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Pops concert

The Plymouth Symphony presents their annual fund-raising Concert 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, at the Penn Theater.

The concert continues the tradition of producing a broadly popular, high-energy and entertaining event with a new twist - this year's concert, "Hooray for Hollywood," features the music of the movies along with vocal performer Lizann Warner, a vocal impersonator whose vocal impressions include Judy Garland, Ann Wilson, Stevie Nicks, Barbara Streisand, Pat Benatar, Marilyn Monroe, Nora Jones, Cher, Cyndi Lauper, Celine Dion, Lita Ford and Grace Slick.

Music from film scores will include "Gladiator," "Lord of the Rings" and "E.T.," along with several of the most memorable songs that ever appeared on the big

Tickets for the concert are \$50 (tickets that include a pre-concert party at Lotus Arts Gallery are \$75). Tickets are available at the Plymouth Symphony office at 774 N. Sheldon Road in the Plymouth Arts Center or online at www.plymouthsymphony.org

Green week

Canton Leisure Services and the Canton Public Library are joining forces to celebrate Eco-Week, April 19-25. Individuals of all ages are encouraged to take part in this week-long schedule of programs and events.

All Eco-Week activities will conclude on Saturday, April 24 with the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail Clean Up. Anyone interested in volunteering for this event should contact Paula Kosbe at (734) 394-5191.

For more information about Eco-Week or anything else Leisure Services, visit Cantonfun. org or call at (734) 394-5460.

Trail open house

The Michigan Department of Transportation and project team staff will host an open house to provide an overview of the scope and boundaries of this project to fix an approximately seven-mile section of the I-275 Metro Trail.

This section is planned for reconstruction beginning this spring, and this is the last open house planned prior to construction. There will be an opportunity to review the final design selections prior to construction.

The public open house runs 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, at Fellows Creek Golf Chub, 2936 Lotz, in Canton.

For more information, contact Gorette Yung at (313) 375-2400, yungg@michigan.gov; Leah Groya at (313) 961-3650, lgroya@ wadetrim.com; or Jayson Nault at (810) 220-2112, jayson.nault@ tetratech.com.

District likely to support county millage

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education is likely to approve a resolution at its April 27 meeting supporting a 1.9-mill school enhancement millage being pondered by Wayne RESA that would be spread to districts across the county on a per-pupil basis.

How much weight Plymouth-Canton's resolution will carry remains to be seen.

Wayne RESA is considering putting the measure, which would be

used for school operations, on the August ballot. By law, enough county districts to represent more than half the county students would have to support the election before RESA could put it to a vote.

As of Tuesday, according to information presented by Plymouth-Canton administrators at the board meeting Tuesday night, only two districts - Detroit and Crestwood have approved such resolutions.

"Districts that haven't (committed) may have other issues on the ballot," said Craig Fiegel, Plymouth-Canton's superintendent. "If someone has a

bond or an enhancement on the ballot, they might not want to risk it. And some districts are in the same boat we are - they'd be a donor dis-

If approved, the RESA millage would raise some \$11 million in Plymouth-Canton, some \$7 million of which would come back to the

Being a "donor" district - raising more money than what would come back to Plymouth-Canton, bothers school board members, but support for the resolution still seems likely.

"It's a difficult thing, because

we have to give so much of the money back," said Trustee Dianne Gonzalez. "But it seems like such a great way to bring money in."

Wayne RESA officials reportedly said at their recent meeting they'll need support from at least two of the county's bigger districts, such as Livonia, Plymouth-Canton and Dearborn, in order to get the millage on the ballot. The Dearborn Public Schools board will not vote on the resolution because members don't feel comfortable bringing a proposed

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Motorcycle police officers Mike Tulip (from left), Joe Bialy and Eric Kolke show the Harleys they drive around town, along with Officer Jim Marinelli, not pictured.

Cycles give police two-wheel advantage

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's spring — the perfect time for four Canton motorcycle cops to get their Harleys running and head out on the highway.

Lawbreakers, beware. Police officers riding on two wheels are harder to spot than their fourwheeled peers. They can easily catch a dangerous driver who insists on doubling the speed limit through a residential neighbor-

They can navigate swiftly but cautiously through large festival crowds to nab a troublemaker.

They can travel a pathway that runs alongside I-275 to look for a missing person or potential sus-

They can park in tight spots near railroad crossings and watch for careless motorists who ignore

warning signals.

They can — and they do. It's a job that officers Joe Bialy, Eric Kolke, Jim Marinelli and Mike Tulip take seriously.

"It extends the long arm of the

law," Bialy, 32, said. Riding their shiny black Harley-Davidson Electra-Glide Standards, the crime-fighting foursome and motor carrier Officer Dave Boljesic, who drives a patrol car and tickets overweight trucks, make up the Canton Police Department's Selective Enforcement Unit.

Motorcycle cops rank among the township's most popular officers. Children flock to them during the summer Liberty Fest. Residents flag them down to report neighborhood problems as they pass by.

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The Canton police motorcycles, part of the Special Enforcement Unit, have hit the streets again this spring.

Township dumps towing company for lower bidder

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In a 6-1 decision, Canton's elected leaders Tuesday dumped a car-towing company the township has used for eight years, choosing to hire another firm that offered lower rates for motorists whose vehicles are hauled away due to accidents and traffic violations.

The vote by the Canton Township Board of Trustees means that Westland Car Care will be replaced May 1 by Mayflower Towing, a Plymouth Township-based company that has a tow yard in Canton, on Belleville Road south of Michigan Avenue.

Local officials say a towing contract can amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars a year for the company that gets it. The township's budget isn't affected by it, but elected leaders say they chose Mayflower because it offered the lowest rates for motorists among seven companies that bid for the job.

Trustee Todd Caccamo cast the lone dissenting vote against Mayflower, saying the company doesn't appear as financially viable as Westland Car Care and questioning whether it can accommodate the workload along with its contracts in Plymouth and Northville townships.

However, other officials said Mayflower had Canton's contract for 13 years before Westland Car Care was hired eight years ago.

"This company should know what they're getting into because they've had us before," Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said during Tuesday's meeting. Township police officials also

received good reviews from Plymouth and Northville townships for the job Mayflower has done.

"The feedback from both of these departments was very positive," Nemecek said.

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Residents looking at water rate hike

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Canton water-sewer rates would spike 16.9 percent under a new proposal that still faces a vote

by the township's elected officials. An average household using 32,283 gallons of water every three months would see their quarterly bills increase by \$47.41, jumping from \$280.77 to \$328.18, Municipal Services

Director Tim Faas said. That amounts to just under \$190 more a year the average household would pay if the new rates are approved by the Canton

Township Board of Trustees. Faas confirmed the combined water-sewer rate hike proposal Wednesday afternoon, one day before local officials plan to conduct the first of three public forums to explain how rates are

calculated.

The meeting is set for 6-8 p.m. today (Thursday) at the township's administration building, on Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Palmer. Two other forums are scheduled for Monday, April 19, including one from 3-5 p.m. and another 6-8 p.m.

Consumers who have questions or who want to learn more about water-sewer rates may attend either of the three sessions.

Township trustees are expected to have a public study session at 7 p.m. Tuesday to discuss the rates, which could be approved as early as April 27.

Faas has said the rate hike likely wouldn't take effect until June 1.

The bulk of the proposed increase stems from a 15-percent increase that Canton has received from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. Many

other area communities already have voted to pass on double-digit rate hikes to local consumers.

Faas has said the rate increase is needed to cover the "true cost of service" to operate, maintain and repair the public water and sewer systems for Canton's nearly 90,000 residents and businesses.

"Our expenses to do so roughly total \$30 million each year,"

Faas has said. Water-sewer rates have spiked even as usage has declined. As consumers use less water, that means less revenue generated by the rate structure - prompting Detroit to raise rates even more to compensate for the lost income.

Currently, Canton residents pay a combined water-sewer rate of \$8.20 per 1,000 gallons of water used. The newly proposed rate hike would add 16.9 percent to that amount.







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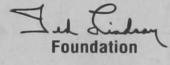
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Schools won't open their doors to outside students

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Families moving to Plymouth or Canton often cite the local school district as a reason for choosing the area

After Tuesday's Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meeting, being a resident of the district is the only way stu-

dents are going to get in. School board members voted unanimously Tuesday to approve a resolution stating the district will not become a "schools of choice" district, eliminating outside students as a potential source of rev-

There's one exception to the policy: Starkweather Educational Center, the district's alternative education

The recommendation came from the district's policy committee, members of which felt the issue needed more study.

'We talked about it in detail," trustee John Jackson said. "It's a very complex issue that needs to be thought through. The policy committee talked about the district looking at this in its long-range planning."

Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Dr. Craig Fiegel said adopting a schoolsof-choice option would mean opening the district to students from outside its boundaries. And, while he acknowledged that would bring in some \$7,500 per student - the district's state foundation grant - it could also potentially open the district to expenses that might not be an even trade-off.

"When you do schools of choice, you're opening your boundaries to all students," Fiegel said. "Sometimes you open it to students who have exceptional needs, and the cost outweighs the benefit."

Fiegel also has an ethical concern with the idea of opening the district's boundaries and allowing students from other districts - districts that would lose the per-pupil funding for students who defected to Plymouth-Canton - to bring that funding to Plymouth-

"Are we all in this together, or are we doing this individually," Fiegel said of fighting the budget battle. "Are you going to rob other districts? It's about doing what's right for

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Canton awarded the towing contract to Mayflower for one year, with options to renew it for two more years. However, local officials can terminate the agreement if the company fails to perform.

Township officials didn't complain about Westland Car Care's service. Rather, they said they simply sought the best deal they could find for drivers.

Motorists will pay

Mayflower \$75 for a trafficviolation tow and \$100 for an accident-related tow. Westland Car Care had bid \$110 in both instances. Those fees apply to vehicles that weigh less than 5,000 pounds - the vast majority of tows.

Moreover, drivers will pay \$10 a day for Mayflower's daily storage fee, compared to the Westland company's proposed

Douglas Holland, vice president of Westland Car Care, implied during Tuesday's meeting that Mayflower isn't as financially stable as his

company and may have misrepresented the service it can provide. Holland pointed to the Westland company's "timetested integrity."

However, Mayflower owner Glenn Goehmann said his company can, indeed, perform its towing duties in Canton.

Canton police Lt. Scott Hilden visited all towing companies that bid for the towing work, and he didn't find any problems with Mayflower.

"The yard is in excellent condition," Hilden said.

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Team develops blueprint for resource guide MILLAGE

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In an effort to link recession-battered residents to community services they need, a group of community leaders dubbed Team Canton has developed a blueprint for educating the public about the charitable cause.

Team Canton, during its third 90-minute session Tuesday morning at Summit on the Park, indicated that a community resource guide will be distributed to help residents find food and clothing pantries, job-training programs, foreclosure-prevention advice, home-budgeting tips, substance-abuse counseling and free health screenings, among

numerous other services. The guide could become an evolving document, but Team Canton - organized by township Supervisor Phil LaJoy - hopes to have an early draft 'Liberty Fest will be our first opportunity to inform the community about the resources that are available.'

PHILLAJOY, township supervisor

Liberty Fest, set for June 17-19 in Heritage Park.

Addressing a crowd of 75 people Tuesday, LaJoy said Liberty Fest marks a golden opportunity to reach as many as 50,000 festival-goers who might either need help or have the resources to aid the Team Canton effort.

"Liberty Fest will be our first opportunity to inform the community about the resources that are available," he said.

Team Canton plans to set up a tent or booth during Liberty Fest and hang banners to draw attention to the grass-roots

Some members have suggested potential ideas to draw attention to Team Canton during the festival. Local attorney Bryan Amann said the group

could fan out into festival crowds and issue friendly citations for Operating Under the Influence of Compassion, a move intended to steer people in need — and those who can help — to Team Canton's festival headquarters.

Team Canton already has made strides since LaJoy organized a kickoff meeting in late February, and he told the crowd Tuesday he's encouraged by the group's enthusiasm and dedication.

"I think it has been a really positive experience," he said, adding later, "It's important that we don't overlook people who are hurting at this particular time. We're all in this together.

Team Canton split into smaller groups Tuesday to discuss community aid such as food, clothing, shelter, computer training, business mentoring, education, job workshops, faith-based networking and numerous other topics.

The group also explored ways other than Liberty Fest to spread the word about Team Canton through churches, schools, local businesses, the township's monthly Focus newsletter and cable station, The Salvation Army, local newspapers, Web sites and other outlets.

Deb Zevalkink, the supervisor's assistant, said resources are "out there" in Canton, but Team Canton members "just have to get the word out.

Though much of the real work remains to be done, LaJoy appeared encouraged by the group's three sessions, saying the effort can make "a tremendous difference" in the community.

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tax increase to voters at this time, communications coordinator David Mustonen said Wednesday morning.

Livonia school board members Monday voted the resolution down unanimously, citing input received from constituents in the district.

"I heard overwhelmingly they don't wish me to support this," Livonia Trustee Patrice Mang said of voters.

RESA officials believe the 10-year millage, if approved, would generate some \$92 million in school enhancement money that would be redirected to individual districts based on the community's property values and student-count.

According to Steve Ezikian, Wayne RESA's assistant superintendent for finance and administration, RESA is considering the millage proposal

to help districts that have no other option.

"We're the only ones who can do it," Ezikian said. "Proposal A took away local districts' ability to levy any millage. The only action left (by state law) is a county-wide enhancement

With Plymouth-Canton facing a potential \$9 million deficit in 2010-11 - including another expected \$268 cut in the state per-pupil foundation grant - and with state legislators showing no willingness to consider changes to Proposal A. district officials believe they simply have no choice but to support such a millage.

This is the only game the Legislature will let us play," Trustee Barry Simescu said. To expect the Legislature to change anything in an election year isn't likely. This is the only way to enhance our foundation, so I think we should go for it."

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Vandals paint swastika on woman's driveway

An African-American woman who lives on Beechwood, west of Lilley and north of Palmer, reported that a swastika was spray-painted in white paint on the driveway of her home sometime Wednesday night or Thursday morning of last week

Police also said chalk was used during the vandalism. The letter "V" was written on the back of the woman's house, and the letters "S" and "U" had been scrawled on the side of a vacant next-door house, police

Anyone who has information is asked to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400

Lock doors

n incident that happened to one Canton woman has prompted police to issue a reminder to residents to make sure their garage doors are locked.

A woman who left her garage door open reported that her 2003 Ford Taurus had been entered last Friday afternoon on Devon, southeast of Hanford and Morton Taylor.

Though the passenger door was left ajar, the woman told police she didn't find anything missing from the car.

Home invasion

3 A home invasion was attempted between 9 a.m. and midnight last Thursday in the 1300 block of Beck, north of Saltz. A bedroom window had been pried open, but it didn't appear as though entry was made into the house, according to police.

Warrant arrests

4 A Canton man was arrested around 3:45 a.m. Friday after police made a traffic stop near Michigan Avenue and

Morton Taylor, according to a police report.

One of two men inside a Dodge Dakota was wanted for warrants for failing to appear in court for an earlier driving offense. He was taken into cus-

Police stopped the car after noticing that it made a turn without coming to a complete stop at a stop

Cell swiped

A woman told police her cell phone was stolen from her gym bag between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday while she was at the Summit on the

Park, on Summit Parkway near Canton Center and Palmer. The woman had left the cell phone in a bag in a hallway near a dance room and later noticed it was miss-

On the roof

6 Police went to Miller Elementary School, southwest of Hanford and Morton Taylor, following reports that two teens were seen on the roof around 6:45 p.m. last Thursday. Police found two teens sitting behind the school in the playscape area when they arrived

The teens first denied the incident but then admitted going on the roof without doing any damage. A school worker was planning to check the roof for any damage.

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noticed by a neighbor.

southeast of Joy Road and

Plate plucked

A woman told police that the license plate was stolen from her car while it was parked at the Kroger store southwest of Ford and Canton Center roads about 7:25 p.m. April 6. The woman told police she had gone grocery shopping and noticed the license plate was missing when she returned to her car.

Sticker shock

8A man was arrested and turned over to Wayne County authorities following a traffic stop that occurred shortly before 4 p.m. Sunday near Sheldon and Geddes.

Police noticed that the license plate registration sticker had expired and stopped the vehicle. They learned that the man in the car had a civil bench warrant out of 3rd

Canton senior robbed at gunpoint

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Canton police are continuing to investigate the armed robbery of a 70-year-old man who was targeted while loading luggage into his car early Saturday outside his home on Wickfield, a usually quiet street southeast of Warren and Lilley, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said.

Authorities believe the two suspects may have committed similar holdups in other communities including Taylor and Van Buren Township, randomly targeting victims in the

The incident in Canton happened about 4:30 a.m. Saturday in the 42000 block of Wickfield, Gajeski said.

The victim was loading up his car and getting ready to drive to the airport," the sergeant said. "He went outside, started his car, went back inside and then started loading his luggage when he was

- one with a long gun and one with a handgun.

One of the suspects approached the victim and robbed him of his money, Gajeski said.

The victim complied, and no shots were fired.

