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CANTON CONNECTION

'Rent' benefit

Destination Theatre presents *Rent*, Jonathan Larson's Pulitzer-prize winning Broadway musical based loosely on Puccini's opera *La Boheme*, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, in Canton.

Tickets are \$15. Show times are 2 p.m. today (Sunday); 8 p.m. Nov. 5, 8 p.m. Nov. 6 and 8 p.m. Nov. 7.

The performance today (Sunday, Nov. 1) benefits the HIV/AIDS Resource Center in Ypsilanti.

HARC provides services to people who are at risk of living with HIV/AIDS. Five dollars off every ticket sold will be donated to the center.

Purchase tickets on-line at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call (734) 394-5460 for more information.

Service salute

Canton Township will honor area servicemen and women 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, with a "Salute to Service" ceremony at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

The public is encouraged to attend this free event, presented by the Canton Community. Photos of Canton residents who are presently in the Armed Forces will be on display, as well as additional military memorabilia. A short program will take place on the Village Theater's main stage starting at 7 p.m., featuring music by Workman Elementary School Choir.

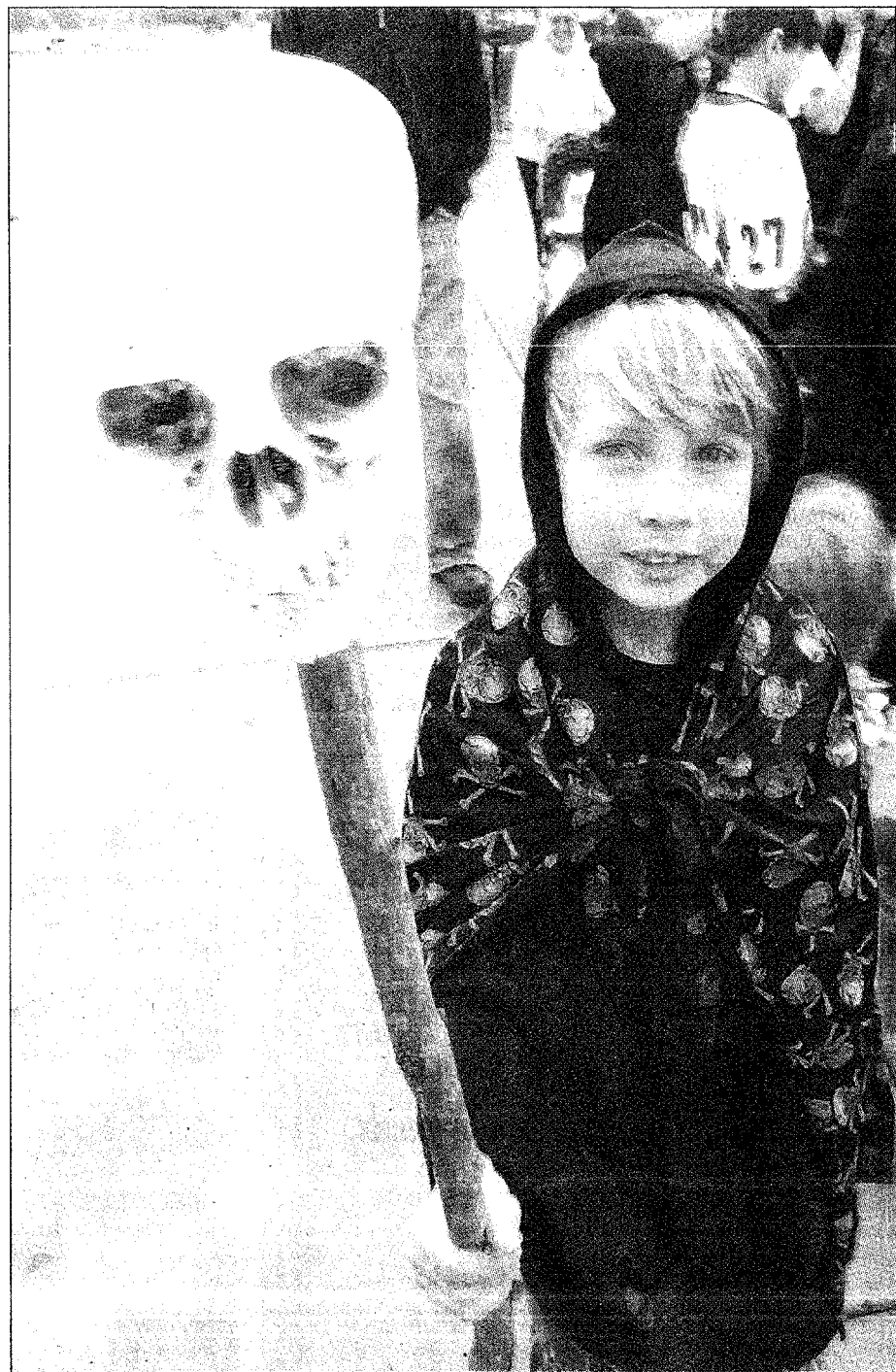
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Toy drive

The Canton Goodfellows are teaming up with Canton Leisure Services to collect gift items which will serve as holiday presents for less fortunate individuals in the Canton community. Donors can help by donating a new, unwrapped toy Nov. 1 through Dec. 13 at a Canton Leisure Services location.

"So many families are struggling this holiday season," said Marion Rozum of the Canton Goodfellows. "Canton is known for being a giving community, and this is a wonderful opportunity to keep up the tradition of 'No Child Without A Christmas.'"

If an individual or family would like to adopt a child or a family this Christmas, contact Nancy Spencer at johnnancysp@aol.com. For more information, call 734/394-5360 or visit www.cantongoodfellows.org.



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Max Scheffler, 7 years old, is ready for the Halloween Parade through the Summit.

Spooky spectacular

Annual parade delights hundreds of 'goblins'

Ghosts and goblins of all ages and sizes turned out for Halloween in Canton Friday.

They were there for the entertainment, for the fun and, yes, for the candy as hundreds of youngsters strolled the halls of the Summit on the Park for Canton Leisure Services' annual Trick or Treat Parade.

And this year, they had a little more to do, because Leisure Services officials added another "trail" - the "Wizards and Witches" trail for the older children. The youngsters once again enjoyed the "Little Goblins Trail."

"Every year the Trick or Treat Parade gets bigger and better, and this year is no exception," said Jason Lombardo, recreation spe-

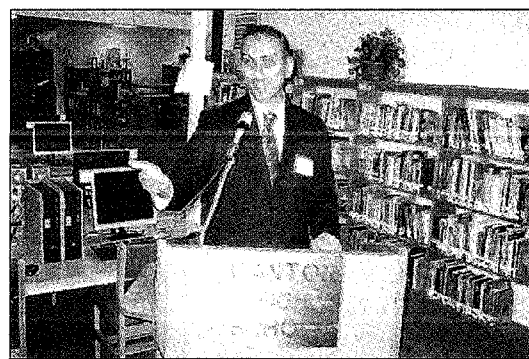


Chyeann Muirhead of Dance Beat, in Canton, passes out candy to 3-year-old Dylan Fusilo. See more photos on page A8.

cialist for Canton Leisure Services. "It's a great family event that is perfect for the little ones."

This year's sponsored stations included MuCully's Educational Center; Community

Financial; Farm Bureau Insurance; The Goddard School; Buffalo Wild Wings; BD's Mongolian BBQ; WOW Internet, Cable, Phone; Kumon Math & Reading; and Repair Clinic.



Naren Balasubramaniam moderates the Plymouth Canton Diversity and Inclusion Initiative's meeting Tuesday at Canton High School. The group presented its strategic plan during the meeting.

laying out the strategic plan committee members have spent four months constructing.

It's the latest step for a group originally started in summer 2008 by Michigan Roundtable

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Suspect killed, officer wounded in robbery try

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A robbery suspect with a criminal record was killed and a Plymouth Township police officer was wounded when gunfire erupted as plainclothes officers tried to arrest the suspect after the holdup of a cell phone retailer Thursday.

The officer, wounded in the right shoulder and the left hand, was in stable condition Friday at an area hospital, police said. Police were not releasing his name.

The shooting occurred about 6 p.m. outside the Wireless USA store on Ann Arbor Road east of Lilley in Plymouth Township.



Bronson

Lebron Bronson, of Canton Township, had just robbed the store and stepped outside when he was confronted by officers from a Western Wayne Criminal Investigations Task Force, which includes officers from several communities, said Michigan State Police Lt. Monica Yesh.

Bronson pointed a pistol at officers and refused orders to drop it and was shot by police, Yesh said. He was pronounced dead at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

The incident was still under investigation Friday, and Yesh said it was unclear exactly who fired shots, how many shots



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Police investigators talk to witnesses after a suspect was killed trying to rob the Wireless USA store in Plymouth Township.

were fired, or where Bronson was struck. Nor was it clear if the officer's hand wound was from a bullet or from shrapnel related to being shot in the right shoulder, she said.

An autopsy on Bronson was being performed Friday.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said the wounded officer was part of the multi-jurisdictional task force, which had Bronson under surveillance because he was suspected in three Canton Township holdups.

Police did not say what was taken in the robbery. Bronson, 45, had a criminal history that included armed robberies, Yesh said.

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Wind whips the crime scene tape around during the investigation of a shooting at the Wireless USA store on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township Thursday.

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Diversity group unveils strategic plan

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton played host to a tribute to India's Mahatma Gandhi last month, Naren Balasubramaniam couldn't help but notice the audience was, by his estimation, "95 percent Indian."

Balasubramaniam, a member of the strategic planning committee for the Plymouth Canton Diversity and Inclusion Initiative, would have liked to see a more diverse audience paying tribute to the "Father of India."

In fact, that's why Balasubramaniam is involved with the group to begin with: To make the Plymouth-Canton community more diverse-ly inclusive.

"I think that misses the point," Balasubramaniam said of the Gandhi gathering. "We need to mix that up a little."

And that's exactly what the Initiative is setting out to do. The group's planning committee spent 90 minutes Thursday at Canton High School,

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

Reunion time

Plymouth Canton and Salem Class of 1994 is hosting its 15-year reunion 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27 at the Novi Sheraton, 21111 Haggerty in Novi.

Cost is \$50. Details can be found and tickets purchased at www.pcep1994.com

For more information, contact Julie Burkett (Orleman) via e-mail at julieburkett@hotmail.com or call (734) 674-3478.

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 [\[tion2.com\]\(http://tion2.com\) or call \(734\) 459-6401.](http://www.skatinsta-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Village Voices

Village Voices, a select group of BeckRidge Chorale singers, present their first concert of the season Sunday, Nov. 8, in Plymouth First United Methodist Church.

The evening begins with a delicious meal at 6 p.m. and concludes with the sounds of Village Voices sharing the music of the Beatles, Beach Boys and a Tribute to Queen.

Tickets are limited and available for \$28.00 by visiting www.beckridgechorale.org.

Holiday open house

New Hope Center for Grief Support in cooperation with Pulite Homes will be hosting a Holiday Open House at Northville's spectacular community of The Villas at Arcadia Ridge.

You are invited to tour two condominiums, the Charleston and Townsend models. The evening also includes raffles, a Chocolate Fountain, hors d'oeuvres compliments of Cassell's Family Restaurant, Genitti's, Riffles Restaurant, Docs Sports Retreat, and many more. Valet service provided.

The event takes place 7-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4. Cost is \$40 prior to the event, \$45 at the



On stage

Westland's Jan Larente (as Meg), Canton's Betty Berryman (as Lenny) and Ypsilanti's Courteney Bostick (as Babe) in a scene from 'Crimes of the Heart,' being presented by the Spotlight Players at Canton's Village Theater at Cherry Hill Nov. 13-15 and Nov. 20-22. Spotlight Players will for the first time will use the intimate Biltmore Studio Theater that features a thrust stage, allowing for an intimate 'in your lap' experience for theater goers. Director Lisa Brawley describes the show as: "A little romance, intrigue, suspense, drama, mystery and comedy all in one show." Performances are 8 p.m. Nov. 13 and Nov. 20; 2 and 8 p.m. Nov. 14 and Nov. 21; and 2 p.m. Nov. 15 and Nov. 22. Tickets are available at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or on-line at www.canton-mi.org/village theater or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$14 for seniors and students under 19.

door (\$30 is tax deductible).

The event takes place at 49285 Freestone Drive in Northville. Enter neighborhood on Arcadia Lane off of Ridge Road between Five and Six Mile Roads. To RSVP, call New Hope Center at (248) 348-0115 by Dec. 1 or register on-line at www.newhopecenter.net

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 junenicholas@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.

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 is naughty or nice, and get your holiday shopping done early!

For more information, contact Melanie Burzynski, (734) 207-3341.

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Glenn students present 'The Butler Did It'

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

So what do you say about a play that's titled *The Butler Did It*, but nowhere in the script or the cast list is there a butler to be found? Drama Director Sheri Grove's answer is that it's a mystery comedy that has a "compelling and interesting story line."

"All the characters are mystery writers," she said. "They all bring an interesting character to the table and all have an interest in solving the mystery. When you put it together, you have a comedic combination."

Students at John Glenn High School will present *The Butler Did It* at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 5-7, in the auditorium.

The play is a spoof of English mystery plays. Miss Maple, a society dowager known for her imaginative weekend parties, played by Shannon Salisbury, invites a group of detective writers to her eerie manor, where they take on the personalities of their fictional characters. Miss Maple has arranged for all sorts of amusing incidents for her guests, but when an actual murder takes place, the writers soon realize that they are marked for death.

The cast includes a scholarly clergyman, Father White, played by Tyler Scott Claus; a seedy gumshoe named Chandler Marlowe, played



Mystery writer Chandler Marlowe, played by Cody Buege, tries to find out who's on the telephone in a scene from the John Glenn High School production of the mystery comedy, 'The Butler Did It.' Listening are Rita, played by Julianna Stewart, and Peter Flimsey, played by Juston Walker.

by Cody Buege; and Rita, the social secretary who carries around a hatbox. She's played by Julianna Stewart. The trio are pulling double duty in the production, joining Grove as assistant directors.

All 11th-graders, they were selected for the posts after submitting essays why they wanted the job.

"I want to be powerful, I want people to listen to me," Buege said. "And it worked."

Buege has been doing plays since third grade. He's in his third show at Glenn and is coming off his show-stealing role of Ryan in last spring's production of *High School Musical II*. He's not surprised he got the assistant director's job, but he's happy he got it.

"I think I said I wanted to work under my favorite direc-

tor in my essay," he said. "Mrs. Grove knows I'm dedicated to drama."

"He's extremely talented, but we have to keep him grounded," Grove said.

While Buege was looking at power, Claus has been wanting to be one after seeing what other students did. He has to admit that overall the experience has been good.

"They've been mean and friendly at the same time," he said. "It's easier to know exactly what's happening, when you're on stage, you can give better direction. You're more involved, you know what needs to be done on stage."

Stewart was looking for a more well-rounded experience in theater when she wrote her essay, not just on stage but on the other side of the footlights.

'THE BUTLER DID IT'

What: 'The Butler Did It,' a spoof of English mysteries with a decidedly American flavor finds Miss Maple, a society dowager noted for her imaginative weekend parties, awaiting a group of detective writers invited to eerie Ravenswood Manor, where she's arranged all sorts of scary and amusing incidents. Then a real murder takes place and the guests realize they're all marked for death. When they're not busy tripping over the clues, the zany sleuths trip over one another.

When: 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 5-7

Where: In the auditorium of John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, Westland

Tickets: \$5 for students and children and \$7 for adults. They're available at the door, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The experience "has been better than I expected," she said. "Everything has been good."

"It's more than I thought it would be," she said. "I get to do a lot of things I don't normally get to do."

Rounding out the cast are Sarah Toarmina, Sarah Mellas, Steve Goldberg, Kimmie Schepers, Justin Walker, Jessica Pesenecker, Nikki Urban and Harold E. Sullivan.

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ROBBERY

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The police investigation at Wireless USA continued for several hours Thursday night, with officers from the township, the State Police and the county task force at the scene talking to store employees and each other.

Mary Jane Radloff, the owner of Salon MJ, across the parking lot west of Wireless USA, said the incident was "very nerve-wracking."

"This is like way too close for comfort here," Radloff said.

Stylist Karen McGeorge said she walked over to the scene minutes after the shooting and saw emergency medical personnel attending to a man she believed was the suspect. She could only see that it was a male wearing work boots, she said.

"They put him on a stretcher and took him away," she said.

Because the State Police oversee police task forces like the one involved Thursday, the MSP is in charge of the shooting investigation, Yesh said.

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DIVERSITY

FROM PAGE A1

for Diversity and Inclusion but which has since become its own body, dedicated to the idea of inclusion in an increasingly diverse community.

The 15-member strategic planning committee met for some three hours every Monday for four months, carving out the group's plan. It centers on four tenets:

- Community action — guiding the community in recognizing the importance of building a culturally inclusive community;

- Diverse community leadership — Helping the community achieve "diverse leadership which understands our

true history and ... reflects the demographics and wishes of all residents";

- Respect and equity — Getting to a place where community groups, school and government employees and law enforcement treat everyone with respect and equity; and

- Inclusion in the public sector — Working toward a public sector workforce "representative of the entire community in all aspects, including race, gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, faith and cultural beliefs."

The group also laid out potential strategic action plans to help the community reach each goal.

Despite all the work, committee members know there's lots left to do.

"This is a learning process, and we're not even halfway through it," Balasubramaniam said.

Aamina Ahmed of Canton said she grew up in an area similar to this, where she felt like she was among the "others" who resided there. She wants better for her children.

"I grew up feeling very 'other,'" she said. "I want to do what I can to make sure my children don't feel 'other.'"

"The community is diverse," she added, "but I hope we can embrace that diversity, not just tolerate it."

Balasubramaniam said laying out the plan was an important step for the group. He said the fact the group had at least a dozen of its members at every meeting shows how important it is to people.


"They say getting five people together consistently is hard to do, but we had at least 12 of our 15 members every time," Balasubramaniam said. "There's a lot of passion about this. I think there is a lot of felt need."

Athena Thornton of Plymouth, a clerk working for Wayne County, said the presence of her three sons — Joel, 15, Jacob, 12, and Julian, 10 — in Plymouth-Canton schools makes the committee important to her.

"My kids go to these schools, so I want to see that we keep working on these things," Thornton said. "Canton and Plymouth are great communities, but we could always get more diverse."

