this area."

"To get out and see our people working with non-profit projects and to see all the things some of us take for granted, it really is a touching day for me personally," Vella said.

The event wasn't planned to coincide with the anniversary of Sept. 11 terrorist attack, "but, we are aware of President Obama's call to service for Americans," Vella said. "This is something we are going to continue to do in good times and bad times."

The 700 Ford volunteers in southeast Michigan alone "says a lot about the company," Vella said.

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other communities for \$1.5 billion in TIGER funds, part of a larger federal stimulus package.
To be sure, a project along the interchange would bring

its own share of temporary traffic snarls, but Faas said the impact of potential lane closings isn't yet known. He said the biggest disruption — again, a temporary one — would likely be on the northbound on-ramp to I-275, which would be "completely reworked."

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For information on "Tour the Town," visit www.downtownnorthville.com or call 248-349-0345 (Northville Downtown Development Authority) or 248-547-5576 (IMJ Communications).

"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

Variety show

The Canton Chieftettes Pom Pon Teams present their annual variety show, "Master Music Mix," 1:30 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, in the Gloria Logan Auditorium in Salem High School.

Tickets are on sale now for \$5 and are available from Chieftette team members and parents, or they can be purchased for \$6 at the door on show day.

For more information visit the team's Web site at www.cantonchieftettes.com

Speech Craft Workshop

Is fear in the way of your success? Are you afraid to stand up and speak in front of others? If you are, you're not alone. According to The Book of Lists, speaking in public is the number one fear held by most people. But you can conquer that fear, painlessly and enjoyably, by attending a Speech Craft program.

Hosted by Canton Toastmasters, the Speech Craft Workshops are 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays from Sept. 28-Nov. 16 at the Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley in Canton. Cost is \$10 for eight sessions.

Speech Craft is a program to develop your public speaking abilities. It's not done in a classroom, and you don't receive a grade. Experienced Toastmasters present the fundamentals of public speaking in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere. Through participation you will become an experienced and poised speaker.

Speech Craft will help you communicate more effectively at work and at home. Speech Craft will improve performance in meeting the public, conducting business meetings, motivating people, interviewing for jobs, selling ideas or products and solving problems.

For more information, call Joy Rooke (734-748-2359) or Bonnie Hilberer (734-646-2237).

AAUW meets

The Plymouth/Canton branch of the American Association of University Women invites all those interested in advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research to attend its branch meeting, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth (located on



A-maze-ing event

The Maybury Farm Corn Maze begins Sept. 19 and runs through Nov. 8. Hours are Fridays from 5-9 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 1-9 p.m. The maze includes a hayride to and from the Maze (last wagon leaves for the Maze at 8 p.m.). Those who successfully complete the Maze will be entered in a drawing to take place on Nov. 10 for a \$500 Meijer Gift Card (must be 18 years or older to enter). Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile between Beck and Napier (do not enter at the State Park continue west for 2 mile). Parking is complimentary. Admission is \$6 for children 3-9 and \$8 for everyone else (does include the Corn Maze). Two years and under are free and welcome to visit our KIDIE MAZE. Please visit Maybury's Web site www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org or call (248) 374-0200 during business hours.

Sheldon just north of North Territorial).

The meeting will feature a presentation by Ashley Higgins on her experience at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.

AAUW membership is open to all. For more information contact Esther Nelson at enelson1c@att.net or (734) 981-4938.

Call for crafters

The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual juried, handmade-only Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at West Middle School in Plymouth.

The event will feature some 1,500 customers, food and drawings.

Hand-made and juried art and crafts will be sold from 9 am until 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 17 at West Middle School. The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Society sponsors this show and uses all of the proceeds to provide college scholarships for Plymouth Canton students.

Call Sandy Downs at (734) 340-4229 or e-mail Judy Stone at JBSTONE716@COMCAST.NET

Euchre night

The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club hosts a euchre tournament Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Summit on the Park's Maple/Oak Room.

Registration starts at 7 p.m., with the games beginning at 7:30 p.m. The event will feature lots of prizes with a cash bar and food for purchase.

The Summit is located at 46000 Summit Parkway in

Canton. Register to play by calling Debby at (734) 282-2340 or dtorzy@hotmail.com

Support Mass

Widowed men and women are invited to celebrate Mass together and stay for refreshments and fellowship on Sunday, Sept. 20, at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road (just south of Cherry Hill) in Canton.

Please check in by 2:15 p.m., Mass is at 2:30. The event is sponsored by Widowed Friends, a peer group in the AOD. Come meet new friends in a safe, friendly setting.

For more information, call Pat, (734) 459-5508, or Justine, (734) 455-6939.

Mom2Mom sale

The Plymouth Canton Mothers of Multiples host their semi-annual Mom-to-Mom sale Saturday, Sept. 26 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail, at Sheldon Road, in Plymouth.

Admission is \$1, cash only, strollers are welcome after 10 a.m. This is a department store style sale with boys and girls fall and winter clothing, ranging in size from newborn up to size 10 along with toys, baby gear, strollers and mater-

nity clothes.

Contact pcmoms@hotmail.com target=blank>pcmoms@hotmail.com with any questions.

Pet a Pet

PET-A-PET Inc. is looking for enthusiastic, friendly pets and their owners to visit facilities one hour a month. Pets must be up to date with vaccinations, proof required.

Visits to Heartland-Canton on the second Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.; call Pat Gliniski, (313) 278-4428. Visits to Heartland-Plymouth on the fourth Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.; call Lyn Ehrman, (734) 455-4885.

Art exhibit

An exciting and intensely private collection of 19th century paintings will be on display at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill through Sept. 27. This exhibit will feature over 30 pieces of art collected by Judy and David Johnson, Washtenaw County residents for the past 32 years.

The couple has developed a keen eye and has slowly acquired a collection ranging from unknown artists to well-known American and European painters such as Henry Schouten, a 19th century Belgian painter, Henry Rankin Poor and David Johnson, the latter two prominent American artists.

Presently, they have expanded their tastes to include portraits, Middle-Eastern paintings (Orientalist art), marine and Chinese pieces. The Johnsons' enthusiasm for and interest in farming has also led them to include numerous works featuring landscapes and various animals in their collection. The Johnsons' current collection is comprised equally of 19th century works and 20th century pieces and includes sculptures.

Admission to the gallery is free and the public is welcome to view this exhibit at the Gallery@VT: Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; during public performances; and by appointment by calling (734) 394-5308.

Health screening

Meijer Pharmacy, located on Ford Road at Canton Center, holds its monthly health screening clinic 8 a.m.

to noon, Thursday, Oct. 1.

Cholesterol, diabetes, and liver function screening are available at a very affordable cost.

Appointments are required; contact the pharmacy for details at (734) 844-2733.

Scrapbooking fund-raiser

The Salvation Army of Plymouth and Creative Memories consultant Cassie Hull are teaming up to host an all-day Scrapbooking event to help raise funds for the Salvation Army's Coats for Kids program.

Those interested in scrapbooking can join us for the Sept. 26 event, called Croptoberfest, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at a cost of \$35, which includes 12 hours of scrapbooking, meals, and a goodie bag. There is also a half-day option of six hours for \$20.

For more information, or to register, contact Cassie at the Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464, or by e-mail at cassiekh@gmail.com. Those unable to attend can still help the Coats for Kids program by donating \$15 to help purchase a coat for a child in need. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main St. in Plymouth.

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.

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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CRIME

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• Continuing a community police program that assigns teams of officers to certain geographic areas, allowing closer interaction with residents and business owners.

• Building on a Community Watch Program, like the one in Gagan's neighborhood, that encourages residents and business owners to become watchdogs for each other and to report crimes or suspicious activity.

• Using the township's Crime Analysis Unit to identify where crime patterns are occurring and to place more police patrols in those areas.

Just recently, Canton police also stepped up crime-fighting efforts by forming a close partnership with Crime Stoppers of Michigan and giving options to people who want to anonymously report crimes. They may call (800) SPEAK-UP, log on to www.1800.speakup.org or text a tip to 274637, or CRIMES.

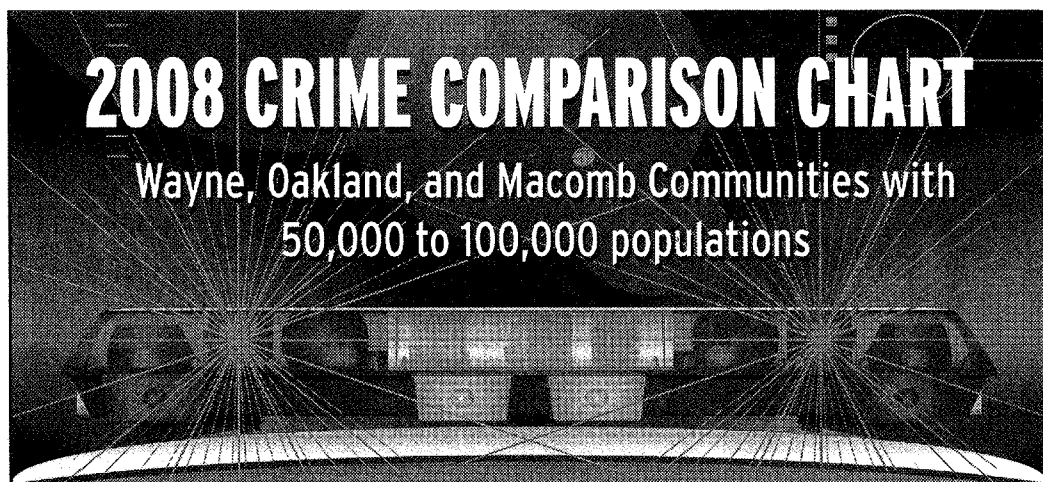
Gagan said she encourages people to beware of potential criminals, particularly amid an economic downturn that can spur higher crime rates. She said everyone, even in the safest communities, needs to take precautions such as locking their doors and windows.

"I think we've all become just a little bit more aware of what's going on around us," she said. "I don't like people walking too close behind me, and I keep my purse in an area that I know is going to be safe."

Santomauro praised the Canton police and community at large for maintaining a comparably low crime rate.

"It is a compliment to the organization and the community that our crime rates have remained low throughout the past year of economic and demographic changes," he said.

For more information on Canton's public safety programs and statistics, log on to www.cantonpublicsafety.org or call the police community relations office at (734) 394-5424.



Overall Crime Ranking	Community	Population	Violent Crimes*	Per 1,000 Residents	Property Crimes*	Per 1,000 Residents	Total Crimes*	Per 1,000 Residents
3	Canton	84,506	120	1.42	1,546	18.29	1,666	19.71
11	Clinton Twp.	96,315	328	3.41	2,494	25.89	2,822	29.30
15	Dearborn	87,482	385	4.40	4,350	49.72	4,735	54.13
12	Dearborn Hgts.	52,538	208	3.96	1,396	26.57	1,604	30.53
6	Farmington Hills	78,602	144	1.83	1,621	20.62	1,765	22.45
8	Livonia	92,329	132	1.43	2,103	22.78	2,235	24.21
9	Novi	54,980	64	1.16	1,304	23.72	1,368	24.88
16	Pontiac	66,366	1,253	18.88	2,539	38.26	3,792	57.14
5	Royal Oak	57,098	113	1.98	1,144	20.04	1,257	22.02
4	St. Clair Shores	60,335	137	2.27	1,148	19.03	1,285	21.30
2	Shelby Twp.	72,030	108	1.50	1,181	16.40	1,289	17.90
14	Southfield	75,024	507	6.76	3,068	40.89	3,575	47.65
7	Troy	80,491	94	1.17	1,852	23.01	1,946	24.18
10	Waterford	70,676	232	3.28	1,822	25.78	2,054	29.06
1	West Bloomfield	63,993	45	0.70	858	13.41	903	14.11
13	Westland	79,944	431	5.39	2,643	33.06	3,074	38.45
	Averages Per 1,000 Residents			3.72		26.09		29.81

*Crime and population figures obtained from FBI's 2008 Year - End Report.

CRIME WATCH

Police nab suspected champagne thief

A woman accused of stealing three bottles of champagne from a Canton CVS store was captured after she briefly fled from police.

The incident began about 2:45 a.m. last Friday at the CVS store on Cherry Hill east of Canton Center Road. A manager notified police of a woman who left the store with bottles of champagne in her purse, after she was told it was too late to buy them.

When approached by a store manager, the woman said she had earlier bought the champagne and had the receipt in her car, but she fled in her vehicle rather than return with the receipt.

Police arrived and tried to stop the woman as she left the parking area, but she eluded them until she finally pulled over at Lotz and Douglas.

Tree fall

Police and fire personnel responded to reports that a man had fallen about 20 feet from a tree just before 6 p.m. Saturday on Canton Center Road, north of Warren.

Personnel arrived to find the man lying in the grass under a tree, near a large branch, a ladder and a chainsaw.

The man was talking and moving his limbs, according to police, but he appeared disoriented. He was taken to a hospital for treatment.

Stolen van

A woman who parked her van in the area of Ford Road east of Lotz told police it was stolen between 1:50 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

The woman parked her Ford Econoline van when she had gone to work. She described it as white with silver stripes on the back, and she said it had lettering on it that read "707 Conversion." She also said the van had a Shrine Circus license plate on the front.

A police report indicated that a similar van had been

broken into around the same time in the parking lot of the nearby Emagine theater.

Grand Prix swiped

A man went to the Canton police station to file a report stating his 2006 Pontiac Grand Prix had been stolen between 12:30 p.m. last Friday and 7 p.m. Sunday while it was parked on Stacy, northeast of Palmer and Haggerty.

The man told police he was visiting a friend and had gone to Grand Rapids when the car was stolen. He said he had locked the vehicle and taken the keys with him.

Jewelry heist

A woman reported that jewelry was stolen from her home and the contents of her garbage can had been dumped in her kitchen oven of her home on Edenbrooke, northeast of Cherry Hill and Lilley. She said her garbage can also was missing.

The woman noticed the vandalism and missing items on Monday morning, after she and her son earlier found the front door of the home unlocked. The woman said it was unusual the door would be unlocked.

Trailer screening

A woman who lives on Mott, east of Ridge and north of Michigan Avenue, told police she was sitting on her porch when she noticed a man standing at a nearby residence with a window screen in his hands about 11 p.m. last Friday. She noticed him talking to someone else inside the mobile home.

The woman said she then saw someone walk up from the other side of the trailer, and then both of the men walked away.

Police arrived and eventually talked to a man who lived at the residence, who said he left a window unlocked but it appeared nothing had been taken.

- Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports

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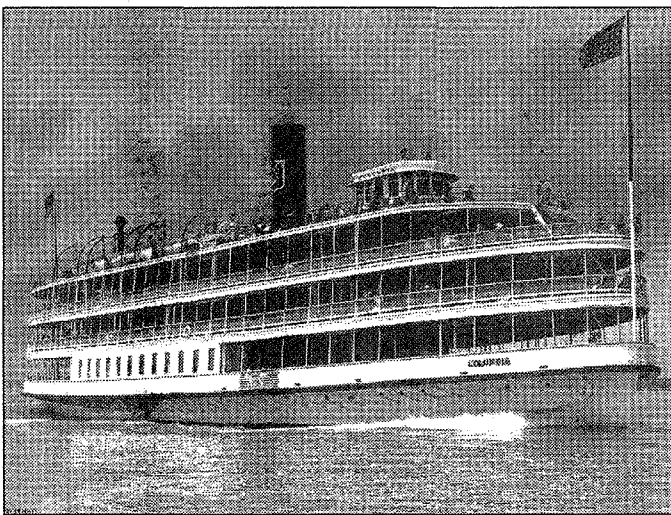
Remember riding the boat to Bob-Lo Island? Remember the names of those two boats?

One was the Ste. Clair, the other Columbia. The former is no more, but the latter is now the focus of the SS Columbia Project, committed to restoring the National Historic Landmark Vessel to its former glory.

Plymouth and Canton residents can relive those memories at the project's first official fund-raising event, a cruise on the Detroit River aboard the M.V. Friendship, 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19.

The event will celebrate the beginning of work on the ship and to raise awareness and resources for the full restoration of the SS Columbia, the Bob-Lo boat that plied the waters of the Detroit River for 89 years.

From 19-year-old deck-hand to full Captain of the Columbia, Captain Art Herrala will be on board to share 43 seasons of life stories, including, finding



Noted marine photographer Bill Taylor took this photo of the SS Columbia during the interwar period.

the love of his life because of the Columbia. Joel Stone of the Detroit Historical Society, who crewed as a DJ aboard the Columbia, is compiling music for the cruise to span the 89 years of the ship's journeys to Bob-Lo Island.

Guests are invited to bring their own memorabilia, share memories,

and reminisce about this magnificent floating time machine as they dine on pizza delivered by the J.W. Westcott II mail boat and view both the Columbia and its sister ship, the Ste. Claire. Guests will have the opportunity, if they would like, to share their memories on camera for the benefit of generations to come.

Participants will begin their journey back in time steps from where the Columbia was launched 107 years earlier.

The Friendship will depart from the dock behind the Portofino Restaurant, 3455 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte. The dock adjoins the site where the Columbia was built in 1902. Boarding will begin at 1:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$30 per person. Additional information about the cruise and the SS Columbia can be found at www.sscolumbia.org or by calling (212) 228-3128.

Built in 1902, the Columbia is America's oldest surviving passenger steamship, and one of only two remaining works by one of our greatest naval architects, Detroit native Frank E. Kirby. Donations to the project can be made by calling (248) 546-9712, electronically at www.sscolumbia.org or by sending a check to SS Columbia Project, 1574 Westbrook Dr., Madison Heights MI 48071.

W-W seeks line of credit to cover costs

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

No one is immune to Michigan's poor economy and getting paid late just adds to the cash flow problem.

That's the situation causing the Wayne-Westland Board of Education to authorize the administration to seek a \$6 million line of credit. The money won't be borrowed unless necessary.

"More than 50 percent of Michigan school districts are in the situation of borrowing. We've avoided doing it for 10 or 12 years," said Gary Martin, deputy superintendent of administrative and business services.

The district has been drawing down its fund balance — effectively a savings account — for several years, Martin said, leaving it currently at \$10 million or 9 percent of the general fund budget.

The state's change of its fiscal

year to an Oct. 1 start means the school districts don't receive a state aid payment until three months after the start of their fiscal year. As a result, Martin said the district can have a cash flow problem, hence the need for the line of credit.

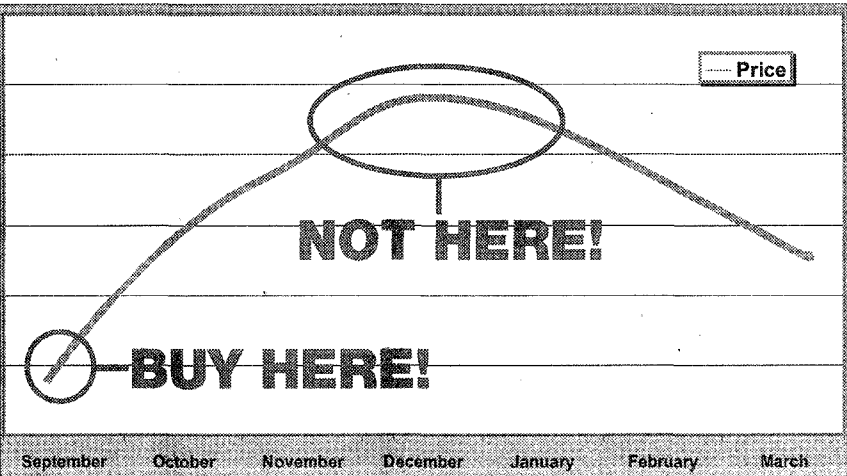
"We run many federal programs that require funding and then we get reimbursement," Martin said. "There are two ways to borrow. We could borrow from the state, but the line of credit will be more cost-effective. The problem is that the state gives you the money in a lump sum. With the line of credit, we can borrow only what we need at intermittent times."

The district won't borrow on the line of credit unless it becomes necessary, Martin said.

"In 2000, the state was on the same fiscal year as the us, but was having financial and cash flow problems," he said. "They put that problem on the schools by changing their fiscal year."

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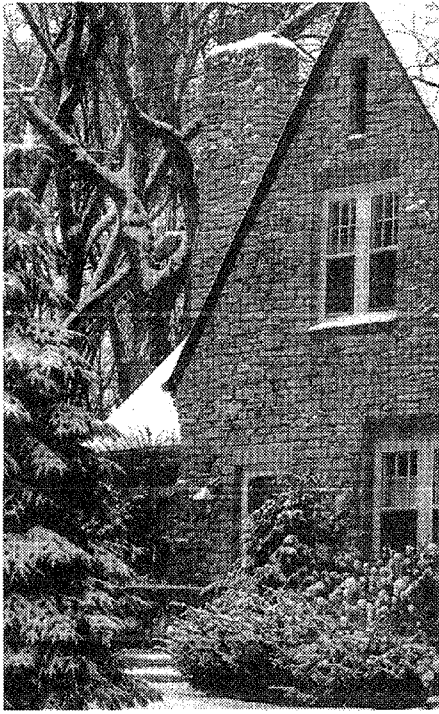
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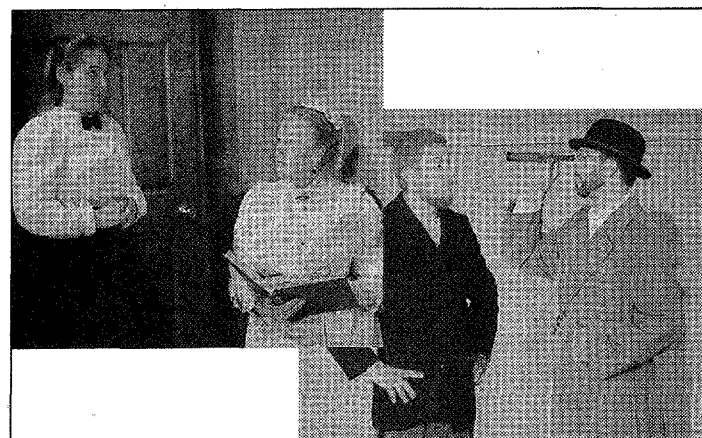
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Barefoot fund-raiser

Plymouth-based Barefoot Productions hosts its first garage sale fund-raiser, with a selection of furniture, children's items, household goods, holiday decor, clothing and more, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 25-26 at the former Walker-Buzenberg building, 240 N. Main (near the railroad tracks), in Plymouth. Barefoot Productions, now in its fourth season, hosts the garage sale in conjunction with its fall production, "The Good Doctor," which opens Oct. 8. For more information about Barefoot Productions, visit www.justgobarefoot.com or call (734) 582-9688.

Plymouth-based Core Sport Pilates Fitness Studio sponsors a charity golf outing Sunday, Oct. 4, at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center to benefit Ian Flannigan, who suffers from a brain stem lesion.

Proceeds will cover travel expenses for Ian's continued rehabilitation at Johns Hopkins. Ian travels to the Kennedy Krieger Institute, located on the Johns Hopkins Medical Campus, 3-4 times per year.

Four years ago, Ian Flannigan was living the life of a normal 11-year-old boy when he suddenly started complaining about his neck hurting when shopping one day with his family.

Within the hour, he was on the couch in so much pain that his parents, Lisa and Brian, rushed him to the nearest

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health care facility. After several tests, Ian was diagnosed with a brain stem lesion which has left him very weak and unable to walk without assistance.

The family says Ian's goal is to walk independently again someday and "maybe even ride a bike and play soccer - all of the normal things that teenagers do." To make this possible, Ian has received strength and flexibility training from Core Sport in Plymouth and physical therapy from the Detroit Medical Center, when he is not traveling to the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore, Md.

Ian started attending Core Sport in April after his mother met Jaime White, Core Sport

owner, when she was shopping downtown and passed by the studio. Because of Ian's determination, White was inspired to plan a golf outing for him.

"We are very fortunate to work with such a great kid like Ian," White said. "He inspires all of us through his determination. I am very proud to have Core Sport involved on his road to recovery."

The feeling is mutual. Lisa Sullivan, Ian's mother, said she's "delighted to have Ian attend Core Sport. She believes "Jaime and Ian work well together and that the training has given him a better outlook."

Currently, Ian attends Core Sport once or twice per week.

Best and brightest

Community Financial, headquartered in Plymouth,

has been named for the fourth consecutive year as one of "Metropolitan Detroit's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For." The credit union was one of the top companies selected, from more than 1,000 nominations and over 400 applications submitted. The annual award and program is presented by the Michigan Business and Professional Association (MBPA).

