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CONNECTION Action applications

Elderly or disabled homeowners in Canton may apply to receive free home repairs from Christmas in Action of Wayne County Inc. Volunteers for this nonprofit agency work to preserve and revitalize houses in an effort to assure that low-income elderly and disabled homeowners live in warmth, safety and independence.

Eligible applicants must live in Canton and own a single-family home or condominium. They must also be over the age 55 or disabled, need repairs to the home, and be unable to afford or perform the repairs themselves.

"Canton has been participating in the Christmas in Action program for the past several years with great success," said Abe Vinitzki, Canton Parks, Golf & Facilities Maintenance supervisor. "We're happy to once again be able to coordinate free home repairs to qualified homeowners and to support neighbors helping neighbors within our community."

All approved repairs will be made Saturday, April 30. For more information, contact Paula at (734) 394-5191 or e-mail pkosbe@canton-mi.org for an application. Application deadline is Dec. 31.

Turkey time

The Plymouth Salvation Army, which expects to help feed some 500 families over the Thanksgiving holiday, is still in need of the one key ingredient to any good Thanksgiving meal: the turkeys.

Anyone wishing to help can donate a frozen turkey by dropping it off at the Salvation Army headquarters, 9451 Main (just south of Ann Arbor Road). Other nonperishables would be welcome, as well. The Plymouth Salvation Army serves Canton, Plymouth, Northville and Belleville.

For more information, contact Laurie Aren, the Salvation Army's director of family and community ministries, at (734) 453-5464.

More patrols

The Canton Police Department plans an increased presence at local shopping centers and stores beginning Friday, Nov. 26, through Dec. 24.

In addition to regular patrols, police officers will use bicycles and semi-marked patrol cars to maintain high visibility in parking lots and store fronts in an attempt to deter criminal activity. Shoppers are reminded to stay alert while in stores and parking lots.

"It's easy to get distracted while shopping during the holidays," says Community Relations Sgt. Mark Gajeski. "To decrease your odds of becoming a victim, you should be aware of your surroundings and your belongings at all times."

The Canton Police Department encourages everyone to practice safe shopping habits this holiday season. Additional holiday safety tips are available on the department's website at www.canton-publicsafety.org.

Canton brokerage goes solar

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton mortgage brokerage firm has become the first known township-based business to install a solar energy system on its rooftop — an environmentally friendly decision proponents say could slash utility costs by \$87,000 over 20 years.

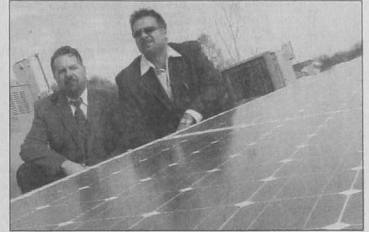
"It's a step in the right direction," Aadil Nathoo, president and founder of AmeriPlus Financial, said as he stood near 78 solar panels that adorn the roof of his business, northeast of Canton Center and Hanford roads.

Nathoo expects his average utility costs to drop immediately by 25 percent — from \$400

a month to \$300 — after he brought in his friend Michael Greeb, sales director for United States Solar & Wind of Plymouth, to spearhead a 20,000-watt photovoltaic solar energy system for his business.

"It was the right thing to do and the right time to do it,"

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Michael Greeb of United States Solar and Wind and business owner Aadil Nathoo on the roof next to the solar array.



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Cherie (Jordan Shroat) worries about her future as Sheriff Will Masters (Tommy Fafalios) drinks his coffee in a scene from "Bus Stop," the Park Players Theater company production playing at Salem High School Thursday-Sunday.

Players get stranded at 'Bus Stop'

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Paul Bird hadn't directed a play since 1995, when he was at Concordia University in Ann Arbor.

So it would have been tough to blame him if his nerves kicked up a little when he took the stage a few weeks ago to begin rehearsals for *Bus Stop*, the William Inge play being put on by the Park Players Theater Company tonight, Friday and Saturday.

But he needn't have worried. The transition to being the guy in charge has gone smoothly for Bird, who has served as technical director to the Park Players for 13 years.

"It's been a long time ... it feels great to be back doing it again," said Bird, taking his first directorial turn at Plymouth-Canton. "It's letting me work with the kids on a whole different level. I get to work with the

THE BUS STOPS HERE

What: Park Players Theater Company production of William Inge's "Bus Stop"

When: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, curtain rises at 7 p.m.

Where: Gloria Logan Auditorium, Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road in Canton

How much: Tickets are \$10 at the door.

kids on a much more intimate level."

Bus Stop tackles the relationships that develop between passengers stranded by a snowstorm at a Kansas diner. Passengers include Cherie, a nightclub chanteuse being pursued by a 20-year-old cowboy, and Dr. Lyman, a scholar dealing with problems

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'Proud Marine' remembered as inspiration

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Charles E. Volker, who earned a Michigan honor as Marine of the Year and inspired countless youngsters by starting the Canton Young Marines, died Sunday evening at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

He was 83. "He was just as much a loving family man as he was a proud Marine," Mr. Volker's wife of 32 years, Judy, said.



Mr. Volker

Sunday from complications of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease for the baseball legend who died from it.

"Everyone who met him loved him. He was a great husband, dad and grandfather."

Mr. Volker died shortly after 8 p.m.

Mr. Volker, a Canton resident formerly of Livonia, was a veteran who served in the U.S. Navy and the U.S.

A mere 90 minutes before he died, Mr. Volker lay in his hospital bed and, using his fingers, assumed the role of chorus director as he led a group of family and friends who sang *The Marines' Hymn*, though his disease had left him unable to sing along, his wife said.

Mr. Volker, a Canton resident formerly of Livonia, was a veteran who served in the U.S. Navy and the U.S.

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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

Fees forum

Canton Township will sponsor a public forum at 5 p.m. today (Thursday) in the lower level of township hall to explain a series of proposed fee increases, in a move to absorb rising costs. The forum comes before township officials will later vote on the measures. Earlier this year, officials began debating certain fee increases such as those for building a home, adding a deck or replacing a furnace.

Cane sales

Canton Lions Club members, friends of the Lions and Boy Scout Troop 743 from West Middle School in Plymouth will be soliciting donations outside Canton stores during the annual Lions Club Candy Cane Sale this November.

The sale will take place over the next two Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 19-20 and Nov. 26-27. Since the Canton Lions Club is an all-volunteer organization, 100 percent of donations go

directly to benefit people in the local community who are sight- or hearing-impaired.

Pairs of scouts from Boy Scout Troop 743 who are working one or more two-hour volunteer shifts will also earn credit toward the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. For more information or to volunteer, contact Linda Obrec at Obrec@wowway.com or call (734) 945-6685.

Junior Miss

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss Program takes place tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Junior Miss contestants include Elezabeth Johnson, Alyson Fryz, Josephine Aldrich, Lindsay Wallace, Kaila Pantaleo and Anastacia Washington.

Tickets are \$10; doors open at 6:15 p.m. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Goodfellow help

Friendly, adult Canton residents are needed for AM/PM shifts on Saturday, Dec. 4, to distribute Canton Goodfellows newspapers for donations at

locally secured businesses.

The reward for this one-time commitment, Goodfellows officials point out, is "knowing you provided a Canton family toys, gifts and their Christmas meal. Feel free to invite a friend/neighbor to participate along with you."

All newspaper sales volunteers will be entered into a raffle for a performance at the award winning Cherry Hill Village Theatre. Additional volunteer opportunities available.

Call Noreen at (734) 981-0486 for details to sign up or e-mail nrybar@yahoo.com

PCA auction

Plymouth Christian Academy invites the community to an "Under the Sea"-themed auction on Friday, Nov. 19, in the school gymnasium.

The evening begins with a silent auction and dinner at 5 p.m. and a live auction at 7 p.m. Bid on items such as a ride on the Red Wings Zamboni, a flight in a B-17 Flying Fortress, vacation packages, an Extreme Bedroom Makeover with a professional designer, electronics, dinners, services, and much more. Dress is casual and child care is available.

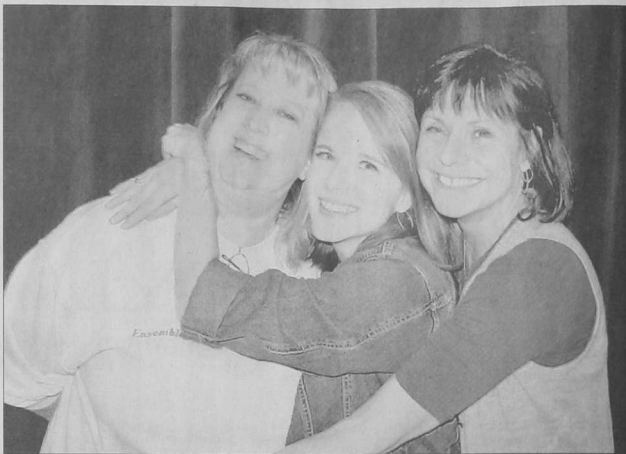
Proceeds from the auction will help fund educational programs, scholarships, and technology. Click on "PCA News" on the website (www.plymouthchristian.org) or call the office for more information, (734) 459-3505.

Hero salute

The Plymouth Community United Way and the Plymouth Whalers hockey team will be hosting a night to 'Salute to Our Heroes' on Nov. 20.

The game begins at 7:05 p.m. at Compuware Arena on Beck Road in Plymouth Township, and representatives from military branches will be honored with a certificate of thanks after the first period. Guests may also write postcards that will be sent to the troops overseas, and any active or veteran military members wearing their armed forces uniform will get into the game for free.

For additional questions, contact Krista Strobel at kstrobel@ameritech.net or call (734) 453-6879, Ext. 14.



Last 'Proposals'

The Spotlight Players' production of "Proposals" is on stage for its final weekend. The production takes place 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21. The Neil Simon play is about the gathering of the Hines family for one last time at their summer cabin in the Poconos, 1953, and the unresolved emotional business in their lives. All performances are at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, in Canton. Tickets are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460; on-line at www.spotlightplayersmi.org; or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for seniors and students under 19.

Newcomers meet

Those interested in meeting their Canton "neighbors," participating in interest groups such as Book Club, Bunko, Chick Flick, Let's Do Dinner, Playgroups, Scrapbooking, Walking and many more, and contributing to charitable initiatives are invited to the Canton Newcomers Wednesday, Dec. 1, for the group's monthly meeting/holiday dinner.

The meeting takes place 7:15-9 p.m. at the Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford Road, in Canton. The evening's agenda includes: socializing while enjoying delights of Fat Chef in a Little Cold catering, a can good drive to benefit the Canton Goodfellows (bring canned goods and be entered into a raffle to win a gift by Avon), the exchanging of a white elephant gift (bring something from your basement you want to rid yourself of wrapped beautifully)

and participating in an optional ornament exchange (\$5-\$7).

For more information or to RSVP, call Noreen at (734) 981-0486 or e-mail nrybar@yahoo.com. To order a complimentary Newcomer December newsletter, visit www.cantonnewcomers.org.

AAUW meets

The Plymouth/Canton branch of the American Association of University Women will host its monthly meeting on Dec. 2, at 6 p.m., at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth (just north of North Territorial).

The meeting will feature the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's (P-CEP) Madrigal Singers. Many other fun activities are planned to start the holiday season.

Light refreshments will be served.

AAUW is dedicated to 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.

Crafts and baked goods

St. Thomas a Becket Church hosts its 20th annual Holiday Craft Show and Bake Sale on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 75 crafters will be on hand to help you find those one-of-a-kind gifts for your family and friends. In addition, there will be a bake sale featuring many delicious home-baked goodies.

Admission is \$2 and children under 12 are free. Lunch will also be available for purchase. St. Thomas a Becket is located at 555 S. Lilley Rd. on the southwest corner of Lilley and Cherry Hill in Canton.

For more information visit the church's website at www.abecket.org

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Group still hopes to save schools chief

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education voted weeks ago not to renew the contract of district superintendent Craig Fiegel.

But that hasn't stopped a small band of local residents from organizing an effort to get board members to change their minds.

Targeting the four board members — Treasurer Judy Mardigian and Trustees John Jackson, Dianne Gonzalez and Adrienne Davis — who voted against keeping Fiegel, the group is considering efforts ranging from a letter-writing campaign and speaking up at board meetings to recall in an effort to sway them.

The group of some 20 people met Thursday night at the Plymouth District Library to try to develop a game plan.

"I thought it went very well, there were a lot of new people who hadn't attended the prior meetings," said Mark Hutchins, who is leading the group. "There are a lot of people who want justification why this action was taken, and believe it's going to be disruptive to the district, based on past history."

The group is upset the board last month voted 4-3 (board President Steven Sneideman, Vice President Barry Simescu and Secretary Nancy Eggenberger voted in favor of keeping him) not to renew Fiegel's contract, which expires June 30. That decision followed an annual review during which board members gave Fiegel's administration good marks in most areas, but lower marks in areas directly attributable to Fiegel.

But with student achievement high and the district budget, at least for the moment, balanced, the Concerned PCCS District Residents Group is concerned

the decision to let Fiegel go is not in the best interests of the district.

They believe two basic things: Fiegel has done a good job, or at least performed well enough to warrant keeping his job; and another superintendent search would be disruptive and, more importantly, expensive.

"I support fiscal responsibility," said Stephanie Goecke, a Plymouth resident with two children in the district. "I know how tight money is in this district, and that's not where I want my money spent."

Hutchins acknowledged that an attempt to recall the four board members who voted against keeping Fiegel was discussed, but the consensus appeared to be not to move forward with that kind of effort. Most people, he said, think such an effort would be divisive and do more harm than good.

Instead, he said, efforts could be turned toward finding solid candidates to oppose incumbent board members in the November 2011 election. Terms being served by Jackson, Gonzalez, Sneideman and Eggenberger will be up for grabs.

"There were some who felt having a recall would split the community and cause a lot of dissension rather than healing," Hutchins said. "The other way (waiting for the election) might take longer and wouldn't save (Fiegel's) job, but they thought in the long term it might be a better way to go."

Meanwhile, the person at the center of the storm is grateful for the support.

"There's no question I appreciate the support," Fiegel said. "When you're feeling like folks are questioning the job you're doing, it's nice to know others feel positive about you."

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The solar panels cover much of the roof. The panels are not visible from ground level.

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SOLAR PANELS

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Nathoo said, "Issues like climate change and foreign oil dependence are critical concerns for our country. Yet, they are such global issues that people often feel helpless in dealing with them. We wanted to show that something positive could be done locally."

Surprisingly, Nathoo didn't have to pay any money upfront after he tapped into federal tax incentives and a partnership between United States Solar & Wind and DTE, though he expects to pay around \$130 a month over five years through a lease-to-own program.

Amid a tough economic climate, Greeb said the temporary incentives have made it possible for business owners to go green without facing exorbitant costs that could top \$200,000 for solar energy systems.

Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas confirmed after consulting with township building department officials that AmeriPlus is apparently the first Canton-based firm to seek township permits and install such a system, although it appears other businesses may follow suit.

"It's a good trend to follow," Nathoo said.

As Greeb explained it, the roughly 2,000-square-foot AmeriPlus office isn't actually heated by the solar energy system and, in fact, remains on DTE's grid. The solar panels essentially capture photons from the sun and use inverters mounted on exterior walls to convert the direct current to an alternating current. Then, the energy is converted into electricity for DTE, which monitors the amount generated and slashes Nathoo's utility bills accordingly.