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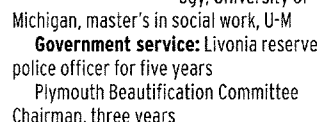
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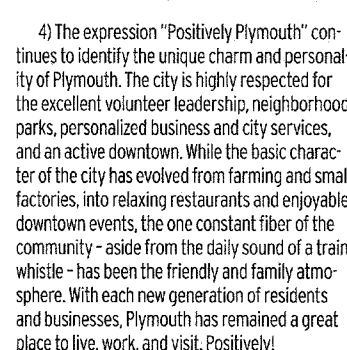
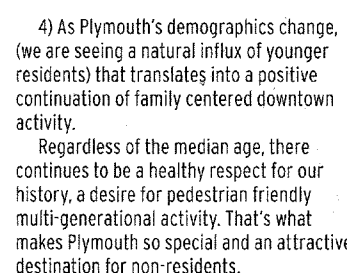
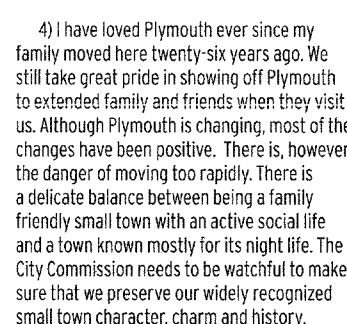
- Member of super parking committee
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- Member of infrastructure review committee

1) I have a strong commitment to service to Plymouth and my skills are suited to elected office. I was extremely proud of my eight years on the commission, especially my two as mayor. We ended my term as mayor with the largest budget surplus in a decade despite dwindling revenues. We accomplished that with limited impact to residents by carefully scrutinizing how and why we provided every city service. We looked to the future and made changes far in advance in order to reduce our expenditures. It is that creativity and attention to cost-effective government that I will bring to the commission.

2) The most critical issue we face is how to manage our budget during times of dramatically decreasing revenues. In the 2005 Citizen Survey that I initiated as mayor problem, public safety was listed as the number one budget priority of our residents. It also consumes over 50 percent of the entire general fund. We have already reduced full-time city staff by over 35 percent so we are forced to evaluate alternative ways to provide and fund public safety services. My focus will be on maintaining high quality public safety services for our residents while evaluating proven alternative methods to provide those services.

3) I support the critical evaluation of the public safety model (police cross-trained as fire) or regionalized fire department. If a proven alternative model is researched critically, does not reduce services, and is more cost-effective, it must be seriously considered. I am the only candidate that brings a long history of public safety experience to this process. My five years as a reserve police officer, 10 years as a parole officer and two years operating a prison facility will be invaluable during this evaluation process. I do not support a regionalized police department or a volunteer part-time fire department

4) Yes, Plymouth's downtown is changing from a primarily retail focus to a new mixed use with a strong emphasis on restaurants and entertainment. Plymouth is now a destination spot in western Wayne County. That shift brings certain benefits as well as challenges. The trick is to capitalize on the benefits while limiting the impact of those challenges. The benefits are that Plymouth is a thriving town despite extremely difficult economic times that have drastically impacted other communities. The challenge is that we cannot lose focus on the small-town atmosphere that most resident cherish about living in Plymouth.



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Voters in the city of Plymouth will head to the polls Tuesday to decide the race for four Plymouth City Commission spots.

There are five active candidates: incumbent Commissioners Stelle Greene, Gerald Sabatini and Ron Loiselle, retired high school principal John Barrett, and former Commissioner Dan Dwyer. Tracy Hewitt, a former member of the Planning Commission, is on the ballot but is not campaigning and has effectively bowed out of the race.

The top three vote-getters in Tuesday's election will win four-year terms, and the fourth-place finisher will win a two-year term. The winners will be sworn in, and a new mayor chosen by fellow commissioners, on Monday, Nov. 9.

The Observer has asked the five active candidates to answer, in their own words, these four questions.



Ron Loiselle
City business owner: 32 years - taxes, accounting and investments
Spouse: Frances Loiselle for 42 wonderful years
Children: Lance (36), Jason (36) and Zach (33)
Profession: Accountant, tax preparer and financial planner
College degrees: Wayne State University. B.S. in accounting economics

Government service: City Commission - 24 years (current), Mayor - 2 years, Mayor ProTem 6 years (current), Plymouth Hall of Fame - 2002, Ice Festival Board - 15 years (current President), Community Foundation of Plymouth current Board Member, Plymouth A. M. Rotary - Past President member for 30 years, Plymouth A. M. Rotary Foundation, Planning Commission - 8 years (past chairman), Plymouth Economic & Brownfield Development Board - 6 years (current), Plymouth Library Board (Past President), Plymouth (DDA) Downtown Development Authority Board.

1) Why are you running for the City Commission and what do you hope to accomplish if elected?

1) I love Plymouth. Being on the City Commission is my way of giving back to the community that has been so good to me and my family.

2) What is the most critical issue facing Plymouth right now, and how would you address that issue as a commissioner?

2) Reduced revenues. The state of Michigan is reducing revenue sharing and property tax revenues are decreasing due to decreasing property values. My skills as an accountant, and 30 years on the City Commission and/or Planning Commission will give me the insight to help the city to continue to balance the budget, by looking at all possible ways to keep expenditures less than revenues.

3) How do you feel about the so-called "public safety model" of delivering police, firefighting and emergency medical services?

3) Public safety is being studied as a possible alternative means of providing first response. It may prove that public safety is a more efficient and faster way to respond to a fire or medical emergency if we cross-train and equip our police, who are always the first to respond. I am always willing to look at all possible solutions that could give our citizens faster, more cost effective service while maintaining or increasing the high level of service that have delivered in the past. Fire, dispatch and police services consume 55 percent to 60 percent of the city's operating budget. We need to look at alternatives to deliver these essential services in a more cost effective way.

4) Is Plymouth's personality changing, and, if so, is it changing for the better or not?

4) Yes Plymouth's personality is changing for the better. Our great quality of life has attracted many young families that love the "small town" feel that makes Plymouth one of the best places to live.

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Small Businesses

Plymouth community rallies

BY ALISON BERGSIEKER
ADVERTORIAL WRITER

It started with the yard signs.

Staked into front yards and near businesses around downtown Plymouth, signs supporting "The 3/50 Project" signaled phase one of an initiative that has gone viral.

Then came the bookmarks and stickers, handed out to Plymouth library-goers and shoppers at supporting businesses.

Now with 50 businesses registered, sporting flyers, logos and window banners, The 3/50 Project movement in Plymouth has exploded into a community-supported effort to help Plymouth thrive.

"The Plymouth community has always been a big supporter of its downtown stores, and I don't think they realize what a difference they're making by shopping local," said Tanja von Kulajta Winn, owner of R.S.V.P. and organizer of The 3/50 Project movement in Plymouth. "If the trend continues toward chain stores, restaurants and the Internet, towns like ours will struggle to stay vibrant."

Formally launched on March 30 as a result of a blog post written by founder Cinda Baxter of Minneapolis, The 3/50 Project has snowballed with more than

"By supporting the independent stores, they guarantee towns like Plymouth will continue to exist."

— Tanja von Kulajta Winn
R.S.V.P. owner; The 3/50 Project
Plymouth Committee organizer

5,000 independent, locally owned businesses registered nationwide, making it one of the fastest growing small business campaign in history.

The campaign's message is simple: Pick three businesses. Spend \$50 (total). Save your local economy.

According to research compiled by Baxter, for every \$100 spent in locally owned, independent stores, \$68 returns to the community through taxes, payroll and other expenditures.

The key to success is choosing the right stores to support. Supporting this initiative means supporting independent businesses, where the majority of the ownership is private, by employees, the community or an area cooperative — and the owner is a resident in the community the business is based.

"It's more than a buy local campaign, because even if you're buying local, the majority of the profit from the product is going elsewhere instead of staying in your community," von Kulajta Winn said. "By supporting the independent stores, they guarantee towns like Plymouth will continue to exist."

Independent businesses operate out of their own storefronts, are the only business residing at their specific address and are solely responsible for their own rent, marketing materials and other expenses.

Read on to see how several downtown Plymouth businesses are supporting the cause, what they offer the community and where to take your next local shopping trip.



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The only studio in southeast Michigan to offer true Classical Pilates and feature all Gratz Pilates equipment, Core Sport Pilates Fitness Studio is truly unique to Plymouth. The studio features a "Hybrid" workout that combines 30 minutes of personal training with 30 minutes of Authentic Pilates.

"Downtown Plymouth is a great small town with tons of activities for families and people of all ages said," Owner Jaime White said. "In one stop you can get a workout, purchase your stationary or flowers, buy a unique gift or gift certificate for a holiday or birthday, get a haircut for you or your children, pick something up for dinner and stop by the post office or library all without ever moving your car or driving five different places to do so."

Creatopia Pottery

924 W. Ann Arbor Trail
www.creatopiapottery.com
"The heart of the community

is the small businesses that treat customers like friends and family," said Lindsey Lebovitz, owner of Creatopia Pottery.

The paint-it-yourself pottery studio hosts more than 100 birthday parties, social gatherings, baby/wedding showers, field trips and schools each year.

"Pick out a piece of pottery from our large inventory, have a seat and we'll help you from there," Lebovitz said. "You paint the piece however you like, and we'll fire the piece for you. We have books, stamps, stencils and a very creative staff to help you bring your idea to life!"

Dearborn Jewelers of Plymouth

805 W. Ann Arbor Trail
www.dearbornjewelers.com

Owned by the Pavlich family for 59 years, Dearborn Jewelers of Plymouth moved from its Michigan Avenue location in Dearborn to its location in Plymouth in 2003. Daughter Teri Allen and her brother, Nick Pavlich Jr., are bringing their family business into a new century.

"The 3/50 Project is helping to educate a generation of consumers who are used to shopping online

without knowing how it impacts their community," Allen said.

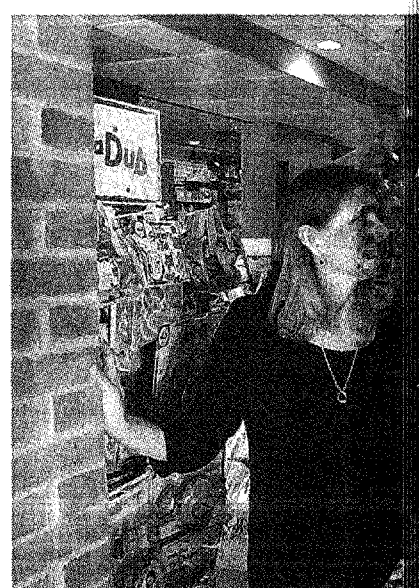
"When you shop (in downtown Plymouth), most stores you are dealing directly with the owners and their families. You are helping your neighbors to survive."

The store specializes in fine jewelry, custom designs, remounts, on-site jewelry repair, fashion accessories and giftware.

Engraving Connection

1205 S. Main St.
www.engravingconnectionstore.com

"Even as a merchant in Plymouth, I'm amazed at the selection for any gift giving need," said Engraving Connection Owner Rex Tubbs, whose specializes in etching crystal and personalized engravings. "Most people don't know all there is to offer right in their own community."



Genuine Toy Co.owners Elle and Charles Dares

Engraving Connections personalizes gifts and awards for special occasions, from Christmas ornaments to etching wine bottles.

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Forest Place Optical

449 S. Harvey St., Suite B
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Dave Gotschman, owner of Forest Place Optical, supports The 3/50 Project because "local businesses will give their best growth to the local economy and foster local employment."

Forest Place Optical offers eye care, eyewear, glass, contacts and exams.

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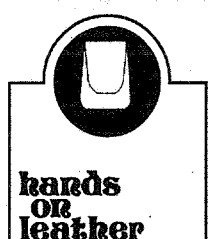
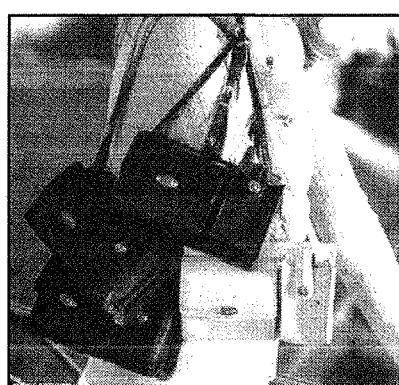
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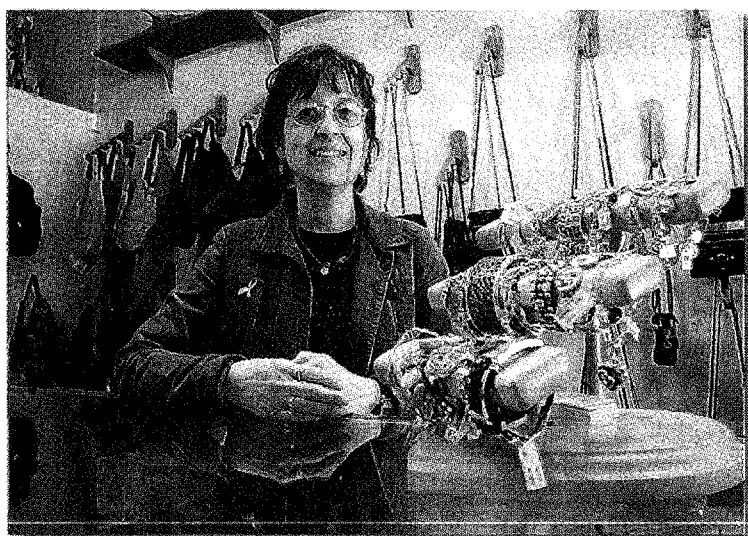
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Any frame shop can carry thousands of frame choices, but no other frame shop in western Wayne County has the experienced designers like those at Frameworks, another proud supporter of The 3/50 Project.

"With average experience over 20 years, we know how to make someone's cherished artwork, photos, jerseys and memorabilia really stand out, not just get framed," said Store Manager Susan Gallas.

With in-stock molding and more than 3,000 frame choices, Frameworks can match any budget, including marked up big box store discounts.

"Experience and excellent framing choices are an art," Gallas said. "You can't do it well with two weeks or even two years of training. You need the right eye for color, proportion and style."



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Hands on Leather Owner Nancy Ball showcases the store's unique jewelry selection.

elsewhere at your favorite local stores."

Hands on Leather

525 Forest Ave.

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Plymouth residents need only go downtown to find national leather brands such as Brighton, Minnetonka, Hobo and Ameribag at Hands on Leather. The store offers a surprising collection of unique high quality jewelry and leather goods hand picked to deliver real value.

Owner Nancy Ball is a proud supporter of The 3/50 Project.

"People discover how much farther their money goes when they shop at home," Ball said. "You deal with store owners, get lower prices and more reliable quality, create local jobs and get better service."

Haven

863 Penniman Ave.

www.havenofplymouth.com

A great place to find home décor inspiration year-round, Haven of Plymouth features constantly

changing blend of antiques, architectural salvage and gifts and accessories for the home and garden. Owner Martha McMeekin and her staff offer personalized service in a warm and inviting atmosphere and will take the time to help you pick out that perfect gift or help you furnish an entire room.

"People like to live in Plymouth because the downtown has a diverse mix of shops and restaurants," McMeekin said. "The 3/50 Project reminds people that if they don't support those businesses, the character of their community will suffer."

Home Sweet Home

852 W. Ann Arbor Trail

The architecturally pleasing, homelike atmosphere at Home Sweet Home provides a charming setting while shopping for one-of-a-kind antiques, home accessories and gifts.

"The atmosphere of our quaint downtown area and the uniqueness of the many shops provides shoppers with an experience that is hard to beat," said owner Carol



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Forest Place Optical offers eye care, eyewear, glasses, contacts and exams.

Uber. "The 3/50 Project provides a program that shoppers can support the growth of the local retailers."

Hug Center for Hearing

705 S. Main St.

Gerry Hug, owner of Hug Center for Hearing, encourages

community members to "think Plymouth first."

Hug Center for Hearing provides a unique service to downtown Plymouth, with audiometric examinations (hearing tests) and audiological rehabilitation (dispenses hearing aids) to hearing impaired adults.

"Without businesses in the downtown area being involved in the community, downtown Plymouth wouldn't be like it is today," Hug said.

Maggie & Me

926 Ann Arbor Trail

Plymouth shoppers can find personal service, fashionable attire and friendly faces at Maggie & Me boutique.

The store features contemporary womens clothing and accessories.

"When you shop local, you get that extra service that is all but forgotten in a shopping mall," said Owner Margaret La Forrest.

Plaka Mediterranean Grill

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For Greek-inspired Coney Island cuisine, Plaka Mediterranean Grill offers health and fresh food with full catering and delivery

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Owner George Costos, a supporter of The 3/50 Project, said "It's important to support any community you are doing business in."

"We have everything you need for your family in downtown Plymouth, with great shops and great food," Costos said.

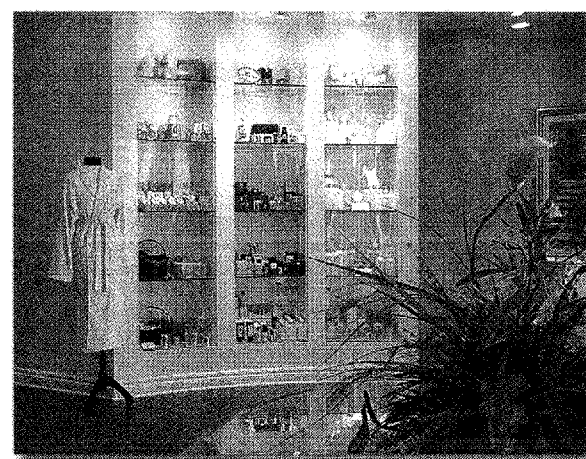
R.S.V.P.

833 Penniman Ave., Suite A
www.rsvpplymouth.com

Tanja von Kulajta Winn, owner of RSVP, views The 3/50 Project as an opportunity to thank customers for choosing to shop locally while educating them on the impact they have on the economy.

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"We offer standard and custom



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designed invitations created just your occasion," von Kulajta Winn said. "This time of year we'll sell a lot of personalized gifts, including stationery, placemats, plates, Christmas ornaments and luggage tags and of course, personalized Christmas and photo cards."

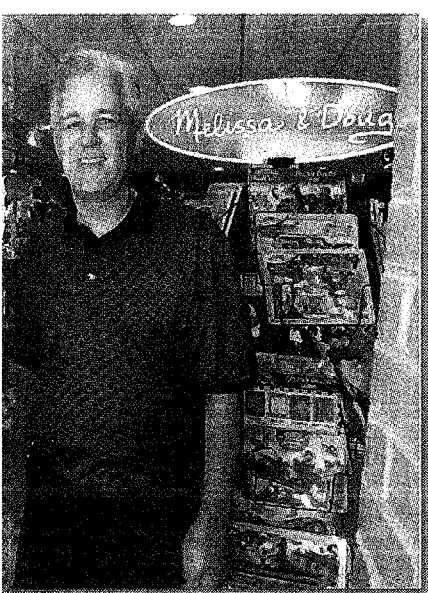
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"You can visit the spa and then have lunch or dinner and enjoy shopping all in one place," said Owner Julie Van Ameyde. "There's really no place like downtown Plymouth."



