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Business honor

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The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

The National Federation of Independent Business honored state Sen. Bruce Patterson for his record of small business support. According to the NFB's Small Business Voting Record for this session, Patterson scored a perfect 100 percent



this session earning him recognition as a "Guardian of Small Business." Patterson was one of 19 state senators recognized for their efforts on small business issues. "We are honored and delighted to recognize Sen. Patterson," said NFIB State Director Charlie Owens. "Clearly he understands the important role that small business plays in providing jobs and economic development in his community." The 2009-10 Session Small Business Vote Record grades lawmakers on a scale of 0-100 percent, with 100 percent being a perfect small-business score. The voting record is based on a series of votes on issues deemed important to small businesses. Those issues range from tax and budget to requilatory and labor legislation.

Budget forums

Budget forums
Canton Township officials
are encouraging residents to attend one of two public forums being held to discuss Canton's 2011-12 budget.
Forums are set for 9:30
a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, and 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, in the Lower Level of the Canton Administration Building.
Supervisor Phil LaJoy will be joined by Finance Director Rick Eva and Public Safety Director Pat Nemecek in explaining the multiyear budget process, Canton's financial situation and the various scenarios that are currently being discussed. Residents will have the opportunity to voice opinions and ask questions.

Harvest Fest

Celebrate everything fall has to offer at the First Annual Cherry Hill Harvest Fest 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge in Canton. From family square dancing to a scarecrow invasion decorating contest, the event is sponsored by Canton Leisure Services, Renewal by Andersen, Goddard School and Canton Waste Recycling. Seasonal favorites will be available, including hayrides, a mystery maze for the little ones, face painting and Canton's own Jack o'Lantern Blaze – where you get to practice your pumpkin carving skills.

To learn more about this

activities, visit Cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Fiegel interviews for Walled Lake post

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Supt. Dr. Craig Fiegel, starting the final year of his original three-year contract and facing an uncertain future in the district, is among five candidates scheduled for interviews for the same post with Walled Lake Consolidated Schools.

Schools.
Fiegel, hired in Plymouth-Canton before
the 2008-09 school year, is set to interview for
the Walled Lake position at 8:30 p.m. tonight

the Walfed Lake Possion.
(Thursday).
He said lingering doubt about whether the Plymouth-Canton board would offer him another contract left him with no choice but to seek some job security for himself and his

to seek some job security for himself and his family.

"As I continue to observe the board, and reading how I think they're feeling, I felt like I

wasn't sure where (renewal) going," Fiegel said.
"This was an excellent opportunity. Walled
Lake is a quality school district... districts like
that don't open up very often. I struggled with
whether to apply. It finally came down to I've
got to take care of my family and myself, so I
thought I'd give it a look."
Walled Lake's Board of Education began
interviewing finalists Wednesday. The district is looking for a replacement for William
Hamilton, whose retirement is effective Dec. I.
Walled Lake officials want Hamilton's replacement in place by Nov. I.
Fiegel is in the last year of the contract he
signed when the district hired him away from
the Evergreen Park elementary district in
Illinois to replace Jim Ryan, who retired following the 2007-08 school year.
Academic achievement has continued to

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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Supt. Dr. Craig Fiegel interviews for the same position in the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools Thursday night

Night for romance

Help sought for neighborhood cleanup

Volunteers are being sought for a neighborhood cleanup effort along two stretches of road near the River Meadow Community on Geddes between Beck and Canton Center roads.

roads.

The work, canceled in July amid a downpour of rain, starts at 9 a.m Saturday, Oct. 2, and will continue

until the cleanup is done, said Greg Greene, River Meadow Community Association president and Canton Planning Commission chairman. Volunteers are needed to pick up trash along Geddes between Beck and Sheldon roads and along Beck from Geddes to Michigan Avenue, Greene said. The effort, led by River Meadow and AAA Michigan volunteers, marks an adopt-a-road cleanup proj-

ect that Greene has said is needed along stretches of road where items have been found, such as liquor bottles, beer cans, fast-food bags and condoms, among other litter.

Volunteers should wear comfortation and bring work gloves. Organizers have said trash bags and reflective vests will be provided.

"We're trying to enlist not only our

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Suspect pleads no contest to shooting deputy

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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A man who shot an off-duty
Washtenaw County sheriff's deputy
after finding the officer with his
estranged wife in Canton faces sentencing Oct. 13 after pleading no contest to
a single charge of felonious assault.

In return for his plea,
Kim Jerome Hill, 29,
no longer faces trial for
assault with intent to do
great bodily harm and
felony firearm charges
for shooting Deputy
Samuel Wallace, a 33year-old Redford resident.

Hill

dent.

Authorities have said
Hill shot Wallace in the abdomen after
finding him May I with Hill's estranged
wife in her Wyndchase Townhomes residence near Haggerty and Cherry Hill.
Hill's plea was confirmed by Canton
Police Detective Tim Wright, who was
in Wayne County Circuit Judge Richard
Skutt's courtroom Sept. 13 — the day
Skutt accepted an agreement hammered out by prosecuting and defense
attorneys.

mereu our by prosenting attorneys. Even though Hill's formal sentencing is set for October, a Wayne County Jail spokesman confirmed Tuesday that Hill was released from custody Sept. 13 after he had spent just over four months in iail

Hill could have faced penalties rang ing up to 10 years in prison if he had

Please see SHOOTING, A3

Tell us why family dinners are important

The Observer wants to hear about your family dinnertime and to encourage and challenge local families to eat together.
Share your family's experience and you could win a \$25 Kroger gift card (to help fix that dinner) and other prizes. Send a photo of your family eating dinner and short essay (100 words or less) explaining why your family's meal-sharing is important or how/why you plan to start a new tradition of family dinnertime to: Sharon Dargay at sdargay@



photo (jpg format only) and provide first and last names of everyone in the photo.

The Observer will award three prizes — one for a children's essay and family dinner photo, one for a teenager's essay and family photo and one for a couple's essay and family photo.

Other prizes include a copy of Let's Fix Dinner, by award-winning author and illustrator Todd Parr (child's prize) and movie tickets to Emagine Theater.

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No euchre

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the euchre tournament put on by the Kiwanis Club of Canton that was scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 25, has been cancelled. An announcement on a rescheduled date will be made at a later point.

Autumn festival

front porch with a fabulous selection of Mums (only \$3.50 each), pumpkins, hay bales,

each, pumpsins, nay baies, etc.
Have an outdoor lunch, with concessions available from Canton Chiefs Lacrosse, a hot dog, chips and soda for \$3, Cider and donuts \$2.00.
Raffle prizes will be available, with proceeds to the Canton Dog Park.
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and written appraisals (limit
three hand-carried items).
Verbal appraisals cost \$10;
written appraisals are \$15. All
proceeds benefit the Canton
Historical Society.
To schedule an appointment,
call (734) 254-0729 or (734)
812-2307.

Grief support

Compassionate Care
Hospice offers a five-week
grief support series, "Adult
Loss of a Parent," beginning
Tuesday, Oct. 5. The group is
for any adult who has experienced the death of a parent
and will provide support and
education on the grieving process.

The group will be conducted the Compassionate Care cospice office located at 5730 filley Rd., Ste. A, Canton, om 6-7:30 p.m. There is no

Lilley Non-from 6-7:30 p.m. The-charge.
For information or to regis-recontact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator, at (734) 983-9050.

Mom 2 Mom

The Plymouth Canton
Mothers of Multiples host
their semi-annual Mom-toMom sale 8:30 a.m. to noon
Saturday, Sept. 25, at West
Middle School, 444401 Ann
Arbor Trail (at Sheldon) in
Plymouth.

The event features department-style shopping (grouped
by boy or girl, then by size),
fall and winter boys and girls
clothing (newborn to size 10),
sets for twins and triplets and
multiples items, clothes, toys,
baby gear, strollers, maternity
clothes and a bake sale.

Admission is \$1, cash only,
all sales final (no strollers
before 10 a.m.). For more
information e-mail pemom@
hotmail.com.



Bikers galore

The ISth Annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff presents the fifth annual Motor City Chili Ride' and 'Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles Chili Ride' Sunday, Oct. 10, to benefit Habitat for Humanity. These motorcycle rides will begin at Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles dealership in Canton and Motor City Harley Davidson in Farmington Hills. Both rides will end at the Chili Cookoff in downtown Plymouth. Cost is S10 per person. All riders will receive free VIP parking at the event, and the first 50 registrants will get a raffle ticket to win S1,000, \$500 or \$250 cash prizes. Registration at Motor City Harley-Davidson in Farmington Hills begins 8:30 a.m.; registration at Motor City Harley-Davidson in Farmington Hills begins 8:30 a.m. Scotted rides depart at 10:30 a.m. The Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off is in its 15th year and has raised over \$185,000.00 for different charittes. Ride information is available at Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles (877) 388-9508 or www. ClassicMotorcyclesDetroit.com or by calling Motor City Harley-Davidson, (248) 473-7433 or visiting www.motorcityharley.com.

Walk for melanoma

The fifth annual KDB Melanoma 5K Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, Oct. 10, at Kensington Metropark in Milford.

Milford.
Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the walk/run will begin at 11 a.m. Register online: www. melanomawalk.org - click on First Giving.
All proceeds go to the Melanoma Research

Mackinac Island trip

Area seniors are encour-aged to experience the ultimate Mackinac Island wacation at the magnificent Grand Hotel Oct. 11-14 dur-ing this annual autumn trip. This all-inclusive bus trip, presented by Canton Senior Center in partnership with the Michigan Recreation and Park Association (MRPA), is designed for individuals 50 years or older, but spouses, sons, daughters, and caregiv-ers under 50 are also wel-

ers under 50 are also welcome.

This fun four-day getaway
to Mackinac Island includes:
roundtrip transportation;
accommodations at the historic Grand Hotel; baggage
handling, taxes and tips; a
full breakfast each morning;
a five-course dinner each evening; carriage tours; nightly
dancing; contests; movies;
a history lecture; a walking
tour; special discounts; a
final evening celebration; and
more!

more!
"Our hope is that seniors don't miss this opportunity to experience the beauty and serenity of one of Michigan's great trea-

sures," said Susan Doughty, Recreation Specialist. "The Grand Hotel has played host to many well-known names over the years, including several U.S. Presidents; Mark Twain; Madonna; and Barbara Walters. We'd love for as many seniors as possible to experience a visit to this historic gem where cars are not allowed and the horse and carriage is the favored mode of transportation." Fees for this unforgettable trip are: \$869 single/\$679 double/\$620 triple. A deposit is due at the time of registration at the Senior Center and the registration deadline October 1, 2010. For additional information, contact the Senior Center Front Desk at 734/394-5485 or visit Cantonfun.org.

Service salute

Canton's Veterans Day
Salute to Service takes place
6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov.
11, at the Village Theater at
Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry
Hill in Canton.
Organizers are looking
for anyone who would like
to display memorabilia during the event. Anyone who'd
like to take advantage of the
opportunity should contact
Sean Fletcher via e-mail
at sean.fletcher@cantonmi.org or call (734) 3945472.
The focus this year will be
on Korean War veterans. The
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recording interviews with
Korean veterans. Veterans
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Idol organizers already eyeing next year

Jaoi-inspired competition next year.

In all, 51 students competed in singing competitions that culminated earlier this month as Canton Idol judges narrowed the field and chose the top three winners in two divisions.

Crowds estimated at 200 people on both nights of final competition watched and applauded as the contest, sponsored by BeckRidge Chorale, ended its first year at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

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"I absolutely think it's something to build on," said Michael Gross, artistic director for BeckRidge Chorale, an adult choral ensemble that draws performers from across southeast Michigan.
Kelly Fifeld, BeckRidge Chorale trustee, has announced this year's winners High school division:

• Haley Babij, a Canton High School senior and Canton resident, captured firs place and earned \$500.



• Amy Zinn, a Plymouth Christian Academy junior an Canton resident, took second place and a \$300 prize.

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• Kristin Burdette, a Livor resident and Churchill High School freshman, won third place and \$200.



ntestants (from left) Ouintanya Johnson, Kristen Burdette, Amy Zinn, Emma Dwyer, Daniel Ahearn, Cara Gross, Iley Babij, Crystal Rosales, Kelsie Hight and Claudia Crampton hit the Canton Idols stage.

Middle school division:

• Sophie Szczotka, a Pioneer
Middle School seventh-grader
and Canton resident, claimed
the first-place prize and \$500.

• Mackenzie Grosse, also a
Pioneer Middle School sev-

enth-grader from Canton, cap-tured second place and earned

ners were am.

On the last night, Gross said, high school finalists took the stage and held hands in a show of collective support — a moving on-stage moment that wasn't scripted.

"When these kids came out and supported each other like that after they had competed against each other, that was the name of the game," Gross said. "Nothing touched me

ing to ensure the contest was success.

"We had fun, the contes-tants were fabulous, and we will be holding this event again in 2011," Fifield said.
"Several contestants plan on coming back."

DINNER

your spouse that they are your priority.

Plan a meal, talk, turn off the television and put down the cell phone and eat together. More than a decade of research by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University CASA has consistently found that the more often kids eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use drugs.

Family Day began as a grassroots initiative and has grown to become a nationwide celebration. In 2009 President Barack Obama, all the governors and more than 1,000

CLEANUP

own (River Meadow) people, but people from other subdivi-sions," Greene said. Volunteers for several years have embarked on occasional one-day cleanup projects near the River Meadow Community, but Greene has conceded it can be difficult to get people to help out.

can be difficult to get people to help out. That said, he has asked potential volunteers to contact him to find out where they can begin their cleanup efforts Oct.

2.
To get involved, call Greene, a sales agent for AAA, at his office at (734) 855-6192 or send an e-mail to gegreenedotbiz@aol.com. More information also is available online at www.gcgreene.biz.



SHOOTING

gone to trial and faced conviction for assault with intent to do great bodily harm (less than murder).

What's more, Hill had originally faced a charge of assault with intent to murder, which carries penalties ranging up to life in prison. However, 35th District Judge Ronald Lowe had dismissed that charge in May, amid allegations Wallace lied when he deenied having sex with Hill's estranged wife.

Hill's wife contradicted Wallace in court testimony

— a move that Lowe said damaged Wallace's credibility.
Canton police have said
Wallace was shot once in the
abdomen around 1:10 a.m.
Saturday, May 1. Canton
Detective Dave Schreiner has
said the shooting occurred
during a "domestic situation"
that unfolded when Hill went
to the townhouse on Virginia
Court and found Wallace
there.
Wallace was taken to a hos-

Police accused Hill of flee ing the scene and said he was arrested hours later at

an acquaintance's house in Inkster. After his arrest, Hill had been jailed with a \$500,000/10-percent bond that had been set during his arraignment in 35th District

Court. However, his no contest plea to felonious assault resulted in his release Sept. I according to Wayne County authorities.

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CRIME WATCH

Video alarm

Video alarm

Canton police went to the Blockbuster store on Cherry Hill east of Canton Center amid reports of an alarm going off shortly after 3 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14.

A manager who came to the store told police it appeared that a Blu-ray DVD player was missing from a shelf, and further investigation indicated that an intruder had foreibly entered the store through a window. It appeared the intruder may have fled without taking other items. A clear plastic garbage bag was found near the window and it contained scores of movies and video games.

The Blu-ray player was valued at \$180.

Cash stolen

2An employee of a UPS store on Ford Road east of Lilley contacted police after arriving at the business and learning that money had been taken from two cash registers sometime Sunday evening or early Monday morning.

A police report indicated that pry marks had been found near two doors of the business, though the doors were found to be locked.

The incident remained under investigation.

Wheels gone

A woman who lives on Mornington, southeast of Cherry Hill and Beck, told Canton police that all four of the wheels of her Lincoln MKZ were stolen while the vehicle was parked in her driveway between 10 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 a.m. Monday.

A police report indicated that landscaping bricks from the woman's residence had been used to prop up the vehicle so the wheels could be removed.

Warrant arrest

A police officer near Sheldon and Cherry Hill roticed a white Dodge Intrepid pass by with no license plate attached to the rear of the vehicle. The officer trailed the driver about 12:40 a.m.

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Sunday and saw a piece of paper in the rear window, but it couldn't be read so the officer stopped the car on Sheldon south of Cherry Hill.

It was learned that the driver had a warrant for his arrest out of Monroe County for possession of marijuana with intent to deliver.

He was turned over to Monroe County authorities. The man was accompanied by his 14-year-old stepson and another youngster. Police contacted a family member of one of the youngsters and made arrangements to have the boys picked up.

Leaving an accident

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of an accident.
The incident happened about 6:20 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, on Douglas, southeast of Cherry Hill and 1-275, according to police reports.
The female driver was accused of striking another vehicle and pushing it into a third vehicle, then getting out of her car along with a passenger who was with her.
The woman then got back into her vehicle and left the scene, a police report said. The passenger told police he didn't believe the woman had been drinking alcohol.

Too much fint

Too much tint

A Canton officer on patrol noticed a black Ford Edge with illegally tinted windows heading east on Michigan Avenue near Hannan around 5:45 p.m. Monday.

Police stopped the vehicle just west of Hannan and learned that the driver had warrants for his arrest out of Dearborn.

The suspect was taken to

Stranger approach

Van Born Rd.

Van Born Rd.

Van Born Rd.

