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CANTON CONNECTION

Toxic toys

State Representatives Dian Slavens (D-Canton) and Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) hold a special town hall meeting 6-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, for parents to learn how to protect their children from toxic toys and to have their kids' toys and other products tested for harmful chemicals.

The meeting features representatives from the Ann Arbor-based Ecology Center who will perform free testing on toys and other children's products.

Slavens and Corriveau will also discuss legislation that passed the House earlier this year that will protect children from toxic chemicals.

For more information, residents can call Slavens' office toll-free at (888) 347-8021 or send an e-mail to DianSlavens@house.mi.gov, or call Corriveau's office toll-free at (877) 208-4737 or send an e-mail to MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov

Tricks, treats

Canton Leisure Services hosts the annual Trick or Treat Parade through the Summit on the Park 4-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30. Children are encouraged to dress in costume if they'd like and follow the Trick or Treat path from room to room, each filled with fun surprises and special treats.

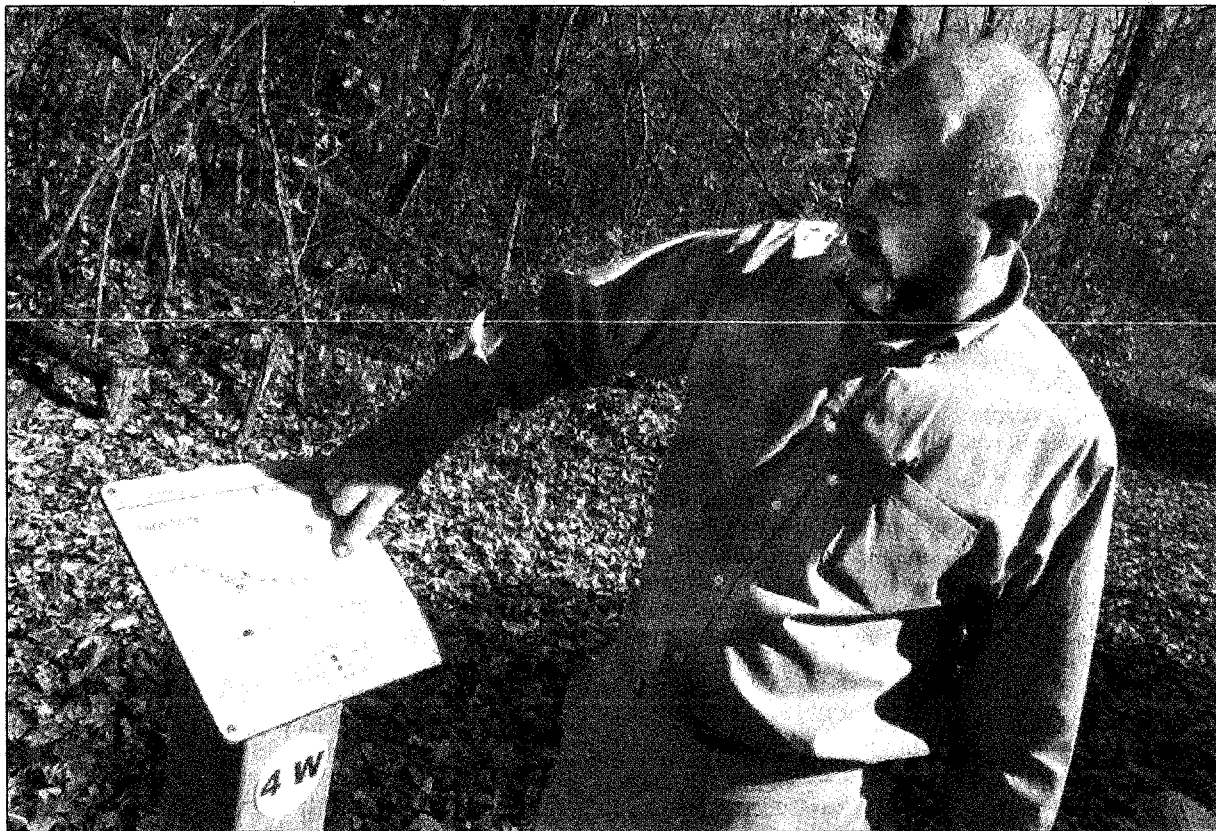
The suggested ages are six and under for the "Little Goblin's Trail," and ages seven to 12 for the newly added "Wizards and Witches Trail."

For more information on the Trick or Treat Parade, please contact the Summit on the Park at 734/394-5460. Information about upcoming Canton Leisure Services events can be found in the Discover brochure or by visiting cantonfun.org.

Tax help

If you need help with your taxes, the Internal Revenue Service is offering a free Solution Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 7 at 477 Michigan Avenue, 20th floor, Detroit, Mi 48226. Detroit is one of only five cities selected for the program. Foreclosure, bankruptcy, payment plans, penalties, past-due tax returns and other complex tax issues can be a challenge for taxpayers. Many of these issues require contact with specific IRS departments and tax experts. Solution Saturday brings together IRS employees from across the agency to work face-to-face with taxpayers to address unique tax problems or issues.

Taxpayers are encouraged to schedule appointments as soon as possible by calling (313) 628-3120.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bridge building

Canton Township parks and facilities manager Brad Sharp notes that there are smaller trails cut by volunteers who ride mountain bikes along the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail. Canton Township officials say a network of wooden bridges connecting the trail should be completed by Thanksgiving. For the full story and more photos, please see page A6.

Fright night

Neighbors bond over Halloween decorations

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Some neighbors compete in decorating their homes for Halloween, but not Canton residents Jennifer King and Jeff Peters.

They've worked together for four years to add Halloween atmosphere to their neighborhood near Cherry Hill and Haggerty.

It's all there — a witch, a gargoyle, ghouls, a skull, pumpkins, grave markers, a skeleton, a coffin, strobe lights, a fog machine — but nothing too gory.

"It's just a kid-friendly yard that the kids love," Peters said.

Longtime friends, Peters, who lives with his parents, and King, a mother of three, decided years ago to work together to maximize their Halloween-decorating efforts.

"We do this every year," King said. "We've got tons of kids around here, and they love it."

The friends also decorate together at Christmastime.

"Jeff's more the Halloween guy, and I'm more the Christmas girl," King said.

Elsewhere, Canton Township is gearing up for Halloween by rolling out its Trick or Treat Parade through Summit on the Park, 4-7 p.m. Friday.

Children are encouraged to attend in costume and follow the path from room to room — each filled with what the township Web site describes as "surprises and goodies."

Parents are responsible for the direct supervision of their children.

The event has a suggested donation of \$5 per Canton family; the cost for non-resident families is \$10.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Neighbors for 10 years, Jeff Peters and Jennifer King have decorated for Halloween for four years.



Jeff Peters and Jennifer King share the decorating between their homes.

Assault suspect caught in Houston

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A man wanted in connection with the severe beating of a woman in Canton has been captured at the Houston, Texas, airport, where police believe he planned to flee the country for Russia.

Quick action by township police helped authorities nab the suspect Tuesday evening in Houston, where he was facing extradition proceedings, Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

The 36-year-old man's identity hadn't been revealed, but Schreiner said the suspect is facing criminal charges here for assault with intent to do great bodily harm, punishable by 10 years in prison upon conviction, and a lesser charge of aggravated assault.

The charges stem from an incident that happened around 3 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, in what Schreiner described as an industrial area near Ronda Drive and Joy Road on the township's north side. Police believe the suspect lived in the Dearborn area, while the 38-year-old victim is from Hamtramck.

The pair, described by Schreiner as acquaintances, drove to Canton after the suspect told the woman he wanted to show her a workplace, but police said the outing turned violent.

"She was pretty severely beaten up," Schreiner said, adding that the woman was found confused and wandering around the area following the assault.

The investigation was continuing, but police said the assault didn't appear sexual in nature. The woman was taken to a local hospital for treatment.

"She received treatment for serious injuries," Schreiner said, "but they were not life-threatening."

Schreiner said an investigation by Canton police indicated the suspect had fled to Florida and then to Houston, where it was believed he was preparing to board a flight Tuesday evening to flee to Russia.

However, authorities in Texas intercepted the man and took him into custody around 5 p.m. Houston time.

It wasn't immediately known Wednesday how quickly the suspect might be returned to Michigan to face criminal charges.

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Volunteers needed as Red Kettle campaign nears

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The folks at the Plymouth Salvation Army know economic times around here are tough.

They just happen to think the people in the community are tougher, and generous enough not to let it affect them.

And based on recent history in the annual Red Kettle Campaign, they might be right. After all, last year's holiday campaign — the Army's biggest fund-raiser — drew \$244,000, nearly \$10,000 more than the goal.

So this year, organizers are setting a goal of \$265,000 for the kettles. Including the other components of the holiday fund-raiser — counter kettles, mail-in donations and walk-in donations — the Salvation Army hopes to raise some \$315,000.

"It's ambitious, to a degree," Corps Officer Capt. Jolene Hull said. "I've only been here a short time, but I already feel like part of the community. (Now) I'm looking forward to helping people fill what they see as Christmas."

Toward that end, the Plymouth Salvation

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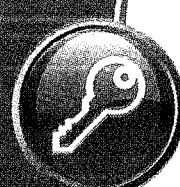
In addition to the Red Kettle Campaign, the Plymouth Salvation Army, which serves Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville:

- Bought some 300 brand-new coats for its annual Coats for Kids program.
- Needs some 600 turkeys for its annual Thanksgiving dinner program.
- Is taking applications for its Thanksgiving and Christmas programs. Applicants must have proof of residency, proof of income and identification for everyone in the home.

For more information on any of these programs, call (734) 453-5464.

Army is looking for volunteers for the 2009 campaign, which starts Nov. 13. Kettles will be set up at 21 locations around the Salvation Army's service area, which includes Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

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Skate for food

The Canton Goodfellows and Skatin' Station II are partnering in an effort to raise food for charity. "Skate on Your Can" food drive takes place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, at Skatin' Station II, 8611 Ronda in Canton. Skaters get ice time for free with a donation of three canned good or non-perishable items. All proceeds go to Canton Goodfellows. For more information, visit the Web site www.skatinstation2.com or call (734) 459-6401.

BPW meets

The Canton Business & Professional Women meet 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, at Palermo's Restaurant (dinner is served), 44938 Ford Road in Canton. Guest speaker Gary Sackett, a Canton attorney, will talk about wills and trusts.

For more information and to RSVP (by Nov. 6), contact June Nicholas by e-mail at juvenicholas@comcast.net or by calling (313) 610-2561.

PCA auction

Officials at Plymouth Christian Academy are inviting the community to "MISSION POSSIBLE," the school's annual Fall Auction set for Friday, Nov. 20, in the school building at 43065 Joy Road in Canton. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with a buffet pasta dinner and silent auction. The live auction will begin at 7 p.m. and will include such items as a ride on the Red Wings Zamboni complete with game tickets, fabulous sports and vacation packages, a ride on a B-17 Flying Fortress at the Yankee Air Museum, pearl sets made by women who have been rescued out of the human trafficking trade, an Extreme Bedroom Makeover, and much more. Dress is casual. Proceeds from this event will go directly to support students in the pursuit of a college preparatory, Biblical worldview education. Join with others in our

community to "ignite a child's future!" For more information, contact PCA at 734-459-3505 or www.plymouthchristian.org. **Corriveau coffee** State Representative Marc Corriveau is hosting a coffee hour 5:30-6:30 p.m. Nov. 30 at Parthenon Coney Island, 39910 Ford Road, in Canton. For more information, call (734) 981-0200. **McCotter staff hours** The staff of Congressman Thaddeus McCotter (Michigan District 11) conducts office hours in Canton and Plymouth Thursday, Nov. 5. This time is set aside so that the citizens served by the congressman have the opportunity to speak with a staff member for assistance regarding any federal issue that they might have. McCotter's staff will be available 9-10 a.m. at the Canton Summit Senior Center, and then 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library. McCotter has two offices in the district to serve his constituents. The Livonia office can be reached by calling (734) 632-0314 or the Milford office is available at (248) 685-9495. Any comments of a political nature should be directed to the office closest to you.

Newcomers Home Business Expo For their Nov. 4 general meeting, the Canton Newcomers will be opening the Sunflower Clubhouse (45800 Hanford Rd, Canton 48187) from 6:30-9 p.m. for members, friends, and community neighbors to shop with over a dozen member-run businesses. With Christmas around the corner, the Newcomers recommend you bring your list of who



Kiwanis officers

The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Club installed their new officers at their Oct. 1 induction dinner. Officers are (from left) Char Briggs, Vice President; Janet Ott, Secretary; Mark Ott, President; Debby Torzy, Treasurer. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers serving the world one child, and one community at a time. The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis provides dictionaries to all Plymouth Canton Community School third graders, totaling over 1,400. It is active with the Salvation Army, First Step and Youth Leadership Canton. There are many opportunities to give back to your community and your Kiwanis club is one of them. For more information visit the Club's Web site at www.pckiwaniis.org or call (734) 981-0460.

is naughty or nice, and get your holiday shopping done early! For more information, contact Melanie Burzynski, (734) 207-3341.

Halloween bash

Plymouth-Canton Schools has teamed up with High Velocity Sports to sponsor a Halloween Bash 12:30-3:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30. The event will take place at High Velocity Sports, 48245 Michigan Ave., in Canton for ages 1-10 years old. Activities will include several Pinatas, costume contests, party games, and Halloween music. The cost is \$5 per child in advance, or \$6 per child at the door. Adults are free. Tickets can be pre-purchased by calling (734) 487-7678. For more information, contact Elaine Matthews at (734)

Chiefettes clinic

The Canton Chiefettes are hosting a Pom Pon Clinic for kids ages 5-14 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Canton High School gym in the Phase III building. Kids will learn a pom routine and a short dance routine. Cost is \$45 per child and includes a T-shirt, poms and a snack. Discounts are available for additional siblings and for participants of the August 29 clinic. Parents are invited to watch their daughters perform at 2:30 p.m. All girls attending are invited to perform at a Canton Varsity Basketball game Dec. 11. Registration is from 11-11:30 a.m. the morning of the clinic. Visit our Web site at www.cantonchiefettes.com to pre-

register and save \$5 before Nov. 13. Registration is limited to the first 100 participants. For more information e-mail pomclinic@cantonchiefettes.com **Congregational Church Fair**

"Snow Fashioned Christmas," the theme of the 63rd church Fair at the First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square, will be held Thursday and Friday, Nov. 5-6 from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. The Fair will feature the Christmas Shop with many handmade items for decorating your home or for gifts, the Candy Booth with homemade candies and sweets, and the country store with home canned vegetables, jellies and pickles. The boutique offers handmade quilts, sweaters, blankets and much more. Other shops with unique goods are the Specialties Shop, the Secret Closet, Attic Treasures, Book Store, Men's Booth and the Variety Shop. In addition, meals will be served. Lunch (soup, salad, sandwiches, cake and beverage) will be served both Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Dinner will be served both days from 5-7 p.m. On Thursday, dinner will feature turkey or ham, and on Friday it will feature turkey dinner or Swiss steak. Cost for meals is \$8 for adults, and \$4 for children age 3-11. Raffle tickets will be available for a quilt made by the church's quilters, a wooden bird house made by a church member and a doll house made by church members. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The Coffee Shop is open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and some goodies before and after you shop.

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KETTLE

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Officials say the need is especially acute the first two days of the campaign — Friday, Nov. 13, and Saturday, Nov. 14. The campaign will run through Dec. 24.

The kettle locations — including this year's newest addition, the Canton Hobby Lobby — will be manned some 12 hours a day, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Saturday. "J.C. Penney was a great location for their first time last year," volunteer coordinator Teresa Moriarty said. "We're hoping for the same kind of success for Hobby Lobby."

Moriarty said the drive's success depends largely on the volunteers who man the kettles. She said some 800 volunteers have already signed up on the Salvation Army's data base (www.ringbell.org).

Service organizations are also already lining up for their annual contribution of time. "I'm surprised by how many people have already jumped on board the bandwagon to get their sites," Moriarty said. "It's really quite amazing."

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West Middle School student Danielle Drechnowicz of Canton collected a minivan full of nonperishable food she and her parents delivered to the Detroit Rescue Mission.

Student gathers food to benefit rescue mission

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Inspired by a church camp she attended, a 12-year-old Canton girl collected a minivan full of nonperishable food she and her parents delivered Monday afternoon to the Detroit Rescue Mission.

Danielle Drechnowicz, a sixth-grader at West Middle School in Plymouth, proved that one young girl can make a difference in helping the hungry and the homeless.

"I just felt like I should do it to help other people," she said.

Danielle, who attends Northridge Church in Plymouth Township, attended a SpringHill Camps retreat a few weeks ago in Ewart and returned with an idea to help those less fortunate than she is.

She distributed fliers in mailboxes around her neighborhood and spread the word in her class resource room at West Middle School about her

food drive.

"We're extremely proud and touched by what she did," her mother, Diane Drechnowicz, said. "This was her own idea."

Last Friday, Danielle collected bags of food brought to school by teachers and classmates, and Saturday she pulled a wagon to gather up nonperishables donated by her neighbors.

Her father, Paul Drechnowicz, drove his Chrysler minivan to help her, and when she collected a wagon full of food, she transferred the donations to the vehicle and continued on with her wagon.

Monday afternoon, her parents picked her up at school, and they took her to the Detroit Rescue Mission, where she turned over what she had collected.

"We're beyond proud," Paul Drechnowicz said. "We're a lot more fortunate than a lot of people, so it's important to give back to the community."

She did this out of the kindness of her own heart. She did it because she wanted to make a difference."

Saturday was national Make a Difference Day, so Danielle's project was timely.

Danielle didn't seek attention for her good deeds. Rather, it was one of her neighbors, Kathy Ellison, who called the *Observer* to report her good deeds.

"I thought it was pretty remarkable for a 12-year-old to come up with that idea on her own and have the fortitude to follow through with all of it," Ellison said. "I just thought it was really wonderful."

Danielle said she is thankful for everyone who helped make her food drive a success.

"I was very happy to see how much everybody donated," she said. "Some people gave like two bags or boxes away. It was really amazing."

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Patterson won't run for attorney general

BY DARRELL CLEM
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State Sen. Bruce Patterson, saying he needs to focus his attention on Michigan's beleaguered economy, rising unemployment, budget woes and other problems, has suspended his exploratory campaign for attorney general.

Patterson, R-Canton, said he appreciates the support he received for the position, including a strong endorsement from the Wayne 11th District Republican Committee, but he said the timing isn't right for the campaign.

"Michigan's economy is struggling, we have a 15.3 percent unemployment rate, our budget has a structural deficit, the U.S. dollar is in jeopardy of being replaced as the world's currency, which means there won't be any future bailouts or stimulus money because we face dramatic spikes in inflation and precipitous increases in interest rates," Patterson said, "and Michigan faces major policy demands, including enactment of a long-term energy plan."



State Sen. Bruce Patterson of Canton has suspended his campaign for Michigan attorney general.

"Addressing these issues in the time I have remaining as a state senator is far more important than seeking higher office to further my personal ambitions," he said in a statement.

His district includes Canton, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville Township and part of Northville, along with 11 other communities.

Patterson is term-limited in the state Senate after his second four-year term expires at the end of 2010. He earlier had indicated he was "kicking around the idea" of a bid for attorney general, calling it a "logical progression for me."

He is the senior attorney in the Michigan Senate and previously served two terms in the

state House, where he became the first freshman legislator elected as associate speaker pro tempore. He also served as majority floor leader.

Patterson also previously served on the Wayne County Commission and is an inductee in the Canton Township Hall of Fame.

A statement from Patterson's office noted that one potential stumbling block for his attorney general campaign was that some viewed him as too fiscally conservative and that his opposition to using federal stimulus dollars to temporarily maintain state spending levels might prove unpopular.

"I suspect those votes might have ultimately proven to be detrimental to my candidacy," he said, "but I could not support spending our grandchildren's futures. Michigan is spending too much and has lived beyond its means for too long. We must put Michigan's financial house in order."

Patterson didn't rule out a future bid for attorney general but said, "The stars are just not in alignment at this time."

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Local funeral home offers help to victims of alleged scam

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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A funeral home in Livonia has offered to take care of customers of the former Ziomek Funeral Home who lost money on prepaid contracts with that funeral home.

Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, and two other locations at 25450 Plymouth in Redford and 34567 Michigan Ave. in Wayne, will accept contracts from Ziomek and offer funeral services and use of the funeral home, according to general manager Nelson Thulin.

Earlier this month, Canton

residents Christopher and Nancy Ziomek, former owners of the Ziomek Funeral Home, were charged with two counts of embezzlement greater than \$50,000 but less than \$100,000, three counts of embezzlement by an agent or trustee greater than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000,

and funeral contracts-conversion. A preliminary examination is scheduled for Nov. 10 in 16th District Court.

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Cash swiped in restaurant heist

1 An owner arriving at the Canton Family Restaurant around 6:40 a.m. Friday found that it had been broken into overnight. The eatery is located on Hanford east of Canton Center.

The owner told police his son had locked the restaurant the night before. He also told police he noticed that a window on the south side of the restaurant had been broken. He said a file cabinet inside the office had been ransacked but it didn't appear anything was missing, although money had been taken from a cash register.

All of the doors of the restaurant were locked when he arrived.

Armed robbery

2 Canton police are investigating an armed robbery that occurred about 8:30 p.m. Friday at Beauty First, a business on Ford Road east of Lilley.

Authorities had not released any further information this week, saying the investigation was continuing.