Nathoo predicts his utility savings to grow to nearly \$5,000 a year within five years, after ownership of the solar

energy system is transferred to him. Over the 20-year lifetime of the system, he is expected to save more than \$87,000.

Nathoo also has initiated other "green" projects, such as paperless closings on mortgages. He said he wants to do his part to make the world a better place not only for his family — wife Alidah and children Zeyaad, 10, Aalayah, 8, and Khalil, 6 — but also for his community. He is a Canton Chamber of Commerce member, and he coaches daughter Aalayah's U9 Canton soccer team.

"Canton is my home, and I feel a strong link to the community," Nathoo said. "I've lived here for 12 years. I've raised my family here, and I've located my business here."

"I think it's important to try to improve our community's quality of life," he added. "If I can demonstrate the profitability of going solar and encourage others to innovate, then everyone wins."

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Exam delayed in fatal accident

BY DARRELL CLEM*
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Canton mother Stephanie Stone's family will have to wait until Dec. 10 to learn whether an Ypsilanti man will face trial amid charges he drove drunk, ran a red light and slammed into her car, killing her and injuring her two children.

The defendant, 34-year-old Bradley Wayne Howard of Ypsilanti, is facing the new date for his preliminary exam — delayed one month — on multiple felony charges including second-degree murder.

Howard is set to appear in front of Ann Arbor 15th District Judge Julie Creal, who will decide whether the repeat drunken driver should stand trial on charges that, with a conviction, could potentially send him to prison for the rest of his life.

Washtenaw County authorities have said it appears Howard was driving 70-80 mph in a Ford Mustang when he ran a red light at Ecorse and Harris roads, slammed into the driver's side of Stone's Ford Taurus and pushed it into three other vehicles.

Stone died at the scene. Her 13-year-old son, Brandon, was critically injured, and her 11-year-old daughter, Savannah, suffered lesser injuries.

Attempts to reach Howard's attorney, Ronald Gold, have been unsuccessful.



Stone



Howard

Howard, accused of being a third-time drunken driver who had a suspended license, remains jailed without bond as he awaits his preliminary hearing.

He could face life in prison if he is convicted of second-degree murder; operating

while intoxicated causing a death; operating while intoxicated causing serious injury; a third drunken driving offense; failing to stop at an accident causing death; failing to stop at an accident causing serious injury; driving with a suspended license causing a death; driving with a suspended license causing serious injury; driving with a suspended license second offense; and having an open alcohol container in his car.

Stone's mother, Pamela Lawson, has called her "a good mother" who always did the best she could for her children. She worked for the Canton Dairy Queen.

A fund in Stone's name has been set up at Key Bank to help the family, and donations may be made at any Key Bank branch.

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This month, three firefighters were promoted within the Canton Fire Department, following the retirement of Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher. They will all formally receive their new badges at the Canton Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday.

• Timothy Dunn, 47, was promoted to Fire Chief (from Battalion Chief), following an intensive assessment center process for internal candidates. Dunn was hired on to the department in 1985 as a firefighter. He was promoted to captain in 2006, and battalion chief in 2007.

Dunn earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from Madonna University in 1989. He earned his Paramedic license in 1998, and completed Eastern Michigan University's Staff and Command School in 2007. He also has received numerous certifications over the years, including Fire Officer I, II &



Dunn



Sprys-Tellner



Caruso

III, and Hazardous Materials Specialist. For the past 20 years Dunn has served as President of the Canton Firefighters Union, Local 2289, where he earned respect from his peers as well as from Canton Public Safety administrators.

As Chief, Dunn will head the Fire Department and its three main components consisting of Fire Suppression, Fire Prevention and Emergency Medical Service.

Tim Dunn and his wife Mary have two daughters, ages 7 and 6.

• Michael Caruso, 47, was

promoted to the rank of battalion chief (from captain). He was hired on to the department in 1987 as a firefighter, and was promoted to the rank of

captain in 2006. Caruso earned his paramedic license in 1998, and graduated from Eastern Michigan University's Fire Staff & Command School in 2007.

He has earned numerous certifications including Fire Officer I, II & III, and has served on the Canton Firefighter's Local 2289 Union Board. He is currently President of the Canton Firefighter's Charity Foundation. As Battalion Chief, Caruso will primarily be responsible for overseeing the daily operations of one of the department's three shifts, consisting of three Captains and 15

Firefighter/Paramedics.

Caruso is married and has two daughters, ages 20 and 19, and a 15-year-old step-daughter.

• Gregory Sprys-Tellner, 44, was promoted to the rank of captain (from firefighter/paramedic). He was hired on to the department in 1987 as a firefighter.

Sprys-Tellner has a Bachelor's in Business Administration from Cleary University. He received his paramedic license in 1998, and earned numerous fire investigation certifications while assigned to the Fire Prevention Unit as an Inspector.

In his new role as captain, Sprys-Tellner will be responsible for overseeing daily fire station operations and providing leadership support to the Battalion Chief.

Sprys-Tellner has been married for 20 years, and has two sons, ages 13 and 11, and a daughter, age 9.

CRIME WATCH

Gunman flees

A woman who lives in the 41275 area of Old Michigan called police to report that she saw a male with a handgun outside her mobile home around 6 p.m. Saturday.

The woman said the suspect, described as a black male, had been to her residence looking for someone who allegedly owed him for drugs. She didn't open the door but said she could see through a window that he had a handgun.

The woman told police the person the man was seeking had visited her residence for a few hours on another occasion. The woman also said her son's electric scooter was taken from her porch while the suspect was there.

She said the suspect fled south before police arrived.

Saws swiped

A man who arrived for work at a tree-cutting company on Ronda, southwest of Joy and Haggerty, told police he found the front glass door had been broken open sometime prior to 8 a.m. Monday.

The man reported that three chain saws had been taken from the business, Davey Tree Co.

Car/motorcycle crash

Canton police were sent to Ford and Motor Taylor roads around 1:20 a.m. Sunday on a report of an accident involving a motorcycle and a Geo car.

The only injuries appeared to be minor hand injuries to the motorcyclist.

The cyclist told police he had gotten off I-275 and was driving west on Ford when the Geo drifted into his lane to go south on

Morton Taylor. He said the move caused him to hit the car.

A police report indicated the Geo driver smelled of alcohol, and he told authorities he was only trying to follow the direction on his GPS unit. Others also were inside his vehicle.

The Geo driver was taken into custody for driving while intoxicated and endangering a 1-year-old child who was in a child restraint seat that wasn't properly fastened.

Stolen iPod

A man told police that an iPod mounted to the dashboard of his vehicle was stolen between 3:15 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. Sunday while the car, a Toyota Camry, was parked at the Sam's Club on Ford Road east of I-275.

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MR. VOLKER

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Marines during World War II and just after it ended. A native of New Jersey, he moved to Michigan in 1960, worked in the food service industry and joined the Marine Corps League.

"He had worked with veterans and kids ever since," Judy Volker said.

A Livonia auxiliary police lieutenant, Mr. Volker was a charter member of the Marine Corps League's Northwest Detachment, which meets in Northville, and he helped start the Wolverine Detachment during a stint when his family lived in St. Joseph.

Mr. Volker was a state commandant for the Department of Michigan Marine Corps League in 2002-04 and was voted Marine of the Year by his peers in 2005, Judy Volker said.

"That was quite an honor," she said.

Mr. Volker started the



Charles Volker was named Michigan's Marine of the Year in 2005.

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Canton Young Marines in 2004 for children who could join as young as 8 years old and remain through high school. They participate in drills, attend patriotic parades, visit veterans hospitals, perform community service projects and, just a few

weeks ago, joined the Volker family and raised \$5,000 for ALS during an event in Kensington Park.

Karen and Steve Braun's two sons, Jason and Joshua, joined Canton Young Marines. Just before his 20th birthday, Jason Braun next week will

formally finish his Marine boot camp at Parris Island, S.C., and 18-year-old Joshua Braun, a Schoolcraft College student, leaves in January for the same training.

Joshua Braun recalled Mr. Volker with admiration.

"He's a person who inspires

you without really trying to," Joshua Braun said. "He was really sincere. I think he inspired me to want to serve my country. He gave me a great respect for the military and especially the Marine Corps."

Karen Braun called Mr. Volker "an outstanding man who deserves all the recognition he has gotten."

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, who served in the U.S. Marines, lauded Mr. Volker for his involvement in his community.

"He presented a tremendous opportunity to young people to experience what military life is like," LaJoy said. "He gave them a better understanding of the Armed Forces. I salute him for all he did. He always had a big smile, and he was always upbeat. He was all about the Marine Corps."

Other than his wife, Mr. Volker also is survived by four children, Cindy (Rick) Trzcinski of Livonia, (James) Jr. of Canton, Holly (Jim) Anderson of Walled Lake, and Charles

M. Volker of Warren; one brother, Kenneth (Mary Ann) Volker of San Antonio, Texas; eight grandchildren, Jordan (fiancée Allyssa) Blanchard, Whitney (Andy) Hess; Abbey Blanchard; James Mach; Austin Mach; Camden Anderson, Machlain Anderson, and Robin Volker.

A family hour will start at 1 p.m. Thursday and visitation will be 2-9 p.m., with a 7 p.m. Marine Corps League service, at McCabe Funeral Home, 851 N. Canton Center Road, Canton. Mr. Volker will lie in state at 10 a.m. Friday until an 11 a.m. funeral service at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 3003 Hannan, Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Canton Young Marines, c/o John Israel, executive officer, at 46138 Doubletree Road, Canton, MI 48187 or to the Marine Corps League, Detachment No. 414, c/o Norm Jewell, commandant, at 13761 Townsend Road, Milan, MI 48160.

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victorian downtown has always been a magnet for shoppers."

The centerpiece of the event is a traditional Carousel, with free rides courtesy of the Northville Downtown Development Authority and the Downtown Stores. Booths cover Center and Main Streets, with juried artisans and high quality crafts people with hundreds of ideas for Christmas giving. Seasonal taste treats such as turkey legs, hot cider, sausages and roasted chestnuts combined with carollers help to further enhance the experience.

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Making sweet music

Challenging show narrowly misses national finals

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

Spectacular, bold, innovative – just a few of the words used (and not just by PCMB folks) to describe the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's dramatic 10-minute competition program this year that landed the 215-member hometown team among the 34 top marching bands in the nation for the semi-finals during the Bands of America Grand National Championships at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis Saturday.

That feat was achieved after PCMB's strong preliminary performance Friday that narrowed the field of 86 top high school competing bands from 22 states. Another outstanding performance during Saturday's semi-finals placed the hometown marchers at 13th in the country – a mere two-tenths of a point away from the cutoff for the finals competition of the top 12 bands.

"I am so proud of the PCEP students, staff, and parents for everything they've done this year," said Sheldon Frazier, marching band director. "To see this beautiful product come together in the final hour was truly an emotional moment for all of us. Without a doubt this was the best run this season. Everything came together at both shows – the emotion, the effect, and the overall performance level of the band was absolutely breathtaking."

This year's show, "The Source," depicting the movement from darkness to the light of the source, involved challenging music, marching, a wardrobe change for the entire band, and pulling enormous bright yellow and white tarps onto the gridiron midway through the show. The effect was stunning and elicited cheers and appreciative applause from the thousands of spectators.

"This show was amazing," said Plymouth senior David Titus, who plays the quad tenor drums and is the percussion section leader. "This is by far my favorite show – just because of the concepts and how we pulled it off with the tarps. It was crazy. I don't even know how we did it."

But they did it. And even though they were cut just short of the finals competition, the hometown team had much to celebrate, which is exactly what they did with a pizza party at the YMCA camp where they were lodged about 45 miles from downtown Indianapolis, courtesy of the very supportive band booster parents.

"Performing in a venue like that with this group of people is indescribable," said senior drum major Kaitlyn Tracy, one of three of the band's leaders along with Mike Wolf and Grace Wine, all of whom enjoyed the evening celebration. "There is so much energy and everyone is so committed and determined – it's fantastic. Everyone is working together and performing and that's what this is all about. Everyone has put their hardest effort in and it has all paid off."

That's exactly the kind of commitment and determination Bands of America president and CEO Eric Martin sees in the tens of thousands of students marching before him each year.

"The students' presence here already makes them among the best of the best," he said. "If they have performed at their highest achievement levels, that's all that matters. Every single year the performances become more creative, more excellent, and more wonderful. The children and the teachers and the creative staffs work so hard and they keep raising the standard and raising the bar."

"It's just an amazing performance by all the participants. There is such a level of excellence. With over 20,000 high school bands in America, the 86 to 90 bands that come each year are already the best of the best. By the time we get to semi-finals, any of those bands could have been finalist bands."

Although there were no Michigan bands in the finals this year, three other Michigan bands also made it to the semi-finals round: Walled Lake Central placed 21st with an 83.05, West Bloomfield scored 77.7 for 30th and Godwin Heights, 34th, 72.15. Plymouth-Canton's 87.2 secured 13th place. The championship this year went to Indiana's Avon High School.

"It's amazing to look back from where we started and how far we have come," noted Tracy. "It is quite a transformation. And it's great to be a part of such a legacy. It's great to be a part of a show like this that also continues that legacy and just adding to the name that's Plymouth."

Frazier summed it up: "Well done PCMB."



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

Enthusiastic PCMB supporters cheer for the hometown team as the 215-member Plymouth-Canton Marching Band takes the field for Saturday's semi-finals competition during the Bands of America Grand National Championships at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.



Color guard member Morgan Bartos maneuvers her flag as the choir hauls the billowing huge tarps across the Colt's gridiron, followed by the drumline during Saturday's BOA Grand National Championships semi-finals performance.



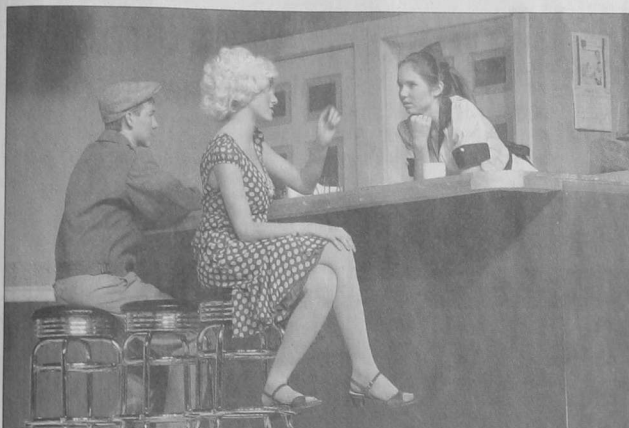
Natalie Serduik, center, along with fellow color guard members, maneuvers through the marching band, including tuba players Anna Marchesano, left, and Alexandria Lemieux.



Choreographed moves are an important part of the competition performance of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, including saxes Amanda Grimm, left, Jessica Hodge and Kyle Bursch, and tuba player Zach Gimpocaro.



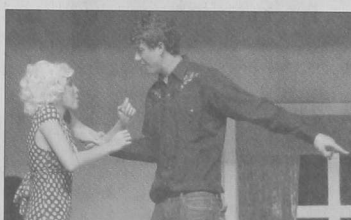
Plymouth-Canton Marching Band director Sheldon Frazier makes sure the instruments are in tune during the warm-ups before the PCMB performed in semi-finals during the Bands of America Grand National Championships at the Indianapolis Lucas Oil Stadium Saturday. Here he gives a last-minute check to the saxophone section, including Zach Walter, left, and Kyle Bursch.



Carl the bus driver (Ian Crawford), Cherie (Jordan Shroat) and waitress Elma Duckworth (Kelley Donnelley) talk over the situation during "Bus Stop."



