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Leadership shift

In addition to hearing a report from the district's Dynamic Planning Committee, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education will discuss, and possibly act on, the administrative structure in the district at a board meeting scheduled for Monday.

The item was added to the meeting agenda Friday morning. While no other details were available, board members have been talking about beginning the process to find a replacement for Dr. Craig Fiegel, the district's superintendent whose contract the board voted 4-3 not to renew. In addition to Fiegel's departure, several other key members of the district's administrative leadership team are slated to retire at the end of this school year or near the beginning of the next.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the E.J. McClendon Education Center, 454 S. Harvey, in Plymouth, following a 6 p.m. executive session.

Last-minute market

Just in time for all your Thanksgiving dinner needs, the Canton Farmers Market presents a special Harvest Market today (Sunday), from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge Road.

Pick up items for your Thanksgiving meal along with all your market favorites including: turkeys, farm eggs, apples, cider, red potatoes, garlic, carrots, natural meats, stuffing, artisan bread, a variety of frozen and fresh baked pies, spice blends, honey, smoked fish, salad greens, winter squash, pie pumpkins, summer sausage, home-made pasta, sauces, mustards, dried peppers, seeds, salsa, frozen blueberries, nut brittle, jams, flourless breakfast cookies & muffins, baked goods, jarred pickles, hand cut jerky, pierogi, and pastes.

For more information, contact the market manager at (734) 398-5570, Ext. 5, or via e-mail at cantonfarmersmarket@cantonmi.org.

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 last weekend of the annual Lions Club Candy Cane Sale 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.



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Facilities like Canton's Summit on the Park aquatic area helped Canton Leisure Services earn top parks system in the country.

Rec plan comes with funding challenges

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Strapped by declining tax revenues, Canton's biggest challenges to protect its far-reaching parks and recreation programs will be trimming costs while finding enough money to support the services residents have come to expect, officials say.

It's a daunting task facing township leaders as they help to chart a five-year master plan for Canton Leisure Services, a nearly \$10.3 million department that already has cut spending by \$155,000 for 2011. "We need money," Supervisor Phil LaJoy said.

His blunt assessment came Tuesday as township officials met with community planning consultant Richard Carlisle, president of Ann Arbor-based Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc., who is guiding a new parks and recreation blueprint that could be finished by early February.

Canton has to submit a new master plan to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment by April to qualify for potential state grants, such as \$350,000 the township earlier received to improve the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail.

Local officials cited numerous offerings — Summit on the Park, splash playgrounds, sports fields ranging from softball to cricket, walking trails, Liberty Fest, the Village Theater at Cherry Hill — that have made

Canton a place Carlisle said "is looked at with envy, quite frankly."

Moreover, local leaders say Canton has a wide array of programs, such as the Chinese Moon Festival and birthday tributes to civil rights icons Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi, that nurture the township's increasingly diverse population.

"I just think it's about quality of life. There's something for everybody here," LaJoy said.

Some events, such as the Canton Cup soccer tournament, bring tens of thousands of visitors — and dollars — to the community.

Yet, township officials still worry about maintaining Canton Leisure Services programs amid declining property tax revenues, fueled by a dramatic decline in home values.

"Money creates the real challenge," Trustee Pat Williams said.

The township has begun charging token fees to events such as the Gandhi tribute, and Clerk Terry Bennett hinted that officials might need to consider broadening small admission fees to certain events such as "a buck to get into the (Liberty Fest) fireworks, maybe."

However, officials have appeared reluctant to adopt money-generating measures that potentially could detract from popular, community-defining events that draw large crowds. What's more, officials say some

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Diaper dandy

Library drive bags some 26,000 diapers

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 36-hour diaper charity drive spearheaded by the Canton Public Library netted 26,312 diapers by the 9 p.m. cutoff Thursday, a nearly 55-percent increase over last year's effort.

Library Director Eva Davis spent much of the time camped out inside the back of a box truck parked in front of the library, keeping count as patrons and other community residents generously dropped off diapers for children and adults with medical issues.

"I definitely think it speaks to the caring that we have in the community," Davis said. "I recognized a lot library regulars, but some people just drove up, dropped off diapers and drove away."

The library's effort helped Canton resident Marybeth Levine, founder of the

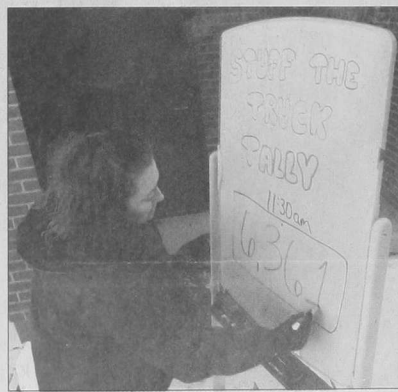
Detroit Area Diaper Bank, far surpass her goal of collecting 100,000 diapers by Thanksgiving for area non-profit organizations such as Starfish Family Services, Head Start and First Step, which aids domestic violence victims.

Levine predicted her non-profit organization would reach the 150,000-diaper mark, or 50 percent more than her goal.

"This is enormous for us," she said. "Normally it would have taken us months to get this many diapers. It's just amazing to me. I don't have the words to describe how much this means to us, and I'm so thankful to all the donors and for the outpouring of support."

One donor, Ernie Foerster, said he was grocery shopping when he decided to buy diapers and drop them off at

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Marybeth Levine of the Detroit Area Diaper Bank updates the donation board.

Committee set to reveal 'Dynamic' plan for schools

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After months of planning, five meetings and two focus groups, the committee charged with developing a strategic plan for the future of Plymouth-Canton schools is ready to report.

The committee's findings — including goals and a vision statement — will be revealed at the Board of Education's meeting Monday. It starts 7 p.m. at the E.J. McClendon Education Center in Plymouth.

The 60-member committee met five times between Sept. 20 and Nov. 1, and met with focus groups twice,

to develop goals and mission and vision statements designed to carry the district into the future.

"They were a great group," said Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations.

"Whenever you do something like this and pick people randomly from the community, you're concerned a little bit that someone will have a personal agenda or an ax to grind. This group came in, they were open-minded, collaborative and well together to come up with some good decisions."

Ruggirello said the group consisted of people from varying backgrounds and represented a diverse cross-section of the community. There were

some committee members with higher education, some with very technical backgrounds, and some people who'd had — or still have — children in the district who simply wanted to help make things better.

Many of them, Ruggirello said, were participating in a district function for the first time.

"We had a really nice mix of people who brought different perspectives and were willing to discuss those perspectives," Ruggirello said. "We now have a group of people who have a better understanding of our district, and people on whom we can call in the future."

The committee met four times,

then sat with two different focus groups. At their Nov. 1 committee meeting, they made some revisions to the plan based on what they heard in the focus groups. Committee members had to make extensive time commitments to the process — the meetings were largely day affairs — spread over a couple of months.

"It was a huge commitment of time," Ruggirello said. "We were really blessed with the willingness people showed to make the commitment. It speaks to the kind of community we have."

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Eva Davis spent much of a 36-hour diaper drive in the donation truck.

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the truck, loaned by Fat Chef in a Little Coat catering business owners Steve and David Hulet.

"I was at Kroger and just felt like I could help out," he said.

Davis dressed in layered clothing, used a space heater and had company from people like her husband, Tim, as she spent a large chunk of the 36-hour diaper drive inside the back of the truck.

"It did get pretty cold," she conceded, but it didn't deter her.

Some donors brought diapers their children had out-

grown, while others brought diapers for adults.

"In some cases the adults had gotten better, but in the worst-case scenario they had actually died," Davis said.

Churches collected diapers, and Davis recalled one 9-year-old girl who rounded up 400 diapers in her neighborhood and, accompanied by her little sister and father, brought them to the library.

Levine said the diapers will help the Detroit Area Diaper Bank serve nearly 40 non-profit organizations that help mothers and children. For more information on the organization, go to www.detroitareadiaperbank.org.

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Library Director Eva Davis and volunteer Lisa Kluka make sure the diaper package is secure and counted before placing it on the shelf.

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Canton residents face higher fees

PARKS PLAN

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton residents will pay slightly higher fees for adding decks, fences, furnaces, solar panels and other amenities to their homes if local officials adopt a new municipal fee structure intended to narrow or close the gap between what the township charges and what it actually costs to provide services.

Permit costs for a new three-bedroom, \$180,000 home would climb \$283, from \$2,940 to \$3,223, if the Canton Township Board of Trustees approves a 50-page proposal pertaining to 283 fees for building and inspection, planning and public works services.

The board is expected to vote as early as Dec. 14 on a new municipal services fee structure that, if approved, would become effective Jan. 1.

"It's the actual cost (for services) that we're trying to recover," Finance Director Rick Eva said.

Even so, some fees still would lag behind the actual costs. While permit fees for a new deck would increase slightly from \$105 to \$108, for instance, the township's labor costs including an inspection actually amount to \$149.90.

"We think we're being pretty responsible with the taxpayers' dollars," Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said.

During talks earlier this year, township Trustee Pat Williams said he views the fee increases essentially as a tax increase because residents face higher out-of-pocket expenses. On Friday, he said he sees no alternative to approving the proposal amid Canton's declining financial position, caused by falling property tax revenues.

"I will support it," Williams said, adding that he believes "the staff has tried to take a hard look at the costs" of processing documents, conducting inspections and providing services.

"We are looking at every opportunity to maintain a balanced budget, and this is one component of how we're going to get there," he said. "We're under the gun. We have to look at everything."

A decision to increase some — but not all — municipal fees comes after the township board already approved a 1.75-mill tax increase for police and fire services. That decision will cost an average homeowner with an \$89,100 taxable value an additional \$12.99 a month, or nearly \$156 a year.

Facing a potential \$15 million deficit within two years, officials also have said they have initiated talks with employee groups for \$1.8 million in concessions, amid hopes of averting possible layoffs.

Township administration officials have said the municipal service fee increases shouldn't be viewed as a tax increase because they're intended to cover costs rather than turn a profit.

To that end, township officials paid close attention to a 1998 lawsuit, *Bolt v. City of Lansing*, that resulted in fees having to meet certain criteria:

- They should serve a regulatory purpose, rather than raising revenues.
- They should be proportionate to the costs of service provided.
- They should be voluntary for the user, though local officials acknowledge that replacing a furnace, for example, might not seem as voluntary

as adding a deck. Canton last adjusted its municipal fees in 2006, Faas said. Prior to that, it had been 16 years since local officials adjusted the fees, because increasing costs had been largely offset by rapid growth in the residential and commercial sectors.

Moreover, the Municipal Services Department has pared down from 90 full-time employees to 68 since 2006, as the township eliminated jobs such as building inspectors as new development came to a virtual halt.

"We've also become more efficient," Faas said.

Here's a snapshot of some of the municipal fee changes:

- A permit and application fee for a new fence would climb from \$55 to \$58, though the township's cost actually remains higher at \$70.
- A new charge pertaining to solar fees would be \$30 for one to three panels — and another \$10 for each additional panel.
- Building and inspection administrative fees would increase from \$25 to \$28.
- A temporary certificate of occupancy for a commercial, industrial, office or multi-family dwelling would jump from \$150 to \$250.
- The grave-site costs for burial in the two township-owned cemeteries would jump from \$325 to \$1,200 on weekdays, with even higher increases for weekends and holidays. However, Faas said the fee hike only applies to two to four people a year.
- The cost of cutting noxious weeds near residences — weeds that are on property either under construction or waiting for development — would jump from \$119 to \$212 for a one-acre lot.

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residents who once traveled for vacations are now more likely to stay home to save money.

"In these tough economic times, I think more families are taking advantage of what we have," Trustee John Anthony said.

Carlisle pointed to a 2009 community survey — a document that will be incorporated into the master plan — that revealed 91 percent of Canton residents had visited a local park during a one-year period. That was 19 percentage points higher than the national average.

Local officials have repeatedly underscored the importance of Canton Leisure Services in luring new residents and businesses.

"The quality of life comes from the Leisure Services," Trustee Syed Taj said.

Although Trustee Todd Caccamo was absent from



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Six-year-old Jacob Meier ran through the water at the new splash playground in Canton's Flodin Park. The master plan talks about recreation jewels such as the splash park.

Tuesday's session, he had previously called for deeper cuts in Leisure Services, saying many recreation programs are

optional compared to police and fire services. Last spring, he also cast the lone dissenting vote against spending \$40,750 to hire Carlisle/Wortman to spearhead the master plan revision, saying the task could be largely accomplished in-house.

On Tuesday, Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said Canton Leisure Services often is considered "the most expendable" during tough economic times, but she defended the department and said "its existence is one of the intrinsic things that made Canton what it is."

And while local officials need to trim costs wherever possible, McLaughlin said another approach centers on trying to spur new development to bring in additional tax revenues to support programs.

"The only way out is to grow," she said, adding later, "I don't think we should let the economic dirge plot our vision."

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The shows go on: Players adjust to change in leadership

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The departure of both of the long-serving directors of the two acting troupes — Second Stage Players and the Park Players — at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park caused a little bit of concern around campus headed into the 2010 school year.

Both Shannon McNutt, the long-time director of the Second Stage Players, which performed at the Little Theater at Canton High School, and Kristen Quesada, who led Park Players productions at the Gloria Logan Auditorium at

Salem High School, resigned those positions after the 2009-2010 school year.

That left district administrators with a big hole — and large shoes — to fill.

To fill the gap in the curriculum, district officials combined the efforts into one new group, the Park Players Theater Company, which will perform productions at both venues.

To fill the shoes, the district turned to a trio of people who will direct the shows. Paul Bird, who has served as the technical director at Salem High School for 13 years, replaces Quesada. Jonathan Rase has already directed one pro-

duction at the DuBois Little Theater replacing McNutt, while David Krzysnik takes his turn when the Players present their own version of the Dickens classic, *A Christmas Carol*, next month.

Bird, who last directed when he was at Concordia University in Ann Arbor back in 1995, said he was concerned going into the school year about the reaction of the kids to losing Quesada and McNutt, both very popular with their students.

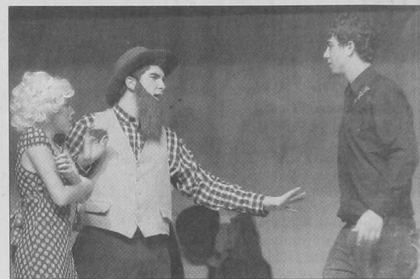
"My biggest concern was how the kids would react," said Bird, who directed this weekend's production of *Bus*

Stop. "Both (Quesada and McNutt) had built really strong relationships with the kids. You never know how high school kids are going to react to something like that."

The kids themselves had some qualms about the change. Headed into rehearsals for *Bus Stop* some six weeks ago, the actors were a little hesitant about what to expect.

Bus Stop had an eight-actor cast, plus another dozen or so kids who were going into their first production without Quesada.

"I was really worried and didn't know what to expect," said Salem junior Brandon Waldenmayer, who played



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Sheriff Will Masters (Tommy Fafalios) intercedes in an argument between Cherie (Jordan Shroat) and Bo Decker (Tom Halling) during the Park Players Theater Company production of "Bus Stop," which played the Gloria Logan Auditorium this weekend. The district's two acting groups have been combined in the Park Players Theater Company this year.

Dr. Lyman in Bus Stop this weekend. "I loved (Quesada and McNutt) very much. I think (Bird) is fantastic. He took some of the old Park Players and is doing it his way. He is very different. He moves to the beat of his own drum."

That drum beat will be enough, at least this week-

end, to allay any fears teachers or students

"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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Grand Valley State

Katrina Maynes of Canton has been named a recipient of a Faculty Scholarship to Grand Valley State University. Maynes, a graduate of Salem High School, is the daughter of Theresa Maynes.



Maynes

To be considered for a Faculty Scholarship, the recipient must have a 3.6 high school grade-point average, a minimum ACT score of 29, and attend a scholarship competition. The award is renewable for three additional years with a minimum of a 3.5 GPA or better.

Ryan Barrie of Canton has been named a recipient of a Presidential Scholarship to Grand Valley State University. Barrie, a graduate of Canton High School, is the son of Robert and Robin Barrie.



Barrie

To be considered for a Presidential Scholarship, the recipient must have a 3.8 high school grade-point average, a minimum ACT score of 32, and attend a scholarship competition. The award is renewable for three consecutive additional years with a minimum of a 3.5 GPA or better.

