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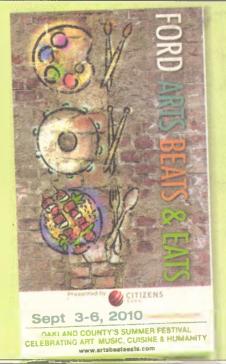
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Diabetes benefit

St. John's Golf Club will be holding a golf outing to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation on Sept. 11 at 9

With support generated at the outing, the JDRF will be able to continue its research to find a cure for Type 1 juvenile diabetes, which affects millions of Americans.

The cost is \$125 per golfer, which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, continental breakfast, lunch on the turn, dinner following the outing.

Nongolfers may attend the dinner for only \$30.

For more information or to sign up, go to www.golfdigestplanner. com/14232-pvgolf or call St. John's at (734) 454-1047.

Senior Olympics

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging this week issued congratulations to medal winners and other participants in the 2010 Western Wayne County Senior Olympics. Forty seniors from the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township competed in the games, hosted in Dearborn. Plymouth hosted the Euchre tournament portion of the event, which drew 84 par ticipants at the Plymouth

Cultural Center. Plymouth seniors brought home 12 gold, 11 silver and nine bronze medals. Medal winners included Ed Dely, Violette Dely, Diane Bogenrieder, Richard Clarke, Craig Eros, Kathryn Gornick, Ann Walker, Kathleen McNulty, William Collins, Ron Jones, Ben Nietubicz, MaryAnn Coopersmith, Clara Hill, Dolores Koch, Martha Shipman, James Shipman, Delores Hommel, Douglas Vincent and Ed Gruenwald

Chicks4Charities

The Chicks4Charities are hosting another fun, challenging and opportunityfilled event to benefit the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition and The Wellness Community, two nonprofit groups dedicated to the fight against cancer.

This year, the Chicks are bringing back the bowling event, "The Ovary Bowl," 1 p.m. Sept. 25 at Superbowl, located at 45100 Ford Road in Canton. The ticket - \$145 per team, \$29 per individual - will include three games of bowling, food, entertainment and a chance to win prizes, including a flat-screen TV or a ride on an historic World War II-era bomber. A free massage goes to each participant.

Those who can't make the event can be part of a "ghost team" by sending a check and being placed on a team "in spirit.

To donate, sponsor a team, enter as an individual and for more information, call (248) 719-4687.



Plymouth High School graduate Brandon Guyton will teach boys hip-hop at Triple Threat.

Steppin' out

Studio helps director reach lifelong dream

TRIPLE THREAT

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BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

When Kristen Quesada was in the sixth grade at Westland's Edison Elementary School, she noted in her yearbook two accomplishments she knew she wanted to

She would have two children, she wrote, and she wanted to own her own dance studio.

The first goal came first, with the birth of her daughters, Olivia (now 9) and Mia (now 4). Now she's achieved the second of those long-ago goals, having opened Triple Threat Dance & Theater

Company, a dance-singingacting studio in Plymouth Township.

"It's something I've wanted to do forever," said Quesada, the former director of the Park Players at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. "I've been working on this concept for a couple of years, knowing I would do it 'sometime in the future."

The future became now when Jennifer Rickard, the owner of Encore Dance in Westland, where Quesada was a longtime teacher, decided it was time to get out of the busi-

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Kristen Quesada, former director the Park Players at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, has resigned that post to open her own dance-singingacting studio, Triple Threat Dance & Theatre Company.

Study offers city options on fire service

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The consulting firm hired to perform a study of the state of public safety in the City of Plymouth has returned a report that recommends five different options for the city to provide fire protection services to its residents.

Options offered by International City/County Management Association, a Washington, D.C., consulting firm the city hired to complete the study, include two that would establish a Public Safety Department that would use police officers in a firefighting capacity.

The Plymouth City Commission is expected to receive a presentation on the \$68,000 study at a hearing 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Plymouth Cultural

City Manager Paul Sincock said commissioners will listen to ICMA representatives before making up their minds.

"There are no preconceived conclusions at this point," Sincock said. "It's a good study because it gives us a community option. ICMA will make the presentation, and that will serve as the basis for future

The study was commissioned as the City Commission tried to decide how to make the most out of their revenues. The city currently pays some \$1.1 million for its participation in the Plymouth Community Fire Department, but officials have for several years now been looking for ways to reduce that cost. City officials have no real say in the running of the department, which is managed by the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, which kicks in 75 percent of the department's budget.

Three of the five options recommended by ICMA are what Sincock calls "community" options; that is, they incorporate the current arrangement, leaving the PCFD handling fire protection services, albeit with a scaled-down department.

• Option A — would leave the PCFD with

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Salem work marks end of 2004 bond

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school officials hosted a farewell party Tuesday night that's been a long time coming.

The party wasn't for a retiring teacher or a departing administrator; instead, administrators, school board members and officials with construction manager McCarthy-Smith gathered to say good-bye to the 2004 school bond program.

Board members got their first real look at the final remnants of the bond passed six years ago when they toured the remodeled Salem High School, where contractors were putting the finishing touches to a new entrance. new administrative area and 10 new or repurposed classrooms, all paid for with proceeds from the bond.

"This is the end of a long relationship with

the 2004 bond," said Ken Jacobs, deputy superintendent for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. "The journey began in 2000 with a facilities study and the planning phase."

It's the final construction project under the \$109 million 2004 bond, which saw work done at 26 district buildings, including the final \$4.1 million remodelig project at Salem.

The project — which wasn't on the original list of things to be done under the bond — added the new classrooms by moving office space downstairs to a rebuilt courtyard near the existing entrance to the building.

Eight of the classrooms are new, while one existing classroom was remodeled and a former conference room was repurposed. Inspectors were due to take their final look at

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Early start

School got started a little early for hundreds of freshmen — and their upper-classman mentors — who took part in 'getting to know you' exercises at Salem, Canton and Plymouth high schools Friday. The students, who start school Sept. 7, were part of a Link Crew program new this year in Plymouth-Canton. For more on the program, please turn to page A4.





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Good Grief golf

The 12th annual "Good Grief" golf outing to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support is presented by this year's Green Jacket Sponsor, Wynwood of Northville, Saturday, Sept. 12, at Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon, with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

The proceeds from this outing will benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, a bereavement outreach center located in Northville. New Hope provides free grief support services and resources to men, women, teens, and children throughout southeastern Michigan. The cost for this four-person scramble, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, dinner, contests, and prizes, is \$125 per golfer. Dinner only is \$35 per person.

For information about sponsorship opportunities or for registration information, contact Pattie Bingham at (248) 348.0115 and visit our website at www.newhopecenter.net.

Hog roast

Plymouth First United

Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial in Plymouth, sponsors the third annual free Hog Roast Friday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. Participants are invited to stop on the way to the Fall Festival in downtown Plymouth. Enjoy pork BBQ, turkey, live performance, bonfire, music and games.

For more information, call (734) 658-8373.

Fall Fest cars

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The Plymouth Fall Festival car show will feature antique and classic cars from 1980 and older Sept. 11-12, with a Cruz Night Sept. 10, in downtown Plymouth.

Cost for pre-registration (before Sept. 10) is \$10 for one day, \$15 for both. Registration at the show costs 415 for one day, \$20 for two. Registration forms can be found online at www. plymouthfallfestival.com. Mailed

forms must be received by Sept. 8. For more information call Chris Gurriere (734) 756-7781.

GOP picnic

The Wayne 11th Republican Committee hosts a "Let's Fix Michigan Together" summer picnic 5:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, in Plymouth Township Park.

The picnic will feature state Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton), state Rep. John Walsh (R-Livonia) and Wayne County Commis-sioner Laura Cox (R-Livonia).

Primary Republican candidates, November candidates and Republican elected officials are encouraged to attend, along with family members, friends and supporters. A \$10 donation is suggested per person. The park includes a sprayscape, a playscape and fishing. Hot dogs, chips and soft drinks will be served.

Plymouth Township Park is located on Ann Arbor Trail at McClumpha in Plymouth Township.

Barn dance

The annual Salem Area Historical Society Barn Dance takes place Friday, Sept. 10 from 7-10 p.m. at the Three Cedars Farm on Six Mile Road just west of Curtis Road.