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opened up shop just this year.

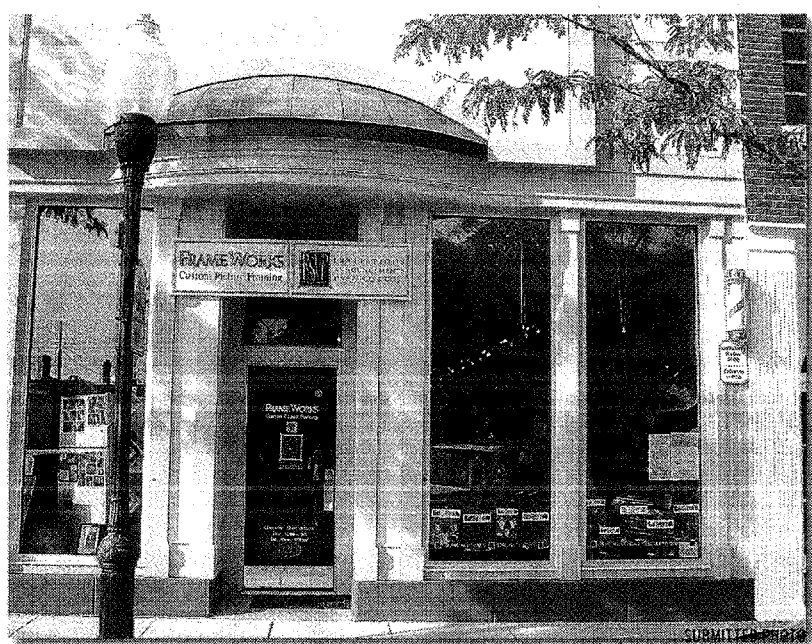
Genuine Toy Co.

550 Forest Ave., Suite 8
www.genuinetoyco.com

Just this year, owners Charles and Elle Dare debuted their shoppe in downtown Plymouth after residing in the community for several years.

The store features toys that entertain young and old alike, with science and craft kits, real fossils and minerals, an entire wall of award winning games, brain teaser puzzles and different items arriving each week.

"We are finding out just how much the local businesses do to foster and support the very strong sense of community Plymouth enjoys," Charles Dare said. "For residents and visitors to continue to enjoy all that Plymouth has to offer, it is important that they in turn support the local business community by making it a point to spend a portion of what they would already be spending



R.S.V.P. Owner Tanja von Kulajta Winn is the organizer of The 3/50 Project Committee in Plymouth. Her store features standard and custom designed invitations and announcements for all occasions.

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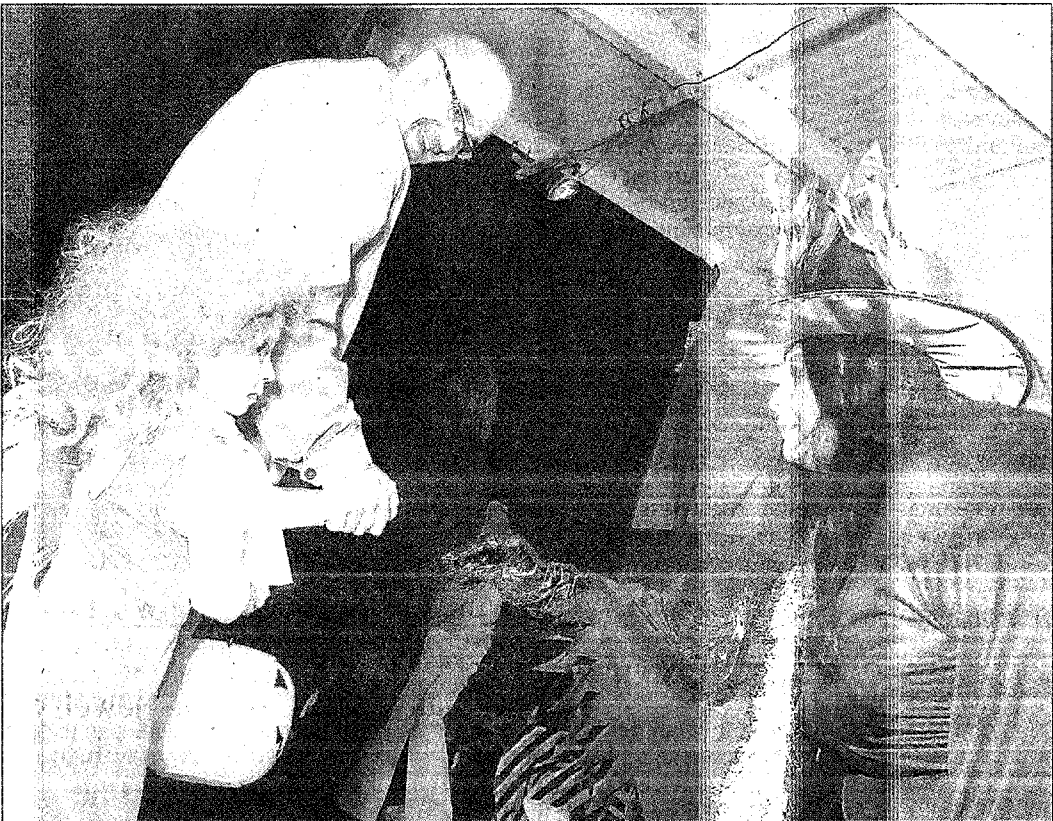


If you have a basket of dirty laundry, you need a box of Tide. Eleven year old Hannah Graff and Brodie, a Yorkshire terrier, are a pretty clean team.



Grandpa Ken Ingle holds 1-year-old grandson Keegan Ingle.

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By day, Susan Doughty works in the senior center at the Summit. At night she becomes a witch, looking for choice little boys and girls for her cauldron. Four-year-old Chloe McClain and her dad, Shawn McClain, decide to keep moving.



Three-year-old Joey Allen is a Canton firefighter for Halloween at the trick or treat parade in Canton.



noureddine Chehman and children Nassim and Aicha wait to enter the Summit for the halloween Parade.



Di Fisk leads her children. Aidin, 3 years, and Hannah, 6 years, across Penniman Avenue.



Debbie Klein holds her daughter, 2-year-old Gracie, who is dressed as a bee, as they get ready for the Halloween Trick or Treat Parade at the Summit in Canton.



Umbrellas outnumbered costumes at the Great Pumpkin Caper in Plymouth, but the trick-or-treaters didn't let a little wet weather bother them.

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OUR VIEWS

Incumbents, Davis our school picks

The Plymouth-Canton school district's Board of Education faces enormous budget challenges with the accompanying decisions on what to cut and when, and how to do it all while maintaining the quality education for which the district has become known.

With decisions of such magnitude facing it, the board could use all the experience it can get. That's why we're recommending the return of Judy Mardigian, Barry Simescu and John Jackson to their seats when voters hit the polls Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Mardigian is the board's longest-tenured member, a former board president who knows the inner workings of the district inside and out, backward and forward. In her long years of service, Mardigian has shown a dedication to the district that will be valuable as they face tough choices.

She has the respect of state Legislators, which could come in handy as funding issues are debated. She is zeroed in on student achievement, which has helped district students perform better on tests such as the MEAP with much greater success than districts around the state.

Simescu provides a reasoned approach to problem solving, and his business acumen provides a perspective on which other board members depend. His leadership is valuable - he's currently the board vice president, he chairs a couple of committees - and his is one of the first opinions sought when decisions need making.

All four of the other board members are in their first terms; Mardigian and Simescu provide a balance of experience and corporate knowledge the board can lean on.

Jackson is running unopposed for the lone two-year term available. It's the completion of the term to which Mark Slavens was elected a couple of years ago, before being appointed a judge.

Jackson was appointed to fill the position when Slavens resigned, and he's done more than enough to earn the chance to serve out the term. He's smart, he's actively involved in a variety of ways within the district.

Since incumbent Tom Wysocki decided not to seek re-election, leaving his seat open to a newcomer, there will be at least one fresh face on the board. There are three other challengers - Plymouth Township residents Adrienne Davis, Larry Martin and Eric Bacyinski - seeking seats at the table.

Our choice is Davis, The 47-year-old has two children in the district, she's volunteered for a variety of committees and she has an educational background, running Different Drums Educational Services, with which she partners with the Michigan Council on Economic Education to teach children about the components of education.

She also has 20 years of marketing experience in corporate America, having worked for companies such as Xerox, ADP and Kodak. Her marketing experience could be valuable in hopes of raising money through foundations, donations, etc.

It's going to take a good deal of work for the board as it faces a variety of daunting challenges. We think Judy Mardigian, Barry Simescu, John Jackson and Adrienne Davis should be considered when voters go to the polls.



Mardigian



Simescu



Jackson



Davis

Boo! Don't be scammed by scareware

Halloween is a time to enjoy spooky stories, haunted houses, and trick or treating by having some scary fun. Unfortunately, a new scam is tricking consumers and treating hackers to personal information that can be used for identity theft. The use of a technique called "scareware" to steal personal information and spread viruses online is on the rise. Scam artists are using this new technique to scare people into voluntarily becoming victims of identity theft.

In mid-September, visitors to the *New York Times* Web site suddenly received a pop up window - which looked like a message from their own computer - warning that their computer had been infected with a virus. The user was then told to visit a Web site to purchase and download anti-virus software that would fix the problem. The supposed antivirus software actually installed even more viruses and malware onto the computer - and the user's credit card number was now in the hands of hackers.

According to the *New York Times*, the pop up was generated by an unauthorized advertisement. The *New York Times* later learned it had sold ad space to hackers posing as Vonage phone service,



Tim Burns

vice, which generated the scareware pop ups. The same scenario from the *New York Times* Web site is also playing out all over the Internet. According to *Computer World* magazine, hackers are not only using pop up ads, they are also "poisoning Google search results." Hackers monitor the news and hot topics online - such as Balloon Boy and Nobel Prize - and through search engine optimization techniques are able to ensure that their Web sites are the top results. Victims who click on the fake search results receive a scareware pop up message.

The following are some steps you can take to protect yourself from a scareware attack:

- Never let your guard down. A scareware attack can happen on trusted news sites like the *New York Times*, in search engines results from Google and social network sites, such as Facebook, MySpace, or Twitter.
- Protect your computer. Install updates to your operating system, purchase antivirus software from a name you trust and keep that software up to

date. Also make sure that all security patches and updates are installed for your Web browser and programs like Adobe Flash Player.

- Take immediate action during an attack. If you receive a scareware pop up window, computer experts recommend forcing the window to close through your task manager. To do this, hold down ctrl, alt and delete at the same time, open your task manager, find the browser in the list of running programs and click "end task." Finally, run an antivirus scan with legitimate, trusted software to see if any damage has been done to your computer.
- If you clicked on a scareware pop up and actually purchased the software, you should file a complaint with Internet Crime Complaint Center, www.ic3.gov, contact your credit card company to report the situation and consult with a reputable computer repair professional about disinfecting your computer.

Tim Burns is the Public Affairs Director for the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan (www.facebook.com/myBBB). The BBB is a non-profit organization that promotes trust in the marketplace and prevents fraud and unethical business practices.

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It's hard work, but it's the best job I've ever had! Please consider being part of the village that it takes to raise our Canton children.

Nancy Spencer
Canton Goodfellows

Another attempt

This week, the Senate will consider yet another attempt to takeover our health care system.

It is what is referred to as the option-

al public option. Within many of (the) provisions it contains, it allows states to opt out of the proposed public option federal plan.

Seems to me with this choice, states will be caught between a rock and a hard place and put in a no-win position.

Why would states want to take this on themselves?

As you read this, the effort for health care reform is being crated in a partisan way in a back room. Poll after poll has continued to show declines in public opinion in support of government overhaul as the majority of U.S. citizens feel their benefits will go down and cost will go up.

It is nothing less than the struggle between capitalism and socialism.

We the people must soon decide our fate.

Therefore, we must tell Congress that any proposal that puts more control in the hands of bureacrats is not a good thing. We must tell them that we want to improve access, affordability and quality by reforming and improving insurance, legal abuse (tort) and waste, fraud and abuse in the present free market system for all U.S. citizens.

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Challengers face off for Van Buren school seat

Hopeful thinks background, experience help

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Having grown up in the community and having been graduated from Belleville High School 26 years ago, Steve Henry thinks he's got a pretty good handle on community issues, both inside and

outside the Van Buren school district.

And with a financial background, he thinks he can bring a unique perspective to the Van Buren Board of Education. That's why he decided to seek the four-year term up for grabs in Tuesday's school board election.

"I've worked my way through college, established a career in business, real estate and finance, raised my family, and have attempted to give back to the hometown that has given me so much," said Henry, 44. "I've held senior management positions in both established international and

local start-up businesses. I believe the experience, maturity, and skills developed in my business career, and as a parent, homeowner, taxpayer, and community volunteer have provided me the ability to capably represent our community on our school board.

"I am running because I believe I will bring financial and business intelligence, innovative ideas and creativity, and a passion for education

and kids to our school board," he added.

Henry, who has been president of the PTSO at Belleville High School, treasurer of the Belleville Band Boosters, and who played a role in passing last year's bond proposal to build a new high school for the first time since 1926, said he has several priorities should he be elected:

- The budget - "Whoever is elected to this seat on the

THE HENRY FILE

- **Who:** Steve Henry, 44
- **What:** Running for a seat on the Van Buren Board of Education
- **Where:** Lives in Belleville.
- **Occupation:** Real estate/business finance consulting, Remax Crossroads in Belleville.
- **Family:** Wife Kimberly; children Michael and Jennifer.



school board will be expected to hit the ground running, with a firm knowledge of how schools are funded in Michigan," he said. "That's why this position needs someone who has experience in business and finance and understands the mechanics of a \$53 million dollar budget."

"The biggest challenge education has over the next five years is this: How do you do more with less? How do you deliver a first class education on a third class budget? This is the reality across the country. We need to be very proactive in addressing this issue."

- **Student achievement** - "We must be relentless in improving student achievement, especially as measured by standardized test scores," Henry said. "Unfair or not, our schools, and our community are judged by these scores, and improving them must remain our priority."
- **Long range plan** - "The purpose of a school board is to set priorities, create a plan, and execute that plan," he said. "I believe my experience in business, finance and strategic planning will be an asset in accomplishing this purpose."

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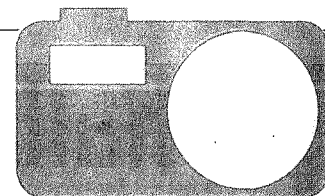
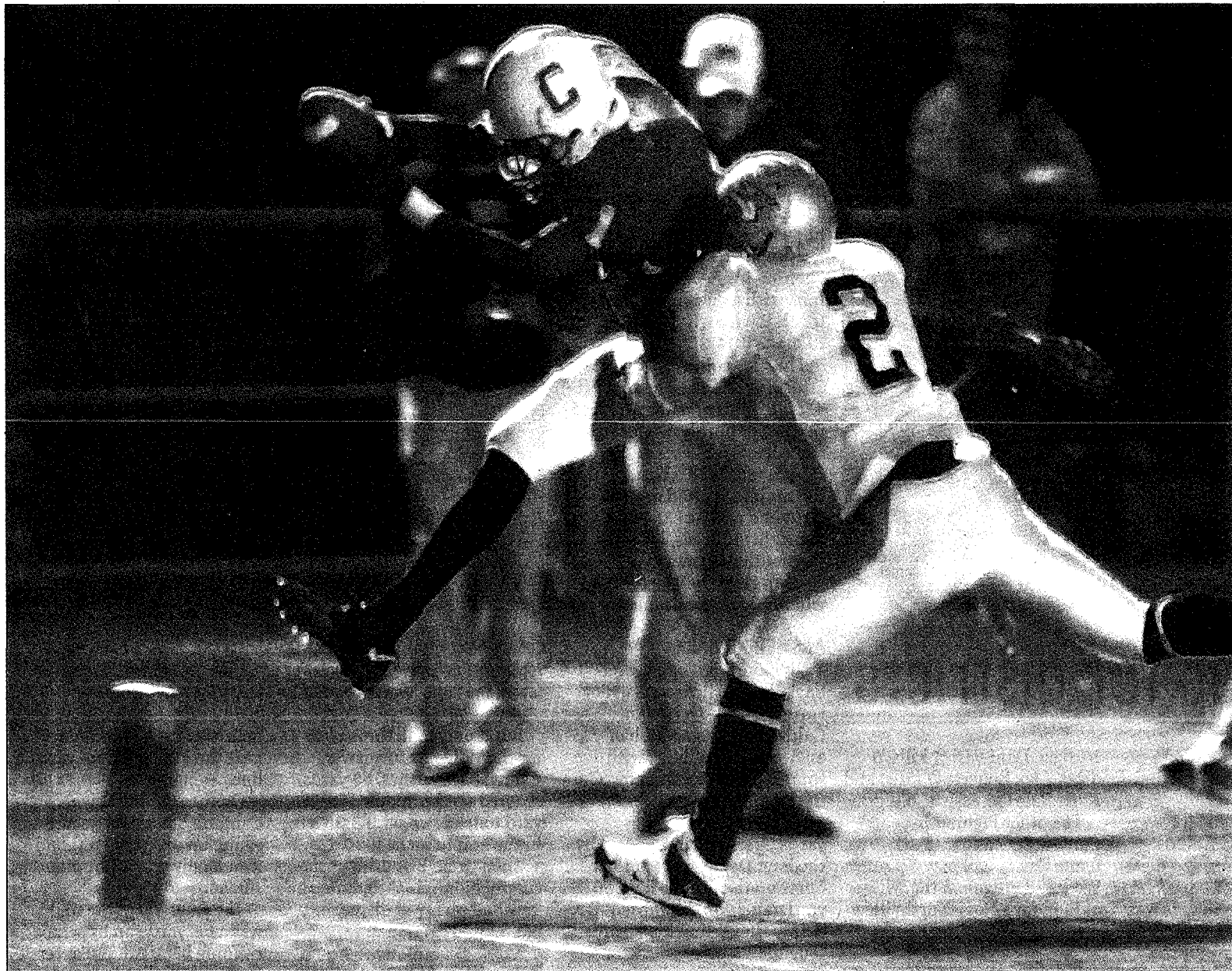


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Stretching for the corner of the end zone Friday night is Canton's Kevin Buford (No. 1), fending off furious coverage from Plymouth's Jernarian Caldwell.

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Chiefs strike late in regional semis

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With the prospect of overtime as crisp as the late October weather, there was no way Canton's Connor Furgason wanted extra time to decide things Wednesday.

The sophomore defender, moving up into the attack, jammed a rebound into the Walled Lake Northern goal with just 3:12 left to give the Chiefs a 1-0 victory in the Division 1 boys soccer regional semifinal at Livonia Stevenson.

