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Plymouth-Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion has initiated an effort to combat an economic slump by pooling resources of disabled people, local businesses, at-risk youth, retirees, food pantries, religious leaders and others willing to give help to get it.

PCCDI has announced plans to bring Time Banking – a social change movement found in 2Z countries on six continents – to western Wayne County, starting in Plymouth and Canton.

PCCDI has scheduled four informational meetings where people can sign up, ask questions or learn how they can help its planned Time Banking program.

Pioneer Middle School: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, 46081 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Big Boy Restaurant: 9-

Giving Hope

Dr. Jody Jones, a physician from IHA-Canton, will talk about menopause management and hormone replacement therapy at Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle annual meeting Wednesday, Oct. 13, at The Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, in Canton.

The Giving Hope program also will include reports from local nonprofits that have received grants from the organization, an update on current grant requests, a short business meeting and a social hour. A reception will kick off the evening at 6:30 p.m., with the program starting at 7:15 p.m. Light appetizers and desserts will be served. The theater is located at 50:400 Cherry Hill.

Formed in 2006, the Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle provides grant-making initiatives that address the needs of families in Canton and Plymouth, creates an endowment fund for the future and building a community of women philanthropists.

By pooling their charitable dollars, the 68 members of the organization are able to make a greater philanthropic impact. To date more than \$20,000 has been distributed through the fund which is held at the Canton Community Foundation.

The Plymouth and Canton The Plymout

The Plymouth and centur Observer newspapers and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital are sponsors of the pro-gram Oct. 13. Admission is \$10. Call the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200 or e-mail givinghopewgc@gmail.com.



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The fire goes out

Chief on retirement: 'It's been a dream here'

BY DARRELL CLEM

Michael Rorabacher was only 10 years old when his father Vern, a farmer, became a Canton volunteer firefighter, back when the township had just over 5,000 residents and was known as Michigan's sweet corn capital.

Rorabacher still recalls how his father always sprang into action when the house phone rang and another local family needed help saving a burning home.

home.
"Occasionally, I'd get to go with him and watch what was going on," Rorabacher said.
Few children ever feel the adrenalin rush of tagging along to a fire scene and watching as firefighters strive to turn potential tragedy into heroism. Far fewer youngsters ever grow up and become fire chief of their childhood hometown.

Rorabacher did just that,

serving as fire chief the last
18 years of his 37-year career
in Canton — a community
he watched grow to nearly
90,000 residents as cornfields
gave way to subdivisions and
shopping centers.
"Canton has provided me
with a great opportunity," he
said.
Sitting behind the desk
of his second-story office
in Canton's administration
building, Rorabacher, 58,
reflected on a career that ends
when he retries Nov. 5. He
departs as the longest-serving
current member of the 62firefighter department.
"He was really the architect of so much change in
that department," said John
Santomauro, Canton's former
public safety director, who
worked alongside Rorabacher
for nearly 25 years. "It's difficult to express what a solid,
tremendous employee he
has been for the Canton Fire
Department and the commu-

nity. He was tireless and just a very self-motivated individual. He's mentally tough, he always stayed focused on the mission, and he had an uncanny ability to influence others through his personality, his demeanor and his mannerisms.

"He's a very modest person," Santomauro said, "but let no one kid you, he was the major architect of what that fire department is today."

Rorabacher was the first of three children born to Vern and Irene Rorabacher. His father was wounded in Army combat in Germany in World War II and returned home to farm corn and soybeans and raise minks. The family lived on a few acres on Lilley between Palmer and Michigan Avenue, but Rorabacher's father leased some 1,000 acres elsewhere in Canton.

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Ciena breaks ground on \$6 million center

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ciena Healthcare has broken ground for a \$6 million, 113-bed skilled nursing center in Canton that company officials say will employ as many as 120 workers.
Ciena CEO Mohammad
Qazi said the company hopes to open the Regency at Canton, on Geddes west of Canton Center, by August 2011, offering short-term stays and long-term care in \$1 private and 36 semi-private rooms.

'I'm very excited. I think it's going to be a great, state-of-the-art facility,' said Qazi, joined for Wednesday morning's groundbreaking ceremony by township and Wayne County officials.

Qazi described the Regency at Canton as a 62,000-square-foot skilled nursing and rehabilitation center with dining facilities, a library, a recreational area, a lounge and a salon. It will accommodate people who need short-

term care and patients seeking long-term geriatric care.
"It will service the needs of two distinct groups," Qazi said. "It's almost two facilities in one, with separate dining areas and other amenities."
The project already has led to 100 construction jobs, Qazi said, and the Regency at Cantor will employ an estimated 120 people, ranging from healthcare professionals to social workers to kitchen employees. "That's certainly a boost to the local economy," he said." I feel a lot of joy in doing this, because we certainly need the jobs here."
Canton officials couldn't agree more. "We're very excited about Ciena locating in Canton, Economic Development Manager Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz said. "Ciena will be fulfilling an identified need within the region, creating jobs and contributing overall to the local economy."



(From left) Jim Paquet, Development Officer, Wayne County EDGE, Mohammad Oazi, President, Ciena Healthcare, Greg Greene, Chairman, Canton Township Planning Commission and Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy break ground on the \$6 million Ciena project.

Chief royalty

The Canton Chiefs celebrated homecoming with a victory over cross-campus rivals the Plymouth Wildcats. Seniors Rachel Nowak and Marco Deluca are Homecoming queen and king, crowned during halftime ceremonies.

Fiegel won't get Walled Lake post

Craig Fiegel will not be the new superintendent in the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools district.

Fiegel, Plymouth-Canton's superintendent the last two years, was notified Friday morning of the Walled Lake board's decision.

Fiegel had a pair of interviews with the Walled Lake board, which is looking for a replacement for William Hamilton, whose retirement is effective Dec. 1. Walled Lake officials want Hamilton's replacement in place by Nov. 1. Fiegel is one of three candidates called back for a second look.

Walled Lake board President Michael Karson notified Fiegel on Friday he wouldn't be brought back for a third. The other two finalists — current Lake Orion Supt. Kenneth Gutman and Paul DeAngelis', currently the deputy superintendent for education services in Birmingham — will be brought back.

Fiegel declined to comment.

Fiegel applied for the Walled Lake position in the wake of uncertainty over whether his contract would be renewed. The board



settled that issue last week, however, voting 4-3 not to renew Fiegel's deal. Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Treasurer Judy Mardigian and trustees Dianne Gonzalez, John Jackson and Adrienne Davis voted against renewal; board President Steven Sneideman, Vice President Barry Simescu and Secretary Nancy Eggenberger voted in favor of renewal. Judy Evola, community relations director for Walled Lake Schools, said the board had "an amazing field of candidates, including Dr. Fiegel," and will move forward with Gutman and DeAngelis. Board members did site visits to Birmingham and Lake Orion schools Friday.

"The Walled Lake Board of Education by Judy Board and Inc. 1997."

Friday.

"The Walled Lake Board of Education had an incredible field of candidates and they were all very, very qualified," Evola said. "The board is still in the process of deliberating and doing their due diligence to make sure they've done a thorough job."





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"Canton was as rural as it could be,"
Rorabacher said.

His father worked for the fire department when it was volunteer and after it became full time; his mother stayed home to raise the children. Rorabacher laughs when he talks about attending kindergarten at what is now the Canton Historical Museum, on Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Palmer.

"It makes you feel really young when they turn your school into a historical museum," he said.

A Plymouth High School graduate,
Rorabacher became a firefighter cadet as a teen who washed fire trucks, rolled up hoses and helped any way he could when Canton had just one fire station, rather than three.

He worked in a welding shop after high school, but his interests tugged him back to fire service as he joined the Canton Fire Department in January 1974, two years after it became full time. He became sergeant in 1979 and chief in 1992.

"Thave no regrets," Rorabacher said. "At the end of the day, you leave with a sense of helping people. When you go home, you feel good about what you do.

His hobbies over the years ranged from drag-racing to snowmobiling to hunting. He was seriously injured in 1989 in an all-terrain vehicle accident in Traverse City—an injury that forced him to work as a dispatcher while he recovered. It's a stint he said helped round out his experience.

Rorabacher worked alongside
Santomauro in the late 1980s as Canton consolidated its police and fire departments under the umbrella of one Public Safety Department. Santomauro credited Rorabacher with leading the charge for



Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher congratulated 2004 Ironman award winner Paul Pavloff. Rorabacher is retiring after a 37-year career.

firefighters to become highly trained

paramedics.
"So much of the fire department is his vision," said Santomauro, who retired late

last year.

It was always believed that Rorabacher
would retire alongside Santomauro, yet he
stayed for a year to help new Public Safety
Director Patrick Nemecek with his transi-

tion.

"Tve known Mike my whole career, and he's 100 percent committed to this organization," Nemecek said. "To have him stay that extra year was tremendously helpful. He's been a great ally and friend, and he's got the perfect personality and demeanor that allows him to get along with all the employee groups. Nobody gets alienated when Mike's in the room."

Rorabacher's career has had its sad moments. His face looks grim when he remembers a fire, mere days before

Christians 1990, that kinde a local family. Those are the memories a firefighter doesn't shake, no matter how decorated the career.

Rorabacher attended Eastern Michigan University's Fire Staff and Command School, and he formerly served as president of the Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid Association and the Southeast Michigan Association of

Fire Chiefs.
When he retires to spend more time with wife Darlene, Rorabacher said he will miss the township employees and elected officials he has gotten to know.
They're good people," he said. 'It's a real team around here. I've been hanging out with a bunch of really talented people who do their jobs well and make it happen. It has been a dream here."

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O&E, Hometown to offer advertising on Yahoo! sites

Newspapers and rome with Yahoo! to offer local advertisers more opportunities for digital advertising.

Announced last week, the partnership that begins in 2011 allows the O&E and Hometown group to offer advertisers digital ad space not only on hometownlife. com but also on Yahoo! sites as part of their local advertising solutions. As a result, local advertisers will benefit from expanded digital reach and enhanced audience targeting capabilities based on geography, user demographies, interests and more against that expanded audience.

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"The Observer & Eccentric and Hometown local audi-

ence solutions, combined with Yahoo! provides powerful and effective reach, targeting, and results that deliver the right audience at the right time with the right solution, "said Susan Rosiek, O&E/Hometown publisher and executive editor." Local advertising continues to be an important area of focus for us, and Yahoo! is committed to helping local businesses reach high quality target audiences," said Hilary Schneider, executive vice president, Yahoo! Americas. "This relationship significantly expands our local offerings and gives advertisers the technology and scale they need to reach their consumers online." The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Hometown Weeklies services western Wayne and Oakland counties, reaching over 1 million readers with 13 local community newspapers and on www.hometownlife.com monthly. The new digital venture with Yahoo! enhances advertising solutions and is a strategic evolution for the suburban Observer & Eccentric/ Hometown media group, which was recently recognized with awards by the Michigan Press Association for Best Ad Idea and Best ROP Auto Ad, among others.



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All interested parents are invited to attend. Admission is \$10 per person/family. All proceeds will go to the Liberty Kids charity. Liberty Kids is a Michigan non-profit charity aimed at helping children with Autism and other related challenges and disorders in making their needed therapy more affordable.

Space is limited, so please call ahead to reserve your seat(s).

Detail of Workshop:

Understanding the Individual Education Plan (IEP) process can be difficult and intimidating for both parents and education professionals. But all agree that the IEP is a critical element in the special needs student's

Staci Bockmann offers insight to help parents navigate the unknown world presented at the IEP meeting. She also offers tactics that encourage Educators and parents to become true partners with a common goal.

Presentation:

How to prepare for the IEP meeting

Strategies to consider during the IEP meeting

What's next? Steps to take after the IEP meeting

Staci Bockmann is the mother of Blake, who is 12 years old, main-streamed in school and on the Autism Spectrum. Staci is also a Parenting Coach, and Advocate for IEP's. Additionally, Staci and her husband Steve created www.MyGreatKid.com, a web site to provide resources for parents of children with Autism. Staci can also be heard every Sunday morning (8—9 AM) Live on WAAM Talk Radio 1600, The MyGreatKid Show, a radio show that talks about real life family issues. Staci is also a Parenting



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Wadsworth meets

Joan Wadsworth,
Democratic candidate
for the Michigan House
of Representatives 20th
District, will host two more
Community Conversations in
October to share her vision
for revitalizing Michigan
with voters in Northville,
Plymouth, Canton and
Wayne.

with voters in Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Wayne.
Wadsworth will detail her plans for creating jobs, strengthening education and supporting community services. Wadsworth also will be available to discuss any other issues on the minds of voters and answer questions.
The remaining Community Conversations will take place the following dates, times and locations:

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• Tuesday, Oct. 19, 9:3010:30 a.m., at Karma Coffee Shop, 3015 South Wayne Road, Wayne.