Brandon Waldenmayer plays Dr. Gerald Lyman.



Bo Decker (Tom Halling) tries to tell Cherie (Jordan Shroat) how things are going to be.



Cherie (Jordan Shroat), Sheriff Will Masters (Tommy Fafalios) and Carl the bus driver (Ian Crawford) are among the folks stranded by snow at a Kansas diner in "Bus Stop."

BUS STOP

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with alcohol and younger women. They interact with the bus driver, the town sheriff, the diner's proprietor and a waitress.

It's a play Bird said he's always wanted to do.

"It really provides the kids the opportunity to develop full, real characters," Bird said. "It's about how different people interpret what love is. I love the way the relationships grow."

It's one of the smaller casts of recent Park Player productions, with eight cast members and about a dozen crew members. But they're tackling it with their usual enthusiasm.

Salem High School senior Jordan Shroat plays Cherie, the singer who has been kidnapped by the cowboy, Bo Decker (played by Tom Halling), who plans to take her to his ranch in Montana and make her his bride, whether she wants to or not.

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Shroat said she loves the lesson Cheri learns — whether she actually loves Bo — but said playing the upbeat, bubbly Cherie was challenging.

"She's upbeat and bubbly, and she doesn't fit with everyone else," said Shroat, who began her Park Players career playing Catherine in *Pride and Prejudice* as a freshman. "Even though she's talking about upsetting things, she seems to be happy. It's hard to play 'happy' for that long, because I'm not like that."

Salem High School junior Brandon Waldenmayer tackles

the role of Dr. Gerald Lyman, who brings his own set of idiosyncrasies to the diner. To get a better handle on the character Waldenmayer, whose credits include *The Laramie Project* and *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare*, researched the symptoms/effects of a hangover, how a drunk person would walk, etc.

"(Lyman) is a very tough challenge," Waldenmayer said. "He's a 50-year-old man, which I clearly am not, he's got an alcohol problem, and I've never even taken a drink, and he's got a problem with younger women. I've never even met anyone with all those problems at once. (Lyman) clearly does not have his life on track."

The cast — and especially Bird — have had a blast putting the show together.

"I've had such a good time working with this show and working with these kids," Bird said. "The kids have been great. It's been so much fun."

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Inside the 'box' thinking

Church project sends message of love, hope

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When members of Plymouth Township's NorthRidge Church pack shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, they're packing more than toys and trinkets, candy and school supplies.

They're sending love, compassion, hope — and a chance at a better future.

Operation Christmas Child is an annual holiday program that reaches out to Third World and developing countries around the globe, providing millions of poor children with everyday items they often lack: toothpaste and soap, pencils and notebooks, small toys and candies. NorthRidge sponsors a major effort among its members, and is also a collection point for dozens of area organizations — churches, service groups, scouting groups, schools — whose members donate filled shoeboxes.

"Most of these children have never been given a gift in their life, and anything and everything is appreciated," said Patricia Dage of Livonia, the coordinator of this year's Operation Christmas Child at NorthRidge.

The national collection week for Operation Christmas Child starts Monday. NorthRidge has set a goal of 9,500 shoe boxes this year, and has reserved three semi trucks to take the gifts to North Carolina, from where they will be shipped to destination countries.

Dage, a longtime NorthRidge member, was inspired to get involved by a 1999 church mission to Honduras in the wake of Hurricane Mitch.

"Our kids are blessed and have so much in the U.S.," said Dage. "These children have absolutely nothing."

Dage and her family filled about 100 shoe boxes last year, and Operation Christmas Child's tracking system told her they went to Ukraine, Madagascar



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Kim Summerhill, Cathy Turner and all of the other NorthRidge Church volunteers have a big packing job.



Kim Summerhill packs gift boxes.

teer, was on that same Honduras trip, and returned the following year. She's been on missions to other countries, too.

"The more you travel, every time you go out you see more and more of what the needs are," she said.

Filled shoe boxes typically contain small toys (rubber balls, plush toys, dolls for girls, toy cars for boys), hard candy, pens and pencils, paper and notebooks, toiletries and maybe a pair of flip-flops and a small item or two of clothing.

"Even the teenagers are excited to have a stuffed animal," said Young.

The school supplies are important, Dage said, because children in poorer countries often have to bring their own to attend school.

"They need help, they need support, they need love," Dage said.

Donors are also encouraged to write a letter to the recipient and include a family photo. Sometimes, recipients will reply with their thanks, Dage said.

Operation Christmas Child is sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, a Christian evangelical and relief organization. Since it began in 1993, the program has delivered more than 77 million boxes to children in about 130 countries.

Young said that adults who benefited from Operation Christmas Child as youngsters years ago remember it fondly.

"They help with the distribution for other kids, because the boxes touched them so much," she said.

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Chinese carmaker plans Plymouth facility

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A major Chinese automaker is planning to open a research and design center in Plymouth Township, and hire about 100 engineers over several years, as it prepares to break into the global market.

ChangAn Automotive, based in Chongqing, China, will move into about 17,000 square feet of a former Dow Corning facility on Halyard near M-14, said township Supervisor Richard Reaume on Tuesday. The company, also called Chana, is expected to apply for state and local tax incentives; Reaume was to attend a meeting Wednesday, with representatives of ChangAn, Wayne County and the state, at which details were to be discussed.

"We're delighted to have them come in," said Reaume during Tuesday's Board of Trustees meeting.

County Executive Robert Ficano formally announced the plan Tuesday while in China on a trade mission. It is Ficano's sixth trip to China on the county's behalf; ChangAn was also courted in 2009.

"Each mission we embark on strengthens our bond with our Chinese government and business partners, and we continue to see tangible results, ChangAn's investment being the latest," Ficano said in a press release.

Reaume said ChangAn plans to have 150 total employees within five years. The company is expected to move into the building in January. The former Dow Corning building, with one other occupant, totals about 40,000 square feet; Reaume said ChangAn will have space to expand there.

ChangAn's operation in the township will focus on automotive chassis and noise and vibration, Reaume said. The company is also planning a powertrain facility in Germany, an electronics center in Japan and a design center in Italy, Reaume said.

"The Chinese are just pulling the best of the world" in order to design a "global car," he said.

ChangAn has several manufacturing facilities in China; the possibility of locating a factory in the U.S. has been discussed, according to a published report.

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Be prudent with your holiday spending

I feel compelled to write about being reasonable and responsible as we enter into the holiday shopping season.

It used to be that the unofficial beginning of the holiday shopping season was the day after Thanksgiving, which has now become known as Black Friday. However, retailers are now pushing up the start with all sorts of pre-Black Friday sales. Unfortunately, the holiday season has become a buzz word for buy, buy and buy some more. In today's tough economic times I cannot stress enough how important it is for all of us to be fiscally responsible as we head into the holiday season.

To be a successful investor you have to start with a game plan, the same is true about spending during the holidays. Before you begin shopping set a budget as to total holiday expenditures. Whether that includes gifts or holiday decorations for the home, have a firm budget. I recognize it is sometimes difficult to set a budget, however, you know you are spending too much if you're putting items on your charge card that you cannot afford to repay when the bill comes due. Unfortunately, too many

People incur unnecessary pressure at this time of year by overspending in order to impress. After establishing a budget and narrowing down your gift list, consider talking with family and friends about a spending cap for the holidays.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Americans are still paying off debts from last year and they don't need to add on new debt.

People incur unnecessary pressure at this time of year by overspending in order to impress. After establishing a budget and narrowing down your gift list, consider talking with family and friends about a spending cap for the holidays. It's a smart move financially and it can also remove a lot of pressure on friends and family allowing them to enjoy the holidays.

In buying holiday gifts, especially for children and teenagers, a little creativity is not a bad thing. I mention this all the time, but a great idea is a contribution to the Michigan Education Savings Plan.

You don't have to open your own account. You can add on to an existing account. Or, if there is no existing account it's easy to establish one and name the parents as trustees. The price and importance of a college education continues to rise. Therefore, a gift that adds to someone's education fund is a gift that will pay dividends well into the future.

I recognize that kids and teenagers may not be thrilled with a contribution to an edu-

cation account, however, that alone should not be the standard.

When I recommend that people be fiscally responsible during the holiday season, some say it's going to hurt American businesses this time of year. I do recognize that spending is good for the economy and there is no doubt that I would love to see the U.S. economy grow and expand once again. However, that does not mean that you and I can be fiscally irresponsible. First and foremost, you and I need to focus on our individual situation because when we get into financial difficulties we have to bail ourselves out. Therefore, as we enter the holiday season we can't forget how important it is for us to be fiscally responsible. Always keep in mind that the true meaning of the holidays is to spend time with family and friends and to enjoy their company. You don't measure love by how expensive a gift is. Good luck!

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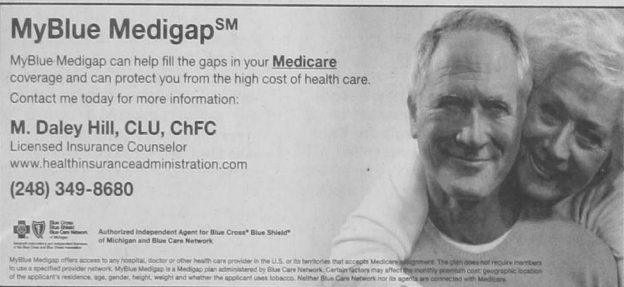
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Basic training grad

Air Force Airman Kristin A. Yates graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Yates earned distinction as an honor graduate. Yates, a 2009 graduate of Plymouth High School, is the daughter of Kenneth Yates and Angela Yates, both of Canton.

Assault school grad

Private First Class Trent Shelton of Plymouth has

graduated United States Army Air Assault School at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Air Assault School is a 10-day course of instruction that teaches Air Assault techniques. It's also one of the most physically challenging ten days in the Army.

Throughout the course, students focus on a grueling obstacle course, physical fitness, and sling load operations. Completion of Air Assault School is dependent on students passing a 12-mile foot march in under 3 hours, with a 35 pound rucksack.

Shelton is currently assigned as a rifleman and radio-telephone operator to Alpha Company, First Battalion 125th Infantry Regiment out of Detroit. He will spend the next year training up for a future deployment to Afghanistan with the First Battalion 125th Infantry and the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

Shelton is the son of Jennifer and Daniel Hood of Plymouth.

Combat grad

Army National Guard Spec. Denis R. Montilla has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics.

Montilla, a 1998 Plymouth-Canton graduate who earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, is the son of Rene and Melinda Montilla of Canton.

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OUR VIEWS



Well done Wildcats' victory continues district's year of success

No one is surprised at the prep football playoff success being celebrated at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park this week.

The only surprise is the identity of the team doing the celebrating.

The Plymouth Wildcats are one step away from completing a dream season after springing their second straight stunning upset of this post-season, getting three field goals from kicker Kyle Brindza and upending Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 9-7, in a regional final Saturday on the Shamrocks' own field.

That win came a week after knocking off then-top-ranked Canton (the team everyone *thought* would be having the playoff run) in the district final, and earned the Wildcats a shot at Rockford in the state semifinals. Rockford began the year ranked No. 1.

If Plymouth pulls off its third straight upset and beats Rockford, the Wildcats will play for the state championship Thanksgiving weekend at Ford Field.

When Kyle Brindza's 24-yard field goal with 35 seconds left in the game sailed through the uprights, it continued a historic season put together by the Wildcats, who have every reason to be proud, win or lose against Rockford Saturday.

And Brindza and his teammates aren't the only ones who have reason to be proud as the 2010-11 school year progresses. Here are some others:

- The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band distinguished themselves again in Indianapolis at the Bands of America Grand Nationals at Lucas Oil Stadium.

- Nineteen students — Varun Bandri, Casey Bindas, Karen Davidge, Avinash Devalla, Sean Fitzpatrick, Osbert Fu, Sahithi Gogineni, Justin Heck, Sarah Kang, Lynne Krutty, Brenda Li, Michelle Lu, Bryan Maul, Ishani Shah, Grace Sheng, Aditya Vedapudi, Anthony Veltri, Erik Wilder and Mary Winther — are semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Corporation's annual competition. These seniors now have an opportunity to advance in the competition for 8,000 Merit Scholarship awards (about \$32 million) to be offered in the spring of 2011.

- The district's robotics team continues to excel.
- P-CEP auto students won the fall high school Drag Races at Milan Dragway last month, with Justin Richards, a junior at Salem High School, being the runner up in the final race just two days after earning his driver's license.

- Dodson Elementary School was one of the top five schools in the nation by the Young American Poetry Digest. More than 240 Dodson students submitted haikus and other forms of poetry that were chosen for the honor.

The complete list of successes by Plymouth-Canton students, groups and teams would take barrels of ink and tons of newsprint.

Regardless of how the Wildcats do Saturday against Rockford, their amazing season is just the latest success story.

COMMUNITY VOICE

With Thanksgiving approaching, what are you most thankful for this year?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"Family."

Sherry Yale
Ypsilanti



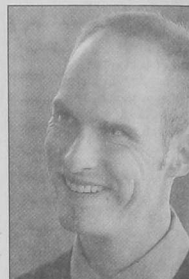
"I'm thankful for the Lord in my life and being able to help people."

Tony Calderoni
Canton



"I have a new grandson, Jaylen Johnson (18 months old). He is my first grandson, and he's the joy of my life."

Vivian Johnson
Canton



"My daughter Brooklyn Rose. She's 16 months old."

Robert Bragalone
Canton

LETTERS

Continuing the fight

As my first term as your state representative comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the honor and privilege of serving as your voice at the Capitol. I also want to thank you for all of your support during the recent election to allow me to keep working for our community — I couldn't have done it without you.

Over the past two years, I have been working hard to reform our state government and get our economy back on track, and I look forward to continuing to fight on behalf of our residents and families here in Canton, Belleville and Van Buren Township.

Michigan is facing some tough economic challenges. There's no doubt that we must look for new innovative ways to create jobs and revitalize our economy. That's why I sponsored a law to expand Michigan's first-in-the-nation advanced battery incentives to help make our state the electric car capital of the world. These incentives have already attracted 17 cutting-edge companies that plan to invest nearly \$6 billion and create more than 63,000 jobs in Michigan.

I have also been working hard to support our small businesses, which make up 98 percent of all Michigan employers and serve as the backbone of our economy. Earlier this year I launched BuyMichiganFirst.com, a free website for businesses and consumers that promotes first-class Michigan-made products and services and the quality businesses behind them.

In addition, I have fought to create a leaner, more efficient state government that uses every taxpayer dollar wisely. I voted to cut lawmakers' salaries — including my own — by 10 percent. I also championed a plan to end taxpayer-funded lifetime health care for lawmakers and I voluntarily gave up the expensive perk for myself. I will continue to fight to cut wasteful spending and make our government focus on the priorities that matter.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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I want you to know that in every decision I make, my main consideration is how it will affect residents here in Western Wayne County. I invite you to contact me about any issues or concerns that affect you, your family, or your business.

Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to continue serving as your State Representative. I hope to see or hear from you soon.

Dian Slavens
state representative
Canton

Staying smokeless

I was amazed to learn that a small number of people are trying to change the new law on smoking.

So what? Who cares? Let them cry all they want to.

The far majority of people like the law just fine.

Drive out to Canton on any Friday night and you will find establishments like Texas

Steakhouse, Lone Star Grill, Applebees, Big Boy, Bob Evans, Ruby Tuesday, and the brand new Hayden's packed to the rafters with people waiting to eat and drink. Infrequently we see one or two folks outside having a cigarette.