Home invasion

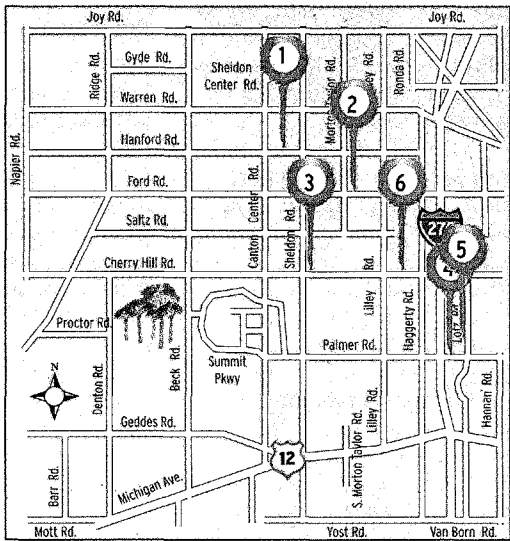
3 A man reported that he and his wife returned to their home on Harsdale, northeast of Cherry Hill and Sheldon, and found all of the jewelry they kept in the master bedroom closet had been removed from boxes and pushed under their bed. The incident happened between 5 p.m. Sunday and just after midnight Monday.

The man told police he didn't think much about it because he was tired, but the next morning he noticed that his front door was unlocked. He then went to his garage and noticed that his tennis shoes were missing. He also noticed the side entry door of the garage had been kicked in. After a more thorough check of his house, he said a coin jar also had been taken from the master bedroom.

Garage intruder

4 A woman told police she came home from a video store around 9 p.m. Sunday, parked her 2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer in the attached garage of her home, and her husband's 2009 Chevrolet Cobalt was parked in the driveway. Around 7 a.m. Sunday, the couple noticed the garage door was halfway raised and that both their vehicles had been entered.

The couple lives on Deer Creek, northeast of Palmer and I-275. The couple told police



missing items included children's wallets, which had been left in the center console of the Cobalt, and both garage door openers were gone, one from each car.

It didn't appear the intruder had entered the home.

Driveway daring-do

5 A Canton woman told police she and her husband went to bed just after midnight Monday and that both of their vehicles were parked in the driveway of the home on Emerald Pines, northwest of Palmer and Lotz. The next morning, the woman found the garage door open, and the garage door remote was missing from each of the vehicles.

However, she told police her husband's car keys and GPS unit hadn't been taken from one of the unlocked vehicles. The couple also checked their garage and noticed that two jewelry boxes containing costume jewelry had been moved, but it didn't appear anything was missing.

Police advised the couple to manually disengage their garage door until they could buy new remotes.

Stolen Sebring

6 A woman told police her 2005 Chrysler Sebring was stolen between 6:45 a.m. Friday and 10:45 p.m. Monday from her apartment on Village Green, northwest of Cherry Hill and Haggerty. She said she had rented a different vehicle over the weekend to drive to a wedding and later noticed that her car was missing.

- Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

Police, hospital team for drug seminar

The Canton Police Department has partnered with Saint Joseph Mercy Health System to offer the class, Drugs 101: What Parents Want to Know.

This popular class will be presented 10 times over the next eight months by educators from Saint Joseph Mercy Health System staff and Canton Police Department's Community Relations Sergeant Mark Gajeski. Together they will educate parents on the signs, symptoms and current trends of alcohol, tobacco, inhalants, marijuana and other drugs teens may use.

Legal consequences and long term implications will also be addressed.

Features of this interactive class include a mock teenager's bedroom set up for parents to observe and attempt to identify the obvious and not-so-obvious drug related paraphernalia. Throughout the presentation, more than 70 drug and alcohol indicators will be unveiled to show how some adolescents hide drug and alcohol use from their parents. Information presented is intended to empower parents with knowledge to spot warning signs of drug use.

"It will be a unique opportunity to present this valuable information in conjunction with health care professionals," Gajeski said. "I am looking forward to working with parents in the community who are interested in playing an active role in drug prevention and intervention for their children."

Participating parents and guardians can expect to gain valuable information on facts about drug use; knowledge about how drugs affect the body; tools to identify drug use; and skills to engage their child in conversations about drugs.

"Drugs 101: What parents want to know" is being made possible by grant money received from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Bryne JAG) program included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

This is a two-hour class for adults only who reside in Canton or its surrounding communities. Register for this free program at www.sjmercyhealth.org, click on Classes and Events. Additional information can be obtained by calling the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, (734) 398-7518, or the Canton Police Department, (734) 394-5424.

Dates and locations of the adult-only presentations are listed below:

- Thursday, Oct. 15, 6:30 p.m. - Pioneer Middle School Cafeteria, Plymouth
 - Thursday, Nov. 12, 1 p.m. - St. John Neumann Church, Canton
 - Tuesday, Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m. - Discovery Middle School Cafeteria, Canton
 - Tuesday, Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m. - Bentley Elementary Cafeteria, Canton
 - Wednesday, Jan. 13, 10 a.m. - Summit on the Park, Chestnut Room, Canton
 - Thursday Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m. - Farrand Elementary Gym, Plymouth
 - Saturday, March 6, 10 a.m. - Plymouth Public Library, Plymouth
 - Tuesday, March 23, 6:30 p.m. - Fiegel Elementary Gym, Plymouth
 - Tuesday, April 27, 6:30 p.m. - Field Elementary Gym, Canton
 - Thursday, May 13, 6:30 p.m. - Summit on the Park, Chestnut Room, Canton
- Any group interested in hosting a Drugs 101: What Parents Need to Know program can call Saint Joseph Mercy Health System at 734/398-7518 or e-mail healed@trinity-health.org.

Canton sergeants complete command class

Two command officers from Canton Police Department have successfully completed Eastern Michigan University's Police Staff and Command Class, consisting of 40 command officers from police departments around the state.

Sergeant James Harrison and Sergeant Patrick Sullivan, both 18-year veterans with the department, participated in the graduation ceremony



Harrison



Sullivan

held on Friday, Oct. 16, at Canton's Summit on the Park. EMU's Police Staff and

Command School is held 40-hours per week, once a month, for 10 months. This extensive training program is focused on the management, planning, analysis and administration of police departments and their personnel.

The school is a combination of both lectures and hands-on activities, with much of the training focused around group decision-making.

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Runners, walkers and bicyclists will get to enjoy the Wayne County Lightfest as part of the light show's opening events.

Sign up now for annual Lightfest Fun Run/Walk

Time is running out to sign up for the 13th annual Wayne County Lightfest 8K Fun Run/Walk Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Runners and walkers will have an opportunity to travel the Lightfest display route on foot beginning at 7 p.m. Bicycling enthusiasts will have a chance to Bike through the Lights at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Participants will be among the first to view the wonderful displays, which include an enchanting Celebration of Lights arch, Cecil Magic Dragon, a large waving polar bear with cubs, an animated Old Glory, animated snowflake arches and more.

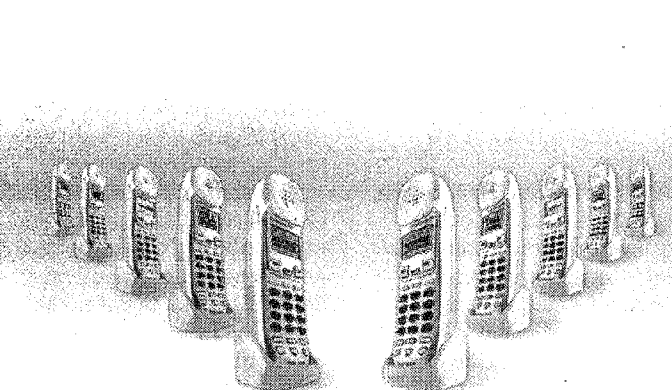
There will be post race food for both events, along with free long sleeve T-shirts and glow necklaces. Registration prior to October 31 is \$18. After that, the fee is \$20 in advance for adults and \$25 on race day. High school students and younger pay \$12.

Both events will take place in the Hines Park-Merriman Hollow area at Merriman and Hines Drive in Westland. Registration forms are available online at www.waynecountyparks.org or can be picked up at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland or Total Runner store in Southgate.

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Whalers turn pink into 'green' with annual cancer benefit

Plymouth Whalers officials are calling the second annual Pink Out! For Breast Cancer Awareness – held last Saturday against the Belleville Bulls – “a success on many levels.”

The Whalers hammered Belleville, 6-1, at Compuware Arena. Tyler Seguin rebounded from being held off the scoresheet for two straight games to score two goals with two assists as the game's first star.

The Whalers wore specially designed pink jerseys for the game that were auctioned off. Fans were able to bid anywhere between \$200 and \$1,200 for the distinctive jerseys. As expected, Seguin's game-worn jersey garnered the highest bid.

Not only did the Whalers wear distinctive jerseys, they went as a team to get their hair dyed pink earlier in the week. With Lucky Hair Company in

Canton providing the materials and expertise, every Whaler player received pink hair, with mixed results.

“Some of them are pretty funny,” Whalers veteran Ryan Hayes admitted. “There's everything from Mohawks to mullets. The best one is Michal Jordan. He has a good Mohawk.”

It's one thing to get your hair dyed pink, but it's another when the hair is dyed mid-week and you have to go to school and play in Kitchener before the event. That was what most of the younger Whalers – who attend high school at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park – did.

“We did the same thing last year,” said Plymouth defenseman Leo Jenner. “Doing this a couple of days before raises awareness. People get to see you out in public and it raises



Belleville's Matt Tipoff (left), breast cancer survivors Sandy Schoenheide, Leza Ivezaj and Blanche Mack and Plymouth's Tyler Seguin participate in a ceremonial puck drop Saturday.

questions. We can tell the public why we're doing it and support the cause at the same time. (In the end) that's what it's all about.”

Energized by over 2,700 cheering fans, three amazing women who battled against breast cancer, and won, walked together to center ice to drop the ceremonial puck. Leza Ivezaj of Lucky Hair Co. and Blanche Mack and Sandy Schoenheide from Meijer were honored for their courage and strength against this disease.

The Whalers tripled their proceeds from 2008, with their limited game-worn jersey auction, Chuck-A Puck promotion and 50/50 raffle totaling \$8,000. A check will be presented to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute on behalf of the Whalers team, staff and fans, officials said.


In some ways, the event was a typical OHL game, with plenty of goals and even a fight between Plymouth's A.J. Jenks and Belleville's Tyler Taylor. But there was a palatable

change in the vibe in the game. Women, girls, men and boys all sported pink in some fashion. The linesmen (Matt Prozaki and Chris Thornton) along with referee Joe Celestine wore pink jerseys. The Plymouth coaching staff – Mike Vellucci, Joe Stefan and Brian Sommariva – all wore pink ties.

“Like last year, we are still in awe of the incredible support and enthusiasm this event generated in our community,” said Denise Ronayne, Plymouth Whalers Sales and Marketing Director. “We saw a lot of smiles as fans cheered on the Whalers – but most importantly, cheered on someone in their life affected by breast cancer. It was a great night all around. Soon we'll start thinking about how we'll “go pink” next year to keep the event fresh for our fans and continue to grow our donations for KCI.”

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W-W gets 'A' for managing finances

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's not often a school district gets a letter grade for financial management, but that's what the Wayne-Westland Community Schools has received from its auditors.

“We would have to give the district's audit process an A grade,” said Jeff Higgins of Plante Moran, the district's auditing firm. “Our opinion is a statement on the financial position of the district and our opinion is an unqualified or clean opinion, the highest assurance we can provide.”

Higgins along with auditor Nathan Troyer went before the school board Monday evening to present the results of an audit of the 2008-2009 budget year and to talk about the effect the state's budget crisis is having on the school district.

For the sixth straight year, the district's general fund balance decreased from \$13 million in 2008 to \$10.6 million. The general fund had revenues of \$115 million and expenditures of \$115.9 million.

According to Deputy Superintendent Gary Martin, local tax revenue dropped by \$170,000 and interest income was down \$115,000, a reflection on declining funding.

On the expenditure side, health care costs were down \$700,00, due in part to the district's self insured program and workman's

compensation, a 13 percent drop in utilities and a cut in outside contracting by \$250,000.

According to Troyer, the school district receives 91 percent of its revenue from the state. The problems with the state's economy, future prorations of school aid payments and future retirement fund contributions create financial uncertainties for the district going forward.

Troyer said the district will pay 16.54 percent or \$13,757, of an employee's salary to the state retirement system this year and that percentage will continue to rise. He added that the district will also see health care costs increase.


“The district doesn't receive 18 percent of its revenue until after the end of the budget year, that's cause for financial difficulties for the district,” he said. “There's also been a decrease in the fund balance over the last six years. The fund balance decrease is a statewide trend.”

The district has seen its fund balance drop yearly since 2003 when it hit a high of \$23.1 million. The auditors estimate that by the end of the current budget year, that balance will be \$3.7 million, roughly \$600,000 more than what it had on hand in 1996.

That \$10.2 million represents 9.08 percent of expenditures and would allow the district to operate for 16 school days or 33 calendar days. That's well under the statewide average of 13.35 percent.

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A bridge to everywhere

Bridge work connects recreation trail

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Within weeks, five of seven pedestrian bridges connecting a wooded recreation trail that winds through Canton Township should be in place for nature enthusiasts who want to walk, jog, ride non-motorized mountain bikes or spend leisure winter days cross-country skiing.

The wooden bridges, now under construction, will create a seamless path along the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail between Haggerty and Sheldon, and they should be finished by Thanksgiving, Assistant Township Engineer Robert Belair said.

The final two, westernmost bridges between Sheldon and Canton Center are expected to be built by spring, completing a five-mile, peaceful recreation trail that belies the hus-

tle and bustle of a busy township through which it carves a pristine swath of nature.

"It's really nice," 87-year-old Canton resident Frank Liss said, walking from a parking area to a trail head built earlier on Morton Taylor north of Michigan Avenue — a place where the east-west trail already is in use for 1.5 miles.

Belair and Brad Sharp, the township's parks and facilities manager, talked about the recreation trail and bridge work on a picturesque Monday afternoon. Blue skies, falling leaves and warm, October temperatures only added to the natural beauty that many consider one of Canton's best-kept secrets.

Canton's elected leaders in July hired Florida-based Nature Bridges to build the 10-foot-wide pedestrian bridges for \$671,654, using a combination of state, county

and township funding. On Monday, concrete and wooden foundations and abutments stood next to the river, waiting for construction crews to haul in the pre-fabricated bridges in coming weeks.

"They will just drop them right in place," Sharp said.

The bridges will vary in length, depending on the width of the river and the distance needed to properly install them. They are being built high enough over the water to withstand a 100-year flood event, but the approaches will gradually slope upward to make them accessible for disabled people, Sharp said.

The five-mile recreation trail — with narrower offshoots cleared out by the Michigan Mountain Bikers Association — eventually will connect to a larger, improved recreation path that the Michigan Department of Transportation

is planning along I-275.

Serious talks about Canton's five-mile recreation trail began nine years ago, Belair said, "so it's nice to see something finally being built."

Township residents have consistently cited the need for such trails as one of their top recreation needs, Sharp said.

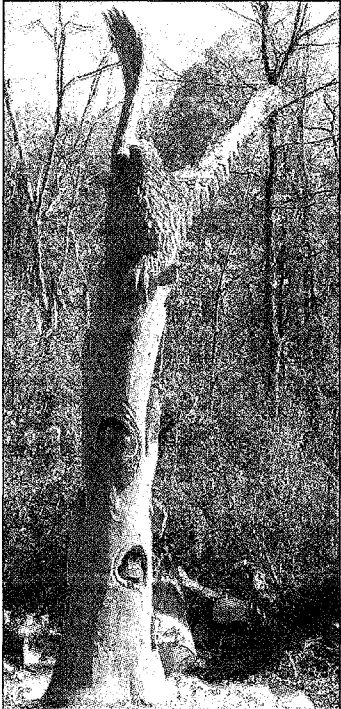
As trail users wander along the path, they will occasionally have to cross major roads, but Sharp said signs are to be posted to alert both pedestrians and motorists of crosswalks. No motorized vehicles are allowed along the trail, which weaves through the township north of Michigan Avenue.

Although the entire trail will be open before next June, Sharp said local officials hope to formally unveil the recreation area in June during a ceremony coinciding with River Day.



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The secondary trails along the main trail are marked.



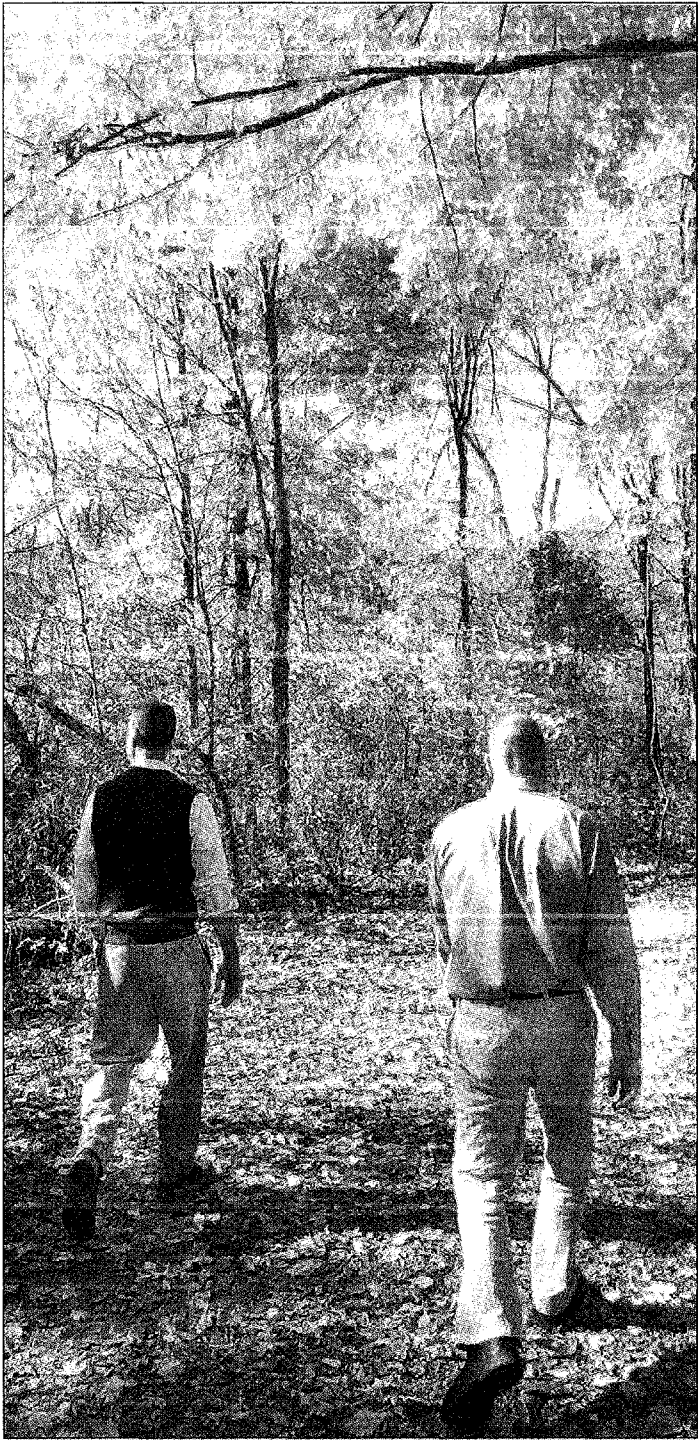
A chainsaw artist recently carved this sculpture along the trail.



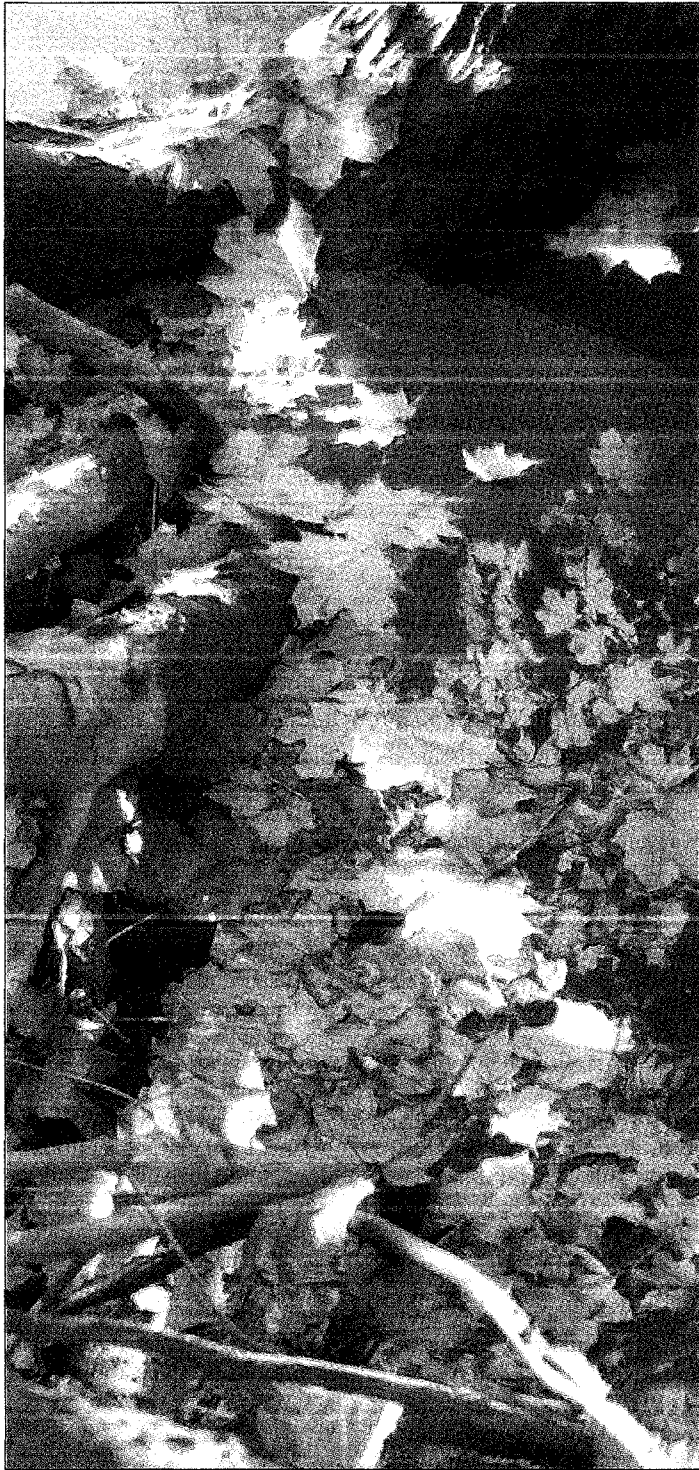
A detail of the chainsaw sculpture shows this raccoon.