• Thursday, Oct. 21, 9:3010:30 a.m., at the Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth.

"If we want to leave a vibrant Michigan for our children, we must work quickly; we must make tough decisions; and we must work together." Wadsworth said.

"Leaders have spent too much time delaying hard decisions and pointing fingers. I believe we can create a consensus around key priorities — reviring the economy, focusing on jobs, and strengthening education — and move our state forward."

The 20th District comprises the City and Township and the City of Northville South of Eight Mile, Baseline Road, a portion of Canton Township and the City of Wayne.

AAUW meeting

AAUW meeting

The Plymouth/Canton branch of the American Association of University Women will host its moni meeting 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council

N. Sheldon Rd. Plymouth, MI (just north of North Territorial Rd.)
The meeting will feature Tanya Panizzo of Fighting Spirit Personal Safety, who will offer tips on self-defense, mental and physical.
A light dinner will be served featuring chicken lasagna. A \$10 donation is suggested.
AAUW is dedicated to advancing equity for women

AAUW is dedicated to advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. AAUW member-ship is open to all. For more information, contact Esther Nelson at enelsonic@att.net or (734) 981-4938.

Bug hunt

Bug hunt

Friends of the Rouge
will hold their annual
Fall Bug Hunt 9 a.m. to 4
j.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at
Schoolcraft College, located
at 18600 Haggerty Road in
Livonia.

The Fall Bug Hunt is an
excellent way to help assess
the health of the Rouge Rive
by joining a team of volunteers to search for critters in
the streambed. Twice a year,
teams of volunteers visit sites
throughout the headwaters of
the watershed and search for
mayflies, stoneflies and other
aquatic invertebrates. The
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Wrestling boosters

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The Salem Wrestling
Boosters are sponsoring a
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in Plymouth, located at 41700
Ann Arbor Road.
Players must be 21 years of
age to participate. The player/
registration fee is \$25 and
includes cash prizes, 50/50
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Emergency stuffing

Girl Scouts (from left) Alexa Rybicki of Plymouth, Madison Burk of Canton, Anna Costley of Plymouth, Anna Napiewocki of Plymouth, Erin Montgomery of Canton, Evelyn Kasperek of Belleville, Kaleigh Webber of Canton, Meghan Sullivan of Plymouth and Samantha Horn of Plymouth, From Girl Scout Junior Troop 41214 of All Saints Catholic School in Canton, Collected 3,645 stuffed animals and donated them to Stuffed Animals for Emergencies (S.A.F.E.). The girls' community service will qualify the troop for the Girl Scout Bronze Award, the highest award for Girl Scouts at the Junior level. "The girls made posters and collection boxes, gave speeches at School and advertised in the school newsletter and in church bulletins," said Roberta Rybicki, Troop 41214 leader. "We collected, sorted, filled bags and loaded up a U-Haul with 3,645 stuffed animals."

SOS event

Parents who want to find out more about school funding, or the lack there of, are invited to an SOS - Save or Students, Schools and State -7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, at the Stockmeyer Auditorium on the campus of Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne.

The informational meeting is for all Wayne County parents and community members to hear the facts about how schools are funded and how they can help make adequate school funding a priority for Michigan. The speakers will be Tom White, SOS chairman, and Mary DeYoung Smith, president of the Michigan PTSA

SOS is a state-wide organization. Its vision is to help students, schools and the state "create a better future by mobilizing school communities to promote needed changes in how students are taught, and how schools and state services are funded and operate."

The primary goals of SOS

network of school personnel and community members to promote change through legislative action; assist schools to operate more efficiently and effectively, and create a reformed system for funding K-12 education that yields equitable, adequate and predictable funding. For more information about SOS Michigan, visit its website at www.sosmichigan.org. The Stockmeyer Auditorium is at the east end of Wayne Memorial High School, on Glenwood, east of Wayne Road. Parking will be available in student and staff lots to the east and west of the auditorium.

Christmas in September

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friends during the upcoming
holiday season or for holiday

giving.

Because wine takes time to ferment, Vintner's Canton Winery has traditionally offered Christmas in September as an opportunity for customers to begin their Christmas shopping in September and receive free Christmas labels (a \$30 value). Wine batches started by Oct. 15 will be ready for Christmas giving. Wine created by the batch provides 25 unique Christmas wine gifts for under \$7 each.

Vintner's Canton Winery is located at 8515 N. Lilley Road in Canton. Winery hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information call (734) 354-9463 or e-mail the winery at vintnerscanton@att.net.

Free seminar

Plymouth Christian
Academy sponsors a free seminar, "Combating the Growing
Problem of Sex, Pornography,
and Violence," 7-8:30 p.m.
"Tuesday, Oct. 19, at The Barn
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Canton

Church, 43065 Joy Road in Canton.
Sara Grivas, director of Darkness by Default Ministries, will support parents from the community in helping their children avoid or escape destructive behaviors.
Contact Pastor Larry Machonga at Plymouth Christian Academy for more information by callnig (734) 459-3505, Ext. 2136 or lmachonga@plymouthchristian.org

Alice in Wonderland

Alice in Wonderland
Spotlight on Youth presents
the delightful musical "Alice
in Wonderland Jr.," Oct. 2124, at the Village Theater at
Cherry Hill. Music and lyrics
adapted by Bryan Louiselle
from the Lewis Carroll classic.

The show is the latest in
a string of performances by
this "junior" company, one
that performs shorter, childfriendly versions of classic
plays and tales and features
cast and crew from all over
the area. Follow Alice and the
White Rabbit down the rabbit
hole, leaving behind a perfect

English summer's day and ending up in Wonderland, where nothing is as its expected and where such whimisical characters as the March Hare, Mad Hatter and Cheshire Cat reside.

"Alice has been delighting audiences of all ages since the 1800s, one of those literary treasures that truly appeals to kids and adults alike—because the child that first encountered Alice in books or movies or plays is alive and well in the grown up that encounters her again," director Barbara Bloom of Novi said. "For this performance by Spotlight on Youth we've taken the songs from the well known 1951 Disney classic plus a few others you'll recognize and updated them in a way kids will love."

The show plays Oct. 21-22 at 7 p.m.; Oct. 23 at 2 and 7 p.m.; Oct. 24 at 2 p.m.; and a special school performance 10 a.m. Oct. 25.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Tickets can be purchased by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5460 or online at www.canton-mi.org/villag-etheater or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the

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Teachers go theatrical in production

"Good teaching is onefourth preparation and threefourths theatre." This famous
quote by author Gail Godwin
resonates with the members of
Barefoot Productions, many of
whom are teachers.
Barefoot Productions,
Plymouth's only live theatrical
company, was founded in 2006
by Artistic Director Craig Hane
and recently opened its fifth
season with the psychological
thriller "Mindgame" by Anthony
Horowitz. The east (on and off
stage) includes teachers David
Alexander of Redford, Brian
Cahalan of Flat Rock, David
Fedewa of Northville, Betty
Berryman of Canton and Steven
White of Plymouth.
David Fedewa, a gym teacher at Dodson Elementary in
Canton and Smith Elementary
in Plymouth, believes his
teaching background helps
with acting because he speaks
in front of students on a daily
basis. Fedewa grew up in
Plymouth and took up acting about five years ago after
family members coaxed him
into it. His favorite role so
far is Andrew Rally in I Hate
Hamlet, a dramatic comedy by
Paul Rudnik.
"Being a teacher makes you
come up with creative ideas
and you need this creativity as
an actor," Fedewa said.
Another teacher involved in



David Alexander of Redford (from left), Denene Pollock and David Fedewa of Northville, who teaches at Dodson and Smith Elementaries, on the set of 'Mindgame.'

the set of 'Mindgame.'

the theatre is Betty Berryman of Canton, who substitutes in the Plymouth/Canton district. Berryman is the production director for Barefoot and also loves to act. She became involved in acting and back stage productions about 14 years ago.

"Teaching is like being on stage and your students are your audience who you need to keep engaged," Berryman said. Because she spends so much time in front of children, she believes it helps her act for any age. Her favorite role so far is Doris in Same Time, Next Fear, a romantic comedy by Bernard Slade.

Steven White of Plymouth shares this love for acting. He teaches art at Lady of Victory in Northville and is the property master and recording secretary for Barefoot. He has an extensive background on and off the stage, which expands

thirty years. White enjoys working with the props, but his real passion is for acting. He said, "It's nice to draw from my experience at this age and see what it can do for a part," said White, who acknowledged he enjoys working with younger people and passing on his knowledge an experience. "I guess that's the teacher in me."

David Alexander believes his teaching background

teacher in me.
David Alexander believes
his teaching background
helps with the theatre and
vice-versa. He teaches AP
Literature at Fordson High
School in Dearborn.
"A teacher has to improvise
and get feedback from the students," Alexander said. "I do
anything at all to keep it visualjuinteresting." His first degree
was in music and he discovered
it was easy to transfer performance dynamics of music to
theatre. He studied theatre and
literature and, after directing
numerous productions, decided
to give acting a try.
Brian Cahalan teaches at
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to give acting a try.
Brian Cahalan teaches at
Farmington Elementary in
Garden City and is in charge
of set construction. Hane said
Cahalan's talent of putting the
stage together is "invaluable to
every production."

"Mindgame" returns to the
stage with performances Oct. 17
and Oct. 22-23 at 8 p.m.,
with 2 p.m. matinees Oct. 17
and Oct. 24. Theatre location
is at 240 N. Main in Plymouth
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Spirit of America

Army Staff Sgt. Lindsay
M. Natiw is one of more than
300 Army soldiers who will
participate in the "Spirit of
America 2010" as the Army
celebrates its 235th birthday.
The show is one of the Army's
largest community outreach
events presented by the
U.S. Army Military District
of Washington, D.C. The
event celebrates the spirit,
strength, and history of the
nation with Spirit of America.
Performers pay tribute to the
selfless service, resilience,
sacrifices and triumphs of the
American Soldier.
During the event, soldiers
bring history to life with
the Spirit of America performance by capturing true
stories of those who have
answered the call to duty
for our nation. The soldiers
dress in historical uniforms
to re-enact key moments in
the U.S. Army and American
history. The re-enactments
include battle scenes with
short periods of simulated
gunfire, and performances by
the Army's elite ceremonial
units.

The show featured the U.S.

the Army's elite ceremonial units.

The show featured the U.S. Army Band 'Pershing's Own, and soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) — the Army's oldest active-duty infantry unit. Elements of the Old Guard include the Fife and Drum Corps, the Caisson Platoon, the Commander-in-Chief's Guard, the Continental Color Guard and the U.S. Army Drill Team.

Guard and the U.S. Army
Drill Team.

Natiw, a fife instrumentalist, is assigned to The Old
Guard Fife and Drum Corps,
Fort Myer, Arlington, Va. She
has served in the military for
five years.

The daughter of John and

MILITARY NEWS

Karen Natiw of Canton, the sergeant graduated in 2005 from Salem High School.

Training grad

Training grad

Army National Guard Pfc.
Tad M. Lloyd has graduated from the Multiple Launch
Rocket System (MLRS)
Crewmember Advanced
Individual Training course at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.
The course is designed to train the crew member in launch operations of various missiles and ammunition in quick strikes during combat.
The student was trained to perform maintenance in various launchers and re-supply vehicles and reload ammunition on these type vehicles.
Students were trained to drive, operate, perform maintenance and ammunition re-loading of the M270 self-propelled loader launcher and the ammunition re-supply vehicle and trailer. They also learned to mount radio sets in vehicles, cables communication components in vehicle launcher, and operate munication components in vehicle launcher, and operate and perform operator main-tenance on communications

Infantry training

Army Pt John F. Lloyd has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual

ons employment, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid skills, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experienced use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

The Advanced Individual Training course is designed to train infantry soldiers to perform reconnaissance operations; employ, fire and recover anti-personnel and anti-tank mines; locate and neutralize land mines and operate target and sight equipment; operate and maintain communications equipment and radio networks; construct field firing aids for infantry weapons; and perform infantry combat exercises and dismounted battle drills, which includes survival procedures in a nuclear, biological or chemical contaminated area.

A 2005 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School, he is the son of Dolly and stepson of Mike Pado of Canton.

