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Ghosts and goblins of all ages will haunt the streets of downtown Plymouth Friday for the annual Great Pumpkin Caper.

Lostume caper

Downtown Plymouth retailers are ready for the expected invasion Friday of thousands of costumed ghosts and goblins as the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors its annual Great Pumpkin Caper.

The annual trick-or-treating event, which features folks from downtown businesses providing the goodies as the youngsters parade through the streets in their costumes. The event runs 5:30-7 p.m.; the Fall Gathering at the Wilcox House has been added to the list of sites where candy will be distributed.

Trick-or-treaters are being asked to bring canned goods to the event to drop off in bins specially marked for the "Cans for Candy" food drive. Donations will go to the emergency food pantry at the Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps.

The Great Pumpkin Caper also features a costume contest in Kellogg

For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

Voter quide

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County has prepared a non-partisan Voter Guide for the Nov. 3 general election. Voter Guides for the Plymouth City Commission and the Plymouth-Canton Public School Board are available at the public libraries as well as on the League's Web site, www. lwvnww.org.

The League of Women Voters features non-partisan candidate information, and the Voter Guide provides an easy vehicle for the voters to compare the candidates.

Tax help

If you need help with your taxes, the Internal Revenue Service is offering a free Solution Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 7 at 477 Michigan Avenue, 20th floor, Detroit, Mi 48226. Detroit is one of only five cities selected for the pro-

Foreclosure, bankruptcy, payment plans, penalties, past-due tax returns and other complex tax issues can be a challenge for taxpayers.

Taxpayers are encouraged to schedule appointments as soon as possible by calling (313) 628-3120.

People can also get help from the IRS website at IRS.gov, or call 1-800-TAX-1040.

Bathey sale nets city more than \$1M

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Plymouth officials got some good financial news for a change last week when the proceeds from a land sale brought more than \$1 million to city coffers.

The city's share of the proceeds from its sale of the former Bathey industrial site on Mill north of Ann Arbor Trail was part of the disbursement of funds unanimously approved Oct. 19 by the Plymouth City Commission.

Plymouth had obtained the 16acre former machine shop complex for nonpayment of taxes after a long legal battle; six other taxing entities also got paid last week, with the Plymouth Canton Community Schools' share, nearly \$950,000, second only to the city's.

The money provides welcome relief down the road," City Manager Paul

as officials face cuts in state aid and an anticipated decline in property values that could lead to reduced tax revenues. Plymouth's generalfund budget is about \$7.6 million this year; Finance Director Mark Christiansen told the commission that annual revenue could drop by as much as \$1 million by 2012.

"It's kind of a crapshoot in terms of what's going to happen three years Sincock said.

Commissioners passed a resolution that divided Plymouth's nearly \$1.01 million share of the Bathev proceeds as follows:

• \$300,000 to the general fund as reserve money, to make up for lost state revenue sharing and an expected decline in revenue from 35th District Court.

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George

Costos says

he serves

the best Greek salad

in town.

Going Greek

New Mediterranean eatery finds niche in Plymouth

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Fast food in Athens means a walk to the corner gyros stand or the storefront cafe with a food counter and a few tables and chairs.

That's the spirit George Costos wants to capture with his new Plymouth restaurant, Plaka Mediterranean Grill.

Named for an ancient Athenian neighborhood, Plaka, on Penniman, serves Greek and Middle Eastern food, a natural combination, Costos said, of culinary traditions from the Mediterranean region. Costos said he's found a niche in Plymouth.

"There's a demand for both because the foods are so similar, and they're good for you," Costos said Tuesday.

Visitors can have grape leaves or gyros, feta or falafel, chicken shawarma or chicken souvlaki, and fattoush salad or Greek salad. For extra diversity, the menu includes panini sandwiches, wrap sandwiches and a Michigan salad. Plaka will have three specials each week - a salad, a sandwich and an entree — that aren't on the regular

menu.

Costos is a second-generation restaurant owner; he grew up working at his father's place in Southfield. He and a brother, Nick, owned a place in Ann Arbor for 10 years, Mr. Greek's Coney Island. Costos is the chief cook; his business partner is Dino Karadimas, who owns the Plaka Cafe in Detroit's Greektown.

Costos said he scouted a Plymouth location for about a year before opening Plaka in July after an extensive remodeling. He was attracted



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

George Costos, owner of Plaka Mediterranean Grill, wants to capture the spirit of Athens in his new restaurant.

by downtown's vibrancy, its cleanliness and its easygoing, pedestrian-friendly atmosphere. (Walkers are the norm in the original Plaka in Athens; most motor vehicles are banned.)

Plymouth's Plaka seats about 25, plus outdoor seating when weather allows, but Costos is stressing his carryout and delivery business. He'll deliver meals within a two-mile radius; Plaka offers catering for special events, with catering delivery within

a five-mile radius. Plymouth people have been supportive of his new restaurant, Costos said.

"They appreciate what we're doing here," he said. "They like to support their local

businesses." While some in his family have drifted away from the restaurant business, Costos said, the people he meets keep him motivated.

"I love interacting with the people every day," he said. "And I love to cook."

Plaka Mediterranean Grill is at 838 Penniman near Main Street. The phone number is (734) 207-7004. The restaurant Web site is www.plakaplymouth.com.



Mediterranean Grill is on Penniman west of Main Street.

Plaka

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Volunteers needed as Red Kettle campaign nears

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The folks at the Plymouth Salvation Army know economic

times around here are tough. They just happen to think the people in the community are tougher, and generous enough

not to let it affect them. And based on recent history in the annual Red Kettle Campaign, they might be right. After all, last year's holiday campaign — the Army's biggest fund-raiser — drew \$244,000, nearly \$10,000 more than the

So this year, organizers are setting a goal of \$265,000 for the kettles. Including the other components of the holiday fundraiser — counter kettles, mail-in donations and walk-in donations the Salvation Army hopes to raise some \$315.000.

"It's ambitious, to a degree," Corps Officer Capt. Jolene Hull said. "I've only been here a short time, but I already feel like part of the community. (Now) I'm looking forward to helping people fill what they see as Christmas."

Toward that end, the Plymouth Northville and Belleville. Salvation Army is looking for volunteers for the 2009 campaign, which starts Nov. 13. Kettles will be set up at 21 locations around the Salvation Army's service area, which includes Plymouth, Canton,

HELPING THE NEEDY

In addition to the Red Kettle Campaign, the Plymouth Salvation Army, which serves Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville: Bought some 300 brand-new coats for its annual Coats for Kids program. Needs some 600 turkeys for its annual Thanksgiving dinner program. Is taking applications for its Thanksgiving and Christmas programs. Applicants must have proof of residency, proof of income and identification for everyone in the home. For more information on any of these programs, call (734) 453-5464.

Officials say the need is especially acute the first two days of the campaign — Friday, Nov. 13, and Saturday, Nov. 14. The campaign will run through Dec. 24.

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Goodfellows help

The Plymouth Goodfellows are coordinating volunteers for their annual paper sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5.

People can sign up for any time frame. "Times are difficult ... and we need all the help we can muster to help us meet our goal of 'No Child without a Christmas," Goodfellows spokesperson Penny Irwin said.

The next meeting is 7 p.m. Nov. 11, in the Plymouth District Library. People can reach the Goodfellows at plymouthgoodfellows@yahoo.com or by calling (734) 262-3199.

Halloween movie

The Plymouth Community YMCA is hosting a Halloween celebration at the Penn Theater with a showing of "Monster House" on Saturday, Oct. 31. Doors open at 10 a.m. with a gift bag for all the kids and chances to enter a drawing for gift baskets from local merchants. There will be a photographer to take photos, so wear

your costumes!

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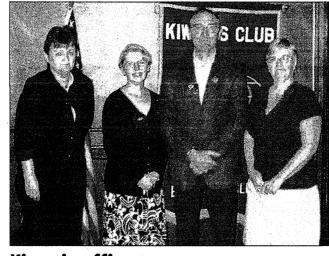
Tickets are \$4 and are available by calling the YMCA at (734) 453-2904. Space is limited, so call for your tickets today. This event is sponsored in part by Community Financial. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Proceeds go toward the Plymouth YMCA's Strong Kids Campaign which helps ensure that no one is turned away from our programs that help build a healthy spirit, mind, and body.

Day of the Dead

Calling all curious spirits!
Intrigued by the mystery of the departed? Interested in the supernatural? The Plymouth Historical Museum invites you to enjoy a hauntingly good time this Halloween (Saturday, Oct. 31) 8-10 p.m. for a Day of the Dead event.

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Andra Young Photography in
Plymouth will speak about Day
of the Dead history, rituals,
and art. Also, visitors will see
real orbs caught on camera in
the orb photography presentation. Later, participants will
gather at Riverside Cemetery in
Plymouth in the perfect haunting setting to capture their own



Kiwanis officers

The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Club installed their new officers at their Oct. 1 induction dinner. Officers are (from left) Char Briggs, Vice President; Janet Ott, Secretary; Mark Ott, President; Debby Torzy, Treasurer. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers serving the world one child, and one community at a time. The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis provides dictionaries to all Plymouth Canton Community School third graders, totaling over 1,400. It is active with the Salvation Army, First Step and Youth Leadership Canton. There are many opportunities to give back to your community and your Kiwanis club is one of them. For more information visit the Club's Web site at www.pckiwanis.org or call (734) 981-0460.

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Visitors should wear appropriate clothing for cold weather. Participants need to provide their own transportation to Riverside Cemetery.

Doors open at 8 p.m. at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, in downtown Plymouth. No tickets are necessary; there will be a \$10 admission fee at the door. For more information, call (734) 455-8940, or visit the Web site www.plymouthhistory.org/ Events.html

Book signing

Local author Shawn Hennessy will sign his book "The Next Level" 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, at Panera Bread in downtown Plymouth. Books will be on sale on-site.

The book, "The Next Level," is

a 31-day experience. Hennessy is the founder of Real Life Plymouth. He is a Rotarian and Plymouth resident.

The book will be available on Amazon.com and at Borders bookstores by spring. Hennessy's second book will be published next year.

Photo exhibit

Lotus Arts Gallery
announced the opening of a
new exhibit, "Icons, Symbols,
Fictions and Fantasies:
An Exhibition of Modern
Photography," on display during
November.
The exhibit will feature the

The exhibit will feature the photographic works of local artists Robert Stewart, Eric Smith and Joe Crachiola. Their three different styles of photography will give viewers an understanding of appreciation

for what is being done in photography today. For more information see Lotus' Web site at www.lotusarts.com or call (734) 453-5400.

Medicare workshop

The Plymouth District Library will again be offering workshops to assist individuals who are looking to enroll in the prescription programs offered by Medicare.

Co-sponsored by CVS
Pharmacy, workshops will
be held on all Tuesdays in
November - Nov. 3, 10, 17 and
24 - from 10 a.m. to noon.
Attendees are required to put
all their current medications in
a bag and bring it to the workshop.

Trained library staff members will review the medications and obtain a comparative look at the programs offered. Space is limited; register by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

Chiefettes clinic

The Canton Chiefettes are hosting a Pom Pon Clinic for kids ages 5-14 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Canton High School gym in the Phase III building.

Kids will learn a pom routine and a short dance routine. Cost is \$45 per child and includes a T-shirt, poms and a snack. Discounts are available for additional siblings and for participants of the August 29 clinic. Parents are invited to watch their daughters perform at 2:30 p.m. All girls attending are invited to perform at a Canton Varsity Basketball game Dec. 11.

Registration is from 11-11:30 a.m. the morning of the clinic. Visit our Web site at www. cantonchiefettes.com to preregister and save \$5 before Nov. 13. Registration is limited to the first 100 participants.

For more information e-mail pomclinic@cantonchiefettes.

Preventing cancer

Cancer nutritionist Sharlene Bidini is coming to the Plymouth Cultural Center on Nov. 21 from 10:30-11:30 a.m., located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

Her presentation "Lifestyle Choices and Cancer Prevention" is designed for cancer prevention, survivors and previvors. Topics include nutrition, exercise, weight and supplements. Bidini is a registered dietitian and a board certified specialist in oncology nutrition.

Cost is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Session is approximately 40 minutes with a 15 minute Q&A session afterward. Please respond via e-mail to sbidini@hotmail.com or call (734) 934-4440 for more information. Minimum of 10 participants, maximum of 50 allowed.

Smith fund-raiser

Smith Elementary School hosts its seventh annual Holiday Shopping Spree Fundraiser 4-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13 in the school gymnasium. Admission is free.

More than 30 vendors will be on display offering a diverse range of products – just in time for holiday shopping! This event will also feature a raffle of over 30 products from participating vendors. Proceeds from table rentals and raffle ticket sales directly benefit the Smith Elementary PFO.

Applications are currently being accepted for home-based business owners/crafters that are interested in participating in this event.

Smith Elementary is located at 1298 McKinley, a block west of Harvey. For more information, contact Julie at (734) 414-0218.

Hospice volunteers

Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based organization committed to providing excellent hospice care for patients and their families. The group is currently seeking caring and dedicated individuals to provide support by being a friendly visitor to patients in the Western Wayne County area. Training is provided.

For more information, contact Ann Christensen, Volunteer Coordinator, toll-free (888) 983-9050 or e-mail at achristensen@cchnet.net.

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The kettle locations
— including this year's newest
addition, the Canton Hobby
Lobby — will be manned some
12 hours a day, from 10 a.m. to
10 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

"J.C. Penney was a great location for their first time last year," volunteer coordinator Teresa Moriarty said. "We're hoping for the same kind of success for Hobby Lobby."

Moriarty said the drive's success depends largely on the volunteers who man the kettles. She said some 800 volunteers have already signed up on the Salvation Army's data base (www.ringbell.org).

Service organizations are also already lining up for their annual contribution of time.

"I'm surprised by how many people have already jumped on board the bandwagon to get their sites," Moriarty said. "It's really quite amazing."

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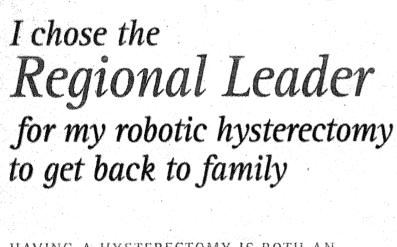
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Student gathers food to benefit rescue mission

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Inspired by a church camp she attended, a 12-year-old Canton girl collected a minivan full of nonperishable food she and her parents delivered Monday afternoon to the Detroit Rescue Mission.

Danielle Drechnowicz, a sixth-grader at West Middle School in Plymouth, proved that one young girl can make a difference in helping the hungry and the homeless.

"I just felt like I should do it to help other people," she said. Danielle, who attends Northridge Church in

Plymouth Township, attended a SpringHill Camps retreat a few weeks ago in Evart and returned with an idea to help those less fortunate than she is.

She distributed fliers in mailboxes around her neighborhood and spread the word in her class resource room at West Middle School about her food drive.

"We're extremely proud and touched by what she did," her mother, Diane Drechnowicz, said. "This was her own idea."



West Middle School student Danielle Drechnowicz of Canton collected a minivan full of nonperishable food she and her parents delivered to the **Detroit Rescue Mission.**

Last Friday, Danielle collected bags of food brought to school by teachers and classmates, and Saturday she pulled a wagon to gather up nonperishables donated by her neighbors.

Her father, Paul Drechnowicz, drove his Chrysler minivan to help her, and when she collected a

wagon full of food, she transferred the donations to the vehicle and continued on with her wagon.

Monday afternoon, her parents picked her up at school, and they took her to the Detroit Rescue Mission, where she turned over what she had collected.

"We're beyond proud," Paul

Drechnowicz said. "We're a lot more fortunate than a lot of people, so it's important to give back to the community. She did this out of the kindness of her own heart. She did it because she wanted to make a difference."

Saturday was national Make a Difference Day, so Danielle's project was timely.

Danielle didn't seek attention for her good deeds. Rather, it was one of her neighbors, Kathy Ellison, who called the Observer to report her good deeds.

"I thought it was pretty remarkable for a 12-year-old to come up with that idea on her own and have the fortitude to follow through with all of it," Ellison said. "I just thought it was really wonder-

Danielle said she is thankful for everyone who helped

make her food drive a success. "I was very happy to see how much everybody donated," she said. "Some people gave like two bags or boxes away. It was really amazing."

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• \$250,000 to Michigan's pension program for public employees, in order to reduce future required contributions. While the city has been moving toward a defined contribution retirement system instead of guaranteed pensions, it still has some pension obligations.

• \$225,000 to a capital improvement reserve fund, to be set aside for emergency needs, such as equipment breakdowns. "This gives us some flexibility in having a funding source" to handle emergencies, Sincock said.

• \$167,477 to a recreation capital fund, to be used for capital improvements to recreation facilities.

 \$150,000 to a reserve fund designated for retiree health benefits.

The city's share was made up of \$476,308 in taxes owed and about \$616,000 in documented expenses related to acquiring and maintaining the property.

The city sold the site to Connektiv Communities of Royal Oak for about \$2.3 million; Connektiv has proposed a commercial and residential development, but no plans have been formally approved.

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School district, other taxing entities share sale proceeds

Seven area taxing entities are getting checks with the Plymouth City Commission's approval last week of a plan to distribute more than \$2.3 million that had been held in escrow for two years.

The money came from the city's October 2007 sale of the former Bathey industrial property, on Mill Street north of Ann Arbor Trail, to developer Connektiv Communities of Royal Oak. Connektiv has yet to develop the site.

The city had obtained the 16-acre former factory property over nonpayment of taxes, and its share of the proceeds, \$1,092,477, is made up of back taxes and expenses incurred in acquiring and maintaining the

Six other taxing entities were paid as follows, rounded to the nearest dollar, after the commission's approval of a disbursement plan on Oct. 19:

• \$947,520 to the Plymouth Canton Community Schools.

• \$198,972 to Wayne County. • \$52,614 to the Schoolcraft Community College district.

• \$42.050 to the Wayne **County Regional Educational** Service Agency, formerly called the intermediate school dis-

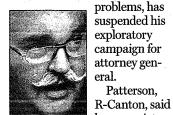
• \$17,061 to the Plymouth District Library.

• \$6,386 to the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority, which runs the Metropark system.

Patterson won't run for attorney general

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, saying he needs to focus his attention on Michigan's beleaguered economy, rising unemployment, budget woes and other



Patterson

campaign.

he appreciates the support he received for the position. including a strong endorsement from the Wayne 11th District

Republican Committee, but he

said the timing isn't right for the

Patterson,

"Michigan's economy is struggling, we have a 15.3 percent unemployment rate, our budget has a structural deficit, the U.S. dollar is in jeopardy of being replaced as the world's currency, which means there won't be any future bailouts or stimulus money because we face dramatic spikes in inflation and precipitous increases in interest rates," Patterson said, "and Michigan faces major policy demands, including enactment of a long-

term energy plan. "Addressing these issues in the time I have remaining as a state senator is far more important than seeking higher office to further my personal ambitions," he

said in a statement. His district includes Canton, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville Township and part of Northville, along with 11 other

communities.

Patterson is term-limited in the state Senate after his second four-year term expires at the end of 2010. He earlier had indicated he was "kicking around the idea" of a bid for attorney general, calling it a "logical progression for

He is the senior attorney in the Michigan Senate and previously served two terms in the state House, where he became the first freshman legislator elected as associate speaker pro tempore. He also served as majority floor

Patterson also previously served on the Wayne County Commission and is an inductee in the Canton Township Hall of Fame.