Canton's win, coupled with Salem's 2-1 victory later Wednesday against Dearborn, set up Saturday's regional final matchup between the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rivals.

"When we just crowd the box and the ball's in there, we've got to score," said Furgason, who also was all over the pitch throughout the game to stymie the Knights' offense. "And we did. We were focused on winning, we knew we could do it."

Earning the shutout with a solid and sometimes spectacular night was Canton senior goalkeeper Kai Walther.

The game-winning sequence started with a corner kick to the right of Northern goalkeeper Mitchell Thompson. Senior forward Brandon Tolinski got to the ball first and rang a shot off the crossbar from close range.

His shot ricocheted to Furgason, who made no mistake.

Please see **CHIEFS, B3**

Chiefs recharge, plow past Wildcats

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Oh, what might have been for upstart Plymouth in Friday's Division 1 pre-district football showdown with Canton.

In the final minute of a wild first half, strong winds pushed Kyle Brindza's 49-yard field goal try to the right of the uprights — a kick that would have sent the Wildcats into halftime tied at 20-20 with the Chiefs.

But it didn't and Canton took a 20-17 edge into the break.

That close call put a scare into the favored Chiefs, and it was no contest the rest of the

way as Canton (9-1) rolled to a 40-17 victory at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"We were down in the dumps at halftime and they (Wildcats) were excited, because they were three points away from tying the game," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said. "But (the Chiefs) settled down, adjusted. We knew it was going to be a four-quarter battle."

According to Canton senior quarterback Kevin Delapaz, the message from the coaches at halftime was on target.

"We knew we were in a dogfight with a great team," Delapaz said. "So we said to go out there and really show our heart and play hard."

TAKING CONTROL

Canton was so dominant in the second half that the Wildcats managed just 33 total offensive yards after the intermission, while the Chiefs gained more than 220 — all on the ground.

Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk praised his team for battling as hard as it did. But he lamented the inability to stop Canton's big-play capability in the first half or sustain anything on offense in the second half when the game was still close.

"Bottom line is, to beat them you have to con-

Please see **FOOTBALL, B2**



Vying for possession Wednesday are Canton's Connor Shennan (left) and Walled Lake Northern's Mike Aravas. The Chiefs won the Division 1 boys soccer regional semifinal, 1-0.

Rocks hold off Dearborn's Saad

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem boys soccer coach Ed McCarthy minces no words when describing Dearborn senior forward Soony Saad.

"He's as explosive of a player as I've seen in high school soccer in the last 20 years," McCarthy said. "He's that special and that dominant of a player."

Saad lived up to that billing — and then some — during Wednesday's Division 1 regional semifinal at Livonia Stevenson. But equal to the task was Saad's friend and another special player — Rocks senior goalkeeper Sasa "Sasha" Miskovic.

The job Miskovic did, along with a clutch goal by senior midfielder Alex Tramel, enabled Salem (16-4-4) to escape with a 2-1 victory and a berth in Saturday's regional final against Canton.

"Sasha's performance was huge," McCarthy said. "If Sasha was not the caliber of player as he is, a first-team All-Stater, we couldn't have won this game."

Concurring was Dearborn head coach Sean Gordon, whose Western Wayne Athletic Conference champions finished



Trying to stay a step ahead of Dearborn standout Soony Saad (No. 9) is Salem defender Brandon Barfuss. Saad scored a goal, but it wasn't enough as the Rocks won 2-1.

with an 18-2-2 record.

"Soony had a couple opportunities that were great shots," Gordon said. "But he just couldn't beat a great keeper in Sasha."

Saad did score the Pioneers' only goal at 3:58 of the second half to knot the score at 1-1 (Salem's Dan Martin

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opened the scoring in the first half). The Dearborn player turned on a dime and ripped a 25-yard shot top shelf to the right corner behind Miskovic.

But Salem, as good teams do, quickly answered to regain the lead.

Sophomore defender Jake Genrich's long free kick from the left flank began the play. Tramel's timely header finished it, redirecting the ball inside the right post just 1:27 after Saad's tally.

"That was a very, very big goal and probably the biggest goal of the game when we come back immediately after they score and Alex Tramel gets that goal," McCarthy said. "If not, we're probably still playing."

Tramel said he had to be quick to react to Genrich's kick before the Pioneers did.

"Jake Genrich made a great ball in the box and I just got my head on it before the defense and it just found its way in," Tramel said. "There was someone coming. I had to get my head on it."

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JORDON BIRMAN

Captain's CORNER

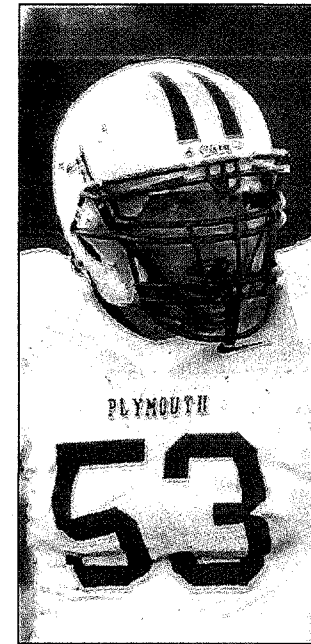
Who: Jordan Birman, Plymouth senior, football co-captain.

Miscellany: The 17-year-old Birman, who plays both offensive and defensive line for the Wildcats, carries a 3.9 grade-point average. His parents are Steve and Lori.

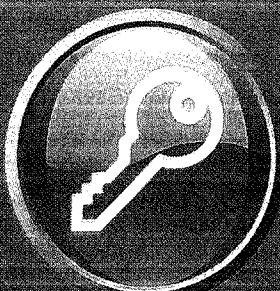
Captain's job: "To me, the job of a captain is to rally the troops when things maybe aren't going exactly how you had planned. I believe a captain has to do things the right way all the time, because the other guys look up to him."

Leadership style: "My style of leadership is mostly leading by example. I try to give my best at all times and provide a standard for my teammates."

Why him?: "I think my team-



mates chose me as a captain because I work hard all the time and they can trust me to stand strong with them when the mud is flying."



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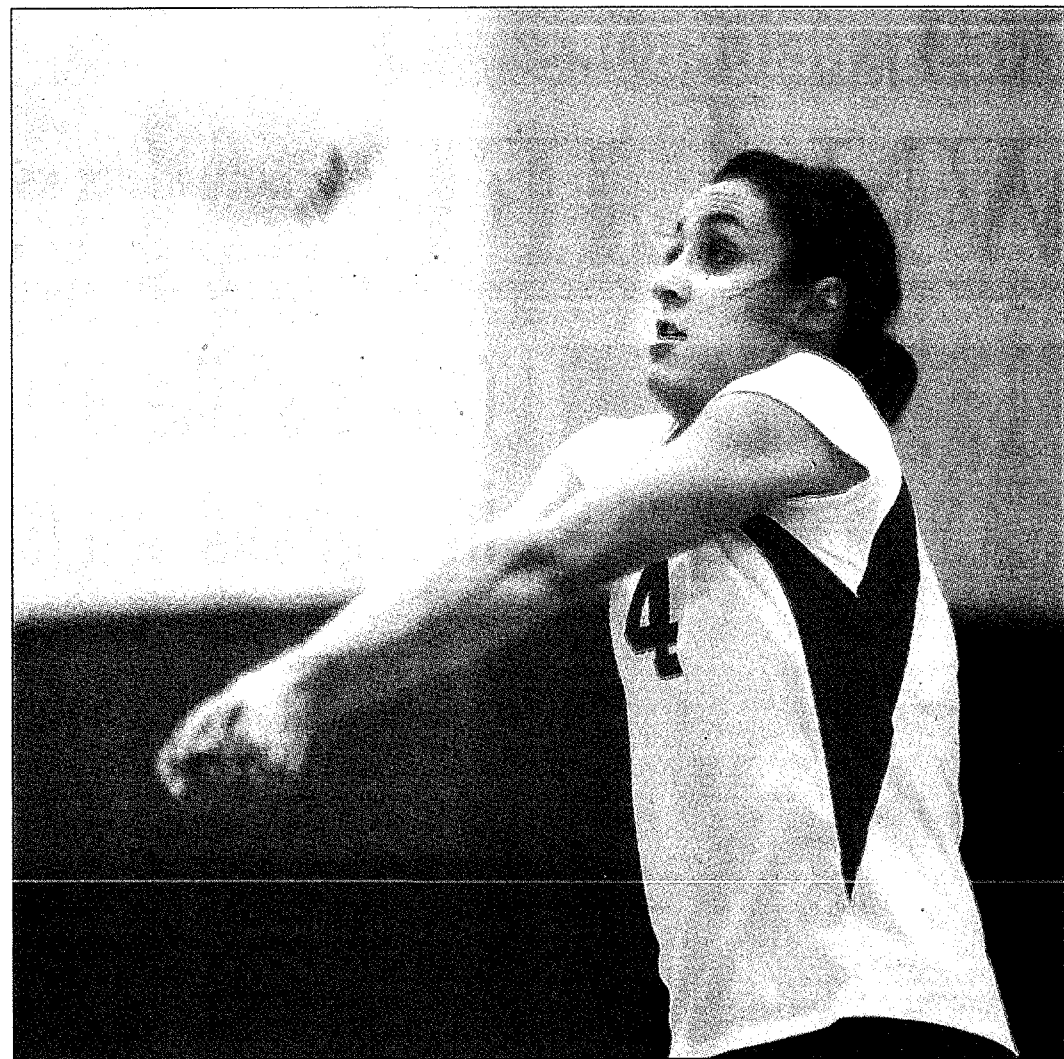
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The defense of Kristen Muir, shown from earlier this season, could boost Canton's district hopes.

Spikers gearing up for districts

Canton and Plymouth competed Thursday in KLAA volleyball crossover matches in preparation for next week's Class A districts at Novi High School.

The Chiefs played through some inconsistency and defeated Howell (25-23, 25-14, 23-25, 25-16) in the match for fifth place while, in the seventh-place matchup, Plymouth swept past Waterford Kettering (25-7, 25-12, 26-24).

"We started to eliminate most of our errors to give us the advantage over Howell," said Canton head coach Mary Kryska. "When we are focused and continue to hit, even after a hitting error, is when (we're) the strongest."

Kryska emphasized that "any easy attacks will hurt us against the big teams we will face in districts and going forward."

Against Howell, setter Traci

Breitmeyer was a standout with 30 assists and 21 defensive digs.

Other strong defenders included Kristen Muir (20 digs), Lauren Macuga (24 digs) and Jordan Kielty (13 digs).

Chipping in with 16 digs was middle hitter Alison Trapp, who played back row for the rotation whenever she was serving.

"I need everyone to be able to play defense because even if you are a primary front row hitter there is always the potential of serving and playing back row for a rotation."

Meanwhile, the Wildcats finished 13th overall in the KLAA with a record of 25-13-1 entering Wednesday's district clash with Canton (5 p.m.).

Statistical leaders for Plymouth against the Captains included Jessica Scott (9 kills, 6 digs), Kayla Bridge (9 kills,

15 digs), Dani Risi (7 kills, 5 digs), Alex Roberts (7 kills) and Katie Salo (30 assists, 6 digs).

The other Plymouth-Canton Educational Park team, Salem will play 7 p.m. Wednesday against the winner of Monday's Novi-Northville matchup.

VOLLEYBALL DISTRICT PAIRINGS

CLASS A
at Novi
Monday, Nov. 2: (A) Novi vs. (B) Northville, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 4: Canton vs. Plymouth, 5 p.m.; A-B winner vs. Salem, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 6: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to regional semifinal at Dexter vs. Hartland district champion.)

CLASS D
at ALLEN PARK INTER-CITY BAPTIST
Thursday, Nov. 5: Detroit Westside Christian Academy vs. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 5:30 p.m.; Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. Lutheran High Westland, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 6: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal Tuesday, Nov. 10 at Birmingham Roper vs. Marine City Cardinal Mooney district champion.)

at WASHTENAW CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
Teams include: Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner, Plymouth Christian Academy, Washtenaw Christian Academy, Ypsilanti Calvary Christian Academy. No other details available.

FOOTBALL

FROM PAGE B1

trol the clock with your offense and not give up the big plays," Sawchuk said after exchanging hugs with many players in an emotional postgame scene. "We gave up the big plays."

A lot of the Canton damage came courtesy of Delapaz, who threw and ran for a total 270 yards (including 145 on the ground).

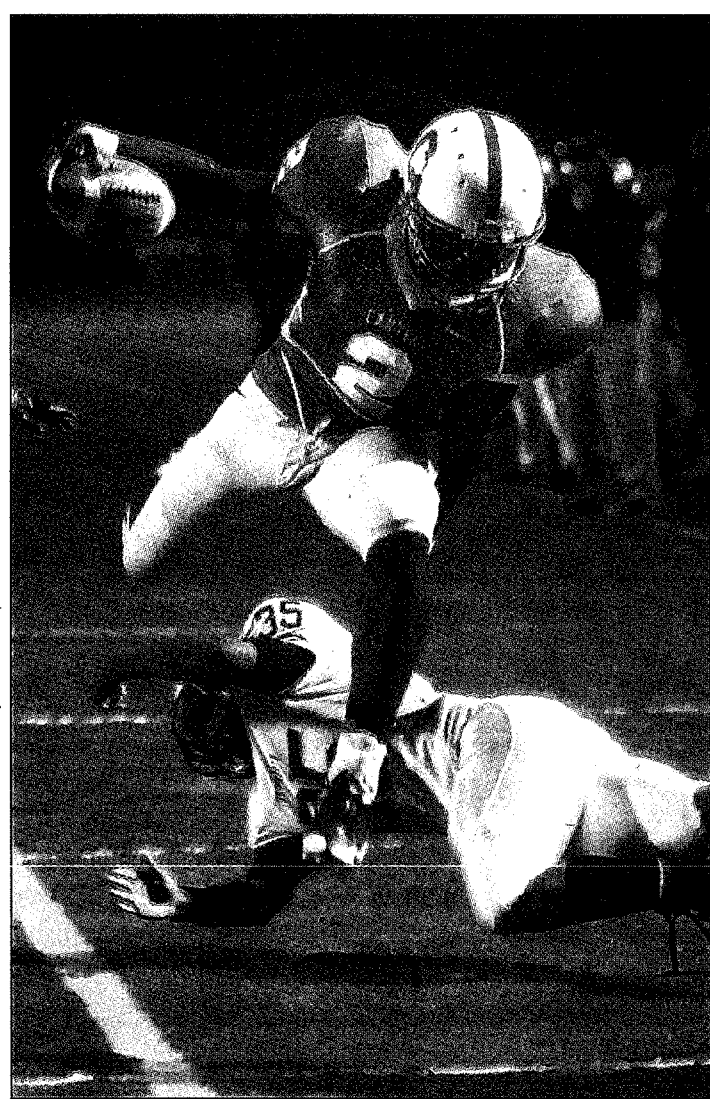
He connected with junior running back Davion Stackhouse on a 55-yard touchdown pass to open up a 20-10 lead in the second.

Delapaz started the scoring with a 4-yard quarterback keeper with 3:54 to go in the opening frame and wowed fans with a dazzling, 77-yard touchdown early in the second to make it 14-3.

That TD came just two plays after Brindza put Plymouth (6-4) on the board with a 47-yard field goal that sliced through the uprights.

Delapaz faked a handoff up the middle, booted around right end and tore down the right sidelines, avoiding Plymouth defenders.

"He's great, he's faster than what he looks," Baechler said.



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ANSWERING BACK

Plymouth junior quarterback Victor Hicks and senior running back Jernarian Caldwell did a good job of answering the Chiefs with some big plays of their own in the first half.

Hicks (22 carries, 136 yards), perhaps charged up by the long Delapaz six-pointer, burst up the middle for a 50-yard gainer on the subsequent drive. That set up his 7-yard touchdown through the line. A Brindza extra point made it 14-10.

Next came the Chiefs, marching down the field 80 yards for another score.

Delapaz found junior tight end Angelo Lanava on a 29-yard pass and then threw the TD bomb to Stackhouse.

On his scoring strike to Stackhouse, the receiver reached back to grab the pigskin and hit the gas to finish the job — veering into the front-left corner of the end zone, well ahead of Plymouth defenders.

Canton junior running back Davion Stackhouse (No. 2) hurdles Plymouth sophomore defensive back Donte Fox during the second half. Stackhouse scored two touchdowns in the Division 1 football pre-district game.

But it only took three plays for the Wildcats to answer. Caldwell (10 rushes, 65 yards) scooted up the middle for a 27-yard touchdown with 3:36 left in the half to make it 20-17.

Then came Brindza's unsuccessful bid to tie the game. The kick had plenty of distance, but drifted off target.

DOWN THE FIELD

Right away in the third, it was apparent that Canton's defense would be a bit tougher on the Wildcats.

After a three-and-out series for Plymouth, the Chiefs put together an 88-yard scoring drive. Sophomore running back Kevin Buford (106 all-purpose yards) scored on a 21-yard run around right end.

If the Wildcats had thoughts of a comeback, they were dashed on their next offensive series. A floating pass by Hicks was intercepted by junior

defensive back Ryan Powell near the Plymouth 30-yard line.

On the ensuing drive, Canton's Stackhouse scored again (on a 4-yard run) and it suddenly was a 16-point spread.

The final TD of the night was a 68-yard run by senior running back Adam Payter (13 carries, 122 yards).

Following the game, Baechler was able to exhale, with his team hosting either Ann Arbor Pioneer or Temperance Bedford (probably next Friday night).

"Beating a team twice in a year is very difficult, especially when it's your arch rival," Baechler said. "I'm just glad to get out of here (with a win)."

"First-round games for us, it seems like they're always tough."

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Individual winner: Alexis Hickson (Churchill), 21 minutes, 14.8 seconds (5,000 meters).

Churchill finishers: 6. Kayla Szado, 21:56.4; 7. Jessica Raisanen, 22:04.7; 10. Jenna Szuba, 22:14.2; 11. Megan McDonald, 22:15.0; 22. Melissa Roe, 22:56.3; 30. Erika First, 23:22.1; 33. Maddy Jiga, 23:59.0; 35. Kelly Twigg, 24:07.8; 37. Evran Ural, 24:17.4; 55. Amanda Adams, 25:59.6; 62. Whitney Bucher, 26:50.2; 63. Molly Kuraski, 26:52.6.

Salem finishers: 9. Rachel Morrison, 22:09.9; 12. Phoebe VanHoff, 22:15.0; 13. Mariah Mroch, 22:26.4; 21. Brittany Callegari, 22:52.7; 32. Emily Miller, 23:27.7; 59. Danielle Warren, 26:23.8.