Artillery training

Artillery training

Artillery training

Army Pfc. Joseph M. Henry has graduated from the Basic Field Artillery Cannon Crewmember Advanced Individual Training course at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

The course is designed to train servicemembers to maintain, prepare and load ammunition for firing; operate and perform operator maintenance on prime movers, self-propelled Howitzers, and ammunition to using units as a member of battery or battalion ammunition to using units as a member of battery or battalion ammunition of organizational maintenance of weapons and related equipment; and establish and maintain radio and wire communications.

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IHA, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System to merge

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System and IHA, a leading physician group practice, both of Ann Arbor, plan to merge by the end of the year. Announced last week, the merger creates one of the largest integrated health networks in Michigan.

networks in Michigan.

The merger is expected to be effective on or before Dec. 31, at which time IHA will be a member of SJMHS and will initially serve as the integrated physician enterprise for St. Joseph Mercy hospitals in Washtenaw, Livingston and portions of western Wayne and southwestern Oakland counties.

IHA is the largest, fully integrated physician group practice in southeast Michigan with more than 150 doctors and 40 nurse practitioners, physician assistants and nurse midwives in 32 practices in 47 locations, including Canton and Plymouth.

IHA provides medical care to more than 250,000 patients. IHAs employed physician, nursing and support staff totals 950 professionals.

Patients with IHA doctors will see little change. They can continue to visit their doctors, St. Joe hospitals and the University of Michigan Hospital.

SJMHS is one of the largest health care delivery systems in Michigan comprised of seven hospitals in six southeast Michigan counties. SJMHS is licensed for 1,726 beds, has five outpatient health centers, five urgent care facilities and more than 25 specialty centers. It employs more than 14,000 individuals and has a medical staff of nearly 2,700 physicians.

"Our merger with IHA will create an integrated organization that will proactively advance clinical integration, patient-centered care, and community.

health. It will provide the framework and structure to increase the role of physi-cians in SJMHS leadership and operations," said Rob Casalou, President and CEO of St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor, Livingston and Saline.

Ann Arnor, Livingston and Saline.

"The merger will enable us to better prepare for rapid changes in health care delivery and financing stimulated by national health reform and lead to better coordinated care for our patients," added Casalou.

IHA President and CEO Bill Filet said the merger "is in the best interest of our patients, providers and staff, and the communities we serve."

St. Joseph Mercy Ann

staft, and the communities we serve."
St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor's Chief of Staff
Rosalie Tocco-Bradley, MD, Ph. D., supports the planned merger, "This will distinguish St. Joe's as a premier patient-centered care management organization that is closely aligned with physicians,"

is closely aligned with physicians.

At the same time, IHA,
SJMHS and its parent organization, Trinity Health,
based in Novi, are accelerating affiliations and joint
ventures with the University
of Michigan Health System,
is one of the state's largest employers with 14 hospitals, nine
nursing homes, 19 senior
housing facilities, eight
home health care agencies
and four hospices serving
35 counties. More than
25,000 associates provide
care to one in 11 Michigan
residents. With a national
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Decade of elegance

Showroom celebrates 10 years of happy events

BY BRAD KADRICH BSERVER STAFF WRITE

Linda Robin knows the Canton community has been good to her in the 10 years since she opened Showroom of Elegance on Canton Center Road.

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That's why Robin, who owns the showroom with her brothers (though they're more in the manufacturing end of the family business) has been so intent on giving back to the community, sponsoring a variety events and earning such a stellar reputation among her retail colleagues she was voted the Canton Chamber of Commerce's Business Person of the Year in 2006.

"Tve always believed you have to give to get," said Robin, who opened Showroom of Elegance in October 2000. You have to show people you care daout the community). The fact we can help in some small way is a good feeling and a positive for us."

Robin will celebrate the 10th anniversary by throwing the store its own birthday bash, though it's her customers who will get the presents, Partnering with 336 Main in Plymouth, and Canton's Crow's Nest and Bailey's Pub, Showroom will give out hundreds of cubic zirconia with each martini ordered in those three establishments. One of those CZ's will be specially encrypted.

Then, at Thursday's



The staff at Showroom of Elegance: Bill Daniels, Bob Baker, Linda Robin, Mick Mastal, Jody Wolk, Linda Couts and

ued at \$5,000.

It's all designed to celebrate the success of Showroom, which since it opened has bought and sold jewelry, done custom design and repair work, and offered independent appraisals of customers' jewelry.

It's the retail end of the business to which Robin has always aspired, since beginning at the manufacturing end years ago.

"I've always wanted to own a store, and I chose a jewelry store because jewelry is what I know," said Robin. "I'm a

people person. I like to deal with people, and I like to share in their moments." Robin especially likes see-ing people in their "happy" moments, such as anniversa moments, such as anniversa-ries and engagements. That's why Showroom offers engaged couples a free limo ride and a bottle of bubbly when they purchase their ring at Showroom. "Selling jewelry is a happy thing," Robin said. "You're helping people celebrate events that are significant in their lives. It's fun."

Where: 6018 Canton Center Road.

Why: To celebrate 10 years in

Highlight: One holder of a CZ will win a one-carat diamond valued

Details: Call (734) 207-1906

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but said it will accept patients with Medicare, Medicaid and private health insurance. He said the center will be stra-tegically located near the St. Joseph Mercy Health Center in Canton and the planned Oakwood Healthcare hos-pital facility near Beck and Michigan Avenue.

Township Supervisor Phil La.Joy embraced Ciena's plans to locate in Canton and bring jobs. "We look forward to Ciena's Regency at Canton becoming a part of our community," he said. "Providing high-quality care for both short- and long-term residents is a great asset to Canton, along with employ-

ment opportunities with a sta-ble, Michigan-based company." Qazi said Ciena chose Canton after researching demographics of local communities. "We had a choice. We could build anywhere in southwest-ern Wayne County," he said. "We chose Canton because it is a very vibrant community."

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11 look forward to morning exercise sessions," said Wypych. "I enjoy Bingo, activities, manicures, and outdoor barbecues with live entertainment...it's a very wonderful place. And the food is good! ??

PJ, together with an occupational therapist, assessed the skills Dorothy would need to function at home then began the retraining. "We work on activities of daily living — dressing, balance, toileting," said Pragya. "Dorothy is one of our hard workers. She gives it 110 percent."



Janice Harris came to Four Seasons after her doctor recommended the facility. Harris was suffering from complications that included bedsores and renal failure in addition to recovering from back surgery.

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Museum lands 1860 Lincoln campaign banner

Score another one for the Abraham
Lincoln collection at the Plymouth
Historical Museum.

The museum on Main Street recently
began displaying a homemade cloth banner from the 1860 — you read that right
— U.S. presidential race.

The "Lincoln - Hamlin" banner (Lincoln's first vice president
was Hannibal Hamlin) hung during
that campaign outside the home of
George Starkweather, a member one of
Plymouth's founding families. The house
still stands in what is now the area of Mill
and Farmer streets.

The banner, about 6 feet by 2 feet, was
donated by a Starkweather descendent
from Holt, Mich, said Liz Kerstens, the
museum's executive director.

"It's in fabulous condition," Kerstens
said. "Ther'er a few little spots on it, but
it's 140 years old."

After the donation, a museum volunteer
with a background in textiles researched
fabric conservation and was able to give
it a preservative treatment, Kerstens said.
"It looks awesome," she said.

The museum had it professionally
appraised, Kerstens said, and it turned
out to not be worth much. "Of course, to



The Plymouth Historical Museum recently began displaying a homemade cloth banner from the 1860 – you read that right – U.S. presidential race.

us, it's priceless," she said.
George Starkweather (1826-1907)
was the first non-American Indian to
be born in the area and was a lawyer,
banker, teacher and farmer. He served in
the Michigan Legislature, was a Village
of Plymouth president and a Plymouth

Township supervisor.

The banner is displayed in the muse-um's Lincoln Room, which has a collec-tion of Lincoln-related books, newspaper clippings and artifacts.

Cherry Hill projects are back to work

BY DARRELL CLEM

Road intersection improvement projects that had stalled where Cherry Hill crosses Haggerty and Lilley have resumed and should be completed in November, a Canton official said Friday. Construction crews had

said Friday.
Construction crews had stopped their work while the township waited for utility companies to remov utility poles and move certain gas lines, said Bill Serchak, Canton staff engineer.

Serchak, Canton staff engineer.

Most of the utility work has been completed, and Serchak confirmed Friday that construction work on the two intersections had resumed.

Work crews are adding right-turn lanes for northbound and southbound traffic on Lilley at Cherry Hill.
Workers also are installing new traffic signals.

A mile away, construction crews are adding right-turn lanes for eastbound and westbound motorists on Cherry Hill at Haggerty and putting in new traffic signals, according to the township.

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Though both projects have caused traffic snarls conths, town-

ship officials have said the work should ultimately lead to improved traffic flow at both intersections.
Officials have said the projects should be done sometime in November before cold weather sets in and essentially shuts down road work.
"I'm expecting it to be

done by the end of the construction season," Serchak said.

The intersection improvements came amid a busy road-construction season that includes other projects, most notably the widening of Canton Center Road from two lanes to five between Cherry Hill and Palmer.

On Canton Center, northbound and southbound raffic has been shifted to the westernmost, new lanes as construction crews work to install the easternmost lanes. Township officials have said that project, once done, will greatly reduce traffic congestion along a stretch of road used by motorists going to places such as Canton's municipal building, the Canton Public Library, Heritage Park and the recreational Summit on the Park.



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Tea Party groups, Dems to hold rallies in Livonia

A Tea Party rally featuring conservative candidates for statewide offices will be held 4-6 p.m. Saturday at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

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A crowd of 1,200 to 1,400 is expected to attend the "Save Our State" rally. The event is being sponsored by six area Tea Party groups, including Rattle With Us of Plymouth.
Organizer Larry Recca, who lives in Troy but graduated from Clarenceville High School in 1976, said one reason Livonia was chosen for the event is because the city has no Tea Party organization of its own.
All Tea Party groups share the same three goals: constitutionally limited government, fiscal responsibility and free markets, Recca said. Currently, the closest Tea Party group to Livonia is Rattle With Us.
Candidates expected to attend include Republicans Ruth Johnson, who is running for secretary of state; Bill Schuette, who is running for attorney general;

and Supreme Court candidates Justice Robert Young and Judge Mary Beth Kelly. Speakers include Tea Party favorite Jim Keena, author of We've Been Had: How Obama and the Radicals Conned Middle Class America, and Thayrone X from WAAM radio, host of "On the Edge with Thayrone."

DEMS MEETING TOO

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In the meantime, an
old-fashioned Democratic
Campaign Rally will be held
6-9 p.m. Monday, also at
Schoolcraft College.
Democrats up and down
the ticket, including gubernatorial candidate Virg
Bernero, have been invited
to attend. The public may
come to meet the candidates, learn more about
them, and pick up yard
signs and literature.
The rally is being organized
by the Livonia Democratic
Club and five other western
Wayne and Oakland county
Democratic clubs.
Schoolcraft College is at
18600 Haggerty Road.

Attendance up at Senior Celebration Day



Manor Banquet Conference Center, Livonia.

The event was hosted by state Rep. John Walsh and Senior Citizen Achievement Needs, a local nonprofit organization for seniors.

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prizes.
This year, there were 36 vendors.
The event, which is both educational and fun, was started and then continued by Walsh's predecessors in the state House. He said he is glad to carry on the tradition. "This is just one way to thank the seniors for their many contributions over the years to build this great community," he said.



This year's event included more games the seniors are familiar with and enjoy, including Wheel of Fortune, puttputt golf and bean bag toss. Prizes for those games were useful items such as pads of paper and pens.

Raffles prizes included gift baskets valued at \$75 and gift certificates to restaurants, florists and Kroger valued at \$10 to \$20 each.

'Thad very nice compliments from the people who attended," Walsh said. "Everybody seemed to have a good time."



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Visiting a local jeweler is safer way to sell gold

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A: Unfortunately, I do not believe that you have much recourse.

recourse.

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In addition, there can be difference in the payment you received.
On the other hand, if it's not a reputable company, the fact remains you still have little to no recourse.

In order to bring an action.

need the burden of proof. You would have to prove your jewelry was improperly weighed or that the company intentionally attempted to defraud you. You have no documentation. It's your word against the company.

However, if you wish to pursue, there are a couple of different options. The first is to contact the Attorney General's Office in Michigan which goes to bat for consumers if it suspects fraud. In addition, you can contact the Better Business Bureau and file a complaint or if the company is a member, you may be able to take advantage of the arbitration process. Nevertheless, you have a difficult case because you have no underlying documentation.

to help pay bills and make life easier for you.