"We are proud to acknowledge the commitment, mutual respect and superior member service of all our team members who made this award possible," said Bill Lawton, Community Financial's president and CEO. "Also our ongoing training programs, leadership development and decision making processes help us maintain a talented and dedicated team."

The award program was established to honor companies that recognize employees as their greatest asset. Participants are required to fill out an extensive survey and winners are selected based on independent research that evaluates each entry on a variety of best practices in human resource management.

Healthy living fair

Heartland Health Care Centers presents a free "Healthy Living Fair" 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Sept. 22, at the Canton Summit On the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

The event will celebrate National Rehab Awareness Week and will feature exercise specialist with equipment demonstrations; information on home health services; durable equipment products, healthy cooking demonstrations; free blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol screenings; hearing and low-vision testing; and much more.

Educational presentations will be featured throughout the event. Experts will also present information on fall prevention. A complimentary breakfast and refreshments will be provided.

"We hope the community will take advantage of the free services and educational presentations," said Laura Ross, Admission Director, Heartland Health Care Center-Canton. "With the wide range of partners participating, we're confident that there will be something for everyone. Helping people remain at home is what we're all about. It should be a lot of fun."

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Peace candles

Students from Dearborn Heights Montessori Center, Livonia Montessori Center and Plymouth-Canton Montessori School will participate in the United Nations' International Day of Peace Monday by joining other Montessori students from around the world to sing "Light a Candle for Peace." For 24 hours and beginning in New Zealand, the song will be sung around the world.

"Each of our schools has been given a designated time to sing," said Kay Neff, founder of Dearborn Heights Montessori and its satellite schools in Livonia and Canton. "The Montessori curriculum emphasizes the concepts of peace and respect for one another, and participation in this special day is very meaningful for our students and staff."

Established by a U.N. resolution in 1982, International Day of Peace is celebrated every September 21. Over the years, "Peace Day" has grown to include millions of people around the world who participate in all kinds of activities and events.

For additional information, visit www.dhmontessori.org. To hear the song, visit the Web site www.shelleymurley.com/singpeace.htm

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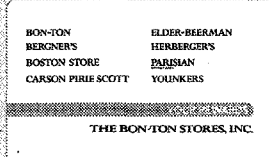
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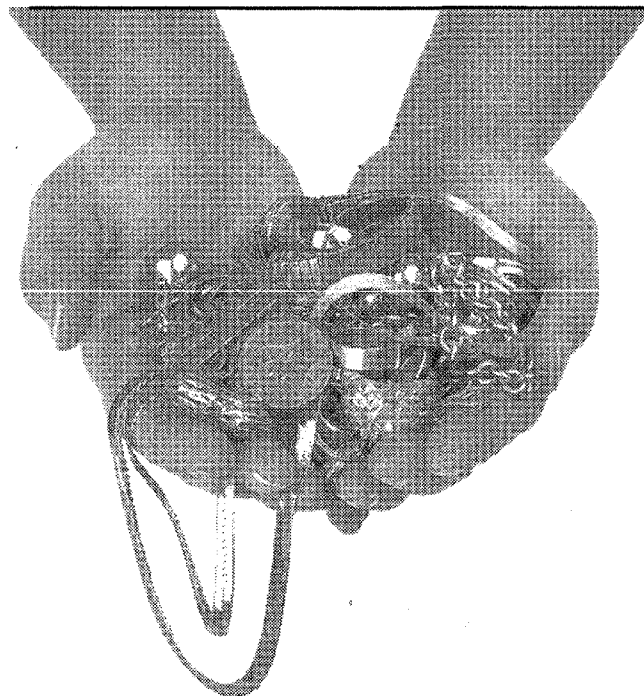
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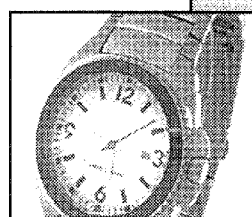
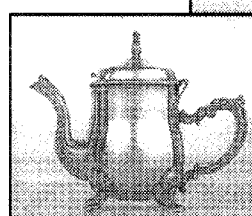
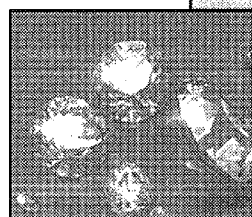
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Jeff Fitzsimons polishes the window of Darlene Looney's 1953 GMC pickup truck, which was on hand for the antique car show at Fall Festival.

Weather, chicken fans bless 54th Fall Festival

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sunshine, hungry crowds and busy carnival rides added up to a successful weekend for the 54th annual Plymouth Community Fall Festival.

Attendance was up over last year, judging from ride ticket sales, and the Rotary Club of Plymouth, which began the festival tradition in the 1950s with an annual chicken barbecue, sold out of 10,400 chicken dinners on Sunday.

"As the weather goes, so goes the festival," said Colleen Brown, festival committee president. "We couldn't ask for better weather."

Community groups new to the festival reported being pleased with their festival fund-raising efforts, and some of the artisans and crafters with booths on Union Street said it was their best event of the season, Brown said.

"I thought Friday and Saturday nights the park (Kellogg Park) was extremely full. Everybody was having fun, too," Brown said.

"Any time we sell out it is a huge success for us," said Paul Opdyke of the Rotary's chicken barbecue committee. "It was an excellent day, beautiful weather.

We couldn't ask for a better day or a better crowd."

Opdyke said the Rotary's proceeds from the barbecue hadn't yet been totaled. The barbecue is the festival's signature event and a major Rotary fund-raiser. About 700 volunteers assisted in the barbecue, he said.

Brown said there were no incidents at the festival, aside from a few bee stings, which is "standard." This year, she said, the festival won some television air time on WXYZ Channel 7.

"It was different for us, and that was fun," she said.

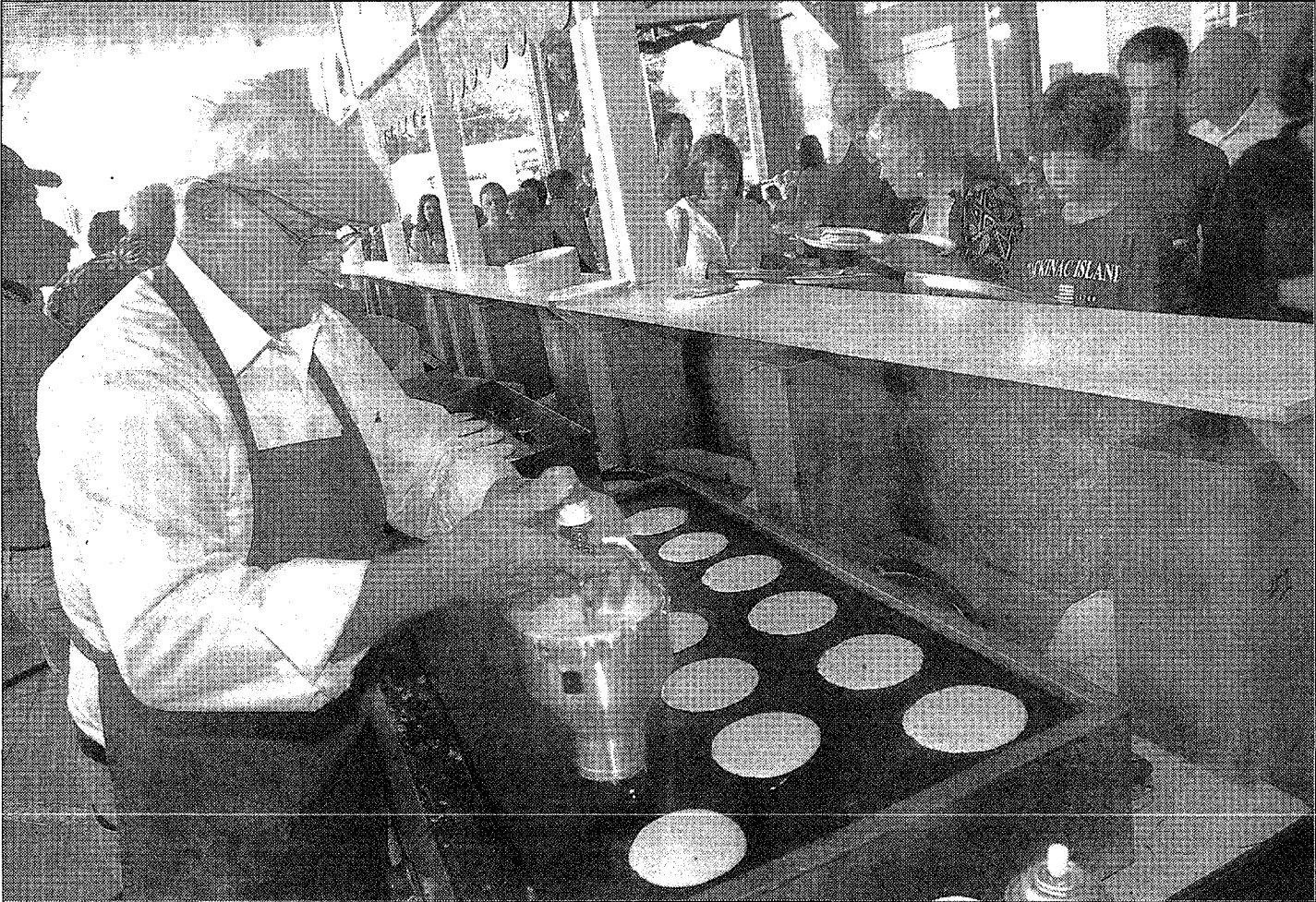
The nice weather also brought out the show and antique cars, which were displayed on Penniman and on Main. "We filled up both streets, which doesn't always happen," Brown said.

Alexander Condit, 8, of Plymouth, was at the festival for the rides on Friday afternoon.

"They seem to enjoy it," said his mother, Dana, who had two younger children, Adam and Anya, in tow. She said she regularly takes the family to Plymouth events.

"It just was a great weekend all around," said Brown.

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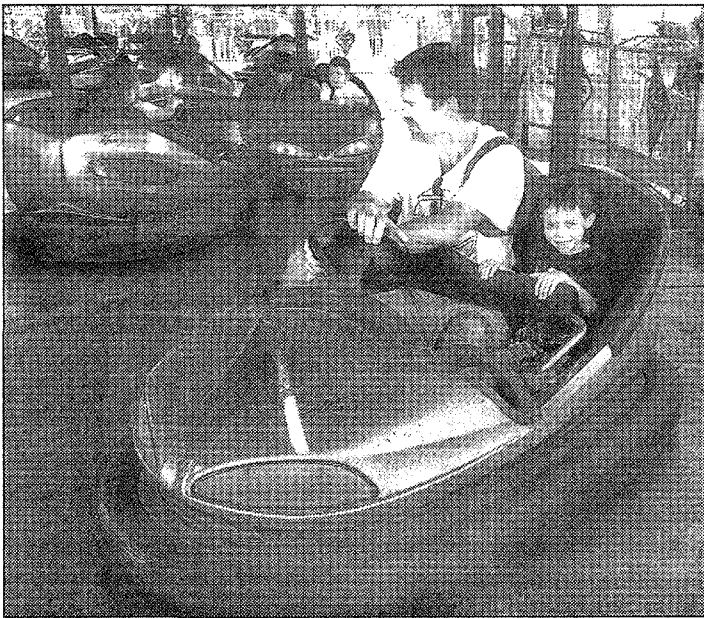
Saturday morning at Plymouth Fall Festival means Kiwanis pancakes, and Kiwanian Jim Vermeulen took his turn on griddle duty.



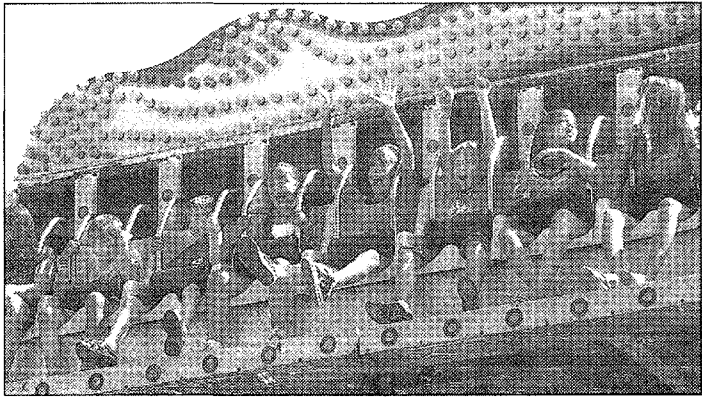
Lori Slevin, daughter Kiley Slevin and their Miniature Schnauzer, Zeus, wait to compete in the "shortest tail" competition at the Optimist Club's Pet Show.



At the Trailwood Garden Club Perennial Trade, Barbara Bray gives Coreopsis to fellow gardener Chris Rodzik.



Dad Rob Church is at the wheel of the dodge 'em scooter car so Brendan Church hangs on. Father and son are both from Plymouth.



Riders enjoy the thrills of the 1001 Nights ride during Plymouth's Fall Festival.

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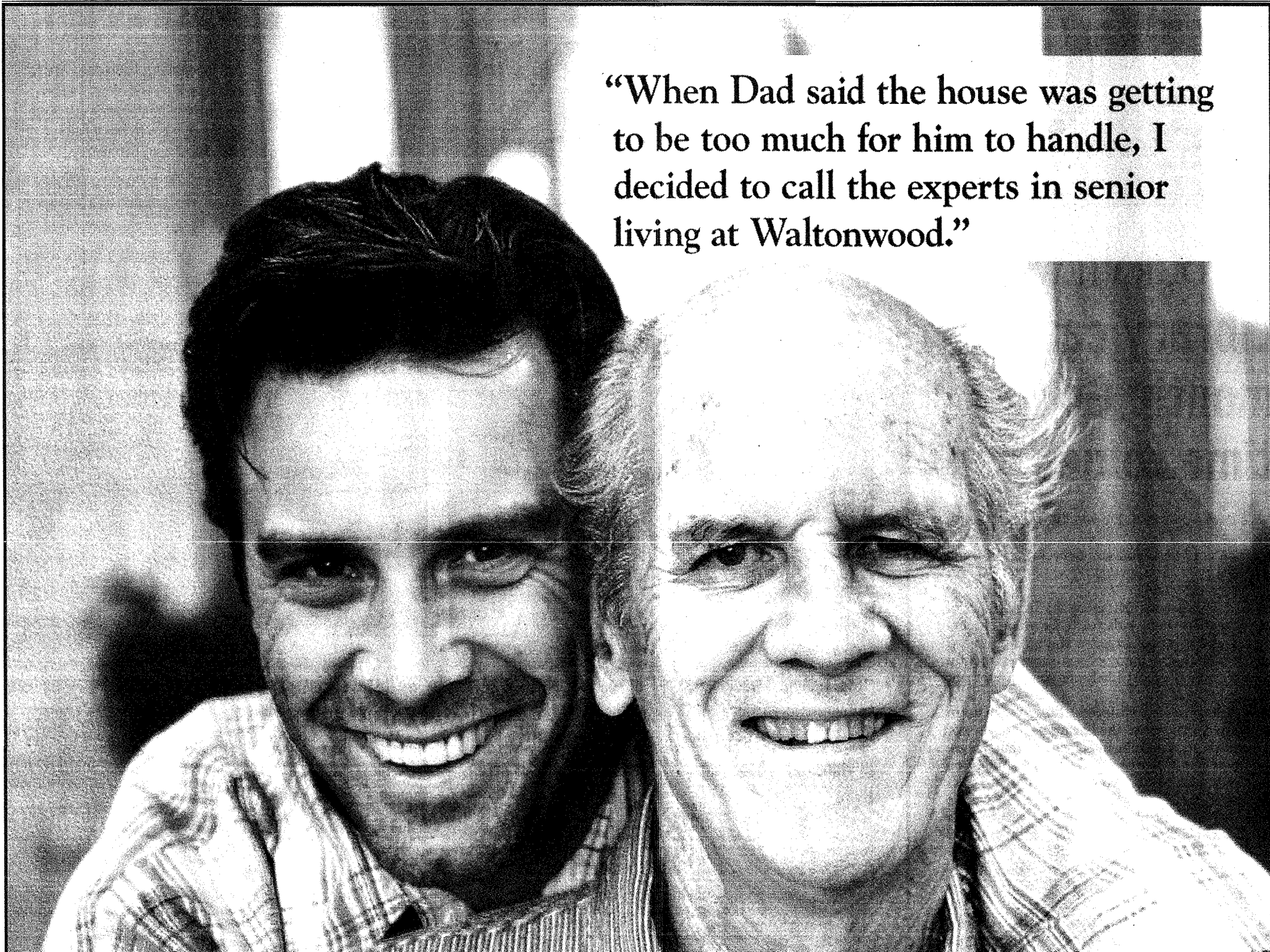
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OUR VIEWS

Library card month: Good time to get one

We have a question: Do you know what month it is?

You're correct if you say September, but you would be even more correct if you said it's Library Card Sign-up Month.

We know parents just spent the better part of August getting their kids ready for school, stocking up on the school supplies students will need this year. But how many of you thought about a library card? It's most likely the most important school supply of all.

Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning. You need only look to the growing number of adults who have turned to their local library to use computers to look for work, prepare resumes, or check out books to enhance their skill to realize how important a library card is.

Big or small, libraries are an important part of the community, not because of the books, magazines, newspapers, CDs and DVDs they make available to the public but their ability to put the world at your fingertips. For kids, the library is great place to get help with homework, to check out books, play games or use the Internet.

Here's a short list of things you can do at your library:

- Check out your favorite graphic novel.
- Attend preschool story hour with your child.
- Research the purchase of a new car.
- Travel to another planet in a sci-fi novel or on the Internet at pds.jpl.nasa.gov/planets/ornineplanets.org.
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ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

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

• In response to recent letters to the editor:

MrScott wrote:

"In response to the article 'Boy Scouts Robbed', how can the people help replace what was taken? Was never a Boy Scout, but know several good people that were. It is truly a worthy cause!"

clenstornado wrote:

"In response to 'New Beginning' I commend the 'three rookie trustees' for their support of the new ethics policy. What about the 4th trustee, Supervisor, Treasurer and Clerk? Yes I know they voted in favor of the new policy, but do they truly support it? I wonder? I find it interesting that the township attorney who drew up this new policy was on the receiving end of some of the e-mails that came from our former supervisors office. What were his thoughts when he received these communications then? Were they not just as unethical then as they would be now? As the townships legal advisor I would have thought he would have said something at that time.

MikeAndro wrote:

"In response to Tea'd Off, clever by the way, we need the Canton Observer and Eccentric to remain a vibrant newspaper or we are all losers. I am not sure how much advance promotion was done for the three 'tea parties', but I was not aware that they were occurring. As far as not getting any coverage from the O & E, was any advance notice provided? You wrote that the paper is not honest and unbiased. I don't feel this is true about the Observer, but the media as a whole is out of control about offering it's opinions. I, for one, need the media to give me the accurate story and facts!"

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Would you leave Michigan if you could, and why or why not?



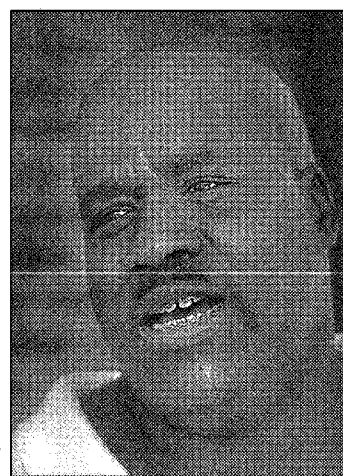
"Yes, I would. I would move to Tennessee tomorrow if I could. ... I would love to be in Tennessee. I have family there."

Lori O'Brady
Garden City



"Big debate. My wife wants to. She hates the (winter) weather. I hate it. ... Family and friends keep us here."

Kevin Riley
Canton Township



"We'll see. I'm just trying to hang in there. I'm the last of the Mohicans. ... I'm pursuing a business endeavor here, though. ... We're going to come back. ... It just won't be the same."

William Wall
Plymouth



"No. Because I grew up here and all my family's here. There's no reason to leave."

Sheri Rogers
Plymouth Township

LETTERS

No more Steps

Of course the board was willing to approve the current contract for a year. The teachers did not have to give-up anything. Not only did the teachers not give-up anything, but also continued step raises.

We need IMMEDIATELY to get rid of the Step raises! What about teachers participating in contributions to offset health care cost? What about reductions in pensions? What about reductions in sick days? What about reductions in holiday pay?

Everyone is losing some if not all of their benefits; what makes the teachers so special? We need a long-term teachers contract with decreases in overall benefits, or elimination of benefits.

Do what the auto companies have done. Get rid of ALL current teachers and administrators, and hire new college grads at much lower salaries, and less benefits. There are a lot of unemployed teachers that will work for a lot less money, and less benefits.

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education needs to get a clear message to reduce their cost, and STOP playing games. Taxpayers are tired of paying for lack of accountability from over paid teachers and administrators.

Things MUST change,

Keith Martin
Plymouth

Exercise caution

For a variety of reasons, individuals often believe adding another person's name to a real estate deed is a useful tool. Older individuals frequently believe adding their children's names to title will avoid the perceived burdens of probate court after they die. Individuals in relationships often add a partner's names to real estate as a modern substitute for marriage.

"Joint Tenancy with Rights of Survivorship" (JTWROS) is one form of real estate ownership in Michigan that is commonly used when adding a name to title. Rarely, however, is it properly understood. Even real estate professionals often lack complete knowledge of JTWROS, which leads to poor client counseling and potentially dangerous results down the road.

JTWROS is considered "indestructible" in Michigan. To illustrate how it acquired this description, let us consider a common scenario. Mom has a falling out with her daughter, Jane. She adds her son, Bob, to her house title as a JTWROS. She later reconciles with Jane and no longer wants her to be cut out of receiving part of her home when she dies. Since Bob is now a JTWROS, she must obtain Bob's cooperation to accomplish her wishes. She may not independently act to insure Jane will share ownership of the home upon her death. She also may not sell the property or borrow against it without Bob's consent. She has truly lost independence over her home by adding Bob as a JTWROS.

The same restrictions would apply in other types of relationships. For instance, consider Jack, who has owned a condominium for many years alone. He becomes involved with a girlfriend, Mary, who eventually moves in. If Jack adds Mary to title as a JTWROS, and the relationship later ends, Bob will find himself in a precarious arrangement. Bob's property upon his death will always go to Mary, unless she voluntarily executes a deed back to Bob.

Moreover, Mary will have to consent to any sale or financing of the property. Bob may attempt a costly and difficult partition action in court to solve his dilemma, but complete legal victories are never assured, which is compounded by the indestructible nature of JTWROS.

Additionally, many people mistakenly believe that JTWROS offers real estate protection

against creditors. A married couple's real estate, which is known as Tenants by the Entireties, does allow protection from the separate debts of a spouse. Many individuals falsely believe the same is true for JTWROS. However, The Michigan Judgment Lien Act, however, makes no such exception for JTWROS. Section 6018 of the Act clearly states all interests in real estate are attachable by a judgment creditor.

Revisiting our example of Bob and Mary, if Bob adds Mary as a JTWROS to his condo, and a money judgment is acquired against Mary, a judgment lien may be placed on Bob's condominium since she is a shared owner in the property. The judgment lien will remain in full effect until Mary dies. This means if Bob wishes to sell or borrow against the property during Mary's lifetime, he will be faced first with resolving Mary's money judgment.

Michigan's JTWROS is a viable form of ownership that does serve legitimate purposes. If unmarried people equally invest in property, for example, JTWROS may be a fair and reasonable option to protect their interests.

In the end, it is always up to individual property owners to choose options with which they feel most comfortable. However, having a comprehensive understanding of JTWROS is critical in determining if it is the right choice for one's personal circumstances.

Maggie Lourdes, Esq.
Plymouth

Center continues outreach

In her Sept. 3 letter to the editor, titled "Triumph and tragedy," Joan M. Farrell expressed concern over the closing of the Women's Boutique at Schoolcraft College. She labels the closing a "tragedy" and asks the question, "Should we not be reaching out and extending a second hand rather than closing up shop completely?"

The fact is, Schoolcraft College is continuing this outreach, using an approach that upholds the Boutique's tradition of caring while offering the potential to serve even more people.

Over the years, many women have turned to Schoolcraft College to receive the education they need to begin a new career. For some of them, paying for school and taking care of their families meant that there was little money left over for purchasing that much-needed new outfit to wear to job interviews. The Boutique offered them quality used and donated clothing, as well as caring volunteers to help them with selection. The idea was to send the women into the job market looking great and knowing that the college cares about them.

The Boutique required a large time commitment among volunteers and staff to receive, sort and organize the clothing, and it required women to come to the Radcliff Center at specified times. The new approach takes the College out of the business of managing an inventory of clothing but retains the most important benefits of the program: Access to free clothing and personal attention from caring volunteers.