Members and non-members are welcome. Admission at the door will be \$5 per person or \$3 for SAHS Members. The Picks 'N' Sticks will provide the music and their Square Dance Caller will assist dancers with all levels of experience. Proceeds will be used for the upkeep of the Jarvis-Stone School and the Dickerson Barn. Cider and donuts will be available for purchase.

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Couch to 5k

Anyone thinking about taking up running take note: There's a free beginners running group available in downtown Plymouth.

The group meets 8 a.m. Sundays starting Aug. 29 and will run until Oct. 3.

This free group class will start in front of Core Sport on Penniman every Sunday for six weeks. The group starts with a jog/walk interval training system designed by Couch to 5 K program. Many participants have successfully run a full 5k after this beginner program.

The run and run/walk averages about 30 minutes, and time is taken to guide the group through stretches.

For more information or to sign up e-mail pilatesteacher@hotmail.com or call (734) 459-1547.

Fall Fest crafts

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The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for the Craft Show, which takes

Flipping for kids

The Plymouth Area Kiwanis Club hosts its traditional all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast during next month's Plymouth Fall Festival. The breakfast is scheduled for 7 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 11, at The Gathering in downtown Plymouth. Tickets are \$6 in advance and are \$7 on Saturday morning. Children under 5 years old eat free. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased from any Plymouth Kiwanis member, the Kiwanis Popcorn Wagon in Kellogg Park on Friday evening, the Charities Ticket Booth on Friday evening, Vanessa's Flowers on Ann Arbor Road and the Plymouth Chamber office.

place during the Fall Festival Sept. 10-12.

The show will be on Union Street north of Ann Arbor Trail; 10foot-by-10-foot spaces will cost \$75 per day or \$200 for the weekend. The jewelry vendor application deadline has passed. All other vendors are awarded spots on a first come-basis.

Applications can be downloaded at www.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more information call or e-mail Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614 or cbrown57@comcast.net.

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run of Greater Detroit, an affiliate program of the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit, uses running to educate and prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and

tory forms will be available at the Plymouth YMCA beginning the morning of Aug. 28. Additional registrations after Aug. 28 will be accepted in person, by fax, or by mail at the Plymouth YMCA. Registrations will not be accepted at schools or by coaches. Financial assistance helps ensure that everyone belongs at the YMCA.

Visit the YMCA website at www.ymcadetroit.org for more information regarding the program. Contact Ashleigh Shiffler at (734) 453-2904 or ashiffler@ymcametrodetroit. org with any questions.

Mom 2 Mom

The Plymouth Canton Mothers of Multiples host their semi-annual Mom-to-Mom sale 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 25, at West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail (at Sheldon) in Plymouth.

The event features department-style shopping (grouped by boy or girl, then by size), fall and winter boys and girls clothing (newborn to size 10), sets for twins and triplets and multiples items, clothes, toys, baby gear, strollers, maternity clothes and a bake sale.

Admission is \$1, cash only, all sales final (no strollers before 10 a.m.). For more information email pemom@hotmail.com.





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the building Thursday; district administrators are confident everything will be in place when school starts next week.

"We'll be in here a while (with workers), but we expect to be ready for the kids by Sept. 7," Jacbos said. "We may not have the staff area completely done yet, but we'll be ready for the students."

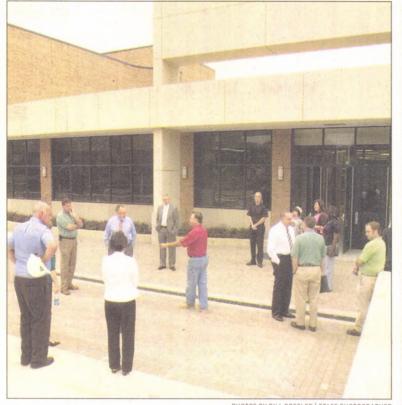
Work on the project got started last fall and was done, according to Doug Underwood of construction manager McCarthy-Smith, without too many disruptions or delays. Crews did run into "some concrete we weren't expecting" when they began excavating, but it wasn't enough to slow the project.

"Starting off, the biggest challenge was site logistics, closing off the front of the building," Underwood said. "Once construction got going, we battled the weather a little bit, but we made out OK."

The work at Salem wasn't even on the original plan for the bond, but was made possible because each of the bond's projects came in on time and under budget.

"We've been very fortunate to have achieved some success because of the economy," Jacobs said. "We've been able to take advantage of that."

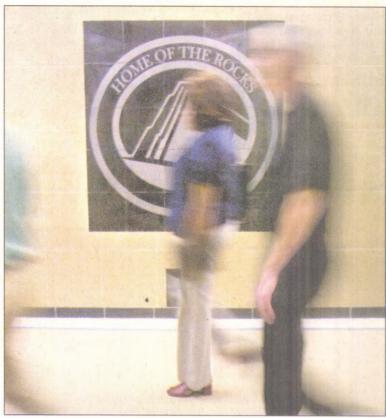
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IN WOMEN'S FITNESS

School board members and administrators got a tour of the remodeled Salem High School, including the new entrance.



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Transition program 'links' frosh with mentors

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

School got started a couple of weeks early for hundreds of freshmen coming into the vast, three-school complex that makes up the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Canton Educational Park.

And the freshmen weren't alone.

Joined by some 120 mentors, freshman at Plymouth, Salem and Canton high schools rocked out to music, games and exercises as part of the district's first-year participation in a program called Link Crew, a program designed to alleviate some of the nervousness incoming freshmen can feel entering high school.

Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, Link Crew trains members of the junior and senior classes to be Link Leaders. As positive role models, Link Leaders are motivators, leaders and teachers who guide the freshmen to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to high school and help facilitate freshman success.

"It gives the kids an immediate connection to the high school," said Becky Nimmerguth, a special education teacher at Salem High School who serves as one of that school's Link Crew coordinators. "It gives them somebody to turn to if things start to go awry."

Park Principal Bill Zolkowski used the program successfully when he



Mentors and their freshmen charges took part in a variety of exercises designed to help ease freshmen nerves entering high school.

was in Redford schools, and introduced the idea when he came to Plymouth-Canton. Coordinators from the three schools were sent to a three-day training seminar in Chicago to learn the system, which is designed to help incoming freshman transition to newer, bigger schools.

Juniors and seniors applied to become mentors in the program, and will be paired with their groups - about 10 students to each mentor throughout the school year.

Canton High School senior Link Leader Jordan Fillpowski saw the program work from the other end when he was a freshman at Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn. He was happy to jump in as a mentor at Canton.

"I'm doing it as a senior, seeing how great it is, and it helps you remember where you came from as a freshman," Fillpowski said. "Having someone to support you and someone you can lean on is great to have."

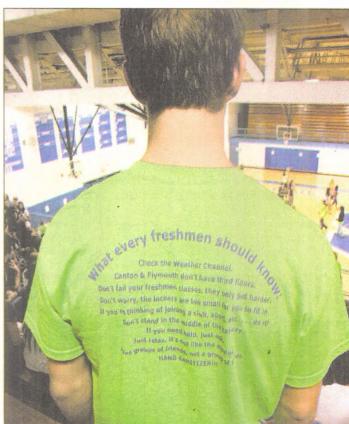
Incoming freshman Hannan Ramlawi acknowledged a little case of nerves as she sat through the exercises Friday. But Ramlawi, a 15-year-old from Canton, is glad to have the program.

"It gives you someone more your age to go to for opinions and help," she said.

More than that, teachers believe, the program will help bring the upperclassmen closer to their underclassmen brethren.

"I truly think it's going to make a difference," said Kristen Davies, a math teacher and Link Crew coordinator at Canton. "I think it will bring the classes together. It's going to create more of a community."

bkadrich@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-8899 new Link Crew freshman transition program.



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Some 120 juniors and seniors signed up to be mentors in Plymouth-Canton's new Link Crew freshman transition program

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Socialization plays an important role in daily life at Four Seasons

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Rather than simply take over Encore, Quesada decided it was time to make the leap herself. While Encore is a dance studio, Quesada - whose favorite kind of play to direct during her years with Park Players was musicals — envisioned a studio where students could get training in a variety of aspects, including song, dance and acting.

"I always told my students to be successful in the theater world you needed to be wellrounded, and that's the whole concept," Quesada said. "When (Rickard) said she was done, everything aligned and the time was just right."

Quesada, a Canton resident, knew she wanted to open the business in the Plymouth-Canton area. She and her husband, Rob, settled on a location on Joy Road just west of Haggerty.

