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Faith grants

The Plymouth Salvation Army still has funds available under the Faith Stimulus Grant program to help the newly unemployed.

Criteria for the funding are: proof of unemployment (letter of separation, documentation from state, bank statement showing automatic deposit of unemployment funds), and applicants must reside in the Plymouth Salvation Army's service area (Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Belleville).

For more information, e-mail Laurie Aren at laurie_aren@usc.salvationarmy.org or call the church at (734) 453-5464.

Foster forum

Wayne County Juvenile Court Judge Mark T. Slavens of Canton and Wayne County Juvenile Court Referee Kathleen H. Svoboda will join foster care workers and adoption specialists, foster and adoptive parents and foster and adopted children as panelists for a public meeting Wednesday, May 5, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The purpose of the free event is to provide information to individuals and couples who are thinking about becoming foster and/or adoptive parents. The event is sponsored by the Michigan Children's Law Center.

"The forum is being held because the children's law center believes that loving and caring foster and adoptive parents are critical in providing new beginnings and opportunities for abused and neglected children," said Fred Gruber, Executive Director of the Michigan Children's Law Center.

The Michigan Children's Law Center is a group of attorneys who represent children in neglect and delinquency cases in Wayne County Juvenile Court.

For more information, call Fred Gruber at the Michigan Children's Law Center at (734) 281-1900.

Budget town hall

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, hosts a town hall meeting Thursday, May 6, in Canton, to discuss the state budget, the current state of the economy and how state leaders can work to revitalize Michigan's economy.

The meeting takes place from 7-9 p.m. at the Canton Township Hall Board Room, 1150 Canton Center Road.

Corriveau will be joined by Mitch Bean, director of the nonpartisan House Fiscal Agency. Bean will give a presentation and hold a question-and-answer session with residents.

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

Eateries set for smoking ban adjustment

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Like any bar owner, Domenic Tassielli of Crow's Nest Bar & Grill in Canton wonders how his business will be affected when Michigan's smoking ban in workplaces starts Saturday.

"I think it's natural to be nervous about it," he said Tuesday. "We've never been through this. But after the adjustment period, I think everyone is going to be fine with it."

That said, Tassielli has adopted a proactive stance by inviting the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network to his bar, located on Canton Center between Ford and Warren, for a fund-raiser from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday — the day the smoking ban takes effect.

"We are absolutely thrilled that he is doing this," said Elizabeth Paruch, a Canton resident, ACS CAN volunteer and breast cancer survivor for more than five years. "We're going to be celebrating that it's the first day Michigan is smoke-free in bars, restaurants and other workplaces."

To prepare, Crow's Nest has been collecting its patrons' cigarette butts in a five-gallon jug, and Paruch said customers can pay \$1 to estimate the number of butts — yes, they'll be counted — in the container.

Five prizes for the best guesses will be given out, Paruch said, including a \$25 Crow's Nest gift certificate, a free vehicle oil change and three T-shirts that celebrate Michigan's smoking ban.

A portion of Crow's Nest proceeds Saturday also will be donated to ACS CAN, and Paruch said another fund-raiser will allow patrons to donate money and have the names of cancer survivors — or loved ones who have died — on what she called "a wall of hope."

ACS CAN also will accept outright donations, Paruch said, and the night also will include karaoke starting around 9:30 p.m.

Paruch, who lost a brother to cancer, said she and her husband have often patronized Crow's

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Johnson, owner of the Rusty Nail in Canton, enjoys a puff of a Hoya de Monterrey, a fine Honduran cigar. Behind John are John Swanee, Tim Clark and Ted Stein. Johnson won't be able to enjoy the smoke starting Saturday, when a statewide ban on smoking in public places goes into effect.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Keith Cox, Michael O'Hara and John Lutz break up a concrete driveway at Mary Stretke's house.



Volunteers Halie Woody and Kali Aloisi wait for the rest of the crew to arrive at the worksite. They are students at Westland John Glenn High School.

Christmas comes early
Volunteers spread holiday cheer eight months earlyBY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton resident Casteen Armstrong, 89, smiled as a small army of volunteers came to her house Saturday morning to replace windows, clean out her garage, trim trees, paint her bathroom, rake her yard and bust up a section of deteriorating driveway so it could be replaced.

"This is just so wonderful," Armstrong said. "I couldn't afford to do all this. I'd just have to let it go, mostly, and do what I could do. This is fabulous."

On their own time, Home Depot employees from eight stores worked alongside other volunteers to fix up Armstrong's home — at no cost to her — during the Canton-based Christmas in Action of Wayne County program.

In all, some 250 volunteers didn't let a little morning rain dampen their efforts to repair 11 homes for elderly or disabled residents who couldn't afford to pay for the work. Using corporate and private donations of materials, money and labor, local Christmas in Action helpers have fixed up 51 houses

Please see **CHRISTMAS, A6**Memorial set
for teenager
killed in crashBY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Counselors and social workers were on hand Monday morning as students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park were forced to deal with the death of one of their own.

Marie-Kristin Friedow, an 18-year-old senior at Plymouth High School, died Sunday from injuries sustained in a two-vehicle car crash Sunday afternoon in Canton.

Friedow apparently lost control of her car as she drove west on Michigan Avenue near the I-275 interchange, according to Canton Police Sgt. Mark Gajeski. The driver's side of Friedow's car slammed into the back of a van stopped for a red light. Police said the rain-slicked roadway along that stretch of Michigan Ave., where the speed limit is 55 mph, may have contributed to the crash, Gajeski said.

Friedow died at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. Neither the 15-year-old passenger in her car nor the 45-year-old Belleville resident driving the van were critically injured.

Students were notified Monday morning of the death of Friedow, who had attended Miller Elementary and East



Friedow

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Board wants public input on RESA millage

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If officials at Wayne RESA want to pass the 1.9-mill school enhancement proposal they've been floating, they might have to do it without the support of the state's third-largest school district.

Plymouth-Canton Board of Education officials Tuesday tabled a vote on a resolution supporting the RESA plan, being proposed to provide a funding source not otherwise available to local school districts, most of whom are bound by the restrictions of 1994's Proposal A.

The supporting resolution was a late addition to Tuesday's agenda, but board members decided — on a 5-2 vote — to table the issue until they could

hear input from district residents.

But it was clear trustees think they have a pretty good idea what voters will think about the RESA millage, which would raise some \$11 million in Plymouth-Canton, though only 60 percent of that — about \$6.9 million — would come back to the district under RESA's disbursement plan.

Two weeks ago, board Vice President Barry Simescu favored supporting the proposal, pointing out it's "the only game the state Legislature is letting us play." After hearing from people, though, Simescu now opposes it.

"I had several members of the community contact me, and I found none who supported it," Simescu said. "There are too many negatives here. I think it's the wrong time."

RESA needs support from districts representing 51 percent of the county's students to get the proposal on the Aug. 3 primary ballot. At a meeting a couple of weeks ago, officials indicated they needed support from at least two of three large districts — Plymouth-Canton, Livonia or Dearborn — to give the measure a shot. Livonia recently voted not to support it, while Dearborn board members disliked the idea so much they didn't even vote on it.

Plymouth-Canton Trustee Adrienne Davis, the board's newest member, offered a motion to pass the resolution supporting the RESA plan, She said voters should be allowed to decide for themselves.

"For me, it's purely civics,"

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Open House

St. Michael Christian School, located at 7000 N. Sheldon in Canton, is hosting an open house for the 2010-2011 school year on 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 6.

The school offers preschool and elementary, including Young Fives and all-day kindergarten.

Contact the school office at (734) 459-9720 for more information, or view website at www.st.michael-church.org.

Color guard audition

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band Color Guard is holding clinics at Plymouth High School from 6-8 p.m. May 10-12 for anyone interested in joining the Fall Guard. Color guard auditions take place Monday, May 17, from 6-8 p.m.

Color guard members use a combination of dance and ath-

letics mixed with use of rifles, sabers, flags, and other props. Auditions are open to any student in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools grades 9th through 12th.

As members of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, Color Guard members participate in all competitions including the Grand National Band Championships in Indianapolis in November.

If anyone is interested in further information they can contact Color Guard Director, Jennifer Leseth at Jenifo30@gmail.com.

Field fund-raiser

Field Elementary's seventh annual Fun Fair takes place 5:30-9 p.m. on May 7 at 1000 S. Haggerty in Canton. The public is welcome, and food and concessions will be available.

Raffle tickets will sell for \$5, and prizes include \$1,000 Visa Gift Card, Small Flat Screen TV, Lap Top, Xbox and game bundle and a Digital Camera. Raffle tickets will be available to purchase the evening of the



Extra mile

St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton presents 'Going the Extra MYLE' with inspirational speaker Mike Patin Monday through Wednesday, May 17-19, and Friday through Sunday, May 21-23. Sunday presentation is from 2-3:45 p.m. in the afternoon and all other presentations are from 6-7:45 p.m. Patin uses humor, sacred stories, and life experiences to affirm the goodness of God's presence while inviting others to take the next step in the journey with God. The cost of \$6 per person, children 4 and under free, includes hors d'oeuvres as well as materials to use at home to continue the experience. Call ahead at (734) 455-5910 to make a reservation. St. John Neumann is located at 44800 Warren Road between Sheldon and Canton Center in Canton.

event; the drawing takes place at 8:45 p.m. (need not be present to win).

A Silent Auction will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. If you have a business and would like to donate to the Silent Auction, contact Sheila Smith at (734) 637-7891. Ticket drops for opportunities to win themed baskets donated and assembled by each classroom. Tickets are

\$1 each or 12 for \$10.

Family events will include a cake walk, pop ring toss, face painting, cash cube, carnival-type games, hospital room, fortune-telling and more. Each child who plays games will win a prize. Wristbands are \$10 at the door or tickets 4 for \$1.

All proceeds to benefit Field Elementary's students,

including educational needs (books, classroom equipment, subscriptions, etc) and new playground equipment.

E-waste day

Canton Township and Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit partner to offer a free electronic waste collection in Canton 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 8, at the Canton Division of Public Works Building, 4847 Sheldon in Canton. This free event is open to all Wayne County residents.

Proceeds from recycled materials support Goodwill Industries' job training programs and career services helping residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties secure jobs by overcoming barriers to employment. Goodwill Industries is the only organization solely dedicated to fighting unemployment in Metro Detroit.

Only the following items will be accepted: computer monitors, CPUs, printers, keyboards, mouse devices, cell phones, copiers, scanners and fax machines. No boxes, manuals, software or televisions will be accepted.

Supporters are reminded to remove all sensitive and personal information before donating or recycling electronic equipment. Reformatting hard drives or

deleting files from a computer may not be enough. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provides two fact sheets with information about donating electronic items at www.epa.gov <<http://www.epa.gov>>.

All collected materials will be recycled within the United States.

Historical speaker

The Canton Historical Society hosts its last spring speaker series 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, at the Canton Museum, located on Canton Center Road just south of Cherry Hill.

The speaker will be Jennifer Huff, a Ph.D candidate in modern American history at Ohio State University. The topic will be on multi-district busing plan to desegregate the Detroit Public School students from Detroit. In June 1972 federal district court Judge Stephen J. Roth ruled in favor of multi-district busing. It sparked a controversy throughout metro Detroit.

In "the battle over busing" Huff will examine the controversy on the local level in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

For additional information contact the museum at (734) 397-0088, e-mail cantonhist@comcast.net or visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org

CORRECTION

Madonna University will hold its commencement ceremony Sunday, May 2. The wrong date was published in last Sunday's *Observer*.

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Board votes increase in water, sewer rates

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As expected Tuesday, the Canton Township Board of Trustees voted to support a water-sewer rate hike that will cost an average household an additional \$47.41 every three-month billing period, or nearly \$190 a year.

But, the decision to raise rates 16.9 percent for an average household using 32,283 gallons of water each quarterly billing cycle came amid more criticism of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

"We have been ripped off — the suburbs have been ripped off — for years," Trustee John Anthony said.

His remarks came as the latest rate hike — earlier laid out during three public forums and a township board study session — won approval as local officials sought to

offset a 15-percent increase from Detroit, pay local maintenance costs and boost the water-sewer fund toward the \$11-million mark, closer to where consultants say it should be.

As a formality, the township board still will have to amend a local ordinance to reflect the rate increase, which takes effect in June.

Some local officials have indicated they are hopeful Detroit's water-sewer operations will continue to become more transparent amid leadership changes. They have said some progress already has been made.

Still, that didn't stop the criticism that continued Tuesday during a township board meeting.

"To my judgment, they've been stealing as much as they can steal," resident Anthony Cauchi said.

Local officials indicated they have little recourse when Detroit socks the township with a rate hike.

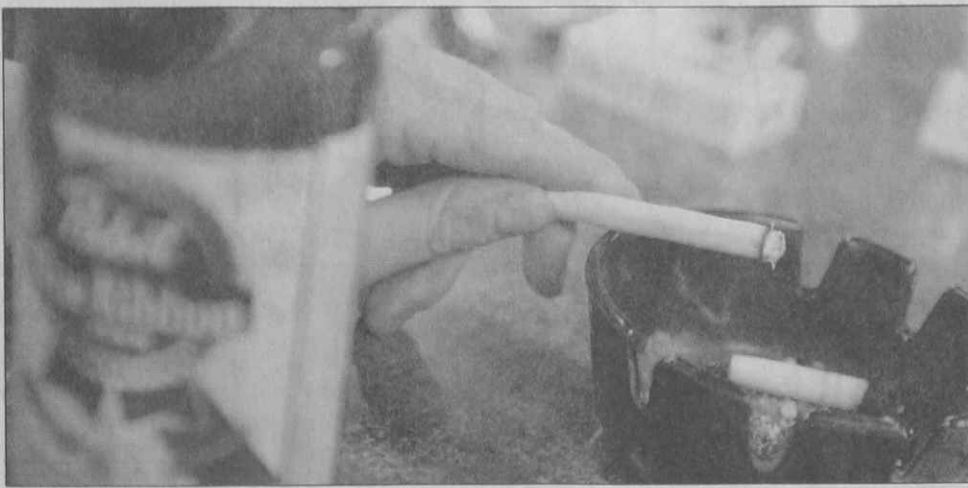
"We're sort of a captive customer, if you will," Trustee Todd Caccamo said.