Under the new approach, \$50 Kohl's or other store gift cards are being purchased with funds raised from Women's Giving Circles, our annual Spaghetti Dinner and other fundraisers. Criteria are being established for determining which students can benefit from the program. The \$50 amount was chosen because it is enough to purchase clothing suitable for the workplace. Volunteers also will be available to serve as professional shoppers.

The previous model served approximately 60 women per year during selected months when the Boutique could be staffed by volunteers. The new model will make the benefits of the Boutique accessible to both men and women

year-round. Meanwhile, the clothing that had been in the Boutique inventory has been donated to Jackets for Jobs, Lighthouse and The Women's Center of Southeastern Michigan, charities that maintain active inventories of professional attire for individuals entering the job market.

We are proud to be able to retain the noble works of the Boutique in a manner that focuses on helping students in an efficient and effective manner.

Stacey Stover
Director of the Transitions Center
Schoolcraft College

No puppy mills

Bob Barker's message has been around a long time: "Have your pet spayed or neutered." So why do we have so many dogs coming into the shelters?

Yes, we have a lot of families in hardship, but the real problem is over population. We have too many breeders mass producing dogs. The pet trade has created this huge demand for small breeds, designer dogs, teacups with the Pet Stores leading the way.

Not only are they pumping dogs into our communities, but they are also selling sick dogs that will rack up big vet bills. Buyers beware. Detroit has approximately 20 licensed Pet Stores. Most all of them (15) have records showing they are not working with "local breeders" (source: PetShopPuppies.org). They are working with out-of-state commercial breeding operations everyone is calling puppy mills.

Petland-Nov, Petland-Westland, The Family Puppy-Nov, Family of Pets-Roseville, Family of Pets-Troy and Westland Dog Food Company (yes, them too) have the most reported sick dogs.

They are sick because they come from puppy mills where breeding dogs are kept for years in cages without proper or any vet care. Sometimes they are bred every cycle until they can no longer "produce." They are then killed, abandoned or sold to another mill. There is no socialization or human companionship. All of these conditions make for many unhealthy litters.

I find it interesting that the Pet Stores will not provide breeder information until you buy the dog. Why is that? I want to know where my next family member is coming from, especially if I am spending over \$1,000 on the dog.

Don't be fooled when they say "Our puppies come with a health certificate from a licensed veterinarian." This only means that the puppy has had a very brief "wellness" examination by a veterinarian. It does not include testing the parents for genetic disorders, or for diseases such as Giardia and Brucellosis which are contagious to humans.

So if you are looking for a dog, stay far away from the Pet Stores. All you need to know is, reputable breeders do not sell to pet stores. You can check the breed clubs code of ethics and most of them state they do not work with pet stores.

What you can do?

Do not rescue a dog from a pet store. They will just fill the cage with another poor puppy. Rescue from your local shelter instead. It just feels good! There are plenty of no-kill shelters and some even have purebreds. If you have your heart set on a purebred, there are many purebred rescue groups you can find on Petfinder.com.

September 19th is Puppy Mill Awareness Day. Groups around the country will be holding events to educate the public about puppy mills. The Southeast Detroit Meetup group is having a Memorial Rally at the Westland Petland from 1-4 p.m.

Leroy Brown
Plymouth

Wine and roses at Plymouth Ladies Night Out

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

If you've had your eye on Kid Rock's Made in Detroit clothing line, tonight's the time to buy.

GiGi's Mode will offer 10 percent off Made in Detroit merchandise during Ladies Night Out, happening 5-10 p.m. tonight throughout the streets of downtown Plymouth.

The trendy boutique is among dozens of shops, salons and restaurants participating in the annual event presented by the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce.

According to Teri Fry, event manager for the chamber, local businesses are planning all sorts of treats including refreshments, prizes, pampering and great prices.

At GiGi's Mode, located at 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, owner Beverly Whitby has stocked up on extra Made in Detroit merchandise, ranging from signature tees and hoodies to fitted track jackets and military-style hats. But Whitby also hopes to highlight other offerings at her store, like American-made Heart and Crown T-shirts, lightweight Raj scarves, Big Buddha handbags and knee-high scrunch boots by Naughty Monkey.

"We also have a great short suede bootie by Volatile with an open toe," Whitby said.

Around the corner at 294 S. Main St., That's Awesome will feature storewide discounts and an expanded selection of Jack-E-Ohs jewelry. The boutique, attached to Salon Awesome, also will raffle off a



GiGi's Mode will mark down Made in Detroit merchandise during Plymouth's Annual Ladies Night Out tonight.

gift basket stocked with \$200 worth of merchandise.

At Sean O'Callaghan's Public House, 821 Penniman Ave., Ladies Night Out happens to coincide with the tavern's annual Halfway to St. Patty's Day Party.

"That's automatically going to be a big party right there," said owner Kevin Khashan.

In honor of the occasion are \$5 Corned Beef Melts, \$3 whiskeys, \$4 Guinness drafts and live music by the Sean O'Reilly Band. Ladies also can take advantage of Thursday Happy Hour prices from 3 p.m. to close, including \$3 drafts, \$4 wine and half-off select appetizers like Scotch Eggs, Calamari,

Cheeseburger Sliders and Spinach Dip.

Fry said Ladies Night Out has been extremely popular the past five years and she doesn't expect the sagging economy to put a damper on attendance.

In fact, hours have been extended in anticipation of the crowds.

"It's great for the retailers. It brings lots of people into town," Fry said.

Every guest is invited to stop by the Chamber of Commerce at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, where Mr. 48170 will be passing out free roses provided by Ribar Floral.

"We expect more than 500 ladies having fun with their moms, their cousins, their daughters," Fry said.

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Goodwill sale

Parisian at Laurel Park Place in Livonia will host its semi-annual Goodwill Sale Sept. 16-29. Conducted by The Bon-Ton Stores, Inc. and Goodwill Industries, the event invites customers to donate clean, gently

used clothing and home textiles. In exchange for every item, customers will receive one coupon for 20 percent off apparel and 15 percent off fragrances, cosmetics and home merchandise.

The sale generates millions of pounds of clothing donations sold in more than 2,300 Goodwill stores. Revenue funds job training, employment placement and other community programs for people who need it most in local communities.

Other participating Parisian stores are located at Village of Rochester Hills and The Mall at Partridge Creek in Clinton Township.

Fashion In Detroit

The Motor City will transform into Fashion City during Fashion In Detroit at the Detroit Zoo Oct. 1-2. The event features runway shows by Farmington Hills native Peter Soronen, Troy's Joe Faris of "Project Runway" fame, Betsey Johnson, Femilia Couture, Kevin Christiana, Marlaina Stone, Kevan Hall, Carhartt, DivaGroove and Kid Rock's Made in Detroit. Tickets are \$75 per day. Visit www.fashionindetroit.com.

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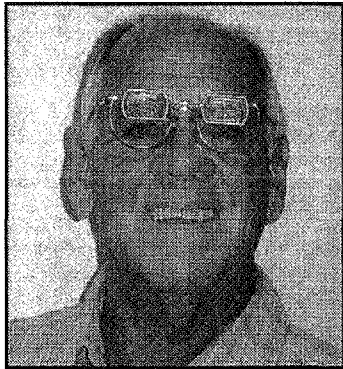
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VICTORY IS SERVED

Efficient Chiefs sweep past Franklin

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As usual, 5-foot, 10-inch outside hitter Jordan Kielty was the go-to person for Canton in Tuesday's varsity volleyball match against Livonia Franklin.

The senior co-captain came through with four-point service runs at the end of both the second and third games and put the icing on the cake as the host Chiefs earned a convincing 25-9, 25-15 and 25-15 win in the KLAA South Division contest.

But Kielty came up big across the board. She wound up with nine kills along with 10 assists and four aces as Canton improved to 2-0-0 overall and in the South. Franklin dropped to 2-5-2 and 0-2-0.

"Jordan Kielty again had the most kills, she is our strongest player and best leader," Canton head coach Mary Kryska said. "She is a person I'll never take out of the game, because even when you put in all your subs like today, you still need that backbone that keeps everybody together."

"And that is pretty much Jordan, so everyone looks to her all the time."

Kielty had a solid supporting cast, too. Canton also featured strong production at the stripe from senior outside hitter Torry Riley (five aces) and senior middle hitter Allison Trapp (five aces).

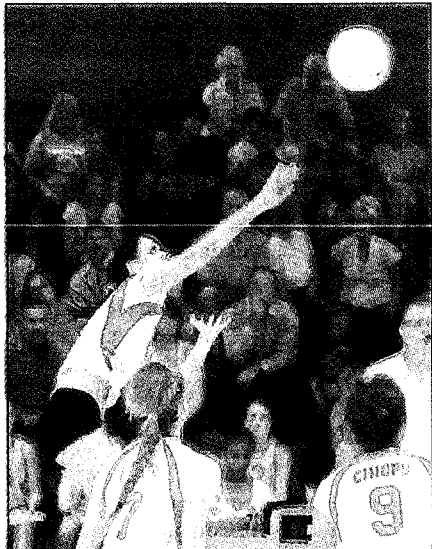
Senior defensive specialist Lauren Masuga, like Riley, also served well and also collected 11 defensive digs to lead in that category.

"It (strong serving) keeps them anticipating every single time," Kryska said. "It keeps us aggressive and keeps our momentum going."

She hopes that will again be the case Thursday, Sept. 24, when the Chiefs visit division rival Livonia Churchill. The match could determine which team gains an upper hand in the division.

Meanwhile, the Chiefs' long serving stints all night kept the Patriots on their collective heels, Franklin head coach Linda Jimenez said.

"When they served it to us, we couldn't receive (well)," Jimenez said. "We couldn't pass the ball to get our offense going."



Up in the air and ready to block for Canton during Tuesday's match against Franklin is sophomore outside hitter Kristen Muir, who has support from senior Jordan Kielty (No. 7) and junior Tori denBoer (No. 9).

"But when they serve that many serves in a row consistently, I give a lot of credit to (Canton's) servers."

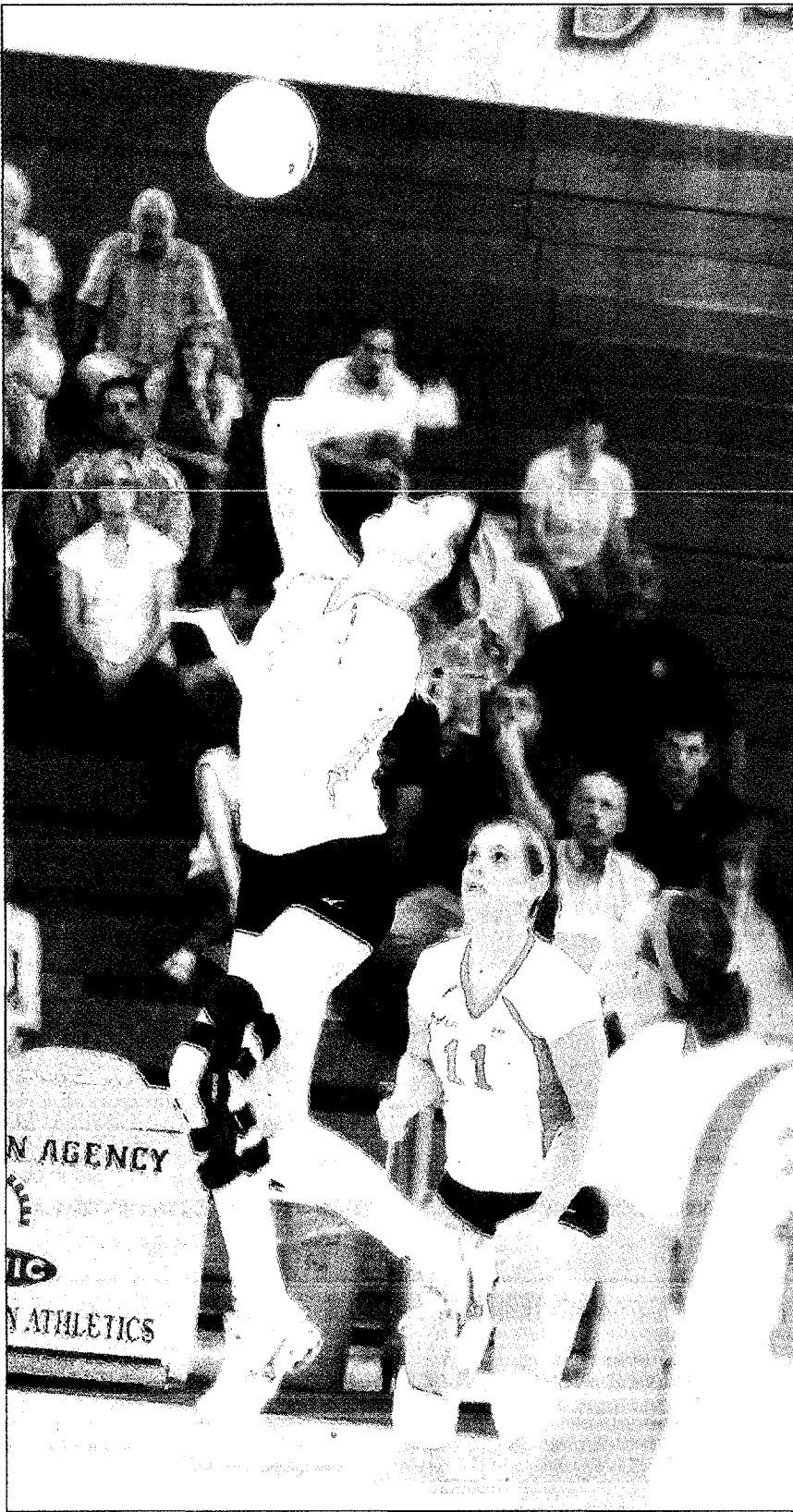
Franklin's top performers for the night included seniors Liz Hollaway (four blocks, three aces, five digs) and Savannah Haig (four blocks) and sophomore Nicole Williamson (six digs).

"I thought we blocked well," Jimenez added, looking for positives to build on.

Aggressive serving and improved communication during the match were other key elements to the triumph, stressed Canton's Kryska.

"We definitely came out aggressive serving yet again, just like our last match against (Westland) John Glenn," Kryska said. "We also communicated a lot better this time, which is something we've been working on a lot in practice."

Other players sparking the victory for the Chiefs included sophomore outside hitter Kristen Muir (six kills, nine digs) and senior setter Traci Breitmeyer (seven digs, 10 assists).



Hammering the ball toward the Livonia Franklin side of the net Tuesday night is Canton senior Jordan Kielty, while teammate Jackie Waite (No. 11) watches.

PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

GAME WRAPS

Motor City Giants

Tryouts for the Motor City Giants 9U competitive travel baseball team continue from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday on the baseball fields located behind UAW Local 735, at 48055 Michigan Ave. in Canton (just west of Beck Road).

The Giants participate in the KVBSA league and several tournaments with the basic objective to allow players the opportunity to improve skills, gain confidence and have fun.

For more information, call coach Eric Justice at (734) 846-5418 or e-mail him at madtyreag@wowway.com.

Call in those scores

Each result on the high school varsity level is critical for every team in its season-long drive toward achieving its goals. Thus, the *Observer Newspapers* is your primary source to read about these lofty achievements and the sports staff is here to provide the most thorough information dealing with those events.

In order for this to happen, coaches and statisticians are asked to call Plymouth/Canton Sports Editor Tim Smith at (313) 222-2637 or e-mail him at tsmith@hometownlife.com with scores, individual highlights and comments regarding the latest activity — win or lose, home or away. Results will be compiled and appear in the upcoming edition of the *Plymouth/Canton Observer*.

O&E men's golf

The *Observer & Eccentric* Men's Open golf tournament is scheduled for Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 19-20, at Livonia's Fox Creek and Whispering Willows golf courses.

Entry fee for the 36-hole medal play event is \$95 (cart not included). Maximum handicap is 20 and you must have a current U.S. Golf Association index to participate.

Entries, open to the first 120 who sign up, close at noon Thursday, Sept. 17. (Entry forms should be sent with a check or money order payable to T.J.W., Inc.)

Pairings and starting times will be available after noon Friday, Sept. 18, by calling (248) 476-4493.

Cardinals 9U tryouts

The 9U Canton Cardinals Travel Baseball Team will be holding a third and final tryout 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at Heritage Fields Nos. 1-2. Players should arrive 15 minutes early to get organized and start warming up and are asked to bring baseball equipment and plenty of water.

To be eligible, players must be a resident of Canton, Plymouth, or attend a Plymouth-Canton district school. Players must be 9 years old or younger as of April 30, 2010.

To pre-register, e-mail or call travel baseball commissioner Alan Zidnik: l.zidnik@sbcglobal.net; (734) 397-5739.

Kain scores winner

Albion College controlled the action, but it was extended to overtime for the third time this season as it battled Mount Union College in a non-league women's soccer match Saturday afternoon at Alumni Field.

Unlike the first two matches of the season, when the Britons tied Wittenberg and Wilmington, Rachel Kain (Canton/Canton H.S.) lifted Albion to its first victory of the season when she scored in the 92nd minute.

On football Fridays, all roads lead to PCEP

There was a lot of buzz leading up to last

Friday's football game between Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rivals Canton and Plymouth.

In fact, there was a lot of traffic en route to the sprawling campus as football families, band families and pom-pom families converged on PCEP — not to mention all of the other students, friends and plain old football fans.

Halftime was great, with one performance after another from talented musicians



Tim Smith

and dancers from both high schools crammed into about 10 minutes. Now, the game itself turned out to be a competitive disappointment. Canton, plowing the Turf Field for long run after long run, rolled to a 49-7 victory over the Wildcats.

(By the way, at the same time the Chiefs and Wildcats

renewed acquaintances, Salem played Livonia Stevenson on the other football field at PCEP.)

Chiefs head coach Tim Baechler sounded relieved after it was over, and his team had a 14-0 lead just 75 seconds or so into the KLAA South Division matchup thanks to a pair of TDs by senior running back Adam Payter (who rushed for something like 220 yards, mostly in the first half).

"To be honest with you, I hate this week," Baechler

said after his happy players rushed off to begin enjoying the weekend afterglow before going back to work again Monday. "It's just high emotions, it's a tough week to prepare, everybody wants to get involved."

"It just makes the game a little bit more intense because everyone's so excited about it. I'm glad this week is over."

Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk probably wished the week never happened.

Of course, the 3-0 Chiefs

and 2-1 Wildcats get back to work Friday and teams that can't turn the page — after great weeks or not-so-great weeks — might get into a heap of trouble.

Canton is right back at PCEP against another undefeated rival in Westland John Glenn and the campus should once again be raucous and electric.

It sure was for the Canton-Plymouth game, even with the outcome never in doubt.

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The Salem varsity girls swim team will bank on the ability and leadership of co-captains (from left) Emily Nelson, Kelsey Mathias and Lauren Seroka.

Young Salem leaders jump in

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For Salem varsity girls swim coach Chuck Olson, his 30th season with the squad is having a unique beginning.

With repairs having been done to the home pool, the Rocks had to share facilities elsewhere at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park during impor-

GIRLS SWIM PREVIEW

tant preseason workouts. And the graduation of seven seniors left Olson with a relatively inexperienced squad for 2009.

Of the team's tri-captains, two are underclassmen, a

Please see **SALEM, B5**

'Refresher' course on tap for Plymouth

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two state qualifiers from the 2008 Plymouth varsity girls cross country team graduated.

But that doesn't phase head coach Mary Kerwin. Just ask her whether this is going to be a rebuilding season.

"This year they are saying that it's a rebuilding year for us," Kerwin said. "People talk and I just laugh. We just like to run. I don't like it when coaches use the word 'rebuilding.'"

According to Kerwin, any successful cross country program needs to stay the course. But that's more of a "refresher" than "rebuilding" situation.

"I feel you have to keep building your program every year to keep it successful," Kerwin said. "We have a lot of talented and driven runners on my team and I am always proud to say that I am their coach."

Of course, returning state qualifier Nicole Traites, a sophomore, will be Plymouth's No. 1 runner.

Right behind her will be seniors Kelly Hahn, Paula Green, Julie Forster, junior Britta Swanson, sophomore Tricia Pniewski, freshmen Julie Hahn and Lindsey Gryniwicz, senior Ashley Liakos and sophomores Elyse Gryniwicz and Constadina Manettas.

"We graduated two of our top five runners

from last year," the coach said. "But the team is stepping up to fill the gaps and make us a solid team again this year."

"The girls have been working hard and they all have great attitudes."

Plymouth boys harriers

After finishing 12th last season at the Division 1 state meet, hopes are high for continued success for Plymouth's varsity boys cross country team.

Wildcats head coach Jon Mikosz, who earned Coach of the Year honors last season from the *Observer*, is confident the 2009 team could do one better than 2008, when Plymouth went to the state meet for the second time in its seven-year history.

Top runners Joe Porcari, Matt Neumann, Warren Buzzard, Derek Gielarowski and Stephen Balaze are poised to again lead the Wildcats, already off to a 1-0 start in the KLAA South Division after Tuesday's win over Westland John Glenn.

Other varsity performers include Jimmy Eiben (a tri-captain along with Neumann and Buzzard), Garret Neumann, Jimmy Maciag and Justin Heck.

"I think we are going to have a good year," Mikosz said. "We have the potential to be

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Salem's No. 1 singles player Brett Foster, belting a forehand, came away with a 7-5, 6-3 win Tuesday over Livonia Stevenson's Clayton Northey. The Rocks also won the KLA Central Division match, 7-2.

STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

KLAA's OK

Salem coaches see future for invitational

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's a start, and for that the Salem cross country coaches who organized Saturday's first ever KLAA Invitational are thrilled.

Of course, their teams fared pretty well at Willow Metropark in New Boston, too.

The Salem boys finished sixth out of nine teams (156 points), while the girls (80 points) took a third-place finish (behind first-place Brighton and Livonia Churchill). There were 12 teams in the girls 5K run.

Victorious in the boys 5K run was Canton, with 53 points. The Chiefs had six medalists (top 21), led by Zack Speitzer (sixth, 16:51) and Keith Zech (seventh, 16:52).

"We feel we host a pretty good meet," Salem boys coach Geoff Baker said. "So everyone who comes out will be happy with how the meet (is) run. Hopefully ... it will pick up next year."

Concurring was Salem girls coach Dave Gerlach.

"It was a big success," Gerlach said. "Not as many teams as we'd like, but that's OK for the first year."

Invited were the boys and girls squads from all 24 teams in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, in just its second season after a merger of the old Western Lakes and Kensington Valley conferences.

The coaches hope their idea

of an all-conference invitational will catch on, but realize it will likely take word-of-mouth from this year's event.

Salem also hosts the annual Wayne County Invitational, which will be Saturday, Oct. 10, also at Willow Metropark.

The top two teams in each race received trophies, while the fastest 21 boys and girls earned medals for their efforts.

Baker said positive signs included performances from Jimmy Daniels (17th, with a personal best 17:32) and Steven McEvilly (26th, 17:59).

"We're pleasantly surprised with the way everybody ran," Baker said.

According to Gerlach, "it was a great start to our racing season. We ran as a team and we pack-ran, which really helped our score."

To that end, four of his runners earned medals, spearheaded by Victoria Tripp (eighth, 19:36) and Jordyn Moore (11th, 20:07). Other Salem medalists were freshman Adelaida Jepperson (18th, 20:23) and Autumn Burin (21st, 20:28).

Other Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams at the invite included the Canton and Plymouth girls, finishing in fifth and ninth place, respectively.

Top runners for those squads included Canton's Bianca Kubicki (seventh, 19:31) and Plymouth's Nicole Traitses (19th, 20:26).

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BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

SALEM 7, LIVONIA STEVENSON 2 Sept. 15 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Brett Foster (Salem) defeated Clayton Northey, 7-5, 6-3; **No. 2:** Jacob Scott (Salem) def. Josh Rochette, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 3:** Dion Walker (Salem) def. Kevin Francisco, 6-3, 7-5; **No. 4:** Vince Sabatini (LS) def. John Kang, 6-3, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Brock Foster-Josh Perrin (Salem) def. Josh York-Paul Franchina, 6-2, 6-0;

No. 2: Mike Keum-Andy Steinman (Salem) def. Paul VanGilder-Kyle Fan, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 3:** Kaeman Holman-Rayos-Marcus McConney (LS) def. Cody Hazen-Alex Zultowski, 7-5, 5-7, 12-10 (super tiebreaker); **No. 4:** Zenik Pelekh-Greg Selewski (Salem) def. Lukis Rudis-Jeff Sondergaard, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 5:** Tyler Foley-Elliott Stout (Salem) def. Sean Wallace-Jacob Ratliff, 7-6, 7-5.