School, northwest of Warren and Lilley, after two school safety students were approached by a stranger and told that they shouldn't be making fun of their friends.

The incident happened about 3:50 p.m. last Friday. The students — a boy and a girl — had been making fun of each other outside the school while they were on safety duty, and they said a man approached them, touched them on the shoulder and told them not to make fun of each other.

The man also had children with him.

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NEW FURNACE?

Suspect charged in bad-check case at Kroger

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Detroit man has been A Detroit man has been arraigned on charges he wrote a fraudulent check at a Canton grocery store and then led township police on a chase in a stolen U-Haul van before he abandoned the vehicle and was caught trying to hide in a local resident's garage, authorities said.

Timothy David McClure. 29.

said.
Timothy David McClure, 29, could potentially face life in prison as a repeat offender if he is convicted of multiple criminal charges following an incident that started shortly before 1 p.m.
Saturday inside the Kroger store near



Saturday inside the Kroger store near Canton Center and Ford roads, Detective Sgt.

Dave Schreiner said.

A Kroger employee called police to report a suspect passing a fraudulent check, but while the worker was on the phone, the man fled the store and began driving east on Ford Road in a U-Haul van that had been reported stolen in July, authorities said.

"He cut across some lanes of traffic and cut off some cars," then continued east until he passed Morton Taylor, drove into a residential neighborhood, encountered a dead-end, jumped from the U-Haul and tried to flee on foot, Schreiner said.

Police captured the suspect

tried to flee on foot, Schreiner said.

Police captured the suspect after he tried to hide in an attached garage of a home in the 5000 block of Willow Creek, police said.

McClure was arraigned over the weekend on charges of first-degree home invasion; uttering and publishing a fraudulent check; second-degree fleeing and eluding a police officer; receiving and concealing the stolen U-Haul van; resisting and obstructing a police officer; and reckless driving.

a police officer; and reckless driving.

He was jailed with a \$50,000 cash bond and ordered to appear in 35th District Court for an Oct. 1 preliminary hearing that will determine if he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Because McClure was charged as a fourth-time habitual offender, Schreiner said, the defendant could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he is convicted.





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Third book's the charm FIEGEL for Canton teen author

Taylor Joseph will be at the

est book, her schedule will be ramping up toward a trip to Arizona in December, where she'll plug the book and talk to students about the importance of literacy, as she's done virtually since her first book was published in September 2008. That schedule takes Taylor, the daughter of Larry and Monica Joseph of Canton, to places like Arizona and Texas and Florida, in addition to speaking engagements she's done around her own hometown.

"I love it," Taylor soid.

in addition to speaking engagements she's done around her own hometown.

"I love it," Taylor said of the travel. "I love seeing fans, and inspiring kids to read and write. It's fun when you get to travel to different states."

Much of her effort these days is devoted to plugging For Love or Honor (Four Star Publishing, \$12.95), the story of a long-ago king who has everything he desires, except peace in his own land. His wife dies giving birth to a third son, there's estrangement between father and son and a great love between the third son and a peach love between the third son some of Taylor's own personal favorites.

"Ive always liked romance novels, and growing up I liked kings and queens," Taylor said, causing her dad, Larry, to chuckle.

"She's a sucker for romance, he said, laughing, "She always has been."

It took Taylor some nine

months to get the novel to the 60,000 words her publisher was looking for. It's a process about which Taylor always frets

FOR LOVE OR HONOR

p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25



About the book: It's a romance novel centered around a king who has everything he could want, except peace in his land. About the author: Find out more about Taylor Joseph at www.taylorsjoseph.com Available: Four Star Publishing (\$12.95); fourstarpublishing@

Getting the right word count.

"She always freaks out about it," Larry Joseph said. "She worries she can't get it long enough."

Most of Taylor's weekends are filled with book-signings.
"It gets to the point where people ask you to do things, and you're just too booked up," Larry Joseph said. "You hate to say 'no' to people, but there's just no time."

It doesn't leave much time for a personal life, though Taylor admits to having a boyfriend and hanging out with friends.

friends.
"I'm constantly writing," she said. "I'm pretty busy with my job, which is my writing." And writing and writing. With three books already in print and the fourth about to be, how has Taylor's style changed?

changed?
"I'm much more descriptive
now," she said. "It's easier now,
because I'm used to it now. It's
like everything else ... it's easie
when you practice."

rise in Fiegel's two years, with student scores on tests such as the Michigan Merit Exam, the MEAP and ACT consistently above Wayne County and state averages. In the 2009-10 school year, for the first time since the federal adequate yearly progress program was mandated, all of Plymouth-Canton's schools, with the exception of the Starkweather alternative education center, achieved AYP status.

Fiegel's team also produced a balanced budget despite the sagging Michigan economy and a declining foundation allowance from the state, drawing praise for the participatory budget process that had local residents providing input into budget decisions.

However, scores on Fiegel's annual evaluation dropped this year in areas directly attributable to him. While rating him at 2.47 (on a scale of 1-5) in leadership, board members said Fiegel had "positive leadership examples," but expressed concern he "did not display enough leadership on long-range planning" and said he "needs to increase collaboration with Board and staff."

In a letter e-mailed this week to board members, Fiegel called Plymouth-Canton an "outstanding district" and said he'd welcome discussion of a contract extension, going so far as to offer to take a pay cut in deference to the economic elimate.

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WALLED LAKE WISH-LIST

ne the next superintendent of Walled Lake

Craig Fiegel: Current superintendent in Plymouth-Canton; 33 years educational experience; Ph.D., educational leadership, Kansas State

University

Paul DeAngelis: Current deputy superintendent for education services,
Birmingham Public Schools; 19 years experience; Ph.D. in educational
leadership, Oakland University (expected December 2012); master's in
public administration, University of Michigan.

Dr. George Heltsch: Current superintendent, Avondale School District;
34 years experience; Ed.D. in curriculum, Wayne State; master's in classroom teaching, Michigan State

Kenneth Gutman: Current superintendent, Lake Orion Community
Schools; 18 years experience; Ed.D in curriculum and instruction, Wayne
State University (expected December 201)

Christopher Hammill: Current superintendent, Owosso Public Schools;
14 years experience; master's in education, Wayne State University

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Board Treasurer Judy Mardigian, who voted in sup port of Fiegel's hiring two

the right to look at what else is out there."
Board Vice President Barry Simescu said Fiegel's decision to seek another job leaves him "a little sad."
"I'd sure like him to stay in "lymouth-Canton," Simescu said. "I've said that all along, and I still feel that way."
Dianne Gonzalez, the only "no" vote when Fiegel was hired two years ago, said simply, "I wish him well."
Board Secretary Nancy Eggenberger said she "would be very disappointed to see (Fiegel) leave."
"He's doing an excellent job for our school district, and I hope the board will renew his contract," Eggenberger said.



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Hometown marchers tuning up and marching out in force

There's a chill in the air and the hues of fall are beginning to tinge the leaves. That can mean only one thing for the musical marching fans in the Plymouth and Canton communities — the award-winning, nationally acclaimed P-CEP Marching Band is getting ready to take the field for the 2010 competition season.

And they'll be taking the field enforce this year at 215 members strong, up from 170 last year.

"A good portion of the band, about one-third, is freshmen, noted David Armbruster, Director of Bands at the Park." Some really good talent came up from all the middle schools, so it is a good group of kids we are seeing this year. Sheldon (Frazier, associate director) has been a big part of that. He's been pretty much in charge of the recruitment effort."

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That recruitment effort has paid off not only with the talented new instrumentalists and color guard members, but also with a 24-member choir that will be an integral part of the nearly 10-minute show to be performed at local, state and regional competitions as well as at the Grand National Championships in Indianapolis.

"Our show is called 'The Source' and it's about dark vs. light," said Plymouth junior Michael Wolf, one of three drum majors this year along with junior Grace Wine and senior Kaitlyn Tracy. "Wherever there is darkness, there is always a glimmer of light and light always triumphs over darkness.

"What excites me most this year is the challenge of putting this show together," added Wolf. "It is logistically difficult. There have been other bands that have done shows with a dark and light theme, but nobody does it like Plymouth. We are going to be







Armbruster agrees. "It's going to be a show I think a lot of people are going to talk about," he said. "The kids really have the opportunity to do some great things and they have the potential to maximize their performance level."

And they are on target to do just that with more than six minutes of the show already on the field. Three weeks of intense at-home August band camps with many 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. practice days have been instrumental in giving the hometown marchers a substantial head start.

"Last year at this time we had less than two minutes," said Armbruster, who took the reins as director last summer.

FORWARD, MARCH!

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band takes to fields from Canton to Indianapolis starting with the 2010 Great Lakes Invitational 2010 of eat Lakes invitational 5-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Plymouth-Canton Varsity Stadium, 8415 N. Canton Center Road in Canton. Ten top bands from across the state and one from Illinois will compete with the PCEP Marching Band per-forming in exhibition as hosts of the event. The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corp will also perform in exhibition. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and those 18 and under; \$2 for P-CEP students with a valid student ID. The rest of the schedule:

Oct. 9 – Bands of America
Regional, Pontiac Silverdome
Oct. 16 – Bands of America
Super Regional, Edward Jones Super Regional, Edward Jones Dome, St. Louis, Mo. • Oct. 23 – Flushing High School's Michigan Invitational, Atwood Stadium, Flint • Oct. 30 – Huron Valley Invitational, Lakeland High School, White Lake • Nov. 06 – Michigan Competing Band Association State Championships, End Field

Championships, Ford Field,
Detroit

Nov. 10-13 – Bands of America
Grand National Championships
– Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis

"And there are some extraordinary props that will be used this year."

It's shaping up to be an incredible show and plans are to have everything on the field for a complete production by the band's premier performance at the Great Lakes Invitational on the home gridinon Oct. 2.

"I think if people come to our shows, they will understand why we love marching band and why we work as hard as we do," said Wolf.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Canton 'princess' off to national competition

Selia Rendon of Canton recently won the title of National American Miss princess at a pageant held at the Troy Mariott.
Selia, the daughter of Adrian and Monique Rendon, was judged on interview skills, formal wear, personal introduction and community service.

According to Monique

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According to Monique Rendon, her daughter won categories including photogenic, most promising model and was first-runner-up in talent, casual-wear modeling, best thank you note and Miss Personality. For her efforts, her mother said, Selia won a \$1,000 cash prize, a trio to Disney World, and a tour of Hollywood. She also won a \$1,300 modeling scholarship. The 7-year-old will be involved in community service and have the opportunity to meet the governor. An honor roll student, Selia, a secondgrader who has danced since she was 3, will compete for the national title in Anaheim, Calif., in November.

Handcrafters show

Handcrafters Fall Fair wel-omes world renowned doll naker Audrey Swarz, who got ter start at Handcrafters 20 ears ago. Swarz loves meeting



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her collectors and looks forward to coming back to where it all began – Handcrafters Northville. Collectors recognize Swarz for her sculpted one-of-a-kind dolls. Swarz began making dolls as gifts for family members and friends 20 years ago.

The fair takes place at the Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main in Northville, Oct. 8-10. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3 at the door. Swarz is just one the more than 70 hand-selected, juried artists and craftspeople who will be showcasing their work at the

Just Once piano

Traditional piano teachers night not approve, but thou-ands have learned the secret f how to play piano with the hord method.

Anyone who's ever wondered how it's done should mark Oct. 19, from 6-9:30 p.m. on the calendar. That's when Plymouth-Canton Community Schools brings in Marc Doiron to teach the nationally renowned "How To Play Piano in Three Hours" workshop. Doiron's approach reveals how the prosplay. For over 22 years this workshop has brought seldom taught and highly sought after information to more than 100,000 nationwide.



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The materials are accessible and practical, and allow a person with little or no experience to start on the road to, and with practice, eventually achieve, professional playing skills. Many people take the workshop with no prior piano experience. Students will learn how to use chords instead of traditional note-by-note music reading. They will learn how to use sheet music in an entirely different way. After taking this workshop the student will have the skills to play music using the chord method.

For more information, or to register, call Plymouth-Canton Community Schools at (734) 416-2937. There is a \$30 registration fee and a \$29 materials fee.

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Chill at Joe and benefit First Step

First Step, along with honorary chair WXYZ-TV's Carolyn Clifford, are inviting families to chill out for a good cause with Chill at the Joe 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10.

The family friendly event at Joe Louis Arena will help raise needed funds to support First Step and its mission to help women and families overcome domestic violence and sexual abuse.

domestic violence and sexual abuse. Chill at the Joe will feature a variety of crafts, games, entertainment, all-you-can-eat "game day fare," as well as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to tour the Red Wing's locker



Jay Thompson of Livonia rests on the boards as his 8-year-old nephew Jack Boyk, also of Livonia, enjoys skating at the Joe Louis Arena.

Tickets for the event can be purchased through Theresa Bizoe at (734) 416-1111 or tbizoefs@gmail.com for \$30 per adult, \$20 for kids or \$100 per family. Net proceeds from sponsorships, silent auction and ticket sales will be donated to First Step. First Step, with offices in Plymouth and Canton, provides safe shelter, a 24-hour help line, counseling, advocacy, assault response, legal support, children's programs and other essential services designed to support victims of domestic and sexual violence and their families.



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LOCAL NEWS



Moon walk

Chinese festival brings romance to the park

Traditionally, the Chinese Moon Festival, organizers say, is a perfect opportunity for romance, with its moon cakes, wine and the full moon.

Once the weather cleared Saturday, the scores of people who found their way to Heritage Park Saturday got exactly that: A nice, romantic evening.

The event, put on by Canton Leisure Services, featured strolls around the reflective ponds with friends and family, and folks walking hand-in-hand with a loved one surrounded by the picturesque scenery of one of the most beautiful spots in Canton.

According to organizers, just like Christmas or Thanksgiving is a major holiday in the West, the Moon Festival is one of the most important traditional events for the Chinese. Celebrated in the autumn, the Moon Festival is an occasion for families to reunite. When the full moon; ress, families gather together to watch the full moon, eat scrumptious moon cakes, and sing moon poems.

Much poetry has been devoted to this romantic festival. The Chinese Moon Festival is full of legendary stories, organizers say, one of which legend says that Chang Er flew to the moon, where she has lived ever since. She is known to dance on the moon during the Festival.



Shiyou Chen of the Kalamazoo Folk Music Ensemble plays the two-string fiddle at Saturday's Chinese Moon Festival in Canton's Heritage Park.









Jie McCardle of the Kalamazoo Chinese Folk Music Ensemble plays the Hulusi at Canton's Chinese Moon Festi



Aileen and sister Connie You, both from Northville, play the Pipa

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OUR VIEWS

Renew Fiegel

Board should settle contract issue with Plymouth-Canton school chief

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has shifted The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has shifted the focus of its meeting Tuesday from regular business to a workshop designed to discuss a more well-defined evaluation and goal-setting process, both for the board and the superintendent. While they're at it, they should settle one of the most important decisions they'll have to face this year and renew the contract of Craig Fiegel, the district's super-intendent.

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The decision became a much more pressing one with the news Fiegel, in the absence of any movement by the Plymouth-Canton board to keep him, is interviewing tonight (Thursday) for the same position in Walled Lake Since Walled Lake wants its new boss in place by Nov. 1, a decision on Fiegel's future here is imperative. It's tough to blame Fiegel for his frustration. In the two years since the board hired him, his administration has been able to keep the district's budget in check — despite the sagging Michigan economy and in spite of a projection that looks bleak when the federal stimulus well dries up — and test scores continue to rise. For the first time, all of the district's schools, with the exception of Starkweather alternative education center, made the grade on the federal Adequate Yearly Progress standards.

That's a lot of success, and the lion's share of the

ards.

That's a lot of success, and the lion's share of the credit goes to teachers and students and department staffers. The district has an incredible reputation as a center of learning, and if you ask local Realtors it's often a destination district for people contemplating a home purchase.

The split is fairly obvious. When a story was written on the subject at the time of Fiegel's evaluation, three board members – President Steven Sneideman, Vice President Barry Simescu and Secretary Wancy ceess.

Eggenberger - were willing to share their positive opinions on the record. Two other board members - Trustees Dianne Gonzalez and John Jackson - said it was inappropriate to speculate at the time. Treasurer Judy Mardigian and Trustee Adrienne Gonzalez didn't even return calls.

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Walled Lake may not be the only district to come call-**Barry Simescu and Secretary Nancy**

Yet, it's clear some

it was inappropriate to speculate at the time. Treasurer Judy Mardigian and Trustee Adrienne Gonzalez didn't even return calls.

Walled Lake may not be the only district to come calling. As Eggenberger pointed out at a meeting last week, several other districts — she also pointed to Ann Arbor, Northville and Novi — are going to be looking for new superintendents by the end of the 2010-11 school year. Why wouldn't they look at a leader who is at the end of his contract with a district that has achieved the level of success Plymouth-Canton has reached?

Fiegel has made some mistakes, and he'd be the first to admit that. He didn't understand the political undercurrent in the district, and asked in hindsight he'd probably interact differently with the veteran staff he inherited. But whatever squabbles have surfaced internally, nothing has stopped the district from achieving great success.

We believe the board should renew Fiegel's contract now, and if they need more convincing, we think community leaders who support Fiegel should step forward and voice that support. If the board isn't going to renew him, trustees should stop tip-toeing around the issue and make that decision now. It's fair to Fiegel and, whether you like his performance or not, he's worked hard enough to deserve that consideration.