Robert Belair and Brad Sharp, township employees, stand at the site of one of the pedestrian bridges under construction.



Township engineer Robert Belair and parks and facilities manager Brad Sharp walk the trail along the Rouge River.



Falling leaves float down the river.



Frank Liss, 87, walks the trail along the Rouge.

Rotary donation helps build Blum's lodge

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Six years after his son died in Iraq, Terry Blumberg choked back tears to talk about a lodge he and his wife Janet are creating on a 12-acre site in Presque Isle County near Rogers City.

Called Blum's Landing, the 3,400-square foot lodge will serve as a tribute to Trevor Blumberg and provide respite for the military personnel wounded in America's war on terror.

"In 2003, our son was killed in Falujah, he told us. 'If I don't come back, take care of my dog and my guys,' so we're building a place for the wounded and the battle damaged," Blumberg told members of the Garden City Rotary Club.

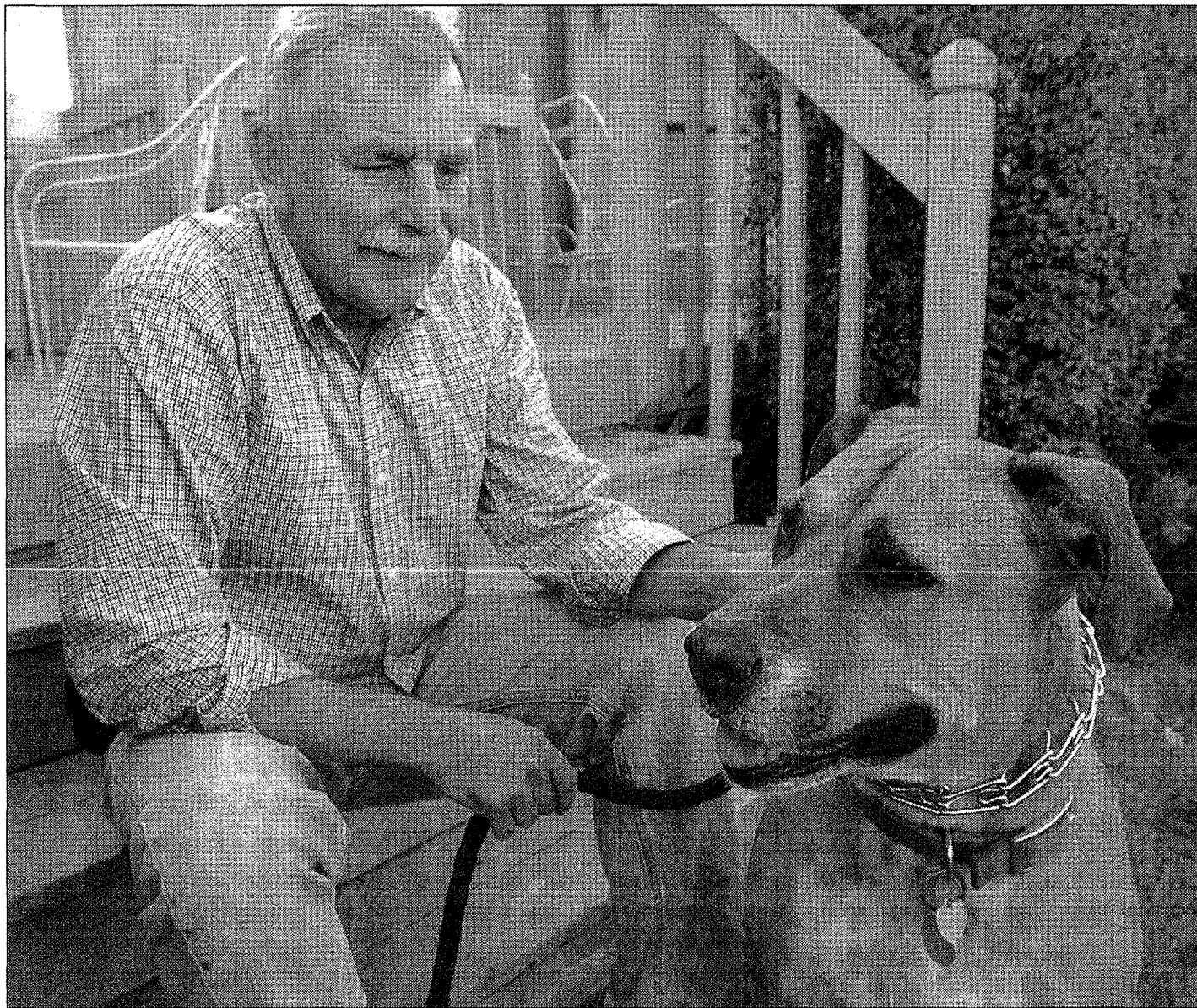
Blumberg and his wife Janet appeared before the group recently to accept a donation - a \$1,000 Rotary Foundation grant and \$2,000 donation from the Garden City club.

"We want to be involved in this," club president Peggy Sexton said in making the presentation. "This doesn't mean the end of our donations."

A sergeant in the U.S. Army, 22-year-old Trevor Blumberg of Canton, was killed on Sept. 14, 2003, when a roadside bomb hit a convoy and destroyed the Humvee occupied by himself and three other soldiers. Members of the 1st Battalion of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, they had been deployed to Iraq just three days earlier.

The Blumbergs have spent more than \$100,000 on the lodge and have set up a foundation to help raise money to complete the project.

"We started building and it hit us between the eyes that we weren't going to make it," said Terry. "We'd like to open the



Terry Blumberg, the father of slain soldier Trevor Blumberg, has his son's dog Scrappy as company when working at Blum's Landing. According to his wife Janet, Scrappy "is treated like a rock star."

doors by next June."

Terry Blumberg has done much of the work himself. It hasn't been easy and has its hazards. Terry Blumberg lost a part of his thumb in an accident on Labor Day when a log kicked back while he was cutting it with a table saw. It was still bandaged when he talked to the Rotary club.

"He was working on the loft and trying to figure out how to execute the beams," said Janet Blumberg.

An elementary school principal in Garden City, she added that her husband has connected with an "angel" named Jack Darga.

"He knows a lot people," Janet Blumberg said. "He's

gotten Walmart to takes us on as a charity and they bring out workers. Our church group came up and did a mission. We were able to get the ceiling finished."

"It's beautiful what they come and do," she said. "We want to run a bed and breakfast and invite young people to have respite."

Trevor Blumberg loved to fish and camp, and when he first enlisted in the Army, he often told his parents how much he wanted to bring his fellow soldiers to Michigan for fishing and camping trips. When the couple received Trevor's death benefits from the Army, they decided to invest it into something that

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What: Blum's Landing, a retreat in northern Michigan's Presque Isle County for wounded military personnel.

Owners: Terry and Janet Blumberg of Canton

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honored his memory and his wish to take care of his "guys."

The Blumbergs have stayed in touch with many of the young men that were in his unit. Several are now serving in Afghanistan and two have gone on to officer training "because Trevor talked about," Janet Blumberg said.

"We went and saw them when they came back from Iraq and the troop came up to visit us for five days," Janet Blumberg said. "That's when we saw the funny, crazy side of Trevor. That's when the healing started."

"Trevor was the first in their unit to die," she added.

Blum's Landing is still a work in progress. Terry Blumberg went back up to the lodge "to throw up some more lumber" the day after talking to the Rotary club.

According to Janet Blumberg, the couple is still sorting out the foundation - "We have to get a board together." - and her husband got an offer from Garden City School Superintendent Michelle Cline to find a tech-savvy student to help with the Web site. www.blumslanding.org.

"The people in this country are unbelievable, we have a person who leaves \$35 on the porch," Terry Blumberg said. "You guys are super."

Dinner benefit helps infant stricken with cancer

Friends and neighbors are organizing a benefit dinner and raffle to support a Garden City family whose eight-month-old baby recently was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.

Sheila Klemola has taken a leave of absence from her job at Blue Cross Blue Shield to care for her infant daughter, Avery. Her husband Shawn, continues to work his job at Dunham's to support the family which includes Avery's two older brothers, Austin and Ben.

"Anytime a major illness occurs in a family, it is a great financial strain," said Rhonda Silcox, one of the organizers of the benefit. "For the Klemolas, we are trying to alleviate some of their worries, so that they can concentrate on Avery's progress, and not have to focus on the issues that arise from losing half of their income."

The spaghetti dinner benefit will be 4-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Bailey Center on Ford Road, west of Wayne Road. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 kids under 14 years and free for toddlers age two and under. Carry-out will also be available at \$8 for spaghetti, roll, salad and a drink.

In addition to the dinner and many raffle prizes, there will be clowns, face painting and games for the kids.

"We are looking for help from the entire community to help this family keep their spirits up and their household operating on one



Sheila Klemola dresses eight-month-old Avery who now has a port to receive chemotherapy in hopes of shrinking a tumor on her neck so it can be removed surgically.

income," Silcox said. "So far dozens of volunteers and business owner have stepped forward to donate raffle items, and help organize the benefit dinner."

Avery is currently undergoing an aggressive clinical trial of chemotherapy in the hopes of shrinking the tumor to an operable size.

"She has had her first round of chemo and is doing pretty good," said Sheila Klemola. "She has been sleeping a lot and they're controlling her pain with two pain medicines. I am

just so proud of her. She is so young to endure this, and she staying strong and in

pretty good spirits. I hope that everyone will please keep praying for my baby."

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Avery Klemola

Doctors have diagnosed Avery with a stage 4 non-rhabdomyosarcoma cancer. PET and CAT scans have shown two lesions on her lungs. The infant has a port to receive chemotherapy four days every 21 days in hopes of shrinking the tumor on my neck so it can be surgically removed. Non-rhabdomyosarcoma is a soft tissue sarcoma that accounts for about 4 percent of all cancers occurring in childhood.

People interested in making donations of goods,

services or gift certificates for the raffle or to help in any way can contact Rhonda Silcox at (734) 576-3578 or by e-mail at dnr@wowway.com. Donations to the family can be made directly to the family in the name of Avery or Shawn Klemola at TCF bank. People also can also go online to www.myhelpinghand.org then, click on Lend Your Hand tab and donate through Paypal or through the Paypal link on her Facebook fan page.

To read more about Avery's day to day life as she fights her battle with cancer, or to leave good wishes or prayers, people can search Avery Klemola on facebook and become a friend.

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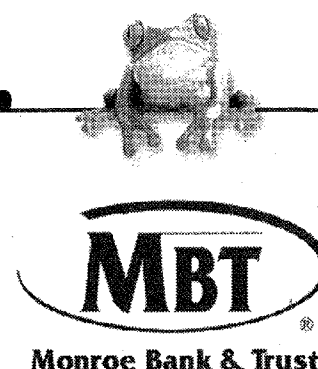
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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS

Yes on county millage renewal

On Nov. 3, Wayne County voters will be asked to vote on Proposition O, which is a renewal of a millage that voters authorized in 2000 to support county operations.

The millage will generate an estimated \$43 million countywide a year.

It will cost the average Canton Township homeowner \$93.18.

The millage funds essential public services. It is not a new tax. It is a renewal.

The Ficano Administration has made budget cuts and implemented structural reforms in the county budget process.

While there are still more efficiencies to be made at the county level, the millage on the ballot is a renewal and should be approved.

We encourage the executive and the commissioners to continue to look at more cost-cutting in addition to cost-saving methods to deliver essential services.

If approved, the millage will be levied at the estimated 2008 rollback rate of 0.9529 (about 95 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for 10 more years (2010 through 2019).

Asking taxpayers to support even a renewal in these tough times is not easy. However, the county's ability to provide necessary services will be compromised if it loses this general fund revenue.

Vote yes to renew Proposition O.

Ways to help even during tough times

These difficult economic times are causing conflicts in ways other than financial for the generous people in this community.

People and businesses who normally contribute substantial amounts of money to a variety of charitable efforts are finding themselves unable to fund them at the same, or even lower, levels.

For instance, folks at the Plymouth Salvation Army have noticed that on many occasions, people who are coming to them seeking assistance this year are some of the same people who came to them checks in hand a year ago.

It's a phenomena the people who run the charities have noticed, and they've got a pretty simple answer: The help doesn't have to be cash.

The Salvation Army, Rotary clubs, Goodfellows, Lions, Kiwanians, church groups, scout troops and the various other charities that work tirelessly year-round to help those less fortunate souls can always use a hand.

The Salvation Army, which services Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville, has a plethora of opportunities to help without ever writing a check. The Army's annual Red Kettle Campaign - the Corps' biggest fund-raiser - starts Nov. 13. There are 21 locations, and officials hope to man them 12 hours a day, six days a week through Christmas Eve.

That's more than 1,500 hours of volunteer time they have to fill. That's a lot of ringing. And if you think that's not doing much to help, consider: The Plymouth Salvation Army raised some \$245,000 from its kettle locations a year ago. This year, they're hoping to hit \$265,000.

That's a significant amount of money, funds crucial to the Corps' ability to fulfill its mission: Helping others. But if that doesn't strike your fancy, you can always Adopt an Angel or donate to the food pantry or Toy Towne.

Salvation Army not your cup of tea? Talk to your church groups. They all run programs at this time of year (actually, they run them year-round) and they can all benefit from an extra pair of hands.

Don't have a church? Call a Goodfellow or a Rotarian or a Lion or Kiwanian. All of them have programs to help the needy, and there are ways to help without having to open a wallet.

Officials at the Salvation Army say they've had people volunteer by saying, "I can't afford money this year, but I want to help."

Call it holiday spirit, if you'd like. Call it a spirit of cooperation. We call it the spirit of the community, as always on display.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What is your favorite memory of Halloween?

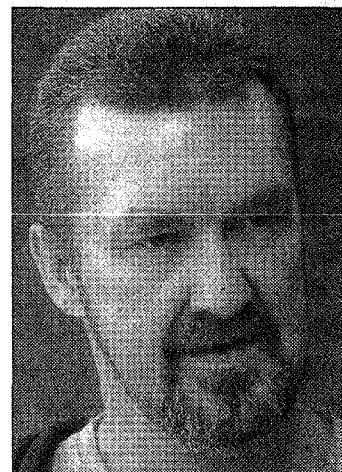
We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"We had a house in my neighborhood that was like a haunted game show."
Megan Castles
Canton



"Trick-or-treating."
Mark Humphrey
Canton



"My favorite memory is going out and getting candy."
Danny Smith
Canton



"My sister and I would go to an aunt's house in the city, and we grew up on a farm, and we would get all this candy, spread it out and then swap it."
Michele Chalmers
Canton

LETTERS

Supports Davis

Adrienne Davis has worked very hard in the district on educational matters for the past 10 years.

She has formed educational programs and tirelessly strived for inclusion throughout our schools.

Adrienne would be a great asset as the newest member to our school board!

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak
Canton

Vote for Simescu

We in the Plymouth-Canton community have had outstanding service from our local school board over the past several years.

The men and women who have so generously given of their time have made our school system into one of the very best in the state. Our students continue to excel on state and national tests.

One of the school board members most responsible for this excellent leadership is Barry Simescu. He has served as the Board vice president and president and his engineering background has provided him with the knowledge that has helped our schools maintain educational excellence under an ever shrinking budget.

During these trying financial times, diminishing state funding for schools and an expanding student population, let's send one of our very best back for another term on the Board. Help re-elect Barry Simescu to the Plymouth-Canton School Board on Nov. 3.

Dennis Bila
Former Mayor
City of Plymouth

Disgusting reference

During the Mitch Albom show on WJR on 21 October 2009, Mr. Albom was interviewing Governor Granholm.

During the interview, the Governor called tax opponents "tea baggers." I was very surprised to hear our Governor use such a term. The term "tea bagging" has its origins as a slang term for a specific sexual act and "tea baggers" was first used by liberal media outlets and supporters as a derogatory term for those people who attended tea party tax reduction rallies.

Either our Governor is so naive as to not understand these facts, simply repeats the terms she has heard in the media, or truly does know what this means and wishes to reinforce this highly offensive term for people she disagree with her.

Regardless of which of these choices are true, this does not seem to be the leadership we need in our state at this time.

This kind of behavior from a Governor is disgusting and she owes the people of Michigan an apology.

Mark Horvath
Canton

Vote for Davis

We need to elect Adrienne Davis to the Plymouth-Canton School Board on Nov. 3.

Adrienne Davis has more than a 10-year working relationship with the Plymouth-Canton School District. Adrienne's involvement has included participation on the bond committees, attending School Board meetings, and closely working with the PCCS School Board.

Adrienne is a member of SEPAC, Special Education Parents Action Committee, and the District's Health Committee.

Adrienne Davis has an in-depth knowledge of all the important issues that are relevant to the Plymouth-Canton School District. She is the mother of two teenage sons who began their education at Isbister Elementary and are now currently enrolled at The Park.

Adrienne is endorsed by former PCCS Superintendent, Dr. James Ryan, and the Supervisor of Canton Township, Mr. Phil LaJoy.

We ask for your vote for Adrienne Davis on Nov. 3. Adrienne Davis has an additional perspective that will complement the current school board members who are running for re-election: Judy Mardigian, Barry Simescu and John Jackson.

John C. Stewart
Plymouth
Martha Trafford
Canton

Earning a seat

It has been a pleasure working with Barry Simescu, Tom Wysocki, Judy Mardigian and John Jackson on the Plymouth Canton School Board. Tom was assigned to be my mentor on the board and he was a tremendous voice of reason that will truly be missed as his tenure is over this year.

Judy and Barry bring great experience and an in-depth understanding of the School District that is quite valuable in the meetings. While we do not always agree on the issues we vote on from meeting to meeting, I have a great deal of respect for them both and the countless hours they have dedicated to this district and the community.

John brings an energy and thoroughness in his preparation for the meetings that is contagious. I always enjoy sitting next to him to see his spin on the information that we receive.

John, Judy, and Barry have experience that is going to be invaluable in the years to come as we face deep cuts to the budget from the State of Michigan. I plan to vote for all of them in the upcoming elections. They are all wonderful, well meaning individuals whose experience and dedication, have definitely earned them a seat at the table.

Dianne Gonzalez
Plymouth-Canton School Board member
Plymouth

Everyday essentials

We're facing difficult times in Michigan. The worldwide economic downturn has hit the middle class here the hardest. Our unemployment rate is the highest it's been in decades, and families are struggling just to make ends meet.

But while the pundits and the media are down on Michigan, I know that the strength and character of our community shines brightest when times are the toughest.

One of the many reasons I am proud to live in this state is the resilience and kindness of the people of Michigan. When a friend or loved one loses a job or suffers a serious medical injury, we try to help out in any way we can - watch their kids, housesit or help them get around. As a community, we rally around our neighbors when they need help, because we know that one day, we might be in their shoes.

It was this spirit of service and giving that inspired me to kick off my "Everyday Essentials" donation drive. Even though times are tough, nobody should have to

choose between putting food on the table, paying bills and purchasing essential household items we all use each day.

The donation drive will run until Friday, Oct. 30, and will accept household and personal care items such as toilet paper, facial tissues, diapers, baby wipes, paper towels, hand soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, dental care items, and feminine care products. These are the items that we use and take for granted and can mean all the difference in the world to families in need.

You can donate at any a variety of locations, including the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St. in Northville; Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St. in Plymouth; and the Big Boy at 44681 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

I know that many families' budgets are tight right now, but I hope you'll be able to donate and help make a difference in the lives of our fellow neighbors.

For more information, please contact my office toll-free at (877) 20TH-REP (208-4737) or send an e-mail to MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov.

Marc Corriveau
State Representative
20th House District

Texting dangerous

We were glad to see that people are of the opinion of outlawing handheld devices while driving. Just in the last couple of months, my wife and I have witnessed a large amount of instances where people were forced out of their lane on the road or traveling under the speed limit on roadways like Grand River, oblivious to what was going on around them.

One was driving slow and all of a sudden darted over two lanes to an exit, nearly hitting two cars.

These people drive with their head definitely not tuned to driving a motor vehicle. I think the \$100 fine they are now considering is ridiculous. The fine should be at least \$500.

Two weeks ago, my wife and I were traveling on 127 south of Mount Pleasant when we came upon a young lady traveling in the left lane (state law is keep right, pass left) about 10 miles under the posted speed. At first we thought it was a medical situation or driving under the influence situation.

We traveled to the rear watching as she would drift to the left side of the road and all of a sudden veer to the right to correct. She also drifted to the right, hitting the shoulder a few times, then over-corrected and jerked back into the lane. Twice we witnessed her drift over and make another driver take evasive action to avoid an accident.

Finally I told my wife that I was going to pass her on the right as she stayed in the left most of the time. I was concerned that if it were medical or under the influence situation one should call 9-1-1. Well, I passed as she was drifting to the left and low and behold (witnessed by myself and my wife) here she was with the phone on the hub of the wheel with both hands texting away - she was looking down at the phone and not at the road the whole time.

This has to stop. Is a human life worth only \$100 as the politicians claim in putting that as the fine that is under consideration? It is time for us to all wake up and do something fast about this dangerous situation.

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Motor City, motor style

a2z Racer Gear appeals to car buffs and beyond

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

To Patrick Parke, car-themed clothing seemed a natural fit for Detroit. That's why the Bloomfield Hills businessman brought a2z Racer Gear to town.

"The catchphrase I like to use is 'Motor City, motor style,'" Parke said.

Parke, of Bloomfield Hills, is the exclusive Michigan rep for a2z Racer Gear, a retro apparel line inspired by racing legends Steve McQueen and Carroll Shelby.

Parke discovered a2z Racer Gear three years ago while traveling through Napa Valley, when he complimented a stranger on his jacket.