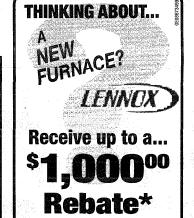
A statement from Patterson's office noted that one potential stumbling block for his attor-

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ney general campaign was that some viewed him as too fiscally conservative and that his opposition to using federal stimulus. dollars to temporarily maintain state spending levels might prove unpopular.

"I suspect those votes might have ultimately proven to be detrimental to my candidacy," he said, "but I could not support spending our grandchildren's futures. Michigan is spending too much and has lived beyond its means for too long. We must put Michigan's financial house in

Patterson didn't rule out a future bid for attorney general but said, "The stars are just not in alignment at this time."



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Mailbox melted in arson fire

A roadside residential mailbox melted after being set ablaze by what appeared to be a Molotov cocktail early Sunday.

The fire, which apparently put itself out, was outside a house on Chandler Drive, a Plymouth **Township Police Department report** said. A passing jogger alerted the victim's neighbor to the vandalism, the report said.

Police said a rag and what appeared to be the remains of a liquor bottle were found along with the melted mailbox.

Purse stolen

2 A township woman lost her purse and its contents, including a cellular phone, to a thief at the Kroger store on Ann Arbor Road Friday morning.

The victim told police the purse was in her shopping cart, in the child seat area, when she turned her back on it for a moment. When she turned back, it was gone, she said. She hadn't seen anyone near the purse, she said.

Larceny from Jeep

A duffel bag with clothing and an iPod in it was reported stolen Sunday from a Jeep that was parked on Wendover Drive.

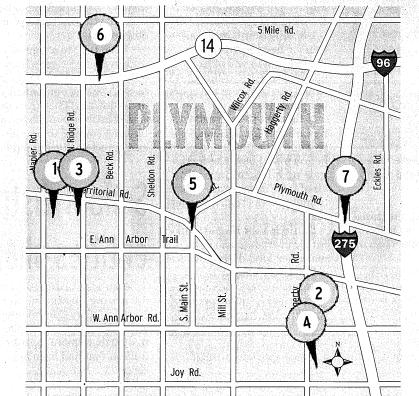
The Jeep had been left unlocked, a police report said, but the burglar or burglars had cut the soft top in order to get into it.

The vehicle had also been scratched, or "keyed," on one side, a police report said. The break-in and vandalism occurred between 1 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday, the report said.

Car break-in

A Buick parked in the lot of a condominium complex on Newport Drive was broken into over the weekend, but nothing was reported stolen from it.

The lock on a passenger-side door had been punched, police said, the steering column was damaged, and the rear-view mirror broken off.



CRIME WATCH

The incident occurred between about 5 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Sunday, a police report said.

By Matt Jachman

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Oct.

FIRE RUNS

• Tuesday, Oct. 27 - Special runs on Aspen and on Terry; residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Greenbrook and on Haggerty.

• Monday, Oct. 26 - Kescue run a. a public building on Mill; residen-• Monday, Oct. 26 - Rescue run at tial rescue run on Trailwood; rescue run at Penniman and Main.

• Sunday, Oct. 25 - Residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Joy and on Mill.

• Saturday, Oct. 24 - Residential rescue runs on Marlowe, on Wilson,

on Haggerty, on Provincetown, on Dunn, on Sheridan and on Northville Road; smoke investigation on Deer Creek Circle; vehicle accidents on eastbound M-14; commercial rescue runs on Five Mile.

• Friday, Oct. 23 - Residential rescue runs on Haggerty and on Oakwood; vehicle accidents on eastbound M-14 at Sheldon and on eastbound M-14 west of Schoolcraft.

• Thursday, Oct. 22 - Residential 6 Thursday, Oct. 22
rescue runs on Elizabeth, on Ball, on Lexington, on Litchfield, on Haggerty and on Rockledge; investigation on Rockledge; vehicle accidents on North Drive and on westbound M-14 at Sheldon; vehicle accident and mutual-aid-received run on westbound M-14 west of

• Wednesday, Oct. 21 - Vehicle accident on northbound I-275 and Plymouth Road; residential rescue runs on Terrace Court, on Farmbrook and on Maple.

Police and hospital team for drug seminar

The Canton Police Department has partnered with Saint Joseph Mercy

System to offer the class, Drugs 101: What Parents Want to Know.

This popular class will be presented 10 times over the next eight months by educators from Saint Joseph Mercy Health System staff and Canton Police Department's Community Relations Sergeant Mark Gajeski. Together they will educate parents on

signs, symptoms and current trends of alcohol, tobacco, inhalants, marijuana and other drugs teens may use. Legal consequences and long term

implications will also be addressed. Features of this interactive class include a mock teenager's bedroom set up for parents to observe and attempt to identify the obvious and not-so-obvious drug related paraphernalia. Throughout the presentation, more than 70 drug and alcohol indicators will be unveiled to show how some adolescents hide drug and alcohol use from their parents. Information presented is intended to empower parents with knowledge to spot warning signs of drug use.

"It will be a unique opportunity to present this valuable information in conjunction with health care professionals," Gajeski said. "I am looking forward to working with

parents in the community who are interested in playing an active role in drug prevention and intervention for their children."

Participating parents and guardians can expect to gain valuable information on facts about drug use; knowledge about how drugs affect the body; tools to identify drug use; and skills to engage their child in conversations about drugs.

"Drugs 101: What parents want to

know" is being made possible by grant money received from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Bryne JAG) program included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

This is a two-hour class for adults only who reside in Canton or its surrounding communities. Register for this free program at www. sjmercyhealth.org, click on Classes and Events. Additional information can be obtained by calling the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, (734) 398-7518, or the Canton Police Department, (734) 394-5424.

Dates and locations of the adultonly presentations are listed below:

- Thursday, Oct. 15, 6:30 p.m. - Pioneer Middle School Cafeteria, Plymouth
- Thursday, Nov. 12, 1 p.m. St. John Neumann Church, Canton • Tuesday, Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m.
- Discovery Middle School Cafeteria, • Tuesday, Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m. -
- Bentley Elementary Cafeteria, Canton • Wednesday, Jan. 13, 10 a.m. -
- Summit on the Park, Chestnut Room, Canton • Thursday Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m. -
- Farrand Elementary Gym, Plymouth • Saturday, March 6, 10 a.m. - Plymouth Public Library, Plymouth
- Tuesday, March 23, 6:30 p.m.
- Fiegel Elementary Gym, Plymouth • Tuesday, April 27, 6:30 p.m. - Field Elementary Gym, Canton
- Thursday, May 13, 6:30 p.m. -Summit on the Park, Chestnut Room,

Any group interested in hosting a Drugs 101: What Parents Need to Know program can call Saint Joseph Mercy Health System at 734/398-7518 or e-mail healthed@trinityhealth.org





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Runners, walkers and bicyclists will get to enjoy the Wayne County Lightfest as part of the light show's opening events.

Sign up now for annual Lightfest Fun Run/Walk

Time is running out to sign up for the 13th annual 13th annual Wayne County Lightfest 8K Fun Run/Walk Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Runners and walkers will have an opportunity to travel the Lightfest display route on foot beginning at 7 p.m. Bicycling enthusiasts will have a chance to Bike through the Lights at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Participants will be among the first to view the wonderful displays, which include an enchanting Celebration of Lights arch, Cecil Magic Dragon, a large waving polar bear with cubs, an animated Old Glory, animated snowflake arches and more.

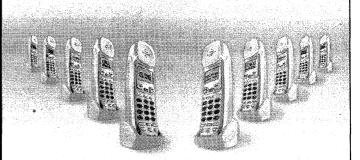
There will be post race food for both events, along with free long sleeve T-shirts and glow necklaces. Registration prior to October 31 is \$18. After that, the fee is \$20 in advance for adults and \$25 on race day. High school students and younger pay \$12.

Both events will take place in the Hines Park-Merriman Hollow area at Merriman and Hines Drive in Westland. Registration forms are available online at www.waynecountyparks.org or can be picked up at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland or Total Runner store in Southgate.

For more information, call the Wayne County Parks events at (734) 261-1990.

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Whalers turn pink into 'green' with annual cancer benefit

Plymouth Whalers officials are calling the second annual Pink Out! For Breast Cancer Awareness – held last Saturday against the Belleville Bulls - "a success on many levels."

The Whalers hammered Belleville, 6-1, at Compuware Arena. Tyler Seguin rebounded from being held off the scoresheet for two straight games to score two goals with two assists as the game's first

The Whalers wore specially designed pink jerseys for the game that were auctioned off. Fans were able to bid anywhere between \$200 and \$1,200 for the distinctive jerseys. As expected, Seguin's game-worn jersey garnered the highest bid.

Not only did the Whalers wear distinctive jerseys, they went as a team to get their hair dyed pink earlier in the week. With Lucky Hair Company in

Canton providing the materials and expertise, every Whaler player received pink hair, with mixed results.

"Some of them are pretty funny," Whalers veteran Ryan Hayes admitted. "There's everything from Mohawks to mullets. The best one is Michal Jordan. He has a good Mohawk.

It's one thing to get your hair dyed pink, but it's another when the hair is dyed mid-week and you have to go to school and play in Kitchener before the event. That was what most of the younger Whalers - who attend high school at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park - did.

"We did the same thing last year," said Plymouth defenseman Leo Jenner. "Doing this a couple of days before raises awareness. People get to see you out in public and it raises '



Belleville's Matt Tipoff (left), breast cancer survivors Sandy Schoenheide, Leza Ivezaj and Blanche Mack and Plymouth's Tyler Seguin participate in a ceremonial puck drop Saturday.

questions. We can tell the public why we're doing it and support the cause at the same time. (In the end) that's what it's all

Contributing sponsors to the Whalers Pink Out! included Meijer, Stautzenberger Institute of Livonia and Lucky Hair Company.

Energized by over 2,700 cheering fans, three amazing women who battled against breast cancer, and won, walked together to center ice to drop the ceremonial puck. Leza Ivezaj of Lucky Hair Co. and Blanche Mack and Sandy Schoenheide from Meijer were honored for their courage and strength against this disease.

The Whalers tripled their proceeds from 2008, with their limited game-worn jersey auction, Chuck-A Puck promotion and 50/50 raffle totaling \$8,000. A check will be presented to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute on behalf of the Whalers team, staff and fans, officials said.

In some ways, the event was a typical OHL game, with plenty of goals and even a fight between Plymouth's A.J. Jenks and Belleville's Tyler Taylor. But there was a palatable

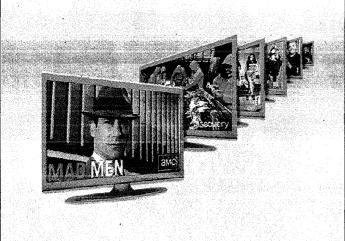
change in the vibe in the game. Women, girls, men and boys all sported pink in some

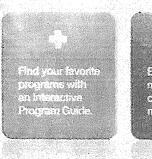
fashion. The linesmen (Matt Prozaki and Chris Thornton) along with referee Joe Celestine wore pink jerseys. The Plymouth coaching staff - Mike Vellucci, Joe Stefan and Brian Sommariva - all wore pink ties. "Like last year, we are still

in awe of the incredible support and enthusiasm this event generated in our community." said Denise Ronayne, Plymouth Whalers Sales and Marketing Director. "We saw a lot of smiles as fans cheered on the Whalers - but most importantly, cheered on someone in their life affected by breast cancer. It was a great night all around. Soon we'll start thinking about how we'll "go pink" next year to keep the event fresh for our fans and continue to grow our donations for KCI."

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W-W gets 'A' for managing finances

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's not often a school district gets a letter grade for financial management, but that's what the Wayne-Westland Community Schools has received from its auditors.

"We would have to give the district's audit process an A grade," said Jeff Higgins of Plante Moran, the district's auditing firm. "Our opinion is a statement on the financial position of the district and our opinion is an unqualified or clean opinion, the highest assurance we can provide."

Higgins along with auditor Nathan Troyer went before the school board Monday evening to present the results of an audit of the 2008-2009 budget year and to talk about the effect the state's budget crisis is having on the school district.

For the sixth straight year, the district's general fund balance decreased from \$13 million in 2008 to \$10.6 million. The general fund had revenues of \$115 million and expenditures of \$115.9 million.

According to Deputy Superintendent Gary Martin, local tax revenue dropped by \$170,000 and interest income was down \$115,000, a reflection on declining funding.

On the expenditure side, health care costs were down \$700,00, due in part to the district's self insured program and workman's

compensation, a 13 percent drop in utilities and a cut in outside contracting by \$250,000.

According to Troyer, the school district receives 91 percent of its revenue from the state. The problems with the state's economy, future prorations of school aid payments and future retirement fund contributions create financial uncertainties for the district going forward.

Troyer said the district will pay 16.54 percent or \$13,757, of an employee's salary to the state retirement system this year and that percentage will continue to rise. He added that the district will also see health care costs increase.

"The district doesn't receive 18 percent of its revenue until after the end of the budget year, that's cause for financial difficulties for the district," he said. "There's also been a decrease in the fund balance over the last six years. The fund balance decrease is a statewide trend."

The district has seen its fund balance drop yearly since 2003 when it hit a high of \$23.1 million. The auditors estimate that by the end of the current budget year, that balance will be \$3.7 million, roughly \$600,000 more

than what it had on hand in 1996. That \$10.2 million represents 9.08 percent of expenditures and would allow the district to operate for 16 school days or 33 calendar days. That's well under the statewide average of 13.35



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A bridge to everywhere

LOCAL NEWS

Bridge work connects recreation trail

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Within weeks, five of seven pedestrian bridges connecting a wooded recreation trail that winds through Canton Township should be in place for nature enthusiasts who want to walk, jog, ride nonmotorized mountain bikes or spend leisure winter days cross-country skiing.

The wooden bridges, now under construction, will create a seamless path along the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail between Haggerty and Sheldon, and they should be finished by Thanksgiving, Assistant Township Engineer Robert Belair said.

The final two, westernmost bridges between Sheldon and Canton Center are expected to be built by spring, completing a five-mile, peaceful recreation trail that belies the hus-

tle and bustle of a busy township through which it carves a pristine swath of nature.

"It's really nice," 87-year-old Canton resident Frank Liss said, walking from a parking area to a trail head built earlier on Morton Taylor north of Michigan Avenue — a place where the east-west trail already is in use for 1.5 miles.

Belair and Brad Sharp, the township's parks and facilities manager, talked about the recreation trail and bridge work on a picturesque Monday afternoon. Blue skies, falling leaves and warm, October temperatures only added to the natural beauty that many consider one of Canton's best-kept secrets.

Canton's elected leaders in July hired Florida-based Nature Bridges to build the 10-foot-wide pedestrian bridges for \$671,654, using a combination of state, county and township funding. On Monday, concrete and wooden foundations and abutments stood next to the river, waiting for construction crews to haul in the pre-fabricated bridges in coming weeks.

"They will just drop them right in place," Sharp said.
The bridges will vary in

length, depending on the width of the river and the distance needed to properly install them. They are being built high enough over the water to withstand a 100-year flood event, but the approaches will gradually slope upward to make them accessible for disabled people, Sharp said.

The five-mile recreation trail

with narrower offshoots
cleared out by the Michigan
Mountain Bikers Association

eventually will connect
to a larger, improved recreation path that the Michigan
Department of Transportation

is planning along I-275.

Serious talks about Canton's five-mile recreation trail began nine years ago, Belair said, "so it's nice to see something finally being built."

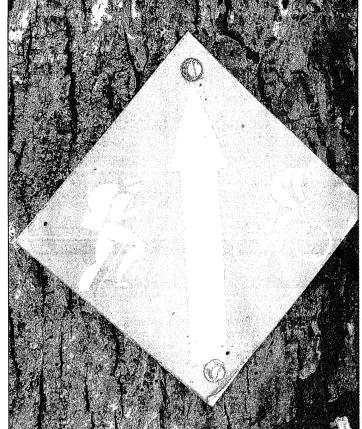
Township residents have consistently cited the need for such trails as one of their top recreation needs, Sharp said.

As trail users wander along

As trail users wander along the path, they will occasionally have to cross major roads, but Sharp said signs are to be posted to alert both pedestrians and motorists of crosswalks. No motorized vehicles are allowed along the trail, which weaves through the township north of Michigan Avenue.

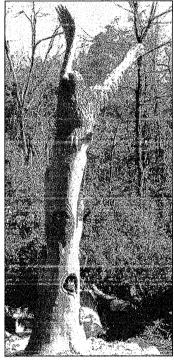
Although the entire trail will be open before next June, Sharp said local officials hope to formally unveil the recreation area in June during a ceremony coinciding with River Day.

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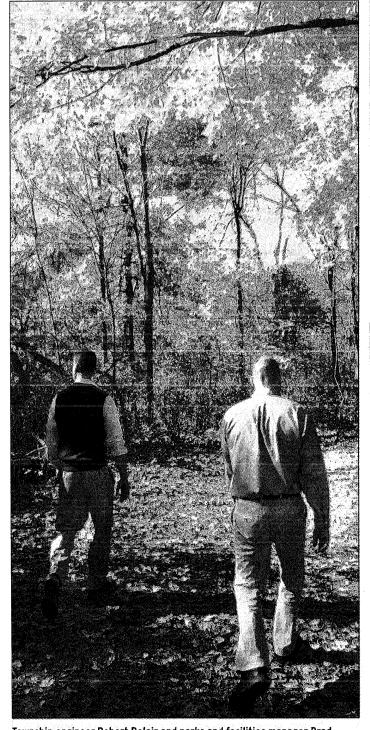
A chainsaw artist recently carved this sculpture along the trail.



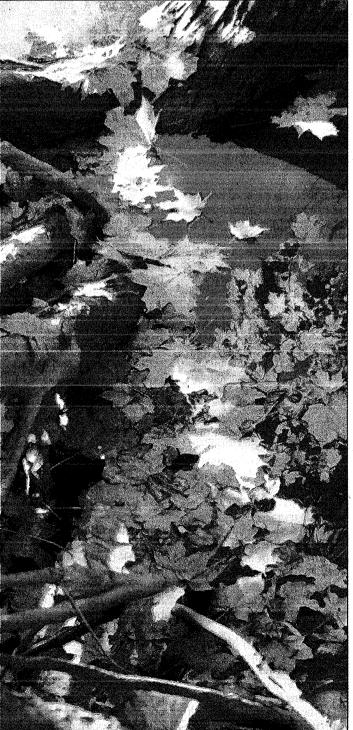
shows this raccoon.



Robert Belair and Brad Sharp, township employees, stand at the site of one on the pedestrian bridges under construction.



Township engineer Robert Belair and parks and facilities manager Brad Sharp walk the trail along the Rouge River.



Falling leaves float down the river.



Frank Liss, 87, walks the trail along the Rouge.

Rotary donation helps build Blum's lodge

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Six years after his son died in Iraq, Terry Blumberg choked back tears to talk about a lodge he and his wife Janet are creating on a 12-acre site in Presque Isle County near Rogers City.

Called Blum's Landing, the 3,400-square foot lodge will serve as a tribute to Trevor Blumberg and provide respite for the military personnel wounded in America's war on

"In 2003, our son was killed in Falujah, he told us. 'If I don't come back, take care of my dog and my guys,' so we're building a place for the wounded and the battle damaged," Blumberg told members of the Garden City Rotary Club.