Stevenson's dual match record: 4-3 overall, 2-3 KLAA Central Division.

PLYMOUTH 9 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0 Sept. 15 at Plymouth

No. 1 singles: Aaron Zhang (P) defeated Zach Ernat, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Matt Dwan (P) def. Nik Hubbard, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 3:** Andy Mitchell (P) def. Tommy Ruark, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Pat Bailey (P) def. Andrew McGrath, 6-1, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Grant Senkbiel-John Lupus (P) def. Mitch Dean-Khari Stargell, 6-4, 6-1;

No. 2: Drew Leist-Ian Flemming (P) def. Carlo Tejada-Nick Stone, 6-3, 6-0; **No. 3:** John Heize-David Choos (P) def. Connor Monroe-Wayne Woodard, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Cameron Earls-Akash Yerukola (P) def. Shane Wiechert-Jacob Toarmina, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; **No. 5:** Kyle Brzezinski-Kyle Yergenson (P) def. Ion Villaroman-Josh Wakeford, 6-0, 6-1.

Glenn's dual match record: 2-7 overall, 2-4 KLAA South Division.

Plymouth YMCA eyes Liberty Mutual grant

Liberty Mutual will soon donate a \$2,500 Responsible Community Grant to 20 youth sports organizations demonstrating their commitment to doing the right things on and off the playing surface.

The Plymouth Family YMCA is hoping to be one of the recipients.

"The Liberty Mutual Responsible Sports program targets many of the issues we see happening at youth sport-

ing events by shining a positive light on what it means to be a responsible coach and a responsible sports parent," said Greg Gordon, vice president of Consumer Marketing at Liberty Mutual. "Beyond that, Liberty Mutual is making a significant financial contribution to support the efforts of local organizations like Plymouth Family YMCA."

The ongoing, community-based program offers mean-

ingful, easy-to-use educational resources for youth sports parents and coaches, including access to on-the-field game and practice preparation tools as well as self-paced online courses filled with learning tools, videos and topics addressing youth sports issues.

The Responsible Sports program, including community grants, comes at a crucial time for communities where youth

programs are under pressure from increasing numbers of participants, limited volunteer activity and mounting program-administration costs.

Through the resources provided by the grants, it is hoped that "our organizations thrive even under challenging circumstances."

For more information, contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or go to www.responsibleports.com.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Canton Cardinals 9U baseball tryouts

The 9U Canton Cardinals Travel Baseball Team will be holding a third and final tryout 5-to-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27 at Heritage Fields Nos. 1-2. Players should arrive 15 minutes early to get organized and start warming up and are asked to bring baseball equipment and plenty of water.

To be eligible, players must be a resident of Canton, Plymouth, or attend a Plymouth-Canton District school. Players must be 9 years old or younger as of April 30, 2010.

To pre-register, e-mail or call travel baseball co-commissioner Alan Zidnik: l.zidnik@sbcglobal.net; (734) 397-5739.

Arctic Edge shavings

Arctic Edge on Michigan Avenue in Canton is hosting a "Learn To Skate" program Saturdays from Sept. 26 through Nov. 14 with sessions from 10-10:45 a.m. and from 11-11:45 a.m. Each class is 30 minutes with 15 minutes of full ice practice time.

Cost is \$100 per skater per eight-week session. For more information, contact Learn to Skate director Theresa McKendry at learntoskatearcticedge@yahoo.com.

Sunday Night Mixers

Superbowl in Plymouth is hosting a mixed bowling

league 6 p.m. Sundays. 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.

Cool happenings

Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena continues to be a busy place. Open skating sessions through Nov. 7 will take place from 12 noon to 1:20 p.m. Tuesdays-through-Fridays with the fees as follows: adults, \$5; kids (under age 16) and senior citizens (over 55), \$4. Skate rental is \$2. 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.

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.madonnacrusers.com (click on summer camps link at the top of the page).

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better (then 12th place at the state meet). We will have one of the best 1-2-3 (combos) in the area and our four and five are coming along very well right now."

The Wildcats also ran well at Saturday's Detroit Mercy

Titan Invitational at Cass Benton, with their top five runners within the top 26 — more than 300 runners participated.

Those included the following: fifth place, Porcari, 16:34; seventh, Matt Neumann, 16:42; 12th, Buzzard, 17:06; 17th, Gielarowski, 17:22; and 26th, Balaze, 17:35.

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

**PLYMOUTH 15
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 40
Sept. 15 at Cass Benton Park**
Individual winner: Derek Gielarowski (Plymouth), 18:12.

Other Plymouth finishers: 2. Stephen Blaze, 18:54; 3. Jimmy Maciag, 18:59; 4. Garret Neumann, 19:03; 5. Justin Heck, 19:07.

John Glenn finishers: 6. Ruban Maya, 19:11; 7. Jason Suarez, 19:21; 8. Ryan Boes, 21:46; 9. Mike Dalton, 21:57; 10. Kevin Wacker, 22:43.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA South Division; John Glenn, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA South.

**CANTON 16
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 45
Sept. 15 at Cass Benton Park**
Individual winner: Zack Spreitzer (Canton), 17:03.

Other Canton finishers: 2. Keith Zech, 17:18; 3. Paul Rakovitis, 17:21; 4. Mitch Clinton, 17:28; 6. Bradon Conley, 17:48.

Franklin finishers: 5. Nik Gherardini, 17:32; 7. Bobby Wilson, 18:13; 10. Joe Steckel, 19:04; 11. Mike Witt, 19:49; 12. Ryan Deery, 19:53.

Dual meet records: Canton, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA South Division; Franklin, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA South.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

**GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS
SALEM 20
NORTHVILLE 39
Sept. 15 at Willow Metropark**
Individual winner: Victoria Tripp (Salem), 20:33.00.

Other Salem finishers: 2. Jordyn Moore, 20:41; 4. Autumn Burin, 20:51; 5. Kelly Kyrin, 20:59; 8. Kara Booms, 21:23; 9. Shannon Flynn, 21:39; 10. Ade Jepperson, 21:44.

Northville finishers: 3. Alex Draybuch, 20:50; 6. Gina McNamara, 21:11; 7. Erin Dunne, 21:14; 11. Katie Vandervoort, 21:55; 12. Emily Sklar, 22:41; 13. Alex Rodriguez, 22:50; 14. Claire Courtney, 22:57.

Dual meet records: Salem 1-0 overall, 1-0 in

the KLAA Central Division; Northville, 0-1, 0-1 in the KLAA Central.

**CANTON 27
FRANKLIN, 28
Sept. 15 at Cass Benton**
Individual winner: Megan McPherson (Franklin), 19:34.00.

Other Franklin finishers: 3. Brittany Dilley, 21:00; 5. Tiffany Lambie, 21:21; 9. Megan Wickens, 22:31; 10. Mallory Church, 22:34.

Canton finishers: 2. Bianca Kubicki, 20:48; 4. Emily Southern, 21:17; 6. Abigail Gorzalski, 21:29; 7. Katie Grimes, 21:59; 8. Rachel Rohrbach, 22:03.

Dual meet record: Canton 1-0 overall, 1-0 in the KLAA Central Division.

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Not only is it the 20th season for the Plymouth Whalers OHL franchise, the team will be sporting new Reebok EDGE jerseys, unveiled last week at Compuware Arena by players (from left) Josh Bemis, Leo Jenner, Tyler Seguin and Joe Gaynor.

Whalers to don sleek new uniforms

The Plymouth Whalers — in association with the Ontario Hockey League, Canadian Hockey League and corporate partner Reebok — unveiled their new jerseys after practice Sept. 9 at Compuware Arena.

The new Plymouth jerseys are on display in the Compuware Pro Shop and can be purchased by fans.

Each of the CHL's 60 teams

introduced new home and away EDGE jersey designs for the 2009-10 hockey season.

By upgrading to the Reebok EDGE Uniform System, the CHL joins both the National Hockey League and American Hockey League in the evolution of the game.

The NHL and Reebok first launched the system at the 2007 NHL All-Star Game,

before going league-wide for the start of the 2007-08 season.

No CHL team will be wearing an alternative, third jersey this season. But Plymouth will wear a special game jersey on Sat. Oct. 24 against Belleville in their annual Pink Out! For Breast Cancer Awareness. The jerseys will be predominantly pink in acknowledgement of

the event.

Plymouth starts the 2009-10 season on Thurs. Sept. 17 in Windsor with the home opener on Sat. Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. against Oshawa at Compuware.

For information on Whalers ticket packages or to plan a group event, visit plymouth-whalers.com or call 734-453-8400.

Salem varsity, alums nip Canton in hockey action

Before a large throng of former players and spectators Saturday night, Salem got the best of Canton twice — both by 2-1 scores — both in a matchup of current varsity boys soccer teams and the subsequent alumni tilt.

The No. 10-ranked varsity Rocks (6-2-2) got past always-tough Canton in an entertaining battle at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in the opener.

Scoring the opening goal of the night

was Salem's Dan Martin, from Lachlan Savage. The difference maker was Alex Tramel's goal, on a feed from Mohammad Pourmandi. Both of the Rocks' goals were perfect corner shots.

Canton (5-2-2) got on the scoreboard when Connor Ferguson found the back of the Salem goal.

In the alumni match that followed, Salem's 2-1 win was sparked by a two-goal performance from 1999 1st-Team All-

State selection Brett Stinar.

CANTON 6, FRANKLIN 0: Connor Ferguson and Mitch Posuniak scored two goals Tuesday to spark Canton to another varsity boys soccer win in the KLAA South Division, this one against Livonia Franklin.

Combining for the shutout were goalkeepers Kai Walther and Brandon Laabs.

The Chiefs improved to 6-2-2 overall and 3-0 in the KLAA South, good for first place.

'Cats slam Rockets

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Front-court presence helped catapult host Plymouth to a 3-0 victory over Westland John Glenn in a matchup of KLAA South Division volleyball teams.

The Wildcats (2-0) earned hard-fought wins of 27-25, 25-23 and 25-19 largely due to the work up front by senior middle blocker Kelly Smoltz (six kills) and junior outside hitters Dani Risi (14 kills) and Kayla Bridge (10 kills).

And it was Smoltz to finish the deal, with several tips, spikes and blocks, to score Plymouth's final points and send the home fans home happy.

"Nothing gets past Kelly," said interim head coach Sarah Marody, filling in for Kelly McCausland (who missed the game due to a funeral). "She can pass, she can hit and she reads the court well."

Marody said the 3-0 result was not indicative of how tough the Rockets (9-7-1, 0-2-0) fought.

"They have a great coach, they're well-disciplined girls and it was a competitive game," Marody said. "But our defense was outstanding, nothing hit the floor (and) they were communicating."

John Glenn veteran head coach Julian Wargo credited the Wildcats' front-row play along with his team's habit of falling behind early in the games.

"We dug ourselves into a hole early in all three sets, falling behind as much as seven points," Wargo said. "When you spot a team like Plymouth that many points, it's hard to battle back."

Wargo noted that Smoltz, Risi and Bridge "changed how we ran our offense. We were able to close the scoring gap and nearly pulled ahead a couple of times in all three sets, but we just couldn't put the ball away when we needed to."

John Glenn did receive strong efforts from several players. Those included middle blocker Halie Baker (10 kills), outside hitter Brittani Robinson (seven kills) and libero Brooke Zywick (15 digs).

Contributing six assists each were setters Lauren Baker and Sarah Headrick.

Other Plymouth players to help the cause were senior setter Katie Salo (26 assists) and junior libero Mariah Tesarz (31 digs).

Salem rocks to win

Salem got off to a triumphant start in the KLAA Central Division with a 25-23, 25-23, 25-11 volleyball victory over Northville.

Top performers for the Rocks (8-2-1, 1-0-0) included Nicole Merget (12 kills, 4 blocks, 8 digs), Kerstin Johnson (5 kills, 2 aces, a team-high 19 digs), Lauren Aschermann (12 digs and no serve-receive errors), Kerry MacDonald (25 assists, 4 aces, 3 blocks, 9 digs) and Lauren Dworzani (5 kills, 10 digs, 2 aces).

"I was very impressed with our defense tonight and the way we controlled the night with blocking," said Salem head coach Amanda Suder. "Overall it was a great way to start the conference (schedule)."

Salem would have kicked off division play last week, but a home matchup with South Lyon East was postponed due to a scheduling snafu. That match is expected to be held 7 p.m. Thursday.

PCA victorious

Host Plymouth Christian Academy improved to 7-1-1 overall with Tuesday's 3-0 victory over Livonia Clarenceville. The Eagles swept to victory by scores of 25-14, 25-13, 25-16.

Head coach Kelly Blackney credited her squad with playing poised volleyball from the beginning, setting the tone.

"Our goal was to set the pace for the game, to maintain control and to make them play to us," Blackney said. "I feel we accomplished that. We have a lot of work to do, but we have had a strong beginning to the season."

Top contributors for the Eagles included junior setter Brianna Harris (28 assists), sophomore middle blocker Kristin Malcolm (16 kills, 10 digs), junior middle blocker Folake Olojo (13 kills), sophomore outside hitter Amy Zinn (10 digs) and junior libero Abby Barts (10 digs).

Meanwhile, the Eagles won Saturday's Huron Valley Invitational, knocking off Lutheran Westland in the finals to claim the eight-team tourney.

"The girls really had to work well together," said Blackney, whose team overcame early injury trouble.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Plymouth YMCA offerings

Registration is underway for Plymouth Family YMCA youth sports leagues planned for this fall, including the following:

- Community Co-Ed Soccer: Leagues run from Sept. 14 through Oct. 24 with the following age brackets — ages 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11. Contests will be Saturdays at Hulsing Elementary. Cost is \$64 per member and \$96 per community member.
- Community Girls Volleyball: Leagues for ages 8-9 and 10-12 run from Sept. 14 through Oct. 24. Games are Fridays at New Morning School. Cost is \$71 per member and \$103 per community member.
- Kickers Soccer: This league for players ages 4-5 runs from Sept. 17 through Oct. 22 at Hulsing Elementary with the cost of \$60 per member and \$92 per community member.

Players will be placed on teams and receive three weeks of instruction followed by three weeks of games. Jersey is included in the fee.

- Community Basketball League: Registration begins Sept. 14 for leagues for boys and girls in several divisions (between ages 4 and 11). Sessions will be Nov. 2 through Dec. 18 and Jan. 18 through March 19, 2010.

For more information, or to register on-line, go to www.ymcadeloitrois.org.

S'craft roller hockey

Tryouts for the 2009-10 Schoolcraft College roller hockey club will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Total Roller Hockey facility, located at 46039 Grand River, between Beck and Taft roads, in Nov.

Tryouts are open to all students attending Schoolcraft College.

For more information, call

(248) 669-9831; or visit www.totalsportscomplex.com. You can also contact Bob Zeuner at rzeuner@wideopenwest.com.

CYO hoop signup

St. Genevieve is accepting registrations for the upcoming CYO basketball season through Oct. 1.

Eligibility is open to boys and girls in grades 4-8 from parishes St. Priscilla, St. Maurice, St. Aidan, Our Lady of Loretto and St. Genevieve.

For information, call Tim Jeter at (313) 701-4046; or e-mail StGenAD@yahoo.com.

UDM hoop clinic

The University of Detroit Mercy men's basketball program will stage its second annual coaches clinic on Saturday, Sept. 26 at Calihan Hall.

The clinic will feature on the court demonstrations from Titan head coach

Ray McCallum, along with Michigan coach John Beilein, Minnesota coach Tubby Smith, IUPUI's Ron Hunter, UCLA assistant Scott Duncan and Detroit Pistons' assistant coach Pat Sullivan.

The cost of the clinic is \$25 per coach during the early registration period, with the cost moving to \$35 to register on the day of the clinic.

For teams wishing to bring their whole staff, a special \$50 per coaching staff discount will be given.

To pre-register, send name, phone number, and school/team affiliations to stacey.barns@udmercy.edu; or call 313-993-1731 (by Friday, Sept. 25).

All registration payments should be made out to: UDM Athletics — Men's Basketball; 4001 W. McNichols Road, Detroit, MI 48221 (Checks should be made payable to UDM Athletics.)

SMITH

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One fan who makes weekly rounds to watch prep football games (no, he's not a college scout or sports writer) insisted that Eastern Michigan University had nothing on Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and its jammed-packed bleachers on both sides of the gridiron.

EMU hosted a high school slate of seven games in Week 1 of the still-new season.

Maybe that's a bit of a stretch.

But win or lose, all three teams in the park (including Salem, looking to break into the victory column for new coach Kurt Britnell) have a unique situation that other schools would love to have.

It's like being at a college game, with school colors and chants and bands and ... I swear I saw some tailgating going on in the parking lot.

Maybe they'll be cooking again Friday. Hopefully, the traffic jam won't be as nasty.

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Wildcats to make waves

Doug Schade has high hopes for the 2009 Plymouth Wildcats varsity girls swim team.

And why shouldn't he? The coach oversaw last season's team (second in the KLAA South Division, seventh in the conference) and the current group "should be more competitive than it's ever been in the past."

GIRLS SWIM PREVIEW

Back from last season are top swimmers Sijia Hao (all events), Michelle Chang (all events), Stephanie Matsui (all events) and Chantel Cote (freestyle). All four competed in last year's Division 1 state meet.

Schade said junior captains

Rachel Hutha and Abby Kelly provide depth and speed in the pool.

"We also have a strong group of freshmen swimmers led by Laura Erickson, Emily Weiner, Emily Toro, Sammy Visai and Carolyn Stoddard," Schade added. "Overall, we have 48 girls on our team this year and I look forward to seeing all our athletes improve."

SALEM

FROM PAGE B1

responsibility he would rather bestow on seniors.

But when those younger captains are state qualifiers in junior Emily Nelson and sophomore Lauren Seroka (along with senior Kelsey Mathias), Olson can easily make the adjustment.

"This is the first time I've ever had underclassmen as captains," Olson said. "It's a little different, but it's working."

Nelson, Seroka and Mathias are helping the girls mesh as a unit and the goal is to approximate the 2008 team's success.

"The three of them get along very well and they assume different responsibilities for the team," he said.

Meanwhile, the Rocks opened the season with a 132-53 victory over Livonia Churchill last week in a KLAA

crossover dual meet.

Although Salem finished fifth in the KLAA Central Division, Olson said that is an extremely tough division and that the Rocks were fourth at the 11-team conference meet and 14th out of some 70 teams in the Division 1 state meet.

His tri-captains were all part of that experience, which only helps the '09 team get an understanding of what it will take to compete.

TALENTED TRIO

They have talent, too.

Seroka was an All-State selection in the 200 free and 500 free and qualified for the state meet in "every event last year except the 50 free," Olson said.

"Besides being very talented," Olson said, "Lauren does a good job with leadership."

Ditto for Nelson, a state qualifier in the 200 IM, 100 back and two relays (medley, 400 free) while barely missing the cut in the 200 IM. "She'll

be swimming everything," Olson said.

The "veteran" of the group, Mathias, is a strong performer in freestyle, backstroke and butterfly events whether on her own or in relays.

Backing the top three are sophomore Maggie Sneideman (freestyle, backstroke), freshman Abby Aumiller (free, fly, back, IM) and freshman Jockey Lamoureux.

"She (Lamoureux) will do all the strokes, too," Olson said. "She has a lot of talent. I think she'll progress pretty quickly."

Aumiller could make the kind of splash as a freshman that Seroka made last season. "I hope so," Olson said. "I think she can be a pretty good one."

As for Sneideman, the long-time coach is optimistic that she will help the cause: "She made a lot of improvement over last year."

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Bidders may obtain one (1) set of bidding documents by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith Inc.** The bid division being bid is to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00300) and the Proposal Execution Form (Section 00400). **The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.**

There will be a pre-bid meeting at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 in the Salem High School cafeteria, located at 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scopes of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. **Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.**

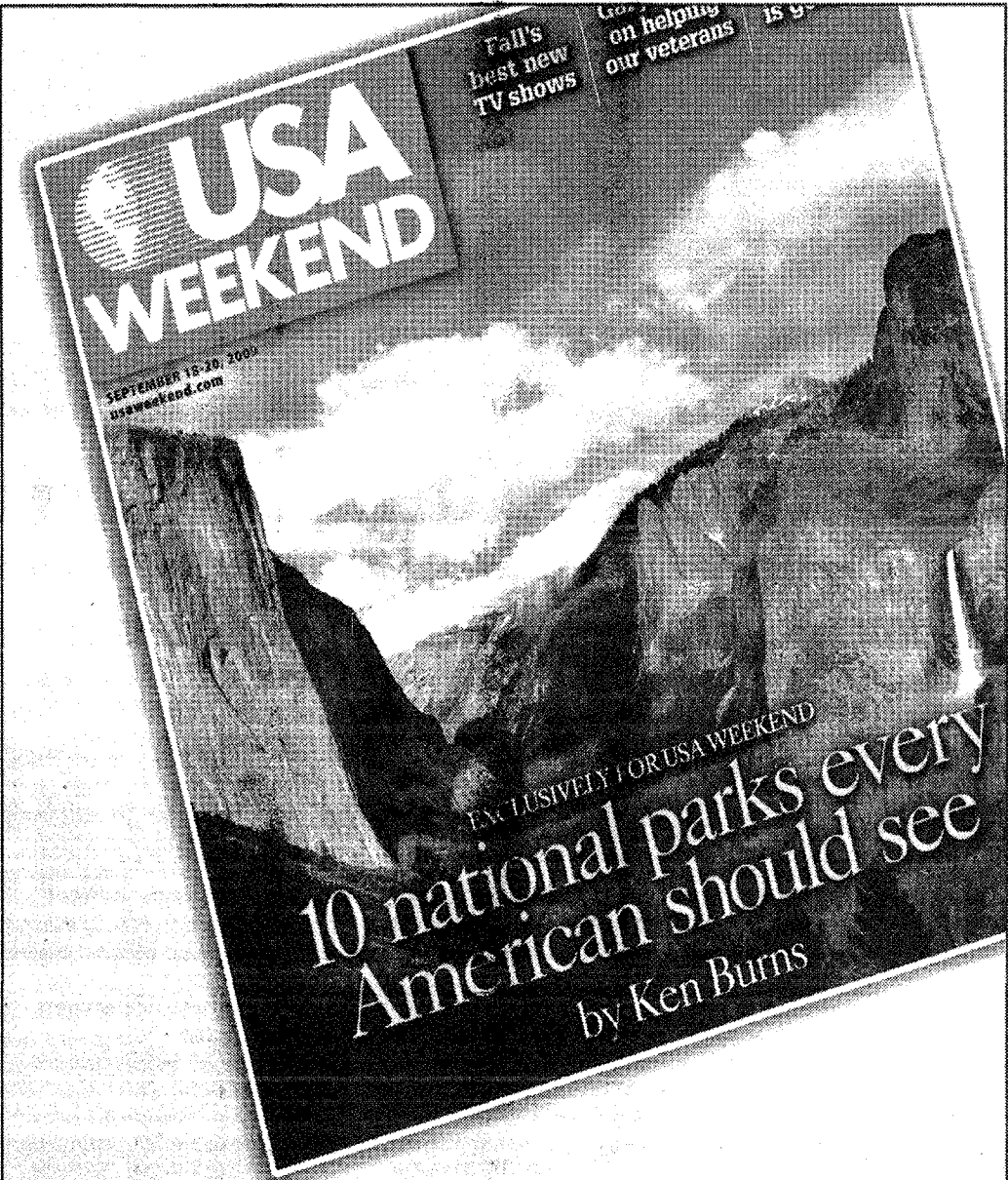
Any and all questions in regards to the bidding or the Bid Package Documents should be addressed in writing to the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith Inc.** Questions or clarifications will be promptly answered and returned to the bidder/bidders.

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SEPT. 17-23

Breakfast meeting

Bethany, a group for separated, divorced and singles, meets 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 19 at Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, next to Tim Horton's, in Garden City. For more information call Kathy M. at (734) 513-9479.

LobsterFest fund-raiser

St. John's Episcopal Church, in Plymouth, will sell fresh, whole Maine lobsters from 4-5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19, at the church, 574 South Sheldon. Lobsters weigh approximately 1.25 pounds and cost \$15 each. All lobsters must be ordered and paid for by Monday, Sept. 14. Download an order form from www.stjohnsplymouth.org. Place an order in person at the church 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. (734-453) 0190 Ext. 10

Mass and fellowship

2:15 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 20, at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, just south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Aimed at widowed men and women. Includes refreshments and social time. Arrive by 2:15 p.m. Mass begins promptly at 2:30 p.m. Sponsored by Widowed Friends, a peer support group in the Detroit Metro area. Come and meet new friends in a safe, friendly setting. For information call Pat at (734) 459-5508 or Justine at (734) 455-6939.