Jessica Thoe of Plymouth has been named a recipient of a Faculty Scholarship to Grand Valley State University. Thoe, a graduate of Canton High School, is the daughter of Gregg and Karen Thoe.



Thoe

To be considered for a

Faculty Scholarship, the recipient must have a 3.6 high school grade-point average, a minimum ACT score of 29, and attend a scholarship competition. The award is renewable for three additional years with a minimum of a 3.5 GPA or better.

Elmira College

Tanis Lamoureux of Canton, the daughter of Peter and Kerry Lamoureux, earned the Founder Scholarship from Elmira (N.Y.) College.



Lamoureux

The Founder Scholarship is valued at \$4,800 over four years and is awarded based on rank in secondary school class, overall academic achievement and test scores.

Calvin College

Calvin College has announced its 2010-2011 scholarships for new and transfer students.

Last year, Calvin College awarded \$65 million in scholarships, grants, loans, work-study and other awards.

Two freshmen from Plymouth were among first-year students awarded scholarships. Charity Landrum, a graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy, was awarded the Calvin Dean's Scholarship and the Heart and Mind Scholarship.

Victoria Reese, a Canton High School grad, earned the Entrada and Mephoboseth scholarships.

Two transfer students from Canton were also awarded scholarships. Brent Zinn, a Plymouth Christian Academy graduate, earned the Calvin Faculty Honors Scholarship and the Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship. Trevor Zinn, also a PCA grad, earned the Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship.

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West choirs join Chorale for annual holiday concert

Janine Grady-Creedon, Vocal Music Teacher at West Middle School in Plymouth has been busy these last few weeks.

Grady-Creedon's seventh- and eighth-grade choirs have been preparing to take the stage with the BeckRidge Chorale in their annual Christmas Concert, "Wrapped Up With Strings!"

"Janine Grady was one of our first scholarship winners and has always had a very special place in my heart," said Michael Gross, artistic director for BeckRidge Chorale. "She was a student in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and has returned to give back what she was given. She is a wonderful musician, her kids love her and she inspires her singers. Her students are incredibly well prepared and sing beautifully. I love working with Janine and her kids!"

"Wrapped Up With Strings!" is the title of the annual Christmas Concert of the BeckRidge Chorale.

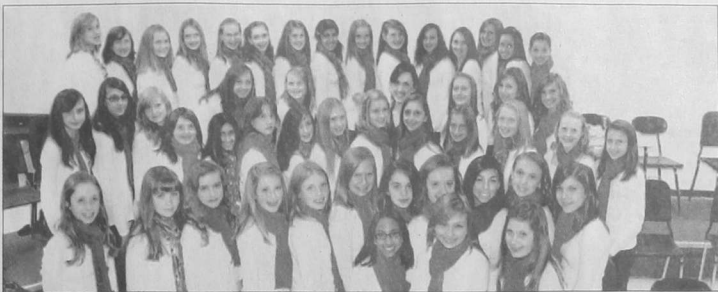
"We have pulled out all the stops," said Gross. "Wrapped Up With Strings!" is designed to touch all our senses. From the orchestra, Middle School Choirs, dancers and video presentation, we want an audience to leave with the spirit that only Christmas can infuse."

Hillside Middle School in Northville will also be joining the chorale for their annual concert. In addition, the orchestra and choir will be joined by a guest narrator for a unique telling of *The Night Before Christmas*. Dancers from Triple Threat Dance and Theatre Company will also be joining the Chorale and orchestra for an original dance routine.

"Wrapped Up With Strings!" takes place Friday, Dec. 3, at 8 p.m. at the Village Theatre in Canton. Performances on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 5, at 4 p.m., will be held at Northville High School in Northville.

Tickets range from \$12 to \$18 and are available online at www.beckridgechorale.org or by calling (888) 459-4887.

For more information, contact Kelly Fified at (812) 344-



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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

Holiday brunch

Bring the entire family to a special holiday brunch featuring the North Pole's very own Santa Claus on Sunday, Dec. 5, at the Summit on the Park. Enter a magical Christmas wonderland and enjoy a festive brunch that includes kid friendly foods, as well as traditional family favorites.

Following the brunch, the kids can share their Christmas wish list with Santa while posing for pictures. Parents are encouraged to bring cameras and video equipment to capture the great photo opportunities that can be cherished for years to come. Children will also receive a holiday souvenir, crayons, and a placemat to color.

Doors open for seating and brunch at 11 a.m. and Santa will be arriving at 11:30 a.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Summit Front Desk, located at #6000 Summit Parkway, during normal business hours. Online registration is not available.

Ticket prices are \$16 for ages 13 and older; \$12 for ages four through 12; and children three and under eat free. Ticket sales are currently underway and will conclude on Monday, Nov. 29. Seating is reserved by table location only and can be done on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information about the Santa Brunch, please call (734) 394-



Honoring vets

Achieve Academy first grader Maya Abughannam reads a poem during the schools Veteran's Day ceremony where students honored the men and women who served our country. The ceremony included a glimpse into two Vietnam veterans' experiences in the military and why Veterans Day is celebrated, as well as students singing a patriotic song and presenting hand-made cards thanking them for the sacrifices they made.

5460 or visit Cantonfun.org.

Service of Lessons

St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth, announces its annual Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent, to be held Sunday, Dec. 12, at 4:30 p.m.

The service, which follows a format popularized by King's College of the University of Cambridge, England, alternates readings from Scripture with the singing of songs and carols appropriate for the season of Advent. Members of the church's music ministry, including Children's and Youth choirs, Handbell Choir, Parish Choir, and contemporary group SonShine, will come together to present the music for the service, under the direction of Minister of Music Julie Ford.

Although the concert is free of charge, attendees are encour-

aged to give generously to a free-will offering. Benefits from the concert will be donated to the Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan. Gleaners, which was founded in Detroit in 1977, distributes more than 28 million pounds of food annually through its five Metro-Detroit distribution centers.

St. John's Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent is part of the church's concert series, Resounding Art in a Sacred Space. For more information on this program, the concert series, or the parish, please telephone (734) 453-0190, Ext. 16, or visit the church website at www.stjohnsplymouth.org

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 Coat 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 nelson1c@att.net or (734) 981-4938.

Nuns in charge

"Put the Nuns in Charge," a long-running comedy from the author of "Late Night Catechism," is coming to St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church in Canton 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28.

Ticket prices range from \$20 for non-reserved seating and go up to \$75 for front row seats. All tickets include a dessert afterglow. All proceeds will go to two great causes - St. Pat's Food Pantry in Detroit and World Youth Day.

Child care will be provided for a small donation. Tickets must be purchased in person with cash or check at St. Thomas a Becket, located at 555 S. Lilley Road in Canton, south of Cherry Hill Road. Contact the church at (734) 981-1333 for further information.

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.

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Hines Park lights up for the holidays

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Hines Drive in Westland was awash in color Thursday evening as the lights were turned on for the 18th annual Wayne County Parks Lightfest.

Hundreds of people gathered at Merriman Hollow off Merriman Road to watch as Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Kathleen Edwards of Trenton and special guest of honor Santa Claus pulled the switch turning on the light show that stretches 4 1/2 miles along Hines Drive to just west of Telegraph Road.

"I enjoy seeing the kids and seeing them get excited about the lights," said Ficano, who had just returned from a trip to China. "For all of the challenges we are facing, it's nice to have something that people can feel good about."

Holiday music and doughnuts and hot chocolate were provided for families that gathered for the opening celebration. And once the lights were turned on, the sky was lit up with fireworks.

"It's great, we just love it," said Jamey Good of Garden City. "I come every year, I just love to come. I go through the lights a few times every year."

Good was there with her three children, as well as her mother, Kathy Modreski, sister Brittany Modreski and sister-in-law Kim Holman and her two children.

It was only the second time Jason Larabell of Livonia had ever been at the opening ceremony. His first time was in the mid-1990s when he performed with the Livonia Franklin High School marching band.

"It had to be 15 years ago, we played Christmas songs," he said.

Joining him was his mother, Donna Larabell, who has done the Lightfest five times, but never made it to the opening ceremony. She was very sick when her son was in



Rebecca Rose and Kathleen Edwards react after pulling the switch to turn on the lights for Lightfest 2010.



Grandmother Kathy Modreski, of Farmington Hills, grandson Riley Modreski and his mother Kim Holman of Garden City meet Santa Claus.

the marching band.

"She wanted to see the fireworks," said Jason Larabell.

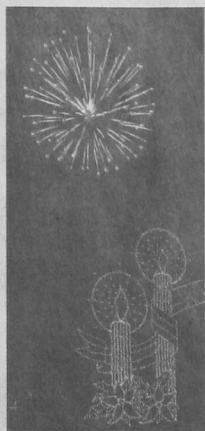
"We're doing this in memory of his dad, he died just before Christmas in 2008. He loved Christmas and he loved fireworks," she said. "This is kind of in his memory."

For a group of teenagers from the Warren Road Light and Life Church in Westland, the ceremony was a "destina-

tion unknown" event planned by Josh Sprunger and his wife, Jessica.

"We do a destination unknown every month, I pick a different place to go," said Sprunger, who brought 10 youths to the opening ceremony. "We were looking for something new and decided to do the Lightfest."

Among the group were John Glenn High School students Justin Staples, Kari Carter and Anya Gill who



Fireworks light up the nighttime sky and usher in the start of the Wayne County Parks Lightfest.

were captivated by the fireworks.

"It was nice and the end had a lot of explosions," said Staples, a first-time Lightfest attendee.

"I've gone to a few," added Carter. "I remember coming with an aunt when I was 8 years old, but I've never been to the opening ceremony. I didn't know there were fireworks."

Gill was the veteran, having attended for five consecutive years. She said the best thing to do for the ceremony was "dress warm."

Meriem Kadi, a Westland City Council member, found the event "pretty amazing."

"I've driven through it three or four times, but this is my first time at the kick-off, I didn't expect fireworks," she said. "It's a good turnout and everyone is in good spirit. It's a good way to kick off the holiday season."

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LIGHTFEST 2010

The Wayne County Parks Lightfest 2010 covers more than four miles of Hines Drive from Merriman to Telegraph. It's open 7-10 p.m. nightly now through Dec. 31, except for Christmas Day when it will be closed. Although Lightfest opens at 7 p.m., Hines Drive is closed to traffic beginning at 5:45 p.m. Visitors enter Lightfest at Hines Drive and Merriman, north of Warren Road, in Westland. There

is a \$5 donation per car. Lightfest is sponsored in partnership with Friends of Wayne County Parks, DTE Energy, ITC Holdings, DBT Marketing and Promotional Group, McDonald Modular, Entertainment Express Luxury Limousine, Michigan Mountain Biking Association, Total Runner, Beathettrain.com and Trails Edge store. For more information, call (734) 261-1990 or visit waynecountyparks.org.

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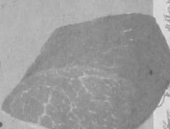
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Good News!

Contest winners share their winning stories

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

As the saying goes, "Bad news spreads quickly," but it seems the good news around town is making headway.

Mickey Arsneault of Livonia and Michelle Kolozsvary of Plymouth shared their inspirational stories in a monthly contest, "Good News, Good Chews!" co-sponsored by the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and Buddy's Pizza and each won a meal for four (lunch or dinner) at any Buddy's Pizza location.

Arsneault won for the best story in September when she wrote about her husband, Wally, a patient at the University of Michigan Hospital. He passed out red roses to show his appreciation to his caregivers.

Wally Arsneault, 75, died Thursday, Nov. 18. He will be remembered as a cheerful man, who loved people and always thought of others first.

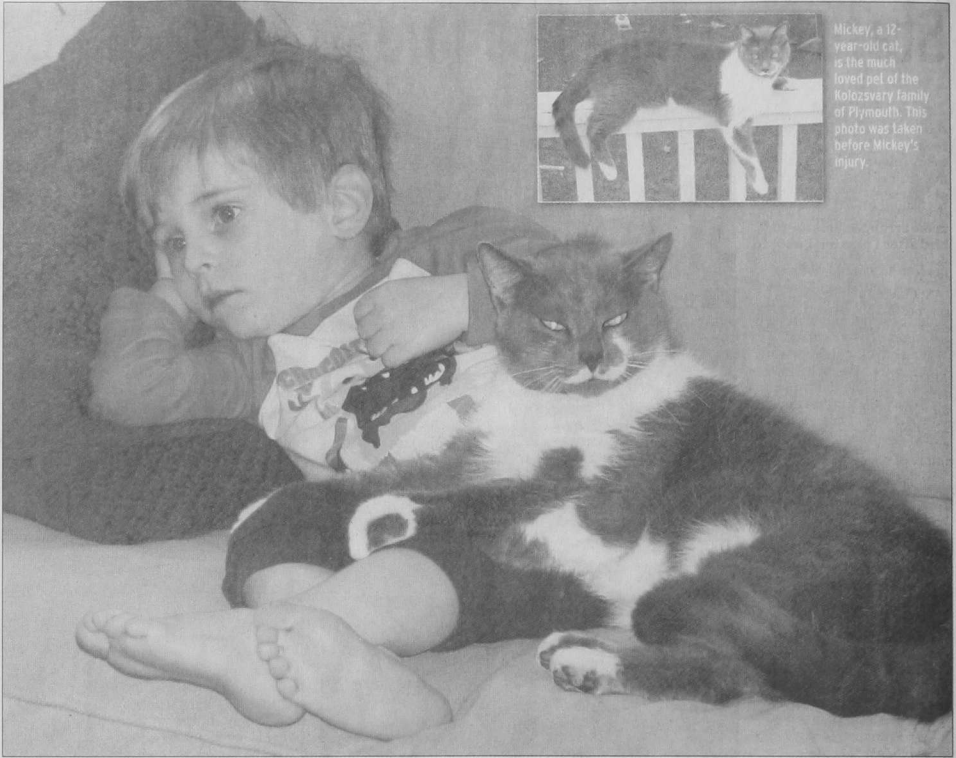
"To know Wally was to love him," Mickey said. "He was a wonderful, wonderful man."

Kolozsvary's story reveals the kindness of a series of strangers who brought her family members together with their lost and injured cat.

Arsneault learned about a "FTD Good Neighbor Day" where participating florists were offering a dozen free red roses to hand out to 11 different people and keeping one rose. The day of the event, Sept. 1, she received 12 red roses from My Lady's Florist in Westland.

"My husband felt good about putting a smile on their faces and expressed his gratitude to each of them for the wonderful care he is receiving," Arsneault wrote. "The hallway was buzzing with conversation about this event and wondering how they, too, could receive a rose."

After she learned she won the contest, Arsneault said, "I felt so touched by him passing out the roses and him touching everyone's day. He was just so wonderful and loving and considerate. Someone walks into his room and he asks, 'How are you



Mickey recovered nicely from his injuries and is back where he belongs. Here he is with Andrew Kolozsvary, who is 4½ years old. This photo was taken when Andrew was 3.

doing today?" He was a very young 75 year old."

"I couldn't believe that out of all the stories you had submitted that you chose mine," Arsneault said. "It was a heartwarming story and he put a smile on so many faces at the hospital."

Kolozsvary's October entry shows how one person's good deed built on another good deed and yet another until finally her 12-year-old grey and white cat, Mickey, was saved and returned to her family.

Mickey is known to stay out all night, but had been missing for over a week last month.

"After several days we began to think maybe he had run away for good," Kolozsvary wrote, explaining that her family circulated "Lost Cat" fliers in their neighborhood. Two days later, they received a voicemail from a neighbor who lives at the nearby senior condo complex saying he saw their "Lost Cat" flier and someone else's "Found Cat" flier and that the cats looked alike.

"After several days we began to think maybe he had run away for good," Michelle wrote, explaining that her family circulated "Lost Cat" fliers in their neighborhood.

Two days later, they received a voicemail from a neighbor, who only identified himself as Chuck. He lives at the nearby senior condo complex saying he saw their "Lost Cat" flier and someone else's "Found Cat" flier and that the cats looked alike.

Chuck left his phone number and the phone number on the "Found Cat" flier that was left by Darryl and Dana Rabe. Kolozsvary later learned their two fliers were posted only one block apart.

"We quickly called the 'Found Cat' family (the Raves) and learned that they had found our cat on the first day he was missing laying on the grass near Sheldon Road," Kolozsvary wrote. "He was injured and could not walk."