Supervisor Phil LaJoy recalled a move led years ago by then-state Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, to increase suburban representation in Detroit water-sewer operations.

"We were never able to get that through," he said.

Trustee Syed Taj also pointed to another reason why local rates have become higher. He said Canton didn't increase rates at all in 2004 and 2005 — and approved only a minimal rate hikes in other years. He said those decisions have forced the township to compensate now with larger increases.

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Some smokers, like Katie Stropes, think they may smoke less when the new law takes effect.

SMOKING

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Nest for "the great food," and she had approached Tassielli about a fund-raiser to fight cancer.

"He was extremely enthusiastic," she said.

Crow's Nest has had community fund-raisers before, and Tassielli has been promoting the latest event with help from his employees, patrons and the social networking site Facebook. He said he was eager to help an organization that fights cancer.

"I think everyone has been

touched by it one way or another," he said. "I'm happy to do something."

For more information about ACS CAN — the nation's leading advocacy organization fighting cancer — go online to www.acscan.org.

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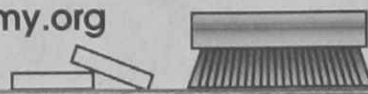
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CRIME WATCH



Thieves steal, damage during home invasion

1 A woman who lives at the Crossing of Canton, southeast of Joy Road and I-275, told police she was the victim of a home invasion while she was attending a party in Detroit between midnight and the morning hours of Saturday.

The woman returned to find that several items including jewelry had been taken. She also reported that several items appeared to have been destroyed, such as a pair of eyeglasses.

It wasn't clear how the intruder got into the apartment.

Vicodin stolen

2 A woman told police someone entered her car while it was parked at the Borders bookstore on Ford Road at Morton Taylor between noon and 12:35 p.m. last Thursday.

The woman, who wasn't sure if she had locked the vehicle, said her glove box was open and that someone had taken prescription Vicodin she had left in an area between the front seats.

She also said she had left her windows rolled down a few inches.

Felony warrant

3 Canton police who made a traffic stop for a loud exhaust arrested a female driver who was wanted in Ypsilanti for a felony warrant for uttering and publishing — or writing bad checks.

The traffic stop was made about 10:50 p.m. April 21 on westbound Cherry Hill near Denton. Police arranged to meet Ypsilanti police at Michigan Avenue and Rawsonville, where she was turned over to them.

Dumpster blaze

4 Police responded to reports of a Dumpster fire that Canton firefighters were dousing around 4:15 p.m. Friday near Jefferson and Coolidge in Cherry Hill Village. The Dumpster was fully engulfed in flames before local officials arrived. Residents didn't report seeing any suspicious activity.

— Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports

Charges filed in Target robbery

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two men with criminal histories have been charged amid allegations they committed an unarmed robbery and fled from Canton police during an incident that occurred March 28 at the Target store on Michigan Avenue near Beck, authorities said Tuesday.

Two women still are facing lesser charges for the same incident, Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

The charges stem from a 4 p.m. incident in which police say three suspects went into Target, stuffed merchandise into purses and a backpack, then fled in a car driven by a fourth suspect.

One male suspect punched a security employee in the head and threatened him while fleeing the store, police said.

Authorities in the Ypsilanti area arrested the two men and turned them over to Canton police, Schreiner said. One of

the women was in custody in another community and was facing charges in Canton, and a second female was being sought Tuesday afternoon.

Darryl Lamont Gardner, 31, was arraigned Monday in 35th District Court on charges of unarmed robbery, receiving and concealing stolen property and being a fourth-degree habitual offender, Schreiner said.

Gardner was jailed with a \$100,000 cash bond set by 35th District Judge James Plakas and ordered back in court May 7 for a preliminary examination that will determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court, according to a district court clerk.

A not-guilty plea was entered for him. If convicted as charged, Gardner could face penalties ranging up to life in prison as a habitual offender.

Gardner's arraignment came six days after 31-year-old parolee James Edward Jackson, accused of driv-

ing the getaway vehicle, was arraigned in 35th District Court on charges of unarmed robbery, fleeing and eluding police, receiving and concealing stolen property, being an accessory after the fact to a felony and being a fourth-degree habitual offender, Schreiner said.

Jackson was jailed with a \$25,000/10 percent bond set by 35th District Magistrate Eric Colthurst and ordered back in court April 30 for a preliminary examination to determine whether he should stand trial, according to the court.

A not-guilty plea also was entered for Jackson. If convicted, he, too, could face penalties ranging up to life in prison as a habitual offender.

The two women still are facing one-year misdemeanor charges in Canton for retail fraud and receiving and concealing stolen property, police said.

Schreiner credited tips received from the public for helping to lead a Canton police

detective, Mike Wells, to the defendants.

"He did a good job of taking that tip information, identifying these people and getting them arrested without incident," Schreiner said.

Still, Canton police are asking anyone who witnessed the Target incident to come forward with information. Additional tips may be made by calling the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Gardner was released from prison in 2007 after he served over 11 years for assault with intent to go great bodily harm (less than murder) and felony firearms.

Jackson, meanwhile, was paroled last May and has spent time in prison for possession of cocaine and receiving and concealing stolen property. Jackson could be facing additional penalties for a parole violation and would likely not be allowed to post bond, authorities said.

Police ask for help finding still-missing girl

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Canton Police are still looking for help finding Devon Kroetsch, a 15-year-old missing since March 1.

the media and received tips indicating the girl had been seen in Ypsilanti, Belleville, Sumpter Township, Redford, Detroit and Waterford.

Authorities investigated those tips and followed up on other leads but, as of Wednesday, the girl hadn't been found.

The Canton Police Department issued a new statement Tuesday, saying it "is continuing to search for Devon and asks for the public's continued support in reporting any information that will assist in bringing about Devon's safe return."

Anyone who has information is urged to call Canton police at (734) 394-5400.

Meanwhile, the Canton Community Foundation has worked with Devon's family to create a reward fund for information leading authorities to the girl.

To learn more about the foundation's effort and ways to donate, go online to www.cantonfoundation.org.

Devon was reportedly last seen March 1 at Belleville High School. She didn't return to her foster home that day.

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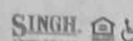
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Middle schools before moving on to Plymouth High School, the newest of the three high schools at the park.

Counselors attended all of Friedow's classes Monday to offer support and help with students' grief. But Erin MacGregor, the associate principal at Plymouth High School, was struck by the amount of support that radiated through the building.

"We all knew her in the sense that she was involved in a lot," MacGregor said. "What I have been overwhelmed with today, in a positive sense, is that it's always hard for the kids. But the adults here in the building have been great. There's been an outpouring of support and memories not only from the students, but from the adults who knew her."

"It's always hard," MacGregor added. "But to see that kind of support from everyone ... that was good to see."

Marie-Kristin Friedow is survived by her parents, Thomas and Christel Friedow, and her sister, Michelle.

Visitation takes place 5-9 p.m. Friday, and again 1-5 p.m. Saturday, at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon (north of Ford Road), in Canton. The funeral service is 3 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon (south of Warren), also in Canton.

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Davis said. "I don't think it's up to me to get in the way of the public to decide whether to vote it up or down. The public gets to say yes or no."

But board Treasurer Judy Mardigan said the district has other needs that will have to be considered in the near future — such as what to do with the 100-year-old Central Middle School — and shouldn't ask voters to vote on a measure that would send 40 percent of the money out of the

district.

"I don't think it's the right time," Mardigan said. "We're going to have other needs in the community in the short term. I don't want to ask the community to be a donor community. People are still suffering from ... the recession. This just isn't a good time."

Trustee Dianne Gonzalez, reiterating support she expressed for the millage proposal as the only way to bring money into the district, said she would still favor it, but doesn't think voters share that enthusiasm.

"I'd really be in favor of doing this millage, because

it's the only game in town," Gonzalez said Tuesday. "I just don't think it's going to pass."

RESA officials said they need support by May 18 to get it on the Aug. 3 ballot. Plymouth-Canton officials didn't say when they'd formally hear comments from the community. Their next regular board meeting is 7 p.m. May 10, though they are scheduled for a workshop Tuesday.

NEWS BRIEFS

All Saints open house

All Saints Catholic School in Canton hosts an open house on Sunday, May 2, from noon to 3 p.m. At that time visitors will be invited to tour the school, meet the faculty and staff, and talk with current students about their experiences at All Saints Catholic School.

Check the school's Web site at www.allsaintscs.com and click on "open house". More information is also available by calling the school office at (734) 459-2490.

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To learn more about Rotary Youth Exchange and hosting a student, contact Sue Kowalski at (734) 968-1436, or Bill Tesen at (734) 844-1374.

White elephants

The Canton Place Seniors hosts a White Elephant and Bake sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 22, in the Community Room at 44505 Ford Road (corner of Ford and Sheldon). The public is invited to attend.

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CHRISTMAS

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in six years, and chairman Jim Cisek of Canton hopes to expand the program to other communities such as Plymouth and Westland.

Inside Armstrong's home, self-employed painter Mike Remington spruced up a bathroom as he marked his second year with Christmas in Action. Outside, some volunteers used sledgehammers to rip out an old driveway in preparation for a new one, while others hauled debris to a Dumpster provided by Canton Waste Recycling.

"I think it's important to give back to the community that supports us," said Mary Goloback, manager of the Home Depot store near Michigan Avenue and Canton Center.

Across town, 62-year-old Mary Stretke fought back tears as volunteers showed up to start repairing a deteriorating chimney, driveway, a section of aluminum siding, sliding doorwall trim and her brick-and-concrete front porch. They also spread fresh

topsoil over her back yard.

"This means so much to me, just the fact that all these volunteers would come here and help me," said Stretke, a working yet struggling woman who plans to move her 98-year-old mother to her home. "I don't know how to thank all these wonderful people."

Stretke earlier had received a \$23,000 quote for work she needed done at her house.

"There's no way I would have been able to come up with all that money," she said.

Christmas in Action draws carpenters, plumbers, electricians, painters and other skilled trades workers, along with local students, Canton Township employees, the Plymouth Community United Way and other volunteers who support the program. Shakespeare Services of Garden City, a landscaping and maintenance company, hauled many of the work materials to the various sites.

Saturday morning, volunteers gathered inside the township administration building before they fanned out across Canton to fix homes.

"It's another great example of government working with



Aileen Paterson rakes leaves at Casteen Armstrong's house.

citizen volunteers to provide a service at no cost," said Abe Vinitski, a Canton Township parks supervisor and Christmas in Action liaison. "It's the community coming together for a bigger cause."

Some homes get extensive repairs, others merely need a little outdoor sprucing up. Those receiving help apply for it and are screened. Christmas in Action is part of a national

program, headquartered in Midland, Texas, that has fixed thousands of homes since it was started in 1972.

Cisek, the local chairman, called Saturday's effort one of the best yet in Canton with at least 250 volunteers.

"It was awesome," he said. "This has really been one of our best yet."

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Federal law protects from debt collector excesses

There is no doubt that in the current economic situation many people, particularly those in southeast Michigan, are having difficulties paying their debts.

Unfortunately, many people have had to make hard decisions as to which debt to pay. The result is many people are being contacted by debt collectors either by the company that is owed the money or private debt collection companies. Although most people who have not paid their debts are being treated properly, there are some who have been harassed by debt collectors.

Many people are under the mistaken belief that since they owe they have no recourse in dealing with the debt collectors. Not true. Even if there is no issue that the underlying debt is correct, debt collectors cannot harass you. You have rights.

Under the federal Fair Debt Collection Act, debtors have rights. However, in order to enforce them you have to be proactive. Therefore, if you are in a situation where you feel that a debt collector is threatening or harassing, you need to exercise your right.

I encourage everybody to

pay their debts and if they cannot, to work with creditors on a resolution. However, the fact that you do not pay does not give creditors and debt collectors the right to run wild.

Like all federal laws, the Fair Debt Collection Act is somewhat cryptic and difficult to understand. However, there are many places consumers can go to learn more about their rights. One place is www.ftc.gov. In addition, there is a lot of information on the Internet.

Although it is impossible to discuss the entire act in this column, there are certain things that debt collectors are forbidden to do. For example, unless you agree otherwise, a debt collector can only contact you between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. If a debt collector is contacting you after 9 p.m. they are in violation of the law. In addition, a debt collector cannot contact you at work or contact your neighbors, friends or family.

Debt collectors are also forbidden to claim they are attorneys (if they are not) or that they work for the government. Neither can a debt collector claim that he/she works for a credit reporting company or by failing to pay your debt you've committed a crime.

I've heard stories where debt collectors claim that if you do not pay the debt they can assess you with interest or additional fees. They cannot.

Unless the original contract that deals with the underlying debt allows this, there are forbidden to assess additional fees.

Many people are saying so what. If they violate my rights what can I do. I am already in debt, therefore, I cannot afford to hire an attorney to enforce my rights. This is where the law helps individuals. Under the Fair Debt Collections Act, if an attorney does take a case and the debtor wins in court, the debt collector must pay your attorney fees. Because of this, more attorneys are starting to specialize in this type of litigation.

If you are harassed or threatened there are attorneys that will take your case knowing that they will be able to collect fees from the collection companies. Last year, there was a 60 percent increase from 2008 on the number of federal lawsuits filed claiming violations of the Fair Debt Collections Act. The bottom line is you have rights and they are enforceable.

If you need the name of an attorney who can handle cases regarding the Fair Debt Collections Act, do not hesitate to contact me.

Good luck!

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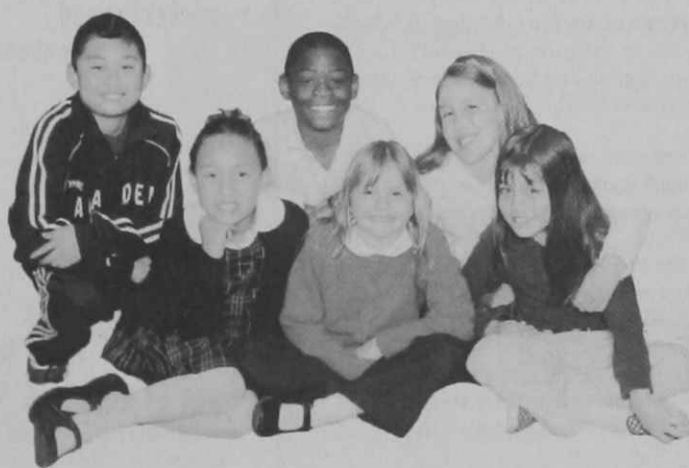
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OUR VIEWS

Risk outweighs millage benefit

Minds appear to be changing on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education, and we think that's probably a good thing.