Mass in slow motion

Pastoral Associate, Sharon Williams kicks off this three-part series on the Catholic Mass at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 23, at St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, between Farmington Road and Merriman, south of Plymouth Road in Livonia. She will introduce and outline the history of

the Mass. On Wednesday, Sept. 30, Associate Pastor, Father Raymond Arway, will explain and demonstrate the Liturgy of the Mass, using the actual vestments, vessels, and sacred books to illustrate his explanations. Author Gary Michuta wraps up the series Oct. 14, detailing the sacrifice of the Mass, its meaning, both historically and theologically within the Church. For more information call (734) 261-1455, ext 200 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

Mass for widowed

Widowed Friends presents a Mass, refreshments and fellowship, beginning with check-in at 2:15 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 20, at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, just south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Meet new friends in a safe, friendly setting. Mass starts at 2:30 p.m. Call Pat at (734) 459-5508 or Justine at (734) 455-6939.

ENDOW

Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women, part of the ENDOW series, will run Monday, Sept. 21-Nov. 9, at St. Aidan Church, 17500 Farmington Road. ENDOW is a women's study group designed to help women discover their God-given dignity and femininity through the richness and authenticity of Catholic teaching. A second series, On The Christian Meaning of Suffering, runs Thursdays, Sept. 24-Nov. 12. Both series run 7-9 p.m. Register at www.endowonline.com. A \$60 registration fee is required for materials. For more information call Michelle Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or e-mail to mschmidt@sbcglobal.net.

Prayer series

For married and engaged couples, 7-9 p.m., Sept. 18-Oct. 30 at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial at Beck, in Plymouth. Experience how you can safely and peacefully pray together as a couple in ways that will dramatically enhance and strengthen your faith, marriage and family. Childcare will be available. Registration and a donation of \$55 per couple is requested. For more information call (734) 254-0766 or visit www.coupleprayer.org

Reconciliation

David J. Conrad will present a two-part series on the sacrament of

confession, 7-9 p.m., Wednesdays, Sept. 23-30 in Bixman Hall at St. Aidan Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Refreshments; free admission. RSVP to (734) 425-5950.

SEPT. 24-30

Bible study

Traditional Bible Study starts 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 24, in the school library at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia. The weekly Thursday session will focus on the Gospel of St. Matthew. The classes will be taught by noted Catholic apologist and author, Gary Michuta. Preregistration is not required. (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207.

Fall festival

1-4 p.m., Sept. 27 at Faith Bible Church, 34541 Five Mile, Livonia; free food, games, pumpkin painting, music, pony rides and petting farm. (734) 464-7990

Food pantry

Trinity Church offers its next food pantry event Saturday, Sept. 26, at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, just west of Beck, in Plymouth. Recipients must reserve a pick-up time in advance by calling (734) 459-9557 between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on the following days only: Monday-Wednesday, Sept. 21-23.

Grief recovery

Six-week series begins 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at Our Lady of Sorrows, 23815 Power, Farmington. Grief Recovery deals with loneliness and other issues related to the loss of a spouse. Members of Widowed Friends, a "peer" support group in the Detroit Metro area, will facilitate. \$20 fee covers all materials. For information or to register call Gail at (248) 477-5438.

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 on site counseling regarding results, free blood pressure screening, massage therapy and other services. Call (734) 427-8743 for more information.

Marian Rally

Felician Sisters of Livonia honor the

Blessed Virgin Mary at the annual Marian Rally and re-dedication of the Fatima Shrine Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Felician Sisters Motherhouse, 36800 Schoolcraft, Livonia. The rally begins at noon with the Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass), in the Motherhouse Chapel, presided by the Rev. Timothy Babcock, chaplain of the Felician Sisters. Following Mass is the praying of the rosary, at the shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa at 1:30 p.m., and a procession to the Fatima Shrine and Crowning of Our Lady, by students from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wyandotte. Refreshments will be available after the liturgy. Wheelchair participants are welcome. Parking is available at the Montessori Center of Our Lady at the Newburgh entrance. For more information call (734) 591-1730.

Men's Ministry

Canton Christian Fellowship and Mighty Men Ministry presents its annual men's prayer breakfast, 9 a.m., Sept. 26, at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton. Tickets are \$20. Register online at www.cantonce.org or call (734) 404-2480.

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.

OCT. 1-7

Grief recovery

Six-week series begins 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at St. Edith Parish, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Grief Recovery deals with loneliness and other issues related to the loss of a spouse. Members of Widowed Friends, a "peer" support group in the Detroit Metro area, will facilitate. \$20 fee covers all materials. For information or to register call Priscilla at (734) 591-7879.

Life Fair 2009

Pro-life pioneer and Pro-Life Action League founder and National Director, Joseph M. Scheidler, will give the keynote address at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4, at this program of pro-life activities at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, at Plymouth Road, Livonia. The fair, which will include exhibits and displays, begins with Mass at noon. An opportunity to participate in the Annual Life Chain will occur at 2:30 p.m., along Plymouth Road in front of the church, followed by Scheidler's remarks. The Fair is free. Refreshments and a children's story time will be available. (734) 261-1455, Ext 207

OCT. 8-14

Blood drive

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia; Call for appointments at (734) 425-8115.

CROP walk

The annual Plymouth/Canton CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, Oct. 11. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. with the Walk beginning at 2 p.m. from St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. The Walk raises funds for Church World Service and the Salvation Army of Plymouth. For more information, contact Barb Fichtenberg at (734) 981-4205 or e-mail to bfichtenberg@hotmail.com.

Ministries conference

The International Christian Education Association presents its annual Church Ministries Training and Discipleship Conference, Oct. 10, at Ward Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. The free general session, starting at 1:45 p.m. features Don Bartlette, author and international speaker, and is open to the public. The conference runs from 8 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. and offers 30 workshops, exhibits, and an all-day "Kids Korner." Four workshop choices, morning refreshments and lunch are included in the conference ticket price of \$35, before Oct. 7 or \$45 after. Students, teen through college, pay \$15 and children, ages 5-12 pay \$5 for Kids Korner activities. To register call (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceaonline.org.

OCT. 15-21

Auction fund-raiser

The Servant Church of St. Alexander presents a silent auction with appetizers, 1 p.m., followed by a family-style dinner at 4 p.m. and live auction at 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 18, at Vladimirs, 28125 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Tickets, \$45 per person. Proceeds will benefit the church's outreach activities, which include a weekly food pantry that feeds approximately 50 families and a youth mission that assists families in rebuilding homes.

Church Women United

Annual Gathering of "Area 2" is Saturday, Oct. 17 at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth Road and W. Chicago Road, in Redford. Registration runs 9-9:30 a.m. Hospitality, devotions, program and lunch cost \$10. After-lunch activities include shopping at Greater Gifts (SERRV) and browsing Church Women

United displays until 2 p.m. The Rev. Jeffrey Maxwell, pastor of Farmington First UMC will be the guest speaker. Liturgical dancers will enhance his presentation, titled "We Dance with God." Reserve by Oct. 2 with Betty Thomas at (313) 561-4792. Child care is available only if requested when reservation is made by Oct. 2.

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

■ Antioch Preschool, an academic program complemented by Christian education, is enrolling 3- and 4-year-old children for the 2009-2010 school year. A new toddler class is offered Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. Extended stay enrichment for 3's and 4's is offered Wednesdays - children bring their lunch and enjoy literacy activities until 3 p.m. Antioch Lutheran Church is located at 13 Mile and Farmington Road in Farmington Hills. For information contact Sharon Detter, preschool director, at (248) 626-7906, Ext. 28, or e-mail to antiochpreschool@sbcglobal.net. ■ 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.

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■ Scripture studies, from 6:30-7:30 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 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, which runs from 7-8 p.m., will include songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

■ 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. 17 at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W.

Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Dinners are at 6 p.m., Thursdays. 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

Hall rental

■ Volkmar Hall located in Good 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

Moms

■ Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) meets 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners. For more information call Angie at (248) 427-1020.

■ MOPS, 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays, Dunning Park Bible Chapel, 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford. MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope. For information call Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767.

Prayer

■ 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.

Singles

■ Single Point Ministries, for ages 30 and older, offers fellowship and related topics at 11:30 a.m., Sundays, in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and 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

Learn about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit by participating in its "Day of Service" program. Dine with guests at the soup kitchen, tour the Earth Works urban garden, and take a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is seventh grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.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.real-life-plymouth.com.



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ALBERT S. ANDERSON

82, passed away, Tuesday, September 8, 2009 in Inman, SC, formerly of Westland, MI. Beloved wife, Marcine (Sunderman), son David (Debbie) Anderson, daughter Janice (David) Bodenheimer, and two step daughters Cathy (John) Stokes, and Sandy (Mike) Cieslenski. Sister Betty Jane (Vance) Philpot and brother Robert (Ann) Anderson. Ten grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. Mr. Anderson was predeceased by his first wife Lillian Anderson; a grandson, Matthew S. Anderson; two great grandchildren, Luke J. and Maya R. Borensik; brother Joe Anderson; sisters, Leona McKay, Bertha Price, and Ruth Bangert. Laid to rest on September 11, 2009

EMERSON T. COLLING

81, passed away Aug. 13, 2009 at his home in Arizona with family at his side. Emerson is survived by step-children Christine Gervais Doty, Robert Gervais, Suzette Gervais Phillips and brother John Colling. Emerson will be deeply missed by his loved ones.

ROSEMARY K. HUTCHESON

Age 86, September 15, 2009. Beloved wife of the late Roy G. Loving mother of Nancy (Joe Pietrangeli) Hutcheson and Carol H. (Keith) Hartwell. Dear sister of Irene (Fred) Mulhauser. Proud grandmother of Taylor Jeffery Hartwell. Aunt of Fred Mulhauser, Michael Howe, Barbara Evove, Celeste Frawley and their spouses and children. Visitation Friday 2-8 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E of Woodward), Royal Oak. In state Saturday 9:30 a.m. until time of service 10:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. Memorials to American Cancer Society appreciated.

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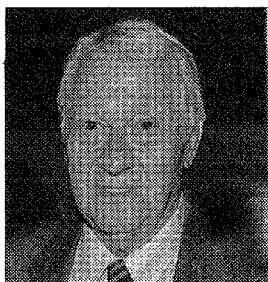


MICHELLE R. KELLER

Age 46, of Clinton Twp, passed away September 13, 2009. Loving daughter of Neal & Norma Keller. Dear sister of Robert & his wife Dana Keller. Special aunt of Tony, Jamie and Jeni Harb. Beloved granddaughter of Margaret Keller. Also survived by brother in law Joe Harb. Preceded in death by sister Debra Harb. Friends may visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth, Saturday from 1-9pm with a funeral service at 7:00pm. Intermment Clinton grove Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com.

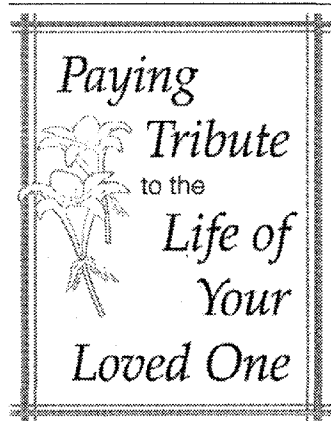
BRIAN MICHAEL YODER, M.D.

Passed away September 11, 2009. Born April 17, 1968 in Columbus, Ohio, he graduated from Northland High School in 1986. He completed his undergraduate degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering at Ohio University in 1990 and went on to work at EDS, General Motors in Detroit. Brian graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 2000 and was employed by the Wayne State Physician Group at the time of his death. Known as the "Bow Tie Doctor", he was a wonderful example to his patients during his own battle with Brain Cancer. Brian had a zest for life and loved travel, hiking, kayaking, conversation, music and a good glass of red wine. He is survived by his wife Theresa Menendez Yoder, sons Alex and Will; his father Robert Michael, step-mother Karin; three step-brothers, Bret (Michelle), Matthew and Marc Hammond and many Nieces, Nephews, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, In-Laws and a host of loving friends. He was preceded in death by his mother Sharon Wallace Yoder. Memorial Visitation will be held on Friday, September 18th, from 6pm until the time of Wake Service at 7pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, September 19th at 10:30am at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial Road at Beck, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Yoder Children Education Fund, C/O MESP, P.O. # 701681, Plymouth, Michigan or the American Brain Tumor Foundation, 2720 River Road, Des Plaines, IL 60018, www.ABTA.org.

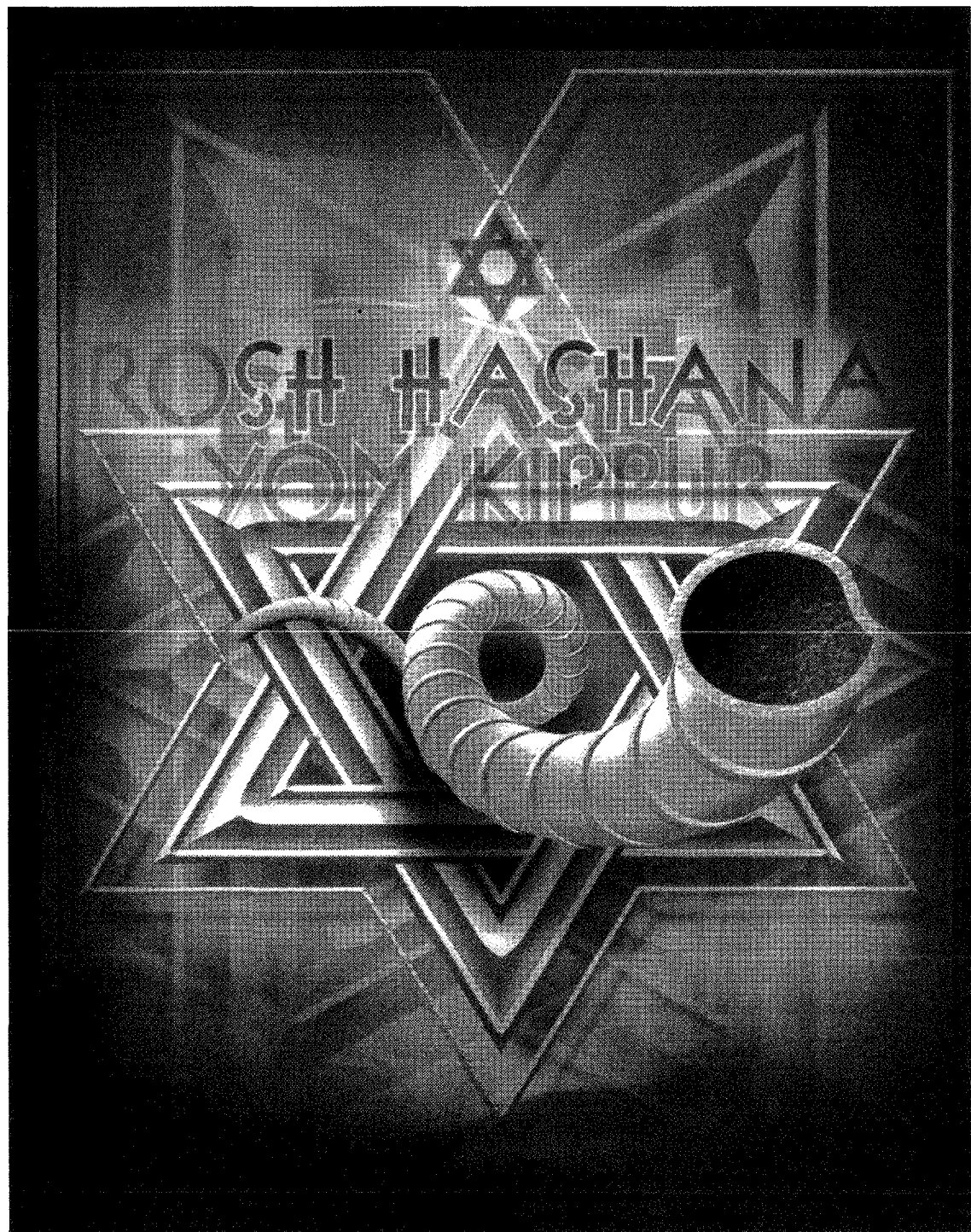


EDWARD KUPSOFF
1/26/1915-8/27/2009
"A master teacher and guidance counselor"

Ed passed away on August 27th, 2009 at his home under Hospice Care with family members at his side. Ed was born January 26th, 1915 in Detroit. He lived 94 very full years. He is survived by his wife, Effrosina Tonia and his two sons and daughter-in-law; Gary and Carole Kupsoff of Marblehead, Ma. and Roger Kupsoff of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida. Ed has two grandchildren and three great grandchildren; Elizabeth Rittinger of San Francisco and great grandson, William H. Rittinger, and Kathryn McGuire of Novato, Ca. and her two daughters, Lyla B. and Alice Rye McGuire. Ed is also survived by three nieces, Marsha Smith, Claudia Yuchida and Cynthia Barry all from Largo, Florida. Edward's parents emigrated from Russia and eventually located in Detroit in the early 1900's. Edward had two sisters Stella and Helene. Edward graduated from Wayne State in 1938 with a BS degree in Education. He later received a MS degree and a Specialist degree in Education from Wayne State. He taught high school, and later was a guidance counselor in the Detroit Public Schools for his entire career before retiring in 1981. Ed also realized how important it was for new immigrants to learn the English language. He taught English at night school for many years and in the summers taught citizenship classes, helping hundreds of immigrants become American citizens. During WW2, Edward worked the night shift at Packard Motor Company. He was a supervisor in the engine start up department for the Packard V-12 PT Boat engines. Edward was loved and will be missed by all his family and friends who have survived him.



Bet Chaverim observes high holy days at church



BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Jewish high holy days are marked by celebration, atonement, fasting and for a Canton congregation there's always a sense of thanksgiving.

Twenty-some families in the Bet Chaverim congregation will drive to the historic Cherry Hill United Methodist Church on Ridge and Cherry Hill to celebrate the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, a time for atonement.

"It's their church, but they're fantastic," said Roberta Malkowski, president of Bet Chaverim. "They allow us to use their space as if it's our own space."

The Jewish congregation has had services at the church, built in 1882, for more than 10 years. Rev. Merlin Pratt, pastor of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, says he attended Rosh Hashana and other Jewish services last year and was able to grow in his own beliefs by being exposed to the Jewish religion.

"I've learned so much about my own faith," Pratt said. "It's enriched my own faith to celebrate some of those biblical celebrations with them."

Congregation Bet Chaverim converts the Methodist sanctuary into a Jewish synagogue by adding The Torah, which are the five books of Moses, and other religious symbols, like prayer books.

NEW YEAR TRADITIONS

This year Rosh Hashana begins at sundown Friday, Sept. 18. Greeting cards are sent wishing friends and family a "L'Shanah Tovah," a Happy New Year.

While some Jews observe two days and others observe one, it's a time for family gatherings, special meals and treats — usually including apples and honey to symbolize a sweet new year. In the synagogue, a ram's horn or shofar is blown to herald the New Year.

This year marks the 5770 year on the Jewish calendar, which is based on the lunar cycle. The 20-some families in

HIGH HOLY DAYS

Services at Congregation Bet Chaverim in Canton
Rosh Hashana: 7 p.m., Sept. 18 and 10 a.m., Sept. 19
Yom Kippur: 7 p.m., Sept. 27 and 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Sept. 28

the Bet Chaverim congregation live in Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Northville and Garden City, which makes the Cherry Hill United Methodist Church a convenient location.

WELCOMING GESTURES

Church members do everything to make their "Jewish brothers" as Rev. Pratt refers to the members of Bet Chaverim, comfortable. The synagogue's name is on the sign outside and they're mentioned on the Cherry Hill United Methodist Church Web site.

"We started out (in 1994) as a small group of families who came together in peoples' homes and we found a need for a Jewish organization in western Wayne County," Malkowski said.

Rabbi Peter Gluck has been with the congregation from the beginning and has kept the group together. He was out of town and couldn't be reached for this article.

"He's the spiritual leader guiding the congregation through the years," Malkowski said.

After Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, which begins at sundown Sept. 27 this year, is the most solemn of the Jewish holidays, a day of fasting, repentance and judgment.

It is the day when Jews pray and reflect on the past year, asking forgiveness for transgressions. At the conclusion of the day, families will break the fast with a festive meal.

"It's basically a time we get very solemn and reflective," Malkowski said.

Services are open to all. You don't have to be a member of the congregation to attend.

"It's important to us that anyone who wants to celebrate a holiday will have a place to go," Malkowski added.

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FILTER



The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan performs at "Music Under the Stars" last year.

Students make friends, polish skills in Livonia orchestra

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan (LYPM) keeps student flutist Chris Tarnowski, 13, on a positive note by challenging his musical abilities and giving him opportunities to perform in concert.

"I thought it would be fun to play something outside of my school band," says Tanowski, a student at Holmes Middle School in Livonia.

"I've learned new themes and what it feels like to play more advanced music," he adds. "It's really fun."

And he doesn't seem to mind meeting for practices every Saturday throughout the school year.

Orchestra members, who range in age from five to 19, perform at least twice annually, in January and May, at concerts at Stevenson High School. Next year's schedule hasn't been finalized, according to David

Lindenmuth, LYPM president.

"We're waiting to schedule concerts, because all of our musicians participate in their school musical programs," says Lindenmuth, a Livonia resident. "We're always looking for additional concert opportunities. That's why the kids are with us and we try to give them every opportunity."

Last year the group included 124 young people from all over Michigan, however most live in Wayne and Oakland counties. This year is the LYPM's 51st concert season.

PERFORMING TOGETHER

"We are a group that lets young musicians have an opportunity to play with other musicians," Lindenmuth says. "When they take music lessons, they play either alone or with the teacher. This is an ensemble experience for young musicians. It's for parents who want more for their kids and kids who want to be involved with music."

The orchestra's Web site,

www.lypm.org, says it doesn't limit membership to those with polished performing skills, noting "We do a great deal of polishing here."

Conductors place the youngsters in groups based on skill where they will be "challenged without being overwhelmed," according to the Web site.

MUSICAL SIBLINGS

Lindenmuth's children, Kristi, 9, and Danny, 12, got involved after Danny learned by accident that he had musical talent.

"The first time he picked the violin up at home, to my surprise, he played what anyone would have to call music," Lindenmuth wrote on the Web site.

Kristi followed in her brother's path.

"It's really fun to perform in concert," says Kristi says. "It makes me better as a flute player and it gives me experience. If you play alone it's not the same as playing with a group."



Kristi Lindenmuth

Routen says. "We play more complicated pieces and I learn more for school and other things."

MAKING FRIENDS

For Janna Scott's two children, Aaron, 17, who plays the trumpet and April, 15, who plays flute and piccolo, the LYPM offers much more than musical instruction.

Scott home schools them and the orchestra provides a social outlet along with important musical instruction.

She underscores the group's discipline and "fun factor."

"They actually really enjoy

playing music," she says. "It's a great opportunity for the kids, it really is."

The LYPM is not music lessons, but rather an organization dedicated to developing ensemble performance skills.

"There's professional conductors and teachers and they really help the kids," said Scott, a Canton resident.

The cost to be part of the LYPM is from \$175 to \$250 depending on the child's group.

Fall auditions are Sept. 19 at an undetermined time or place. To schedule an audition call (734) 634-5250. For more information go to www.lypm.org. It is recommended at entry level (and required for the more advanced groups) that members take private lessons. Musicians should demonstrate competency and show a deep personal interest in musical performance. Students must also participate in their school musical education programs where they exist.

MEET THE CONDUCTORS

■ Linda J. Ignagni of Livonia, a founding member of LYPM, has travelled Eastern Europe performing on television and at social events. She played in symphony orchestras in Saginaw, Flint and Nashville.

■ Carl Karoub of Northville performed with the Detroit, Milwaukee, New Orleans, Dallas, Toledo and Windsor symphony orchestras.

■ Julia Kurtyka, who performs with the Michigan Opera Theater, is a courtmaster of the Grosse Pointe Symphony, as well as co-founder and director of the Pointes Area Youth Orchestra. She lives in Livonia.

■ Timario Wilson of Ann Arbor has 15 years experience teaching in classrooms, small groups and one-on-one.