That being said, I think the last place you should choose to sell your jewelry is a mail order company. Not that I think that every mail order gold company is crooked because I don't. However, by using these companies you are certainly increasing your risk of being taken advantage of.

If I had excess jewelry that I didn't need and that I wanted to sell, the first place

that I would go would be to a local jeweler. Many local jewelers purchase jewelry and they have been known to give fair rates. The advantage of dealing with a local jeweler is that you know what the rate is going to be before selling it and you can even get competitive prices. It is very hard to get competitive bids when you deal with these mail order companies.

Whether you use a local jeweler or mail order company, I recommend that you document what you have before you submit your jewelry. Taking pictures and weighing the items that you are selling can be important documentation.

I've heard lots of ads on TV and radio offering to buy

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Annual expo features exhibits, programs, prizes

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The expo is presented by the Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Newspapers in partnership with Oakland Community College.

Free admission, free parking, free health screening and free refreshments (bagels from Detroit Bagel, assorted juices and coffee) are on the day's agenda, along with more than 40 exhibitors presenting ideas and services to help senior citizens lead healthier, happier lives.

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Post your photo, then we will ask hometownlife.com visitors to vote. The top three vote-getters will win a prize. First prize is two tickets (in a suite) to the Nov. 29 Carrie Underwood "Play On Tour" concert at the Palace with specific prize of the prize of the Palace with specific prize of the prize of the Palace with specific prize of the prize of the Palace with specific prize of the prize of

cial guests Sons of Sylvia and Billy Currington. Second prize is two tickets to Rock of Ages, Nov. 9. at the Fisher Theatre featuring Constantine Maroulis - the American Idol finalist who

American Idol finalist who was nominated for a Tony Award for his starring role in the Broadway production. Third prize is four movie passes to Emagine Theaters in Canton or Novi or the Palladium, Birmingham Theater in downtown Birmingham.

Readers can view the Halloween gallery and recommend your photo.

Be sure to include a first and last name and the town where you live (only contestants from Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties are eligible to win prizes but anyone can recommend a photo).

Those who share photos that receive the most "recommend" votes as of midnight, Oct. 31 win prizes and will be published in the Plymouth Observer and the Canton Observer.





Radio host offers IEP



blugs net to the Huttington on Oct. 11.
Understanding the IEP process can be difficult and intimidating for both parents and education professionals, but all agree that the IEP is a critical element in the special needs student's success story. HLC and Bockmann have come together to give parents a specialized training on how to approach this very important topic. Bockmann will provide insight to help parents navigate the unknown world of IEP meetings. She also offers tactics that encourage educators and parents to become true partners with a common goal.

The workshop takes place at the Huntington Learning Center, 44630 Ford Road in Canton 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11. The session will last for approximately 1 hour. All interested parents are invited to attend. Admission is \$10 per person/family.
All proceeds will go to the Liberty Kids charity. Liberty

Kids is a Michigan non-profit charity aimed at help-ing children with Autism and other related challenges and disorders in making their needed therapy more afford-

able.
Space is limited, so RSVPs are required and can be made at (734) 207-7930.
Bockmann can also be heard every Sunday morning from 8-9 a.m. Live on WAAM Talk Radio 1600, co-hosting with her husband, Steve, The My GreatKid Show, a radio show that talks about real life family issues for all families.

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The Plymouth YMCA is offering a chance for parents looking for a great opportunity to spend quality time with their children, ages 5-12, while doing some fun activities and getting to know other families.

The Plymouth YMCA Adventure Guides program is a parent-child program designed to help foster a lifetime of understanding and friendship and to strengthen the relationship between children and parents. According to Josh Landefeld, executive director of the Plymouth Family YMCA, Adventure Guides have the opportunity to develop a stronger relationship with their children by joining a unique 'Circle' with whom they'll participate in activities like games, camping trips, ceremonies and family adventures.

"You and your child will take a journey of discovery and learning." Landefeld said. "Throughout this journey the Adventure Guide compass points - family, nature, community, fun and the YMCA character devel-

opment values - will provide a sense of direction and inspiration for activities. As a member, you will be able to participate in larger scale activities such as weekend campouts, parties or parades. Conducting group exercises in the Circle fosters leadership, problem-solving, group work skills.

Landefeld said there will be a greater focus placed on the community component of the program as an emphasis will be placed on community service and charitable giving - all of which reinforce the YMCA's pledge to build strong kids, strong families and strong communities.

There are two events coming up in October and November. On Oct. 23, the group heads to Three Cedars Farm to do the corn maze, visit the animal farm, and enjoy dinner around a bon fire. The cost is \$10 per person. On Nov. 6, the Guides will have a family fun night at the Livonia Family YMCA. The Y will open up its doors for the Guides so they can swim, play tennis, play basketball and spend time with friends and family. The fun night is only \$5 per person.

People interested in finding out more about the Adventure Guides program or register for the upcoming year or events can contact the YMCA at (734) 453-290 or e-mail jlandefeld@ymcametrodetroit.org.

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What is your position on the U.S. role in Afghanistan? How long should combat troops remain?

WHAT THEY ANSWERED.

2. Do you support making investments in alternative energy sources? Why? Why not?

4. Does the United States need immigration reform? If so, what measures do you support to address the issue?



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I. It's time for us to hand over the reins to the people of Afghanistan themselves. We've already spent \$1.1 trillion fighting two wars in the Middle East. Now let's spend that money on building our economy, creating jobs and investing in infrastructure instead. I support a timeline that would begin the process of pulling troops out of Afghanistan within the next 10 months. Our troops have distinguished themselves with their brave service in Afghanistan and Iraq, Now it's time for them to come home.

3. First, I will support loans and tax credits for our small businesses so that they can grow and hire new owners. My opponent. Thaddeus McCotter, voted against plans to support small businesses during the economic crisis (see H.R. 5486, 6/15/10). Second. I will support investments in job-creating alternative energy technologies (see above), and in the research institutions that drive innovation. Third, I would fight tire lessly for funds to repair and maintain Michigan's roads, bridges and other infrastructure. To read my detailed jobs plan, visit www.mosherforcongress. com. The citizens of the Ith District deserve a representative who takes job creation seriously.

4. Yes. Frankly, our current system is broken. As part of the solution, I support passage of the DREAM Act. Once they graduate from college or serve in the U.S. millitary, this bill would grant legal status to those who came to the United States as minors. I support the creation of a guest worker system, which will reduce the incentive for immigrants to cross the border in the first place. Immigrants who learn the first place. Immigrants who learn English, who have not committed a crime, and who have paid their taxes should have a path to legal status.



Name: John J. Tatar Age: 61 City: Livonia Number of years in 11th District: Resident of Livonia for m

than 41 years

Family Info Divorced: Son John III, 29, Captain in the Air Force,
married with two children (granddaughters), Daughter Carrie, 26,
completing her PhD in gross anatomy
Education 85, Education, 1970, MS Ed, Administration, 1984;
Graduate of Command and General Staff College, 1986.

Professional Background: Retired teacher in Livonia 31 years, subjects taught included
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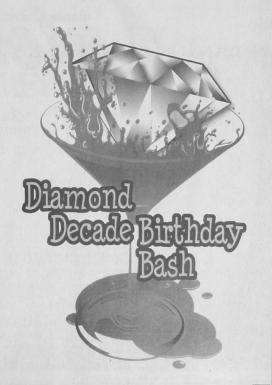
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SPORTS

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HEALTH, B11



Wildcats qualify for D1 state meet

Before heading out to Washtenaw Country Club's first tee Thursday at the Division 1 girls golf regionals, Plymouth head coach Chris Moore and his team got together for a pep talk.

"We knew it was going to be a battle between Ann Arbor Pioneer and us to determine the last spot for the state tournament," Moore said. "The girls huddled together this morning just before tee time and had one goal in mind — qualify for states."

Plymouth needed to be one of the top three squads to earn a trip to Ypsilanti's Eagle Crest on Oct. 15-16 and they did thanks to a round of 385 (edging fourth-place Ann Arbor Pioneer, 388).

As a result, the Wildcats qualified for the D1 state tournament for the first time in school history.

"I was tremendously proud of the entire team for the perseverance all day," Moore said.

It was "mission accomplished" in large part due to Plymouth's 1-2 punch of sophomore Kelsey Murphy and freshman Sarah Thompson.

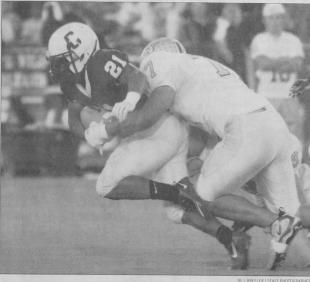
PRACTICE PAYS OFF

Murphy shot 84 to finish fourth overall individu-

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Playing well at regionals was Plymouth's Carly Curvin, shown taking aim at the conference meet.



Plymouth junior defensive lineman Robert Riche (No. 77) tries to bring down Canton senior running back Zac Merillat (No. 21) during Friday's KLAA South matchup.

Chiefs mow down 'Cats to clinch

Call Zac Merillat the epito-e of Canton's football quest

me of Canton's football quest in 2010.

On Friday night, Merillat — on more than one occasion — kept his feet moving. He eventually broke through Plymouth's defensive wall to turn a short run into another big gainer.

"Nope, not going to stop moving," Merillat said, smiling after his team's 36-0 victory over the Wildcats, which assured Canton (7-0, 5-0) the KLAA South crown. "Not until November."

Merillat (15 rushes, 142 yards and a touchdown) and his teammates, of course, know there's work ahead

'We played a great team defensively, they have great athletes on offense and our defense just played awesome tonight."

TIM BAECHLER, Canto

before the playoffs arrive.

The Chiefs got it done
Friday, shrugging off an early
bump in the road — a rare
three-and-out on the first
series and a Plymouth scoring
chance.

"They came out in a different
front than we thought," Canton
head coach Tim Baechler said.
"We just needed to look at it,
we saw three plays, got them

over and made some adjustments and got them to settle down."

Baechler added that his team clicked the rest of the night, shutting down one of t top teams in the KLAA.

"We played a great team defensively, they have great athletes on offense and our defense just played awesome tonight," Baechler said, noting that putting the clamps on Plymouth's running game proved huge.

TURNING POINT

But as far as Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk was concerned, his team simply got thoroughly outplayed.

"They got way more athletes

Please see CLINCH, B2

SIDELINES Chiefs nab KLAA South

Chiefs nab KLAA South
First-half goals by Bobby
Budlong and Phil Baciak carried the state-ranked Chiefs
(14-2-2, 81-1) to the KLAA South
Division boys soccer title
Thursday with a 2-0 victory
over host Livonia Churchill (97-2, 6-3-1).
Brian Ren assisted on the
game-winner and Dan Ovesea
assisted on Baciak's goal.
Serior Brandon Laabs got
the shutout in goal for Canton.
"They (Canton) came out
and wanted to win – they took
it to us," Churchill coach Reid
Friedrichs said. "They got the
50-50 balls. They really wanted
it and we didn't come to play
the first half.

"We played better the second half and generated some
chances, but it was too little,
too late."

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Bryan Bartig (first half) and
Christian Van Dam (second
half) split time in goal for the

harry split time in goal for the Chargers.
The victory sets up Canton for Monday's matchup at Novi for the Kensington Conference championship.

Blazers stick DCD

Spartans nip Rocks in defensive struggle



Battling for possession of a 50-50 ball Thursday are Salem's Jake Genrich (No. 9) and Livonia Stevenson's

There weren't many grade-A scoring opportunities Thursday night for Salem or Livonia Stevenson.

But all it took was a blistering kick by Spartans senior forward Pat Smith to decide the KLAA Central varsity boys soccer match at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Smith's drive from the left flank with 18:42 remaining in the second half bounced off a Salem defender into the far right corner past sophomore goal-keeper Erick Beas (seven saves) and that stood up in Stevenson's 1-0 victory. "They drove a good ball in and there was a lot of traffic," Salem head coach Ed McCarthy said. "It's one of those unfortunate things and it found its way in."

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"Other than that we played very, very, well tonight, one of our best games of the year."
Stevenson head coach Lars Richter said Smith aggressively turned the corner and "just whipped the ball behind the defense" and it managed to find the

back of the goal.

Over the final 18-plus minutes of the contest, the Spartans' defense didn't yield much to the Rocks in bend-butdon't-break fashion.