The Raves went out of their way to take the cat to the Michigan Humane Society in Westland and after learning Westland didn't take animals from Plymouth they took Mickey to Huron Valley Humane Society.

Mickey was treated for a broken pelvis and had been placed into foster care where an Ann Arbor volunteer, who Kolozsvary only knows by the name, Patty, nursed him during his early days of recovery.

"The supervisor for the Intake Department at The Huron Valley Humane Society (Todd St. Claire) was incredibly kind and helpful," Kolozsvary said.

After 10 days, Mickey was home with his family and "we are so grateful," Kolozsvary added. "We think Mickey is glad to be home as well. He has a brother cat from the same litter that is glad to have his buddy back. Mickey has several more weeks of recuperation ahead of him and we are hopeful that

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he will make a full recovery. So many people in the Plymouth community were truly caring and went out of their way to care for a helpless animal and be kind to their neighbors."

"We are very grateful for this kindness to strangers and it turns out we are all neighbors," Kolozsvary added.

Contest winners were selected by Marcy Brontman and Michelle Lawton of Buddy's.

Readers share more good news!

Here are the good news stories submitted in September and October. There is still time to submit your story for November's contest. (See details elsewhere on this page).

*Kat Nelson submitted a contest entry about a woman named, Charlotte, 70, who became quadriplegic more than 50 years ago as a result of polio.

"She has outlived all of her siblings and both parents," Nelson wrote. "She is an inspiration. I am lucky enough to be one of her caregivers and can't say enough great things about her. Two months ago at U-M she was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer. I am trying to get a 70th birthday party together so she and her extended family and closest friends can get together. Buddy's Pizza would be a great place to do that."

*Judy Felzer, of Redford, wrote about a good Samaritan she met while working as a vendor at the Livonia Historical Society Greenmead Flea Market last September.

"One of the items I had for sale was a guitar that belonged to my son, who passed away last May," Felzer said.

"A gentleman purchased it knowing it had belonged to my son. About two hours after the sale, the gentleman returned to my table. 'He had gone home and opened the tiny drawers in the guitar case and found something of value belonging to my son. He held out his hand and handed me a United States five silver troy ounce coin with silver chain, and two rings that he had found in the case."

"He wanted me to have the mementos," she added. "I was so surprised and really appreciated not only his goodwill, but honesty. I never got his name, he left right away, but I will remember him always."

*Jan Lippert sang the praises



Beth Harris, Outreach Coordinator at Northridge Church in Plymouth Township, coordinates the Community Garden. The 2010 harvest produced more than 10,000 lbs. of produce all donated to Gleaners Food Bank.



Sara Wilkins of Livonia

of Beth Harris, Outreach Coordinator at Northridge Church in Plymouth Township. Harris coordinates the church's community garden involving more than 100 volunteers who planted the 21,000 some square foot garden with tomatoes, peppers, corn, onions, beets, beans, cantaloupe, squash, mustard greens, collard greens, lettuce, cabbage, okra, radishes and more. Harvesting in 2010 produced well over 10,000 pounds of produce all of which



Lucas McKinney, 16, an 11th-grader at Plymouth High School, actually received his student pilot's license on his 16th birthday — before he went to the Secretary of State office and received his driver's license.

was donated to Gleaners Food Bank.

Harris coordinated more than 4,500 volunteer hours spent at the garden this year.

"Her tireless efforts to reach out to the hungry resulted in feeding tons of fresh produce to those in need in our area," Lippert said.

*Janet Myers submitted an entry about her golf partner, friend and neighbor, Lucille Schirmer, 90, of Livonia.

Schirmer continues to play golf



Reva Constantine, executive chef at Joe's and Chris Hammack, sous chef, met Pastor Henry Covington, and supervised the first pick up of food for the homeless and those in transitional housing.



Celebrating their achievement are (back row from left) Sarah Iler, 10, and Kyo Sa Nim David Areeda, (front row left) Trevor Riker, 9, and Jonathan Rickard, 9.

with the Livonia Women's Senior League after 25 years and was actively involved in the league's leadership serving as treasurer for many years.

"She used to play golf with her husband and friends and once she became eligible for the women's senior league started showing up by herself and soon had many new-found golf partners and friends," Myers wrote.

*Danielle Fracassa submitted an entry explaining that she and her

boyfriend bought their first home last March.

"Though we initially thought to rent an apartment, the housing market situation prompted us to invest in our own futures, as well as Michigan's," she wrote.

"We're so glad we did! Our neighbors, our city, everything is so great. Every chance we get, we tell people, 'Don't rent — buy! This state needs it!'"

"I know it's not much, but anything anyone can do to get things moving again is a help," said Fracassa.

*Pastor Allen Kannapel of His Church Anglican in Livonia wrote about a teenager who wanted to make a difference in the lives of people less fortunate.

Seeing an opportunity to bless people in need with food that would otherwise be thrown out, Tara Leach, a freshman at Schoolcraft College who works at Joe's Produce in Livonia, approached her pastor to get Joe's connected to a downtown church — I Am My Brother's Keeper.

Judges were also told about three Livonia children who earned their black belts from P.K.S.A. Karate Schools.

They are Sarah Iler, 10, Trevor Riker, 9, and Jonathan Rickard, 9. The three started taking karate

lessons together four years ago at the Livonia school under the direction of Kyo Sa Nim David Areeda. Their hard work and devotion led them on a journey of self-confidence, respect, responsibility and self-defense. Their belts are midnight blue versus black, because black is final whereas midnight blue represents infinity.

*Stephen E. Loflin, National Society of Collegiate Scholars executive director, wrote the judges to say Sara Wilkins, an Eastern Michigan University student and resident of Livonia, was accepted in NSCS.

NSCS membership gives students access to a number of benefits including career and networking resources, scholarships, and service projects both on campus and in the community. Loflin said. "David Phipps, a flight instructor at Kite Aviation, also wrote to tell to acknowledge a high-achieving feat by student, Lucas McKinney, 16, who flew his plane solo for the first time."

McKinney, an 11th-grader at Plymouth High School, is a student pilot with his solo certificate.

According to David Phipps, a flight instructor with Kite Aviation at Mettetal Airport, McKinney has been taking flying lessons at Mettetal, located at Lilley and Joy roads in Canton. He has learned about aerodynamics, lift and drag, takeoff and landing calculations, Cessna 152 flying and handling characteristics and even emergency light signals and radio calls.

According to Phipps, McKinney actually received his student pilot's license on his 16th birthday — before he went to the Secretary of State office and received his driver's license. McKinney received his pilot's license one day after his 16th birthday, according to Phipps, the minimum age for solo, according to the FAA.

Statutory pet trust helps provide for Fido, Fluffy

Q: Dear Rick: A few years ago, I read your column about estate planning for pets. I recently obtained a bird that has a life expectancy substantially longer than mine. I was told by the person who gave me the bird that it would be a good idea to make arrangements for the bird after I pass on. I want to do the right thing. Can you help?

A: Congratulations as a responsible pet owner trying to do the right thing by planning for the future.

We all know how much Americans love their pets, however, too many forget to plan for what will happen if they die before their pet. Thousands of pets every year are euthanized every year because owners did not plan for the future of their pet.

Under the law, pets are considered property and possessions — no different than any other piece of property. Therefore, a relatively simple solution is to name someone in your will who will inherit the pet. You can choose to leave

Even though we cannot leave money directly to our pets, there is a mechanism that allows you to legally leave money for the benefit of the pet to an individual of your choice. These documents — known as a statutory pet trust — are legally enforceable and valid in nearly every state of the union. A statutory pet trust can be added on to someone's will or trust by a short amendment.

them money to take care of the pet, however, you can't leave money directly to the pet.

We have all read stories where people have passed on and left millions to their pets. Of course, that isn't the full story. A few years ago there was a story about Leona Helmsley leaving \$12 million to her dog. It was an interesting story and it made the national news. However, it wasn't the whole story.

Even though we cannot leave money directly to our pets, there is a mechanism that allows you to legally leave money for the benefit of the pet to an individual of your choice. These documents — known as a statutory pet trust — are legally enforceable and valid in nearly every state of the union. A statutory pet trust can be added on to someone's will or trust by a short amendment.

Basically, this amendment allows you to set aside money for the care and custody of your pet while at the same time making the document enforceable by state law. Michigan, like most other states, specifically authorizes these types of trusts for the care and custody of your pet.

In your situation, I recommend a statutory pet trust. Whether you add it on to your existing will or to your trust, it really doesn't matter. What matters is who is going to be in charge of your statutory pet trust upon your death. Obviously, it is important to select someone that has a fondness for your pet and can handle the duties involved in regards to his/her care.

When establishing a statutory pet trust, one of the difficulties is deciding how much money to leave with the trust. There is no magic number because it depends upon the individual pet.

I would over fund the trust to ensure there will be enough money to take care of the pet for as long as necessary.

Another issue to be considered regarding a statutory pet trust is what happens to the unused funds upon your pet's death. I recognize that people are concerned about naming the caretaker as the beneficiary of unused funds because it may become a disincentive in regards to caring for the pet. That is why I sometimes recommend that upon the pet's death any excess funds are directed to a charity.

One last issue regarding statutory pet trusts is the importance of identifying exactly which pet is covered by the trust and whether it should include any future pets that you may obtain.

There is no question that pets are an important part of American life and if your pet is a "family member," you should consider a statutory trust to ensure he or she is cared for upon your death.

Good luck!

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Madonna students donate to Festival of Trees

Nursing students and staff at Madonna University in Livonia competed in a Christmas tree decorating competition this week that will benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan.

The contest is in its fourth year at Madonna and was once again sponsored by the Madonna University Nursing Student Association.

"It is a means to encourage involvement in our community, and we get to have a bit of friendly competition between the students in different terms. Faculty and staff get involved also; it's a lot of fun," said Nancy Kostin, associate professor of nursing at Madonna.

The decorated trees were donated to the Children's Hospital of Michigan for its Festival of Trees fundraiser. The Festival of Trees runs today through Nov. 28 at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and free for children age 2 and under.



Teresa Thompson, dean of the College of Nursing and Health, judges a Christmas tree competition at Madonna University. The trees, which were decorated by nursing students and faculty, will benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Junior Achievement receives \$100,000 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 recently that the Wal-Mart Foundation has 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.

In addition to in-school programming, the grant also supports the promotion of the JA Student Center to teens across Michigan (studentcenter.ja.org). The JA Student Center contains resources for youth on everything from researching colleges and how to apply for financial aid, to writing a business plan or determining what careers are available based on one's interests and abilities.

"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 programs to deserving students."

Local programming will receive \$22,540 of the statewide grant. JA programs are taught by volunteers from the community and are projected to impact more than 3,400 high school students statewide and 800 students in metro Detroit.

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Doctor is excited about hospital's future

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

Dr. Prasad Mikkilineni is happy about spending more time with patients at Freedom Medical Clinic. Patients come first to Dr. Mik, as he's called around the office where he specializes in internal medicine.

It's not that he minded filling in as interim vice president of medical affairs at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, but Mikkilineni became a medical doctor for one reason — to help people in need of medical care. He will continue to see patients at St. Mary Mercy, but primarily at the Livonia practice he joined in 1988.

The 57-year-old Mikkilineni is excited, though, about the future of the hospital which is planning a five-story southwest addition that includes a new emergency department. St. Mary Mercy, a part of the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, continues to expand services. In September 2007, the hospital opened the Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center so patients could receive treatment close to home.

In his role as vice president of medical affairs, Mikkilineni "got to see the other side of medicine as well."

"I enjoy going to St. Mary's. It's a nice place to work, but I'm interested in my practice. I like to work with patients. I like my patients. I trained to be a doctor, not an administrator," said Mikkilineni, a Bloomfield Hills resident.

St. Mary Mercy President and CEO David Spivey appointed Mikkilineni after Dr. Asit Gokli left for a new position

in California. Mikkilineni has served in positions ranging from chief of staff to director of the Quality Improvement Committee since joining the medical staff in 1982.

PERFECT CHOICE

"He was the perfect choice for the job given his background with the organization," said Spivey. "Prasad has done a wonderful job. He provided support and navigated the implementation of Graduate Medical Education that started with four programs in July. As a hospital and community we're blessed to have Dr. Mikkilineni serving not only as a leader in administration but as a physician providing services."

Mikkilineni knew as a boy growing up in India that he wanted to practice medicine. His father was a doctor. His older brother and sister also went to medical school.

"It became a family business," Mikkilineni said. "My dad wanted to become an engineer and instead became a doctor. He wanted me to become an engineer, but I wanted to become a doctor. The part I enjoy most is helping patients and interacting with patients. When a patient is in the hospital, I'm there every day. Sometimes I don't go home for 10 to 12 hours. I love my job."

MED SCHOOL AT AGE 16

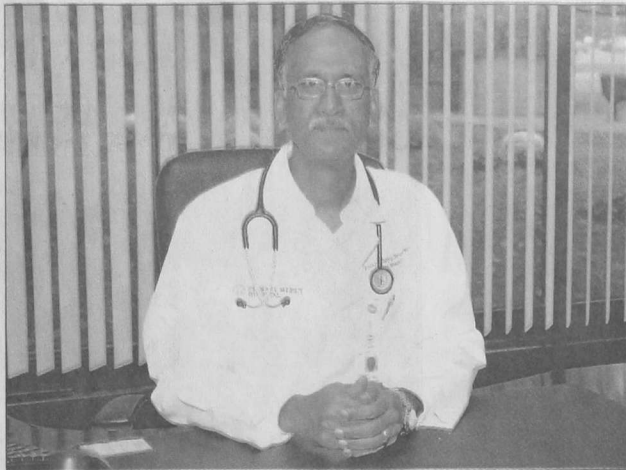
Mikkilineni entered Guntur Medical College in Andhra Pradesh at age 16, an accomplishment not entirely rare in India, but not that common. Six years after graduating No. 2 in his class and completing a yearlong internship, Mikkilineni

left for the United States at age 23 1/2.

"It was a bit of a challenge. At that age you think you can conquer the world," Mikkilineni said. "I couldn't speak English at the time and had no relatives here."

Family in Boston picked Mikkilineni up at the airport. Then it was off to Detroit to finish his medical training through Wayne State University at Harper Grace Hospital after a residency at Saint Joseph Hospital in Chicago and internship at Detroit Macomb Hospital. Before long he was opening a solo practice in Redford Township.

In 1981, Mikkilineni married Jhansi, who completed training as a psychiatrist at Wayne State University. She never practiced medicine. Instead the couple chose to start a family. When Mikkilineni isn't at the office or hospital he likes to take long walks with his wife and watch sports.



Dr. Prasad Mikkilineni's role as interim vice president of medical affairs at St. Mary Mercy Hospital ends Monday as he devotes more time to his patients, but he continues to hold administrative positions at the Livonia hospital.

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Neighbors helping neighbors

Local foundations support community programs, organizations

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

For those planning on making a donation to a charitable organization before the end of the year there's no better place to give than at home. Local foundations in Canton, Livonia, Plymouth, Westland, Farmington and Farmington Hills are people helping people right in your own back yard.

These grant-making organizations pool the money of donors to support a wide range of charitable interests that feed the hungry, provide programs for children, nurture the arts, and enable students to go to college. The foundations often take leadership roles in the community as well by serving as a resource for local nonprofits. Communities with permanent endowments like Canton, Livonia and Plymouth have the added benefit of allowing donors to take advantage of the state credit to lower their income tax. A permanent endowment is the act of bestowing money as a permanent fund or source of income.

PANTRY GRANT

For many people it's hard to believe that Canton residents are going hungry, that they are cutting food budgets to pay mortgages and utilities. Thanks to the generosity of individuals and businesses, the Canton Community Foundation was able to give the Open Door Food Pantry a grant to purchase a cooler.

"This year, we — in lots of ways — think basic needs are pressing," said Joan Noricks, president, Canton Community Foundation. "Open Door



Open Door Ministry volunteer Sue Smith of Westland packs canned goods at Open Door for distribution to hungry people. Open Door in Canton benefits from the works of the Canton Community Foundation.

Pantry is in the Gleaners and Forgotten Harvest network but without a cooler could not have fresh produce."

In addition to providing a grant for the cooler, the Canton foundation addressed the health care issues of residents by funding a study about the needs of the under- and uninsured. In September, the foundation sponsored a veterans' education summit on VA benefits. Special events like the foundation's Magical Night in January for Gleaners creates public awareness along with raising money.