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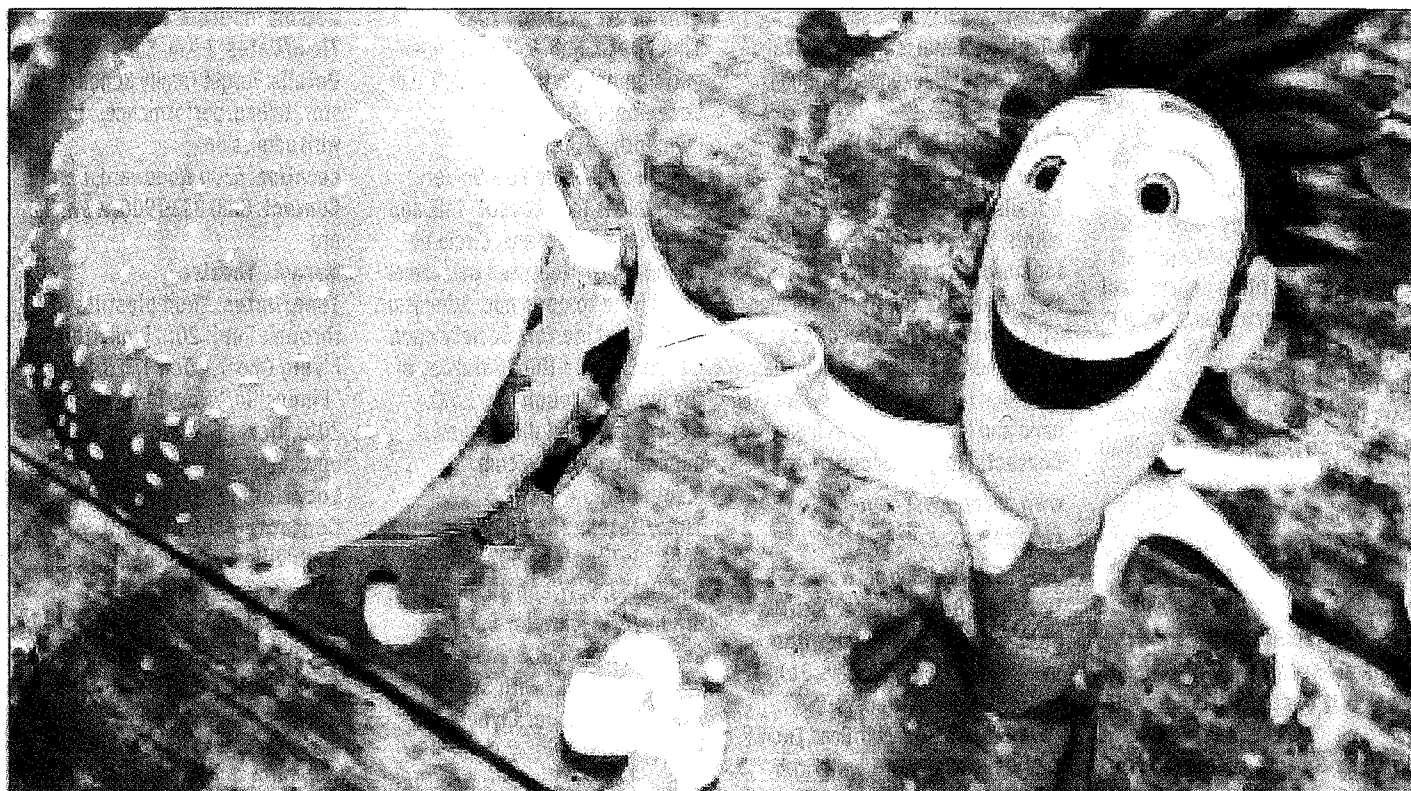
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Select AMC Entertainment theaters will show "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" Sept. 19 and 26 in "sensory-friendly" settings.

Viewers may sing, dance, shout at sensory-friendly screening

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Viewers can expect to hear lots of laughter when the family-friendly animated film, *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*, debuts this weekend nationwide.

But audiences at some select AMC Entertainment theaters — where the "Silence is Golden" rule will be suspended — may see a range of other reactions, from singing to dancing.

"The thing about this show is it's very welcoming," said Carin Yavorcik, Autism Society media specialist.

The Autism Society and AMC Entertainment teamed up last year to bring families with autistic members and other disabilities, "sensory friendly" screenings of first-run movies.

Autism affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others. It often comes with sensory challenges, such as hypersensitivity to light or sound, and children or adults affected by autism may

not understand the social boundaries of movie theatre etiquette.

During sensory-friendly screenings, AMC movie auditoriums will bring up lights and turn sound down. Families may bring in their own gluten-free, casein-free snacks, and no previews or advertisements are shown before the movie. Audience members are welcome to dance, walk, shout or sing.

"It's a national program in 46 markets and 81 theaters," Yavorcik said. "We started doing it last August (2008) with the Howard County, Maryland chapter."

She said a local member had taken her autistic daughter to the movies and was asked to leave.

"She (the girl) was having a good time with the movie, getting up and dancing. I think the movie was *Hairspray*. The mom thought, I can't be the only parent this happens to."

That experience led to a special movie screening.

"It was a huge success and we started doing it regularly."

AMC chooses the movies, which always are first-run family shows.

Yavorcik said many families with autistic children otherwise would have to wait for films to be released on DVD.

"This gives young people a chance to talk in their peer group about the cool movies that have come out." Screenings are monthly, although *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* will be shown twice. Show times are 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 and Saturday, Sept. 26.

Buy tickets at the screening and view the film at one of these four theaters:

- AMC Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia
 - AMC Taylor 10, 22265 Eureka, Taylor
 - AMC Gratiot 21, 35705 South Gratiot, Clinton Township
 - AMC Forum 30, 44681 Mound, Sterling Heights
- Upcoming shows are *Where the Wild Things Are*, Oct. 17; *A Christmas Carol*, Nov. 21; and *Planet 51*, Dec. 5.

For more about the Autism Society visit www.autism-society.org.

GET OUT

ART

Detroit Artist Market

Time/Date: Through Oct. 17

Location: 4719 Woodward Avenue, in the Detroit Cultural Center

Details: "Landscape - A Modern Sequel" with works by Yoriko Cronin, Andrew Krieger, Nicole Macdonald, Catherine Peet, George Rahme, and Corine Smith.

Contact: (313) 832-8540 or visit www.detroitartistsmarket.org

Eastern Michigan University

Time/Date: Elements of Photography and Coping with the Unknown, through Oct. 2

Location: Photography in the University Art Gallery, 900 Oakwood on EMU's Ypsilanti campus; Coping 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. Coping shows the work of Joe Meiser and Adrian Hatfield.

Contact: (734) 487-0465 or e-mail to jlockel@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

Holocaust Memorial Center

Time/Dates: Through October, "Portraits of Zinkov," an exhibit of compelling paintings by Alan Zola Schulman

Location: 28123 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

Details: The portraits in this eight-week exhibit are based on the "Zinkover Memorial Book," a collection of Yiddish and Hebrew narratives with low-quality black and white photographs from the town of Zinkov, Ukraine

Contact: (248) 553-2400, Ext. 23

Livonia City Hall

Time/Dates: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., through Sept. 30

Location: On Five Mile, just east of Farmington Road, in Livonia

Details: The Livonia Artist Club exhibits

paintings, colored pencil, collage, pastels and photography of approximately 25 artists; the club meets at 7 p.m., the third Monday of the month at the Civic Center Library in Livonia

Contact: For more information call Doree Dziobak at (734) 416-1774

Lotus Arts Gallery

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 Sept. 27

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Private collection of 19th century paintings on display

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

COMEDY

Go Comedy!

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

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Jazz Cafe at Music Hall

Time/Date: 9 p.m. third Thursdays

Location: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

Details: Show Up, and Go Up, open call, free

Contact: (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafe-detroit.com

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A fund-raising cruise to benefit The S.S. Columbia Project will sail from 2-5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19, on the Detroit River. The fun and festive cruise aboard the M.V. Friendship will depart from the dock behind the Portofino Restaurant, 3455 Biddle, in Wyandotte. Boarding will begin at 1:30 p.m.

The cruise will celebrate the beginning of work on the ship and to raise awareness and resources for the full restoration of the S.S. Columbia, the beloved ship that plied the waters of the Detroit River to and from the amusement park island for 89 years.

From 19-year-old deckhand to full Captain of the Columbia, Captain Art Herrala will be on board to share 43 seasons of stories, including, finding the love of his life because of the Columbia. Joel Stone of the Detroit Historical Society, who crewed as a DJ aboard the Columbia, is compiling music for the cruise to span the 89 years of the ship's journeys to Boblo Island.

Guests may bring their own memorabilia and share stories as they feast on complimentary pizza delivered by the J.W. Westcott II mailboat. They'll view both the Columbia and its sister ship, the Ste. Claire and will have an opportunity to share stories on camera for the benefit of generations to come.

The suggested donation is \$30 per person. For more information visit www.sscolumbia.org or call (212) 228-3128.

Built in 1902, the Columbia is America's oldest surviving passenger steamship, and one of only two remaining works by naval architect, Frank E. Kirby.

The Observer & Eccentric wants to share your memories of Boblo Island and its boats with other readers. Send photos and stories (no more than 200 words please) to Sharon Dargay, sdargay@hometownlife.com or mail to Observer & Eccentric, 615 Lafayette, second level, Detroit, MI 48226.

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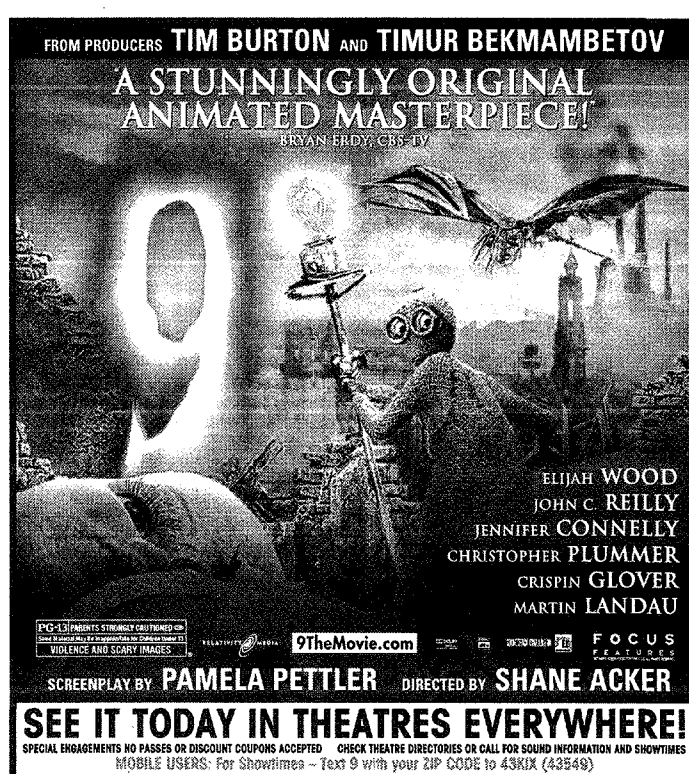
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SOMETHING DIFFERENT
Detroit Institute of Arts
Time/Date: 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20
Location: 5200 Woodward Ave., in Detroit's cultural center
Details: Howdy Doody, America's most famous marionette, and part of the Detroit Institute of Arts' Paul McPharlin Puppetry Collection, will appear in the museum's Rivera Court with Ed Kean, writer and composer for "The Howdy Doody Show," which ran on NBC from 1948 to 1960. Kean will play piano and, along with members from the Mosaic Youth Theatre entry-level camp, lead the audience in songs made famous by the show. Howdy will welcome a representative from the US Postal Service, who will unveil a new Howdy Doody stamp. Free with museum admission. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 for ages 6-17, and DIA members are admitted free
Contact: (313) 833-7971
Rock Financial Showplace
Time/Date: Wednesday, Sept. 30-Sunday, Oct. 4
Location: Located on Grand River Avenue, just west of Novi Road, in Novi
Details: 20th Annual Fall Detroit Camper & RV show with more than 200 recreational vehicles on display. Booths will feature parts and accessories, campground information, on site RV financing and RV rentals. Open 2-9 p.m., weekdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Admission, age 13 and up, is \$8; children, ages 12 and under, are admitted free. Seniors admitted for \$5 Wednesday-Thursday, Sept. 30-Oct. 1. For more information call (517) 349-8881 or visit marvac.org
Polka Booster Club of America
Time/Date: Doors open 12:30 p.m., buffet dinner at 1:30 p.m., dancing from 3-7 p.m., Sept. 20
Location: Msgr. Hunt K of C Hall, 7080 Garling Drive, Dearborn Heights
Details: 42nd Anniversary Dinner Dance, featuring Jersey Polka Richie; Admission \$20 includes dinner, beer, wine and pop
Contact: Terry at (734) 422-1901 or

Joanna at (313) 561-8389
Michigan Renaissance Festival
Time/Date: Weekends through Oct. 4
Location: 12500 Dixie Highway, Holly
Details: Tickets are \$18.95 for adults, \$9.95 for children and \$16.95 for students and seniors. Sept. 12-13, "Wonders of the World" theme with a world market, bocce ball tournament, Italian opera competition, sign language interpreters on hand and leashed dogs welcome.
Contact: (800) 601-4848 or visit www.michrenfest.com

COMEDY
Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kicker-scomplex.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.comedy-castle.com
Palace of Auburn Hills
Time/Date: John Pinette/Bill Engvall, Oct. 24
Location: 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills
Contact: (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com

CONCERTS
The Ark
Time/Date: Greensky Bluegrass, Sept. 17; Ellis Paul and Ari Hest, Sept. 18; The RFD Boys, Sept. 19; Ralph's World, Sept. 20; Michelle Shocked, Sept. 20; Fred Eaglesmith, Sept. 21; Dougie MacLean, Sept. 22; Steeleye Span with Maddy Prior and Cara Dillon, Sept. 23; Anne Hills, Sept. 24
Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org
Detroit Institute of Arts
Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.
Location: 5200 Woodward Ave
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

JWH Center for the Arts
Time/Date: 6:15-6:45 p.m., open mic sign up; performances, 7 p.m.
Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: BaseLine Folk Society open mic is for acoustic, folk and traditional musicians; Circle of Friends is the featured performer in addition to open mic. Admission is \$5. BaseLine Folk Society open mic runs every third Saturday of the month through May 2010.
Contact: Mike Mullen, founder, mjmmullen@yahoo.com
Magic Bag
Time/Dates: The Killer Flamingos, Sept. 18; The Mega 80's, Sept. 26 and Oct. 3, 9, 17 and 30; Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, Sept. 25; Marshall Crenshaw, Sept. 27; Living Colour with Second Skyn, Oct. 2; Roger Clyne & The Peacemakers, Oct. 4; Domestic Problems, Oct. 10; Portugal. The Man, with Hockey and Drug Rug, Oct. 13; Greensky Bluegrass with covert Operations, Oct. 16; Fran Healy and Andy Dunlop, Oct. 22; Fifth Way with Arazi and Ghosts of August, Oct. 23; Mason Jennings with Crash Kings, Oct. 24
Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale
Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com
Palace of Auburn Hills
Time/Dates: King of Leon with Glasvegas, Sept. 22; Miley Cyrus, Oct. 6
Location: 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills
Contact: (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com
Penn Theatre
Time/Dates: 8 p.m., Oct. 30, Plymouth Community Band
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: Free
Contact: (734) 453-0870. www.penntheatre.com
FAMILY
Bakers Keyboard Lounge
Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays
Details: Jazz for Kids Program
Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit
Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

Detroit Institute of Arts
Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays
Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission
Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org
Marquis Theatre
Time/Dates: "Rumplestiltskin," through Sept. 20; "Pinky the Flying Ghost," Oct. 17-25; "Pinocchio," Nov. 14-Jan. 24, 2010, tickets, \$8.50, ages 3 and up
Location: 135 E. Main, Northville
Contact: (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com
Palace of Auburn Hills
Time/Date: Sept. 30-Oct. 4
Location: 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills
Details: Disney on Ice
Contact: (248) 645-6666, (800) 745-3000, Palacenet.com or www.ticketmaster.com
Penn Theatre
Time/Date: Noon, Oct. 3
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: Guy Louis and Chautauqua Express; \$4 admission
Contact: (734) 453-0870. www.penntheatre.com
FILM
Henry Ford IMAX
Location: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn
Contact: (313) 271-1570
Penn Theatre
Time/Dates: "Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs," 7 and 9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 18; 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 19-20; and 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 24. "The Proposal," 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26; 5 p.m. and 7:05 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 27; 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 1;
Details: \$3 admission
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Contact: (734) 453-0870. www.penntheatre.com
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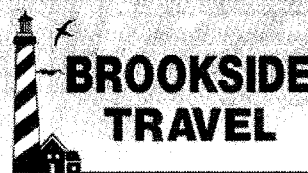
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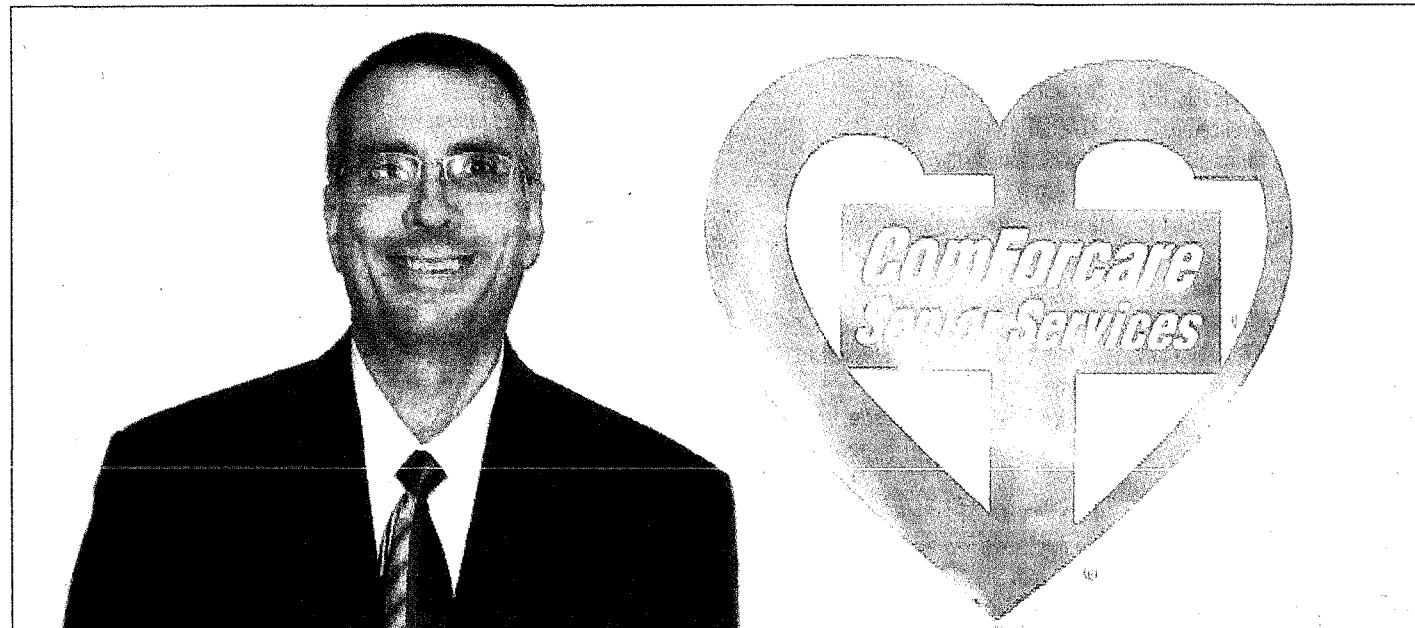
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BUSINESS MILESTONES



Bill Collett of Canton opened ComForcare Senior Services at 127 S. Main, Suite 3, in Plymouth back in May.

Canton couple provides personal service for seniors

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

ComForcare: We specialize in providing professional personal care and companionship services for individuals in many settings including their homes, independent living facilities, nursing homes, hospitals or wherever clients reside. Services are provided primarily to seniors, but individuals with disabilities, accident victims, new mothers or those recovering from a recent illness or surgery can also benefit.

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

ComForcare: I started my career as an aeronautical engineer conducting wind tunnel tests for the defense industry. In 1999 I moved to Canton where I continued my career in the automotive industry supporting wind tunnel and power train testing. I have always been interested in the concept of being a small business owner. When the downturn in the economy lead to my layoff in late 2008, I saw it as the perfect opportunity to start my own venture. After looking into several opportunities, I was drawn to ComForcare Senior Services due to a personal experience my family had finding care at home for my aging mother while she was recovering from spinal surgery. Our population is

COMFORCARE SENIOR SERVICES

- **Business name and address:** ComForcare Senior Services, 127 S. Main, Suite 3, Plymouth
- **Your name and title:** Bill and Margaret Collet, owners
- **Your hometown:** Canton
- **Business opened when:** May 26, 2009
- **Number of Employees:** Currently 9
- **Hours of operation:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; however, ComForcare is on-call 24/7 for client support
- **Your Business specialty:** Non-medical home care services
- **Business phone and Web site:** (734) 414-1981; www.westernwayne.comforcare.com

aging and more families are looking for a solution to care for their parents after surgery, illness, or just from the natural aging process.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

ComForcare: I think in this type of a business it is important to part of the community in which you are supporting with services. I live down the road in Canton. Plymouth is central to the area we are serving and was the best choice to locate the office.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

ComForcare: ComForcare is unique in that it helps people from all walks of life, not just senior citizens. Even though helping seniors is a large chunk of the business we also care for individuals with disabilities, accident victims, new mothers or those recovering from a recent illness or surgery. We are in the business of helping anyone who needs it.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

ComForcare: I see that the need for home care in the area continues to grow and I believe we will see a consistent demand for our business.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience as a small-business owner?

ComForcare: My wife is a school teacher so she is able to help support the business during the summer months. It has been an interesting dynamic interacting with her in the new role of business partner. Fortunately, we have complementary skills and talents so we work well together!

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

ComForcare: The economy hasn't affected our business at all. We are on track to meet all of our goals for the year. The home care industry is constantly growing and the

aging population will continue to increase. Our services are affordable and present an attractive alternative to assisted living or nursing home options for individuals that want to stay in the familiar surroundings of their home.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

ComForcare: It is important to have a plan and stay focused on the tasks that will make the business successful.

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

ComForcare: My focus is to grow the Plymouth office while maintaining focus on quality care and establishing a reputation of excellence. By focusing on my client's satisfaction, I believe that growth will follow. The potential to expand our office is always there and it is something we will look at in the future.

IKEA networking

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and its partners with the Western Suburban Area Council of Chambers presents a regional networking event 8-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, at the IKEA store, 41640 Ford Road, in Canton.

Join 12 suburban Chambers from the western suburbs gathering under the roof of IKEA in Canton to do some serious morning networking. The event will also feature breakfast, a special presentation from the store manager, gift card raffles and shopping IKEA before it opens.

Space is limited to 20 members per Chamber for this event. It will be on a first come, first served basis with payment. If necessary, a waiting list will be started. The cost is \$5 for Chamber members (\$10 for non-members) and must be paid at the time of reservation.

For more information or to make a reservation, contact the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540 or e-mail teri@plymouthmich.org

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, 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.

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 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.

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CHAMBER CHAT

Clearly You

Clearly You hosts a Ladies Night Out 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, at its Canton location, 44633 Joy Road, Suite 100.

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Participation is free.

Texas Hold 'Em

Join the Canton Chamber of Commerce at Rose's Restaurant 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sept. 17-19 for a Texas Hold'em event to be held in a private, smoke-free environment. There will be a full-service bar, late-night menu and a mid-night pizza buffet in the lounge.

"This is a great way to support the Canton Chamber of Commerce and have fun while doing it" said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

For more information on this event, go to www.cantonchamber.com click on forms & flyers and go to Rose's Restaurant Fundraiser and get all the details.

Also on Sept. 15, from 5-9 p.m., you can turn your pasta into \$\$\$ for the Canton Chamber by printing the flier on the Chamber Web site and presenting it to your server at Rose's Restaurant. The Canton Chamber of Commerce will receive 15 percent of net purchases made that evening.



Grand opening

A ribbon-cutting was held recently by Huntington Learning Center to announce their grand opening. Huntington Learning Center is located at 44630 Ford Road in Canton. Attending this event were employees, Canton Township officials, Canton Chamber of Commerce members and local residents.

Spotlight Players

The Spotlight Players perform *Oliver* this 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/villagetheater 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 lovable pick-pockets and a best friend in The

Artful Dodger. Go to www.spotlightplayersmi.org for more information.

Maps/directories

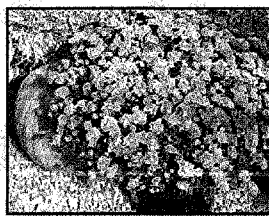
The Canton Chamber of Commerce Community Maps and 2009 Chamber Directories are available at the Canton Chamber office.