Just a couple of weeks ago, the board seemed poised to back a 1.9-mill school enhancement proposal being floated by Wayne RESA, a measure that would raise more than \$97 million for county districts. With 1994's Proposal A restricting most districts from raising money any other way, RESA officials feel as though this enhancement millage — which only RESA can put on the ballot — is necessary.

And Plymouth-Canton board members seemed to agree, pointing out the fact it's highly unlikely state legislators were going to address funding inadequacies in any other substantive manner, particularly in an election year, when raising taxes is proportionately more distasteful to politicians seeking re-election.

But, apparently after hearing from an increasing number of constituents who do not want a millage passed, board members Tuesday decided to table a resolution supporting the millage. Instead, they'll put the item on an agenda and take public comment in an effort to get a better handle on how to deal with the question.

But we have a question of our own: Why wait? Really, how much more input do trustees need? Plymouth-Canton voters turned down bond proposals in both 2006 and 2007, and that was before the hardest part of the economic decline Michigan has seen in the last few years.

Now, faced with being a donor district — only 60 percent of the money raised by the tax in Plymouth-Canton will actually come back to the district; the rest will be distributed to other districts — it seems highly unlikely voters will be in favor of the RESA plan.

Of course, as Superintendent Dr. Craig Fiegel pointed out, RESA only needs districts representing 51 percent of the county's students to support the measure to get it on the Aug. 3 primary ballot. That means Plymouth-Canton voters could wind up paying the tax even if they oppose it here.

Trustee Adrienne Davis might be right — she thinks the voters should get the chance to say "yay" or "nay" for themselves. There's something to be said for that. But the risk of the measure passing and placing a tax burden they don't want on the shoulders of Plymouth-Canton taxpayers doesn't seem worth it.

Vote for Goci, levy

On Tuesday, May 4, voters in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will make two important decisions: who should represent their interests by filling a four-year term on the school board. They also will decide if the district should continue to levy its 18-mill nonhomestead property tax.

In the school board race, incumbent John Goci of Westland is being challenged by Karen Wilkie of Wayne for a four-year term on the school board. After interviewing both candidates and reviewing their responses to our written questions, we believe **John Goci** should be re-elected to the school board.

Goci has done well during his first year on the school board. He has shown himself to be a man of his word and stands by his commitment to the children and to seeing that they get the best education. He is not afraid to vote no — as in the closing of six elementary schools and seeking concessions from employees to trim \$19 million from the district budget.

Goci provides an alternative view and a voice to residents who believe they are not being heard by the board. However, if re-elected, we would like to see Goci be more involved. It's easy to say you don't agree; the hard part is offering constructive alternatives.

We also urge voters to **yes** on the renewal of the 18-mill nonhomestead tax levy. It's a win-win situation. The district will continue to receive the \$19.5 million the tax raises and it won't cost primary homeowners a single penny.

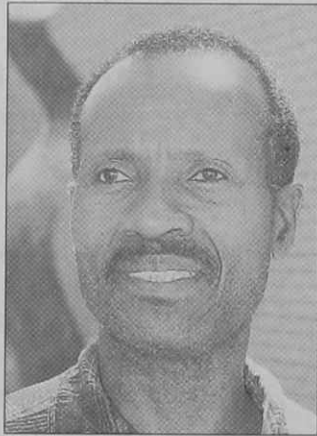
Renewal of the nonhomestead tax is a quirk of Proposal A. It is the one piece of the legislation that requires voter approval. Unlike the six mills levied statewide on primary residences, the nonhomestead tax is paid by the owners of commercial, industrial and some personal property. If it isn't renewed the district would have to make drastic cuts to balance its budget.

That said, we urge voters to re-elect **John Goci** to the school board and vote **YES** on the 18-mill nonhomestead tax renewal in the Tuesday, May 4, school election.

COMMUNITY VOICE

How do you think the Detroit Tigers will do this season?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I'm not a baseball fan. I don't follow it. I prefer cricket instead."

Kwabena Asante
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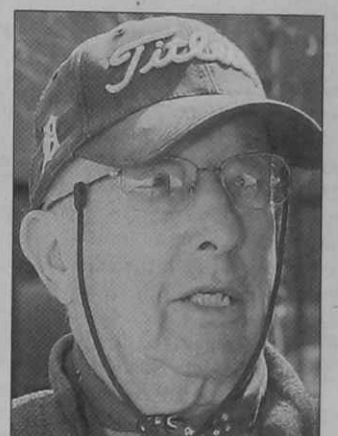
"I hope fantastically well. It's exciting."

Betty Kitt
Canton



"I don't even know. I go to maybe one game a year (during a fund-raiser) for Children's Hospital in Detroit."

Melissa Medford
Romulus



"I think they're going to win their division."

Richard Bonk
Westland

LETTERS

Act of kindness

The Mom Prom took place Friday evening at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church. One of the best stories of the night took place prior to prom at Holiday Market.

I went to Holiday Market to pick up a few items prior to the start of prom. I was wearing my prom gown from 1988, sneakers, and big '80s hair (I always wear sneakers because I say, "The dress is for prom, the shoes are for mom!") A few people were standing in line ahead of me, saw my outfit and had to ask what was going on.

I explained to them about The Mom Prom and the families for whom we are raising money. The two men in line ahead of me took out their wallets and handed me money for the families in need. I was standing there with a fist full of money.

Canton is truly a wonderful community. This act of kindness from two strangers is a perfect example of the generosity and kindness seen throughout our community. These two strangers heard that a Canton family was in need and they responded in a selfless act of kindness.

I would love to thank those strangers for their generosity.

Betsy Crapps
Canton

Shared sacrifice

I am writing to applaud Mr. Donald Zaksek for his courageous op-ed article in the Thursday, April 22, *Canton Observer*.

As Mr. Zaksek stated, times have changed and we need an aggressive approach to contain the ever-increasing costs to educate our children. I for one wholeheartedly support Mr. Zaksek if he is so inclined to run for a position with our school board. He seems to fully understand that our teachers must reduce their inflated salaries and benefits. This includes elimination of the old defined pension plan that is totally out of touch with what is normally offered and available to the rest of us in private industry today.

If we had men with the fortitude of Mr. Zaksek on the board in the past or present, we undoubtedly would not be in our present situation.

G. Gordon
Canton

Thanking McLaughlin

We would like to extend our most sincere thanks to Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin and the entire staff of the Canton Township Treasurer's office for their assistance during the past tax season.

Their consistent courtesy and professionalism in providing us and our clients with property tax information was very much appreciated. Their help enable us to file for the Michigan Homestead Credit for our clients who, for a variety of reasons, could not obtain this information themselves.

These are difficult times for many of our neighbors and our township has shown that they truly work for us.

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Tea Party hypocrisy

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ernment why are they speaking out about the absurdly high cost for the military and the expense of maintaining hundreds of bases around the world even in Germany and Japan?

When did World War II end? Where were they when Bush took a Clinton-era surplus and turned it into record deficits due to irresponsible tax cuts and the foolhardy war with Iraq. I don't hear a single Tea Party follower call for the elimination of Medicare or Social Security, probably because a lot of them are collecting these government benefits. Where are their calls for the privatization of public schools and public roads?

Thaddeus McCotter and his Tea Party movement are very disingenuous and unlike President Obama, lack the courage to tackle some of the most serious problems of our time, like the skyrocketing costs of health care, the energy crisis and our dangerous dependence on foreign oil and climate change, which next to nuclear war may be the greatest threat to ever befall our civilization. If you don't believe me or the president, then ask a scientist.

Maybe McCotter and the Tea Party, comprised of mostly older, white guys, are just a bit unsettled at the changing demographics of this country and the growing power of minorities. I guess after 230 years of older white guys running the country, change is hard to accept.

Thaddeus J. Hejka
Canton

Everywhere a sign

A recent *NY Times*/CBS poll found Tea Partiers more affluent and more educated than the average American. Apparently physical appearances belie the affluence and the signs, oh, those signs!

According to people like Sarah Palin the "lame stream liberal media," largely owned and operated by wealthy corporate conglomerates that are neither mainstream nor liberal, has inaccurately and unfairly portrayed the "noble" teabagger as an ignorant rube, among other things.

If I was a Tea organizer or even a caring participant I might, in the interest of projecting the desired group image, approach those in my midst bearing signs with spelling and or grammatical errors and politely ask them to correct or dispose of the errant placards. After all, I wouldn't want people to think we were dumb.

While I was at it I may also point out to my fellow well-educated demonstrators that our signs fail to project intellectual consistency. Some signs accuse our presi-

dent of being a communist. Others insist Obama is a fascist, or a socialist or even the second coming of Hitler, which would make him a Nazi. Being so well educated, it must be that as a group we are just a little confused. At the risk of being accused of elitism, we have to pick one since these ideologies conflict. After all, I wouldn't want people to think we were ill-informed.

In order to dispel added rumblings about Tea Partiers, as a caring participant or organizer, in the absence of virtually any people of color, I would again suggest that those participating in demonstrations or rallies discard signs that could be interpreted as racist. After all, we wouldn't want people to think that we were racist and that the mere existence of a black man in the White House had more to do with our sudden political activism than the national debt or recently reduced taxes that the same poll said we, as Tea Partiers, think are fair.

As an organizer or caring participant, I would also carefully suggest that demonstrators refrain from carrying signs that endorse watering trees with blood, or taking our country back or pointing out that "we came unarmed, this time" (although some did not). Oddly enough, some people get the idea that such signs suggest violence. After all, we wouldn't want people to think we were violent.

Apparently, Tea Party activists and their organizers either do not care about the images they project or they intend to send most of the messages that most of us are getting. Otherwise, the signs would have been cleaned up long ago.

Mitch Smith
Canton

Changing the focus

In response to the many letters and articles regarding the Tea Party movement, I would like to know how these people can possibly allow themselves to be whipped up into a frenzy by media pundits who are paid millions of dollars to tell them how to act, think and feel.

How can they be duped by millionaires who are paid by special interest groups to constantly repeat the same inaccurate information? Their main goal is to spread fear, hate and paranoia to the uninformed masses.

Why are these people convinced that health insurance reform would destroy our country and create death panels and prison sentences for those who did not purchase health insurance? Why do they feel that insurance companies have the right to deny health care to those who become seriously ill and disabled or increase our premiums at will? By putting the socialist label on any type of regulation or reform, they are taking the focus off of the real issues.

If these Tea Party protesters are really middle class Americans, as they claim to be, I would like to know how they feel about the fact that this year, people in their income bracket paid the lowest amount of taxes in 50 years. Would those who are protesting the payment of taxes like to see America turn into a Third World country, similar to Haiti or Somalia? Is that the Tea Partiers' interpretation of freedom?

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Duo arrested for credit card theft

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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Two men, one from Canton and the other from Plymouth, have been arrested by Westland police for using a credit card reported stolen April 20 from a Livonia McDonald's Restaurant.

An ethnic description provided for one suspect helped officers track down the two men.

The incident began when a Westland man said his wallet was lost or stolen at the restaurant on Farmington Road near Seven Mile. The man said he called to cancel a credit card around 10 p.m. and was told that someone had tried to use it earlier at the BP gas station at Wayne and Warren roads.

The man went to the gas station, he said, where he talked to the clerk who reported a young man had tried to use the card. The suspect gave the clerk the victim's driver's license along with the card, telling him it was his father's identification. The clerk wasn't buying it and didn't let the man use the credit card.

The gas station clerk told the detective the suspect had purchased two cartons of cig-

arettes using a credit card, then attempted to make a second purchase exceeding \$100. That's when the clerk said he asked for identification and stopped the sale.

The suspect and a second man left with the victim's wallet, identification and credit card, the clerk told police. The clerk described the suspects as regular customers.

On April 26, the victim called police and reported being contacted by a man who said he had found the missing wallet and its contents. The caller wanted to arrange a return of the items. The Westland man said someone he believed to be a messenger returned the wallet contents except one credit card and the wallet itself.

The victim had the caller's telephone number, listed to a Canton man. The officer called the Canton man, who told the officer he knew the two men and would have them come to see the officer.

The officer obtained a mugshot of the Canton man and recognized him as the suspect shown on the gas station surveillance video using the credit card.

Later on April 26, the Canton man, 20, and a Plymouth man, 22, came into the station. The Plymouth man works at the McDonald's where the wallet was lost. He told the officer that another customer turned in the wallet but instead of contacting the customer or turning the wallet in, he decided that he and the Canton man should use the credit cards.

The Canton man told the officer he agreed with that account of the incident. He added that he had learned from a friend that police had his photo from the surveillance video.

The gas station clerk had described the Canton man as being Albanian. As a result, an officer who knows several members of the local Albanian community showed the suspects' photographs to one of those individuals. That person said he didn't know the men but the Canton man heard about the photos. The clerk was correct in his description — the Canton man listed his birthplace as Albania.

Both men were charged with fraudulently using a credit card.

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Canton man heads to trial for car break-ins

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A Canton man is facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court for breaking into several parked cars in what may seem an unlikely place — near the Canton Police Department and township administration offices.

Christopher Neil March, 20, has been ordered to stand trial after he voluntarily waived his preliminary examination Friday in 35th District Court — a decision that averted testi-



March

mony and sent the case to circuit court for disposition.

March was charged following allegations he had gone to the police station and was upset because some of his friends had been arrested for an unrelated incident, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said. While there, he is accused of breaking into the vehicles.

March could face penalties ranging up to five years in prison if convicted of larceny from a motor vehicle. He could be sentenced to less time if he is found guilty of unlawful use of a motor vehicle, three counts of breaking and entering a vehicle, one count of operating while intoxicated, and committing a felony with a motor vehicle advisory.

Police also have said March's driver's license could be suspended by the Secretary of State.

According to police, a township worker spotted a suspect entering and exiting several vehicles either owned by Canton Township or its employees.

Authorities said the incidents happened around 3 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, but March's preliminary examination had been delayed until last Friday.

The township employee who saw the break-ins quickly notified an on-duty police officer who questioned the suspect and recovered property that had been stolen from a couple of the vehicles.