"We're probably most

proud of moving into an area of donor education and philanthropic education for those who don't understand planned giving by offering quarterly educational events at the library for individuals and nonprofit organizations," said Noricks, who admits the downturn in the economy has made it difficult to raise money.

"We continue to have donors. They've just become more cautious donors who want to make sure and trust that they're making wise choices.

The goal of all community foundations is for donors to be

able to make a difference.

"This can be the place that gifts can be held and endowments administered in all facets," said Noricks. "The Canton Foundation can be a glue to assist all of the good stuff happening."

ENRICHING PLYMOUTH

Plymouth's foundation not only enriches the quality of life in the city but Plymouth Township, and parts of Northville, Salem and Superior townships. It is affiliated with the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation and benefits from its administra-

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Noricks

tive support and philanthropic expertise.

According to the Ann Arbor foundation's CEO and president Cheryl Elliott, giving has been affected by the economic downturn. She expects end of year giving to increase due to the state tax credit.

The community foundations of Canton, Livonia and Plymouth are certified by the Michigan Department of Treasury for the Michigan Community Foundation Tax Credit that is designed to encourage individuals and businesses to build permanent endowments of community foundations across the state. Individuals receive a state tax credit of \$100 for a \$200

donation, joint filers \$200 for a \$400 donation.

"These gifts still come in but people have been more cautious," said Elliott. "We send a year end letter because of the tax credit. This should be an interesting year with no estate tax. We won't know to year-end. Half of our gifts come in December."

Since 2006, the Plymouth foundation has granted funds to the Plymouth Historical Society, New Morning School for a summer math and science camp, Plymouth Community Arts Council, Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras, Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps, Plymouth YMCA, and a historical school renovation in Salem.

Jim Jabara founded the Community Foundation of Plymouth as a way of giving back. He hopes the community will continue to support the effort. A businessman, Jabara has lived in the community more than 50 years and served on the boards of the library, chamber, and Salvation Army as well as mayor.

"We had optimistic goals five years ago. The economy affected our optimism," said Jabara, chairman of the 15-member advisory committee. "I felt there was a need in all the surrounding area. We're raising money and putting back into the community. It's something very important. Being affiliated with Ann Arbor means we have no office, no phone, no overhead, rent, so the money is spent to support the 48170 ZIP code."

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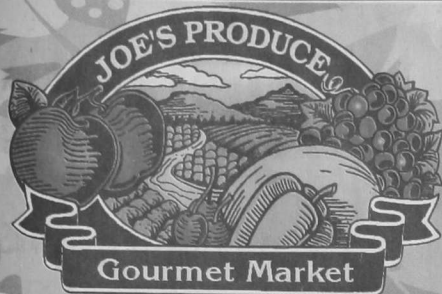
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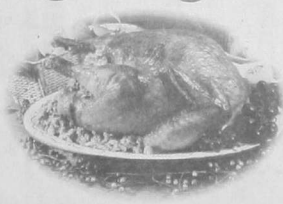


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Eagles don't back down in crunch time at Kellogg

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Here's how hard Central Lake senior middle blocker Jasmine Hines hammered the volleyball during Friday's Class D semifinal at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

In Game 5 with Plymouth Christian Academy needing a few more points to knock off the Trojans, a kill attempt by the 6-3 Hines bounced off the chest of Eagles' junior outside hitter Amy Zinn — standing in the back row — and made it all the way back over the net.

But somehow, the Eagles won that point and added two more for the 15-9 win and a 3-2 match victory to earn a spot in Saturday's Class D final against Battle Creek St. Philip.

"We never dreamed that winning a regional could lead to this," said PCA head coach Kelly Blackney, whose team has never made it this far in the state tournament. "But I think our attitude and our dedication to the sport and our focus on playing for God really has led us to do things we couldn't imagine ever having accomplished."

As hard as Hines hit the ball, and she finished with 30 kills, the Eagles

VOLLEYBALL SEMIFINALS

were able to counter with junior middle blocker Kristin Malcolm, who scored points with floor-pounding shots as well as nifty tips and blocks against Hines — who has committed to play basketball at Michigan State University in 2011.

"Yes, it was really hard to pick up her hits," Malcolm said. "But my defense is amazing. We tried to block her and anticipate where she was going to go, instead of reacting."

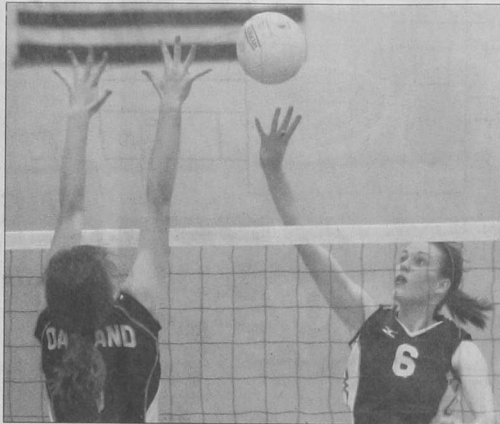
"She got a couple good kills on us so ... but we said we were going to stay up (confidence-wise) no matter what happened."

TEAMING UP

Helping Malcolm try to minimize whatever damage Hines might do was senior middle blocker Folake Olojo, with two solo blocks and three assists.

"She (Olojo) played phenomenal tonight, we needed blockers, we needed to stop No. 12 (Hines) and she did," Blackney said. "I'll never forget that one block she had that basically went all the way to the back of her court, it was awesome."

Please see **EAGLES, B2**



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Plymouth Christian junior middle blocker Kristin Malcolm (No. 6), shown from earlier this season, brilliantly sparked the Eagles Friday in the Class D volleyball semifinals. PCA defeated Central Lake in five sets to advance to Saturday's final against Battle Creek St. Philip. Check www.hometownlife.com for results.

SIDELINES

Brett's a Briton

Salem alum Brett deBear is officially on the 2010-11 roster of Albion College's women's basketball team, announced Britons' head coach Doreen



deBear is listed as a

guard on the roster.

The Britons opened the season last week and will next host Manchester College on Tuesday and Ohio Northern University on Dec. 1.

All-KLAA gridders

It's no surprise given the excellent seasons enjoyed by the Canton and Plymouth football teams that both squads have at least 10 members on the All-Kensington Lakes Activities Association 1st team.

All-KLAA selections for Canton include: running backs Kevin Buford, Davion Stackhouse; linebackers Garrett Bryden, Braden Price, Zac Merilait, Matt Gunnis; linemen Ben Poirier, Jack Slater, Marty Brudzinski; defensive back Ryan Powell; and quarterback Ben Merbler.

All-KLAA selections for Plymouth include: running back Jerel Jenkins; quarterback Shaun Austin; kicker Kyle Brindza; wide receiver Jake Morris; tight end Mike Olevnik; defensive end Brennen Beyer; linebackers Anthony Rhodes and Tyler Goble; defensive back Phil Emminger; and lineman Mark Wallath.

Not to be left out, Salem also has two members on the 1st team in running back Marcus Houston and linebacker Tommy Rodriguez.

All three teams also have players who made the All-KLAA honorable mention list.

Those include the following: Canton's Alex Marsh (center), Angelo Lanava (tight end), Josh Nolen (D-back), Jeff Straub (DT); Plymouth's Donte Fox (running back), Thomas Afetian (wide receiver), Brandon Landers (DE), Victor Hicks (D-back); Salem's Ethan Walsh (linebacker), Jake Pollard (O-line), Omar Kandah (DE) and Nick Howie (D-line).

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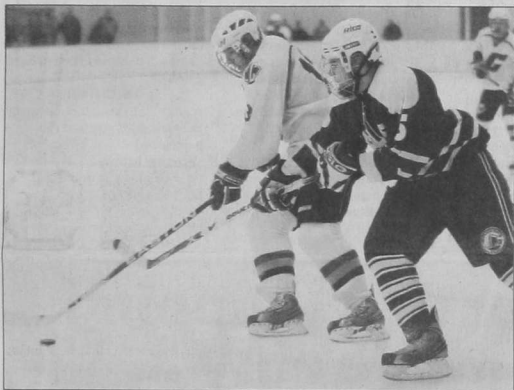
Circle Saturday, Dec. 4, on your calendar, particularly if you already are into the holiday spirit.

The sixth annual Canton Fire Fighters vs. Canton Coaches Charity Hockey Game is slated for 6 p.m. Dec. 4 at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton (located on Michigan Avenue). Fans will be asked to donate an unwrapped toy in addition to the \$3 game admission.

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BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem forward Matt Downey (No. 5) will be part of the Rocks' top forward line this winter. Here he is shown battling Canton's Alec Gilo in a 2009-10 contest.

Rocks ready for challenges

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Don't go strictly by the record this season for a good assessment of how Salem's varsity boys hockey team is playing.

The 2010-11 nonconference schedule is loaded to the max with some of Michigan's top squads and the KLAA is no slouch, either.

"They know our schedule every year gets progressively more difficult because of the successes we have," said Rocks' head coach Ryan Ossennmacher. "That allows us to schedule better and better teams every year."

With a slight laugh, the fourth-year coach added that he didn't know "if it would have been possible for us to make it more difficult than it is. There isn't a nonconference team that we play that finished outside the top-15 in their division in the rankings."

Throw in a holiday tournament at Traverse City, featuring Orchard Lake St. Mary, Midland and top opponents

from northern Michigan.

MEASURING UP

"It's all designed around getting ready for the state playoffs," said Ossennmacher, whose team shared the KLAA South title last season with Plymouth and Livonia Churchill. The Rocks were 12-10-3 overall, but nine of those losses were against teams at the top of their respective divisions.

"I'd rather lose to a good team than beat a bad team," he said. "I don't know how much is gained by beating teams you should beat on a consistent basis. I think it's important for these guys to beat the teams that maybe they're not supposed to beat once in a while."

A roster with plenty of options both up front and on defense should make the Rocks one of the favorites in the KLAA South again this season. Salem opens with games 6 p.m. Wednesday at Novi and 8:30 p.m.

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Tape to tape

New-look Wildcats will focus on simple, direct hockey in 2010-11

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As far as Plymouth varsity hockey coach Paul Fassbender is concerned, the path to winning is as direct as going A-to-B.

When his players paid attention to where they should be and what they should be doing on the ice during pre-season scrimmages, the Wildcats had success (a 10-5 win over Ann Arbor Pioneer).

Fassbender, whose squad went 19-6-1 in 2009-10 to share the KLAA South crown with Salem and Livonia

Churchill, is beating the systems drum because so many of his players are relatively unknown commodities to the varsity level.

"We've really been working on a lot of transition, positional play," said Fassbender, following Tuesday's practice. "... A lot of our guys I don't think they've really had system, team-oriented coaching and it's showing out there just by where they're moving on the ice."

"Once we nail down a few things and start doing simple, easy plays (we

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Salem forward Mark McGee (No. 9) tries to distract Plymouth goalie Michael Justus during a game from last season. At right is Plymouth's Tyler Sanders (No. 4). All three players remain important parts of their respective teams for 2010-11.

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On the prowl

Congratulations to Pioneer Middle School's girls basketball teams, who by way of hard work and talent went a combined 15-1 this fall. The Panthers' 'A' team finished 8-0 while the 'B' team had a 7-1 record. Pictured are: (top row, from left) - Coach Smith, Allison First, Dominique Clark, Maranda Armstead, Mia Taylor, Coach Slaughter, Jessica Stevenson, Madeline Stowe, Tiara Lewis, Amber Cotrell and Emma Tardiff; (bottom row, from left) - Abigail Bolterman, Casey Muglia, Natalie Winters, Brianna Heitmeyer, Katie Latack, Kayla Rollins and Lauren Fette. Not pictured are Erin Dame, Shannon Schult and Riley Stechschulte.

EAGLES

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It wasn't just about power. There were plenty of eye-opening digs and bumps, too as both teams struggled at times to solve the other's tireless defense.

Zinn (21 digs, 5 kills) served the first two points of Game 5 and then Malcolm's backhanded tip gave PCA (30-9-2) a 3-1 lead and a chance to build some momentum.

It was 5-1 when, on a serve from junior Jessica Rich, sophomore Mary Anleitner drilled a pass from senior setter Brianna Harris (40 assists, 14 digs).

That quick start followed the winning pattern the Eagles followed in the first two games (wins of 25-13, 25-12) but got away from in Games 3-4, when Central Lake won by identical 25-19 scores.

"We knew if we started the game strong that we would come out and win, because that's how the first two games went," said Malcolm, who registered 31 kills and 19 digs. "So when we got the 5-1 lead we were really excited."

At another important juncture of the clinching game, PCA had a 12-9 lead but the Trojans' Heidi Hicks (13 kills, 11 digs) was trying to get a service run going.

KEY MOMENT

Hines got up in the air to rip the ball. Often throughout Friday's match, the Eagles had no chance against her powerful spikes.

This time, Malcolm blocked it and it bounced the other way for a crucial PCA point. "I was just so grateful, every point was like a gift."

Rich finished off the win with two service points, No. 15 coming on a Malcolm tip over Hines.

"We had a lot of momentum," lamented Trojans' head coach Elissa Shafer, whose team finished 49-9-5. "But it's just one of those things that 15 points isn't that many."

"You got to kind of try to keep that momentum going, and a couple points you lose and it's tough to get that back."

PCA had plenty of momentum at the start. In Game 1, the Eagles enjoyed four-point service runs from Rich and senior libero Abby Barts (21 digs). Up front, Malcolm, Zinn and Olojo had little trouble scoring.

The next game featured a four-point streak from Olojo that opened up a 13-5 edge and Malcolm sealed it with points 20-25.

FLIP THE SWITCH

But the Trojans were a different team almost as soon as the third set started.

Hines dialed it up in the hitting department and the Eagles became frustrated when they couldn't find the floor with shots, or else sailed them out of bounds.

But with the match tied 2-2, it wasn't over. The Eagles, however, needed to quickly forget about the two disappointing sets that turned a potential 3-0 sweep into a white-knuckle ride.

"It was so awesome that we started out the first two games with a win," Barts said. "But it seemed like we got a little bit overconfident. But we finally put it together in the fifth game."

Other PCA contributors included freshman front-row player Jennifer Malcolm (4 kills, 5 assists, 5 digs), Anleitner (3 kills, 3 digs) and Rich (5 digs, 2 aces).

"Going into that fifth set, we realized the difference between the games we won and the games we lost was basically swinging to our fullest potential," Blackney summarized. "So, we came out strong."

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All-Area girls harriers set the standard

FIRST-TEAM
Megan McPherson, Sr., Liv. Franklin: The senior established herself as one of the elite runners in the state after placing 13th in the Division 1 meet with a school record 18:03.0 (for 5,000-meters). McPherson also captured the regional (18:21.4), Monroe Invitational (18:29.7) and Public Schools of Livonia Invitational (18:53.3).

She was also runner-up at the Wayne County Invitational (18:21.0) and took third in the KLAAs Kensington Conference meet (18:29.4).

"Megan finished off an outstanding senior season with the best race of her career at the state meet," Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said. "She worked really hard in the off season to be ready for the big meets and she did not disappoint. Megan was our leader all year and motivated the rest of the team to work toward qualifying for states."

McPherson also is a three-time state qualifier, two-time regional champion and school record holder on five different courses. "Her leadership was an integral part of our regional championship," Bjorklund said. "She is the best distance runner in school history as well as the hardest worker I have ever had. Megan will be greatly missed next season."

Bianca Kubicki, Sr., Canton: One of the best runners ever from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Kubicki further cemented her Canton legacy with her time of 18:15 at the DI state meet—23rd overall but the fastest time in team history.

"That performance was the fourth time in her senior season alone that Kubicki shattered the Canton mark."

The senior captain was champion at the KLAAs conference meet (18:25, all-conference first team), fourth at the regional (18:51.6) and also finished fifth at the Wayne County meet (18:53.31, all-county first team).

"This season Bianca really stepped up and the results really showed," said Chiefs' head coach Eric Pahl. "She worked hard all season and clearly did the same over the summer."

"All season, Bianca was running times in training that were faster than I have ever seen. Bianca was given several goals during the season; not only did she accomplish all of them, but she exceeded these goals."

Kubicki is likely to continue her running career at the college level, although she has not yet decided on a school, Pahl said.