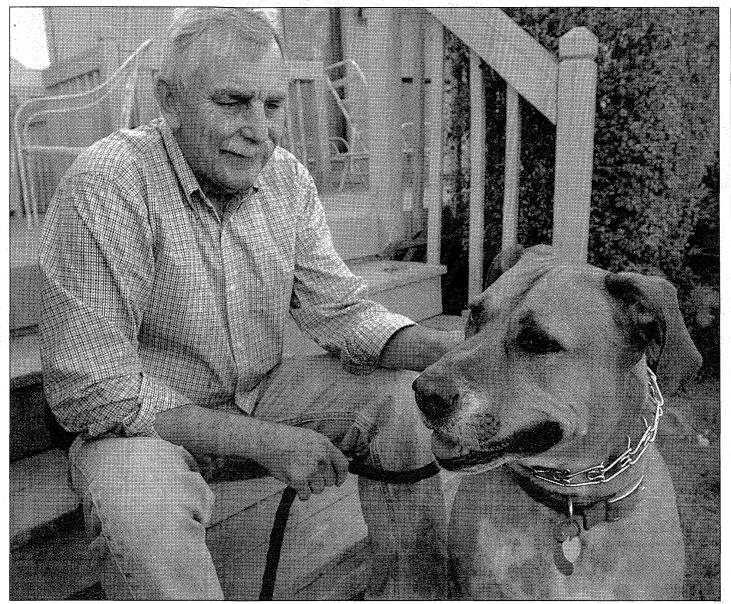
Blumberg and his wife Janet appeared before the group recently to accept a donation - a \$1,000 Rotary Foundation grant and \$2,000 donation from the Garden City club.

"We want to be involved in this," club president Peggy Sexton said in making the presentation. "This doesn't mean the end of our donations."

A sergeant in the U.S. Army, 22-year-old Trevor Blumberg of Canton, was killed on Sept. 14, 2003, when a roadside bomb hit a convoy and destroyed the Humvee occupied by himself and three other soldiers. Members of the 1st Battalion of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, they had been deployed to Iraq just three days earlier.

The Blumbergs have spent more than \$100,000 on the lodge and have set up a foundation to help raise money to complete the project.

"We started building and it hit us between the eyes that we weren't going to make it," said Terry. "We'd like to open the



Terry Blumberg, the father of slain soldier Trevor Blumberg, has his son's dog Scrappy as company when working at Blum's Landing. According to his wife Janet, Scrappy "is treated like a rock star."

doors by next June."

Terry Blumberg has done much of the work himself. It hasn't been easy and has its hazards. Terry Blumberg lost a part of his thumb in an accident on Labor Day when a log kicked back while he was cutting it with a table save. It was still bandaged when he talked to the Rotary club.

"He was working on the loft and trying to figure out how to execute the beams," said Janet Blumberg.

An elementary school principal in Garden City, she added that her husband has connected with an "angel" named Jack Darga.

"He knows a lot people," Janet Blumberg said. "He's gotten Walmart to takes us on as a charity and they bring out workers. Our church group came up and did a mission. We were able to get the ceiling finished."

"It's beautiful what they come and do," she said. "We want to run a bed and breakfast and invite young people to

Trevor Blumberg loved to fish and camp, and when he first enlisted in the Army, he often told his parents how much he wanted to bring his fellow soldiers to Michigan for fishing and camping trips. When the couple received Trevor's death benefits from the Army, they decided to invest it into something that

BLUM'S LANDING

What: Blum's Landing, a retreat in northern Michigan's Presque Isle County for wounded military personnel.

Owners: Terry and Janet Blumberg of Canton

To contribute: Donation can be sent to Blum's Landing, P.O. Box 871292, Canton, MI 48187 **Information**: Visit the Web site at www.blumslanding.org

honored his memory and his wish to take care of his "guys."

The Blumbergs have stayed in touch with many of the young men that were in his unit. Several are now serving in Afghanistan and two have gone on to officer training 'because Trevor talked about," Janet Blumberg said.

"We went and saw them when they came back from Iraq and the troop came up to visit us for five days," Janet Blumberg said. "That's when we saw the funny, crazy side of Trevor. That's when the healing started."

"Trevor was the first in their unit to die," she added.

Blum's Landing is still a work in progress. Terry Blumberg went back up to the lodge "to throw up some more lumber" the day after talking to the Rotary club.

According to Janet Blumberg, the couple is still sorting out the foundation - "We have to get a board together." - and her husband got an offer from Garden City School Superintendent Michelle Cline to find a techsaavy student to help with the Web site. www.blumsland.org.

"The people in this country are unbelievable, we have a person who leaves \$35 on the porch," Terry Blumberg said. "You guys are super."

Dinner benefit helps infant stricken with cancer

Friends and neighbors are organizing a benefit dinner and raffle to support a Garden City family whose eight-month-old baby recently was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.

Sheila Klemola has taken a leave of absence from her job at Blue Cross Blue Shield to care for her infant daughter, Avery. Her husband Shawn, continues to work his job at Dunham's to support the family which includes Avery's two older brothers, Austin and Ben.

"Anytime a major illness occurs in a family, it is a great financial strain," said Rhonda Silcox, one of the organizers of the benefit. "For the Klemolas, we are trying to alleviate some of their worries, so that they can concentrate on Avery's progress, and not have to focus on the issues that arise from losing half of their income."

The spaghetti dinner benefit will be 4-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Bailey Center on Ford Road, west of Wayne Road. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 kids under 14 years and free for toddlers age two and under. Carry-out will also be available at \$8 for spaghetti, roll, salad and a drink.

In addition to the dinner and many raffle prizes, there will be clowns, face painting and games for the

"We are looking for help from the entire community to help this family keep their spirits up and their household operating on one



Sheila Klemola dresses eight-month-old Avery who now has a port to receive chemotherapy in hopes of shrinking a tumor on her neck so it can be removed surgically.

income," Silcox said. "So far dozens of volunteers and business owner have stepped forward to donate raffle items, and help organize the benefit dinner."

Avery is currently undergoing an aggressive clinical trial of chemotherapy in the hopes of shrinking the tumor to an operable size.

"She has had her first round of chemo and is doing pretty good," said Sheila Klemola. "She has been sleeping a lot and they're controlling her pain with two pain medicines. I am

just so proud of her. She is so young to endure this, and she staying strong and in

pretty good spirits. I hope that everyone will please keep praying for my baby."

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Avery Klemola

shown two lesions on her lungs. The infant has a port to receive chemotherapy fours days every 21 days in hopes of shrinking the tumor on my neck so it can be surgically removed. Non-rhabdomyosarcoma is a soft tissue sarcoma that accounts for about 4 percent of all cancers occurring in childhood.

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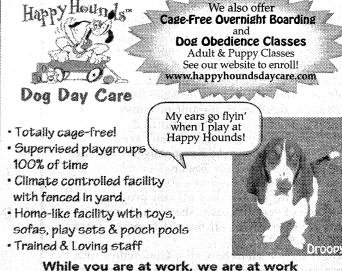
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People interested in making donations of goods,

services or gift certificates for the raffle or to help in any way can contact Rhonda Silcox at (734) 576-3578 or by e-mail at dnr@wowway. com. Donations to the family can be made directly to the family in the name of Avery or Shawn Klemola at TCF bank. People also can also go online to www. myhelpinghand.org then, click on Lend Your Hand tab and donate threw Paypal or through the Paypal link on her Facebook fan page.

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OUR VIEWS

Yes on county millage renewal

On Nov. 3, Wayne County voters will be asked to vote on Proposition O, which is a renewal of a millage that voters authorized in 2000 to support county operations.

The millage will generate an estimated \$43 million countywide a year.

It will cost the average Plymouth Township homeowner \$115.32 and city of Plymouth homeowner \$87.50.

The millage funds essential public services. It is not a new tax. It is a renewal.

The Ficano Administration has made budget cuts and implemented structural reforms in the county budget process.

While there are still more efficiencies to be made at the county level, the millage on the ballot is a renewal and should be approved. We encourage the executive and the commis-

sioners to continue to look at more cost-cutting in addition to cost-saving methods to deliver essential services.

If approved, the millage will be levied at the estimated 2008 rollback rate of 0.9529 (about 95 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for 10 more years (2010 through 2019).

Asking taxpayers to support even a renewal in these tough times is not easy. However, the county's ability to provide necessary services will be compromised if it loses this general fund

Vote yes to renew Proposition O.

Ways to help even during tough times

These difficult economic times are causing conflicts in ways other than financial for the generous people in this community.

People and businesses who normally contribute substantial amounts of money to a variety of charitable efforts are finding themselves unable to fund them at the same, or even lower, levels.

For instance, folks at the Plymouth Salvation Army have noticed that on many occasions, people who are coming to them seeking assistance this year are some of the same people who came to them checks in hand a year ago.

It's a phenomena the people who run the charities have noticed, and they've got a pretty simple answer: The help doesn't have to be cash.

The Salvation Army, Rotary clubs, Goodfellows, Lions, Kiwanians, church groups, scout troops and the various other charities that work tirelessly year-round to help those less fortunate souls can always use a hand.

The Salvation Army, which services Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville, has a plethora of opportunities to help without ever writing a check. The Army's annual Red Kettle Campaign - the Corps' biggest fund-raiser - starts Nov. 13. There are 21 locations, and officials hope to man them 12 hours a day, six days a week through Christmas Eve.

That's more than 1,500 hours of volunteer time they have to fill. That's a lot of ringing. And if you think that's not doing much to help, consider: The Plymouth Salvation Army raised some \$245,000 from its kettle locations a year ago. This year, they're hoping to hit \$265,000.

That's a significant amount of money, funds crucial to the Corps' ability to fulfill its mission: Helping others. But if that doesn't strike your fancy, you can always Adopt an Angel or donate to the food pantry or Toy Towne.

Salvation Army not your cup of tea? Talk to your church groups. They all run programs at this time of year (actually, they run them yearround) and they can all benefit from an extra

pair of hands. Don't have a church? Call a Goodfellow or a Rotarian or a Lion or Kiwanian. All of them

have programs to help the needy, and there are ways to help without having to open a wallet. Officials at the Salvation Army say they've had

people volunteer by saying, "I can't afford money this year, but I want to help."

Call it holiday spirit, if you'd like. Call it a spirit of cooperation. We call it the spirit of the community, as always on display.



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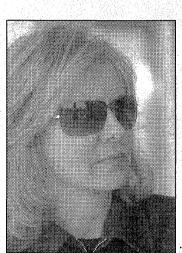
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COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think Michigan should extend bar hours until 4 a.m., and why or why not?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



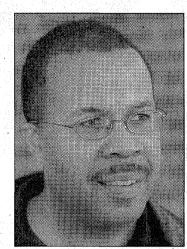
"No. I think it might increase the risk for more drunken driving on the road."

Christine Hangarther Plymouth Township



"No. It's just too much drinking. I think that 2 (a.m.) is late enough."

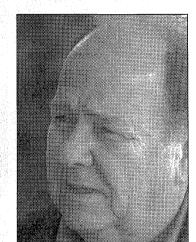
Susan Soper Plymouth Township



"No. I think anybody that chooses to drink, if they can't get it done by 2 a.m. they shouldn't be drinking. ... We shouldn't be mending our budget by (encouraging)

destructive behavior."

LaRoy Williams Plymouth Township



"No. Just two more hours for people to get in trouble. Doesn't seem necessary to me."

Ray Burnett

Dan's the man

I am writing to express my very strong support for Dan Dwyer's return to the Plymouth City Commission.

I served on the City Commission with Dan and know his skills well. He is eventempered, thoughtful and dedicated to maintaining all the things that make Plymouth the greatest small town in

He believes in fiscal responsibility and was part of the team that put in place a five-year look ahead for the city budget that enabled us to avoid much of the financial crisis that has traumatized cities across the country. He knows how to balance the budget with pragmatism and compassion. The City will be well served by his experience in these tough economic

Dan also focuses on city services that benefit Plymouth's families. He spearheaded the construction of the restroom adjacent to Kellogg Park. He is very involved in local youth sports programs and in the Plymouth Canton public education system.

One thing distinguishes Dan from the rest of the field in this year's election his extensive professional experience in the realm of public safety.

Dan has worked in police departments, prisons and is currently the trial court administrator for Washtenaw County. Given the fact that Chief Wayne Carroll is retiring and also given the difficult reality of dwindling state revenue sharing, Dan's deep knowledge of the public safety sector will help the City make prudent decisions about the future of our police and fire departments.

Please join me in happily voting for Dan Dwyer on Nov. 3. He will bring experience, dedication and intelligence to the City Commission.

Colleen Pobur

Former Plymouth City Commissioner and Mayor Pro-Tem

Return Dwyer

I was very pleased to see Dan Dwyer throw his hat in the ring for the City Commission race in Plymouth.

I had the privilege of serving with Dan on the City Commission between 1999 and 2003. Dan is an independent thinker, but every bit the team player. He is focused, deliberative, and decisive in his thought process, while respecting his constituents and fellow elected officials.

Dan has a solid understanding of Plymouth's local government and the issues facing the community. He brings excellent budgeting, analytical, and people skills to the table. A real asset during these difficult times.

Dan has proven himself to be a strong and very competent leader. I strongly encourage you to vote for Dan Dwyer on

William S. Graham

Former Mayor and City Commissioner

Supports Davis

Adrienne Davis has worked very hard in the district on educational matters for the past 10 years. She has formed educational programs

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and tirelessly strived for inclusion throughout our schools.

Adrienne would be a great asset as the newest member to our school board!

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak

Canton

Vote for Simescu

We in the Plymouth-Canton community have had outstanding service from our local school board over the past several years.

The men and women who have so generously given of their time have made our school system into one of the very best in the state. Our students continue to excel on state and national tests.

One of the school board members most responsible for this excellent leadership is Barry Simescu. He has served as the Board vice president and president and his engineering background has provided him with the knowledge that has helped our schools maintain educational excellence under an ever shrinking budget.

During these trying financial times, diminishing state funding for schools and an expanding student population, let's send one of our very best back for another term on the Board. Help re-elect Barry Simescu to the Plymouth-Canton School Board on Nov. 3.

Dennis Bila Former Mayor City of Plymouth

Vote for Davis

We need to elect Adrienne Davis to the Plymouth-Canton School Board on Nov.

Adrienne Davis has more than a 10-year working relationship with the Plymouth-Canton School District. Adrienne's involvement has included participation on the bond committees, attending School Board meetings, and closely working with the PCCS School Board.

Adrienne is a member of SEPAC, **Special Education Parents Action** Committee, and the District's Health Committee.

Adrienne Davis has an in-depth knowledge of all the important issues that are relevant to the Plymouth-Canton School District. She is the mother of two teenage sons who began their education at Isbister Elementary and are now currently enrolled at The Park.

Adrienne is endorsed by former PCCS

Superintendent, Dr. James Ryan, and the Supervisor of Canton Township, Mr. Phil LaJoy.

We ask for your vote for Adrienne Davis on Nov. 3. Adrienne Davis has an additional perspective that will complement the current school board members who are running for re-election: Judy Mardigian, Barry Simescu and John Jackson.

John C. Stewart Plymouth **Martha Trafford** Canton

Disgusting reference

During the Mitch Albom show on WJR on 21 October 2009, Mr. Albom was interviewing Governor Granholm.

During the interview, the Governor called tax opponents "tea baggers." I was very surprised to hear our Governor use such a term. The term "tea bagging" has its origins as a slang term for a specific sexual act and "tea baggers" was first used by liberal media outlets and supporters as a derogatory term for those people who attended tea party tax reduction rallies.

Either our Governor is so naive as to not understand these facts, simply repeats the terms she has heard in the media, or truly does know what this means and wishes to reinforce this highly offensive term for people who disagree

Regardless of which of these choices are true, this does not seem to be the leadership we need in our state at this time. This kind of behavior from a Governor

is disgusting and she owes the people of Michigan an apology.

Mark Horvath Canton

Earning a seat

It has been a pleasure working with Barry Simescu, Tom Wysocki, Judy Mardigian and John Jackson on the Plymouth Canton School Board. Tom was assigned to be my mentor on the board and he was a tremendous voice of reason that will truly be missed as his tenure is over this year.

Judy and Barry bring great experience and an in-depth understanding of the School District that is quite valuable in the meetings. While we do not always agree on the issues we vote on from meeting to meeting, I have a great deal of respect for them both and the countless hours they have dedicated to this district and the community.

John brings an energy and thoroughness in his preparation for the meetings that is contagious. I always enjoy sitting next to him to see his spin on the information that we receive.

John, Judy, and Barry have experience that is going to be invaluable in the years to come as we face deep cuts to the budget from the State of Michigan. I plan to vote for all of them in the upcoming elections. They are all wonderful, well meaning individuals whose experience and dedication, have definitely earned them a seat at the table.

Dianne Gonzalez

Plymouth-Canton School Board member

Motor City, motor style

a2z Racer Gear appeals to car buffs and beyond

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

To Patrick Parke, car-themed clothing seemed a natural fit for Detroit. That's why the Bloomfield Hills businessman brought a2z Racer Gear to town.

"The catchphrase I like to use is 'Motor City, motor style," Parke

Parke, of Bloomfield Hills, is the exclusive Michigan rep for a2z Racer Gear, a retro apparel line inspired by racing legends Steve McQueen and Carroll Shelby.

Parke discovered a2z Racer Gear three years ago while traveling through Napa Valley, when he complimented a stranger on his jacket.

It turned out the man was the coat's creator himself, Norm Silverman, a vintage car buff and long-time clothing manufacturer.

"We started talking and I said 'you need to bring this stuff to Detroit for the Dream Cruise'," Parke explained. "He didn't know anything about the Cruise, he's a California guy, but he called me a month or two later."

Silverman developed a2z Racer Gear in 2004 along with internationally-known race car driver Tony Adamowicz, and the pair secured licensing rights to use Shelby and McQueen's endorsements on their clothing and accessories.

The company's signature item is a replica of the white racing jacket McQueen made famous in the 1971 movie *Le Mans*. Adamowicz, whose storied racing career included a third place finish in the 1971 24 Hours of Le Mans, appeared in the film.

a2z Racer Gear also has a full line of products celebrating Shelby,



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Patrick Parke wears a2z Racer Gear's signature 'Le Mans' jacket, modeled after the racing coat Steve McQueen wore in the 1971 movie of the same name. \$350 in leather, \$125 in cotton.

a record-setting driver and influential automobile designer, known in part for his custom Ford Mustang Shelby Cobra.

FROM CAPS TO SHOES

Offerings include a Team Shelby stadium jacket (\$200), tees and caps with the Shelby Cobra logo (\$20-\$30), hip suede driving shoes in brown, black, blue and red (\$99), and a luggage set designed to fit Shelby Mustangs.

The company recently introduced a line of trendy graphic tees by classic car artist Nicolas Hunziker. All the products have a vintage feel influenced by the early '70s.

Primarily for men, a2z Racer Gear is popular with car culture enthusiasts and McQueen fans, and rugged enough to be worn racing or working on cars.

But Parke confessed he's not a gear head himself.

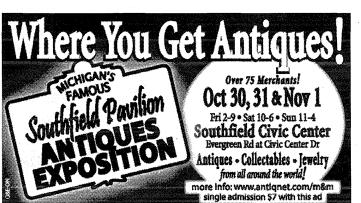
"I'm a moderate car enthusiast. It's not my passion, I just like the look of this stuff," Parke said. "It's got a real style aspect to it."

HIGH FASHION CROWD

Parke has sold the line at three Woodward Dream Cruises and two Autoramas. He also participated in Birmingham's Day on the Town where he ran into Joe Faris, a Troy-based clothing designer who appeared on last year's *Project Rumway*. The chance meeting led to Parke sponsoring a booth at Faris' Fashion In Detroit event, staged earlier this month at the Detroit Zoo. The move, which targeted the high fashion crowd, was part of Parke's goal to broaden his customer base.