Canton finishers: 16. Melanie Kulczycki, 22:36.8; 23. Yuki Kroliski, 23:00.0; 27. Shelby Oslen, 23:18.5; 28. Bree Starosciak, 23:20.9; 29. Courtney Campbell, 23:21.2; 31. Ashley Cade, 23:25.0; 34. Rebecca Krul, 24:00.5; 41. Andrea Rapson, 24:34.6; 53. Avery Ash, 25:42.4.

Franklin finishers: 14. Christa Mott, 22:27.4; 17. Victoria Church, 22:39.8; 25. Meghan Lark, 23:13.9; 26. Nikki Kaledas, 23:18.3; 42. Dina Spaji, 24:35.1; 43. Courtney Stadler, 24:40.9; 44. Jackie Horsell, 24:43.0; 45. Karen Kalinski, 24:43.7; 46. Carly Giles, 24:44.7; 56. Jane Taylor, 26:09.9; 57. Sarah Budziak, 26:12.8.

Ladywood finishers: 38. Siobhan Aldridge, 24:20.2; 39. Mercedes Black, 24:23.0; 47. Lauren Micallef, 24:49.8.

Garden City finishers: 54. Sydney Borlace, 25:43.8; 58. Brianna Chambo, 26:21.6; 60. Megan Pichla, 26:34.3.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (grades 9-10): 1. Salem, 23 points; 2. Northville, 61; 3. Livonia Churchill, 66; 4. Canton, 116; 5. Livonia Ladywood, 118; 6. Livonia Franklin, 149.

Individual winner: Lisa Hamel (Northville), 20 minutes, 59.8 seconds (5,000 meters).

Salem finishers: 2. Emily Bizon, 21:08.1; 3. Amanda Beyer, 21:19.3; 5. Shannon Fitzpatrick, 21:41.5; 6. Madison Goodpasture, 21:42.9; 7. Gretchen Clemans, 21:53.7; 8. Alexis Foley, 21:55.3; 9. Alejandra Beltran, 21:55.7; 13. Maddy Verklan, 22:26.0.

Churchill finishers: 4. Vivien Okechucwa, 21:33.0; 11. Lisa McMullen, 22:10.3; 16. Alessandra Iadipalo, 22:35.3; 18. Allison Murray, 24:7.8; 24. Alexandra Pomrenke, 24:12.4; 38. Jennifer Bourlier, 27:25.0; 40. Abigail Haod, 28:23.4; 47. Gabriella Portis, 36:33.0; 49. Maria Zarkin, 39:46.2.

Canton finishers: 20. Michele Bellovary, 23:49.8; 21. Hannah Feree, 23:50.9; 26. Laura Murphy, 24:37.4; 29. Meg Riley, 25:21.1; 32. Mona Patel, 25:27.6.

Ladywood finishers: 15. Alexandra Darr, 22:31.2; 23. Megan Rietmiller, 24:07.2; 27. Carlee Faber, 24:55.2; 34. Sarah Wickman, 26:28.5; 35. Brenna Wright, 26:49.5; 37. Ally Mozeleski, 27:16.4.

Franklin finishers: 17. Jane Modes, 22:41.1; 28. Sara Turner, 25:01.6; 42. Hajer Al-Hassuni, 29:17.7; 45. Sara Burgess, 31:30.0; 48. Theresa Savage, 39:10.0.

Garden City finishers: 30. Faith Lovelace, 25:24.6; 31. Rebecca Reiter, 25:27.3; 39. Mandy Cyrenne, 27:25.3; 46. Kaitlyn Sanders, 34:13.8.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (grades 9-10): 1. Northville, 40; 2. Canton, 42; 3. Salem, 77; 4. Churchill, 89; 5. Franklin, 111.

Individual winner: Steve McEvilly (Salem), 17:34.

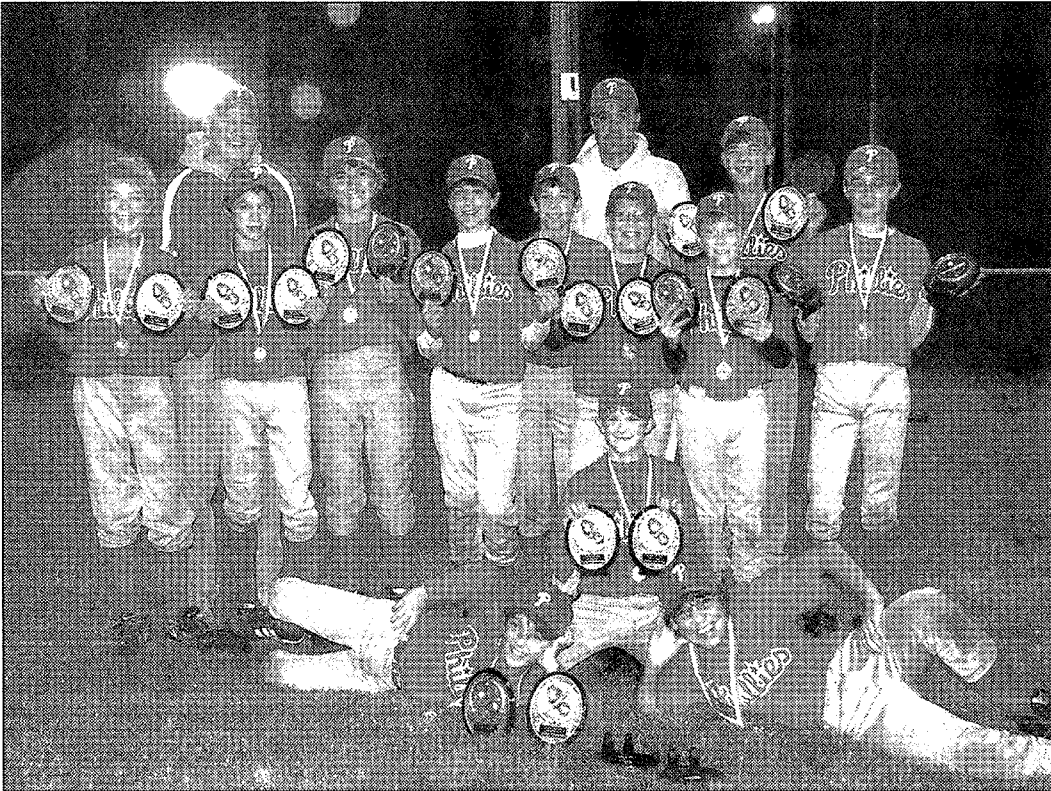
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (grades 11-12): 1. Northville, 15; 2. Canton, 59; 3. Livonia Churchill, 61; 4. Livonia Franklin, 113.

Individual winner: Alex Kanya (Northville), 17 minutes, 34 seconds (5,000 meters).



They are the champions

Celebrating their first Kensington Conference championship Oct. 22 is Salem's girls cross country team, coached by Dave Gerlach (front left) with help from assistant coaches Laura Friedman and Jenny Dattilio and managers Alyssa Calkin, Clarissa Carvalho and Allison Walker. The team, listed alphabetically and including varsity and junior varsity runners is as follows: Amanda Beyer, Emily Bizon, Dana Blackenship, Kara Booms, Autumn Burin, Brittany Callegari, Gretchen Clemans, Shannon Fitzpatrick, Meghan Flynn, Shannon Flynn, Alexis Foley, Madison Goodpasture, Adelaida Jepperson, Kelly Kerwin, Jordyn Moore (captain), Rachel Morrison (assistant captain), Mariam Mroueh, Victoria Tripp, Danielle Warren, Emily Willer (assistant captain), Phoebe VanHoof, Maddy Verklan.



Awesome autumn for 12U Phillies

The 12U GCYBSA Phillies completed the fall season and playoffs undefeated going 14-0. The team includes: (front row, from left) Alex Zoltowski, Pete Carravallah and Ryan Watson; (middle row, from left) Ty Robinson, Mike Vernon, Josh Penn, Dante Toppi, Kyle Bauer, Jordan Chambers, Lucas Albrect and Steve Vernon; (back row, from left) Coach Len Carravallah, Coach Pat Watson and Tyler Brooks. Not pictured is Tanner Hay.



Dodgers do it

The 14U Dodgers capped the fall season in style by winning a close one against the Phillies, 9-8, to take the Plymouth-Canton rec-league playoff championship. Members of the championship team are (left to right): Coach Jason Russell, Jacob Beaudoin, Ryan Chin, Corey Jose, Chad Russell, Gabe McBay, Jake Brekke, Austin Mckee, Robert Boutilier, Alex Leventis, Joe Klots, Jonathan Hoeschele, Nick Armstrong, Nick Miller and Head Coach Rich Jose. Not pictured is Coach Chris Brekke.

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Plymouth YMCA eyes grant

Liberty Mutual will soon donate a \$2,500 Responsible Community Grant to 20 youth sports organizations demonstrating their commitment to doing the right things on and off the playing surface. The Plymouth Family YMCA is hoping to be one of the recipients.

"The Liberty Mutual Responsible Sports program targets many of the issues we see happening at youth sporting events by shining a positive light on what it means to be a responsible coach and a responsible sports-parent," said Greg Gordon, vice president of Consumer Marketing at Liberty Mutual. "Beyond that, Liberty Mutual is making a significant financial contribution to support the efforts of local organizations like Plymouth Family YMCA." The ongoing, community-based program offers meaningful, easy-to-use educational resources for youth sports parents and coaches, including access to on-the-field game and practice preparation tools as well as self-paced online courses filled with learning tools, videos and topics addressing youth sports issues. The Responsible Sports program, including community grants, comes at a crucial time for communities where youth programs are under pressure from increasing numbers of participants, limited volunteer activity and mounting program-administration costs. Through the resources provided by the grants, it is hoped that "our organizations thrive even under challenging circumstances." For more information, contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or go to www.responsiblesports.com.

CHIEFS

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From there, the defense of the Chiefs (14-7-3) spoiled any thoughts the KLAA Lakes Conference champion Knights had of a comeback. "He's one of our special players," Canton head coach George Tomasso said about Furgason. "Fortunately we got a few set pieces in the second half so he could go up and help with our attack. And he got on the end of a few that could have been goals, but just didn't have the right accuracy. "That last one, you just saw him running up to the ball and you knew he wasn't going to miss."

TAKING CHARGE

After a scoreless first half, a 40-minute exercise for each team to see what the other one had, the Chiefs started to bring more pressure on Thompson. "We did start off a little bit nervous," Tomasso said. "But when we finally settled down about halfway through the first half, we did a great job to start controlling the play." Whenever the Knights did have dangerous scoring attempts, Walther was there with acrobatics and sure hands. Just 13 minutes into the match, a header by Austin Rogers off a throw-in looked to be a goal. But Walther dove to his left to keep the ball out. Walther's diving snag of a labeled drive off the foot of Yanni Silvestri near the 12-minute mark of the second half also kept the Chiefs from falling behind.



Canton's Sean Balnaves redirects the ball during a teammate during Wednesday's Division 1 regional.

"If he didn't get his hands to that ball, there were Walled Lake Northern players all around him," Tomasso said. "So I give Kai a lot of credit because he made the big save at the big time and that kept us in it." Just before Furgason's goal, Canton had several excellent chances to score. The best was a bid by sophomore forward

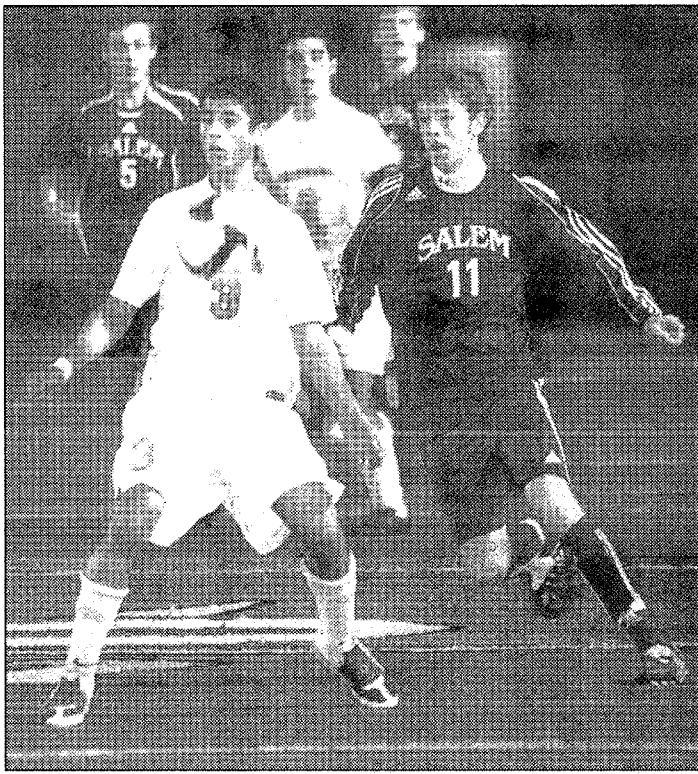
Shean Krolicki, but Thompson dove to block it. "I've got to give my boys a lot of credit," Tomasso said. "They worked hard, they defended as best as they possibly could and kept the ball out of our goal. "It took the majority of the game, but we got the goal in the end."

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ROCKS

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CLOSE CALLS The Rocks then had to wring their hands for more than 34 minutes, particularly whenever Saad was on the pitch. Despite apparent lockdown mode by Salem, Dearborn's Ahmad Jawad and Saad worked a perfect give-and-go. The shot by Saad, coming in from the right side, looked on its way in until Miskovic jumped up high to deflect it. Miskovic later dove to get in front of a sharp-angle kick by Saad, with about four minutes to go. The Rocks, meanwhile, dodged a major bullet about 27:30 into the second half when Saad's apparent goal was waved off due to an offside call. "They kind of used that as a tactic to stretch us all night, getting behind the back line and then getting right back (onsides) right before the ball was played," McCarthy said. "Since they won it so quickly on that, he (Saad) didn't have time to get back." For Dearborn, the range of emotion went from elation to dejection in an instant due to the offside ruling. Unable to get the tying goal the rest of



Dearborn's Khalil Boussi gets in front of the ball while Salem's Lachlan Savage (No. 11) moves in on the play during Wednesday's Division 1 boys soccer regional semifinal at Livonia Stevenson.

the way, the Pioneers lost in a regional semifinal for the eighth year in a row. "From this point of view, I couldn't see" whether Saad was offside, Gordon said. Salem finished the night as well as it started it. The Rocks got on the board just 4:45 into the match and still led 1-0 at

the intermission. Senior midfielder Lachlan Savage's shot hit the crossbar and bounced toward junior midfielder Dan Martin, who hammered the ball past Dearborn junior goalkeeper Ramee Naja.

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Steelers knock off Lions in 'Black and Blue' match

Black and gold ruled at the annual "Black and Blue" youth football game Saturday, Oct. 24 between the Plymouth Canton Steelers and Canton Lions.

For the second consecutive year, the varsity Steelers won the coveted "Black and Blue" trophy, defeating the Lions 27-6.

Steering the Steelers to victory was quarterback Mike White, connecting with speedster Stephen Cook to outrace the Lions' secondary.

Other key players to contribute for the Steelers were Jonathan Jamsens, making versatile plays on offense, solid two-way player Derek Young and defenders Wesley Weber and Aaron Martin.

The win netted more than a trophy for the Steelers. It also gave them the third seed in the WJSFL Super Bowl playoffs.

For the Lions, whose season ended with the loss, tailback James Hall rushed for more than 80 yards and scored a 40-yard touchdown.

Other highlights included a 35-yard pass play from quarterback Andrew Hunt to Nathan Michalik, strong defense from Daniel Tidwell and Ben Cockrum, special teams excellence from Robert Daoud and sturdy blocking from offensive linemen Austin Fisher and Anthony Kenney.

JUNIOR VARSITY: The Lions were victorious in the junior varsity matchup, 12-7. An interception by DaMarcus Kaigler late in the fourth quarter sealed the win against their crosstown rivals.

Lions jumped out early on a long touchdown run by Chuck Turfe with Allante Wheeler scoring before halftime to make it 12-0.

The Steelers cut the lead to 12-7 on a TD reception by Jacob Marsh, who caught sev-

YOUTH FOOTBALL

eral passes during the contest. Kaigler then came through with a pick to keep the Steelers from taking the lead.

Other strong performers for the Lions included lineman Austin Stoneburg, particularly on defense to hold back the Steelers.

Devin Cameron of the Steelers ran hard up the middle to help his team make its late rally bid, helped out by the blocking of lineman Justin Vitez.

Kevin Justice was tough on D, making a number of tackles and blocking an extra point try by the Lions.

Both Plymouth-Canton teams were set to face each other this weekend in the first round of the playoffs.

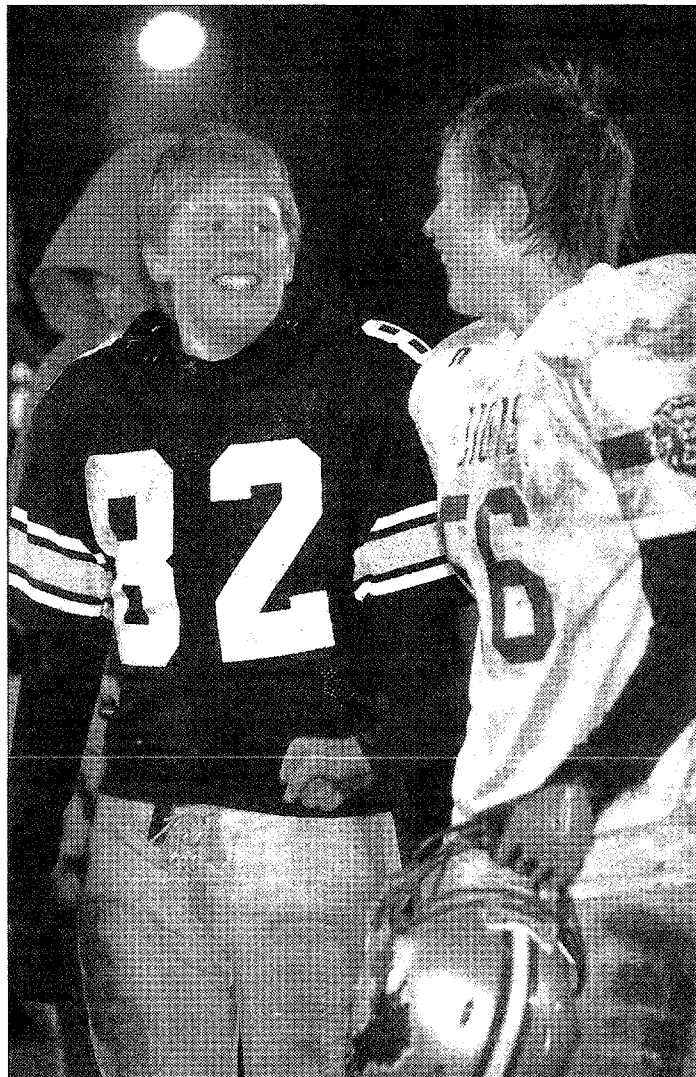
FRESHMEN: A 6-0 victory by the Steelers featured running back Dylan Stackhouse, who was the leading rusher and scored the game's lone TD on an interception return in the fourth quarter.