Kayla Kavulich, Fr., Salem: The freshman stepped right in for the Rocks with a memorable debut season and capped it off at the Division 1 state finals with a team record 18:25.4 (for 5,000 meters) as Salem placed 10th in the team standings.

But Kavulich also was eighth at the Wayne County meet at Willow Metropark, earning all-county second team honors, and followed that up with a second-place showing at the KLAAs finals.

She placed third at the DI regional with a time of 18:34.6 (helping Salem to a second-place finish) and earned a state individual qualifying berth in the process. At the state finals, she finished 27th overall and earned all-state honors.

"Kayla is an unbelievable talent who stepped right into high school competition and made an immediate impact," said Salem head coach Dave Gerlach. "Kayla is a confident, competitive, yet humble athlete whose loving and hard-working attitude has aided us in another successful season."

Kerigan Riley, Soph., Liv. Churchill: The sophomore enjoyed a stellar season finished 42nd in Division 1 with a personal best of 18:41.9. The Chargers' MVP also took seventh at the regional, fourth in the Kensington Conference, sixth at Wayne County and was runner-up in the Public Schools of Livonia Invitational.

"After a stellar freshman cross country and track debut, there was no doubt Kerigan would have an outstanding sophomore season," Churchill coach Sue Tatrow said. "She is an extremely talented and competitive athlete who sets high schools for herself."

Riley, who carries a 4.1 grade-point average, is also an Academic All-State selection.

"She is very coachable and is willing to go above and beyond the call of duty in all aspects of her life," Tatrow added. "She is a pleasure to coach and I'm looking forward to seeing what her talent and drive will take her the next two-and-a-half years at Churchill."

Gabby DeFlorio, Jr., Farmington: A repeat member of the all-area first team, DeFlorio had a season best time of 18:37 at the DI regional in Brighton. She won the Spartan Invitational at Michigan State and an OAA White Division jamboree. DeFlorio was seventh at the regional, qualifying a second time for the state meet and 11th in the Oakland County race. She's also the FPS city champion.

"Gabby had a very good season overall," coach Charles Bridges said. "Winning the Spartan Invitational was a tremendous accomplishment. That was as good a race as she's ever run in her life where she let the world know she's someone to contend with."

2010 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY FIRST TEAM

Megan McPherson, Sr., Liv. Franklin
Bianca Kubicki, Sr., Canton
Kayla Kavulich, Fr., Salem
Kerigan Riley, Soph., Liv. Churchill
Gabby DeFlorio, Jr., Farmington
Heather Smith, Jr., Farm. Hills Mercy
Adrianna Beltran, Jr., Salem
Pia Klein, Sr., Liv. Franklin
Bethany Pilat, Jr., Liv. Churchill
Shannon Flynn, Soph., Salem
Victoria Tripp, Sr., Salem
Nicole Traitses, Jr., Plymouth

SECOND TEAM

Leslie Gomez, Sr., Liv. Franklin
Rachel Rohrbach, Sr., Canton
Brianna Lax, Fr., Plymouth
Angela Wright, Jr., N. Farmington
Karlle Gallagher, Soph., Liv. Stevenson
Erin Lyle, Jr., Luth. Westland
Alejandra Beltran, Soph., Salem
Emily Bizoz, Soph., Salem
Madison Goodpastore, Soph., Salem
Mannah Carver, Soph., Garden City
Olivia Salinas, Jr., Farmington
Sophia Farquhar, Jr., N. Farmington

COACH OF THE YEAR

Dave Bjorklund, Franklin

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"I thought she made a lot of progress and competed well in big meets. She knocked on the door of the elite racers. There are about eight girls who have established themselves at the top, and Gabby is right at the front of that next group. I don't think she has run her best race of the year yet. DeFlorio's next race is the Foot Locker event Nov. 27, in Kenosha, Wis."

Heather Smith, Jr., Farm. Hills Mercy: Smith ran her personal best of 18:54 and finished 13th at the Brighton regional. She was a half-minute shy of Eileen O'Connell's school record with that time. Smith placed 57th among 247 girls at the DI state meet with a 19:03 time. She was third in the Catholic League and second in the Autumn Classic at Stony Creek. She also won a league jamboree and was second and third in the other two.

"She's a small, slight runner, but she has a lot of heart and works hard," coach Gary Servais said. "Last year she ran 19:58 at the regional, so it was a big improvement. We're hoping next year to finish 30 or lower at the state meet."

"We're looking forward to see what will happen on the track this spring and next year as a senior. It's been a while since we've had somebody progress in her junior and senior years. It's exciting to see an upper classman make some good improvement."

Adrianna Beltran, Jr., Salem: In her first season with the Rocks, Beltran jumped into the record book. The junior clocked in with a 19:20.7 at the DI state finals — the ninth fastest time in Salem history.

The Rocks' Rookie of the Year, she also finished 12th at the Wayne County Meet with a 19:49.82 (all-county second team) and enjoyed finishes of 13th at the conference meet and 14th at the DI regional (19:45.0), with the latter enabling her to receive a state finals individual qualifying berth.

At the DI state finals at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Beltran's mark of 19:20.7 earned her 65th place.

"Adrianna is a talented athlete with tremendous foot speed," Gerlach said. "She successfully made the transition from sprinter to distance runner this season and was a key piece in our overall team success."

"Adrianna's quirky and light hearted attitude keeps the team loose and smiling."

Pia Klein, Sr., Liv. Franklin: The senior exchange student from Neunkirchen, Germany, proved to be a pleasant surprise for the regional champion Patriots.

Klein placed 101st in Division 1 with a personal best of 19:30.3 (fourth all-time in school history). She also took 10th at the regional, 15th in Kensington Conference and 13th at Wayne County. She also added a seventh in the IPS Invitational, 14th at the KLAAs Association Invitational and 14th at Monroe Jefferson.

"At our time trial she was eighth on the team," Bjorklund said. "And at the South Lyon



Megan McPherson Franklin



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Victoria Tripp Salem



Nicole Traitses Plymouth



Dave Bjorklund Coach of the Year

Invitational she made some noise taking fifth overall, but moved up fifth on the team. From there she never looked back.

"At the Regional she took 10th overall with a 19:30, which was a big help to our team score. She is a terrific young lady and an extremely hard worker. We were very fortunate to have her on our team this year."

Bethany Pilat, Jr., Liv. Churchill: The junior captain was a state qualifier after taking ninth at the Willow Metropark regional.

Pilat, who had a personal best of 19:06.6, also placed ninth in the Kensington Conference, seventh at the Wayne County meet and was third in the Livonia Public Schools Invitational.

"There is nobody that works harder than Bethany," Tatrow said. "She is an outstanding person, who prepares herself both physically and mentally for each practice and race; she is a phenomenal example of a leader for her teammates. I have the utmost respect for Bethany due to her amazing work ethic, kind heart, and competitive drive. It is exciting watching Bethany race because she always gives 100 percent."

Pilat, another academic all-state honoree, carries a 4.1 GPA. "I look forward to watching Bethany achieve at a higher level during the remainder of her high school career," Tatrow said.

Shannon Flynn, Soph., Salem: The sophomore followed up where she left off in her rookie season with plenty of achievements. She finished strong, too, with the 11th best time in team history (19:30.8) at the DI state finals.

Throughout the year, she made valuable contributions to the always competitive Rocks.

Voted the team's Most Valuable Sophomore, Flynn excelled with her 11th place finish of 19:45.41 at the Wayne County meet (All-County 2nd Team), as well as finishes of 17th and 19th at the conference and regional meets, respectively. Her time at the regionals was 20:05.6.

She finished 103rd at the subsequent state finals, running her personal best of 19:30.8 in the process — just missing hitting Salem's all-time top 10 list.

"Shannon is a great all-around athlete whose competitiveness and will to win adds to her overall success," Gerlach noted. "She is a natural leader by example who is very coachable. Shannon's strength and athleticism along with her high goals set the tone for another great year."

Victoria Tripp, Sr., Salem: The third-year varsity runner sparked the Rocks once again in 2010 and earned Most Valuable Senior honors as a result.

She set a personal best of 19:19.6 and followed up with a 19:38.73 at the Wayne County meet (All-County 2nd Team).

At the KLAAs meet, she came in 12th and ran a 24th-best

20:18.0 at the DI regionals. Her time of 19:30.8 was good for 103rd at the state finals.

"Tori has had a very successful high school career," Gerlach said. "Tori's passion and love of running has made her one of the best distance runners in Salem history."

"Tori was an integral part of this organization's success over the past three years."

During Tripp's prep career, the Rocks have qualified as a team for the DI state finals each season.

Nicole Traitses, Jr., Plymouth: The junior was a consistent performer for the Wildcats, qualifying as an individual for the state meet with an 11th-place time of 19:34.46 at DI regionals.

That was Traitses' personal best for the season, being a tick faster than her personal best of 19:34.8 at the KLAAs conference meet, which earned her 16th place.

Meanwhile, her 16th-place time of 20:02.61 at the Wayne County meet earned her all-county, third-team honors.

"Nicole is a great kid with a lot of talent," said Plymouth head coach Mary Kerwin. "She could always be counted on during the season when we needed her to come up big in a race."

Kerwin said Traitses' leadership skills and excellent work ethic also are commendable, and are why she has already been chosen as one of the team's 2011 captains.

"Her solid work ethic will do nothing but benefit her next season as she heads into her senior year," Kerwin added.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Dave Bjorklund, Liv. Franklin: The 10th-year coach guided the Patriots to their first-ever state qualifying berth and stunning victory at the Division 1 regional held at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

"This season was a lot of fun," said Bjorklund, a Farmington Hills Harrison grad who also serves as the Patriots' track and field coach. "The girls worked extremely hard, going all the way back to the first day of summer conditioning. We started with a couple of close finishes, a one-point loss in the city meet and another one-point loss in a dual meet, and that seemed to motivate the team to work harder."

Franklin wound up 19th in the Division 1 state finals with senior Megan McPherson placing 13th and earning All-State honors.

"They set a team goal of going to the state meet, and they not only accomplished that, but they won a regional championship along the way," Bjorklund said. "Seeing the look on all their faces when they found out they won was one of the highlights of my coaching career. I am so proud of all the accomplishments of this team."

Rosedale Vets 5K Run: Winners on all fronts

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was music to everyone's ears during the recent Red, White and Blue Veterans Day 5-kilometer run held at Old Rosedale Gardens in Livonia.

The race raised \$2,000 for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and honored Charles Volker of Canton, who attended the event in his military uniform. The wheelchair bound veteran, suffering from Lou Gehrig's Disease, was recognized by the Boys Scout color guard during a ceremonial tribute.

Runners also donated canned items for the Boy Scouts' annual Can-Do Drive.

Dave Adkins, 43, of Livonia, clocked an even 17 minutes in the 3.1-mile race to win male overall first-place honors.

"It's a great event," Adkins said. "My sister lives in the nearby (Scout) streets. I got back into running in 2008 after an 18-year layoff. This is for a good cause and it's a good run. It would be great if more towns had races like this. A lot of races get too big."

The female overall winner was 39-year-old Kristin Kachnowski of Wixom. She was clocked in 19:52. (Pat Conklin of Wixom was the masters female 5K champ in 23:35).

"I'm a graduate of Livonia Franklin, so it's nice to return to the hometown,"

Kachnowski said. "It's kind of like a family reunion for me. The Kachnowski's are a family of musicians/runners. My husband plays the trombone, my sister-in-law plays the violin (this was her first 5K) and my mother-in-law (Rose Kachnowski, who was on the race committee) is the president of the LSO."

The race also proved to be a family reunion for the Vella clan of Livonia, which spanned three generations.

Participating in the race was Dominic, Sr. (the grandfather), son Dominic, Jr., daughter-in-law Rachel, the first female miler (10:57); granddaughter Sophia; and grandson Charles, 6. They were cheered on by grandmother Carmen.

Kyle Mavin, running with his dogs, was the male winners in the mile (10:22).

Afterwards, runners enjoyed pasta and pizza, compliments of Eastside Mario's and Luigi's.

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Canton icers open with win

Canton rolled to a 6-3 victory over Waterford Mott Friday night to successfully launch the 2010-11 boys hockey season.

The Chiefs got off to a quick 2-0 lead at Canton Arctic Edge on goals by Garrett Bryden and Jordan Smith and built a 4-1 advantage after two frames. Scoring in the middle stanza was A.J. Rosales on a wrist shot from the blue line and Taylor Baker on the power play (from Matt Prasadorf).

Wrapping up the scoring for the home team were

Brandon Grillo (unassisted shorthanded tally) and Smith, his second of the night.

Baker and Smith each collected assists and goalkeeper Spencer Craig had a solid game saving 28 Corsair shots.

"Spencer played real well for us back there," said Canton coach Jeremy Majszak. "We had some defensive struggles tonight, but we fought through it."

Canton will now gear up for a big rivalry game at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27 against Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center.

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WILDCATS

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won't be) making things harder on ourselves."

Plymouth opened up the 2010-11 season Saturday and will host East Kentwood at 5:40 p.m. Tuesday, at Compuware Arena.

STEPPING IT UP

There probably will be some early season growing pains as those newcomers get more comfortable.

"There are only a handful or so of returning players" so we're pretty young as far as it is this level. There's a lot of new faces."

But the fourth-year coach knows he has some very reliable veterans to bank on during the transition period. It starts with his co-captains, senior goaltender Michael Justus and senior forward Tyler Sanders.

"He (Justus) has sort of been our backbone the last two years, our No. 1 goalie the last two years," Fassbender said. "He's gotten some big wins for us, so we're going to be riding him. He'll need to play big for us."

Sanders, who reached double figures in goals last winter, will be part of the top line with junior winger Zach Gambrell and sophomore center Mitch Claggett — the latter described by Fassbender as "a small, shifty kid that has a good head on his shoulders."

According to Sanders, also part of the top power play unit, finding the back of opponent's nets with the manpower advantage is something that he will be trying to do on a regular basis to help the team succeed.

"I think our unit can step it up this year, we have to," Sanders said. Both of the co-captains said they know they have key roles to play off the ice, namely mentoring and being leaders in the communication department.

"Right now, it's just about getting everybody on the same page, because we're a new team," Sanders said. "But

once we get the boys going, listen to coach and get everything settled in, we'll be doing pretty good."

Justus noted that "the team is working really hard and hopefully that hard work pays off."

Besides stopping the puck, Justus said he intends to yak it up even more with his defensemen (primarily the younger ones) to make sure they are in sync with each other.

EARLY PROMISE

Fassbender said the second forward line will include wingers Sean Smiatec, Cody Staub and center Matt Gierz. On Line 3 will be senior winger Chase Zebari, first-year sophomore winger Ryan Theisen and returning sophomore center Nick Schultz.

A promising fourth line of freshman center Mike Schultz between junior Richie Mitchell and either sophomores Jordan Lopetron or Joe Burke already is making plenty of noise.

"Really the way it's played out so far, in the first two games we have 12 goals," Fassbender said. "Our fourth line has five of the 12. So we really don't have a one-through-four. We're really rolling them right now."

Senior experience on the blue line might be the team's wild card, one that could keep the team competitive until the newer players grow into their roles.

The top pairing of seniors Justin Bauer and Tyler Lazorka will be leaned on for plenty of important minutes and situations. So will senior Kevin Matusiak, now part of a tandem with sophomore Cameron Nadell.

"We expect a lot out of these three," the coach said.

Other defenders include juniors Nate Broci and Nate Stemberger (for the No. 3 pairing) and spares Kyle Bauer and Dean Gunther, a freshman and sophomore, respectively.

Backing up goalie Justus will be junior Peyton Wilburn, although he won't be ready until next week while he recovers from a broken foot.

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SALEM

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Saturday at the Plymouth Cultural Center against campus rival Canton. For the latter, spectators are asked to donate nonperishable food items.

"I think our area of strength will be our forwards," he noted. "We've got eight returning forwards out of 12, so that's a pretty strong returning group."

"We've got a good mix of size and speed. I don't know if we're quite as fast overall as we have been the last couple years, but we're definitely as strong."

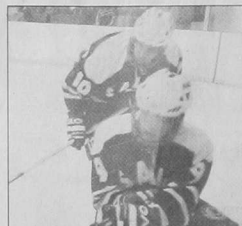
ELITE POTENTIAL

Salem does have three last season's top-5 scorers (points-wise) back for another year. On the top line will be senior returnees and co-captains Nick Hayes and Ryan Quigley (one of last year's scoring leaders) and senior Matt Downey.