It's fair to the district, because it lets people know whether Plymouth-Canton will yet again be searching for another superintendent. And it's fair to people who might apply to come here, because it gives them time to decide if they want to come to a district that has had a revolving door on its superintendent's office. Quality leaders looking for job security may think twice about coming to a district which has had five superintendents in 16 years.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think the Tea Party movement is a good or bad influence on American politics? Why?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library



"I really do believe in the two-party system. It's just too bad they can't get along."

Dorothy Peters



"I've got mixed feelings. It's good to get other viewpoints, but I believe in the two-party system." Dorothy Pape Canton



"I would have to say good and bad - bad because it shows an extreme element that still exists in the Republican Party, and good because it lets everyone else in America know it does exist. They're loud but not necessarily the majority.

Norman Butler Van Buren Township



"I think it's an influence that's to some degree a little had and a little good. It's presenting opinions and stimulating a certain response from citizens to issues that have been (simmering) for

Dan Noonan

LETTERS

Support for Colbeck

There is no denying the changes going on in our country today. Voters are voicint their unhappiness with the economic situation and also looking for candidates that do not "toe to the party line."

I have met and talked to Pat Colbeck numerous times and read his position statements and am convinced this small businessman with a "hands-on" attitude and a reputation for hard work, and not stooping to negativity or partisanship. is

and a reputation for hard work, and not stooping to negativity or partisanship, is the ideal candidate for these times.

Pat Colbeck is not a special interest candidate or a party insider. He is an independent thinker and listener who lives, works and volunteers in his community and is running to do what is right, not what is politically expedient.

Pat Colbeck has no agenda other than

Is ponitically expedient.
Pat Colbeck has no agenda other than serving the people of his district. He will not just be another senator who goes along with the Senate majority leader. Pat Colbeck for state Senate would be the best

Position too rigid

Three members of the Plymouth-Canton school board recently took the administration to task for portions of the new Student Code of Conduct.

Student Code of Conduct.

I have been very proud to know the three board members involved. The hard work they do for the kids of our district draws my admiration and gratitude. That's why I was surprised to find them taking such a rigid position in response to the district assuming a more rational policy than the previous "Zero Tolerance" policy toward drug distribution.

Under the board's direction, our district has done a good job of putting a talented administration in place. Those administrators deserve policies that allow them to temper the bilind imposition of rules with a bit of common sense.

bit of common sense.

Any policy that could force a kid to be suspended for loaning a friend an aspirin is sorely in need of reform. Our school administration had the guts to do so. I hope the Board of Education will not try to weether hat decision.

Supports Wadsworth

Lencourage everyone to vote to support Joan Wadsworth in this November's elec-tion for state representative in District 20. Vote for Joan because Michigan needs to move beyond the "us vs. them" stale-mate in Lansing. As a 16-year school board

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member, Joan negotiated contacts, bond issues, curriculum concerns, and redistricting. These are all contentious issues. Joan helped the board navigate them and moved forward. Northville schools rank among the best in the state, We need these skills in Lansing.

Vote for Joan because she recognizes the importance of finding stable education funding so we can offer every student in the state a consistently good education. This helps attract jobs and helps our residents find long term employment.

Vote for Joan to help look at new avenues for jobs, with a hard look at incentives, the business tax structure, and unnecessary regulations.

Vote for Joan to help us capitalize on our great quality of life; lakes, rivers, natural resources, to help draw people to our state to live and work.

I encourage each of you to take a good look at the unique talents Joan will bring to Lansing. We will all benefit from her expertise.

Karren Yurgalite

Supports Heise

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It's time to elect Kurt Heise as our next state representative.

Kurt has been a respected regional leader for over 15 years and is an experienced attorney. He has a clear plan to create jobs in Michigan and has communicated these ideas at various meetings 1 have attended. As a small businessman, I know Kurt "gets it" – by reducing taxes and burdensome regulations on job providers and creators.

Kurt is an independent thinker, with a bipartisan track record of success. Our current state representative is an exceptionally hard-working, focused and caring individual who I greatly respect, and Kurt

is the best candidate to represent this

vears."

is the best candidate to represent this district in the future and fill his shoes now that he is not seeking re-election. Regardless of your political affiliation, Turge you to vote for Kurt Heise for state representative in November and get Michigan moving forward again towards new job creation. We need experienced problem solvers in Lansing who are not afraid to stand up, or stand alone, and take

afraid to stand up, or stand alone, and take on the difficult issues, then develop a plan to solve them, or we will never turn the Michigan economy around.

We are at war with unemployment, recession, home foreclosures, and we must send our best soldiers into battle against it. We owe it to our children to create an environment of future self-prosperity and not government dependency, higher taxation and debt. In the last few years we have seen our property values plummet

The winds of change are blowing across the nation and will sweep through Lansing. Be a part of it. Start at the local level by voting for Kurt Heise and Rick Snyder this

Steve Lomske

Better off with GOP

Since we've had recent history of Republicans leading Congress (1995 to 2006) and Democrats in control (2007 to

2006) and Democrats in control (2007 to present), it is easy to compare results of the two parties, as follows:

The average unemployment rate during Republican control was under 5.0 percent, and was about 4.6 percent when they ceded control to the Democrats. Under Democrat control, it has now more than doubled.

The faderal deficit averaged \$200 bills.

The federal deficit averaged \$200 bil lion per year under the Republicans. It is now averaging \$1.2 trillion per year under the Democrats.

Housing values increased about 3 per-cent per year under the Republicans, and decreased about 9 percent per year under

decreased about 9 percent per year under Democrat control.

The stock market increased by an average of 16 percent per year during the Republican years; it decreased about 5 percent per year under the Democrats.

Maybe some of the Democrats she's concerned about are worried about their jobs, homes and 401(k)s and are waking up to this realization: A Republican-led Congress is a much better steward of the U.S. economy than a Democrat-led Congress. my than a Democrat-led Cond

Rick Engelland

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Applauding administration

After watching the recent school board meeting, I applaud the school administration's meeting, rappiaud in exclusion administrations are effort to move away from unreasonable drug policies that require the same penalties for incidents involving aspirin as those involving illegal, dangerous drugs. I am disappointed and disturbed to see that

I am disappointed and disturbed to see that some school board members are considering disregarding the recommendation of our education professionals by reverting to the previous draconian policies.

After reading the new code of conduct on the district website it is clear to me that we need to go even further because as it reads an incident involving aspirin still requires a minimum four-day suspension.

I want safe schools as all parents do, however, we need policies that target illegal, dan-

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gerous drugs but don't also remove innocent kids from the classroom for actions that are not unreasonable either in school or out in the world.

Tim Roraback

Better off with GOP

Since we've had recent history of Republicans leading Congress (1995 to 2006) and Democrats in control (2007 to present), it is easy to compare results of the two parties,

The average unemployment rate during • The average unemployment rate during Republican control was under 5.0 percent, and was about 4.6 percent when they ceded control to the Democrats. Under Democrat control, it has now more than doubled. • The federal deficit averaged \$200 billion

Housing values increased about 1 per-cent per year under the Republicans, and decreased about 9 percent per year under Democrat control.
 The stock market increased by an average of 16 percent per year during the Republican years; it decreased about 5 percent per year under the Democrats

years; it decreased about 5 percent per year under the Democrats. Maybe some of the Democrats she's con-cerned about are worried about their jobs, homes and 401(k)s and are waking up to this realization: A Republican-led Congress is a much better steward of the U.S. economy than a Democrat-led Congress.

den fees and expenses some insurance companies place on these annuities make them inappropriate investment vehicles.

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Rick Engelland

'Aspirin' example clouds changes to Code of Conduct

District for giving an aspirin to a friend.

I feel compelled to provide some light on this matter as I believe there are some misunderstandings of the situation. I want to be clear that this is my opinion and I do not speak for any other board member. First of all, I believe distribution of an aspirin has little to do with the changes in the Student Code of Conduct regarding drugs. To the best of my knowledge, a student has never been expelled from the Plymouth-Canton school district for giving a friend an aspirin.

on these annuities make their inappropriate investment vehicles.

Fixed annuities (both traditional and equity index) can be appropriate investment vehicles for someone looking for an investment that has preservation of principal as its primary goal. There are many of these types of annuities that are investor-friendly and make sense for a conservative portion of someone's portfolio. However, not all fixed annuities are the same. Even though fixed annuities make sense for many investors, be very cautious before purchasing one.

In these challenging economic times, annuities are an investment vehicle that many people are exploring. My advice is to avoid variable annuities, whether traditional or equity-index.

Remember to always understand what you're investing in prior to signing on the dotted line.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial

ustrict for giving a friend an aspirin.

Please feel secure in knowing your school board is made up of reasonable people who take expulsion very seriously. There were only eight drug-related expulsions last year in the school district. Remember, we are dealing with almost 19,000 students. The number is minimal. There is no drug problem in our schools.

As a school board member, I believe a policy should clearly spell out consequences. Previously, in the 09-10 Code of Conduct, there were specific consequences for each drug distribution offense. In the 10-11 Code of Conduct, the words "depending on the severity" is ambiguous terminology. If a drug dealer gives or sells a single prescription drug to your child and your child selenges high and/or addicted to it, is that "severe?" What if your child is allergic to the drug distributed and ends up in the hospital? Is that "severe?" What if your child is allergic to the drug distributed and ends up in the hospital? Is that "severe?" What if source still be believe they can wiggle out of the con-



This year, in tandem with these Student Code of Conduct changes, the Educational Park restructured the method in which major discipline is administered. As I understand it, from the explanation presented to the board, rather than have one administrator in charge of discipline, all 13 administrators now handle discipline for assigned groups of students.

That means 13 individuals, some of them new administrators, are being asked to read and interpret ambiguous new language in the Student Code of Conduct. We are fortunate to have great administrators at the Educational Park. With the ambiguous language, I am concerned with the ability to determine equitable and consistent consequences.

I am only one school board member. I am very committed to the safety and security of all of the students at the Park. It is a wonderful, big place. Clear, consistent expectations is a proper focus. Objective consequences are also imperative to the safety of all students.

The board needs to thoroughly review these Student Code of Conduct changes and determine if the changes reflect the word and intent of the Board Policies. District Policy 5530 states we are a Drug-Free School District. In order to achieve this goal, I believe we must be tough on those that use drugs and those who distribute drugs. The School Board consists of reasonable people. I am confident we can give the proper direction to the administrators and the students to make this a safe place for our employees to work and our children to learn.

Learn to know the ins and outs of annuities

After reading an article about annuities in a non-financial magazine, it is clear there is a misunder-standing about what annuities are and who, if anyone, should invest in them. Annuities are contracts with insurance companies. There are two basic types — variable and fixed.

Even though there are similarities between the two, they also have major differences. The similarities are the tax consequences. Money in an annuity grows tax deferred. An investor is taxed when the

annuity grows tax deferred. An investor is taxed when the money is withdrawn. When the money is withdrawn the income is taxed at one's ordinary income bracket, not the favorable capital gain bracket. In addition, if money is withdrawn prior to age 59½ there could be adverse tax consequences.

quences.

Where fixed and variable annuities differ dramatically is regarding how the money is invested. A variable annuity offers many investment. is invested. A variable annu-ity offers many investment vehicles. Typically, these are mutual funds which will include a variety of equity and bond funds. The return as an investor is based upon the performance of the underlying investments. In a traditional



Rick Bloom

Rick Bloom your money in a variety of government and investment grade corporate bonds. The key difference between variable and fixed annuities is how the money is invested and the return. In a variable annuity, the investor bears the risk. With a fixed annuity the risk is with the insurance company.

There is also a fixed annuity (known as equity-indexed) in which the investor receives a guaranteed rate of return. However, the return can go up based upon the performance of the stock market. With these types of annuities, in addition to buying U.S. Treasury and government bonds for the portfolio, the insurance company also buys some options on various indexes of the stock market. If the stock market performs well, the return can rise. On

the other hand, if the market does not perform, the princi-pal is not at risk. Throughout my investment career I have recommended different types of annuities for different situations.

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What also changes is the investment products as companies add new features. Some benefit the investor while others are not so good. What made sense five years ago may not make sense today. The issue is what is good today.

In today's economic environment, I have a hard time recommending that anyone take new money and invest it into a variable annuity. Although variable annuity are not tax-friendly. Income taxed at ordinary income is not taxed at the favorable capital gain rate. Thus a variable annuity can double onest taxes, not lower them.

Another downside — penalties and fees associated with many of products. The hid-

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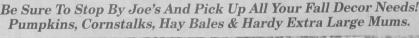
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Chiefs salvage draw

Following another crisp, highly competitive boys soccer matchup between Canton and Livonia Churchill Tuesday night the first initial of the KLAA might stand for Krunch.

The host Chiefs and Chargers fought, scrapped, collided and played to a 1-1 KLAA South deadlock.

'It was a good battle,' said Canton head coach George Tomasso. 'It's a good vivalry between Canton and Churchill.'

The Chiefs now are 8-2-2 overall and 3-1-1 in the division; Churchill is 5-5-2 and 3-1-1.

Churchill head coach Reid Friedrichs said the match was one of playoff intensity from start to finish.

'I think both teams knew that if their team won they'd be in charge of the division or at least in first place at the time," said Friedrichs, listing stateranked Plymouth and Livonia Franklin as other prime time players in the South.

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South.

(Plymouth took over sole possession of first place in the KLAA South with a 2-0 win over the Patriots.)

Canton needed a rally after falling behind 1-0 in the first half and high-scoring sophomore midfielder Bobby Budlong netted the equalizer with 17:09 left in the contest.

Sophomore forward Dan Ovesea controlled the ball inside the box, moved away from Churchill defenders and threaded a perfect pass to Budlong — who hammered a low shot into the corner from about 15 yards.

COMING CLOSE

That was the only time the Chiefs solved emergency Churchill goalie

Colton Robison (10 saves), a freshman up from JV because of injuries to the Chargers' varsity keepers.

"Our team dug deep and worked really hard to put themselves in goal-scoring opportunities," Tomasso said. "By scoring that goal it lifted our team up and we got a few opportunities after.

"But Churchill did a great job to keep the ball out of the net."

Budlong had a couple near-misses later on, including a barely wide direct kick at the 25-minute mark and a hard shot that clanked off the right post with just 2:10 left.

"It (the direct kick) was just whistled wide of the goal," Tomasso said. 'He tried to go near post on the goalie and he cuit ijust a little too hard."

The ball rippled the netting on the side of the cage, momentarily eliciting cheers from Canton fans who thought their team scored.

Canton fell behind 1-0 midway through the first half on a goal by junior forward Jeff Thomas, who pounced on a rebound and chipped it behind Chiefs senior goalkeeper Brandon Laabs (11 saves).

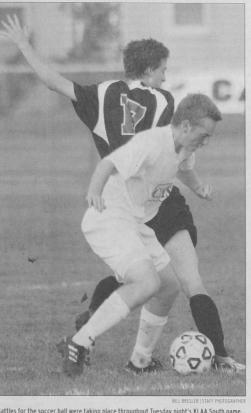
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saves).

But the Chiefs came close to also scoring in the opening 40 minutes. Ovesea broke in on Robison, but the goalie slid out to get the ball before the Canton player could get a shot off.

That was a veteran-type stop, not one one might expect to see from a fresh-

Please see CHIEFS, B2



Battles for the soccer ball were taking place throughout Tuesday night's KLAA South game. Here, Canton sophomore Bobby Budlong (No. 20) and Livonia Churchill's Austin Henson (No.



Plymouth's girls cross country team finished second out of 13 teams Saturday at the Autumn Classic Invitational heat Stoney Creek Metropark.

Conditions can't stop Wildcats

Slick, muddy conditions might have slowed down some of the times during Saturday's Autumn Classic Invitational girls cross country race at Stoney Creek Metropark. But Plymouth's Wildeats plowed through for a second-place showing out of 13 teams. "Despite race delays due to thunder and lightening, we were happy with second," said Plymouth head coach Mary Kerwin. "The course was

pretty slow, but it was an issue of place, not time today."

The Wildcats had seven runners finishing in the top 40, out of a large field of 251, indicating how strong Plymouth ran as a pack.

Placing fourth with a time of 20 minutes, 50 seconds was Brianna Lax. Nicole Traitses took sixth with a mark of 21:34.

21:34.
Breaking the top 25 were
Julie Hahn (18th, 22:29),
Sophie Roberts (23rd, 22:35),
and Elyse Gryniewicz (24th,
22:37), Not too far behind
were teammates Dana Rebar (36th, 22:58) and Jordyn
Strahm (40th, 23:02).
On Tuesday, the Wildcats

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Kerwin said her team took places 1-7 despite 85-degree heat.
"The times reflected the weather, but they got the job done," she said.
Those seven included Traitses (21:55), Lax (22:11), Gryniewicz (23:09), Hahn (23:39), Jessica Scarpello (24:21), Roberts (24:38) and Adrienne White (24:43).

Rocks make statement

Salem's girls cross country

Please see WILDCATS, B3

Canton finishes cool first

Cool drizzle and a chal-lenging course didn't get in the way of Canton's girls cross country team

in the way of Canton's girls cross country team Saturday.