The Canton Chamber Map includes a map of Canton with all streets and points of interest on one side and a Wayne County Map on the other side. The 2009 Directory includes information about the Canton Community as well as phone listings for State and Local Governmental Departments.

The Canton Chamber Directory also includes a member Buyer's Guide, Membership Directory, information on Chamber Membership and a complete listing of Chamber Community Events.

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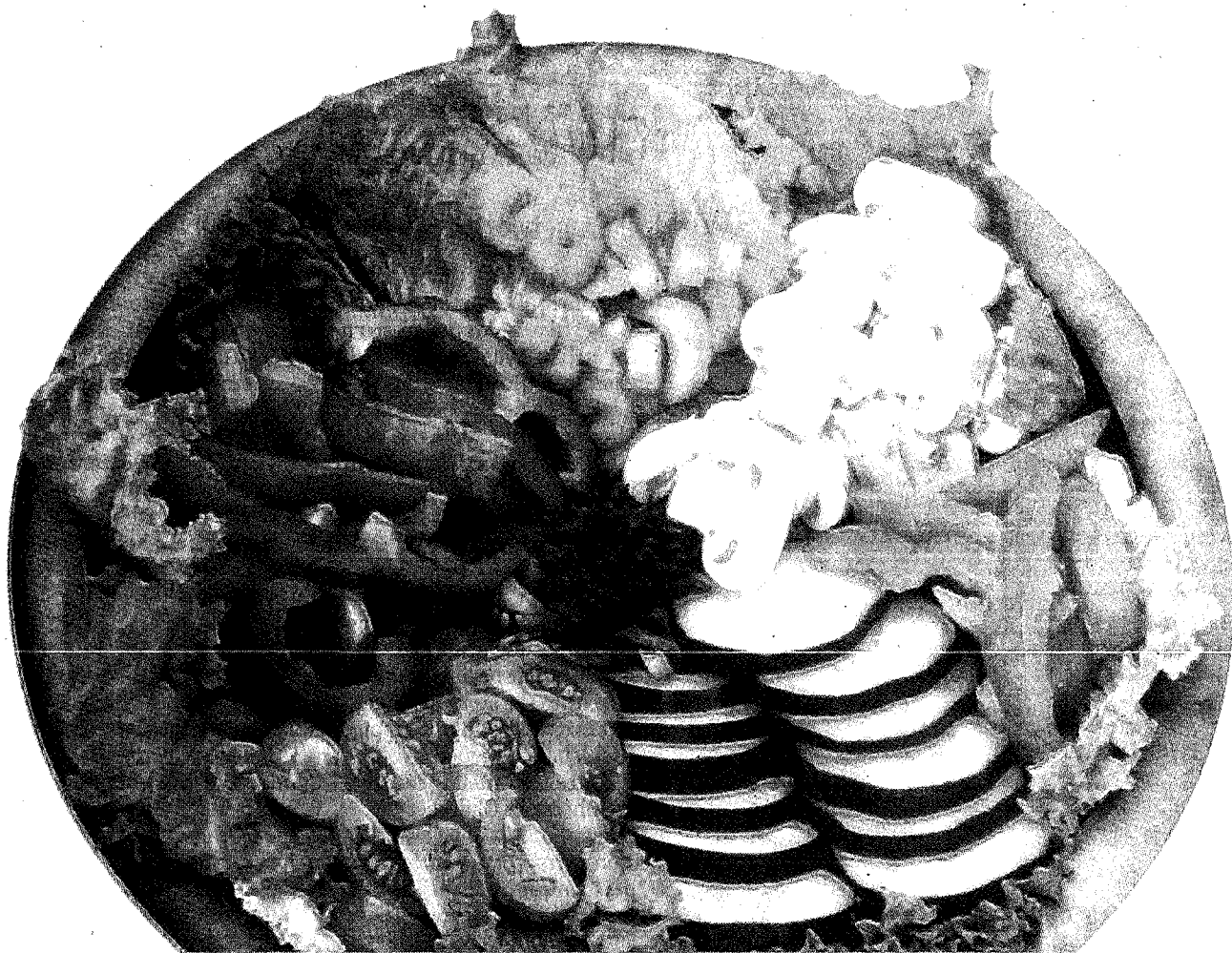
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I'm kickstarting my way to a vegan diet

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

"Whether you're drawn to chocolate, cookies, potato chips, cheese, or burgers and fries, we all have foods we can't seem to resist — foods that sabotage our best efforts to lose weight and improve our health. But PCRM's Vegan Kickstart will help you win the food fight."

After digesting those words from the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine Web site last week I embarked on a journey to lose weight, vanquish high cholesterol, (doctor's orders) lower the fat content of my food, hike the vegetable and fruit portions and be kinder to animals by not eating them or their dairy by-products.

I took the PCRM's 21-Day Vegan Kickstart plan that began Tuesday, Sept. 8 and is now into Kickstart Day 10. It's not too late to join. Those who do will find recipes, eating tips, encouraging messages and a forum for information sharing.

They'll also receive daily e-mail messages cheering them on.

The diet is based on research by Neal Barnard, M.D., PCRM president and one of America's leading health advocates. The Web site, www.pcrm.org (click on 21-Day Vegan Kickstart) says the program is designed for "anyone who wants to explore and experience the health benefits of a vegan diet."

What's vegan, you ask? Think vegetarian with no dairy allowed.

I can't remember the last time I ate red meat, or even chicken — I limit myself to salmon or tuna — so I figured the vegetarian part of the diet would be a snap.

"Beans are a wonderful source of fiber, are low-fat, and contain no cholesterol," the Web site suggests. I've eaten plenty of them — along with soy-based products — since I "kick started" last week.

I'll admit, the non-dairy part of the diet has challenged cheese-and-eggaholic me. I weaned myself off the last few eggs I had in the fridge, along with carton of Egg

Beaters over the first few days of the challenge — no cold turkey for me — but have gone without since then.

I cleaned the parmesan and cheddar out of the fridge a week before the challenge started and to my surprise, I haven't missed it. My only downfall was a family birthday dinner last Sunday. My brother and sister-in-law thoughtfully served both a homemade meat lasagna and a vegetarian squash lasagna. The vegetarian selection was delicious and I wasn't about to scrape out the ricotta.

I'm back on track this week and trying harder to make the plan work.

"I bet you are feeling good and can already notice an increase in your energy level," Day 7's message guessed.

I do. And I've already dropped a pound. If you've taken the 21-Day Vegan Kickstart, send me an e-mail with your tips. How are you faring on this challenge?

sdargay@hometownlife.com

CITY BITES

Market activities

Canton — The Canton Farmers Market is in full swing each Sunday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., rain or shine, through Oct. 25 in Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road.

Upcoming special programs include Mark Reitenga, guitarist, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sept. 20; a hike on the grounds, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and pole barn open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. with farming displays and Joe Chasney the strolling juggler from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Oct. 4; Recreation Station Bouncer, Oct. 18; and Andy Smoger, strolling balloon maker, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 25.

Chili cookers wanted

Garden City — Got a favorite chili recipe? It might be a winning one, as well.

All it takes to find out is \$25 and a reservation in Garden City's second annual Chili Cook-off.

The event will be held from noon to dusk, Oct. 10, in the Farmer's Market lot in downtown Garden City. Proceeds from the entry fee will benefit local charity. Awards will go to the Best Chili Recipe and the People's Choice Award.

Register by fax at (734) 261-6604 or drop off registration at the Downtown Development Office, 29213 Ford Road.

Download an entry form from www.downtowngardencity.org.

More chili fun

Plymouth — Don't forget the Great Lakes Chili Bike Show runs 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 4 in downtown Plymouth.

The Chili Cook-off will feature a traditional Red Chili, a Green Chili and a Salsa competition. Top winners will receive trophies and prizes. Peoples Choice Chili samples will be available at noon and competition samples at 1:30 and 3 p.m. for a \$1 donation per sample.

The Bike Show takes place noon-4 p.m. on Main Street at Kellogg Park.

The Restaurant Chili Challenge will run from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Penniman Ave and in Kellogg Park. A dozen restaurants will vie for the "Best Chili in Plymouth" award. Bowls of chili will be a \$4 donation or you can sample them for \$1 donation per 2 ounce sample.

Other activities will include live

entertainment from noon to 5 p.m., a children's activity area and "Hottest Dog in the Coolest City" costume contest, with judging at 2 p.m. in the park.

Anyone interested in cooking in the Red/Green/Salsa or Restaurant Chili Challenge should contact Annette Horn at (734) 776-9669. www.greatlakeschili.com

Prepared for charity

Tri-county — Hiller's markets are featuring two new dishes in their prepared foods counters every two weeks, with sales profits benefitting charity.

The program, called Good Deeds in the Making, offers dishes that are favorites of local individuals, including celebrities.

"There are many ways to leverage community connections," stated Jim Hiller, CEO of Hiller's Markets. "Friends support each other's causes. I am grateful to these devoted individuals for helping us find yet another way to make a difference."

Here's the schedule of foods, individuals and charities:

■ Through Sept. 21: Jill Syme's stuffed cabbage and Lila Lazarus' quinoa with roasted vegetables; charity is Kids Kicking Cancer.

■ Sept. 22-Oct. 5: Rabbi Paul Yedwab's petite quiche with spinach, mushroom and Jarlesburg and Gail Posner's black bean salad; benefits Forgotten Harvest and Ministrelli Women's Heart Center.

■ Oct. 6-19: Tony Payne's Buffalo chili and Samira Cholah's kibble; benefits Agree Foundation at Temple Israel and the Chaldean Foundation's Adopt A Refugee Family Program.

■ Oct. 20-Nov. 2: Lisa Diggs' corn and smoked whitefish fritters and Danielle Karmanos' tuna pasta; charity is Buy Michigan Now and DKWIO.

■ Nov. 3-16: Janice Cherkasky's diabetic apricot salad and Jeff Loeb's pasta; benefits Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and Hiller ALS Center at WSU.

Local Hiller's stores are at 3615 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor; (734) 677-2370; 425 N. Center Street Northville, (248) 344-4001; 15455 Haggerty, Plymouth, (734) 420-5555 and 6433 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7100, in addition to Berkley, Union Lake and Commerce Township.

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'Good Neighbor' Realtor gives back to her community

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Michelle M. Phaup owns Clarkston Realty Inc. in Clarkston, and her nonprofit, Lend a Helping Hand Inc., is close to her heart.

Inspired by a colleague's 12-year-old granddaughter who was diagnosed with terminal cancer, Phaup began her mission to help ease the financial burden of families faced with catastrophic illness. Since 1989, Phaup has sponsored fund-raising events that have raised more than \$2 million to help people pay for uncovered medical expenses.

Phaup also serves as a canine foster mom, and writes a newspaper column for a Clarkston newspaper spotlighting outstanding local charities and volunteers.

"I've been doing the fund raising for 20 years," said Phaup, a Clarkston resident recently tapped by the National Association of Realtors as a finalist for this year's Good Neighbor Award. She and other volunteers had raised a large sum for a bone marrow transplant, and learned there would be a hefty tax bite. She went through the process of forming the nonprofit Lend a Helping Hand in 2002.

"By doing that, I could also help more than one person at a time." She works with all volunteers and noted, "It's rewarding to be helping as many people as you can."

Their Web site's at lendahelping-hand.org, and recently got help at a



Michelle Phaup is a finalist for this year's Good Neighbor Award.

Washtenaw Community College conference. IT professionals volunteered their time and expertise, and won an award for their work on Phaup's group's site.

The girl diagnosed with cancer at 12, Shannon Clark, died at 17. Shannon had been told she'd live six months to a year.

"She was a remarkable kid," Phaup said of Shannon, who would visit sick children in the hospital to allay their fears, answering questions they were reluctant to ask adults. "It taught me how your whole life can change by giving and helping someone."

Shannon's grandma, Phyllis Braun, is now retired.

Phaup has been a canine foster mom more than 10 years, currently with Canine Companion Rescue Center in Clarkston. She's worked with other such groups in the past.

Mom to a grown daughter, Phaup earned her bachelor's degree in economics and business administration from Kalamazoo College. She's attended graduate school in business at the University of Michigan and intends to complete that degree.

Ten top individuals, Realtors who volunteer, were announced recently by the National Association of Realtors as finalists for *REALTOR Magazine's* 2009 Good Neighbor Awards.

Now in its 10th year, the Good Neighbor Awards program recognizes Realtors who generously volunteer their time to help others. The Realtors often donate countless hours and dollars to organizations that help those in need and make their community a better place to live, the association Web site notes.

"I was excited and surprised," said Phaup, nominated by Amy Serra Albright of RE/MAX Encore of Clarkston, current North Oakland County Board of Realtors president. "I was always impressed by things people were doing. It is a big honor."

In November, five winners will be selected from among the 10 finalists and will receive travel expenses to the 2009 Realtors Conference & Expo in

San Diego, national media exposure for their community cause, and a \$10,000 grant for their charity. That will be Lend a Helping Hand for her.

"There's a computer we really need." They try for donations for office equipment, and "We would probably save it for people who need it."

Now, when someone who's ill comes to them they start fund raising. The Good Neighbor grant would give a head start on fund raising for patients.

In her free time, Phaup, in real estate 22 years, enjoys traveling, and has visited 49 states and some 50 countries. She's also an exercise instructor who enjoys working out.

Five honorable mentions will receive a \$2,500 grant. The winners will be announced in the November issue of *REALTOR Magazine*.

"Realtors build communities and play an important volunteer role for organizations across the country, helping improve the quality of life for those less fortunate or in need," said NAR President Charles McMillan, a Realtor and broker with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Dallas-Fort Worth. "Despite today's busy world, the Good Neighbor Awards finalists still find ways to give their time in service to others. They are truly inspiring and deserve to be recognized for their hard work."

The National Association of Realtors Web site contributed to this report.

Follow bylaws for board removal

Q: We are not happy with our Board of Directors and are attempting to remove them. We served a petition to remove the board on the secretary but the president hasn't called a meeting. What can we do?

A: Check your bylaws to make sure that you filed the petition to remove the board and, presumably, to call a special meeting properly; that you secured the appropriate signatures, and that the persons

who signed the petition had the authority to do so. If the board refuses to call a special meeting, get a lawyer and remind the board of its responsibilities. Failing same, you will need to seek a circuit court order to compel a special meeting of the association.

Q: I am purchasing a condominium from a seller in a resale situation. The seller has not paid his assessments to the association. How can I insure that those assessments are paid?

A: Make sure that your purchase agreement makes it clear that the seller is responsible for all due back assessments and any additional assessments which may have been levied, but which may not be due. Also, get a letter from the association at least five days before closing insuring that you know exactly how much is due and owing. Don't close unless you have done so.

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.

Tax system changes will boost Michigan job growth

Michigan's net negative migration of 465,000 residents since 2001 is well-documented. The primary reason: Michigan's inbound migration rate has dropped to nearly zero. The result is income losses equating to billions of dollars. Not to mention hundreds of millions of dollars in lost payroll taxes, sales and use taxes and property taxes.

Michigan's migration woes will continue as long as the current job market and future prospects remain much brighter elsewhere.

Reversing this trend involves creating a business environment that results in consistent job growth. A significant tool for attracting and retaining businesses, regardless of economic conditions, is tax policy.



Michael C. Stoskopf

Joshua Barro is a staff economist for the Tax Foundation. In his paper "2009 State Business Tax Climate Index (SBTCI)," he states, "... most mass job relocations are from one U.S. state to another

... [meaning] that lawmakers must be aware of how their states' business climates stack up to others in their region and nationwide."

According to the Tax Foundation's 2009 rankings, how did Michigan do?

The good news, as far as overall taxation, Michigan ranked

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20th. The bad news: Michigan's Corporate Tax Index, composed of the factors by which businesses evaluate states when deciding to relocate, ranked a dismal 48th.

These rankings inspired me to do a little research.

I compared, by state, three telling economic measures from 2004-2008: Gross Domestic Product; Per Capita Income; and Population. The "Top 7 States," based on their 2009 SBTIC Overall Rank, had positive growth rates in all three measures. They also performed markedly better than the 42 other states combined. Finally, as a group, they significantly outperformed Michigan, which

had negative rates across all measures.

Attributing Michigan's poor performance to the worldwide automotive recession is certainly reasonable. However, by and large, businesses continue not selecting Michigan for their operations. This should serve as our "wake-up call" for immediate action.

The absence of a major tax is the dominant factor in vaulting the "Top 7 States" to the top of the rankings. Property taxes and unemployment insurance taxes are levied in the seven states, but there are several that do without one or more of the major taxes (i.e., corporate, individual income, or sales).

Michigan faces many difficult decisions with economic

consequences. However, just as critical, we must create a business environment that results in consistent job growth, thereby ensuring a viable economic future for Michigan.

There is an old sports adage, "To BE the best, you must BEAT the best."

Now is the time for our elected leaders in Lansing to make Michigan one of the best states for business. Creating a comprehensive, new, business-friendly tax system will encourage job growth and economic vitality for years to come.

Michael C. Stoskopf is executive officer of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, based in Farmington Hills.

HOMES SOLD - WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of June 1-5, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton			
43459 Applewood Rd	\$152,000	43998 Fredericksburg St	\$60,000
7279 Burgundy St	\$155,000	1381 Hampshire Dr	\$170,000
43802 Cherry Grove Ct E	\$127,000	1564 Kensington Dr	\$260,000
351 Country Club Ct	\$329,000	4546 Liberty St N	\$280,000
46472 Creekside Ct	\$220,000	47326 Northgate Dr	\$160,000
		41084 Northwind Dr	\$70,000
		43770 Palisades Dr	\$155,000
		1591 Rustic Ridge Rd	\$135,000
		700 Suttin Dr	\$165,000
		Garden City	
		32325 Donnelly St	\$50,000
		6168 Gilman St	\$45,000
		6169 Gilman St	\$80,000
		30104 Hennepin St	\$25,000
		Livonia	
		14063 Alexander St	\$116,000

36790 Angeline Cir	\$125,000	552 W Dunlap St	\$275,000
14233 Arcola St	\$128,000	17532 Williamsburg Ct	\$476,000
10214 Cranston St	\$153,000	39537 Windsome Dr	\$285,000
37507 Eagle Dr	\$65,000	Plymouth	
31510 Haldane St	\$129,000	451 Ann St	\$288,000
9960 Hartel Ct	\$101,000	42081 Lakeland Ct	\$215,000
34155 Navin Ave	\$191,000	365 Maple St	\$180,000
18021 University Park Dr	\$128,000	1490 Maple St	\$288,000
		48487 Meadow Ct	\$220,000
		49922 Pointe Xing	\$145,000
		322 Red Ryder Dr	\$120,000
		Northville	
44584 Aspen Ridge Dr	\$270,000	11336 Inkster Rd	\$65,000
44915 Broadmoor Cir S	\$238,000	17380 Macarthur	\$78,000
39513 Champion Ct	\$90,000	16104 Norborne	\$60,000
17845 Cranbrook Dr	\$750,000	13997 Sarasota	\$76,000
44074 Deep Hollow Ct	\$500,000		
16098 Morningside	\$134,000		
16406 Ridgewood Ct	\$346,000		

14422 Sarasota	\$120,000	30470 Avondale St	\$37,000
26649 Southwestern Hwy	\$35,000	2280 Buchanan Ct	\$111,000
Westland		32086 Fairchild St	\$66,000
		39060 Huron Pkwy	\$160,000
		39248 Huron Pkwy	\$178,000
		38503 Meghan Ln	\$103,000
		7345 Mohawk St	\$55,000
		6321 W Morgan Cir	\$94,000
		39033 Willow Creek Pkwy	\$164,000
		39089 Willow Creek Pkwy	\$160,000
		6111 Wilmer St	\$45,000

HOMES SOLD - OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of June 8-12, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

2445 Hempstead Rd	\$122,000	25579 Portico Ln	\$140,000
3134 Phillips Rd	\$103,000	25585 Portico Ln	\$120,000
		41643 Tera Ln	\$125,000
		30249 Viewcrest	\$240,000
		Oakland Township	
		3629 Tremonte Cir S	\$82,000
		Orchard Lake	
		3895 Lakeview Blvd	\$225,000
		Rochester	
		1954 Cloverdale Dr	\$375,000
		139 Drace St	\$175,000
		530 W Third St	\$508,000
		Rochester Hills	
		2390 Arizona Ct	\$166,000
		538 Augusta Dr	\$218,000
		658 Lockport Rd	\$136,000
		2174 London Bridge Dr	\$94,000
		251 Mystic Vly	\$295,000
		956 Norcross Dr	\$280,000
		90 Orchardale Dr	\$135,000
		1770 Skyline Dr	\$318,000
		South Lyon	
		1101 Shetland Dr	\$270,000
		Southfield	
		21321 Andover Rd	\$58,000
		17145 Bonstelle Ave	\$150,000
		17501 Madison St	\$48,000
		27045 Marshall St	\$77,000
		29400 Murray Crescent Dr	\$153,000
		30845 Red Maple Ln	\$122,000
		Troy	
		1642 Carpenter Dr	\$365,000
		2506 Cheswick Dr	\$253,000
		585 Colebrook Dr	\$62,000
		6485 Freedom Dr	\$150,000
		2835 Marcus Dr	\$125,000
		301 W Big Beaver Rd	\$80,000
		Walled Lake	
		31101 Alexa Dr	\$150,000
		515 E Walled Lake Dr	\$229,000
		West Bloomfield	
		6752 Buckland Ave	\$85,000
		6535 Duffield St	\$80,000
		2499 Empire Dr	\$230,000
		7212 Heather Heath	\$300,000
		6245 Lindsay Ct	\$159,000
		7357 Oak Tree Dr	\$465,000
		4857 Panorama Cir	\$300,000
		6072 Pinewood Ct	\$276,000
		7670 Rosewood Ln	\$123,000
		7334 Westchester	
		Auburn Hills	
		2445 Hempstead Rd	\$122,000
		3134 Phillips Rd	\$103,000
		Beverly Hills	
		19962 Waltham Rd	\$275,000
		181 Euclid Ave	\$850,000
		1447 Yosemite Blvd	\$288,000
		Bloomfield Township	
		2812 Dowderry Ct	\$230,000
		2207 Lost Tree Way	\$180,000
		497 Newburne Pointe	\$315,000
		7169 Paterson Dr	\$610,000
		909 Tartan Trl	\$175,000
		1400 Timberview Trl	\$140,000
		Clarkston	
		4819 Clarkston Rd	\$118,000
		9919 Dixie Hwy	\$224,000
		6493 Enclave Dr	\$263,000
		5597 Northcrest Village Dr	\$172,000
		4825 Pelton Rd	\$80,000
		6180 Sunnydale Rd	\$125,000
		8535 Waumegah Ct	\$290,000
		7485 Wyngate Dr	\$330,000
		Commerce Township	
		9417 Arbor Way	\$370,000
		Farmington Hills	
		21515 Farmington Rd	\$49,000
		30005 Shiawassee Rd	\$132,000
		28472 Venice Cir	\$180,000
		Franklin	
		26011 German Mill Rd	\$650,000
		Lake Orion	
		2938 Aldrin Ct	\$165,000
		21 Franklin Wright Blvd	\$191,000
		Lathrup Village	
		27845 Cathalton	\$135,000
		Northville	
		308 Debra Ln	\$200,000
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		47617 Brittany Ct	\$470,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Business change

Weir Manuel Realtors, a leading Michigan independent real estate firm, announced that it has joined the Coldwell Banker brand and has absorbed Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate to form Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel. The announcement was made by Weir Manuel CEO Kelly Sweeney and Coldwell Banker Schweitzer CEO Paul Schweitzer.

The new company is one of the largest real estate firms in the state. Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel has 465 sales professionals and 11 offices in southeast Michigan.

Kelly Sweeney, who served as Weir Manuel's CEO since 2000, will retain that role in the new firm.

"It's an exciting day for all of us at Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel," Sweeney said. "Our new entity delivers great strength, depth and value to the marketplace. We have created an outstanding platform for our sales associates and a strong foundation from which we can execute our strategic growth plan. We see tremendous opportunities in Michigan as the real estate market begins to stabilize. While others continue to pull back, we plan on investing heavily in our people and our operations."

Career Seminar

A Real Estate Career Seminar will be held at Keller Williams Plymouth, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17. Call (734) 459-4700 to reserve a seat.

Keller Williams Realty of Livonia will hold a free 59 minute Real Estate Career Seminar at their offices at 36642 Five Mile Road 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13. Call (734) 266-9000 to reserve a seat.

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There's a free seminar every week: Tuesday or Saturday, 11 a.m. to noon at 27555 Executive Drive (off West 12 Mile and Halsted), Farmington Hills 48331.