"I think we've got some high-end guys," Ossennmacher said. "Ryan Quigley is a four-year guy. He's got the potential to be a pretty elite player."

The second line also will put offensive heat on enemy goals. That unit includes juniors Austin Sartorius and assistant captain Mark McGee (the other two returning scoring leaders) and junior Michael Manser.

"We've got enough pretty good guys where we don't load up one line," Ossennmacher said. "When you do that I don't think there's enough



In a 2009-10 game, Salem forwards Mark McGee (No. 9) and Nick Hayes work down low for the puck.

pucks to go around for those guys. Obviously we have two very good lines and two lines that will be able to help us."

Returning seniors Wes Carr and Connor Berlin will flank sophomore center Kyle Downey on another line. Downey played defense last season.

On the so-called fourth line will be sophomore newcomers Alex Zultowski, Garrett Paquette and Jake Fedel.

"They are capable, if not more so, than any fourth line we've had up to this point," Ossennmacher said.

The 13th forward on the roster is sophomore PJ Rogers.

WORKHORSES ON D

Back on the blue line, it helps having workhorse returnees Garrett Berg and assistant captain Michael Hochkins, both seniors who played

quite a bit in 2009-10. Also back are senior Max Coral and junior Jake Leib.

"Defensively we should be fine," he said. "We return two of our top four D from last year. We've got some young guys back there but they're all guys who are willing to learn."

Even so, a lot of how well Salem does will depend on the play of Berg and Hochkins, who will play on different pairings.

"They're going to be our horses this year," he said. "A lot of success is going to be tied in with how they play because I don't think you'll find too many times on the ice when one of them's not going to be out there."

"They won't be together too often because we need them on the ice so consistently."

Ossennmacher described Berg and Hochkins as blueliners with offensive skills while Coral is more of a stay-at-home defender.

Junior Kyle Eggenberger and sophomore Evan Patton round out the defensive corps.

In net will be senior newcomers Brandon Price and Andy Magee, who both played Midget travel hockey last season.

"That (goalkeeping) to me would be the biggest question mark, because it is the unknown," Ossennmacher stressed. "I think we have a chance to be pretty good in net, but until we actually see it we don't know."

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SIDELINES

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Cue Goebel, head coach of the 2010 Canton Crusoe who died in 2010. All funds raised at the game will be to a scholarship fund for his sons, Logan and Brayden Goebel, while toys will be distributed to local charities via the Canton Firefighter Association No. 2289, a nonprofit organization.

There also will be raffle gift baskets displayed all day and night at Arctic Edge, plus a 50/50 raffle and Chuck-a-Puck for Detroit

Red Wings tickets.

Another hockey game for a good cause is 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Arctic Edge between the Detroit Red Wings Alumni and Canton-based Detroit Moose. Proceeds from \$10 tickets and \$50 dinner/ticket packages will go to the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan. For those choosing the dinner-with-a-game option, the dinner will be at Kickers, located across the parking lot from the rink.

Ocelots lose big

Garner Small scored 23 points and Ken

Gordon chipped in with 18 Wednesday as host Kalamazoo Valley Community College routed Schoolcraft College, 91-62, in a men's basketball game.

Kalamazoo Valley shot 52.9 percent from the field to improve to 4-0 overall.

Wayne Memorial's Daniel Hill paced Schoolcraft with 12 points and six rebounds. D'ontae Lewis also added 12 points, while DeMarco Walker and Zachary Childress each contributed eight.

Schoolcraft (2-3) shot 36.8 percent from the field.

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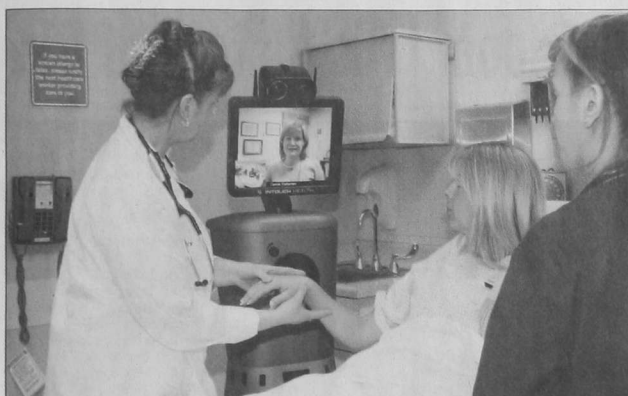
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St. Mary Mercy Hospital lauded for care of stroke patients

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia has earned certification as an Advanced Primary Stroke Center from the Joint Commission, a nonprofit organization that sets standards in health care nationwide.

The distinction recognizes centers that make exceptional efforts in fostering better outcomes for stroke care.

"When it comes to treating stroke symptoms, our motto is 'time lost is brain lost,'" stated Todd Larson, director, Inpatient Rehabilitation, in a press release. "By adhering to The Joint Commission protocols, we offer efficient, expedited care increasing the chance of survival with minimal disability."

Hospitals that apply for advanced certification must meet the requirements for Disease-Specific Care Certification and additional expectations. Certified primary stroke centers:

- Use a standardized method of delivering care based on recommendations of the Brain Attack Coalition.

- Help patients play a part in managing their condition.

- Tailor treatment and intervention to individual needs.

- Help various care providers share patient information, while protecting patient rights, security and privacy.

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The Joint Commission's Primary Stroke Center Certification Program, launched in December 2003, was developed in collaboration with the AHA/ASA. There are 30 certified primary stroke centers in Michigan. Certification is available only to stroke programs in Joint Commission-accredited acute care hospitals.

Stroke is the third leading cause of death and one of the leading causes of long-term disability. Smokers and individuals with diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol or a family history of heart disease, may be at greater risk for stroke.

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Aquatic classes

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FOUR GENERATIONS AT FOUR SEASONS: (L to R) Todd Colombo, Dora Pavel, Cathy Colombo and Gabriella Colombo

Cathy Colombo "couldn't be any happier" with the care her 96-year old mother, Dora, has received at Four Seasons for the last two months. Cathy never wanted to move Dora to a nursing center, but did so at the suggestion of physicians after she was hospitalized. Dora's physical condition deteriorated at home where she lived alone. Today, Dora enjoys playing Bingo, attending church services and making arts and crafts at Four Seasons. "They have great staff, great food. They're very attentive. I go home and I rest." Colombo could go on and on about the professional staff caring for her mother. "If residents don't like something they'll cook what you want. Every day there are two choices of homemade soup. They have clean sheets just like a hotel."

"(the staff) goes over and above... they're loving and giving people... I've never seen a messy room. This is a great place, never smells... I'm thrilled with everything..."



(L to R) Four Seasons therapist Maria Rapelle, resident Lorraine Schwanitz, therapist Aparna Gopalakrishnan and resident Betty Iltis

Janice Garrett is glad to have her mother back home home thanks to the care the 82-year old woman received at Four Seasons. Anna arrived at Four Seasons in July after triple bypass heart surgery, emergency tracheotomy and stay in another nursing facility. "It was worth the drive," said Janice Garrett who lives in Detroit. Janice's voice quivers as she talks about the progress her mother made at Four Seasons. Physical therapy sessions got Anna back on her feet. "They helped her in a way that got her self esteem back, the will to live back."

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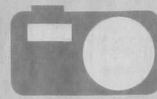


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Every flea market find, every heirloom tells a story of life

BY SHARON DARGAY
OSE STAFF WRITER

Pat Doemer's Bavarian porcelain platter with gold decoration has seen plenty of use. "If it's really worth something I might put it away. It has had roast on it many times."

The Livonia resident brought her well-used flea market find to the Livonia Historical Society's appraisal night last week, hoping to discover its worth. She and others, toed their collectibles and heirlooms, everything from fine art ceramics and original oil paintings to dolls and furniture, to historic Greenmead for the Antiques Roadshow-style event. They filled several tables with their treasures, paying \$5 each for every item and then waited for the appraiser to arrive. And waited.

A family medical emergency delayed and eventually cancelled the appraiser's appearance and the Society returned all appraisal fees, but for a portion of the evening, visitors got a chance to view the assortment of antiques and trade stories with one another about their cherished possessions.

"I picked it up in Florida," Doemer said, as she set the platter on a table. "It was around Tarpon Springs. They have a lot of elderly people who leave things and people who sell them don't know diddly-squat about them. They don't know how to look for (manufacturer) marks on them."



Kathie Sterbling was 9 years old when she attended a Detroit Tigers game with her dad at the old Briggs Stadium. She has cherished this banner from 1949 ever since that day.

FAMILY LORE

Sheila Taylor of Livonia was surprised when no one in her family wanted great-great grandma's steamer trunk. She asked her son, Guy, to lug it into the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead where the appraisal items were displayed.

"She used it to come over here from Ireland," Taylor said. "You should see the thing on the inside. It's beautiful. It's hand painted."

When she first opened the trunk it contained "a couple pieces of clothing," including a pair of bloomers. Now the lid opens to reveal only the hand-painted inset that sports pictures of a woman with a fan and a man riding a horse.

"Isn't that nifty? I have no idea who made it. It was passed down and down and down. I opened it up and went, Oh my God! It's just so amazingly beautiful. And



Lou Tigani has a World War II-era rifle.

look at the wood. It has to be a couple hundred years old at least."

Taylor isn't sure what she'll do with the trunk, which has been sitting in the attic and has never been appraised.



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Guy Taylor carries a trunk in to the Alexander Blue house. It belongs to his mom, Sheila Taylor.

SPORTS FAN

Kathie Sterbling found a perfect spot for her treasure, which she has cherished for more than 60 years. The Livonia resident displays the 1949 Detroit Tiger's souvenir pennant on her kitchen wall. She and her husband, John, brought the item to the appraisal event, hoping to shed light on its value.

"My dad used to take me to the games all the time.

He was a great baseball fan. I was 9 years old when I got this," Sterbling said. "This means so much to me."

The pennant, which is displayed where no sunlight can fade its white lettering on yellow felt, sports autographs from Ernie Harwell, Al Kaline, Sparky Anderson, Mickey Lolich and others.

"Sparky Anderson and Ernie Harwell were both so gracious," Sterbling recalled.

"Sparky Anderson was like I had known him all my life."

Robert Legel, president of the Livonia Historical Society, thanked attendees for graciously bringing and then lugging home their items without an appraisal.

"There was nothing you could do about it. That's just the way it was," he said. "We're going to be planning another one in the next couple of weeks."

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Experts share holiday weight control tips

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

At Annie House's, you just might get stuck with cleanup duty after a holiday meal if you don't join in some fitness fun. "You make them stay in the kitchen and do the dishes," House, a registered dietitian with Botsford Hospital Diabetes and Nutrition Services, said of couch potato revelers.

The South Lyon resident who works at the Farmington Hills hospital is a Michigan State University graduate with a bachelor of science degree in dietetics. She agreed it's tough to stay in shape this time of year.

"With the nights coming earlier, it's hard to get out" and exercise, House said. "The calories add up and so do the pounds."

Pam Horetski is wellness director at the Farmington Family YMCA, with a bachelor of science degree in exercise science from Oakland University, and a certified personal trainer.

"It is behavior modification, not only what you eat," said Horetski, who had a minor in psychology. "It is your lifestyle."

Sleep matters during the busy holiday season, too, she said. "They just run themselves down so much." People's immune systems are weakened, Horetski said, and they often get sick.

She agreed with House that



Doing some sort of exercise will help busy people feel better, especially during the holidays.

good eating habits and regular exercise are vital. Horetski has clients keep a food diary so they're aware of what they're eating and drinking.

She finds most people are on maintenance plans now through the end of the year, with Thanksgiving through Christmas a likely time for weight gain of five-10 pounds.

"The extra desserts, the extra couple of desserts," Horetski said. "Calories are calories, it all adds up. Lots of good-tasting food out there. The temptations are high basically from now through the New Year. People are more apt to eat on the run between eating and shopping."

Horetski recommends walking distances to the store when shopping and using stairs if possible. You can carry nutritious snacks with you.

"That will deter you from

getting to the point, I'm so hungry, I'll eat anything," she said.

House urges party-goers to eat breakfast and lunch so they're less likely to binge at a party. At the party, try to enjoy conversation with family and friends, she urged, avoiding the food table.

Candies and pastries have lots of calories, as do nuts, which have some nutritive value but must be eaten in moderation. House recommends fruits, vegetables and festive salads as good picks.

"There are other, healthier foods there. It's just our self-discipline," House said.

Holiday hosts also can help boost fitness.

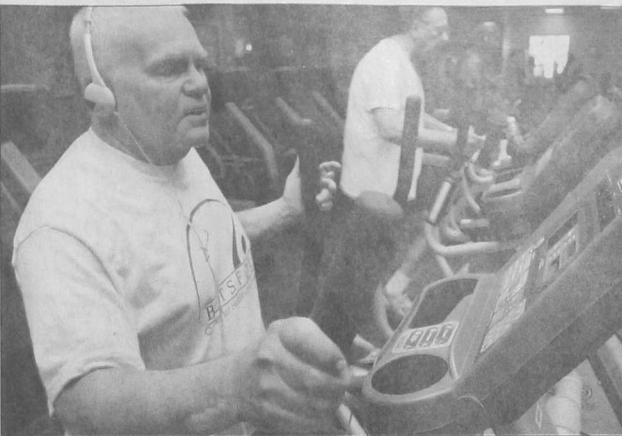
"You are the nutrition gatekeeper at that point," House said. Recipes can be modified, such as serving whole wheat rolls and breads, lower-calorie salad dressings and dips made from yogurt.

House also recommends preparing stuffing outside the turkey. The traditional Thanksgiving meal includes a lot of carbs, she said. A host could think about serving just stuffing and sweet potatoes and leaving out the corn and rolls.

She also recommends pumpkin pie over pecan due to calorie counts. House added high fiber crackers can be a good snacking choice for a party.

"Just provide a variety," she said.

Incorporating fitness into



Robert Bowbeer of Novi works out at a Botsford fitness facility. Many people will face struggles this time of year staying in shape while attending holiday parties.

celebrations helps, such as a brisk walk or a football game outside after a meal, House said to avoid second helpings.

"My family, they like to do up Thanksgiving and Christmas," she said. It's easy to get carried away with holiday foods, but she urges people to get back on track quickly.

"It's really what you're doing day by day the rest of the year," House said.

Horetski, a Ferndale resident, and her family also like the holiday season. "I try to practice what I preach," said Horetski, who grew up on a farm in the Thumb's Port Austin.

She still enjoys her mom's home-cooked meals.

"It's about control," Horetski said. "You don't want to take away something you really enjoy."

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MORE ON KNEE JOINT EFFUSIONS

Previously I discussed that irritation is the source of knee and other joint effusions. Features of the effusion help the physician determine the nature of the underlying irritation. These features are the white cell count, the presence or absence of crystals, and evidence of infection. Surprisingly, the amount of fluid taken from the knee gives no information as to the reason why the knee fluid accumulated. Furthermore, the size of the knee effusion has little to do with the degree of knee pain.

In many instances a person can experience great knee pain without any fluid present. In other cases, a person can walk well with a large but painless amount of fluid in the knee. Why this disconnect exists between effusion and pain remains unexplained.

A sudden increase in knee fluid can cause a great deal of pain; this occurrence is common in a knee injury or to a person on a blood thinner such as Warfarin. What initiates the pain is the sudden distention of the joint rather than irritation caused by joint fluid or blood.

The treatment of choice of a knee effusion is removal of the fluid. This procedure not only relieves pain, but analysis of the fluid obtained often reveals the diagnosis.

Knee effusions may return. A question then arises regarding how often a physician should drain the knee. There is not a single answer such as no more than 3 times a year or every 3 months. Repeated removal of fluid can continue as long as both doctor and patient agree the procedure provides beneficial.



Claire Swadling, Jolene Soave, Emily Fowler and Sarah Rinkert display the wreaths they created at the 2009 Children's Holiday Workshop.

Hospice workshop helps kids grieve

Children often look with excitement toward the holidays. But when a child is grieving, the season can be hard.

To ease children through this difficult time, Angela Hospice will hold its annual Children's Holiday Workshop 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 5. This workshop provides an opportunity for children ages 5-12 to create

The workshop is free, but reservations are required because space is limited. It will be held at Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia.

that will remind them of that special person," stated Sally Loughrin, a bereavement social worker with Angela Hospice.