"If you just appeal to car enthusiasts then you've limited your market," he said. "I'd like to get it in front of a younger audience. It seems like a lot of kids and young adults have really taken to it."

a2z Racer Gear is available at Street Legal Customs in Royal Oak and Auto Europe in Birmingham, both on Woodward Ave., as well as through Patrick Parke's Lathrup Village office by appointment. You can also find it online at www.a2zracergear. com and www.amazon.com. For 10 percent off purchases, contact Parke at (248) 225-6007 or patrickparkee@yahoo.com.



MALLS & MAINSTREETS

Howdy Halloween

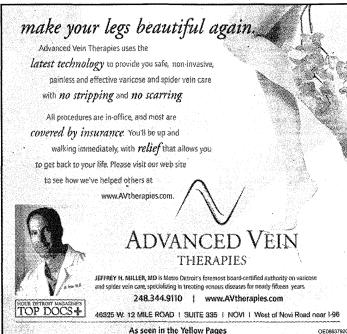
LIVONIA - So you wanna be a cowboy? Stop by Scott Colburn Boots and Western Wear for Halloween gear that can be worn year round. Whether you want to dress as John Wayne, Annie Oakley or Woody from *Toy Story*, Scott Colburn sells boots, hats and clothing for kids and adults. Scott Colburn also announces upcoming events: Customer Appreciation Day, Nov. 5; Lucchese Boots Trunk Show, Nov. 6-7; and American Cancer Society's Cattle Baron's Ball at Oakland University Nov. 7. Scott Colburn is located at 20411 Farmington Road. Call (248) 476-1262 or visit www.scottcolburnwestern.com.

Parisian Beauty Bash

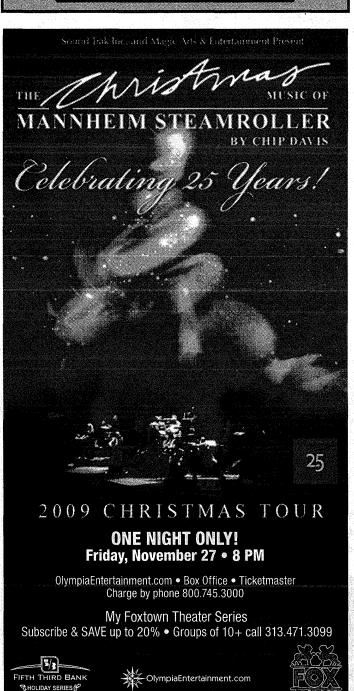
LIVONIA - Parisian Laurel Park Place hosts the makeover event of the season 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. Learn make-up secrets from professional artists for your freshest look this fall. Your \$20 reservation fee is credited toward your purchase and includes consultation and makeover with a professional make-up artist, deluxe samples, drawing for a gift basket, gifts with purchases and more. With a cosmetic purchase of \$125 or more, receive a free tote filled with goodies. Seating is limited. R.S.V.P. at (734) 953-7500.

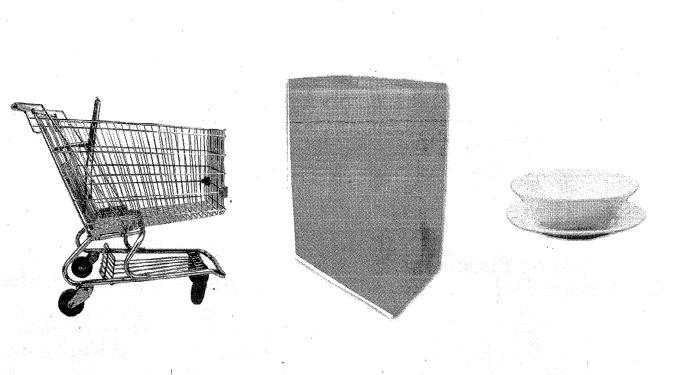
Kids Play Area Open

"If you just appeal to car enthuasts then you've limited your arket," he said. "I'd like to get it "LIVONIA - Laurel Park Place, 37700 W. Six Mile Road, now has a children's play area complete with climb-on toys and interactive play stations. 'Play in the Park' is located in the food court outside Vitamin World and Sanders.









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Postseason rematch for Chiefs, Wildcats

PLAYOFF PRIMER

What: Division 1 pre-district football game between Canton and Plymouth.

When: 7 p.m. Friday. Where: Varsity turf field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Encore: Both teams faced each other in the opening round of the 2008 playoffs, with the Chiefs winning 35-28.

Keys: Canton (7-1) will look to control the game with its multi-faceted offense. Plymouth (6-3) is trying to bounce back from a lopsided loss this season to the Chiefs, and will try to make the most of its underdog status. Big games by Jernarian Caldwell and quarterback Victor Hicks are essential for the Wildcats to be competitive.

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Before "Selection Sunday," Canton football coach Tim Baechler said he'd get to work breaking down film of his firstround playoff opponent as soon as he found out who it was.

After drawing Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rival Plymouth, Baechler might have felt an urge to tuck away the video machine.

"If you ask any coach, they'd tell you it's always exciting to play someone new, or someone you haven't played in a couple years," Baechler said this week. "But the reality is Plymouth is a good football team, we're a pretty good football team and we're right on top of each other."

The Chiefs (7-1) and Wildcats (6-3) are squaring off for the second year in a row, thanks to Canton's recent loss to Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth's 20-14 loss Friday at Adrian. Kickoff is 7 p.m. on the varsity turf field at PCEP.

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TIM BAECHLER, Canton football coach

In the 2008 pre-district game, Canton won 35-28 and went on to reach the regional final. That followed a close regular season matchup.

This year's regular season meeting played out much differently, as the Chiefs pounded the Wildcats, 49-7. Baechler does not plan on this meeting

being such a cakewalk. "It (Sept. 11) was just one of those games, our kids played well and we had a good plan," Baechler said. "Now they're

not that bad a team, that 49-7 was not indicative of Plymouth's team nor is it our team, I don't think. We just had things going our way."

Friday night, history gets tossed out the window.

"You have to, because they're going to want to redeem themselves," he added. "And if you're us, our motivation is validation. Prove that we can do it again."

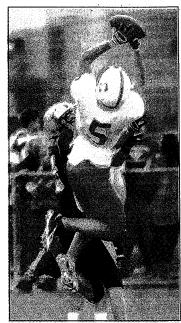
Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk could not be reached for comment about his take on the playoff rematch.

OFFENSIVE PUNCH

But both teams have the capability of putting a lot of points on the scoreboard.

Canton's usual triple-back formation behind senior quarterback Kevin Delapaz will test the Plymouth defense. Senior running back Adam Payter is coming off a 232-yard night against Salem in the regular season finale.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Friday's pre-district football matchup between Canton and Plymouth is their second meeting this season. In September, the Chiefs rolled to victory thanks to plays such as this one by Ryan Powell (No. 5) catching a TD pass despite the best efforts of Plymouth's Jacob Morris.

2009 BOYS SOCCER DISTRICTS

Chiefs end drought

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Right around the time Salem upset No. 1-ranked Livonia Churchill, another Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity boys soccer team won a district championship.

Canton's Chiefs also moved on to regional play thanks to Saturday afternoon's 4-0 victory over district host Dearborn Edsel Ford. Canton scored four second-half goals to break open a close contest. The district title was Canton's first since 1998.

"The boys played consistent the whole game and had an outstanding performance in the first 25 minutes of the second half," noted Chiefs' head coach George Tomasso. "I am proud of how the team stepped up and never let down."

Canton (13-7-3) benefited from strong play in the back. particularly from senior defen-

seman and co-captain Jon Dugan and sophomore defenseman Connor Furgason and from senior goalkeeper Kai Walther (7 saves).

The match was 0-0 at halftime, but the Chiefs broke through against the Thunderbirds (9-10-0) with two penalty kick goals in the first eight minutes of the second half and tacked on goals at the 15- and 22-minute marks.

Registering two of the goals was Mitch Posuniak, with single tallies from Connor Furgason and Daniel Ovesea.

Canton will play Walled Lake Northern in a regional semifinal game 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at Livonia

Immediately following that contest will be the tilt between Salem-Dearborn. The winners from the two matches will meet at 1 p.m. Saturday for the regional championship.

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Salem players celebrate as Churchill's Tim Devine (15) comes to the realization that the game and season are over the Rocks upended the state's top-ranked team in Division 1 for their first loss, 3-2.

SOCCER SHOCKER

Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity boys soccer team celebrates after winning the Division 4 district title game Saturday against Lutheran Westland. The Eagles then won Tuesday's regional semifinal and will play for their first regional championship this Saturday.

Eagles win district, eye regional crown

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Plymouth Christian's varsity boys soccer team would not be denied in the Division 4 district final this time, rallying to Saturday's 4-2 victory over Lutheran Westland.

Don Mullett scored two of the Eagles' four second-half goals to pave the way for PCA's first district title since 2003.

On Tuesday, the Eagles then took care of Hillsdale Academy 5-1 in the regional semifinal to advance to the regional championship game for the first time in school history.

Jordan Machonga and Dan Ross scored two goals each

for PCA (11-9-1), who will play 2 p.m. Saturday against either Ann Arbor Greenhills or Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett. That game will be at Jackson Christian, as was Tuesday's. "I believe that God brought

all the pieces of the puzzle together," said Eagles' cocoach Larry Machonga, referring to three key players (Don Mullett, Dan Mullett and Ethan Walker) coming over from defunct Canton Agape Christian to augment solid returnees Jordan Machonga, Blair Robinson and Matt Zandee.

Please see EAGLES, B2

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER "Get it and connect," shouted Salem coach Ed McCarthy early in Saturday's Division 1 district final against topranked Livonia Churchill. He

BY TIM SMITH

was urging his players to be on target with their passing. His message also connected because within seconds, his team had done the unthinkable — twice — with back-toback goals within 36 seconds to shock the undefeated Chargers and spark the Rocks

to a 3-2 victory at Northville. When one last-second header in front of Salem senior goalkeeper Sasa "Sasha" Miskovic drifted over the top of the goal, the Rocks flew out onto the pitch to leap into each

others arms. Nearby were several Churchill players prone on their backs, with their hands on their heads in disbelief.

The win enabled the Rocks (15-4-4) to repeat as district champions. They will move on to play in the Livonia Stevenson-hosted regionals starting Wednesday.

CRAZY, EMOTIONAL

'This was a very crazy game,

lots of emotion," McCarthy said. "I've never seen a district final that had this many goals and had two penalty shots called in it. It was an exciting

game." Churchill head coach Reid Friedrichs said a recent trend of starting slowly in contests finally caught up to the team

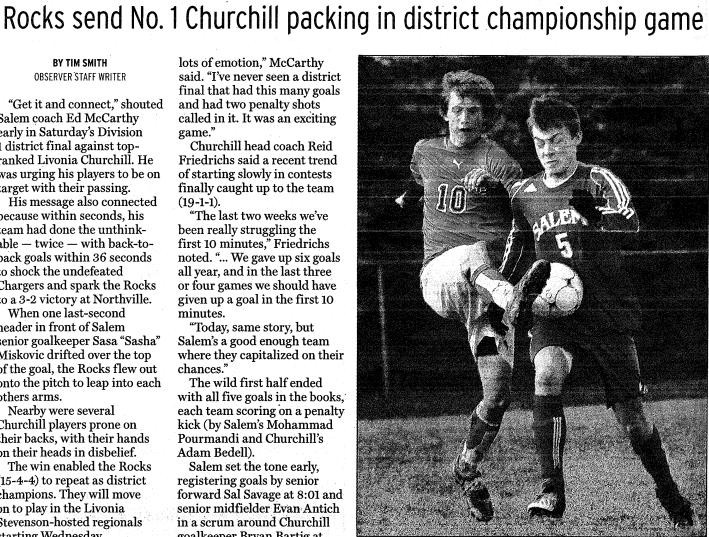
(19-1-1). "The last two weeks we've been really struggling the first 10 minutes," Friedrichs noted. "... We gave up six goals all year, and in the last three or four games we should have given up a goal in the first 10 minutes.

"Today, same story, but Salem's a good enough team where they capitalized on their chances."

The wild first half ended with all five goals in the books, each team scoring on a penalty kick (by Salem's Mohammad Pourmandi and Churchill's Adam Bedell).

Salem set the tone early, registering goals by senior forward Sal Savage at 8:01 and senior midfielder Evan Antich in a scrum around Churchill goalkeeper Bryan Bartig at

Please see ROCKS, B2



Churchill's Jeff Thomas (10) contests for possession of the ball with Salem's Brandon Barfuss during Saturday's Division 1 district boys soccer final at Northville.

Salem third in KLAA volleyball tourney

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Although last weekend's **KLAA Kensington Conference** volleyball tournament went to Livonia Churchill, squads from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park had respectable showings.

Salem placed third overall and also enjoyed a 2-1 win over Canton in the Gold Pool quarterfinals (15-25, 25-19, 15-11).

"We were up and down in the beginning but we came through pretty strong at the end," said Salem head coach Amanda Suder. "I am happy with our third place finish.

"The Canton win in the quarterfinals was a great match. Both teams played with great intensity and left it all on the floor."

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The Rocks, who will play the third place team from the KLAA Lakes Conference on Thursday, opened up pool play defeating Livonia Franklin (25-19, 25-13) before dropping a 16-25, 25-19, 13-15 match to

But Salem defeated South Lyon (25-23, 25-19) to advance to the Gold quarters against the Chiefs.

In the Gold semifinal against Novi, the Wildcats won 25-21, 25-22. Salem got past Livonia Stevenson (25-19, 25-15) in the match for third

Top players for the Rocks

were Nicole Merget (59 kills, 6 aces, 15 blocks), Kerry MacDonald (125 assists, 37 digs, 9 aces), Lauren Aschermann (62 digs), Kerstin Johnson (34 kills, 46 digs) and Jillian Sommerville (14 blocks, 28 kills).

Plymouth 7th

Meanwhile, Plymouth finished the day at Wayne Memorial as the seventh seed. Coach Kelly McCausland said her squad was inconsistent.

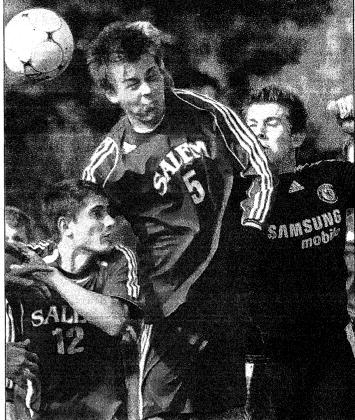
The Wildcats bookended wins over Wayne (25-9, 25-4) and Northville (27-25, 25-18) around a loss to Novi (13-25, 18-25) in pool play; but Plymouth then lost to Stevenson (27-25, 18-25, 9-15).

From there, Plymouth dropped a match to Westland John Glenn before defeating Northville (25-23, 25-19) for seventh.

"We just could not get a consistent level of play," McCausland said. "We would do some great things one minute, then become unpredictable the very next."

Co-captains Katie Salo (82 assists, 31 digs), Kelly Smoltz (22 kills, 8 blocks) and Erin O'Connor (35 digs) were among team leaders for the day.

Others included Dani Risi (24 kills), Kayla Bridge (26 kills, 57 digs), Alex Roberts (14 kills, 20 blocks), Jessica Scott (20 kills, 17 digs) and Lindsay Stemberger (66 digs).



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

It's close quarters around Livonia Churchill goalkeeper Bryan Bartig during Saturday's Division 1 district final at Northville. Battling in front of him are Salem's Brandon Barfuss (No. 5) and Dan Martin (No. 12).

PCA spikers wallop Macomb Christian

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Pretty much every time Abby Bartes stepped to the service stripe Tuesday, she delivered a point for her team.

In fact, Bartes reeled off strings of 18 and 11 points to start the second and third games, respectively. She sparked host Plymouth Christian Academy to a 3-0 varsity volleyball triumph over Macomb Christian.

The Eagles (27-8-2) captured wins of 25-7, 25-7 and 25-16 to breeze past their Michigan Independent Athletic Conference crossover opponent.

They really can't come back from that kind of deficit," PCA head coach Kelly Blackney said about Bartes' serving runs

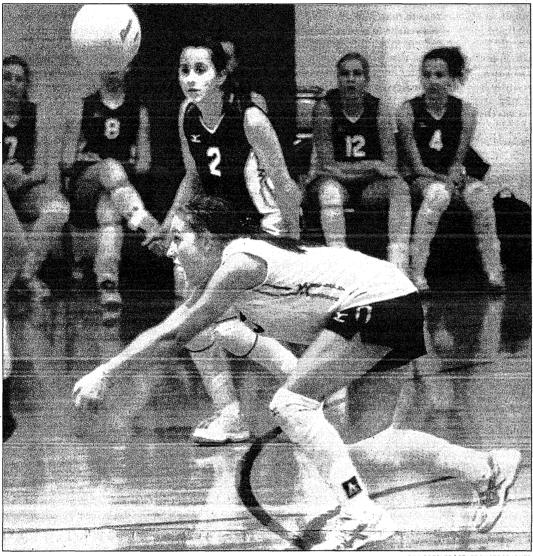
After the Crusaders took a 1-0 lead in the second game, junior libero Bartes went on an 18-point stint.

It was the same story in Game 3. She served the first 11 points, including three aces, giving the Eagles a big enough cushion to withstand a mini-

rally by Macomb Christian. Also making their presence felt all night were sophomore middle hitter Kristin Malcolm (14 kills with zero hitting errors, six digs, two blocks), sophomore outside hitter Amy Zinn (five kills) and junior setter Brianna Harris (21 assists). Bartes also contributed 18 digs

and six aces. Senior outside hitter Ariel Rock also did a good job on "Senior/Parent Night." She is the team's only senior.

According to Blacknev. romps over inferior opponents



Getting low for a defensive dig is Plymouth Christian libero Abby Bartes, whose prolific serving keyed the Eagles' victory Tuesday over Macomb Christian. Teammate Jessica Rich (No. 2) watches.

don't do much to help her team gear up for postseason hopes - the Eagles want to win the district for a seventh straight year and then capture their

first regional. "It's not good practice for us. We can make some mistakes

that we can't get away with when we play better teams," Blackney said. "But what we focus on is playing our game, staying intense and not play-

ing down to the other team." She said PCA has done well against Class A schools,

such as those at the recent University of Michigan-Dearborn tournament.

That will help when the Eagles begin the districts at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Calvary Christian against Washtenaw Christian.

The chip shot by Antich following a header by Salem senior midfielder Lachlan Savage (2 assists) was just the eighth goal scored against Churchill all season.

But Bedell made it 2-1 at 23:48 with his penalty kick. A Churchill player had been pushed inside the box, according to officials.

Perhaps as a make-up call, Salem also was awarded a PK at the 34:57 mark. Making good on the try was Pourmandi, who McCarthy said played a solid game.

Things really got interesting in the final minutes of the half in Salem's end.

The Rocks had possession when Bedell went down with an apparent injury (he stayed in the game). When play resumed it was Churchill's ball, however, to the amazement of McCarthy.

Churchill's Nick Wood then drilled a sharp-angle shot just under the crossbar at the 39minute mark.

JUST RELAX

With the Chargers in control over the final 20 minutes of the half, McCarthy had another message to deliver at halftime, to quell the expected continuation of Churchill's onslaught.