The Chiefs took first out of 11 teams at the Briggs True Value Ludington Invitational, at West Shore Community College, with 37 points. Ludington was the runnerup with 54 points.

"It was fun to watch the girls place that well," Canton head coach Erric Pahl said. "We ran against teams that we rarely see and ran pretty well. It's a very difficult course, sandy with a lot of hills, and the times reflect that."

To illustrate, Canton standout Bianca Kubicki finished second overall with amark of 20 minutes, 19 seconds, despite what Pahl called a slow start.

"Bianca started the race slowly and gradually picked up the pace," he said. "If the race were a little longer, she had a real chance to catch the leader."

Manistee's Kelly Schubert was the top finisher, with a time of 19:49.

Other Chiefs to finish included Emily Southern (fifth, 21:47), Rachel Rohrbach (seventh, 22:01), Jessica Siegler (11th, 22:48), Abigail Gorzalski (12th, 23:34), Albigail Gorzalski (12th, 23:34) and Anna Gorzalski

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(17th, 23:23).

"Emily and Rachel were solid again," Pahl said.
"Abigal and Jessica ran together the whole race, with Jessica passing Abigail at the finish."

Tuesday's tilt

Canton, however, dropped Tuesday's dual meet to KLAA South rival Livonia Franklin, 26-30 at Nankin Mills. Kubicki and Rohrbach finished second and fourth with respective times of 20:10.8 and 21:00.6.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 26 CANTON 30 Sept. 21 at Nankin Mills Individual winner: Megan ePherson (Franklin), 19:37.9. Other Franklin finishers: 3. Leslie

SIDELINES

PCA spikers sweep

With outstanding junior middle hitter and tri-captain Kristin Malcolm still on the shelf with an ankle sprain, the Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball team defeated Andres Greenbills in three Andres Greenbills in three

volleyball team defeated An Arbor Greenhills in three games Tuesday night. The Eagles won 25-22, 25-11 and 27-22 to improve to 9-3 overall and 2-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. PCA trailed 18-24 in Game 3 and raillied for the match-clinching victory.

senior middle blocker Folake Olojo (10 kills, two blocks), senior setter and tri-captain Brianna Harris (20 assists, 17 service points, five kills), jurior outside hitter and tri-captain Amy Zinn (12 digs, three kills), senior libero Abby Bartes (13 service points, six digs) and junior middle blocker Sarah Howard (lour kills, two blocks). The triumph was PCA's second in a row while Malcolm recovers from her injury.

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After a trial run in 2009-10,
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Plymouth-Canton Educational
Park - will resume its broadcast
schedule with coverage of the
Whalers' season opener, set for
Thursday in Windsor.
Plymouth's home
opener is 7 p.m. Saturday at
Compuware Arena, against
Barrie.

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Stack benefit skate

The use of a suite with 21 tickets to a Detroit Red Wings game at Joe Louis Arena will be among the silent auction items for benefit skate to honor late Livonia Hockey Association director Jim Stack, 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena. There will be a SS minim at the door for skating, along with another SS for coney dogs and chips.

Jim Stack Memorial Fund. For more information, e-mail JimStackMemorial@yahoo. com. You can also call Maureen Zoski at (734) 751-8703; or Glen Long at (734) 637-1145.



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Chiefs paying tribute to Marsh

Canton's boys soccer team is honoring the late Brad Marsh, a former player and captain for the Chiefs' varsity.

Marsh, 23, died Sept. 12 following a two-car accident near Chicago. The 2005 Canton High School graduate was traveling back to his hometown from Yellowstone National Park, where he had been working over the summer.

Canton players wore "BM" patches on their uniforms during Tuesday's 1-1 tie with Livonia Churchill and will continue wearing them the rest of the season.

Meanwhile, a tribute was included in the game program. "He was well-liked by everybody and he'll be missed, extremely," said Canton head coach George Tomasso. "We broke the news to the team, just explaining what he meant to our program and how Brad was remembered for so many things on the field as well as off the field.
"All the players within the Canton team are honored to wear his initials on their sleeves."

sleeves."
Tomasso was in his second year as the team's coach when Marsh was captain.
"He was a hard-working player with unbelievable

creativity and his work ethic always spoke, he always led by example, "Tomasso said.

Sue Heinzman, co-athletic director for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, said memorial contributions can be made in Brad's honor to the Brad Marsh Scholarship Fund, c/o Canton High School Athletics. The address is 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187.

She said plans are to award a \$500 scholarship annually to a Canton boys soccer player. "Hopefully, this will be an ongoing scholarship in his honor."



BILLBRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAP Canton's Kyle Krause (No. 13) looks to put a good leg into the ball before Livonia Churchill's Austin Henson (No. 17) can get there.

CHIEFS

too."
Robison said he found out earlier Tuesday that he'd be facing the Chiefs — who recently were ranked among the top-10 Division 1 teams in Michigan.
He saw action because Churchill's top two goalies, senior Christian VanDam and junior Bryan Bartig, were out

due to injuries.

Robison again showed poise when he jumped high into traffic to snare Canton junior Connor Furgason's header redirect off a corner kick midway through the se ond half.

ond half, "We had a freshman step up today and you saw the save hamde on a breakaway in the first half, that was unbelievable," Friedrichs said. "The team rallied around him, they knew he was going to play well and he really did a great job tonight."

Laabs also had a strong performance, making timely stops late in the first half and early in the second to keep the Chargers from padding their slim lead.

"But both teams came out to win," Friedrichs said. "We played much better than they did in the first half. I wish we could have got one more.

"They played much better than us in the second half and obviously could have won it at the end."

Young Steelers sweep Cougars

What an opening week for the Plymouth-Canton Steelers youth football

Cougars on Sunday, Sept. 12. Following is a recap of the games:

• Varsity: The Steelers came out strong with a 21-12 win, thanks in large part to Lawrence Cook who ran for three touchdowns including a 25-yard run.

Meanwhile, the defense held the fort as the Cougars tried to mount several comebacks. Lucas Callahan had several big hits that resulted in loss of yardage.

Jacob Sydlowski intercepted a pass to shut down a Belleville drive and Victor Villarini had two sacks.

• JW: The Steelers won 20-6, in a game featuring the debut of elusive running back Cooper Hasselhuhns. Jared Golles also displayed his abil-

ity and stamina playing both sides of the ball all day. Defensively, Plymouth-Canton held the Cougars to one score all day. Belleville did make another bid, but Isaac Emminger recovered a fumble deep in Steelers territory.

Joey Ahearn prevented a six-pointer with an openfield tackle on an outside sweep and Luke Walkley contained the Belleville running game to the inside at defensive end all afternoon.

• Freshman: The Steelers opened with a solid 27-13 win over the Cougars.

Anchoring the gold offensive line, Nicholas Downs opened up huge holes all day. Running back Ian Gozdor had several nice carries while Lou Baechler scored a TD and extra point for an impressive start.

Seth Troszak held the defensive line all day with

several big tackles and
Aaron Garbarino showed a
stellar performance at defensive end.

• Jr. Freshman: The youngest Steeler contingent started the season in grand style
on a mud-caked Huron High
School field in a division
matchup against the host
Cougars.
In grind 'em up fashion,

Cougars.
In grind 'em up fashion,
the Steelers controlled the
ball, dominated time-ofpossession and limited the
Cougars to only two first
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Cougars to only two first downs.

Leading the way for the Steelers were Logan Walkley (4 rushing TD, 1 passing TD), James McCarthy (4 fumble recoveries, multiple tackles in the backfield, 1 rushing TD) and Montana Montgomery (1 rushing TD), several electric rushes for bigyardage, key containment of the outside edge). Despite the conditions on the field, the Steelers racked up 19 first downs and committed only a single turnover.

Plymouth tankers splash to win

South girls swimming and diving meet.

The host Wildcats were particularly strong in the relays.

Rachel Huhta, Carolyn

Stoddard, Emily Weiner
and Lexi Eithier finished
first in the 200-yard medley
relay with a mark of 2:05.79.

Plymouth also took third in
the event.

In the 200-free relay.

Plymouth also took third in the event.
In the 200-free relay,
Plymouth scored big points thanks to a 1-2 finish. The victorious unit of Stephanie Matsui, Stoddard, Linda Erickson and Huhta needed just 1:45.96 while teammates Abbey Kelly, Celeste Alexander, Casey Wing and Emily Toro checked in with a second-place time of 1:53.09.
Matsui, Erickson, Weiner and Toro took care of the 400-free relay, finishing in 3:55.34, well ahead of Livonia Churchill (4:11.11).

Toro also was a standout in individual events, winning the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:22.29 (nipping 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:22.29 (nipping teammate Matsui's 2:23.92) and the 100 backstroke. In the latter the Wildcats went 1-2-3, with Toro (1:06.51), Huhta (1:09.63) and Alexander

Other Plymouth swim-mers to nab individual hor included Eithier (100 free, 27.80), Erickson (100 fly, 1:04.81) and Matsui (100 breast, 1:16.77).

Salem falls short

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Despite losing 114.5-to-69.5 to host Novi last Thursday, there were bright spots for Salem's varsity girls swimming and diving team.

Lauren Seroka finished first in the 100-yard breaststroke, with a time of 1:13.42 while the tandem of Emily Nelson, Jocey Lamoureux, Abby Aumiller and Julia Suriano won the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:56.34).

Taking two seconds each

were Nelson (200 free, 100 free) and Suriano (50 free, 100 back). Seroka placed second in the 100 fly.

Triumph for Chiefs

Triumph for Chiefs
Canton had some trouble in the relays against Wayne Memorial last Thursday, losing two of three events.
But the Zebras still could not come close to defeating the Chiefs in the KLAA South varsity girls swimming and diving meet. Canton earned a 113-63 win over the host Zebras.
Among individual winners for Canton were Destinee Barmore-Hicks (200 free, 100 fly), Caitlyn Orr (200 flM), Sara Eyster (50 free), Robyn Piwowar (1-meter diving) and Hannah Jenkins (500 free).
The lone Canton relay to prevail was the 200-yard medley relay team of Kaitlyn Dugas, Maddy McLean, Brooke Granowicz and Sara Schmit, with a mark of 2:11.00.
Wayne took places 1-3 in the 200- and 400-free relays.

PLYMOUTH 121, CHURCHILL 64 Sept. 16 at Plymouth 200-yard mediey relay: Plymouth schel Huhta, Carloyn Stoddard, Emily Wa xi Eithier), 2:05.79; 2. Churchill (Christin x, Amanda Washko, Brittany Gates, Allis, yer), 2:06.01; 3 [Piymouth (Casey Ming, hmilda Visal, Celeste Alexander, Lydia

ncner), 2:15.29. **200 freestyle:** 1. Washko (LC), 2:03.23; 2. ida Erickson (P), 2:09.46; 3. Huhta (P). **200 individual medley:** 1. Emily Toro (P), 2:229; 2. Stephanie Matsui (P), 2:23.92; 3.

95. **100 butterfly:** 1. Erickson (P), 1:04.81; 2. (es (LC), 1:09.36; 3. Kourtney Barber (P),

100 freestyle: 1. Mayer (LC), 1:00.37; 2 bey Kelly (P), 1:00.64; 3. Alexander (P)

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GIRLS SWIMMING RESULTS

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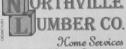
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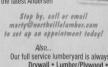


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Let it Reign

The U13 Plymouth Reign 98 Girls soccer team recently made it to the finals at the Autumn Blast Tournament in Petoskey. The squad experienced a penalty kick shootout and overtime playoff, part of an exceptional weekend. Pictured in the back row (from left) are Camilla Brown, Jordan Anheuser, Erin Heitzman, Taylor Mac, Anna DeBiasi Jaessica Paulson, Sydney Sullivan and coach Yao Kra. The front row (from left) includes Kara Hutchison, Emily Rayr Nicole Clark, Sarah Bloem, Samantha McGrath, Kaya Knake and Ally Malec.

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Hickory Creek is located just
west of Canton, off of FordNapier roads.

Co-ed soccer leagues

YMCA Co-Ed Soccer leagues are forming for children ages 4-10 with sessions to Oct. 30. Fundamentals in a safe and fun environment will be the focus. Planned are one practice

and one game per week on Saturdays. The program cost is \$64 for program members or \$96 for community members.

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run

Late registration is ongoing for Girls on the Run of Greater Detroit, an affiliate program of the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit. Girls on the Run is a life-changing, experiential learning program that uses running to educate and prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living.

During the 10-week season, girls in grades 3-8 meet twice a week with trained coaches who lead them through fun games, uplifting workouts, and themed discussions on topics like dealing with body image and the media, resisting peer-pressure, making healthy decisions, and contributing to their community.

The season concludes with all

girls completing a service project in their communities and running or walking in a special, non-competitive 5k event for Girls on the Run participants and their families. The 20-lesson program costs \$105.00 and is open to all girls in eligible grades at participating schools. Up to 15 girls will be accepted per team on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parents or guardians must be present in-person, may only register their own daughter(s), and should bring a form of payment. Registration and health history forms are available at the Plymouth YMCA with additional signups now being accepted in person, by fax or by mail at the Plymouth YMCA. Registrations will not be accepted at schools or by coaches. For more information, please contact the YMCA at 734-453-2904 or visit www. ymcadetroit.org.

Whalers ink area product Aleardi

There's more of a local flavor to the 2010-11 Plymouth Whalers, following the acquisition of Farmington Hills native Alex Aleardi from the Belleville Bulls.

The 18-year-old-center was acquired from the Bulls in exchange for a pair of future second-round draft choices, one each in 2012 and 2013.

Aleardi is a graduate of the Compuware Youth program who was originally selected by the Kitchener Rangers in the third round (4:3rd overall) in the 2008 Ontario Hockey League Draft.

Announcing the trade Monday was Mike Vellucci, president, general manager and head coach of the Whalers.

"We are very familiar with Mex." Welve Control of Familiar with Mex." Welve Second House Alex Selbucci said."

Whalers.
"We are very familiar with
Alex," Vellucci said. "We've
already seen him play here at
Compuware Arena. It's great
to be able to bring him back

home."
Aleardi enjoyed his best
offensive season in the OHL
last year, scoring 16 goals wit
25 assists for 41 points in 64
games split between Kitchene
and Belleville. In all, Aleardi
has scored 22 goals with 39
assists for 61 points and 146
penalty minutes in 129 career
games.



The Plymouth Whalers this week obtained Farmington Hills native Alex Aleardi from the Belleville Bulls. He brings offensive potential, having led the OHL in preseason goal-scoring this month.

seven.
Other Whalers with local
ties include defensemen Austin
Levi (Farmington Hills), Max
Jafrate (Livonia) and winger
Austin Mattson (Livonia).
All players still in high school

attend classes at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.
Aleardi and the Whalers are preparing for the start of the 2010-11 season, which begins Thursday in Windsor against the two-time Memorial Cup champion Spitfires (7 p.m., WSDP 88.1FM). After playing in London on Friday, the Whalers host Barrie in the home opener 7 p.m. Saturday at Compuware Arena.

WILDCATS

team defeated KLAA Central powerhouse Northville 27-28 on Tuesday at Cass Benton Park to improve to 2-0 on the season and show the Mustangs (1-1) they have stiff competition this year.

Head coach Dave Gerlach, before the meet, described Northville as "the team to beat" in the division.

Running 1-2 were

place Salem sophomore Shannon Fitzpatrick with a mark of 24:07. Salem freshman Emily Marcero took fifth (24:15), with junior teammate Megha Flynn in sixth with a time of 24:25.

24:25.
Also coming in under the 25-minute mark for the Rocks were sophomore Alexis Foley (24:35) and freshman Shannon Burke (24:51).
• At Friday's Michigan State University Spartan Invitational at Forest Akers Golf Course, the Rocks finished seventh out of 29 teams with 249 points in the Elite race.
Grand Haven (147) and

Traverse City Central (189) took the top two spots. For the Rocks, freshman Kayla Kavulich (12th, 18:56) and Victoria Tripp (26th, 19:20) earned personal bests and medals for their perfor-mances.

and medals for their performances.
Also with personal bests were Madison Goodpasture (74th, 20:26), Emily Bizon (79th, 20:34) and Kara Booms (86th, 20:37) from the varsity and JV runners Adrianna Beltran (20:37, 1st in JV division), Alejandra Beltran (20:41, 2nd JV), Amanda Beyer (21:06, 4th JV), Natasha Stevenson (21:18, 5th JV) and Phoebe VanHoof (21:55, 12th JV).

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There will be a pre-bid meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 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

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

This project is to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates.

Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Nancy Eggenberger, Secretary

PREP GRID PICKS

Friday, Sept. 24
Farmington (4-0, 3-0) at 0ak Park (2-2, 1-2), 7 p.m.
Southfield Lathrup (0-4, 0-3) at Farmington Harrison (4-0, 3-0), 7 p.m.
Canton (4-0, 2-0) at Westland John Glenn (2-2, 1-1), 7 p.m.
Livonia Churchill (1-3, 0-2) at Wayne (0-4, 0-2), 7 p.m.
Ferndale (1-3, 1-2) at Morth Farmington (3-1, 3-1), 7 p.m.
Plymouth (3-1, 2-0) at Livonia Franktin (3-1, 1-1), 7 p.m.
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Northville (4-0, 2-0) at Salem (0-4, 0-2), 7 p.m.
Livonia Stevenson (2-2, 1-1) at South Lyon (1-3, 1-1), 7 p.m.
Pearborn Heights Annapois (1-3, 0-2) at Redord Union (1-3, 1-1), 7 p.m.
Lutheran Westland (0-4, 0-2) at Oakland Christian (1-3, 0-2), 7 p.m.
Plymouth Christian (0-3) at White Pigeon (2-2), 7.30 p.m.
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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 2-0 KLAA Sourision: John Glenn, 0-2 KLAA South.