While Encore had a strong reputation for dance, Quesada wanted to add the singing and

"I thought with the great reputation Encore has, this would be a good, solid way to transition," Quesada said.

While getting the word out has been a large challenge, finding teachers and students has not. Many of both are coming from Encore. Members of the 13-teacher staff have

come from communities ranging from Ann Arbor to Royal Oak. All specialize in their own areas, from boys' hip-hop to cheer and others.

Brandon Guyton is a former student of Quesada's at The Park, one whom Quesada told back then she'd be calling to become a teacher. Quesada was true to her word, and Guyton, a Canton resident and 2008 graduate of Plymouth High School, has signed on to teach boys' hip-hop.

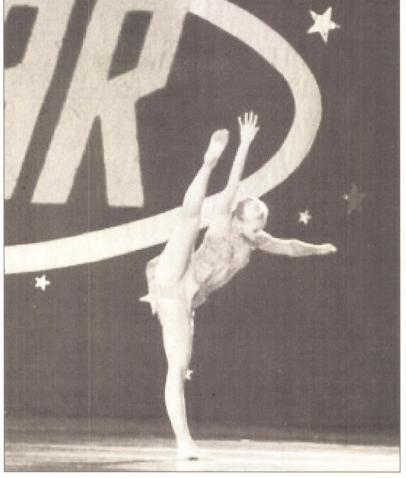
"I knew she was going to call," Guyton said with a smile. "And I was really excited about it. It's something I've always wanted to do.'

While she won't be directing the Park Players any more, Quesada will continue to teach English and drama at Salem High and, more importantly, will still be involved in the student productions, choreographing musicals for the group.

However, moving from directing to having her own studio, where her daughters will be students, will allow Quesada time she didn't used to have to spend with them.

"I still feel like I'm going to be involved (with Park Players), but this is a way of doing what I love and letting my kids get involved," Quesada said. "This (the studio) is a way of being involved with my kids, and that's very appealing from a 'mom' standpoint."

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Holly Crowther, here dancing in the Nexstar National Talent Competition, is a student in Senior Competitive Dance Company.

10 full-time firefighters staffing two fire stations for 12 hours a day, seven days a week. The rest of the time would be filled with part-time and/or paid on-call firefighters. Cost to the city is estimated at some \$420,000.

• Option B — would use 10 full-time firefighters manning three stations 12 hours a day, but only for five days a week. Like Option A, this plan would use parttime and/or paid on-call firefighters the rest of the time. Cost to the city, according to the report, would be some \$489,000.

• Option C — would use 14 full-time firefighters in three stations 12 hours a day, seven days a week. Cost to the city would be \$567,000.

• Option D — is the first option that would have the City of Plymouth dropping out of the PCFD and creating its own Public Safety Department. This option does not include the addition of any officers to the Plymouth Police Department. The city's cost would be \$499,000.

• Option E — is also a Public Safety Department option, but with the addition of three officers to the staff. This option would cost the city some \$771,000, still more than \$300,000 less than the city pays the township now.

The report calls for the city to use one of these options to reduce its costs because the department simply doesn't handle enough calls to warrant the expense.

"The City of Plymouth faces an extremely low risk of less than one substantial fire per month. The total number of fire and EMS calls in the city is only 2.3 per day," according to the report. "Few cities can afford to contribute \$1 million to ... handle so few calls."

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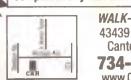
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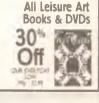
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Credit union among 'Best, Brightest' companies

For the fifth consecutive year, Community Financial Credit Union has been named one of "Metropolitan Detroit's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For." The credit union was selected from more than 1,000 nominations and over 400 applications submitted by a diverse field of local companies who compete for the award presented by the Michigan Business and Professional Association.

The winning companies exhibit exemplary Human Resource practices, recognize their employees as their great assets, and work with imagination and assurance to create an exceptional work environment. Participants are required to fill out an extensive survey, and winners are selected based on independent research that evaluates each entry based on key measures in various categories including

communication, community initiatives, and employee education and development.

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"The selection, recognition and awarding of their year's 101 companies allows our organization to showcase their best practices. The honorees have clearly demonstrated why each of them would be an ideal place for employees to work. Companies that capitalize on their greatest resource-their employees-know how to attract and retain top talent," said Jennifer Kluge, MBPA executive vice president and chief operating officer.

"We are very proud to be a five time winner," said Community Financial CEO Bill Lawton. "I want to acknowledge the commitment, mutual respect and exceptional level of member service provided by our credit union team for making this award possible."

The credit union, headquartered in Plymouth, conducts ongoing training and leadership development programs to maintain a talented and dedicated team. Team members

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and their families are provided with the resources they need to protect and enhance their financial security and to balance the priorities of work and personal life. Lawton said, "At the same time, Community Financial and its team are committed to enhancing the financial well-being of our members. I feel fortunate to work for a great company and with great people-focused entirely on helping others."

Spanish program

PCN Cooperative Preschool announces a new bilingual Spanish/English enrichment program for children ages 4-6. The new class begins in September and is offered on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. The class is designed to focus on elementary school readiness through play-based learning and will include opening and closing circle times with songs, stories, fingerplays, basic. number/color/letter recognition, sounds, spelling, calendar items and more. Weekly



Headquartered in Plymouth, Michigan, Community Financial Credit Union has a team of 150 employees who serve members at eight branch locations in Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Gaylord, Hillman and Lewiston.

reinforcement words will be provided for at home practice. Tuition is \$70 a month.

According to PCN instructor and bilingual educator Jennifer Manriquez, the benefits of learning a second language "are much broader than simply the ability to speak in another language."

"Research affirms the importance of second language education on intellectual potential, scholastic achievement, first language skills, citizenship and the economy," she said. "Students fluent in two languages score higher in both verbal and nonverbal intelligence."

In addition to the bilingual program, PCN Cooperative Preschool offers 3-year-old and 4-year-old preschool programs.

Montessori openings

Plymouth-Canton
Montessori School is continuing fall enrollment throughout
August. Preschool, kindergarten and extended day
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the ages of 3-6 years old. The
school is located at 45245
Joy Road in Canton, and fall
classes are scheduled to begin
Wednesday, Sept. 8.

In addition to its preschool and kindergarten programs, PCMS provides before and after school day care, and a summer program that includes lots of arts and crafts, in-house presenters, science experiments, dramatic play, cooking, picnics, outdoor time, music, stories and games.

For enrollment information or to schedule a school tour, call (734) 459-1550 or visit www.pcmontessori.org.

VA consultation

Are you entitled to federal benefits from the Veterans Administration? Are you applying for federal benefits from the VA? Are you fighting for an increase of benefits from the VA? If yes to any of the aforementioned questions, Project SALUTE from the University of Detroit Mercy has the answers.

On Monday, Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m., at PLAV Post #166, 39375 Amrhein (at the corner of Echols) in Livonia, free individual consultations will be provided along with a complete presentation of available disability and pension benefit matters. Please bring your DD-214 (discharge papers), recent rating decisions and

any other documentation which will help attorneys understand and evaluate your current position.

New Morning openings

Full-day kindergarten, half-day kindergarten, and preschool classes have fall openings at New Morning School, located at 14501 Haggerty in Plymouth.

Toddlers and their parents are invited to register for the fall Me and My Shadow program at New Morning School. Me and My Shadow is an introductory class for 2-4 year olds and their parents who will participate together in music and fingerplay activities, art and discovery projects, and snack and story time, all centered on a seasonal theme. The theme for this session is Fruits and Vegetables.

New Morning School is an independent parent cooperative offering individualized education, multi-age classrooms, a 12:1 student-teacher ratio, and student-directed goal management plans. More information is available at www.newmorningschool. com. Call (734) 420-3331 with questions or to set up a personal appointment with the admissions director.



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St. Mary Mercy hosts 5K run/walk for cancer

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will host its fourth annual "Embrace Life" 5K run/walk for Cancer at 9 a.m. Sept. 12. More than 530 people participated in last year's 5K, raising more than \$18,000. Proceeds will support cancer services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, including mammogram screenings, support groups and access to care for those in need.

The 5K run/walk is for cancer awareness. It is a celebration of life for cancer survivors, for those who have cancer, and an opportunity for family members and friends to honor or remember a loved one.

• Awards will be given to the first-, second- and third-place overall male and female winners of each age division of the 5K run.

