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The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps will begin scheduling appointments for Thanksgiving and Christmas assistance beginning Wednesday, Oct. 20.

Application for assistance will be provided by appointment only. At the time of application, families will be asked to provide proof of household income and identification.

The deadline to apply for Thanksgiving assistance is Nov. 10. The deadline to apply for Christmas assistance is Dec. 10.

For more information on available assistance, contact Laurie Aren at laurie.aren@usc.salvationarmy.org or by calling The Salvation Army's Family and Community Ministries office at (734) 453-5464.

Chamber hunt

A search team has been formed as the Canton Chamber of Commerce begins to look for a replacement for departing President Dianne Cojei, who announced her retirement, which is effective Dec. 31.

The 10-member committee, headed by chamber board chair Mary Bartlett, has posted through a variety of chan-



Chamber president Dianne Cojei, here recognizing Zlatina Dimova of Fidelity Bank as the Chamber Ambassador of the Year, retires effective Dec. 31.

nels, including the Chamber membership, Michigan Association of Chamber Professionals (State Chamber) and the Michigan Society of Association Executives.

Information on the posting, including the qualifications, is available at www.cantonchamber.com/Position%20for%20President%20Ad.pdf.

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

Junior Miss

Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss Scholarship Programs is still looking for "future" Junior Misses to be in the program with the Junior Miss participants on Nov. 18 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Children ages 6-12 are eligible, with a cost of \$50. Participants get a T-shirt, will be featured in the program book, a program book to keep and a tiara.

They will escort the Junior Miss participants on stage for the self-expression portion of the judging and dance with the participants in the "Be Your Best Self" ending number. The \$50 is a fund-raiser to help raise money for cash scholarships. The deadline for the "future" Junior Misses is Oct. 23.

Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss is also looking for businesses that would like to donate a scholarship in honor of the company name. Donations are tax-deductible. For more information, e-mail pcjrmis@yahoo.com.



Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Vice President Barry Simescu takes the controls of the PCEP robotics team's pride and joy during the robotics presentation at Tuesday's board meeting.

Tools of the trade

Robotics team inspires love of science, math

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Brian Schwartz was a freshman and had just joined Plymouth-Canton's robotics team, he was a shy, quiet young man hesitant to speak up in front of even the smallest group of people.

When the robotics team made its presentation during the "Celebrating Success" portion of the district's Board of Education meeting, there were more than 100 people in the room.

And standing right up front was Schwartz, now a senior and no longer the sit-in-the-corner-quietly kid he long ago left behind.

"I remember freshman year when I first started there wasn't as much structure," said Schwartz, student president of the team, "I was a quiet kid off to the side with my computer, and one of the mentors got me started learning. My social skills have definitely improved a million-fold."

Schwartz, and the other 70-some students involved in the robotics program, credit the team with that kind of development, life skills and technical acumen they'll take into the work force or college when they leave Plymouth-Canton. Started in 1999 by Salem High School teacher Jay Obsniuk, the FIRST (For Inspiration and Respect of Science and Technology) robotics team — like the pro-



Robotics team president Brian Schwartz and five-year team member Kristen Todd handled the presentation at Tuesday's board meeting. The robotics team is a largely student-run organization.

gram established 10 years earlier by Segway electric vehicle inventor Dean Kamen — is designed to inspire young people to learn more about engineering.

Obsniuk saw the district cutting classes and formed the robotics team to introduce students to science and technology.

"I wanted to get them to appreciate how much fun it can be," said Obsniuk. "We want to get them to learn math and science by building stuff, and teaching them math and science is a good way to go."

Results may back up Obsniuk's belief. He said he gets four or five kids every year who graduate the program who go on to success in

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School solution could include interim chief

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Trustee Dianne Gonzalez voted against renewing the contract of Supt. Dr. Craig Fiegel two weeks ago, she said she did so after talking to teachers and staffers afraid to speak up for fear of losing their jobs, calling them the "silent majority."

At Tuesday's school board

meeting, two weeks after the board decided 4-3 not to renew Fiegel's contract, some of that majority was not so silent.

After picketing the district's administration building with signs that said "Enough is Enough," a reference to the fact they still don't have a contract, dozens of teachers helped fill the board meeting room and spoke up not only about that issue, but about

other district issues that concern them, including Fiegel's contract.

Several used those exact words — "silent majority" — and complained about the lack of collaboration between administration and staff. The loudest of all was former Plymouth-Canton Education Association President Charles Portelli,

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Diversity group touts gains, eyes good second year

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Heartened by strides it made in its inaugural year, Plymouth-Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion plans to continue carving a path in hopes that community groups, elected boards and government labor pools can become more reflective of the community's increasingly diverse population.

Dozens of volunteers representing a wide range of cultures and ethnic groups attended PCCDI's second annual community forum Wednesday evening at Pioneer Middle School, citing first-year gains yet realizing much work remains to achieve a more inclusive community.

"Last year we were very much a fledgling group," said Stan Olszewski, a PCCDI strategic planning board member.

Perhaps, but PCCDI cited numerous milestones: The group worked to help elect the first African-American candidate, Adrienne Davis, to the Plymouth-Canton school board.

• A clothing drive organized with the Canton Mosque brought in large donations that helped the community at large.

• PCCDI worked alongside Canton Township officials to broaden recruiting efforts to reach minorities for a potential job pool. Though budget woes have stalled most new hires, Jeffery Shamberger, PCCDI vice chair, said he hopes the measures will eventually lead to more people of color getting hired for positions such as police officers and firefighters.

However, PCCDI members said their efforts are intended not to meet a racial quota, but to find qualified minority candidates.

• PCCDI formed ties with the Canton Community Foundation, allowing potential donors to log onto www.cantonfoundation.org and provide financial support for the group.

• Alongside parents and school representatives, PCCDI members worked with the Plymouth-Canton district to successfully attract more minority educa-

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Spike time

Frenzied Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball fans go crazy for their squad as PCA fought off a stiff challenge from Oakland Christian before vanquishing the Lancers 15-7 in a deciding fifth game. Read more about it in Sports, page B1.

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

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 next door to Calvary Baptist 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 calling (734) 459-3505, Ext. 2136, or lmachonga@plymouthchristian.org.

Great Lakes tales

Join Vintner's Canton Winery 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, when guests will travel with Leonard Zabawski as he intrigues you with stories of his many adventures (and, perhaps, even some misadventures) while painting the Michigan and Great Lakes Lights. Visitors will enjoy beautiful paintings and award-winning wine and hors d'oeuvres.

Zabawski captures light houses in pen & ink/ watercolor media and several of his paintings will be on display including his 2011 Lighthouse calendar. All will be available to purchase.

Vintner's Canton Winery will also be showcasing their award-winning wine in

Lighthouse bottles.

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.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information phone (734) 354-9463 or e-mail vintnerscanton@att.net.

Identity theft workshop

Community Financial Credit Union hosts an "Identity Theft Workshop" for anyone who has been a victim of identity theft, or knows someone who has, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Community Financial, 500 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

Community Financial Credit Union is committed to helping you learn about topics such as what identity theft is, how thieves get and use your personal information, how to protect yourself from identity thieves and what to do if you are a victim.

Reserve a spot by calling Community Financial at (734) 582-8702. Light refreshments will be served.

AAUW meeting

The Plymouth/Canton branch of the American Association of University Women will host its monthly meeting 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 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



Tricks and treats

Canton Leisure Services' popular Trick or Treat Parade through the Summit on the Park returns Friday, Oct. 29 from 4-7 p.m. During the Trick or Treat Parade the community center is decorated from one end of the building to the other, offering more than a dozen decorated and themed stations appropriate for ages 11 and under. The changes that were made to last year's parade were so successful that two "path" options will be offered again this year to offer trick-or-treaters even more age-appropriate themed stations to choose from. The littles candy-collectors will get the chance to visit with characters ranging from Handy Manny and some of the Disney Princesses, while more experienced trick-or-treaters might spot some seriously spooky witches or a character from iCarly! Bring your camera, as the photo opportunities will be endless. There is a suggested resident donation of \$5/family (please provide proof of residency). The non-resident fee is \$10/family. For more information call (734) 394-5460 or visit Cantonfun.org.

advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. AAUW membership is open to all. For more information, contact Esther Nelson at enelson1c@att.net or (734) 981-4938.

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.

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:

- Tuesday, Oct. 19, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at Karma Coffee Shop, 3015 South Wayne Road, Wayne.

- Thursday, Oct. 21, 9:30-10:30 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 — reviving the economy, focusing on jobs, and strengthening education — and move our state forward."

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

Wrestling boosters

The Salem Wrestling Boosters are sponsoring a Euchre Tournament Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010 at The Elks Club 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 drawing, raffles and complimentary food along with a cash bar. The top (3) individuals will share 30 percent of the total entry fees. Limited space is available.

Contact Rich Rohn at rrohn@tmgwrest.com or visit the Salem Wrestling web site at "wrestling.salemrocks.com" for more information.

Alice in Wonderland

Spotlight on Youth presents the delightful musical "Alice in Wonderland Jr.," Oct. 21-24, 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, child-friendly 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 whimsical 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 is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. Tickets can be purchased by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.canton-mi.org/village-theater or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door.

Check out Canton

The Canton Economic Development office and the Canton Public Library have teamed up to help the community "check out" Canton businesses.

"Check Out Canton" works like the library's very popular Museum Adventure Pass program. Local businesses supply special offers that patrons can check out from the library with a library card. Use the passes to save on goods and services throughout Canton.

Want to know what's being offered? Simply search the library catalog for "Check Out Canton" and you'll find a list of the businesses and their offers.

Businesses interested in participating in this program can call Canton's Economic Development office at (734) 394-5182.

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County commission comes to Canton

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With talks simmering over a possible new \$300-million, jail-consolidating, Wayne County justice center, the 15-member county commission brings its Thursday session to Canton amid a continuing effort to rotate meetings among communities it serves.

Though far from a done deal, the project centers on a \$300-million bond proposal that 11th District Commissioner Kevin McNamara, D-Canton, said could potentially lead to two downtown Detroit jails and possibly the Hamtramck-based jail being consolidated into one complex, though it wasn't clear where it might be built.

It wasn't certain late in the week, but the commission possibly could cast a vote on the issue during a meeting set for 10 a.m. Thursday inside the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center.

Among items that could appear on the agenda, McNamara said, "that's the big one."

The bond proposal would likely center on \$70 million through the federal government and \$230 million from other sources including private industry, McNamara said. The issue has been placed on the fast track due to deadlines to seek federal involvement, he said.

However, the entire project could hinge on whether county officials are convinced that a new Wayne County justice center would save potentially millions of dollars a year.

"We will not build this jail unless there's a cash flow



McNamara

savings," McNamara said.

Some officials have long pondered a possible new justice center where county jails — and possibly county courts in the long term — could be consolidated in one location to slash costs and combat the deepening budget woes.

"We have long wanted a justice center where we could put our jails and courts" and replace facilities that are in some cases 70 years old, McNamara said.

Regardless of what, if anything, happens with the idea Thursday, McNamara said the meeting will give local residents a rare opportunity to see the 15-member commission at work on the home front, since not everyone can make the trip to Detroit for regular meetings in the Guardian Building on Griswold.

"I love the concept," said Pat Williams, a Canton Township trustee. "It gives us an opportunity to get to know the commissioners who are not elected out of our area. Awesome. I'll be there."

Any resident who has concerns or comments to address with county commissioners will have a three-minute opportunity near the end of the agenda, McNamara said.

"We like to bring government to them and give them a chance to see the commission in action," he said.

McNamara is unopposed in this year's election as he sails toward his third-consecutive two-year term.

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Fire marshal calls it a career

Canton Fire Marshal Frank Barrett will retire Nov. 5, ending a 25-year decorated career in Canton.

"Frank has done an outstanding job as fire marshal," Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher said. "He has earned the respect of co-workers and community members. He will be missed."

Barrett will retire at the same time as Rorabacher, another veteran of the



Barrett

Canton Fire Department. Barrett was hired by the Canton department in 1985 as a cadet. He became a fire-fighter and emergency

medical technician in 1987 and fire inspector in 1998.

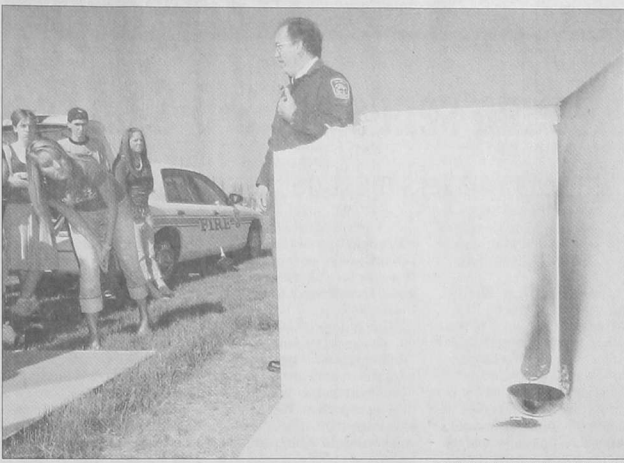
Barrett was promoted to fire marshal in 2000, and he currently runs the Fire Prevention Unit consisting of himself and three fire inspectors. The unit is responsible for ensuring new and existing buildings meet fire code regulations.

The Fire Prevention Unit also is responsible for educating the public on fire safety awareness.

Over the course of his 25-year career, Barrett has accumulated a significant training background including the completion of Fire Officer I, II & III, Fire Staff & Command School, and numerous certifications in advanced and specialized fire investigation.

Barrett was named Canton's Firefighter of the Year in 2006, and received a Unit Award for the investigation of an explosion at Norquik Distributing in 2000.

Barrett and his wife, Julie, have been married 24 years; they have two children, Jessica, 21, and Michael, 19.



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Canton Fire Marshal Frank Barrett showed students the classic "V" soot pattern from a fire started in a corner of a room during a fire demonstration in 2006. Barrett is retiring after a decorated career.

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Meeting sends out S-O-S on school funding

State, lawmakers must get serious about fixing state's problems

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The message Tom White and Mary DeYoung-Smith delivered to a group of school officials and parents Thursday evening is a familiar one for Livonia Public Schools Superintendent Randy Liepa. He only has to look at the district's bottom line to see that school funding is, indeed, going down a slippery slope.

"Public education is facing a multibillion dollar deficit down the road," he said. "It's alarming for us because we've never seen a time like this when funding looked so bleak."

The steep step down a slippery slope was the theme of a presentation by White, the chair of Save Our Students, Schools and State, and DeYoung-Smith, president of the Michigan PTSA. The program was hosted by the Wayne-Westland Community Schools in cooperation with the Livonia Public Schools and the Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency. The 1½-hour program focused on the problems facing K-12 education and the state, the steps that need to be taken to correct them and what concerned individuals can do to get the message to lawmakers to do something about it now.

NEED TO ACT NOW

"We need to act now to protect the future and leave our children with a better future," said White, SOS task force chairman. "Our children only get one chance at a quality

education. We can't furlough seventh grade, we can't tell them they can't have seventh grade because we don't have the money."

"Things don't happen quickly," said DeYoung-Smith. "Your kids, your community need you to keep up the fight. Economic recovery is dependent on education. We can't have one without the other."

According to White, the issue is the state's poor economy, and while the legislature didn't cause it, it has done nothing to fix it. It has failed to address the core issues while using \$6 billion in one-time fixes to fill the funding gaps.

"Since the 1990s, lawmakers have cut taxes 75 times, taking some \$450 million away from the schools," said White. "We've had job losses, taxes are down in Lansing and they can't agree on a solution. They just push the problem down to the local level. Since 2000, they have failed to come to grips with the structural flaws."

Michigan currently ranks 22nd in the country in its per pupil funding and is below the national average. In 2008-09, the state took \$932 million from the school aid fund and replaced with federal money, and last year, cut the per pupil amount by \$165. For some schools receiving 20J money, loss was more like \$500-\$600, White said.

Districts received an \$11 increase in the per pupil payments this year, and it looked like the Education Jobs Bill hammered out by lawmakers would have restored the

remaining \$154. However, Gov. Jennifer Granholm vetoed the bill, saying that it doesn't comply with the federal guidelines.

NOT A HIGH TAX STATE

White told the audience of about 200 people that Michigan isn't a high tax state. In fact, it ranks 27th in the nation for the portion of income spent by taxpayers for state and local taxes, according to the Tax Foundation. It also ranks 17th in the country for its business tax climate.

Expanding the sales tax base will result in revenue that more closely tracks the state's economic growth. It would mirror the shift to a service economy. Currently, no tax is paid on such things as rounds of golf and theater, concert and sports tickets, which, if taxed, would cost and average of \$30-\$40 per person per year.

"This is where the growth in the economy is. Without restructuring, public education will have to be recalibrated to match revenue," White said. "What does recalibrating mean? Cuts in programs."

He also said that stopping a planned reduction in the state income tax from 4.35 percent to 3.9 percent by 2015 would save the state \$150 million per year. A progressive income tax where those who make \$100,000 or more would pay more tax also would generate another \$500 million a year.

"K-12 and the state general funds are facing a \$2 billion hole for 2010-2011," said

White. "The dam is about to break for us. We don't have a lot of options."

"The message is so simple that a third-grader can get it, but Lansing doesn't get it," White said, referring to the "School Funding from a Third-Grader" videos now being shown on the SOS website, www.sosmichigan.org.

Both White and DeYoung-Smith stressed that there are sacrifices that need to be made: Either cut the K-12 program or restructure funding. With Proposal A now 15 years old, the belief is that now is the time to revamp it.

"People are getting tired of Lansing being unresponsive, but that's how they play the game," White said. "We need to create a new funding formula that links taxes to the new economy."

Lawmakers have looked at different ways of generating taxes but in many instances caved in to criticism. One of those areas was increasing the beer and wine tax and when a question about it was raised during the meeting, former state representative John Stewart of Plymouth provided the answer.

"I was graduating from high school when they touched the beer and wine tax in 1967 and it was to reduce it," he said.

In the end, the audience was encouraged to be respectful but to continue to prod their lawmakers to make the difficult decisions and be a part of the solution.