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

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Madonna upset bid falls short

Notre Dame College (Ohio), the nation's No. 4-ranked NAIA men's soccer team, team rolled Saturday into Livonia's Greenmead Field not having given up a goal in seven games this season.

That streak came to an end as Madonna University scored twice, but the Falcons got the match's final goal to escape with a 3-2 victory.

Notre Dame is now 8-0 overall, while MU falls to 4-2. "That team (Notre Dame) is ranked high for a reason," MU first-year coach Eric Scott said. "They are very good at what they want to do.

"We fought hard and I'm proud of the effort from everyone. Masato (Morioka) was fantastic at putting pressure on Notre Dame's backline and Mustapha (Olorunnimbe) took his chance as well after some good running in the box."

The Crusaders got on the board at the 20:54 mark of the first half when junior Masato Morioka (Northville) dribbled down the sideline and crossed the ball into the middle of the 6-yard box to a waiting Mustapha Olorunnimbe and the freshman striker buried the ball in the back netting for his third goal of the season

MEN'S SOCCER

and a 1-0 MU lead.

Notre Dame tied the match at 1-all just under seven minutes later when Steven Kane stripped the ball away from the man he was marking, broke in on goal, and slotted a shot to the far post to square the match 1-1.

The Falcons took a 2-1 lead in the 33rd minute when Kane carried the ball onto the Crusader side of the field and sent a chip shot in on net that drew MU's Parker Laabs (Canton) off of his line. The ball went over Laabs' head and Ryan McGreevy was waiting and finished off the loose ball to put the Falcons back on top, 2-1.

A Falcon handball inside.

2-I.
A Falcon handball inside the penalty area gave the Crusaders a penalty kick opportunity in the 35th minute and senior Ogbemudia Iyoha deposited the ball into the netting to Alex Klein's left for a 2-2 score heading into halftime.

Notre Dame then tallied the

Notre Dame then tallied the game-winner in 78th minute when Christian Earnest took a cross from Tom Mellor and beat Laabs for a 3-2 lead.

MU had a chance to tie the match in the 80th minute when Notre Dame was whistled again for a foul in the box, but this time Klein guessed right and knocked away Mikey Iyoha's penalty kick to keep his side in front 3-2. Klein then made a leaping save on an Olorunnimbe shot just seconds after stopping the PK and another Iyoha attempt went wide as the game ended at 3-2. SCHOOLGRAFT 2, ARCILLA (IND.)

ide as the game ended at 3-2. SCHOOLCRAFT 2, ANCILLA (IND.)

wide as the game ended at 3-2-2 SCHOOLEAFT 2, ANGILLA (ND.) 2: On Friday, fifth-ranked Schoolcraft College (5-1-1, 2-0-1) couldn't hold a pair of leads in an NJCAA Region 12 and MCCAA deadlock with host Ancilla College (4-4-1, 3-0-1) at Donaldson, Ind. Nate Hicklin's header off a Joe Carver corner kick opened the scoring in the 11th minute, but Ancilla answered nine minutes later. Mark Djokaj (North Farmington) had a tap-in goal just 11 seconds before the halftime whistle to give the Ocelots the 2-1 lead until midway through the second half when the Chargers looped in a corner kick that was headed back to the far post and over the outstretched arms of Schoolcraft goalkeeper Ian McDonald-Wilkins.

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Business Person of the Year and Ambassador of the Year Award.

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Open house

Open house

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts an open house today (Thursday), 4-7 p.m., at the chamber office, located at 45525 Hanford. The open house is an opportunity to invite your business neighbors who are not members to become members of the Canton Chamber. The open house will inform them of the array of benefits that are offered through a membership. There will be several booths setup inside the Chamber conference room. Prospective members will have the chance to receive detailed information regarding what the Chamber is all about and how they can get involved.

For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-4040.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

New partner



Plante & Moran, PLLC, named Martin J.
Olejnik, CPA, a partner in the firm's Southfield office. Olejnik joined the firm in 1997 and previously served as an associate.
Olejnik's practice focuses on providing assurance, tax, and consulting services to clients in manufacturing, distribution and government. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.
Olejnik Accountants of business administration degree in accounting from the University of Michigan—Dearborn. He resides in Canton with his wife, Terry, and two children.

Life Improvement contest

Life Improvement contest

IKEA has launched the Life Improvement Sabbatical Contest offering one person the chance to win a year-long sabbatical (worth \$100,000) to advance a project that improves the life of others. Whether you'd like to volunteer at a homeless shelter to start a non-profit organization, this contest gives one winner the opportunity to pursue their passions, and share their experience with the world.

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Hoping to fight this statistic and 'Feed
Families in Knead," Panera Bread has partnered with UWSEM's Emergency Food and
Shelter Program to host a non-perishable
breakfast food drive Sept. 22-25.
All 4.3 metro Detroit Panera Bread locations
will collect breakfast items, including cereal,
oatmeal and granola bars. The donations will

benefit more than 30 emergency food providers located throughout the region. The Canton Panera location on Ford Rd. will collect food for the Veterans Outreach Center in Wayne.

Emergency food providers in the area report that requests for food have grown by 20 percent in the providers.

the past year. Each person to drop off an item will receive coupon for a free Panera Bread bagel on their

Kidney care

Fresenius Medical Care North America, operator of the nation's leading network of dialysis facilities, announced the opening of Fresenius Medical Care Sheldon Corners, an advanced dialysis clinic that will serve the area's growing population of patients with chronic kidney disease.

ing population of patients with chronic kidney disease.

The Medicare-certified facility is located at 6064 North Sheldon in Canton. For more information on the clinic, which is now accepting new patients, call (734) 207-6219 or (866) 4-DIALYSIS (1-866-434-2597).

Fresenius Medical Care Sheldon Corners features 12 dialysis treatment stations, online charting system with touch-screen monitors at dialysis stations for clinical staff to accurately enter and securely track critical patient information, single use of dialyzers, an emergency back-up electrical generator to help continue critical patient care in the event of a power outage, treatment stations designed for patient comfort and convenience that feature individual media systems and reclining, heated treatment chairs with massage features.

In addition to in-center daytime hemodialysis services, Fresenius Medical Care Sheldon Corners offers home dialysis. Other dialysis patient services include a kidney transplant support program, anemia management, nutrition counseling, bone disease management and social worker support. Ahmed Rehan, M.D., a nephrologist affiliated with Nephrology Associates of Michigan in Ypsilanti, is the medical director of the new facility.

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As part of an ongoing commitment to communities in Michigan, Comerica Bank recently announced its contribution of more than \$1.4 million to Michigan nonprofits during the first half of 2010, including Canton-based non profit, the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities for the Canton Center for Performing Arts.

Through Comerica Bank and the Comerica Charitable Foundation, Comerica gives to organizations and programs that support education, economic self sufficiency, neighborhood revitalization, health care access, diversity and inclusion, and civic and community programs.

So far during 2010, Comerica has contributed \$1,472,848 and provided approximately 14,199 hours, or \$296,040 worth of employee volunteer labor hours to organizations throughout the state.



FELICIAN SISTERS

SUNDAY, September 26, 2010

Celebration of the Eucharist - 12 noon Our Lady of Czestochowa - 1:30 p.m. Our Lady of Fatima - 2:00 p.m.

FELICIAN FRANCISCAN SISTERS CONVENT 36800 Schoolcraft Road | Livonia, Michigan 48150 For more information call: (734) 591-1730

SEPT. 23-29

Anniversary celebration Time/Date: 9 a.m. reunion choir practice, 10 a.m., worship, Sunday,

Location: St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 Six Mile, Redford **Details:** The church celebrates 120
years at its "Sunday Homecoming."

Light refreshments will be served Contact: (313) 534-7730 Breakfast

Breakfast
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to noon, third
Sunday of the month, beginning
Sept. 26, through May
Location: St. Michael the Archangel
Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of
Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: The Ushers Club sponsors an all-you-can-eat pancake
breakfast with pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hashbrowns and assorted breakfast beverages Adults, \$5; children 4-11, \$3; children under 3, free; and family (2 adults

Contact: (734) 261-1455

Concert

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26 Location: First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman, Garden City Details: Abby Paskvan, 14, a record-

will perform Contact: (734) 421-8628 Convention

Time/Date: Registration begins at 8 a.m.; worship at 9 a.m., with an afternoon session following the 12:15 p.m. Location: St. Matthew Lutheran

Location: St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, Westland Details: Michigan Southeast District Lutheran Laymen's League Convention features the Rev. Mark Larson, director of United States Ministries for Lutheran Hour

Contact: Jean Wellhousen at (734)

Dinner and Dialogue Time/Date:7-9 p.m. Tuesday, begin-ning Sept. 28 Location: G Subu Leather Bottle

Details: Series of Tuesday night

FREDERICK "Fred" W. YORK

discussions (ed by The Rev. Jim McNulty, Pastor of St. Priscilla Catholic Church. He'll examine Pope John Paul II's revolutionary "Theology of the Body." Topics are "What is Theology of the Body." Sept. 28; Marriage, contraception, divorce and annulment, Oct. 5; The single life: celibacy, co-habitation & homosexuality, Oct. 12; and Blocks to healthy spirituality: pornography, abortion and modern technology, Oct. 19 Contact: (248) 476-4700

Feast Day Celebration

Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Masses; 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eucharistic adoration; 6:45 p.m. Chaplet of St. Michael, Wednesday,

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia Parish, 1144 HUDDAID, LIVONIA Details: Special day of prayer, reflection, and Eucharistic adora-tion in honor of the feast day of St. Michael the Archangel Contact: (734) 261-1455

Gospel Fest Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24 Location: Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton Details: Old-fashioned gospel fest

and hymn sing Contact: (734) 455-0022

Lobster Fest

Lobster Fest Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m., Sept. 25 Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 Sheldon, Plymouth Details: The lobster dinner is \$22 and includes potato'es, Caesar salad, baked beans, rolls, dessert and bev-erages, Fresh, live lobsters for carry putters \$12 cach and must be picked. out are \$17 each and must be picked up 4-5 p.m. on Sept. 25. Orders must be received and paid for in advance no later than Sept. 22. Order forms for carry out are available on the church Web site, www.stjohnslym-outh.org. Proceeds from Lobster Fest support the church's work with Episcopal Appalachian Ministries and

the Dominican Republic Contact: (734) 453-0190

Music membership Time/Date: Through September Location: Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia

Details: The church invites community members to join its music groups in this membership drive. The music groups for all ages include an adult choir for men and women, a praise team, high school youth group band, young children's choir, two adult hand bell groups, three youth hand bell groups and opportunities for instrumentalists through the year Contact: (734) 422-0404

Scripture discussion Time/Date: 5 p.m. Sept. 26, Oct. 24

Location: St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Location, St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia Details: "4th Sunday Tune-ups," monthly program of scripture discussion. Topics are "Settling the Stage: A Real Encounter with Sacred Scripture is Anything but Tame" for September; "Celebrating Biblical Spilet," Inc. Cathboard. Saints" for October; "The Cathegral

Contact: (734) 425-5950

SEPT. 30-OCT 6

Drug, alcohol talk Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept

Location: St. Joseph Parish multi-purpose room, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon Details: Alcohol and drug discussion

berail: Alcohol and drug discussions is designed for abusers, family mem bers, anyone interested in the topic. Theresa Lilly, author of "Addiction of a Loved One," and James Balmer, president of Dawn Farms in Ypsilanti are the speakers. There will be time

Life chain

Life chain
Time/Date.1-2 p.m. Oct. 3
Location: St. Michael the Archangel
Church, 1144 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: Right-to-Life-LIFESPAN
sponsors a demonstration of quiet
witness and prayer to show their
conscilient as abortion. Since will opposition to abortion. Signs will be provided. Participants will stand outside the church, along Plymouth

Contact: (734) 261-1455

Time/Date: Oct. 3-6 Location: St. John Bosco, 12100 Beech Daly, Redford Details: Mass at 4 p.m. Saturday and

9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday; mission talk at 7 p.m., Sunday; 8 a.m. Mass and 7 p.m. mission talk Monday-Wednesday Contact: (313) 937-9690

Rummage sale

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Time/Date: pre-sale 5-8 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 30; sale 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Oct. 1 and 9 a.m.-noon Oct. 2
Location: Newburg United
Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor

Details: Admission for pre-sale event is \$2; admission is free Oct. 1-2. Everything will be half price on

Contact: (734) 422-0149

Rummage sale Time/Date: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sept.

28-29 **Location**: St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: Outdoor rummage sale Contact: Matushka Rose Marie Sta at (313) 538-1142

Senior lunch

Time/Date: Noon, Wednesday, Oct. 6 Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 West Maple Road, West

Details: 24th Annual Inte Details: 24th Annual Inter-Congregational Seniors Luncheon, co-sponsored by Beth Ahm Seniors, the Beth Elders, ChaZaKah, Emes, Pace Setters, Shaarey Zedek Seniors, and Temple Israel Treasures. The event will feature entertainment by former Miss Michigan Stacey Mason. \$20 for members of the sponsoring seniors groups, \$22 for others. Open seating. RSVP by Oct. 3 Contact: Charlotte Jonap at (248)

Wine tasting Time/Date: 3:30-5:30 p.m. Oct. 2 Location: 27565 Spring Valley, Farmington Hills

Farmington Hills

Details: Fund-raiser for Helping

Hands Touching Hearts to Clothe

a Village. Rene Tovar with National
Wine and Spirits will serve the wine. In addition to wines and light snacks, a massage therapist from Michael's Golden Lotus will be on hand, along with a plam reader, Mary Coddle with unique gifts and Path Lite Jewelry. \$20 per person Contact: Sidney Bonvallet at sid-

Women's conference
Time/Date: Saturday, Oct. 2
Location: St. James Presbyterian
Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Details: 2010 Sisters in Christ
Women's Conference, "Harvest
Blessings" with speaker Vicki Bryant.
Conference topics are "Dead 'N' Dry
No More," "Reflections of a Lovely
Lady," and "Practicing His Presence
-Mary & Martha." Cost is \$40, which
includes a continental breakfast at
8:15 a.m. and lunch. Women's conference

8:15 a.m. and lunch

Contact: Register by Sept. 27 by calling Sandy Bousquette from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at (313) 534-7730 and leave message

OCT 7-13

Angels program Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Thursday,

October 7
Location: St. Aidan Parish, Bixman
Hall, (church building) 17500
Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: David J. Conrad, M.A. the ology, investigates the reality of angels. Discover how angels opera and are distinctly different from human beings, reflecting the diver sity of God's creative work Contact: RSvP to (734) 425-5950

Baseball story Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11 Location: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 5631 North Adams Road, Bloomfield Hills

Bloomfield Hills

Details: Former Detroit Tiger player,
Frank Tanana, and his wife, Cathy,
will present "Riches Beyond the
Diamond," the story of their journey
through baseball life. A dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Advance dinner and program reservations are \$10; \$12 at the door. Contact: (248) 646-5041 or e-mail

jmcmichael@bslcmi.org for more information or to reserve for dinner and the program

ONGOING

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

Wednesdays Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills Details: AWANA program for chil-dren from kindergarten-fifth grade Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study Emmanuel Lutheran Church Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday

Location: 34567 Seven Mile

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to incons509841 in 1985.

jcook59@att.net.
Livonia Unity
Time/Date: Monday movement
Oigong, 7:8.30 p.m.; Thursday Oigong
meditation, 10:115 a.m., and Friday
Therapeutic Oigong, 7:8.30 p.m.
Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Learn Oigong, the ancient
form of Chinese energetic medicine
– a safe and effective way to rid the
body of toxic nathonens and years

body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@

energeticarts.org.
Men's Bible study

men's Bible Study Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m. Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491 ew Life Community, Church

New Lire Community, Church Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am, Fridays, reading program for stu-dents in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays Location. 42200 Tyler, Belleville Contact: (734) 846-4615 for infor-

Nicole's Revival Time/Date: 9 a.m., Monday-Friday Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech

Details: Scripture reading Contact: (313) 531-1234 Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Details: Scripture study

Contact: (313) 534-9000 Ward Presbyterian Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six

Mile, Northville Details: Learner's Bible study is held Contact: (248) 374-5920

Clothing bank Canton Christian Fellowship Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second

Wednesday

Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

Details: Canton Christian Fellowship

Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those

Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www

CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@ cantoncf.org Crafters wanted

First United Methodist Church Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 23 Location: Eight Mile and Taft in

Northville
Details. 3rd Annual Community
Bizarre Bazaar to benefit Village
Banking at the church. A great
opportunity for local entrepre
neurs and artists to showcase
their talents and products to hundreds of local customers. Booking
now.