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SIDELINES

Academic All-State Chiefs

The Canton Chiefs varsity girls basketball team didn't just get it done on the court. Members also excelled in the classroom, being named an Academic All-State team by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan. Canton players, coached by Brian Samulski, finished with a combined GPA of 3.807, second only among Class A teams to Gibraltar Carlson's 3.892. In 2008-09, the Chiefs were the third-best in overall GPA. "I think the biggest attribute to winning this award is their work ethic," Samulski said. "They all work just as hard in the classroom as they do on the court." The Chiefs also were outstanding as a basketball team, making it to the state semifinals at MSU's Breslin Center.

Saturday baseball clinic

The Plymouth Wildcats Youth Baseball Clinic is set to take place from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday for youngsters in grades 3-8. Registrations at the door will be accepted.

Weather permitting, the camp will be outside at the Plymouth High School Baseball Complex. If it is raining, it will be moved to the gym.

There is only room for 100 campers. For more information, contact John Nadratowski of Plymouth Baseball Boosters at (734) 844-3212. The cost to sign up is \$60.

Run for the Rouge

The annual Run for the Rouge is just around the corner, Saturday, May 8, in fact.

There will be a 5K Single Track Trail Run (beginning at 8 a.m.) with a 5K Family Fun Run/Walk slated for 9:30 a.m.

Both races will take place at the Lower Rouge Recreation Trail of Canton, with parking and registration at Connection Church (3855 S. Sheldon Road in Canton).

Proceeds will support Rouge Rescue, an annual river clean up event coordinated throughout the Rouge River watershed by Friends of the Rouge, a nonprofit organization.

To register online, go to www.therouge.org.

Plymouth grid meeting

Next season's Plymouth Wildcats football players and their parents are invited to attend a mandatory meeting slated 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday in the cafeteria at Plymouth High School.

Head coach Mike Sawchuk and his entire staff will be introduced and parents will receive "all the important paperwork necessary for your student-athlete to participate in the upcoming football season." Any questions, please contact Sawchuk at (734) 582-5696 or via e-mail at Mike.Sawchuk@pecsmail.net.

CYO fall volleyball

St. John Neumann Catholic Church of Canton is seeking any fourth-through eighth-grade girls interested in playing CYO volleyball this coming fall. All home games will be played in the new state of the art gym that opened in November 2009.

Any member of St. Thomas a Becket, Resurrection and St. John Neumann churches are eligible to play. The season begins in August and ends in early October. To register, call athletic director Walt Marek at (734) 455-5910.

Kickers battle to draw

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The latest chapter of the rivalry between the Salem and Plymouth girls soccer teams Monday night featured solid, back-and-forth action as the squads played to a 1-1 tie.

But the match was marred by injury. With about 32 minutes to go in the second half and the game still scoreless, a direct kick by Salem junior midfielder Kristina Klusek hit a wall of players stationed between her and Plymouth junior goalie Marissa Williams.

As players converged on the loose ball, however, Plymouth senior midfielder Carley McQuiston fell to the turf in agony after a loud, nasty collision with Salem junior defender Lindsey Roy.

Both players were going after the ball, Salem head coach Joe Nora said. However, Roy missed the ball and accidentally kicked McQuiston in the shin. The Wildcat sustained a serious enough (but undisclosed) injury to be transported via ambulance to a nearby hospital.

"It was cleat on bone," Nora said about the accident, which also resulted in a yellow card (10-minute) infraction against Roy.

McQuiston went down and stayed down on the spot, resulting in a long delay before the ambulance arrived.

Making the incident even more difficult is the fact the two girls are

good friends during school hours at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Nora said.

Wildcats senior defender Katie Krajewski said the team dug in deep to "win for Carley" and never gave up despite the unfortunate circumstances.

Also injured for Plymouth (4-1-2) with about two minutes remaining was Katelyn Quinlan, a junior defender. Quinlan was carted off the field after sustaining an apparent knee sprain.

TRADING CHANCES

According to Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich, the injuries cut into his depth and hurt the Wildcats' ability to push the ball late.

But Neschich praised his players for continuing to battle despite the adversity.

"I'm proud of the girls for how they played," he said.

The teams played a scoreless first half and it remained 0-0 as Williams leaped to deflect Klusek's direct kick over the crossbar with about 35 minutes to go.

Then the pumped up Wildcats took a 1-0 lead just four minutes after the McQuiston injury. Junior forward Jennifer Babcock ripped a laser beam of a shot from the right wing, about 20 yards from Salem junior netminder Jamie Hunley, that slammed into

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Going all out for possession of the ball Monday night are Plymouth's Katie Krajewski (No. 7) and Salem's Madeleine Vala (No. 19).

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Chiefs ride Dunleavy's hot arm, bat to string of wins

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP SOFTBALL

Canton softball senior Amy Dunleavy continues to dominate opponents both on the mound and at the plate and coach Jim Arnold's Chiefs keep winning as a result.

Dunleavy threw a complete game Monday and gave up just one run as Canton defeated always-tough KLAA rival Northville, 7-1. She also smacked three doubles in three at-bats to key an 11-hit barrage against the Mustangs.

Saturday, she pitched a no-hitter and perfect game at the Macomb Softball Classic in Anchor Bay, against Sterling Heights Stevenson (8-0) and Armada (4-0), respectively.

"She has been (dominant)," Arnold said about Dunleavy. "Her pitching has improved tremendously from last year.

She has more movement and she's hitting the corners.

"She's just determined as a senior that this is the year she wants to shine."

Canton as a unit also is shining, going 9-0 entering Wednesday's KLAA South twinbill against Plymouth. Dunleavy's pitching is the glue, but the Chiefs have featured a multi-pronged hitting attack.

In the win against Northville, junior first baseman Kaitlyn Matson went 2-for-4 and drove in four runs with a single in the first and double in the sixth, while junior outfielder Lauren Leskovitz (2-for-3) knocked in two with a single in the first as Canton built an early 3-0 lead.

Junior shortstop CarolAnne Sexauer

(2-for-4, double) also enjoyed a multi-hit game.

"What I'm really impressed about is how the team is staying together," Arnold said. "Everybody knows their role, we're uniting and everybody is hitting exceptionally well."

Saturday against Stevenson, Dunleavy didn't just throw a no-hitter, she went 3-for-4. Also with good games at the plate were Sexauer and Matson (each 2-for-3).

The Chiefs went on to earn a 6-4 win over Macomb L'Anse Creuse North, in a game spotlighted by sophomore Alyssa Boucher. She threw seven innings and gave up three earned runs for the victory, but she also went 3-for-3 in the batting department.

Others helping out with two hits each in the victory were Leskovitz, Sexauer and junior third baseman

Heidi Lucke.

Then it was more Dunleavy in the win over Armada, retiring all 21 batters she faced (including seven strikeouts).

Going 2-for-3 and knocking in a run with a triple was junior second baseman Samantha Partain.

SALEM 9, FRANKLIN 3: On Monday, the host Rocks (6-2) took advantage of four Franklin errors in the second inning to score six runs en route to a Kensington Conference crossover win over Livonia Franklin (5-4).

Winning pitcher Briana Lee homered during the six-run surge. She struck out eight, walked none and allowed six hits in six innings.

Franklin sophomore pitcher Tiffany Lambie (4-4) gave up four earned runs on nine hits. She struck out three and walked none.

Whalers preparing for post-Seguín era

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They may be preparing for summer drive-in movies at Compuware Arena these days, but Mike Vellucci of the Plymouth Whalers can't wait to start next year's hockey show.

And that enthusiasm comes after a sour last act, an overtime loss to Windsor in Game 4 of the second round of the playoffs to eliminate Plymouth.

"Yeah, we ran into the mighty Spits," said Vellucci, longtime president, general manager and coach of the Whalers. "This was supposed to be their year to win it, with all those first-round NHL picks."

"But I think we over-achieved a little bit. Nobody was picking us to even do anything at the beginning (of the regular season)."

Ironically, the biggest "star" around Compuware in 2009-10 — dynamic center Tyler Seguin — probably won't be back for Vellucci's Ontario Hockey League team.

"I think it would be a 90-percent chance that he makes it and 10-percent that they'd send him back," said Vellucci about Seguin, expected to be the first or second pick in June's



Vellucci

National Hockey League Entry Draft. Vellucci said the top 2009 picks (John Tavares, Victor

Hedman, Matt Duchene) all played this past season in the NHL.

The 18-year-old Seguin (who attends Plymouth High School) and Windsor's Taylor Hall finished tied for the OHL scoring race with 106 points.

EXODUS OF TALENT

Vellucci also will lose several other key players who have (or likely will have) NHL contracts by next season.

That list includes outstanding goalie Matt Hackett (2.62, 35-10-0-2, four shut-outs), forwards AJ Jenks (23-40-63), Phil McRae (16-35-51) and defenseman Michal Jordan (13-19-32 in 41 games). Also gone due to being overage will be defenseman Leo Jenner, forward Joe Gaynor and center Ryan Hayes (OHL Humanitarian of the Year).

But Vellucci likes the younger guys who gained

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Canton's Blake Rickert takes on the course in Winter Park, Colo., during the NASTAR Nationals and shows his bronze medal-winning technique.

Young skier on path to success

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In February, the Rickert family of Canton went vacationing out in mountainous Colorado to enjoy some downhill skiing, hot chocolate and the 2010 Winter Olympics on television.

Little did the dad, Rich Rickert, know he'd be bringing his then-10-year-old son Blake back just weeks later to compete in last month's two-day NASTAR Nationals.

Already a veteran of the slopes at his young age, Plymouth Christian Academy fifth-grader Blake Rickert competed and won

the bronze medal in the 9-10 age bracket at the Winter Park Resort in Colorado.

"When I took him out there (his wife, Traci, stayed home) it was to just go and enjoy the experience," Rickert recalled. "I told him 'Look, son, if you come in first or you come in last I'm just proud of you for qualifying to come out here.'"

Then with astonishment in his voice, Rich laughed and added that "happily and to our surprise he took a bronze medal."

"... Did we hope he'd do well? Certainly we did," he said. "But



The bronze medal won by Blake Rickert certainly was a proud moment for his dad, Rich Rickert (right).

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Rocks win on walk-off single

Tate Theisen singled in the bottom of the seventh Monday to enable host Salem to earn a 6-5 victory over Livonia Franklin.

Theisen's single followed one by Chris Kordick with the bases loaded to tie the KLAA baseball contest at 5-5. Two walks and an error also helped Salem's winning rally.

Starting pitcher Kordick went the distance for his second win of the season, giving up three earned runs, striking out five and only walking one.

Salem (7-8, 2-4 in the KLAA) banged out 10 hits, with Nick Leventis and Scott Devine each contributing two (with two runs scored each).

Kordick and Theisen drove in two runs while Brad Trubowski tripled and scored a run.

On Saturday, the Rocks split a doubleheader against Milan, Salem lost the opener 6-5, but bounced back to win 5-3 in the nightcap, stopping a three game losing skid.

Salem broke a 3-3 tie in the fifth. Devine doubled and Kordick homered to right. Kordick also doubled home Devin Price (RBI single) to

spark a three-run third that also included a run-scoring hit by Theisen.

to go up 3-1. Eric Lorber pitched four solid innings of relief for his first win of the year, with senior Mike Weingrot blanking Milan in the seventh for the save.

Despite the Game 1 loss, sophomore Matt Constance accounted well for himself by only giving up one earned run in five innings.

Nick Leventis went 3-for-3 while Kordick and Price contributed two hits each.

Strike out cancer

• Salem and Plymouth will square off Saturday, May 8 in a doubleheader. But proceeds from that day's concessions, baked goods sales and a raffle will go to a good cause — "Strike Out Prostate Cancer."

The freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams for both schools will participate with action slated to begin at 11 a.m.

Organizing the event are baseball boosters programs for Salem and Plymouth, and the goal is to raise more than \$1,000 for the cause.

NORTHVILLE 3, CANTON 2: The host Mustangs got off to a 3-0 lead in the first and held on for the KLAA crossover baseball win on Monday.

Canton committed four errors, victimizing starting pitcher Kevin Delapaz (6 innings, 0 earned runs, 7 strikeouts).

Offensive producers for the Chiefs were Andrew Tidwell (1B, RBI) and Bernabe Salinas (2B, run).

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 15, BAPTIST PARK 0: In a four-inning mercy Tuesday, Plymouth Christian Academy pitcher Jon Slater threw a perfect game to highlight the victory against Taylor Baptist Park.

Slater struck out six and chipped in with two hits as the Eagles rolled on offense, too.

Ethan Walker and Matt Dodson each homered, with Dodson also doubling twice and knocking in a total of seven runs.

Josh Johnson collected three hits (including a double) and three RBI while Daniel Slater (double, triple), JR Hope and Matt Hagelin (2 hits each) provided some spark at the plate.



Salem junior attacker Dylan Hatcher (No. 6) works against Canton senior defender Alec Gilo during Monday's boys lacrosse tilt at PCEP.

Boys lacrosse

CANTON 12, SALEM 7: After ripping Walled Lake Central 9-4 on April 23, Salem's varsity boys lacrosse team got off to a strong start early during Monday's matchup against Canton at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Rocks tallied four goals in the first quarter. But Canton finally started chipping away and turned on the heat in the second half on the way to a 12-7 triumph.

Canton (5-4) was led by co-captain Jake Underwood, who scored four goals and tallied an assist. Chipping in with two goals each were Matt Rodgers (also 1 assist), Tim Popp and Trevor Moore (also 1 assist).

Also strong offensively was Riley Hoernschemeyer (1 goal, 2 assists). Chris White scored a goal and senior defenseman Alec Gilo collected a helper, which D-men rarely get in lacrosse.

Stopping 15 Salem shots for the win was goalie and co-captain Sean Walsh.

Scoring two goals each for the Rocks were Nick Gianini, Steve Haburne and Connor Berlin with Dylan Hatcher also scoring.

SALEM 9, WLC 4: Meanwhile, on April 23, Hatcher, Haburne and Berlin each registered two goals in the win over the Vikings. Salem played a complete game, with solid ball control and defense.

Also finding the scoresheet with one goal each for the

Rocks were Gianini, Mason Amin and Wes Carr.