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Poetry in motion

Dodson Elementary School students (first row from left) Ashley Wenzel and Nathan Koh and (second row) Ryan Berger, Chantal LeDoux, and Catherine Christensen show off the plaque Dodson got from being named one of the top five schools in the nation in the Young American Poetry Digest. Each year thousands of students submit their poetry to this publication and only about 65 percent are selected to be included in the book. More than 240 Dodson students who had haikus and other forms of poetry were chosen for this honor. To go along with this special achievement our school also received a monetary award and a special plaque. These funds will be used to help frame the photos of the writers. Dodson was also given the title of an 'Exemplary School' by Creative Communications. Other Dodson students had their work featured in the Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans and The American Library of Poetry.



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who now works for the MEA. He said Fiegel "is a decent and honest man," and then pointed out Fiegel's \$248,000 compensation package is second in Wayne County only behind Greg Baracy of Wayne-Westland, and "290 percent higher than teachers at the highest step" in the district.

Portelli, who also said he supported teachers picketing for a contract settlement, called for the board to end the divisiveness that has crept up among board members over this issue.

"I request you be the leaders we elected you to be," Portelli said. "You need to come together and have open and honest communication. It's time to stop plotting against each other... we are now standing in the midst of a firestorm, and I believe it is time for you to stop working against each other and let Dr. Fiegel assist you in a plan for his departure."

The process for replacing Fiegel — his contract expires June 30 — may be altered somewhat from what's been done before. Board President Steven Sneiderman said he's like to see the board take time to figure out exactly what board members want in their next superintendent in an effort to hire someone that can last longer than a couple of years. Since Mike Hoben left the job after 22 years in June 1994, Plymouth-Canton has had four superintendents and three interim superintendents (Jim Ryan served six months as an interim before taking the job on a permanent basis in December 2002).

With a board goal-setting session coming up Tuesday, Sneiderman said he'd like to see the

HEAD OF THE LINE

Here's a list of the people who've served as superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools since Mike Hoben took the job in 1972:

Name	Start	End
Mike Hoben	July 1972	June 1994
Chuck Little	July 1994	August 1999
Ken Walcott*	July 1999	January 2000
Kathleen Booher	January 2000	July 2002
Jim Ryan*	July 2002	December 2002
Jim Ryan	December 2002	February 2007
Ken Jacobs*	February 2007	June 2008
Craig Fiegel	July 2008	Present
*Interim		

board decide exactly what it's looking for in the next superintendent.

"I'd like to see us do a little more work as a board on what we're looking for and what we think our roles are versus the superintendent's role before we go through all of that," Sneiderman said, referring to a search process.

Sneiderman said the board could either elect to do the full search process now, including hiring a search firm to find qualified candidates, or members could elect to appoint another interim superintendent for a year to give them time to figure out what they want.

Sneiderman prefers the latter option.

"I'd like to work on those things some more before starting a search," he said. "But if the majority of the board decides to move forward, that's what we'll do."

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Shooter gets probation in deputy wounding

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A man who spent 19 weeks in jail after he shot an off-duty Washtenaw County sheriff deputy in Canton will spend the next 18 months on probation.

Kim Jerome Hill, who had been released from jail Sept. 13 after he pleaded no contest to felonious assault, was placed on probation Wednesday by Wayne County Circuit Judge Richard Skutt, who accepted an agreement reached by defense and prosecuting attorneys.

Hill, 29, shot off-duty Washtenaw County Sheriff Deputy Samuel Wallace, a

33-year-old Redford resident, in the abdomen after finding him May 1 at Hill's estranged wife's residence at Wyndchase Townhomes near Cherry Hill and Haggerty.

Hill spent nearly four months in jail after he was arrested in May and ordered to stand trial on assault with intent to do great bodily harm (less than murder) and felony firearm charges.

However, Hill pleaded no contest Sept. 13 to a reduced charge of felonious assault. He was released from jail the same day.

Hill could have faced penalties ranging up to life in prison if he had gone to trial and faced a conviction on the origi-

nal charges.

Even before his contest plea, Hill's charges had been reduced from an original charge of assault with intent to murder, punishable by penalties ranging up to life in prison. But, 35th District Judge Ronald Lowe had dropped the charge in May following allegations Wallace lied when he denied having sex with Hill's estranged wife.

Lowe's decision came after Hill's wife contradicted statements made by Wallace in court, prompting Lowe to say Wallace's credibility had been damaged.

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DIVERSITY

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tors for this school year and to support an African-American high-school history course.

"I think it was really a productive summer," said Shelley Clifton, who heads up PCCDI's education committee.

PCCDI nurtured its ties to a larger organization, the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion, by becoming involved in events such as a regional diversity walk on Belle Isle.

More recently, PCCDI has launched the initial phase

of Time Banking, a project intended to link people who have needs, such as tutoring or transportation to doctor's offices, with those who can help. The effort will place emphasis on helping residents with disabilities.

"Many people are unemployed, and many people are hurting," said Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, who chairs PCCDI's strategic planning committee.


PCCDI members brainstormed about other projects it might explore during the next year, such as a film festival promoting diversity and a fund-raising golf outing as early as next spring. Clifton said PCCDI

also hopes to secure funding to hire an independent, problem-solving ombudsman — likely part time — to serve as a liaison between the school district and community.

Meanwhile, one PCCDI board member, Loren Khogali, commended the Canton Police Department for a major award it received this year from the International Association of Chiefs of Police. IACP awarded the department the single-agency 2010 Civil Rights Award after Lt. Todd Mutchler led efforts to form a broad-based Canton Response to Hate Crimes Coalition.

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"Rehab centers are geared for rehab," said Selznick. "Four Seasons provides outstanding intense therapy if patients don't have the means of caring for themselves at home or their spouse is working."

The need for long-term care depends on family dynamics. Is someone able to nurse a mother, father or spouse at home? Family support is a necessity. Nursing aides can help if permit.

"There's no place like home," said Selznick, "but when that can't be met Four Seasons would be their home and treated as it was their home."

Rehabilitation and nursing centers have changed dramatically since Selznick went into practice 25 years ago after a residency at Wayne State University. Back then, physicians visited patients once a month as required by law. Selznick and Dr. Jerry Wilburn, his partner at Livonia Family Physicians, changed that practice. About eight years ago they formed Continuum Geriatric Services and recently merged with InPatient Consultants (IPC), a national hospitalist.

"It was strictly nursing. Too many patients were being sent out to the hospital to be evaluated because they didn't have that physician in-house," said Selznick. "At Four Seasons we can treat them site specific. We're coming to them instead of them coming to us."

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ROBOTICS

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the work force. He said potential employers sit up and take notice if the FIRST program shows up on an application.

NATION'S BEST

That's especially true, he said, if you're from a Michigan school. Milford's robotics team, for instance, has won the national championship two straight years, part of a string of seven consecutive years — and eight of the last nine — with national championships from Michigan.

"If you have FIRST robotics on your resume, companies will look at you before anyone else," Obsniuk said. "If you go to one of our competitions, pick a top-10 stock company and they're all there. FIRST creates (students with) responsibility, it creates leadership and it creates knowledge."

The team learns its "game" for the year in January, in a conference call with all 1,800 teams worldwide. The teams then have six weeks to build their robot, and competition season runs in March and April. It's a student-run organization, with adult mentors who advise, but aren't generally hands-on.



Eric Schendel (left), Joe Jagadic and Ashley Saunders worked well together in competition last year.

Obsniuk said that's by design.

"It's like the parents who build the Pinewood Derby car for their kids in scouting, and all the kid gets to do is race the car," Obsniuk said. "There are (robotics) teams like that. But on our team, if the kids don't work on the robot, we don't have a robot. We let the kids run the organization the way they think it should be run."

We don't shoot for winning, we shoot for learning."

That's one of the things that appeals to Schwartz, who said the adult mentors and advisers — "Some are engineers, some are just parents," he said — are vital, but the student-run aspect makes the team something more important to its members.

"(Mentors) bring a lot to the team, but the big part of our

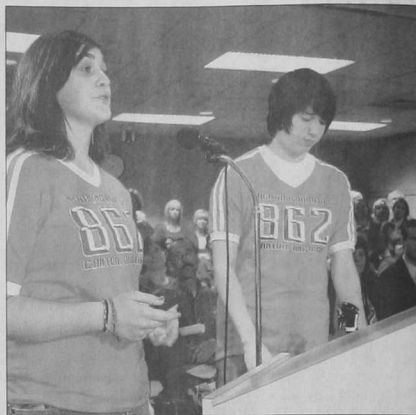
team is being student-run," he said. "We don't let the mentors touch the tools. The students handle the tools with the help of the mentors. This is a high school team and we want it to be a learning experience, to build the robot rather than watch the robot being built."

VARIOUS REASONS

Kristen Todd is an rarity on the robotics team, a fifth-year member who got to join when she was in eighth grade. Her brother, Bryan, was a member, and Kristen was intrigued by the family atmosphere.

"Everyone knew me, and they were cool with (her joining)," said Todd, a Plymouth resident who is a senior at Plymouth High School. "I went to a competition in my seventh-grade year and saw how amazing it was. It was loud and exciting, and it got me hooked."

While many of the students on the team are on it to work with the tools and build the robots, the technological aspects of FIRST don't really appeal all that much to Todd. She loves to write, so she does the award submissions and



Like everything else in the student-run robotics program, team members Kristen Todd and Brian Schwartz were in charge Tuesday during the team's 'Celebrating Success' presentation at Tuesday's school board meeting.

the public relations materials associated with the team.

And while she rarely picks up a tool — "I'm less a science-math girl and more a writer," she said — it's the atmosphere Todd likes.

"I actually call (Obsniuk) 'Grandpa,'" said Todd, who served as the team's treasurer the last two years. "We're good buddies. I have a lot of friends on the team, it's pretty much a big family. Once you get on the team, you find your niche, and you can't leave."

SPONSOR VITAL

The program costs some \$20,000 a year to run and is funded in large part by the team's major sponsor, Bosch, which kicks in some \$10,000 a year in addition to providing engineer mentors, an end-of-year banquet and other amenities.

"Bosch is vital to the success of the team," Obsniuk said. "They bring the current technology with them. Many of the young ones come there with ways to build something better."

The team is some 70 students strong now, and mem-

bers do a good job of replenishing their numbers by doing outreach to elementary and middle schools. And not only does the robotics program appeal to mainstream students, special-needs students get a lot out of it, too.

"We go out to middle schools and elementary schools, try to get them started early," Obsniuk said. "I have Advanced Placement kids, and I have a lot of special-needs students, including two autistic students who are enjoying the heck out of it. They may not get as much out of it educationally as some of the other kids, but the hands-on work really thrills them."

Obsniuk has been at it since 1999, and shows no signs of giving it up any time soon. He laughs when asked why he's stuck with it so long, but the answer comes easily enough.

"Sometimes I sit down and ask my wife the same question," he said, chuckling. "I put in about 500 hours after school and on weekends, but I enjoy the kids a lot."

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Missionary spreads his story in Canton visit

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Ashraf Beshay, 38, grew up in the Christian faith and lets Americans know that some 10 million people in his native Egypt are Christians.

That's out of a population of some 80 million, Beshay said during a recent visit to Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton, which is hosting him through its denomination. Beshay is a Presbyterian pastor of a church of about 110 people in Cairo.

"I feel at home," he said of his Canton welcome, his fourth visit to the U.S. "Your hospitality is wonderful, thank you."

He's been to Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. "I spent wonderful time there last Saturday," he said, acknowledging he hadn't been aware of the large number of Arabs and Arab-Americans who call Dearborn home.

Beshay, who's married to Nahla and dad to a toddler daughter, grew up in upper Egypt, where more Christians live. The Coptic Church is the largest Christian body in his country.

"In my experience, they have a lot more rituals. A lot more liturgy," said the Rev. Bryan Smith of Geneva, the host pastor.

Beshay is among four missionaries visiting through the denomination's General Assembly, which chooses a different country each visit. A pastor and lay person from Lebanon are in Ohio, among the two pastors and two lay people visiting.

Beshay was in a discussion on Israel and Palestine at First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, and spoke to young people at Pioneer Middle School on his country. He spoke on solutions to the Israel-Palestine conflict at a church in Ann Arbor, along

THE BESHAY FILE

Name: Ashraf Beshay

Profession: Senior pastor at The Evangelical Church, Al-Rahibat Square, Maadi, Cairo, Egypt

Education: Bachelor of mass communication, 1994; bachelor of theology, 1998; bachelor of laws, 2005. Currently in master's studies in Middle Eastern Christianity.

Family: wife Nahla, daughter Amanda, 14 months old. Amanda was born in the U.S. and holds American citizenship.

with having fun at a corn maze with church youth, a cider mill and a high school soccer game.

"He took a midnight train ride from Toledo to Pittsburgh," Smith said of Beshay's current visit. The Egyptian pastor heard a professor of his in Egypt while in Pittsburgh.

He visited New York, New Jersey, Georgia and Virginia in the past. He finds a lot of interest among Americans in the Middle East and the Israel-Palestine conflict.

Beshay has a degree in mass communications and is an editor/writer for Al-Huda magazine, a synod magazine. "I usually follow CNN for news," said Beshay, who hadn't yet seen local newspapers. "We have in Egypt some Christian newspapers and magazines. This is besides our ministry as pastors."

He's animated while talking about his ministry and the publication, which carries news of the synod and members, issues related politically and socially, and theology. There's a staff of about 12, mostly pastors, said Beshay, who also writes for secular publications.

He's proud of helping to establish the first Presbyterian library in his area, along with publishing seven books in

recent years.

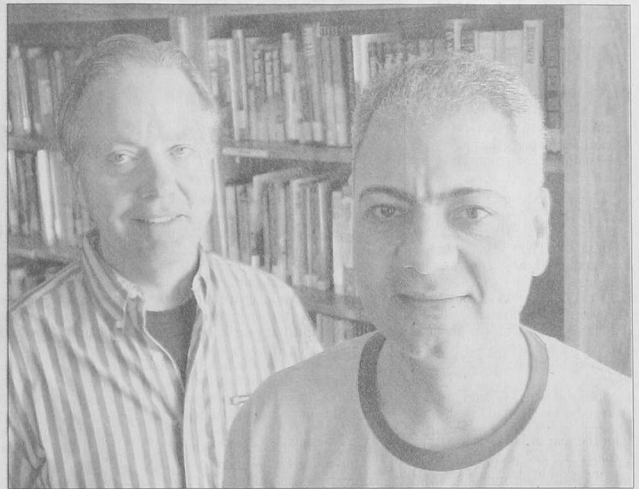
"This is wonderful achievement," he said. "We feel it will serve our community, not just Christians but Muslims."

Beshay preaches several times a week, and hosts speakers and youth groups at his congregation. "We usually encourage our youth to go to some Arab countries" to help through ministry," he said.

He's particularly pleased with help of missionaries from the U.S. and South Korea. "They are very nice, very honest in dealing with people."

Beshay, who'll visit New Jersey relatives before flying home Nov. 2, followed the John McCain-Barack Obama race, and is proud the U.S. elected a black man. He said Martin Luther King Jr. is a hero in Egypt among Christians.

"We're looking forward to having some heroes like you to struggle for justice," he said, noting there's some discrimination by race and other factors.



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Meet the candidates for the state Senate 7th District seat

Brandys: 'If people are looking for message, they'll find it'

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Marlin Brandys isn't kidding himself when it comes to his campaign for the 7th State Senate seat, representing Plymouth, Canton, Northville and several downriver communities.

As the Libertarian candidate on the Nov. 2 ballot, Brandys, a former U.S. Marine and Chicago-area law enforcement officer, is honest when assessing his chances of getting elected.

"Slim and none," he said. Brandys has lived in Plymouth for about a year. He spent four years on active duty in the U.S. Marines, then did 20 years of National Guard service, including serving in both Gulf Wars. He was also an officer in the Chicago Housing Authority.

The chance of being elected is of lesser importance to Brandys than

getting his message out there. His platform, he said, revolves around business and education.

Brandys said improving the business climate is Job. 1 if he gets elected, and he'd do it by first eliminating not only

the Michigan Business Tax, but all taxes. He'd replace that tax revenue by increasing the state sales tax to 9 percent.

"You have to promote businesses of all types to come back to Michigan, or to locate here in the first place," said Brandys. "You have to make sure businesses understand you're there to promote them, not tax them out of existence."

Government has not done well at handling the education system, Brandys said, which is why he said he'd get government out of the education business. He would, instead, fund schools using scholarships from 501(c)(3) groups and other private businesses. He'd also cut the number of school districts through consolidation.

"We have to get education out of government's hands," Brandys said. "They're having a hard enough time running the government. We have more than 500 school districts. We should have several hundred fewer."

"We need to encourage more family involvement in education," he added. "We should gradually promote taking the responsibility of education away from the politicians and allowing for private entities to administer scholarships for each student to use at private and charter type educational establishments."

He said the idea of multi-year budgeting has pluses and minuses.

"It is not a sure-fire fix-all," Brandys said. "If we have the revenue to make it work then it will save us on time, money and resources. This will be difficult at first; however with a positive revenue stream it can be done and used to our advantage. As long as we have stable and predictive revenue that is a majority of our revenue stream; I believe this type of budgeting will be an asset to the state."

Brandys said he became a Libertarian after living in the Chicago area, represented by Dick Lugar, whose votes Brandys said eventually started straying from his own views.

"Lugar's voting was going away from my beliefs, and I realized the Republican party was going away from my beliefs," Brandys said.

Brandys said he's not doing much campaigning, hasn't raised any money and is campaigning mostly through social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter and his own website.

"If people believe in my message, it'll get out there," Brandys said. "I'll put my message out there and if people are looking for it, they'll find it."

THE BRANDYS FILE

Who: Marlin John Brandys, 41
What: Candidate for 7th State Senate seat
Residence: Plymouth
Number of years you have resided in the district: One
Family: 3 children and 1 grandchild
Education: Some college and professional certifications
Professional background: Public servant (Military/Law enforcement)
Community involvement: VFW, volunteer martial arts instructor at Boy's and Girl's Club
Web site: www.lpwmm.org/
MarlinBrandys

Colbeck: Limit government, improve business climate

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Coming off a win over an established Republican in the August primary, Patrick Colbeck of Canton is finding even more reasons for optimism as he campaigns prior to the Nov. 2 general election.

Colbeck, a management consultant with an aerospace engineering background, has been knocking on doors during his campaign for the 7th State Senate seat, being vacated by the term-limited Bruce Patterson. Colbeck, one of five candidates on the November ballot, is liking what he's hearing on the doorsteps of the district, which includes Plymouth, Canton, Northville and several downriver communities.

"All indications are very good," Colbeck said. "I love it when I knock on doors and people say, 'I'm voting for you.'"