• The USATF-certified course begins on St. Mary Mercy Hospital grounds and runners/walkers are then

streets of Livonia.

· Runners and walkers who register before Sept. 3 are guaranteed a race T-shirt.

· Visit www.stmarymercy. org to register or for more information. Registration is \$22 before Sept. 3; \$27 from Sept. 4 to race day.

Following the 5K, beginning at 10:30 a.m. is the "Celebration of Health" Community Open House, a family-friendly event that offers a variety of free activi-

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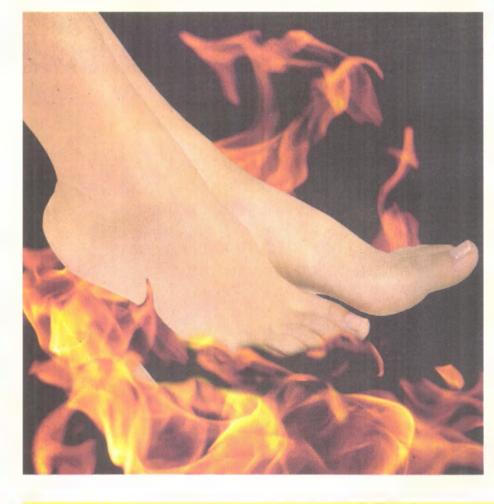
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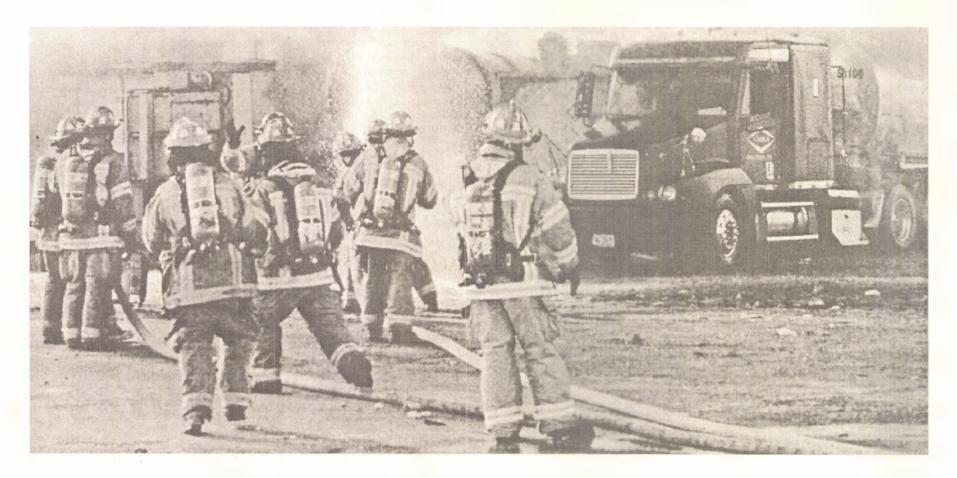


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What's wrong with the city's plan?

- There will be confusion on the scene of an emergency incident because of cross-training.
 What does a PSO do when they pull up to a motor vehicle accident involving a trapped drunk driver and multiple injuries? Do they secure the scene and begin investigating?
 Do they extricate the driver and treat other injured parties?
- Response times will be increased under a PSO system. A fire truck responding to a fire will have to wait for additional PSO's prior to commencing fire suppression efforts. PSO's in patrol cars will also have to secure weapons and other associated law enforcement equipment/gear. Precious time will be lost.
- Taxpayers will incur added expenses, personnel will need to be cross trained to provide both fire and law enforcement services.
- Fire fighters currently perform both fire and EMS duties. The call volume has increased dramatically over the last several years, to ask a police officer to perform both fire and EMS duties is not feasible.
- A combined department will most certainly lead to low morale and high department turnover, depriving Plymouth residents from its most experienced police officers and fire fighters.
- Would result in the loss of nearly half of the firefighters currently serving in the Plymouth Community Fire Department.

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A message from the Plymouth Professional Fire Fighters

Foundation hosts veterans seminar

Educating veteran advocates — and the estimated 400,000 veterans in metro Detroit — about benefits available from the Department of Veterans Affairs is the focus of a two-day seminar sponsored by the Canton Community Foundation (CCF) with the support of the Holbrook Charitable Trust.

The conference is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 21 and 22 at Laurel Manor and Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

The first day of the conference will be devoted to the training of professionals who work for veterans, including attorneys, County Service Officers (CSO), Veteran Services Officers (VSO) and independent veteran advocates. The cost is \$125.

The second day, which is free of charge, will focus on Wayne County veterans, their families and the host of benefits available through the Veterans Administration. Those benefits and programs include health care, disability benefits, social services, housing, and burial.

As of 2009, the V.A. reported approximately 23.1 million living U.S. veterans, 8 percent of whom are women. But at an estimated 36 million, there are even more surviving spouses and dependent children of living and deceased veterans, who may be eligible for certain benefits.

In Wayne County, the V.A. spends an estimated \$400 million each year on veterans. Of that total, \$191 million is spent on medical care and \$154 million on compensation and pension payments, according to the V.A.

"I have seen the confusion among veterans and their families about what benefits are available to them," said Jim Fausone, CCF board member and program chairman.

Legal advocates and attorneys will also have the opportunity to earn continuing

education credits with participation in the conference. In Wayne County, 46 attorneys and 103 VSOs are accredited by the V.A. Continuing education is required to maintain accreditation. Similar educational programs are not available currently in the metro area, Fausone said.

"This conference is an opportunity for everybody who is a veteran stakeholder to gather," said Fausone, a partner with Fausone Bohn, PLLC. "It's a chance to build relationships and contacts so veterans can be referred to the best resource."

Pre-registration is required for professionals, and veterans and their families. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served both days of the conference. First-day registration for attorneys and other professionals is \$125. Registration for veterans is free.

Registration may be completed online at www.canton-foundation.org or by calling the CCF at (734) 495-1200.

Basic training grad

• Air Force Airman Jacob K. Sobczak graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio,

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

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

Sobczak is the grandson of Mary Dye of Williamsburg, Va., and Rose Sobczak of Plymouth. He is a 2009 graduate of Warhill High School, Williamsburg.

• Air Force Reserve Airman Deonte D. Ford graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

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

Ford is the son of Michelle Ford of Canton. He is a 2006 graduate of Lincoln High School in Ypsilanti.

Combat training

Army National Guard Spec. Denis R. Montilla has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics.

Montilla is the son of Rene Montilla of Canton. He is a 1998 Plymouth-Canton graduate who earned a bachelor's degree in 2003 from the University of Michigan.



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A: Retirement is a new con-

cept and not something that past generations had to worry about. If you go back 100 years, people didn't worry about retirement because life expectancy was only mid-50s. Retirement wasn't an issue like it is today.

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In addition, people used to believe that in retirement you could live on a fraction of what you did while you were working. As far as I am concerned, this makes no sense. You need a rising income throughout your lifetime. We all know this to be



Money Matters line in deter-

Rick Bloom

nizing that it will cost them more to live in the future than it does today.

The last important detail is the length of time people may live in retirement. When I first got involved in this business, the general rule was to plan on someone living maybe 10 years into retirement. The thought that someone could live 20 or 30 years in retirement was unheard of. However, being retired for 20-plus years seems to be the norm today.

In analyzing your situation, the key question is whether your portfolio can generate enough

income to cover living expenses. Social Security will cover a substantial portion, but not all, of your income needs. The real question is whether your \$3,000 shortfall (\$5,000 monthly expenses less Social Security of \$2,000 equals \$3,000) can be covered by the portfolio. I don't believe the \$400,000 portfolio is sufficient to cover your shortfall.

In order to have a rising income throughout your lifetime (and based upon the fact that you will be retired not for five

and 10 years, but for a much greater length of time), you do not want to draw more than 3-4 percent. If you assume a 4percent distribution rate, that would mean taking \$16,000 a year from your portfolio. In your case you will need \$36,000 a year. Therefore, there is a short-

Because of the downturn in the financial markets as well as the falling of real estate prices, many Americans find they may not have the assets for a comfortable retirement.