Boys golf

SALEM 168, NORTHVILLE 160: Aaron Thompson scored a 40 for nine holes Tuesday as Salem defeated host Northville at Tanglewood Golf Club.

Eric Duprey and Brandon Duprey also had excellent rounds with respective scores of 41 and 43 strokes while Josh Perrin registered a 47. Other Rocks were Brian Patterson (44) and Jake Leib (51).

For the Mustangs, Alex Bernstein and Trevor Grigg shot scores of 40 and 41, respectively.

The win improved Salem's record to 1-1 while Northville improved to 3-0.

Plymouth defeats tough Novi squad

On a wind-swept afternoon Monday, Plymouth breezed to a 6-3 KLAA baseball win over state-ranked Novi.

Wildcats head coach Bryan Boyd said it was "a big win for us. Novi is state ranked and a perennial powerhouse."

Plymouth pitcher Harrison Michels was the story. He no hit Novi for 5 2/3 innings and wound up giving up two hits while fanning nine.

As usual junior centerfielder Mike Nadratowski made a clutch defensive play, racing far into the gap in left to flag

down a fly ball that could have tied the game in the seventh. Infielder Ben Wohl also turned a tough hop into a key out.

On the offensive end, Rich Guglielmi (3 hits, 3 RBI) tallied two doubles and a single and could have cleared the fence if not for the strong gusts. Scoring two runs each were Wohl and Phil Emminger (2 hits).

PLYMOUTH 8-7, PINCKNEY 4-12: The Wildcats split a Saturday home twinbill. In the opener, pitcher Andy Dodge scattered seven hits and gave up one

earned run in five innings for his first victory.

Guglielmi had two hits, Jackson Burdette, Wohl and Tyler Goble each scored twice and Ryan Nick drove in two runs.

"We picked up the ball for A.D. (Dodge)," Boyd said. "He did a nice job keeping their hitters off balance."

A mistake-filled Game 2 to forget followed, unfortunately. Plymouth did receive productive games from Nadratowski (3B, HR, 2 RBI, 2 runs) and Guglielmi (2 hits).

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the top corner of the goal on the far side.

With about 23 minutes remaining, Hunley also stopped a long-range scoring bid by junior forward McKenzie Hengish, keeping it a one-goal margin.

That enabled the Rocks to even things with 20:56 to play.

Quick and agile senior midfielder Taylor Burgoon dribbled up the right side of the pitch before sending a crisp crossing pass across the front of the Plymouth goal.

Racing in from the left side was senior midfielder Abbi Giaier, who headed the ball behind Williams.

Salem had some big chances to score the winner, especially with 8:45 to go when freshman forward Gina Goble drove a shot off the crossbar. Rocks junior defender Jenna Coon set up the play, threading the ball to Goble — above the box in the center of the field.



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Looking to get past Plymouth defender Stephanie Dillon (No. 4) on Monday is Salem sophomore midfielder Katelynn Krause (No. 10).

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Campus rivals among favorites

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Handicapping Saturday's 40th running of the Observerland Boys' Track and Field Relays is going to be as tough as finding a favorite after Eskendereya was scratched from the Kentucky Derby.

First, there's defending champion Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, which is gunning for its fifth Observerland title in the 15-school meet which will be hosted by Farmington High.

The Shamrocks, bolstered by their 2009 Division 1 state championship cross country team, will once again be a force to be reckoned with.

Last year's Observerland runner-up, Salem, appears to be another solid choice. But the Rocks took a back seat last week to campus rival Plymouth in the Bolger-Mangan Memorial City Meet.

The Wildcats were led by distance runners Warren Buzzard, Matt Neumann and Joe Porcari, along with hurdler Brandon Pilgian.

Salem, meanwhile, will get a boost from its 4 x 400 relay team which has already gone 3:27.3.

"I expect us to be in conten-

OBSERVERLAND RELAYS

tion for first place in a number of events, but we would have to have a lot of things fall the right way for us to win the meet as a whole," Salem coach Kyle Meteyer said. "I think we can excel in the throwing relays, the 4 x 400, the high jump relay, and a few others, but we've been hurt lately by injuries and discipline issues.

"The main contenders will be Catholic Central and Plymouth, I believe. They're well matched, especially in the distance events."

Livonia Churchill coach Rick Austin, now in his 16th year with the Chargers, has seen a few Observerlands in his time going all the way back to his days as a prep hurdler at his alma mater.

"It looks like Plymouth and Salem have a great opportunity to win with their team depth," he said. "Don't count out Stevenson and a much improved (Livonia) Franklin team either. You've got to be able to score in all of the events to have a strong showing.

"We are work in progress and want to be competitive and score in as many events as we can."

SKIER

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did I have the expectation he'd come back with some hardware? I did not."

MAJOR MEMORIES

According to Rickert, the 5-foot, 100-pound Blake, now 11, navigated a giant slalom course with agility required to get from start to finish.

"You've got to cut your quickest line around the poles to get to the bottom quickest," Rich stressed. "Obviously, you don't want to take wide turns on the flags because you lose a ton of time that way."

They also brought home some memories, since Rich and Blake met three-time Olympian skier Phil Mahre. The youngster even got to briefly ski with Mahre.

"I don't know if Blake was more excited about that or I was," joked Rich about the encounter with Mahre. "But I didn't get to do it, he did. And he got to meet (past and present Olympians) AJ Kitt, Kaylin Richardson, Jimmy Cochran."

That experience capped a whirlwind couple months for the Rickerts, especially Blake, of course.

In February, the Rickerts went to Colorado for a ski vacation, something the family has regularly enjoyed in recent years.

But this year's trip packed a little extra wallop: the 2010 Winter Olympics were in full swing.

The Rickerts would tackle the mountain by day and absorb the Olympics by night.

In between, they'd eat dinner and talk about skiing — the one activity the youngster "truly has a passion for," according to Rich.

"The timing of which to be out in Colorado and watching



Blake Rickert (far right) enthusiastically celebrates winning a bronze medal in the 9-10 age bracket at the NASTAR snow ski nationals held late last month in Colorado.

all these downhill events was really unique in terms of how that all (worked) out," Rich said.

GETTING THE WORD

After returning to Michigan, Blake found out he qualified for the NASTAR event and would get the chance to go back to Colorado for the late-March extravaganza.

"I started him out (mid-2000s) with generic skis, and when we found out he qualified to go out west, Traci and I got pretty excited about it," Rich said. "We said 'Well, let's get him as best prepared as possible to go out there and do the best he can.'"

They bought him a pair of Fischer Worldcup slalom skis, about 150 centimeters in length.

Blake qualified after participating over the past year

THE BLAKE FILE

Who: Blake Rickert, 11, a fifth-grader at Plymouth Christian Academy.

What: He competed and won a bronze medal at the NASTAR Nationals snow ski races in late March.

Parents: His parents are Richard and Traci Rickert of Canton.

Other: Blake is very active at Plymouth Christian, being on the chess and robotics clubs. He also plays basketball at PCA and enjoys golfing in the summer.

Hip-hop help: He also is part of an all-boy hip-hop group at Central City Dance in Canton. According to Traci, CCD deserves an assist for Blake's success on the slopes.

"They have been so accommodating with his hip-hop schedule so that he can pursue his dream of competitive snow skiing," she said.

already put into skiing.

NOW WHAT?

It also bolstered Blake's growing motivation to someday join Mahre and the others as an Olympian skier.

"He aspires to advance in this sport," Rickert said. "He truly loves competing, he loves skiing, I think he would at this stage say yeah."

Blake's parents likely wouldn't object to that big dream. After all, they're right there with him.

"Not every Olympian is from the western Rockies," Rich Rickert concluded. "There's people from Minnesota, Vermont, New Hampshire. ... hey, someday we'll get one from Michigan, huh?"

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GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 7, WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 2 April 27 at Plymouth No. 1 singles: Sarah Mitchell (P) defeated Latina Yacks, 6-1, 6-0. No. 2: Priya Joshi (P) def. Louissa Villaroman, 6-3, 7-5. No. 3: Lindsay Stemberger (P) def. Rachael Alholinna, 6-0, 6-1. No. 4: Sara Aulidge (JG) def. Mandy Martin, 6-4, 4-6, 6-0. No. 1 doubles: Desiree Cienney-Shannon, Mcadden (JG) def. Allison Santon-Lauren Jeong, 7-6(5), 7-6(1). No. 2: Kayla Griffey-Britta Swanson (P) def. Sabrina Lawrence-Jamatha Johnson, 7-5, 6-3. No. 3: Andrea Haidar-Brittany Rose (P) def. Emily White-Montana Grassak, 6-1, 6-2. No. 4: Annie McKenzie-Julia Pralila (P) def. Natasha Hawkins-Khadiah McCloud, 6-0, 6-0. No. 5: Jahnvi Patel-Mariah Tesarz (P) def. Damini Patel-Halle Woody, 6-1, 6-0. Plymouth dual meet record: 4-1 overall, 4-1 KLAASouth.	SALEM 8, LIVONIA STEVENSON 1 April 27 at Stevenson No. 1 singles: Allie Carpenter (S) defeated Laura Gumper, 5-7, 6-3, 6-3. No. 2: Anna Norman (S) def. Ashley Benvenuti, 6-0, 6-3. No. 3: Morgan Spencer (S) def. Taylor Tatham, 6-0, 6-0. No. 4: Kerry MacDonald (S) def. Meyessa Mansour, 6-1, 6-1. No. 1 doubles: Rachel Norman-Ashley Davis (S) def. Michele DeBeaudry-Emily Plumley, 6-1, 6-2. No. 2: Mallory Rojo-Ashley Walker (S) def. Simona Enea-Lexie Ranski, 4-6, 6-0, 6-2. No. 3: Alex Lamb-Olivia Gonzalez (S) def. Lauren Arsenault-Allison Kay, 6-3, 6-2. No. 4: Kathryn Malkowski-Andrea Burford (LS) def. Ewa Zajac-Bansari Patel, 6-2, 6-1. No. 5: Emily Simmons-Lindsey Spaulding (S) def. Emily Baumgartner-Keisey Futrell, 3-6, 7-6(5), 7-5. No. 6: Sarah Bellaire-Meghan Barry (S) def. Danielle McCallian-Jessica Loren, 6-3. Salem dual meet record: 3-2 overall, 3-2 KLAACentral.
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BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

"We knew about him, he's been a good pitcher this year," MU coach Greg Haeger said of Welton. "They had another

MU senior right-hander John Ballarin (5-1) returned the favor on the mound in the

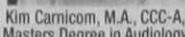
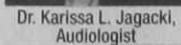
MU's scheduled twinbill Sunday against Aquinas in Grand Rapids was postponed until Monday due to rain.

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Tyler Brown of the Plymouth Whalers (left), shown from a game earlier this season, could return in 2010-11 as an overage player.

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Canton Strictly Business



Jordan and Jeyda Brown, whose mom, Connie, works for Comcast, were decked out to help on Comcast Cares Day Saturday at the Plymouth call center.

Volunteers gather to help fight hunger

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The food pantry at the Plymouth Salvation Army and hungry families in Chile and Haiti were the big winners Saturday as volunteers gathered at Comcast's Plymouth call center for the company's annual Comcast Cares Day.

Nationwide, more than 55,000 volunteers took part in the annual day of service. But it was the 200 volunteers gathered in Plymouth who made the difference locally, packing more than 12,000 packets of food to be divided between the Plymouth Salvation Army and relief efforts in Chile and Haiti.

State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) was also on hand as Comcast partnered with Kids Against Hunger and the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth to benefit the charities. About two-thirds of the

meals are expected to stay in the local area.

"Comcast is a good community partner and we appreciate the effort," said Laurie Aren, the Plymouth Salvation Army's direct of family and community ministries. "There's a growing need in our community, and projects like this definitely benefit everyone."

Aren said the efforts of Kiwanians - represented by Rob Noel, Tom Todd and Pam Kosteva - were key to the success.

"The Kiwanis Club does a fantastic job," Aren said. "This program is near and dear to their hearts."

Here are some of the statistics Comcast organizers herald about the Comcast Cares Day project:

- A total of 48,000 adult meals were expected to be packaged at the state's four sites
- The 12,000 adult meals per site is the equivalent of some

24,000 meals for children

- Two-third (or about 8,000 meals) will stay in Michigan (36 bags per box = 216 meals); about 36 boxes per local organization.

- The other third of the food will go to Haiti and Chile - where, organizers say, food is so scarce and people are literally dying every day.

"Comcast has a proven track record of giving back to the communities in which our employees reside and work, and this year's Comcast Cares Day efforts will help 24 different organizations across Michigan," said Tom Coughlin, Senior Vice President for Comcast's Michigan Region.

"As residents continue to overcome the economic challenges facing our state, I'm grateful to the 2,400 volunteers who will be donating their time to help make a difference."

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CHAMBER CHAT



The cast of 'Half Time' includes (from left) Lee Thomas, Lanna Collins, Beth Brooks, Marian Busa and Joanna McKay, along with Robert Pope (seated). The comedy is one of four being presented by the Still Got It Players May 12-15 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Still Got It

The Spotlight Players senior acting troupe, "Still Got It," presents its spring show May 12-15 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

The group, featuring actors 50 and older, presents, "A Celebration of Love, Laughter, Deception and Sports?" with 1 p.m. performances May 12-13, a 7 p.m. show May 14 and 2 and 7 p.m. performances May 15.

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For more information on 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 p.m., you can turn your pasta into money for the Canton Chamber by printing the flier on the Chamber Web site and

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Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce lunch takes place 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 5, at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz, in Canton. Guest speaker is Mike Finney of Ann Arbor SPARK. Cost is \$20 for members (advance registration), \$30 for non-members. Reservations are required, call the chamber office at (734) 453-4040 or e-mail admin@cantonchamber.com. Sponsors are PNC Bank and USANA Health Sciences.

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Hospice Art Dash

The Arbor Hospice Foundation invites art enthusiasts and community mem-

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Throughout the night, guests will enjoy perusing extraordinary visual works, raffle and auction items, all while making note of their favorite pieces. After dinner, attendees kick off their heels and make a dash for the art piece of their choice. Every couple will go home with a work valued at a minimum of \$250 - the average value of last year's art piece was \$459.