There are also a few spots that are not doing so well. But they were not doing well prior to the law, either. Blame the economy, and (in this case) the never-ending construction on Ford Road.

Cloverlanes in Livonia did a study last year, in which they found that less than 18 percent of bowlers were smokers. Thus they concluded that the smoking law would work just fine.

They were right! These days there are far more kids birthday parties going on there than ever before.

Do you realize it wasn't all that long ago that smoking was allowed on airlines and in hospitals? Times have changed for the better.

John B. McFarlin
Dearborn

Make smoke-free law permanent

I am a stroke survivor of four years.

Recently we marked six months of smoke-free air in Michigan. These past months have meant all workplaces, including bars and restaurants, have been safe from tobacco smoke. We're saving lives with this law as second-hand smoke is a serious health hazard.

I wish to thank many organizations that have made this smoke-free law a reality, including the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society and the American Lung Association. We should also be praising the tens of thousands of people who have made Michigan smoke-free. Let's make sure to keep the law permanent.

Steve Freilich
Livonia

GUEST COLUMN

Film incentives will help Michigan to flourish, create jobs for us

Ever since Gov. John Engler asked me in 2002 to serve on the Michigan Film Advisory Commission, my position has been unequivocal that there would be no meaningful film production in this state unless we gave production companies a reason to come here in the form of an incentive. My message since day one has been simple: "If We Build It, They Will Come."



Jim Burnstein

In April 2008, under the leadership of Gov. Jennifer Granholm and now Congressman-elect Bill Huizenga, among others, we saw our best in the nation incentive package for film, television and video game production become a reality. Certainly we can all agree that once this law took effect, "they" did indeed come.

In 2007, before this legislation was

passed, we had three films shot in Michigan with a total of \$2 million in production spent here. But in the last nine months of 2008 alone, we had 38 projects spend \$125 million. In 2009, there were 43 projects that spent \$223.6 million in Michigan. This year, we will surpass \$300 million in production.

The question, of course is: Is it worth it? The Senate Fiscal Agency report would suggest that so far it is not. The figure in the report that captured attention was that the estimated additional tax revenue to the state in 2009 was roughly 10 cents on every dollar spent on film subsidies.

This interpretation was news to Advisory Council members, as we took more of a Ronald Reagan approach that the purpose of this legislation was to make the people, not the government, rich.

We don't have to be economists to recognize the incentive's ripple effect

because the people of Michigan have lived it in reverse. We have seen what happens to suppliers and small businesses when auto production shuts down and people are laid off. So we get it when thanks to increased movie productions, Chow Catering builds a commissary in Madison Heights, purchases a second 30-foot truck and rents a long-vacant property. We see the ripple when the company pumps \$400,000 back into the economy, purchasing propane, supplies and groceries from local businesses and hiring up to 25 workers who in turn have money to spend. And so it goes for all those restaurants, hotels, rental car agencies, accountants, security guard companies, party rental businesses, dry cleaners, florists, gas stations, hardware stores, vintage clothing shops, trash haulers, even portapotty providers, who are not just surviving, but thriving, thanks to our incentives.

Yet perhaps the most beneficial impact of the incentives has been on the future of our young people. For years have I watched my students at the University of Michigan leave for Los Angeles or New York as soon as they possibly could upon graduating. Virtually none of them were inspired by my example that you could live and work here, including my own son. But over the past two and a half years, I have seen students from around the state get real world production experience, training and a healthy paycheck here in Michigan from almost the day they graduate.

Who of these young people will be the next Bob Shaye, founder of New Line Cinema, who gave the world movies like *Lord of the Rings*, or Bill Mechanic, former chief of Fox Studios Worldwide whose credits include *Titanic* and *Braveheart*, or Jerry Bruckheimer, who brought us *Pirates of the Caribbean* and *CSI*, or Bobby Kotick, the CEO of Activision/

Blizzard who gave us *Guitar Hero*, or even Larry Page, the co-founder of Google? We educated all of these individuals in Michigan and lost them. How many jobs did they create, and how many tax dollars went with them? We simply cannot afford to export our creative class any longer.

In December 2008, the lowest point in our history since the Great Depression, after witnessing the spectacle of our auto giants getting hammered before Congress, along came Clint Eastwood's *Gran Torino*. When the last credit rolled and it said, "Made in Michigan," the audiences all applauded. This was an emotional tipping point, an occasion where people felt proud and free to cheer again for the place they loved. Please tell me how you put a price tag on hope?

Jim Burnstein of Plymouth Township is vice chairman of the Michigan Film Office Advisory Council and head of the screenwriting program at University of Michigan.

Poverty forum: 'Needs are great'

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Wayne County lost more people since 2000 than any other county in the country and of those who remained a growing number are at poverty levels, according to Kurt Metzger, director of Data Driven Detroit.

The county had 135,000 some fewer people overall in the last decade. There were, however, population increases in Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville Township and Dearborn.

Metzger presented a demographic and social profile of western Wayne County Monday at a Community Poverty Forum sponsored by Starfish Family Services, a private, nonprofit agency which provides early childhood and parenting programs, after school options, children's mental services and emergency shelter to teens and youth in crisis.

Each year, Starfish, located in Inkster, helps some 9,000 people in Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Wayne, Westland, Taylor, Inkster, Garden City, Redford, Canton, Livonia, Plymouth Township, City of Plymouth, Northville Township and the City of Northville.

Improved educational opportunities and the development of a regional transportation system that would take people from community to community to learn about public services and find work is essential, said Metzger who also pointed to a 133 percent increase in food stamp recipients from 2000 to 2010.

Racism plays a role in poverty, he said illustrating that



A panel discussion on poverty illustrated much of Wayne County is struggling.

67 percent of whites compared to 3.9 percent of blacks live in "high opportunity areas" in the region.

"Racism continues to be one of the biggest issues in this region," he added. "It has affected public transportation and we continue to not address it."

TREMENDOUS NEED

"We see a tremendous amount of need and we don't see things getting better for a few years at best," Metzger said. "This region cries out for a regional transportation system."

The unemployment rate in Michigan is 13.4 percent; in Detroit it's 25 percent. In western Wayne communities, unemployment rates are: Northville 3.4 percent; Plymouth Township, 4.4 percent; Canton, 5.2 percent; Livonia, 6.4 percent; Redford, 7.8 percent; Westland, 9.1 percent; Garden City, 9.6 percent; Dearborn Heights, 9.7 percent; and in Inkster, 18.2 percent.

These figures, Metzger said, don't reflect the people who are underemployed and those who have given up looking for

work.

Explaining that lack of education is directly related to poverty, Metzger's report noted that the high school graduation rate in Northville is 95 percent; in Livonia 89 percent; in Plymouth-Canton 88 percent; in Crestwood (Dearborn Heights) 86 percent; in South Redford 85 percent; in Redford Union 68 percent; and Garden City 58 percent.

Redford residents have suffered greatly as a result of reductions in their income, according to Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, Redford Township supervisor, who attended the conference.

"Our community was at the forefront of the foreclosure and mortgage crisis in 2008 and 2009 when we saw more than 10 percent of our families lose their homes," she said. "In order to address the needs of our residents we had to get creative and build collaborative partnerships with several organizations."

REDFORD REACTS

Redford was the first to initiate a personalized foreclosure assistance program, she said.

Redford also developed the Partnership for Building a Better Redford, she said, marking the first time the township supervisor and the superintendents from South Redford and Redford Union schools collaborated to address the needs of students and families.

"We have committed our work to drawing on all of our community partners to provide food, emergency housing, clothing, medical services and risk diversion programs," Kobylarz added. "Our resources include organizations like Starfish, Redford Interfaith Relief, Mercy Road, Botsford Hospital and there are more that are available when special needs arise. The need is great and even with the organizations and resources at our fingertips, we simply can't meet

everyone's needs. There are times when it is heart-breaking."

Reaching students is necessary in addressing the poverty issues, Metzger said. His report found 77 percent of Inkster students are eligible for free and reduced lunches. In Redford Union, it's 58 percent; South Redford 50 percent; Garden City 43 percent; Livonia, 22 percent; in Plymouth-Canton, 15 percent; Northville, 5 percent; and in Detroit, 7.1 percent.

Metzger's report used information from a variety of sources including the U.S. Bureau of Census, United Way for Southeast Michigan, SEMCOG, Michigan Department of Community Health, Michigan Department of Human Services, Michigan Department of

Labor & Economic Growth and Michigan Center for Educational Performance and Information as well as data gathered by five focus groups involving Starfish staff, youth, parents and community members.

The poverty forum, held at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, is the first of a planned series of outreach programs to address issues and stress areas that weigh on poor people from how they can feed their families and pay bills, find employment, secure child care and keep kids out of trouble, according to Ann Kalass, Starfish executive director.

"We find a lot of families are isolated," Kalass said.

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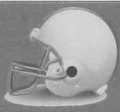
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'Cats cash in their chip (shot)

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mistakes and penalties fueled the only touchdown Plymouth gave up Saturday, during the late stages of the first half.

It enabled Novi-Detroit Catholic Central to go up 7-3 at halftime of the Division 1 football regional championship game and also prompted some encouragement from Wildcats' head coach Mike Sawchuk.

"I told them to just keep grinding (in the second half), to be tough," Sawchuk said. "My offensive staff made a couple adjustments to move the chains more. That's all we wanted to do."

Plymouth's defense also did its part to make sure the host Shamrocks did not extend their halftime lead and then it was up to senior kicker Kyle Brindza to do the rest. Boy, did he ever.

Brindza, who usually makes loud noise on 50-yard field goals and even longer kickoffs, only needed to connect on a 23-yard chip shot from the left hash marks with 35 seconds to go and he did just that to give the Wildcats a 9-7 victory.

STAYING COMPOSED

Plymouth (10-2) now will face 11-1 Rockford in the Division 1 semifinals 1 p.m. Saturday at Lansing Everett.

"I was just trying to stay relaxed and keep my composure, just go out and kick it like a normal kick like I always have," Brindza said. "I've kicked two game-winning field goals before, so it's nothing new."

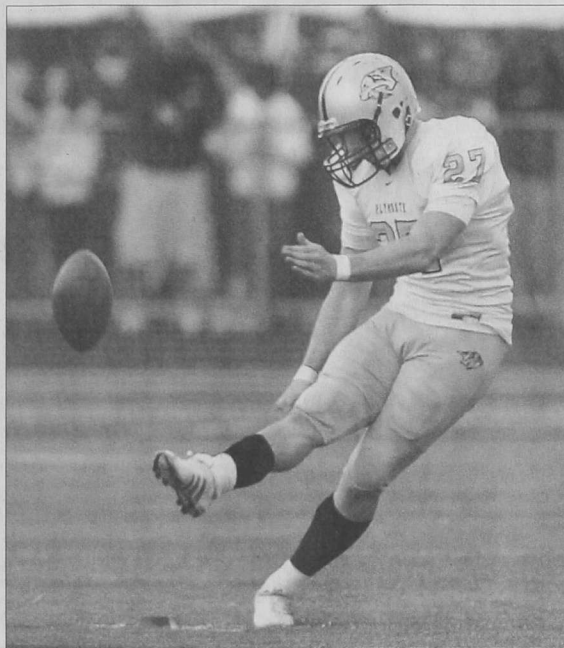
"But I mean, coming for the regional championship I mean it was just amazing, I couldn't believe it."

According to Sawchuk, a poised job by junior quarterback Shaun Austin to pilot two scoring drives in the fourth quarter proved just as vital — as did a defense that gave up just 174 yards all day.

"Defensively, we felt we had a pretty good game plan on them and I tell you what, those kids played tough," Sawchuk said. "I knew they weren't going to break big plays on us, and I just told the offense 'Hey, get down there, at least get us three points and we'll hold 'em.'"

Brindza's 49-yarder with 8:05 to go in the fourth whittled the deficit down to 7-6 and the Wildcats' defense stopped the next Shamrocks series in three plays to give Plymouth one more chance.

The winning drive began at the Catholic Central 38 with about 6:40 left, following a short punt by Brandon Sullivan and an eight-yard on-the-move return by Plymouth sopho-

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PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

One of the stars of Saturday's game, Plymouth's Kyle Brindza puts his right leg into a kickoff. Brindza also accounted for all nine of Plymouth's points making three field goals — including the winning boot in the final minute.

WHAT'S NEXT?

What could the Plymouth Wildcats possibly have up their sleeve after two riveting upsets over then-No. 1 ranked Canton and always dangerous Novi-Detroit Catholic Central?

Plymouth edged the Shamrocks 9-7 in Saturday's Division 1 regional football final, a win that has many prep gridiron fans in the area salivating over what could happen next. That next chapter in the Wildcats' amazing story arrives Saturday when they face 11-1 Rockford at Lansing Everett in the D1 semifinals. It will be the first-ever meeting between the teams.



One of Plymouth's defensive standouts all season, senior linebacker Tony Rhodes (No. 24) puts a hit on Catholic Central running back Anthony Darkangelo.

'It hasn't sunk in yet, but we're really excited about it.'

KELLY BLACKNEY, PCA coach

Eagles fly into Final 4

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

VOLLEYBALL QUARTERS

Battle Creek seems like the perfect place for a team getting it done in crunch time the way Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity girls volleyball team is.

The Eagles traveled way up into Michigan's Thumb on Tuesday and romped to a 25-10, 25-21, 25-11 victory against host Deckerville in the Class D state quarter-finals.

PCA (29-9-2) now will face a to-be-determined opponent at 8:45 p.m. Friday in the Class D semifinals at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena. A win then would move the team into the final, set for 10 a.m. Saturday.

The Eagles continue to advance to postseason playoffs the program has never experienced.

"When we played as intense as we did in the first set we felt very confident that we would finish the night with a win," said Eagles' head coach Kelly Blackney. "But even at that last game point, for match point, I still just really couldn't believe that we are now Final Four in the state of Michigan in Class D."

"It hasn't sunk in yet, but we're really excited about it." A large, boisterous Deckerville crowd gave the Eagles some service-line jitters. But for the most part, PCA shrugged all of that off — despite a so-so effort in Game 2 where the Eagles made too many unforced errors for Blackney's liking.

"We knew going to their home court we would face a big crowd and we did," Blackney added. "They were there and they were loud. Some of the girls said that kind of contributed to a lack

of focus on the serving line, hearing the heckles from the crowd.

"But we understand that at this point we are going to face big crowds."

EARLY STATEMENT

Top Eagles included junior middle blocker Kristin Malcolm (19 kills, 11 blocks), junior outside hitter Amy Zinn (10 kills, seven digs), senior setter Brianna Harris (35 assists), junior defensive specialist Jessica Rich (20 digs), senior middle blocker Folake Olojo (seven kills, two blocks), sophomore outside hitter Mary Anleitner (six kills, two blocks) and senior libero Abby Barts (seven digs).

"She (Barts) had a really awesome game," Blackney said. "She made a couple really big saves for us at big times."

The team came out strong for Game 1, following the script of staying on offense as long as possible.

"One of the things we wanted to focus on in this match was getting a sideout right away when we lost the ball and scoring in runs," Blackney said. "We decided to set a goal of three points, then go to five, then seven. We did that very well. I think we capitalized on their errors and limited ours."

Blackney said the win was great to get, but she would like her team to buckle down in Battle Creek.

"Giving away points is something we might have gotten away with tonight," she said, "but we know we need to fix that if we want to win on Friday."