Helping the still perfect Steelers (8-0) move down the field was the blocking of Vincent VanDerRoes while key defenders included noseguard Lou Baechler and defensive end Christian Pearson.

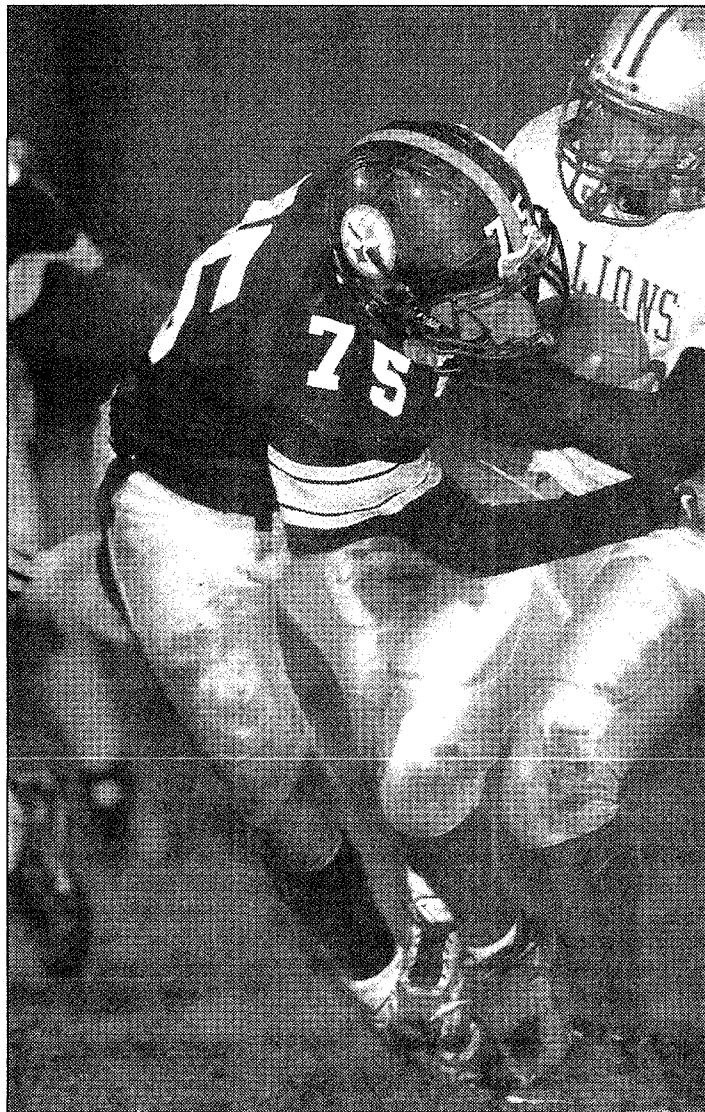
For the Lions, the defense also pitched a shutout (since the TD was after an interception). Solid efforts were turned in by Myles Beverly, Spencer Brown, Alan Farmer, Joey Glunt, Evan Voyles, Tevyn Smith, Noah Brown, Cody Tapp, Victor Abraham, Brad Tyszkiewicz and Jason Arnold.

Playing hard in defeat were O-linemen David Mason, Julius Crouch, Ethan Balogh, Connor Flanagan and Carter Kahl.

In the first round of the playoffs this weekend, the Lions looked to avenge a 12-6



Congratulating each other for a game well-played are Nick March of the varsity Plymouth-Canton Steelers (No. 82) and Forrest Hall (No. 56) of the varsity Canton Lions following the annual 'Black and Blue' youth football contest.



Derek Young (No. 75) makes one of his patented hard-hitting tackles for the Steelers against the hometown rival Lions.

loss earlier this season to the Brighton Bulldogs.

JUNIOR FRESHMEN: The fourth contest between the Lions and Steelers included plenty of highlights and top performers.

• Dominating the first half were the junior freshmen Lions, with Justin Reynolds running the ball in for a TD for the eighth game in a row.

Registering quarterback sacks were Kameron Arnold and Robby Begley to key an excellent defense. Justin

Reynolds also returned an interception 80 yards for a score.

Meanwhile, Bennett Austin's season high 18 tackles sparked the Lions D as did Darrell Harding Jr., Michael Linderman and Gary Hicks in the secondary and Lawrence Austin, Preston Parana and Ethan Locke up front.

Offensively, Steven Shoats Thomas gained hard-fought first downs while running backs Austin and Reynolds

tallied nice yardage on the ground.

• Steeler highlights include an excellent defensive stand late in the first half, which deprived the Lions of momentum going into the intermission. The Steelers made the stop on a fourth-and-three.

Keagan Whitczak sparked the defense with aggressive play and several assisted tackles.

Meanwhile, on offense, the Steelers finished the game with a long drive that ended with Logan Walkley's second rushing TD. Leading the charge was quarterback Jake Cain, behind the blocking of Dean Kaye, Ben Wright, James McCarthy, Nick Prevost and Nicholas Downs.

Also contributing on offense were Carson Miller and Benjamin Bennett, with key receptions and hard runs, respectively.



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MILESTONES

Melaragni-Considine

Ingrid and Mike Melaragni of Livonia and Judy and Barry Considine of Redford Township are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Julia Melaragni and Robert Considine.

The bride-to-be graduated from Ladywood Catholic High School and the groom from Thurston High School. They are both graduates of the University of Michigan.

A late fall wedding is planned.



Melaragni-Considine

Barker-Cislo

Jennifer Lynn Cislo of Belleville and Craig Daniel Barker of Northville were married June 27, 2009, in Britton. The Rev. Amy Mayo-Moyle officiated.

The bride, daughter of Clyde and Linda Cislo of Milan, graduated in 1996 from Milan High School. She earned an undergraduate degree in 2000 from Eastern Michigan University and a master's degree in 2007 from Spring Arbor University. She teaches sixth grade in Monroe Public Schools.

The groom, son of Daniel and Virginia Barker of Livonia, graduated in 1996 from Adlai E. Stevenson High School, in Livonia. He earned an undergraduate degree in 2000 from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in 2004 from Marygrove College. He teaches history in Livonia Public Schools.

The bride's attendants were: Janel Tucker, friend of the bride, Matron of Honor; Jodi Westrick, cousin of the bride and Jennifer Barker, sister of the groom, bridesmaids; Emily Cislo and Madelyn Cislo, both nieces of the bride, acolytes; Caroline Cislo, niece of the bride, flower girl; and Emma



Barker-Cislo

Barker, niece of the groom, Bible bearer.

The groom's attendants were David Wallace, friend of the groom, best man; Geoffrey Zmyslowski, friend of the groom and Brian "Rocky" Barker, brother of the groom, groomsmen; Benjamin Cislo, nephew and Godson of the bride, ring bearer; and Geoffrey Cislo, brother of the bride, Andrew Cislo, brother of bride and Eric Muraszewski, cousin of the groom, ushers.

A reception was held at The Michigan League, Ann Arbor.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to California's and Oregon's coast.

They reside in Northville.

GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

At English Gardens

■ Make a holiday wreath, 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 5; fee is \$24.99. The store will supply everything needed to create a beautiful 24-inch holiday wreath. Choose from a design in red and gold, or red and ivory. Participation is limited. Sign up in the store or on-line at www.englishgardens.com.

■ Make a table top Christmas tree at 7 p.m., Nov. 12; fee is \$34.99. The store will supply everything needed to decorate a two-foot table top tree. Designs are available in red and silver or red and gold. Participation is limited. Sign up in the store or on-line at www.englishgardens.com.

■ Holiday "how to" weekends will be held noon to 4 p.m., Nov. 14-15 and Nov. 21-22. Experts will conduct 15 minute demonstrations on a variety of topics, including: Make a bow, magnificent mantles, holiday lights, holiday wreaths, top 10 tips for lifelike trees, decorating a Christmas tree, holiday light tips and decorating an entrance.

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313)278-4433; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506. For information, log onto www.EnglishGardens.com.

Holiday Tables

The Farmington Garden Club presents its 9th Annual Holiday Table Exhibition 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14 and noon to 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 15, at the historic Spicer House in Heritage Park, located off Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Roads in Farmington. Tickets are available for \$5 at Steinkopf Nursery, 20815 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, and the day of the event at the Spicer House. There will be a Complimentary Coffee Shoppe with refreshments, a small gift shop and some hands-on demonstrations.

The Farmington Garden Club is devoted to the development of all phases of gardening, the betterment and beautification of the community and the protection and preservation of natural resources. The group also studies the fine art of flower arranging and gardening. Each meeting includes a program on garden related topics, instruction on flower arranging, or environmental subjects. The club meets at noon the first Monday of the month at the Spicer House in Heritage Park. Guests are welcome. For more information visit farmingtongardenclub.com.

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AMY JO STEWART

Age 43 of Livonia, October 25, 2009. Dear daughter of James and Barbara Stewart of Bellaire. Loving sister of Craig (Linda) Stewart, Traci Stewart and Linda Namie. Cherished long time partner of Larry Kuriwachak. Dear aunt of Stephanie Stewart. She will be missed by her faithful pets Alivia, Zenith and Sabrina. Private cremation services were arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home. To share memories, visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

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 Heinmiller, and one grandson Isaac Honaker. Jane is survived by her sister Carol (Jack) Gaffney, 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.

BERNARD C. YELCHO

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

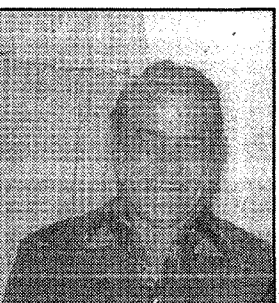


ETHEL FELICIA KROLKOWSKI-KELLER

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 was Thursday St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh Rd., Livonia. 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

ETHEL M. MUNDT

Age 92 passed away Oct. 24th. She was the wife of the late Charles Kovacs and Elmer Mundt. Loving mother to Marie (Charles) Gurriero of Brighton, Charles Anne Kovacs of Las Vegas, Judith (James) Mazrum of Alpena, Robert Mundt of Birmingham and Martha (Frank) Yeisman of AZ, sister of Violet Bader. 12 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren also survive. Burial was at Oakview Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Easter Seals of Oakland County or The Alzheimer's Association. Condolences at www.wesselsandwilk.com.



LOVING MEMORY DONALD H. JOHNSON 1928-2007

Don, it's been 2 years & I think about you everyday. You were my first & last love. We all love & miss you! Your wife Gertie, children Don (Susanne), Joe (Pam); grandchildren Erica, Donnie, Joey, Sidney & Brandon

LENORA NORINE WILSON

Age 78, of Canton, October 30, 2009. Beloved wife of Frank. Loving mother of Michael (Pamela) Wilson, Linda (Jack) Dalton and Michele (Thomas) Kinor. Dear grandmother of Teresa, Michael, Nicholas, Angela, John, Matthew, Amanda, Alex and great-grandmother of Timothy, Whitney, John Franklin II, Ashley, Brittany, Brian and Zachary. She is also survived by her brother Norman (Betty) Fulmer. She was preceded in death by her parents Arthur and Norine Fulmer, 10 brothers and 1 sister. Funeral service is Monday, 3:00 PM at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation is Monday, 11:00 - 3:00 PM. Entombment in Michigan Memorial Park michiganmemorialfuneralhome.com

NORMA ROBERTS

Age 92, October 28, 2009 of Dearborn. Beloved wife of the late Joseph. Loving mother of Marjorie Roberts, Mary Beth (Edward) Fest and Jeffrey Roberts. Dear sister of Robert Sandberg. Also survived by two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Visitation on Tuesday November 3, 2009 at the Henry Ford Village Chapel. In state 12:00 p.m. until time of service at 1:00 p.m. Arrangements by the Dearborn Chapel of the Voran Funeral Home. Obituary/Guestbook at: www.voranfuneralhome.com

RAY A. MATTSON

Age 67, of Livonia, MI passed away October 28th, 2009. Arrangements: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River, Ave, Farmington, MI

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.



WILLIAM J. RICHARDS

December 20, 1919 to October 25, 2009. William was born in Davison, MI to Mildred (Dynes) and Fred Richards. He attended school in Flint, MI and graduated from General Motors Institute with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1941. He was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during World War II from 1943 through 1946. He served aboard the USS Shamrock Bay (aircraft carrier) as a catapult and assistant flight deck officer in the Pacific and Atlantic theatres. Bill married E. Lenora Thompson, from Pontiac, MI, in 1946. They raised two children in Livonia, MI: Ronald (Janet Pletcher) of E. Lansing, MI and Nanci (Steve) Taylor of Crystal Lake, IL. Lenora passed away in May 1998. His sister, Doris Richards, PhD, preceded him in death in July 2000. William was a career engineer. He began employment, after the war, with GM Coach in Illinois. In 1958, he accepted employment with the Ford Motor Company in the Transmission and Chassis Division in Livonia. He retired as Resident Engineer of that facility in 1984. At his retirement, his peers lauded him as one of the finest and most gifted mechanical engineers with whom they had the privilege to have worked. Bill was a tinkerer. His basement workshop was his creative lair. He spent countless hours designing and crafting items of wood or metal; repairing mowers to fan motors which he had retrieved as "cast-aways" from neighboring curbsides. Bill also restored a 1946 Chevrolet pick-up truck that had been 'in the family' and used on a gladiola farm near Traverse City, MI. The restored truck was the recipient of several blue ribbons in local and regional car shows. He began summer vacations on Lake Huron in Harrisville, MI in 1958. He purchased land and began building a second home on "The Bluffs" in 1973. Together, Bill and Lenora built the house as a labor of love. It remained Bills proudest achievement. Bill leaves behind his many special friends at the Livonia Senior Center, where he danced on Wednesday afternoons to live "Big Band" music and his most special and favorite partner, Bernie Timm. A private memorial service will be held with the family. Bill's remains will join with those of his beloved Lenora in Lake Huron. The family requests memorial gifts only to Alcona Humane Society; 457 W. Traverse Bay Road; Lincoln, MI 48742 or The Salvation Army. For online condolences go to: ChapelinthePinesFuneralHome.com

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Dale and Kathryn Groff

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Dale and Kathryn (Sackow) Groff of Canton celebrated their 60th anniversary Oct. 28. The couple wed in 1949 in Plymouth.

Their children are Bill Groff of Canton, Gail Cousins of Ohio and David Groff of Tennessee. They also have seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The Groffs planned to celebrate their anniversary with friends in Florida.



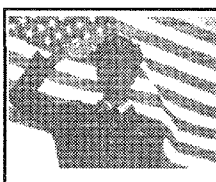
Brady James DelCarmen

Brady James DelCarmen was born Dec. 4, 2008, in Gurnee, Ill.

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The 'club'

Work colleagues maintain 55-year friendship

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Nancy Braden of Plymouth Township and Barbara Krauss of Westland have been friends since 10th grade at Mackenzie High in Detroit.

But Krauss isn't among Braden's top 10 Facebook friends. In fact, she didn't make the list at all.

Neither did Janet Conway of Livonia, Pat Hildebrand of Birmingham, Marilyn Lindow of Troy or Rose Pierce of Farmington.

Friends since 1954, the "club" as they called themselves in early days, celebrates friendship the old-fashioned way — in person with lots of laughter and good times.

"There are six of us and we all worked together at National Bank of Detroit (Puritan-Livernois branch). We're in our 70s now," Braden said. "This is the first time I've enticed them to Plymouth."

The group meets quarterly, usually at a restaurant as they did recently at E.G. Nick's in downtown Plymouth. Braden invited the Observer along to sit in on the conversation and discover what makes this 55-year friendship tick.

"We worked in the bank and we worked together. I don't think I've ever seen anyone closer than that," Pierce



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Nancy Braden of Plymouth (left) Janet Conway of Livonia and Pat Hildebrand of Birmingham, have been friends for more than 50 years.

recalled.

"There was a lot of mutual respect and I think work ethic," Conway added, recalling their early days together in the early to mid 1950s. "We were very supportive of each other."

"We all got married pretty close and we all started having babies," Lindow said.

COMMON INTERESTS

They remained friends even after leaving the bank to raise their children and move from Detroit to the developing suburbs. Their husbands all got

along well, and the kids sometimes played together. There were couples parties, "kiddie" gatherings at Christmas and plenty of "gals only" outings.

"Those kiddies are probably closer to 50 give or take," Conway noted. Between the six, there are 21 children in the 40- to 50-plus age range, some with kids of their own.

Four of the women are widows. Conway and her husband have been married 51 years; for Hildebrand and her spouse, it's 54 years.

Please see **CLUB, B7**



Rose Pierce of Farmington, (standing left) Barbara Krauss of Westland, and Marilyn Lindow of Troy, along with Nancy Braden, (seated left) Janet Conway of Livonia and Pat Hildebrand of Birmingham, friends for more than 50 years, met recently at E.G. Nick's in Plymouth.

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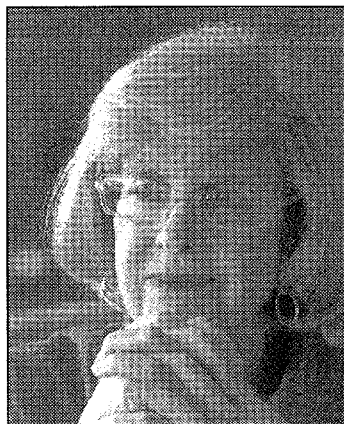
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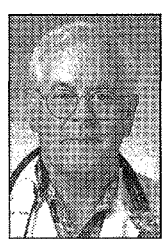
Barbara Krauss of Westland



Nancy Braden of Plymouth

How hot is your kitchen range?

A few weeks ago I informed you of problems that Barb Bennett was having with her Frigidaire range which was under a nationwide recall. I'm pleased to know that Barb

Appliance Doctor
Joe Gagnon

Joe Gagnon

finally had her range repaired after waiting for a month and a half before a service technician came to her home. With 200,000 of these smooth top ranges needing a factory fix, it make take

Frigidaire the next 20 years to get them all fixed. This story prompted Lesley to send me the following e-mail:

"I'm writing about my Classic Amana Range ACS3350AS. I feel that it is defected and very dangerous to have in my home. In May of 2006 my husband and I had purchased a new home. Our new home came with new appliances. I've been having on-going problems with my oven. I've had A&E Factory, AHS Repair out to my home numerous times. My complaint is that the oven door does not seal properly, the top of the stove and the knobs are extremely hot, that it is untouchable to handle. I've burned myself numerous times. And having three little children safety is important to me.