"The focus was to make sure everyone was calm," McCarthy said. "It was to get the players" to take a deep breath and relax and to say 'If we told you (at Friday's team dinner) that you were going to be up by a goal at halftime would you have taken up?' That kind of put guys at ease."

From there, it was hold-thefort time for 40 minutes with a wall of defenders continuously blocking and clearing the ball.

Leading the charge were senior co-captains Lachlan Savage (2 assists) and Miskovic.

'The player of the game for me was Lachy and number two would be Sasha who did an excellent job in net the second half," McCarthy added.

Salem players knew what they had to do to stay in front of Adam Bedell, Max Washko (playing on a recently sprained ankle) and the rest of the Chargers.

"In order to keep the goal lead," said Lachlan Savage, "we knew we had to lock it down and focus on every little, do every little thing right.' The midfielder hustled and

slid to thwart potentially dangerous Churchill rushes up the pitch. "We were laying out, we were getting everything done, doing anything we could to help the team."

Perhaps the best Churchill bid to tie the match came with about 10 minutes left. Miskovic dove to his left to block a shot by Washko.

"We felt like we were in it (at halftime) and we created a lot of chances and we just didn't finish them," Friedrichs said. "We had four or five chances there on the 18-yard line and ... we just put them over the

Now, the Rocks will need to get ready for the regional opener. McCarthy said he didn't think whatever comes next will be anticlimactic.

"No, the big prize at the end is too huge.

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Pink suits Whalers fine

Plymouth Whalers forward Tyler Seguin (No. 9) scores one of his two goals against Belleville Saturday night to spark his team to a 6-1 win. The Whalers wore pink jerseys as part of a special event to promote breast cancer awareness. The jerseys were auctioned after the game at Compuware Arena with proceeds going to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. A 50/50 raffle and Chuck-A-Puck promotion also helped the cause.

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Add to the mix a talented freshman (Ross) and a "very deep bench of committed, respectful and great guys that work just as hard as any of our standouts," and there's no telling what might be accomplished.

But Machonga and co-coach Evan Baker first had to help the Eagles regroup at halftime Saturday after falling behind

On that lone first-half goal, the Warriors' Kent Krzyske chipped the ball into an open cage after PCA goalkeeper Jordan Allen and defender Walker collided.

"We told them (Eagles) that their attack was good and even though Lutheran Westland's goal came from a silly mistake we knew that they would continue to rebound," Machonga

emphasized. "We also told them that we are not bound to our history in that we are 'doomed to fail.'"

What he was referring to was PCA's string of defeats in the district final in recent seasons.

The Eagles returned to the pitch more relaxed and inspired and scored four straight goals to offer proof. In addition to Mullett's goals, PCA goal scorers were Robinson and Machonga.

Lutheran Westland (10-7-3) cut the lead to 4-2 with about 10 minutes remaining when senior Gage Flannery's low shot to the right corner beat Allen.

In the district semifinal. Plymouth Christian breezed to a 7-0 win over Huron Valley Lutheran. Don Mullett scored twice, while Machonga collected a goal and an assist.

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Steelers look to bounce back in 'Black and Blue' tilt

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity squad was defeated by the Ypsilanti Braves on Saturday, October 17 by a score of 31-7. The score did not reflect the tremendous effort given by the entire team.

The Steelers are looking to rebound from it's current twogame losing streak, when they face off against the Canton Lions Saturday in the annual "Black and Blue" game.

Offensive line play was strong due to the solid efforts from players like Derek Young and Bilal Murtaza, who stepped up on offense, moving the ball down the field, after key injuries were suffered by the Steelers. Rodney Allen, Jr. opened up huge holes for the Steelers' running backs, who were trying to hit pay dirt in the end zone.

Jalen Bryant led the Steelers' defensive efforts by disrupting the Braves passing game, while Connor Stella gave his all on the line. Hussein Shahine elevated his play on the defensive side of the ball with key stops at middle linebacker.

• The Steelers JV squad played solid football, defeating the Braves 23-8. The

YOUTH FOOTBALL

defense came out ready to play, starting with a great ball recovery on the opening kickoff by Kevin Justice, while teammates Greg Williams and Dakota Lynn both had key interceptions to stop the Braves in their tracks.

The first of three Steelers' touchdowns came on a beautiful run by Chris Bryant. The next two touchdowns were credited to Steeler tight ends; one long pass reception by Nick Lanava and an end zone fumble recovery by Jacob Stephan.

• The Steelers freshmen squad won a hard fought battle against the Braves, earning a 27-14 victory. Marc Bryant, Chase Cunningham and Calvin Vos all did a fantastic job of blocking on the Steelers' "Gold" offensive line. Ryan Young had a stellar day on both sides of the ball; he ran for a touchdown, completed a touchdown pass and had several nice tackles on defense at linebacker. Ryan Bogdanski had a standout day, playing "Steeler" tough at defensive end.

PREP GRID PICKS

Pre-districts Friday, Oct. 30 Northville (6-3) at Livonia Stevenson (7-2), 7 p.m. Plymouth (6-3) at Canton (8-1), 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31 Redford Thurston (7-2) at Detroit King (7-2), noon Farmington (6-3) at Farmington Harrison (6-3), 1 p.m. Livonia Franklin (5-4) at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (9-0), 1 p.m. Westland Glenn (8-1) at Detroit Southeastern (8-1), 3 p.m. Last week Overall

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Wildcats look to cash in 'chip'

or the second straight season, Plymouth-Canton

Educational Park football rivals Canton and Plymouth will butt helmets in a Division 1 pre-district game.

Last year, the Chiefs earned a hard-fought 35-28 victory. This time around (7 p.m. Friday at PCEP), will the collective chip on the shoulders of Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk and his players following the Westland John Glenn debacle be enough to rally the troops to an upset victory?

For those who haven't yet seen ESPN's blooper reel or YouTube, the Wildcats lost in a wacky, unfathomable, impossible-to-predict play at the end of the Oct. 2 game at Westland John Glenn.

Plymouth blocked a field goal with less than one tick remaining to apparently clinch a 28-27

win, the ball bounced back into the mitts of John Glenn holder Tony Wilton. While the Wildcats cheered

each other for their "win" and danced to the sidelines, Wilton scooped up the pigskin and took it into the end zone for the shocking conclusion.

Officials had deemed it a live ball and because they did not see Wilton's knee hit the turf, they allowed the play to

Despite sharp protests by

Sawchuk and everybody else on the Plymouth sideline, referees stood by the ruling.

Since then, the Wildcats have grown more unified as a group, even singing Kumbaya (actually Lean on Me) in a circle on the field following a recent win over Novi.

"I'm proud of these kids for what they've been through the last three weeks." Sawchuk said following that Oct. 16 victory. "They seem to be a little bit tighter now. Some things happen for a reason."

Can those emotions be channeled to take a bite out of the superior 7-1 Chiefs? Stranger things have happened.

Further proof of an usagainst-the-world attitude is on the team's Web site.

All other games this season

have the final result listed. But next to the John Glenn entry is merely the word "story," which indicates the team still doesn't accept what happened on the John Glenn gridiron.

Plymouth, 20-14 loser at Adrian last week to finish 6-3, certainly wants to wash away that sour taste.

Nothing could refresh and vindicate the "wronged" Wildcats more than a victory on the varsity turf field Friday night.

We assume that's the Plymouth mindset, because efforts to reach Sawchuk this week have fallen on deaf ears. Maybe he's glued to YouTube.

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Lions win three against Rockets

Following is a recap of Oct. 18 youth football games between the Canton Lions and **Farmington Rockets:**

 The Varsity Lions put up a strong challenge against the undefeated Rockets scoring three straight touchdowns during the second and third quarter. Daniel Tidwell started the scoring drives followed by James Hall and Kenny Arnold. The offensive line was led by Austin Fisher, Manmeet Singh, and Antonio Ochoa. John Schumaker and Nathan Michalik also contributed to the overall line performance.

Quarterback/Kicker Evan Thomas put up a gritty effort in directing each of the touchdown drives and punting for a net 28 yard average on his punts. Defensively, the Lions saw solid performances from Ben Cockrum, Robert Daoud, and Devon Wade.

step toward a run at the Superbowl when they defeated the Rockets, 18-13. The Lions dug their claws in early, jumping out to an 18-0 halftime lead. Chucky Turfe had three

• The JV Lions took another

TD's on the day. Patrick Wayne, Alex Petrarca, and Eric Daniels all helped fortify a solid Lions O-Line. On the edge, receivers like Keith Gillespie added key downfield blocks to give the backs extra yardage. In the second half, the

Rockets played inspired as their own chance at the playoffs still hung in the balance. The Lions defense was up to the challenge making big plays late in the game to hold off a Rocket comeback. Austin Stonburg and Jackson Austin helped control the line of scrimmage, while Daniel Kilgore, Damarcus Kaigler, and Everett Czarnota made

sure nothing got behind them in the secondary.

 After giving up a touchdown on the opening kickoff, the Lions Freshman team flexed their muscles on their way to a 27-6 victory to

improve their record to 4-2-1. The defense recorded two red zone stops against the Rockets and were led by Spencer Brown, Joey Glunt, Noah Brown, Myles Beverly, Cody Tapp, Trevor LaPere, Jason Arnold, and Evan

Voyles. The offense controlled the ball most of the day led by the blocking of Connor Flanigan, Julius Crouch, David Mason, Alan Farmer, Carter Kahl, and Ethan Balogh. The running game, capitalizing on the strong blocking and the breaking of many tackles, wore down the Farmington defense. The Lions touchdown runs were recorded by Victor Abraham (3) and Jason Arnold (1), with both recording successful extra point conversions

• For the sixth consecutive week, the Jr. Freshman Lions shut out their opponent. This time it was the Rockets who fell victim to the tenacious defense, which was led by Connor Woody, Robby Begley, Lawrence Austin, Ayden Lang and Bennett Austin (who also had an interception deep in Rocket territory).

as well.

Novi outruns PCEP teams

The Lions offense was equally as impressive, scoring on seven of their nine possessions. The offense was led by outstanding blocking of Robby Begley, Michael Linderman, Ethan Locke, Nathan Hunt and Preston Parana. TD runs were collected by Bennett Austin, Steven Shoats-Thomas, Justin Reynolds, Darrell Harding Jr. and Jerome

against the Rocks sidelining him for Friday, Baechler will look to several others to keep the Chiefs' offensive machine

Canton woman takes third in 5K at Free **Press marathon**

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

There were some noteworthy performances turned in Oct. 18 by area runners at the Detroit Free Press/Flagstar Marathon. Lutheran High Westland

graduate Angela Matthews, an assistant cross country coach at Southfield Christian High School, set a course record in the women's half-marathon. Matthews, a member of

the Front Line Racing team, covered the 13.1-mile course through the streets of Detroit and downtown Windsor, Ontario in 1 hour, 18 minutes and 51 seconds. The former Concordia

University (Neb.) runner captured the race by over seven minutes and finished ninth overall (male or female) in a field of nearly 7,000.

Meanwhile, Schoolcraft College captured the **University-College Division** and was the first women's team overall in the 5-person marathon relay with combined time of 3:13.25, averaging 7:24 per mile on the 26.2-mile course.

Members of the Lady Ocelots, who were 15th overall out of a field of 613 male, female and mixed teams, included Lauren Ahearn (Plymouth), Courtney Plummer (Garden City), Stacey Richardson (Westland John Glenn), Jamie Wick (Pinckney) and Katie Fenech (Livonia/ Dearborn Divine Child).

In the men's 5-kilometer race, Schoolcraft's Nathan Wise (Livonia Churchill) was runner-up in a field of 1,644 with a time of 17:55.

Ashley Hayden (Canton/ Divine Child) took third in the women's 5K in 21:44. The Free Press/Flagstar

event was a tune-up for the Schoolcraft teams, which will compete Saturday, Oct. 31 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and NJCAA Region 12 meet at Lansing CC.

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With a concussion sustained by senior halfback Ron Gaudi

"We've got (Kevin) Buford and Josh Nolan and Ryan Powell and Sam Scott, so we've got a lot of guys who can play halfback," Baechler said, adding that the return of junior Davion Stackhouse (after missing the Stevenson game due to disciplinary reasons)

also will be a plus. Meanwhile, the Wildcats' offense has big-play capability from junior quarterback Victor Hicks and senior running back Jernarian Caldwell.

If for some reason Plymouth hangs in against Canton, a team that held the No. 1 spot in state rankings until the loss to Stevenson, there is junior placekicker Kyle Brindza — who can split the uprights

Regardless of the outcome, both teams will step onto the carpet at PCEP — on a night certain to be filled with anticipation and excitement — fully aware that it's a one-or-done

situation. 'That's right," Baechler said. 'The winner feels good this time of year."

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Novi used a pack-running philosophy to near perfection in

winning the KLAA Kensington Conference boys cross country title last Thursday at Kensington Metropark. Novi placed all five scor-

BY JEFF THEISEN

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ing runners in the top 13 to score 34 points during last Thursday's meet at Possum Hollow course. Wildcat senior Mike Blaszczyk

was also the overall winner, finishing in 16:07 on the challenging 5,000-meter course. He went to the lead early and held off Northville's Frank Griffiths (16:10) down the stretch.

Three teams were extremely bunched up for the next three

Plymouth won out with 63, followed by Canton (66) and Northville (67). The top four teams put plenty of distance on South Lyon with 139 points

"I respect those guys

— Northville, Plymouth and Canton," Smith said. "On any given day it could be them, but today it was us. It's a good way to kick of the next week for regionals."

Plymouth's Joe Porcari finished third (16:30), while teammate Matt Neumann took sixth (16:36).

Also cracking the top 15 for the Wildcats were Warren Buzzard in 11th (16:46) and Derek Gielarowski in 14th (16:53)

Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz thought his team didn't have its best day, but things are looking good toward the end of the year. 'I thought we might be up a lower in there with overall score but overall we had a pretty good day," he said. "It just shows how many good teams from the state

are in this one area. "I kind of had a feeling maybe we had a little bit of an off day today. We haven't had one all year, so this is kind of our one off meet. I'm feeling pretty confident now that we got this one out of the way."

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OCT. 29-NOV. 4

All saints

Video commentary, sung scripture prayer, candlelight procession, reception afterward, 7-8 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 1, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. (734) 425-5950

Breakfast and Mass

Widowed Friends invites widowed men and women to celebrate Mass together at 11 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 1, at St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, between Six and Seven Mile roads, in Livonia. The first two pews will be reserved for Widowed Friends. Meet after Mass in the gathering space for directions to a nearby restaurant to enjoy breakfast and conversation. For more information call Sandy at (734) 591-6780.

"Caught in the Act of the Apostles: The Spirit the Church and the World," taught by the Rev. Michael Van Horn, 5 p.m., Sundays, starting Nov. 1, at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia, (734) 425-2800

Concert

"Jewish Calcutta through Music and Memory," with Rahel Musleah, 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 1, at Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. Musleah is an award-winning journalist, singer, speaker and educator. She weaves a rich tapestry of heritage and culture and memory of the Indian Jewish community, whose population has dwindled to around 5,000 today. Free. For more information call Nancy Kaplan at (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net

Craft show

9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 4, St. Edith School, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. \$2 admission. For more information, contact Kristen at (734) 632-0264.

Dancing

Ballroom dance lessons will be held from 6-7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 1, 8, 15 and 22 at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. Learn Swing and Rumba. A dance party will be held from 7-9:30 p.m., Nov. 22. Light refreshments will be served. Cost for each lesson is \$6 and the dance is \$6. Combined cost for the dance and lesson on Nov. 22

is \$10. Pay at the door in fellowship hall. All proceeds will go to various committees within the church. (734)

Food drive

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Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia, begins taking reservations Monday, Nov. 2, for its Thanksgiving food distribution. Interested parties should call the church (248) 476-8222) from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday to set up a reservation and time to pick up food on Nov. 21. The church is collecting food items from members and the community through Nov. 15. Items include instant potatoes, noodles, canned corn, peas, green beans, cranberry sauce, gravy, biscuit mix, jello, and boxed cookie mix. Community members can leave items at any time in the donation box under the canopy at the church's front entrance.

Hallelujah festival

Canton Christian Fellowship invites the community to its 8th Annual Hallelujah Festival, 5-8 p.m., Saturday, Oct 31, 8775 Ronda Driver, Canton. Children may wear costumes - please no ghost, witches or other scary attire. Games, prizes, food and candy. (734)404-2480

Holidays and grief

Ron Gries, a speaker, author and hospice volunteer, will speak at a program called "Getting Through the Holidays While Grieving" after the 6:30 p.m. Mass, Monday, Nov. 2, at St. Michael the Archangel parish, 11441 Hubbard, immediately south of Plymouth Road, between Farmington Road and Merriman, in Livonia. (734) 261-1455, ext. 200

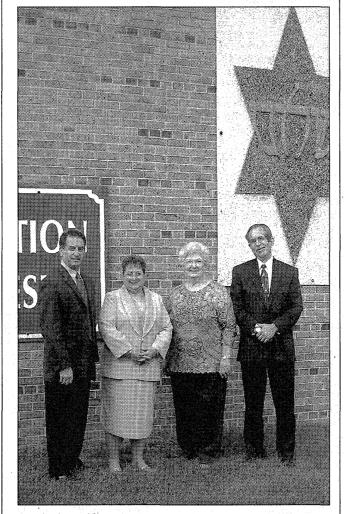
Jews for Jesus

A presentation on the Jews for Jesus organization will be held at 10 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 1 at The Crossing Church, 31590 Grand River Ave., Farmington. (248) 306-0661

Rummage sale

- 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday-Friday, Oct. 29-30 and 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20850 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Gently-used items, lunch, bake sale, \$3 bag day on Saturday. Interested in donating items? Call the church at (248) 474-0675 or CherylAnn at (734) 560-9278 or e-mail nalyrehc@yahoo. com. No large furniture items will be accepted.
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31, at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren Road, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. Includes bake sale. (734) 414-7422

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., film starts at 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30, a. Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. "Fireproof" is an action-packed love story about a firefighter, his wife and a marriage worth rescuing. In



Celebrating 50 years

Congregation Beit Kodesh in Livonia marked 50 years of "observing their Jewish religion, traditions and values" with a special luncheon and program, Oct. 25 at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile. The only conservative synagogue in western Wayne County, Congregation Beit Kodesh is led by officers (from left) Jeffrey Kirsch, of Farmington Hills, first vice president: Sally Stein, of Livonia, president; Phyllis Lewkowicz of Livonia, recording secretary; and David Gross of Milford, second vice president. Not pictured are treasurer Michael Schmall and trustees Daniel Kirsch, Melvin Marsch and Nathan Weiser. More than 90 people attended the special celebration which featured presentations by U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter and Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey. The congregation's 39 families live primarily in Livonia, Farmington Hills and Redford. Others come from Canton, Northville, Milford, Oak Park, Southfield and West Bloomfield. The congregation begin in 1958 and was incorporated in 1959. For more information on weekly and holiday services, Sisterhood, social action and other programs, call (248) 477-8974 or visit www.beitkodesh.com.

this feature-length movie the main character explores God's design for relationships and marriage. Free. (734) 522-6830

Pasties

Newburg United Methodist church is making and selling Cornish pasties as a fund-raiser in November. Pasties are \$4 each and can be ordered by calling into the church office at (734) 422-0149. Orders will be taken 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday, -Tuesday, Nov. 2-3. These are call-in orders only. Any faxed, e-mailed or phone voice mail orders will be ignored.

Pick up times are 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 12, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 13. The church is located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Order early - only 1000 pasties will be made.