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BOYS HOCKEY PREVIEW PT. 1

Talent, depth key for veteran Chiefs

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Go ahead and bet "the house" that Canton's varsity boys hockey team will have a solid 2010-11 season.

"Our offense is averaging 15-to-20 shots per period (during early scrimmages)," said Chiefs' second-year head coach Jeremy Majszak. "We're doing a real good job of getting shots. Our goal is to start penetrating the house and start shooting."

Asked to elaborate, Majszak brought out a diagram board and explained "the house" this way: the goal area represents the peak with lines angling to each face-off circle as the sides of the roof. The lines then extend parallel to the boards toward the blue lines.

It's essentially prime territory in front of each net. Teams that find that area on offense aren't being forced to the less-dangerous perimeter.

Conversely, the Canton defense will work to limit chances from that part of the ice against their goalies, junior Spencer Craig and freshman Robbie Beydoun.

"We've been doing a real good job of limiting shots to the outside," Majszak said. "And when it comes to offense we're getting shots from all over."

Canton fans will get to see for themselves when the Chiefs open the regular season 8 p.m. Friday at Arctic Edge against Waterford Mott.

ALL SYSTEMS GO

The Chiefs have a strong nucleus of 14 returnees from the 2009-10 team, a squad that finished 13-11-2 in the KLA South and reached the regional semifinals.

Majszak said the overall speed, strength and depth of the roster should lead to plenty of success this winter.

"We're bringing a lot of depth and a lot of speed and it's playing right into the systems that we've been working on for the past couple years here," he said. "And with having a lot of returning players it's real easy to jump right into your systems like that, especially when they know it."

"But now that they're two to three years older, most of them, they're a lot stronger and a lot faster and it's generating a lot of offense."

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They're 'Girls on the Run' and loving it

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Girls from all over Plymouth and Canton will happily be "on the run" Saturday at Northville's Maybury State Park.

There's no doubt of that with Plymouth's sister tandem of Emma and Sara Boismier. The Bird Elementary School students couldn't wipe the smiles off their faces Monday during a practice run with their parents (Jeff and Cathy Boismier) and younger sister Cali Rose, 6.

All five Boismiers came out to the junior varsity track near Plymouth High School on Monday to get some reps in ahead of the big race — the annual five-kilometer event for the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit program Girls on the Run.

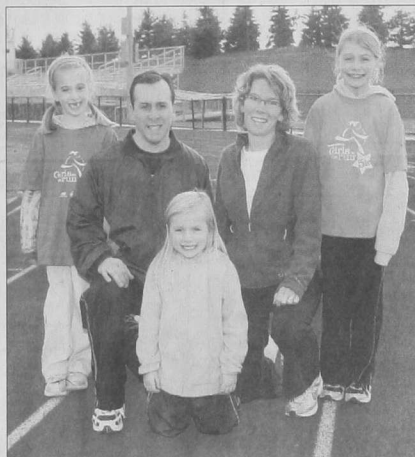
"Girls on the Run offers a great opportunity for parents to participate in a sport with their daughters instead of watching them compete from the sidelines," said Jeff Boismier. "You can do it together — run together to practice and run side by side in the race."

That will happen come Saturday, when approximately 300 girls in grades three-five from metro Detroit (and another 100 family members and friends) are expected to participate at Maybury.

Because the event is more celebration than competition, it is not timed and every participant receives a medal.

THEY LIKED IT

Emma and Sara, age 10



JOHN KEMSKI

Their smiles say it all. Looking forward to Saturday's Girls on the Run race is the Boismier family of Plymouth, including (from left) 8-year-old Sara, Jeff, 6-year-old Cali Rose, Cathy and Emma, 10. The three young girls attend Bird Elementary School.

'After seeing her big sister go through the program last year, and the fun she was having, Sara wanted to be a part of that too, and take her own shot at completing a 5K race.'

JEFF BOISMIER, Plymouth

and 8, respectively, are among about 150 girls from Canton, Plymouth and Northville, who are wrapping up the 10-week program. The Boismiers were part of a team at Bird

Elementary, complete with coaches.

Cali Rose is too young to join Emma and Sara, but "after watching both her sisters do Girls on the Run, she may be

the next to sign up when she's old enough," said Jeff.

Last year, Emma went through the after-school program and ran what is described by YMCA officials as a "non-competitive" 3.1-mile race. It was a family hit.

"It was Sara who came to us and asked to sign up this year," Jeff said. "After seeing her big sister go through the program last year, and the fun she was having, Sara wanted to be a part of that too, and take her own shot at completing a 5K race."

Cathy gushed about the program. "The coaches at Bird are terrific and Emma's experience had been really positive, so we were happy to sign up another daughter."

Jeff and Cathy also saw Girls on the Run offered so much more than a chance to be in a race. It is a wholesome, positive program, a nice flip of the cultural script.

"It is a valuable program, offered at the perfect age for girls," Cathy said. "By emphasizing the value — and rewards — of exercise and encouraging the girls to take charge of their own goals and actions and self-image, (the program) offers a positive influence to counter some of the negative messages and images" in today's society.

LIFE LESSONS

Girls on the Run delves into topics such as physical health, emotional health, communication, cooperation and serving others in the community.

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CHIP SHOT

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more sparkplug Nate Emminger. Austin (11-21, 71 yards) then came through on a third-and-eight with a 10-yard screen pass to senior wide-out Jake Morris (4-22) for a first down at the CC 26.

ONE LAST SCORE

Although that moved the ball well into Brindza's range, the Wildcats wanted to move closer and also eat up minutes on the clock if possible.

A 12-yard up-the-middle burst by junior running back Jerell Jenkins — who led all runners in the game with 111 yards on 26 carries — gave Plymouth a first down inside the Catholic Central five.

Three Jenkins carries later (where his main objective on each was to hang on to the ball) left it up to Brindza.

But the Shamrocks weren't done and gave Plymouth a major scare.

Catholic Central regained possession of the ball at the 20 and had just 35 seconds on the clock to work with.

One long completion was nullified by a holding penalty. That would have given the Shamrocks a chance inside the Plymouth 10.

Quarterback Mike Birney then threw the ball up for grabs and it was momentarily intercepted before a CC teammate stripped it back.

A delay-of-game penalty, however, forced the Shamrocks to retreat to Plymouth's 41 and kicker Justin D'Agostino's subsequent 58-yard field goal bid to win the game fell far short of the uprights.

That set off a Plymouth mob scene on the field and the players took the love over to the jammed-and-jubilant visitors' bleacher section.

"You can't even describe that (feeling)," said Nate Emminger, who like he did Nov. 5 against Canton made key plays on both sides of the ball. "It's the greatest student cheering section in the world and we're just glad they're out here supporting us in a game of this stature."

Catholic Central head coach Tom Mach said the way the game ended was eventful and "pretty exciting. Going from them taking the lead and then we moved the ball, we thought close enough to kick a field goal.

"But another holding penalty, we had quite a few holding penalties hurt us," he said. "Different things hurt us today, we didn't make plays when we had to."

In the first half, Plymouth went up 3-0 midway through the first quarter on a 52-yard three-pointer by Brindza.

The Wildcats had received the ball in great shape (at CC's 39) following the Catholic Central punter not being able to handle a low snap.

That lead held up until the Shamrocks scored on a 4th-and-1 run by D'Agostino with less than two minutes to go in the first half.

GETTING IT BACK

Penalties kept that march going, including one called on senior Brennan Beyer for horse-collar-ing Birney on a sack attempt at the CC 35. Had Beyer completed the sack without an infraction, the Shamrocks likely would have been forced to punt.

Later on, that gave Beyer extra motivation to regain the lead.

"We needed to bounce back from that," Beyer said. "If our defense held us for the rest of the game we were pretty confident our offense would score. That's what we planned and that's what we did, it worked out well."

That's an understatement. Beyer (4.5 tackles, five assists) and the rest of the Wildcats' defense was ferocious from start to finish, putting plenty of heat on the Shamrocks' playmakers.

Junior linebacker Tyler Goble led Plymouth with 10 tackles and one sack, while public address announcers often called the names of Beyer, senior defensive back Anthony LeMerise (six tackles), senior linebacker Tony Rhodes (four tackles, four assists), senior defensive back Phil Emminger (3.5 tackles, five assists) and junior linebacker Donte Fox (three tackles, four assists).

Perhaps another reason the Wildcats defense played with swagger was knowing if they got the ball back into the hands of the offense there was Brindza waiting to do his thing.

"It gives you so much reassurance," Beyer added. "When I was lining up for the (winning) field goal I was really confident it was going to go in. He's the best kicker in the state and one of the best in the nation, it helps a lot."

Now, the Wildcats will try to keep the magic going. One more victory will move Plymouth into the D1 final at Ford Field on Nov. 27.

Sawchuk, asked about his preference to play Rockford or Howell in the semifinal (it was later learned that Rockford won), noted that "it doesn't matter. You get to this point and they're all good. I'm just very, very proud of my kids and my coaching staff, more so than myself."

For a video of highlights from the Plymouth victory over Catholic Central, please go to www.hometownlife.com.

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Plymouth Wildcat fans go crazy in the stands for their team. After the Wildcats upset Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 9-7, the entire team rushed over to the bleachers to celebrate with their frenzied student section.

Both ends of the spectrum



Shamrock fans support their team from the stands.

Kyle Brindza's game-winning field goal Saturday for Plymouth touched off quite a contrast in emotions at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

On one side of the turf field, Catholic Central faithful were silent, wondering if the Wildcats had indeed ruined their team's bid for another Division 1 crown.

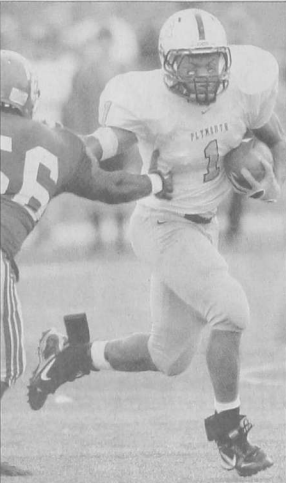
A wild final sequence of plays later, the 9-7 Plymouth victory was finally secured and the Wildcats whooped it up with their own fans, who exchanged high fives with many of the players who rushed the stands shortly after the end of the game.

The raw emotions ran the gamut for the two well-respected programs. But for one, it was all over for 2010.

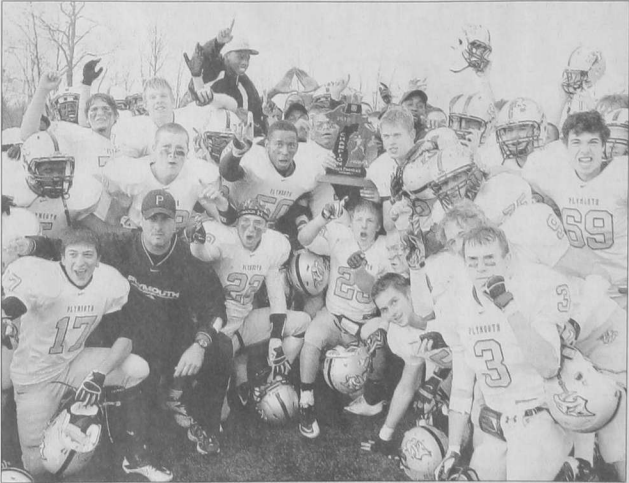
Whatever happens for the rest of the state playoffs, which culminate at Ford Field in Detroit, it is doubtful there will be quite as emotional a scene as that played out at Catholic Central — where the agony of defeat and thrill of victory were experienced simultaneously.



Catholic Central running back Anthony Darkangelo is spectacularly tripped up by Plymouth's Phil Emminger (No. 22) during last Saturday's dramatic 9-7 victory by the Wildcats.



Plymouth Wildcat Jerell Jenkins tries to run past CC's Vaughn Wesley.

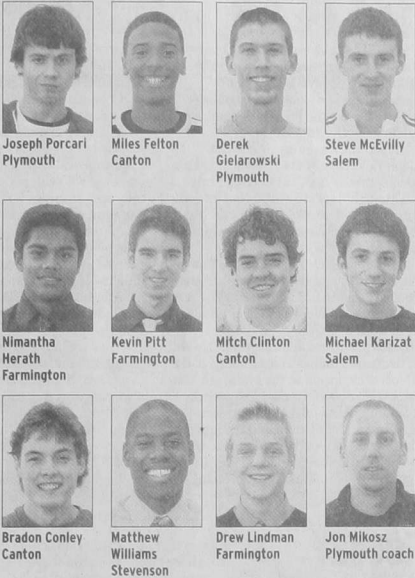


The Plymouth Wildcats celebrate their Division 1 regional playoff victory over the Shamrocks of Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

PREP GRID PICKS				
Playoffs Week 4				
Saturday, Nov. 20				
Grosse Pointe South (8-4) vs. Farmington Harrison (121-0)	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
1 p.m. at West Bloomfield				
Rockford (11-1) vs. Plymouth (10-2)	Rockford	Rockford	Plymouth	Rockford
1 p.m. at Lansing Everett				
Last week	1-2 (.333)	2-1 (.667)	3-0 (1.000)	2-1 (.667)
Overall	104-31 (.770)	112-23 (.830)	94-41 (.689)	103-32 (.765)

PCEP runners dominate All-Observer boys cross country team

FIRST-TEAM
Joe Porcari, Sr., Plymouth: Porcari's brilliant high school career culminated with a 27th-place showing at the Division 1 state meet, good for All-State kudos.
The senior also finished second at the Wayne County, KLA.A and regional meets and won all five dual meets for the KLA.A South winning Wildcats (5-0 in the division).
He became the first Wildcat to earn All-State honors in back-to-back seasons, registered a personal best of 15 minutes, 50 seconds (good for second in school history) and has a 4.0 grade-point average.
"Joe is an outstanding runner and a great guy to be around," said Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz. "He sets goals for himself and does whatever it takes to meet those goals. He is a true front runner both on and off the course and will be hard to replace next year."
Miles Felton, Jr., Canton: Felton shared team MVP honors (with Mitch Clinton) and for good reason. The fleet junior ran 15:59 at the DI state meet (for 39th place) to "shatter" the Canton school record, said Chiefs' head coach Bill Boyd.
"He has the freshman record, the sophomore record and he was closing in on the junior record," Boyd said. "And then all of a sudden he just blew right through that and got right to the school record."
"He's already setting real high goals for next year. He wants to be All-State (reserved for the top-30 at state meet) and that's the only thing that's really eluded him at this point."
KLA.A rivals might not like hearing that Felton already is raising his standards for 2011.
"He's saying he wants to come in for next season in a little bit better shape and he's fired up about continuing his success and improving on it," Boyd said.
Felton again earned first-team All-KLA.A and All-Region honors and tied Canton's record for the Wayne County Invitational at Willow Metropark with a time of 16:43.65. He also was named to the All-County team.
Derek Gielarowski, Jr., Plymouth: With Porcari's final season in the books, the Wildcats will be leaning on Gielarowski in 2011 and he appears more than ready to handle the task with a personal best of 16:18 (fifth in school history).
Gielarowski picked up where he left off in 2009, with consistency one of his strong points.
Top efforts included finishing fourth at the Wayne County Invitational, sixth at the KLA.A meet, 10th at the regionals and 93rd at the DI state meet.
"Derek has been to the state meet



goals before the season started," Stambouliau said. "Because he set the bar so high and worked so diligently to improve, I'm very proud of him. He's a first-class teammate and leader. He will be truly missed."
Mitch Clinton, Jr., Canton: The team co-MVP (with Felton) was a state qualifier with a time of 16:44 at the league meet at Huron Meadows and earned selection to the first-team All-KLA.A and All-Region squads.
The three-sport athlete (he also plays basketball and baseball) caught up pretty quickly with other teammates thanks to hard work and running in tandem with close friend Felton.
"He doesn't get in much running until June," Boyd said. "But he still manages to be one of the top runners in the area and one of the top runners in the history of Canton."
Clinton already is out running to fine-tune for 2011, when the Chiefs will be looking to return to the state meet as a team, Boyd noted.
"He says the sky's the limit," Boyd said. "He's going to set really high goals."
Another highlight for Clinton was the Wayne County Invite, where he placed ninth overall with a time of 16:48.51 and earned selection to the All-County team.
Michael Karizat, Soph., Salem: The sophomore came out of nowhere for the Rocks to excel in his first year, Aspnall said.
Karizat's personal best of 16:45.9 earned him 11th place at the KLA.A Championships and he already is ranked No. 5 on Salem's all-time sophomore list and 31st all-time overall.
"As Michael develops into a runner and runs more races, he will continue to improve and get faster," said Aspnall, who coaches the Rocks with Geoff Baker. "He was probably overshadowed all year by Steve McEvilly and senior Andy Rabe, but Michael quietly had a fantastic season."
Bradon Conley, Jr., Canton: The junior finished 16th at regionals, missing by one spot a trip to the DI state meet with teammates Felton and Clinton.
"We had three of the top-16 guys and they're all coming back next year," Boyd said. "I'd be stunned if all three weren't at the state meet next year."