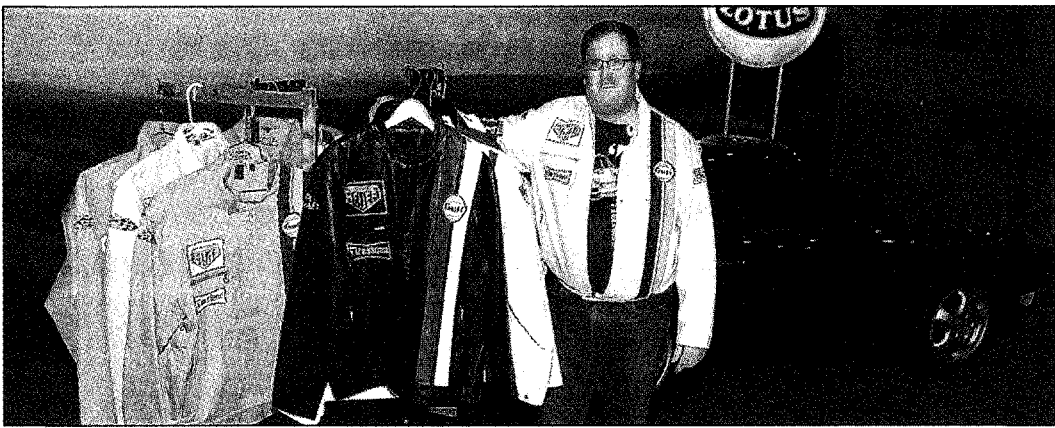
It turned out the man was the coat's creator himself, Norm Silverman, a vintage car buff and long-time clothing manufacturer.

"We started talking and I said 'you need to bring this stuff to Detroit for the Dream Cruise,'" Parke explained. "He didn't know anything about the Cruise, he's a California guy, but he called me a month or two later."

Silverman developed a2z Racer Gear in 2004 along with internationally-known race car driver Tony Adamowicz, and the pair secured licensing rights to use Shelby and McQueen's endorsements on their clothing and accessories.

The company's signature item is a replica of the white racing jacket McQueen made famous in the 1971 movie *Le Mans*. Adamowicz, whose storied racing career included a third place finish in the 1971 24 Hours of Le Mans, appeared in the film.

a2z Racer Gear also has a full line of products celebrating Shelby,



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Patrick Parke wears a2z Racer Gear's signature 'Le Mans' jacket, modeled after the racing coat Steve McQueen wore in the 1971 movie of the same name. \$350 in leather, \$125 in cotton.

a record-setting driver and influential automobile designer, known in part for his custom Ford Mustang Shelby Cobra.

FROM CAPS TO SHOES

Offerings include a Team Shelby stadium jacket (\$200), tees and caps with the Shelby Cobra logo (\$20-\$30), hip suede driving shoes in brown, black, blue and red (\$99), and a luggage set designed to fit Shelby Mustangs.

The company recently introduced a line of trendy graphic tees by classic car artist Nicolas Hunziker. All the products have a vintage feel influenced by the early '70s.

Primarily for men, a2z Racer Gear is popular with car culture enthusiasts and McQueen fans, and rugged enough to be worn racing or working on cars.

But Parke confessed he's not a gear head himself.

"I'm a moderate car enthusiast. It's not my passion, I just like the look of this stuff," Parke said. "It's got a real style aspect to it."

HIGH FASHION CROWD

Parke has sold the line at three Woodward Dream Cruises and two Autoramas. He also participated in Birmingham's Day on the Town where he ran into Joe Paris, a Troy-based clothing designer who appeared on last year's *Project Runway*. The chance meeting led to Parke sponsoring a booth at Paris' Fashion In Detroit event, staged earlier this month at the Detroit Zoo. The move, which targeted the high fashion crowd, was part of Parke's goal to broaden his customer base.

"If you just appeal to car enthusiasts then you've limited your market," he said. "I'd like to get it in front of a younger audience. It seems like a lot of kids and young adults have really taken to it."

a2z Racer Gear is available at Street Legal Customs in Royal Oak and Auto Europe in Birmingham, both on Woodward Ave., as well as through Patrick Parke's Lathrup Village office by appointment. You can also find it online at www.a2zracergear.com and www.amazon.com. For 10 percent off purchases, contact Parke at (248) 225-6007 or patrickparkee@yahoo.com.

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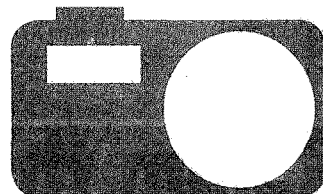


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Postseason rematch for Chiefs, Wildcats

PLAYOFF PRIMER

What: Division 1 pre-district football game between Canton and Plymouth.

When: 7 p.m. Friday.

Where: Varsity turf field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Encore: Both teams faced each other in the opening round of the 2008 playoffs, with the Chiefs winning 35-28.

Keys: Canton (7-1) will look to control the game with its multi-faceted offense. Plymouth (6-3) is trying to bounce back from a lopsided loss this season to the Chiefs, and will try to make the most of its underdog status. Big games by Jernarian Caldwell and quarterback Victor Hicks are essential for the Wildcats to be competitive.

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Before "Selection Sunday," Canton football coach Tim Baechler said he'd get to work breaking down film of his first-round playoff opponent as soon as he found out who it was.

After drawing Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rival Plymouth, Baechler might have felt an urge to tuck away the video machine.

"If you ask any coach, they'd tell you it's always exciting to play someone new, or someone you haven't played in a couple years," Baechler said this week. "But the reality is Plymouth is a good football team, we're a pretty good football team and we're right on top of each other."

The Chiefs (7-1) and Wildcats (6-3) are squaring off for the second year in a row, thanks to Canton's recent loss to Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth's 20-14 loss Friday at Adrian. Kickoff is 7 p.m. on the varsity turf field at PCEP.

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TIM BAECHLER, Canton football coach

In the 2008 pre-district game, Canton won 35-28 and went on to reach the regional final. That followed a close regular season matchup.

This year's regular season meeting played out much differently, as the Chiefs pounded the Wildcats, 49-7.

Baechler does not plan on this meeting being such a cakewalk.

"It (Sept. 11) was just one of those games, our kids played well and we had a good plan," Baechler said. "Now they're

not that bad a team, that 49-7 was not indicative of Plymouth's team nor is it our team, I don't think. We just had things going our way."

Friday night, history gets tossed out the window.

"You have to, because they're going to want to redeem themselves," he added. "And if you're us, our motivation is validation. Prove that we can do it again."

Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk could not be reached for comment about his take on the playoff rematch.

OFFENSIVE PUNCH

But both teams have the capability of putting a lot of points on the scoreboard.

Canton's usual triple-back formation behind senior quarterback Kevin Delapaz will test the Plymouth defense.

Senior running back Adam Payter is coming off a 232-yard night against Salem in the regular season finale.

Please see **REMATCH, B3**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Friday's pre-district football matchup between Canton and Plymouth is their second meeting this season. In September, the Chiefs rolled to victory thanks to plays such as this one by Ryan Powell (No. 5) — catching a TD pass despite the best efforts of Plymouth's Jacob Morris.

2009 BOYS SOCCER DISTRICTS

Chiefs end drought

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Right around the time Salem upset No. 1-ranked Livonia Churchill, another Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity boys soccer team won a district championship.

Canton's Chiefs also moved on to regional play thanks to Saturday afternoon's 4-0 victory over district host Dearborn Edsel Ford. Canton scored four second-half goals to break open a close contest. The district title was Canton's first since 1998.

"The boys played consistent the whole game and had an outstanding performance in the first 25 minutes of the second half," noted Chiefs' head coach George Tomasso. "I am proud of how the team stepped up and never let down."

Canton (13-7-3) benefited from strong play in the back, particularly from senior defen-

seman and co-captain Jon Dugan and sophomore defenseman Connor Furgason and from senior goalkeeper Kai Walther (7 saves).

The match was 0-0 at halftime, but the Chiefs broke through against the Thunderbirds (9-10-0) with two penalty kick goals in the first eight minutes of the second half and tacked on goals at the 15- and 22-minute marks.

Registering two of the goals was Mitch Posuniak, with single tallies from Connor Furgason and Daniel Ovesea.

Canton will play Walled Lake Northern in a regional semifinal game 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at Livonia Stevenson.

Immediately following that contest will be the tilt between Salem-Dearborn. The winners from the two matches will meet at 1 p.m. Saturday for the regional championship.

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Salem players celebrate as Churchill's Tim Devine (15) comes to the realization that the game and season are over the Rocks upended the state's top-ranked team in Division 1 for their first loss, 3-2.

SOCCER SHOCKER

Rocks send No. 1 Churchill packing in district championship game

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

"Get it and connect," shouted Salem coach Ed McCarthy early in Saturday's Division 1 district final against top-ranked Livonia Churchill. He was urging his players to be on target with their passing.

His message also connected because within seconds, his team had done the unthinkable — twice — with back-to-back goals within 36 seconds to shock the undefeated Chargers and spark the Rocks to a 3-2 victory at Northville.

When one last-second header in front of Salem senior goalkeeper Sasa "Sasha" Miskovic drifted over the top of the goal, the Rocks flew out onto the pitch to leap into each others arms.

Nearby were several Churchill players prone on their backs, with their hands on their heads in disbelief.

The win enabled the Rocks (15-4-4) to repeat as district champions. They will move on to play in the Livonia Stevenson-hosted regionals starting Wednesday.

CRAZY, EMOTIONAL

"This was a very crazy game,

lots of emotion," McCarthy said. "I've never seen a district final that had this many goals and had two penalty shots called in it. It was an exciting game."

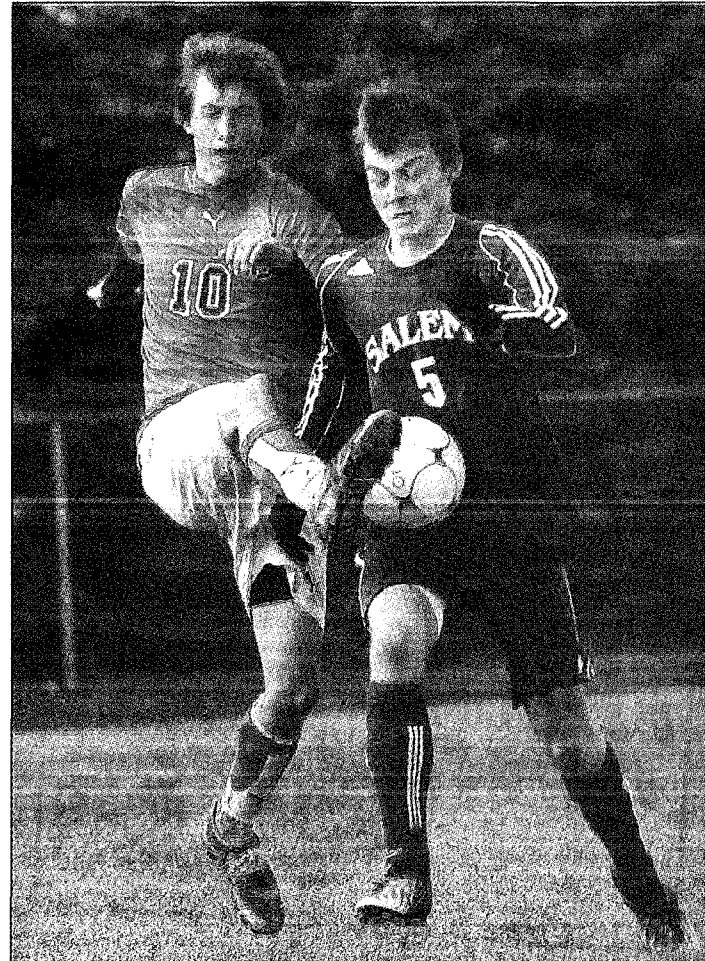
Churchill head coach Reid Friedrichs said a recent trend of starting slowly in contests finally caught up to the team (19-1-1).

"The last two weeks we've been really struggling the first 10 minutes," Friedrichs noted. "... We gave up six goals all year, and in the last three or four games we should have given up a goal in the first 10 minutes."

"Today, same story, but Salem's a good enough team where they capitalized on their chances."

The wild first half ended with all five goals in the books, each team scoring on a penalty kick (by Salem's Mohammad Pourmandi and Churchill's Adam Bedell).

Salem set the tone early, registering goals by senior forward Sal Savage at 8:01 and senior midfielder Evan Antich in a scrum around Churchill goalkeeper Bryan Bartig at 8:37.



Churchill's Jeff Thomas (10) contests for possession of the ball with Salem's Brandon Barfuss during Saturday's Division 1 district boys soccer final at Northville.



Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity boys soccer team celebrates after winning the Division 4 district title game Saturday against Lutheran Westland. The Eagles then won Tuesday's regional semifinal and will play for their first regional championship this Saturday.

Eagles win district, eye regional crown

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian's varsity boys soccer team would not be denied in the Division 4 district final this time, rallying to Saturday's 4-2 victory over Lutheran Westland.

Don Mullett scored two of the Eagles' four second-half goals to pave the way for PCA's first district title since 2003.

On Tuesday, the Eagles then took care of Hillsdale Academy 5-1 in the regional semifinal to advance to the regional championship game for the first time in school history.

Jordan Machonga and Dan Ross scored two goals each

for PCA (11-9-1), who will play 2 p.m. Saturday against either Ann Arbor Greenhills or Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett. That game will be at Jackson Christian, as was Tuesday's.

"I believe that God brought all the pieces of the puzzle together," said Eagles' co-coach Larry Machonga, referring to three key players (Don Mullett, Dan Mullett and Ethan Walker) coming over from defunct Canton Agape Christian to augment solid returnees Jordan Machonga, Blair Robinson and Matt Zandee.

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Salem third in KLAA volleyball tourney

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Although last weekend's KLAA Kensington Conference volleyball tournament went to Livonia Churchill, squads from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park had respectable showings.

Salem placed third overall and also enjoyed a 2-1 win over Canton in the Gold Pool quarterfinals (15-25, 25-19, 15-11).

"We were up and down in the beginning but we came through pretty strong at the end," said Salem head coach Amanda Suder. "I am happy with our third place finish.

"The Canton win in the quarterfinals was a great

match. Both teams played with great intensity and left it all on the floor."

The Rocks, who will play the third place team from the KLAA Lakes Conference on Thursday, opened up pool play defeating Livonia Franklin (25-19, 25-13) before dropping a 16-25, 25-19, 13-15 match to Canton.

But Salem defeated South Lyon (25-23, 25-19) to advance to the Gold quarters against the Chiefs.

In the Gold semifinal against Novi, the Wildcats won 25-21, 25-22. Salem got past Livonia Stevenson (25-19, 25-15) in the match for third place.

Top players for the Rocks

were Nicole Merget (59 kills, 6 aces, 15 blocks), Kerry MacDonald (125 assists, 37 digs, 9 aces), Lauren Aschermann (62 digs), Kerstin Johnson (34 kills, 46 digs) and Jillian Sommerville (14 blocks, 28 kills).

Plymouth 7th

Meanwhile, Plymouth finished the day at Wayne Memorial as the seventh seed. Coach Kelly McCausland said her squad was inconsistent.

The Wildcats bookended wins over Wayne (25-9, 25-4) and Northville (27-25, 25-18) around a loss to Novi (13-25, 18-25) in pool play; but Plymouth then lost to Stevenson (27-25, 18-25, 9-15).

From there, Plymouth dropped a match to Westland John Glenn before defeating Northville (25-23, 25-19) for seventh.

"We just could not get a consistent level of play," McCausland said. "We would do some great things one minute, then become unpredictable the very next."

Co-captains Katie Salo (82 assists, 31 digs), Kelly Smoltz (22 kills, 8 blocks) and Erin O'Connor (35 digs) were among team leaders for the day.

Others included Dani Risi (24 kills), Kayla Bridge (26 kills, 57 digs), Alex Roberts (14 kills, 20 blocks), Jessica Scott (20 kills, 17 digs) and Lindsay Stemberger (66 digs).



It's close quarters around Livonia Churchill goalkeeper Bryan Bartig during Saturday's Division 1 district final at Northville. Battling in front of him are Salem's Brandon Barfuss (No. 5) and Dan Martin (No. 12).

PCA spikers wallop Macomb Christian

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Pretty much every time Abby Bartes stepped to the service stripe Tuesday, she delivered a point for her team.

In fact, Bartes reeled off strings of 18 and 11 points to start the second and third games, respectively. She sparked host Plymouth Christian Academy to a 3-0 varsity volleyball triumph over Macomb Christian.

The Eagles (27-8-2) captured wins of 25-7, 25-7 and 25-16 to breeze past their Michigan Independent Athletic Conference crossover opponent.

"They really can't come back from that kind of deficit," PCA head coach Kelly Blackney said about Bartes' serving runs.

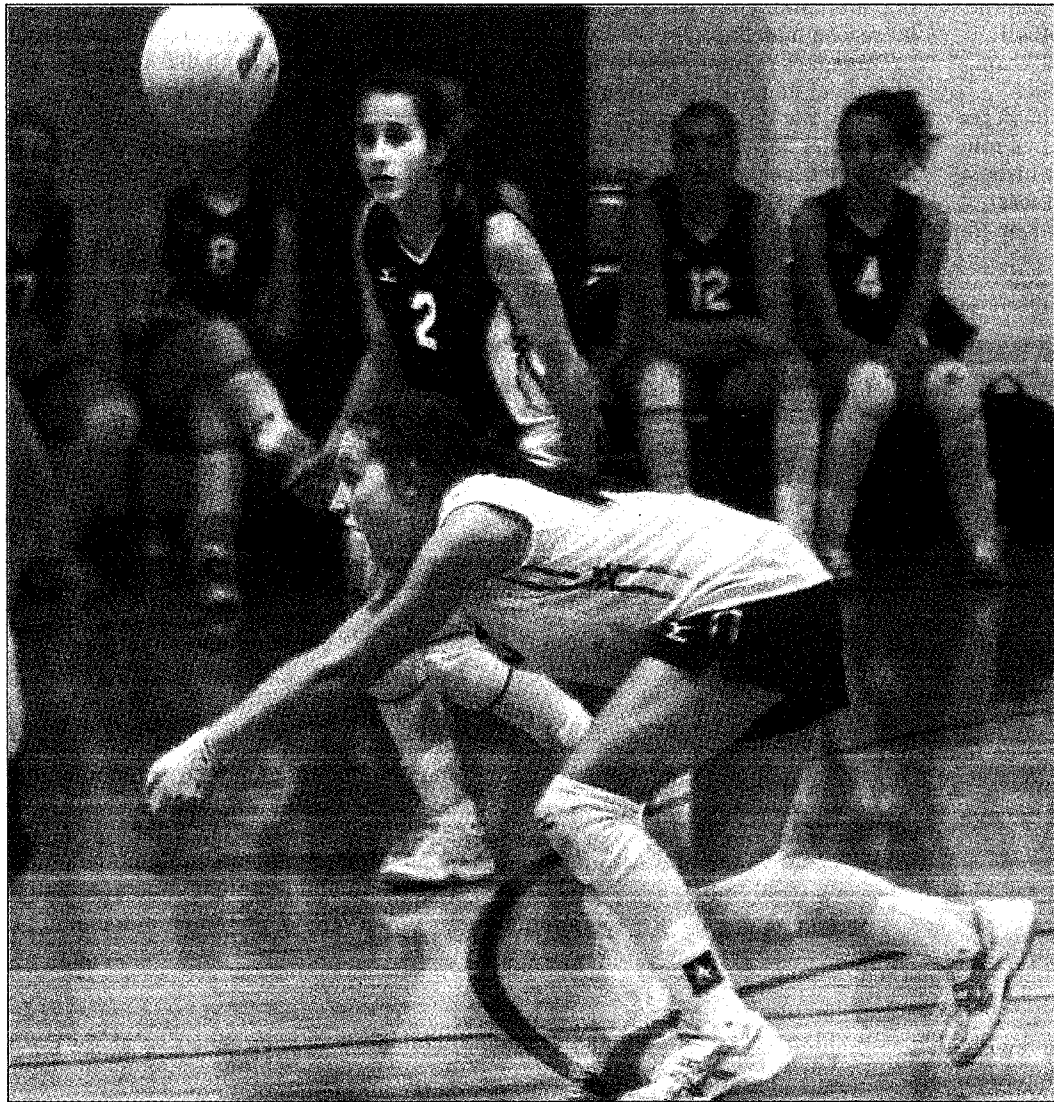
After the Crusaders took a 1-0 lead in the second game, junior libero Bartes went on an 18-point stint.

It was the same story in Game 3. She served the first 11 points, including three aces, giving the Eagles a big enough cushion to withstand a mini-rally by Macomb Christian.

Also making their presence felt all night were sophomore middle hitter Kristin Malcolm (14 kills with zero hitting errors, six digs, two blocks), sophomore outside hitter Amy Zinn (five kills) and junior setter Brianna Harris (21 assists). Bartes also contributed 18 digs and six aces.

Senior outside hitter Ariel Rock also did a good job on "Senior/Parent Night." She is the team's only senior.

According to Blackney, romps over inferior opponents



Getting low for a defensive dig is Plymouth Christian libero Abby Bartes, whose prolific serving keyed the Eagles' victory Tuesday over Macomb Christian. Teammate Jessica Rich (No. 2) watches.

don't do much to help her team gear up for postseason hopes — the Eagles want to win the district for a seventh straight year and then capture their first regional.

"It's not good practice for us. We can make some mistakes

that we can't get away with when we play better teams," Blackney said. "But what we focus on is playing our game, staying intense and not playing down to the other team."

She said PCA has done well against Class A schools,

such as those at the recent University of Michigan-Dearborn tournament.

That will help when the Eagles begin the districts at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Calvary Christian against Washtenaw Christian.

ROCKS

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The chip shot by Antich following a header by Salem senior midfielder Lachlan Savage (2 assists) was just the eighth goal scored against Churchill all season.

But Bedell made it 2-1 at 23:48 with his penalty kick. A Churchill player had been pushed inside the box, according to officials.

Perhaps as a make-up call, Salem also was awarded a PK at the 34:57 mark. Making good on the try was Pourmandi, who McCarthy said played a solid game.

Things really got interesting in the final minutes of the half in Salem's end.

The Rocks had possession when Bedell went down with an apparent injury (he stayed in the game). When play resumed it was Churchill's ball, however, to the amazement of McCarthy.