Tea and fashions

1 p.m., Sunday, Nov 1, at Sacred Heart Church's Banquet & Conference Center, 29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes a gourmet luncheon provided by Thomas's Catering, as well as a fashion show of clothing from The Clothing Cover of Milford. There will be raffles, a silent auction and door prizes. Seating is limited to adults and teens only. For more parish banquet and catering center at (734) 261-8560 or Jean Parent at (248) 755-1777.

Trunk or treat

6-8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30, at Faith

A weekend of fun and learning by Instereo, a Christian rock band, at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30, at the church, 19827 Middlebelt. Trunk & treat for youngsters from 4-9 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31. Decorated trunks will be filled with candy and other goodies. There will be story time,

information or to buy tickets, call the

Community Weslevan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia. Safe trick or treat environment with coffee, cider and doughnuts available.

Weekend fun

events at Lighthouse Worship Center in Livonia starts with a performance games, a rock-climbing wall and a food court. Worship service starts at 11 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 1. Guest speaker will be Bishop Mitchell Corder. A distribution of food boxes to families that need a "helping hand" will follow. (248) 476-7933

Women's expo

Home-based businesses and crafters will come together in one place to exhibit their products, and to pamper guests, noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, at All Saints Catholic School, located on Warren Road between Beck and Ridge, in Canton. The sponsor, Polish National Alliance, is looking for vendors. Call Gloria at (734) 422-1731 or e-mail to g-l-o-r-l-a@sbcglobal.net.

NOV. 5-11

Christmas bazaar

9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20850 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Gifts, cookies, cakes and breads, door prize drawings. Free. For more information or for table rental sign-up, call CherylAnn at (734) 560-9278 or e-mail nalyrehc@yahoo.com. Or leave a message at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at (248) 474-0675.

Classes

The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington continues its series of learnsing forums, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 5, with these topics: Groundswell: Using Technologies to Get the Things You Need. Inspired by the best-selling book "Groundswell," this session will cover the personal and business uses of social media networks; "Sun of God" will explore the numerous astrological elements that comprise so much of the Christian story; and "Beyond the Paw Print: A Support Group for those Grieving the Death of a Pet," will appeal to those grieving the death of a beloved pet or animal companion. Refreshments at 7 p.m., with forums from 7:30-9 p.m. No advance registration is necessary. A \$5 donation is suggested. The church is located at 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills.

Craft show

Holiday crafts, attic treasures, country store 10 a.m.-3 p.m.. Nov. 6-7, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, Redford. "Crafts 'n More Show" is presented by the United Methodist Women with proceeds benefitting mission and church programs. Includes handmade ornaments, holiday decor, specialty gift items, canned goods and bake sale. Lunch available 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (313) 937-3170

Fund-raiser

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Livonia partner to support local needy families this Christmas with the 18th Annual Share the Bounty fund-raiser, 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 6. Donation is \$14 and includes admission and 10 auction tickets. Additional auction tickets, available at the door, are 10 for \$10. Enjoy fun, refreshments and opportunities to win prizes. For more information contact Kathy Weinberg at (734) 464-0211.

Grief program

"GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays" is aimed at people facing the holidays after a loved one's death. The seminar runs 6-8 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 8, at Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman in Livonia. There is no charge for this event. but a \$4.00 donation is suggested to cover the cost of workbooks. The seminar features practical suggestions and reassurance through video interviews with counselors, grief experts and other people who have experienced the holidays after their loved one's death. For more information call (313) 682-

Speaker

Rev. Dr. Phil Hemke, director of Church Relations for Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, will speak at 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7, and 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 5 Mile, Livonia. His message is entitled "Focus." (734) 464-0211

Veteran's Day Mass

St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia invites veterans, reservists, active military, and their families to a special Veterans' Day Mass at noon. Sunday, Nov. 8. There will be an honor guard and flag-raising ceremony in front of the church at 11:45 a.m. to remember men and women who have given their lives in service of the country. The Mass will be followed by an informal reception and refreshments in the school cafeteria. A highlight of the annual gathering has been the display of many letters, pictures, and drawings by students of St. Michael's School, remembering and thanking our military for their service, past and present. The church is located at 11441 Hubbard, immediately south of Plymouth Road, between Farmington and Merriman Roads in Livonia. (734) 261-1455, ext. 200; www.livoniastmichael.org

Yoga

Learn how to improve your balance, strength, and flexibility, and calm your mind and body, with the help of local yoga instructor Shelley Shindler as she leads a new six-week series of relaxing yoga sessions at Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The class runs 5:30-6:45 p.m., Wednesday, starting Nov. 11. Open to the entire community. Bring yoga mat and wear comfy clothes. The series costs \$60. Financial assistance is available to help defray the cost of the class. Pre-registration is requested. For more info or to sign up, call Shelley at (248) 661-8080 or (248) 417-8000 or e-mail snslist@aol.com.

NOV. 12-18

Classes

The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington continues its series of learnsing forums, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 5, with these topics: Ruth Ellis Center: Providing Hope and Help to Homeless, Runaway, and At-Risk LGBTQ Youth; JFK and GRF, will include discussion of the Kennedy assassination and will make use of documents declassified in the last 10 years, as well as statements made by Gerald Ford; and Sanskrit Chant. Refreshments at 7 p.m., with forums from 7:30-9 p.m. No advance registration is necessary. A \$5 donation is suggested. The church is located at 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills.

Praying moms

Moms In Touch International hosts a free event for praying moms, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 14, at Community Bible Church, 7372 Grand River, Brighton. Registration and light refreshments start at 8:15 a.m. Register at www. MomsInTouch.org. Contact Nancy Lantz at (810) 227-2255 or nancy@ communitybible.net) for more infor-

mation. St. Andrews Day

Worship service is at 10 a.m., with dinner and bagpipe entertainment after in the church hall, Sunday, Nov. 15, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile. Pre-sale ticket prices for the dinner are \$10 for adults; and \$5 for ages 4-11. At the door price is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. No charge for children, 3 and under. Call (313) 534-7730 for reservations.

NOV. 19-25

Concert 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 22, at Monastery of the Sacred Heart, 29575 Middlebelt, north of 13 Mile, in Farmington Hills. Hear sacred music featuring Lisa Agazzi, soprano, performing such favorites as "Pie Jesu," "The Lord's prayer," and "Ave Maria." Selections from Handel, Mozart, Beethoven, Bach and Gounod will be on the program. A free will offering will be accepted. For more information call Barb Glinski at (248) 553-

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JANE E. FINLEY October 23, 2009 of Plymouth, Jane

was born Jan. 29, 1928 to Charles and Eva Jane (Petersen) McCabe. She graduated from St. Benedict's Catholic School. On June 27, 1949 she married Foy Smith Finley and they enjoyed 56 years of marriage. Together they raised six children: Mark, Marikay (Craig) Reidsma, Steven (Rhonda), Susan (Don) Honaker, Ronald (Dianne) and Craig (Natalie). Jane was preceded in death by her husband Foy, her parents Charles and Eva, one brother William McCabe, sisters Patricia Burke and Dorothy Heinmiller, and one grandson Isaac Honaker. Jane is survived by her sister Carol (Jack) Gaffkey, her six children, twenty grandchildren: Ryan, Emily, Nicole, Shayne, Emilia, Julia, Andrew, Alec, Sarah, Isaac and Erinn Finley, Brett and Scott Reidsma, Sanquez Cole, Shanika, Noah and Alana Honaker, Aisslyn Wilson, Clarissa and John Bullington and nine great grandchildren. Jane enjoyed family, playing euchre at the Friendship Station in Plymouth Township, cook ing for her many family dinners, and keeping in touch with friends. She will be sorely missed and always loved by those who were fortunate enough to know her. Visitation was held Monday with a Funeral Service Tuesday at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. To share a memory please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

MARGARET A. FOURNIER

Age 78, October 25, 2009. Beloved wife of David "Mike". Loving mother of Lee (Eric) Sandweiss, Julia Dougherty, Michael (Lee), Patricia and David. Dear sister of Elizabeth Harrison. Proud grandmother of Michael Lee, Ethan, Noah, Timothy and Patrick. Memorial visitation Thursday 6 p.m. until the time of memorial service 8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E of Woodward), Royal Oak. Memorials to American Diabetes Association appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.





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www.fredwoodfuneralhome.com



TAMMY J. SMITH

October 27, 2009 Age 46 of Westland Dear wife of Charles. Loving mother to Jonathan and Sarah. Beloved sister to Nancy (Donald) Martin and Ted (Becky) Winekoff. Funeral services from The Uht Funeral Home, Westland, Thursday 1pm. Visitation was at the funeral home Wednesday from 5-9pm. Burial will take place at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West Westland. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com.

BERNARD C. YELCHO

Age 73, of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away October 23, 2009. Arrangements: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

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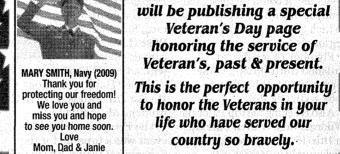
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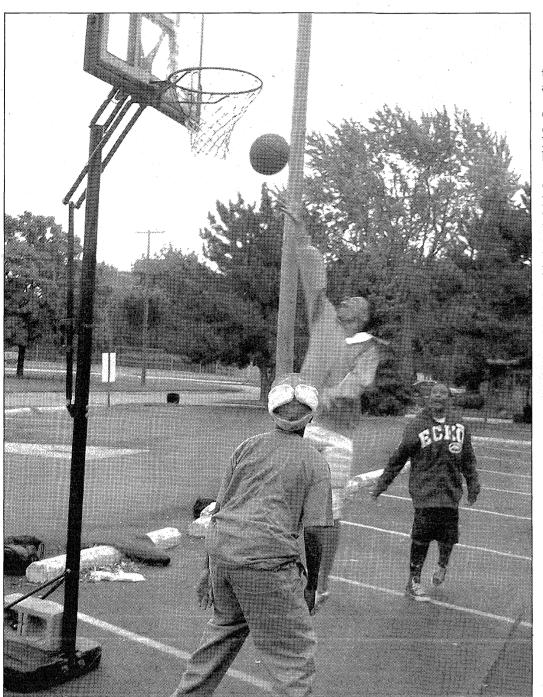
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Basketball brings neighborhood kids closer to church



Teens and youngsters play basketball in the parking lot at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Redford

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A group of friends in Redford with nowhere to play basketball learned a lot about the Bible and the sermon didn't come in church.

Redford's Aldersgate United Methodist Church Rev. Jeff Nelson sent what he considers God's message by putting up a basketball hoop in the church parking lot on Beech Daly between Plymouth and West Chicago.

"The Methodist church as a whole is in a decline in membership and wondering why people are no longer interested in what we are doing and I think we haven't shown an interest in what the people in the neighborhoods are doing," Rev. Nelson says. "It doesn't take much to say, What can we do to be in service with you.' It's a cool thing for a predominantly white church in a changing neighborhood. We want to be a neighborhood church whether they want to worship here or not."

The boys who wanted to play basketball often had to find a ride to the State Fair Grounds on Eight Mile and a long way from home. The hoop at the church means, "we have somewhere to play basketball in our community," explains Mike Grissett, 18.

"I really thank them for doing it," Grissett

Nelson says he's already seen the "fruit" of giving some 25 kids a place to play b-ball and shoot hoops.

"It's making our church a better place, by offering hospitality and it gives the boys an opportunity to be leaders in the neighborhood," Rev. Nelson says.

Grissett has lived in the church neighborhood for 10 years and played on a basketball league until he was too old to be eligible. The guys took the game to a home that abuts the church but, every time a car passed, the game stopped.

Rev. Nelson, who became a pastor at the church in July, invited the kids to roll the hoop into the church parking lot.

"The church is in a neighborhood with a lot of families with a lot of kids who are just kind of hanging around with not a lot of places to go and not a lot of things to do," Rev. Nelson says.

"The congregation has wondered how we can reach out to these kids. There's a lot of concern that young people aren't coming to church and if they are in the parking lot we are trying to connect with them outside our door.

"It's given me a great opportunity to say, 'My name is Pastor Jeff:' find out their names and ask them their story. Early on it was hard to make that relationship with the kids. They were more interested in playing basketball."

SETTING RULES

The relationship hasn't been all easy sailing,

One recent Monday morning, Rev. Nelson came to the church and saw that the basketball hoop was broken and laying on the ground. He decided the boys had to take responsibility for the hoop and the area. That meant the trash had to be picked up. So, he took away the hoop and put up a sign that said, 'No more basketball until you talk to the pastor Jeff."

Six boys were waiting at his house at the end of the day asking what they needed to do to get the basketball hoop back.

Rev. Nelson wanted a meeting and the boys needed to elect a president and five members to be on a basketball association. Grissett agreed to the top job and the boys came up with rules that would govern the space.

"They are the exact same rules I would have had, but they're their rules," Rev. Nelson says. "They are good young men. That's for sure."

Grissett says everybody follows the rules. "If they didn't respect it and trashed the place we wouldn't have nowhere to play basketball,"

The boys asked if they could represent the church among area church basketball teams. A basketball tournament is being planned and there is talk about raising money for permanent

"Now we are starting to get this really great relationship and that this church and this pastor really care about them and want to provide a safe environment for them to do the kinds of things they enjoy," Rev. Nelson says. "This basketball hoop has given us entre to these kinds of conversations. I have a feeling that the day is coming where the basketball players and skateboarders find their way inside the church."

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A possessed chicken has its hands full with Lloyd Kaufman, who made "Poultrygeist: Night of the Chicken Dead."

'Poultrygeist' is an amazing chicken dinner

BY GREG KOWALSKI **O&E STAFF WRITER**

"Of course," they all say. "I saw it long

"No," I say. "Not Poltergeist... Poultrygeist."

"Oh."

Oh, indeed.

As we ponder the upcoming Halloween holiday and what to watch that is appropriate to the season, the bold may consider spending 103 minutes with Poultrygeist: Night of the Chicken Dead, a magnificent bit of trash from the great Lloyd Kaufman, the man responsible for such masterworks as The Toxic Avenger and The Class of Nuke Em High.

But Poultrygeist: Night of the Chicken Dead probably owes more of its origins to a non-Kaufman film - Monsturd - which cannot be discussed in any manner in a family newspaper.

Poultrygeist, However, stands on its own as a truly vile, despicable, utterly gross film. It may in fact be the grossest film ever made, at least to this point in

It certainly is the sickest movie ever made about possessed chickens. And if

small class sizes.)

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that isn't enough to convince you to run out immediately and rent Poultrygeist, I can't imagine what would.

There is a plot, of sorts: Young idiot Arbie returns to the Tomahawk Indian tribe burial ground to reminisce on the site of his first romantic encounter and discovers that the place has been bulldozed over and is now the home of an American Chicken Bunker restaurant, part of a fast food chain that combines fried chicken with military hardware.

To make matters worse, Arbie's old girlfriend is now a liberal (gasp!) political activist protesting this soulless example of capitalism.

Stand aside Michael Moore

In terms of plot, that's about all you need to know. Mostly this is a setup for people to become possessed with evil spirits, including the ubiquitous chickens and parts thereof. Blood is shed by the gallons. Hundreds of gallons. And that's in the most tastefully done scenes.

Vast amounts of other bodily fluids are spewed across the scene. There's even an amazing sequence involving Jerod (You know, the dweeb from the Subway commercials) who leaves the bathroom stall literally half the size he was when

he entered it. And we get to see in loving detail how he sheds half his girth.

Have you seen the cooking shows where the cook uses a "grill cam" positioned inside the cooking grill? Well, Poultrygeist features a "toilet-cam."

There are also some wonderfully awful song and dance numbers.

And just so all of your senses are offended, much of the cast is made up of racial stereotypes, including a burkawearing Moslem named Humus, a Latino character named Paco Bell and an idiot black manager named Denny. (Consider the names. There actually is some biting subtle satire here if you look closely enough. But you won't be able to look closely at anything in this blood, gore and bodily by-product yuckfest.)

Kaufman, who is a true Hollywood rebel, even has a role. He also hosts a great bit about the movie's premier at an empty theater. (Who wants to see this?)

Naturally, you might want to view this after the pizza and Halloween candy have been consumed for you certainly aren't going to eat anything while this movie is running.

And you may never eat another chicken again.

Swap meet offers everything for the motorcyclist

Steve Broyles of Stevenson's Cycle in Wayne, will exhibit his award-winning GL Special motorcycle at the Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet, Sunday, Nov. 1, at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

The bike was crowned "The Canadian Cup Champion for 2009" at the North American **International Motorcycle Super** Show and it was the 9th Place World Championship Show Winner at Sturgis 2008. Broyles and his son "Steve II" also will show two other bikes made by Stevenson Cycle: Deuce's Wild which has a reverse flowed handcrafted motor with a glass-sided oil tank and a production bike called Black and Chrome.

They're among the Detroitarea bike dealers, custom bike builders, painters and parts vendors who will be on hand at the show, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the exhibition hall, located on Grand River Ave., west of Novi Road in Novi. Giant Motorcycle Swap Meets

offer "everything for rider or machine." When riding season ends bikers begin the process of replacing worn, damaged or obsolete chrome, paint, seats, parts, tires and apparel. Men and women who love to ride motorcycles will find what they need at "swap meet prices."

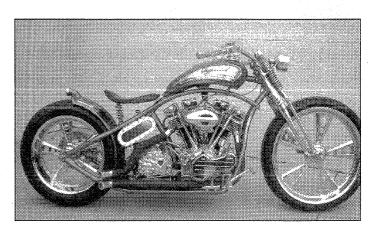
Thousands of bikers will buy, sell and swap bikes, frames, motors, touring accessories, seats, wheels, tires, front ends, tanks, shocks, fenders, gauges, MX stuff and take-offs. Everything and anything that has to do with a motorcycle and the rider will be for sale or on display.

The swap meet will feature the largest collection of motorcycle vendors under one roof in the Midwest. Cyclists will see new 2009-10 bikes as well as used bikes for street, dirt, metric, touring, and cruising, as well as trikes, choppers, custom bikes, and trailers.

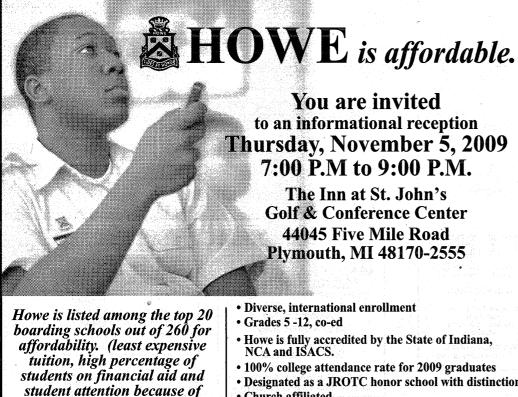
Admission to The Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet is \$10 for adults and \$3 for ages 6-12.

"With nearly one out of every four bikers in the U.S. living in Michigan and the Great Lakes Region, the nine swap meets we sponsor give bikers the chance to be around other bikers and to support the economic interests that are vital to keeping the industry strong," stated Chad Dutmers, event organizer. "A lot of bikers started coming with their dads when they were kids. Now those bikers are bringing their own kids.

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LIVONIA- Huge Rummage Sale at Livonia Career Technical Center! Clothes, books, toys and much more! Thurs., Oct. 29, 3-7pm, in large assembly room. 8985 Newburgh Rd. Proceeds to benefit DECA. "It's All About Results"

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Garage Sales

BEVERLY HILLS- Great Halloween Garage Sale. Thurs, Oct. 29, Fri, Oct. 30, 9-5pm. Sat, Oct. 31, 9-12 noon. Treadmill, step machine, exercise reclining bike, silverplate, china, vases, decorative items, etc. Trys bikes conpertuped. etc. Toys, bikes, copper topped bar, furniture, etc., etc. Misc. household items large and small. Too many quality items to mention. Come see for your self. Cider and donuts at 17233 Kirkshire, Beverly Hills, MI. Near 14 Mile and Southfield.