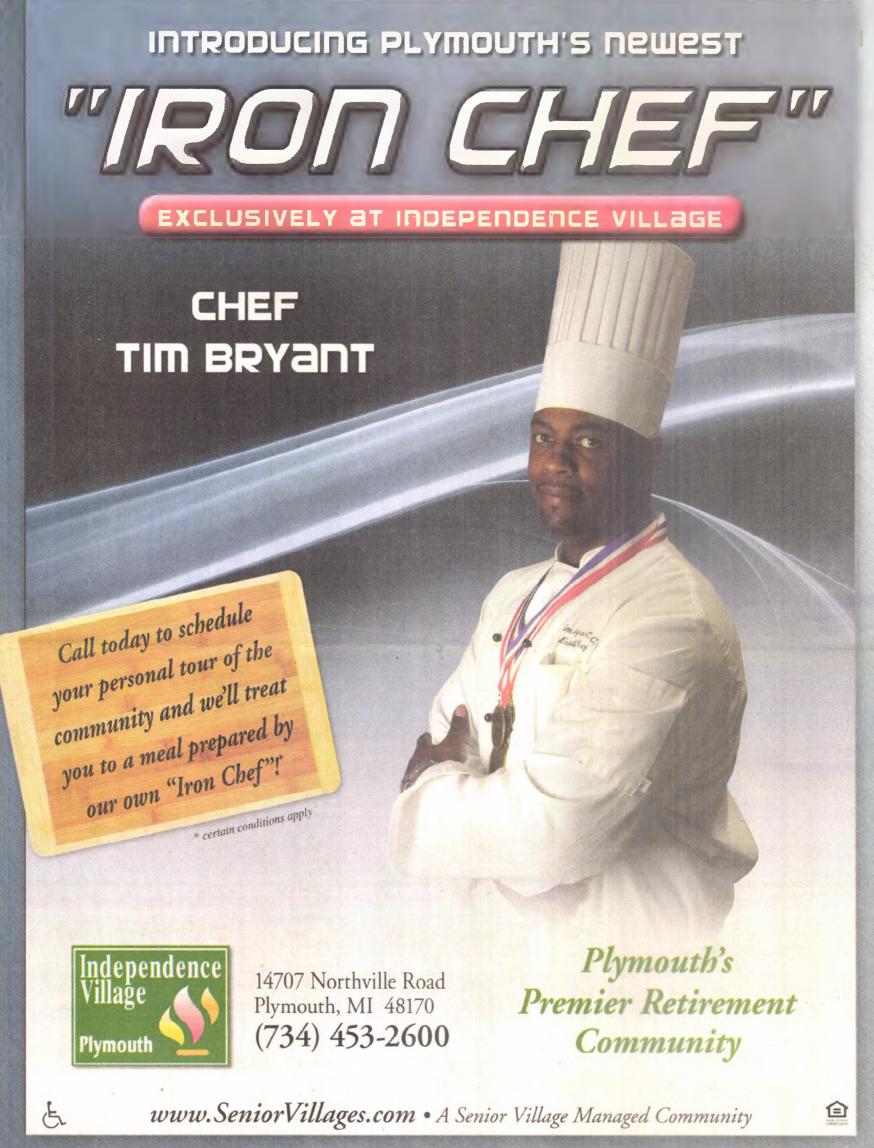
The mistake many investors make when they find themselves in your situation is they become more aggressive with their portfolio. That is something that investors need to avoid. Particularly in the type of economy that we are currently experiencing, becoming more aggressive can have disastrous consequences.

There is no question that many retirement dreams have been shattered over the last few years. However, as a wise man once said, "It is what it is." The only way to solve the problem is to be proactive, think out of the box and come up with creative solutions.

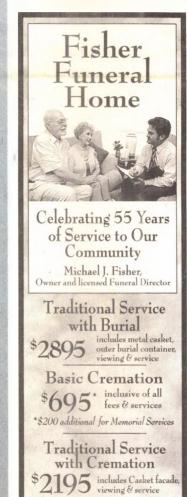
Good luck!

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

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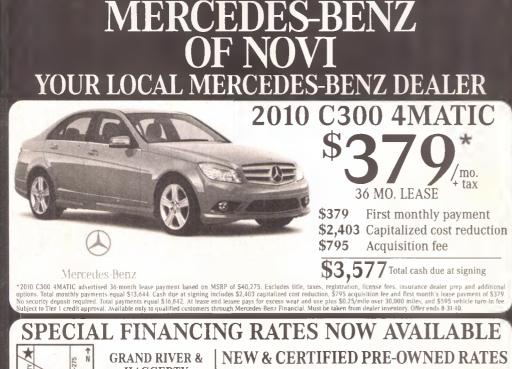






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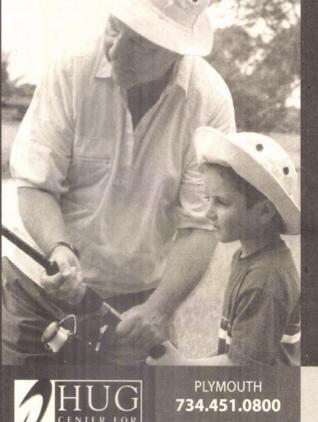
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Canton Newcomers set for 38th year of welcoming

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Canton Newcomers, a social group with a charitable heart, has embarked on its 38th year, and secretary Noreen Rybar said the club's name has become a bit of a misnomer.

"It throws some people off," she said.

To be sure, the 100-member club still embraces its mission to welcome new Canton residents to the community, help them find friends and get accustomed to their new surroundings.

"New people need to know where to find a doctor or find out where the library is," Rybar said.

Others may have left Canton Newcomers to juggle busy lives, and they decide to return once children have gone off to college.

"Some people just want to plug back in," Rybar said.

Still others have belonged to the club for as long as 15 years, yet they remain because they enjoy the social activities or raising money for organizations such as Canton Goodfellows, the Huron Valley Humane Society or The Salvation Army's food pantry.

Whatever the reason, new Canton residents or those who have belonged to Newcomers for years are invited to attend the new season's first meeting, set for 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, at Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford Road, north of Ford between Beck and Canton Center.

"Our motto is 'where neighbors become friends.' We're well-suited to help people who are new to the community or

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Canton Newcomers board members (from left) Cindy Koldys, Hollie Arnett, Diane Richards, Clarice Killian, Maddy Montone, Lisa Toole, Noreen Rybar and Becky Blackburn recently met to begin planning the Club's 2010/2011 season, including the Wednesday, Sept. 1, kickoff meeting.

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Canton Newcomers presented the proceeds of their annual spring Mom 2 Mom Sale to representatives from Child's Hope, the central voice for the prevention of child abuse and neglect in Wayne County. Child's Hope representatives (from left) Rachel Reading, Crystal Robinski, and Anne Marie Valdez join Newcomer past president Tami Temple.

those who want to get involved from September through May again," Rybar said.

Club meetings — the first

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too. They might plan a "chick flick" movie night, a men's golf outing or a trip for youngsters to the Canton Public Library or a township fire station, she Lisa Toole, club president,

- are essentially "for ladies'

events for men and children,

members often organize

night out," Rybar said, though

encouraged new Canton residents to attend the season kick-off meeting.

"My family and I moved to Canton four years ago and quickly clicked with the group," she said. "We have really enjoyed all the activities and getting to know the community. The Newcomers club

offered that and an opportunity to volunteer as well.'

Rybar said the club typically donates \$100 a month to charity and "much more" to help Canton Goodfellows buy gifts for needy children at Christmas. Moreover, the group gives about \$2,000 a year to a chosen charity

- money partially raised from a springtime Mom 2 Mom sale in which women sell items such as clothing their children have outgrown.

Canton Newcomers also has dedicated itself to social events officially dubbed Interest Groups — such as a dice game called Bunco, a book club called Creative Kids, a walking club, scrapbooking, men's

poker night and numerous other activities. Many of the get-togethers are attended by small groups of people, allowing Newcomers members to get to know one another bet-

"We never seem to tire of each other," Interest Groups co-chair Cindy Koldys said. "The general meetings are a blast. But since Interest Groups are attended by a smaller number, you get a chance to know members on a more personal level."

For more information, log on to www.cantonnewcomers.org, or contact Rybar by calling (734) 981-0486 or sending an e-mail to nrybar@yahoo.com.





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Canton boy wins applause from Paws, O&E essay contest

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, August 29, 2010

Ryan Schmatz, 9, of Canton Township, was the August winner of the Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Newspapers Paws for Applause Essay Contest.