One suspect was described as a black male, 25 to 30 years old, 5-foot-8 and wearing a dark hooded jacket and dark pants.

A second suspect was described as a black male, 25 to 30 years old, 6-foot-2, wearing a white and gray jacket and dark pants.

The robbery happened just outside the victim's home before he could pull out of his driveway.

Anyone who may have information about the robbery is asked to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400. Anonymous tips for a possible cash reward also may be made by calling (800) SPEAK-UP.

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No one hurt, dogs rescued from garage fire

Canton firefighters doused a garage fire that was reported about 10 a.m. Wednesday in the 46000 block of Woodside.

Smoke could be seen coming from the structure, and firefighters entered through the home into the garage and put

out the flames.

The initial damage estimate was \$10,000.

Firefighters forced their way into the house and rescued two dogs during the incident.

No injuries were reported, and the fire was determined to

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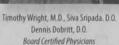
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Officers Eric Kolke, Mike Tulip, Joe Bialy pose with their police motorcycles near Heritage Park.

"It's a real plus," Tulip, 45, said, adding that residents see motorcycle officers as "real approachable.

Special Services Lt. Scott Hilden estimates that Bialy, Kolke, Marinelli and Tulip collectively write 5,000 to 6,000 tickets a year before they put their Harleys away shortly after Halloween.

Though most of their work involves fighting crime, Kolke said they have revved their motors for charity alongside other officers during crossstate rides with the Thin Blue Line of Michigan. In March

- their first outing this year - they served as funeral escorts after slain Jackson Police Officer James Bonneau was brought home to Canton for services.

On routine patrol, Kolke said it's easy for motorcycle cops to get through traffic, especially on busy places like Ford Road, when officers else-where call for backup.

"We can get in and out of traffic and go places where a patrol car can't go," Kolke, 36,

Tulip and Kolke work the day shift, starting at 6 a.m. Bialy and Marinelli wrap up their afternoon duty at 11 p.m. Though some might envy a career that involves riding a Harley all day, it's not easy when sizzling summer temperatures set in and officers are sitting on a motorcycle that's already putting off heat.

'You cook out there," Bialy said

Hilden commended the motorcycle officers for their special enforcement efforts. This



The lettering on the bike says it all: Harley-Davidson Police, and local officers say the motorcycles help them solve crimes and write tickets.

month, they're paying special attention to drivers who ignore railroad crossing signals. In May, they will focus on an issue close to home - motorcycle awareness on roadways.

Bialy, Kolke, Marinelli and Tulip make the job look easy, but it's not. Just ask any motorcyclist who has traveled Ford Road.

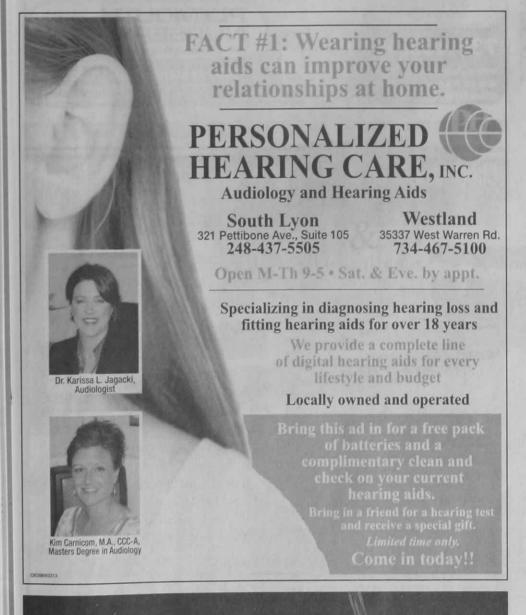
That's why they receive an intense, eight-day training course through Northwestern

"I'll bet you I dumped my bike 200 times in eight days," Bialy said.

That was a few years ago. Now, Canton's motorcycle officers look just as polished as their bikes as they head out on township roads to fight crime and issue tickets to law-breakers.

It's one more sign that spring has arrived.

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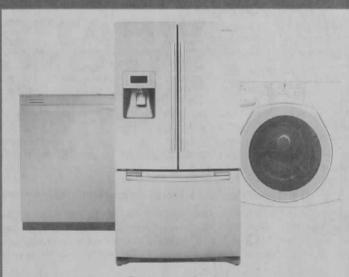
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Hockey fest

Magic 105.1 (WMGC-FM) celebrates "Hockey Fest" at the Kroger in Canton Saturday, April 17, to benefit The Ted Lindsay Foundation for Autism and families affected by Autism.

Families and hockey fans alike are invited to experience this free event filled with food, games, and hockey history. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet Detroit Red Wing Legends while helping this wonderful charity. Magic 105.1 will be broadcasting live from "Hockey Fest" with Jim Paolucci from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be excitement for everyone with the

NHL "Legends of Hockey" exhibit, fun games like a foam puck shooting range, a fast shot radar cage, and a hockey game in the mini rink. Guests can also take advantage of the Hockey Fest "Meal Deal" from Kroger which includes a hotdog, bag of chips, cookie and a soft drink – all benefiting the Ted Lindsay Foundation.

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"Hockey Fest" is being held at the Kroger in Canton located at 45540 Michigan Avenue beginning at 10 a.m.

All proceeds from the event benefit the Ted Lindsay Foundation which raises funds to help new and existing research on the cause and treatment of autism as well as providing funding for programs that aid children with autism.

Financial seminar

Community Financial

Credit Union hosts "Learn 2B a Millionaire Seminar" 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the credit union's Plymouth office, 500 S. Harvey, in downtown Plymouth.

Participants can expect to gain skills to last a lifetime. Officials expect it to be an informative and fun seminar on managing and investing your money. Everyone will have a chance to win prizes while learning to save for a better future. Activities will include: developing a budget, creating your own mutual fund, assessing stock values over time and defining today's millionaires.

There is no cost for the event. Please RSVP to (734) 582-8702 by April 20.

Book signing

Award-winning author Cheryl A. Vatcher-Martin will be autographing copies of her books at the Plymouth Library in Plymouth, on Saturday, April 17 from 1-3 p.m.

She'll be signing copies of "Haiku For You: With Some One Room School House History," her book of Haiku and fine art photographs some of which depict area one room school houses and museum today. There's also a collection of photos of one room school houses from the 1800's.

Her latest release, "The Cornstalks Are Whispering," a children's historical fictional short adventure is popular with adults, children of all ages and educators. Her inspiration was found in a pumpkin patch in Canton.

"I am excited to return to the Plymouth Library as I enjoy presenting information on my books here to those who are interested in my work," she

Money maker

Students at Bentley Elementary School in Canton focused on pets during March is Reading Month this year, with visits from the Humane Society of Huron Valley, the Michigan Humane Society, Plymouth's Roose Animal Hospital, Midwest Rabbit Rescue and Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary. The primary focus of the month was a fund-raiser for the Humane Society of Huron Valley. Staff members submitted photographs of their pets and students voted for their favorite pets at a penny a vote. There were 36 pets in all — mostly dogs and cats, but there was also a rabbit, an iguana, an African gray parrot and a pair of turtles. In just two weeks students and staff donated \$418.49. On the final day alone, \$142.34 was collected due to a heated voting war. One fifth grade classroom collected over \$70 for their teacher's dog.

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For more information, contact Vatcher-Martin at peroinc5@comcast.net or (734)

Leisure open house

Canton Leisure Services opens its doors even wider on Saturday, April 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a special Open House at the Summit on the Park.

A full spectrum of services, facilities, and programs will be represented at this department-wide event, including: The Summit on the Park, Pheasant Run Golf Club, The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, The B.L.O.C.K., Canton Sports Center, parks and trails, Canton's Dog Park, Farmers Market, camps, special events and more.

In addition, guests of the open house will have a chance to win an iPod Nano, a four pack of wristbands to 2010 Liberty Fest, Summit memberships, personal training sessions and more! Patrons do not have to be present to win. Register for an ActiveNet. com account onsite and automatically receive a \$5 coupon that can be applied towards a Leisure Services recreation program.

Enjoy a free performance of "The Eco Show" by the Zippity2Dads starting at noon, as well as inflatable attractions. Tours of the Summit on the Park facility will also be available. The first 100 people to come to the event will take home spring seed packets.

For more information about the Canton Leisure Services Open House or anything else Leisure Services, visit Cantonfun.org or call 734/394-5460.

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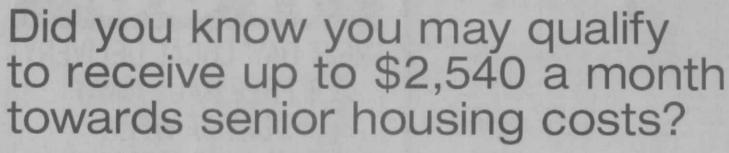
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Guard against fear, greed in investment decisions

recently met with a client who last year decided he no longer could deal with the ups and downs of the stock market. He decided to bail out and invest in CDs. His view was that the economy was not going to get better in

the near future out until

Money Matters

so he wanted things got better. His CDs have recently matured and his question is what now?

There are a lot of people in a similar Rick Bloom situation. Therefore,

I thought I

would highlight some of the issues that I discussed with my client.

First of all, I told him he shouldn't be kicking himself like he is. One of the worst things that an investor can do is to focus on shoulda, woulda, coulda. It is important to learn from the past, but don't dwell on it. In addition, when investors focus on the past they tend to make mistakes moving forward.

Investors who miss out on an opportunity in the past will tend to get overly aggressive to make up for a missed opportunity. This is a mistake. Whether a good market or bad, investors should stay in their comfort level at all times. I told my client to focus on what his goals for his money are and the timeframe he has to achieve them.

I also explained that it is a mistake to use the general economy as a gauge for the stock market. Many factors influence the gyrations of the stock market. The general state of the U.S. economy is just one of them. After all, many of the companies that are listed on our stock exchange are American companies in name only. Many receive substantial revenue outside of the United States. Therefore, they are not as dependant upon the U.S. economy as they once were. Furthermore, it is important to recognize that in the short-term it is very difficult to predict the direction of the stock market. That is why I always tell investors that it is a fool's game to predict how the stock market is going to perform over one quarter or even a year. The stock market is a long-term investment and unless your goals are long term, you shouldn't be in the stock market.

After a discussion with the client, he realized that his goals were long term and, thus, a portion of his money should be invested in the

stock market. The next question is do you take the money that should be in the stock market and jump immediately back in or do you spread the money out over time? Obviously, this is one of the most difficult questions to answer. The market has had an incredible run and it would not be unusual for the market to have a sell-off. At the same time, with an improving

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economy the market could continue to grow

My recommendation to this client was to dollar-cost average back into the market. If he jumped back in and the market had a sell off he may panic again, leading him to once again sell low and buy high. That is the exact opposite of what a successful investor should do.

I wish I could predict the direction of the market. I can't and neither can anyone else. But what I do know is that fear and greed are the two emotions that investors always need to guard against.

Before jumping back into the market, make sure your goals and objectives are what dictate your investment choices in the market, not the idea

of making short-term gains.

Whenever the market is doing well there is a sense of excitement and people want to be part of it. This is something that investors have to avoid. The stock market is not a game and it is not something to take

Don't underestimate the risk of investing in the stock market but don't fear it. Rather, the

key is to learn to work with it. Recognize the adage, it's not timing the stock market, it's time in the stock market that will lead to success. Good luck!

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

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OUR VIEWS

Tax breaks require serious attention, not just makeup

Recently - thanks in large part to that nettlesome, drive-by media you hear so much about a story broke about how the state of Michigan unwittingly awarded a \$9 million tax break to a convicted felon.

Suitably embarrassed, Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced she was ordering more extensive background checks as a requirement before further tax credits are granted.

That's a start. But the governor is missing the point if the new rules only rearrange titles and focus only on preventing future grants to convicts

While annoying, the applicant's criminal background is getting way too much attention. The Michigan Economic Development Corp. should have uncovered Richard A. Short's criminal background had it done even a cursory background check. But the follow-up emphasis should be on the decision-making process that led the state to decide that his RASCO firm had the wherewithal to carry out its business plan.

The failure to uncover his criminal background could be explained away as sloppy procedure. But the failure to adequately vet the company could also reveal an environment that favors promotion over substance, or a good public relations story over critical analysis.

In other words, when the MEDC glossed over Short's application, it could have been doing exactly what it was expected to do. Indeed, Granholm on Wednesday said that the RASCO case was embedded in MEDC procedures dating back to the administration of former Gov. John

While that may have been an attempt to deflect blame back on her Republican predecessor, it also suggests that the program has been poorly administered during her seven-plus years in office. In other words, it was broken when she got here and she hasn't done anything to fix it.

In refusing the fall-on-his-sword resignation of Greg Main, Granholm said the MEDC's top official is "an incredibly ethical, stand-up guy." While those are nice-sounding words, they came eight days after she said that Short was "doing phenomenal work" in renewable energy.

No one, other than the governor, has brought up the integrity or ethics of Main and the MEDC. The issue is competency.

One assumes that the "phenomenal work" line came courtesy of the MEDC, which worked more than a year with Short without discovering his questionable background. Last week, a process server from Flint said such information was available via a 15-minute Internet search.

So what exactly was MEDC doing? A clue to that answer is offered by MEDC's vow this week to check previous tax-break recipients to see whether they had questionable backgrounds or whether they produced the jobs they promised.

That's a troubling statement as it implies that once the tax breaks are granted, no one checks to see if they are effective. That, in fact, was the conclusion reached a year ago by a study funded by the Michigan Education Association, the statewide teachers' union that is one of Granholm's biggest supporters.

Did anyone act on that report? Apparently not. Without a thorough investigation into the practices of the MEDC, the public is left with the suspicion that the agency's goal was less to effectively administer a program than to produce public relations events.

As it is, there are two major questions involving MEDC and tax breaks. First, is there effective oversight to insure that tax breaks are well administered? Second, is there serious analysis to determine that the tax breaks are effective, as opposed to just handing out taxpayer money to those fortunate enough — or connected enough, or devious enough - to win the tax break lotterv?

If Granholm is merely applying makeup to the problem, neither of those questions will be addressed, much less answered.



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How high do you think the price of a gallon of gas will climb this summer?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



'\$3.50.''

Melody Dodge Canton



"\$3.50 to \$3.75."

Kayla Sinclair



"\$3.22."

Michael Russom Westland



'\$4, but I hope I'm wrong."

Debra Russom Westland

LETTERS

Stop wasting money

In response to "Policy shift adds over-sight to publications" (Canton Observer, April 4), I have to say that I understand and applaud the aim of the board and administrators to preserve and foster responsibility and academic excellence.

What I don't understand is why the gatekeepers of responsibility and the guardians of academic excellence sit behind closed doors and spend taxpayer money on consultants and attorneys instead of making sure that teachers teach those things and that the students learn

If the superintendent, principals, and the director of student services, Bob Hayes, already understand and recognize responsibility and academic excellence (as the new policy assumes, of course) then they should be in the classroom and at teacher training days teaching it so everyone else learns it.

I want Bob Hayes in the journalism classroom now. Administrators have teaching certificates. He can join the teacher's union. We hired him and other administrators as the teachers' teachers since they know already what is responsible and excellent. Why put them in an office and keep it a secret? Let's stop wasting time and money asking others to answer questions that people we already pay have answers for.

Some of the students working on student publications are of voting age or will be before they graduate. Why shouldn't they have the best instruction and knowledge now? Why can't they learn what is "defamatory, libelous, obscene, or harmful to juveniles ..." or harmful to the educational process? Why wait until the need

for "prior restraint"? That's ridiculous. I want the people in our district who already know the answers to these questions to teach it to everyone else now. Have the superintendent and principals serve as guest lecturers in the classroom. Have them lead teacher training sessions. Hire them as teachers if we can't find oth-

ers who are qualified. I want to hear the answers myself as a taxpayer - maybe I can read about it in the Perspective. I want our students to have the best. So let's have our own gatekeepers and guardians get the job now and stop wasting time and money

> **David Seemann** Canton

Looking for help

Our biggest food drive of 2010 is planned for Saturday, May 8, and we need your volunteering help. The "National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive" hosts a nationwide food drive for The Salvation

The NALC selected The Salvation Army to receive these food donations and the food donated will remain in the Belleville, Canton, Plymouth and Northville communities. Last year's food drive collected over 70,000 pounds of food.

We will collect nonperishable food at the Plymouth post office (Beck Road location) and the Canton post office on Saturday, May 8, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The letter carriers will collect the donated food items while on his or her route and return those items to the post office.

We will need at least 50 volunteers for each post office location. We ask volunteers to commit to work a two-hour shift. The shifts are 10 a.m. to noon, noon to 2 p.m., 2-4 p.m., 4-6 p.m., and 6-8 p.m.

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The mornings are usually slow, but the activity really picks up in the afternoon. We especially will need volunteers at day's end to make sure trucks are loaded, the areas are cleaned up and the food is transported to the Plymouth Corps building.

Youths younger than 18 years of age must be accompanied and supervised by an adult and due to the working environment, please no children under the age of

If you are interested in helping out with this volunteering opportunity, please call (734) 453-5464.