FIND IT ONLINE HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

LIVONIA- SW Livonia Estate Sale. Thurs-Sun, 9-4pm. 36664 Angeline Circle 48150. Ladies/household

located in Canton, Minannounces its Federal FY2010 goal for awarding Disadvantaged Business (DBE) contracts of 5%, as required by 49 CFR 26.45 and 26.49. The goal along with a description of how it with a description of how it was developed is available for public view and com-ment from 8:30am to ment from 8:30am to 5:30pm Mon-Fri, at the MTS office at 42000 Koppernick, A3, Canton, MI, 48187, for 30 days following the date of this notice.

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Contact: (313) 832-8540 or visit www.

Time/Dates: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.,

Location: 28600 W. Eleven Mile, in

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Details: Art by members of the

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Time/Dates: Through October,

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Details: The portraits in this eight-week

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p.m. Wednesdays

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Time/Date: Various show times

Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star

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Time/Date: Various show times

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

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Contact: (248) 327-0575; www.gocom-

Wednesdays thru Sundays

Location: 28123 Orchard Lake Road,

exhibit are based on the "Zinkover

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Musical comedy takes aim at student spellers

Like to spell? You may get a chance to participate in a spelling bee live on stage during a performance of the Tony Award-winning musical comedy The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, next month at Marygrove Theatre in Detroit.

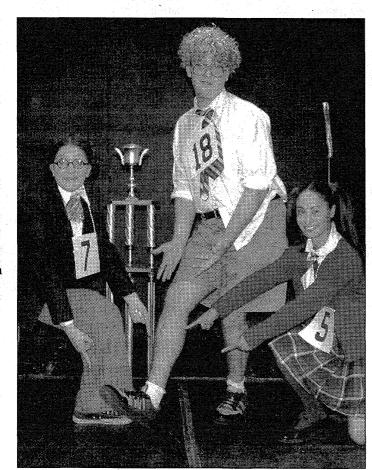
The University of Detroit Mercy (UDM) Theatre Company and Marygrove Music Department will present the show at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13-22.

In each performance four different audience volunteers will be chosen to participate in the spelling bee live on stage, making each show unique. Volunteer spellers should arrive at the theatre 30 minutes before curtain to sign up to be selected to spell. Along with the four volunteer spellers are cast members Darrius Washington of Detroit as Chip Tolentino, Anne C. Di Iorio of Farmington Hills as Logainne Schwartzandgrubenniere, Maxwell C. Bolton of Birmingham as Leaf Coneybear, Joel A. Frazee of Bluffton, Ohio, as William Barfee, Catherine Dacpano Menzies of Macomb as Marcy Park and Susan Boonenberg of Dearborn as Olive Ostrovsky.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee captures the corky competition of a county spelling bee with all the usual suspects, from the reigning spelling champ to the overacheiver with the lisp to the overweight kid with a host of health problems. They all unite through their love of spelling.

The show is recommended for theatergoers 13 and over because of its adult content.

The show also will feature Dez Walker of Royal Oak as Mitch Mahoney and Olive's dad; Angel Shakespeare of Farmington as Olive's mom; Rob Hammond of Troy as Carl Grubenierre; Emmanuel Carter of Inkster as Dan



Anne Di Iorio (left) of Farmington Hills, as Logainne Schwartzandgrubenniere, Joel Frazee of Bluffton, Ohio, as William Barfee and Catherine Dacpano Menzies of Macomb, as Marcy Park in The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.

Schwarz; and Chris Jakob of Detroit as Jesus Christ.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is directed by Greg Grobis, with musical direction by Shawn McDonald. The creative team includes David Regal, artistic director; Melinda Pacha, costume design; Mark Choinski, scenic design; Kathleen Lanphear, lighting design; Matthew Lira, stage manager; and Hannah Reddy, assistant stage manager.

Tickets for The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee are \$20 for general admission, \$16 for discount admission (senior citizens, UDM and

Marygrove faculty, staff, and alumni), \$13 for students and \$9 for UDM and Marygrove students. A \$3 service fee is charged per order for non-subscribers.

Marygrove Theatre is located on the campus of Marygrove College, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit. The Theatre Company's box office is open noon-5 p.m., Tuesday-Friday and is located in Reno Hall on the University of Detroit Mercy campus, McNichols at Livernois in Detroit. For tickets, call the theatre box office at (313) 993-3270 or reserve tickets online at http://theatre.udmercy.edu.

GET OUT

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Location: 4719 Woodward Avenue, in Wednesday

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Jazz Cafe at Music Hall Time/Date: 9 p.m. third Thursdays

Location: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit Details: Show Up, and Go Up, open call,

Contact: (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafedetroit.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Open Mic 8 p.m. most Wednesdays

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedy castle.com

CONCERTS

Time/Date: Chris Smith and Caroline Herring, Oct. 29; Joel Mabus, Oct. 31 Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor Contact: (734) 763-8587; www. theark.org

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.

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

JWH Center for the Arts

Time/Date: 6:15-6:45 p.m., open mic sign up; performances, 7 p.m. Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth **Details**: BaseLine Folk Society open mic is for acoustic, folk and traditional musicians. Admission is \$5. BaseLine Folk Society open mic runs every third Saturday of the month

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Time/Dates: The Mega 80's, Oct.

Location: 22920 Woodward,

Ferndale Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.

themagicbag.com **Novi Civic Center** Time/Dates: 2 p.m., Nov. 1 Location: 45175 10 Mile between

Novi Road and Taft, Novi Details: The Novi Concert Band will present "A Halloween Concert for All Ages." Admission is free

Contact: www.noviconcertband.org Palace of Auburn Hills

Time/Dates: 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 6, Montgomery Gentry; Friday, Nov. 13, Bruce Springsteen & The Legendary E Street Band **Location**: 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills Contact: (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com Penn Theatre

Time/Dates: 8 p.m., Oct. 30, Plymouth Community Band Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth **Details:** Free

Contact: (734) 453-0870. www.penntheatre.

FAMILY

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Bakers Keyboard Lounge Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays **Details**: Jazz for Kids Program Location: 20510 Livernois Ave.,

Detroit Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

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

Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

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

Marquis Theatre

Time/Dates: "Pinocchio," Nov. 14-Jan. 24, 2010, tickets, \$8.50, ages 3 and up

Location: 135 E. Main, Northville Contact: (248) 349-8110, www. northvillemarquistheatre.com

Palace of Auburn Hills Time/Date: noon and 3 p.m., Nov. 1

Location: 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills **Details**: Disney Live!

Contact: (248) 645-6666, (800) 745-3000, Palacenet.com or www.

ticketmaster.com **Penn Theatre**

Time/Date: Noon, first Saturday of the month Location: 60 Penniman Ave.,

Plymouth **Details**: The Plymouth Arts Council and the Plymouth Symphony present family variety shows; Nov. 7 performance features Guy Louis and the Chautauqua Express; \$4 admis-

Contact: www.plymoutharts.com FILM

Henry Ford IMAX

Location: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn

Contact: (313) 271-1570 Penn Theatre Time/Dates: "Bride of Frankenstein," 7 p.m., Oct. 29;

"District 9," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., Oct. 31; 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., Nov. 1; and 7 p.m., Nov. 5 **Details**: \$3 admission

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth Contact: (734) 453-0870. www.

penntheatre.com **Redford Theatre**

Location: 17360 Lahser, Detroit Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday, 0ct. 31

Details: Three Stooges Halloween Festival, includes "Spook Louder," "We Want Our Mummy," "If A Body Meets A Body," "Mummies Dummies," "The Ghost Talks," and "Who Done It?" Tickets are \$5.

Contact: www.redfordtheatre.

MUSEUMS

Cranbrook Institute of Science Location: 39221 Woodward,

Bloomfield Hills Contact: (248) 645-3200, http:// science.cranbrook.edu

Detroit Historical Museum Location: 5401 Woodward. Detroit

Contact: (313) 833-1805, www. detroithistorical.org

Detroit Science Center Location: 5020 John R, Detroit Contact: (313) 577-8400, www. detroitsciencecenter.org

Greenfield Village Location: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn

Contact: (313) 982-6001 or thehenryford.org

Plymouth Historical Museum Time/Dates: "In the Presence of Lincoln," through Nov. 4, 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, \$5; \$2 students 6-17; \$10 families

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth Contact: (734) 455-8940, www. plymouthhistory.org

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Palace of Auburn Hills Location: 1 Championship Drive, **Auburn Hills**

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7; tickets \$12.50, \$22.50 and \$30 **Details:** Extreme Monster Truck **Nationals**

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Contact: Contact: (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com

Rock Financial Showplace

Location: Located on Grand River Avenue, just west of Novi Road, in

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday,

Nov. 1 **Details:** Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet; thousands of bikers will swap bikes, frames, motors and more; \$10 adult admission, \$3 children 6-12 Contact: (800) 968-4242 THEATRE

Barefoot Productions Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth Contact: (734) 582-9688; www.

justgobarefoot.com **Eighth Wonder** Location: Village Theater at Cherry

Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, at Ridge Road, Canton. Contact: (734) 394-5460

Farmington Hills Youth Theatre Time/Date: 7 p.m. Nov. 19-20 and 1 p.m., Nov. 21-22

Location: Costick Center's Dublin Hall, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington

Details: "The Music Man Jr." Contact: (734) 634-4678 Spotlight Players Location: Village Theater, 50400

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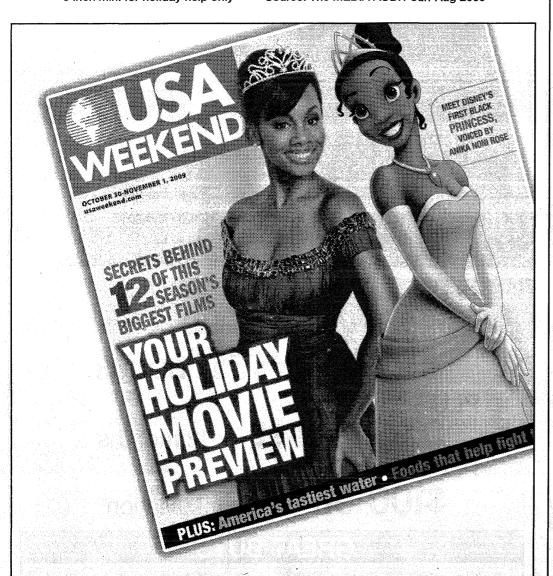
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Strictly Business

It's cash and Corvettes for car wash owner

What do credit unions, car washes and classic Corvettes all have in common? For hands-on entrepreneur Ray Hicks, they're a source of financial freedom, livelihood and pure enjoyment.

According to David Sanctorum, director of business services for Community Financial, a Plymouth-headquartered credit union, the relationship is very unique and more than a little complex.

Seven years ago Hicks was checking auto rates to purchase a car for his wife and visited the Community Financial branch close to his home in Northville. Remembering the first car he bought more than 30 years ago with a credit union loan, Hicks was aware that credit union rates were typically lower.

"After that visit, not only did I purchase a new car for my wife, I was able to get a commercial loan to expand my business," said Hicks, whose car wash enterprise has grown over the past 30 years to include nearly two dozen properties throughout metropolitan Detroit. "Community Financial also helped me with loans for my classic car collection, including several 1953 Corvettes."

Hicks attributes his success to being a hands-on worker, who spent 18 years in a GM plant before growing his car wash business, and to being a "bottom-line" guy who pays close attention to financial details, including loan rates.

"Ray has the business savvy to leverage his classic car collection and car wash proper-

Best and brightest

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"Community Financial's

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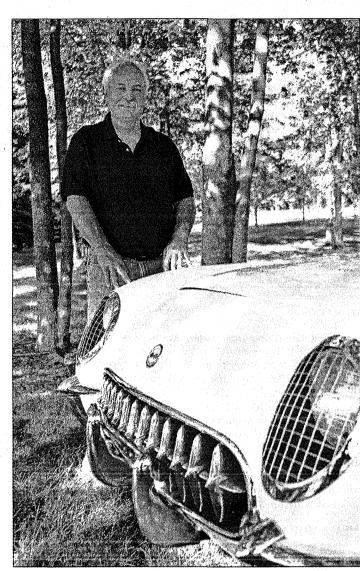
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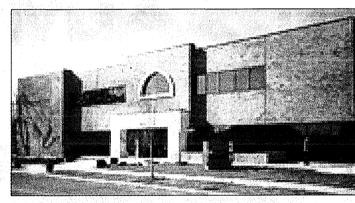
Community Financial member Ray Hicks stands next to one of his awardwinning 1953 Corvettes.

ties to get the best deal," said Sanctorum. "Whether he's seeking a commercial loan or auto financing, we know that it's going to be a 'win-win' for everyone."

Given the current economy,

Hicks indicated that he is satisfied with the number of car washes that he operates, owns and leases, but he's still on the hunt for more classic cars. "It's all in the search and restoration," he said.

BUSINESS MILESTONES



Community Financial Credit Union has been voted one of 'Metropolitan Detroit's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For' by the Michigan Business and Professional Association.

CANTER help

For the month of November, shoppers can donate a dollar at the register in all seven Hiller's Markets grocery stores - including the Plymouth location - to support CANTER, a locally-based organization that finds homes for retired racehorses. Led by WXYZ-TV anchor and CANTER board member Robbie Timmons, the non-profit finds viable alternatives for young horses whose future, without CANTER's help, is bleak.

"As someone who is passion-

ate about animals and animal welfare, I'm so glad Robbie Timmons brought CANTER to my attention," said Jim Hiller, CEO of Hiller's Markets, Southeast Michigan's oldest local grocery chain. "In tough times, we often forget about our four-legged friends – and it's imperative that we care for every creature to the best of

"A dollar at the register is easy for most people to give, and all those dollars add up quickly," Timmons said. "I'm grateful to Hiller's for giving CANTER this platform and this exposure."

our abilities.'

The cash register campaign will run for the entire month of November in all Hiller's stores. Additionally, Timmons will be available in Hiller's stores to talk with shoppers about the cause and sign her book, Twoey & the Goat, a true-to-life story about a horse who was found a home after not performing in the track.

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With her increasing popularity, Amy decided to open an unbelievable new location in Plymouth. With the growing demand of brides wanting the ideal experience paired with an extensive collection of designer options, Bridal Couture wanted to offer their unique services to even more brides to be!

Located at 408 South Main Street, the new haven of couture will definitely be a jaw dropping unveiling. The grand opening takes place Oct. 29, with the ribbon cutting at 5 p.m., and an open house from 6-8 p.m.

Designed like a New York bridal boutique, the new Bridal Couture location boasts exclusive designers like LeaAnn Belter and Robert Bullock, from Birnbaum & Bullock. The unique collections of Jane Wang, Matthew Christopher and Kate Bennett are also exclusive pieces that cannot be found in other bridal boutiques in Michigan.

For more information go to www.BridalCouture.com.

CHAMBER CHAT

Sala auction

If you are thinking about attending this year's auction this is the week to make your reservations. Tickets are just \$75 and include a great evening of dinner, open bar, fellowship, dancing, and hundreds of silent and live auction items.

This year's Auction items include:

• The chance to carry the banner in Detroit's Thanksgiving Day Parade for Fred Hill's Briefcase Brigade.

• Be an extra in the movie "Christmas in Pittsburgh" that will be filmed in the Plymouth area.

• "A Night at the Museum" in the Plymouth Historical Museum. A party for up to 10 children to watch the movie "Night at the Museum", enjoy pizza and popcorn and meet characters dressed up in historical garb.

• Concert and sporting event tickets, bikes, a TV, sports memorabilia and a fur vest along with many other unique items.

Get your tickets today!!! The Chamber's Gala Auction is on November 6 at Laurel Manor starting at 6:00 p.m. If you would like more information about participating, please call (734) 453-1540.

The Major Sponsors for this year's Auction are Genisys Credit Union and Hines Park Lincoln Mercury.

Grand openings

• Bridal Couture cuts the ribbon on its new location today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. The boutique is located at 408 S. Main, just south of Panera Bread.

• Edward Jones cuts the ribbon on its office at 44611 Five Mile Nov. 3. The office is located at the corner of Five Mile and Sheldon Roads next to Caribou Coffee.

Members are invited to join these celebrations and meet the owners.

O'Callaghan's After Hours

Good Irish beer and authentic Irish food awaits you at the November After Hours at Sean O'Callaghan's.

One of Plymouth's favorite Irish pubs will host a fun and free Irish business mixer that will bring out blarney in everyone. These events draw a friendly and welcoming set of 50-80 members who enjoy good networking.

The After Hours will be on Wednesday, Nov. 18 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sean O'Callaghan's

Wes Graff

is located at 821 Penniman.

Parking is available in the lot
behind the pub off of Harvey St.
To RSVP, please reply to teri@
plymouthmich.org.

Web Site of the Week:

• Colonial Veterinary Clinic - To help members see other Web sites in the community and

get ideas they could use for their own sites, we will feature a different member's site each week. This week we are featuring the web site from Colonial Veterinary Clinic: www.colonialvet.com.

Community/Business News

• Last Farmer's Market - This Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. is the last Farmer's Market of the season in the Gathering next to the Penn Theatre. The Chamber of Commerce proudly sponsors the Farmer's Market.

• Halloween weekend in Plymouth presents many opportunities on Friday, Oct. 30:

• The Great Pumpkin Caper, sponsored by Genisys Credit Union, 5:30-7 p.m., the Chamber hosts Trick or Treating on the streets of downtown Plymouth.

• Howl-ween Pet Costume Contest - At 5:30 the Plymouth Recreation Department's will host a pet costume contest in Kellogg Park

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• Pumpkin Caper Costume Contest - From 6:15-7 p.m. there will be a costume contest in

the park for children who are Trick or Treating.
• Cans for Candy - Children can bring a
can of food with them to place in containers
throughout downtown Plymouth to help stock
the shelves of the Salvation Army.

• Whalers Trick or Treat Night - The Plymouth Whalers will have local businesses passing candy out to youngsters who Trick or Treat at the Whalers vs. Owen Sound hockey game. Kids should wear costumes and it's only \$5 for select seats.

• Saturday, Oct. 31:

• YMCA Movie at the Penn - The Plymouth Community YMCA is hosting a Halloween celebration at the Penn Theater with a showing of "Monster House" at 10 a.m. The movie is \$4 and supports the YMCA strong kids campaign.

• The Plymouth Historical Museum - Day of the Dead - Day of the Dead with Jill Andra Young will be from 8-10 p.m. The event includes a trip to the Riverside Cemetery and tickets are just \$10 at the door.

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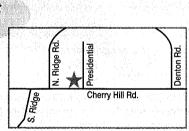
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FOOD & WINE



Students watch chefs prepare foods in a cooking class at Schoolcraft College.

Learn to prepare dazzling holiday dinners

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI SPECIAL WRITER

The oven is hot in most homes from Halloween to New Year's Day and serving the same old recipes can get boring not only for the family chef, but everyone else, too.

Taking classes on how to prepare holiday treats and meals is one remedy.

Area food specialty stores and community colleges offer a variety of holiday food preparation classes.