One of the biggest tenets of Colbeck's campaign is the idea of smaller government. He said the government has 15 separate agencies with a lot of redundant functions that could be combined to slash expenses.

"We need to cut the size of government," Colbeck said. "We can cut without eliminating services."

Colbeck also said jobs are the biggest issue — "Everyone can agree we want jobs," he said — and he believes the way for Michigan to climb out of its economic doldrums is clear, if not obvious: Climb from what he says is a ranking near the bottom in business friendliness in the country to the top spot.

And the way he says the state should do it is to "start treating businesses as customers, not piggy banks." He'd start by eliminating the Michigan Business Tax and property taxes.

"Businesses provide jobs ... the more people who have jobs, the more taxpayers we will have," Colbeck said. "The more taxpayers we have, the more tax revenue we generate. The more tax revenue we have, the more we can effectively support the government services called for under our constitution."

Colbeck, who launched his campaign with an April 15 speech during a Tax Day Tea Party event in Plymouth, said he's running a "grass roots" campaign. He thinks his management background gives him the right perspective on the ways to fix Michigan and its long-suffering economy.

"My bread-and-butter is going into dysfunctional situations," Colbeck said. "There's a different mindset when you go at it from a design engineer perspective. That thinking can extend into the business system very well. I have what it takes."

Colbeck said the way to start is to cut expenses, rather than increasing revenue in ways such as tax increases. Pointing out he signed a Taxpayer Protection Pledge, Colbeck said the state can't "tax ourselves to prosperity."

"Everyone is focused on the revenue side of the ledger," Colbeck said. "We need to lift the hood and look at the other side."

THE COLBECK FILE

Who: Patrick Colbeck, 44
What: Republican candidate, state 7th Senate District
Family: He and his wife, Angie, have been married more than 14 years
Residency: 14 years
Community involvement: outreach coordinator for Good News! Via de Cristo, member of Canton and Northville Chambers of Commerce, member of SharePoint Users Group, NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township
Related experience: treasurer, Canton Charter Academy Board (2009-present)
Profession: Currently a self-employed management consultant (11 years total experience. Past six years have been on my own). Also provides IT consulting and web hosting services.
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Kheibari: Voters looking for something different

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Michael Kheibari of Northville is encouraged by statistics he's heard that show independent candidates might have a better-than-usual shot at getting elected this year.

Kheibari, a pharmaceutical manager for Rite-Aid, figures that increases his chances of winning the 7th State Senate seat for which he's campaigning in the Nov. 2 general election. Kheibari, 60, an Iranian-American who came to the U.S. in 1992, is one of five candidates — including two independents and a Libertarian — running for the seat to serve the 7th District, which covers Plymouth, Canton, Northville and several downriver communities.

"Usually 5 to 10 percent of people are voting for independents," said Kheibari. "This year, it's up to 39 percent, according to polls. People

are sick and tired of left and right. They want a change."

Like most candidates, Kheibari said the state's focus has to be in three areas: Balancing the budget, creating jobs and fixing education and health care. The dif-

ference that sets him apart, he says, is he's not trying to promise everything to voters.

"Candidates are promising the sun and the moon, but where's the money?" Kheibari asked rhetorically.

Well, he thinks he knows. According to Kheibari, Michigan's expenditures on the budget for the Department of Corrections is three times higher than the national average. Illinois, Kheibari said, spends a third of what Michigan spends.

It costs the state, according to Kheibari, some \$36,000 to house each of the state's 50,000 prisoners. He said the cost is driven up by the amenities given to prisoners.

"I'm not saying release the prisoners, but (prison) is a place for punishment," Kheibari said. "If we can get the corrections budget down to the national average, it would save \$1 billion a year."

Kheibari said his plan for the state puts school funding first and school budget cuts last. He said "Lansing is slaughtering" education funding in the state and pledged to protect it in an effort to keep Michigan students in Michigan after they graduate.

"Education is like a disaster," Kheibari said. "Statistics show 50 percent of graduates are moving out. We need to keep graduates here."

Kheibari said he wants to "recover money" from other areas, and then fund his health-care plan, which he said hinges on three main priorities: Coverage for low-income workers, for low-income senior citizens and for students.

Kheibari said improving the business climate in the state is necessary to helping the state out of its sluggish economy. Among Kheibari's ideas: Involving national companies on state projects with the contingency to hire local workers first; giving special incentives to Michigan companies only for new Michigan — "That will bring more jobs to the state and will promote the level of customer satisfaction in our state," he said — and giving special incentives to those companies who want to invest on renewable energy and use Michigan workers.

"I don't believe in lip service," he said. "I don't believe in band-aid solutions. I have to fix things, once and forever."

THE KHEIBARI FILE

Who: Michael Kheibari, 60
What: Candidate for 7th State Senate seat
Residence: Northville
Number of years you have resided in the district: 10 Years
Family: Married, 3 daughters, Rosita, Azadeh and Athena
Education: Master of Engineering (Aeronautical Meteorology) and some computer classes at Wayne State
Professional background: Major of Air Force (IAF) as a branch of CENTO, Computer programmer and now a part of successful management team in Rite Aid.
Related experience: None, but was a member of committee in Lansing to write the new employee bill of rights.
Community involvement (past five years): Member of ACLU and working on my campaign approximately a year.
Web site: www.michaelforstatesenate.com

Law: Renewable energy among top state issues

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kathleen Law of Gibraltar believes the state needs to reinvestigate its economy, and she thinks she knows the mechanism that could at least help start that process.

Renewable energy. Law, a Democrat seeking the 7th State Senate seat in the Nov. 2 general election, said renewable energy is "the issue I wanted to campaign on." The 7th district represents Plymouth, Canton, Northville and several downriver communities.

She believes policies enacted in Germany and nearly 50 other countries could help lead the way. Her plan would include a "feed-in tariff" designed to encourage the adoption of renewable energy sources and to help accelerate the move toward grid parity. It's an issue she said she tried to push during her stint

in the state House of Representatives (2003-2008), but one on which she couldn't get much traction. She's bringing it back now.

"I wanted to have a conversation," said Law, 64, one of five candidates

on the Nov. 2 ballot. "There are others to have, and we should have them. Other representatives have heard it, because I taught it. There are more people willing to listen now."

When it comes to education, Law admits "I don't have all the answers." But she does believe education should be changed to better accommodate the people it's most supposed to serve — the students. For instance, she said the educational calendar is based on an agricultural calendar.

"We don't need kids in the fields anymore," Law said. "I want to hear from teachers what the ideal 'dream' school would be."

She suggested perhaps the school day should be shifted because "kids are brain-dead in the morning," and that perhaps schedules could be rearranged to take advantage of more optimum learning times.

"I'd like to get something that accommodates kids' biological clocks," Law said. "We have to decide what we want to be. If we're going to be a day care, that's one kind of school. If we're going to educate kids, that's a whole different school."

"I don't have all the answers, but I have lots of questions," she added. "That'll get us somewhere."

Law said she's OK with the Michigan Turnaround Plan, a five-point strategy to "transform Michigan's economy" put out by Business Leaders for Michigan, a private, non-profit executive leadership organization.

It's points include "changing the way we manage finances," "right-sizing and enacting structural budget reforms," and "getting Michigan competitive to attract and retain jobs," among others.

"There's nothing I don't support" in the plan, Law said. "But there's nothing that's going to get the job done, either."

Law said multi-year budgeting would provide stability, particularly to education and local government.

"That stability depends, however, on the state's ability to meet the commitment," she said. "Funding for schools is largely dependent on sales and income tax so if the economy falters, so does funding. My concern with two-year budgets is that it's important for the legislature to review the state budget annually to be sure that spending decisions are made transparent and accountable to the taxpayers."

THE LAW FILE

Who: Kathleen Law, 64
What: Candidate for the 7th State Senate Seat
Residence: Gibraltar
Number of years you have resided in the District: 60+
Family: Husband, Richard, son Jeff (Paula), two grandsons
Education: Bachelor of science degree in Microbiology from Eastern Michigan University
Professional background: Research Scientist, Wastewater Treatment Operator, Secretary
Related experience: City of Gibraltar Council (Mayor Pro Tem) 98-99, 99-2002, Michigan House of Representatives, 23rd District, 3 terms, 2003-2008
Community involvement: Executive Board, Wayne Conservation District, Women in Wind, AAUW, NOW
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Stewart: Moderate stance right for the district

BY BRAD KADRICH AND MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITERS

Plymouth attorney John Stewart figures the political paradigm is shifting and, particularly with a new governor, change will be afoot in Michigan.

And he wants to be part of it. The former three-term state representative from the 20th House District figures as a moderate, he best represents the qualities of the 7th State Senate district, to which he's hoping to be elected in the Nov. 2 general election. Stewart, who served in the House from 2000-2006, is one of five candidates on the ballot hoping to serve the district, which covers Plymouth, Canton, Northville and several downriver communities.

"People are tired of extremism. People are tired of partisanship," said Stewart. "I can bridge the partisan divide."

Stewart has been a Republican and a Democrat, but independent is a label Stewart said he wears most comfortably. He considered a bid for the state Senate as a Democrat, but decided against it when the Rep. Marc Corvieve, D-Northville, announced his candidacy in January. The two share a voter base, Stewart said, and would likely have split it.

When Corvieve dropped out of the Senate race in May, Stewart saw his chance. He and supporters collected 2,544 petition signatures — over 1,000 more than needed — to put him on the ballot as an independent.

Stewart paints himself as fiscally responsible and touts his six years on the House appropriations committee as experience that will help him tackle the state's finances.

Abolishing the personal property tax, a tax on the value of business equipment from computers to heavy machinery, is toward the top of his list.

"You repeal the personal property tax, you attract high-tech businesses, you attract manufacturing jobs," he said.

That would cut state revenue by about \$1.8 billion annually, in Stewart's estimation; to balance the budget, he favors consolidation in state government (state departments, for example, should not each have their own personnel office, he said) and curbing Medicaid fraud, which, he said, is driving up costs.

Overall, Michigan needs tax reform, said Stewart, who said he would support the call by Republican gubernatorial candidate Rick Snyder to repeal the Michigan Business tax.

"There's going to be major restructuring of taxes," said Stewart, who is against a tax on services and says the 22-percent surcharge on the Michigan Business Tax should be repealed. To replace tax revenue, he said, he'd vote for a 6-percent corporate net income tax, and he could see himself voting for a \$1.25 increase on a six-pack of beer.

"The beer and wine industry has controlled Lansing," Stewart said. "Lansing is controlled by interest groups."

Stewart said his Downriver roots — he grew up in Wyandotte and two sisters were teachers in the area — and the fact that he collected petition signatures in that part of the district will help him win voters there.

"I'm most representative of the voters," he said. "I am the only mainstream candidate."

THE STEWART FILE

Who: John Stewart, 61
What: Candidate for 7th State Senate seat
Residence: Plymouth
Number of years you have resided in the district: 26
Family: Wife of 31 years, Beth; daughters Laura and Sarah
Education: Bachelors (Eastern Michigan University), Masters (Wayne State University), Law Degree (DCL/MSU)
Professional background: Attorney, 34 years
Related experience: Elected Trustee, Plymouth Township (1988-1992); State Representative, 20th District (2000-2006)
Community involvement (past five years): Plymouth Colonial Kiwanis Club (26 years); First Presbyterian Church (26 years); Plymouth Chamber of Commerce (21 years)
Website: www.stewartforsenate.com

When dealing with IRS, get professional help

Q: Dear Rick: The Internal Revenue Service notified us that our 2007 and 2008 tax returns are going to be audited. We have never been audited before and as far as I know we've completed our returns correctly. I'm concerned as to why the IRS chose our return. We have always done our returns ourselves and we currently use Turbo Tax. My husband wants to deal with the IRS on his own. I think we should hire someone. What are your thoughts?



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A: Sometimes there is no rhyme or reason why the IRS chooses to audit a return. The IRS uses many different formulas and programs to determine who to audit. Just because your return was selected, doesn't mean there is anything wrong with the return or that you will owe money.

The IRS does random audits to make sure people comply with tax laws. That being said, if you've completed your returns accurately there probably is nothing to worry about. The audit may be relatively routine in that you present your backup documentation to the IRS, and everything else falls into place. However, that doesn't mean you shouldn't be

concerned. Whenever the IRS wants to discuss your tax return, it is something to be concerned with. After all, you don't know why the IRS is auditing your return. It could be just a relatively routine matter or it could be something more complex.

I recommend that a professional handle the audit for you. I recognize that hiring a professional is not inexpensive, however, I believe he/she is worth the money.

When called to the IRS, anyone is a little nervous — that is natural. Being nervous and not knowing the procedures and policies of an audit gives the IRS the upper hand. A professional allows you to level the playing field.

After all, professionals who have handled audits in the past typically won't be intimidated by the IRS. Also, knowing what the IRS's procedures and policies are allows the professional to properly represent you. My general advice is that

anyone being audited should retain a professional.

There are three types of individuals you can consider — a tax attorney, a certified public accountant or an enrolled agent. All generally have experience dealing with audits. However, don't make the assumption that just because someone is a tax attorney or CPA that they handle audits. In today's world, it is not unusual for a CPA to have no experience in audits. Therefore, before you hire a professional, make sure that they have experience in dealing with the Internal Revenue Service. In addition, it is important to have an understanding of their fees. Do they charge a flat rate or an hourly fee? Know this up front. Fees may be an uncomfortable conversation, however, it is important.

Good luck!

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

Local travelers firm in Europe plans

Plymouth-Canton area travelers are moving forward with plans to travel to Europe, even after the U.S. State Department issued a "Travel Alert" on Oct. 3, according to the travel experts at the Travel Leaders location in Plymouth.

While answering many questions regarding the State Department advisory, the Travel Leaders experts are making it clear that no warning is in place against traveling to Europe. They also are counseling area residents who may be traveling internationally to maximize enjoyment while further minimizing risk.

"It is important to note that the State Department is not warning against travel to Europe. While the 'Travel Alert' issued on Oct. 3 is new, it is largely consistent with the State Department's Worldwide Caution that has

been in place for most of the last decade," explained Kate Rosevear, owner of Plymouth's Travel Leaders location.

As has been the case for the past 10 years, Rosevear said, "The State Department recommends that Americans use common sense and 'take every precaution to be aware of their surroundings and to adopt safety measures to protect themselves when traveling.' We, in turn, are providing the full text of the alert to our clients so they may make informed decisions regarding their travel. At this time, all of our clients are moving forward with their travel plans to Europe."

In fact, Rosevear said she's in the final stages of preparing to personally escort a group of 56 travelers on the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra benefit cruise departing for

Barcelona and the Western Mediterranean on Oct. 27.

Rosevear also noted that the State Department has acknowledged that "European governments have taken action to guard against a terrorist attack."

"While no one can ever say with absolute certainty that any destination is 100-percent free of issues, we believe that if travelers from the Plymouth-Canton area use common sense, they will mitigate most problems," Rosevear said. "For all travelers planning overseas trips, we also strongly recommend travel insurance for the additional peace-of-mind it provides should anything happen before or during travel."

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Second prize is two tickets to Rock of Ages, Nov. 9, at the Fisher Theatre featuring Constantine Maroulis - the 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.

More than 45 photos are posted online for readers to vote on. There's still time to add your photos and win the tickets to the Carrie Underwood Concert in November at the Palace or to other prizes included in the contest.

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 mid-night, Oct. 31 win prizes and will be published in the Plymouth Observer and the Canton Observer.

Pageant 'good experience' for Canton teen



Lisa Jackson of Canton, 14, competes in the evening gown portion of the Miss Michigan Teen USA pageant in Ann Arbor.

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lisa Jackson of Canton didn't finish among the top 15 at the recent Miss Michigan Teen USA pageant in Ann Arbor.

But that doesn't matter as much to Jackson, a 14-year-old Plymouth High School freshman, who remained undaunted by the results. While admitting to some disappointment, the experience was good enough despite the finish that Jackson plans to try it again next year.

"I was disappointed because a lot of people put work into it and helped me out," said Jackson, whose first pageant experience was in the Sunburst Model Search pageant in May. "The girl who won deserved it, and it was a good experience, so (the finish) was fine with me. I'm planning on doing it again next year."

The Miss Michigan Teen USA pageant is run by the same organization that runs

the Miss Universe pageant. The scholarship pageant pits entrants in swimwear, evening gown and interview competitions, battling for scholarship money. More than 40 girls entered the recent pageant, which was won by Taylor Sherman of Dearborn.

Jackson's mother, Karen, heard about the pageant while Lisa was competing in the Sunburst pageant. She did a Google search and found the on-line application process and filled one out for Lisa, including the required photo. She decided not to tell her daughter unless she got accepted, and expected to wait two weeks for word.

When she got a next-day response, she broached the subject with Lisa.

"I didn't tell her until they accepted her, in case they didn't," Karen Jackson said. "I told her, 'If you want to do pageants this is the one to do, because of the scholarships available. She wants to break into modeling, and this had some prizes that would have helped.'"

Lisa Jackson said she had a lot of fun with the three competitions, plus the dance number the contestants did as a choreographed group.

She was also heartened by the support she got from local businesses, friends and family. Local businesses from Canton, Plymouth, Westland and Belleville that supported Jackson's entry included Canton China, Canton Cinema, Mexican Fiesta II, Toarmina's Pizza, Super Bowl, Jungle Java, Red Olive, Jet's Pizza, The Courthouse Grille, Palermo's, Zap Zone, The Shark Bar, Scoopy's Ice Cream and Culver's.

"That was amazing," Lisa Jackson said of the support. "It really made me happy that the community would give back and help me out."

Even competing with older girls - hopefuls up to 18 years old were competing - didn't diminish the experience for Lisa Jackson.

"It was really good," said Jackson. "This one was really fun. The choreography was cool, it was a great experience and I learned a lot."

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Hats matter at village's 'Alice' party

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Juanita Suchy doesn't know why she knows the song, but when the White Rabbit walked by her table, talking about being late, she had to share it.

"I don't why I know it, but I think it's darling," said Suchy who was invited by her friend Joyce Weldon, a 13-year resident of the Village of Westland, to an *Alice in Wonderland* luncheon and tea. "We belonged to the Garden City Civic Theater and did shows at O'Leary Auditorium, but I don't think we ever did *Alice*. We did *My Fair Lady* and *Fiddler on the Roof*, but never an *Alice* that I remember."