For more details, contact Steve Leibhan, (248) 553-0400, Ext. 2500.

Careers in field

A free 59-minute Career Seminar will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, for those interested in real estate careers. Questions regarding startup cost, commission and success potential will be answered. It will be at Keller Williams Realty, 36642 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 266-9000 to reserve a seat.

Homebuyers

A Homebuyer Seminar will be held 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 and 26, at Keller Williams, Farmington Hills

Market Center, 27555 Executive Drive, Suite 100 - southeastern corner of 12 Mile and Halsted. RSVP: (248) 893-1550.

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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. Presented by Loretta Chmura, Educational Director, Middleton Training. This seminar will give Realtors 2.0 hours Continuing Education Credits. Sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on 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)

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.

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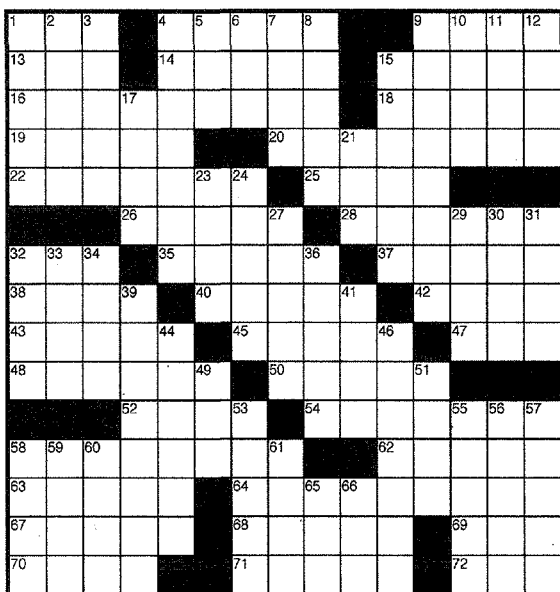
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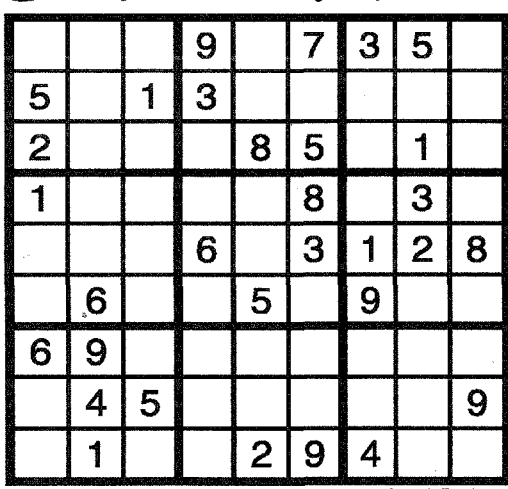
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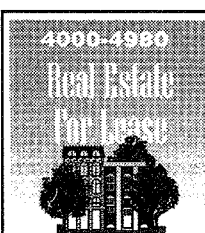
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FARMINGTON HILLS - Thurs-Sat, 10am-4pm, 34981 White Pine Trail, off Gil Rd. S. of 9 Mile. Pics & details at estate-sales.net. K & M Estate Sales

GARDEN CITY: 29550 Bock, Sept. 17 & 18, 9-4. Antiques, Household & Furniture. 3 bks. S. of Ford, 1/2 blk. W. of Middlebelt.

7100 Estate Sales **7100**
GARDEN CITY - 9/17 - 9/19, 9-5pm. 1157 Deering, btwn Middlebelt & Inkster, S. of Ford Rd. Furniture, oil paintings, Christmas items & misc. Must sell entire estate!

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36053 Ann Arbor Tr, Livonia, btwn Wayne & Newburgh, Fri-Sun. Something for everyone!

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Garage Sales **7110**

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BIRMINGHAM - HUGE YARD SALE Sat 9-19 & Sun 9-20, 10-5pm. 612 Mohegan, btwn Maple & Big Beaver & Woodward & Adams.

CANTON 39663 Scottsdale Dr. S. of Cherry Hill (Brookside Sub). Thurs-Sat, 9am-5pm. Collectibles, toys, etc.

CANTON 6890 Montfort Dr. Sat, 9/19, Only! 8am-4pm. Off Sheldon & Warren. Furniture, PartyLite, kids toys, antique iron, etc.

CANTON - Consolidation of 2 families downsizing. Lg selection. 9/17-9/19, 9-5pm. 42417 Proctor, off Lilley

CANTON: Multi-Family! 9/17-19, 47232 Larchmont, Sunflower Sub. W/Ford, E/Beck, Dept. 56 Dickens Village, Holiday decorations, etc. Hallmark ornaments & classic cars, etc.

CANTON - Multi Family Sale: Cherry crib, dresser/changing table, household toys, clothes. 7799 Capri Dr. N/Warren, W/ Sheldon. Fri-Sat, 9-5pm.

CANTON: Multi-Sub Sale. Cherry Hill Orchard, Stonegate, Oak Vale. S. of Cherry Hill, N. of Palmer, E. & W. of Lilley. Sept. 17-20, 9-5pm.

CANTON-SUNFLOWER SUB Thurs, Sept. 17-Sat., Sept. 19, 9am-7pm. Off of Canton Center & N. S. of Warren. Look for signs and yellow balloons.

FARMINGTON-Downtown Multi-Family Sale. 33740 State St. S. of Grand River, W. off Farmington Rd. near CVS. 10am-5pm, Thurs, Fri & Sat. Collectibles, interior designer's inventory, fabric, ladies' size 6, furniture, lamps, rugs, pillows, misc. tools.

Garage Sales **7110**
FARMINGTON HILLS - Huge multi family! Household, holiday, coats, clothes, accessories & more! Green Valley Estates, 21609 Manchester, 9 & Halstead. 9/17-9/18, 9-3pm

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GARDEN CITY - Huge garage sale! Furniture, fridge, stove, more! 6757 Sunset St, 1st street E. of Merriman. 9/17-9/20, 9-5pm.

LIVONIA 14408 Lyons, off Lyndon, btwn Middlebelt & Inkster. Great assortment of linens, china, clothing, furniture (indoor & out). Sept. 17-19, 8am-5pm.

LIVONIA 9/24-9/25 Multi-Family. 19253 Gary Lane, Livonia. West of Seven Mile by Bicentennial Park. Thursday & Friday: 8-5pm.

LIVONIA 9075 Henry Ruff 9/19, 8-4pm. Appliances, craft supplies, jewelry, bikes, 300 DVD/CDs, scarves, gloves, new Christmas & gift items, linens, books, clothing.

LIVONIA *BIG GARAGE SALE!***** Friday & Saturday, Sept. 18/19: 9am-3pm Both Days! 18512 Hillcrest St. in Livonia

LIVONIA - Decorative artist & craft supplies & many, many other items. 9/17-9/19, 9-5pm. 9235 Merriman, btwn Joy & W. Chicago.

LIVONIA GARAGE SALE 16742 Rougeway, near 6 Mile & Inkster. Fri Sept 18, 9-6pm; Sat Sept 19, 9-5pm.

LIVONIA Garage Sale! Cherry wood entertainment center, TVs, DVDs, Play Station, video games (rockband), holiday decor, lamps and tons more! 34232 Haldane Dr, Livonia Fri, 9am-4pm, Sat., 9am-12noon.

LIVONIA - Household, books, bike, saw, DVDs, women's clothing & more! 9/18 & 9/19: 9-5pm. 9/20, 9-3pm. 33382 Broadmoor Ct. 3 streets N. of 5 Mile/E. of Farmington

LIVONIA Huge 3 Family Sale - 15023 Norman, S. of 5, W. of Newburg. Thurs-Sat., Sept. 17-19th, 9am-5pm.

LIVONIA: Huge Multi-Family Garage Sale. Sat. 9-19, 9-5pm. 18395 Loveland, E. of Farmington, btwn 6 & 7 Mile. Clothes, toys, household items & more. Don't Miss This One!

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LIVONIA Merriman Forrest Sub. 31246 Pickford Ave, S of 7 Mile. Sept 19-20, 9:30-5. Furniture, teen girl clothes & shoes, housewares, great college dorm items-like new!

Garage Sales **7110**
LIVONIA-MULTI FAMILY! 15636 Edington, 5 Mile, W. of Farmington Rd. Thurs 9/17 - Mon 9/21, 9-5. Household, 1st edition books, bike, shelves, antique bdrm set, records, jewelry & tons more!

LIVONIA - Sept 18-19, 9-4. 14461 Alexander, btwn Middlebelt & Inkster, S. of Lyndon. Household, boy's clothes, toys, books, lamps.

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NORTHVILLE 4 Family Sale - Sat., Sept. 19, 9am-4pm. 15487 Merion Ct., Northville, off 5 Mile, btwn Sheldon and Beck.

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NOVI - Huge garage sale - any & all goes! Antiques & collectibles. 41940 Quince Dr., 1 blk W. of Meadowbrook, off of 10 Mile. Thurs-Sat, 9am-5pm.

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PLYMOUTH 8/18 & 8/19, 8am to 4pm. 873 Palmer Street. Little Girl/Big toys - Barbie (houses, cars), books, CDs, DVDs, games, dishes, play food. Scanner, garden tools, double jogging stroller.

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SOUTHFIELD ESTATE SALE Cranbrook Sub. 30098 Pleasant Tr. btwn Southfield & Evergreen, N. of 12 Mile. Fri-Sat, Sept. 18-19, 10-4pm. Office equip, designer clothes, shoes, unique decorative household items, free giveaways, items \$1-\$30. Let's make a deal!!

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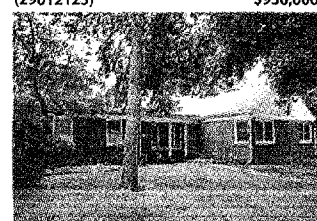
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Farmington Hills 248-851-4100
BEAUTIFUL MEADOWGLEN HOME. FINISHED BSMT. 4 BR, 3.5 bath colonial. Family rm w/cathedral ceiling & gas FP + doorwall to deck. FR opens to large kitchen w/eating space. Formal DR, private library w/wood flrs. (29006066) \$449,000



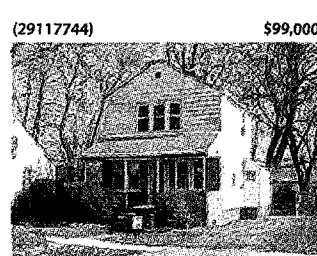
Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
LOVELY 4 BR 2.2 BATH HOME ON THE COMMONS Enjoy beautiful view of commons from Florida room or large deck. Home features newer hardwood flrs in foyer, kitchen, powder rm. Great updates. Master suite. (29086310) \$269,000



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
ROLLING OAKS RANCH W/BEAUTIFUL POOL. Spacious ranch w/curb appeal & large lot. New updated kitchen. Newer roof & furnace. 3 season sunroom. Enjoy parks, paths & commons. Walk to elementary school. (28137578) \$175,000



Farmington Hills 248-348-6430
Botsford Commons 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths The best buy at Botsford! Freshly painted, neutral decor, nestled deep in complex on a peaceful court. (29117744) \$99,000



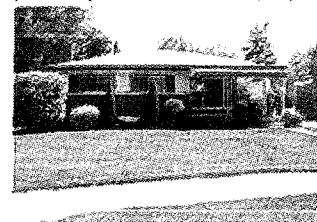
Ferndale 734-591-9200
PRICED TO SELL!! AWESOME STARTER HOME, 3 BR/1.5 BATH COLONIAL WITH SOME UPDATES INCL CARPET, WATER HEATER, AND KITCHEN FLOORS AND COUNTER TOPS. (29046148) \$50,000



Garden City 734-591-9200
Great curb appeal on tree lined street. Well maintained. Presently used as Multi-Fam. Can be converted back to 1 fam. Updated kit & bath. Huge LR wet plaster, neutral decor, part fin bsmt w/full bath & BR (29116590) \$128,900



Garden City 248-851-4100
ADORABLE REMODELED & UPDATED ON ONE ACRE Updated kitchen cabinets. Updated bath w/ceramic floor & new tub. New carpet in LR, refinished HWF in bedrooms w/ceiling fans. 2 car garage. (29113022) \$120,000



Garden City 734-455-7000
GARDEN CITY RANCH! 3 bedrms; 1-1/2 baths; well-maintained ranch. Beautiful neighborhood. Fenced yard. Garage. (29069023) \$109,900



Garden City 734-455-7000
DON'T MISS THIS GREAT HOME! Full brick ranch in nice quiet neighborhood of like homes. 3 BR/1.1 BA, hrdwd flrs under carpet. Fin bsmt w/rec rm & FP. Oversized 2 car gar. Immediate Occupancy! (29096021) \$95,000



Green Oak 248-437-3800
Almost 3000 SF of Luxury! Finished daylight LL offers addl 1000 sf living space w/family rm w/bat, guest rm, exercise rm, & full BA rm. Wooded back yard. www.realestateone.com/29112974. (29112974) \$449,000



Green Oak 248-437-3800
Country French Custom Home. Private lot w/view of nature preserve & pond. A true Chef's kitchen w/high-end Viking 6 burner stove & Viking profess. refig. www.realestateone.com/29119009. (29119009) \$399,900



Highland 248-684-1065
3 acres w/ pines for privacy. 2 mstr stes on main flr w/ jet tubs/ceramic flrs. 3rd br w/blt-in shelves. Open upper loft w/ full ba for 4th br. 2 fp. Huge kit. (29113025) \$249,900



Livonia 248-851-1900
GORGEOUS NEWER 4 BR UPDATED CONTEMPORARY Contemporary colonial among newer homes. Gourmet kitchen & appliances, granite & tile. Great room w/fireplace. First floor master w/jacuzzi. (29106629) \$290,000



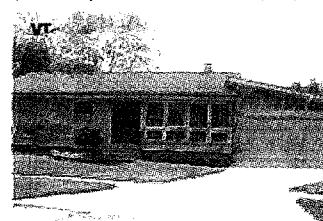
Livonia 734-591-9200
Desirable Green Brier Estate. Lge Ranch w/lge extension. Up/grd for disabled access & comfort. Includes ramp entrance. Lrg eating area, grand rm & bath. 2 Nat fireplaces. 2 car att garage. Lge treed lot. Bsmt (29114346) \$236,500



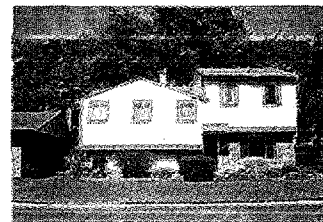
Livonia 248-437-3800
Just Listed! Impressively updated colonial just like a new home. Replaced window, furnace, hot water heater, floors & new roof. 3 season rm. www.realestateone.com/29109645. (29109645) \$219,900



Livonia 734-591-9200
Very desirable loc. Move right into this well cared for spac brk rch with semi priv backyd, driveway on dead end st, newer furn & CA, newer roof & electrical, vinyl wind. Large bsmt w/storage. FR & lg breezy. (29095689) \$180,000



Livonia 248-851-4100
HOST POOL PARTIES FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS! Beautiful 40x20 inground pool, meticulously landscaped in large fenced yard. Open flr plan w/vaulted ceilings. Kitchen has 2 pantries. Fin bsmt, lots of updates. (29065540) \$165,000



Livonia 734-455-7000
SO MUCH HOME FOR SOOO LITTLE! Huge rm sizes t/o. Upgrades galore. 2 mstr BRs, newer roof, air, furn. Great kitchen (16x23)! Newer BAs, paint & carpet, easily changed to 4 BRs. Immed. Occup. (29106042) \$154,900



Livonia 734-591-9200
Spacious Brick/Vinyl Tri-level Featuring a new gourmet kitchen with radiant floor, granite countertops, maple cabinets & more. Updated baths, fresh paint throughout. Near Livonia Rec Center. (29082876) \$149,900



Livonia 248-851-1900
UPDATED RANCH ON A COURT IN LIVONIA 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, full finished basement. Hot tub, fenced yard, 2 car garage, sidewalks. Move right in! (28071438) \$143,500



Livonia 248-851-4100
1800+ SQ. FT. 4 BEDROOM HOME Cool shaded front yard, large back yard & an above ground pool w/privacy fence & deck for summer enjoyment. Large bedrooms including master w/WIC. (29111160) \$119,000



Livonia 734-591-9200
SUPERB VALUE! 3 BR 1322 SQ FT RANCH Newly remodeled kitchen & bath, updated windows. Hardwood floors, lovely bay window in LR. Large FR w/doorwall onto deck. Must see what home has to offer for price (29094868) \$109,000



Livonia 248-348-6430
Highly Desirable 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath 1st floor condo. No stairs to climb! New kitchen, carpet, paint & all appliances stay. Set in a private wooded location just steps away from pool and clubhouse. (28162574) \$65,000



Macomb Twp 586-532-5500
BEAUTIFUL & MOVE IN READY! Upgrades! Inviting flr plan, beautiful Lndscpg, lg Bdrms, 3 FULL Baths, Den, GR w/nat Frlpc, Mstr Bdrms w/Skylites & Bay Wndw throughout. Full Bsmt & More! (30716558) \$199,900



Marion 248-437-3800
Super Starter Home! On almost 1 acre. This move in ready ranch offers: updated kit, updated baths, hrdwd flrs thru-out, great freeway access, & more! www.realestateone.com/29117103. (29117103) \$129,900



Milford 248-348-6430
\$60,000 In Updates! 3 acres in Milford with 4 bedrooms and 2 baths. Great house for entertaining. Move-in condition. (29057240) \$234,900



Milford 248-684-1065
Gorgeous Cape Cod w/ 1958 sq ft of country living space in Milford Twp. Enjoy 3 BR, 3.5 BA, Fin LL, upgraded granite kit on 1.68 acres. Contact: 248-684-1065. (29110304) \$229,900



Northville 248-348-6430
5 Bedroom, Backs To Woods Newer built home in Brooklane. 5 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Open floor plan and daylight lower level. Wonderful master suite, large private lot backing to trees. (29085566) \$450,000



Northville 248-348-6430
Charming and Immaculate Walk to downtown Northville! Cozy, yet bright & cheery home! Updates: wind, roof, furn, HWH. Lt new carp t/o. Cove cell, gas FP w/brk hwh in LR. Fl rm w/skylight. (29110092) \$320,000



Plymouth 248-851-1900
HISTORIC VICTORIAN IN DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH Features a huge addition w/new master suite, all new baths, large GR & breakfast rm. Wood floors t/o 1st flr. New granite kitchen. Newer electric, plumbing, roof, more. (29116971) \$385,000



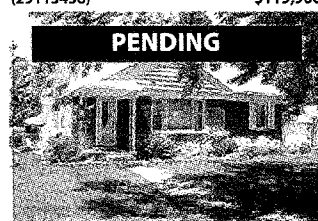
Plymouth 248-851-4100
WALK TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH UPDATED HOME Open floor plan. Clean & move-in condition. Great rm/DR combo w/doorwall to deck. Updated kitchen & bath, HWF, crown molding, recessed lights, newer furnace, C/A (29041893) \$175,000



Redford 248-851-4100
GORGEOUS & UPDATED IN & OUT! 3 BR 1.5 BA Just like out of a magazine. Beautiful wood floors, full finished basement, 2+ car garage. Don't miss this one! (29101574) \$149,900



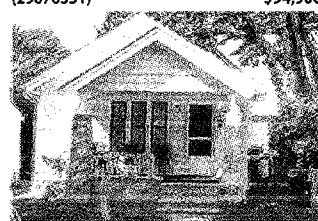
Redford 734-591-9200
Built in 2004, All new! Hwdw on 1st flr & upper bth 1/2 & full bths. New sump pump in bsmt & lighting t/o. SS appl. Corian counters, fresh paint. New AC & carpet. OPEN SATURDAY 9/19 1-3 pm (29113458) \$119,900



Redford 248-348-6430
Cozy Brick Ranch with many updates: kitchen, appliances, roof, electrical, Florida room with wood stove and vaulted ceiling, finished basement with 4th bedroom & full bath. (29029108) \$102,500



Redford 734-455-7000
"CAPE COD" CLASSIC! Top of the line move-in shape brick 3 BR "Cape Cod" in quiet, wooded setting. Redone kitchen, BA, windows, roof, furn, & much more! All appl., like new. Awesome! (29070531) \$94,900



Redford 248-851-4100
ATTENTION FIRST TIME BUYERS! Cute ranch home features fireplace, HWF, formal DR, LR, double closets in master bedroom & large kitchen. Updated electrical & bath. 1 year home warranty. (29006079) \$80,000



Redford 734-591-9200
Move in Ready. Sharp Bungalow on quiet street. Large Family Room has 2 full baths. Hardwood flooring in living room. Corner lot - Won't last long. (29083737) \$74,900



Redford 734-591-9200
Redford Ranch, 2 Bedrooms, Mstr BR has a sound proof wall, All int drs are 6 panel, HW floors, Roof 03, siding, windows, HWT 04, BA 05, Gutters 08. (29028255) \$50,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Just Listed! Custom open flr plan ranch situated on a one acre cul de sac private setting. Extensive decking on 1st flr Lrg kit. w/island. www.realestateone.com/29116426. (29116426) \$239,900



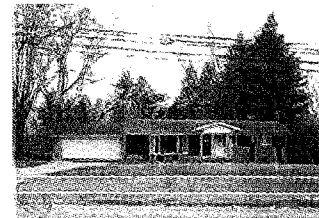
Southfield 248-723-0055
PRESTIGIOUS SHERWOOD VILLAGE Over 3100 sq ft. 4 bedroom, 4.2 bath Colonial. Dining room, hardwood floors, fireplace, fin bsmt, kit appliances, att garage w/ side entry. (29041222) \$240,000



Southfield 248-723-0055
TEMPTING TWYCKINGHAM SUB Colonial w/ over 3000 sq ft. Four bedrooms, 2.2 baths, dining room, family room w/fireplace, kit appliances stay, central air, 2 car garage (29112701) \$130,000



Southfield 248-723-0055
LOTS OF SQUARE FOOTAGE Three bedrooms, 2 baths, newer furnace, water heater and kitchen flooring. Both baths have been updated. Dining rm, 1st flr laundry, garage. (29109580) \$50,900



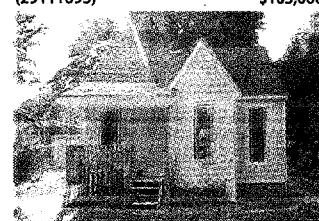
Southfield 248-723-0055
LOTS OF POTENTIAL ON A LARGE LOT Three bedrooms, 1.5 bath brick ranch, partial fin bsmt, 2 car att garage. Room to roam. Bank owned as is sale. Make an appointment today. (29045495) \$40,500



Sterling Heights 248-723-0055
SPACIOUS TRI-LEVEL Brick 3 BR home w/ open floor plan. Updated kit w/ appli, FP in family rm. Newer windows & doors. Lease for \$1100. Subject to third party approval. (29034856) \$129,900



Walled Lake 248-348-6430
A Lot For The Money! 1450 sq ft ranch Main flr w/3 bedrms, 2 baths, French drs & wood flrs. 2 more bedrms & baths in the fin w/o bsmt. Lg yard w/covered patio. Newer tear off roof, kitchen & floors. (29111693) \$103,000



Waterford 248-684-1065
Lease this renovated home w/ updates thru-out: roof, siding, carpet, BA, paint, flooring, windows. 1 car gar. full bsmt. Deck/wooded yard. washer/dryer include. (29111915) \$750



Wayne 734-284-5400
WELCOME HOME Move right in! All repairs have been done. Great Open Floor Plan, 3 BD, 2 full baths. Open Kitchen & nook, master ste w/garden tub. Skylights, lrg deck, C/A. (29048440) \$125,000



Wayne 734-455-7000
GREAT POTENTIAL AWAITS THIS HOME BUYER! 3 bedroom brick ranch with central air, newer windows and electrical. Full basement and 2 car garage. (29074881) \$29,900



Webster 248-437-3800
Own Your Own Private Rustic Retreat. Snuggled on 10 acres amongst a wooded forest. Post and beam w/1st flr mstr. Detached rec. bldg w/heat, full bath & huge patio. www.realestateone.com/29105905. (29105905) \$280,000



Westland 734-455-7000
GREAT FAMILY FLOOR PLAN! Large master BR w/walk-in closet. Formal dining room, breakfast nook. Finished basement, new furnace & much more! (29039958) \$149,900



Westland 734-455-7000
WESTLAND "CREAM PUFF"! Ultra sharp 3 BR Westland ranch that's updated to the max! Gorgeous kitchen w/appliances, refinished hardwood floors, custom trim and much more! (29069047) \$98,500

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