Patron tickets are \$350 (entitles two people to attend and one to "dash"), benefactor tickets are \$500 (entitles two people to attend and one to "dash" plus recognition at the event) and \$1,600 to reserve a table of eight (entitles eight people to attend and four to "dash").

Art Dash also provides a unique opportunity for local artists to showcase their talent to art enthusiasts, while supporting Arbor Hospice's community programs and services. Arbor Hospice is accepting donations of original pieces of art for the event. To purchase tickets or donate art, please contact Arbor Hospice at (734) 794-5122 or visit www.arborhospice.org.

Since 2001, Art Dash has raised more than \$386,000 for The Arbor Hospice Foundation, while raising awareness for the local arts community. Proceeds go

directly back into the community to support Arbor Hospice's end-of-life care and grief support services for children, adolescents and adults.

Sponsors of Art Dash include: UPS; Hantz Benefit Services, LLC; Williams, Williams, Rattner & Plunkett, P.C.; The Knickerbocker Group of Raymond James & Associates; REI; Community Financial; Michigan Commerce Bank; and OfficeStar.

Wine tasting

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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/>

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ENTERTAINMENT

Choral group sings music by master composers

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

The repertoire is challenging. The rehearsals are demanding — weekly for four months. And the payoff lasts about an hour each year.

But individuals for whom "singing is their quality of life and they are dedicated to it," join the Plymouth Oratorio Society because they enjoy performing classical music, even if it's only at one annual concert, says Richard Ingram, who has directed the choir for four years.

"It's a delightful group of people who come together each week to tackle hard music," he said. "Over 24 years they've built a reputation in the area. It's always fun to be able to work with a community chorus that has the ability to do this kind of music."

The choral group's 80-plus members will sing Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Benedicite*, *Nänie*, by Brahms, and Dvorák's *Mass in D*, at 4:30 p.m., Sunday, May 2, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth. The Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra will accompany the choir. Bonnie Kidd, Ingram's colleague at Huron High School in Ann Arbor, is the guest soprano soloist. Admission is free, although a free-will offering will be accepted.

Ingram selected the music, which includes two 19th century compositions and one piece from mid-20th century.

"The Vaughan Williams piece has great contrast. It's fast and loud and bombastic, but the middle section when the soprano comes in is very much more subdued," he noted.



Richard Ingram directs the Plymouth Oratorio Society.

The Brahms requiem is sung "mid-tempo" in German. The Mass combines slow and fast movements that make for an "exciting musical experience."

MASTER COMPOSERS

Don Pratt, Society business manager, said the classical repertoire sets the group apart

from other community choruses.

"We don't use auditions, which surprises many people. We feel that the music we sing is the audition. Other groups do a lighter style concert, which is okay, but it's just not what we do. The other thing we do is sing with a professional orches-

tra. They are all professionals and that raises the level of our whole concert."

Pratt, a retired math teacher from Huron High School, and his wife, Kathy, have sung with the group since it began and have performed at every concert. The upcoming performance is especially significant because it's dedicated to his late father, Robert Pratt, who conducted the Plymouth Oratorio Society for its first nine years.

Pratt sang under his father's direction in about a dozen different choral groups through the years, including the Plymouth Oratorio Society.

"It was an honor and a privilege every time," he said. Pratt's mother also sang in the Society, his sister, who now lives out of state, has returned three times to sing a solo in concert and his oldest daughter sang for two years.

"We had seven (family) members off and on who have sung with the Plymouth Oratorio Society. It's a special thing for me."

FUN, CHALLENGING

Pratt said the Society draws members from as far away as Jackson and Lake Orion. Many also sing in church choirs.

"It all comes to fruition this weekend. You've worked for four months and it's all going to happen on Sunday and will be over in an hour. It's the most fun, hard work you'll ever do," he said.

Ingram described the concert setting as beautiful and the acoustics as superb.

"If any folks have not been inside the First Methodist Church in Plymouth, they are in for a treat," Ingram said.

Visit the group's Web site at www.plymouthoratoriosociety.org



Livonia artist, Bonita Collins, shows "structure Series #5," the first place winner in Visual Arts Association of Livonia's annual spring show.

Browse, buy art at annual spring show

Meet winners of the Visual Arts Association of Livonia's annual spring exhibit at an awards presentation from 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 5, at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, at Five Mile east of Farmington Road.

Bonita Collins of Livonia took first place for "Structure Series #5," which will be displayed, along with works by other local artists, from May 4-28 at city hall. Second place winner was Regina Dunne of Northville for "The Runner" and third place went to Ken Blevins of Westland for "Before the Rain."

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia is dedicated to advancing knowledge and appreciation of the creative


arts by offering studio classes and annual exhibits. Members meet at 7 p.m. the third Thursday every month, except June, July, and December, in classroom 14 at the Dickinson Center, 18000 Newburgh, Livonia.

The spring show is open to the public 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. It includes a variety of works, including sculpture and photography, that are available for purchase.

Robert Schefman, an art professor and chair of the Foundations Department at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, juried the show.

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Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; Builders Exchange, Lansing Construction News Service, Grandville; and Reed Construction Data, Novi, MI.

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

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There will be a pre-bid meeting at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, May 5th in the Salem High School Construction Trailer, located at 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scopes of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

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

The Board of Education for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
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Spotlight Theatre continues its production of "Oklahoma!" through Sunday, May 2.

Classic musical 'Oklahoma!' on Spotlight stage

The musical *Oklahoma!* wraps up Sunday, May 2, at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill in Canton.

The Spotlight Players production features Roy Sexton as Curly, Lauren London as Laurey, Linda Trygg as Aunt Eller, Jesse Brandel as Will Parker, Cathy Skutch as Ado Annie, Robert Doyle as Ali Hakim, Drex Morton as Ike Skidmore, and Mike Cuba as Andrew Carnes.

The musical, which tells the love story of Curly and Laurey, is based on Lynn Riggs' 1931 play, *Green Grow the Lilacs*. It

was the first musical written by the duo of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. It includes such recognizable songs as *Oklahoma! Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'*, and *People Will Say We're In Love*. A year after the Broadway production opened in 1943, Rodgers and Hammerstein won a special Pulitzer Prize for the play. The 1955 film, starring Gordon McRae and Shirley Jones, won an Academy Award.

Barbara Bloom, director and choreographer for the Spotlight production, calls the show "wonderful family entertainment." It

includes familiar songs, "well drawn" characters and a "dream" ballet.

The show is at 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, April 30 and May 1 and at 2 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, May 1-2, at the theater, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton. Tickets are \$18 for adults; \$16 for senior citizens and students under 19, available by calling the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460; online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater; or at the door. For more information about Spotlight Players, call (734) 480-4945 or visit www.spotlightplayersmi.org.

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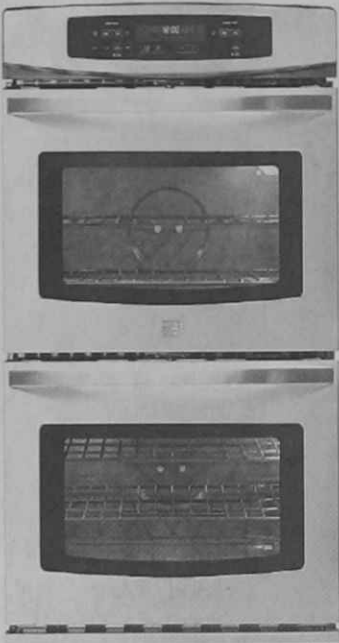
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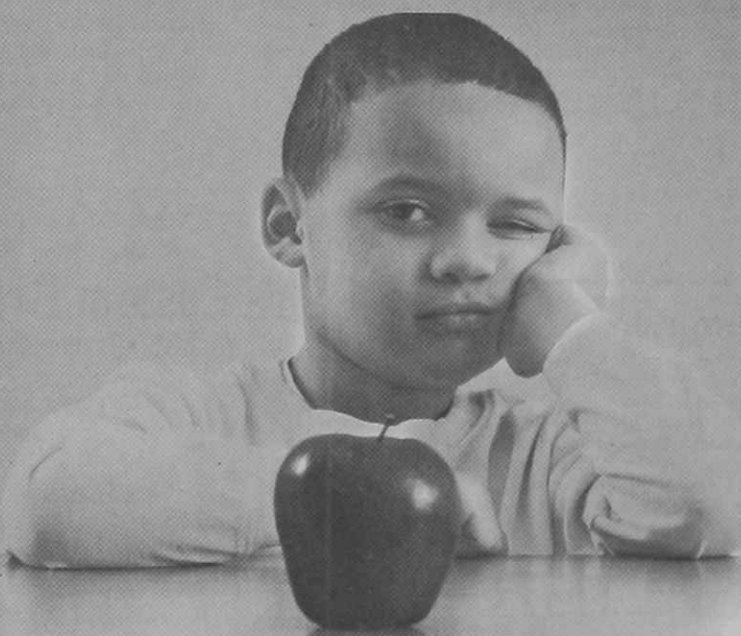
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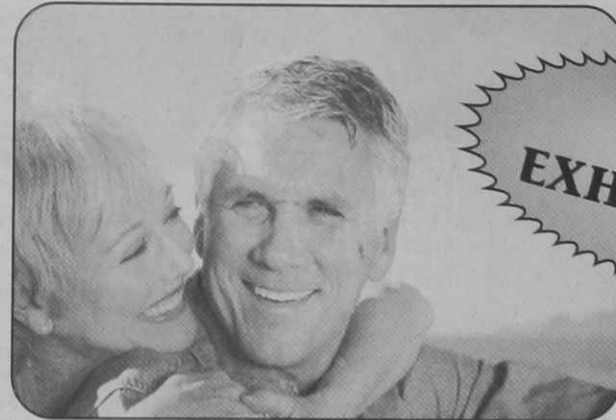
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Brass, percussion, handbells, organ and 100 voices will come together Sunday, May 2, at Hymn Festival, in St. John Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills. Michael Burkhardt, director of worship and fine arts at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia, will direct the festival dedicated to the memory of longtime St. John member and music director, Marie Walck. She was a charter member of St. John Lutheran Church and was active in its founding more than 50 years ago. She served as music director, organist, chancel choir director, director of children's and youth choirs and director of handbell choirs. She also was active in many local and ELCA Synod organizations.

The theme of this year's festival is "Rejoicing in the Lamb: An Ecumenical Hymn Festival for God's Resurrection People." Several of the hymns to be performed are arranged by Burkhardt, including *Crown Him with Many Crowns*, *Now the Green Blade Rises* and *Thine is the Glory*.

Internationally known for hymn festivals and for his creative work with children, Burkhardt is in demand as a clinician, recitalist and hymn festival leader throughout the U.S. and abroad. He is author of Part-Singing Global Style, a resource focusing on sequential part-singing techniques in treble arrangements of global pieces, and author of *Singing with Understanding*, a curriculum utilizing the great hymns, folk songs and spirituals of the Church to share faith stories and to teach the elements of music and worship. He is composer of two settings of the Eucharistic liturgy, *A New Song* and *Missa St. Andrew*, as well as organ improvisations, choral octaves and handbell compositions.

Burkhart will direct a mass choir composed of members of several local churches, including St. John Lutheran, Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran, Redeemer United Methodist, St. Gerald Roman Catholic, King of Kings Lutheran, and Good Shepherd Lutheran.

The audience also will be encouraged to participate. Admission is free, although a free-will offering will be taken. Refreshments will be provided. St. John Lutheran Church is on Gill Road, between Grand River Ave. and Freedom Road. For more information call the church at (248) 474-0584. Concert information is also available at stjohn-elca.org and at wesleyfishwick.com.



BEVERLY JOYCE BEERBOWER NEE: TIRB

Of Inkster, formerly of Clinton, MI, died April 23 at age 78. Loving mother of Wayne (Catherine), Pamela (Cary) Sitarz, Lauren (Rosanne Miller) and Brian (Joann). Gramie of 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Francis (Mary) Tirb, Betty Patterson, the late: Glen Tirb, Marjorie Patterson and Ruth Snyder. Daughter of the late: Edward Tirb and Dorothy Krall. Surrounded by a large extended family. Visitation: Thurs. April 29th 1-9pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. Funeral: Fri, April 30, In-State 10:00am, Service 11:00am with a luncheon to follow at St. Paul Lutheran Church 17810 Farmington, Livonia, MI 48152. Interment: Sat, May 1st in Riverside Cemetery in the Village of Clinton, Michigan. Memorial Donations may be made in Beverly's name to MICOPS.

Please leave the family a message at: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



JOSEPH CERNE

Age 94 of Canton, April 26, 2010. Beloved husband of the late Rose. Loving father of Philip (Sandy), Janice (William) Giddings and Mary Ann (Barry) Graham. Proud grandfather of six and great grandfather of six. Dear brother of Ann Zrimec. Visitation Thurs. 2-9 PM and Scripture Service 7 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (Between Sheldon & Beck). In State Fri. 10 AM until 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Rd., Canton. Entombment Glen Eden Memorial Park. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

ZORA LENORE CROSS

Age 96, of Novi, MI, passed away April 25, 2010. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington, MI.

ELIZABETH A. DEPETRO

Age 80, of Livonia, passed away April 24, 2010. A memorial service will be held May 1 at Noon at Salem Bible Church. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Salem Bible Church or Angela Hospice.

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IRVING DOBIS

April 25, 2010, age 94 of Canton, MI and Venice, FL. Beloved husband of Elinor. Loving father of Craig (Vera), Peggy Ellenwood, and Eric (Linda). Also survived by 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and five grand dogs. Funeral Services were held Wednesday, April 28, 2010. Interment took place at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville. Memorial gifts may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.



MARY MARGARET DUGGAN

Let the light shine bright on Mary Margaret Duggan, a woman who believed in the rights of women and the right to happiness -- her own Declaration of Independence. Mary, who passed away Saturday, April 24 at the age of 81, was the second child born to Michael and Anne Duggan on April 4, 1929, and a loving sister to Dennis, Geraldine and Leona, who have all preceded her in death. Both of Mary's parents emigrated from the war-torn Ireland of the 1920s, and Mary remained especially proud of her Irish heritage. Since her father died young -- just a few years after Mary was born -- Mary, her older brother, her two younger sisters, and their Mother, had a rough row to hoe. They found shelter in the arms of Detroit's Saint Gregory the Great Parish and with family and friends. Besides being a loving sister and daughter, she was affectionately known to seven nieces and nephews and eight grand nieces and nephews as Aunt Mary. She always made time for them. Mary truly was "there" for her family. The sky was the limit for them, in terms of her doling out time, love and affection for her fifteen "kids."