Salem senior midfielder/defender Brandon Barfuss and senior midfielder Dan Martin worked a nice play up the left side of the pitch, but could not finish with well-positioned Stevenson players in their path.

Martin did rip a shot behind Stevenson junior goalkeeper John Boudreau (who split duties with sophomore Zachary Verant), but the play was ruled offsides.

"Certainly late in the game they were defending and had lots of numbers back," McCarthy said. "But overall I'm satisfied with the number of scoring opportunities we got today.

"If we get a similar number of scoring opportunities, we'll get a goal or two."

The Rocks very nearly did score in the opening 10 minutes of the game, but Verant (three saves) got in front of the point-blank bid.

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1 Captain's LORNER

Miscellany: Matt, whose pa Miscellany: Matt, whose parents are Nancy and Patrick Dwan, carries a 3.6 grade-point average. The fourth-year varsity, player won the Plymouth Coaches Award three straight years (2007-09) and was All-Observer hoppy able mention. Observer honorable mention

Captain's job: "The job of a captain is to encourage team-mates with a positive and optimistic mindset. You must constantly show teammates that you believe in them and in the team as a unit. Most impor-tantly, a captain is set to be a role model for good behavior in

MATT DWAN



Leadership style: "My style of leadership is baded around 'actions speak louder than words.' My philosphy is that if I can demonstrate good behavior

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PLYMOUTH

CANTON NORTHVILLE

Churchill 'D' stops Plymouth in three games

A slow start hurt Plymouth Thursday night, as the host Wildcats fell in three games to KLAA South leader Livonia Churchill.
Plymouth (11-6-1, 3-3) lost 13-25, 19-25, 21-25. Churchill upped its mark to 26-6-2 overall and 6-0 in the division.
"We came out a little timid in Game 1 but we played a tough second and third game against one of the best defensive teams in the league," said Plymouth head coach Kelly McCausland.
The Wildcats couldn't get the ball over the net, with only 36 kills out of 150 attack attempts. But McCausland

PREP VOLLEYBALL

said her team showed character and heart.
"I think Churchill's defense sparked some desire in our players," she noted. "They rose up to their level of play and I am proud of them for that."
For Plymouth, top contributors included Mariah Tesarz (25 digs, 12 kills), Dani Risi (14 digs, 9 kills), Shayla Smalls (12 digs, 12 assists) and Alex Roberts (7 kills).

Salem sweeps

South Lyon 25-13, 25-21, 25-20 on Thursday night behind great defense — especially from Kerstin Johnson, who led the team with 16 digs along with five kills and two aces. Nicole Merget (10 kills, 3 blocks), Jilian Sommerville (7 kills) and Kerry MacDonald (28 assists, 7 digs, 4 aces) also had solid games.

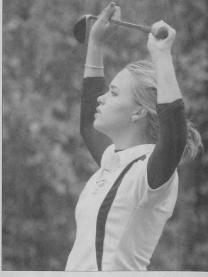
"I am really proud of my girls after a loss to Novi on Tuesday," said Salem head coach Amanda Nies, "We really came out strong all three matches and never let up and kept up the intensity."

The Rocks improved to 11-6 overall and 4-2 in the KLAA

PCA prevails

PCA prevails

Kristin Malcolm (20 kills,
10 digs) and Briana Harris (21
assists) were the big guns as
Plymouth Christian got past
host Rochester Hills Lutheran
Northwest Thursday night.
The Eagles (16-6-1, 4-0 in
the Michigan Independent
Athletic Conference) won 25-115 in the opener and followed
up with 25-13 and 29-27 wins
to clinch the match.
After Saturday's tournament
at University of MichiganDearborn, the Eagles will
host Oakland Christian on
Thursday.



online at hometownlife.com

Plymouth's Sarah Thompson watches the ball during Tuesday's conference girls golf tourney held at Pheasant Run, where she finished eighth. On Thursday, she was second overall at the Division 1 regionals.

GOLF

ally, but Thompson really was the story with her round of 83 good for second place. Moore said Thompson turned in an "awesome" performance. "She had struggles earlier in the week with her putting on some aerated greens at the conference tournament, which hurt her confidence," Moore said. "But she had some great practices since that day and the hard work paid off."
Also chipping in were Plymouth's 3-5 golfers: Danielle Allen (29th, 111) and Carly Curvin (35th, 116).
Moore said Allen and Curvin are starting to get rewarded for their excellent dedication and commitment this season, while Kirsch "had some great shots throughout her round."
Finishing ahead of the

score.
The Chiefs' scorecard
included Paige Osler (20th,
102), Kelsey McDougall (26th,
108), Mary Elizabeth Winther
(33rd, 114), Chloe Luyat (36th,
117) and Kaylie Lobb (38th,
121).

117) and Kaylie Lobb (38th, 121).

Salem had a difficult day, with Katie Veno placing 42nd (129) and Christine Li placing 46th (136).

Other teams included Ann Arbor Pioneer (fourth, 388), Ann Arbor Huron (fifth, 409), Monroe (sixth, 435), Belleville (eighth, 477), Jackson (ninth, 485), Southgate Anderson (10th, 550) and Westland John Glenn (11th, 564).

A bright spot for the Rockets was Michelle Bishop, whose 102 score tied her for 20th place with Canton's Osler.



Typical of Thursday's hard-fought KLAA Central boys soccer match, Livonia Stevenson's Charles Swingle (No. 17) and Salem's Chris Dierker (No. 21) vie for the ball.

SOCCER FROM PAGE B1

"Verant had to make a very, very important save early in the game which played a major factor in the outcome," Richters said. "And Boudreau (three saves) was solid when they made their late push."

DEFENSIVE TEST

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Both coaches said their teams played well from a defensive standpoint.

"That (defense) was a focus for us going into this game, because of the big tournament (districts) starting a week from Monday," McCarthy said. "So we really wanted to improve defensively and I think we did that. We defended well against a good Stevenson team."

McCarthy said junior defender Jake Genrich "was fantastic and Brandon Barfuss was also very strong. Those two were the key to our back line today."

According to Richters, the hard-fought game was typical of the longtime Stevenson-Salem rivalry.

"It's one of the things you can count on when you play Salem, it's going to be difficult to score," Richters said. "And that certainly was the case

today."

Both teams still have KLAA conference and association tournament matches next week, followed by Division 1 districts beginning Monday,

Oct. 8. The Rocks (7-8-3, 5-5-1 in the Central) will face district host Novi.

host Novi. Stevenson (10-4-2, 6-3-1) takes on Berkley in the Farmington-hosted district. PLYMOUTH 4, FRANKLIN 0: Caleb Divens scored twice as the Wildcat

wednesday at Livonia Franklin (94-6).
Derek Austin and Andrew Yoder
also tallied second-half goals for
Plymouth.
The Patriots were missing leading scorer Jordan McGuire, while
five others suffered went down with
injuries during the match.
"We were outstanding the first
half in terms of getting through
balls, our overall ball movement
and getting 50-50 balls," Franklin
coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "The
second half we came out strong, We
had opportunities, but they did not
go in."

go in."
Ryan Tikey made 16 saves in goal for the Patriots, while Plymouth split the goalkeeping duties between Kyle Brindca and Rene Mejia.
"What caught us was their quiek restarts," Rodopoulos said. "They got two goals and we got caught by surprise. I'm not upset with the way we played. We were just unfortunate with our finishing."

The Salem Rocks defeated

CLINCH than we do, what can we do?"
Sawchuk said. "We couldn't match up with them, that's pretty much all I've got to say.
"We've got to get tougher if we want to do anything in the playoffs."
A turning point in Canton's homecoming game might have been on the Chiefs' second offensive series, which saw them starting to chew up big chunks of yardage.
First, the Chiefs had to see whether Plymouth senior kicker Kyle Brindza's 46-yard field goal try with about seven minutes left in the first frame would put the Wildcats in front.

Reindza's boot had plenty of

front.

Brindza's boot had plenty of distance, but drifted wide left and the Chiefs took a collective sigh before embarking on an 80-yard touchdown drive in 13 plays.

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Merillat and Buford (14 carries, 142 yards) got the march going with back-to-back runs of 12 and 14 yards.

The Chiefs then broke loose with Stackhouse (11 carries, 93 yards) racing around left end for a 35-yard gainer down to Plymouth's 3-yard line.

Two plays later, Stackhouse scored from the 1-yard line and a subsequent two-point conversion from gritty senior Ryan Powell made it 8-0 with just 29 seconds to go in the quarter.

Merillat broke off runs of 12, 14 and 11 yards during Canton's next series, with the latter good for a TD and a 15-0 advantage.

Meamwhile, the Wildcats (5-2, 4-1) could not get anything going after their opening series.

WIDENING THE GAP

After Merillat's touchdown, a three-play series netted minus12 in the yardage column with Canton senior linebacker Jeff Straub sacking quarterback Shaun Austin on consecutive plays

plays. Canton made it a 22-point spread at halftime when senior

One of Canton's hard-to-stop running backs, senior Davion Stackhouse (No. 2) looks to ward off Plymouth defenders Adedamola Adebiyi (No. 15) and DeAngelo Barrow (No. 54) during Friday's game.

defenders Adedamola Adebiyi (No. 15)
quarterback Ben Merbler
lofted a perfect pass to Powell
deep in the far right corner
with five seconds left.
The Chiefs outgained
Plymouth by roughly 270-15 in
the first half, and finished the
game with a 430-61 margin.
Midway through the third
quarter, it was Buford's time to
get in on the act. He zig-zagged
his way to a 59-yard touchdown, sprinting past the last
Plymouth defender down the
right sideline.
A Plymouth fumble, caused
by Powell's crunching hit, set
up the final scoring — a 35yard TD run by Stackhouse.
The fourth extra point by
Connor Shennan made it 36-0,
with 10:35 remaining.
The Wildcats tried to get
some points on the board in
the final minute, with a run-

ning clock.

Donte Fox scampered for a
15-yard gain and Austin completed a 26-yard pass to senion
Jake Morris was injured on
the play, as he was driven hard
into the turf and Plymouth
fumbled the next snap.
"Jake made a great job on
that ball," Austin said. "I just
threw it up and hoped he could
make a play and he did.
"I hope he's all right, he was
shaken up."

Rocks pummeled

Visiting Salem pulled to within 14-7 in the closing seconds of the first half Friday against Livonia Stevenson, thanks to a 40-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Drew Thompson to wide-out Ethan Walsh.

But the Spartans didn't let the Rocks get any closer in the second half, earning a 21-7 KLAA Central Division football victory.

Salem head coach Kurt Britnell said his team turned in another 'uninspired' effort, falling to 0-7 overall and 0-5 in the Central. Stevenson improved to 3-4, 2-3.

There were a few bright spots. Although Thompson connected on just 7-of-22 passes for 167 yards, he found Walsh and Brian Aquier twice each (for 46 and 40 yards, respectively.) On defense, Walsh picked off a pass and tallied six tackles, while Omar Kandah had seven tackles. Alex Brown registered a quarterback sack.

GIRLS SWIMMING DUAL MEET RESULTS

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(Novi), 0-9,0-3, (IS), 6-4, 6-4, No. 4: Matt Evasic (N'ville) def, Michael Chang (Novi), 6-2, 6-3; semifinats; Evasic def, Ian Fleming (Ply), 6-1, 6-0; Chang def. Dion Walker (Salem), 6-3, 6-1. No. 1 doubles: Jason Carless-Greg Richard (Novi) def. Josh Perrin-Scott Devine

6-1, 6-4.

No. 4: Stephen Kovacinski-Brandon
Sanders (Novi) def. Luke Freeman-James
Dodge (Canton), 7-5, 6-1; semifinals:
Kovacinski-Sanders def. Tyler Foley-Vishnu
Rajendran (Salem), 6-1, 6-0; Freeman-Dodge
def. Rahul Raj-Trevor Page (N'ville), 7-6

(7-3), 7-5.

No. 5: Nishant Kakar-Jon Thompson
(Novi) def. Nirmal Pathak-Steve Price
(Canton), 6-0, 6-0; semifinals: KakarThompson def. Brian Baumgartner-Kenny
Denstaedt (LC), 6-3, 6-0, Pathak-Price def
Robert Hsu-Luke Jacobi (N'ville), 3-6, 6-3,

Area youngsters seek big year with Royals



There is a group of young hockey players who have joined forces this season with hopes of advancing and achieving greatness in their future. And with the help of Matt Blair, likely will succeed.