Churchill's Nick Wood then drilled a sharp-angle shot just under the crossbar at the 39-minute mark.

JUST RELAX

With the Chargers in control over the final 20 minutes of the half, McCarthy had another message to deliver at halftime, to quell the expected continuation of Churchill's onslaught.

"The focus was to make sure everyone was calm," McCarthy said. "It was to get the players to take a deep breath and relax and to say 'If we told you (at Friday's team dinner) that you were going to be up by a goal at halftime would you have taken up?' That kind of put guys at ease."

From there, it was hold-the-fort time for 40 minutes with a wall of defenders continuously blocking and clearing the ball.

Leading the charge were senior co-captains Lachlan Savage (2 assists) and Miskovic.

"The player of the game for me was Lachy and number two would be Sasha who did an excellent job in net the second half," McCarthy added.

Salem players knew what they had to do to stay in front of Adam Bedell, Max Washko (playing on a recently sprained ankle) and the rest of the Chargers.

"In order to keep the goal lead," said Lachlan Savage, "we knew we had to lock it down and focus on every little, do every little thing right."

The midfielder hustled and slid to thwart potentially dangerous Churchill rushes up the pitch. "We were laying out, we were getting everything done, doing anything we could to help the team."

Perhaps the best Churchill bid to tie the match came with about 10 minutes left. Miskovic dove to his left to block a shot by Washko.

"We felt like we were in it (at halftime) and we created a lot of chances and we just didn't finish them," Friedrichs said. "We had four or five chances there on the 18-yard line and ... we just put them over the net."

Now, the Rocks will need to get ready for the regional opener. McCarthy said he didn't think whatever comes next will be anticlimactic.

"No, the big prize at the end is too huge."

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EAGLES

FROM PAGE B1

Add to the mix a talented freshman (Ross) and a "very deep bench of committed, respectful and great guys that work just as hard as any of our standouts," and there's no telling what might be accomplished.

But Machonga and co-coach Evan Baker first had to help the Eagles regroup at halftime Saturday after falling behind 1-0.

On that lone first-half goal, the Warriors' Kent Krzyske chipped the ball into an open cage after PCA goalkeeper Jordan Allen and defender Walker collided.

"We told them (Eagles) that their attack was good and even though Lutheran Westland's goal came from a silly mistake we knew that they would continue to rebound," Machonga

emphasized. "We also told them that we are not bound to our history in that we are 'doomed to fail.'"

What he was referring to was PCA's string of defeats in the district final in recent seasons.

The Eagles returned to the pitch more relaxed and inspired and scored four straight goals to offer proof. In addition to Mullett's goals, PCA goal scorers were Robinson and Machonga.

Lutheran Westland (10-7-3) cut the lead to 4-2 with about 10 minutes remaining when senior Gage Flannery's low shot to the right corner beat Allen.

In the district semifinal, Plymouth Christian breezed to a 7-0 win over Huron Valley Lutheran. Don Mullett scored twice, while Machonga collected a goal and an assist.

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Pink suits Whalers fine

Plymouth Whalers forward Tyler Seguin (No. 9) scores one of his two goals against Belleville Saturday night to spark his team to a 6-1 win. The Whalers wore pink jerseys as part of a special event to promote breast cancer awareness. The jerseys were auctioned after the game at Computware Arena with proceeds going to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. A 50/50 raffle and Chuck-A-Puck promotion also helped the cause.

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Steelers look to bounce back in 'Black and Blue' tilt

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity squad was defeated by the Ypsilanti Braves on Saturday, October 17 by a score of 31-7. The score did not reflect the tremendous effort given by the entire team.

The Steelers are looking to rebound from it's current two-game losing streak, when they face off against the Canton Lions Saturday in the annual "Black and Blue" game.

Offensive line play was strong due to the solid efforts from players like Derek Young and Bilal Murtaza, who stepped up on offense, moving the ball down the field, after key injuries were suffered by the Steelers. Rodney Allen, Jr. opened up huge holes for the Steelers' running backs, who were trying to hit pay dirt in the end zone.

Jalen Bryant led the Steelers' defensive efforts by disrupting the Braves passing game, while Connor Stella gave his all on the line. Hussein Shahine elevated his play on the defensive side of the ball with key stops at middle linebacker.

The Steelers JV squad played solid football, defeating the Braves 23-8. The

YOUTH FOOTBALL

defense came out ready to play, starting with a great ball recovery on the opening kickoff by Kevin Justice, while teammates Greg Williams and Dakota Lynn both had key interceptions to stop the Braves in their tracks.

The first of three Steelers' touchdowns came on a beautiful run by Chris Bryant. The next two touchdowns were credited to Steeler tight ends; one long pass reception by Nick Lanava and an end zone fumble recovery by Jacob Stephan.

The Steelers freshmen squad won a hard fought battle against the Braves, earning a 27-14 victory. Marc Bryant, Chase Cunningham and Calvin Vos all did a fantastic job of blocking on the Steelers' "Gold" offensive line. Ryan Young had a stellar day on both sides of the ball; he ran for a touchdown, completed a touchdown pass and had several nice tackles on defense at linebacker. Ryan Bogdanski had a standout day, playing "Steeler" tough at defensive end.

Lions win three against Rockets

Following is a recap of Oct. 18 youth football games between the Canton Lions and Farmington Rockets:

- The Varsity Lions put up a strong challenge against the undefeated Rockets scoring three straight touchdowns during the second and third quarter. Daniel Tidwell started the scoring drives followed by James Hall and Kenny Arnold. The offensive line was led by Austin Fisher, Manmeet Singh, and Antonio Ochoa. John Schumaker and Nathan Michalik also contributed to the overall line performance.
- Quarterback/Kicker Evan Thomas put up a gritty effort in directing each of the touchdown drives and punting for a net 28 yard average on his punts. Defensively, the Lions saw solid performances from Ben Cockrum, Robert Daoud, and Devon Wade.
- The JV Lions took another step toward a run at the Superbowl when they defeated the Rockets, 18-13. The Lions dug their claws in early, jumping out to an 18-0 halftime lead.
- Chucky Turfe had three TD's on the day. Patrick Wayne, Alex Petrarca, and Eric Daniels all helped fortify a solid Lions O-Line. On the edge, receivers like Keith Gillespie added key downfield blocks to give the backs extra yardage.
- In the second half, the Rockets played inspired as their own chance at the playoffs still hung in the balance. The Lions defense was up to the challenge making big plays late in the game to hold off a Rocket comeback. Austin Stonburg and Jackson Austin helped control the line of scrimmage, while Daniel Kilgore, Damarcus Kaigler, and Everett Czarnota made

sure nothing got behind them in the secondary.

- After giving up a touchdown on the opening kickoff, the Lions Freshman team flexed their muscles on their way to a 27-6 victory to improve their record to 4-2-1.

The defense recorded two red zone stops against the Rockets and were led by Spencer Brown, Joey Glunt, Noah Brown, Myles Beverly, Cody Tapp, Trevor LaPere, Jason Arnold, and Evan Voyles.

The offense controlled the ball most of the day led by the blocking of Connor Flanigan, Julius Crouch, David Mason, Alan Farmer, Carter Kahl, and Ethan Balogh. The running game, capitalizing on the strong blocking and the breaking of many tackles, wore down the Farmington defense. The Lions touchdown runs were recorded by Victor Abraham (3) and Jason Arnold (1), with both recording successful extra point conversions as well.

- For the sixth consecutive week, the Jr. Freshman Lions shut out their opponent. This time it was the Rockets who fell victim to the tenacious defense, which was led by Connor Woody, Robby Begley, Lawrence Austin, Ayden Lang and Bennett Austin (who also had an interception deep in Rocket territory).

The Lions offense was equally as impressive, scoring on seven of their nine possessions. The offense was led by outstanding blocking of Robby Begley, Michael Linderman, Ethan Locke, Nathan Hunt and Preston Parana. TD runs were collected by Bennett Austin, Steven Shoats-Thomas, Justin Reynolds, Darrell Harding Jr. and Jerome Nichols.

Novi outruns PCEP teams

BY JEFF THEISEN
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Novi used a pack-running philosophy to near perfection in winning the KLAA Kensington Conference boys cross country title last Thursday at Kensington Metropark.

Novi placed all five scoring runners in the top 13 to score 34 points during last Thursday's meet at Possum Hollow course.

Wildcat senior Mike Blaszczyk was also the overall winner, finishing in 16:07 on the challenging 5,000-meter course. He went to the lead early and held off Northville's Frank Griffiths (16:10) down the stretch.

Three teams were extremely bunched up for the next three spots.

Plymouth won out with 63, followed by Canton (66) and Northville (67). The top four teams put plenty of distance on South Lyon with 139 points for fifth.

"I respect those guys

— Northville, Plymouth and Canton," Smith said. "On any given day it could be them, but today it was us. It's a good way to kick off the next week for regionals."

Plymouth's Joe Porcari finished third (16:30), while teammate Matt Neumann took sixth (16:36).

Also cracking the top 15 for the Wildcats were Warren Buzzard in 11th (16:46) and Derek Gielarowski in 14th (16:53).

Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz thought his team didn't have its best day, but things are looking good toward the end of the year. "I thought we might be up a lower in there with overall score, but overall we had a pretty good day," he said. "It just shows how many good teams from the state are in this one area."

"I kind of had a feeling maybe we had a little bit of an off day today. We haven't had one all year, so this is kind of our one off meet. I'm feeling pretty confident now that we got this one out of the way."

PREP GRID PICKS				
Pre-districts Friday, Oct. 30				
Northville (6-3) at Livonia Stevenson (7-2), 7 p.m.				
Plymouth (6-3) at Canton (8-1), 7 p.m.				
Saturday, Oct. 31				
Redford Thurston (7-2) at Detroit King (7-2), noon				
Farmington (6-3) at Farmington Harrison (6-3), 1 p.m.				
Livonia Franklin (5-4) at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (9-0), 1 p.m.				
Westland Glenn (8-1) at Detroit Southeastern (8-1), 3 p.m.				
Last week				
Overall				
Brad Emons	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith	Jim Toth	
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11-2 (.846)	12-1 (.923)	7-6 (.538)	13-0 (1.000)	
87-30 (.744)	92-25 (.786)	79-38 (.675)	93-24 (.795)	

Wildcats look to cash in 'chip'

For the second straight season, Plymouth-Canton Educational Park football rivals Canton and Plymouth will butt helmets in a Division 1 pre-district game.

Last year, the Chiefs earned a hard-fought 35-28 victory. This time around (7 p.m. Friday at PCEP), will the collective chip on the shoulders of Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk and his players following the Westland John Glenn debacle be enough to rally the troops to an upset victory?

For those who haven't yet seen ESPN's blooper reel or YouTube, the Wildcats lost in a wacky, unfathomable, impossible-to-predict play at the end of the Oct. 2 game at Westland John Glenn.



Tim Smith

After Plymouth blocked a field goal with less than one tick remaining to apparently clinch a 28-27 win, the ball bounced back into the mitts of John Glenn holder Tony Wilton.

While the Wildcats cheered each other for their "win" and danced to the sidelines, Wilton scooped up the pigskin and took it into the end zone for the shocking conclusion.

Officials had deemed it a live ball and because they did not see Wilton's knee hit the turf, they allowed the play to continue.

Despite sharp protests by

Sawchuk and everybody else on the Plymouth sideline, referees stood by the ruling.

Since then, the Wildcats have grown more unified as a group, even singing *Kumbaya* (actually *Lean on Me*) in a circle on the field following a recent win over Novi.

"I'm proud of these kids for what they've been through the last three weeks," Sawchuk said following that Oct. 16 victory. "They seem to be a little bit tighter now. Some things happen for a reason."

Can those emotions be channeled to take a bite out of the superior 7-1 Chiefs? Stranger things have happened.

Further proof of an us-against-the-world attitude is on the team's Web site.

All other games this season

have the final result listed. But next to the John Glenn entry is merely the word "story," which indicates the team still doesn't accept what happened on the John Glenn gridiron.

Plymouth, 20-14 loser at Adrian last week to finish 6-3, certainly wants to wash away that sour taste.

Nothing could refresh and vindicate the "wronged" Wildcats more than a victory on the varsity turf field Friday night.

We assume that's the Plymouth mindset, because efforts to reach Sawchuk this week have fallen on deaf ears. Maybe he's glued to YouTube.

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REMATCH

FROM PAGE B1

With a concussion sustained by senior halfback Ron Gaudi against the Rocks sidelining him for Friday, Baechler will look to several others to keep the Chiefs' offensive machine purring.

"We've got (Kevin) Buford and Josh Nolan and Ryan Powell and Sam Scott, so we've got a lot of guys who can play halfback," Baechler said, adding that the return of junior Davion Stackhouse (after missing the Stevenson game due to disciplinary reasons) also will be a plus.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats' offense has big-play capabil-

ity from junior quarterback Victor Hicks and senior running back Jernarian Caldwell.

If for some reason Plymouth hangs in against Canton, a team that held the No. 1 spot in state rankings until the loss to Stevenson, there is junior placekicker Kyle Brindza — who can split the uprights from long distance.

Regardless of the outcome, both teams will step onto the carpet at PCEP — on a night certain to be filled with anticipation and excitement — fully aware that it's a one-or-done situation.

"That's right," Baechler said. "The winner feels good this time of year."

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Canton woman takes third in 5K at Free Press marathon

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There were some noteworthy performances turned in Oct. 18 by area runners at the Detroit Free Press/Flagstar Marathon.

Lutheran High Westland graduate Angela Matthews, an assistant cross country coach at Southfield Christian High School, set a course record in the women's half-marathon.

Matthews, a member of the Front Line Racing team, covered the 13.1-mile course through the streets of Detroit and downtown Windsor, Ontario in 1 hour, 18 minutes and 51 seconds.

The former Concordia University (Neb.) runner captured the race by over seven minutes and finished ninth overall (male or female) in a field of nearly 7,000.

Meanwhile, Schoolcraft College captured the University-College Division and was the first women's team overall in the 5-person marathon relay with combined time of 3:13.25, averaging 7:24 per mile on the 26.2-mile course.

Members of the Lady Ocelots, who were 15th overall out of a field of 613 male, female and mixed teams, included Lauren Ahearn (Plymouth), Courtney Plummer (Garden City), Stacey Richardson (Westland John Glenn), Jamie Wick (Pinckney) and Katie Fenech (Livonia/Dearborn Divine Child).

In the men's 5-kilometer race, Schoolcraft's Nathan Wise (Livonia Churchill) was runner-up in a field of 1,644 with a time of 17:55.

Ashley Hayden (Canton/Divine Child) took third in the women's 5K in 21:44.

The Free Press/Flagstar event was a tune-up for the Schoolcraft teams, which will compete Saturday, Oct. 31 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and NJCAA Region 12 meet at Lansing CC.

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OCT. 29-NOV. 4**All saints**

Video commentary, sung scripture prayer, candlelight procession, reception afterward, 7-8 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 1, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. (734) 425-5950

Breakfast and Mass

Widowed Friends invites widowed men and women to celebrate Mass together at 11 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 1, at St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, between Six and Seven Mile roads, in Livonia. The first two pews will be reserved for Widowed Friends. Meet after Mass in the gathering space for directions to a nearby restaurant to enjoy breakfast and conversation. For more information call Sandy at (734) 591-6780.

Class

"Caught in the Act of the Apostles: The Spirit the Church and the World," taught by the Rev. Michael Van Horn, 5 p.m., Sundays, starting Nov. 1, at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia. (734) 425-2800

Concert

"Jewish Calcutta through Music and Memory," with Rahel Musleah, 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 1, at Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. Musleah is an award-winning journalist, singer, speaker and educator. She weaves a rich tapestry of heritage and culture and memory of the Indian Jewish community, whose population has dwindled to around 5,000 today. Free. For more information call Nancy Kaplan at (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net

Craft show

9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 4, St. Edith School, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. \$2 admission. For more information, contact Kristen at (734) 632-0264.

Dancing

Ballroom dance lessons will be held from 6-7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 1, 8, 15 and 22 at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. Learn Swing and Rumba. A dance party will be held from 7-9:30 p.m., Nov. 22. Light refreshments will be served. Cost for each lesson is \$6 and the dance is \$6. Combined cost for the dance and lesson on Nov. 22

is \$10. Pay at the door in fellowship hall. All proceeds will go to various committees within the church. (734) 422-0494.

Food drive

Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia, begins taking reservations Monday, Nov. 2, for its Thanksgiving food distribution. Interested parties should call the church (248) 476-8222 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday to set up a reservation and time to pick up food on Nov. 21. The church is collecting food items from members and the community through Nov. 15. Items include instant potatoes, noodles, canned corn, peas, green beans, cranberry sauce, gravy, biscuit mix, jello, and boxed cookie mix. Community members can leave items at any time in the donation box under the canopy at the church's front entrance.

Hallelujah festival

Canton Christian Fellowship invites the community to its 8th Annual Hallelujah Festival, 5-8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31, 8775 Ronda Driver, Canton. Children may wear costumes - please no ghost, witches or other scary attire. Games, prizes, food and candy. (734) 404-2480

Holidays and grief

Ron Gries, a speaker, author and hospice volunteer, will speak at a program called "Getting Through the Holidays While Grieving" after the 6:30 p.m. Mass, Monday, Nov. 2, at St. Michael the Archangel parish, 11441 Hubbard, immediately south of Plymouth Road, between Farmington Road and Merriman, in Livonia. (734) 261-1455, ext. 200

Jews for Jesus

A presentation on the Jews for Jesus organization will be held at 10 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 1 at The Crossing Church, 31590 Grand River Ave., Farmington. (248) 306-0661

Rummage sale

■ 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday-Friday, Oct. 29-30 and 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20850 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Gently-used items, lunch, bake sale, \$3 bag day on Saturday. Interested in donating items? Call the church at (248) 474-0675 or CherylAnn at (734) 560-9278 or e-mail nalyrehc@yahoo.com. No large furniture items will be accepted.

■ 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31, at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren Road, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. Includes bake sale. (734) 414-7422

Movie night

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., film starts at 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. "Fireproof" is an action-packed love story about a firefighter, his wife and a marriage worth rescuing. In

**Celebrating 50 years**

Congregation Beit Kodesh in Livonia marked 50 years of "observing their Jewish religion, traditions and values" with a special luncheon and program, Oct. 25 at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile. The only conservative synagogue in western Wayne County, Congregation Beit Kodesh is led by officers (from left) Jeffrey Kirsch, of Farmington Hills, first vice president; Sally Stein, of Livonia, president; Phyllis Lewkowicz of Livonia, recording secretary; and David Gross of Milford, second vice president. Not pictured are treasurer Michael Schmall and trustees Daniel Kirsch, Melvin Marsch and Nathan Weiser. More than 90 people attended the special celebration which featured presentations by U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter and Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey. The congregation's 39 families live primarily in Livonia, Farmington Hills and Redford. Others come from Canton, Northville, Milford, Oak Park, Southfield and West Bloomfield. The congregation began in 1958 and was incorporated in 1959. For more information on weekly and holiday services, Sisterhood, social action and other programs, call (248) 477-8974 or visit www.beitkodesh.com.

this feature-length movie the main character explores God's design for relationships and marriage. Free. (734) 522-6830

Pasties

Newburg United Methodist church is making and selling Cornish pasties as a fund-raiser in November. Pasties are \$4 each and can be ordered by calling into the church office at (734) 422-0149. Orders will be taken 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 2-3. These are call-in orders only. Any faxed, e-mailed or phone voice mail orders will be ignored.

Pick up times are 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 12, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 13. The church is located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Order early - only 1000 pasties will be made.

Tea and fashions

1 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 1, at Sacred Heart Church's Banquet & Conference Center, 29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes a gourmet luncheon provided by Thomas's Catering, as well as a fashion show of clothing from The Clothing Cover of Milford. There will be raffles, a silent auction and door prizes. Seating is limited to adults and teens only. For more information or to buy tickets, call the parish banquet and catering center at (734) 261-8560 or Jean Parent at (248) 755-1777.

Trunk or treat

6-8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30, at Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia. Safe trick or treat environment with coffee, cider and doughnuts available.

Weekend fun

A weekend of fun and learning events at Lighthouse Worship Center in Livonia starts with a performance by Instereo, a Christian rock band, at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30, at the church, 19827 Middlebelt. Trunk & treat for youngsters from 4-9 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31. Decorated trunks will be filled with candy and other goodies. There will be story time,

games, a rock-climbing wall and a food court. Worship service starts at 11 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 1. Guest speaker will be Bishop Mitchell Corder. A distribution of food boxes to families that need a "helping hand" will follow. (248) 476-7933

Women's expo

Home-based businesses and crafters will come together in one place to exhibit their products, and to pamper guests, noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, at All Saints Catholic School, located on Warren Road between Beck and Ridge, in Canton. The sponsor, Polish National Alliance, is looking for vendors. Call Gloria at (734) 422-1731 or e-mail to g-l-o-r-i-a@sbcglobal.net.

NOV. 5-11**Christmas bazaar**

9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20850 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Gifts, cookies, cakes and breads, door prize drawings. Free. For more information or for table rental sign-up, call CherylAnn at (734) 560-9278 or e-mail nalyrehc@yahoo.com. Or leave a message at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at (248) 474-0675.

Classes

The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington continues its series of learning forums, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 5, with these topics: Groundswell: Using Technologies to Get the Things You Need. Inspired by the best-selling book "Groundswell," this session will cover the personal and business uses of social media networks; "Sun of God" will explore the numerous astrological elements that comprise so much of the Christian story; and "Beyond the Paw Print: A Support Group for those Grieving the Death of a Pet," will appeal to those grieving the death of a beloved pet or animal companion. Refreshments at 7 p.m., with forums from 7:30-9 p.m. No advance registration is necessary. A \$5 donation is suggested. The church is located at 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills.