Mary became quite attached to St. Gregory's very early in life and remained active in the parish with reunions and special masses until she became too ill to participate. Many of the friends she made, and she made many friends, came from her continuing St. Gregory experience. She also belonged for many years to Our Lady Queen of Hope parish in Detroit and St. Aidan parish in Livonia. A career accountant who supplemented her high school education with many college classes, Mary spent most of her working life at Birmingham and Oakland Hills country clubs. The latter club landed many top golf tournaments and while those always meant a lot of extra work for her and her staff, Mary enjoyed the excitement of the events. In spite of some rough times during the last years of her long tenure at Oakland, Mary remembered the good times and remained very fond of the friends she met at Oakland Hills. Mary Duggan loved her friends and family dearly, and she was proud of the strong work ethic instilled in her primarily by her mother, who she lived with cared for until Anne died in 1987. Despite suffering through and surmounting serious illnesses and tremendous losses for the last third of her life, Mary remained an extremely positive person. Even in her last hospital stay, which led to her death, she remarked, "I still think life is beautiful." Beloved daughter of the late Anne and late Michael Duggan. Dear sister of the late Dennis Duggan, the late Geraldine (Charles) Wright and the late Leona (Frank) Murphy. Loving aunt of Nancy Duggan; Noranne (Eugene) Morin; Timothy Wright; Terrence (Kim Lawton), the late Thomas, John (Dianne), and Michael (Kathy) Murphy. Devoted grand aunt of Rebecca and Maegan Morin; Michael and Angela Wright; Allison and Brendan Lawton, and Francis and Thomas Murphy. Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, April 30th with rosary at 7:30 p.m. at R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Road, Livonia, (734) 422-6720. A funeral mass will be held on Saturday May 1 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church with visitation at 11:00 a.m., 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Memorials may be directed to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and The St. Aidan Conference of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Please sign online guestbook at www.rgharris.com.



MARIE-KRISTIN FRIEDOW

Age 18 of Plymouth, suddenly April 25, 2010. Loving daughter of Thomas and Christel. Beloved sister of Michelle. Dearest granddaughter of Thea Friedow. Also survived by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral service Sunday 3 PM at St. Michaels Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton (at Warren Road). Visitation will be held Friday 5-9PM and Saturday 1-5PM at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 North Sheldon Road, Canton (north of Ford). In honor of Marie, Memorial contributions may be made to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) c/o Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh PA 15264-3700; or the PCEP Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), c/o Gretchen Miller, Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton MI 48187. These organizations were very important to her. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home-Plymouth Telephone 734-459-2250 To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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CATHERINE LENA GAUL

Age 96 recently of Gaylord, MI, died Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at Aspen Ridge Care Facility in Gaylord, MI. Catherine was born on May 14, 1913, the second daughter of John Henry and Nellie (Leary) Bush, in Milford, MI. She graduated from Milford High School in 1930 and married her high school sweetheart, Richard H. Gaul, July 24, 1936. They moved to Farmington, MI, in 1938, and Dick's job with Cadillac Motor in Detroit. Catherine graduated from the Detroit Conservatory of Music, June, 1941. While in Farmington, 1938-2008, she was a homemaker, mother, and piano teacher to many children. She enjoyed playing the piano and organ at home, church, and at silent movies early in her life. Her husband and family were her life and much time was spent with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Due to her gentle character and ready smile, she will be missed by all who knew her. She is preceded in death by her husband, Dick and her sister, Zetta. Catherine is survived by her daughter, Marilyn (Robert) Killian of Boyne Falls, and son, Richard (Joan) Gaul of Farmington Hills. Missing her are grandchildren Marcia Monchilov of Gaylord, and Robert Killian of Traverse City, as well as Shelli Connelly of Fenton and Richard Gaul of Waterford, and great grandchildren Mason and Morgan Monchilov, Abigail and Ashley Killian, and Shawn and Josie Connelly. Cremation has taken place. A gathering of family will take place in Milford, May 7. There will be no funeral or visitation times. Her ashes will be buried at the Oak Grove Cemetery, in Milford. Memorials in her name may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills, 48334 or the Salvation Army.

JOHN THOMAS LOFTUS

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TACO CASSEROLE

Prep Time: 10 minutes/Start to Finish: 30 minutes

Makes: 8 servings

1 pound lean ground beef
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 bottle (8 ounces) taco sauce
1/4 cup water
1 can (4 ounces) fire-roasted diced green chiles
1 packet (1.25 ounces) taco seasoning mix
1 package (12-count) corn taco shells, broken, divided
2 cups (8 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese, divided
Chopped tomatoes, chopped green bell pepper, sour cream
Preheat oven to 375°F. Grease 11 x 7-inch baking dish.

Cook beef and onion in large skillet over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until beef is browned. Drain and discard excess fat.

Stir in taco sauce, water, chiles and seasoning mix; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cook 3 to 4 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Layer half of broken taco shells on bottom of prepared baking dish. Cover with half of meat mixture; sprinkle with 1 cup cheese. Repeat layers with remaining ingredients.

Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until bubbly and cheese is melted. Serve with desired toppings.



Frozen Margarita Pie

FROZEN MARGARITA PIE

Prep Time: 15 minutes/Start to Finish: 4 hours

Makes: 8 servings

Crust
10 yellow corn taco shells
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
1/2 cup granulated sugar
Filling
1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
1/2 cup frozen limeade, thawed
2 tablespoons orange juice
1 drop green food coloring
1 cup whipping cream
Lime curls (optional)
Place taco shells in food processor and pulse until evenly ground.
Melt butter in medium saucepan over low heat. Remove from heat. Stir in taco crumbs and sugar until well blended. Press firmly over bottom and up sides of 9-inch pie plate.
Place in freezer until firm.

Combine sweetened condensed milk, limeade, orange juice and food coloring in large mixing bowl.

Whip cream until soft peaks form. Fold whipped cream gently into condensed milk mixture until blended. Pour onto prepared crust.

Freeze uncovered, 4 hours or until firm. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Garnish with lime curls, if desired.

Tip: To crush taco shells without a food processor, place them in a resealable plastic food storage bag and run a rolling pin over the shells until they're evenly crushed.

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Prep Time: 15 minutes/Start to Finish: 30 minutes

Makes: 6 to 8 servings

Dressing
1 can (4 ounces) fire-roasted diced green chiles
1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro
1/2 cup olive oil
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
Salt and black pepper to taste
Salad
1 red bell pepper, cored, seeded, cut in half
1 green bell pepper, cored, seeded, cut in half
1 medium zucchini, cut lengthwise into thin slices
1 medium yellow squash, cut lengthwise into thin slices
1 large red onion, cut into 1/2-inch-thick wedges
1 pound pasta shells or penne, cooked

1 jar (16 ounces) vegetable salsa
1/2 cup firmly packed fresh basil, cut into thin strips
Lettuce leaves (optional)

Combine chiles, cilantro, oil, vinegar and garlic in small bowl. Whisk until well blended. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Set aside.

Preheat grill to medium-high heat, about 15 minutes. Lightly brush grill grid with vegetable oil.

Grill bell peppers, zucchini, squash and onion 3 to 5 minutes per side or until fork-tender. Remove vegetables from grill: cut into bite-size pieces.

Toss cooked pasta, salsa, sliced vegetables and basil in large bowl or serving platter. Serve with dressing on lettuce leaves, if desired.

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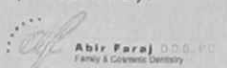
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Probiotics, known as "good bacteria" help support healthy digestive and immune systems. Guernsey Farms Dairy teamed with Ganeden Biotech, Inc., maker of the patented probiotic strain, GanedenBC30, to produce the new probiotic-enhanced line of milk.

"Now consumers who enjoy our milk can have the added health benefits of probiotics without having to take a supplement," said Tom Rice, marketing director for Guernsey Farms Dairy.

The probiotic milk is available in 2 percent lowfat and skim, and is free of growth hormone. It's available at the dairy's retail store as well as at Hillers markets, Busch's, Plum Markets, Holiday Markets, Picnic Basket, and other food retailers.

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Wine and trees

Farmington Hills — Celebrate Arbor Day Friday, April 30 with a glass of Tangley Oaks wine at Antonio's Cucina Italiana.

Every glass or bottle of Tangley's chardonnay or merlot sold at the restaurant, represents one new tree donated by the California winery to The Arbor Day Foundation. The winery also is donating a percentage of its profits this year for tree planting.

Louis Johnson, bartender at Antonio's in Farmington Hills, said he suggested the restaurant partner with Tangley and The Arbor Day Foundation.

"I thought it was something that was interesting and would inspire people to give back a little," he said, describing the "One Wine-One Tree" program.

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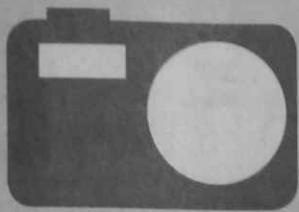


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Family's labor helps make Habitat home theirs

BY JULIE BROWN
OSE STAFF WRITER

Rashard Sartor of Inkster showed up ready to work on a recent Saturday.

He, wife Maya and their five children in a blended family will soon move into a Habitat for Humanity home on Christine in Westland. They have a baby daughter due June 2, so it's a good thing the home has four bedrooms and two full baths.

"This house is very important," said Sartor, who works with individuals with developmental disabilities, including community mental health. His wife works for the same firm in development of microenterprises, while he's a supervisor.

Their children are Marlyn, 15, Makayla, 11, Katlyn, 10, Callie, 10, Brennan, 7, and baby Madilynne Brooke due in June. The Sartors, like other families who receive Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County homes, put in 250 hours of "sweat equity" per adult working on home construction or rehabbing.

"She'll probably come and boss me around," Sartor said with a smile of his wife. They're grateful for Habitat's help, which includes a 0 percent mortgage they'll pay back.

"If it wasn't for Habitat I don't know," he said. "It's definitely a blessing. We'll probably have a lot of memories in this home."

That Saturday, volunteers from Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton were working on the Christine home, believed to have been built around the 1920s and moved from Detroit to Westland. Sue Carlson of Canton, an attorney who practices in Livonia, was Geneva's representative to the Apostles Build, a group of area churches working on Habitat homes.

"We have a number of churches that are a part of that group," said Carlson, whose Saturday crew included eight workers and a lunch volunteer brigade. "It looks like most of the interior work is painting."

There was exterior painting to do as well, along with some cleanup. The porch wasn't structurally sound, so



The Geneva Presbyterian Church of Canton volunteer group worked a recent Saturday on the Westland Habitat for Humanity home. A number of other area churches and the city of Westland are also sending volunteers to work.

volunteers were needed for that.

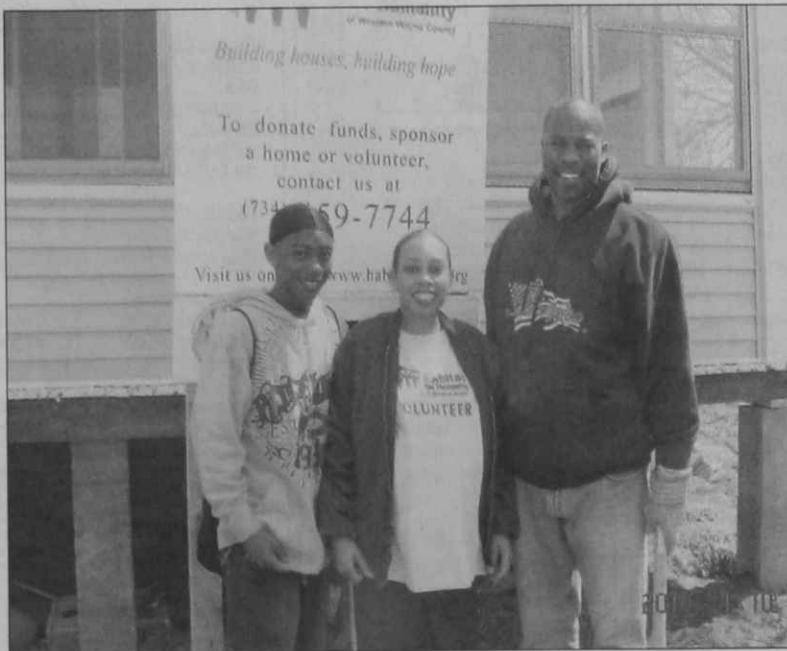
Skilled trades work is done by a licensed contractor, Carlson said. "I personally have done a lot of painting," she said. She's helped put in insulation, and noted those who can use a hammer, staple gun and pry bar are always needed.

"There's a lot of stuff with a rehab you don't always anticipate," she said. (Habitat also builds a number of new homes for families as part of its Christian ministry.) The Christine house was donated by the city of Westland which also provided money for costs. The affiliate and church group are supervising the build and coordinating volunteers, and paying for needed extra insulation.

Bruce Whittle of Plymouth Township is volunteer site supervisor for the home. He's a retired Ford Motor Co. engineer and has volunteered with Habitat about three years.

Whittle did construction-type work with his dad growing up. "My career with Ford kept me busy. I just want to give back."

The Christine home the Sartors will move into soon is the second Habitat rehab in Westland. "This has come along pretty good," Whittle said. "It had the bones to be a good home." Work began in early January and should wrap up in late April/early May.



Rashard and Maya Sartor are looking forward to moving into the Westland Habitat for Humanity home with their children.

Whittle tips his hat to fellow volunteer Mike Bush who's done a lot in his absence overseeing work.

Volunteers come in with diverse skills, Whittle said. "A lot of people come to learn how to do things." That ranges from painting to structural work.

"Sometimes you have to go back and redo some of the work," he said. "Everyone's welcome. Even the kids come," although there are some age restrictions on work.

Barb Fichtenberg of Canton, church relations chair for Habitat, soon arrived. "It's looking good here," said Fichtenberg, a Geneva member and Garden City Hospital medical technologist. "I see the (kitchen) floor is in."

The 2005 Canton Circle of Faith saw the first such Habitat home built, with congregations joining in from neighboring communities as Habitat work expanded. The Apostles Build includes Ecumenical Work Days, Fichtenberg said, when members of more than one church work side by side.