Contact: For details and to reserve a place, e-mail to Pat Breslin at fumcbazaar@gmail. com. Learn more about Village Banking at www.FINCA.org Riverside Park Church of God

Riverside Park United to Time/Date Cot. 22-23

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia Details: Applications are being accepted for the annual fall craft show. Rental spaces are 8-by 5feet and can be reserved for one day at a cost of \$20 or two days for \$30. Tables an additional \$5 Contact: (734) 464-0990; down-

load an application at www.river sideparkchurch.org St. John's Episcopal Church Time/Date: Oct. 9 Location: 555 South Wayne Road,

Details: Looking for crafters, vendors for a fall craft sale Contact: (734) 721-5023

Contact: (734) 721-5023
St. Thomas a'Becket
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
Saturday, Dec. 4
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Accepting applications
for handmade crafts only for 20th
annual Christmas Craft Show
Contact: craftshow@abecket.org
or (734) 844-1232

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ALBERT WILLIAM BOEHNLEIN

ALICE L. CHASE ALICE L. CHASE
ge 68, of Northville, passed away,
ptember 15, 2010. She was born on
tober 11, 1941 in Detroit, daughter
the late Arthur and Alice Comport,
ice was a loving and devoted mothand grandmother. She cared for and
wed everyone that was in her life,
the is survived by her loving chilene, Rick (Katie) Chase and Cale
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ceca, Abbey, John, Lane and
istan. She is also survived by her
tester, Pat, Barbara and Rose and her
other Art. She was preceded in
abb yher husband in 2010 and her
ster Mary. A memorial service will
11:00AM at \$t\$. Augustine Church,
led no Thursday, September 23rd
11:00AM at \$t\$. Augustine Church
is Heatseat Rd, Howell. Online
uestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



JAMES FRANCIS DALE

JOAN MARIE EIGHINGER

PATRICK D. FLYNN PATRICK D. FLYNN

Age 78, September 18, 2010. Beloved
husband of Elizabeth. Dear father of
Irene (Edward) Punch, Neil (Julie),
Siobhan (Matthew) Strickland and the
late Maureen. Father-in-law of Mark.
Grandfather of Rory, Shane, Alanna,
Darragh and Fiona. Memorial visitation Friday 2:30pm until a 7pm
Memorial Service at the John N.
Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139
Inskster Rd., (between Ford Rd. and
Cherry Hill). Memorials suggested to
the American Heart Association.

www.santeiufuneralhome.com

JOAN MARIE MARSH

JOAN MARKE MEASON.

Age 74, September 19, 2010.
Cherished mother Lynne Faulkner,
Loreen (Brian) Graham, and Leigh
(Pat) Prouty, Beloved grandmother of
David, Carolyn, Patrick and Matthew
Beloved niece of Julie Homak. Joan
takes with her fond memories of her
friends, neighbors, and former
coworkers. Please share a message
with the family and the same of the same of

ANTOINETTE 'TONI' SETON ANTOINETTE 'TONI'
SETON

of Livonia, passed away September
20, 2010. Age 58. Beloved wife of
Richard. Dear step-mom of Jason
Seton. Loving daugher of Fay and the
late John Miga. Dear sister-in-law of
Dolores (the late Eddie), Jeanette
(Faul) and Gene (Fat). Cousin of
Zdzislaw (Grazyna). Also survived in
many loving firends. She will be dearly missed especially be flowed fortune
enough to have dined done
in the state of the state of the state
Visitation Thursday the West Funeral
Mass 10-40a m. at St. Louise Cabolic
Firiday 930 am until time of Funeral
Mass 10-00a m. at St. Louise Catholic
Church 2509 Twelve Mile Road (east
of Dequindre) Warren. Interment
Resurrection Cemelery Donations to
Rose Cancer Center at Beaumont
Hospital are preferred Expressions of
sympathy may be shared with the
family at www.wasikfuneralhome.com

ROSEMARY WALKER ROSEMARY WALKER
Age 86, of Westland, September 19,
2010. Rosemary was preceeded in
death by her beloved husband James
and her precious son Dale. Loving
mother of Eugene (Michelle) and Pam
(Fred) Krueger. Dear grandmother of
Ryan, Kary, Kaite, Beckle and Korya.
Also survived by six great-grandchildren and many other loving family and
friends. Visitation at the R.O. & G.R.
Harris Funeral Home, 1543-framington Rd, Livonia, Thursday
from I1 am until Funeral Service at y
m. Memorial contributions may be
directed to Grace Moravian Church,
Westland or Angela Hospice.
Please sign the online guestbook at

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In Memory Of

April 28, 1948 - Sept. 23, 2008 It has been 2 years since God called you home and not a day goes by that you are not in our thoughts and prayers We are all very fortunate to have such great memories, and miss you were

much. Love Bobby, Rob, Michael, Johnathor and your surviving sister Judy Perkins of Dunwoody, Georgia

Youths from Rosedale Gardens Church build house on mission trip

Two groups from Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia spent a portion of their summer working with Habitat for Humanity on sepa-rate mission trips.

their summer working with Habitat for Humanity on separate mission trips.

Both groups worked on a project in Janesville, Wis.

The Young Adult group, with members ranging in age from 18-30, sent 20 individuals on the six-day mission. The group was formed nine years ago, when students coming out of the church's high school youth group, felt they needed a place to go after high school. The group not only travels on an annual mission trip, but also works on many service and fellowship opportunities throughout the school year. The high school youth group sent 46 youths and six adults to Janesville. Each year, it undertakes a major mission project to help the less fortunate. Past trips have taken the youth group to Indiana, Mexico and South Carolina. In Janesville, members worked on the construction of a bilevel house, framing walls,



Members of a youth mission trip at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia show the house they helped build in Wisconsin.

installing decking, and cutting lumber under the supervision of Habitat leaders.
By the end of five days, the
group finished framing both
levels of the house.

The Young Adult group
continued working on the
same building, dubbed the
"prayer house," because all
of the lumber was donated
by local churches, schools,

and groups. Every board was inscribed with a special message, blessing, or prayer. In four days, the Young Adult group framed the outside and interior walls of the second level, lifted and secured the trusses, and shingled the roof.

For more about the Rosedale Gardens youth groups, visit www.rosedalegardens.org.

ayer Temple, former home to Trinity Church of the Brethren, in Redford

Congregation dedicates church in Redford Twp.

Members of Prayer Temple Missionary Baptist Church this month gained space to feed the homeless, conduct Bible classes and

Baptist Church this month gained space to feed the homeless, conduct Bible classes and hold meetings.

The church moved from Detroit into the former Trinity Church of the Brethren building at 27350 W. Chicago Road, in Redford.

A dedication is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29 and will include a worship service, tour of the building and light refreshments in the fellowship hall.

The Rev. Anthony D. Johnson, a Westland resident and pastor of the church for 10 years, said the new Redford address is a good fit for the 44-year-old congregation.

"We were looking at property in Detroit and didn't like what we saw. So many of our members were migrating to Redford, Westland and the Inkster area," he said.

"The buzz word at our church is space. We finally have plenty of space necessary to do ministry. There was an on-going joke that we couldn't have more than one meeting at a time."

Now, with 10,000 square feet, the church can hold several classes and meetings at once. It also gained a fellowship hall for din

ners and other activities.

Bible study classes are held at noon and 7 p.m. Wednesday and present a "practical" approach to scripture.

"If you're looking for something deep you're probably in the wrong church. We make it simple so that everyone can understand," Johnson said.

Mission teacher and choir ministries meet.

Johnson said.

Mission, teacher and choir ministries meet on Thursday. The church feeds the homeless through quarterly visits to a shelter in Detroit, meets monthly with nursing home residents and has given backpacks and other items to needy students. "Community Days," Bible class in the out-of-doors, back-to-school rallies and community basketball games are among the congregation's many outreach programs.

Worship services are at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday. Sunday School runs 10:15-10:45 a.m. Sunday. Johnson said the church worth with the control worth.

Sunday.

Johnson said the church youth ministry also plans to conduct its own service monthly in the church fellowship hall.

"We love God, the Word and worship,"
Johnson said. "We are Baptist by identity but we've been told it's a nondenominational presentation."



Photos show the sanctuary of Prayer Temple in Redford before and after it was refurbished

Take a tour of Capuchin ministry

Capuchin friars will lead tours of the Detroit Capuchin ministries on Sunday, Oct. 3 during a "Family Day" program that marks the 50th year of the Father Solanus Guild.

The Guild spreads the knowledge of the Rev. Solanus Casey, who was a belowed Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. He faithfully served the people of Detroit by providing soup for the hungry, kind words for the troubled, and a healing touch for the ill. It also helps gather information to further Solanus' cause for sainthood.

Tour participants will be guided through the Solanus Casey Center, St. Bonaventure Monastery grounds, and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's Meldrum site, which includes Earthworks Urban Farm.

Family Day will begin with the blessing of the new Father Solanus garden, at 11:30 a.m.
The garden will grow vegetables, herbs, and flowers.
The vegetables and herbs will be used in the kitchens of the

Capuchin Soup Kitchen's two locations.

"The Capuchin Soup Kitchen nourishes the physical body and the Solanus Casey Center nourishes the spirit," stated the Rev. Larry Webber, Solanus Center director. "This is a natural extension for both Capuchin ministries."

The free guided Capuchin ministries tour will start after the garden blessing and will continue until 3 p.m. The tour starts at the Solanus Casey Center entrance, 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit.

"Even those who are well educated on the spirituality of Fr. Solanus will discover new information," said Brother Richard Merling, a Capuchin friar and Solanus Guild director.

"This is a day dedicated to families and to the holiness of Fr. Solanus. The tour ties together our Capuchin ministries of the Solanus Guild, the Solanus Guild, the Solanus Guild, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen... all of which Father Solanus is the common thread.

"Father Solanus left St.
Bonaventure Monastery in 1944, and here we are 66 years later, continuing to learn from his spirituality and holiness."

Free desserts created by Capuchin Soup Kitchen chef Alison Costello will be available at the soup kitchen's Meldrum site, across the street from the St. Bonaventure Monastery. Earthworks Urban Farm, a program of the soup kitchen, will be open for greenhouse and garden tours. Earthworks harvest produce and the soup kitchen's On the Rise Bakery baked goods will be available for sale. Free light lunch snacks also will be available at the St. Bonaventure Monastery grounds.

Comfortable walking shoes are encouraged. In order to secure a food count, the Capuchins request an RSVP at (313) 579-2100, Ext. 169.

For more information visit www.Solanuscenter.org, www.cshedteroi.org, and www.thecapuchins.org.

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For Information regarding this Directory, please call Donna Hart at 248-437-2011, Ext. 247 or e-mail: dhart@dnps.com

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Even corn can be spooky if it forms a maze

Shari Peters will feed dozens of animals this year, all with the help of Maybury Farm's annual corn maze.

"It's for the animals. We've done it for several years now and it gets us through the winter months," said Peters, president of the Northville Community Foundation, which owns the farm. "We have sheep, goats, cows, turkeys, calves, chickens, draft horses, mimiature horses, pigs, donkeys, every farm animal you can think of. We have llamas to keep the fox and coyote away."

Proceeds from the maze, which opened last weekend, will buy food for the farm animals through at least March.

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"We're not a petting zoo. It's a working farm and our animals are there for a purpose," Peters said.

Approximately 350-450 volunteers annually help maintain the property, serve as docents, and assist with events. The farm grows produce for sale to the public, is open for visitors, runs garden clinics, a day camp and offers extensive educational programs on topics such as maple syrup production, farm animals, dairy and soils.

Once a part of Maybury State Park, the Foundation began negotiating for the property in early 2003 and took ownership in November that same year. Before it did, the farm's barns and livestock were destroyed in a fire. "It was a February evening and the winds were about 40 miles an hour. Someone had put a kerosene heater in the barn. I was at a board of directors meeting the night it burned down. And then it became my responsibility to rebuild the whole thing," she said. "I had a wonderful Rolodex."

Peters said donations from both



2005.
"Today we have a group out there picking pumpkins for us. They're getting corn stalks ready for us and working in the corn maze."
The maze sits on 14 of the farm's 80 acres, includes a hayride and offers twisting, turning trails and dead ends that take about 45 minutes to complete. It's laid out in a tractor pattern, which can be seen only from above.

It's open 6-10 p.m. Friday, 1-10 p.m. Saturday and 1-7 p.m. Sunday, through Nov. 8. The last wagon to take visitors to the maze leaves one hour before closing time. Visitors, age 18 and older, can compete in a treasure hunt for hidden wooden animals as they make their way through the maze. Those who find all of the animals qualify for a chance to win one of five Meijer Gift Cards worth \$100.

"What I heard everyone say is that this is a good maze. Oh, it may look

simple, but it has so many dead ends. We do have corn cops in there and they will help you out."

She suggests trying the maze after sunset when it's dark and spooky.

"We have a ton of fun with it. And from the feedback we get, people enjoy it and realize the donation keeps the farm open.

Cost is §9 for adults and \$7 for children, 3-11. Children 2 and under enter for free. Coupons for a \$1 discount are available at Tom Holzer Ford, 39300 10 Mile, Farmington

Hills and at Meijer, 20401 Haggerty, Northville.

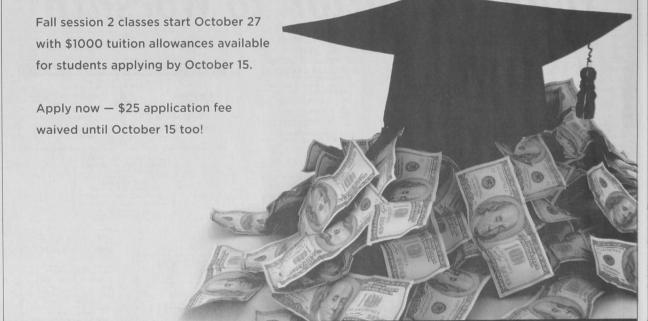
Corn Stalks and hay stacks are available for \$8 each at the farm, along with snacks and drinks at the welcome center. Visitors can see the animals until about 5 p.m.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile, a half mile west of the state park entrance, in Northville. Call (248) 374-0200 for more information.

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Call (248) 374-0200 for more information.
Here's a sampling of other area corn mazes:
Erwin Orchards' maze is open 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily through Oct. 31 at 61475 Silver Lake Road, South Lyon. Visitors who find six pictures hidden in the maze receive a free doughnut and glass of cider. Cost is \$5 per person, free for children, 2 and under. Nighttime weekend hours are 7:30-11 p.m., through Oct. 23 and Oct. 28-31. Admission is \$8 per person, cash or check only. Includes wagon ride, bonfire, cider, doughnuts and live monsters. (248) 437-0150.
New Lawn's Sod Farm's open 6-10 p.m., Friday, 1-10 p.m. Saturday, and noon-7 p.m. Sunday, through Nov. 7, at 50:240 Martz, Belleville. Bring a flashlight to navigate this 13-acre maze cut in the shape of the Detroit Red Wings logo. The attraction offers three mazes in one for beginning through experienced visitors. Cost is \$6 for youth, \$9 for age 12 and over and \$6 for seniors. (734) 481-0033
•Wilard's Orchards offers a corn maze as a part of its country fair, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday through Oct. 31. Admission is \$11.99 per person and free for babies under 23 months. Twilight admission, begins at 4:30 p.m. and costs \$9.25 Pony rides, face painting, candle dipping, karaoke, petting farm, labyrinth and many other activities are included. Wiards is located at 5565 Merritt, Ypsilanti; (734) 390-9211.

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ART

Art & Ideas

Time/Date: Oct. 1-Nov. 14, with opening reception 5:30-9 p.m., Oct. 2 Location: 15095 Northville Road, south

of Five Mile, Plymouth

Details: "Diverse Forms, Diverse
Meanings," with works by Schoolcraft
College Art Faculty, Robert Bielat, Sarah Olson and Ellen Moucoulis Contact: (734) 420-0775

City Gallery Time/Date: Through Oct. 15 Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 le. Farmington Hills

Details: Great Lakes Beadworkers show beads with "attitude." Artists' reception, open to the public, will run 5-9 p.m. Contact: (248) 473-1856

COMEDY

Go Cornedy!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale **Details**: Improv most nights. Open mic, jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays Contact: (248) 327-0575; www.gocom

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield Theatre complex, Southfield **Details**: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday: Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday **Contact**. (248) 348-2420 or www.ticket-

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Soers y contecty and or brothal Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. 8 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livoni

Details: Doug Williams, through Sept. 25; Ira Proctor, Sept. 29-Oct. 2 Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kicker-

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Jackie Flynn, Sept. 23-25, David Alan Grier, Sept. 30-0ct. 2 Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comed

CONCERTS

Antioch Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5 Location: 33360 W. 13 Mile, at Farmi Road, Farmington Hills Details: Pro Mozart Society of Greate

Detroit presents The Berick and Martin Duo. Violinist Yehonatan Berick and pia-nist Pauline Martin will perform music by Mozart, Brahms, and Stravinsky. Ticket are \$25 for adults, \$5 for students. Send checks payable to: Pro Mozart Society, 37099 Sandalwood Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331, or visit

Contact (248) 788-2479

The Ark

Time/Date: The RFD Boys, Sept. 24; The Chenille Sisters, Sept. 25; Ellis Paul, Sept 26; Griffin House and Tyler James, Sept. 27: The Parkington Sisters and Lake Folk Sept. 28; John Primer, Sept. 29; Bruce Molsky and Darol Anger, Sept. 30; The Ryan Montbleau Band, Oct. 1; Doyle and Mekee and Peppino d'Agostino, Oct. 2; Eric Johnson, Andy McKee and Peppino d'Agostino, Oct. 3; Tannahill Weavers, Oct. 4; Abigail Stauffer and Wolfie Geske, Oct. 5; Antje Duvekot and wine besse, oct. 7; Jill Sobule, Oct. 6; The Steel Wheels, Oct. 7; Jill Sobule, Oct. 8; Raul Malo and Shannon Whitworth, Oct. 9; Justin Roberts & the Not Ready for Nap Time Players, Oct. 10; Willy Porter & Carpe

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.thear

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Sept. 25 Location: 3233212 Mile, Farmington Hills Details: Jill Jack; tickets are \$19 for adults; \$17 for seniors and students Contact: (248) 473-1856

Baseline Folk Society

Baseline Folk Society
Time/Date: Third Saturday of the month
Location: The JWH Center for the Arts.
Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774
N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: Eight. "Open-Mic" performances
plus a featured group perform. Individual
membership is \$25 and includes monthly
concerts from September through May.
Otherwise, admission to each concert is
\$5 at the door. Family memberships are
\$50 and include monthly concderts
Contact: (248) 719-3464 or mjmmullen@
yahoo.com

Detroit Institute of Arts



ene Pollock of Ypsilanti as Nurse Plimpton, David D. Fedewa of Northville as Styler and David Alexander of Redford as Farquhar rehearse a scene from ndgame," opening Oct. 8 at Barefoot Productions Theatre in Plymouth.