Craft show

Holiday crafts, attic treasures, country store 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Nov. 6-7, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, Redford. "Crafts 'n More Show" is presented by the United Methodist Women with proceeds benefitting mission and church programs. Includes handmade ornaments, holiday decor, specialty gift items, canned goods and bake sale. Lunch available 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (313) 937-3170

Fund-raiser

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Livonia partner to support local needy families this Christmas with the 18th Annual Share the Bounty fund-raiser, 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 6. Donation is \$14 and includes admission and 10 auction tickets. Additional auction tickets, available at the door, are 10 for \$10. Enjoy fun, refreshments and opportunities to win prizes. For more information contact Kathy Weinberg at (734) 464-0211.

Grief program

"GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays" is aimed at people facing the holidays after a loved one's death. The seminar runs 6-8 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 8, at Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman in Livonia. There is no charge for this event, but a \$4.00 donation is suggested to cover the cost of workbooks. The seminar features practical suggestions and reassurance through video interviews with counselors, grief experts and other people who have experienced the holidays after their loved one's death. For more information call (313) 682-7491.

Speaker

Rev. Dr. Phil Hemke, director of Church Relations for Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, will speak at 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7, and 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 5 Mile, Livonia. His message is entitled "Focus." (734) 464-0211

Veteran's Day Mass

St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia invites veterans, reservists, active military, and their families to a special Veterans' Day Mass at noon, Sunday, Nov. 8. There will be an honor guard and flag-raising ceremony in front of the church at 11:45 a.m. to remember men and women who have given their lives in service of the country. The Mass will be followed by an informal reception and refreshments in the school cafeteria. A highlight of the annual gathering has been the display of many letters, pictures, and drawings by students of St. Michael's School, remembering and thanking our military for their service, past and present. The church is located at 11441 Hubbard, immediately south of Plymouth Road, between Farmington and Merriman Roads in Livonia. (734) 261-1455, ext. 200; www.livoniastmichael.org

Yoga

Learn how to improve your balance, strength, and flexibility, and calm your mind and body, with the help of local yoga instructor Shelley Shindler as she leads a new six-week series of relaxing yoga sessions at Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The class runs 5:30-6:45 p.m., Wednesday, starting Nov. 11. Open to the entire community. Bring yoga mat and wear comfy clothes. The series costs \$60. Financial assistance is available to help defray the cost of the class. Pre-registration is requested. For more info or to sign up, call Shelley at (248) 661-8080 or (248) 417-8000 or e-mail snslst@aol.com.

NOV. 12-18**Classes**

The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington continues its series of learning forums, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 5, with these topics: Ruth Ellis Center: Providing Hope and Help to Homeless, Runaway, and At-Risk LGBTQ Youth; JFK and GRF, will include discussion of the Kennedy assassination and will make use of documents declassified in the last 10 years, as well as statements made by Gerald Ford; and Sanskrit Chant. Refreshments at 7 p.m., with forums from 7:30-9 p.m. No advance registration is necessary. A \$5 donation is suggested. The church is located at 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills.

Praying moms

Moms In Touch International hosts a free event for praying moms, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 14, at Community Bible Church, 7372 Grand River, Brighton. Registration and light refreshments start at 8:15 a.m. Register at www.MomsInTouch.org. Contact Nancy Lantz at (810) 227-2255 or nancy@communitybible.net for more information.

St. Andrews Day

Worship service is at 10 a.m., with dinner and bagpipe entertainment after in the church hall, Sunday, Nov. 15, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 7372 Grand River, Brighton. Pre-sale ticket prices for the dinner are \$10 for adults; and \$5 for ages 4-11. At the door price is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. No charge for children, 3 and under. Call (313) 534-7730 for reservations.

NOV. 19-25**Concert**

2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 22, at Monastery of the Sacred Heart, 29575 Middlebelt, north of 13 Mile, in Farmington Hills. Hear sacred music featuring Lisa Agazzi, soprano, performing such favorites as "Pie Jesu," "The Lord's prayer," and "Ave Maria." Selections from Handel, Mozart, Beethoven, Bach and Gounod will be on the program. A free will offering will be accepted. For more information call Barb Glinski at (248) 553-0999 or e-mail to lgilnski@aol.com.

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.

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JANE E. FINLEY
 October 23, 2009 of Plymouth. Jane was born Jan. 29, 1928 to Charles and Eva Jane (Petersen) McCabe. She graduated from St. Benedict's Catholic School. On June 27, 1949 she married Foy Smith Finley and they enjoyed 56 years of marriage. Together they raised six children: Mark, Marikay (Craig) Reidsma, Steven (Rhonda), Susan (Don) Honaker, Ronald (Dianne) and Craig (Natalie). Jane was preceded in death by her husband Foy, her parents Charles and Eva, one brother William McCabe, sisters Patricia Burke and Dorothy Heimiller, and one grandson Isaac Honaker. Jane is survived by her sister Carol (Jack) Gaffkey, her six children, twenty grandchildren: Ryan, Emily, Nicole, Shayne, Emilia, Julia, Andrew, Alec, Sarah, Isaac and Erinn Finley, Brett and Scott Reidsma, Sanquez Cole, Shanika, Noah and Alana Honaker, Aisslyn Wilson, Clarissa and John Bullington and nine great grandchildren. Jane enjoyed family, playing euchre at the Friendship Station in Plymouth Township, cooking for her many family dinners, and keeping in touch with friends. She will be sorely missed and always loved by those who were fortunate enough to know her. Visitation was held Monday with a Funeral Service Tuesday at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. To share a memory please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



ETHEL FELICIA KROLIKOWSKI-KELLER
 Age 104, Livonia's oldest resident. Beloved wife of the late Anthony F. (1962) and Joseph (1995). Loving mother of Marie (Walter) Bobrowski, Arlene Williams (Farris Thomas). Proud grandmother of 18 and great-grandmother of many more. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Preceded in death by her son Anthony (1921) and daughter Frances Szakaly (2005). Member of The Daughters of Isabella-Tekakwitha Circle #924, Life Long Member of the Felician Sisters, and Female Auxillary for VFW Woodrow Wilson Post 6896. Polish Legion of American Veterans #2545, worked 35 years for the International Co-op Restaurant, Detroit. Funeral Service Thursday St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh Rd., Livonia. Instate at 10am till time of Mass 10:30am. Memorial Contributions to Donor's Choice. Arrangements were provided by Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel), 36100 5 Mile Rd., Livonia. Please visit on-line guestbook www.fredwoodfuneralhome.com

MARGARET A. FOURNIER
 Age 78, October 25, 2009. Beloved wife of David "Mike". Loving mother of Lee (Eric) Sandweiss, Julia Dougherty, Michael (Lee), Patricia and David. Dear sister of Elizabeth Harrison. Proud grandmother of Michael Lee, Ethan, Noah, Timothy and Patrick. Memorial visitation Thursday 6 p.m. until the time of memorial service 8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E of Woodward), Royal Oak. Memorials to American Diabetes Association appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

TAMMY J. SMITH
 October 27, 2009 Age 46 of Westland. Dear wife of Charles. Loving mother to Jonathan and Sarah. Beloved sister to Nancy (Donald) Martin and Ted (Becky) Winekoff. Funeral services from The Uht Funeral Home, Westland, Thursday 1pm. Visitation was at the funeral home Wednesday from 5-9pm. Burial will take place at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com.

BERNARD C. YELCHO
 Age 73, of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away October 23, 2009. Arrangements: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

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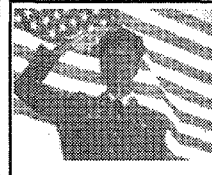
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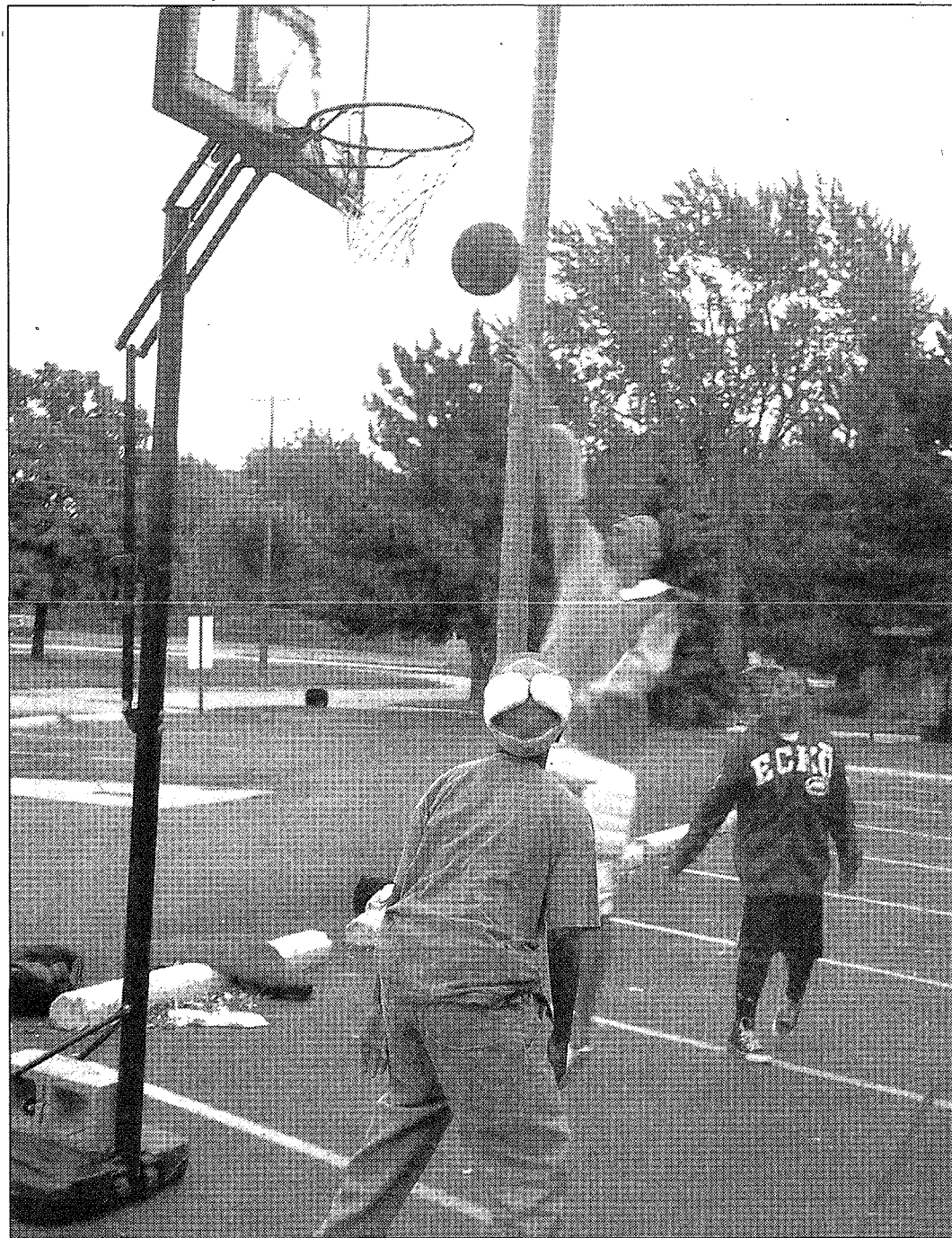


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HOMETOWN WEEKLIES

Basketball brings neighborhood kids closer to church



Teens and youngsters play basketball in the parking lot at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Redford.

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A group of friends in Redford with nowhere to play basketball learned a lot about the Bible and the sermon didn't come in church.

Redford's Aldersgate United Methodist Church Rev. Jeff Nelson sent what he considers God's message by putting up a basketball hoop in the church parking lot on Beech Daly between Plymouth and West Chicago.

"The Methodist church as a whole is in a decline in membership and wondering why people are no longer interested in what we are doing and I think we haven't shown an interest in what the people in the neighborhoods are doing," Rev. Nelson says. "It doesn't take much to say, 'What can we do to be in service with you.' It's a cool thing for a predominantly white church in a changing neighborhood. We want to be a neighborhood church whether they want to worship here or not."

The boys who wanted to play basketball often had to find a ride to the State Fair Grounds on Eight Mile and a long way from home. The hoop at the church means, "we have somewhere to play basketball in our community," explains Mike Grissett, 18.

"I really thank them for doing it," Grissett says.

Nelson says he's already seen the "fruit" of giving some 25 kids a place to play b-ball and shoot hoops.

"It's making our church a better place, by offering hospitality and it gives the boys an opportunity to be leaders in the neighborhood," Rev. Nelson says.

Grissett has lived in the church neighborhood for 10 years and played on a basketball league until he was too old to be eligible. The guys took the game to a home that abuts the church, but, every time a car passed, the game stopped.

REACHING OUT

Rev. Nelson, who became a pastor at the church in July, invited the kids to roll the hoop into the church parking lot.

"The church is in a neighborhood with a lot of families with a lot of kids who are just kind of hanging around with not a lot of places to go and not a lot of things to do," Rev. Nelson says.

"The congregation has wondered how we can reach out to these kids. There's a lot of concern that young people aren't coming to church and if they are in the parking lot we are trying to connect with them outside our door."

"It's given me a great opportunity to say, 'My name is Pastor Jeff,' find out their names and ask them their story. Early on it was hard to make that relationship with the kids. They were more interested in playing basketball."

SETTING RULES

The relationship hasn't been all easy sailing, though.

One recent Monday morning, Rev. Nelson came to the church and saw that the basketball hoop was broken and laying on the ground. He decided the boys had to take responsibility for the hoop and the area. That meant the trash had to be picked up. So, he took away the hoop and put up a sign that said, "No more basketball until you talk to the pastor Jeff."

Six boys were waiting at his house at the end of the day asking what they needed to do to get the basketball hoop back.

Rev. Nelson wanted a meeting and the boys needed to elect a president and five members to be on a basketball association. Grissett agreed to the top job and the boys came up with rules that would govern the space.

"They are the exact same rules I would have had, but they're their rules," Rev. Nelson says.

"They are good young men. That's for sure."

Grissett says everybody follows the rules.

"If they didn't respect it and trashed the place we wouldn't have nowhere to play basketball," Grissett says.

The boys asked if they could represent the church among area church basketball teams. A basketball tournament is being planned and there is talk about raising money for permanent hoops.

"Now we are starting to get this really great relationship and that this church and this pastor really care about them and want to provide a safe environment for them to do the kinds of things they enjoy," Rev. Nelson says. "This basketball hoop has given us entire to these kinds of conversations. I have a feeling that the day is coming where the basketball players and skateboarders find their way inside the church."

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FILTER



A possessed chicken has its hands full with Lloyd Kaufman, who made "Poultrygeist: Night of the Chicken Dead."

'Poultrygeist' is an amazing chicken dinner

BY GREG KOWALSKI
O&E STAFF WRITER

"Of course," they all say. "I saw it long ago."
"No," I say. "Not *Poltergeist*... *Poultrygeist*."
"Oh."
Oh, indeed.
As we ponder the upcoming Halloween holiday and what to watch that is appropriate to the season, the bold may consider spending 103 minutes with *Poultrygeist: Night of the Chicken Dead*, a magnificent bit of trash from the great Lloyd Kaufman, the man responsible for such masterworks as *The Toxic Avenger* and *The Class of Nuke 'Em High*.
But *Poultrygeist: Night of the Chicken Dead* probably owes more of its origins to a non-Kaufman film - *Monsturd* - which cannot be discussed in any manner in a family newspaper.
Poultrygeist, However, stands on its own as a truly vile, despicable, utterly gross film. It may in fact be the grossest film ever made, at least to this point in history.
It certainly is the sickest movie ever made about possessed chickens. And if

that isn't enough to convince you to run out immediately and rent *Poultrygeist*, I can't imagine what would.

There is a plot, of sorts: Young idiot Arbie returns to the Tomahawk Indian tribe burial ground to reminisce on the site of his first romantic encounter and discovers that the place has been bulldozed over and is now the home of an American Chicken Bunker restaurant, part of a fast food chain that combines fried chicken with military hardware.

To make matters worse, Arbie's old girlfriend is now a liberal (gasp!) political activist protesting this soulless example of capitalism.

Stand aside Michael Moore
In terms of plot, that's about all you need to know. Mostly this is a setup for people to become possessed with evil spirits, including the ubiquitous chickens and parts thereof. Blood is shed by the gallons. Hundreds of gallons. And that's in the most tastefully done scenes.

Vast amounts of other bodily fluids are spewed across the scene. There's even an amazing sequence involving Jerod (You know, the dweeb from the Subway commercials) who leaves the bathroom stall literally half the size he was when

he entered it. And we get to see in loving detail how he sheds half his girth.

Have you seen the cooking shows where the cook uses a "grill cam" positioned inside the cooking grill? Well, *Poultrygeist* features a "toilet-cam."

There are also some wonderfully awful song and dance numbers.

And just so all of your senses are offended, much of the cast is made up of racial stereotypes, including a burka-wearing Moslem named Humus, a Latino character named Paco Bell and an idiot black manager named Denny. (Consider the names. There actually is some biting subtle satire here if you look closely enough. But you won't be able to look closely at anything in this blood, gore and bodily by-product yuckfest.)

Kaufman, who is a true Hollywood rebel, even has a role. He also hosts a great bit about the movie's premier at an empty theater. (Who wants to see this?)

Naturally, you might want to view this after the pizza and Halloween candy have been consumed for you certainly aren't going to eat anything while this movie is running.

And you may never eat another chicken again.

Swap meet offers everything for the motorcyclist

Steve Broyles of Stevenson's Cycle in Wayne, will exhibit his award-winning GL Special motorcycle at the Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet, Sunday, Nov. 1, at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

The bike was crowned "The Canadian Cup Champion for 2009" at the North American International Motorcycle Super Show and it was the 9th Place World Championship Show Winner at Sturgis 2008. Broyles and his son "Steve II" also will show two other bikes made by Stevenson Cycle: Deuce's Wild which has a reverse flowed hand-crafted motor with a glass-sided oil tank and a production bike called Black and Chrome.

They're among the Detroit-area bike dealers, custom bike builders, painters and parts vendors who will be on hand at the show, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the exhibition hall, located on Grand River Ave., west of Novi Road in Novi.

Giant Motorcycle Swap Meets offer "everything for rider or machine." When riding season ends bikers begin the process of replacing worn, damaged or obsolete chrome, paint, seats, parts, tires and apparel. Men and women who love to ride motorcycles will find what they need at "swap meet prices."

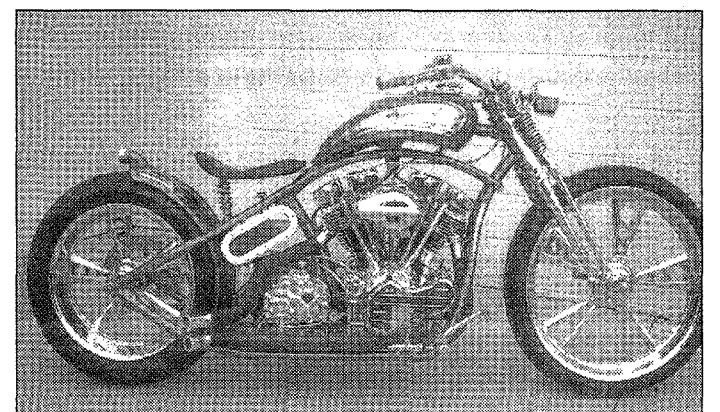
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Musical comedy takes aim at student spellers

Like to spell? You may get a chance to participate in a spelling bee live on stage during a performance of the Tony Award-winning musical comedy *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, next month at Marygrove Theatre in Detroit.

The University of Detroit Mercy (UDM) Theatre Company and Marygrove Music Department will present the show at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13-22.

In each performance four different audience volunteers will be chosen to participate in the spelling bee live on stage, making each show unique. Volunteer spellers should arrive at the theatre 30 minutes before curtain to sign up to be selected to spell. Along with the four volunteer spellers are cast members Darrius Washington of Detroit as Chip Tolentino, Anne C. Di Iorio of Farmington Hills as Logainne Schwartzandgrubbeniere, Maxwell C. Bolton of Birmingham as Leaf Coneybear, Joel A. Frazee of Bluffton, Ohio, as William Barfee, Catherine Dacpano Menzies of Macomb as Marcy Park and Susan Boonenberg of Dearborn as Olive Ostrovsky.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee captures the corky competition of a county spelling bee with all the usual suspects, from the reigning spelling champ to the overachiever with the lisp to the overweight kid with a host of health problems. They all unite through their love of spelling.

The show is recommended for theatergoers 13 and over because of its adult content.

The show also will feature Dez Walker of Royal Oak as Mitch Mahoney and Olive's dad; Angel Shakespeare of Farmington as Olive's mom; Rob Hammond of Troy as Carl Grubbeniere; Emmanuel Carter of Inkster as Dan



Anne Di Iorio (left) of Farmington Hills, as Logainne Schwartzandgrubbeniere, Joel Frazee of Bluffton, Ohio, as William Barfee and Catherine Dacpano Menzies of Macomb, as Marcy Park in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*.

Schwarz; and Chris Jakob of Detroit as Jesus Christ.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is directed by Greg Grobis, with musical direction by Shawn McDonald. The creative team includes David Regal, artistic director; Melinda Pacha, costume design; Mark Choinski, scenic design; Kathleen Lanphear, lighting design; Matthew Lira, stage manager; and Hannah Reddy, assistant stage manager.

Tickets for *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* are \$20 for general admission, \$16 for discount admission (senior citizens, UDM and

Marygrove faculty, staff, and alumni), \$13 for students and \$9 for UDM and Marygrove students. A \$3 service fee is charged per order for non-subscribers.

Marygrove Theatre is located on the campus of Marygrove College, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit. The Theatre Company's box office is open noon-5 p.m., Tuesday-Friday and is located in Reno Hall on the University of Detroit Mercy campus, McNichols at Livernois in Detroit. For tickets, call the theatre box office at (313) 993-3270 or reserve tickets online at <http://theatre.udmercy.edu>.