Teresa Moriarty

Volunteer & Special Events director The Salvation Army - Plymouth Corps

Not 'family' fun

Re: "Around Canton" article, Thursday, April 8:

Hmmm. The "Field fund-raiser" article provides details of Field Elementary School's seventh annual "Fun Fair" on

"Family events will include a cake walk, pop ring toss, face painting, cash cube, carnival-type games, hospital room, fortune-telling and more.

Fortune-telling is NOT something I would want at a public school family event and is not something I would expose my children to. Last time I checked, my Bible said to avoid those type of things

> **Douglas Tomayko** Canton

One easy answer

Contrary to the recent indictment of radicalism leveled at Obama by Newt Gingrich, congressional ethics violator and one who philandered while his thenwife's body burned with cancer, the president and the Democratic Party are not moving substantively to the left.

Since Reagan, the wealthy minority with their corporatist agenda has used their growing money, power and influence to move the country dramatically to the right. That is why, curiously, Justice John Paul Stevens, a self-professed moderate conservative who denies that he has changed, appointed by that "wild-eyed radical" Gerald Ford, is now considered the foremost liberal on the current Supreme Court. Using Stevens as a representative benchmark we have obviously regressed to the right. Consequently, today we are re-litigating much of the past (some of it being the distant past) almost on a

daily basis.

Is Obama as radical as Nixon, Ford, Bush 1, Bush 2 or even Reagan? What about Romney of the Mitt variety? It has become quite apparent that the radical right of America (radical since no other right seems to exist) again has proved to have been "for" much of President Obama's agenda "before they were against it," much like Sarah Palin and the bridge to nowhere.

Is it that the whole is greater than the sum of the not so radical component parts, many of which were Republican ideas if not policies, or the black wrapping paper that it comes in that has allowed the right to succeed again at getting many members of the white working class and working poor as well as the retired of either stripe, to campaign against self-interest by calling for resistance, repeal and shouting 'hell, no" essentially to themselves?

In promotion of the fallacious notion of Obama's radicalism, conservative organizations like the NRA as well as the many Tea Party groups have been successful at convincing their adherents and others looking for an excuse (like the Hutaree) that Obama and the legions of the "world government" are coming for their guns and or "their country." Logically, the NRA as well as the Tea Partiers and other seekers of liberty should be commending President Obama for his lack of action on gun control that has earned him a failing grade from the Brady foundation rather than tacitly encouraging greater activism of the not so peaceful variety.

Obama has deftly disarmed the NRA by not touching gun control, laying bare the fact that it is not all about the guns. Tea-based malcontents, on the other hand, continue to exhibit considerable difficulty enumerating all the "liberties" that they have lost because of Obama, sounding much like Porky Pig when called upon to do so. For Gingrich and other spokespersons of the right who are the purveyors of misinformation, is it all about country or does the party come first? Unfortunately, the answer to that question is way too

> Mitch Smith Canton

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Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Wayne are lucky! This coming November, voters will be asked to vote for an outstanding woman to represent the Michigan House of Representatives 20th District in Lansing.

Joan Wadsworth is a resident of Northville and someone whom I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with for over 20 years. Joan and I served on the Northville school board together and I know Joan to have a high intelligence, a deep caring for all people, an ability to seek out and listen to all sides of an issue and a very large desire to compromise to reach action desirable by all parties.

That last trait alone: the ability to compromise to reach action, is sorely needed in statewide government today.

Please check out Joan's Web site: www.joanwadsworth.com, or attend the Campaign Kickoff on Friday, April 16, from 6-8 p.m., at Station 885 in Plymouth to learn more about Joan Wadsworth.

We need Joan's thoughtful, energetic presence in Lansing. We are lucky to have her willingness to serve us.

> Martha Nield Northville

Molly Wallace and

Ryan Bardusch in

Taking on the Bard

Actors tackle Shakespeare in spring comedy

Canton High School senior John Peck never even considered drama as a vocation until his junior year and, even after joining the drama curriculum at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Peck couldn't get over his nerves long enough to try out for a production.

Peck, an 18-year-old from Canton, joins a

dozen actors in the cast of The Complete Works of William Shakespeare

(Abridged), which plays TAKING THE STAGE at Canton High School's What: Second DuBois Little Theater Stage Players' starting April 22. It'll be the senior's first appear-Production, 'The ance on stage since join-Complete Works of ing the program after a William Shakespeare junior-year discussion (Abridged)' with Second Stage When: 7 p.m. April 22founder and teacher

24 and April 30-May 1 Shannon McNutt. "I didn't try out before Where: DuBois Little because I was so ner-Theater, Canton High vous, (but) I figured School it's my senior year and Cost: \$10; tickets I better try out," Peck available by calling said. "It's been a lot (734) 416-7514; at of fun. It's been highlunchtimes in the energy and it has pretty Canton High School much kicked my butt, but it's been well worth lobby; from Second all the energy we've put Stage Players mem-

into it." The show takes a humorous look at all of Shakespeare's works,

using a 13-actor cast to perform a play originally written for three. The play is a favorite of stage manager Katina Donoghue, an 18-yearold Plymouth High School senior, who pushed McNutt and Katelyn Sigworth, who is directing, to put the show on.

bers; or at the door

"It's really funny, and I love Shakespeare," said Donoghue, who plans to pursue a career in stage management at either the University of Cincinnati or Columbia College in Chicago. "It's a great opportunity for people to see Shakespeare in a whole new light."

Sigworth, a 2003 Canton High School graduate who spent four years in the theater program in high school, will be directing her first Second Stage Players production (she has directed for other troupes). It's her third show working with Second Stage actors, whom she has come to trust and enjoy.

She made the decision to move from 12 to



Cory Thomas is Hamlet.



Molly Wallace and Bryanna Lahr in Hamlet.

13 actors when understudy Meg Larson made such a huge impression Sigworth decided to add her to the cast

"The parts would be too much for three people to handle," Sigworth said, explaining the decision to expand the cast. "We also wanted to give as many opportunities as possible to as many actors as we could."

The cast and 10-member crew have been rehearsing since early January. But as winter moved into spring, Sigworth said, one of the challenges - aside from resources - has been keeping the actors' eyes on the prize.

"Keeping the focus is difficult, especially when the weather gets nice, and people are taking vacations," said Sigworth, who owns a degree in theater studies from the University of Michigan. "But they're talented enough that they don't get distracted too easily."

The larger cast - "I like that it's an ensemble production," Sigworth said - allows actors the freedom to inject their own personalities into the show (a trait McNutt encourages). That works well for 18-year-old Plymouth High it's a comedy," Sigworth noted. "We all brought School senior Molly Wallace, who said the play appeals to her for a lot of reasons.

I get to drown, I get to throw water on

myself, I get to spit water at the audience and I die a dramatic death," said Wallace, who plays Ophelia in the Hamlet portion of the play. "I haven't once been told to tone it down.

Cory Thomas' biggest role in the play also

comes when the cast takes on Hamlet, because he gets to play, well, Hamlet. In the context of the play, Thomas' character has to act as if he's totally uninterested in playing Shakespeare's best-known character. The fact the play is a comedy also puts pressure on Thomas. 'Hamlet is such an important play to me, and

it's had such an affect on me, it's hard not to play it serious," said Thomas, a 17-year-old Canton High School student. "The hardest thing is pretending I don't want to play Hamlet, because it's like every actor's dream role.' Those kinds of comedic touches are what

Sigworth said ultimately make this a great show. The posters for the show are very dramatic, but our own senses of humor into it. It's really silly."

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After hammering two homers during Canton's recent Ohio trip, Joe Galanty (No. 18) hit his third of the young season Monday against Salem.

Chiefs, Galanty stay hot

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Picking up where he left off in Ohio, Canton senior first baseman Joe Galanty smoked his third home run in four games as the Chiefs rolled to an 8-0 win Monday over host

Galanty sent a high, soaring drive over the 350-foot mark in left to give the Chiefs a quick 2-0 lead against Salem senior pitcher Mike Weingrot.

That turned out to be plenty for Canton starting (and winning) pitcher Andrew Tidwell and Kevin Delapaz, who pitched the final two

The seniors allowed just four hits, two off the bat of Salem center fielder Brad Trublowski.

"Tidwell did a real nice job," said Canton head coach Mark Blomshield, whose team improved to 3-1 with the non-divisional victory. "And we swung the bats well. For it being the early season in April, we're happy with the way things are looking right now."

Meanwhile, Salem head coach Dale Rumberger had no comment following the contest. The Rocks dropped to 1-3.

Canton added two runs in the second for a 4-0 lead thanks to runscoring hits by junior shortstop Chris Perkovich and junior catcher Seth Tschetter.

Perkovich ripped his second RBI double in two at bats to key a fourrun surge in the fourth to finish the day's scoring

A sacrifice fly to center by Delapaz and a run-scoring single by senior third baseman Cody Blakita capped

Scoring two runs each for Canton were senior designated hitter Carter Staffeld and sophomore second baseman Ryan Bazner.

STILL ON FIRE

From start to finish against their campus rivals, the Chiefs were razor sharp Monday. Perhaps Galanty was the sharpest of them all with his third round-tripper of the year.

Galanty had connected twice during Canton's three-game swing in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area on Friday and Saturday. The Chiefs lost to Oak Hills before bouncing back with 9-7 and 8-7 wins Saturday, against Colerain and Milford (Ohio), respectively.

"He (Galanty) hit two on Saturday and one today," said Blomshield. Obviously that production in the four hole with guys on base, we're happy about that.

"He worked really hard during the off-season and he's getting what he deserved. The payoff's right now."

According to Galanty, the hours hitting off a tee in his basement during the off-season helped him with his technique and he subsequently fine-tuned his timing.

T've been able to hit it far before, but I haven't really been able to hit it over the fence in a game in a long time (except) BP and stuff," Galanty said. "But I'm finally catching up. ... I want to keep it up throughout the season, work harder so I don't peak early and drop off."

Galanty said the trip to Ohio wasn't just an on-field success.

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GAME WRAPS

Girls soccer

SALEM 3, CHURCHILL 0: Coming out strong Tuesday night, the host Rocks blanked Livonia Churchill to improve to 3-0.

Gina Goble scored twice with Kristina Klusek also finding the back of the Chargers' goal. Drawing one assist each for Salem were Katelynn Krause, Emily Lundh and Lindsey Newton while Jamie Hunley made



Salem's Kaylyn Brzys (No. 3) controls play during Tuesday's win over Churchill.

five saves for her second

"Our back line was solid not giving up many quality chances on goal," said Salem head coach Joe Nora. "And when we did, Jamie was there to make the save."

Midfielders controlled the pace, with forwards managing to take advantage of their opportunities, he said.

Girls track and field PLYMOUTH 79, CANTON 58: On

Tuesday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the Wildcats defeated Canton in a dual meet featuring Madi Lewis breaking the Plymouth school record in the 100-meter hurdles. She finished the event in first place with a time of 17.69 seconds. For meet results, please turn to B2.

Boys baseball

SOUTH LYON 4, PLYMOUTH 1: Only junior Mike Nadratowski and sophomore Rich Guglielmi managed hits in Monday's KLAA crossover loss to host South Lyon, dropping the Wildcats to 1-2

Nadratowski also scored Plymouth's only run (on a the Wildcats, blanking the Lions through four innings before giving up a four-spot in the fifth.

Taking over and finishing up on the mound was senior Jackson Burdette (O runs in 1 /s innings)

Plymouth head coach Bryan Boyd said both pitchers did a solid job but "we

just didn't hit today. He cited a key defensive play for helping keep Plymouth close, as Matt Priebe's relay of a throw from Tyler Goble nailed a runner

at the plate.
LENAWEE CHRISTIAN 4, PCA 1: After a first-inning, RBI sin-

gle by Ethan Walker scored Daniel Slater put Plymouth Christian up 1-0 on Monday, the offense fizzled in a MIAC contest.

The Eagles collected just three hits, with a single from Matt Dodson and double from Matt Hagelin the only other safeties.

Taking the loss was starting pitcher Walker, who gave up three earned runs in five innings while walking eight and fanning five.

Please see WRAPS, B2

Victory displays PCA strengths

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For Plymouth Christian to have a successful girls soccer season, players will need to battle for the ball, make clean, crisp transitional passes and then stretch the field against opponents.

First-year Eagles head coach Miki Djerisilo, an indoor soccer professional who played for the defunct Detroit Ignition, enjoyed how the team did those things in Monday's 3-0 victory over visiting Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

We dominated the sec Djerisilo said. "We spread the ball and moved it around well." Three goals after the halftime break enabled PCA to improve to 2-0 on the season going into Tuesday's contest at Huron Valley.

Earning the shutout was junior goal-SOCCER PREVIEW keeper Brianna Harris, described by the coach as "one of our leaders, she's always talking to the defense.

Plymouth Reign Soccer Club, one of the players for Michigan Independent Athletic Conference teams to watch is sophomore forward Rachel Zandee (who opened the scoring Monday).

According to Djerisilo, also director of coaching at the

"Rachel Zandee is pretty fast and quick," he said. "She has a pretty good skill level.

Another potentially productive forward is freshman Kendall Groenewoud (who can also play midfield).

YOUTH WILL BE SERVED

Meanwhile, the Eagles boast some strong players at the midfield position including freshman Jenna Abraham (who put in her own rebound for PCA's second goal Monday)

Dominant in the back against Lutheran Northwest was freshman Lauren Paulson, perhaps a sign of things to come. PCA's lone senior is stopper Ariel Rock, with outside midfielder Hannah Williams and center-mid Anette Somercik the

only juniors. Other than that, the new coach has a raft of freshmen and sophomores to mold into a competitive squad.

I already see confidence in them, they're already thinking 'We're going to win," he said, emphasizing that his main job as coach is their development.

Rounding out the PCA roster are sophomores Sarah Howard (stopper/outside-mid), Leah Manning (center defender), Jessica Rich (outside-mid), Hayley Wright (right defender) and freshmen Bethany Bucher (outside-mid) and Abigail Aitken (left defender).

2010 SOFTBALL PREVIEW - PT. 2

Rocks want more

Salem eyes third straight softball crown

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's first foray into the newly formed Kensington Lakes Activities Association was as good as it could be, with the Rocks winning

the first KLAA softball title. Many of those players are back as Salem tries to repeat. But head coach Bonnie Southerland

whose team opened 2010 with Wednesday's doubleheader against South Lyon East — is trying to keep those returnees on an even keel. She knows other teams in the KLAA won't

be rolling over just because Salem is intent on another championship. We know it's not going to be easy this sea-

son." Southerland said. "What I can tell you is, the girls would like nothing more than a threepeat in the conference.'

Salem also won in 2008, the final season of the Western Lakes Activities Association (which then became the KLAA last year).

We are really looking forward to this season," she said. "But we will have some serious goals to reach. The teams of the past have set the bar very high."

The Rocks went 25-11 overall in 2009, including 12-4 in the KLAA Central and 16-7 in the conference.

Right off the hop, Southerland knows there are four huge voids to fill entering the season. Co-captain outfielder Christina Parsons and

catcher Emily Pitcole (both four-year varsity players) graduated and are now playing in college. Also graduating were three-year players Mary Cox (shortstop) and outfielder Emily

But Southerland still has a solid group of returnees, led by fourth-year varsity player

Mary Johnson who will move from left-field to



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

One of Salem's returning 1-2 pitching duo is Heidi Schmidt, shown in this 2009 game. Schmidt and Briana Lee give the Rocks a formidable tandem.

RETURNING TALENT

"Mary has a lot of knowledge, covers a lot of ground and should fit right without a blink, Southerland said. "She's our veteran outfielder, loves to dive and make that spectacular play.

Flanking Johnson will be returning senior Amanda Dewyer and junior Samantha

Dewyer is a speedster who covers a lot of

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Alysson Kassab John Glenn



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Samantha Maxwell Farm.-Harrison



Stephani O'Harris



Natalle Brown



Karla Ziemba Farm.-Harrison



Bridget Moricz Clarenceville



PCA head coach Joe Bottorff said Eagles center-fielder Josh Johnston made several brilliant

Boys track and field

EMU RELAYS: On Saturday, Plymouth's boys track and field team placed third out of 12 teams at the EMU Indoor Invitational, which Wildcats head coach Jon Mikosz said was a "great tune-up" for Tuesday's dual meet against

Canton. The undisputed highlight for Plymouth was junior thrower Kyle Brindza, who set a new school record in the shot put with a second-place toss of 52-

feet, 2-inches Running an impressive one-mile run (4:27) was Matt Neumann, automatically qualifying for the state meet in the process. Neumann took second

in that event. Enjoying a personal best along with a second-place finish in the high jump was Pawan Dhaliwal

Mikosz added that solid races were registered by Jalen Woolridge (3rd, 400 dash, 53.5 seconds) and Brandon Piligian (3rd, 60-meter high hurdles, 8:51) with other top-10 showings by Andy Bihn (4th, pole vault, 11-0), Alex Ruffin (4th, long jump, 19-11 and 6th, 60 hurdles, 7.47), Justin Heck (5th, 800 run, 2:05) and Joe Porcari (7th, 3200 run,

Women's softball

MADONNA 3-6, AQUINAS 0-0: Junior sweep of host Aquinas College in a double-header played at Grand Rapids Northview High

21 Crusaders improved to 21-6 overall and 5-1 in the Wolverine-

- to improve to 12-2 on the year

set down 18 of the next 19 hitters

Irwin struck out 16 and allowed just two runners to reach base - both via the walk

and Kelly Lesko each collected (Garden City/Dearborn Divine Child) and Lesko each contributed an RBI.

safety by Scero, the Crusaders' attack featured two RBIs from Shay and single RBIs from Sidor and Minch.