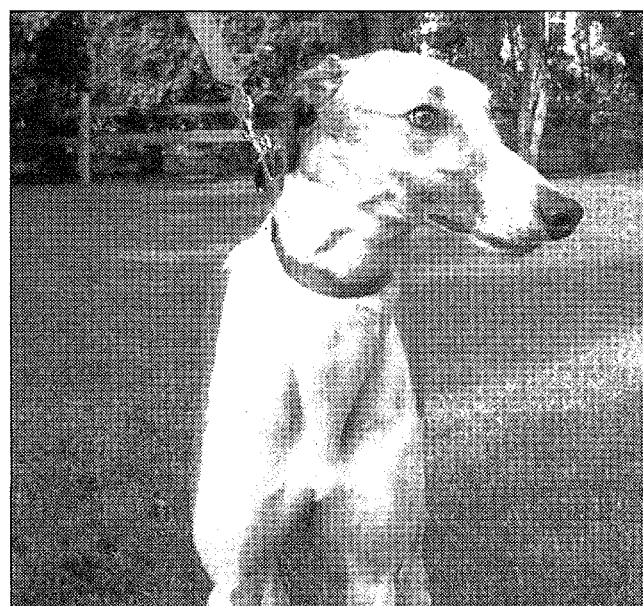
"On Sept. 10, 2007 I had a technician to my home. I had over \$858.43 worth of problems to my oven. I felt that was a red flag when the oven was only a year old. The oven let so much heat out that my oven control buttons actually melted. The hinge on the oven door was replaced and the oven control was replaced. The oven control membrane was replaced and so was the door gasket. The list goes on and on.

In March 2008 I had another technician out for the same problem and on his invoice it reads, 'outside of unit is still very hot, cannot touch knobs.' He said the outside surface and knobs were 188 degrees. I remind you the stove temperature was set at 350 degrees. Could you imagine what it would be like if I was cooking all day? I have many repair invoices with the same problems every time — never fixable. I'm still having problems with my oven door and the light now won't go off. I've spoken to my builder who says there's nothing he can do.

Bottom line, my Classic Amana range is a danger in my home. I feel that Amana should step up to the plate and handle this serious situation. Please help me inform others if there are other similar situations."

Thank you Lesley and I must say that this is not the first I've heard of these sorts of problems. I've read on the Internet of others who have almost identical problems such as yours. The outside surface temperature on kitchen ranges has been a big concern of mine for several years. I've written articles in the past about little children have been treated for burns suffered while their little hands touched the stove during their first walking experiences. This sort of problem reflects very poorly on the quality of our major appliances of today. It seems to be acceptable in the industry that a surface temperature can be as high as 168 degrees. Hopefully your communication on this problem may shed some light towards the manufacturers and I'm sure you have helped others prevent their little children from suffering burns from a kitchen range.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twml.r.com



Prime

ADOPT A GREYHOUND

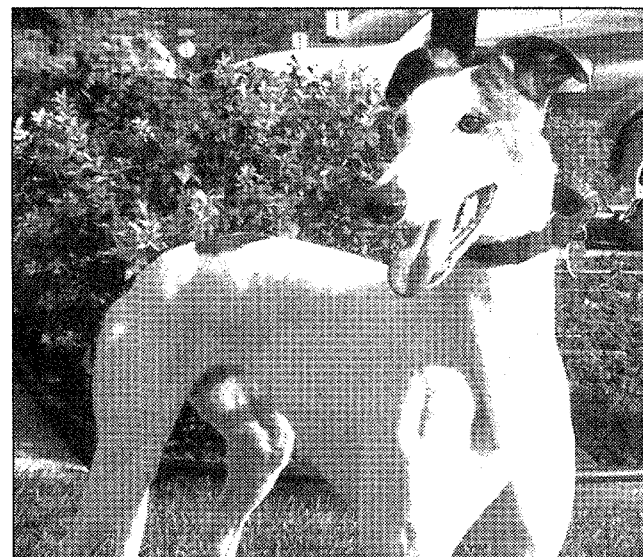
Diamond and Oliver "Prime" are two of five dogs the Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption picked up from Dairyland Greyhound Park in Kenosha, Wis., last week.

Here's what volunteers say about them: Diamond is a gorgeous little 2-year-old, female greyhound with a beautiful white coat with some brindle markings. She's very easy going and loves to play with toys.

Oliver (Prime) is a very handsome gentleman. He's 2 and is a very happy dog with a calm disposition. He's white with some red markings on a beautiful coat.

Both Diamond and Oliver are looking for their "Forever Homes." If you want to meet them, call Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption at (866) 438-4739. Check out the group's Web site at www.greyheart.org for more photos.

The organization holds a meet and greet from noon to 4 p.m., today, Sunday, Nov. 1, at Canton PetCo, 43435 Ford Road, Canton. www.greyheart.org



Diamond

CLUB

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Braden and Krauss have travelled together. Conway and Hildebrand were neighbors for a while.

And during the 15 years that the group didn't routinely meet, they kept their bonds alive through cards and phone calls.

"When you get to the years when your children are in hockey and all the activities, there just isn't time," Conway said, explaining the hiatus. "When they are infants it's not hard to break away as long as they are being cared for while you're away."

RECONNECTING

When Conway ran into Braden at a grocery store three years ago, they decided it was time for the group to begin meeting in person again.

"Everyone was more than happy to resume these get-togethers. We were ready to reconnect. Life does change as you get into your 70s. Friendship is so important as we get older," said Conway, who "flunked retirement" and works part-time at RSVP, a gift and paper store in downtown Plymouth. She also volunteers at Angela Hospice.

"We fell right back into place. And it is quite amazing because we're all very different. We have different interests and personalities."

ENJOYING THE DIFFERENCES

Braden, who earned a teaching degree while raising her family and is now retired from the classroom, said common

memories helped to cement a lasting friendship.

"We shared our youth together. We have a never ending conversation about husbands gone or still with us or children. The conversation never lags," she said. "Now we're interested in the differences as much as the commonalities."

Memories, stories and gentle ribbing wove easily throughout the conversation during their lunch at E.G. Nick's. When Hildebrand mentioned the word "chicken" in conversation, Conway egged her on with a "speaking of chickens, shouldn't we go there?"

Hildebrand has told the story many times before — at age 12 she worked in a chicken store killing fowl — but provoked genuine laughter when she added "I said a Hail Mary for every one."

"I think all of our personalities are easy to get along with. No one puts on airs," Krauss observed. "We're just down to earth people. You take people as they are and enjoy hearing what they've been doing. This is a great group of ladies. I just enjoy seeing them."

The group mentioned a few ideas for maintaining lasting friendships:

- Try not to be judgemental about other people
- Be happy for others
- Stay close — send a card, make a phone call to tell someone you're thinking about them if you can't visit in person
- Try to reconnect with friends because time moves swiftly
- Enjoy your differences as well as common interests

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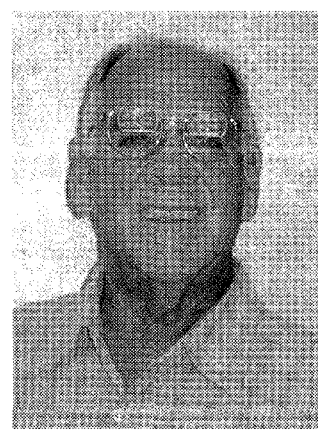
Desmond Roberts lost his license to drive. He saw Dr. Sheldon Smith of Low Vision of Michigan desperate to maintain independent driving. With telescopic driving glasses prescribed by Dr. Smith his license was reinstated.

"My life ended at my front door, but this gave my life back," said Roberts. "You saved my life."

David Welch sought to read without hand magnifiers and drive with confidence. The doctor prescribed one pair for driving and another for

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David Welch with driving glasses

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IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

OPEN HOUSE

First Step is inviting families to its new facility in Wayne from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. The facility is First Step's fourth location in the metro Detroit area and will focus on surrounding communities.

The open house will feature a free pancake breakfast, a tour of the new building, and a variety of kids' activities. First Step representatives will be available to answer questions about services the new facility will provide.

"First Step has a large family of supporters, volunteers, donors, staff and friends that make our work possible," stated Judy Ellis, executive director. "This open house is to thank them for their support and to invite everyone to tour our new facility, and what better way to celebrate than with a free pancake breakfast!"

The event will be held at 4400 S. Venoy, Wayne. For more information call Theresa Bizoe at (734) 416-1111 or e-mail to tbizoe@firststepmi.org. Visit First Step's Web site at: www.firststep-mi.org. First Step's mission is to reduce the incidence of domestic and sexual violence and to provide services to individuals affected by these crimes. The goal of First Step is the prevention of violence through education, advocacy and intervention.

BEER TASTING

The Friends of the Rouge will hold a beer tasting fund-raiser 1-3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 8, at Liberty Street Brewery, 149 W. Liberty, Plymouth.

Brewmaster Joe Walters, a long-time supporter of the Rouge will be on hand to describe his beers. Michigan beer guru Rex Halfpenny of the Michigan Beer Guide will guide participants through the tasting and inform participants about brewing in the Rouge River watershed and the Michigan craft beer renaissance.

The cost is \$30 per person and \$25 for Friends of the Rouge members. All proceeds will support Friends of the Rouge, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River. The fee includes tastes of eight beers, one pint, pizza and popcorn.

Register by sending a check to: Friends of the Rouge, 4901 Evergreen Road, 220 ASC, Dearborn, MI 48128 by November 2. Call Sally Petrella at (313) 792-9621 or e-mail monitoring@therouge.org with any questions. Visit the Friends of the Rouge Web site at www.therouge.org for more information about the group.

Friends of the Rouge promotes restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River through monitoring, cleanups, restoration projects, tours and workshops.



Four generations

Jennifer (Carbott) Bouren holds her son, John 'Jack' Matthew Bouren, born Aug. 3, 2009. Bouren grew up in Livonia and graduated from Ladywood High School. With her are her baby's great-grandmother Eileen Murphy of Livonia and grandmother, Bridget Carbott of Livonia.

Zoo, Salvation Army join forces in drive

The Detroit Zoological Society and the Salvation Army will conduct a drive to collect used clothing and household goods during two weekends in November at the Detroit Zoo.

Donors can drop off used but usable clothing and household goods at the Salvation Army truck in the zoo's front parking lot beneath the landmark water tower Nov. 7-8 and Nov. 14-15, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A tax receipt will be available upon request at the time of donation. Contributions to the donation drive can be made without payment to enter the zoo; regular admission and parking fees apply for those visiting the zoo.

Donations to the Salvation Army's Thrift Stores generate total funding for the organization's Southeast

Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center's 180-day residential rehabilitation program for adults. The program provides food, shelter, education and counseling services to those re-establishing their lives free from alcohol and chemical dependencies. For more information, visit www.SalArmyThrift.com or call (866) GIVE-TOO.

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TOO BROWSE OR NOT TO BROWSE

One aspect of health care today is the ongoing campaign that urges individuals to become "the informed patient." That idea is that if you are ill, you should go to the library, the Web, or even watch television ads so you will learn enough to "participate" in your care, and be a "stakeholder" in decisions concerning your health.

This zeal for the informed patient brings out a less than enthusiastic response from physicians caring for persons with arthritic complaints. On the one hand, the patient who comes to the office with a perspective of the possible cause for the pain, and the likely treatments, make the doctor's job of explanation far easier than would occur with the uninformed patient.

However, the misinformed patient especially one who is proud of the information that he or she gathered, presents a far more difficult task for the physician than the uninformed patient.

First, the only way a physician can counter bad, usually Web based, information is with the Web. Providing the patient with Web based counter material is time consuming for the physician. Second, the patient often comes with requests that are closer to demands than to recommendations. Usually, these "requests" are for blood work, x-rays, MRI's or bone scans that are costly and not in order. Giving in to the patient rather than using clinical judgment riles a physician, but arguing the matter upsets both physician and patient. It is the risk of conflict that causes physician second thoughts on the informed patient.

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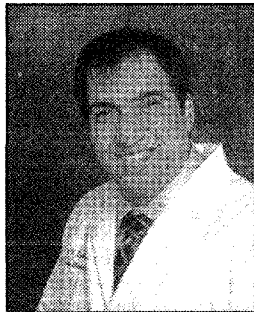
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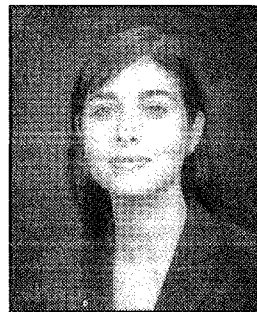
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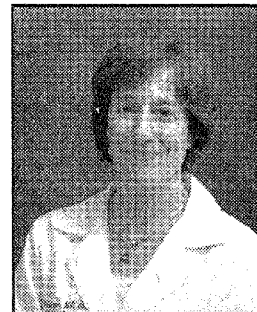
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Christmas bazaar

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 natlyrehc@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 benefiting 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 \$400 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

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the paper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Got a photo of your graduating class? Maybe a prom photo or some other special moment? Send it along, too, as a jpg attachment.

Detroit Pershing

Class of 1960

50th reunion festivities in September 2010 will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

Detroit St. Brigid

Class of 1959

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

Farmington High School

Class of 1970

Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the group on Facebook by searching Farmington High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dblehn@aol.com.

Fordson High School

Class of 1984

25-year reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Nov. 28, Burton Manor in Livonia. Cost is \$65 per person and includes dinner, dancing/DJ, and full bar. A photographer will be on-site taking and selling group and individual photos. Invitations will be mailed out in October. E-mail Michele (Tonna) Belczak at michelebel@sbglobal.net or Melanie (Monaghan) Scharboneau at mscharboneau@yahoo.com to provide current mailing address.

Garden City High School

Class of 1960

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Dearborn Heights Haston High

Class of 1965

45-year reunion, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. July 24, 2010; Contact Pat Beadle-Kopczyk, 3334 Kneeland Circle, Howell, MI 48843, at (517) 552-1182 or e-mail to her at patkopczyk@aol.com

Ladywood

Class of 1984

25th reunion, Dec. 26; for information e-mail to Sara Czarnecki Levitsky at saralevitsky@comcast.net

Livonia Bentley

Classes of 1968-1970

Combined class reunion Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel Detroit-Livonia, I-275 and Six Mile. For details, visit www.bentley686970.org to e-mail, or call Connie (Scarlett) Flynn class of 1968 at (734) 812-7936, Bev (Valentine) Wilkie class of 1969 at (248) 366-6492 or Colleen Siembor class of 1970 at (734) 455-1395.

Classes of '78, '79, '80

Combo-Class Reunion Friday, Nov. 27, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100, Livonia. Tickets are \$50 before Nov. 1 and \$60 after. Doors open at 6 p.m. The event includes food, live music and an open bar. Visit www.bentleyclassof1979.com. Contact bentleyclassof78@yahoo.com or call John at (734) 358-3272.

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969

40th high school reunion, 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Nov. 14, at Lyon Oaks Banquet Center, 52251 Pontiac Trail, Wixom. No tickets will be sold at the door. For information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail Kaynini lu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge at Klivingstone@nu-core.com.

Livonia Stevenson

Class of 1979

30th reunion, 6 p.m., Nov. 28, Station 885, 995 Starkweather, Plymouth. Tickets cost \$35 per person before Nov. 14 and \$50 per person after the date and at the door. Contact Lisa Falk at lisannefalk@comcast.net

Oak Park High School

Class of 1980

30th reunion, July 2-4, 2010; for information e-mail to ophighschool1980@yahoo.com

Redford Union

Class of 1984.

Saturday Nov. 7, at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. To register, visit celebrations2remember.com. Questions? E-mail to Bethany Payton-O'Brien at spikeypayton@hotmail.com or Lori Suski Manus at lorimanus@yahoo.com

Rosary High School of Detroit

Class of 1969

40-year reunion for women only, 1 p.m., Nov. 21, at Pick-A-Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile, Livonia; cost is \$20 per person and includes salad entree and cash bar. RSVP by

Nov. 10. Email: rosaryreunion1969@mi.rr.com. Information also is on Classmates.com.

St. Mary of Redford

Class of 1969

40-year reunion, Saturday Nov. 14, 2009 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus in Livonia. If interested in helping to plan the event or contacting classmates call Mark Coulter at (734) 453-5423 or e-mail to mculter@gr-lakes.com.

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58.010. Definitions. This section provides the definitions for terms used in this ordinance.

58.020. Prohibited Activity. This section provides for prohibited activity.

58.030. Peddlers; License Requirements. This section provides for the license requirements for peddlers.

58.040. Peddlers; Helpers. This section provides that no more than one helper on foot for each vehicle is allowed.

58.050. Peddling; Restriction; Schools. This section provides restrictions for peddling near schools.

58.060. Peddling; Hours of Operation. This section provides that no person shall engage in peddling between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.

58.070. Peddlers License; Application. This section provides the application process to obtain a peddlers license.

58.080. Inspections. This section provides for inspections.

58.090. Issuance of Peddlers License; Term. This section provides the requirements for the issuance of a peddlers license and the term.

58.100. Denial of Peddlers License Application; Appeal hearing. This section provides for denial of a license application and for the appeal process.

58.110. Peddling; Exempt Persons. This section provides for exempt persons.

58.120. Revocation of License; Appeal. This section provides for the revocation of a license and the appeal process.

58.130. Surrender of License on Demand; Return. This section provides for surrendering a license and for the return of said license.

58.140. Solicitor; Registration Requirement. This section provides the registration requirement for a solicitor.

58.150. Solicitor; Registration Application. This section provides for a solicitor registration application.

58.160. Solicitation without Registration. This section provides for solicitation without registration.

58.170. Soliciting; Hours of Operation. This section provides for the hours of operation for soliciting.

58.180. Solicitation; Exempt Persons. This section provides for exempt persons.

58.190. Property Owners Posted Prohibition of Soliciting or Peddling. This section provides that soliciting and peddling are prohibited where property owners have posted a notice.

58.200. License Fees. This section provides for license fees.

58.210. Transfer or Misuse of License, Badge or Identification. This section provides for the transfer or misuse of license, badge or identification.

58.220. Display. This section provides for displaying the license.

SECTION II. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTY. This section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY.

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

SECTION IV. REPEAL.

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

SECTION V. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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

SECTION VI. PUBLICATION.

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

SECTION VII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

Introduced: October 13, 2009
Adopted: October 27, 2009

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-2009-14

AMENDMENT TO LIQUOR REGULATIONS ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 100, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE OF ORDINANCES; CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 54, THE LIQUOR REGULATIONS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR NEW LICENSE APPLICATION, RESTRICTIONS, TERM AND PUBLIC HEARING; PROVIDING FOR OBJECTIONS TO RENEWAL, REQUEST FOR REVOCATION; PROVIDING FOR INSPECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION I. AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 100, Chapter 54

Ordinance No. 100, codified as Chapter 54, the Liquor Regulations Ordinance be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 54.010. Purpose. This section provides for the purpose of this Chapter.