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Contact: www.noviconcertband.org
Palace of Auburn Hills
Time/Dates: 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 6, Montgomery Gentry; Friday, Nov. 13, Bruce Springsteen & The Legendary E Street Band

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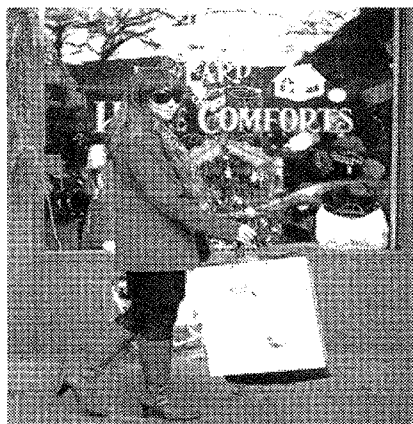
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Marquis Theatre
Time/Dates: "Pinocchio," Nov. 14-Jan. 24, 2010, tickets, \$8.50, ages 3 and up
Location: 135 E. Main, Northville
Contact: (248) 349-8110, www.northvillamarquistheatre.com
Palace of Auburn Hills
Time/Date: noon and 3 p.m., Nov. 1
Location: 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills
Details: Disney Live!
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Penn Theatre
Time/Date: Noon, first Saturday of the month
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Time/Dates: "Bride of Frankenstein," 7 p.m., Oct. 29; "District 9," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., Oct. 31; 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., Nov. 1; and 7 p.m., Nov. 5
Details: \$3 admission
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Contact: (734) 453-0870. www.penntheatre.com
Redford Theatre
Location: 17360 Lahser, Detroit
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31
Details: Three Stooges Halloween Festival, includes "Spook Louder," "We Want Our Mummy," "If A Body Meets A Body," "Mummies Dummies," "The Ghost Talks," and "Who Done It?"
Tickets are \$5.
Contact: www.redfordtheatre.com

MUSEUMS
Cranbrook Institute of Science
Location: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills
Contact: (248) 645-3200, http://science.cranbrook.edu
Detroit Historical Museum
Location: 5401 Woodward, Detroit
Contact: (313) 833-1805, www.detroithistorical.org
Detroit Science Center
Location: 5020 John R, Detroit
Contact: (313) 577-8400, www.detroitsciencecenter.org
Greenfield Village
Location: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn
Contact: (313) 982-6001 or the-henryford.org
Plymouth Historical Museum
Time/Dates: "In the Presence of Lincoln," through Nov. 4, 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, \$5; \$2 students 6-17; \$10 families
Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Contact: (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org
SOMETHING DIFFERENT
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Time/Date: 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 1
Details: Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet; thousands of bikers will swap bikes, frames, motors and more; \$10 adult admission, \$3 children 6-12
Contact: (800) 968-4242
THEATRE
Barefoot Productions
Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth
Contact: (734) 582-9688; www.justgobarefoot.com
Eighth Wonder
Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, at Ridge Road, Canton.
Contact: (734) 394-5460
Farmington Hills Youth Theatre
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Nov. 19-20 and 1 p.m., Nov. 21-22
Location: Costick Center's Dublin Hall, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: "The Music Man Jr."
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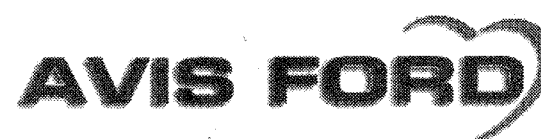
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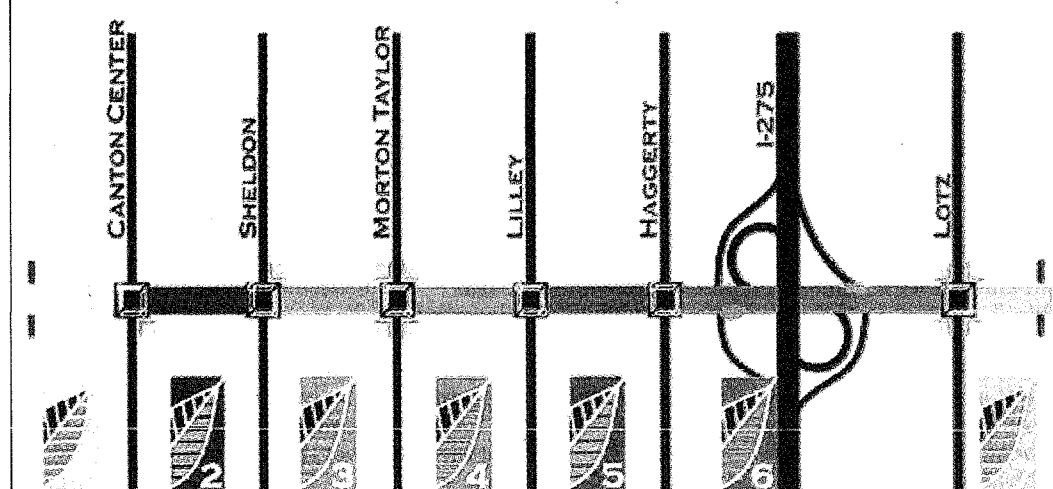
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CANTON'S FORD ROAD



Colorful banners are designed to help travelers navigate Ford Road.

Colorful banners help Ford Road travelers

Travelers along Canton's Ford Road are seeing new colorful new banners on the decorative street lamps that are part of Ford Road's streetscape in the DDA District.

"These new banners are color-coded by blocks and numbered so that finding your favorite shops and restaurants will be easier than ever!" said Kathleen Salla, Canton's DDA Coordinator.

Salla is pleased with this new tool that will make it easier to navigate Ford Road, and easier for the businesses located along the corridor to provide directions to their location using the color blocks and banners as reference points.

"For example, I'll be able to tell callers that a certain store or event is in the New Town Plaza near Kohl's on the north side of Ford Road in the Purple Block—just look for the purple banners! I think it will be a big help to folks," Salla said.

The color-coded banners are complemented with new black banners bearing the Shop Canton logo and the words "Canton's Ford Road" highlighting the entryways into the district.

"We really want to celebrate Ford Road's special role in this area as a shopping and entertainment corridor. We

have everything you need here, from movies to Mexican food to manicures, and of course, IKEA," Salla said.

Blocks on Ford Road are divided by color:

- Yellow Block #1: West of Canton Center Road
- Purple Block #2: Canton Center Road to Sheldon Road
- Green Block #3: Sheldon Road to Morton Taylor Road
- Red Block #4: Morton Taylor Road to Lilley Road
- Blue Block #5: Lilley Road to Haggerty Road
- Brown Block #6: Haggerty Road to Lotz Road
- Orange Block #7: Lotz Road east to the Canton boundary

The original Ford Road streetscape was installed between Morton Taylor and Sheldon Road in 1994. In 2003, the newly adopted Downtown Master Plan called for an expansion of the streetscape along the entire three miles of the district to include decorative street lighting, turn lanes, mast arm signals at major intersections, and the addition of sidewalks.

The focus of the improvements was to enhance aesthetics, upgrade safety and function wherever possible, and to improve commercial vitality. Currently, an extension of the streetscape is under construction between Lotz and Lilley.

"The vision for the future is to have a continuous streetscape along the three mile corridor of Ford Road," Salla said. "Now, all of the streetlights are on the same circuit and the DDA has taken over responsibility for the utility costs and maintenance in an effort to achieve consistency in the DDA District."

Canton's DDA has hired New Moon Visions, a marketing firm, to assist with this effort as part of a larger two-year Shop Canton marketing plan that will feature the newly installed banners as visual guides for not only shoppers but also the many visitors who attend Canton's Ford Road events like Friday jazz concerts, the Radio Disney performances and the other special events throughout the year.

Kim Rivera, owner of New Moon Visions said, "We have really enjoyed working on the banners," said Kim Rivera, owner of New Moon Visions. "It's exciting to see them going up. I think they are going to be a hit with visitors!"

New Moon Visions specializes in "downtown" marketing. They have worked successfully in places like Plymouth, Northville, Petoskey, Brighton and St. Louis to create strong community brands and bring vibrancy to the downtown districts.

CHAMBER CHAT

Speakers networking

The Canton Chamber of Commerce Speakers/Networking Committee meets on an as-needed basis. This committee is responsible for securing speakers for the Chamber Luncheons. They assist Chamber staff in securing sponsors for Luncheons, Networking Breakfast and After-hours. They are responsible for making reminder calls to new chamber members.

The committee has scheduled a meeting 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, at the Chamber Office to begin plans for 2010. If you would like to be a part of this committee call (734) 453-4040.

Chamber fund-raisers

Join us at Rose's Restaurant Oct. 29-31, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. for a Texas Hold'em fund-raiser to be held in a private, smoke-free environment. There will be a full service bar, late night menu and a midnight 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 Fund-raiser and get all the details.

Networking luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its November Networking Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Nov. 4, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

The cost for lunch is \$20 (advance member registration) \$30 (Non-member) and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

November's Luncheon will feature guest speaker Lisa Dancsok, Senior Vice President of Marketing and Communications of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). Dancsok is responsible for the corporate marketing and communications functions, including advertising, events, and business marketing research, entrepreneur strategy and Web development/graphics.

"We are thrilled to have Ms. Dancsok speak at our chamber luncheon," said Dianne Cojei,

President, Canton Chamber of Commerce.

November's Luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Community Financial and Oakwood Healthcare System. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at 734-453-4040.

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.

Photo gallery

The Canton Chamber of Commerce has added a new and exciting feature to the Chamber Web site at www.cantonchamber.com

"We now have a Photo Gallery, that covers all of our Chamber Events," said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. We have photos from all of our 2009 Ribbon Cuttings as well as our Luncheons, After Hours, Networking Coffees, Auction, Consumer Expos and much more.

The Chamber Web site offers a complete Directory listing of our members by category and/or by company name. We also offer easy access to other Web sites including Shop Canton, Canton Township, Canton DDA, Leisure Services, S.C.O.R.E. and much more. The Chamber Web site offers coupons and discounts for members, residents and visitors. Looking for a place to hold a meeting? Looking for a good place to eat? The Canton chamber Web site has it all ... just go to www.cantonchamber.com.

SEND IT

Get in on the Strictly Business page of the *Canton Observer* by sending us your business news, promotions, events or milestones. It's simple: Just e-mail all of the details to editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometown-life.com

life.com and he'll take care of the rest.

Our local business page runs each Thursday in your *Canton Observer*. We welcome comments and suggestions, too. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

BUSINESS MILESTONES

Lincolnshire renovation

Amurcon Corp., celebrated the renovation of its Lincolnshire Community in Canton earlier this month.

Lincolnshire Apartment and Townhomes' \$2.7 million renovation included replacement of windows, doorwalls, front doors, appliances, light fixtures and bathroom upgrades in select garden apartment homes and townhomes. Improvements throughout the community included upgrading Lincolnshire's landscaping, installing new roofs, property signage, fencing around the pool, carports, parking lots, sidewalks and neighborhood roads.

Rouge support

Friends of the Rouge recently received \$750 from Yazaki North America for support of the Rouge Education Project (Friends of the Rouge's school-based water quality monitoring program).

"The enthusiastic support from sponsors like Yazaki North America is amazing," said Emily Hughes, Rouge Education Project Program Manager. "This project is a great opportunity for a business or organization to get involved in a local environmental education initiative."

Last year, 10 sponsors helped to support the 2008-2009 Rouge Education Project through the Adopt-a-School campaign. The campaign has attracted over \$50,000 in sponsorships, which supports 23 of the 53 participating schools. Contributions assist with school program registrations, water quality testing equipment, workshop participation, and program t-shirts, as well as the program administration.



Lincolnshire 3: Lincolnshire Apartment and Townhomes' Community Manager Vickie Sexton mingles with residents during the community's Open House event earlier this month.

Yazaki North America is located in Canton and is committed to supporting the communities in which they do business.

"The Rouge Education Project is perfectly aligned with Yazaki's community outreach," said George Perry, President and CEO of Yazaki North America. "Offering students hands-on experience not only supports the Rouge River watershed, it fosters an appreciation of the environment and its impact on all of us."

Friends of the Rouge hopes to have all of the schools in the project supported by local sponsors. Currently many schools are supported in part by the U.S. EPA's Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project grant.

Art sale

Drop by Canton's D & M Art Studio for a look at some of the finest artwork this area's talented artists produce.

D & M officials call the collection "a joy to see and if you are looking for just the right piece of art to warm up a room

or an affordable gift come early and often as the selection will be replaced as items are sold."

Three Cities Art Club Fine Arts Exhibition and Sale runs through Saturday, Nov. 14, and will be open during store hours.

In addition to beautiful fine works of art for sale at great prices, there will be art supplies, note cards and prints available for purchase. The event is sponsored by long-time contributor to Three Cities Art Club, D & M Art Studios, who offers art lessons, summer art camps for kids and home school classes. D & M Art Studio is located at 8691 N. Lilley Road, about 1/8 mile south of Joy Road in Canton, and is open noon to 9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

For further information about the show or the art club, contact Marilyn Meredith weekdays at (248) 557-3800, Ext. 123 or via e-mail at threecitiesartclub@hotmail.com

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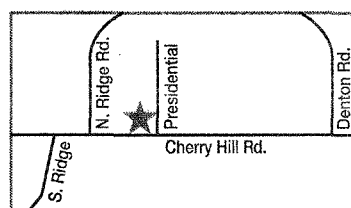
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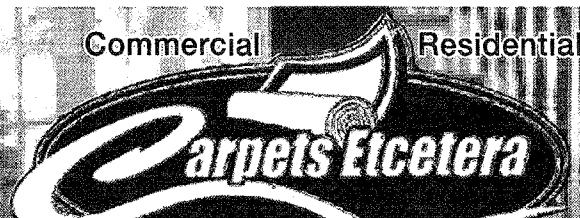
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FOOD & WINE



Students watch chefs prepare foods in a cooking class at Schoolcraft College.

Learn to prepare dazzling holiday dinners

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

The oven is hot in most homes from Halloween to New Year's Day and serving the same old recipes can get boring not only for the family chef, but everyone else, too.

Taking classes on how to prepare holiday treats and meals is one remedy.

Area food specialty stores and community colleges offer a variety of holiday food preparation classes.

"The response is overwhelming and we are always refreshing them to keep up with the demand," said Lauren Murphy, Schoolcraft promotions coordinator of continuing education and professional development.

The continuing education culinary classes at Schoolcraft have increased over the last eight years and last year there were 1,800 students.

To register for a Schoolcraft call (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd

Here's a sampling of classes available.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Fabulous Holiday Party Plan

Learn to prepare holiday dishes including platters, hot foods, appetizers and sophisticated sweets. Sample every recipe demonstrated. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7; cost \$99, seniors pay \$79.20.

Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner



A student decorates holiday cookies in a cooking class at Schoolcraft College.

Learn various ways to roast a fresh turkey and prepare gravy using poultry stock and pan drippings, seasoned stuffing, autumn vegetables and pumpkin pie using fresh pumpkins. 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 17; cost \$105, seniors pay \$84.

Cookie Exchange: Hands-on

Bake holiday cookies in Schoolcraft's kitchens. You'll receive prepped dough — enough to bake and decorate eight dozen cookies — and recipes from around the world. Bring an apron, rolling pin and knife. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5; cost \$139, seniors pay \$112.20.

Make a Yule Log

Learn Yule log history and lore, and then in groups, make two kinds of Yule log cakes. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12; cost \$119, seniors pay \$95.20.

JOE'S PRODUCE IN LIVONIA

New Holiday Cooking Trends

Hands-on holiday meal cooking instruction. Learn to make table settings and understand wine pairing. 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 15. \$30 fee includes recipes, instructions and food. Call (248) 477-4333 to register.

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Easy Holiday Entertaining for Beginners

Cookbook author Leonard Charla focuses on appetizers and canapés, roast turkey breast, make-ahead salads, and easy oven dishes. Gain realistic, practical tips and recipes while you prepare and eat in this class designed for novices. Instructor's cookbook (optional) available for \$11 in class. Bring an apron. 6:30-9 p.m., Nov. 3, Nov. 10 (two sessions), Dearborn Heights Center, D143; cost \$72.

Thanksgiving Sides

Executive Chef Peter Veatch of the University of Michigan will demonstrate Thanksgiving side dishes and ways to prepare ahead of time. 6-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 4, Dearborn Heights Center, D143; cost \$48.

Neat and Sweet Holiday Treats

Make and take home a tray of goodies including a Mini 'Snow' Covered Cream Puff Tree, Cheery Cherry Chocolate Mice, and more. Call or visit the Maps & Supplies link at www.hvcc.edu for complete list of maps and supplies. 6:30-9:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 19; cost \$39.

Old Time Polish Sweets

Babka, a traditional Polish dessert, Angel Wings and yeast bread are all part of this class with Marilyn Szymanski-Suter. Bring an apron and dress in layers because the kitchen gets warm. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5; cost \$57. Call Henry Ford Community College at (877) 855-5252 or register online at www.hfcc.edu/CL2

It's pasties time again at Livonia church

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER



Members of Newburg United Methodist Church will be knee-deep in rutabagas and potatoes next month.

"We use 200 pounds of rutabagas and 200 pounds of potatoes and about 100 pounds of onions," said Randy Kovach, who's leading a pasty-making crew at the Livonia church. "We use 240 pounds of hamburger. We have a pretty commercial kitchen at the church. We'll make 1,000 pasties over two days."

And they'll sell them — all of them — Thursday-Friday, Nov. 12-13. Pick-up times are 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Nov. 12 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Nov. 13, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

Orders will be taken 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 2-3 by phone only at (734) 422-0149. Each Cornish-style pasty is \$4.

"It really is an outreach program to introduce more members of the community to the church. And with the time of the year and the way the economy is, it's one way we can help people and also help the church, so everyone benefits," said Kovach, explaining that the fund-raiser will

benefit a scholarship program and other activities and missions at the church.

Kovach said the church is bringing the baking tradition back after a brief hiatus. He agreed to organize the effort after moving back to Michigan from New Jersey, where he owned a cafe.

"I've been cooking a long time. I took the (pasties) recipe and tried it myself. The Cornish pasties are more traditional — with the rutabagas — versus the ones with carrots. The Canadians make them that way, too."

A crew of about 30 church members will chop, mix shortening-style dough, and fill baking pans over the two-day work session.

"Each one weighs about a pound. When you put them together they're about 9 inches. We make a mixture of brown and beef gravy to put on top of it," he noted.

Kovach said some customers buy several pasties to take along on hunting trips next month. They'll freeze them and simply will reheat them when they're ready to eat.

And some likely will buy a new batch of the meat and vegetable pies when the church repeats the effort in January 2010.

CITY BITES

Livonia — Scott Wallace from National Wine and Spirits will present affordable, high quality port and dessert wines at a tasting, 7-9 p.m., today, Thursday, Oct. 29, at WineStyles, 17386 Haggerty Road, Livonia. Cost is \$15 per person and \$10 for the store's Wine Club members. (734) 464-9600.

The store's TGIF wine event is 5-9 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30; \$12 flight of wine or wine by the glass. Gourmet cheese and cracker menu available. Buy \$50 or more in wine or accessories during the evening and receive a flight or glass of wine for \$1.

MEALS WITH MISSION

Plymouth — Buy corn and smoked whitefish fritters through Nov. 15 from the prepared foods case at any Hiller's Market and you'll help feed the needy. All proceeds from the sale of the dish, created for Lisa Diggs, founder of the Livonia-based Buy Michigan Now campaign, will benefit Gleaners Food Bank.

The sale of the prepared food is part of Hiller's "Good Deeds in the Making" cam-

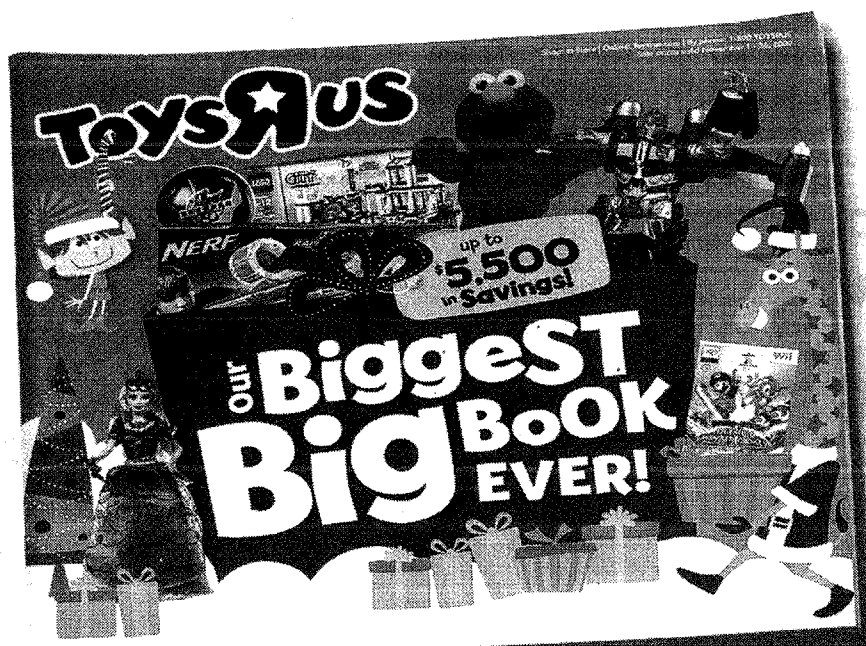
paign, which combines food named for a local celebrity or prominent resident, and a charity of their choice.

"It gives me great pleasure to work with inspiring individuals and worthy organizations," stated Jim Hiller, CEO of Hiller's Markets. "The true measure of success is finding ways to give to others and using one's business as a platform to convey meaning and raise awareness. I hope shoppers will make a special effort to support these great people and great causes."

Also on the menu through Nov. 15 is tuna pasta salad, a favorite personal recipe of local fitness and philanthropy leader Danialle Karmanos. Proceeds will benefit Danialle Karmanos Work It Out, an effort to teach kids the importance of lifelong fitness and nutrition.

Hiller's is located at 15455 Haggerty, Plymouth; 425 N. Center Street, in Northville; 6433 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield; as well as Commerce Township, Berkley, Ann Arbor and Union Lake.

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Fire safety takes everyone's cooperation

Fire Prevention Week 2009 focused on ways to keep homes fire safe and prevent painful burns. By following simple safety rules, you can "Stay Fire Smart!"