Girls bowlers enjoy much success in '09-10

FIRST-TEAM

Alysson Kassab, Sr., Westland Glenn: The four-year varsity starter and team captain paced the Rockets to MHSAA Division 1 team quarterfinals and a third-place finish at the regional.

Kassab, the Rockets' MVP. was also a state singles qualifier for the second straight year finishing 20th in the qualifying block with a six-game total of 1.086.

She was regional runnerup and individual champion of the KLAA Kensington Conference and Plymouth-

Salem-Canton Tournament. Kassab went 23-6 in match games and earned All-KLAA and second-team All-State honors in Division 1.

"Allyson set all new school records with a 192 average, 266 high game and 466 series," Glenn coach Jim Bowles said. "She also helped us break a number of team records including high Baker game (220), Baker series (409), and average.

Samantha Maxwell, Soph., Farm.-Harrison: Maxwell is a two-time state qualifier who led her team to a Division 1 qualifying berth and a secondplace finish in the OAA. As the anchor bowler, Maxwell had a season average of 182.14, and she was fifth in her regional with a 199.8 averaged. She had a high game of 236 and was All-OAA first team with a 190 average. Maxwell was voted team MVP by her teammates.

'She's one of the most com-

2009-10 ALL-OBSERVER **GIRLS BOWLING**

FIRST TEAM Alysson Kassab, Sr., Westland Glenn Samantha Maxwell, Soph., Farm. Harrison Stephani O'Harris, Jr., Wayne Memorial Natalie Brown, Sr., Westland Glenn Karla Ziemba, Sr., Farm.-Harrison Bridget Moricz, Soph., Liv. Clarenceville

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COACH OF THE YEAR HONORABLE MENTION Salem: Kristin Peltz; John Glenn: Khiry Sparks; Mercy: Jasmine Wehr; Canton: Charlotte Zimmer; N. Farmington: Emily Mesner, Carolyn Wooden; Farmington-

Harrison: Wendy Miller, Melissa King.

petitive young ladies I've had the chance to coach," coach Dennis Hermani said. "She had a fantastic season for us. She anchored us as a junior; it was a role she asked to have. When we bowled Clarkston, she bowled their best girl who was a state qualifier and beat her both times heads-up.

"Samantha puts in an exorbitant amount of time on her own outside of practice, working on her game. I expect her to be our first three-time state qualifier. We've never had a kid do that, but she has that kind of talent."

Stephani O'Harris, Jr., Wayne: The junior placed fourth at the Division 1 regional with a Come back to the Sunday Observer for the All-Area boys bowling team.

1,079 six-game set and placed 41st overall in the state singles qualifying block.

During the regular season, O'Harris averaged 170.43 in 28 games with a high of 234. She was third in individual match points in the KLAA Central with 19.

Stephani always started for us in the few tournaments we had," Wayne coach Traci Skye said. "She was very good team player, always supportive of teammates, both in match and tournament play. She got better as year went along and always had a good attitude. She's an all-around great player. We're glad to have her on team and glad to have her back next year with her talent and experience.

Natalie Brown, Sr., Westland Glenn: The senior and two-year varsity starter was a Division 1 state qualifier finishing 37th in the qualifying block after a fifth place at the regional.

Brown took a sixth in singles with a high game of 258 at the Wayne County Invitational and added a seventh at the Ladywood Holiday Tournament. She also placed 12th in the Clarenceville Open Doubles event.

Brown averaged 166 overall and had a high two-game series of 441. She also helped Glenn to team records with a 220 Baker game and a 409 two-game Baker set.

"Natalie had a breakout senior season," Bowles said. "She was second on the team in average, game and series. Natalie let her bowling do the talking, finishing in the top ten in individual score in over half the tournaments this sea-

Karla Ziemba, Sr., Farm.-Harrison: Ziemba won the Oakland County championship by shooting a 656 series for a 218.6 average. She carried a season average of 180.15. She had a high game of 268 and a high series of 471 for a 235.5 average. A four-year varsity regular, Ziemba also was instrumental in Farmington-Harrison qualifying for the

"She really learned how to battle adversity well this year," coach Hermani said. "She followed up what was probably her worst day versus Lake Orion by a couple days later winning the Oakland County championship. That tells you a lot about her resiliency and toughness.

state team tournament.

Karla averaged 134 against Lake Orion and averaged 219 two days later to win the county tournament. She can bounce back; she's tough. She just goes back to her old self."

Bridget Moricz, Soph., Liv. Clarenceville: The sophomore was runner-up in the Division 3 singles regional with an sixgame set 1,153 as the Trojans also qualified with a third place in the team regional.

Moricz placed 21st in the state singles qualifying block with a 1,076 total including a high game of 214. She averaged 184.4 during the season.

In the Clarenceville Open Doubles Tournament, Moricz posted a high series with a 715 on games of 243-215-257 en route to a runner-up finish with teammate Amber Cummins.

Against Salem, Moricz posted a season-best high series of 496 on games of 262 and 234.

"Being a sophomore, and with potential she's displayed over the past two years, I would not surprise me that she'd be a state singles champ over the next two years,' Clarenceville coach Phil Horowitz said. "She practices a lot and takes the game seriously. She tries to make corrections when you're helping her out and that's a reason why she is excelling.

COACH OF THE YEAR Dennis Hermani, Farmington-Harrison: Under the direction of Hermani, the girls team qualified for the first time for the state team tournament, and it was the runner-up in the Oakland Activities Association and the Oakland County tournament. Farmington-Harrison beat OAA champion Royal Oak, 21-9, but two close losses early in the season prevented it from winning back-to-back

"It's always nice to be recognized as an individual," Hermani said, but he added it's all the people behind the scene who support the team and bowlers who deserve the real credit.

"I would not be in this position without our assistant coach, Mike Clarahan, and the folks at Country Lanes and the pro shop there with Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullen who work with me and our kids, increasing their skill set.

The majority of the credit goes to the kids and assistant coach and ladies at the pro shop. I pretty much get to sign the score sheet at the end of the day. I get to enjoy the finished product."

Jess Irwin threw the eighth nohitter of her career Saturday to highlight Madonna University's With the two wins, the No.

Hoosier Athletic Conference.

as MU captured the opener, 3-0. After allowing a two-out walk in the first, the Monroe native

Cat Sidor (Livonia Churchill) two hits in the win. Ashley Shay

In the nightcap, Canton's Brittney Scero ripped an RBI single to back the shutout pitching of Garden City alum Hallie Minch. Minch (9-4) tossed a two-hit, complete game shutout in a 6-0 win over the Saints (16-11, 4-2).

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SOFTBALL

ground while Maksimovic brings a tireless work ethic to the outfield. Also vying for playing time is power-hitting junior Katie Kinney, a newcomer to the Rocks.

The Rocks will heavily rely on juniors (all third-year starters) Heidi Schmidt, Kelli Janiczek, Lizzy Mazorowicz and Briana Lee to help in the quest for another championship. All are household names as far as Salem's softball program is concerned.

Schmidt will play shortstop, although she is talented and versatile enough to play any spot on the field.

"Heidi has a great arm, range and she will be our backup pitcher as well," the coach

Janiczek and Mazorowicz, both co-captains, are slated to start at first base and second base, respectively.

"Kelli continues to fine tune every part of her game, Southerland said. "She is a leader on the field.

Janiczek also will get playing time at catcher, to take advantage of her strong arm and

"great bunt coverage. As for Mazorowicz, she is described as "quick and fearless. She takes away the big plays and is a smart player.

DOUBLE PLAY COMBO

According to the coach, the smooth double play combo of Mazorowicz and Schmidt will be a strong one.

Their defense undoubtedly

will help another junior with a huge role to play - No. 1 pitcher Lee, who was All-Region as a sophomore and could continue on a record-setting pace.

"She leaves the batters standing in the box with her ability to read them, stunning speed and change in pitches, Southerland said.

Sophomore starting catcher Alexis Powell works very well with Lee, being able to block balls in the dirt and throw to any base.

She (Powell) reads the field, is extremely vocal and will be calling the pitches, Southerland said. "Bri and Alexis also have a lot of experience working together in the past which showed last year and will continue this season."

Sophomore Brianna Berberet is working on becoming the regular third baseman, taking over the slot vacated when Schmidt moved to short.

Another sophomore trying hard to get into the lineup is Jennifer First, who can play either first base or the outfield and swings a good bat.

A trio of freshmen will be part of the roster, including Mary Johnson's younger sister Megan.

Megan Johnson "has been working hard and has strengths in both the infield and outfield with second and third being her strong points.

Katie Meade ('09 grad Emily Meade's sister) and Lexy Epley are the other ninth-graders. Both are versatile enough to play anywhere Southerland wants them to.

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"It was great for team bonding," Galanty said, "We're already a close team, there's a lot of seniors on this team, a lot of juniors too."

Another noteworthy performer for Canton in the early season is Blakita, whose pinchhit double lifted the Chiefs to the victory over Milford.

Blakita hadn't been penciled in to play the Milford game because he was busy taking a standardized test, the coach

"We were down and I told Cody to get dressed because I might need him to pinch hit," Blomshield said. "With a guy on second he hit a double off the fence.

"He's hitting the ball pretty good, Joey's hitting well. I'm real happy with our offensive production.

Blomshield said he expected pitching and defense to be the calling cards for his team, so the solid hitting has been a

"Usually pitching dominates in Michigan early on," he explained. "Hopefully, that's a

Wildcats baseball clinic

The Plymouth Wildcats

Youth Baseball Clinic is set

to take place 9:30 a.m. to

3:30 p.m. Saturday, May

1 for youngsters in grades

3-8. Weather permitting,

the camp will be outside at

the Plymouth High School

ing, it will be moved to the

Baseball Complex. If it is rain-



With a dive. Salem's Brad Trublowski beats a throw to first base during Monday's KLAA baseball opener against Canton. Trublowski, with two hits, was one of the Rocks few bright spots.

sign of things to come. We've got to keep going and not get complacent.

Canton squared off Wednesday against Wayne Memorial in a KLAA South game that took place after this issue of the Observer went to press.

Salem goes 1-2 in Ohio

Meanwhile, the Rocks went 1-2 during their trip to the Cincinnati, Ohio, vicinity.

The opener was promising, as Salem pounded out 12 hits for a 11-7 victory over Chaminade.

Chris Kordick was the win-

ning pitcher, allowing just three hits over five innings and helped his own cause with three hits of his own, driving in two runs.

Senior catcher Nick Leventis chipped in with two hits, including an inside-the-park home run. Driving in three runs was senior Tate Theisen.

But the wheels then fell off, with lopsided losses of 7-1 loss to Chaminade and 8-1 to Cincinnati Milford. Knocking in Salem's lone run in each game was Kordick.

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CAMPS AND CLINICS

from 2010 Wildcats coaches

and players. Canton girls hoops camp

Canton's state semifinalists will be on hand for the upcoming Canton Girls Basketball Camp, set from June 7-10 at the high school gym. The fee is \$60. For more information on how to sign up for Course No. 156, please call (734) 416-2937.

Head coach Brian Samulski

and his staff will work with prospective future players. Helping out will be team members, who reached the Final Four this season.

Michigan Dragons hoops

Parents, it's that time again to register your 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grader for summer basketball. Go to michigandragons.com and register. The registration period ends on April 16.

PREP TRACK AND FIELD

BOYS RESULTS SALEM 70 LIVONIA STEVENSON 67 April 13 at PCEP

April 13 at PCEP
Shot put: Dana Baltazar (Salem), 50 feet, 4
Inches; discus: Jon Anced (LS), 134-22 high jump:
Zachary Gaskell (Salem), 6-2; long jump; Wil
Burek (LS), 19-45; pole vault: Krutty (Salem), 12-0;
110-meter hurdles: 0'Connor (Salem), 16-29; 300
hurdles: 0'Connor (Salem), 40-98; 100 dash: John
Pauley (LS), 11,56; 200; Anderson (Salem), 23-46;
400; Gaskell (Salem), 6-38, 800; Maskin (Salem) 400: Gaskell (Salem), 50.84; 800: Martin (Salem), 1;59.87; 1,600: John Lynch (LS), 4;51.41; 3,200: Joe Urso (LS), 10:35.24; **400 relay**: Stevenson (Pauley, Adam Duncan, Jon Gudeman, Alex Law), 44.89; **800 relay**: Stevenson (Law, Pat Smith, Stephen Pollard, Matt Williams), 1:33.66; 1,600 relay: Salem, 3:27.3; 3,200 relay: Stevenson (Urso, Travis Gosselin, Scott Brewer, Adam Chludzinski), 8:34,08.

Dual meet records: Salem, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 0-1 overall, 0-1

GIRLS RESULTS PLYMOUTH 79, CANTON 58 April 13 at PCEP

Shot put: Isis Haywood (Plymouth), 26-feet, 9.5-inches: Jess Bihn (P), 24-3, Lydia Plencner (P) Z-9 discus: Haywood (P), 79-11; Bihn (P), 76-9; Kali (Canton), 62-3; high jump; L, Lipa (C), 4-10; T, Bradley (C), 4-8; Taylor Reickhoff (P), 4-3; long jump; Becka Knox (P), 15-1,5; M, Lu (C), 14-7,75; P. Winans (C), 14-1,5; pole vault; Jane McCurry (P), record; G. Williams (C), 20.03; Jenna Hamed (P), 20.35, **300 hurdles**: Williams (C), 54.8; M. Mika (C), 55.5; Hamed (P), 56.6; **100 dash**: Lipa (C), 13.4; Russell (P), 13.7; C. Bradley (C), 13.8; **200**: Lewis (P), 26.3; Russell (P), 27.7; C. Bradley (C), 29.3; **400:** B, Swanberg (C), 1:03.3; Knox (P), 1:03.5; Lipa (C), 1:03.6; **800:** Kelly Hahn (P), 2:43.1; K. Grimes (C), 2:48.8; Jordyn Strahm (P), 2:50.9; **1,600**; B. Kubicki (C), 5:47; Nicole Traitses (P), 5:48; Grimes (C), 6:09; **3,200**; Kubicki (C), 11:53.8; Traitses (P), 12:45.3; Kyra Neumann (P), 14:02.6; **400 relay:** Canton, 56.2; Plymouth, 56.9; **800 relay:** Plymouth (Rachael Burnard, Lewis, Knox, Russell), 1:50.4; Canton, 1:59.7; **1,600 relay:** Plymouth (Lewis, Knox Carissa Buttermore, Rachael Hille), 4:18.3; Canton, 4:34.5; 3,200 relay: Plymouth (Hille, Neumann, Dual meet records: Plymouth, 1-0 overall,

SALEM 74, LIVONIA STEVENSON 63

April 13 at PCEP
Shot put: Hendrian (Salem), 28 feet, 3 inches;
discus: Kayla Branton (LS), 96-2; high jump;
Monika Rudis (LS), 4-10; long jump; (fie) Jordan
Verleye (LS) and Klusek (Salem), 14-3,5 each; pole
vault: Paruta (Salem), 7-6; 100-meter hurdles;
Becky Adamcheck (LS), 17,5; 300 hurdles; Marci
Kovsky (LS), 52,7; 100 dash: Deja Wright (Salem), 131; 200; Winth (Salem), 77; 200; Adamcheck 13.1; **200**: Wright (Salem), 27.7; **400**: Adamcheck (LS), 59.9; **800**: Victoria Tripp (Salem), 2;37.4; 1,600: Moore (Salem), 5:47.2; 3,200: Tripp (Salem) 12:23.7; 400 relay: Salem, 53.9; 800 relay: Stevenson (Erin Erickson, Verleye, Stephanie Batshon, Adamcheck), 1:53.6; **1,600 relay:** Stevenson (Verleye, Batshon, Brenna Gabrielson, Adamcheck), 4:21.7; **3,200 relay**: Salem, 10:38.2.