The Redford Royals '96 Bantam AA hockey team is set to drop the puck on an exciting season of hockey designed to lift the spirits and increase the talent levels of those involved. Eighteen skaters, comprised mainly of 13- and 14-year-olds (some from Canton and Plymouth), and a trio of coaches are preparing to embark on a 40-game schedule that will pit the Royals against top opponents vying for supremacy in the Little Caesars Hockey League.

We're a purely developing program,' explained Blair, who heads the Royals program behind the bench. 'We have kids skatting for us who maybe don't have hockey offered at their school, or are still a step or two away from making their varsity teams. We are out here working with them wanting them to advance to the next level.

"We don't have one player out there who is dominant, but we do have a lot of players trying to get better and want ing to be successful with hockey."

In Blair, the Royals, have a young and energetic coach determined to improve the talents of players and provide leadership pertaining to activities outside the sport as well.

"I always wanted to give back to a game that has given so much to me," said Blair, 26, whose playing days included suiting up for the Davenport and Eastern Michigan collegiate programs, along with the Helena Big Horns of the North American Hockey League. "I work hard to push my players to the next level."

AN ARRAY OF TALENT

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A vast level of talent can be found among the 18 players on the Royals' roster, but there aren't many differences when it comes to determination to succeed.

Blair says every player is greeted with compiling a list of individual and team goals at the outset of the season and is personally responsible toward reaching them.

"When you are coaching players this young you have to sort of mesh your style of coaching," Blair explained. "You have some players you need to ride a little more to get them going and others who may be a little soft. Every player has different styles and it's the job of the coach to get the best out of them."

The current Royals roster is laden with talented skaters representing such areas as Redford, Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Farmington Hills, Westland, Novi and Northville. Included on this year's team are Paolo Bernola (Canton), Alex Caprara (Novi), Jon Clark (Plymouth), Brent Gaddy, Paul Hildebrandt (Westland), Matthew Hobbs (Novi), Parker Hodges (Livonia), Dichek Klisz (Livonia), Steven Pino (Walled Lake), Christian Schneider (Novi), Lyle Soucey (Redford), Alex Sprindys, Christopher Tripi (Northville), Alex Trouba (Auburn Hills), Sean Wigler (West Bloomfield) and Brian Zalupski (Northville).

Caprara is the captain of the squad and Misiak and Hildebrandt serve as assistants.

"We're a solid team on both sides of the fence," said Blair, who is assisted on the bench by 26-year-old Joakim Nilsson and 19-year-old Clayton Hodges. Twould say our overall strength is team chemistry and a lot of hard working players who want to get better."

GOALS TO GET BETTER
Blair knows every player on the roster probably isn't destined for greatness
on the next level, but that shouldn't hinder their ability to improve their play to
some degree.
"Every kid has a separate goal in
mind and no matter what level they
want to go we will guide them to it,"
said Blair, a native of Taylor who currettly resides in Manchester. "We want
to look at all the options for them. We
don't want them to be blindsided by
anything. We want them to be fully

don't want them to be blindsided by anything. We want them to be fully prepared."
Blair refers to Soucey as a "very strong skater and really smart defen-seman," while Misiak is described as "very talented offensively and defen-sively and a great kid who will go far in hockey."

Whalers get offense untracked, 7-0

Six players scored a goal and goaltender Scott Wedgewood turned aside all 34 shots he saw Thursday night to lift the visiting Plymouth Whalers to a 7-0 victory against Peterborough. The win snapped Plymouth's two-game losing streak and improved the Ontario Hockey League team's record to 2-3-0-1 while the Petes dropped to 1-5-0-0. Plymouth jumped out to an early lead, with captain Tyler Brown scoring at the 24-second mark. Before the game was three-minutes old, the Whalers had a 2-0 edge thanks to a power play tally by center Jamie Devane, his first of two in the game.

Also finding the range behind Petes starting netminder Andrew D'Agostini during the first period was Stefan Noesen.

Both teams had plenty of scoring chances in

the middle frame, with the Whalers outshooting Peterborough 15-13. But while Wedgewook kept everything out at his end, Plymouth score four more times — two each against DAgostin and Keinan Brown.

The lamp-lighters were Farmington Hills' Alex Aleardi (his 8th), Devane, RJ Mahalak and Peter Neal, the latter with Plymouth short handed.

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Nine Whalers collected assists, with defenseman Beau Schmitz picking up three of them and Aleardi and Mahalak each registering two. Plymouth played two more road games over the weekend, at Ottawa and Kingston. The team returns to Compuware Arena to face Windsor at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16 in the third annual "Pink Out!" for breast cancer awareness.

PREP FOOTBALL
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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS SOCCER
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Judy Walker watches as the models make their way across the stage during a previous Redford Suburban League Fall Festival of Fashion. This year's event is Wednesday, Oct. 20.

Redford fund-raiser combines fashion, boutique, lunch

BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER

year.

But the Redford resident assures patrons the 37th annual show, luncheon and boutique is very much alive and heading into its final plan ning stretch this week. The event is Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. "We've had a couple of people tell us that," said Wujcik, League president, commenting on the rume

tell us that," said Wujcik, League president, commenting on the rume "Every year we have a discussion about continuing with whatever fund-raising we do. If it came to the point where it was impossible to do that, we'd have another big fund-raiser of some kind. But right now, this show is our venue. People look forward to it and it has been success ful."

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Since 1983 the show has raised \$571,475 for Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City Suzanna Kain, show chair, said the League donated \$12,000 to Burger last year even though it experienced League donated \$12,000 to Burger last year even though it experienced its "smallest crowd ever" at the fash-ion show.

on snow.

The 116-member organization, now in its 55th year, has helped a variety of charities in the past but a few years ago decided to focus efforts on just

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Sheila Sigro, Mrs. Michigan International 1993, (left) and Laura Welling Abney, Miss Michigan 1998, strut the catwalk at the Redford Suburban League Fashion Show last year.

said. "Everyone in our organization has a family member who has dealt with autism in some way. "We've seen results of what the money does. It has done a lot with the speech department at Burger. They bought equipment they could not have otherwise bought." Several staff members and some students from the school will model in the fashion show this year as they did last year. They'll wear fall and

vinter fashions from Dress Barn in Farmington, Men's Wearhouse in Novi and Parisian at Laurel Park in

Kain, of Madison Heights, oversees the mix of fashion and works with the stores. She aims for variety on the

the holidays," Kain said. "With models from Burger School we're talking a younger age there and we'll show clothing for the mature woman also." Presenting fashions for every age group can inspire ideas for holiday gift shopping, Kain noted.

"There might be people in the audience who say that would look good on my daughter or granddaughter." I want to keep that aspect of the show, with an eye toward holiday shopping."

Kain attended a fashion show at Longacre House in Farmington last week to check out and compare clothing. She saw "a lot of purple" in the crowd. She hopes to see her models in a variety of colors and textures beyond "so much black" that's also seen in the fall.

"I'm looking at a beautiful grey herringbone suit with a ruffled blouse. I want to see someone steer toward that," she added, while browsing through clothing at Dress Barn.

DOZENS OF PRIZES

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In addition to the fashion show, which starts after the luncheon at noon, Fall Festival of Fashion includes a boutique of approximately 25 craft vendors that opens at 9 a.m. A popular raffle will return this year with more than 80 prizes. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. A ruby and diamond ring, cherry wood and marble sink and vanity, four-day stay at a Harbor Springs condo and Detroit Red Wing tickets are among the prizes.

You don't have to be present to win, "Wujcik noted. "We sell a lot of tickets. They are easy to sell. As soon as you say the profits go to Burger School for Children with Autism... almost everyone knows someone with autism. I took 100 to my bowling league and sold every single one of them."

Raffle tickets are available at the

them."
Raffle tickets are available at the Fall Festival of Fashion and from League members. Tickets for the boutique, luncheon and fashion show are \$45. Call Miriam Skinner at (734) 981-6003. If you're interested in joining the Redford Suburban League, call Janisse Quill at (734) 595-1403.



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Physician to speak at Giving Circle meeting

from HHA, Canton, will talk about menopause management and hormon replacement therapy at Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle annual meeting Wednesday, Oct. 13 at The Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, in Canton.

Jones is involved in improving maternal and newborn health among the indigent of Michigan, volunteers as an officer for the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and works on legislative issues in women's health.

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IHA is one of largest private multi-specialty groups in southeast Michigan. With more than 150 doctors and 40 nurse practitioners, physician assistants and nurse mid-wives from across 32 offices, IHA provides service to more than 260,000 patients.

The Giving Hope program also will include reports from local nonprofits that have received grants from the organization, an update on current grant requests, a short business meeting, and a social hour. A reception will kick-off the evening at 6:30 p.m with the program starting at 7:15 p.m. Light appetizers and desserts will be served at 8:30 p.m. The theater is located at 50:400 Cherry Hill.

Formed in 2006, the Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle provides grant-making initiatives that address the needs



of families in Canton and Plymouth, creates an endowment fund for the future and building a community of women philanthropists.

By pooling their charitable dollars, the 68 members of the organization are able to make a greater philanthropie impact. To date more than \$20,000 has been distributed through the fund which is held at the Canton Community Foundation.

The Observer & Eccentric and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital are sponsors of the program on Oct. 13. Admission is \$10. Call the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200 or e-mail givinghopewgc@gmail.com.

E-mails add up to a ton of savings

Some 20 years ago when I started writing this column the editors of this paper thought it important that you could contact me direct and I think that I can correctly say that a few thousand readers have done just that. I would like to thank all of you as there were many times when you gave me food for thought with your questions and kept the column going.

Today I would like to give you just one example of a reader who takes full advantage of the knowledge available to him and has proven to put it to good use. His name is Mike and he writes: "Joe, you have helped me on five different occasions, all successful. I have an Amana fridge model SXD22S2W. The ice dispenser works but the water side does not. I was told there is a reservoir behind the crisper that may freeze up. Can you please help? Please mail me back. Thank you."

My first reply, done immediately because I know that Mike is demanding and understands the word urgent: "Hi Mike, thanks for your note. Remove the crisper drawer in the bottom of the refrigerator section. Check out the tank and see if you can observe any ice in it. Let me know. Regards Joe Gagnon."

Mike's second e-mail arrived the next morning: "Joe, thanks for getting back with me last night. I took the crisper



drawer off. The tank you're talking about is almost an S shape with two plastic lines going to it. I removed the one screw that holds it to the back wall. I'm not sure if there is supposed to be water in it. It appears to be heavier than it should and the plastic tank seems to be really hard/rigid as if it is filled with water and frozen inside. I can't press the plastic in at all. There is no give at all. I turned and rotated the tank to see if I could hear any water in there and could not. If you think it is frozen would I pull the two plastic lines off the tank and take a blow dryer to thaw or keep it attached and try to thaw it out in the fridge. I don't know if those plastic lines are compressed in the tank. Or maybe you think it is something else. Please mail me back."

Mike's third e-mail arrived midafternoon of the next day: "Hi Joe, I was wondering if you got my e-mail this morning."

My second reply: "Hi Mike, thanks for your three e-mails which I receive as quickly as you send them. Trust me Mike, I'm trying very hard to be

prompt. Now, in regard to your efforts so far, you are not getting a passing grade. You have got to be able to figure out if the reservoir tank is full of ice or water although I don't think it's frozen or you would have complained about food freezing in the refrigerator section. That is not the case. In 99 percent of cases where the water dispenser is not pouring out water the cause is usually a defective water valve on the back of the refrigerator, or problems with water pressure from the supply line, many times caused by a water filter that has not been replaced on a regular basis."

Yes Mike, it has been my pleasure helping you several times in the past. It took your perseverance to get the job done and I made note from past communications that you would rather I email you than call you on the telephone. This is no problem and I await your next e-mail.

For those of you readers who would prefer a phone call from me, rather than an e-mail response, please say so and I will be glad to do so during the hours you wish. Stay tuned.

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Purrs and Paws Pet Adoption will run

from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. in Garden City Park, Cherry Hill and Merriman. The event will include dogs, cats, birds, fish and other animals in need of homes; dog demon-strations, crafters, vendors, baked goods for sale and a horse and rider exhibition.

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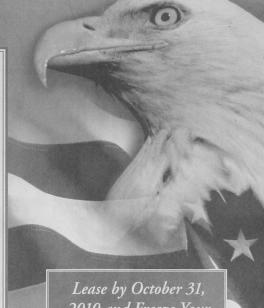


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If you're heading to the 15th Annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff today, Sunday, Oct. 10, in downtown Plymouth, don't forget to stop in at Jill Andra Young's photo studio for a keepsake photo. Visitors who stop in from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. can pose in front of a stars and stripes background, have their picture taken and later download it from www.greatlakeschili.com for free.