The Julliard String Quartet will perform Oct. 9 at the Seligman Performing Arts Center in Beverly Hills.



George Winston performs Oct. 15 at the Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Date: 6 p.m.Friday, Oct. 15 Location: 5200 Woodward Ave Details: George Winston perform

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Hillberry Theatre

Details: "Hay Fever," one of Noel Coward's earlier, notable comedies; tick-

Contact: (313) 577-2972; www.wsus

Detroit Symphony

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Oct. 1 Location: 3711 Woodward Ave Details: Michael Camilo's Big Band-Caribe; tickets \$19-\$63 Contact: (313) 576-5111

Jazz Cafe Time/Date: 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., Sept. 30 and Oct. 1

Location: Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave.

Details: Allan Holdsworth, Sept. 30 and

Contact: www.ticketmaster.com; (313)

Livonia Symphony

Time/Date: 4 p.m., Oct. 9 Location: Louis Schmidt Auditorium, Clarenceville High School 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: Program includes Tchaikovsky,



Michael Camilo will perform with the Detroit Symphony on Oct. 1.

Contact: (734) 421-1111; www.livoniasym-

Magic Bag

Time/Dates: Michelle Shocked, Sept. 24; The Mega 80's, Sept. 25; Rick Emm Sept. 26; Bettie Serveert, Sept. 30 Contact: (248) 544-3030, www

Music Hall

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Oct. 7-9
Location: 350 Madison, Detroit
Details: "The Merchants of Bollywood a dance and music spectacular based or the real-life story of the Merchant family dynasty, whose members have been prominent choreographers and filmma ers since the beginning of the Hindi film industry in the 1920s; tickets are \$25-\$65 Ticketmaster Outlets or charge by phone

Seligman Performing Arts Center

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Oct. 9 Location: 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hill

Details: Julliard String Quartet perform Haydo Bartok and Brahms: tickets are

Time/Date: Martyn Joseph, Sept. 23; Nobody's Darlin', Sept. 24; Kevin Meisel,

Contact: (248) 855-6070

Trinity House Theatre

Oct. 1, Jason relimine and John Zelmin, Oct. 2, Madcat and Kane and Maxwell Street, Oct. 8; Rob Lute with Jo Serrapere, Oct. 9; Dana Cooper with Daphne Willis, Oct. 15; Daniel Martin Moore and Ric Hordinski, Oct. 21; David Nefesh with Delta Twins, Oct. 23; Roy Bookbinder, Oct. 29; Gaslight Square with Joel Palmer, Annie and Rod Capps, Jim Bizer and others, Oct. 30 Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinity Village Theater at Cherry Hill

Oct. 1; Jason Dennie and John Latini, Oct

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 8 Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road in

Details: AcappellaFest Detroit includes

of this year's 30 You film you can Sing" competition from CMU, Fish 'N Chips. Tickets are \$12-20 Contact: CantonVillageTheater.org of call (734) 394-5460.

FAMILY

Bakers Keyboard Lounge

Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays Details: Jazz for Kids Program

Detroit Institute of Arts Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Detroit 700

Location: I-696 service drive and

Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to
61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older,
and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children

Contact: (248) 541-5717

FILM

Penn Theatre

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sept. 24-26 and Sept.

30, and 5 p.m. Sept. 22-23 and Sept. 30, and 5 p.m. Sept. 25-26 ocation: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth Details: "Despicable Me," \$3 admissior Contact: (734) 453-0870. www.penn-

Redford Theatre

Time/Date: Sept. 24-25 Location: 17360 Lahser, Detroit Details: "The Godfather," \$4 Contact: www.redfordtheatre.com

MUSEUMS

Cranbrook

Time/Date: 2 p.m., Thursday through

Sunday Location: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield

Details: Docent-guided public tours of Saarinen House, a rare integration of art, architecture, design and nature, depart from Cranbrook Institute of Science front desk. The tours are about 90 minutes long and take place rain or

Contact: (248) 645-3200 for house

Plymouth Historical Museum

Time/Dates: Through Oct. 24
Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Coming up: "Margaret's 1910" honors
philanthropist Margaret 1910 mining's 100th birthday with a look at life in 1910 Contact: (734) 455-8940, www.plym-

THEATER

Barefoot Productions

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Oct. 8-9, 15-16, 22-23 and 2 p.m. Oct. 17 and 24 Location: 240 North Main Street,

Plymouth **Details**: "Mindgame" is a susp

driven play which places the audience in the room with an escaped, cannibalistic serial killer; tickets are \$16 general admission, \$14 for students and serior citizens and \$14 for groups of 10 or more Contact (734) 560-1493

Spotlight on Youth

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Oct. 21-23 and 2 p.m.

Oct. 23:24 **Location**: village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50:400 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hills, Canton

Details: "Alice in Wonderland Jr., the Musical; tickets are \$15 Contact: (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-

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Village Theater at Cherry Hill

Village Tricates at Crieff y film Time/Date: 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Sept. 24-25; and 2 p.m. Sept. 25-26 Location: 50400 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill, Canton Details: "Kiss Me Kate" by Cole Porter; tickets are \$18 for adults and \$16 for senior citizens and students Contact: (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-

5460 or online at www.spotlightplay



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Fashion in **Detroit seeks** runway models

Fashion In Detroit, Michigan's premier annual fashion event, will hold an open casting call to find undiscovered models for its runway shows that are planned for Oct. 22-23, at MotorCity Casino Hotel.

The easting call will take place II a.m.-7 p.m.on Saturday, Oct. 2, in the Executive Ballroom at MotorCity Casino Hotel, located at 2901 Grand River Ave. Detroit.

The casting call is open to the public for both men and women ages 14 to 30. No previous runway experience is required.

Women must be a minimum of 5 feet, 7 inches tall, maximum size 6, and men must be at least 5 feet, 10 inches with a maximum jacket size of 44 inches.

Models must attend the open call with a headshot and a full-body photo. Professional prints aren't required.

Women should wear form-fitting clothing and high heels, and men should be dressed in fitted jeans and a fitted shirt.

All candidates in attendance will have their headshots and sizes reviewed. Some candidates will be invited to stay and walk for members of the Fashion in Detroit Executive Committee. Selected models must be available to walk the runway at Fashion In Detroit Oct. 22-23.

Fashion In Detroit is an annual, two-day

able to walk the runway at Fashion In Detroi Oct. 22-23.
Fashion In Detroit is an annual, two-day fashion event co-created by Project Runway's Joe Faris, along with Karen Buscemi, K'Kio Hardin, Lians Jadan and Leslie Ann Pilling to put a fashion spotlight on Michigan and create a venue that fills the needs of many locally-based designers and the Michigan fashion community.
The two-day event this year will include 12 runway shows by a collection of local and national designers, designer trunk shows, "Cheers Michigan" product displays, a VIP private reception, and an Afterglow bash. Each day's admission ticket includes six fashion shows, gift bags, a souvenir guidebook/lookbook and eligibility for high-end giveaways.

book/lookbook and eligibility for high-end giveaways. Fashion In Detroit will feature top mod-els showcasing the best designs of Spring/ Summer 2011. For more information, visit www.fashion-indetroit.com, call (248) 677-1769 or e-mail info@fashionindetroit.com.



Motorcycles make their way to a previous Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff in Plymouth. Great

Get your motor running, head out for chili, Oct. 10

Two motorcycle rides will make their way to the 15th Annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff on Oct. 10 in downtown Plymouth.
Cost of participating in the 5th annual Motor City Chili Ride or Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles Chili Ride is \$10 and proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity. All riders will receive free VIP parking at the Cookoff and the first 50 registrants will get a raffle ticket to win \$1,000, \$500 or \$250.
The rides begin at Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles dealership in Canton and Motor City Harley-Davidson in Farmington Hills. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. on Cookoff day at both locations. Escorted rides start at 10:30 a.m.

The Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff is in its 15th, year and has raised more than \$185,000.00 for different charities. The 2010 charity is Habitat for Humanity.

The event will include a red and green chili competition, salsa competition, restaurant chili challenge and a battle of business chili competitions. "Steve King, and the Dittlies" Band will perform, motorcycles will be on display, dogs will vie for the "hottest" costume and activities will be available for children.

For motorcycle ride information call Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles at (877) 388-9508 or visit www.ClassicMotorcy cles Detroit.com. For information on the Motor City Chili Ride, call Motor City Harley-Davidson at (248) 473-7433 or visit www.motorcityharley.com.

Halloween party benefits the Detroit Opera House

Tour the Detroit Opera House and get spooked at the same time, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 30.

time, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 30.
Guests at the second annual Haunted in the House will discover tricks and treats in the historic 1922 former movie palace's magnificent grand lobby and second floor, including a mind-warping performance by the Detroit Circus.

More than 600 people attended last year's inaugural event, which raised more than \$15,000 for Michigan Opera Theatre's opera and dance programming, as well as educational outreach. Costumes aren't mandatory but cash prizes will be awarded for the best Cash prizes will be awarded for the best Cash prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. DJ Tom T will spin spooky sounds, and an emcee from 93.9 The River will be on hand for the costume contest. Specialty

night snacks also will be available.
The VIP lounge, sponsored by Centaur, Mosaic and Pegasus, will feature a private DJ and an open bar and hors doeuvres until 10 p.m. Midnight treats will be provided by Tubby's Southgate, Sander's Fine Chocolatiers and Zumba Mexican Grille.
Tickets for Hamted in the House are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. VIP tickets are \$75 and \$80 day of the event. VIP tickets include access to an event preview and VIP lounge, and valet parking. Guests must be 21 or older.
Tickets are available at the Detroit Opera House ticket office, 1526 Broadway, Detroit; by phone at (313) 237-SING; or online at www.MichiganOpera. org.

Roller derby skaters plans bout in Livonia

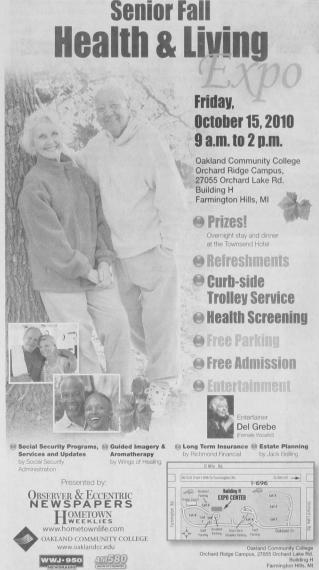
Roller Derby fans can see skating action up close at a discounted admission Sunday, Sept. 26 at Riverside Arena in

discounted admission Sandag, Sept. 26 at Riverside Arena in Livonia. Detroit Derby Girls' Motor City Disassembly Line will take on Canada's Tri-City Thunder at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. The arena is located at 36635 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Detroit Derby Girls regular season bouts have been held at the Masonic Temple in Detroit for the past five seasons, where the league has drawn sold-out crowds. The league's teams regularly use Riverside Arena as a practice venue. "We are looking forward to hosting the upcoming international bout at Riverside Area,"

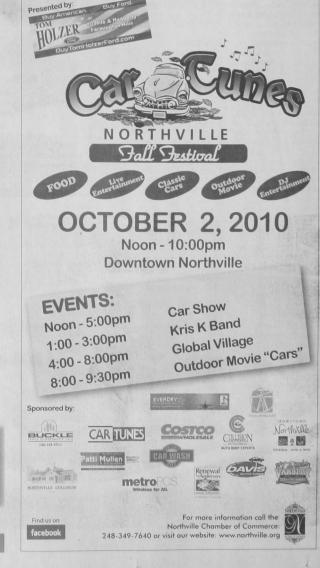
stated Detroit Derby Girls'
President, Amy Ruby, who also
skates under the name Racer
McChaseHer. "Roller derby
is a growing sport here in
southeast Michigan and we're
pleased to be able to bring our
increasingly popular form of
entertainment to new venues
whenever we can.

"We have enjoyed a great
relationship with Riverside
Area for years and are excited
to try a bout there."

Many of the local favorites of
the Detroit Derby Girls will be
compete in the international
bout, including Dizzy Devine,
Cats Meow, and Honey Suckit,
voted fan favorite this year.
For more information about
The Detroit Derby Girls, visit
www.DetroitDerby Girls, com.



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Seasona Soups, Sides AND Salads



(Family Features)
elebrate the change of seasons with a change in the menu. These recipes for soups, salads and sides featuring seasonal foods will be a welcome addition to the table. And they're simpler and quicker than ever when from-scratch ingredients are paired with convenient prepared options.
Soups: Cooler weather heralds the return to warm, satisfying soups. Versatile German Potato Salad Soup is an easy main dish that takes advantage of ready-to-use canned German potato salad. Simply combine the potato salad with sautéed bell pepper and onion, beer and a meat choice, if desired. Ready in 30 minutes.

Tip: Top the soup with crunchy rye croutons and crumbled bacon.

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Sides: Roasting enhances the flavor of vegetables and fills the house with enticing aromas. Hearty Roasted Vegetables is a colorful mix of red onion wedges, baby portobellos, but-ternut squash, Brussels sprouts and herbs, plus a jar of whole pickled beets. The sweet-tanginess of the beets adds a delicious new dimension to the roasted flavor profile.

Tip: Vary the herbs ... try sage and parsley, or other on-hand favorites.

Salads: Focus on seasonal textures, flavors and ingredients. Beet and Red Cabbage Salad is delicious and doubles up on nutrient-rich vegetables. Using jarred pickled beets and sweet and sour red cabbage, all of the pickling, slicing and shredding is already done. Crisp-tart apple and crunchy toasted pecans are added just before serving.

Tip: Try substituting pears for the apple, walnuts for the pecans. Or, sprinkle with crumbled goat cheese or blue cheese.

pecanis: Or, sprinkle with Statistics of these.

For more delicious seasonal menu ideas, visit www.aunt nellies.com and www.READsalads.com.

GERMAN POTATO SALAD SOUP Preparation Time: 15 minutes Cooking Time: 15 minutes Makes 4 servings (about 1% cups each)

Leup chopped onion
Leup chopped red bell pepper
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 cans (15 ounces each) READ German Potato Salad, chopped*
bottle (12 ounces) beer, preferably a light ale**
% cup reduced-sodium, fat free chicken broth

1/2 teaspoon salt optional

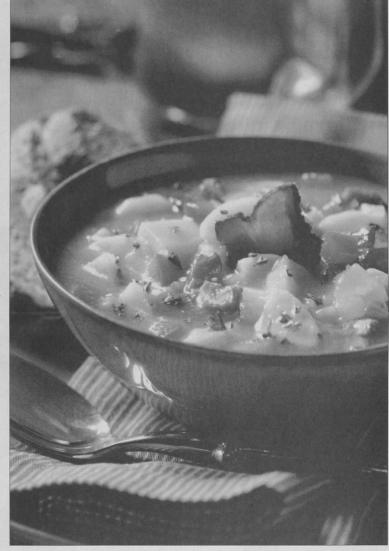
Crumbled bacon, optional

Sauté onion and bell pepper in oil in a Dutch oven or 3-quart
saucepan over medium heat until onion just starts to brown, 5 to
7 minutes, stirring occasionally.
Add potato salad, beer, broth and meat, if using; stir to combine. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, 10
minutes, stirring occasionally. Add salt, if desired, pepper and
parsley.

Serve topped with rye croutons and bacon, if desired.

"Note: To chop potato salad, remove top from can, insert
clean kitchen scissors into potato salad and snip until chopped.

"Substitute 1 can (14 ounces) chicken broth for the beer and
chicken broth in the above recipe.