Dual meet records: Salem, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central; Stevenson, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA

April 13 at Plymouth

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

No. 1 singles: Paige Fallu (LC) deleated Sarah Mitchell, 6-2, 6-1 No. 2: Nicole Kruse (LC) del. Priya def. Ani Cooper, 6-2, 6-3; No. 4: Mara Karagoezian (LC) def. Kirthi Duraiswamy, 7-5, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Val Rose-Kristi Walker (LC)

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 6

def. Allison Santori-Lauren Jeong, 6-0, 6-1, **No. 2**: Quincy Banini-Nikki Fata (LC) def. Kayla Griffey Britta Swanson, 6-2, 6-1, **No. 3:** Caitlin Griffith-Jayde Schultz (LC) def. Andrea Haidar-Brittany Rose, 6-5 (default): No. 4: Lulia Fratila-Annie No. 5: Jahnyi Patel-Mariah Tesarz (P) def Lauren

Plymouth's dual match record: 0-1 overall,

NORTHVILLE 9 April 13 at Salem

No. 1 singles: Joanne Weber (N) defeated Allie Carpenter (S), 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Erin Doud (N) def. Morgan Spencer, 6-2, 6-1; No. 4; Mackenzie Powers

No. 1 doubles: Laura Taylor-Caiti Darish (N)

No. 2: Amy Bernstein-Jenna Grezlik (N) det. Ashley Walker-Mallory Rojo, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Ali Weaver-Jackie Kjolhede (N) def. Olivia Gonzalez Sarah Bellaire, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Megan Foland Spaulding, 6-0, 6-1, No. 5: Elizabeth Sakorafis-Ria

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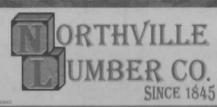
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CITY OF PLYMOUTH **ORDINANCE #2010-02**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS.

Section 1 The City of Plymouth Ordains:

Section 78, "Zoning" in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended by adding the following described text revisions

Section 2 Add Definitions Article II - Section 78-21

Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS) shall mean any device such as a wind charger, windmill, or wind turbine that converts wind energy to a form of usable energy.

- Private WECS shall mean any WECS that is accessory to a principal use located on the same lot, and is designed and built to serve the needs of the principal use.
- Commercial WECS shall mean any WECS that is designed and built to provide electricity primarily to the electric utility's power grid.

Section 3 Modify Accessory Use Definition - Section 78-21

Accessory Use or Accessory means a use which is clearly incidental to, customarily found in connection with, and located on the same zoning lot, unless otherwise specified, as the principal use to which it is related. When the word "accessory" is used in this text, it shall have the same meaning as accessory use. An accessory use includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Garages, storage sheds, radio/television antennae
- Residential accommodations for servants and/or caretakers.
- Outdoor swimming pools, hot tubs and saunas for the use of the occupants of a residence, or their
- Domestic or agricultural storage in a barn, shed, tool room or similar accessory building or other
- A newsstand primarily for the convenience of the occupants of a building, which is located wholly within such building and has no exterior signs or displays.
- Storage of merchandise normally carried in stock in connection with a business or industrial use, unless such storage is excluded in the applicable district regulations.
- Storage of goods used in or produced by industrial uses or related activities, unless such storage is excluded in the applicable district regulations.
- Accessory off-street parking spaces, open or enclosed, subject to the accessory off-street parking regulations for the district in which the zoning lot is located.
- Uses clearly incidental to a main use such as but not limited to: offices of an industrial or commercial complex located on the site of the commercial or industrial complex.
- Accessory off-street loading, subject to the off-street loading regulations for the district in which the zoning lot is located.
- Accessory signs, subject to the sign regulations for the district in which the zoning lot is located.
- Common household gardening in a residential district when located only in the rear yard and/or non-required side yard areas. For purposes of this chapter, common household gardening shall include the growing of fruits and vegetables for consumption solely by members of the family residing in the dwelling unit located on the same zoning lot.
- Solar panels, wind generators, private wind energy conversion systems, television reception antennas and air conditioning units, and satellite dish antennas.

Section 4 Modify Section 78-260

Section 78-260 Regulations.

Accessory buildings, structures, and uses except as otherwise permitted in this chapter, shall be subject to the following regulations:

- Where the accessory building is structurally attached to a main building, it shall be subject to, and must conform to, all regulations of this chapter applicable to the main building.
- No detached accessory building shall be located closer than ten (10) feet to any main building.
- (3) An accessory building shall not be erected in any front or required yard except as allowed by this
- (4) No accessory building, structure or use in residential districts shall be occupied or utilized unless the principal structure to which it is accessory is occupied or utilized. No accessory building, structure or use may be placed on a lot without a principal building, structure or use.
- An accessory structure may be occupiable as defined and regulated by this chapter. An accessory structure shall not, however, be habitable as further defined in Section 78-21
- An accessory structure which is occupiable shall meet the same setback requirements as a primary structure as listed within the city's schedule of regulations and contained within Section 78-190 of this chapter.
- The height of the accessory structure having a dormer which occupies ten (10%) percent or more of the total roof area, shall be determined by measuring the average height between the eaves and the ridge of the dormer.
- sory buildings, structures and uses combined shall cover no more than thirty-five percent (35%) of any rear yard
- The height of the accessory structure having a shed (flat or non-gabled roof) dormer which occupies ten percent (10%) or more of the total roof area, shall be determined by measuring the average height between the eaves and the ridge of the shed (flat or non-gabled roof) dormer.
- No more than two (2) detached accessory buildings in residential districts shall be permitted on
- (11)No detached accessory building in residential districts shall be located closer than three (3) feet to any side or rear lot line. In those instances where the rear lot line is coterminous with an alley right-of-way, the accessory building shall be no closer than one (1) foot to such rear lot line. In no instance shall an accessory structure be located within a dedicated easement right-of-way.
- (12) No detached accessory building in any residential district shall exceed one and a half (1-1/2) stories or fifteen (15) feet in height.
- (13) When an accessory building is located on a corner lot, the side lot line of which is substantially a continuation of the front lot line of the lot to its rear, such building shall not project beyond the front yard line required on the lot in rear of such corner lot. When an accessory building is located on a corner lot the side lot line of which is substantially a continuation of the side lot line of the lot to its rear, such building shall not project beyond the side yard line of the lot in the rear of such
- Accessory buildings within all other nonresidential districts shall comply with applicable setback and height restrictions specified for the zoning district wherein the accessory use or structure is
- Detached accessory buildings shall not be used as habitable space. Sleeping or cooking facilities shall not be permitted within detached accessory buildings.
- (16)Detached accessory structures must be located a minimum of ten (10) feet from the principle
- (17) Private Wind Energy Conversion Systems shall be subject to regulations contained in Section 78-

Section 5 Add Section 78-261 Wind Energy Conversion Systems

- Intent It is the intent of the City of Plymouth to promote the effective and efficient use of Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) by regulating the siting, design, and installation of such systems to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. In no case shall this ordinance guarantee the wind rights or establish access to the wind.
- Approval Required Except where allowed as an accessory use or as a special use as listed in Article XII and XIII, it shall be unlawful to construct, erect, install, alter, or locate any WECS project within the City of Plymouth.
- Accessory Uses Private WECS projects located on lots within the City of Plymouth, and within any zoning district shall be allowed as an accessory use. Accessory Use Private WECS projects shall conform to the regulations of this section, including maximum height and minimum setback
- D. General Standards - The following standards shall apply to all private and commercial wind energy conversion systems in the City of Plymouth:
 - (1) Design Safety Certification. The safety of the design of all private and commercial WECS structures shall be certified by a the manufacturer
 - (2) Controls and Brakes. All private and commercial WECS structures shall be equipped with manual and automatic controls to limit rotation of blades to a speed below the designed limits of the WECS. The manufacturer must certify that the rotor and overspeed control design and fabrication conform to applicable design standards.
 - (3) Setbacks. All private and commercial WECS structures must be setback from property lines at a distance equal to or greater than the height of the structure, measured from the base of

the structure to the highest reach of its blade. This shall include WECS structures attached

- (4) Height. Private WECS structures shall not be greater than forty (40) feet in height. This shall include WECS structures attached to a garage or residential unit. Commercial WECS shall not exceed a height greater than the minimum setback to any property line.
- (5) Interference. All private or commercial WECS structures shall be designed and operated to minimize or mitigate interference with existing electromagnetic communications, such as radio, telephone, microwave or television signals.
- (6) Noise Levels. The noise level for a WECS structure shall comply with the standards set forth in Section 34-89 of the City of Plymouth Code of Ordinances.

Section 6 Modify Article XII I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS

The I-1, Light Industrial District is designed so as to primarily accommodate wholesale activities, warehouses, and industrial operations whose external, physical effects are restricted to the area of the district and only a minimal affect in a detrimental way any of the surrounding districts. The I-1 District is so structured as to permit, along with any specified uses, the manufacturing, compounding, processing, packaging, assembly and/or treatment of finished or semi-finished products from previously prepared material. It is further intended that the processing of raw material for shipment in bulk form, to be used in an industrial operation at another location, is not permitted. Section 78-121

The general goals of the light industrial district include, among others, the following specific purposes:

- To provide sufficient space, in appropriate locations, to meet the needs of the City's expected economy for all types of manufacturing and related uses.
- To protect abutting residential districts by separating them from manufacturing activities, and by prohibiting the use of such industrial areas for new residential development.
- To promote manufacturing development which minimizes the danger of fire, explosions, toxic and noxious matter, radiation and other hazards, and from offensive noise, vibration, smoke, odor and other objectionable influences.
- To protect the most desirable use of land in accordance with a well considered plan. To protect the character and established pattern of adjacent development, and in each area, to conserve the value of land and buildings and other structures, and to protect the City's tax revenue base.

Section 78-122 Principal Uses Permitted.

In a light industrial district, no building or land shall be used and no building shall be erected except for one (1) or more of the following specified uses unless otherwise provided in this chapter.

Permitted Uses

(3)

- Any use charged with the principal function of basic research, design and pilot or experimental product development when conducted within a completely enclosed building.
- Any of the following uses shall be permitted when the manufacturing, compounding or processing is conducted wholly within a completely enclosed building. That portion of land used for open storage facilities for materials or equipment, shall conform to the provisions of Section 78-296.
 - a. The manufacture, compounding, processing, packaging or treatment of such products as, but not limited to: bakery goods, candy, cosmetics, pharmaceutical, toiletries, food products, hardware and cutlery, tool, die, gauge and machine shops.
 - Warehousing and wholesale establishments.
 - The manufacture, compounding, assembling, reassembly, packaging or treatment of articles or merchandise from previously prepared materials.
 - The manufacture of pottery and figurines or other similar ceramic products using only previously pulverized clay and kilns fired only by electricity or gas.
 - Manufacture of instruments, plastics or plastic molded products.
 - Manufacture or assembly of electrical appliances, electronic instruments and devices, radios, and phonographs.
 - Laboratories: experimental, film, testing, or production.
 - Manufacturing and repair of electric or neon signs and light sheet metal products, including heating and ventilating equipment, cornices, eaves and the like.
 - Central dry cleaning plants or laundries provided that such plants shall not deal directly with
 - All public utilities, including buildings, necessary structures, storage yards and other related
- Warehouse, storage and transfer and electric and gas service buildings and yards. Public utility buildings, telephone exchange buildings, electrical transformer stations and substations, and gas regulator stations. Water supply and municipal sewage disposal plants. Water and gas tank holders. Railroad transfer and storage tracks railroad rights-of-way and freight terminals.
- (4) Trucking facilities.
- Storage facilities for building materials, sand, gravel, stone and lumber, and storage of contractor's equipment and supplies, provided such is enclosed within a building or within an obscuring wall, fence or berm on those sides abutting all residential, office or business districts, and on any yard abutting a public thoroughfare. Open storage shall meet the provisions of Section 78-293.
- Mini warehouses and storage buildings for lease to the public including the dwelling and office of a caretaker. Buildings shall be spaced not less than thirty (30) feet apart on those sides having entrance doors.
- Municipal uses such as water treatment plants and reservoirs, sewage treatment plants, and all other municipal buildings and uses, including outdoor storage.
- Greenhouses
- Trade or industrial schools.
- (10) Printing plants and distribution centers.
- (11) Other uses of a similar, and no more objectionable, character to the above uses.
- Accessory buildings and uses customarily incident to any of the above permitted uses.
- Wireless Communication Facilities as permitted on the City Wireless Communication Zoning Map Overlay.

Section 78-123 Special Land Uses Permitted after Review and Approval.

The following uses may be permitted by the Planning Commission subject to Article 23, the review and approval of the site plan by the Planning Commission, and the imposition of special conditions which, in the opinion of the Commission, are necessary to ensure that the land use or activity authorized is compatible with adjacent uses of land, the natural environment and the capacities of public services and facilities affected by the land use, and subject further to a public hearing held in accord with Section 78-

- Major automotive repair facilities when completely enclosed.
- Lumber and planing mills when completely enclosed and when located in the interior of the district so that no property line shall form the exterior boundary of the I-1 District.
- Metal plating, buffing and polishing, subject to appropriate measures to control the type of process to prevent noxious results and/or nuisances
- Uses which serve the convenience needs of the industrial District (such as, but not limited to, eating and drinking establishments, banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, union halls, automobile service stations, motel or bowling alleys) and shall abut a major or secondary thoroughfare.
- (5) Outdoor sales space for sale of new or used automobiles or house trailers subject to the provisions of Section 78-287.
- Commercial kennels when within a completely enclosed building and when located in the interior of the I-1 District so that no property line shall form the exterior boundary of the I-1 District.
- Commercial Wind Energy Systems, subject to Section 78-261.
- Other uses, which in the determination of the Planning Commission, are of a similar character to the above uses

ARTICLE XIII I-2 HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS

Section 78-130 Intent

The I-2, Heavy Industrial District is designed primarily for manufacturing, assembling and fabrication activities including large scale or specialized industrial operations, whose external physical effects will be felt to some degree by surrounding districts. The I-2 District is so structured as to permit the manufacturing, processing and compounding of semi-finished or finished products from raw materials as well as from previously prepared material.

Section 78-131 Principal Uses Permitted.

In a heavy industrial district, no building or land shall be used and no building shall be erected except for one (1) or more of the following specified uses unless otherwise provided in this chapter:

Permitted Uses

Any use charged with the principal function of basic research, design and pilot or experimental product development when conducted within a completely enclosed building. (Continued on Page B7)

Strictly Business

Texas Hold 'Em

Energy firm celebrates its 25th anniversary

Mechanical Energy Systems of Canton, in conjunction with Earth Day weekend, celebrates its 25th anniversary in the solar energy business

Mechanical Energy, the oldest family run solar company in Michigan, hosts the celebration 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at its Canton location, 8130 Canton Center. Visitors will be able to see and touch solar space heating, solar hot water, solar attic fans, solar pool heating and natural daylighting.

According to owner Donna Napolitano, Mechanical Energy Systems focuses on applications that will reduce customers' energy loads and utility bills.

"Improved energy systems increase home comfort and lower bills that means money can be reinvested back into the family, improving all around quality of living standards, Napolitano said. "MES installs, and services up to 98 percent energy efficient heating and cooling products. We also specialize in Solar Hot Water systems that can reduce up to 70 percent of household water heating costs and Hybrid Space Heating further reducing 40 percent of space heating costs."

MES has natural daylighting for the home with tubular skylights, which improve indoor lighting, brighten dark rooms and is proven to lift spirits on gray winter days. The MES solar pool heating system eliminates 100 percent of outdoor pool season heating cost, keeping the pool a warm 84-plus encouraging pool use for a few more months. The "Swim Clear" pool ionizer greatly reduces the need

and hazards of chlorine. MES holds free public workshops once a month assisting individuals to find their



Donna Napolitano, owner of Mechanical Energy Systems in Canton, shows off a hot water tank that uses solar power. The business, awarded the Waste Knot Recognition award for its contributions to reduce waste in Washtenaw County, celebrates its 25th anniversary with an April 24 open house.

Napolitano said MES's attention to the customer

ate our customer's energy problems through an energy analysis and recommend upgrades for them based on their budget," she said. "All our systems are time proven technology, come with lengthy warranties, and qualify for tax

feature a solar toy give-away, sun balloons, solar model car races, plus the opportunity to look around and ask questions.

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credits.

The April 24 celebration will

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Fire log design

firegear, LLC, unveiled its exclusive fire log design - Ironwood Sculpture for Fire - a handcrafted work of art by firegear designer Jarrett Bertoncin, a master of fine fire sculpture design.

"We are very excited to showcase this new design by Jarrett Bertoncin," said Dennis G. Smith, president, firegear, LLC. "He very artistically combined the feel of burning logs with the distinctive look of steel to create the Ironwood Sculpture for Fire.

Each sculpture is skillfully cut and created using torches and welding equipment. It is then fabricated from raw steel, one piece at a time, allowing for individual embellishments and ensuring no two sets are alike. Details such as peeling bark, exposed heartwood, pinecones, leaves and small twigs bring every log set to life. A final coating in a natural patina that is built up during the construction process causes each set to slowly rust as it ages. And, finally, each Ironwood Sculpture features the firegear firestar to create the finished look. When used outdoors, this pairing adds even more realism. Over time, built-up rainwater in the logs turns to steam and hisses as the sculpture heats up.

Ironwood Sculpture for Fire brings the charm and warmth of a wood fire with the ease and safety of gas

firegear, LLC is an innovative manufacturer of gas logs, designer hearth systems, outdoor firepits, outdoor fireplaces and firepit and fireplace accessories. Visit www.firegearusa.com for more information.