She will photograph individuals, couples and small groups.

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Fioretti, both of Livonia.
A reception will follow on
Oct. 16 at Corsi's in Livonia.

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Robert and Eleanor
Mullins of Garden City celebrated 60 years of marriage
on Sept. 16. They were married in 1950 in Detroit.
Robert retired from Great
Lakes Plastics in Salem
after a 50-year career.
Eleanor is a homemaker.
They're active in the
Garden City First United
Methodist Church.
Their children are Elaine
Monks of Kentwood, Sandra
Haraburda of Caledonia,
Daniel Mullins of Columbia,
Md., Laura O'Connell of
Milford, and Jennifer Ness
of Birmingham.

Robert and Eleanor Mullins of Garden City on their wedding day and in a contemporary photo.



Lennis-Sage

JUNE 2011 WEDDING

Ron and Rachael Lennis of Chicago, Il., and Kellie Malloy of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daugh-ter, Shea Elizabeth Lennis, to Elisha Peter Sage, son of Michael and Teri Sage of Livonia

Michael and Teri Sage of Livonia. Shea, a registered nurse, graduated from Eastern Michigan University and Elisha, a mechanical engineer, graduated from Lawrence Technological University. The happy couple both attended Livonia Stevenson High School.

The couple currently resides in San Antonio, Texas. They plan a June 2011 wedding in Plymouth.



Raymond Cornellier and Laura D'Angelo at their wedding in 1950

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Raymond Cornellier and Laura D'Angelo marked their 60th wedding anniver sary on Sept. 30. They were married in 1950 in Grosse Pointe. They have lived in the Commerce area for 56 years

ronne: They have need in the Commerce area for 56 years.
Their children are Gary Cornellier (Sandra) of Plymouth; Mark Cornellier (Betsy) of South Lyon; and Bryan Cornellier (Cheryl) of Holt. They have five grand-children and two great-grandchildren.
Raymond retired from Burroughs/Unysis, and Laura was a housewife. They are members of Church of the Holy Family in Novi.
The couple celebrated their anniversary by revisiting their favorite Michigan locations.



AUGUST WEDDING

Amy Frances Witkowski and Kevin Matthew Flohr were married Aug. 28, 2010 in an outdoor ceremony at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. The Rev. Robert Carr of Faith Lutheran Church, Livonia, officiated.

The bride, daughter of Paul and Julie Witkowski of Livonia, is a 2004 graduate of Churchill High School. She graduated from Madonna University in 2008 and works as a registered nurse at Garden City Hospital.

The groom, son of Bruce and Linda Flohr of Livonia, is a 2004 graduate of Stevenson High School. He graduated in 2008 from Schoolcraft College and works as building supervisor for Livonia Recreation Center. The bride's attendants were Caitlin Petersmark, Lisa Flohr, Kellie Flohr, Trista Flohr, Laurie Flohr, and Victoria Buscemi.

The groom's attendants were Patrick Oakley, Scott Flohr, Ryan Witkowski, and Anthony Buscemi.

A reception also was held at Fox Hills Country Club.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

They reside in Livonia.





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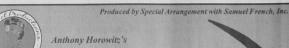
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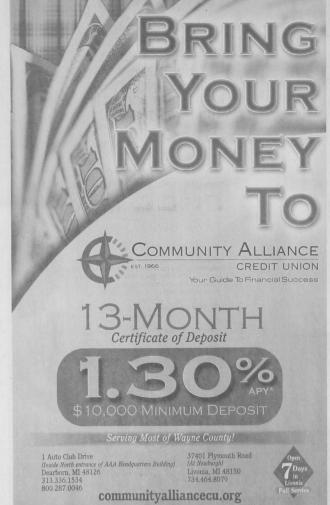
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REUNION CALENDAR

Send reunion items to Sharon Dargay at sdar-gay@hometownlife.com

Belleville High School Class of 1971 Planning 40th reunio

Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail BHS:1971@yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site: also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS. Irrimingham Groves High School lass of 1975.

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35th class reunion, Oct. 22-23, will include homecomir
game, Friday night, and party, Saturday night, at The
Birmingham Community House. Contact groves 1975@
gmail.com or Groves Class of 1975 - 35th Class Reunio

Class of 1960

50th reunion will be held Oct, 16 at The Marriott in Livonia.

For more information contact: Tim Yarde at (248) 573-7147

or Russ and Judy (Mackinder) Sarns at (734) 464-7166.

Farmington High School

Garden City High School Class of 1960

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



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Details: Actor Brad Sherrill per

forms "Prophets," a multimedia piece that is based on Isaiah,

Time/Date. Noon-6 p.m., Oct. 17, 24 and 31; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 16, 18-23; and 10 a.m. to dark, Oct. 25-30 Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia Details: Pumpkin Patch sales will benefit Forgotten Harvest, a pos-

benefit Forgotten Harvest, a non-profit that rescues surplus, prepared and perishable food for emergency

Location: Fellowship hall at Holy Trinity Lutheran, 39020 Five Mile,

between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. Details: \$2 bag sale on

Contact: (734) 464-0211
Spaghetti dinner
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 15
Location: Good Hope Lutheran
Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road,
Garden City
Details: . Cost is \$7 for adults, \$3.50
for children, 3-11, and free for children under 3. Advance tickets available at the church or at the door
Contact: (734) 427-3660
Why he Catholic?

Why be Catholic?
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Oct. 14
Location: St. Michael the Archangel
Church, 1144 Hubbard, just south of
Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Season two of the series
kicks off with Debbie Herbeck, youth

and women's ministry advocate and producer of Renewal Ministries television programming for EWTN. She'll share the story of her conver sion from traditional Judaism to

Catholicism. A children's' ministry is available by prior arrangement by e-mailing to childrenministry@

livoniastmichael.org Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext. 200 or

Saturday Contact: (734) 464-0211

Why be Catholic?

food providers Contact: (734) 464-0211

Rummage Sale

Pumpkin patch

OCT 10-13

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

Book study

Time/Date: 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday

Time/Date: 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday through Nov. 13 Location. Grand Traverse Pie Co., 41640 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Details: Living Peace Church presents a study of Harvey Cox' book, The Future of Faith. The church meets for fellowship and worship at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings at Field Elementary School, 1000 S. Haggerty in Cauton.

Contact: (734) 233-1466 or e-mail to

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 10 and 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Oct

Location: Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill

Details: Rev. Jimmy Mitchell, chap Details: Rev. Jimmy Mitchell, Chap-lain of the West Virginia State Police is the guest speaker. He spoke at the memorial service for miners who died in the Upper Big Branch Mine explosion in Montcoal, W. He also attended many of their funerals Contact: (734) 721-9040

OCT. 14-20

Time/Date: 8:30 am - noon, Sunday,

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland Details: All you can eat pancake and French toast breakfast spon sored by St. Theodore Men's Club, includes pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, tea, coffee, milk and

juice; \$3 adults; \$1.50 children, ages

Contact: (734) 425-4421

Time/Date: 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17

Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills Details: The Birmingham Concert Band performs a program called "Music for Symphonic Band." The concert features Danielle Mukami Birmingham Concert Band scholar-ship awardee, and a special segme of Irish music; free

Contact: (248) 474-0584

Concert

Fime/Date: 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17 Location: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville

Details: Gary and Ron Matthews in

Contact: (248) 374-7400

Divorce support

Divorce Support
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Mondays, for
seven weeks beginning Oct. 18
Location: Birmingham Temple, 28611
W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Group for parents and
their children (through 8th grade),
"Rainbows," offered by National
Council of Jewish Women, SPACE for
Changing Families. 510 registration
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fee; must pre-register Contact: (248) 355-9936 or e-mail

Living Rosary
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct

Location: St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia Details: Biannual "Living Rosary,"in

which a person or small group represents each bead of the rosary represents each bead of the rosary and leads the prayer it represents. The ceremony is held by candlelight and as each prayer is offered, a candle is lit to represent that particular bead. The ceremony, which commemorates October as the month of the Rosary, will follow the parish's monthly day of Eucharistic Adoration in which the church is open for adoration from 10 a.m. until closing ceremonies at 7 p.m. Contact: (734) 261:1455, ext. 200 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org

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Mass of Anointing

Time/Date: 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16
Location: St. Michael the Archangel
11441 Hubbard, just south of
Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Aimed at Catholics recover ing from a serious illness, facing surgery, or suffering from a chronic health condition. Register by calling

the church Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext. 200

Multimedia performance Time/Date: 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16 Location: Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, 1340 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills

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Meeting dates July 20, August 17, September 14 & 28, October 12 & 26, November 16, and December 14

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Board of Trustees Meetings.

JOE BRIDGMAN, MMC Township Clerk

26, October 10, October 24, Publish: July 18, August 15, September 12, Sept November 14, and December 12, 2010

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular meeting October 19, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Friends Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meetinghearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary Plymouth District Library 223 S. Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170 734-453-0750 X217

OCT. 21-OCT 27

Barbecue fund-raiser Time/Date: 4-7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. Jeremiah, and other prophetic texts.
Tickets are \$8 per person, \$5 per student for advance reservations and \$10 at the door

Contact: (248) 626-2515 Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian

Church, located on Five Mile one block west of Inkster, in Livonia Details: All proceeds will support the church's "Feed the Hungry" Ministries. Food will include: North Carolina Pulled Pork Shoulder, Southern Bar-B-O Chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, red-skinned pota-toes and beverages. Advance tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children. At the door, tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children while supplies last

Contact: (734) 513-8457

Coats donation

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15 and 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday,

Locats utilidution Time/Date. Deadline to drop off coats is Oct. 22 Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills Details: The Corps needs coats in adult sizes medium to extra large to fit middle and high school students. Individuals and businesses can drop off new coats at the Farmington Hills location. Southwestern Oakland County residents who need a new coat for their K-12 student can con-tact the Corps office during the first week of October. Only households which are pre-determined to be low-income and within the Corps' service area will be eligible for the

Contact: (248) 477-1153

Games night Time/Date: 6:30 p.m., Saturday,

Location: Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Details: Bring favorite card or board games to this event, sponsored by Widowed Friends, a support group for women and men age 55 and

Contact: Sue at (586) 939-0349 or nail ywfriends@gmail.com

Mass for widowed

Time/Date: Check in at 2 p.m., Mass at 2:30 p.m., Oct. 24 Location: St. Columban Church, 1775 Melton, north of 14 Mile between Woodward and Coolidge, in

Birmingham

Details: Widowed Friends, a peer group in the Archdiocese of Detroit meets for Mass, support and

refreshments Contact: Gerry at (566) 795-0477 or

Trunk or treat

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 24 Location: Livonia Church of Christ,

Details: Dress in costume for this event that will include games, prizes, treats and lots of fun Contact: (734) 427-8743

OCT. 28-NOV. 3

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday

Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 35300 W. Eight Mile,

Parmington

Details: Baked goods, Nisu, white elephant treasures, Christmas items and a jewelry table. Refreshments will be served by the choir for a nominal fee. There will be a raffle at 1 p.m. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Contact: (248) 478-6520

Trunk or treat Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebell

Details: Members and friends of the church will pop their trunks and tailgates to reveal candy, stickers and other goodies. Children in the community may attend and bring their Trick or Treat bags with them. The church requests that children wear family-friendly costumes and be accompanied by an adult. Activities will take place both inside and outside. There will be games

prizes and candy Contact: (248) 474-3444

Trunk or treat

ITUIK Of Teat
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m., Oct. 30
Location: McKinley Elementary
School, 9101 Hillcrest Street, Livonia
Details: Bring your kids in their
costumes for treats, a hay ride, a
gournet chili cook-off, and lots of other fun; free and sponsored by

Bell Creek Community Church Contact: www.bellcreek.org

NOV. 4-10

Christmas bazaar Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday

Nov. 6

Location: St. Andrew's Presbyterian
Church, 26701 Joy, Dearborn Heights
Details: Handmade items for
Christmas giving; cookie walk and
bake sale; Attic Treasures, Jewelry

and other items
Contact: (313) 274-3820

Ladies' Inspiration Day

Ladies Inspiration Day
Time/Date: 9 a.m./1230 p.m., Nov. 6
Location: Livonia Church of Christ,
15431 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Dr. Brenda Snow is the
guest speaker. Child care is available
for children under 8. RSVP for child
care and bring a sack lunch to the
event for each child registered
Contact: (734) 427-8743
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Ouilt show
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Nov. 6
Location: Westland Christian Union
Church, located at Marquette and
Wayne Road, Westland
Details: Ladies United Voice of the
church sponsors the show that will
include door prizes, vendors, and a
bake sale in addition to quilts. Lunch
will he available. The droup requests will be available. The group requests a \$3 donation for admission Contact: Mary Surbrook at (734)

School open house

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 Location: 10450 Joy, in Plymouth and 4101 E. Joy, in Ann Arbor Details: Both Spiritus Sanctus

Details: Both Spiritus Sanctus Academy campuses are hosting open houses. The Academies are independent K-8 Catholic Schools, administered by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. The Academies place a priority on faith development along with a challenging and integrated curriculum. All of the Academy students are accepted into the Catholic high school of their choice. Catholic high school of their choice Tour the campuses, talk with teachers and students, and meet the

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Study group offers lectures on history to cultural arts

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The Plymouth Study Group presents a series of lectures on a variety of topics, Thursdays, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth.