2010 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS CROSS COUNTRY FIRST TEAM
Joe Porcari, Sr., Plymouth
Miles Felton, Jr., Canton
Derek Gielarowski, Jr., Plymouth
Steve McEvilly, Soph., Salem
Nimantha Herath, Jr., Farmington
Kevin Pitt, Sr., Farmington
Mitch Clinton, Jr., Canton
Michael Karizat, Soph., Salem
Bradon Conley, Jr., Canton
Matt Williams, Sr., Liv. Stevenson
Drew Lindman, Soph., Farmington

SECOND TEAM
Jimmy Maciag, Jr., Plymouth
Joe Urso, Sr., Liv. Stevenson
Tom Wiele, Sr., Liv. Churchill
Liam Cardenas, Fr., Plymouth
Ryan Wise, Jr., Liv. Churchill
Adam Chludzinski, Sr., Liv. Stevenson
John Lynch, Jr., Liv. Stevenson
Austin Jones, Sr., Liv. Franklin
Andy Rabe, Sr., Salem
David Hong, Sr., Farmington
Keegan Sullivan, Jr., Canton
Brandon Dalton, Soph., Plymouth

COACH OF YEAR
Jon Mikosz, Plymouth

HONORABLE MENTION
Churchill: Stephen Charley, Cody Rossler, Franklin: Bobby Wilson, Stevenson: Ryan Petrucci, John Glenn: Jason Suarez, Ruben Maya, Lutheran Westland: Jacob Fairbairn, Canton: Jeff Melton, Tom Winkowski, Andrew Stephens, Plymouth: Zane Berling, Nick Ebert, Justin Heck, Salem: Jimmy Daniels, Jeremy Drouillard, Farmington: Paolo Guano, Cody Larsen, Harrison: Matt Lukas, Joe Blair, North Farmington: Travis Helden, Ben Wright, Jordan Russell, Plymouth Christian: Jimmy Paris, Trevor Baloga, Redford Union: Justin Faur, Zac Vandenberg.

Conley, whose personal best was a time of 16:50 at the league meet, was selected to the All-KLA.A team and also earned a spot on the All-County squad after finishing 20th with a time of 17:07.87 at the Wayne County Invite.
For the second consecutive year, Conley won the Chiefs' "Hardest Worker Award" as voted by teammates.
"The kid came over as a sophomore from the football team and just constantly impresses everybody," Boyd said. "He's always out there, he never misses a practice or takes practice lightly."
Matt Williams, Sr., Liv. Stevenson: The senior ran under 17 minutes in three of his last five races including a personal best 16:40.9 – despite losing his shoe with a mile to go – in the Division 1 regional at Huron Meadows.
Williams also ran 16:58.7 at the Kensington Conference meet (21st) and was eighth in Wayne County

GIRLS

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"These are skills that the girls will carry through their teenage years and on into adulthood," said Ashleigh Schiffer, council director for Girls of the Run of Greater Detroit. "When these lessons are combined with the sense of personal strength and accomplishment that the girls gain through the running portion of the program, they become visibly more confident."
But these are still girls in elementary school.
So they are allowed to be who they are, "young, vibrant, silly, full-of-spirit girls who can be present in the now instead of always preparing for the future," Schiffer said.
Together with GOTR teammates and coaches, they take on serious topics for discussion and get to goof off, too.
Meanwhile, the race itself almost serves as a graduation of sorts — with girls perhaps tossing their water bottles into the air instead of tasseled caps.
"It is truly inspirational to watch the girls finish the event," Schiffer said. "You can visibly see that they believe so much in their inner strength and their ability to conquer their dreams."

For more information about Girls on the Run, go to www.gotrdetroit.org.
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Getting in some practice laps Monday at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park junior varsity field are (from left) Cathy, Emma, Cali Rose, Sara and Jeff Boismier of Plymouth. All but 6-year-old Cali Rose will participate in Saturday's Girls on the Run race at Maybury State Park in Northville.

Steelers strong in playoffs

In the first round of WSJFL football playoffs on Nov. 7, the Plymouth-Canton Steelers' junior varsity and freshman teams each defeated the Westland Meteors, by respective scores of 49-33 and 33-19. Both games were hosted by the Redford Rangers.
In the junior varsity contest, Alex Nicholson and Cameron Stella each scored three touchdowns enabling the Steelers to advance to the Superbowl against the Ypsilanti Braves. Helping the cause with on-side kick recoveries were Cory Burnette and Jacob Miller, while Spencer Zwarka added a huge quarterback sack.
Not to be outdone, the freshman Steelers continued going down its winning path, remaining unbeaten with a big assist going to Ian Gozdor for his game-saving tackle to stop a Westland drive inside the 5-yard line.
Other strong performances included offensive line work by Nick Prev, a TD run by Rashawn Allen and an extra point reception by Danny Lanava.
The Steelers advanced to take on the Canton Lions in the Superbowl, with sights on a perfect 10-0 record.
Correction
The Nov. 11 Observer incorrectly stated that the Canton Lions won the recent "Black & Blue Bowl" against the Plymouth-Canton Steelers.
Although the varsity Lions did win 8-0 in the Oct. 31 game, the Lions captured the trophy because both their junior varsity and freshman teams won (28-12, 29-12, respectively). The Black & Blue Bowl goes to the team that wins the day's 2-out-of-3 series.

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PCS Penguins senior defenseman and co-captain Sarah Coleman (left) checks Bloomfield Knighthawk players during Tuesday's season opener at Canton Arctic Edge.

Penguins look to stay hot in '10-11

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Several key players from last season's Division 2 championship have graduated.

But losing Jordyn Moore, Kara Bongiovanni and Shauna Siebert isn't expected to ice the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins in 2010-11.

In fact, the Penguins routed the Bloomfield Knighthawks in their season opener Tuesday at Canton Arctic Edge.

Although the Penguins tallied 13 goals (12 in the first period), the official final was 8-0 due to the mercy rule, said head coach Mary Beth Johnson.

"This game gave us the chance to work out the kinks and see where we are and where we need to be," Johnson said. "It was a great start to the season but we have a lot of work to do."

Defense and goaltending probably will be the team's main strengths despite the offensive explosion in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League tilt.

Senior defensemen and third-year captain Sarah Coleman and Rhianna Fleisher are two of the top returnees from the PCS team that made it to the Division 1 quarterfinal in March before losing to

GIRLS HOCKEY PREVIEW

Cranbrook Kingswood.

IT STARTS WITH DEFENSE

Coleman scored the opening goal Tuesday to jump-start the big victory.

"I believe our defense will be our quarterback of the team again this year," Johnson said. "We have a lot of talent on defense who will not only create scoring opportunities but greatly reduce the amount of shots on net."

She cited Coleman for "bringing a lot to the table. This will be her third year as a captain and will do an excellent job leading the team on and off the ice."

Another key blueliners to watch out for include senior Alissa Novak and junior Emily Bullock.

They will have returning sophomore goaltender Cortny McAdoo behind them and that should be very comforting considering how well McAdoo played in 2009-10.

In the D2 playoff final, McAdoo made 25 saves to blank regular season champion Port Huron.

Backing up McAdoo will be freshman

Elena Bongiovanni. The two goalies each saw some playing time on Tuesday.

The other freshman on the roster is forward Jenna Carter, and she didn't waste any time making an impact. She scored the Penguins' sixth goal of the game and added an assist.

(Carter had another assist later on, but Johnson said statistics for goals 9-13 in the mercy will not count in the record book.)

Sophomore forward Beth Johnson, meanwhile, is another promising youngster and she scored twice against the Knighthawks.

Vets up front include seniors Marissa Sullivan (a captain), Becca Majszak, Tory Campbell, Jenny Fedon, Amanda Heisler and junior Ellexus Montoya.

"I think Jenny Fedon, Marissa Sullivan and Amanda Heisler are forwards who will produce up front for us," the second-year coach noted.

Meanwhile, helping her behind the bench will be assistants Brad Johnson and newcomer Emily Nelson.

The latter currently plays for the University of Michigan women's Division 1 club team.

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HOCKEY

FROM PAGE B1

Canton's top two lines are almost interchangeable.

But for now, senior Phil Baciak will center seniors A. J. Rosales and Matt Rodgers on the top line. "They are all returning players," Majszak said. "They are looking good."

But so is the No. 2 line featuring senior center and co-captain Jordan Smith, senior Garrett Bryden and junior Taylor Baker.

The third line includes senior winger Parker Pakula, junior center Brandon Grillo and junior winger Dugan Tear. On the so-called fourth line will be first-year senior winger Martin Sisolak, junior center Shaun May and either junior Jon Rizzo or first-year sophomore Matt Cox.

"You can throw any three guys out and they understand and can work pretty well

together," the coach said. "... All four lines, from top-to-bottom, are moving the puck real well, forechecking real hard and they're working together."

FOR THE DEFENSE

Opponents in the KLAAs will have to deal with a physical defense, too. Returning seniors Jimmy LaFontaine (a co-captain), Josh Dickson and returning junior Brandon Schlieger probably have the top three spots nailed down.

Competing for the fourth spot are senior Matti Prasad (a foreign exchange student from Germany), junior Zach Cox and sophomore Brad Ceci — all are newcomers to the team.

Other blueliners include senior Trevor Moore and junior Zak McArdle.

"We've got a lot of young, first-year players on 'D' but they're all stepping up so that really increases our depth."

Goalie Craig is a returning player, and he already collected a 16-save shutout against Chelsea (in a scrimmage). Deydoun also has shown the coaching staff he belongs.

"The two of them are going to work really well together," Majszak said. "They've developed a good bond."

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Bad bounces hurt Whalers

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mike Vellucci liked the way his team played Saturday night, despite the visiting Kitchener Rangers skating into Compuware Arena and leaving with two points over Vellucci's Plymouth Whalers.

Plymouth lost 3-2, but the Whalers outshot and outchanced the Rangers throughout the high-tempo, entertaining game played before the second Compuware "Scout Night" sellout in two nights.

Kitchener, the highest-scoring team in the Ontario Hockey League, managed just 19 shots on goal and the Rangers scored twice on weird bounces — with the winning shot hitting a Plymouth defenseman standing to the side of the goal and caroming in.

"I thought we actually outplayed them," Vellucci said. "We had 15 to their six (in) Grade-A scoring chances, their last goal went off an arm and in it was a bad bounce. But I thought we played very, very good."

When Vellucci was reminded that the point shot by

Kitchener defenseman Jesse Young hit a Plymouth player a few feet to the right of the cage — it then veered inside the left post past Whalers' goalie Scott Wedgewood — he laughed.

"Maybe six feet wide," he said. "It's frustrating, but you got to find a way to win those no matter what."

Wedgewood shrugged his shoulders when asked about Young's goal, which made it a 3-1 game with 16:52 to play in the third.

"There's always bounces in hockey," Wedgewood said. "They had one batted out of the air and the other one going four feet wide that hit far-side cheese. You've just got to battle back from it and find a way to win."

Vellucci also was buoyed by how the penalty killers blanked the OHL's best power play (Kitchener went 0-4).

"I was worried about it before the game, but we did a good job," he noted. "They have the best power play and the most goals in the league and we kept them to three goals and two of them were flukes, you know?"

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Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?

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Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?

Indigo: Melissa first decided to open her business back in early 2005. This had been a career long dream since becoming a massage therapist in 2000, and later becoming an industry coach in 2005. Melissa always dreamed of owning a salon where giving back to the community and growing her team one professional at a time was an achievable mission, and Melissa feels that this mission has been achieved, and strives each day to now exceed her original expectations.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Indigo: Indigo chose Canton's Cherry Hill Village as the perfect location for the business for a number of reasons;

Both Melissa & her husband Christian grew up in the area, so this is "home" for them. In the beginning of their search for the "perfect location" Canton area was where they'd decided to begin their search.

Once they'd stumbled upon the quaint Cherry Hill Village, there was NO QUESTION that the old Cherry Hill Store was the perfect location for their vision. The vision statement Melissa had written in early 2005 prior to finding her location read, "Indigo Salon and Day Spa will be a full service salon and spa, employing the best industry professionals, in a state of the art facility, while never losing the "home town" feel!" "I don't think there's any location closer to my original vision than the Cherry Hill Village", Melissa said.

Melissa and her husband also believe that one day West Canton will become the branch/connection to Ann Arbor and built up in between, leaving us in the new heart and center of Canton Twp. in the near future.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Indigo: Indigo Salon, Spa & Boutique is unique due to its core values and company mission. Indigo focuses on their "Give to Get Culture", and feels that as long as they can continue to use their facility and expertise to be of benefit to others and give



Indigo Salon expanded once in 2009 and plans another expansion in 2011.



Melissa Kirkpatrick-Huetter realized a dream when she opened Indigo Salon in October 2005.

back to the community, they are on the right path of true success.

Observer: How has it change since you opened?

Indigo: Since Indigo opened in late 2005, it's faced many challenges (as every MI business has) and being in the luxury industry it's taken hard work, focus and sheer dedication to uphold a level of profitability. With this, Indigo's leadership has chosen the high road and decided to focus on and dedicate themselves to staying positive and taking the good with the bad, and always try to find a way to make lemonade out of lemons.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Indigo: The recent economy has created a constant sense of urgency in our marketing strategies and company policies. The economy has required us to focus diligently on our costs and overhead in all departments and on all aspects, and attempt to keep everything at a bare minimum. Our bottom line is looking good, and we are on an uphill climb and have managed to grow every month and every year since opening our doors in 2005. Bad economy or not, we're doing very well.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Indigo: My advice for other business owners would be UNITE! There's strength in numbers! Give back to those who give to you, be it your clients, your employee's or the community, what goes around truly does come back around again! Be prepared for the unimaginable, because somewhere along the way you will find it to be your reality,

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and the best way out of a bad situation is to have a preset plan that you've made when you were of sound mind and had the ability to think it out. And, most of all ... stay true to your core values, and your original mission statement (and if you don't have one written ... get your pen and paper out NOW!) In business we often find ourselves having to waiver in one direction or another, and more often than we'd like to, having this written vision will help you to balance yourself back out and get back on track when swayed.

Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

Indigo: For the future of Indigo Salon, Spa & Boutique ... milestones and mountains! Indigo is a company on a mission! We are constantly striving to be bigger and better than we were the month or year before. In 2011 we plan to complete our second expansion, and just continue to be better and give more, day by day!

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Walmart grant

In an effort to introduce more work-readiness and entrepreneurship educational experiences to local middle and high school students, Junior Achievement of Michigan (JA) announced today that the Wal-Mart Foundation awarded the eight local JA chapters collectively a \$100,000 grant to support programming.

In order to address the need for teaching valuable life skills to youth, JA is working with schools to ensure that students have the opportunity to explore and learn more about entrepreneurial ventures and being prepared for the workforce. Through five separate educational programs, JA will reach out to students in grades 6-12 to expose them to these important concepts and help them become tomorrow's successful business leaders, employees, and consumers.

The grant will provide students throughout Michigan and in metro Detroit with JA programming to help them to use their creativity and critical-thinking abilities to explore various aspects of entrepreneurship and teach them skills to succeed in the workplace. JA's programs will focus on learning about career options, what it takes to succeed in those careers, how to run their own company, and the basic characteristics of the U.S. economic system.

"Now more than ever our children need to be taught these valuable lessons so that they are adequately prepared for tomorrow's high-demand careers, and be inspired to become entrepreneurs," said Karen Kosniowski, president of JA of Southeastern Michigan. "The Wal-Mart Foundation recognizes the importance of JA's efforts here in Michigan and around the world and we are grateful to have the opportunity to deliver these pro-



Zoo-mania

Comerica Bank employees Sean Shunia of Farmington Hills and Crystal Schroeder of Westland volunteered at the Detroit Zoo's annual Zoo Boo event earlier this month, passing out treats to children. Both are employees at the bank's Canton branch.

grams to deserving students."

Great schools

With the tagline "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility," organizations nationwide have honored American Education Week, which runs through Saturday. The awareness campaign was founded by the National Education Association (NEA) and, according to Wile Pan of Huntington Learning Center in Canton, it is a campaign that should be recognized by the local community.

"American Education Week allows us all to understand the many benefits public schools provide our communities, and honor educators who ensure that our children receive quality education," Pan said. According to the NEA web site, the campaign calls upon all Americans "to provide students with quality public schools so that they can grow, prosper, and achieve in the 21st century."

This fall, nearly 49.8 million students were expected to attend public elementary and secondary

schools, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. In addition, it was estimated that the public school system would employ nearly 3.3 million teachers.

"Most of the nation's children receive their education from our hard-working public school system, filled with educators who really care about their development and their futures, just like our certified teachers here who work with the children who attend these schools. We, for one, would like to take this opportunity to applaud the teachers in the Canton Community for their efforts," Pan said.

Huntington Learning Center of Canton helps local students ages 5 to 17 - many of whom attend public schools - achieve improvements in their grades, test scores and self esteem. Pan says the one-to-one attention its certified teachers devote to each child contributes to the success of its programs.

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December's Holiday Luncheon will feature Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Madrigal Singers and Chamber Choir. We will be collecting toys and gifts for Canton Goodfellows "No Child without a Christmas program." Each guest is asked to bring an unwrapped toy or gift.

December's Holiday Luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is proudly sponsored by Huntington Bank and Saint Joseph Mercy Health Systems. Seating is limited and

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JAMES RICHARD COLLINS

74, of Polson, MT, and formerly of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away at his Polson home on Wednesday, November 10, 2010. James was born on August 20, 1936 in Boston, MA, a son of the late John and Elizabeth Collins. He attended Boston College High School, graduating in 1954, and later went on to receive his BA in Finance from Boston College in Chestnut Hill, MA, graduating in 1958. James then enlisted in the US Army that same year and served until his honorable discharge in 1962. Jim worked for General Motors and Honeywell in Boston and Michigan during his career. Jim's faith was very important to him and was a devout, lifelong member of the Catholic Church. He enjoyed sports, especially coaching youth hockey and baseball. Jim energetically and loyally followed the Boston Red Sox, Bruins, Celtics, New England Patriots, and the Boston College Eagles, in particular their outstanding men's hockey program. He was an avid reader, an amateur historian, particularly in American and Irish history. Easy with a conversation and a smile and generous with his friendly and energetic spirit, Jim was an adored friend to many. He also doted on his three kitties. Jim was always fun loving and above all else cherished his wife, children, and grandchildren. Besides his parents, Jim is also preceded in death by a son, James Richard Collins, Jr. Those left with cherished memories are his loving wife, Jean Collins of Polson, MT; a daughter, Mary (Brian) Collins Kelly of Whitefish, MT; three sons, Kevin (Christine) Collins of Chicago, IL, John Collins of Essex, MT, and Michael (Dina) Collins also of Chicago, IL; a sister, Mary "Reanie" King of Arlington, MA; a brother, John (Carol) Collins of Falmouth, MA. Additionally, Jim leaves behind 7 very dear grandchildren, 7 nieces and nephews and a multitude of grandnieces and nephews. Visitation for Jim's friends and family will begin on Wednesday, November 17, 2010, from 5 - 7 PM at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Polson. A vigil service will begin at 7 PM that evening. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, November 18 at 10:30 AM with Father James Connor presiding. Interment with military rites will follow at Lakeview Cemetery, Polson, MT. In lieu of flowers, Jim's family has requested that expressions of sympathy be made in the form of a memorial contribution to either the Whitefish Christian Academy Scholarship Fund, 520 Ashar Avenue, Whitefish, MT 59937, or to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital by visiting www.stjude.org. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.groganfuneralhome.com. The staff of Grogan Funeral Home, Polson, MT, considers it a privilege to care for the Collins family.

THOMAS A. COTNER

Age 61. Passed away suddenly October 28, 2010 after a heart attack on the golf course in Nevada. Tom was a long time resident of Canton and taught math and computer science at the Plymouth Canton Educational Park for 34 years. He also served as the Chief Negotiator for the teachers union for several years. He was well liked and respected by staff and students. Tom is survived by his parents Ron & Gay Cotner of Aberdeen, NC, his loving wife Justine, his daughters Lori (Ryan) Cary and Julie (Greg) Bull and his grandchildren Jack, Adam, Jake and Riley. He was preceded in death by his brother Ron and his sister Gail. Tom was full of life, was an accomplished bowler with many "300" games, an avid golfer who recently celebrated his first "hole in one" and enjoyed sports, especially football. He was a great friend, an amazing father and a doting grandfather. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. A memorial celebrating Tom's life will be held Saturday, November 20th at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Club, 8768 North Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 from 12-4pm. Donations can be made to the Tom Cotner Memorial Scholarship Fund. Checks can be mailed to Educational Excellence Foundation, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. Checks can be made to EEF. Please note "Tom Cotner Fund" in the memo line.



LUMLEY FLORENCE S. "FLOSSIE"

Age 80, November 14, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Rev. Raymond for 56 years, dear mother of Paul (Alicia), Dave (Janice), Mark (Sherry), and Tim (Sherry); dearest grandmother of Megan, Adam, Alex, Ryan, Joshua, Tiffany, Rachel, Andrew, Amanda, Jessica, Daniel, and Zachary; loving sister of Walter (the late Lillian) Jester, Doris (Rev. Frank) Sellers and the late Sarah (the late Robert) Luginbuhl. Family will receive friends Thursday 5-9 pm and Friday 2-8 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Funeral services will be Saturday in-state at 10 am until the service at 10:30 am at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia 48150. The family requests memorials made, in lieu of flowers, to her favorite organizations: Focus on the Family or Heifer International. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com.

MARY AGNES LAING

Age 94. Beloved wife of the late Harold Laing. Loving mother of Shirley (Lawrence) Applin. Preceded in death by her dear son James. Proud Grandmother of 5 and Great-grandmother of 6. Memorial Service was held November 20, 2010 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Livonia. In lieu of flowers donations to Woodhaven Nursing Home would be appreciated.



LEXIE HYDE LEE

Age 86, passed away on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at Gaston Memorial Hospital. She was a native of Swain County, daughter of the late Ned D. and Margie Hyatt Hyde and former member of East Belmont Church of God. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Sharon Lee of Stanley, daughter, Sandra Lee Bush of Lowell, brothers and sisters-in-law, Don and Nancy Hyde of Belmont, Ted Hyde of Belmont, Dennis and Nancy Hyde of Canton, MI, sisters and brothers-in-law, Betty and Carroll Brown of Belmont, Emma Powers of Belmont, grandchildren, Steve (Lynn) Stamper of Gastonia, David (Valerie) Stamper of Lincoln, Christina Lee of Cramerton, Kevin Lee of Knoxville, TN, great grandsons, Kyle Lee and Connor Heilig and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Hubert and Edd Hyde, sisters, Ida Shuler and Eliza Woods, son-in-law, Dean Bush. The family will receive friends from 7-9 PM on Thursday at McLean Funeral Directors, Belmont. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 AM Friday in the Bumgardner Chapel of the funeral home. Interment will follow at Greenwood Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 318, Memphis, TN 38101. Share memories with the family through www.mcleanfuneal.com. McLean Funeral Directors of Belmont is serving the family of Mrs. Lee.

MAXINE SCHRIER

Age 83, of Westland, MI, passed away November 15, 2010. Arrangements by: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.



BARBARA MCCALL STOVALL

July 2, 1921 - November 1, 2010. Barbara opened her Studio of Ballet and Ballroom Dancing when she was 17 years old on Maple Road located between Quorton Food Market and Mill's Drug Store in Birmingham, Michigan. She taught in her studio for 58 years and when she sold her studio and then worked for Detroit Country Day School until she retired at age 75. She moved to the Henry Ford Village Retirement Community in Dearborn where she lived in her apartment until she passed away on November 1, 2010. Memorial Service will be held at the Henry Ford Village Chapel at 3:30pm on Friday, November 19, 2010.

DOROTHY G. WALKER

Age 91 of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away November 13, 2010. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.



IRENE M. WALSH

Age 93, November 15, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Casmer Walsh. Loving mother of Richard and Michael Walsh and Barbara Walsh Trapp. Dear grandmother of Denis, Kevin, Melissa, Cristina, Katie and James. Great-grandmother of six. Irene was a past devoted volunteer at Garden City Hospital Gift Shop. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, Friday at 10:30 AM. Family to receive friends at 10 AM. Memorial contributions may be directed to Easter Seals. Please share a memory at www.ngnharris.com

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Longtime rockers bring message of hope to listeners

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Sweet Crystal has been touching lives "one song at a time" for most of its 36 years.

"We do it because we can. Anything we're involved with is for a benevolent event, charities, people in need," said Marq Speck of Canton, keyboard player and vocalist for the rock band. "For our CD release party we're teaming with Detroit Rescue League. We like doing that kind of stuff. Whenever we play we do it to give back."

The trio considers itself a Christian band, but is light on the preaching and heavy on positive messages and original songs that Speck and fellow band members, Steve Wieser and Bill Blatter, hope resonate with their generation — Boomers who grew up in the 1960s who are tried of the same classic rock songs, but don't quite relate to new music and rap.

"I saw them when I was in college," said Denise Albrecht of Farmington Hills, who is helping to promote their events, including a gig Nov. 19 in Plymouth and a CD release Dec. 17 in Westland. "I remember them distinctly. One of them came out on the dance floor and was jamming."

"I'm amazed because they've done so much with the music. It's not the tough, hard rock music with vulgar words. It's a lot of good songs. They have a positive direction in their lyrics. It leaves a person feeling better about their life and direction."

Albrecht said the band's sound has been compared to a cross between Journey and Kansas, although Speck said "I don't think we sound like anyone other than ourselves."

SWEET CRYSTAL

Upcoming gig: 11 p.m., Friday, Nov. 19, Plymouth Roc, 1020 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth; (734) 459-4190

CD Release: 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, The Token Lounge, 28949 Joy, Westland. Tickets are \$10 at the door; \$3 from every ticket/CD sale till benefit Detroit Rescue Mission. Guest host is WCSX "Doc of Rock" Doug Podell; (734) 513-5030

MESSAGE OF HOPE

His song lyrics focus on his own life, his difficulties and escape from the "hell" he put himself and others through while living the rock and roll lifestyle in the mid- to late 1970s.

"That's what I sing about. It's not about 'Jesus saves you,' but more or less it's 'man, I was lost and now I'm found.' People are looking for that encouragement. It's a message of hope. It works well in bars and clubs. People there are looking for something." Although Wieser lives in Dexter and Blatter is in White Lake, band members grew up in the West Bloomfield and Southfield areas and formed the group after high school. They toured extensively in the 1970s, opening for such acts as Rare Earth, Foghat and Nazareth.

"When we started out we had stars in our eyes and glitter in our hair. Until I turned my life around I was mired in the rock and roll lifestyle," said Speck, who credits his wife of 30 years for helping him to change. When he did, Wieser and Blatter liked the direction the band was taking, both musically and personally. Two other band members parted ways.

The trio continued to play live shows and work as fulltime musi-

cians until about 15 years ago. Speck is an information technology manager at a film studio; Blatter works for a company that builds high-end guitars and sound systems; Wieser is retired from the auto industry.

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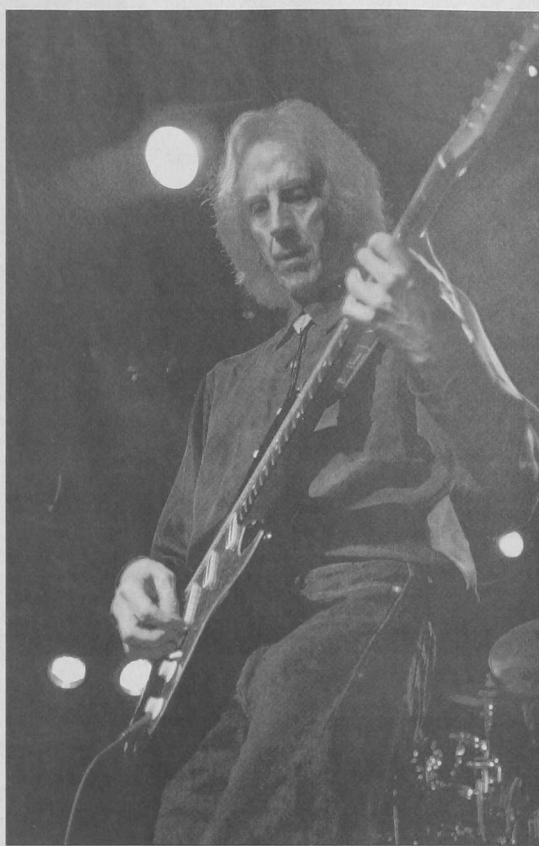
For a few years, they dabbled in recording for commercial endeavors and film. Four years ago they were asked to play for the Michigan Vet Fest, a benefit for military veterans, in Dearborn.

"People remembered us from the 1970s and 80s. We put the live show back together."

The Christian Music Association invited the band to play a showcase in Nashville, Tenn., and the Christian Independent Alliance honored the band with its annual Momentum award in the "perseverance" category. That led to a contract with Tate Music Group, (TMG) and release of a new CD. The Internet has helped to distribute their sound around the globe. Sweet Crystal has sold CDs in Japan and the Netherlands; it's getting air play in Canada and has attracted listeners in Mexico and Sweden.