Soldier cell phones

What do you think it would be worth to talk to a loved one in the armed services stationed overseas? Maybe they're in combat; you haven't spoken with them for months; don't know if they are safe? Maybe they are a brother, sister, daughter or son?

What price would you pay for a call like this? RE/MAX Classic has been able to give service members and their families 3,651 hours of peace of mind, happiness and thankfulness for the efforts of all that are donating old cell phones, chargers, batteries, etc., for recycling into calling cards for soldiers.

The company's 2010 goal: Contribute 5,000 hours of talk-time to the troops.

Each phone recycled provides an hour of talktime to service personnel overseas.

To help reach the goal, RE/MAX Classic sponsors a Mother's Day collection drive of Cell Phones for Soldiers 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at all four locations, including the one at 43435 Joy Road in Canton. Donations are taxdeductible, with donation receipts provided at the time of contribution.

Visit the company's Web site at www.detroit-



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metrorealestate.com to read about the cause and register your soldier for a their free calling card. For more information, call (248) 987-8610 or (734) 335-0068.

Wine tasting

Join Women's Exchange of Washtenaw and meet acclaimed winemaker Laurence Feraud on Friday, May 7, for a wine-tasting happy hour and networking event at the Ann Arbor Art Center from 5-6 p.m. (registration at 4:30).

Feraud founded Domaine du Pegau with her father in 1987, and has more than doubled the acreage of the family business. The vineyard produces 7,000 cases per year of Châteauneuf du Pape, 90 percent for export, and 18 percent to the United States. Attendees will hear Laurence speak about her experience as a woman in a male-dominated field.

The \$16 ticket price (ages 21 and over, please) includes hors d'oeuvres and a taste of Cotes du Rhone Villages Seguret Rouge 2008, Selection Laurence Feraud. Registration (and more information) is available at http://www.eventbrite.com/ event/640947090. Learn more about Feraud and what other events where she and her wine will be featured at: http://annarborartcenter.org/wf2010/

CHAMBER CHAT

Rose's Restaurant will be hosting a Texas Hold 'em char-Commerce announces its annual Dinner Auction, to be Join us at Rose's Restaurant 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. May 13-15. April 17, at Burton Manor in There will be a full service bar, Livonia. The annual event late night menu and a midnight is the largest fund-raiser for the Canton Chamber of "This is a great way to sup-

"This is always such a fun port the Canton Chamber of Commerce and have fun while doing it," said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. For more information on Cojei, president, Canton this event, go to www.canton-

chamber.com click on forms & flyers and go to Rose's Restaurant Fundraiser and get all the details. Also on May 11, from 5-9

pizza buffet in the lounge.

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

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is a member driven organization dedicated to stimulating positive business growth, fostering community leadership and acting as an advocate for the business community. For more information on the Canton Chamber of Commerce, log onto www.cantonchamber.com.

Annual auction

The Canton Chamber of held 7 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Commerce

event. We have Silent, Live, and Raffle auction items, entertainment and lots of activities planned throughout the evening," said Dianne Chamber of Commerce. "Take Me out to the Ball Game' is this year's theme, which offers a lot of possibilities for all of our Baseball Fans.

Last year's event drew a crowd of over 400 attendees and featured over 250 prizes from categories such as Homestyle, Travel & Entertainment, Sports & Leisure, Electronics, and many more. This year's auction is expected to draw a similar crowd and has already collected many great prizes that will be up for bid. New in 2010, a "Detroit Tiger Suite' comes with 18 tickets and 3 parking passes. Also up for auction is 2 airline tickets to anywhere in the continental United States American Airlines flies.

Tickets are \$75 per person and are available to the public;

admission includes full buffet dinner, open bar, entertainment, and the opportunity to participate in the Live, Silent, and Raffle auctions. For more information, please contact the chamber at (734) 453-4040. This year's auction is sponsored by Jack Demmer Ford, Inc. and other local businesses.

Appreciation luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, April 21, at 11:45 a.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill, 1900 N. Haggerty Road

The cost for the luncheon is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members and includes lunch, beverage, dessert and door prizes. This luncheon is open to the public

Every year our Staff Appreciation Luncheon serves as a wonderful opportunity for our members to say thank you to their staff." Dianne Cojei, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce, said about the annual luncheon.

The Staff Appreciation Luncheon is sponsored by Huntington Bank. Seating is limited and reservations are required. To make a reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is Friday, April 16.



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ENTERTAINMENT

Livonia Civic Chorus sings Motown and more at April, May concerts

BY SHARON DARGAY **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Get ready for a little rock and roll with soul at Livonia Civic Chorus' upcoming con-

"We've got (Bob Seger's) Old Time Rock & Roll, Bill Haley - Shake, Rattle and Roll - there's I Heard it through the Grapevine, Ain't No Mountain High Enough and the ladies are doing an Aretha Franklin medley," said Gary Prevo of Livonia, a member since October 2009. "It's fun and everyone is familiar with the songs

Fans of the 55-member chorus will hear a preview of its May 8-9 show, "Smitten with the Mitten," this weekend when it guest performs at the annual Industry Sings, a free concert at Thurston High School in Redford. The May concert includes songs that were written or performed by Michigan natives, as well as tunes about the state. The chorus will sing a few selections at this weekend's show, which also will include the DTE Singers, Ford Motor Company Chorus, Gentleman Songsters and American Liberty Pop Singers. All of the groups will come together in the second half of Industry Sings on Sunday to perform five songs as one group.

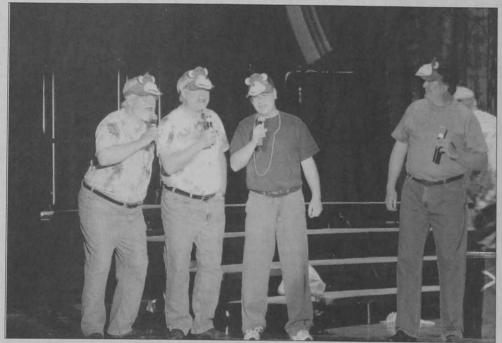
Donna Gleason, a Farmington Hills resident and director of the Livonia Civic Chorus, will lead the mass choir in singing God Bless America at Industry Sings.

"For Industry Sings we're doing three songs from our show (in May) and we do five numbers as a mass choir," Gleason said. "This is our first time at Industry Sings. It's kind of exciting and we're looking forward to it.'

She said the five-choir show is good publicity for the Livonia Civic Chorus, which stages two major performances during its September-May

"We're always trying to make people aware that we exist and having an audience like that will help us."

Combining choreography,



Jim Hovey, (left) Mark Gleason, Kurt Meyer, and Mark Greenleaf belt out a Phil Collins song, 'Trashin' the Camp,' at the Livonia Civic Chorus' spring concert last year.

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS

Industry Sings: Free concert featuring DTE Singers, Ford Motor Company Chorus, Gentleman Songsters, and special guests, the Livonia Civic Chorus and American Liberty Pop Singers, 4 p.m., Sunday, April 18 at Thurston High School, 26255 Schoolcraft, Redford: (734) 968-9358 Smitten with the Mitten: The Livonia Civic Chorus' annual spring show, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 8 and 3 p.m., Sunday, May 9, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia. Tickets are \$35 for a family of two adults and two or more children, \$12 for adults, and \$6 per child/K-12 student; (734) 542-1937

Become a member: Livonia Civic Chorus, sponsored in part by Livonia Parks and Recreation, meets 7:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays, September-May, at Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark, Livonia

MICHIGAN, MOTOWN

"We try to be unique. We

just started in the last couple

of years using video. In this

upcoming (May) show there

ing. The opening number is a

fairly obscure piece written

by a member of the staff at

the song we'll show scenes

of Michigan," Gleason said.

good chorus and I bring in

clinicians to help improve

"Our goal is to be enter-

taining. We want to be a

Interlochen. As we're singing

will be quite a bit of video

to go along with the sing-

Web site: www.livoniachorus.org

video and upbeat, popular music into its shows makes the group memorable, as well. Gleason, former music director at Redford Baptist Church, works as an accompanist at Western High School in Walled Lake, where video often is used as a backdrop for

music performances Although she won't prepare a video for the Industry Sings performance, Gleason will match images to music for a portion of Smitten by the Mitten next month.

the choir, but we try to do programs the audience will enjoy.

The first half of the Smitten show will focus on the state and its products. The second half is all about Motown. Gleason has added choreography to the mix and requires singers to memorize the material, removing the folders, papers and music stands that might form a barrier between them and the audience.

Her biggest challenge is making sure chorus members watch and follow her lead while singing the familiar Motown tunes

"In one of the Motown songs, you can keep repeating a section. I never do it the same way twice and it guarantees they watch me.

Several thousand baseball fans may get a chance to watch Gleason and her group perform this summer, too. Prevo, contacted the Detroit Tigers, hoping the group might sing the National Anthem at Comerica Park. He sent in a tape recording and is in the process of firming up a date in early August.

Proceeds from the Friends of the Penn's spring dinner and auction last year

paid for a new marquee at the theater. Proceeds this year will buy new doors.

Hit the Hawaiian 'beach' and help the Penn

O&E STAFF WRITER

Carrie and Warren Phillips go to the movies three days a week, but rarely see any of the films.

Carrie is too busy scooping popcorn and Warren is too preoccupied with running the projector to pay much notice to the big screen.

But the Plymouth couple wouldn't have it any other way.

"We love it," says Carrie, who knows most regular customers by name and can recite their popcorn, soda and candy order before they do. "We feel lucky to be a part of this.

"And I have a confession to make. I've always loved film and this opportunity for hands-on doesn't come along often," Warren added. "These multiplexes are automated. But our system here, it's still a dual projector and you have to operate it. You have to be alert and switch it over.'

The Phillips are among 153 volunteers who help the Friends of the Penn, a seven-member board led by Ellen Elliott, keep the 68-year-old Penn open and showing films. The Friends organized in 2005, two years after the theatre was shuttered. The group reopened it a year later when a local businessman recruited supporters to form Penn Theatre Realty, LLC. The company bought the building and leased it to the Friends for \$1 a year.

FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

"We're not just a movie theater," said Elliott, a Plymouth resident growing up. "You're greeted like we've known you forever. A lot of the elderly people we know by name. That's something you don't get in other places, personalized service. It's a safe environment. Parents can drop off their kids and can walk to get dinner.

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra has made the theater its home for concerts. Its upcoming show, "Hurray for Hollywood" show is set for 8 p.m., Friday, April 16 at the Penn.

"We've had weddings, private film showings for birthdays." Elliott said.

Ticket sales — at \$3 per person for Thursday night classic movies and weekend first-run films, pay for operational expenses at the

FIFTH ANNUAL PENNDEMONIUM **DINNER AUCTION**

What: The fund-raiser benefits the Friends of the Penn

When: 6-11 p.m., Friday, April 30 Where: Meeting House Grand Ballroom, 499 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth.

Details: Hors d'oeuvres, plated dinner, open bar, desserts, raffle, music, dancing, live and silent auction

Tickets: \$75 each; deadline for reservations is Friday, April 16 Contact: For reservations, e-mail to tickets@friendsofthepenn, stop by the Penn Box Office at 760 Penniman Ave. during movies hours, or call (734) 453-0870.

volunteer-staffed theater. Annual spring dinner-auction proceeds fund major renovations.

"We've replaced the boiler, the roof. Our biggest renovation was the new marquee we did last year," Elliott noted. "This year we plan to replace the front doors - they are really old - and update or restore the murals on the side of the build-

Friends of the Penn encourages supporters to "shake off that winter chill" at this year's fund-raiser, Blue Hawaii Beach Party, slated for April 30 at The Meeting House Grand Ballroom in downtown Plymouth.

"We've had lots of different fun themes. Last year it was a movie mobster theme. We had a Saturday Night Fever theme one year," Elliott said. "It's a fun time."

Beach party visitors are encouraged to wear cocktail or luau attire, such as Hawaiian shirts. sarongs and sandals for the evening of dinner, hors d'oeuvres and dancing. The auction will include jewelry, a big screen television, golf packages, restaurant gift certificates and other items donated by local businesses.

"These fund-raisers are so important," said Carrie, who is on the auction committee with her husband. "It's a nice event," and Friends of the Penn's only fundraising event each year.

"And it's a little closer than going to Hawaii," Warren added.







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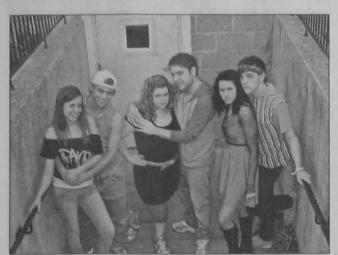
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The cast of 'Fame' includes Holly Knick (left), Gary Clayton, Abigail Hill, John Ellett, Jen Schinker and Caleb Kruzel.

Canton community theater performs musical

Canton's newest community theater troupe, Dynamic Stage Productions, will turn back the clock to the 1980s with its production of *Fame The Musical*, April 22-25 at Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron in Ypsilanti.

Set in a New York performing arts school, Fame The Musical follows the students through the highs and lows, the romances and sheer hard work as they search for the success that will make them 'live for ever.'

The cast includes Canton residents Jen Schinker, Briana Bradley, Keshia Oliver, Christine Coreless, Nick Rapson, Mollee Chowen, Redi Shorter, in addition to featured dancers, Kasidy Shepler, Jordyn Shepler, and Stefanie Shepler, all from Livonia.

"I started the group as Canton Premiere Players in 2007. It was a small theatre program run out of a dance studio. When the dance studio closed, we became Dynamic Stage Productions in 2009," said Jami Krause, executive director.

"This has been our first full season. We did *Dear Edwina* as a children's musical in August followed by *The* 25th Annual Putnam County

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special exhibit runs April 15- beginning on April 15-May 9, with a meet-

the-artist reception 6-8 p.m., April

Location: 995 West Ann Arbor Trail,

Details: Colored Pencil Society of

Detroit exhibit; 6-8 p.m., April 10,

16. Admission is free

Lotus Arts Gallery

downtown Plymouth

Contact: (248) 473-1870

Time/Date: Through April

GET OUT

Spelling Bee in November and Cheaper by the Dozen in February. Fame is our full scale musical for the 2009-2010 season."

The troupe will present Bare: A Pop Opera this summer, along with Pinkalicious, a musical aimed at young audiences.

"We are technically based out of Canton. We rehearse at the Cherry Hill United Church in the Cherry Hill Village but we do typically do most of our shows at the historic Riverside Arts Center in Ypsilanti down in Depot Town. One of the things that we aim to provide with DSP is a welcoming, comfortable environment for all those involved, while at the same time maintaining a professional atmosphere."

Fame is directed by Kyle M Farr with musical direction by Kylee Phillips and choreography by Craig Nichols. Fame is assisted directed by Jake Zinke.

Tickets are \$15 and are available online at www. dynamicstageproductions.com or at the door. Performances start at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, with a matinee at 2 p.m. Sunday.

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Time/Date: Through April 24

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Mudville USA," an installa-

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- 2) Any of the following uses shall be permitted when the manufacturing, compounding or processing is conducted wholly within a completely enclosed building. That portion of land used for open storage facilities for materials or equipment, shall conform to the provisions of Section 78-296.
 - a. The manufacture, compounding, processing, packaging or treatment of such products as, but not limited to: bakery goods, candy, cosmetics, pharmaceutical, toiletries, food products, hardware and cutlery, tool, die, gauge and machine shops.
 - b. Warehousing and wholesale establishments.
 - c. The manufacture, compounding, assembling, reassembly, packaging or treatment of articles or merchandise from previously prepared materials.
 - d. The manufacture of pottery and figurines or other similar ceramic products using only previously pulverized clay and kilns fired only by electricity or gas.
 - e. Manufacture of instruments, stamps or molded products.
 - f. Manufacture or assembly of electrical appliances, electronic instruments and devices, radios, and phonographs.
 - g. Laboratories: experimental, film, testing, or production.
 - h. Manufacturing and repair of electric or neon signs and light sheet metal products, including heating and ventilating equipment, cornices, eaves and the like.
 - Central dry cleaning plants or laundries provided that such plants shall not deal directly with the consumer as retail.
 - All public utilities, including buildings, necessary structures, storage yards and other related uses.
- (3) Warehouse, storage and transfer, and electric and gas service buildings and yards. Public utility buildings, telephone exchange buildings, electrical transformer stations and substations, and gas regulator stations. Water supply and municipal sewage disposal plants. Water and gas tank holders. Railroad transfer and storage tracks railroad rightsof-way and freight terminals.
- (4) Trucking facilities.
- (5) Storage facilities for building materials, sand, gravel, stone and lumber, and storage of contractor's equipment and supplies, provided such is enclosed within a building or within an obscuring wall, fence or berm on those sides abutting all residential, office or business districts, and on any yard abutting a public thoroughfare. Open storage shall meet the provisions of Section 78-296.
- (6) Mini warehouses and storage buildings for lease to the public including the dwelling and office of a caretaker. Buildings shall be spaced not less than thirty (30) feet apart on those sides having entrance doors.
- (7) Municipal uses such as water treatment plants and reservoirs, sewage treatment plants, and all other municipal buildings and uses, including outdoor storage.
- (8) Greenhouses.
- (9) Trade or industrial schools.
- (10) Printing plants and distribution centers.
- (11) Other uses of a similar, and no more objectionable, character to the above uses.
- (12) Accessory buildings and uses customarily incident to any of the above permitted uses.
- (13) Major automotive repair facilities when completely enclosed.
- (14) Lumber and planing mills when completely enclosed and when located in the interior of the district so that no property line shall form the exterior boundary of the I-1 District.
- (15) Metal plating, buffing and polishing, subject to appropriate measures to control the type of process to prevent noxious results and/or nuisances.
- (16) Uses which serve the convenience needs of the industrial district (such as, but not limited to, eating and drinking establishments, banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, union halls, automobile service stations, motel or bowling alleys) and shall abut a major or secondary thoroughfare.
- (17) Wireless Communication Facilities as permitted on the City Wireless Communication Zoning Map Overlay.
- (18) Commercial kennels when within a completely enclosed building and when located in the interior of the I-1 District so that no property line shall form the exterior boundary of the I-1 District.
- (19) Other uses, which in the determination of the Planning

Commission are of a similar character to the above uses.