HEARTY ROASTED VEGETABLES

Preparation Time: 10 minutes
Cooking Time: 45 minutes
Makes 6 servings
1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Whole
Pickled Beets, well drained

2 cups baby portobello mushrooms cleaned and stems trimmed

and scored with a cross cut

BEET AND RED CABBAGE SALAD

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Preparation Time: 15 minutes
Cooking Time: 10 minutes
Makes 6 servings (about ½ cup each)
1,jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellies Pickled
Beets, whole or sliced
1,jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Sweet & Sour
Red Cabbage
½ cup red currant jelly
½ teaspoon ground cloves
½ cup thinly sliced green onions
1 cup chopped Granny Smith apple (about
1 small apple)
½ cup chopped toasted pecans*
Salt and pepper
Drain beets and cabbage, combining both liquids in a small bowl. Pour
½ cup of the combined liquids into a small saucepan; whisk to combine. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer until liquid is thickened and reduced to ½
cup, about 10 minutes. Cool.
Meanwhile, cut sliced beets in half, or whole beets into wedges. Ioss beets, cabbage and green onions with cooled red currant dressing.
Just before serving, stir in apple and pecans. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
*To toast pecans, bake in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet; cool.



Joes' Produce and Gourmet Catering in Livonia will offer caprese salad and other dishes Sunday, Sept. 26, at Schoolcraft College's Culinary Extravaganza

Culinary Extravaganza

Sample signature foods, beverage from nearly 50 vendors

Katherine Socall wouldn't miss Schoolcraft College's 19th annual Culinary Extravaganza for three reasons: She's studying chocolate-making at Schoolcraft and has taken other creative cours-

es at the school.

As owner of Biscotti Bar Bakery in Plymouth, she has worked with a nutritionist who teaches

she has worked with a nutritionist who teaches at the college.

And she wants Extravaganza patrons to taste delicious treats — including a wide array of biscotti — that are "good for them," too.

"I think this is a wonderful opportunity," said Socall, who will serve samplings along with nearly 50 other restaurant, bakery and beverage vendors at the event, Sunday, Sept. 26.

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Socall has made organic and natural baked goods, along with gluten-free treats, for the past three years in Plymouth.

"We're known for our icing. We do nice icing that isn't overly sweet. I try to use more healthy things that won't raise your glycemic level,' she said. "If I use lemon oil, it's pure lemon oil. We don't want preservatives and things we know can cause potential harm. People need to eat well."

She said her signature baked good — biscotti— is firm, but not too hard, and can keep for three months if properly stored. Her bakery is known for its unusual twist on biscotti flavors, from baklava to "Cosmopolitan Snowball."

She'll serve mini cupcakes, cookies and a variety of biscotti at the Schoolcraft College event.

Joe's Produce and Gourmet Catering in Livonia will serve soup through dessert, all in bite-sized servings.

CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA 2010

What: A celebration of food and wine, and the Culinary Arts Program

When: 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 26

Where: VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College,

Details: Patrons will taste samples from nearly

Contact: (734) 462-4518; www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation/

"I know chef wanted to do a deconstructed mini caprese (salad)," said Laura Livingston, catering director. "While she's doing that, our pastry chef is doing some kind of shooter, in a shot glass.

"We're still bouncing around ideas with the soup, maybe wild mushroom or tomatoes, whatever is happening (in season) right now."

The catering staff at Joe's will have their hands full this weekend with the Culinary Extravaganza and a catering showcase, beginning at noon, Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 25-26 at the store.

Linens, floral and table arrangements will be displayed while patrons sample food and beverages.

displayers and ages.

The store has staffed a booth at Culinary
Extravaganza for five years. Livingston said the
event is a perfect setting for the store's chefs to
show off their work.

"Now that we have 10 culinarians from
Schoolcraft, it's a given that we'll be there."

CITY BITES

Swashbuckling fun

Plymouth - Here's your chance to play pirate, win prizes and down drink specials from five participating pubs. On the Rocks Detroit and Zodiac Vodka will present the first annual Pirate Pub Crawl Oct. 2 in downtown Plymouth. Participants will don pirate and wench costumes and visit pubs from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Event organizers say costumes aren't mandatory but add to the fun.

Pub crawl check in will start at 7:30 p.m. at 336 Piano Bar, 336 Main, where participants receive a treasure map to help guide them from pub to pub.

Cost is \$10 and includes free appetizers from 9-11 p.m. at Penn Grill; free tarot card readings at The Rock; posing for free photos with Nikki Black, Captain Jack Sparrow impersonator, at Sean O'Callahan's; and live music by the Robin Horlock Band at Ironwood Grill.

Pirates and wenches who get their treasure maps stamped at each venue will be eligible to win the grand prize of a free deluxe one-night stay at Motor City Casino. Contestants in the best pirate and wench costume contest will get a Zodiac Vodka prize package.

Advance tickets are available through On the Rocks Detroit's Facebook page, and via the participating venues. For more information e-mail to info@ontherocksdetroit.com.

All about chocolate

All about chocolate

Plymouth - The sixth annual "A Chocolate Affair" to benefit First Step, will run 2-5 p.m., Oct. 3, at the inn at St. Johns, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth.

First Step offers counseling and shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, an Irish charity group, presents the event that will include music by Livonia Symphony string and horn ensembles, and chocolate tastings from local restaurants, bakeries, caterers, and chocolate makers.

The organization has added a garden luncheon this year. It will feature a speaker from First Step who will share her survivor story and a performance by "Voices in Harmony" from Sweet Adelines. The luncheon will be held noon-2 p.m. in the Garden Gallery at the Inn at St. John's First Step.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$25 advance sales only; tickets for the Chocolate Affair also are \$25, and a combined ticket is \$45. Tickets are available by calling Barbara Weir at (734) 453-1459 or Kittle Higgins at (358) 449-6570 and at the First Step offices in Plymouth, (734) 416-1111.



A pirate pub crawl in downtown Plymouth will feature Captain Jack Sparrow impersonator, Nikki Black.

Participating businesses include Treat
Dreams of Ferndale, Dearborn Inn, The
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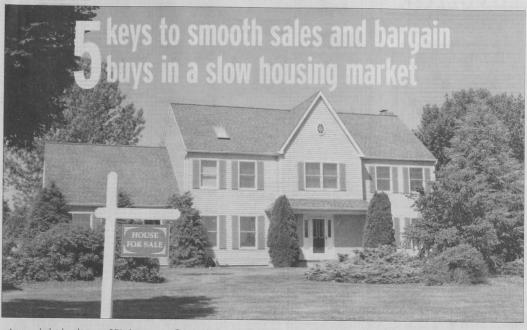
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CLASSIFIED DEADLINES: SUNDAY EDITION, 4:30 P.M. FRIDAY Thursday edition, 4:30 P.M. Tuesday



Anyone who has bought or sold a home has heard the standard advice: Find a good agent, be aware of local home values, fix up the house you're selling and research school districts and crime rates where you're buying. Keep these five themes in mind from the moment you start planning your next move:

Dig deeper: If you need to sell quickly, keep a close eye on what other houses are sell-ing for in your neighborhood and "stay ahead of the market" by pricing yours lower.

2 Be involved: Just because you're working with a Realtor doesn't mean you can't do some of your own leg-work.

Accept a helping hand: Take advantage of a wide range of services, beyond your local Realtor's, that could help you streamline the buying and selling process. Some cost money, such as home "staging" services that can help whip your house into selling shape. Others are free, such as relocation benefits offered by some employers, or the military's Homeowners Assistance Program.

4 Get creative: If you know that a potential buyer is wavering on wheth-er to make an offer on your house, buck convention by mak-ing a "reverse offer," where you try to where you try to win the sale with an Remain flexible: According to the experts, buyers and sellers should keep their pride in check and be willing to make some concessions, especially in a tough market.

- Courtesy ARA Content

Lawyer who badmouths another vexing

O: As a practicing attorney, I am wondering how you feel about an attorney who suggests that another prominent attorney in Community Association law is too expensive and will drive you to the poor house?

A: Sounds like that attorney is not very professional and is using his or her own propaganda to try to steer anyone away from hiring that attorney. Unfortunately, the level of civility among lawyers has decreased substantially in my 40 years of practicing law and some attorneys, even though they have a purported good reputation, still resort to subversive and demeaning tactics to generate business for themselves. Anytime you hear a lawyer badmouth another lawyer, I would be suspect.

Q: The president of our



Q: The president of our association is mowing the lawn (common ground area) in our subdivision. He takes preseason bids from other contractors, then he just matches the lowest bid and gives himself the job. I have heard that this practice is not allowed and is a conflict of interest. His strong personality is also a problem as he regularly berates a few of his neighbors in public and we do not agree with his practices here in the subdivision. Can you give me any assistance?

A: It is best for any community association to retain persons who do not have a proprietary interest in the subdivision. Moreover, the Board of Directors should not allow contracts with anyone on the board without full disclosure to the other members of the board, and without full disclosure to the other members of the board, and without a fair bidding process including, if necessary, sealed bids. I believe that the board is remiss in allowing the president of the association to perform lawn maintenance services as there is always the question of whether he has adequate insurance, and, what happens if he is hurt or does not do a good job, resulting in possible litigation between the association and the president. You are best to try to get the board to stop this practice or get an attorney to write the board and advise them of the adverse consequences of continuing this practice.

Robert M. Meisner is a

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 7-11, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales

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Beverly Hills	
31935 Alden Ct	\$310,000
16990 Buckingham Ave	\$113,000
16970 Dunblaine Ave	\$129,000
16951 Locherbie Ave	\$176,000
31670 Southview St	\$155,000
30410 Vernon Dr	\$196,000
Bingham Farms	

1652 Haynes St	\$147,000
369 Kimberly St	\$352,000
647 N Old Woodward Ave	\$225,000
991 S Bates St	\$355,000
1610 Webster St	\$385,000
Bloomfield Tow	nship
6860 Castle Dr	\$208,000
6968 Castle Dr	\$110,000
1805 E Tahquamenon Ct	\$285,000
2620 Endsleigh Dr	\$617,000
2005 Klingensmith Rd	\$59,000
3657 Middlebury Ln	\$128,000
3255 Pebble Ln	\$173,000
355 Roanoke Dr	\$238,000

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4980 S Duck Lake Rd	\$215,000
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34143 Alta Loma Dr	\$160,000
23149 Floral St	\$95,000
Farmington	Hills
27065 Arden Park Cir	\$112,000
35546 Bradford Ct	\$310,000
25382 Briarwyke Dr	\$170,000
35033 Bunker Hill Dr	\$132,000
32275 Craftsbury Rd	\$165,000
27660 Doreen St	\$92,000
32478 Dunford St	\$178,000
21732 Jacksonville St	\$121,000
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Seminar

Home Smart Realty presents a free seminar, 'Conventional and Governmental Lending and Reverse Mortgage,' '7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 23290 Farmington Road; corner of Orchard Street, between Nine Mile and Grand River. The seminar will be presented by Stephen Bartus, Wells Fargo Mortgage Division. Call (248) 345-1268 to reserve a seat.

BIA

*Building Industry
Association of Southeastern
Michigan (BIA) will present a Real Estate Continuing
Education Course on Tuesday,
Oct. 12, from 8:30 a.m. to
3:30 p.m. at Association
Offices, 20/75 Walnut Lake
Road, West Bloomfield.
Lori Chmura of Middleton
Training will present an
update on Real Estate law and
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Education certification.
Registration is \$60 per person
for members of BIA's Sales
and Marketing Council, \$80

per person for BIA members and \$125 per person for guests. Continental breakfast and lunch are included in the registration. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org/events.php. Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) will present an Economic Forecast and Capital Market Outlook on Wednesday, Oct. 5, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at PI Banquet Center, 28847 Franklin Road, in Southfield.

Featured speakers are David Sowerby, CPA, of Loomis Sayles and Kevin Dillon of Hendricks & Partners who will present the current status and forecast of our local and national rental markets. A status report on Michigan's legislative issues facing the residential rental industry will be presented by Joseph Palamara of Karoub Associates.

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the registration. Advance payment is requested. For registration information, call (248) 862-1004 or register online at www.apartments.org.

New location

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Building Industry
Association of Southeastern
Michigan (BIA) and
Apartment Association of
Michigan Bave announced
their move to a new location effective Aug. 19. The
Associations have relocated to
The Corners at 2075 Walmut
Lake Road, West Bloomfield,
MI 48323. The phone number
will remain (248) 737-4477
and the central fax line for the
office will be (248) 538-4078.

"We were fortunate enough
to find a suite within The
Corners that will serve the
needs of our staff and related
Association operations perféctly. The facility features
a number of meeting rooms
of various sizes which we
will use to hold many of the
Associations' meetings, educational seminars and events,"
said Michael C. Stoskopf, CEO
for both Associations. "A full

list of our upcoming events is available at www.builders.org/events.php. Each link specifies where that event will be held."
The Corners is only the fifth location for BIA since its inception in 1928. When first formed, the Association met in the offices of its first president, C.W. Babcock, It then moved to The Dime Building in Detroit, to One Northland Plaza in Southfield and, in 1986, to the Irvin H. Yackness Building on Northwestern Highway.
"We are looking forward to serving our membership and the residential housing industry from our convenient, new location," added Stoskopf.
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Seminar on Tuesdays

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

Foreclosures

Foreclosure Tours are held 1 p.m. Saturday, conducted by Home Smart Realty, 23290 Farmington Road at Orchard Street. Located in Law Office Building, Parking lot is in rear. You must pre-register by Friday evening. Call Home Smart Realty at (248) 426-6754.

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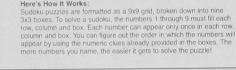
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By Dale Buss

For nearly two years, Audi USA has been softening up the collective American psyche on behalf of its fuelefficient "clean diesel" vehicles. Executives of the German luxury brand lobbied in Washington, D.C., for extension of diesel-purchase tax credits. Audi ran a TV ad last year showing hundreds of barrels of oilpresumably made superfluous by diesel cars — rolling themselves back onto an oil tanker.

And during the last Super Bowl telecast, Audi spent nearly \$3 million to air a fetchingly humorous commercial that depicted its robust diesel-powered Q7 SUV as the savvy motorist's answer to the freedom-robbing vise created by America's nosy, consumption-parsing, killjoy "green police."

Now, Audi is enjoying the payoff for

nosy, consumption-parsing, killjoy
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Now, Audi is enjoying the payoff for
its diesel-touting investments. Barely
a year after their introduction here,
about half of the A3 compact sedans
Audi sells and 40 percent of the Q7s
are Turbo Diesel Injection (TDI)
versions. Those sales shares are more
than double Audi's initial
expectations. It's no coincidence that
Audi posted a record first half in
overall U.S. sales, even as the industry
as a whole struggled, and that the
brand is on its way to its best year in
the American marketplace.
Encouraged by outside recognition

such as the A3 TDI's selection as the 2010 Green Car of the Year by the Green Car Journal, American car Green Car Journal, American car buyers are warming up to diesel philosophically as well. "The types of people jumping into these cars are the creative class, who want to make a real statement with it - a green statement," said Scott Keogh, chief marketing officer of Audi USA. "They also see that it's making sense on the rational side."

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The technology has real green chops because diesel fetches up to 40 percent better mileage than gasoline engines and emits about 30 percent less in greenhouse gases. It offers exceptional torque, while hybrids produce little. Diesel is ideal for long-distance driving and pulling loads, while hybrids aren't - and "range anxiety" will prove the biggest drawback to upcoming all-electric models such as the Nissan Leaf.

"The engines are much quieter than previous [diesel] engines," added Stuart Johnson, manager of the engineering and environmental office for Volkswagen of America. "That contributes to the fun-to-drive aspect." Here's how German brands are rolling with diesel in the U.S.:

Volkswagen was the last big diesel seller of mainstream models in the pre-clean-diesel era, through about 2006. Once again it is the only budget-







priced diesel provider and also offers the broadest diesel lineup in this country, ranging from the Golf and Jetta Compact sedans, to the Jetta Sportwagen utility, to the Touareg SUV, with starting prices from about \$22,000 to about \$44,000 and diesel-price premiums of up to \$x.xxx.

TDI accounted for a whopping 86 percent of Sportwagen sales in June. "Compare that with take rates of only 5 to 6 percent for hybrid versions of Camry and other popular sedans," said Andres Valbuena, a VW product planner. Mercedes-Benz sells three SUVs - ML, GL and R Class - in its Bluetec diesel package with price premiums of up to about \$4,000. U.S. diesel sales actually are down compared with two years ago as the company prepares to import a Bluetec version of its E-Class sedan by the end of the year.

"But diesel is an important part of our product portfolio, and it will be here to stay," said Sascha Simon, head of advanced product planning for Mercedes-Benz USA. One reason: "Dealers tell us that their best sales tool is to put someone in

a diesel version without telling them it's diesel."

BMW has pursued a power strategy, inserting a six-cylinder, 265-horswepower diesel engine in its small 335 sedan as well as in its X5 SUV, at a premium of around \$2,500. Take rates for diesel are about one-third for X5 but much lower for the 335.

"We wanted to show that diesels can be nimble, agile, swift and responsive, and no vehicular platform can prove that better than the 3 Series," said Martin Birkmann, manager of product planning for BMW North America. Audi chose a different path for its A3, inserting a four-cylinder diesel with just 140 horsepower and adding only \$1,300 to the price. "In cars, the No. 1 thing consumers want to see is fuel efficiency; they'll take torque and performance as a secondary thing," Audi's Mr. Keogh said.

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Enthusiastically, Audi plans to add
TDI options for at least two more
U.S. models over the coming year,
Keogh said, hinting that the A4
sedan and Q5 crossover might be on
that roster.

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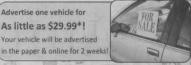
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