Ryan, who attends Field Elementary School in Canton, won four tickets to the Aug. 22 game at Comerica Park and saw the Tigers beat the Cleveland Indians 8-1.

Besides witnessing a Tigers win, Ryan had his picture taken with Paws in pre-game ceremonies. In addition, Ryan received an autographed photo of Tigers third baseman Brandon Inge and a gift card for a Little Caesars Pizza.

Ryan was joined on his special day by his dad, Dale; brother, Jared, 11; and friend Andrew, 11.

"Thank you so much for the wonderful day for Ryan," said his mom, Jennifer. "They all had a great time. It is an experience he will never forget and it has encouraged him in his

writing." "The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is pleased to honor and congratulate Ryan for his recycling efforts and his hard work in keeping his Canton neighborhood beautiful," said Susan Rosiek. executive editor/publisher. "In partnership with the Detroit Tigers, we want boys and girls throughout our coverage area to know they can be rewarded and recognized for the good things - big or small - they do to make their community a great place to live."

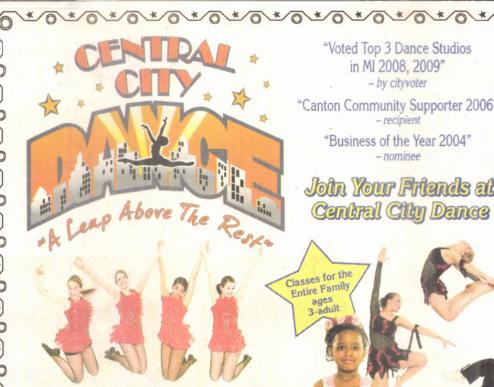
Here's Ryan's winning essay. "My name is Ryan and I am 9 years old. I love my neighborhood and work hard to help take care of it. I recycle paper, cans, plastic, cardboard, and glass. I make sure the rest of my family does, too! I never ever litter. Whenever I have trash, I put it in the garbage and after I play with my toys outside, I always put them away. I even help my mom



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plant flowers so our yard looks nice. This summer, I plan to go around my neighborhood and pick up trash. I can use my skateboard to ride around and pick it up. I am always

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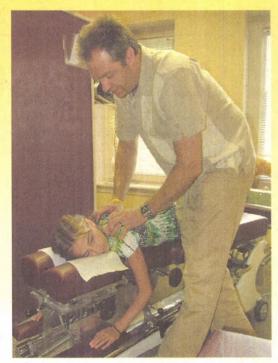
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PREP FOOTBALL OPENING WEEK

Good start for Chiefs

SUNDAY, August 29, 2010

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's a lot of football to be played in 2010, but Canton head coach Tim Baechler liked what he saw out of his team in Friday's season-opening 27-7 victory at Walled Lake Central.

Baechler said senior quarterback Ben Merbler led the offense with poise and scored two touchdowns, one on a 46vard run on the first play of the second quarter to open up a 13-0 lead.

"I was very pleased with Ben Merbler," Baechler said. "One of his passes was an audible ... he ran the ball well."

Before the season, the inexperience of the offensive line was one area of concern for the veteran coach. But Baechler credited the line for its performance in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association

"They did a pretty good job," he said. "They made some mistakes in the second half. But in the first half, we didn't have a penalty.'

The Chiefs' defense shut down the Vikings all night, another reason for Baechler to feel good about how Game 1 turned out.

"Our defense led us," Baechler said. "They dominated."

Senior Garrett Bryden led the defense with 13 tackles, while senior Jack Slater chipped in with seven.

One player who picked up where he left off in 2009 was senior running back Davion Stackhouse (11 carries, 118 yards). He opened the scoring with a 2-yard run in the first quarter, finishing a drive he made happen with a 36-yard gallop.

Merbler (eight carries, 47 yards) gave the Chiefs some

Please see CHIEFS, B2



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's offense featured plenty of depth Friday night. Here, junior running back Frederick Dunbar (No. 28) eludes an attempted tackle by Salem junior Dan DeWater.

'Cats win injury-marred opener

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A spectacular play with a horrific ending put an unfortunate twist on Friday's season-opening football game between Plymouth and Salem, which the Wildcats

The host Wildcats were up 35-0 with just over eight minutes to go in the fourth quarter at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park when quarterback Shaun Austin dumped a pass to Donte Fox in the right flat inside the Plymouth 20-yard line.

Fox caught the ball, then found a seam and zig-zagged 81 yards before being hauled down near the Salem goal line. But Salem senior defensive back Davon Mullins — whose hustle kept Fox from scoring - didn't get up after the wild play.

Mullins sustained a serious injury and needed to be secured to a board and sent by ambulance to a hospital. Rocks head coach Kurt Britnell said the player "was squeezing the trainer's hand, so there were some good signs there."

According to Britnell, the second effort that ended with the apparent neck injury followed a halftime talk to pump up the Rocks (0-1) after they fell behind when the Wildcats (1-0) scored 35 points in the sec-

"Just a great effort on that play," Britnell said. "We talked about not giving up in the second half and they didn't.

'They dragged him down from the back. I think he got caught up between the tackler and the running back and he hit his neck a little bit."

Please see WILDCATS, B3



Snaring a touchdown pass in the fourth quarter Friday is Plymouth senior Jacob Morris (No. 2), who maintained focus to haul in the short toss. Trying to break up the play for Salem is junior Evian Pardo (No. 4).

SIDELINES

Ex-Plymouth Whaler and current Boston Bruin Tyler Seguin soon will be taking his considerable skills to the NHL team's training camp. But the OHL Whalers still have a pretty talented group of returnees who will take the Compuware Arena ice later this week as the team's own camp starts.

Whalers set to open camp

First order of business for the Whalers will be reporting for off-ice testing Wednesday. Then comes the annual Blue-White scrimmages from 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

The scrimmages (also at Compuware) are open to the public. Rosters will be provided to spectators.

Plymouth kicks off the preseason at 7 p.m. Saturday against OHL champion Windsor in Chelsea in "The Clash at the Coliseum." The game will be broadcast on 88.1FM WSDP and online on www.plymouthwhalers.com.

The Whalers open the 2010-11 season Thursday, Sept. 23 in Windsor against the Spitfires and play their home opener Saturday, Sept. 25 against Barrie at Compuware.

Salem boots foe

A two-goal performance by Chris Dierker sparked Salem to a 4-2 varsity boys soccer victory Thursday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Rocks (2-1-1) broke out to a 3-1 halftime lead on markers by Jake Pascarella (from Drew Roth) and two tallies by Dierker, assisted by Jake Genrich and Brandon Barfuss, respectively.

In the second half of the non-conference matchup, Roth converted a feed from Jeff Cantin for Salem's final goal of the evening.

Earning the win in goal was sophomore Erick Beas. Next for Salem is a 7 p.m. Monday clash at PCEP against Plymouth.

Scoreless draw for 'Cats

Speaking of Plymouth, the Wildcats and visiting Walled Lake Northern played to a 0-0 tie Wednesday night in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover boys soccer match.

Senior Kyle Brindza collected the shutout for Plymouth (2-1-1).

PCA still undefeated

Plymouth Christian Academy's boys soccer squad broke a 2-2 tie Thursday on goals from junior Dan Mullett and sophomore Dan Ross as the Eagles earned a 4-2 victory over Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett. With the victory, PCA improved to 4-0-1 overall and 2-0-0 in the tough Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division.

The Eagles fell behind twice in the first half only to rebound with game-tying markers, by junior forward Alex Chapman (on a nifty cross from Mullett) and Ross (a 25-yard blast past ULS goalkeeper Mike Meyering).

PCA will try to remain undefeated with a game 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Lutheran High Westland.

Plymouth looks to link success OBSERVER STAFF WRITER As good as last year was for Plymouth's varsity girls golf team, the 2010 version could have even more success. A sign pointing in that direction is how all-state freshman Kelsey sophomore.

strokes per 18 holes and 40 for nine

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Kelsey Murphy, shown from a 2009 file photo, stood above the crowd as a freshman golfer for Plymouth and she has no plans of slipping this season.

GIRLS GOLF PREVIEW PT. 1

Murphy is improving her game as a

"She has gained some distance off the tee since last year," said Wildcats head coach Chris Moore. "Plus, she has another year of experience under her belt." Last year, Murphy averaged 80

and medaled at all of the Wildcats' dual meets. That Murphy can top that kind of performance spells trouble for the rest of the teams in the KLAA South Division as they try to stop

And don't forget about outstand-

Plymouth from repeating as cham-

ing sophomore Sarah Thompson (like Murphy an All-Observer selection in 2009). Thompson also was a consistent force, capping off her season with a personal best 86 (for 18 holes) at the Division 1 regional.