- (20) Heating and electric power generating plants.
- (21) Any production, processing, cleaning, servicing, testing, repairing, or storaging of materials, goods, or products which shall conform with the performance standards set forth in Section 78-202 and which shall not be injurious or offensive to the occupants of adjacent premises by reason of the emission or creation of noise, vibration, smoke, dust or other particulate matter, toxic and noxious materials, odors, fire or explosive hazards, glare or heat.

Section 78-132 Special Land Uses Permitted after Review and Approval.

The following uses may be permitted by the Planning Commission subject to Article 23, the review and approval of the site plan by the Planning Commission, and the imposition of special conditions which, in the opinion of the Commission, are necessary to ensure that the land use or activity authorized is compatible with adjacent uses of land, the natural environment and the capacities of public services and facilities affected by the land use, and subject further to a public hearing held in accord with Section 78-281:

- (1) Any of the following uses provided that they shall be located not less than eight hundred (800) feet distant from any residential district, and three hundred (300) feet distant from any other district, and when authorized by the Planning Commission.
 - a. Blast furnaces, steel furnaces and blooming or rolling mills.
 - Manufacture of corrosive acid or alkali, cement, lime, gypsum or plaster of paris.
 - c. Smelting of copper, iron or zinc ore.
 - d. Incineration of garbage or refuse.
- Junkyards and places so called for the dismantling, wrecking and disposing of junk and/or refuse material of agricultural and automotive vehicles may be granted permits or licenses for one (1) year periods upon authorized inspection and approval of the Building Official, whose approval shall be based on the performance standards set forth in Section 78-202, provided such use is not closer than three hundred (300) feet from the border of any I-2 District.
- (3) Any other use which shall be determined by the City Commission, after recommendation from the Planning Commission, to be of the same general character as the above permitted uses. The City Commission may impose a setback in excess of minimums specified herein and any performance standards so as to ensure public health, safety and general welfare.
- (4) Temporary buildings and uses for construction purposes for a period of one (1) year or less.
- (5) Accessory uses.
- (6) Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems, subject to Section 78-261.

Section 78-133 Uses Prohibited

No activities involving the storage, utilization or manufacture of materials or products which decompose by detonation shall be permitted within the City except such as are approved by the fire department and are so licensed.

Section 7 Rights and Duties.

Rights and Duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance.

Section 8 Validity.

Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part therefore, other than the part declared invalid.

Section 9 Ordinances Repealed.

All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

Section 10Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective one day after publication.

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Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less



In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups.

speeches to many groups.

Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are also highly experienced in assisting him with Social Security Disability cases. And they are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of clients' cases

and administrative procedure.

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Giving: Women-only prom raises money for families in need

O&E STAFF WRITER

Betsy Crapps wore her 1988 pink prom dress to Mass Sunday.

She turned a few heads, but many parishioners at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church in Canton know the formal wear signals the approach of Mom Prom, an annual "ladies night out" and charity fund-raiser that is expected to draw at least 150 women

most in their tackiest bridesmaid and prom gowns - to the church gymnasium Friday, April 23.

"I always wear a prom dress while selling tickets," said Crapps, who staffed a ticket booth between Masses at the

church last weekend. "More and more parishioners are going to the prom. It's so much fun. Fr. Pat (Casey) thinks it's the funniest thing ever. But then, he's a

No guys are allowed to attend the upcoming night of dancing, games and female camaraderie that will raise funds for two parish families struggling with the cost of caring for their disabled

"The husbands stay home with the kids," she said. "This is just for us to have fun. Although Fr. Matthew (C. George) says he's going to sneak in one day.

GIVING BACK

The church's MOMS group has raised money for St. Vincent de Paul, First Step, breast cancer research and the Wayne County Family Shelter since it began sponsoring the event in 2006. Crapps, a Canton resident who works part time in religious education at St. Thomas a' Becket, founded Mom Prom.

She donned the puffy sleeve gown - first worn at the Pittsford Mendon High School 1988 prom in upstate New York - for an Academy Awards party a few years ago. That evolved into a friends night out in their gowns.

"I said, why not have a mom prom. Twelve of us dressed up and went to dinner at Bucca di Beppo and then went dancing. Everyone met at my house so we could take prom photos.

It was so much fun, Crapps sought the use of St. Thomas a' Becket's gym for an even bigger prom that would also raise funds for good causes.

NATIONAL MOVEMENT

"My biggest goal is to have other moms groups across the country do their own mom prom," Crapps said. "I'd love for women to come and see what we do and then start their own."



Women dance the night away at Mom Prom, a charity fund-raiser and 'ladies night out.'



Betsy Crapps (right) and her sister, Katie Long pose for a prom photo with a John Wayne cardboard cutout at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church, in Canton.

She advised a group in Seattle, Wash., this year and has assisted mom prom organizers in Illinois and Indiana. The Canton Mom Prom Web site, www.themomprom.org also offers tips on staging a Mom Prom.

DJ Diana Korte of Silver Sounds keeps the music going at the Canton prom, a BYOB affair that offers a potluck selection of desserts, as well as games and a raffle. Every participant may choose a "prom date" from among three cardboard cutouts - John Wayne, Burt Reynolds and James Dean to pose for photos.

TACKIEST DRESS

The last woman standing in a dice roll game of chance accepts the prom queen crown and a bouquet of flowers. This year she'll also get a pair of earrings from Showcase of Elegance, in Canton.

The "best accessory" award honors the most creatively-decorated wine or beer cooler.

The biggest prize of the night is for the tackiest dress," Crapps noted. Last year's winner wore an old prom dress, "zipped up as much as possible - pretty much just to her waist" with a T-shirt underneath. "It was a 1980s peach pink with frillies, with the whole back exposed."

Crapps wears her prom dress with tennis shoes every year, but said tacky attire isn't required. Some participants dress up and some dress down.

"Not everyone wants to dress up. Some women wear jeans. Don't stress about dressing up. Come and have a good time. It all goes to a good

The Mom Prom is open to all women, both parishioners and nonmembers, moms and nonmoms. It runs from 8-11 p.m., April 23, at the church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Tickets are \$20 and available in advance at the church or at the door. Raffle tickets are \$1 each. (734) 981-1333



Three couples each celebrated 65 years of marriage at St. Aidan's annual Jubilarian Mass, Sunday, April 11. They are Rose and Walter Skynar (left, standing), the Rev. Kevin Thomas, Bill and Kathy Dillon and Francis and Deloris LeBlanc (seated).

Parishioners mark anniversaries at Jubilarian Mass

Thirty-two couples renewed their wedding vows in celebration of their anniversaries April 11 at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia.

The Rev. Kevin Thomas, St. Aidan's pastor, gave them a special blessing and led them in renewing their vows during the 11:30 a.m. Sunday service. The "Jubilarian Mass" annually marks the anniversary milestones of St. Aidan's parishioners.

Jack and Mary Burkhardt celebrated the longest marriage - 70 years - among participants. Three couples, Francis and Deloris LeBlanc, Bill and Kathy

Dillon, and Walter and Rose Skynar, each logged 65 years of marriage. Tom and Theresa Zakrzewski,

and Ed and Yvonne Grudzien have been married for 60 years. Stan and Sylvia Garner, and Gerald and Dorothy Winter cel-

ebrated 55 years.

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Marking Golden anniversaries this year were Bob an Joella Belanger, Donald and Sheila Broderick, and Jack and Christine Boitos

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Jagenow, and Steven and Barbara McArthur 30 years: Jerry and Livia Franchina, Michael and

Christine Lysaght, and Dennis and Joan Pawlak 25 years: Terry and Judy Bailey, Jeff and Barb Main, Randy and Lisa Myshock, and Ray and Michele Schmidt

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APRIL 15-21

Birmingham Temple Time/Date: 8 p.m., Saturday, April

Location: 28611 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills **Details:** Vivace Music Series

features pianist Ralph Votapek performing works by Copland, Schubert, Ravel and Albeniz. Afterglow and refreshments follow the concert; tickets are \$20 for members and seniors, \$23 nonmembers. Student and group rates available

Contact: Joyce Cheresh at (248) 788-0338 or Ann Sipher at (248) 661-1348

Congregation Beth Ahm Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m., April 17

Location: 5075 West Maple, West Bloomfield Details: Shabbat Club for kids provides a morning of parasha play,

games, interactive learning and Shabbat fun Contact: RSVP to Amy Newman at

relschool@cbahm.org or (248) 851-8820

The Corners

Time/Date: 5 p.m., Saturday, April

Location: 2075 Walnut Lake Road, just west of Inkster, in West Bloomfield

Details: Enjoy a "Moment of Shabbat" with your 2- through 6year-olds and celebrate Shabbat with songs, stories, arts and crafts and a special Havdalah service, sponsored by Temple Shir Shalom: no charge

Contact: (248) 406-4255 **Emmanuel Lutheran Church** Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Saturday, April 17

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington Road and Newburgh, Livonia

Details: "Spring Fling" dance designed for adults with developmental disabilities, special needs, and their caretakers includes music, fun, and friendship. Snacks and

beverages will be served Contact: RSVP no later than April 9 to Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to judy@emmanuel-livonia.

Holy Trinity Lutheran

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, April 16 and 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 17

Location: Church fellowship hall, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia

Details: Rummage sale with \$2 bag sale on Saturday Leon's

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., April 17 Location: 30149 Ford Road, south side (next to Tim Horton's) in Garden City

Details: Bethany Suburban West monthly breakfast meeting; all

separated, divorced and singles may attend

Contact: Kathy at (734) 513-9479 Merriman Road Baptist Church Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, April 18 and 7 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, April 19-21

Location: Merriman Road just south of Ford Road, Garden City

Details: "Festival of Hope" with Jim Wilson, guest speaker associated with Billy Graham Ministries Contact: (734) 421-0472

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6-7 p.m., April 18, 25 Location: 9601 Hubbard, Livonia Details: Ballroom dancing lessons, followed by a practice session, with music, A dance party will be held 7-9:30 p.m., April 25. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$6 for each lesson and \$6 for the dance. Attend the class and dance for \$10. Pay at the door in Fellowship Hall. The proceeds from the March classes will go to the Cancer Relay for Life; April's proceeds will go to the Capital Improvement Fund Contact: (734) 751-1957 or (734) 422-0494 St. Aidan

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Thursday, April 15

Location: 17500 Farmington Road,

Details: David J. Conrad, M.A., Theology is the presenter at a program called "The Church: Its Essential Qualities and Purpose' Contact: RSVP by noon the day of the event to (734) 425-5950

St. Theodore Catholic Church Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to noon, Sunday, April 18

Location: 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: All you can eat pancake and French toast breakfast also includes ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, tea, coffee, milk and juice. It's sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, age

Contact: (734) 425-4421

APRIL 22-28

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, April 23 and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday,

Location: 28000 New Market, just north of 12 Mile, east of Farmington Road in Farmington Hills

Details: The Woman's League of the church sponsors a rummage and bake sale. In addition to clothing and homemade baked goods, the sale will feature small appliances, furniture, books, bedding, linens, ewelry and much more. \$3 and \$5 bag sale on Saturday

Contact: Lucille Ehlers at (248) 553

April 29-May 5 Antioch Lutheran Church

Time/Date: Rummage sale 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, April 30, and 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 1 Location: 33360 West 13 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The church also is collecting items for the sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, April 26-28

Contact: Judy Glass at (248) 476-Congregation B'nai Moshe

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., May 2

Location: 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield

Details: "Torah, Technology and the Future of Israel," will explore the relationship of Torah values to the applications of modern technology. There will be a panel presentation with Steven Bekhor, on "Israel's Nuclear Horizon," Ellen P. Rosenberg, on "Water Resources and Conservation in Israel," and Steven H. Schwartz with "Torah Values and the Environment. The B'nai Moshe Choir will perform and there will be a question and answer period followed by a social hour with refreshments. Admission is free Contact: RSVP to (248) 788-0600

Our Lady of Loretto Time/Date: Check-in at 6:15 p.m., game begins at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 1

Location: In the family center, behind the school, 17116 Olympia, Redford

Details: Adult Trivia Night, with proceeds benefitting youth programs and youth outreach. Register in groups of eight - \$80 per table or \$10 per person. Answer numerous questions – as a group at each table – on a variety of categories. Cash prizes for top three tables, cash bar, and lots of items to be raffled off. Contact: Register by calling (313) 534-9000 or visit http://ourladyoflorettorep.webs.com/trivianight.htm for more information.

St. Aidan Time/Date: 6-9 p.m., Thursday, April 29 Location: 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: The Rev. Norm Dickson and Dr. Mary Healy will be the guest speakers at the Endow groups at the church. The session, a reflection on Women of Peace and Love, is aimed at women and girls, age 16 and over. A light dinner will be included. A free will offering will be accepted Contact: RSVP to the parish office by April 25 at (734) 425-5950

May 13-19 Birmingham Temple Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Sunday, May

Location: 28611 W. 12 Mile. between Inkster and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills

Details: DSO Concertmaster Emmanuelle Boisvert, along with Karl Pituch, principal horn player of the DSO, Hai-Xin Wu, DSO's assistant concertmaster, and Zuihua Tang, pianist, perform in the final Vivace Music Series concert of the season. An afterglow follows the concert when the audience will have the opportunity to mingle, sample delicious refreshments, and meet the artists. Tickets are \$23 general admission and \$20 for seniors and students

Contact: To order tickets call Joyce Cheresh at (248) 788-9338 or Ann Sipher and (248) 661-1348

St. Damian Catholic School Time/Date: 4:30 p.m., Mass, 5:30-8 p.m. All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, May 15 Location: 29891 Joy, between Middlebelt and Merriman, in Westland

Details: Fiftieth anniversary celebration; dinner menu includes salad, bread, beverage, and desserts. The evening includes dinner music. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 5-12, and children under 5 are free. Family tickets are avail-

able for \$20 Contact: (734) 427-1680

ONGOING

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays

Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade

Contact: (248) 426-0096 Breakfast

St. Michael the Archangel Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-noon, third

Sunday each month, October through May

Location: 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth, in Livonia

Details: The Ushers' Club presents an "all-you-can-eat" pancake breakfast served in the school cafeteria and featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, 4-11, free for children under 3, and \$15 for a family with two

adults and children Contact: (734) 261-1455

Career workshops St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

Time/Date: First and third Mondays Location: 30900 Six Mile, Livonia Details: Workshops are designed to help people in employment transition build a network and use their resources to find that next good job. Workshop leaders are available to work one-on-one with anyone looking for work.

Contact: (734) 422-6038

Classes/study Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

Time/Date: 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile

Details: Tuesday Ladies Bible Study;

\$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5

Contact: (248) 348-7600 **Emmanuel Lutheran Church** Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia Details: Open Arms Bible class

for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

Livonia Unity Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30

Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years

of painful emotions Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@ energeticarts.org.

Men's Bible study Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

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Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville Contact: (734) 846-4615 Our Lady of Loretto Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly,

Redford Details: Scripture study Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday

Location: 26701 Joy Details: Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning

Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey Contact: (313) 274-3820 St. Michael the Archangel Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second and fourth Thursday of each month

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia Details: Led by Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta. The in-depth study of the Gospel of St. Matthew continues, using the Hahn-Mitch study guide. New students of any faith are welcome

Contact: (734) 261-1455 Seeds of Mercy Mission Home Time/Date: 7 p.m., every Friday Location: 21819 Middlebelt,

Farmington Hills Details: Bible study Contact: Nicole Christ at (313)

531-1234 Ward Presbyterian Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six

Details: Learner's Bible study is held

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LAMAR (Len) BEDGOOD

Born in Tenniel, GA on Feb. 7, 1931. Departed on April 9, 2010 and resided in Westland, MI. Age 79. Beloved husband of the late Joan I. Most wonderful dad of Brian P. (Alice) and the late Sean. Proud "Pops" of Brian Harnos. Dear brother of Vivian, Randall, Robert and the late Billy. Loving brother in-law of Jack Stinson (Lou) and Barbara (Al) Myers. Special friend of June Porta and her loving family. Also leaves many cherished family. Also leaves many cherished nieces and nephews. He will be sorely missed by his friends from his Church and Art Clubs. A "special thanks" to the Garden City Hospital doctors and nurses that took such good care of him.