Sec. 54.020. Application for New License. This section provides for the process of obtaining an application for a new license, license restrictions, the term of the license, and a license hearing.

Sec. 54.030. Objections to Renewal and Request for Revocation. This section provides for objections to renewal and request for revocation and for the criteria for non-renewal or revocation.

Sec. 54.040. Inspections. This section provides for the inspection process of all liquor establishments.

Sec. 54.050. Penalties. This section provides that any person that violates any provision of this Chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished as provided in Chapter 1 of the Township Code.

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO: C-2009-15

AMENDMENT TO ALARM USER ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. C-2001-04, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 50, ALARM USER ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR FALSE ALARM FINE; PROVIDING FOR INTERFERENCE WITH TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS; PROVIDING FOR AUDIBLE OR VISUAL SIGNALS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL AND SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION I. AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE NO.

Ordinance No. C-2001-04, codified as Chapter 50, the Alarm User Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 50
Alarm User

50.010. Definitions. This section provides definitions for terms used in this Ordinance.

50.020. False Alarm Fine. This section provides for false alarm fines.

50.030. Interference with Telephone Communication Systems. This section provides for interference with telephone communication systems.

50.040. Audible or Visual Signals. This section provides the requirements for audible and visual signals.

50.050. Violation and Penalty. This section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

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Local artists give women's heart health a boost

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The red dresses on display at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills make more than a fashion statement. They're also designed to raise awareness of heart health.

The American Heart Association exhibit, continuing through the end of December, is part of the Red Dress campaign that spreads information about the frequency of heart attacks in women. It features five half-scale red dresses that were entered into competition, including the winning design by Inga Lenz, a 2006 Farmington Harrison High School graduate, and Marisa Cristina Vendittelli, a 2006 Troy High School graduate.

"We knew we wanted to make a little bubble dress, something cute and fun. The skirt kind of looks like a bubble," Lenz said. They purchased the fabric first, and were required to use red.

"It just all came together eventually. It wasn't a thought out process before." Both designers were pleased with the result. "When we made the big one, it looked even better. It's comfortable to wear, actually."

The women also made a

regular-size dress of the design.

"We're pleased to see that art can be used in such a good way to communicate the dangers of heart disease to women," said Nancy Coumoundouros, cultural arts supervisor for Farmington Hills.

Shelley Rusinek, Go Red for Women director for the American Heart Association, arranged the exhibit's visit to Farmington Hills. "We thought it was exceptional," Rusinek said of students' work.

ARTS COMMUNICATE

The dress competition is sponsored by the International Academy of Design and Technology. Student designs are nominated by the school's faculty.

"The arts are one of the most effective communication devices available and, in this case, help spread awareness of heart attack to both the public as well as the students," said Julie Patterson, Fashion Design Program chair, in a statement.

Rusinek said the educational traveling exhibit focuses on heart disease as the No. 1 killer of women. The students also created regular-size dresses



Marisa Cristina Vendittelli (left) and Inga Lenz designed the winning dress, on display at the Costick Center. Lenz is a 2006 graduate of Farmington's Harrison High School.

for the February 2009 AHA luncheon at the

Detroit Marriott in the Renaissance Center.

"We encourage students to get involved, submit their pieces of work," Rusinek said, adding the competition was first held in 2004 and has been followed by other educational exhibits.

WINNING DESIGNERS

Lenz and Vendittelli got their assignment from the AHA. "It was great," Lenz said of the work. "It's just so important to do something for a good cause like that."

The dress will tour and be seen.

"It'll get more attention than just fliers that are lying around somewhere. That is much more rewarding than winning," Lenz said.

She recently graduated from the International Academy of Design and Technology and works for Marlaina Stone, a couture jewelry designer based out of Royal Oak.

Vendittelli also is a recent graduate of the

International Academy of Design and Technology. She is working toward her master's degree at Istituto Marangoni in Milan, Italy.

The Costick Center is located at 28600 W. 11 Mile, at Middlebelt (east of Mercy High School), in Farmington Hills.

Rusinek of the AHA said libraries, companies and others are welcome to host the Red Dress exhibit. She can be contacted with such inquiries at (248) 936-5807.

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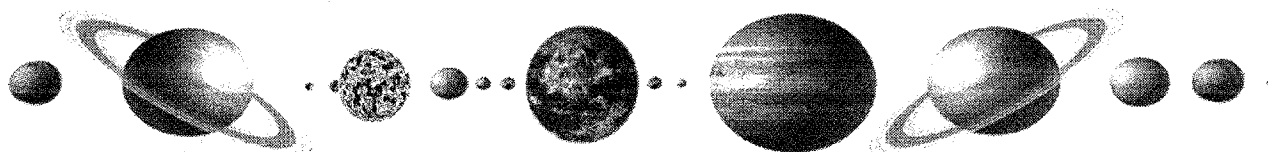
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UDM legal expert highlights help in getting veterans' benefits

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Project SALUTE works to assist low-income veterans with denied federal disability and pension claims obtain their benefits. It's a program of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law.

The program was highlighted Tuesday, Oct. 20, in a presentation at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. Joon Sung, visiting assistant clinical professor for the Veterans Law Clinic, spoke that evening.

"Veterans can call directly if they don't want to go to a site," said Sung, noting UDM's law school hosts a number of clinic site visits for low-income veterans statewide. The number is (313) 596-0262.

The clinic started two years ago, said former Westland resident Sung, a graduate of Boston College's law school. "It teaches the students to give back and serve those in need."

Law students and volunteer attorneys help veterans with their benefits. The clinic was founded in response to the scant help available for veterans with disability benefits, he said. Often, veterans have trouble knowing what benefits they can obtain.

"Our first goal was to recruit attorneys, pro bono attorneys." They work without pay.

A mobile law office was created, with plans for the Westland library and Westland Rotary to host it at the library after Jan. 1, 2010. "We hope to come back to do those individual consultations with veterans," Sung said.

Medical care offered through the Department of Veterans Affairs is generally good, although news stories have focused on



poor care, he said. Sung outlined requirements to obtain care, with conditions needing to be service-connected.

He recommends those with questions go to a VA facility and apply. Monetary benefits can accrue to those who left the service "under conditions other than dishonorable."

The disability must be current and diagnosed, he said. Chronic conditions, such as cancer, are also compensable.

Sung, who focuses on veterans and consumer protection law, noted post-traumatic stress disorder is up about 30 percent among current veterans.

"This is a very common condition," he said. It can include Vietnam-era veterans who raised families and held jobs but now have difficulty as their time is less occupied.

Benefits are often denied by the VA, he said, noting veterans need a medical opin-

ion to link the disability to their service. The standard is that it's linked "as likely as not."

He discussed the defoliant Agent Orange used in the Vietnam war. Veterans who served Jan. 9, 1962, to May 7, 1975, are generally eligible as the chemical has led to skin conditions, cancer and other illnesses. In the past, it could be tough to get medical support for the claim, Sung said.

Congress passed a law of presumptive service connection for Agent Orange in the late 1980s, he said. Gulf War syndrome began to appear in the early 1990s, including fatigue, appetite loss, gastrointestinal symptoms and others. It's now also considered service-connected.

Sung also highlighted secondary service connection, such as when a foot broken in military service leads to back problems. He said the VA system is not intended to be adversarial to veterans, although its ability to help is limited.

"This is a program for low-income veterans, individuals who are financially needy," Sung said of the monthly VA pension payment to veterans unable to work. Some have been in car accidents or other situations not directly tied to military service.

He touched on other sources of help, such as veterans service officers associated with the American Legion and similar organizations. Counties may have staffers who specialize in working with veterans.

Sung concluded by saying there's no time limit in filing for veterans' benefits, and cases can be reopened for claims with new evidence.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

NOV. 2-8

Tribute event

General Motors Vice Chairman and senior adviser Bob Lutz will be "roasted and toasted" at the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter's annual fund-raiser and tribute, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, at The Ritz Carlton Hotel in Dearborn. "An Evening of Roasting & Toasting in Honor of Bob Lutz" will begin with a cocktail reception leading into dinner, followed by the roast. A silent auction will be held throughout the evening. Tickets are \$300 per person. The \$500 patron ticket also includes admission to a VIP cocktail reception, premium dinner seating and recognition in the program. Corporate sponsorships are also available. For additional information or to buy tickets, call (248) 649-2891. Proceeds from tickets sales and the silent auction will benefit the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter's research into the prevention, control and cure of arthritis. www.arthritis.org.

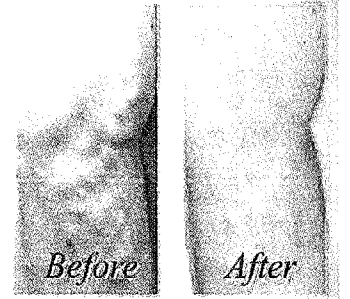
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Dentists 'give back' with free services

Endodontist (root canal specialist) Dr. Todd Ester of Canton, who has practices in Southfield and Ypsilanti, performed free root canals for Detroit residents last week as part of the "Save a Tooth" event at the University of Detroit Mercy Dental School's Endodontics Clinic.

He was among the more than 20 Southeast Michigan endodontists who volunteered their time and expertise to 50 Detroit residents who otherwise would have no access to dental care.



Ester

received root canal treatments at no charge in the University of Detroit Mercy Dental School's Endodontics Clinic.

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The region's first ever "Save a Tooth" volunteer effort took place Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 27-28.

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Because root canals must be followed by skilled dental care

to ensure the successful complete restoration of the tooth, patients were placed in the care of dentists from the Covenant Community Care dental partnership after completion of their free "Save a Tooth" root canals.

Though they donated their time as individuals, all participating root canal specialists are members of the Michigan Association of Endodontists. The University of Detroit Mercy donated the facilities.

"It can be difficult for an

endodontist to volunteer services to help people in need, but through our partnerships, we've found a way," said root canal specialist Dr. Steve Shoha, whose practice is located in East Pointe. "Regardless of the patient's financial status, saving a tooth through a root canal is the healthiest option and is pain-free thanks to new technology."

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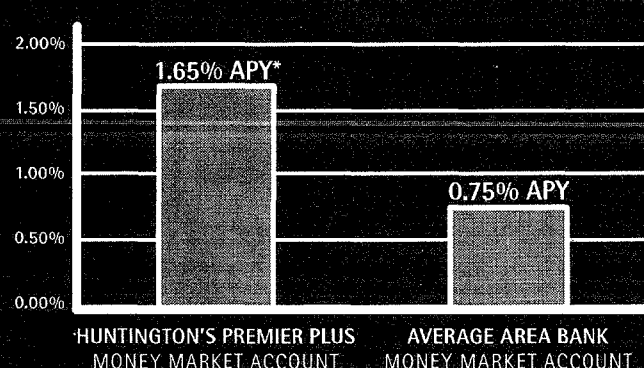
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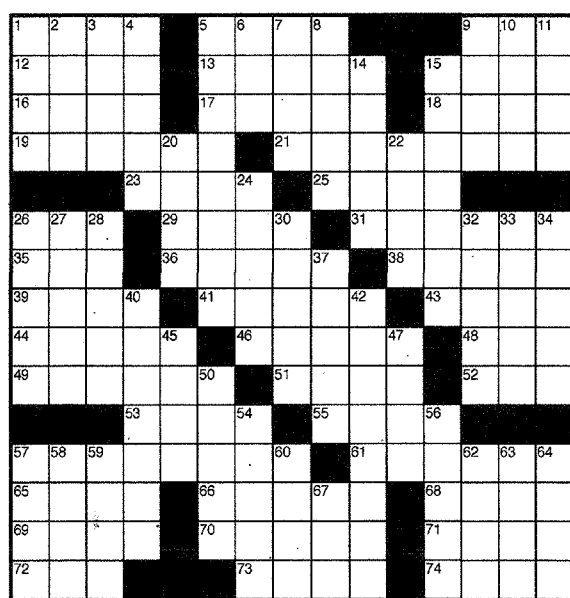
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2010 Chevrolet Camaro 2LT RS: After 7 Years, A Classic Muscle Nameplate Returns

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CAReport



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When you think of the great muscle cars of the 1960s and 1970s, you have to include the Chevrolet Camaro. First hitting the streets as a 1967 model, the Camaro was everything you could want in a muscle car – power, styling (for its day) and that feeling of “cool” for those of us who couldn’t afford a Corvette.

My wife’s first ever brand-new car was a 1975 model that cost a whopping (at the time) \$4,205. She remembers exactly how much it cost, because, as she told me, “Owning a Camaro is burned into your brain.”

The question for Chevrolet now is, can its brand-new 2010 Camaro command the same kind of passion its ancestor did? Judging by the week I spent with the 2LT version, it’s off to a good start.

I say that because the car got long looks and stares everywhere I took it (or should I say took “her”). I had people approach me in parking lots, at gas stations and in my own driveway to ask about it. I had a neighbor knock on my door to ask if he could get inside. This much is clear: own one and get ready to make some new friends.

And why not? The Camaro’s styling can be summed up in one word: hot. It actually looks like a little brother to the Corvette, with a shorter front end than the Vette, but with similar lines, particularly in the rear. 19-inch aluminum wheels are standard, but if you get the \$1,450 “RS” appearance package (like the test car), you’ll get 20”x 8” front and 20”x 9” rear flangeless painted aluminum wheels that make the Camaro look even faster.

The rest of that package includes body-color roof ditch molding, rear spoiler, RS unique tail

lamps and high-intensity discharge headlamps with halo ring. Polished aluminum wheels are available for \$470 more, and a sunroof is a \$900 option. Dual exhaust with polished stainless steel tips come with all models.

Get inside the Camaro, close your eyes and for a few minutes you’re back in 1975. But only for a few minutes; this Camaro is all 21st century. The cabin is well-designed, with some nods to the Camaro heritage.

The instrument panel features deep, recessed gauges in square housings like the classic Camaro, but, unlike its much-older relative it has a computerized driver information center located in the center. The console-mounted gauge package (available on the 2LT and SS versions only) includes oil pressure, oil temperature, volts and transmission fluid gauges, and was one of the first things my wife noticed when she got in the car.

The 2LT version of the Camaro comes with heated leather timed bucket seats and they provide pretty good support. The driver’s seat is power-adjustable. There is a rear seating area, but don’t expect to use it much, except for cargo; it’s a little tight there.

Manual tilt-wheel is included as are a leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob. Air conditioning is standard, as are universal home remote, Bluetooth, power windows and locks, keyless entry and rear window defroster.

The standard audio system on the 2LT is a Boston Acoustics AM/FM/CD system with an auxiliary input jack for your mp3 player, nine speakers and six months of satellite radio service. An optional package gives you a USB



The 2010 Chevrolet Camaro 2LT RS. Welcome back to a classic nameplate.

port and an iPod-specific connection kit. It’s a muscle system for a muscle car.

The real muscle for a car like this comes from what’s under the hood. The Camaro 2LT is powered by a 3.6-liter V6. Rated at 304 horsepower and 273 lb.-ft. of torque, you’ll get a quick jump off the line. If you want more horses than that, you can look at the Camaro SS, which can be ordered with one of two 6.2-liter V8s that can give you as much as 426 horsepower. The V6, though, provides plenty of power and will save you a bit on gas. The V6 engine runs on regular fuel.

The 2LT comes with a six-speed manual transmission; for \$1,185, you can get a six-speed automatic that includes a remote start system. It seems almost sacrilegious to out an automatic in this car, but the six-speed auto is a fine transmission. The shifts are smooth and the shift points are tuned well for performance. You can take control yourself, however, with the steering-wheel mounted shift paddles -- something they did not have in 1975.

The suspension systems, front and rear, are fully independent. The rear suspension is a 4.5-link system that includes an L-shaped upper control arm. The front suspension has a dual-ball strut system with a direct-acting stabilizer bar. The ride is active without being harsh. Stability control is standard, as is a four-wheel anti-lock brake system.

In case all this power gets you in a little trouble, the Camaro comes with front dual-stage airbags, driver- and front passenger seat-

mounted thorax side-impact airbags, and head curtain side-impact airbags for front- and rear-seat passengers. As with all General Motors vehicles, OnStar is standard with the Camaro. With OnStar, you can make and receive calls hands-free, get updated vehicle diagnostics, ask for directions or restaurant recommendations or summon emergency help at the touch of a button. The system also automatically calls for assistance in the event airbags are deployed.

One word of caution: the Camaro does not come with a spare tire; instead you get tire sealant and an inflator kit. You can get a spare if you pony up an extra \$150.

The Camaro 2LT starts at about \$26,500. Add the RS package, the automatic transmission, sunroof, polished aluminum wheel and the spare tire and you’re at almost \$31,500. A bit more than the \$4,205 my wife Ro paid for her 1975 Camaro, but this version has all the fun, with 21st century technology.

And not a leisure suit to be found.

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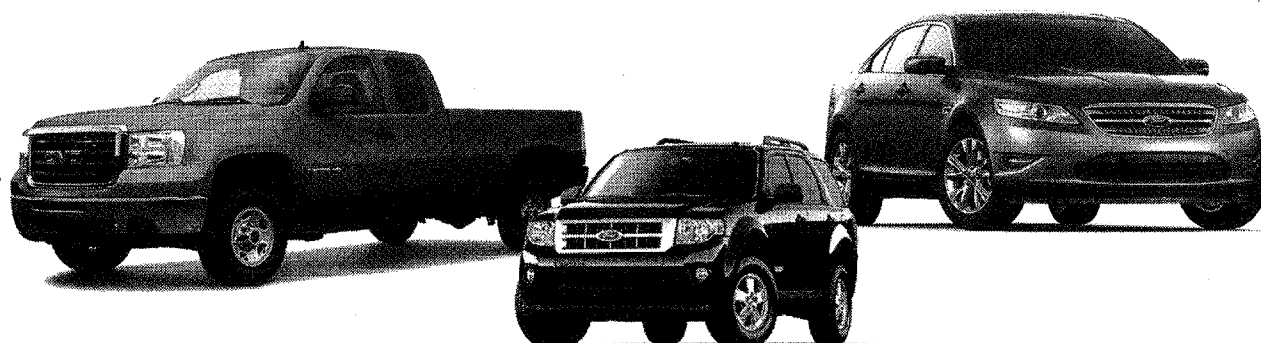
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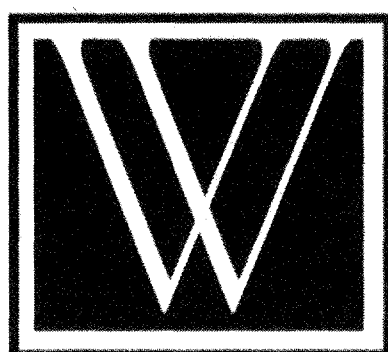
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