Plymouth's lineup is even deeper than that, with seven others in the mix for starting spots — senior captain Stefania Sgambati, seniors Christy Pattison, Chloe Marentic; juniors Lindsay Dean and Carly Curvin; sophomores Mandy Kirsch and Danielle Allen.

"All of those girls will be competing for varsity spots throughout the season," Moore said.

GOOD GAUGE

Others looking to make a positive impression include Jane McCurry, Lauren Prochazka, Ashley Pawczuk, Lindsey Oprisiu, Kendra

Bartkowiak and Sarah Uhlian. "Many of these girls have made improvements since last season," Moore noted, "and of course we hope to get better as the season

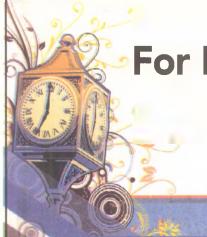
They will if facing difficult opponents matters. Moore scheduled plenty of tough tournaments against some of the state's top squads, with the notion that his golfers will benefit later (at state tourney time) as a result.

progresses."

This tough schedule lets our girls know how good the competition is around the state and what we need to do if we want to qualify for the state tournament," he said. "We set our goals high every year, we want to win the division this year again.

'We also want to win our conference championship. Our ultimate goal would be to qualify for the state tourney."

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Temperance Bedford Inv., 8:30 a.m. **BOYS SOCCER** Monday, Aug. 30 Canton at A.A. Pioneer, 5:30 p.m. Salem at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31

Ply. Christian at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1 Northville vs. Plymouth, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2 DeLaSalle at Salem, 7 p.m **BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**

Wednesday, Sept. 1

Northville Inv. at Cass Benton, 4 p.m. **GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING** Tuesday, Aug. 31 Monroe at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2 Tecumseh at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS Monday, Aug. 30 Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31 Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m. Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m Thursday, Sept. 2 Plymouth at Churchill, 4 p.m Salem at Northville, 4 p.m. Wayne at Canton, 4 p.m.

> Monday, Aug. 30 Seaholm Invite.. 12 noon South Lyon vs. Salem at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m

GIRLS GOLF

Wayne vs. Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31 Churchill vs. Plymouth at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m. Ladywood vs. Sacred Heart at Heathers Club, 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1 S. Lyon East vs. Salem at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m John Glenn vs. Canton, Wayne vs. Plymouth at The Woodlands, 3 p.m. **GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY** Monday, Aug. 30 Cranbrook at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Friday, Sept. 3 Schoolcraft at Owens (Ohio) Tourney, 3 p.m.

(Embry-Riddle Tourney, Daytona, Fla.) Madonna vs. Lewis-Clark St., 2 p.m. Madonna vs. Embry-Riddle, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4 Schoolcraft at Owens (Ohio) Tourney, 3 p.m.

(Embry-Riddle Tourney, Daytona, Fla.) Madonna vs. Wayland Baptist, 11:30 a.m. Madonna vs. Oklahoma Baptist, 4:30 p.m. **MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER** Monday, Aug. 30

Schoolcraft at Univ. of Windsor, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1 Schoolcraft at Jackson CC, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4 Lakeland (Ohio) at Schoolcraft, 2 p.m Madonna at Holy Cross (Ohio), 6 p.m. **WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER** Monday, Aug. 30 Schoolcraft at Univ. of Windsor, 6 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 3 Jackson CC at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m. Madonna vs. Houghton (N.Y.) at Roberts Wesleyan (N.Y.), 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4 Madonna at Roberts Wesleyan, 5 p.m



Bring on college ball!

Joe Galanty and Andrew Tidwell, two of the top players for Canton's Division 1 baseball quarterfinal st, will get to continue their careers at the collegiate level. Both recently signed letters of intent to play for Saginaw Valley State University. The 2010 grads signed with Chiefs head coach Mark Blomshield and SVSU coach Walt Head on hand to lend their support. In this photo, Galanty (seated left), Blomshield (standing) and Tidwell (seated right) celebrate the moment. In their senior seasons for the Chiefs, both had distinguished seasons. Galanty, who played first base, set a single season school record with nine home runs and earned all-conference, all-district and first team All-Observer honors. Tidwell, a starting pitcher and third baseman, earned all-conference, all-district, all-region and second team All-State honors (Division 1) along with being named to the All-Observer second team. Both players continued with strong summer seasons. Galanty clubbed nine homers with Michigan Sports Academy in Saline while Tidwell led the Michigan Hawks to the Northwest Suburban League Championship and a trip to the USSSA World Series in Florida. Galanty and Tidwell will both major in business administration.

FROM PAGE B1

The Wildcats have already gotten some tournaments under their belts, finishing 14th out of 24 teams Monday at Forest Lake Country Club. On Tuesday, Plymouth finished first at the Fox Creekhosted tourney, for the second straight year. Murphy shot a 76 at Fox

Hills to take first place overall (she was 2nd overall at Forest Lake) while Thompson tallied a 95 (she shot an 87 the previous day, good for 17th place).

Other finishers Monday included Dean (108), Allen

(113), Sgambati (122) while other finishers Tuesday included Kirsch (101), Dean (102) and Allen (102).

"I feel that if we practice hard and work on our short game we will be very competitive as the season goes on," Moore said.

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breathing room with a 46through the line and couldn't

Before intermission, the quarterback made it 20-0 on a sneak, with Bryden hitting his second extra point of the night.

There was no scoring in the third quarter, and junior running back Zac Merillat (six carries, 65 yards) finished Canton's scoring in the fourth

with a 29-yard touchdown dash. Once again, Stackhouse was in the midd e of the drive, with a 30-yard run.

Central spoiled the Canton shutout bid with the final score of the contest, late in the final frame.

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Chiefs can switch up approach

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Points for Canton's boys tennis team either will come from strong-armed tactics or finesse, a balanced attack that could strike fear in enemy teams in the KLAA South.

And head coach Barb Lehmann can't wait to see how it all shakes out for the Chiefs,

BOYS TENNIS PREVIEW



Hansz

Livonia Churchill and Wayne Memorial, respectively. Both meets begin at 4 p.m. Of course, the Chiefs will feature an

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all-senior singles lineup of returnees Ryan Hansz and Adam Payne, Varun Bandri and Jordan Anderson. 'The singles will be strong

with four seniors and a great deal of experience and power," Lehmann noted.

The Canton lineup also features experience at No. 1 doubles, with seniors Jimmy LaFontaine and Austin Payne, described by the coach as players "with experience and the ability to take over the net."

Other doubles players such as Luke Freeman, Ashwin Kumar, Rocky Willette and Alan Halim have demonstrated improvement in their play with excellent work over the summer - hopefully carrying those gains into the season.

"This year will be about the experience and power that each of the players will bring to the net," Lehmann said.

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TOUGH TO SEE

Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk and his team joined with the Rocks in a prayer circle at the 50-yard line following the Kensington Lakes **Activities Association cross**over contest.

"I hope he's OK, we're all praying for him," Sawchuk said. "That's the last thing you want to see on a football field. ... And the kid made a great effort to tackle our guy, too."

The cross-campus matchup had a much different beginning as both teams played over some early jitters.

Salem senior quarterback Drew Thompson connected on the first two passes he attempted (to junior Evian Pardo and senior Matt Morton), each good for a first down as the Rocks marched into Plymouth territory.

But that drive stalled and the Wildcats were able to get their feet under them. Thompson lost the touch after that, completing 7-of-24 passes for 59 yards.

"We knew they were going to come fired up," Sawchuk said. "Coach Britnell is going to turn it around and do a great job over there. There's no doubt in my mind.

"We just knew we had to weather the storm. We knew they were going to play on emotion."

ON THE MONEY

By the time the first half ended, Plymouth took complete control, outgaining the Rocks by a 210-70 margin while scoring five TDs.

The first three six-pointers were scored by senior Brennen Beyer. His first came on a 31vard reception, fending off Pardo in the front right corner of the end zone as he snared the spiral from Austin (13-of-20, 230 yards, three TDs).

"He threw me a great ball and I just went up and got it," Bever said.