"Now all of a sudden we're playing three times a month. I haven't played that much in 12 years," Speck said. "I feel blessed to have these guys in my life. We've all turned into men of character. We're family-loving people. We're all decent guys. But the music is the main glue. We love playing with each other. The things we come up with put smiles on our faces."

Visit the band's Web sites at www.myspace.com/sweetcrystalrocks, and www.facebook.com/pages/Canton-MI/Sweet-Crystal/143371467070. Listen to three cuts off the new CD at www.cdbaby.com/Artist/SweetCrystal



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Time/Date: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, through Dec. 23
Location: 4719 Woodward Ave., Detroit
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Time/Date: Through Dec. 3
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Time/Date: Lisa Landry, Nov. 18-20; Dave Landau, Nov. 26-27; Paul Mecurio, Dec. 2-4; O'Brien & Valdez, Dec. 9-11; David Dyer, Dec. 16-18; Dan Grueter, Dec. 30-31
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Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org
Baseline Folk Society
Time/Date: Third Saturday of the month; the next performance is 7

p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20
Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: Eight "Open-Mic" performances plus a featured group perform. Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m. Susan Hoy "and Friends" are the featured guests this month. Hosted by Doug McClennan. Individual membership is \$25 and includes monthly concerts from September through May. Otherwise, admission to each concert is \$5 at the door. Family memberships are \$50 and include monthly concerts
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Jazz Cafe
Time/Date: 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., Nov. 19-20
Location: Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit
Details: Raga Bop Trio; tickets are \$30 in advance or \$40 the night of the concert
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Trinity House Theatre

Time/Date: Pineross, Nov. 19; the Red Sea Pedestrians, Nov. 20; The Mirows, Doug and Teisha Williams and the Ricketts Nelsons, Nov. 27; Empty Chair Night featuring Joel Palmer, Annie and Rodd Capps and Robin and Jenny Bienerman, Dec. 5
Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

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Time/Date: 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., Dec. 4
Location: 350 Madison, Detroit
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Time/Date: 2-5 p.m. Sundays
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Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sundays
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Penn Theatre
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Nov. 18
Location: 760 Penningman Ave., Plymouth
Details: "Nanny McPhee Returns;" all seats \$3
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Redford Theatre
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Nov. 19 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Nov. 20
Location: 17360 Lahser, Detroit
Details: "The Philadelphia Story," tickets \$4
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Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, through Jan. 2, 2011
Location: 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit
Details: Developed by the Smithsonian to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Harlem's Apollo Theater, this multimedia exhibition draws on wide-ranging materials, including historic photographs, film, recordings, and artist interviews, the exhibit includes one-of-a-kind artifacts, like James Brown's cape and jumpsuit, Michael Jackson's fedora, Louis Armstrong's trumpet, Ella Fitzgerald's dress, Duke Ellington's score for "Black and Tan Fantasy," LL Cool J's jacket and hat, and much more. Admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free
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Location: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills
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St. Timothy is located at 16700 Newburgh, just south of Six Mile. Call (734) 464-8844 or go to sttimothypcusa.org for more information. To learn more about *Fonts* and the cast, go to fontsamusical.wordpress.com/.

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The secret to a Flavorful Holiday



Roast Turkey with Mushroom Stuffing

The secret to creating a crowd-pleasing holiday spread is combining a healthy helping of tradition with a pinch of creative new recipes that showcase beloved holiday flavors. Basil, thyme and black pepper provide the perfect kiss of flavor to Roast Turkey with Mushroom Stuffing. Basting the bird with an infusion of these three, along with Swanson Chicken stock and lemon juice ensures that the meat will be moist and juicy, and the outside of the bird will roast to a beautiful golden brown.

Green Bean Casserole — the iconic recipe that combines Condensed Cream of Mushroom soup, green beans and french fried onion topping — was created 55 years ago by Dorcas Reilly of the Campbell Test Kitchen, and is still a favorite today. To change it up a bit, add shredded cheddar

cheese, chopped red bell pepper, toasted sliced almonds or crumbled bacon.

For a side dish that's sure to become a new holiday tradition, try Toasted Corn & Sage Harvest Risotto. This blend of savory and sweet is a welcome departure from ordinary creamed corn or rice pilaf. Tender corn is toasted in a pan with bell pepper and onion, then combined with long-grain rice, broth and the perennial holiday herb, sage, for a rich and creamy treat.

And, since no holiday would be complete without the mashed potatoes, try Ultimate Mashed Potatoes, which live up to their name with unparalleled richness.

For more delicious recipe and menu ideas, preparation tips and helpful hints for the entire holiday season, visit www.CampbellsKitchen.com.

ROAST TURKEY WITH MUSHROOM STUFFING

Prep: 25 minutes
Cook: 3 hours 30 minutes
Stand: 10 minutes
Makes: 12 servings

- 3½ cups Swanson Chicken Stock
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon dried basil leaves, crushed
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 stalk celery, coarsely chopped (about ½ cup)
- 1 small onion, coarsely chopped (about ½ cup)
- ½ cup sliced mushrooms (about 1½ ounces)
- 4 cups Pepperidge Farm Herb Seasoned Stuffing
- 1 turkey (12 to 14 pounds)
- Vegetable cooking spray
- 1. Stir 1½ cups stock, lemon juice, basil, thyme and ½ teaspoon black pepper in a small bowl.
- 2. Heat the remaining stock, remaining black pepper, celery, onion and mushrooms in a 4-quart saucepan over medium-high heat to a boil. Reduce the heat to low. Cover and cook for 5 minutes or until the vegetables are tender. Remove the saucepan from the heat. Add the stuffing to the saucepan and mix lightly.

- 3. Remove the package of giblets and neck from the turkey cavity. Rinse the turkey with cold water and pat dry with a paper towel. Spoon the stuffing lightly into the neck and body cavities.* Fold any loose skin over the stuffing. Tie the ends of the drumsticks together.
- 4. Place the turkey, breast side up, on a rack in shallow roasting pan. Spray the turkey with the cooking spray. Brush with the stock mixture. Insert a meat thermometer into the thickest part of the meat, not touching the bone.
- 5. Roast at 325°F for 3½ to 4 hours or until the thermometer reads 180°F. The drumstick moves easily and the stuffing reaches 165°F. Baste occasionally with the stock mixture. Begin checking for doneness after 3 hours of roasting time. Let the turkey stand for 10 minutes before slicing.
- *Bake any remaining stuffing in a covered casserole with the turkey for 30 minutes or until the stuffing is hot.



Ultimate Mashed Potatoes



Green Bean Casserole

ULTIMATE MASHED POTATOES

Prep: 15 minutes
Cook: 20 minutes
Makes: 6 servings (about 1 cup each)

- 3½ cups Swanson Chicken Broth (Regular, Natural Goodness or Certified Organic)
- 5 large potatoes, cut into 1-inch pieces (about 7½ cups)
- ½ cup light cream
- ½ cup sour cream
- ¼ cup chopped fresh chives
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled (reserve some for garnish)
- Generous dash ground black pepper

- 1. Heat the broth and potatoes in a 3-quart saucepan over medium-high heat to a boil.
- 2. Reduce the heat to medium. Cover and cook for 10 minutes or until the potatoes are tender. Drain, reserving the broth.
- 3. Mash the potatoes with ½ cup broth, light cream, sour cream, chives, butter, bacon and black pepper. Add the additional broth, if needed, until desired consistency. Garnish with the remaining bacon.

GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE

Prep: 10 minutes
Bake: 30 minutes
Makes: 12 servings (about ½ cup each)

- 2 cans (10½ ounces each) Campbell's Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup (Regular, 98% Fat Free or Healthy Request)
- 1 cup milk
- 2 teaspoons soy sauce
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 8 cups cooked cut green beans
- 2½ cups French's French Fried Onions
- 1. Stir the soup, milk, soy sauce, black pepper, beans and 1½ cups onions in a 3-quart casserole.
- 2. Bake at 350°F for 25 minutes or until the bean mixture is hot and bubbling. Stir the bean mixture. Sprinkle with the remaining onions.
- 3. Bake for 5 minutes or until the onions are golden brown.

TOASTED CORN & SAGE HARVEST RISOTTO

Prep: 15 minutes
Cook: 35 minutes
Makes: 6 servings (about 1½ cups each)

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup fresh or drained canned whole kernel corn
- 1 large orange or red pepper, chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1 medium onion, chopped (about ½ cup)
- 1½ cups uncooked regular long-grain white rice
- 4 cups Swanson Chicken Broth (Regular, Natural Goodness or Certified Organic)
- 1 teaspoon ground sage
- 1 can (10½ ounces) Campbell's Condensed Cream of Celery Soup (Regular or 98% fat free)
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1. Heat the oil in a 4-quart saucepan over medium heat. Add the corn, pepper and onion and cook for 5 minutes or until the vegetables are lightly browned.
- 2. Add the rice to the saucepan and cook and stir for 30 seconds. Stir in the broth and sage and heat to a boil. Reduce the heat to low. Cover and cook for 20 minutes or until the rice is tender.
- 3. Stir in the soup. Cook for 2 minutes or until the rice mixture is hot. Sprinkle with the cheese.

Take a break from the kitchen and eat out on Thanksgiving

Don't want to cook a big bird and all the trimmings this Thanksgiving Day? Many local restaurants will be open on the holiday, serving turkey feasts or buffets. Here's a sampling:

BEAVER CREEK TACKLE AND BEER

Serves Thanksgiving turkey dinner — turkey, stuffing, mashed potato, fresh vegetables, bread, cranberries — from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Turkey dinner is \$13.99 for adults and \$4.99 for children. Dessert is extra. The restaurant, at 1609 N. Wayne, Westland, will serve other menu items as well. The Detroit Lions game will be shown on monitors throughout the restaurant. Reservations not needed but recommended at (734) 722-5330.

COURTHOUSE GRILLE

The restaurant will offer traditional Thanksgiving dishes along with Chef Ernesto's popular Italian dishes served buffet-style from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. The menu includes such items as meat and cheese ravioli, roasted garlic mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, wild rice, roast turkey and dressing, Steamship Round of Beef, ham, Chicken Siciliano with Tempesto, Italian sausage, Pork Ruffano, salmon, salad bar, antipasto platter, pasta, tortellini, fruit salad, vegetables, assorted breads and rolls, desserts, coffee, tea, milk and pop. Adults, \$24.95, children 5-10, \$10.95 and children 5-under, free; 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. (734) 453-2002

DEADWOOD BAR AND GRILL

Roasted turkey dinner, with mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, vegetable and bread will be served from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Cost is \$14.99 for adults and \$4.99 for children. A full menu including fresh fish, pasta and other specials will be available. The restaurant is located at 18730 Northville Road, Northville. Reservations recommended at (248) 347-4353.

GINOPOLIS ON THE GRILL

The Farmington Hills restaurant will serve personal turkey dinners with cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes, salad, cranberries and pumpkin pie from noon to 8 p.m. Prices are \$18.50 for adults and \$7.50 for children. The restaurant is at 27815 Middlebelt. Make reservations at (248) 851-8222.

G. SUBU'S LEATHER BOTTLE

Special Thanksgiving Day dinner includes turkey, ham, yams, cornbread stuffing, cranberry, apple and pumpkin pie served family style at 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$16.99 per person. The restaurant is located at 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia. Reservations at (248) 474-2420

GIULIO'S CUCINA ITALIANA

Giulio's will serve Thanksgiving Day family-style turkey dinners and personal turkey dinners 1-7 p.m. The restaurant is at 31735 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 427-9500 for reservations.



THE GOLDEN FOX

Buffet from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the restaurant located at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 8768 North Territorial Road, Plymouth. Adults, \$29.95, children, 3-12, \$11.95. Buffet includes such items as assorted pastries, bagels, Danish, coffee cake, grapes, berries, bananas, scrambled eggs, French toast, biscuits and country-style gravy, bacon and sausage links, corned beef hash, hash browns, smoked salmon and trout, fish and shellfish station, candied squash, assorted salads, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, stuffing, prime rib, turkey, ham, cranberry sauce, waffles, omelets, and assorted desserts. Reservations at (734) 453-7272.

HAWTHORNE VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

Thanksgiving Day brunch with breakfast served noon-2 p.m. and dinner served noon-5 p.m. Adults pay \$16.95, children 10 and under, \$9.95, kids 3 and under, free. The club is located at 7300 N. Merriman, Westland. Call (734) 422-3440 for reservations.

HERC'S PRIME BEEF AND SEAFOOD

The restaurant will serve both traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinners, ham dinners or a combination of both from noon to 9 p.m. The menu includes soup or salad bar, potato or veg-

etable, rolls and dessert. The cost for adults is \$12.95; children 12 and under pay \$7.95. The restaurant is located at 36685 Plymouth Road, Livonia. For reservations call (734) 425-1830.

MAMA MIA!

Mama Mia!, 27770 Plymouth Road, Livonia will serve a Thanksgiving feast from noon to 9 p.m. for 6-8 people (includes a turkey, yams, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade stuffing, peas and corn, house salad, freshly baked Italian bread and butter, and choice of pumpkin or apple pie slice per person. Cost is \$110.00 plus tax and gratuity. Served family style, carve your own turkey and take home all leftovers. Call (734) 427-1000 for reservations.

MERIWETHER'S

Meriwether's and other Muer's restaurants, such as Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor, offer a Thanksgiving chicken entree and sides. Meriwether's, at 25485 Telegraph, Southfield, offers the traditional dinner — with roasted turkey, acorn squash, cranberry sauce, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes and pie — for \$20.99 for adults and \$9.99 for children under 12. Serving time is 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Reservations aren't necessary but are highly recommended at (248) 358-1310.

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1 Under, 35780 Five Mile Road, Livonia (just east of Levan) offers three seatings (11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.) for its Thanksgiving buffet feast. Asiago-stuffed chicken breast, parmesan-encrusted white fish, stuffed pork tenderloin, along with turkey and ham carving stations. Sides include mashed potatoes and sweet mashed potatoes, corn bread stuffing, butternut squash ravioli, seafood bar, fresh fruit, cheese, vegetables, cranberry and orange relish, assorted salads, pastries and desserts, chicken fingers, tater tots, mini corn dogs, pop, coffee and tea. Cost is \$18.99 for adults, \$7.99 for children and \$4.99 for senior citizens (tax and gratuity not included). Space is limited. For reservations, call (734) 464-5555. Kids ages 6 and under eat free.

STATION 885

The restaurant offers a buffet for \$21.99 per person and \$10.99 per child, ages 3-10. The menu, served from 11 a.m.-6 p.m., includes such items as carved roast beef, turkey, ham, baked rosemary chicken, salmon, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, cranberry relish, stuffing, homemade lasagna, pasta, mac and cheese, vegetables, assorted cold salads, fruits, assorted appetizers and a sweet table with chocolate fountain and more. Station 885 is located at 885 Starkweather, Plymouth. Make reservations at (734) 459-0885

THOMAS' FAMILY DINING

Thomas' Family Dining, at 33971 Plymouth Road, between Farmington and Stark roads, will serve a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings and pumpkin pie, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$12.99 per person. Call (734) 261-8890 for more information.

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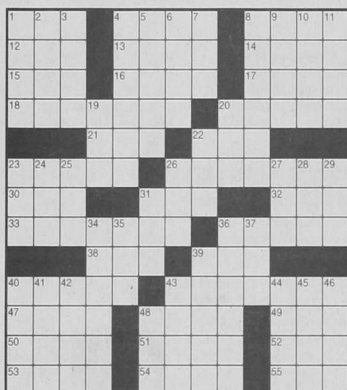
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