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BEULAH "BEA" CECILE ROSS-PULK-DONATTI

Age 84, longtime resident of Wayne, passed away on April 11, 2010 athome in Wayne, surrounded by family and friends. Bea was born June 14, 1925, in St. Jacques in northern Michigan, the daughter of Henry and Cecile (Groleau) Ross, and was raised in Gladstone, Michigan. She married Alexander D. Pulk and he preceded her in death on November 26, 1977. Bea remarried Daniel R. Donatti and he galso preceded her in death on the salso prece he also preceded her in death on September 1, 1988. In addition, her brothers, William Ross, Robert Ross, infant brother Willard and sister Jane

infant brother Willard and sister Jane Quinn, preceded her in death. Bea was a longtime parishioner of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne. In addition, she enjoyed dancing, BINGO, crochet/knitting, gardening, and bird watching. Bea was also an avid walker. Survivors include her long time dearest friend James Donnelly of Dearborn; her eight children, Alexander (Sandra) Pulk of Canton, Gwenn (Thomas) Misukaitis Canton, Gwenn (Thomas) Misukaitis of Wayne, Errol (Ann) Pulk of Westland, Richard Pulk (Pamela) of Brownstown, Christie (Ahmet) Zeren of Dearborn, Gene (Julie) Pulk of Port Orchard, WA, Harold (Carole) of Dearborn, Gene (Julie) Pulk of Port Orchard, WA, Harold (Carole) Pulk of Livonia, and Helen (Patrick) Porter of Howell; siblings Louise Anderson of Grass Lake, Audrey Reese of Rockford, IL, Elaine (Kenneth) DeMars of Rockton, IL, Emily (Milton) Wengert of Rockford, IL, Harold (Jean) Ross of Bark River, James (Stephanie) Ross of Dexter, and Madelyn (Ron) Trekas of Gladstone; also her stepchildren Kathryn "Kay" Monahan of Alta Loma, CA and Joseph "Tim" (Marcia) Donatti of Howell; 16 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. The family of Bea Donatti will receive family and friends on Thursday, April 15, 2010 for a memorial service at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne, with Fr. David officiating. Viewing of pictures will be at 10:00am, Rosary at 10:30am followed by Memorial Mass at 11:00am. A Celebration of Life Luncheon will follow. A private burial will be held at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Flowers and donations will be accepted at: 34540 Sims St., Wayne, MI 48184. The family would also like to thank, the caring staff at Angela Hospice.

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AMY DeBONO (Leonard)

Age 49, of Belleville, passed away March 13, 2010. Funeral service: were held March 19, 2010 at St. Theodore Church in Westland, MI. Cremation has taken place.

KENNETH LEONARD

Age 48, passed away March 25, 2010 in Fort Meyers. Florida. Griffin Funeral Home, Wayne Rd., Livonia, MI. Memorial service April 18th, visitation 1-9pm, service 7pm. Cremation has taken place.

MARY ANNE KOZLOWSKI

Age 80. Passed away peacefully sur-rounded by her children on March 30, 2010. She was born on March 3 1930 in Bellefonte Pennsylvania graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and later from Michigan State University. She was a dedicated teacher in the Detroit Public Schools. teacher in the Detroit Public Schools. She is survived by her children Mary Ann Kozlowski (Kip), Richard Kozlowski, Kim Pantaleo (Bruce), William Kozlowski (Ann), Alan Kozlowski, and grandchildren Kristen, Matthew, Sara and William. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association National Headquarters, 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 800, Washington D.C. 20004 or www.lungusa.org 20004 or www.lungusa.org

JOYCE J. ROTH

Passed away on April 10, 2010 at the age of 68. Former nurse and administrative assistant at the University of Michigan Hospital - Department of Dermatology. Beloved mother of Steve (Michelle) Roth and Erica (Eric) Hughes. Grandmother of Drew, Prender Brette and Grant Brenden, Brette and Grant. Private services were held.

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Health expo offers cooking demonstration Good for the waistline, good for the wallet

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, April 15, 2010

BY SHARON DARGAY **OSE STAFF WRITER**

Judy Swancutt is "pushing" fruits and vegetables

A dietitian for St. Mary Mercy Hospital, in Livonia, Swancutt will join Kevin Green, Embassy Suites executive chef, in a presentation about children and healthy eating, 1:50-2:20 p.m., and 2:40-3:10 p.m., Saturday, April 24, during "Healthy Families Expo," presented by St. Mary Mercy at Embassy Suites, in Livonia.

The expo offers an afternoon of demonstrations, fun activities and information to help families live a healthier lifestyle. Sessions are free, but registration is required.

Swancutt and Green will collaborate on the "Easy, Healthy, Fun and Kid-Friendly Foods" presentation.

"I've talked to the chef and he's going to put together a menu," said Swancutt, who will serve as a "support person," at the presentation. "Whatever angle he takes, let's push fruits and vegetables and get rid of pop.

"We do a lot of diabetes education here. When I first learned about diabetes 15 to 20 years ago, 'type 2' was someone over age 40. Now we are seeing 12-year-olds with type 2."

Individuals with type 1 diabetes are unable to produce insulin. Those with type 2 are "insulin resistant." They need more insulin than the body is willing to produce, Swancutt said. She described type 2 diabetes as the result of lifestyle

"It's a genetic disease but you don't have to get at 12," she

Association's Start! Heart Walk.

Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital

will host a spring wine tasting on April 23,

with proceeds going to the American Heart

The Spring Wine Tasting will include complimentary tastings of wines from the U.S.,

France, Italy, Australia and Chile. Wines will

be provided by Winebuys.com, along with

free sommelier service. The tasting will run from 6:30-9 p.m., in the Ravitz Foundation

Main Atrium in Henry Ford West Bloomfield



Embassy Suites chef Kevin Green will give a cooking demonstration at St. Mary Mercy Hospital's health expo, April 24.



Judy Swancutt, dietitian at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, will offer tips on kid-friendly foods at a health expo, April 24.

said, adding that a 40-year-old with type 2 diabetes may not begin to experience complications from the disease until they are 60. A 12-year-old already showing signs of diabetes may see those complications emerge at age 32.

Thirty two isn't old. That is what scares me the most," Swancutt said. "We need to

Wine tasting benefits heart disease, stroke research

push those vegetables."

She suggests introducing vegetables to children when they are young "and keep presenting it." Don't force it, but find different ways to present healthful foods. Encourage exercise and emphasize whole fruits, rather than juice or packaged fruit bars.

Other health expo events include:

· Children's health and fitness with Peter Nielsen, a motivational health expert

· Learning how to take your heart rate

 Bone and muscle injury prevention

· Keeping kids drug-free · Skin health and sun safety

· What shoes are the best fit

· Prescription drug "take back" program will allow participants to safely dispose of expired for unused prescription drugs.

Register for the cooking demonstration and other speaker sessions online at www.stmarymercy.org.

Hospital, 6777 West Maple, West Bloomfield.

raised \$1.7 million dollars for research, advo-

cacy and education programs sponsored by the American Heart Association. Funding medical

research related to cardiovascular disease and

and for more information, go to http://www.

Tickets for Spring Wine Tasting are \$40 per person or \$70 per couple. To purchase tickets

stroke is the organization's first priority.

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Now, more than ever, people are looking for tasty ways to trim their waistlines, and their budgets. Staying within both a caloric and financial budget is as easy as updating your menu with a new centerpiece - pork.

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MUSTARD-HERB CRUSTED PORK LOIN ROAST

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 60 minutes Serves 4 with leftovers for sandwiches

1 cup panko 1½ pounds pork top loin roast, trimmed of external fat

¼ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon black pepper

1 egg yolk beaten

2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard

1½ teaspoons fresh thyme, chopped Heat oven to 350°F. Place panko on large dinner plate; set aside. Pat surface of pork dry with paper towels; sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Combine egg yolk, mustard and thyme in pie plate. Roll pork roast in mustard mixture, spreading mixture evenly on surface. Then roll mustard-coated roast in panko, patting panko on roast

Place roast on rack in shallow roasting pan. Roast, uncovered, in heated oven for 1 hour or until an instant-read thermometer inserted near center reads 155°F.

Loosely cover pork with foil. Let rest for five minutes. Transfer pork roast to carving board; Cut half of the pork roast into 1/4-inchthick slices to serve. Cool remaining piece of roast at room temperature for up to one hour. Loosely cover and refrigerate for sandwiches.

Serving Suggestions: Cook once and eat twice - serve half of this savory pork roast with steamed mixed baby vegetables and a wild rice pilaf for the first meal, and use the leftover roast for sandwiches as a second

Nutrition: Calories: 150; Protein: 20g; Fat: 4g; Sodium: 170mg; Cholesterol: 80mg; Saturated Fat: 1g; Carbohydrates: 5g; Fiber: 0g

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Career Fair for high school students

Professionals in a wide variety of fields will be on hand to discuss career options with high school students and their parents during this free open house from 6:30 = 8:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center For more information visit www.schooleraft.edu or call 734-462-4683.

Scholl & Bylsma perform free concert

Christopher Scholl, tenon and Kevin Bylsma, plane, will perform in the final concert of the college's 2009-10 Noon Concert Series. The concert is free and will be held in the VisTaTech Center at noon. More information is available at www.schoolcraft.edu/music.

Earth Day events

April 19-22

A number of events are scheduled throughout the week in celebration of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. This is the college's 10th year of participation. This year's theme is "Our Great Lakes." Activities are free and open to the public. A schedule of activities can be found at www.schoolcraft.edu

James Tocco, pianist, in concert April 23

A world renowned performer Tocco will perform as part of the Friday Evening Concert Series at & p.m. in the VisTaTech Center Tickets: \$20 per person (\$10 for students) available at www. sebexoffice.com. More information at www.schoolcraft.edu/music or 734-462-4403.

Free Spring Jazz Concert April 26

The college's Jazz Band, Synthesizer Ensemble, and Jazz Improvisation Combo will perform a variety of upbeat selections celebrating the season in a free concert at 7:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center More information is available at www.schooleraft.edu.

Explore your creative side throughout the Spring and Summer

Whether you are interested in the visual arts, the performing arts, or the culinary arts; or you want to develop your professional skills or improve your health, the resources of the college's Continuing Education and Professional Development are sure to have what you need. There are new classes starting in May and all throughout the summer months. Visit www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd or call 734-462-4448 for more information.



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Multiple generations under one roof create challenges for families

THURSDAY, April 15, 2010

BY JULIE BROWN OSE STAFF WRITER

In his work as a professor of counseling at Eastern Michigan University, Perry Francis sees more young adults moving back home after graduation.

"So you have what you call boomerang kids," said Francis, coordinator of counseling services in the College of Education Clinical Suite at EMU. Recent grads either have no job or have graduated to Starbucks and are underemployed, making living on their own impossible.

"People have lost their homes so they're doing it out of necessity," Ypsilanti resident Francis said of increased numbers of multigenerational families.

"The good old times were neither," he said. "We have a tendency to romanticize things."

As people became more mobile in the 1950s, '60s and '70s, families were less likely to live together in multiple generations. The plus is that people were productive, the downside loss of family touch of telling stories and

passing down of values.
"We're seeing people compacting into a house" now, Francis said. They're having to negotiate all that. That creates a lot of tension.

There's an upside as well "Nobody loves you like your family," he said of those who, hopefully, are supportive. "At the same time, you're with people who are supportive of you."

He sees mostly graduate students in his work who are older and married. Francis and his wife have a daughter

in Tacoma, Wash., a recent college graduate whom they supply with a little support. A couple of the daughter's friends have had to move home when they couldn't find work.

He also has a couple graduate students in mental health who've been hired back in some cases as contractors without benefits. Loss of a home is a major concern for them.

Francis has down to earth advice for families now living together as multiple generations under one roof. Parents, for example, shouldn't assume things will go back to how they were.

"You have to negotiate," he said, noting college graduates have been out on their own. Young adults who move back in also need to sit down and negotiate tasks, payment and issues of boundaries and privacy.

"Don't let things fester that bother you," he said, and be sure all voices are heard.

He's not sure the trend of multiple generations together will continue. "I think that's a question better left to the economists, not a mental health expert," Francis said.

If the economy continues as is, you could see retrofitting of homes for inlaw apartments.

Francis emphasizes that families who communicate do better. "It's important that people do that, they communicate their needs and wants, their hopes and joys.

Some people end up with older relatives at home rather than grown children. Mary Denning of Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland has her mother-in-law, who's 92, at



her Howell home. "She helped out a lot when the kids were little." Her husband's mom lived right down the street, and when Mary went back to paid work she helped.

"Now she needs us and it's a relief I don't have to worry about her," Denning said. "It's a good experience. I would hate for her to be in Tucson and worry if she's eating. She's there for me so I'm going to be there for her."

Denning recommends having some "my space. You need to have a place

where you can hide out." She and her husband have no young adult children at home.

"She's a good lady. She's done a lot for me. It's nice to be able to help her now because grandpa's gone." Her mother-in-law had fallen a couple times and was injured.

She had driven until last year, and Denning agreed it's tough for older people to give up independence. "Now she has to rely on us to take her" to the store, Denning said.

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These are the residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 28-31 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed are

cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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| Birmingham | |
| 583 Bloomfield Ct | \$215,000 |
| 151 E Lincoln St | \$237,000 |
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| 759 Purdy St | |
| 1801 Washington Blvd | \$185,000 |
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| 30 Cranbrook Ln | \$600,000 |
| 2389 Hickory Glen Dr | \$325,000 |
| 205 Woodberry Dr | \$618,000 |
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| 1712 Beechwood Way | \$360,000 |
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| 6551 Cathedral Dr | \$226,000 |
| 5645 Crabtree Rd | \$170,000 |
| 2640 Endsleigh Dr | \$535,000 |
| 320 Hamilton Rd | \$575,000 |
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| 5786 Garnet Cir | \$169,000 |
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| 5763 Shannon Ln | \$155,000 |
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Career Seminar

Keller-Williams will hold a Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Call (734) 459-4700 to reserve a free seat.

Organizers are looking for people who are: positive minded, highly ethical, service-based, self-starting, eager to learn and professional in appearance. Candidates would benefit from previous experience or successes in: service indus-

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·Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a seminar for leasing professionals, "Leasing 101: The 2010 Tour" on Friday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to noon at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Kathleen Mabie of Ann Arbor-based Success On Site will provide guidelines to increase occupancy immediately. Topics to be presented include Competitive Analysis, Closing from Start to Finish, Secure Contacts when they call, hit Web sites, or send e-mail, Meet and Greet Interface, Follow-up and more. The entire leasing

process will be covered.

Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association members and \$99 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

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A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation. Learn about reverse mortgages. Please RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

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Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@ addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour. com.

Avoid any conflict of interest

is a real estate agent and a property manager. He has been hired by the bank to handle units within the association that are in foreclosure, and, he has told some people that he intends to bid on some foreclosed units. Some board members believe that this is a conflict of interest because, as treasurer, he has information about units that other owners do not have. What do you think?

> A: I believe that as treasurer he must give the association



Robert Meisner

priority as to whether or not to bid on these units since he owes a fiduciary duty to the association. If the association

itself first

itself is not interested in bidding on these units, then I do not see a problem in him doing so since the sale process is, presumably, a matter of public record and everyone is on at least constructive notice of it. However, when in doubt, get a legal opinion from your association attorney.

Q: Are you aware of any innovative ways in which associations have been able to get their homeowners to pay their assessments in these economically difficult times?

A: As a lawyer, I am obviously familiar with all of the remedies available under the condominium documents as well as issues concerning the priority of the ass lien against a mortgagee's lien in certain instances. However, I am aware of a situation wherein the board offered a financial incentive to homeowners who submitted proposals for sprucing up their yards. The only requirement was that the homeowners be up to date in their assessment fees and use the money for that stated purpose. It seemed to work in that situation and the board may wish to consider other creative means by which to seek payment of the assessments although selfhelp remedies, while generally authorized by the documents, are always risky.

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

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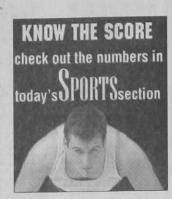
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| 44300 Duchess Dr | \$169,000 |
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| 47016 Woodlong Dr Garden City | \$315,000 |
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| 18367 Blue Heron Dr E | \$335,000 |
| Plymouth | |
| 9114 McClumpha Rd | \$244,000 |
| 11619 Parkview Dr | \$125,000 |
| 1381 Sheridan St | \$180,000 |
| 47249 Timberwood Dr | \$340,000 |
| Redford | 44.040.00 |
| 19255 Garfield | \$90,000 |
| | \$72,000 |
| 15501 Gaylord | \$18,000 |
| 9553 Hazelton | |
| 11738 Virgil | \$45,000 |
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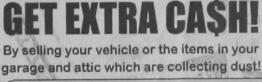
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