The luncheon and tea was the idea of Nancy Roberts, who works in marketing at the senior residence. She decided residents needed "to get a little crazy and thought of the Mad Hatter, not Alice." Staff members, several with the help of Jill Stewart came costumed for the event.

"It started with a dream and went from there to reality," said Stewart who came dressed as the Cheshire Cat.

"The more we talked about the more excited people got, it just took off," added Roberts.

Everyone from the Queen of Hearts to Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum and Roberts as the White Rabbit were on hand. Even Alice — Linda Seruga of Canton — was there.

"It's a good time, but I usually don't like being the center of attention," she said. "I'm enjoying this."

"She looked so much like Alice, we decided she had to be her and there she is ... serving tea," said Roberts.

Residents watched different versions of the *Alice in*

Wonderland movie, including the latest one with Johnny Depp, and created hats and looking glass centerpieces for the tables.

Cathy Campbell of Morrison Senior Living, which provides food service for the Village, came up with cookies that said Eat Me and bottled that said drink me as well as cupcakes decorated with the characters for the book.

To attract the men, they created flamingo golf clubs so they could try their hand at putting, there also was a contest for decorated hats.

Vincent Manderachia, a former Plymouth resident, didn't have to worry about tea bags for his cup of tea. He had plenty of them hanging from his hat.

"When they tell me to soak

my head, all I'll just dip my head," he said. "I figured the tea bags would go along with the tea party and I've had the hat for awhile."

Party goers were given playing cards to determine who won the centerpieces and there was even a contest to see who knew what the 10/6 on the White Rabbit's hat meant.

"It's the price of the hat at the time the story was written — 10 shillings and six pence," said Roberts. "It shows the Mad Hatter was really a hatter."

The prize went to Kathie Gornick of Plymouth who had been invited to the party. The prize was an antique-style copy of the original book, *Alice through the Looking Glass*.

"I've read it many times but it's been a long time," said

Gornick. "I'm a retired teacher ... and I collect antique books. This will go in my special collection."

Weldon doesn't usually venture down to the dining room, she enjoys her own company and reading in her room. But the Alice program is a warmup for her to a talent show later this month.

"I'm singing in it," she said. "I'm doing *A Little Red Schoolhouse*. I learned it in high school from twins tapped dance and sang it. I used to sing it to my grandchildren when I babysat them."

While residents lined up to try their hand at golf, Manderachia was looking for Alice to get a cup of coffee."

"I've already had my tea," he said. "Now I need my coffee."



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Chiefs crush 'Stangs for conference title

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Fans packed the bleachers Friday night at Northville, expecting the unbeaten Mustangs and Canton to battle it out tooth-and-nail with the KLAAs Kensington Conference football championship on the line.

But the Chiefs showed them in a hurry why they're the top-ranked team in the state, taking the opening kickoff and driving 80 yards for a touchdown.

And Canton didn't stop, building a 35-0 halftime lead and ultimately winning 48-0 for the conference trophy.

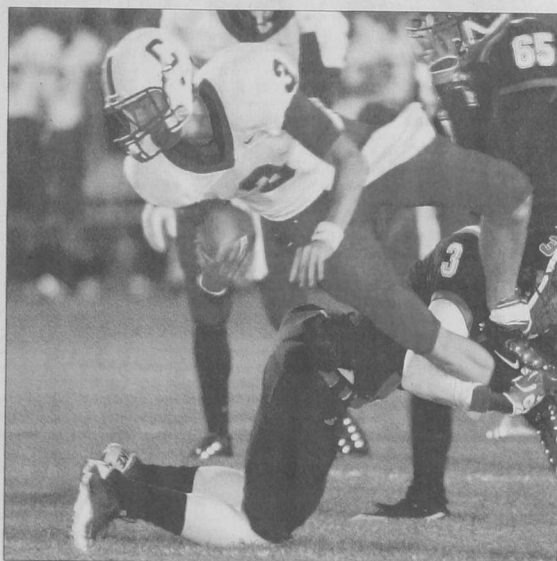
"My hat goes off to Canton, they are a tremendous football team," said Northville head coach Matt Ladach, whose KLAAs Central champs dropped to 7-1 overall. "They took advantage of our mistakes and they created opportunities of their own."

On a night when his team put up 48 points, Canton head coach Tim Baechler pointed to how his defense put the clamps on Northville — allowing an unofficial 75 yards of offense.

"Defense leads us, they've been dominant," Baechler said. "We're very fast at linebacker, DB and even our D-line is very fast. ... We are a fast defense and our defensive coaches do a great job with those kids, they are prepared."

Canton (8-0), by contrast, racked up about 450 yards on offense, almost all of it via the run. Senior tailback Kevin Buford was the big gun, carrying 14 times for 189 yards and

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Canton senior quarterback Ben Merbler is upended by Northville senior defensive back Trei Walton during Friday's KLAAs Kensington Conference title matchup. In the background is junior Trevor Mares (No. 65) of the Mustangs.

Salem win makes 'Senior Night' sweeter

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The 2010 football season has been a tough one for Salem, but the Rocks enjoyed a respite Friday night with a 27-21 victory over Wayne Memorial.

It gave Salem a 1-7 record going into the season finale, next Friday against Canton. Salem head coach Kurt Britnell said the victory was a nice reward for his hard-working seniors, since it came on "Senior Night."

"These seniors have just kept hanging in there and hanging in there and not quitting," Britnell



said. "It could have been easy to do, it's just good for them and I'm glad they get one under the belt here going into the Canton week."

Among the seniors who led the Rocks were quarterback Drew Thompson (2 TD passes), linebackers Ethan Walsh (15 tackles), Tommy Rodriguez (8 tackles), Omar Kandah (8 tackles) and wide-out/defensive back Brian Aquier (18-yard TD catch, interception).

"Tommy and Omar were all

over the field tonight," Britnell said.

Salem took a 7-0 advantage in the first quarter, on the 18-yard TD pass to Aquier from Thompson.

But the Zebras (0-8) scored to make it 7-7 in the second, setting up a hurry-up offensive drive that worked to perfection for Salem.

Junior running back Marcus Houston's 4-yard carry went for the tie-breaking touchdown. "We finally had some sustained drives," Britnell said.

The Rocks then scored twice more in the third stanza to open up a 27-7 lead. Thompson (7-

13, 112 yards) connected on a 21-yard TD pass to junior Ryan Jankowski and Houston (20 carries, 131 yards) scored his second of the night on a run of 17 yards.

Britnell, who said an undefeated junior varsity team (5-0) is providing much hope for a 2011 turnaround, said Friday's victory will take some of the sting out of a disappointing year.

"You don't want to have the season we've had, but you definitely don't want an 0-fer," he noted.

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Eagles rally late to win MIAC showdown

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Facing a serious challenge for the first time this season, Plymouth Christian Academy's volleyball team figured it out just in time Thursday.

The host Eagles won the fourth and fifth games of the spirited Michigan Independent Athletic Conference match, enough to earn a 3-2 victory over Oakland Christian. Both teams entered the night unbeaten in the MIAC.

In front of a packed gymnasium, PCA rallied for a 25-19 win in Game 4 to even the match at two wins each and set up a winner-take-all Game 5 — which the Eagles took 15-7.

A seven-point serving run by senior libero Abby Bartes, including two aces, opened

up an 11-4 lead in Game 5 and the Eagles finished it off when senior setter Brianna Harris scored on a perfectly placed tip.

"It's really important for us to know that we can do that (overcome a deficit)," said PCA head coach Kelly Blackney. "Especially since we'll see Oakland again in our MIAC conference tournament and we'll probably see them in regionals as well."

Blackney said some offensive adjustments after Oakland's 25-21 win in Game 3 played a big role in the comeback.

"We were just hitting right to their defensive spots," Blackney said. "So we had to adjust where we placed the ball. I think what changed was having Kristin Malcolm and our outside hitters hit

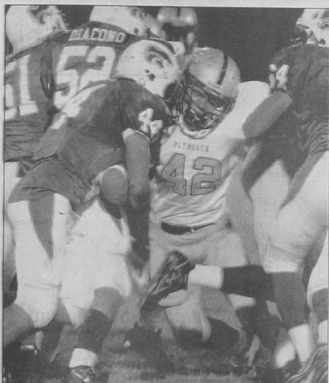
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Celebrating after scoring a point Thursday are Plymouth Christian volleyball players (clockwise) Brianna Harris (No. 10), libero Abby Bartes, Kristin Malcolm, an unidentified Eagle (far right) and Folake Olojo (No. 5).

Late Brindza FG puts Plymouth into playoffs



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Plymouth senior linebacker Phillip Schultz (No. 42) puts a big hit on Novi running back Lucas Buck (No. 44) during Friday night action.

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

A pair of Wildcat football teams took the field Friday night and Plymouth prevailed 25-22 on a sharp-angle field goal by senior Kyle Brindza with two seconds remaining.

Plymouth (6-2, 4-1 KLAAs South) punched their playoff ticket with the dramatic come-from-behind victory, while host Novi (4-4, 4-1 Central) is left out of the playoff picture for the second-straight year.

Novi's Wildcats took an early 15-0 lead in the first quarter, scoring on both of their first two drives. Junior Derek Ince connected with senior Alex Willson for a 52-yard touchdown reception for the first TD.

After a Plymouth fumble was recovered by Novi at Plymouth's 47, Novi junior Zach Masseran ran the ball six of the next seven plays and capped the drive with a five-yard run into the right side of the end zone.

Plymouth would bounce back, however. Ince had a pass picked off by senior Philip Emminger at Plymouth's 37 with 29 seconds left in the quarter.

After a few big gains, junior Shaun Austin connected with senior Brennen Beyer for a 12-yard touchdown reception and a kick by Brindza narrowed the deficit to 15-7 early in the second quarter.

Later in the quarter, Stanford had a punt blocked at his own 30 by Beyer.

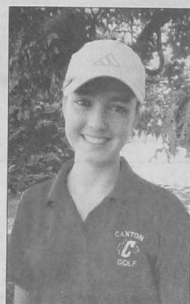
Plymouth junior Tyler Goble snatched up the ball and carried it 30 yards up the left sideline for a touchdown which, after Brindza knocked a kick through the uprights, put the score at 15-14 Novi.

Neither team would score again before halftime, or in the third quarter, despite some big gains by Plymouth's Jerel Jenkins (21-140) and Novi's Masseran.

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MARY ELIZABETH WINTER



Who: Mary Elizabeth Winther, 17, senior co-captain of Canton's girls golf team.

Miscellany: Mary Elizabeth, whose parents are Matt and Sue Winther, has a grade-point average of 4.083, is a member of National Honor Society and is on the executive board of the Canton High School Congress.

Captain's job: "A captain has a responsibility to their team to lead by example and to help the individual players work as a group. It's important for a captain to show respect for the team and the sport and to realize the value of each individual player."

Leadership style: "As a golf captain, I always try to help my team have a positive outlook."

Golf is a game where having the right mindset can make a world of difference, so I strive to show everyone how important it is to stay focused, be confident and have fun. **Why her?** She said her coach selected her both in 2009 and this season to tap into her experience and leadership as one of the team's older members.

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three touchdowns.

Augmenting Buford were senior Davion Stackhouse (12-90, 1 TD), junior Zac Merillat (6-65) and senior quarterback Ben Merbler, who got things going with a 15-yard touchdown run to cap off the initial drive.

OFF TO THE RACES

Buford really sparked, with TD runs of 83 and 35 yards in the first half. He also took it in from the 1-yard line with just nine seconds to play in the first half.

On his 83-yard touchdown, with 5:54 left in the opening quarter, he blew through the Northville line and couldn't be caught.

Buford also showed his quick acceleration with his 35-yard score at 4:27 of the second frame, opening up a 28-0 edge. That finished a 95-yard, penalty-aided scoring march that needed just six plays to complete.

Stackhouse's 37-yard gainer around left end set up Canton's third TD of the night, and only a tackle by junior defensive back Brandon Love kept that play from going all the way.

But it didn't matter. Stackhouse scored from the 5-yard line on the very next snap.

"He (Buford) and Stackhouse and Merillat, they're just hard-running kids," Baechler said. "Kevin Buford and Stackhouse, those guys are two of the best in the state, no question, just super athletes."

Whenever the Mustangs thought about rallying, there would be dropped passes or penalties to get in the way.

When it was a 14-0 game, a Northville drive started gaining traction. But a holding call negated a first-down run by senior Jonathon Alandt.

Early in the second quarter, junior quarterback Jeff Gertley (6-16, 77 yards,



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton football fans had plenty of reason to smile during Friday night's 48-0 trouncing of Northville, which gave the Chiefs the KLAAs Kensington Conference championship. Canton's stout defense only gave up about 75 yards to the Mustangs.

1 interception) threw the ball into the hands of a receiver near Canton's 30 — but it was dropped.

COSTLY PENALTIES

The biggest sign that Northville was in for a rough night took place after the Mustangs were stopped on the first series of the second quarter.

A quick kick by Gertley bounced down to Canton's 5-yard line. Stackhouse gained two yards on first down, but the Mustangs were called for two personal fouls on the same play that enabled the Chiefs to get a first down on their own 39.

"We definitely had some mistakes out there on the field," Ladach said. "I can't pinpoint any one or two things that went wrong in particular. We did make mistakes, but Canton deserves credit."

The drive continued following the double penalties, with Stackhouse and Merillat each registering first downs

on runs of 12 and 11 yards, respectively. Buford then finished it with his 35-yard TD run.

"It was great blocking from the right side of our line, and the holes were wide open and I had to take advantage," Buford said. "Our offensive line has really stepped up since Game 1, and I hope we just continue to build on that."

With a running clock to start the second half, the teams played a scoreless third. But on the first play of the fourth frame, Canton senior tailback Nick Alaniva scored from the 2-yard line and junior Connor Shennan connected on his sixth extra point of the evening.

Other Canton highlights in the fourth included an interception and 32-yard return by senior defensive back Sam Scott and a 5-yard touchdown run by senior tailback Marco De Luca.

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with diving sophomore Nate Emminger for the two-point conversion to tie the contest at 22 with 2:57 left.

Novi's final drive only moved up 15 yards from their own 20, but it ate up most of the game clock. On fourth and 16 at their own 35, Stanford intended to punt the ball with 11.3 seconds left in the game, but he was unable to recover a low snap, which Plymouth knocked away and covered up at Novi's 7-yard line with 0.2 seconds left.

Brindza easily booted the ball through for a field goal as time expired and Plymouth completed their 25-22 comeback.

"If we would've played like that the whole game, we would've dominated," Sawchuk said. "I'm glad it's over."

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

Linemen lead Canton Lions

YOUTH FOOTBALL

The Canton Lions varsity youth football team prevailed 28-13 over the Belleville Cougars on Oct. 10, sparked by James Upshaw's tackle-breeding touchdown run to open up the scoring.

Charlie Turfe had his first touchdown pass when he connected on a pitch with Larry Laurentius for a 40 yard score. Lavelle Steeples and Ty Jaskan also added hard-earned TD's on the ground.

The Lions defense was once again stout, holding to Cougars to well under 100 yards rushing. Jason Polander, William Bode, and Christian Burkeen all contributed to a stingy D.

The JV Lions returned to winning ways, winning 29-20 in a back-and-forth contest featuring two groups of excellent offensive linemen and running backs. Sparking the offense in the first half was the line of Matt Wayne, Issac Jackson, Jackson Austin, Eric Daniels, Austin Stoneburg, Jakob Wickens and Ryan Posby — who opened holes for tailbacks Freddie McGhee and Jason Arnold.

PC Steelers win 2 of 3

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity youth football team had some trouble against the Dearborn Redskins on Oct. 8, but the JV and freshmen more than made up for it with victories.

Following is the recap:

In varsity action, the Steelers lost 22-6, despite strong play on the offensive line from Jack Pardington, Ryan Leskovitz, center Cody Cavanaugh and Jordan Montagano. Cavanaugh's perfect snap to quarterback Brayden Abundis sparked the Steelers' lone TD. Christian Mayberry was solid, both on the O-line and defensive line.

The JV had yet another shut-out, crushing the Redskins 30-0. Quarterback Cory Burnette took charge of the offense, behind the blocking support of tight end Shane Prevo.

Evan Fisher played well on both sides of the ball and was a

After the break, Lions quarterback Victor Abraham led a long drive that showed excellent blocking and running. Matt Steeples, Pat Wayne, Matt Johns, Julius Crouch, Cody Zidzik, Kyreece Smith, and Clayton Declue worked hard to open holes for Victor and running backs Alan Jones and Kevin Bindas.

The freshman team won 32-12 behind stellar defensive play from Zack Beadle and Bennett Austin (1 interception each). Other standouts on D were Wesley Askew, Tyler Bohn, Conner Flanigan, Nathan Hunt, Ethan Locke, Conner Ostrowski, Cameron Wilborn and Tariq Woody.

Meanwhile, the offense chewed up big chunks of yardage all day, led by Eddie Cargor, Justin Reynolds, Mason Lamarand and Preston Pierce. Paving the way with stellar blocking was Chris Campbell, Kyle Hurley, Joe Kaceli, Preston Sokol, Jack Underwood, Mike Abughanam and Mathew Pelukas.

key special teams player, Dylan Stackhouse had good defensive play with an incredible hit that caused a major Redskin loss, and Clay Walker played tough on defense.

The freshmen squad improved to 5-0 with a 33-20 victory. Bryce Lynn did a tremendous job of blocking on the Gold O-line, while Dean Kaye anchored that line at the center position, opening huge holes for the Steeler running backs.

Mason Phillips played well on both sides of the ball. He intercepted a pass and scored on the return, while on offense he rushed for a touchdown and scored on a 2-point conversion.

Nick Polydoros led the Steeler Black defense in tackles, Thomas Noble played tough at noseguard and Nicholas Stec did a great job in the trenches playing defensive tackle.

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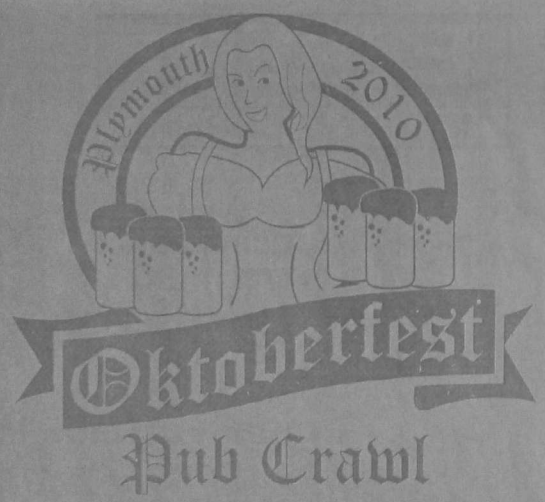
BOUNCING BACK




That's how the game stayed until there was 6:55 left in the contest, when Masserant scored to make it 22-14.