"The response is overwhelming and we are always refreshing them to keep up with the demand," said Lauren Murphy, Schoolcraft promotions coordinator of continuing education and professional develop-

The continuing education culinary classes at Schoolcraft have increased over the last eight years and last year there were 1,800 stu-

To register for a Schoolcraft call (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd

Here's a sampling of classes avail-

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Fabulous Holiday Party Plan Learn to prepare holiday dishes including platters, hot foods, appetizers and sophisticated

sweets. Sample every recipe demonstrated. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7; cost \$99, seniors

Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner



A student decorates holiday cookies in a cooking class at Schoolcraft College.

Learn various ways to roast a fresh turkey and prepare gravy using poultry stock and pan drippings, seasoned stuffing, autumn vegetables and pumpkin pie using fresh pumpkins. 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 17; cost \$105, seniors pay \$84.

Cookie Exchange: Hands-on

Bake holiday cookies in Schoolcraft's kitchens. You'll receive prepped dough - enough to bake and decorate eight dozen cookies - and recipes from around the world. Bring an apron, rolling pin and knife. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5; cost \$139, seniors pay \$111.20.

Make a Yule Log

Learn Yule log history and lore, and then in groups, make two kinds of Yule log cakes, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12; cost \$119, seniors

JOE'S PRODUCE IN LINONIA

New Holiday Cooking Trends

Hands-on holiday meal cooking instruction. Learn to make table settings and understand wine pairing, 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 15. \$30 fee includes recipes, instructions and food. Call (248) 477-4333 to register.

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Easy Holiday Entertaining for Beginners Cookbook author Leonard Charla focuses on appetizers and canapes, roast turkey breast, make-ahead salads, and easy oven dishes. Gain realistic, practical tips and recipes while you prepare and eat in this class designed for novices. Instructor's cookbook (optional) available for \$11 in class. Bring an apron. 6:30-9 p.m., Nov. 3, Nov. 10 (two sessions), Dearborn Heights

Thanksgiving Sides

Center, D143; cost \$72.

Executive Chef Peter Veach of the University of Michigan will demonstrate Thanksgiving side dishes and ways to prepare ahead of time. 6-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 4, Dearborn Heights Center, D143; cost \$48.

Neat and Sweet Holiday Treats

Make and take home a tray of goodies including a Mini 'Snow' Covered Cream Puff Tree, Cheery Cherry Chocolate Mice, and more. Call or visit the Maps & Supplies link at www.hvfcc. edu for complete list of maps and supplies. 6:30-9:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 19; cost \$39. **Old Time Polish Sweets**

Babka, a traditional Polish dessert, Angel Wings and yeast bread are all part of this class with Marilyn Szymanski-Suter. Bring an apron and dress in layers because the ktichen gets warm. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5; cost \$57. Call Henry Ford Community College at (877) 855-5252 or register online at www.hfcc. edu/CL2

It's pasties time again at Livonia church

BY SHARON DARGAY 0&E STAFF WRITER

Members of Newburg United Methodist Church will be knee-deep in rutabagas and potatoes next month.

"We use 200 pounds of rutabagas and $\; \; \; \; \; \; \; \; \; \;$ 200 pounds of potatoes and about 100 pounds of onions," said Randy Kovach, who's leading a pasty-making crew at the Livonia church. "We use 240 pounds of hamburger. We have a pretty commercial kitchen at the church. We'll make 1,000 pasties over two

And they'll sell them — all of them - Thursday-Friday, Nov. 12-13. Pick-up times

are 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Nov. 12 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Nov. 13, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail,

Orders will be taken 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 2-3 by phone only at (734) 422-0149. Each Cornish-style pasty is \$4.

"It really is an outreach program to introduce more members of the community to the church. And with the time of the year and the way the economy is, it's one way we can help people and also help the church, so everyone benefits," said Kovach, explaining that the fund-raiser will

church.

benefit a scholarship program and other activities and missions at the

Kovach said the church is bringing the baking tradition back after a brief hiatus. He agreed to organize the effort after moving back to Michigan from New Jersey, where he owned a

"I've been cooking a long time. I took the (pasties) recipe and tried it myself. The Cornish pasties are more traditional — with the rutabagas — versus the ones with carrots. The Canadians make them that way, too."

A crew of about 30 church members will chop, mix shortening-style dough, and fill baking pans over the two-day work session.

Each one weighs about a pound. When you put them together they're about 9 inches. We make a mixture of brown and beef gravy to put on top of it," he noted.

Kovach said some customers buy several pasties to take along on hunting trips next month. They'll freeze them and simply will reheat them when they're ready to eat.

And some likely will buy a new batch of the meat and vegetable pies when the church repeats the effort in January 2010.

CITY BITES

Livonia - Scott Wallace from National Wine and Spirits will present affordable, high quality port and dessert wines at a tasting, 7-9 p.m., today, Thursday, Oct. 29, at WineStyles, 17386 Haggerty Road, Livonia. Cost is \$15 per person and \$10 for the store's Wine Club members. (734) 464-9600.

The store's TGIF wine event is 5-9 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30; \$12 flight of wine or wine by the glass. Gourmet cheese and cracker menu available. Buy \$50 or more in wine or accessories during the evening and receive a flight or glass of wine for \$1.

MEALS WITH MISSION

Plymouth — Buy corn and smoked whitefish fritters through Nov. 15 from the prepared foods case at any Hiller's Market and you'll help feed the needy. All proceeds from the sale of the dish, created for Lisa Diggs, founder of the Livonia-based Buy Michigan Now campaign, will benefit Gleaners Food Bank. The sale of the prepared food is part of Hiller's "Good Deeds in the Making" campaign, which combines food named for a local celebrity or prominent resident, and a charity

"It gives me great pleasure to work with inspiring individuals and worthy organizations," stated Jim Hiller, CEO of Hiller's Markets. "The true measure of success is finding ways to give to others and using one's business as a platform to convey meaning and raise awareness. I hope shoppers will make a special effort to support these great people

Also on the menu through Nov. 15 is tuna pasta salad, a favorite personal recipe of local fitness and philanthropy leader Danialle Karmanos. Proceeds will benefit Danialle Karmanos Work It Out, an effort to teach kids the importance of lifelong fitness and nutri-

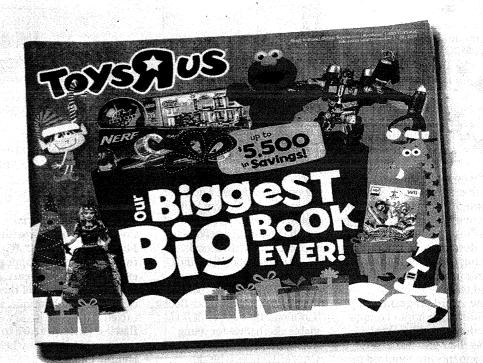
and great causes."

Hiller's is located at 15455 Haggerty, Plymouth; 425 N. Center Street, in Northville; 6433 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield; as well as Commerce Township, Berkley, Ann Arbor and Union Lake.

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Julie Brown, editor . (313) 222-6755

Fire safety takes everyone's cooperation

Fire Prevention Week 2009 focused on ways to keep homes fire safe and prevent painful burns. By following simple safety rules, you can "Stay Fire Smart!"

DON'T GET BURNED

Keep hot foods and liquids away from tables and counter edges so they cannot be pulled or knocked over.

Have a 3-foot "kid-free" zone around the stove.

Never hold a child in your arms while preparing hot food or drinking a hot beverage.

Teach children that hot things hurt.

Be careful when using things that get hot such as curling irons, oven, irons, lamps, heaters.

When using heating pads only use for 15-20 minutes at a time and don't lie, sit or place anything on the pad.

JUST RIGHT?

To avoid scalds, set the thermostat setting in your water heater to no higher than 120 degrees F.

Remember young children and older adults' skin burns more easily.

Consider having "antiscald" devices on tub faucets and shower heads to prevent

Test the water before placing a child or yourself in the tub.

Never leave young children alone in the tub, shower or

near a sink. Be careful about scalding water. The water should feel warm, not hot. Before you put your child in the tub, test the temperature with your wrist, elbow, or the back of your hand. Don't rely on a tub with a temperature indicator, such as a drain plug that changes color to indicate too hot, too cold, and just right. If you're using a thermometer with a read-out, infant bath water should be no more than 100 degrees. Even when using a thermometer use your wrist, elbow, or the back of your

COOL A BURN

Treat a burn right away. Put it in cool water for three to five minutes. Cover with a clean. dry cloth.

hand as your main guide.

If the burn is bigger than your fist or if you have any questions, get medical help right away.

Remove all clothing, diapers, jewelry and metal from the burned areas.

COOKING WITH CAUTION

The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.

Pay attention to what you are cooking. Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food.

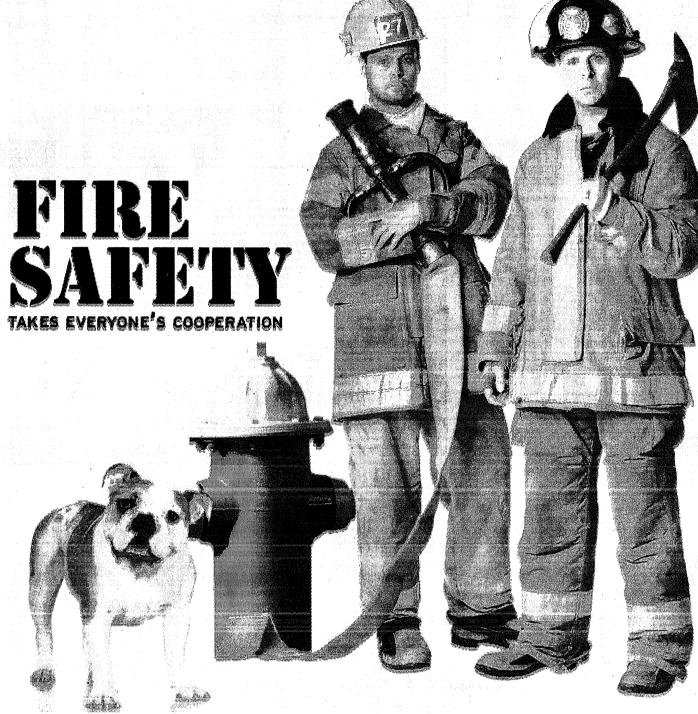
When you are simmering, boiling, baking, or roasting

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food, check it regularly, stay in the home, and use a timer to remind you.

If you must leave the room even for a short time, turn off If you have young children,

use the stove's back burners whenever possible. Keep children and pets at

least 3 feet away from the stove.

When you cook, wear clothing with tight-fitting or short sleeves. Allow food cooked in a

microwave oven to cool for a few minutes before you take

Open microwaved food slowly. Hot steam from the container can cause burns.

THE HEAT IS ON ...

16068 Morningside

Have a 3 foot kid-free zone around open fires and heaters. Use a fireplace screen to keep sparks inside the fireplace.

Turn portable space heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.

Keep things that can burn, such as paper, bedding, or

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furniture, at least 3 feet from

Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected each year by a pro-

Make sure your portable space heater has an auto shutoff so if it is tipped over, it will

. Have your chimneys cleaned and inspected before each heating season.

TAKE IT OUTSIDE

Ask smokers to smoke outside.

Give smokers deep, sturdy ashtrays.

Never smoke if you are tired, have taken medicine, drugs, or alcohol that makes you sleepy.

Keep smoking materials away from things that can burn, like bedding, furniture, and clothing.

STAY GROUNDED

Keep lamps, light fixtures, and light bulbs away from anything that can burn, such as lamp shades, bedding, cur-

tains, and clothing. Replace cracked and damaged electrical cords.

Use extension cords for temporary wiring only. Consider having additional circuits or receptacles added by a qualified electrician.

If you have young children in your home have tamperresistant electrical receptacles.

Call a qualified electrician or landlord if you have recurring problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers, discolored or warm wall outlets, flickering lights or a burning or rubbery small coming form an appliance.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

With the economic downturn, it is important to keep a watchful eye on your neighborhood. Encourage your community to implement an anti-

arson program. Keep trash from collecting on your property. Remove abandoned vehicles

from your property. Remove dead branches that could be used as a fuel source.

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FIRE-SAFETY BASICS Install smoke alarms in

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1155 South Lake Dr

every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.

For best protection use both photoelectric and ionization technology. You can use individual ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms or combination units that contain both technologies in the same unit.

Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test

Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.

Make sure everyone can hear the sound of the smoke

alarms. Have a home fire escape plan. Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible,

and a meeting place outside. Practice your escape plan twice a year. When the smoke alarm

sounds, get out and stay out.

If you are building or remodeling your home, consider a home fire sprinkler system.

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1430 Oak Grove Dr

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Attorney will represent members' interests

Q: I am a co-owner at a subdivision that apparently is a condominium. We have not been able to take over control from the developer who says he doesn't have the money to hire an attorney to conduct the turn over meeting. Is that a legitimate excuse?

A: It hardly appears to be legitimate and/or reasonable. While it is a good idea for the developer to have an attorney present, it is not mandatory



Robert Meisner

that the developer be represented by an attorney at the turn over and it is certainly not an excuse for the developer to not turn over the

condominium

association in accordance with the condominium documents and the Condominium Statute. On the other hand, it is clear that the members of the association need an attorney to represent their interests preparatory to and at the turn over meeting, since it appears that the co-owners are being dealt a "bad hand."

Q: I understand that if an association hosts a Web site in which residents are allowed to post their comments, there may be serious consequences for the association. Do you have any information?

A: Besides potentially opening itself up to a claim for invasion of privacy, falselight, publicity and defamation, the association may run the risk of having its insurance company cancel the association's D&O policy which has been threatened by at least one major insurer of association D&O coverage. This type of conduct should be avoided if at all possible as to insure no liability for the association.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawver and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Experts speak at the "Knights of the Round Table" on evictions, house valuations, insurance, beginner questions, collections, tax planning, contractors, short sales, property tax appeals. Sponsored by Real Estate **Investors Association of** Oakland on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009; 5:30-9:30 p.m., at **MSU Management Education** Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742. (www. REIAofOakland.com)

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6190 Wetherby St	\$200,000
Birmingham	
949 Ann St	\$425,000
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5918 Kingfisher Ln	\$125,000
Commerce Town:	
3448 Buffalo Dr	\$160,000
741 Carriage HI	\$215,000
5469 Plantation Dr	\$285,000
3350 Stoneridge Ct	\$270,000
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28864 Green Castle Rd	\$134,000
29990 Kingsway Dr	\$258,000
34369 Ramble Hills Dr	\$350,000
27839 W Nine Mile Rd	\$93,000
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	113 Minnetonka Dr	\$87,000
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	950 Golfview Ct	\$198,000
	2581 Munster Rd	\$275,000
	3289 Parkwood Dr	\$315,000
	3030 Saratoga Dr	\$170,000
	141 Stratford Ln	\$62,000
	242 Tanglewood Dr	\$220,000
	683 Tewksbury Ct	\$234,000
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	1480 W Horseshoe Bend Dr	\$165,000
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4394 Kempf St	\$100,000
396 Lochaven Rd	\$250,000
795 N Cass Lake Rd	\$58,000
2361 Pauline Dr	\$64,000
5595 Pleasant Dr	\$102,000
7769 Pleasant Manor Dr	\$105,000
5975 Rolton Ct	\$305,000
194 S Winding Dr	\$78,000
3019 Sleaford Dr	\$116,000
2816 Voorheis Rd	\$86,000
West Bloom	field
6700 Burtonwood Dr	\$460,000
5109 Corners Dr	\$255,000
6178 Golden Ln	\$470,000
7074 Hawk Woods Dr	\$420,000
5600 Hobnail Cir	\$175,000
6480 Noble Ct	\$230,000
7096 Nottingham	\$135,000
5667 Old Carriage Ln	\$165,000
5247 Park Ridge Ct	\$342,000
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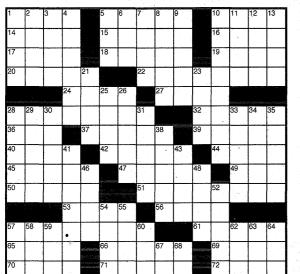
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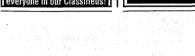
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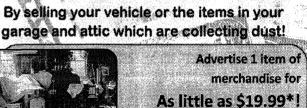
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Once considered a rather modest compact sedan designed to give Ford an entry in a rather nondescript segment, the Fusion has grown in performance, reputation and sales over the last year or so.

First, in the summer of 2008, it caught the wave of consumer interest in high-mileage but capacious cars because of \$4-a-gallon gasoline prices. Then Ford spawned a hybrid version of Fusion. More recently, Fusion and some other Ford models have benefited particularly from the company's foresight in boosting production of Fusion just as its popularity began to rise.

Ford emerged from the auto industry's unprecedented troubles during the first half of the year as the only one of the Detroit Three to survive without a federal bailout, all of Ford's models benefit from increased consumer goodwill - and because Fusion is the de facto flagship model for Ford cars, it benefited disproportionately. And during the popular Cash for Clunkers program, Fusion was one of the mostdemanded new models.

Now, in order to capitalize even further on Fusion's momentum in the marketplace, Ford is conducting a nationwide search for passionate

2010 Fusion and Fusion Hybrid owners to participate in Fusion 41, a consumer program designed to build awareness and excitement around the Fusion lineup.

The Fusion 41 program – named for the 41 mpg fuel economy that makes Fusion America's most fuelefficient midsize sedan, and the 41 participants – builds on the success of the Ford Drive One advertising campaign, which focuses on actual customers experiencing new Ford vehicles and sharing their stories with others. The Fusion 41 consumer story will come to life on the Internet, through social networking sites like Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

Eight 2010 Fusion owners from throughout the country will be selected to participate in the Fusion 41 program. They will be chosen based on their passion for Fusion and their ability to share compelling information about the vehicle on the Internet. Applicants must have a current Facebook profile with a minimum of 100 friends and an active photo collection.

Each of the eight Fusion owners will then choose four friends or family members to join their team, and each team will be given a 2010 Ford Fusion or Fusion Hybrid to drive in an

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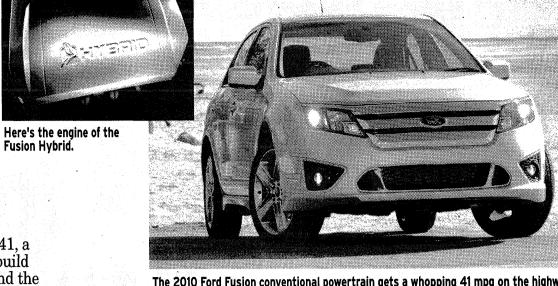
Research shows that social media sites are increasingly one of the best ways to reach out to consumers. Prior to the development of the Fusion 41 program, Ford expanded its presence on Facebook with a new application for its "Fusion + Hybrid" profile called "You Speak Green" that enables visitors to share their sustainable lifestyle suggestions. Since its launch in mid-July, more than 104,000 Facebook users have downloaded the application to their profile pages and 15,000 have posted tips.

Another example of Ford's groundbreaking social media outreach is its support of the Fiesta Movement

campaign to promote the company's sporty, savvy new small car through social media agents. Agent postings have garnered significant numbers on social media sites, including more than 4.8 million YouTube views (www.fiestamovement.com), more than 600,000 Flickr (www.flickr.com/ photos/fiestamovement) views and more than 3.2 million Twitter (http:// /twitter.com/FordFiesta) impressions.

Even at a time when industry-wide sales of midsize cars are down 26 percent, sales of the new Fusion continue to grow. Through September, Fusion sales are up 15 percent compared to the same period a year ago, and the Fusion share of the midsize car segment is up 3.8 points versus a year ago.

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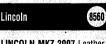
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