A light meal of pizza, punch, and cookies will be served to the children and their parents/guardians.

For more information and to make reservations call Loughrin at (734) 464-2683 by Dec. 1. The workshop is free, but reservations are required because space is limited. It will be held at Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia.

For more information on bereavement programs offered free of charge to the community by Angela Hospice, visit www.AskForAngela.com.

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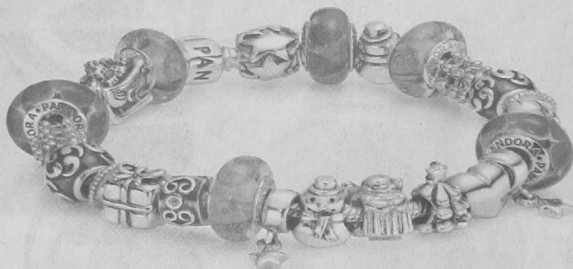
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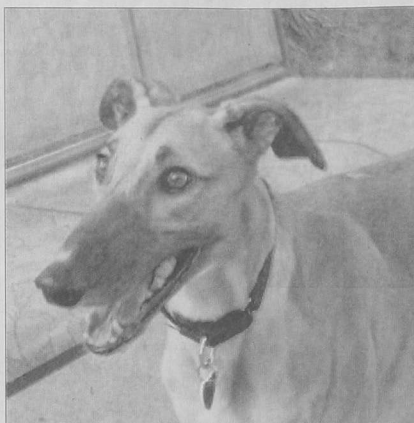
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Rescue takes in more adoptable Greyhounds

Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption added six more former racing Greyhounds to its group of adoptable dogs this month.

The group met the vehicle transporting the "slightly thin, but very enthusiastic Greyhounds" on Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Indiana border.

"They came from Florida and had been riding for almost 24 hours when we met them," said Bowen in an e-mail.

"After Blue is a playful pup. a little walk we brought them back to our meeting house and began the process of de-ticking and inspecting them. While it's hardly glamorous we are honored to be able to be a part of their new lives."

All of the dogs live with foster families until they're adopted.

"Our goal is to find as many loving homes for these magnificent dogs as possible."

Blue and Bonnie are Greyheart's two featured dogs



Blue is a playful pup.

this week.

Blue is playful, but also enjoys belly rubs and being with his new foster family. He is 4 years old with a brindle-colored coat.

Bonnie is a 2-year-old fawn-colored beauty. She's a happy dog and she loves to play.

If you're interested in adopting Blue or Bonnie, call Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption at (866) 438-4739; www.greyheart.org.

FALL 2011 WEDDING

Beth Ann Volstromer and Harvey Hall announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Michael and Sylvia Volstromer of Livonia, is a graduate of Stevenson High School and Madonna University. She is employed as a claims specialist.

Her fiancé, son of Harvey and Linda Hall of Livonia, is a graduate of Franklin High School. He is a carpenter.

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

After watching the annual America's Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit this year — it kicks off at 9:20 a.m. — why not see how it all came together by going behind the scenes at The Parade Company? Year-round tours take visitors through a wonderland of fantasy and floats, past the largest collection of antique papier-mâché heads and into the costume department.

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Tours are available for groups of 10 or more and the cost is \$8 for children ages 3-17 and \$12 for adults. Group discounts are available. For more information on Studio tours or to make a reservation, visit theparade.org or call Renee Gonyeau at (313) 923-8368.

Here's a sampling of other holiday events around town:

DINE WITH SANTA

Festive brunch — Parents can bring cameras and video equipment to capture the moment their children meet Santa at brunch, Dec. 5, at the Summit on the Park in Canton. Kid-friendly foods and traditional family favorites will be on the menu, and youngsters will receive a holiday souvenir, crayons and a placemat for coloring.

Doors will open and brunch will start at 11 a.m., with Santa arriving at 11:30 a.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Summit Front Desk, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, during normal business hours. Online registration is not available. Tickets prices are \$16 for ages 13 and older, \$12 for ages 4-12, and children, 3 and under, free. Ticket deadline is Nov. 29. Seating is reserved by table location only and can be done on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information call (734) 394-5460 or visit Cantonfun.org.

At the zoo — A buffet-style waffle breakfast will include costumed characters, arts and crafts,



Martha Reeves is among the performers at a special concert that will benefit Goodwill, Friday, Nov. 26, in Detroit.

holiday movies and one-on-one visits with Santa Claus, 8-10 a.m. Saturdays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18, in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the Detroit Zoo, located at 10 Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak. The cost, which includes Zoo admission and parking, is \$30 for adults, ages 15 and older, and \$25 for children, ages 14 and younger. The cost for Detroit Zoological Society members is \$25 for adults and \$20 for children. Tickets must be purchased for all children regardless of age. Reservations are required. Call (248) 541-5717 and press #3.

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Canton — The Flying Latini Brothers play folk, roots, blues, jazz and classic holiday music, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton; tickets are \$12. (734) 394-5300.

Detroit — "Alto Reed's AllStar Thanksgiving Celebration" brings together legendary sax player Alto Reed, actor Jeff Daniels, Rock 'n Roll icon Mitch Ryder and Motown great Martha Reeves, at 7 p.m. Nov. 26 to the Fillmore, 2115 Woodward Avenue. A portion of the proceeds from the event will support Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit programs that help unemployed Metro Detroiters earn jobs. Tickets start at \$10, available through Live Nation www.livenation.com.

Farmington — The Farmington Community Chorus will perform its 31st Annual Holiday Concert, "The Happiest Season of All," at 8

p.m. Friday, Dec. 17 and Saturday, Dec. 18, at Mercy High School, 29300 West 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Steve SeGraves directs the choir of more than 70 voices, which is accompanied by assistant director, Susan Garr. Tickets are \$12 in advance, available at www.farmingtonchorus.com, the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills or by calling (248) 682-6562. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$15.

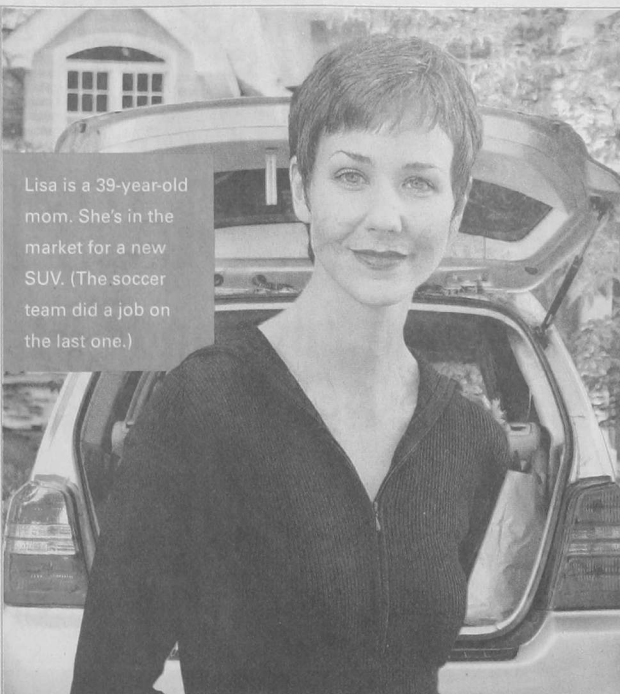
Livonia — The Livonia Symphony Orchestra will present "Holiday Suites and Treats," featuring the Bunny Sanford Dancers with excerpts from *The Nutcracker*, 4 p.m., Dec. 4, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia. Includes a special appearance by the Churchill and Clarenceville High School Girls Choirs. After the concert, join the symphony for a hearty dinner at Corsi's, 27910 West Seven Mile, Livonia. Cost if \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 10 and under. For reservations and information call the Symphony hotline at (734) 421-1111.

• The HarmonyTown Chorus presents "Holiday Harmonies," its annual holiday show, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, in the Livonia Public Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Admission is \$6 for adults, and \$3 for children, 12 and under. For information for tickets, call (734) 743-1764 or visit www.WeSingBarbershop.com.

Plymouth — The Plymouth Symphony and the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company present *The Nutcracker*, 6:30 p.m. Dec. 4 and 2 p.m. Dec. 5, in the auditorium at Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. For tickets and information call (734) 451-2112 or (734) 676-7233. Or order online at <http://www.plymouthcantonballet.org>.

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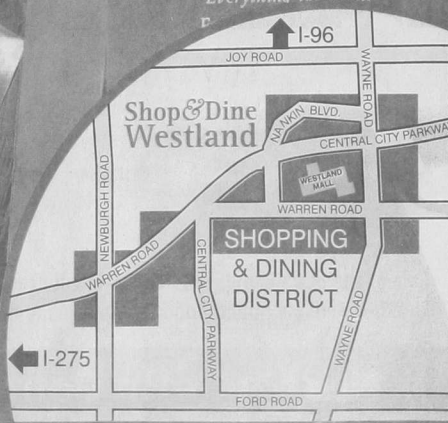
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Investigate Fire Safety with
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Abigale Elliott	5	Redford
Parker Howard	5	Garden City
Gigi Maki	5	Southfield
Mallory Steffes	6	South Lyon
Morgan Seog	6	Milford
Emerson Seog	4	Milford
Ezra Crocker	5	Canton
Claire Letterman	6	Farmington Hills
Robbie Alfonsi	5	Livonia
Samantha Knight	5	Canton
Tessa Rogers	6	Plymouth
Michael Beyrand	5	Livonia
Alexander Hardacre	5	Westland
Emily Earl	5	Milford
Luke Siterlet	5	Milford
Morgan Aittama	8	South Lyon
Lillane Aittama	5	South Lyon
Scott Zurla	8	South Lyon
Shane Siterlet	7	Milford
Melissa Beyrand	10	Livonia
Samantha Vargo	5	Livonia
Hope Smolka	5	Westland
Caroline Loder	8	Livonia
Victoria Jedruszko	7	Livonia
Abby Kuczmariski	8	Livonia
Macy Marie Malecki	5	Northville
Asher Howarth	8	Royal Oak
Tejas Maire	7	Farmington Hills
Scott Bloomfield	5	Farmington Hills

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Age 77, November 17, 2010. Beloved husband of Dolores. Dear father of Mark (Sherry) Gildens, Michael Edward, Frederick Jr. (Sally), and Debbi. Loving grandfather of Sean, dear brother of Helen and Paul. Visitation was held Saturday at the John N. Santeur & Son Funeral Home 734-427-3800
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SUSAN SHEPHERD (SUZY) GAWNE

Died November 11, 2010 at the Aspen Ridge Home in Grand Junction, Colorado after an illness of three weeks. She was born July 31, 1926, the third child of C. George and Greta Shepherd, in Evanston, Illinois. Shortly thereafter, she moved to Franklin and Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. On December 29, 1949, she married Samuel Eugene (Dick) Gawne. They made their home in Franklin, and there they raised three children, Bradford, Michael and Lynn. Suzy was an avid athlete. In her youth, she was an accomplished equestrian. As a young woman, she was a champion amateur golfer and had a handicap of two. She shot skeet and was an enthusiastic bird hunter. She was always up for a good game of tennis. It was her great love for skiing that brought Suzy and Dick to their home in Snowmass Village in 1984. Life in the mountains was good, skiing in the winter, hiking in the summer. Her walks along the ditch trail with her beloved Portuguese Water Dog, Gem, continued through September of this year. Suzy loved socializing and was the life of the party and hosted many herself. She will be missed by her friends and her family. Suzy's greatest gift was her love for living, and the zest and enthusiasm she brought to all of her ventures and adventures. Suzy is survived by her three children: Brad and his fiancée, Pamela O'Shaughnessy; Mike, his wife, Daphne, and their two children, Nina Ward and Peter; Lynn Hughes and her partner, Thomas Jones, and her two children, Jessica Gilman and Garrett. She is also survived by four great-grandchildren. Last, though not least, she is survived by Thomas Gardner, her friend of several years. A memorial service was held on Saturday, November 20, 2010 at the Snowmass Village Chapel. Any donations made on Suzy's behalf should go to the Great Old Broad's for Wilderness. Her love for the outdoors led her to this unique group of older women endeavoring to save the wilderness and in fact she was part of the original group who collectively purchased the state of Michigan. Donations should include Suzy's address PO Box 5989, Snowmass Village, CO 81615 and sent to GOB, PO Box 2924, Durango, CO 81302, www.greatoldbroad.org.

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 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., 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 of 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, 820 Ashby 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 Conner of Aberdeen, his loving wife Justine, his daughters Lori (Ryan) Cary and Julie (Greg) Bulli and his grandchildren Jack, Adam, Jake and Riley. He was preceded in death by his mother 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 was held Saturday November 20th at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Club, Plymouth, MI 48170. 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.

CAROLYN E. JACKSON

Age 78, November 18, 2010. Loving wife of Richard. Cherished mother of Linda (Bill) Palmarchuk and Sherry (Steve) Olson. Dear grandmother of David (Emilie) and Brian (Courtney) Palmarchuk and Eric (Kristen) and Craig (Star) Olson and great-grandmother of Riley, Sabrina, Ariel and Andrew. Visitation Saturday and Sunday 2-9 pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. Funeral Service Monday 11 am at the funeral home. Interment Parkview Cemetery, Livonia. Please share a message with the family at: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



MARTHA N. KNYZEWSKI

Age 84 of Spring Hill, TN, died Wednesday, November 17 at Maury Regional Medical Center in Columbia, TN. Mrs. Knyzewski was a native of Laurinburg, NC and daughter of the late Angus and Emma Lee McMillan Stewart. She was the widow of Edward Knyzewski, who preceded her in death in 1995, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a life-long homemaker. She is survived by three children: Frances (Douglas) Kopinski of Spring Hill, TN, Edward T. Knyzewski of Columbia, TN, and Gail (Thomas) Kern of Spring Hill, TN; a brother, John Stewart of Laurinburg, NC; three sisters: Mary Lee Robbins of Edgemoor, SC, Eloise Thompson of Wilmington, NC, and Katherine Townsend of Honolulu, HI; five grandchildren: Brian Kopinski, Keith Knyzewski, Kate Knyzewski, Jared Fern and Eric Fern; & 8 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Knyzewski's family will celebrate her life with a reception on Saturday, November 27th at her residence from 2:00 - 5:00 PM. Friends are invited to join with the family at that time. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, attn: Tribute Gifts, Church Street Station, P.O. Box 780, New York, New York, 10008-0780. The Cremation Society of Tennessee is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent to: www.CremationSocietyofTN.com 615-302-4842

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 Grandma of 5 and Great-grandma 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.

MARIE "MARY" A. HASTINGS

Age 87, of Boyne City, died Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey. She was born October 7, 1923 in Ann Arbor, the daughter of George and Alexandra (Tessier) Hersey. On June 26, 1942 she married Norman Dixon Hastings in Berkeley. They lived in Rochester, moving to Boyne City in 2000. Mary and Norm owned Culligan Water Conditioning in Rochester and both worked in the business for 53 years. Norm died in 2007. Mary was a member of St. Matthew Catholic Church in Boyne City, the Eagles and Elks clubs in Rochester. She was an avid golfer and enjoyed her golf friends, traveling with them to golf tournaments around the country. She had a passion for shopping and enjoyed reading, cooking, playing the organ, and her two tabbies Mikey and Missy. Mary is survived by her son Norman "Ozzie" (Lynn) Hastings of Boyne City; daughter-in-law Patsy (Ralph) Nothheller of Rochester; granddaughter Holi (Kirk) Suthpin and her son Kyle of Lake Orion; sister Georgette Bixby of Sarasota, FL; nieces, nephews, and dear friend Lorne Chiera. Besides her husband Norm she was preceded in death by a daughter Suzanne Hastings on November 15, 1965, and siblings Bill, John, Lucy, Janie, Jackie, and Dorothy. Friends may call at Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, November 21 with rosary service at 7 p.m. The funeral service will be 11 a.m. Monday, November 22, at St. Matthews Church in Boyne City with the Rev. Duane Wachowiak officiating. Friends may call from 10 to 11 a.m. Interment will be at Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Rochester on Tuesday, November 30, at 2 p.m. with Deacon Mark Gemellaro officiating. For those wishing to make memorial contributions the family suggests St. Matthews Church or Hospice of Little Traverse Bay.