"I think they played with desperation and did a great job. They showed us some formations we weren't expecting," Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk said.

Plymouth responded with an 84-yard drive of their own, which featured a 34-yard run up the middle by Jenkins.

Junior Donte Fox capped the drive with a five-yard run into the right side of the end zone and Austin connected



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Canton seniors lead on their night

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was Senior Night for Canton's volleyball team Thursday, and it was fitting that Tori denBoer and Laura Fcasni were the stars in a 3-0 sweep over Livonia Franklin.

Canton won the KLAA South matchup, 25-18, 25-19 and 25-13 to improve to 20-6-2 overall and 7-1 in the division.

"Tori denBoer and Laura Fcasni, our only two seniors, shined the entire night," noted Canton head coach Mary Kryska. "It was an emotional night for them to be the last (regularly scheduled) home game."

Whenever the Chiefs needed a spark up front, denBoer came through.

It seemed like every crucial play (that) Tori got another block," said Kryska, adding that denBoer tallied a career high nine blocks in the win.

Kryska said denBoer and Fcasni had consistent nights in the serving department and "both played with a lot of heart and passion for the game. I was extremely happy with their performance."

Fcasni finished with six defensive digs in the match.

Other players contributing included Alaina Turner (8 kills, no errors), Kristen Muir (6 kills, 16 digs), Maggie Deloy (4 kills), Erica denBoer (13 digs), Lauren Martin (8 assists, 3 aces, 4 digs) and Jackie Waite (10 assists, 2 aces, 6 digs).

Meanwhile, the Chiefs earned a 3-1 win over Westland John Glenn on Tuesday. Canton lost the first game (23-25) before roaring back with 25-23, 25-13 and 25-23 victories in the next three sets.

Solid serving by Alex Bryden in Game 3 enabled the Chiefs to break out to an 8-0 lead in what turned out to be the tie-breaker.

Bryden helped the cause with eight digs and seven aces, but there were other strong performances.

Muir had 11 kills and 29 digs, Turner chipped in with 15 kills, five blocks and five aces and Erica denBoer added seven kills and 19 digs.



Launching a serve Thursday night is Canton's Laura Fcasni, who along with teammate Tori denBoer had excellent games on their 'Senior Night.'

Setters Martin and Waite tallied 23 and 18 assists, respectively, while Deloy had six kills.

Wildcats victorious

Host Plymouth defeated Westland John Glenn 3-1 in a Thursday night matchup of KLAA South teams.

The Wildcats won 25-19 in Game 1, sparked by what head coach Kelly McCausland described as "phenomenal" serve receive and a quick tempo offense.

Plymouth (16-7-2, 5-3) turned off the power switch before the second game, however, losing 22-25. "We could not pass to save our lives and our defense let balls drop," McCausland noted the

efforts of Kayla Bridge down the stretch of Game 2, because it helped wake the Wildcats up in time for the subsequent games.

"Kayla Bridge brought a spark towards the end of that game with a kill, and she served us from a 17-24 deficit to 22-25," McCausland said. "I think that mentally put us back on track, because we came back out in games three and four never trailing."

Bridge registered 15 kills, 15 digs and 100-percent in serve receive. Other Plymouth players of note included Mariah Tesarz (35 digs), Jess Scott (17 assists), Shayla Smalls (16 assists, 9 digs), Dani Risi (10 kills, 7 digs) and Emilee Beyer (9 kills, only 1 missed serve).

Rocks roll on road

Salem went to Northville Thursday night and came away with an impressive 3-0 victory over the KLAA Central rival. The Rocks earned wins of 25-16, 25-22 and 25-13.

"We played great tonight," Salem head coach Amanda Nies said. "In the beginning our serve receive was a little shaky, but our defense really picked it up mid-way through the match."

"I am very proud of my girls tonight in the way they came back and stayed focused."

Nicole Merget's 21 kills sparked the Salem offense, which benefitted from a 35-assist night from Kerry MacDonald.

The team fed off the energy of Kerstin Johnson (5 aces, 9 digs) and Kara Hewitt, who Nies said started and "did a phenomenal job" with nine digs and three kills.

Another player who made a difference for the Rocks was Jillian Sommerville (11 kills, 4 blocks).

"Jillian Sommerville did an outstanding job tonight reading the block and knowing when to tip and when to attack," the coach said. "This is something we have been working on all year and she really did it well tonight."

The victory upped Salem's record to 13-6-0 overall and 6-2 in the KLAA Central. Northville is now 22-12-5, 4-4.

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EAGLES

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line (down the sidelines) as opposed to cross. That really kind of changed the tone."

FIGURING IT OUT

Also important was figuring out how to stop the hitting from the Lancers' menacing front-row tandem of sophomore middle hitters Darcy Johnston (24 kills, five blocks) and Rebecca VanSloten (21 kills, four blocks).

"Blocking was key in this game," Blackney said. "When we were able to shut their big hitters down, they got frustrated."

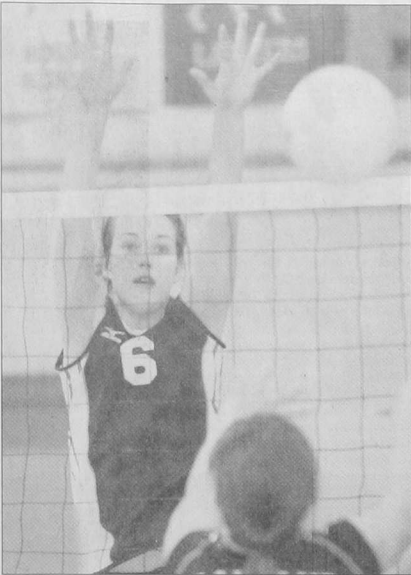
Spearheading that effort for PCA (17-6-2, 5-0 in the MIAC) was junior middle blocker Kristin Malcolm (four blocks, along with 29 kills and 17 service points), along with senior middle blocker Folake Olojo (three blocks, nine kills) and freshman right-side hitter Jennifer Malcolm (six blocks).

"We tried to get bigger blocks on them (Johnston, VanSloten) and anticipate where they were going to hit it instead of reacting to the ball, which was already hitting the ground," Kristin Malcolm said. "We had to know where they were going to put it."

Also having stellar games for the Eagles were Bartes (14 defensive digs, 17 service points), Harris (33 assists, 17 service points) and junior defensive specialist Jessica Rich (20 service points). Contributing four aces was junior outside hitter Amy Zinn.

"My libero (Bartes) and the other back-row players, they really stepped it up, they just got there," Malcolm said. "Once we tried to get our passes up from their hits we could turn those into offensive hits."

Lancers' head coach Priscilla Larned, whose team dropped to 21-10-7 overall and 5-1 in the MIAC, said she knew "it was going to be a war" and was proud of how her team did not fold the tent after losing 25-15 in Game 1.



Getting ready to put a block on Oakland Christian's Darcy Johnston (No. 5) is Plymouth Christian junior Kristin Malcolm (No. 6).

LANCERS GRAB MOMENTUM

Oakland turned it around with a 25-15 win of their own in the second game, wrapping it up with a five-point run at the service stripe by senior outside hitter Naomi Isaac (including two aces).

The Lancers kept the momentum going for Game 3, as Johnston and VanSloten seemed to be in the right place at the right time whether on the attack or defense.

"I wanted (Johnston) outside, when we were receiving serves so we could get a good hit," Larned said. "I kept putting people in and changing people until it worked."

A four-point serving stint by senior right-side hitter Olivia Schomer gave the Lancers a 7-3 edge early in the third game and they didn't fall behind the rest of that set.

But the Eagles weren't about to give up the match without

a fight.

Perhaps a turning point in Game 4 was a sterling save in the back row by Bartes, leading to a PCA sidout instead of an Oakland point. Her effort made it 17-12 for the Eagles, instead of 16-13 with the Lancers still serving — and, possible scoring.

Kristin Malcolm then served a pair of points to make it 19-13 and PCA rolled to the win from there.

In Game 5, Oakland could not recover after Bartes put up her seven points from the line. Taking care of things up front during that streak were Kristin Malcolm (three kills) and Olojo (two kills).

PCA then clinched the match victory with points 14-15 on an Olojo block and Harris tip, with the PCA student section cheering wildly.

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Chiefs drop KLAA heartbreaker

BY TIM SMITH
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For 74 seconds Wednesday, Canton's boys soccer team did what nobody has done to Brighton since early in the season — it took a lead.

Sophomore forward Dan Ovesea's high, floating header drifted over Bulldogs goalkeeper Collin O'Brien and the host Chiefs took a 3-2 edge with 11:56 left in the Kensington Lakes Athletics Association championship match.

That perked up Brighton's offense, however, with Jordan Massick and William Clark scoring with headers of their own to post a 4-3 victory.

"I give a lot of credit to Brighton," Canton head coach George Tomasso said. "They had some fantastic services in the box. They have quality players all over the pitch."

"Their talent really took over in the last 10 minutes of the game."

That's when Brighton (14-3-1) poured it on to win for the 11th straight match. Massick tied it 3-3 with 10:42 remaining and Clark's winner came with 1:38 on the clock and overtime looming.

Brighton senior forward Grant Chong sent the ball to sophomore midfielder Forrest Chong on the right side of the Canton box, who in turn served it toward the goal mouth. Clark redirected the ball behind Chiefs senior goalkeeper Brandon Laabs.

Canton's last-ditch attempt to tie the match missed the mark and the new KLAA champs mobbed each other on the rain-slicked field while Canton players watched in frustration.

"It's hard enough to get into this game (KLAA final). We work hard every year just to get here," Tomasso said. "We got here and then suffering this loss is going to be in the back of our minds."

"So for the future, I really feel that we're going to have some of our best soccer in the next seven games."

BRIGHT SIDE

The future for the Chiefs (15-3-2) begins at 7 p.m. Monday, in a Division 1 district opener against Plymouth at PCEP.

"We know what we need to work on," Tomasso said. "We played probably one of the best teams in the state and it's good to see they exploited some of our weaknesses and now we can close those weaknesses up and move forward and do a better job."

According to Brighton coach Rob Williams, the way his team came back to tie the game just 1:14 after falling behind showed its collective sense of purpose and unity. The last time the Bulldogs trailed in a game was against Grand Blanc, a 1-0 loss Sept. 14.

"After we lost to Grand Blanc in our sixth game of the season, we had a team meeting and just talked about what was important and what we needed to focus on," Williams said. "And I got to tell you, every single guy on this team has stepped up. It's a strong team, they all feed off of one another."

Williams added that "a team is vulnerable to concede a goal immediately after they've scored

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one. And that's something George knows here at Canton, (something) any other coach knows."

It was back-and-forth all night, actually. Getting off to a quick start was Kensington Conference champion Canton.

In the 12th minute, sophomore forward Scott Piwowar (two assists) beat a defender to the end line and sent the ball in front, where sophomore midfielder Bobby Budlong was waiting. Budlong hammered the ball off the left post and in for his team-leading 15th goal of the season.

The Bulldogs evened the score midway through the first half on a goal by senior defender Nicholas Schroeder. Starting the play was senior midfielder Taylor Mazurek with a free kick, and Schroeder finished it with a header.

With 13:09 to play, Brighton went 2-1 on Grant Chong's blast from 20 yards in front of the Canton goal.

"That was an absolute bomb that Grant Chong hit," Williams said. "That thing bent and dipped, just a great finish."

Canton evened it up at 2-2 at 36:02 following a Brighton handball in the box. Ripping a low shot into the center of the cage was senior forward Sean Balnaves.

DEFENSIVE GEM

Both teams had chances to go ahead during the first part of the second half, with Brighton having the best opportunity in the 14th minute.

Laabs batted one shot away, but a Brighton player got to the rebound first.

Sprawling to block the subsequent chip shot by senior Anton von Lampe was junior defender Connor Furgason and Laabs fell on it right on the goal line.

Canton junior Nathan Bergeson and Budlong teamed up for one promising rush, but O'Brien scampered far out of his goal area to retrieve the ball first.

Ovesea's ninth of the season finally broke the tie, only serving to rally the Brighton troops once and for all, to the disappointment of the Chiefs.

Now it's up to Canton not to get down about losing the chance to win the KLAA title.

"We've got a big game Monday against Plymouth, so we've just got to keep our heads high and do well in districts," Bergeson said.

Salem prevails over WLC

Behind a two-goal performance from Dan Martin, Salem beat Walled Lake Central 2-0 on Wednesday night in a KLAA crossover match to improve to 9-8-3 overall.

Martin's first goal came off a corner kick from Brandon Duschl in the first half and he came through again on a penalty kick in the second half.

Freshman Collin Hewett played goal for his second straight shutout, in for the injured Erick Beas.

The Rocks next visit Novi 6 p.m. Monday for a Division 1 district opener.

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10U Cards win title

What a capper to a championship season for the 10U Canton Cardinals. The baseball team Oct. 9 won the fall USSSA League Championship in Mount Clemens, finishing 10-1 and earning a bid to the 2011 USSSA World Series. The winning team includes (front row, from left) Avery Harwood, Ryan McAuliffe, Adam Pitcole, DJ Jablonski, Mitch Harber; (middle row, from left) Michael Kruska, Robby Begley, Thomas Harvey, Andrew Kraft, Guido Costantino, Ryan Zeron, Kyle Aniol; (back row, from left) coaches Bob Begley, Rich Harvey, Pat McAuliffe, Don Harber.



Best of the county

Plymouth boys cross country coach Jon Mikosz (second row, middle) and the Wildcats celebrate their first-place showing at Saturday's Wayne County meet at Willow Metropark in New Boston. The Wildcats topped a 34-team field and captured the county meet for the third consecutive year. Senior Joe Porcari was third overall.

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BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 80 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 115; 3. University of Detroit Jesuit, 127; 4. Canton, 127; 5. Grosse Pointe South, 228; 6. Livonia Churchill, 230; 7. Trenton, 233; 8. Dearborn Division Child, 239; 9. Salem, 240; 11. Wyandotte, 263; 12. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 381; 13. Riverview, 395; 14. Allen Park, 429; 15. Westland John Glenn, 451; 16. Allen Park Cabrini, 462; 17. Dearborn Fordson, 475; 18. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 505; 19. Livonia Franklin, 532; 20. Lutheran High Westland, 568; 21. Southgate, 571; 22. Redford Unkn., 578; 23. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 538; 24. Romulus, 651; 25. New Boston Huron, 689; 26. Plymouth Christian Academy, 691; 27. Romulus Summit Academy, 693; 28. Garden City, 859; 29. Taylor Baptist Park Christian, 910; 30. Wayne Memorial, no team score.

Individual winner: Stephen Fabian (U-D Jesuit), 16 minutes; 07.1 seconds (5,000 meters).

TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING
Plymouth finishers: 3. Joseph Porcari, 16:23.4; 4. Derek Gielarski, 16:28.84; 22. Brandon Dalton, 17:09.19; 25. Liam Cardenas, 17:17.67; 26. James Macias, 17:18.64; 73. Justin Heck, 18:09.85; 78. Nicholas Eben, 18:15.13.

Canton finishers: 7. Miles Felton, 16:43.65; 9. Mitch Clinton, 16:48.51; 20. Braden Conley, 17:07.81; 42. Keegan Sullivan, 17:38.09; 49. Jeff Molten, 17:46.30; 50. Tom Walkinsaw, 17:47.31.

Salem finishers: 13. Steve McEvilly, 17:55.16; Michael Karizal, 17:55.32; 30. Andy Rabe, 17:24.21; 85. Jeremy Drouillard, 18:21.44; 96. Alex Creekmore, 18:30.40; 112. Tom Patterson, 18:46.53; 116. Jimmy Daniels, 18:56.39.

Ply. Christian finishers: 98. Jimmy Parks, 18:31.29; 108. Trevor Baloga, 18:41.51; 167. Robert Fergan, 20:39.15; 176. Steven Zomermaand, 21:23.91; 178. Jacob Nichols, 21:37.36; 183. Ian Rose, 22:02.08; 199. Nathan Harold, 24:36.98.

1st-team All-County: 3. Joseph Porcari, Plymouth; 4. Derek Gielarski, Plymouth; 7. Miles Felton, Canton; **2nd-team All-County:** 9. Mitch Clinton, Canton; 31. Steve McEvilly, Salem; **3rd-team All-County:** 18. Michael Karizal, Salem; 20. Braden Conley, Canton; **Honorable Mention All-County:** 22. Brandon Dalton, Plymouth; 25. Liam Cardenas, Plymouth; 26. James Macias, Plymouth; 30. Andy Rabe, Salem.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Grosse Pointe South, 53 points; 2. Salem, 64; 3. Livonia Franklin, 81; 4. Livonia Churchill, 110; 5. Canton, 194; 6. Plymouth, 198; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 210; 8. Grosse Pointe North, 22; 9. Allen Park Cabrini, 293; 10. Allen Park, 375; 11. New Boston Huron, 381; 12. Livonia Laydwood, 385; 13. Wyandotte, 386; 14. Riverview, 393; 15. Trenton, 406; 16. Redford Union, 439; 17. Lutheran High Westland, 46; 18. Westland John Glenn, 486; 19. Dearborn Fordson, 532; 20. Garden City, 539; 21. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 546; 22. Southgate, 591; 22. Southgate, 591; 23. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 622; 24. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 696; 25. Wayne

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ReMARKable woman gets fit, leads way for other women

BY BETH JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Remarkable. That's a word that is following Chris Benson around these days.

From losing weight, to working at Madonna University, to working on her doctorate at Michigan State, to running marathons, Benson has a pretty full plate, but it's filled with healthy choices, because that's the key to her success.

Associate dean for Academic Advising and the First-Year Experience at Madonna University in Livonia, Benson lost more than 70 pounds on the Weight Watchers™ program. And that's just the beginning.

While attending a celebration luncheon in May, she caught the attention of Florine Mark, president and chair of the board of The WW Group, Weight Watchers' largest franchise holder. The result of that meeting is that Mark named Benson 2010 ReMARKable Woman of the Year for the 11th annual luncheon held in September at The Henry, the former Ritz Carlton, in Dearborn. In addition, Benson has appeared on Mark's WXYZ Channel 7 show *Ask Florine*, as well as being interviewed on her radio show.