She likes that, as it's rewarding to meet those from other churches.

Brenda Sprague of Canton, a Geneva member and payroll specialist by profession, said, "This is my first

time" volunteering. "It's important for a family to have a home."

Sprague can do painting and outside work. "I've been wanting to do it so this was the perfect opportunity for me," she said.

For information on donating to or volunteering for Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County, call (734) 459-7744 or visit www.habitatwvc.org. Alice Dent is the Plymouth-based affiliate's executive director.

Churches and others that have scheduled work days thus far are First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, city of Westland, First Presbyterian Church of Northville, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, St. John Neumann Catholic Church and Geneva Presbyterian.

Other churches that are part of the Apostles Build but have not yet scheduled work days include St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Northville, Resurrection Parish, Timothy Lutheran, First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville, St. Michael the Archangel and Meadowbrook Congregational Church.

Ask lawyer open meeting question

Q: The board has, on its own without a note to the members for their input, just levied an assessment to buy insecticide in our community. I am wondering if that action is legal when the welfare of the community is being decided, particularly, since we are concerned about the use of an insecticide.

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

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Birmingham		Rochester Hills	
30725 River Crossing St	\$194,000	1498 Antler Ct	\$185,000
Bloomfield Hills		1438 Clear Creek Dr	\$535,000
1505 Emmons Ave	\$373,000	3646 Cone Ave	\$150,000
1067 Kennesaw St	\$308,000	3458 Connors Dr	\$50,000
283 Northlawn Blvd	\$205,000	2781 Culbertson Ave	\$30,000
1380 Pierce St	\$267,000	308 Gunder Dr	\$188,000
579 Ridgedale Ave	\$400,000	3559 Hogan Cir	\$50,000
988 Westchester Way	\$525,000	1645 Huntington Park	\$95,000
1659 Yosemite Blvd	\$135,000	1368 Kingspath Dr	\$285,000
Bloomfield Hills		2269 Norton Rd	\$150,000
1070 Stratford Ln	\$115,000	2021 Oak Leaf Dr	\$185,000
Bloomfield Township		627 Parkland Dr	\$217,000
1956 E Hammond Lake Dr	\$140,000	2978 Simpson Dr	\$60,000
4049 Fairlane Dr	\$151,000	1460 Stockport Dr	\$172,000
5615 Westwood Ct	\$235,000	3799 Summit Ct	\$235,000
Clarkston		758 Ten Point Dr	\$210,000
5390 Columbia	\$110,000	South Lyon	
6116 Crestwood Ct	\$175,000	23760 Spy Glass Hl N	\$400,000
6190 Mallard Ct	\$245,000	424 Whipple St	\$70,000
4575 Pelton Rd	\$110,000	Southfield	
8866 Tahoe Dr	\$156,000	19040 Jeanette St	\$30,000
Commerce Township		17253 Magnolia Pkwy	\$148,000
5597 Starwood Dr	\$197,000	29275 Marshall St	\$5,000
Davisburg		22505 Providence Dr	\$50,000
11098 Chyna Run	\$182,000	30272 Southfield Rd	\$27,000
5942 Long Point Dr	\$135,000	29455 Stellamar Dr	\$120,000
Farmington		15628 Stone Crossing Dr	\$40,000
23908 Pickett Ave	\$250,000	18412 Stratford Dr	\$75,000
Farmington Hills		Troy	
38900 Country Cir	\$78,000	2163 Lancer Dr	\$285,000
25816 Hunt Club Blvd	\$220,000	2449 W Watties Rd	\$115,000
39100 Lancaster Dr	\$220,000	Walled Lake	
29034 Ramblewood Dr	\$122,000	2202 Cameron Cir	\$160,000
30420 W 10 Mile Rd	\$159,000	1567 Treyborne Cir	\$177,000
32252 W 12 Mile Rd	\$54,000	450 Woodland Hills Dr	\$170,000
Keego Harbor		Waterford	
3040 Stapleton Dr	\$75,000	6253 Andersonville Rd	\$73,000
Lake Orion		3870 Embarcadero St	\$193,000
89 Creekwood Dr	\$350,000	1048 Erskine Way	\$42,000
3901 Long Meadow Ln	\$201,000	291 Marion Ave	\$38,000
168 Schram Ct	\$81,000	2546 W Walton Blvd	\$65,000
1238 Wallon Way	\$215,000	West Bloomfield	
Lathrup Village		5241 Cedarhurst Dr	\$200,000
27384 Evergreen Rd	\$31,000	5515 Essex Ct	\$555,000
17344 Rainbow Dr	\$143,000	4744 Oak Grove Ct	\$185,000
Milford		6657 Red Cedar Ln	\$185,000
886 Panorama Dr	\$127,000	7384 Spring Oak Ct	\$225,000
Novi		7053 Timberview Trl	\$255,000
44850 Bayview Dr	\$70,000	White Lake	
50735 Chesapeake Dr	\$570,000	951 Dacea Ct	\$234,000
50545 Langley Dr	\$450,000	Canton	
Oakland Township		7705 Altton St	\$154,000
Orchard Lake		46464 Hanford Rd	\$179,000
Oxford		42330 Jennings Ct	\$150,000
Rochester		41989 Metaline Dr	\$167,000
Rochester Hills		49019 Northampton Ct	\$30,000
South Lyon		3924 Ravensfield Dr	\$120,000
Southfield		43607 Ryegate St	\$135,000
Troy		45140 Saltz Rd	\$140,000
Walled Lake		49387 Townsend Ct	\$390,000
Waterford		5794 Wedgewood Rd	\$155,000
West Bloomfield		42582 Woodbridge Dr	\$157,000
White Lake			

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- 1 Oxford tutor
4 Leafs through
9 ER practice
12 IOU part
13 Posh hotel lobby
14 Exploit
15 Kudu cousin
17 Singing insect
19 Travel preference
21 Alphabet ender
22 Nourish
25 Fails to keep up
29 New Age practice
30 Dragon of puppetry
32 Part of an orange
33 Sapporo sash
35 Stand in good
37 Colorful carp
38 Ohio college town
40 Get out fast

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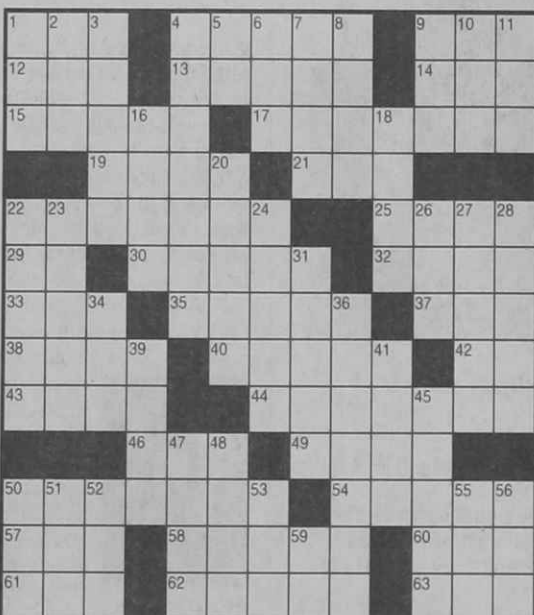
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61 LP speed
62 Did a farm job
63 Bilko's rank
1 Female rabbit
2 It gives a hoot
3 Comes closer to
4 Some tires
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7 Cameron — of films
8 Overfeed
9 Heifer's mouthful

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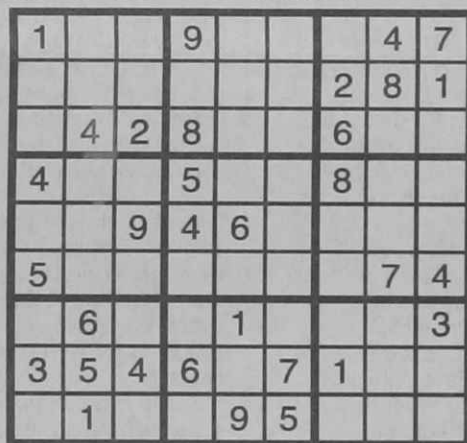
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11 Cheerful color
16 Pact letters
18 Sharp bark
20 Happy tunes
22 Feed the fire
23 Earth pigment
24 Reunion attendee
26 Bering Sea bird
27 Library fixture
28 Caught sight of
31 Yields, as interest
34 Motor lodge
36 Mr. Bumstead
39 Unisex wear
41 Lady's honorific
45 Chews on
47 Part of a cable's income
48 Salmon variety
50 Expensive gift
51 Brat
52 Newsman — Donaldson
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55 Crone
56 Sculpture or music
59 Lawrence's initials.



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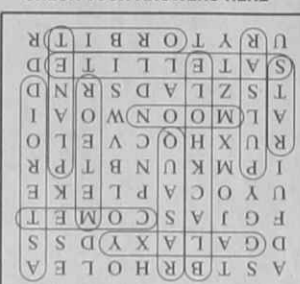
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38651 N Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills (N of Lone Pine Rd.). Sale begins Thurs., April 29, 6:30pm-9:30pm with silent auction 6:30-8:30pm; everything half price. Fri., April 30, 10am-2pm; \$5 & \$10 per bag of rummage, Sat. May 1st, 9am-noon.

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Sat. & Sun. May 1 & 2, 8am-5pm at Historic Winery 31505 Grand River at Orchard Lake Rd.

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Universalist Unitarian Church, 25301 Halsted Rd. Located between Grand River & 11 Mile THURS. April 29 and FRIDAY, April 30 9am to 8pm; SAT. May 1 9am to Noon. Lots of great stuff!

FLAT ROCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Pre-Sale Thurs. April 29, 5-8pm (Adults \$2). Free Admission Fri., April 30, 9am-4pm & Sat. May 1, 9am-noon (1/2 off sale). Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

7100 Estate Sales **7100**

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Apr. 30 & May 1, Fri-Sat. 10-4. Livonia, 38221 Ladywood Ct. Take 5 Mile, 4 bks. W. of Newburgh, turn N. on Hix, go 5 bks. Complete Household.

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Detroit-Golf Club Community

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LIVONIA: 28447 Cleveland

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LIVONIA: 29836 Pickford, 7 Mile/Middlebelt, 4/28-5/1: 9-6pm.

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607 Harding St. 2 bks E of Ann Arbor Rd on the corner of Fairground Park. Fri-Sun, April 30-May 2, 9am-5pm.

SOUTH LYON - 4 Families.

Thurs-Sat, April 29-May 1, 9-3pm. 25701 McCrory Lane, off Martindale btwn 10 & 11 Mile.

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General Motors with OnStar, and Ford with Sync, clearly have established the strongest brands and some of the most advanced technology in the growing automotive "infotainment" sector.

But every car maker has been jumping into this arena, which is increasingly important to car buyers. In doing so, each OEM is dealing with the following factors that are driving the market for infotainment in vehicles:

The demographics of the customer: Unanimously, OEMs see interest in heavily embedded devices and systems, such as OnStar, being stronger with older individuals and higher in luxury segments. Conversely, the younger a customer, the more interested he is likely to be in a "tethered" approach like the one Ford is using with Sync, relying mainly on smart phones and other devices consumers already are bringing into vehicles.

That is partly because Generations X and Y are much more comfortable with digital hand-held devices than boomers and older generations, and partly because such "decentralized" systems tend to be less expensive, and available in lower-priced vehicles.

"There was a reason we launched Sync on Focus instead of a \$60,000 Lincoln," said Ford's Julius Marchewicki, Sync product manager.

The rate of change: Automakers have long had difficulty keeping up with the

incredibly fast change of pace in digital technology compared with the relatively slow speed at which new systems and technologies take root in vehicles and with the overall product cycle of cars. But now the tension is getting worse.

"We need to become more nimble, because what's happening in consumer electronics in general and the digital lifestyle is impacting people's expectations of what we can do," said Mercedes-Benz's Robert Policano, product manager for its Embrace infotainment system. "Traditionally we've run on a seven- to 10-year product life cycle, but that's an epoch in the consumer-electronics field."

The ubiquity of mobile devices: Seventy percent of mobile-phone use occurs inside vehicles, according to Toyota, so "a responsible OEM" must consider how consumers interact with handsets and other peripherals in the vehicle, said Jon Bucci, vice president of advanced technology for Toyota Motor Sales USA.

Yet smart phones – those internet-connected devices such as the iPhone and BlackBerry – at this point comprise only about 20 percent of the mobile-phone market. "So making apps that are for smart phones only is somewhat limiting," Bucci said.

The tyranny of apps: More and more consumers simply expect to have the capability to use all their favorite web sites and apps on their smart phones in



Infotainment features are growing more popular.

the vehicle even if it isn't safe for them to do so while driving. And if the embedded infotainment system of an automaker in some sense tries to limit these desires, then consumers will favor systems that instead help them – or simply work their fingers over their smart phones without a boost from an on-board system.

The resulting challenges to OEMs are profound. "We're trying to make our focus not, 'How do we avoid reinventing the wheel by recreating systems in the vehicle?' but, 'How can people most effectively use these services?'" said Policano of Mercedes-Benz. "If you're talking about Facebook and LinkedIn and other social-networking services, for instance, how do you interact with them in a productive and efficient way while driving?"

The question of redundancy: One of the big advantages of a tethered system is that it doesn't require users of on-board infotainment services to subscribe to another wireless service, such as OnStar or Safety Connect.

"As their own devices gain capabilities, consumers can choose to pay for them if they want, and we as Ford don't have to charge them a premium when they bring

them into the vehicle," Marchewicki said. "And they can keep the devices and accounts that they already have."

The robustness of on-board systems: For what safety services promote and offer, they really can't depend on brought-in mobile devices. The reliability of mobile phones, for example, can vary greatly depending on the type of device, the carrier, variances in signal strength according to location, and even interference from within the vehicle.

The role of safety: The issue of how infotainment affects driver and passenger safety is on everyone's lips. "There have to be restrictions applied to these applications or we're going to create an environment in the vehicle that is downright irresponsible," said one automaker executive.

Some, for instance, argue that safety concerns remain one significant drawback of Ford's Sync, despite its obvious other advantages. "Directionally, overall, it's better to have a lot of information flow through the car where it's accessed and visible to the car rather than having drivers fumble around with different devices," said Brad Stertz, a spokesman for the Volkswagen Group.

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