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, Nove (Lynn) Standish of Boyne City, David (Valerie) Stamper of Lincoln, Christina Lee of Cranston, Kevin Lee of Knoxville, TN, great grandchildren, 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 Ed Hyde, sisters, Elia Shuler and Eliza Woods, son-in-law, Dean Bush. The family will receive friends from 7-9 PM Thursday at McLean Funeral Directors, Belmont. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 AM Friday in the Bunkerhead 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.mcleanfuneral.com. McLean Funeral Directors of Belmont is serving the family of Mrs. Lee.

CHARLES F. LOCICERO

89 a resident of Birmingham, died Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at his home. He was born September 12, 1921 in New York to Frank and Grace. Charles served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He enjoyed fishing, shopping, the Woodward Dream Cruise and was especially fond of Christmas. He took great pride in displaying his holiday village with houses and trains, decorating the tree and wrapping the gifts. Surviving are his wife, Maria Lusa, children, Maria (Jeff) Johnson, Al (Lisa) Roldan and Juan (Kathy) Roldan; grandchildren, Gina (Paul) Tuckerfield, John (Nicole) Roldan, Missy (Byron) Johnson, Sarah Roldan (Seth) Dodson, Christina Roldan and Anthony Johnson; and 12 1/2 great grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to The Smile Train, P.O. Box 96231, Washington D.C. 20090. Arrangements by Spaulding & Curtin Funeral Directors, Ferndale
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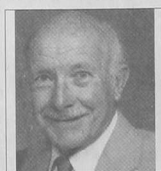
LUMLEY FLORENCE S. "FLOSSIE"

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 10:30 am, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard Avenue, 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



DORIS A. (ROSE) MYERS

Age 79 of Northville, November 9, 2010. Doris was a beautiful, intelligent woman, gifted, steadfast and generous. She worked hard alongside her husband to raise their three children. Teaching them to dig potatoes, stack wood and sew their own clothes gave them a clear sense of practical living. Doris worked outside the home at Standard Oil Co., Mayflower Hotel and Meeting House, and later as Office Manager at Royal Holiday Park in Westland. She enjoyed bowling, boating, ice fishing, water skiing, and snowmobiling. In her sixties she added cross country skiing, and snorkeling off a 45' sailboat to her repertoire. In 2007 she swam with the dolphins at Marineland in Florida to spur her successfully through lung cancer treatment. She has also ridden along nearly every year in the Skip Gage Annual Memorial motorcycle ride. Doris was remembered by all as a generous friend. She liked nothing more than encouraging people to be themselves and enjoy life. She enjoyed goofing off with her friends at Royal Holiday Park, Kings Mill Golf and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in Northville (Where she was a member for over twenty years, and also served as Past Madam Chaplain). She was also blessed with many lifetime friends. The sparkle in her eye and gentle teasing will be greatly missed. Doris is survived by her three children William, Dennis (Renee), and Terri (Timothy) Tallmadge and a dear friend she considered her fourth son, Thomas Malloy. She is also leaving behind her close family, brother Richard (Hazel Quin) Rose, her niece LeeAnne (Blake Harper) Rose, and nephew Richard (Michelle) Rose, and special grandnieces Jessica Breidenstein. She was preceded in death by husband Richard B. Myers, father William Rose, and mother Elmira (Thiemer) Rose. Family and friends gathered to celebrate her life on Saturday November 13, 2010 at Kings Mill Cooperative Clubhouse. To share memories with the family, please visit: vermuelenfuneralhome.com



EDWARD "EDDIE" ORLOWSKI

Of Redford Township, passed away at the age of 94 on November 16, 2010 in Chelsea, MI. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 59 years, Irene, and his beloved parents, John and Victoria Orlovski along with his siblings Josephine, Alfreda, Stanley, Sam, Ted and John. He is survived by his sister Helen and brother Raymond. Eddie is also survived and was dearly loved by his children, Judy, Marilyn and Edward, his grandchildren; Michael, David, James and Megan and his great-grandchildren; Annabella and Owen. Upon his retirement from ExCello where he was a tool tender, Eddie was able to turn his love of gardening into a second career as the gardener at Western Golf Course for 27 years. Eddie embodied the motto: "Do what you love and love what you do." Because he believed flowers were to be enjoyed by the living, we ask that if you care to, please make a contribution to the Alzheimer's Association, St. Jude Children's Hospital or a charity of your choice in remembrance of Eddie. There will be visitation at Charles Step Funeral Home 18425 Beech Daly (Btw 6-7 Mile) from 2-4 pm on Monday November 22nd.

LUELLA A. ROOT

Age 99, a longtime resident of Royal Oak, passed away peacefully 11/18/10. A service will be held Sat. 11/27/10 at 12:30pm at White Chapel Cemetery, Chapel of Flowers, 621 Long Lake, Troy, MI 48069. [Carterline Funeral Home, Inc.](http://www.CarterlineFuneralHome.com)

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 the 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, Kristina, Katie and James. Great-grandmother of 6. Irene was a past devoted volunteer at Garden City Hospital Gift Shop. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, on Friday. Memorial contributions may be directed to Easter Seals.
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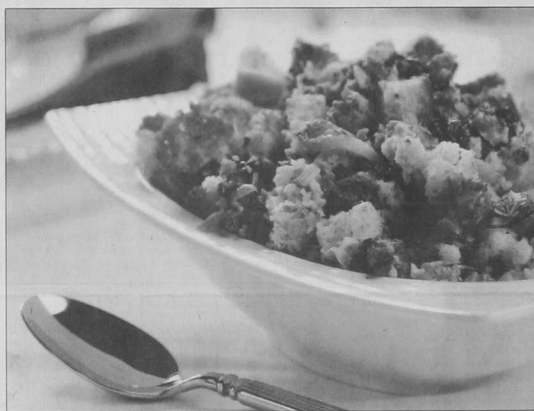
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Holiday Cooking FOR THE HEART



CORNBREAD AND DRIED FRUIT DRESSING

Yield: 6 cups (enough for Turkey Roulade and 8 side dish servings)
Serving size: ½ cup
4 cups cornbread cubes, dried
4 ounces lean Italian turkey sausage, casing removed
1 tablespoon canola oil
1 cup chopped yellow or white onions
¼ cup chopped celery
¼ cup chopped carrot
1 small garlic clove, crushed
4 each dried apricots and pitted dried plums, coarsely chopped
½ teaspoon dried thyme
½ teaspoon dried sage
½ teaspoon dried marjoram
1 cup fat-free, low-sodium chicken broth

½ cup minced fresh parsley
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon ground black pepper
Canola oil cooking spray
1 egg, lightly beaten

Preheat oven to 350° F. Place cornbread cubes in large bowl and set aside.

In small nonstick skillet, cook sausage over medium-high heat, crumbling and stirring until brown and cooked through. Drain well and set aside.

In large nonstick skillet, heat canola oil over medium heat. Stir in onions, celery and carrot; cook 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Add garlic and cook for 1 minute longer, but don't allow garlic to brown. Stir in sausage, apricots, plums, thyme, sage, marjoram and ¼ cup broth. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 3 minutes. Remove from heat; pour vegetable mixture over cornbread. Add parsley and stir well. Season with salt and pepper. (Dressing may be prepared to this stage a day ahead and refrigerated, covered.)

Whisk together egg and remaining ½ cup broth and pour over cornbread mixture, tossing well. Spray 2-quart baking dish with canola oil cooking spray (use larger baking dish if not reserving dressing for Turkey Roulade) and transfer all but 1½ cups of dressing to baking dish. Cover dish with foil and set aside.

After Turkey Roulade has been in oven 30 minutes, place covered baking dish of dressing in oven. After 15 minutes (or when internal temperature of roulade, measured with an instant-read thermometer, is 155° F), remove roulade from oven and remove foil from baking dish with dressing. Continue baking dressing for about 15 minutes or until top begins to brown.

Nutrient Analysis per Serving:
Calories 100, Calories from Fat 35, Total Fat 3.5 g, Saturated Fat 1 g, Cholesterol 30 mg, Sodium 310 mg, Total Carbohydrate 12 g, Fiber 1 g, Sugars 4 g, Protein 3 g

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Cheryl Forberg, R.D., consulting dietician to NBC-TV's "The Biggest Loser," *The New York Times* best-selling author and James Beard award-winning recipe developer, has partnered with CanolaInfo to create a heart-smart, diabetes-friendly holiday recipe collection that allows people to have their cake (or pumpkin flan) and eat it, too.

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Forberg's diabetes-friendly holiday recipe collection includes these three recipes plus Warm Apple and Cranberry Sauce, Holiday Rapini Sauté and Pumpkin Flan. For the complete collection, go to www.canolainfo.org.

TURKEY ROULADE

Yield: 8 servings
Serving size: 2 slices (4 ounces)

Plastic wrap
½ boneless, skinless turkey breast, about 1½ pounds
1½ cups Cornbread and Dried Fruit dressing
Kitchen twine
¼ teaspoon smoked paprika
¼ teaspoon black pepper
¼ teaspoon marjoram
¼ teaspoon thyme
¼ teaspoon sage
1 tablespoon canola oil
Preheat oven to 350° F.
Place large piece of plastic wrap on countertop. Place turkey breast half on plastic and cover.
Cover with additional plastic wrap. Using meat mallet, pound turkey to rectangle about 10 x 6 inches, about ½-inch thick.

Remove plastic wrap from top of turkey and spread dressing evenly lengthwise over surface, almost to edge. Roll turkey lengthwise. With kitchen twine, tie roulade lengthwise once and in several places across turkey. Discard plastic wrap.

In small bowl, mix together spices. Rub canola oil over all surfaces of roulade; rub spice blend evenly over roulade.

Place roulade in shallow roasting pan, then place in oven. Roast for 45 to 60 minutes or until internal temperature measured with an instant-read thermometer reads 155° F.

Remove roulade from oven and let rest 15 minutes before carefully removing twine and slicing into 16 half-inch slices. Serve with Porcini Mushroom Gravy, Warm Apple and Cranberry Sauce and extra Cornbread and Dried Fruit Dressing.

Nutrient Analysis per Serving:
Calories 140, Calories from Fat 35, Total Fat 3.5 g, Saturated Fat < 1 g, Cholesterol 65 mg, Sodium 150 mg, Total Carbohydrate 5 g, Fiber 0 g, Sugars 1 g, Protein 22 g

PORCINI MUSHROOM GRAVY

Yield: 2 cups (8 servings)
Serving size: ½ cup
½ ounce dried porcini mushrooms
2 tablespoons warm water
1½ tablespoons canola oil
¼ cup white whole-wheat flour

2 cups fat-free, low-sodium chicken broth
¼ teaspoon salt (optional)
1 teaspoon onion powder
¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper or to taste

Soak mushrooms in warm water for 5 minutes. In 2-quart saucepan, heat canola oil over medium heat. Whisk in flour until blended and continue stirring until roux is lightly browned and develops nutty aroma.

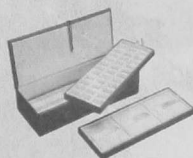
Whisk in broth, optional salt and onion powder. Bring to a gentle boil until just thickened, stirring. Cook and stir for 1 minute. Remove from heat and season with pepper. Add softened mushrooms and any soaking liquid.

Purée gravy in food processor or food mill. Return mixture to saucepan. Heat just to a simmer.

Nutrient Analysis per Serving:
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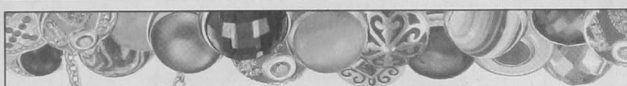
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Fastest Growing Jobs in Health Care

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In the two years since the economy began its downward slide, health care has been one of the few industries that continued to rise. Because we're living longer than ever and the baby boomers are aging, demand for health care is growing.

Understandably, many people think of health care as all about doctors and nurses. After all, when you go to the hospital or have your annual check-up, your interaction is usually with a nurse and then a doctor. All the lab tests and other work are done behind the scenes, so these positions get overlooked. The health care industry will continue to grow in the coming decade and the jobs won't just be in the operating room, though many will.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, these 11 jobs in health care will see growth in the coming years. Here are the jobs, their expected growth in the next decade, education requirements and annual mean salary.*

1. Physician assistants perform many of the same tasks of a physician -- such as treating injuries and supervising medical assistants -- but are under a physician's supervision at all times. 2008-2018 increase: 41.3 percent Education: College degree and relevant experience Salary: \$81,610

2. Medical secretaries perform administrative duties in health-care facilities and rely on their knowledge of medical terminology and procedures. 2008-2018 increase: 27 percent

Education: Varies, but college degrees are increasingly common requirements Salary: \$30,800

3. Physicians and surgeons treat patients for existing medical conditions and also advise them on preventative care. Surgeons concentrate on operations rather than the non-surgical approaches of physicians. 2008-2018 increase: 26 percent

Education: Medical degrees, residencies and licenses Salary: Surgeons - \$206,770, general internists - \$176,740

4. Registered nurses address some health problems of patients as well as collect and maintain their medical records. 2008-2018 increase: 23.4 percent Education: Varies between college degrees requirements and certification, depending



on state and employer Salary: \$65,130

5. Counselors work in various health-care facilities to help clients overcome physical or mental health obstacles they are encountering. 2008-2018 increase: 22.6 percent Education: Varies by state and facility, but college degree and certification are typical Salary: Mental health - \$40,270, rehabilitation - \$34,600, substance abuse and behavioral disorder - \$39,670

6. Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses provide care for injured or ill patients in health-care facilities and private homes. 2008-2018 increase: 21.9 percent Education: Nursing license from an accredited school or institution, other requirements vary by state Salary: \$40,110

7. Billing and posting clerks and machine operators assess the cost of a patient's health care, draw up the bill and send it to them. 2008-2018 increase: 19.7

percent Education: Varies by institution, but a high school diploma and basic computer skills are common Salary: \$32,120

8. Social workers provide emotional and mental support to patients who have substance abuse problems or suffer from medical ailments. 2008-2018 increase: 19.5 percent Education: Bachelor's degrees and often advanced degrees are required, in addition to state-mandated licenses and certifications Salary: Medical and public health - \$47,560, mental health and substance abuse - \$39,630

9. Receptionists and information clerks work in health-care facilities and address customer or patient questions or concerns and direct them to the appropriate department or personnel. 2008-2018 increase: 16.1 percent Education: Minimum requirement of high school diploma, although some employers require more education or relevant experience Salary: \$25,400

10. Clinical laboratory technologists and technician work in medical laboratories to perform tests that help diagnose, treat or prevent illnesses. 2008-2018 increase: 14 percent Education: Technologists need a bachelor's degree in a related subject and technicians need an associate degree Salary: Technologists - \$54,050, technicians - \$44,310

11. Pharmacists dispense medicine to patients based on the diagnoses and prescriptions of physicians and other medical professionals. 2008-2018 increase: 14 percent Education: A Doctor of Pharmacy degree and license Salary: \$104,260

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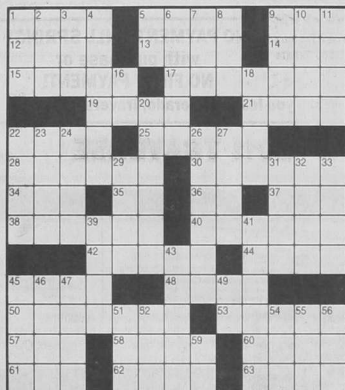
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SEARCHING FOR A MAN: 40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 49-year-old who's bright, sparky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. **T236217**

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ARE WE A MATCH? SBF, 49, enjoys watching TV, spending time with family and friends, shopping, jazz and R&B. Looking for SB/HM, 21-42. **T2327078**

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READY TO SETTLE DOWN? WF, 55', blond/brown, loves home-cooked meals, cooking, quiet nights at home, reading, going out, playing sports. Seeking a family-oriented WM, 38-44, who likes the same things. **T232154**

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A SPECIAL GUY: DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest SWMF, whereas of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays dancing, concerts, boating and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **T269646**

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GET TO KNOW ME: Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, active, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, NS. Possible LTR. **T2363760**

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SEEKING LTR: SWM, 55', 140lbs, fun-loving, honest, talented, romantic, affectionate, enjoys cuddling, kissing, outdoors, sports, art, playing pool, laughing, candlelight evenings. Seeking SF, 45-55. **T234167**

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