"I'm totally shocked," she says of the attention. She gives the credit for her successes to Weight Watchers.

"Weight Watchers was the start of me being able to do a lot of things in my life," she said. "I feel like losing the weight was what gave me the confidence," she said.

A resident of Taylor, she has worked at Madonna for seven years. She is pursuing a doctorate in higher education administration.

She joined Weight Watchers in March 2000.

"I went because my doctor told me I was obese and no one ever said that to me before," she said. She was well over 200 pounds at the time. The doctor said, "I want you to go to Weight Watchers tonight. I don't even want



Chris Benson, who lost more than 70 pounds on the Weight Watchers program, speaks at the ReMARKable Women luncheon in September.

you to go home. I want you to go right to a meeting," Benson said.

Joining Weight Watchers was definitely a big lifestyle change, she said. The strategies of Weight Watchers include making healthy eating choices and writing down what you eat, but "they also talk to you about psychological aspects too," she said.

"I did lose it (the weight) in under a year," she said. "It's not so hard losing it, it's keeping it off," she said, adding she struggled with her weight going up and down even after she reached her goal weight.

And even though once Weight Watchers members reach their goal they no longer have to weigh in every week, she still does. "I have to go every week. I know that I deal with stress sometimes by eating."

FACING CHALLENGES

One rough patch was when she had a comprehensive exam at Michigan State and failed one of the questions. "I was so depressed," she said. But she was determined not to turn to emotional eating and that's when

she turned to running even though she says at the time she could barely run one block. "I can't go back to (over)eating," she said she told herself, adding she had always wanted to try running. She read a book called *50/50* by ultramarathoner Dean Karnazes about running 50 marathons in all 50 states, and in early 2009 she started running. "When I incorporated the running in, that helps me so much with the stress," she said.

"I guess I felt like I was at a place that I had to try it. It's totally changed my outlook on life," she said. She now averages 30 to 40 miles a week. "It's really given me so much energy I can't see my life without it," she said.

Her first marathon was the Detroit Free Press Marathon in 2009. She is also running it again today. Her next goal is a 50-mile endurance run in 2011. Her running schedule is sometimes hard to fit in with all the demands for her time, but she says she does it no matter what. "That's something I do for myself," she said.

Her husband, who also was not a runner prior to this, is supportive and

has become more active and has been posting his training on Facebook.

"A lot of people have told me 'you've really inspired me to get out there,'" she said.

To stay motivated she sets up a calendar of her training plans "I have written down every day what I need to do," she said. "Posting it where I can see it keeps me going," she said.

Benson says she has never looked or felt better in her life, but she has traveled a ways to get there.

Although fairly thin as a child, when she got into her early 20s, things got complicated.

"I couldn't seem to find what it is I wanted to do," she said and that caused stress. "I felt that all that was weighing on me, literally."

SEEING SUCCESS

Things just started happening after her success with Weight Watchers. She attended a celebration in May for anybody who lost more than 50 pounds with Weight Watchers, which is where she met Florine Mark. Mark asked if Benson would like to be inter-

viewed on WXYZ Channel 7's *Ask Florine*.

"Then I'm at work and someone said 'did you see the post card?' It was then she found that she was part of the "I Did it" campaign on www.888-3-florine.com, which features her success story. After that she got an e-mail that invited her to be recognized as a ReMARKable Woman of the Year.

The annual luncheon was attended by 600 people. "It was so wonderful ... the greatest experience," Benson said.

At the ReMARKable women luncheon she talked to the audience about her struggles with weight and told them, "When I look at myself I still see myself 73 pounds heavier," she said.

She talked about how women tend to lose their positive self-image as young girls. She says she talked about the fact that a first-grader points to themselves when asked who is the smartest, but by third grade they point to others.

"I work with freshmen at the university," she said. "We've got a whole new generation of leaders coming up."

So one of her next goals is working with young women to make healthy choices now, she said.

Since the ReMARKable woman honor she has been asked to go to Magic 105 studios in Ferndale to be interviewed for Mark's radio show, which is broadcast on several radio stations in Michigan. It's a half-hour show and it's basically to inspire other women to do things that they want to do, Benson said. That show was scheduled to be aired today.

And Mark has also asked her to be a Weight Watchers leader, but for now she just wants to continue working and running and completing her doctoral program.

But she is excited by all the attention. "It's an amazing opportunity. I never thought it would lead to all these things," she said.

Now she has people say to her, "I can't believe you ever had a weight problem."

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Bowl for animal welfare, visit the zoo

If you love animals and bowling, Tail Waggers 1990 is offering a deal you can't resist.

The nonprofit animal welfare organization will hold its 21st Tail Waggers Bowl on Saturday, Nov. 13 at Woodland Lanes in Livonia. Participants will meet many of the organization's four-legged benefactors, hear compelling rescue stories and talk to pet owners who have received assistance from Tail Waggers 1990. They'll also bowl three games, eat lunch or dinner, get a commemorative gift and prizes.

Bowling times are 9:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Costs is \$25 per person.

Children can become official Pet Cadets by participating in the 9:30 a.m. squad. For \$10 per person, kids will get the same benefits as the adults but also receive a personalized Pet Cadet Membership Card which gives them a phone number to call to ask animal-related questions or to report animal cruelty. Pet Cadets are featured on the Tail Waggers Web site and can be proud of the fact they are stepping up to the plate on behalf of animals.

Founder, Laura Zain says that for the first time in many years there are openings for new participants to join in

the fun. She hopes to raise enough money so that families can continue to rely on Tail Waggers for pet food assistance, low-cost vaccinations, spaying/neutering and emergency assistance.

Tail Waggers 1990 strives to support dedicated pet owners who are in need of assistance and it pays for animal emergencies.

To register for the 21st Tail Waggers Bowl, call Zain at (734) 560-4660 or e-mail to tailwaggers.1990@yahoo.com.

PLAYING WITH FOOD

Detroit Zoo animals will taste, eat, tear, smash and roll around in pumpkins Thursday, Oct. 21.

Each year around Halloween, the Zoo's animal welfare staff gives animals environmental enrichment in the form of pumpkins, gourds and corn stalks as special holiday treats.

The enrichment items are hidden throughout the animals' habitats or prepared and placed in a unique manner to stimulate natural behaviors. The primates' pumpkins, for example, will be carved out and filled with red-colored pasta.

"The gorillas enjoy digging



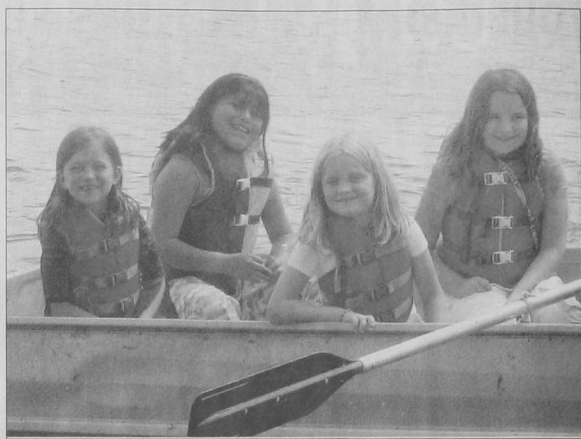
PET PROJECTS

in and eating the ghoulish spaghetti," stated Elizabeth Arbaugh, animal welfare manager.

Zoo visitors can watch the animals devour and play with their treats. Here's the enrichment schedule for Oct. 21:

- 10:30 a.m. - Gorillas with spaghetti-filled pumpkins
- 11 a.m. - Snow monkeys with Halloween treats
- 11:30 a.m. - Rhinos with pumpkins and corn stalks
- Noon - Zebras with corn stalks
- 12:30 p.m. - Bison with pumpkins and corn stalks
- 1 p.m. - Wolverines with pumpkins and spaghetti
- 1:30 p.m. - Polar bears with pumpkins

The Detroit Zoo is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through October and will close at 4 p.m. each day beginning in November. It's located at Woodward and 10 Mile in Royal Oak. Admission is \$11 for adults, 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens, 62 and older, and \$7 for children, ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free.



Canoeing at Scout camp is a fun activity for these girls.

Campaign aim: Get Scouts to camp

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan believes that financial hardship should never be a barrier to attending summer camp. "When it comes to Girl Scout camp," said Jan Barker, CEO of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, "the question shouldn't be if a girl goes, it should be when."

That's why the organization launched the first targeted campaign to make Girl Scout camp possible for every girl who wanted to attend camp in 2010 in the council's 34-county service area that includes parts of western Wayne County. The three-month campaign brought in nearly \$86,000. Of that amount, \$62,787 funded camp scholarships, allowing 502 girls to experience outdoor adventure at one of the council's eight premier camps. Additional

funds were used to maintain the camps and to improve outdoor and environmental programming.

The need for scholarship funds and supplies at all of the council's camps increased dramatically in 2010 as Michigan's economy continued to falter. By August, all funds set aside to provide financial aid to campers had been spent. That's when the fund development team at Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan decided to try a last-minute phone-a-thon in all five of the council's regions: Kalamazoo, Jackson, Saginaw, Lansing and Ann Arbor. The two-day telephone campaign brought in \$3,700, money that was used to send girls to camp during the last few weeks of the camping season.

Other elements of the



Catching fish makes Girl Scout camp even more memorable.

successful campaign included a direct mailing to 5,000 past donors, e-mail blasts to potential donors, online giving, personal solicitations and memorial gifts.

Through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience girls discover their strengths, connect with others, and take action to make the world a better place. For more information, visit www.gshom.org or call (800) 49-SCOUT.

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Young adult cancer survivor event set

Gilda's Club Metro Detroit will host a young adult cancer survivors symposium on Thursday, Oct. 21, from 5:30-8 p.m.

The event will feature two guest speakers, Deborah Olszewski Ward, R.N., M.S.N., from Karmanos Cancer Institute and Glenn Rockowitz, a four-time cancer survivor,

comedian and former writer for *Saturday Night Live*.

Ward will discuss the long-term side effects from chemotherapy. She is a hematologist/oncology nurse practitioner at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. For the last three years, she has practiced at Karmanos in hematology and has cared for many young adults

who have been diagnosed with cancer and are either in chemotherapy treatment or are in need of care after treatment.

In 1998, Rockowitz, at 28 years old, was given three months to live. He will tell his story of how he used laughter and comedy to defy the odds and survive.

The event is open to all young

adults diagnosed with cancer who are in their 20s or 30s. Admission is free, RSVP is required, (248) 577-0800.

Supper will be provided. Networking and social time will be available before and after the guest speaker presentations, allowing participants the opportunity to meet other young adult survivors.

REUNION CALENDAR

Send reunion items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

Belleville High School

Class of 1971
Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail: BHS1971@yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS.

Birmingham Groves High School

Class of 1975
35th class reunion, Oct. 22-23, will include homecoming game, Friday night, and party, Saturday night, at The Birmingham Community House. Contact groves1975@gmail.com or Groves Class of 1975 - 35th Class Reunion, on Facebook.

Detroit Mackenzie

Class of 1962
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Farmington High School

Class of 1970
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Garden City High School

Class of 1960
Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCLM@yahoo.com.

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OCT. 17-20

Breakfast

Time/Date: 8:30 am - noon, Sunday, Oct. 17

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: All you can eat pancake and French toast breakfast sponsored 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 2-10
Contact: (734) 425-4421

Concert

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 scholarship awardee, and a special segment of Irish music; free

Contact: (248) 474-0584

Concert

Time/Date: 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17

Location: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville

Details: Gary and Ron Matthews in

concert

Contact: (248) 374-7400

CROP walk

Time/Date: 130 p.m. registration; 2 p.m. walk, Sunday, Oct. 17

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Raises funds for Church World Service and the Salvation Army

Contact: (734) 981-4205

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. \$10 registration fee; must pre-register

Contact: (248) 355-9936 or e-mail space@ncjwds.org

Living Rosary

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 20

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 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

GARDEN EVENTS

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MONARCH BUTTERFLIES

The Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association will show a documentary, "Flight of the Monarch Butterfly," at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. The film tells the adventure story of pilot Vico Gutierrez, who in an ultralight plane follows the Monarchs' journey to Mexico with the goal of increasing awareness about the challenges they face. Parking on Hines Dr. or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 for non-members. For more information call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.semabutterfly.com.

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• Frost Middle School Craft Show is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6, at the school, 14041 Stark, west of Farmington Road, north of I-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. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 and noon to 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.

Canton residents respond to Pakistan disaster

Several Canton residents and members of the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs will collect clothing for flood victims in Pakistan, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at Summit on the Park, 1150 Canton Center Road, Canton.

"Our goal is to get as many items as possible to the flood victims," said Wafa Yusus, a member of the mosque and a Canton resident. "The scale of the disaster has been so bad. There is so much widespread famine and disease."

The flooding began in the summer after heavy monsoon rains and has affected more than 20 million people, according to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

Yusus said residents held a food drive in August, and sent donations to Helping Hand, a global relief and development organization. The clothing donations will be handled by Al-Huda, which also is involved in relief efforts in Pakistan.

"We're all originally from Pakistan and that makes it dear to us," Yusus explained, adding that the group wasn't sure at first how it would respond to the crisis. "We really brainstormed."

The group is collecting gently-used or new, washed and labeled blankets, comforters, and bed sheets. It also will accept warm items for adults and children, including jackets, coats, sweaters, shoes, new socks, mufflers, gloves, hats, shawls and thermal items. Items should be labeled and sorted into these categories: Men, women, boys age 0-10, boys age 10-18, girls age 0-10, and girls age 10-18.

Volunteers also will accept dry milk in individual sachets, one-liter water bottles and cookies.

For more information call Yusus at (734) 658-9224 or Nadia at (734) 238-0595 or e-mail to Call4pakistan@gmail.com.

—By Sharon Dargay

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BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sondra and Jack Felsot are glad to call downtown Farmington home.

"Farmington to me is the best place to live," Sondra Felsot said. "Everything's accessible. Everything you need is here. The people who live in this neighborhood are wonderful people."

The Felsots, who've lived in their late 1800s home for about 16 years, recently had it renovated with the help of Guy Jones Sr. of Signature Siding and Trim. The couple praises the artistry of his work, along with the fact that they won't need to paint again.

The couple, parents to two grown children, doesn't know the exact year their home was built. Sondra looked through local author Brian Golden's *Farmington:*

A Pictorial Historical Photograph Collection.

The book has photos of the home, next to the Salem Church. The home was moved on logs in 1905, as was its carriage house, which remains.

The home was placed on a full basement, she said, and the former porch enclosed for a front room.

"So they actually remodeled in their own little way."

Only a handful of owners, including a watchmaker, have lived there. The family the Felsots bought from did renovation, but much of the home remains Victorian in style, with a modern stove in the kitchen but no dishwasher.

THE RIGHT PRO

Sondra needed the house painted and had trouble finding the right pro.

"I was antiquing with

my husband and I saw his work," she said of Jones. He did all the siding by hand, putting pieces of various signs in intricate designs, including around windows.

Sondra Felsot is an artist who does folk art, acrylic on canvas. She commissions her work and has some in their home. Her husband's a food broker.

She's thrilled with the look of their home.

"He's very talented. He's an artist," Jones created different looks from varied colors.

"He totally guided me," she said. "I knew what I wanted." She wanted to preserve the Victorian look.

Gutters were installed to match. The exterior had been stucco, which was removed down to the wood.

Jones put in the windows and their trim, achieving a wood look with materials

that won't need repainting.

"I absolutely recommend him," she said. "He gets the job done. You don't have to be there, worrying."

"You have an artist doing your house. He's one of a kind and he does everything with love," added Felsot, who was glad to invest in local property values for her community.

He did a girlfriend's house in West Bloomfield after she saw their home, said Felsot, who'd like to rent some of their furniture and bric a brac for local movie productions.

LABOR OF LOVE

Jones, who lives in Holly but travels for work, has been doing this work some 35 years, since he was 17. He had a brain aneurysm in 1991 and wanted to focus on quality work.

"I'm still enjoying every



Sondra Felsot outside her home in Farmington.

minute I get to work," Jones said.

He did a former law office in Farmington in 1998, now a music store, and received

a mayor's award. The Felsot project presented new challenges.

"That all had to be scraped off with a chisel," Jones said of the stucco. The Felsot project took about five weeks, with the couple remaining in their home.

He took out trees and shrubs for them.

"It is a really pretty house. The garage came out nice, too," Jones said.

"They'll need no maintenance other than an annual hosing down of dust with a garden hose. Jones said he's been busy the last 20 years at his craft, with things slowing down this year.

"I was very excited about how it turned out," he said of the couple's home. "It makes it more fun."

Jones can be reached at www.signaturesidingandtrim.com or by phone at (586) 406-0024.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday, October 26, 2010
Loc Performance Products, Inc.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 26, 2010, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider the request of Loc Performance Products, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for the cost of machinery, equipment, furniture, and fixtures located at 13505 Haggerty Rd, Haggerty, L.L.C., Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request of Loc Performance Products, Inc. is on file in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

During the public hearing any resident of Plymouth Township or members of the Legislative Board of any affected taxing unit in the Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments addressed to the Clerk will be considered. Contact phone number is 734-354-3224.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday October 26, 2010, will be held in the Town Hall at the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Following the public hearing, the Board may decide on the request by resolution.

Joe Bridgman, MMC
Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday, October 26, 2010

Request to Transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate
From Karmann Technical Development LLC
To Webasto-Edscha Cabrio USA, Inc.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request to transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate Number 2001-607 from Karmann Technical Development LLC to Webasto-Edscha Cabrio USA, Inc. The request includes building improvements and personal property. The facility is located at 14967 Pilot Drive, Metro West Industrial Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request of Webasto-Edscha Cabrio USA, Inc. is on file in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday, October 26, 2010

Request to Transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate
From Karmann Manufacturing, LLC
To Webasto-Edscha Cabrio USA, Inc.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request to transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate Number 2004-192 from Karmann Manufacturing, LLC to Webasto-Edscha Cabrio USA, Inc. The request includes building improvements and personal property. The facility is located at 14967 Pilot Drive, Metro West Industrial Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

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Giving choices: Clients receive a helping hand

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Karen Soave is excited about her new micro-enterprise business making artificial flower arrangements.