DON'T GET BURNED

Keep hot foods and liquids away from tables and counter edges so they cannot be pulled or knocked over.

Have a 3-foot "kid-free" zone around the stove.

Never hold a child in your arms while preparing hot food or drinking a hot beverage.

Teach children that hot things hurt.

Be careful when using things that get hot such as curling irons, oven, irons, lamps, heaters.

When using heating pads only use for 15-20 minutes at a time and don't lie, sit or place anything on the pad.

JUST RIGHT?

To avoid scalds, set the thermostat setting in your water heater to no higher than 120 degrees F.

Remember young children and older adults' skin burns more easily.

Consider having "anti-scald" devices on tub faucets and shower heads to prevent scalds.

Test the water before placing a child or yourself in the tub.

Never leave young children alone in the tub, shower or near a sink.

Be careful about scalding water. The water should feel warm, not hot. Before you put your child in the tub, test the temperature with your wrist, elbow, or the back of your hand. Don't rely on a tub with a temperature indicator, such as a drain plug that changes color to indicate too hot, too cold, and just right. If you're using a thermometer with a read-out, infant bath water should be no more than 100 degrees. Even when using a thermometer use your wrist, elbow, or the back of your hand as your main guide.

COOL A BURN

Treat a burn right away. Put it in cool water for three to five minutes. Cover with a clean, dry cloth.

If the burn is bigger than your fist or if you have any questions, get medical help right away.

Remove all clothing, diapers, jewelry and metal from the burned areas.

COOKING WITH CAUTION

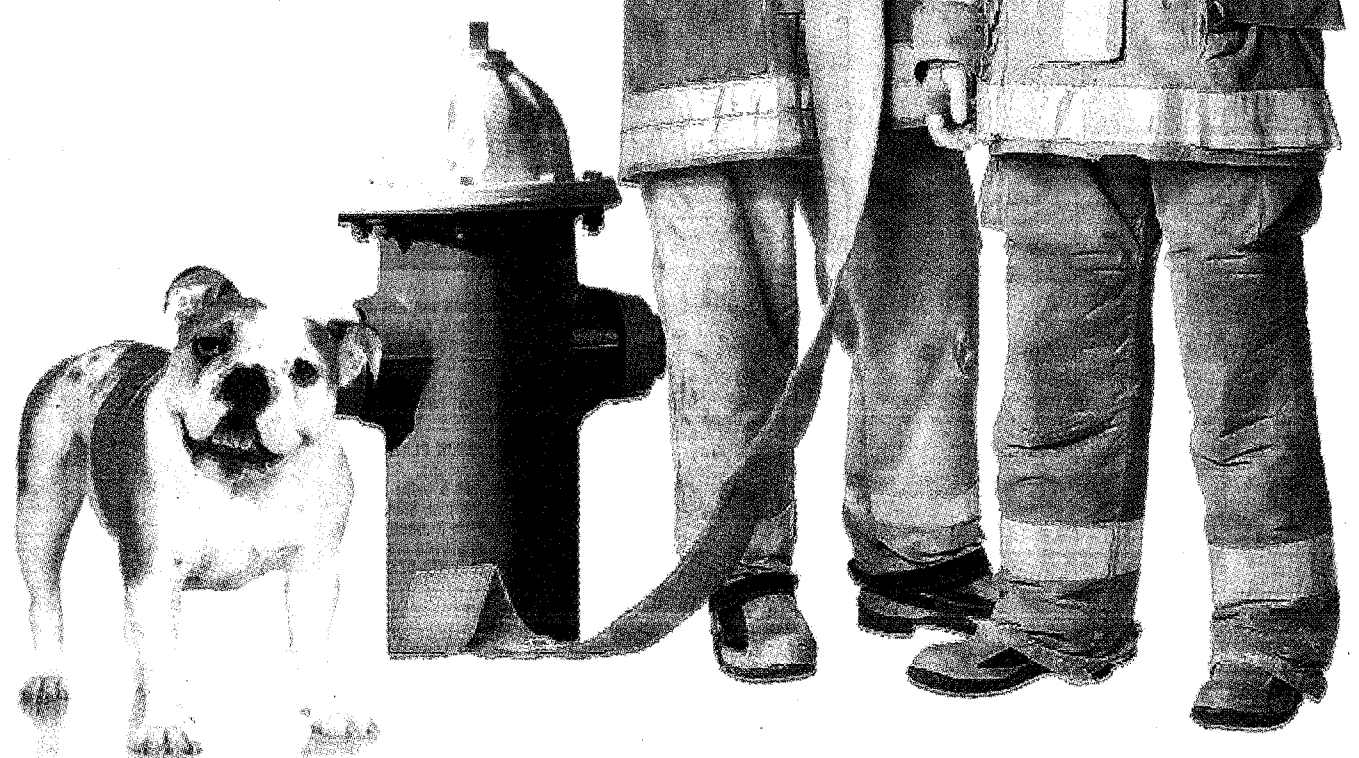
The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.

Pay attention to what you are cooking. Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food.

When you are simmering, boiling, baking, or roasting

FIRE SAFETY

TAKES EVERYONE'S COOPERATION



food, check it regularly, stay in the home, and use a timer to remind you.

If you must leave the room even for a short time, turn off the stove.

If you have young children, use the stove's back burners whenever possible.

Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from the stove.

When you cook, wear clothing with tight-fitting or short sleeves.

Allow food cooked in a microwave oven to cool for a few minutes before you take it out.

Open microwaved food slowly. Hot steam from the container can cause burns.

THE HEAT IS ON ...

Have a 3 foot kid-free zone around open fires and heaters.

Use a fireplace screen to keep sparks inside the fireplace.

Turn portable space heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.

Keep things that can burn, such as paper, bedding, or

furniture, at least 3 feet from heaters.

Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected each year by a professional.

Make sure your portable space heater has an auto shut-off so if it is tipped over, it will shut off.

Have your chimneys cleaned and inspected before each heating season.

TAKE IT OUTSIDE

Ask smokers to smoke outside.

Give smokers deep, sturdy ashtrays.

Never smoke if you are tired, have taken medicine, drugs, or alcohol that makes you sleepy.

Keep smoking materials away from things that can burn, like bedding, furniture, and clothing.

STAY GROUNDED

Keep lamps, light fixtures, and light bulbs away from anything that can burn, such as lamp shades, bedding, curtains, and clothing.

Replace cracked and dam-

aged electrical cords.

Use extension cords for temporary wiring only. Consider having additional circuits or receptacles added by a qualified electrician.

If you have young children in your home have tamper-resistant electrical receptacles.

Call a qualified electrician or landlord if you have recurring problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers, discolored or warm wall outlets, flickering lights or a burning or rubbery smell coming from an appliance.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

With the economic downturn, it is important to keep a watchful eye on your neighborhood. Encourage your community to implement an anti-arson program.

Keep trash from collecting on your property.

Remove abandoned vehicles from your property.

Remove dead branches that could be used as a fuel source.

FIRE-SAFETY BASICS

Install smoke alarms in

every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.

For best protection use both photoelectric and ionization technology. You can use individual ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms or combination units that contain both technologies in the same unit.

Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.

Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.

Make sure everyone can hear the sound of the smoke alarms.

Have a home fire escape plan. Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible, and a meeting place outside. Practice your escape plan twice a year.

When the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out.

If you are building or remodeling your home, consider a home fire sprinkler system.

Attorney will represent members' interests

Q: I am a co-owner at a subdivision that apparently is a condominium. We have not been able to take over control from the developer who says he doesn't have the money to hire an attorney to conduct the turn over meeting. Is that a legitimate excuse?

A: It hardly appears to be legitimate and/or reasonable. While it is a good idea for the developer to have an attorney present, it is not mandatory

that the developer be represented by an attorney at the turn over and it is certainly not an excuse for the developer to not turn over the condominium

association in accordance with the condominium documents and the Condominium Statute. On the other hand, it is clear that the members of the association need an attorney to represent their interests preparatory to and at the turn over meeting, since it appears that the co-owners are being dealt a "bad hand."

Q: I understand that if an association hosts a Web site in which residents are allowed to post their comments, there may be serious consequences for the association. Do you have any information?

A: Besides potentially opening itself up to a claim for invasion of privacy, falsehood, publicity and defamation, the association may run the risk of having its insurance company cancel the association's D&O policy which has been threatened by at least one major insurer of association D&O coverage. This type of conduct should be avoided if at all possible as to insure no liability for the association.

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

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WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 13-17, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
326 Country Club Ln	\$360,000
290 Edington Cir	\$175,000
49585 Lansdowne St	\$220,000
2571 Liberty St S	\$225,000
1388 Morrison Blvd	\$155,000
46460 Swanmere Dr	\$207,000
47208 Woodlong Dr	\$250,000
Garden City	
31520 Chester St	\$92,000
31110 Elmwood St	\$53,000
6972 Fairfield St	\$90,000
29404 Meadow Ln #1	\$93,000
Livonia	
29462 Bentley St	\$106,000
20146 Brentwood St	\$112,000
12109 Cardwell St	\$65,000
11411 Cranston St	\$112,000
9622 Deering St	\$95,000
36512 Dowling St	\$165,000
11762 Farmington Rd	\$115,000
15627 Levan Rd	\$161,000
17310 Loveland St	\$128,000
30650 Mason Ct	\$164,000
17921 Mayfield St	\$157,000
33024 Oakley St	\$130,000
9900 Oporto St	\$83,000
Northville	
49455 Seven Mile Rd	\$227,000

16068 Morningside		\$110,000
16086 Morningside		\$136,000
47538 Pine Creek Ct		\$342,000
Plymouth		
13750 Embers Ct	\$428,000	
44727 Erik Pass	\$170,000	
44739 Erin Dr	\$95,000	
774 Harvey	\$105,000	
219 N Harvey St	\$185,000	
640 Ross St	\$168,000	
1012 William St	\$450,000	
Redford		
17713 Centralia	\$60,000	
15415 Delaware Ave	\$30,000	
20092 Inkster Rd	\$25,000	
16022 Knight	\$32,000	
18347 Lexington	\$70,000	
26508 Lyndon	\$171,000	
9551 Salem	\$68,000	
9075 Tecumseh	\$86,000	
20497 Wakenden	\$80,000	
Westland		
1621 Ackley Ave	\$39,000	
6360 Hampshire Ct	\$120,000	
37144 Norene St	\$60,000	
1412 S Berry St	\$109,000	
8771 Shari Dr	\$109,000	
34183 Warren Rd	\$25,000	
7841 Whispering Willow	\$109,000	

OAKLAND COUNTY

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Auburn Hills		\$200,000
Birmingham		
16190 Wetherby St	\$425,000	
1332 Bird Ave	\$408,000	
Bloomfield Township		
6041 Burnham Ct	\$162,000	
4734 Hedgewood Dr	\$350,000	
6079 Snowshoe Cir	\$425,000	
Clarkston		
6523 Amy Dr	\$100,000	
5918 Kingfisher Ln	\$125,000	
Commerce Township		
8448 Buffalo Dr	\$160,000	
1741 Carriage Hl	\$215,000	
5469 Plantation Dr	\$285,000	
3350 Stoneridge Ct	\$270,000	
Farmington Hills		
28864 Green Castle Rd	\$134,000	
29990 Kingsway Dr	\$258,000	
34369 Ramble Hills Dr	\$350,000	
27839 W Nine Mile Rd	\$93,000	
28951 Wellington St	\$275,000	
Lake Orion		
3096 Hidden Timber Dr	\$270,000	
115 Highland Ave	\$127,000	
3761 Seney Dr	\$211,000	
Milford		
812 First St	\$120,000	
722 Byron Dr	\$149,000	
795 Forestberry Ct	\$175,000	
236 Ivy Glen Dr	\$550,000	
900 Queen St	\$119,000	
Novi		
27666 Cromwell Rd	\$280,000	
40453 Guilford	\$200,000	
24151 Lynwood Dr	\$119,000	

21763 Picadilly Cir	\$380,000
47146 Scarlet Dr S	\$210,000
1155 South Lake Dr	\$47,000
24260 Woodham Rd	\$273,000
Oakland Township	
5172 Aintree Rd	\$235,000
700 E Gunn Rd	\$275,000
5919 Orion Rd	\$137,000
3695 Sunnyside Ct	\$205,000
Oxford	
200 Fairway View Dr	\$365,000
113 Minnetonka Dr	\$87,000
1670 W D'Fahner Rd	\$31,000
Rochester	
708 Quarter St	\$305,000
1382 Welland Dr	\$315,000
Rochester Hills	
1484 Clear Creek Dr	\$125,000
950 Golfview Ct	\$198,000
2581 Munster Rd	\$275,000
3289 Parkwood Dr	\$315,000
3030 Saratoga Dr	\$170,000
141 Stratford Ln	\$62,000
242 Tanglewood Dr	\$220,000
683 Tewksbury Ct	\$234,000
1820 Van Hill Ct	\$118,000
1480 W Horseshoe Bend Dr	\$165,000
South Lyon	
58689 Coach Ln	\$298,000
1331 Drury Ln	\$258,000
1102 Gallop Ln	\$211,000
20924 Oak Tree Dr	\$38,000
968 S Parkwood Dr	\$170,000
Southfield	
21893 Duns Scotus St	\$120,000
Troy	
1942 Axtell Dr	\$41,000

4408 Cahill Dr	\$270,000
4437 Cherrywood Dr	\$212,000
3826 Edgemont Dr	\$265,000
1098 Falcon Cr	\$195,000
Walled Lake	
27203 Chesapeake Cir	\$130,000
1430 Oak Grove Dr	\$160,000
4066 Pinestead Dr	\$226,000
Waterford	
3979 Airport Rd	\$86,000
4681 Forest Ave	\$115,000
4394 Kempf St	\$100,000
396 Lochaven Rd	\$250,000
795 N Cass Lake Rd	\$58,000
2361 Pauline Dr	\$64,000
5595 Pleasant Dr	\$102,000
7769 Pleasant Manor Dr	\$105,000
5975 Rolton Ct	\$305,000
194 S Winding Dr	\$78,000
3019 Sleaford Dr	\$116,000
2816 Voorheis Rd	\$86,000
West Bloomfield	
6700 Burtonwood Dr	\$460,000
5109 Corners Dr	\$255,000
6178 Golden Ln	\$470,000
7074 Hawk Woods Dr	\$420,000
5600 Hobnail Cir	\$175,000
6480 Noble Ct	\$230,000
7096 Nottingham	\$135,000
5667 Old Carriage Ln	\$165,000
5247 Park Ridge Ct	\$342,000
1742 Poppleton Dr	\$209,000
7164 Westchester	\$130,000
5365 Wright Way W	\$76,000
White Lake	
9163 Glasgow Dr	\$156,000
9562 Shelby Dr	\$190,000

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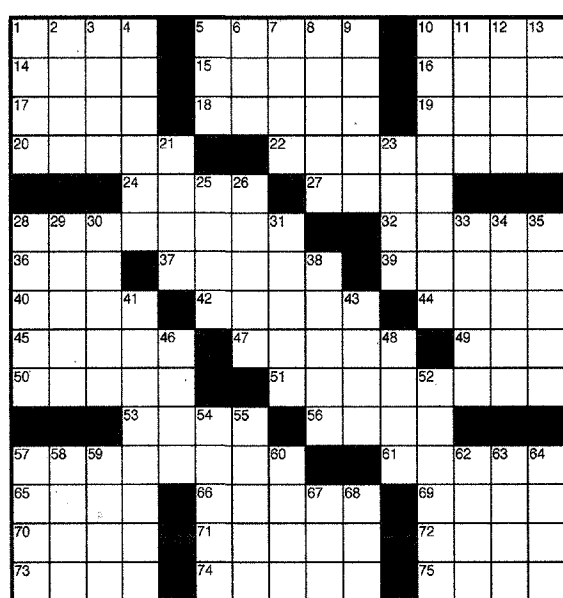
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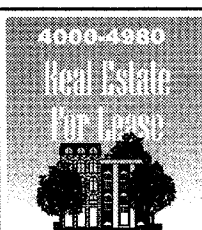
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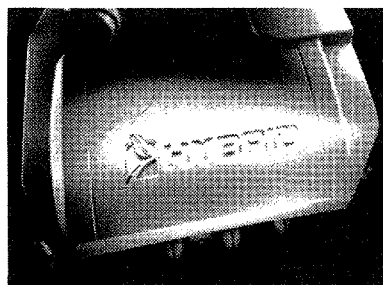
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Here's the engine of the Fusion Hybrid.



The 2010 Ford Fusion conventional powertrain gets a whopping 41 mpg on the highway.



By Dale Buss

Once considered a rather modest compact sedan designed to give Ford an entry in a rather nondescript segment, the Fusion has grown in performance, reputation and sales over the last year or so.

First, in the summer of 2008, it caught the wave of consumer interest in high-mileage but capacious cars because of \$4-a-gallon gasoline prices. Then Ford spawned a hybrid version of Fusion. More recently, Fusion and some other Ford models have benefited particularly from the company's foresight in boosting production of Fusion just as its popularity began to rise.

Ford emerged from the auto industry's unprecedented troubles during the first half of the year as the only one of the Detroit Three to survive without a federal bailout, all of Ford's models benefit from increased consumer goodwill – and because Fusion is the de facto flagship model for Ford cars, it benefited disproportionately. And during the popular Cash for Clunkers program, Fusion was one of the most-demanded new models.

Now, in order to capitalize even further on Fusion's momentum in the marketplace, Ford is conducting a nationwide search for passionate

2010 Fusion and Fusion Hybrid owners to participate in Fusion 41, a consumer program designed to build awareness and excitement around the Fusion lineup.

The Fusion 41 program – named for the 41 mpg fuel economy that makes Fusion America's most fuel-efficient midsize sedan, and the 41 participants – builds on the success of the Ford Drive One advertising campaign, which focuses on actual customers experiencing new Ford vehicles and sharing their stories with others. The Fusion 41 consumer story will come to life on the Internet, through social networking sites like Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

Eight 2010 Fusion owners from throughout the country will be selected to participate in the Fusion 41 program. They will be chosen based on their passion for Fusion and their ability to share compelling information about the vehicle on the Internet. Applicants must have a current Facebook profile with a minimum of 100 friends and an active photo collection.

Each of the eight Fusion owners will then choose four friends or family members to join their team, and each team will be given a 2010 Ford Fusion or Fusion Hybrid to drive in an

automotive relay race. To complete the relay, each team member must fulfill an assigned task within 41 hours, tracking competitive variables such as miles driven, stops made or the number of passengers picked up.

The winning team will be chosen based on their ability to complete the activities and provide proof by uploading photos and videos to various social media sites, including Facebook.

Research shows that social media sites are increasingly one of the best ways to reach out to consumers. Prior to the development of the Fusion 41 program, Ford expanded its presence on Facebook with a new application for its "Fusion + Hybrid" profile called "You Speak Green" that enables visitors to share their sustainable lifestyle suggestions. Since its launch in mid-July, more than 104,000 Facebook users have downloaded the application to their profile pages and 15,000 have posted tips.

Another example of Ford's groundbreaking social media outreach is its support of the Fiesta Movement

campaign to promote the company's sporty, savvy new small car through social media agents. Agent postings have garnered significant numbers on social media sites, including more than 4.8 million YouTube views (www.fiestamovement.com), more than 600,000 Flickr (www.flickr.com/photos/fiestamovement) views and more than 3.2 million Twitter (http://twitter.com/FordFiesta) impressions.

Even at a time when industry-wide sales of midsize cars are down 26 percent, sales of the new Fusion continue to grow. Through September, Fusion sales are up 15 percent compared to the same period a year ago, and the Fusion share of the midsize car segment is up 3.8 points versus a year ago.

2010 Fusion Hybrid sales account for almost 20 percent of the total Fusion retail sales. More than 60 percent of those sales have been to non-Ford owners, and more than half have been to customers coming from import brands, mostly Toyota and Honda.

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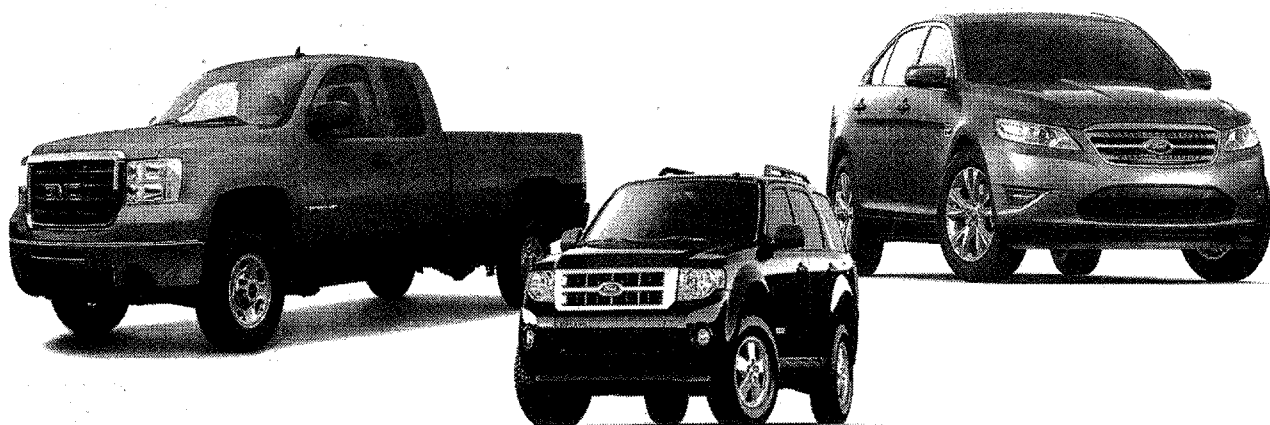
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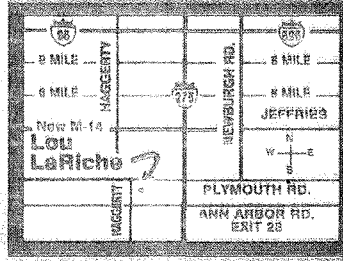
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