Membership for the Study Group is \$20 per series.

Coffee, tea and refreshments are served starting at 9:45 a.m., with lectures beginning promptly at 10 a.m. For more information on the Plymouth Study Group and their fall series, contact Comine Grifford at (248) 477-7049.

Upcoming topics:
Oct. 14 — Mary Ann Wheeler, retired Livonia Public Schools librarian and a guide at the Plymouth Historical Museum, offers a snapshot of Abraham Lincoln's family.
Oct. 21 — Beverly Thomas presents a program on the musicals of Rogers & Hammerstein.
Oct. 28 — Musical presentation by the Fabulous Heftones.
Nov. 4 — Sue Daniel from Greenmead Historical Park will give a presentation on Michigan's one-room school houses. Kathy Anderson of "Tastefully Simple" also will be on hand.

Nov. 11— Still-Got-It Players allse about what's new at the

on hand.

Nov. II— Still-Got-It Players talks about what's new at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill; freebies will be available for some events.

Nov. 8 — The Arbor, a vocal ensemble, carols in Victorian costumes.



CRAFT CORNER

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Frost Middle School Craft
Show is set for 10 a.m.-4
p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6, at the
school, 14041 Stark, west of
Farmington Road, north of
1-96. Admission is \$2. No
strollers. (734) 744-2670

NORTHVILLE

The Northville Christmas
Market opens at 5 p.m. Friday,
Nov. 19, with the annual illuminated Christmas Parade.
It will run 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 20 and noon-5
p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 on Main
Street. The event will include
60 artisan and craft booths,
free carousel rides, treats. Free
admission. Visit www.michiganchristmasmarket.com.

PLYMOUTH

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Delta Kappa Gamma presents its 26th annual craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 16, at West Middle School, 44401W. Ann Arbor Trail.

Dee Winterhalter, a watercolor artist with works in private and corporate collections worldwide, will exhibit at the show for the first time. In addition to her watercolors, the show will feature jewelry, American Girl doll clothes, soaps, candles, seasonal decorations, clothing, accessories for dogs and much more.

Admission is \$2. For additional information call (734) 495, 9327 or e-mail to jbstone716@comcast.net. All profits will support scholarships for Plymouth Canton Community Schools district students.

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Reasons why mammograms still matter

Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in women, and is the second leading cause of cancer-related death for women in the United States, according to the American Cancer Society.

The organization expects 7,340 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed this year in Michigan.

The American Cancer Society supports research that has found annual mammograms, beginning at age 40, are still a woman's best defense against breast cancer death. Finding breast cancer early is the best way to control it, and the evidence supporting annual mammograms as an effective detection strategy is

it, and the evidence supporting annual mammograms as an effective detection strategy is stronger than ever, according to the organization.

Here's a list of the American Cancer Society's reasons why mammograms are worth receiving:

• Early detection is the best defense - When breast cancer is detected early, at a localized stage, the survival rate is 98 percent. Once breast cancer has metastasized and spread throughout the body, the five-year survival rate drops to 27 percent.

• Mammography works

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– Mammography can detect breast cancer an average of 1.7 years before it can be felt by a clinical breast exam. Although mammography is not perfect, the imaging technique does detect the majority of breast cancers and can provide women with an important lead in treating the disease.

• Risk increases with age

– That means there is no safe age to stop having a yearly mammogram.

Once a year is enough



- On average, a mammogram appointment takes about 20 minutes from start to finish. While you may be hesitant to have your yearly mammogram, that is less time than your favorite half-hour weekly television program - and it could save your life.

* Lead by example - Encourage the women in your life to get their annual mammogram by having yours. Peer counseling is especially effective and provides an added emotional support network.

* Lower health care costs - While mammograms range in cost from \$75 to \$600, early detection testing for breast cancer saves as much as \$20,000 in initial treatment costs for each breast cancer case that is detected early.

* Financial support is available - Women without health insurance are eligible to receive their annual mammogram for little or no cost. The National Breast and Cervical

Cancer Early Detection
Program (NBCCEDP) is a
federal program that makes
breast cancer early detection
testing more available to medically underserved wome.

• The exposure to radiation is minimal – The risk of
harm from radiation exposure during a mammogram is
extremely small and cannot
cause cancer. In fact, the level
of radiation, during a mammogram, is comparable to the
level of radiation exposure
from a dental exam.

• Mammography is safe and
reliable – The Mammography
Quality Standards Act
(MQSA) is the federal law that
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FDA-certified, and must pass
annual inspections.

For more information visit
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Pinking out

The Plymouth Whalers hockey team wear pink for breast cancer awareness in a special game last year. They'll do it again at a game against Windsor, 7:05 p.m., Saturday Oct. 16 at Compuware Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth. The pink jerseys that team members wear for the annual "Pink Out!" game will be auctioned off or the cause. Players will get their hair dyed pink Oct. 13 at Lucky Hair Company in Canton and will work the "Tip-A-Whalers" event Oct. 14 at CJ's Brewing Company at Compuware Arena. All tips from the night will be donated to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. The team hopes to raise \$10,000 in donations before the Pink Out! game. If they do, Whalers general manager and head coach Mike Vellucic and associate coach Joe Stefan will sport pink hair, too. To donate, call Lucky Hair Company at (734) 844-8166. Donations also can be dropped off at Compuware Arena; (734) 453-8400.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

OCTOBER

Alzheimer's

Bipolar class

p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 12, at Holmes Jr. High School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia and from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at The Community House, 380 South Bates, Birmingham. The author will share her personal story of living with bipolar disorder and discuss supports and services for people with mental illness and family members. She'll teach success stories for coping with mental illness and offer information on how to respond to family members or friends who struggle with mental illness and addictions, especially those who refuse to seek help. Class fee is \$25 and Castine's book can be purchased for \$14 at either class. Register for the Livonia session by calling Sharon at (734) 744-2602 and for the Birmingham session at (248) 644-5832.

Fibromyalgia

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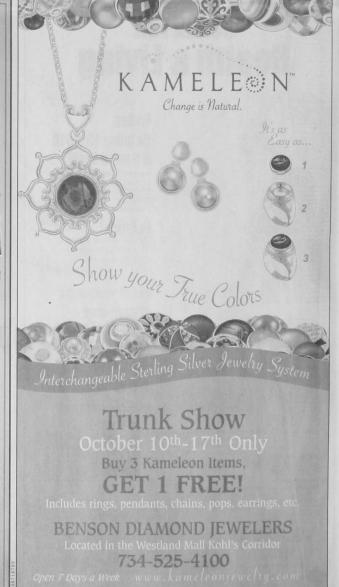
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Avoid co-worker clash: Always start conversations from their point of view,

Best jobs for you: Wherever deadlines are essential; such as operations manager or medical doctor.

You Like Blue The Least

Your never-ending concerns about quality tweak things to a higher standard. become a rousing

Success tip:

Challenge others to envision and discuss considerations in

detail. Otherwise your questions can be seen as you're not a team

Interview power: Plan ahead. Create

'why they need you" bullet points Avoid co-worker clash: Remember they want confirmation, not honest critiques.

Best jobs for you: Unbiased, objectively works; such as editor, event planner, or quality control.

You Like Red The Least

Your natural curiosity reveals profound facts that bring forth invaluable, more thorough information. Keep your power and gain more contemplation time by not giving an immediate yes or no

the issue some thought and you will get back to him later with the specifics, a bystep action plan.

Interview power: Speak-up, be assertive, but not pushy. Tell them what

Avoid co-worker clash: When they bark orders, don't be rebellious. Write it down.

Best jobs for you: Wherever thorough info is needed; such as researcher or computer technician. Which color do you like the least: green, purple or orange? You Like Green The Least

Your independent, responsible nature

allows you to work for long periods of time without any support. You know how to build a strong team, even adopt co-workers as if they were your family.

Success tip: Pay attention to others they don't measure-up. Chances are they just can't do it. Interview power:

Listen, what's important to them Discuss what they Discuss what they want to hear. **Avoid co-worker clash:** Ask for support

or don't expect it. Otherwise, you'll later blow a fuse. Best jobs for you: Wherever follow-up is essential; such as business owner or

You Like Purple The Least

Your methodical approach quickly, without any emotion, puts an end t assumptions or exaggerated facts.

then be used to draw successful

Success tip: Don't avoid brainstorming your true career potential. No it's not venturing into uncharted waters or a waste of time and money

Interview power: Open your mind to possibilities, even if it feels uncomfortable.

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and long-term income.

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You Like Orange The Least

Your concerned, considerate persona makes you the ultimate pleaser. the going gets tough, you work harder and harder

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If you're looking for one of those heavy-duty trucks, the GMC Sierra 3500 HD Crew Cab SLE might be the one you're looking for.

There's certainly no doubt that this is a heavy-duty truck. It's certainly big; with an overall length of 20 feet for the standard box (more than 21 feet for the long box), a width of more than six feet (standard box, almost eight feet for the long box) and more than 77 inches in height, the Sierra HD is an imposing figure in your driveway.

You also know it's heavy-duty when you see the numbers for its towing and payload capacity -- 17,000 lbs. with conventional towing and more than 6600 lbs of payload, both of which are topranked in its class.

The Sierra HD comes with chrome rear bumpers, 18-inch aluminum wheels, front recovery hooks, camper-style mirrors, chrome grille surround, and cargo box illumination. For some reason fog lamps are standard. You'll have to

spring for the SLE Preferred Package to get those and a locking tailgate. You might want to get the optional Chrome Assist Steps ((§689); getting in and out of the 3500 can be a challenge without

them.

The Sierra HD is powered by a standard Vortee 6.0-liter V8 engine. If you're looking for something even bigger, you can opt for the Duramax 6.6-liter V8 turbo diesel (\$7,195). Rated at 397 horsepower and 765 lb.-ft. of torque, this engine gives you the most power in its class.

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The other half of the diesel powertrain consists of an Allison 1000 six-speed automatic transmission (\$1,200). The transmission features tap up/tap down shifting and a tow/haul mode that reduces shift cycling for improved cooling when towing heavy loads. Even moving this large frame, the diesel powertrain provides surprisingly good powertrain provides surprisingly good acceleration and the shifting is fairly

GMC has given the Sierra HD a new fully-boxed steel frame. The driving experience is pretty good for a heavy-duty truck.

the suspension is a redesigned short-arm independent front torsion-bar system, which has a front axle weight rating of up to 6,000 pounds, enough to attach a snow plow.

The new asymmetrical leaf-spring rear



suspension handles larger loads than the previous version.

The steering system is new; it includes a new, larger steering gear, power steering pumps and linkages. The Sierra handles well for a large truck. It's a challenge to maneuver in tight spaces and park but large trucks usually are.

Inside, the Sierra 3500 Crew Cab is roomy and comfortable. Instrumentation is complete with a voltmeter and an oil pressure gauge. The seats provide good support. There's plenty of room inside, even in the rear seating area, and the rear seats fold down for even more cargo area.

The 3500 comes with a leather-wrapped steering wheel, air conditioning, power widows and locks, tilt-steering wheel, and cruise control. A "convenience package" gives you adjustable power pedals, a universal home remote, remote vehicle starter system (nice in winter weather), and rear window defogger (\$860).

The SLE packaged referenced earlier also gives you automatic dual-zone air conditioning, Bluetooth phone capability, a USB port, and a six-way power driver's seat adjuster (\$980).

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD system with six speakers that The 3500 comes with a leather-

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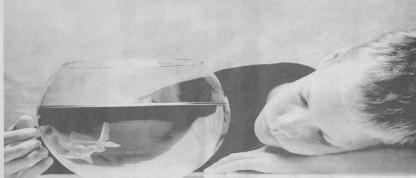
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