"I make them to order, the color scheme — like they want," said Soave. "It's the first time I've done this. I hope to make it a lasting business so I can generate some money for me and my dog. I'm supporting Sugar, a Maltese."

A Livonia resident, Soave, 47, is a client of Community Choices Supported

Employment which serves about 200 developmentally disabled people — about half of those participating in the vocational program. Located in Westland, Community Choices offers a variety of programs, such as community skill building, an in-house day program, job development, job coaching and the micro-enterprise businesses.

"The micro-enterprise individuals can come up with ideas or we can help them create an idea to put together their own business," said social worker Alison Reddy. "They write a business plan, produce a product and sell it. Some people go to crafts shows or fill vending machines."

The micro-enterprise business include making greeting cards, buttons and assembling first-aid kits.

"It takes awhile to do each arrangement. I make what they want or use my imagination," said Soave, who sells her arrangements to family, friends and at the Craftique Mall in Garden City. She calls her business Sunrise Flowers by Design by Karen.

Soave began her flower arranging business earlier this year, but Erica Gray, 27, is an old hand at her micro-

enterprise business having started making buttons about two years ago. It's called Sunshine Accessories.

"One young lady did buttons — she taught me how to use the stuff for the buttons," said Gray, a Dearborn Heights resident. "I make a lot of buttons, maybe a million, for every holiday."

Gray spends Tuesdays and Thursdays at Community Choices.

"It's awesome here. I've made a lot of friends.

Basically, I know everyone just to say hi," she said. "I enjoy coming here. I'm at home relaxing other days, just enjoying my day."

Colline Peregood, 39, recently began selling Avon products as her micro-enterprise business.

"I've done pretty good so far. I sold \$167 worth to my family, friends and at the workshop," said Peregood, who is one of Soave's roommates. "I had a pot painting business before. I sold a couple."

Dearborn Heights

resident Saleh El Kadri, 54, runs his business at Community Choices. For five years, El Kadri has sold coffee, tea, hot cocoa and snacks to clients and staff through his Wake Up With Uncle Sal business.

"Sometimes I give away stuff for free. Like if you buy coffee, you get a snack for free," said El Kadri.

Everyone works with a staff person on items at Community Choices and also when they go into the community to sell items, said Reddy. Like the non-profit Community Choices, making money isn't the primary goal of the micro enterprises.

"We offer something to get them out of the house, to be more productive. It gives the clients as purpose, a place to go and friends to see," said Reddy.

A fund-raiser to benefit Community Choices will be held 1-6 p.m. Sunday at the Crystal Bar and Grill, 8051 N. Middlebelt, Westland. There will be entertain-



Social worker Alison Reddy (center) works with developmentally disabled clients at Community Choices Supported Employment, a non-profit agency in Westland.



Erica Gray has been making and selling buttons for a couple of years. She makes buttons for holidays and other special occasions.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CITY OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE

STATE GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, November 2, 2010

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth and the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. The Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of nominating or electing candidates for the following offices and to vote on the following proposals:

Partisan Section:

State Governor and Lieutenant Governor
Secretary of State
Attorney General
Representative in Congress — 11th District
State Senator — 7th District
Representative in State Legislature — 20th District
Member of the State Board of Education
Regent of the University of Michigan
Trustee of Michigan State University
Governor of Wayne State University
County Executive
Sheriff — Partial Term Ending 12/31/2012
County Commissioner — 10th District

Non-Partisan Section:

Judge of Supreme Court
Judge of Court of Appeals, 1st District
Judge of Circuit Court, 3rd Circuit — Incumbent position
Judge of Circuit Court, 3rd Circuit — Non-Incumbent position
Judge of Circuit Court, 3rd Circuit — Non-Incumbent position — Partial Term Ending 01/01/2013
Judge of Probate Court
Judge of District Court — 35th District
Board of Trustees Member Schoolcraft College
Board Member Plymouth District Library

Proposal Section:

State Proposal 10-1,

A PROPOSAL TO CONVENE A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DRAFTING A GENERAL REVISION OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION

Shall a convention of elected delegates be convened in 2011 to draft a general revision of the State Constitution for presentation to the state's voters for their approval or rejection?

State Proposal 10-2,

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN FELONS FROM HOLDING ELECTIVE OFFICE AND SPECIFIED TYPES OF PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

Make a person ineligible for election or appointment to any state or local elective office or to hold a position in public employment in this state that is policy-making or has discretionary authority over public assets, if:

- within the preceding 20 years, the person was convicted of a felony involving dishonesty, deceit, fraud, or a breach of the public trust; and
- the conviction was related to the person's official capacity while holding any elective office or position of employment in local, state or federal government.

Require the State Legislature to enact laws to implement the prohibition.

Should this proposal be adopted?

County Proposition P,

PARKS MILLAGE RENEWAL

To renew the millage authorized in 2005, shall Wayne County continue to levy this millage at the estimated 2010 rollback rate of .2459 (about 25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for five more years (2011 through 2015) to continue to improve and operate several parks and related facilities, including major improvements to Hines Park, Elizabeth Park, Chandler Park and Fort Wayne on the condition that, for any year for which this increased levy would be imposed, Wayne County must budget from other sources an amount equal to its 1995-96 fiscal year appropriation for Parks? This renewal is projected to generate \$10,628,000 in 2011.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH POLLING LOCATIONS ARE:

Precinct 1	St. Kenneth's Catholic Church	14951 N Haggerty Rd
Precinct 2	Friendship Station	42375 Schoolcraft Rd
Precinct 3	Township Hall	9955 N Haggerty Rd
Precinct 4	Figel Elementary School	39750 Joy Rd
Precinct 5	Isbister Elementary School	9300 Canton Center Rd
Precinct 6	West Middle School	44401 W Ann Arbor Trl
Precinct 7	Church of the Nazarene	45801 Ann Arbor Rd W
Precinct 8	Praise Baptist Church	45000 N Territorial Rd
Precinct 9	Living Word Church	46500 N Territorial Rd
Precinct 10	Northridge Church	49555 N Territorial Rd
Precinct 11	Risen Christ Lutheran Church	46250 Ann Arbor Rd W
Precinct 12	Pioneer Middle School	46081 Ann Arbor Rd W

CITY OF PLYMOUTH POLLING LOCATIONS ARE:

Precinct 1, 2, 3, & 4 Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer St

All polling locations are accessible to the elderly and the handicapped.

Applications for Absentee ballots may be obtained during regular business hours, which are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For Plymouth Township Residents:
Plymouth Township Clerk's Office
9955 N Haggerty Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

For City of Plymouth Residents:
City of Plymouth Clerk's Office
201 S Main St
Plymouth, MI 48170

On Saturday, October 30, 2010 the Clerk's Offices will be open; 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., to issue Absentee ballots to qualified voters.

On Monday, November 1, 2010 qualified voters may be issued an Absentee ballot in person, and shall vote them in the Clerk's Offices until 4:00 p.m.

Joe Bridgman, MMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Linda Langmesser, CMC
Clerk, City of Plymouth

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ACCURACY TESTING FOR VOTING EQUIPMENT THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2010, 3:30 p.m.

The City of Plymouth has scheduled and will be conducting the accuracy testing for the Optical Scan Voting Equipment, as well as the Hearing Impaired Equipment, for the Primary Election to be held on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010. The testing is scheduled for THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2010, 3:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

This is an open testing session and any interested person is encouraged to attend. Election Source will be conducting the testing to assure that the voting equipment has been programmed appropriately.

If there are any questions, please direct them to the City Clerk's office at 734-453-1234, ext. 234. The Plymouth Cultural Center is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and is handicapped accessible.

Linda Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

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HELEN J. (nee Beasley) BEASLEY

Born November 16, 1920, passed away October 12, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Judge William R. Beasley of Bingham Farms and Ferndale. Dearest mother of Susan Stepek (Daniel), Anne Stone (Timothy), Jill M., and William Andrew (Sara Hoffman). Dear grandmother of Peter Stepek, Robin Stone, Sarah Stone, David Stone, Jane Mackie, Samuel Mackie, Robin Beasley, Jack Beasley, Katy Hofman, and Matt Hofman. Great-grandmother of Elizabeth Stone Elbow. Predeceased by her parents, Frank and Helen Beattie, sister Pat Kelly, and brother, Robert Beattie. Also survived by four nieces and many admiring and loving friends. Memorial service at First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, 1669 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, Sunday 2 p.m. Private burial to take place at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



MICHAEL C. DERSCHA

Passed away suddenly October 9, 2010 at the age of 52. Beloved husband of Ann, step-father of Johnna (Erk) Inzana and Michael (Jaclyn) Tocco, loving son of Joseph (Sue) and the late Diane, dear brother of Carol (Mickey) Luginski, Andy (Tammy) DiSalvo, Richard (Sandra) and Neil. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Visitation at the Sterling Heights Chapel of Bagnasco & Calcaterra Funeral Home, 13650 E. Fifteen Mile Road (at Schoenherr), Tuesday 2-9pm with Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Funeral Wednesday at 11:00am at the Funeral Home. Donations to Meals on Wheels would be appreciated. Memories to be shared at: www.bcfh.com



PAUL T. DOBBS

Age 72, October 8, 2010. Loving Husband of April, Beloved father of Elizabeth (George) Fomin, Beverly (Brad) Bauer, Amy (Peter) Minowski, and Catherine (Michael) Peltz. Proud Grandfather of Grant Fomin, Justin and Eric Minowski, and Dear brother of Juanda Maurice. A memorial service will be held Sat., Oct. 16, 2010 at 11 a.m. at St. John Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Rd. (Sheldon Rd. South of Ann Arbor Trail). To share a memory with the family please visit: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com



MARILYN L. (TONI) LAWRENCE

Age 80, of Livonia, died Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2010 at American Hothe in Livonia. She was born Feb. 16, 1930, in Ypsilanti, Mich. to Eby and Winnifred Gault. She married William Fred Lawrence on June 14, 1952, and he survives. She loved going out to eat and buying trinkets for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Toni is survived by her husband, Bud, two sons, William John (Sarah) Lawrence of Westland, and William Mike (Anne-Marie) Lawrence of Shelbyville, Ind., one daughter, Jeanne (Jon) Doyel of Onsted, MI; two sisters, Marge (Hubert) Bowick of Easley, S.C., and Virginia Wagner of Belleville, MI. She was preceded in death by a son, William Fred. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 23, at 11:00 a.m. at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Garden City Presbyterian Church memorial fund.

ROBERT KRAJEWSKI

Age 76 of Warren. He passed away on Aug. 22, 2010 in Warren. Robert was born on March 19, 1934 in Detroit, MI. He was the youngest of 11 children of Mary and Stanley Krajewski. Husband of Ruth Ann Krajewski for 48 years. Brother of Virginia Rochester. Brother in law of Eleanor E. Smith. Many nieces and nephews. Served in the U.S. Navy. A member of St. Pius the 10th K of C in Warren. Worked as a barber for many years before retiring and was an avid boater. Memorial Service on Oct. 23, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Anne's Catholic Church on Mound between 13 and 14 Mile, Warren. Arrangements by Hopcroft Funeral Home.

JOYCE MYRTLE NAIR

Hamburg, MI. 79 years old. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio on October 24, 1930 to Carl and Ethel Honaker. Married George Nair and had three daughters; Nancy (John) Poelstra of Pinckney, Debbie (Scott) Welsler of Hamburg and Cynthia Carpenter of Marquette, MI. George preceded her in death in 1993. For the past 13 years she dated her dear friend Edwin Mayes who has been by her side since the automobile accident that occurred September 2, 2010 that eventually took her life on October 8, 2010. Mom was an exceptional person who was her happiest when with her family. A perfect time for Mom was having her family over for dinner, celebrating a birthday or holiday and relaxing by the fireplace listening to her grandchildren talk about their sports, college or children. Mom also loved doing her church accounting job even though older age had robbed her of much of her sight. Mom loved sitting on her front porch with Ed and her grandchildren feeding the squirrels that would come with in arms reach to get their food. She taught her grandchildren to love nature, to take time to enjoy the beautiful aspects of life, and kindness to animals. Grandchildren include: Ashley, Jennifer and Christian Poelstra, Shanna Driscoll, Becky Franklin and Andy Tesson, and Jessica, David and Jordan Welsler. Great grandchildren include Madelyn Driscoll and Aiden Franklin. A Healing Farewell will be held 11:00AM Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at St. Paul Lutheran Church with Rev. Evan Gaetner officiating. Memorial contributions are suggested to your local animal shelter. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Joyce's family by calling 877-231-7900 or visit her guestbook at www.borekjennings.com

KEVIN M. MCANAMON

Age 26, of Madison, TN, formerly of Redford, MI, died Oct. 6, 2010. Son of Michael (Ann) and Barb Sullivan. Brother of Renee. Service was held Oct. 11 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon (248) 446-1171.

DENISE LYNN MOUHOT

Age 54. Sunrise: September 13, 1956 - Sunset: October 14, 2010. Born in Detroit, she was the first of three children of John Daniel Mouhot and Doris Ann Seppanen. Denise devoted her life to helping others, as a nurse, counselor, friend. She is survived by her siblings Judith Ann Masterson and Daniel James Mouhot, her partner Robert G. (Greg) Smith, as well as many extended relatives and dear friends. She was a humble, dedicated, compassionate angel who touched the lives of all who were blessed to know her. A celebration of her life will take place on Saturday, October 23 at 10:00 a.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 9300 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI (bwn W. Chicago and Joy Road). In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Cancer Center, Ann Arbor, MI. Please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com to share your memories and condolences.

NORMAN S. PATALON

Age 73, passed away, October 8, 2010 in Traverse City. He was born on March 27, 1937 in Detroit, son of the late Sylvester and Maryann Patalon. Norm was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. In 1998 following 32 years of dedicated service, he retired as an accountant from Ford Motor Co. After his retirement, Norm and his wife Annette moved to Houghton Lake where they became active members of St. James Catholic Church. He enjoyed fishing, golfing, bowling, boating, camping and dancing. He loved travel, especially to the big band. He was a fan of the Detroit Lions, Tigers, Pistons and Red Wings. Norm led an active life with many interests, but his true love was his beloved wife and his loving family. He will be greatly missed. He is survived by: his wife Annette of 51 years, his children, Suzette (Dan) Lixie, Kathleen (Paul) Pazuchowski, Mark (Jill) Pata and Christopher (Tracey) Patalon. He, "Papa" is also survived by his grandchildren, Brittany, Erin, Samantha, J.P., Mitchell and Nicholas, his sister Dorothy LaFave and his brother Jerry Patalon. He was preceded in death by his sisters Dolores and Christine. Visitation was held on Tuesday, October 12th from 2 - 9 p.m. with Rosary prayed at 7 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, October 13th at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church C/O The Norman S. Patalon stained glass window or American Kidney Foundation. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



JANE BOYD MURPHY

A long-time resident of Bloomfield Hills, passed away October 10, 2010 after a courageous confrontation with cancer. She was 75 years young. A Michigan girl to her bones, Jane graduated from Baldwin High School and Penn Hall Girl's School. She was a talented designer known for a deft and fearless aesthetic matched only by her tireless sense of humor. Those who knew her admired her compassion, her wit and love of life, as well her commitment to many good causes. Jane was a member of the Orchard Lake Country Club, the Harbor Pointe Golf Club, the Village Club, Les Jardinières Garden Club, W.O.W. and N.Y.B. Beloved wife of the late William J. Dear mother of Scott and Chip (Kim). Grandmother of Grace, Hayes and Colby. Sister of Judy Vandezee. Memorial service Friday October 29th 2pm at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham, Michigan 48009. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to First United Methodist Church of Birmingham or The Village Club Foundation, 190 E. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500 View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



JEROME EDWARD MULDOON

Age 85, October 12, 2010. Beloved husband of Sarah. Loving father of Jack (the late Sue), Timothy (Tina), the late Norman, Douglas (Stephanie) Muldoon, Barbara (John) Salvatore and Kathleen (Dave) Nakoneczny. Dear grandfather of nine and great-grandfather of one. Brother of Douglas Muldoon and Barbara Donahue. A Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 AM, Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 440 E. Washington, How, MI 48843. In lieu of flowers contributions may be directed to the Muldoon family. Share a memory of Jerome at: www.rggfharris.com

RICHARD PETERSON

"Richard Roy the Cowboy"

Age 21, October 10, 2010 of Westland, formerly of Garden City. Beloved son of Michelle. Loving brother of Sarah, Steven and Jessica Peterson. Dear grandson of Norma Randazzo and Joseph (Sharon) Randazzo. Dear nephew of Daniel. Nephew of Cindy Tarnacki, Joseph Randazzo, Jr., and Cristy (Dan) Cox. Great-nephew of William Randazzo & Nina Kalmar. Also survived by his father Timmy, and many cousins and friends. In state Thursday 9am at SS Simon & Jude Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer Rd., Westland, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. Visitation was held at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Garden City. Please sign Richard's on-line guestbook at: www.rggfharris.com

HERBERT LEE PEACH

Age 81, passed away September 22, 2010. Herb, a Navy veteran, was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Rose in 2003. He is survived by his beloved children: Shannon Patterson, Christie Hulst and Michael (Monich) Peach; grandchildren: Kelly (Heath) Lopez, Darcy (Luko) Madsen, Tracy Sprague, Heather Patterson, Melissa Joy Cooley, Tristan Peach, Christiana Peach and Ariana Peach; great-grandchildren: Tyler Sprague, Fain, South Madsen, Brack Madsen, Emma Madsen, Gracelynn Madsen and Aiden Cooley. Memorial service is Saturday, October 16, 2010 at the Salvation Army Church, 26700 W. Warren Road, Dearborn Heights, MI at 1:00pm. Donations may be made to the American Heart Association in lieu of flowers.

SUSAN (Roberts) RIGNEY

Bradenton FL, formerly of Westland & Garden City, MI. Passed away October 9, 2010. Born May 24, 1966 in Phoenix, AZ. Local memorial service to be held at a later date. Please contact Kristi Hickson for further information at: jkhk6@aol.com

VICTOR L. WILKINSON

Age 75

JUDITH A. WILKINSON

Age 70

Passed away Saturday October 9, 2010 following injuries received in an automobile accident in Tennessee.

VICTOR, born on March 31st 1935 in Beaverton to Irvin and Alice (Hughes) Wilkinson, he was preceded in death by his brother Vern and sister Magdalene. He is survived by brothers, Dwight, Robert and sisters Mildred and Mary. Mr. Wilkinson graduated from Hartford HS in 1953 and Michigan Tech University receiving a B.S. of Metallurgy. He also served in the US Army a 1st Lt. He worked in the Aeronautics Industry for General Electric and Howmet Corp. as the General Manager at facilities in Plymouth MI and Exeter, England. He maintained a thriving sales business for several years after Howmet. **JUDITH**, born on July 2nd 1940 in Alton, IL, to Dana D. and Margaret L. (Engle) Heter is survived by brothers Tom, Dana II, and sisters Betty and Cynthia. Both Victor and Judith are survived by children Vicki (Mike) Yurick, Jennifer (Paul) Cooper, Bruce (Tracey) Wilkinson, Pamela (Greg) Zinn, and seven grandchildren (Sean, Colin, Andrea, Sydney, Bryan, Marissa, and Cameron). Judith graduated from Parkview H.S. Springfield MO in 1958. She met and married Victor on November 21st, 1959 while Victor was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. They made their first home in Michigan (Royal Oak, Farmington, and Northville). Upon retiring, Victor and Judith continued to make wonderful memories while sharing in a Bed and Breakfast (Macon GA) and an Antique trading business. Visitation for Victor and Judith is to be held on Friday, October 15th from 4-8 pm, and a service on Saturday at 11:00am at Keehn Funeral Home, 7 West Main St. Brighton, MI. A Memorial for friends in TN to be held in November (details to follow). In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested making contributions to World Vision International or to the United Way.

FREDERICK H. WRIGHT III"

Age 77, of Gaylord, passed away at his residence on October 10, 2010. He was born in Detroit on December 19, 1932 to Frederick J. II and Edna Belle (Warner) Wright. Fred lived a majority of his life in Livonia. He worked for the Detroit Times/News and then Observer Eccentric for 30 years, retiring in 1993. Following his retirement, he moved to Gaylord where he owned and operated the Northmead Resort. He was known as "Uncle Fred" to the kids at the resort whose families would make the resort their annual destination point. Mr. Wright belonged to the Shu-Ban Shrine's Snowmobiling Club, Shriner's Yacht Club, and the Multi-Lakes Sportsman Club. He was a member of the Royal Order of Jesters with the Masonic Lodge 151 in Farmington, and a current member of the Gaylord Masonic Lodge. Fred enjoyed listening to Big Band and Frank Sinatra music. He is survived by his wife, Suzie; children, Fred Jr. of Fowlerville, Steven (Gayle) of Tont, Ron of Gaylord, David (Robin) of TX; four grandchildren, Wesley, Julie, Evan, and Olivia; sisters, Gail (Sam) Corrado and Patricia (Cecilia) Jones. He was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings, Merlin Perisot, Betty Jane LeMerise, and Frank John. FUNERAL SERVICES will take place on Thursday, October 14, 2010 at 1 p.m. from the Nelson Funeral Home, with Fr. Matthew Wigton, officiating. The Gaylord Masonic Lodge will also offer a service on Thursday. VISITATION will take place on Thursday beginning at 11 a.m. Contributions in memory of Frederick J. Wright III may be made to Shriner's, for the burned, crippled children's fund. Friends may share condolences online at: www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com

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MILESTONES



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

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 (David) Monks of Kentwood, Sandra (Kenneth) Haraburda of Caledonia, Daniel (Patti) Mullins of Columbia, Md., Laura (Tim) O'Connell of Milford, and Jennifer (John) Ness of Birmingham.

They also have 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The couple marked their marriage milestone with a trip to the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. They also celebrated with their family at a restaurant in Plymouth.

69th anniversary

Felix and Geraldine

"Betty" (Brown) Rotter of Plymouth Township, formerly of Southwest Detroit, Lincoln Park and Grosse Ile, celebrated 69 years of marriage on Aug. 30.

They are the parents of Carol Sabatini of Grand Rapids, Susan Kalis of Canon, and Frederick Rotter in Brownstown.

For many years, Betty served as president of The Camp Fire Girls of Metro Detroit. In 1981 Felix received the "Citizen of the Year" award from the Grosse Ile Rotary Club.



Felix Rotter and Geraldine (Betty) Brown of Plymouth Township

20th anniversary

John and Tammy Henderson of Garden City will mark their 20th anniversary on Oct. 20, 2010.

The former high school sweetheart were married in 1990 at the Church of God in Wayne.

Tammy is a homemaker and John works for McLane's.

They have two children, Cheyenne, 16, and Colton, 12. The couple will celebrate with a night on the town.



John and Tammy Henderson of Garden City on their wedding day 20 years ago.

November 2011 wedding

Jim and Peggy Schram of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Maureen, to Matthew Corbett, son of Ed Corbett and Carol Willey of Dover, Del.

The bride-to-be is a 2004 graduate of Churchill High School and a 2008 graduate of Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. She is a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Her fiancé is a 2002 graduate of Caesar Rodney Senior high school and a 2006 graduate of The University of Delaware, with a bachelor's degree in computer sciences. He is a captain in the U.S. Army.

Jack Michael Eberhart

Michele Barkoot

and Randy

Eberhart of Ann

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St. Mary Mercy

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Northville and the

late Michael Barkoot; and Jan and Rich Eberhart of Westland.



Jack Michael Eberhart

HEALTH

Sunday, October 17, 2010

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Angela Hospice to 'Light Up a Life' on Nov. 13

It was in 1985 that Angela Hospice first began serving patients facing a terminal diagnosis. Working out of a small office at Madonna University, Sister Mary Giovanni and a small handful of volunteers began providing home hospice care.

But the journey to that important first day for Angela Hospice and its founder started years before. In the 1970s, trained and practicing as a registered nurse with degrees from Madonna University, Sister Mary Giovanni began looking into a new type of medical care appearing in the U.S. Going by the name of "hospice," this care blended age-old principles with modern medical advancements to enhance the lives of terminally ill patients. Years of research and dedication brought her dreams to fruition when Angela Hospice was founded under the direction of the

Felician Sisters.

Next month Angela Hospice will mark 25 years of caring for the community of Southeast Michigan with a gala event.

"There are so many stories I could tell," said Sister Mary Giovanni, president and CEO of Angela Hospice, "of the many amazing people we've met these past 25 years, and the wonderful families that have welcomed us into their homes and into their lives to help care for their loved one at such a sacred time."

Angela Hospice has made a name for itself in the community, having cared for thousands of patients over 25 years — from patients who have celebrated their 100th birthdays, to those just minutes old.

"It has been such a blessing to be able to serve so many people," said Sister Mary Giovanni. "It has always been with the



Sister Mary Giovanni outside the expanded Angela Hospice facility.

support of our donors and community friends who have helped us to carry out our work as a nonprofit, and who have most recently partnered with us to create this beautiful building we now occupy."

The Angela Hospice Care Center, which originally opened in 1994 as the first freestanding hospice facility in Michigan, opened a new state-of-the-art patient wing in April, expanding the



Sister Mary Giovanni at Madonna College in 1985.

hospice's inpatient capacity from 16 to 32 private patient rooms. Although most hospice patients choose to receive care in their homes, the Angela Hospice Care Center provides an alternative for patients without a caregiver at home, or for those with an illness that demands around the clock medical care.

Angela Hospice will celebrate its work at Light Up a Life Benefit 25th Anniversary

Gala. The event will run 6-11 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 13, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Fine dining, an open bar, auctions, raffles, dancing, and the 16-piece Monroe Big Band will be featured. Reservations are \$100 per person and are due by Oct. 29.

Call Barb Iovan at (734) 953-6045, or visit www.AskForAngela.com for information.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

OCTOBER

Bipolar class

Jacqueline Castine, author of *I Wish I Could Fix It, But ...* and a community education specialist for the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority, will lead a class, "Living with Bipolar Disorder," 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.

Blood drive

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the American Red Cross plan a drive, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, in the auditorium at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Donors will receive a small bag of wrapped candy and a free St. Mary Mercy lunch bag. To schedule an appointment call (800) GIVE-LIFE, or visit redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

Health workshop

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan presents a free health workshop from 9:30 a.m.-noon, Fridays, through Oct. 22 to help individuals

manage long term health conditions. The Personal Action Toward Health (PATH) class will meet at Royal Oak Township Recreation Department on 21272 Mendota, in Ferndale. The PATH workshop provides information and skills to adults with chronic health conditions such as arthritis, heart disease, chronic kidney disease, diabetes, bronchitis, asthma and depression. Workshops are run by trained leaders who hold informal, small group discussions and provide easy-to-understand course materials. Facilitators explain ways to reduce pain and stress, cope with fatigue, use medications wisely, and benefit from exercise. The PATH program is suited for both the newly diagnosed as well as those seeking more aggressive management. To register, or for more information, contact the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan at (734) 222-9800.

Massage, Mammograms

St. Mary Mercy Hospital presents "Massages, Manicures, Mammograms & More!" 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 23, in the hospital's South Lobby. Participants will learn about women's health topics, including breast health, the latest in breast screening detection, cancer prevention, and heart health. They'll also get a chance to pamper themselves with a manicure or massage. The first 100 individuals through the door will receive a free Mary Kay hand cream. An "Ask the Experts" panel is slated for 9:30 a.m. Health screenings, Zumba, yoga and cooking demonstrations, food, refreshments, giveaways, massages, manicures and health presentations start at 9 a.m. Mammograms must be scheduled in advance and require a doctor's order. To schedule a mam-

mogram or register for the event, call (734) 655-1182. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia.

Sibling tour

Children ages 1-13 may attend the sibling tour and learn how much fun it can be to be a big brother or big sister. They'll see what the new baby will look like and learn the safe way to hold the new baby, and talk about how it feels to be a big brother or big sister. Good sibling preparation can minimize a child's feelings of anxiety and jealousy with the coming of a new baby. Cost is \$10 per family. The session runs from 10-11:30 a.m. Oct. 30 at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

Thyroid cancer support

Free support group for cancer patients, survivors, as well as their family members and friends, will meet 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 27, at 1641 Charlevoix Drive, Troy. (248) 515-0348

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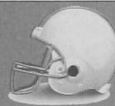
Baby basics

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a class in infant care and breastfeeding from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, in classrooms 1 and 2 at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile in Livonia. The class will teach the skills of feeding, bathing, diapering, skin care, soothing and safety. Participants should bring a stuffed animal or doll to use during a demonstration on how to hold the baby when breastfeeding. The fee is \$55 per couple. To register call (734) 655-1162 or visit stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."



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- Mammograms (must be scheduled in advance)*
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5 Ways to Botch a Phone Interview

Beth Braccio Hering,
CareerBuilder Writer

Phone interviews are a fairly fundamental part of the job search process. Yet many candidates fail to progress beyond this stage in their pursuit of a particular job.

"Often, a candidate's failure occurs because he didn't treat the phone interview as seriously he would have a face-to-face meeting with a recruiter or potential employer," says Vicki Salemi, author of "Big Career in the Big City."

In her book, Salemi pinpoints several phone interview faux pas, which include the following:

Conducting the interview in your pajamas

Even though you're not meeting with someone face-to-face, you should still wear clothes that make you feel confident and put together, Salemi says. In addition, she recommends candidates wake up at least 30 minutes before the interview, comb their hair and brush their teeth. "I can't tell you how many times I've

conducted phone interviews with people who literally just woke up. This created the visions in my head about their unbrushed teeth, uncombed hair and overall inability to focus," she explains.

Picking the wrong spot to talk

Whenever you're talking with a recruiter or potential employer on the phone, it's best to do so in a place that's peaceful and quiet. Outside noise and too many distractions around you can make it difficult to concentrate on what you're being asked during the interview. Salemi suggests staying at home for the phone interview and talking on a land line instead of a cell phone. "This way, it's likely you'll have clearer reception and you reduce any risk that you'll lose the call in the middle of a sentence."

Failing to take advantage of access to helpful resources right at your fingertips

According to Salemi, the main advantage to a phone interview is that you can refer to a handful of helpful

resources during your interview. For example, you can glance at a list of talking points or you can pull up the company's website on your computer so that it's in front of you while you're interviewing.

Forgetting to let your smile shine

It may feel silly to smile when no one's around to see it, but odds are strong that the person interviewing you will notice how much more pleasant your voice sounds when you're doing so. Salemi also suggests standing up during the interview. "You'll be able to project your voice more and sound more confident if you're standing as opposed to sitting down. Celebrities do this all of the time during radio interviews, so why not channel your inner rock star?"

Neglecting to close on a strong note

It's very important to close the phone interview just as you would an office interview, Salemi says. "Ask the interviewer about the next steps in the interview process, when you should

follow up, and where they are in the process. Then say your cordial good-byes, hang up and immediately send a thank-you note."

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The Outback is a crossover with very good ground clearance and drives well in the snow.

With the increase in the price of gas over the last few years, the full-size SUV has become less and less popular. Just ask any dealer what kind of vehicle was traded in the most during the "Cash For Clunkers" program. Even so, a lot of drivers aren't willing to go all the way back to driving standard sedans, needing more room or more versatility than the average family car. Hence the trend toward "crossovers," smaller SUVs, usually built on car platforms to give a more car-like ride while using less gas than a full-size SUV.

Crossovers have been around for a few years now and most manufacturers have at least one entry in the segment. Subaru, though, was one of the pioneers in the development of the crossover, launching the Outback 15 years ago. Starting its run as more of a beefed up station wagon than a slimmed down SUV, the Outback has been redesigned for 2010 and is more than holding its own in the crossover segment, with six different trimlines, including the 3.6R Premium.

The current version of the Outback features a longer wheelbase, which allows for more interior room. The overall length of the vehicle, 107.9 inches, is slightly shorter than last year's version, as Subaru has reduced the front and rear overhangs by two inches. The Outback actually looks a little more like an SUV than a wagon now, taking on many of the design cues

from SUVs. The grille is new, as are the hawk-eye headlamps. 17-inch alloy wheels are standard, as are new roof rails with crossbars that swing into position only when needed to help reduce wind noise. Fog lamps and body colored side mirrors complete the package.

The Outback has always been known as a vehicle you could take places traditional sedans feared to tread and that hasn't changed. Ground clearance, already higher than the average car, has been increased to 8.7 inches, and it's slightly wider, too.

The 3.6R Premium is powered by a 3.6-liter DOHC, horizontally opposed (Boxer) engine, with Active Valve Control System and variable valve timing. Rated at 256 horsepower and 247 lb.-ft. of torque, this engine has some pretty good jump to it. It takes regular fuel and EPA estimates it 18 mpg in the city and 25 mpg on the highway. Outback offers a 2.5-liter engine on its lower-level trimline of the Outback that gets about four extra miles per gallon in city driving, but you give up about 86 horses. And remember, you're getting fulltime all-wheel drive.

The other half of the powertrain consists of a five-speed, electronically controlled automatic transmission that comes with steering wheel paddle shifters, if you want more precise control of the shift points.

One of the downsides of fulltime all-

wheel drive has been in handling and ride. The Outback, however, both handles very well and gives you a pretty smooth ride. The front suspension features MacPherson struts with coil springs and stabilizer bar. The rear system is double wishbone with subframe and stabilizer bar. Vehicle Dynamics Control, which includes electronic traction control, is standard. The turning circle is a little large (typical for all-wheel drive vehicles), making maneuvering into tight places and making U-turns a bit tricky, but otherwise, the Outback handles very well. The four-wheel anti-lock brakes are very good.

Inside, the Outback 3.6R Premium acquires itself very well. The driver's seat is 10-way power-adjustable and provides good support. The steering wheel is leather-wrapped and the seats can be heated.

There's plenty of room in the Outback; in fact, rear seat legroom has been increased by four inches. Headroom is not a problem and cargo volume has been increased, as well. The rear seats are 60/40 fold down seats and there is a rear area cargo cover, as well.

The 3.6R Premium comes with air conditioning, cruise control, power windows, locks and mirrors (heated), trip computer with outside temperature display and tilt Lafayette, Ind.

The standard audio system is an AM/

FM/CD system that includes an auxiliary audio jack for your mp3 player. For \$995 more, you can upgrade to a harman/kardon system that checks in at 440 watts, with nine speakers and Bluetooth capability. It's pre-wired for satellite radio, but you have to buy the extra kit to get it, and there's no subscription included. It's a monster system that sounds great.

In addition to the required front airbags, the Outback comes with side curtain airbags, front seat side-impact airbags and a tire pressure monitoring system.

The 3.6R Premium starts at about \$29,000. Add the upgraded audio system and you're at a little over \$30,000, which seems to be about the average price for a non-luxury crossover these days. And some of those don't come with all-wheel drive standard.

Overall, the Outback 3.6R Premium is a nice, well-put together package. Easy to handle, good-looking with plenty of power and some nice interior features. Even though it was one of the first crossovers, it's still fresh enough to take a look at. Dave Menard can be reached at Avanti1054@aol.com.

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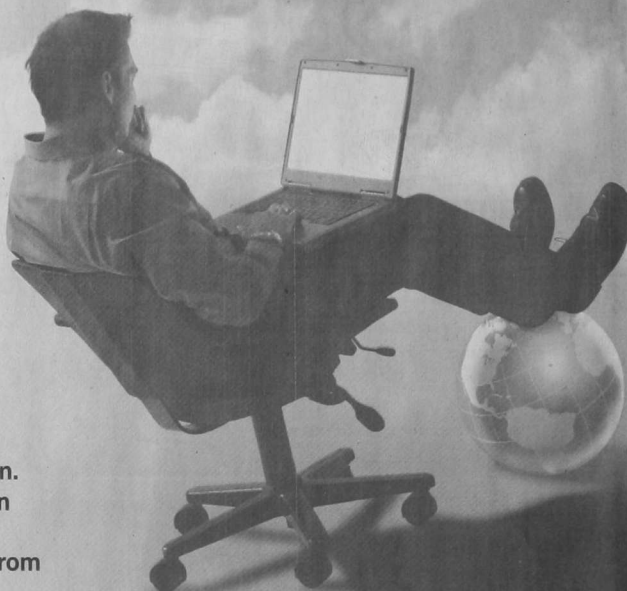
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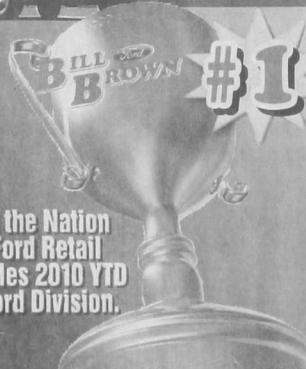
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