A little over two minutes later, with 8:56 left in the half, Beyer blocked a Salem punt and retrieved the pigskin in the end zone for his second TD.

"I saw an opening and the

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Plymouth quarterback Shaun Austin (No. 8) barrels in on Salem defender Ethan Walsh (No. 33) during Friday's second half at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park

snap took a little bit, so I ran back there and blocked the punt," Beyer said. "Then I scooped it up and scored.'

An interception by senior Victor Hicks on a tipped Thompson pass set up Beyer's third score of the quarter. Beyer pulled in an 11-yard pass from Austin.

Later in the half, Fox (seven rushes, 113 yards) ran up the gut for a 12-yard touchdown and a few minutes later capped off a 72-yard drive with a 1yard plunge.

The second half was played with running time, but the scoreboard clock stopped with 8:07 left and didn't start up again for quite a while as personnel tended to Mullins.

Two plays after the game finally resumed, Austin connected with senior wide receiver Jake Morris on a 2-yard TD reception.

Then in the waning moments, the Wildcats crafted a 70-vard scoring drive mostly on the running of juniors William Askew and Frederick Dunbar (who scored the final TD of the night on a 14-yard run).

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Salem quarterback Drew Thompson (No. 11) hands the ball off to junior tailback Marcus Houston during Friday's season opener against Plymouth.

Lady Ocelots seek the 'right mix'

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's plenty of reasons to be excited about the upcoming women's soccer season at Schoolcraft College.

Not only do the Lady Ocelots have eight returning players from last season's national tournament qualifier, but 15 new faces added to the roster promises the 2010 campaign to be full of excitement as well as head coach Deepak Shivraman zeros in on his fourth season at the helm of the program.

"I've had some tremendous players who have played soccer for me at Schoolcraft and I have high expectations again for this group," Shivraman said. "But the game is played on the field and we're going to have to find the right mix of speed and skill to be successful again."

The National Junior College Athletic Association expects Shivraman to do just that and sort through his talented roster and finding the right combinations as the Lady Ocelots find themselves holding down the No. 8 spot nationally in the preseason poll.

"We're quick and we're skilled, but right now we're going through a gelling process," said Shivraman, whose club was scheduled to open the regular season Saturday at home against UM-Dearborn before visiting the University of Windsor on Monday. "We need to get them out there and used to each other."

The offense this season will be sparked by sophomore Jenny Giegler, a "dynamic and explosive forward who does a lot of creative things around the goal," according to Shivraman. Serving as the perfect complement up front will be freshman forward Rene Boudreau, a Livonia Stevenson grad who possesses strength and quickness.

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Patrolling the midfield will be sophomore Adriana Guerrero, who suited up for the Lady Ocelots two seasons ago before playing club soccer for the Texans in 2009, and sophomore Jamie Monterosso. The return of Guerrero, along with Monterosso, newcomer Shannon Merritt (Stevenson) and sophomore Theresa Hale, will force opponents to pay special attention to the middle of the field.

Brooke Ehman, a sophomore, brings diversity to the lineup as she can run up and join the offensive attacks as well as drop back and clear play from the front of her own

Another sophomore, Kelly Powers, serves as captain and will provide a physical presence to the backline, along with Mady Evens.

In goal, the Lady Ocelots will go with sophomore Sam Suter, a transfer from Spring Arbor College.

Several first-year players are expected to join in on the mix, including defender Jessica Lyon, defender Sierra Cano, midfielder Ashley Welch (Stevenson), midfielder Ashley Werner (Stevenson), midfielder-defender Lindsay McMullen (Livonia Churchill) and goalkeeper Tabitha Mann (Salem).

"I think Ashley Welch may be flying under the radar a little now because she has great vision, is mature and makes great decisions with the ball," Shivraman said. "And Sierra Cano is very intellgent and has a great personality for the game. She is a natural leader and can really be an anchor for us back there on defense.

"We have so many good players and we will need them all to get better and gel because when we ran into injuries last year our depth went down slightly. I think we can have even a better year than last year."

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BY JIM TOTH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Just like today's workplace - where everyone is asked to do more - Schoolcraft College women's volleyball coach Rich Lamb is challenging every one of his 14 players on the roster to do more in 2010 than they ever have before.

"We're asking a lot from everybody," said Lamb, who is set to embark on his fourth season at the helm of the Lady Ocelots program. "We have 12 freshmen and only two returning sophomores - Kayla Creech and Alyssa Cuthbert - so we'll put a lot of pressure on them to lead us through the

The Lady Ocelots are coming off a 23-17 overall mark and fourth-place finish in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association a year ago and in need of those dozen freshmen to adapt to the college game very quickly in order to better both marks.

One of the youngsters who have received high grades so far include first-team All-Observer pick Sarah Suppelsa, who helped Livonia Churchill to a 56-6 record and a state Class A semifinal berth. Also in the mix are Nicolette Plewa and Amber Aldrich.

Suppelsa and Aldrich are both 6-foot-1 outside hitters, while Plewa, another outside hitter, stands 5-7.

A teammate of Supplesa's at Churchill, 5-8 freshman Christine Maleske, is a "fierce ultra competitor," according to Lamb, and expected to emerge as one of the team's premier middle hitters.

But just how much success the Lady Ocelots do enjoy will lie primarily on the shoulders of Creech and Cuthbert, two outstanding setters who have a real feel on what it takes to make an offense go.

"We have the potential to get more than 23 wins this season, but it's going to take great mental focus on the part of all our players," Lamb said. "They have been working so hard and responding well and wanting more and more.

"We're going to have to show scrappiness and play with some great defensive intensity," he continued. "From day one we emphasized defensive principles and they have shown that willingness to go after everything.

Lamb was scheduled to get his first look at the youthful Lady Ocelots this weekend as they took part in the 5th Annual Central Ohio Kickoff Classic held in Columbus.

"We've looked good so far and had a good preseason " Lamb said. "We just have to stay mentally focused through-

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Girls on the Run

Late registration is ongoing for Girls on the Run of Greater Detroit, an affiliate program of the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit. Girls on the Run is a life-changing, experiential learning program that uses running to educate and prepare girls for a lifetime of selfrespect and healthy living.

During the 10-week season, girls in grades 3-8 meet twice a week with trained coaches who lead them through fun games, uplifting workouts, and themed discussions on topics like dealing with body image and the media, resisting peerpressure, making healthy decisions, and contributing to their community.

The season concludes with all girls completing a service project in their communities and running or walking in a special, non-competitive 5k event for Girls on the Run participants and their families. The 20-lesson program costs \$105.00 and is open to all girls in eligible grades at participating schools.

Registration for Plymouth-Canton, Northville, and Garden City schools will open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Plymouth Family YMCA, 248 S. Union Street.

Up to 15 girls will be accepted per team on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parents or guardians must be present inperson, may only register their own daughter(s), and should bring a form of payment.

Registration and health history forms are available at the Plymouth YMCA with additional signups now being accepted in person, by fax or by mail at the Plymouth YMCA. Registrations will not be accepted at schools or by coaches.

YMCA youth programs

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of youth

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instructional programs this fall, having the focus on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction.

Programs - open to YMCA members and community members - include Parent/ Child Soccer, Preschool and Youth Soccer, Preschool and Youth Basketball, Intro to Volleyball, Preschool T-ball, Tiny Tikes Sampler and Club Kickball. All will run between Sept. 20 and Oct. 25.

There will be morning and evening classes available. Ages vary by program but there is something for children ages 2-12. For more information, please contact the YMCA at 734-453-2904 or visit www. ymcadetroit.org.

Co-ed soccer leagues

YMCA Co-Ed Soccer leagues are forming for children ages 4-10 with sessions from Sept. 20 to Oct. 30. Fundamentals in a safe and fun environment will be the focus.

Planned are one practice and one game per week on Saturdays.

The program cost is \$64 for program members or \$96 for community members.

MU hosts golf fund-raiser

Early registration is still open for Madonna University's annual Scholar-Am Classic to benefit the student scholarship fund, Friday, Sept. 17, at Western Golf & Country Club in Redford.

The Early Birdie rates (including golf, lunch and dinner) is \$175 per individual and \$700 per foursome. Those who sign up early can have two strokes shaved off their foursome's score and also golf with a Madonna scholar, professor, dean, board member or coach.

A busy fun day is planned. The schedule is as follows: 11:30 a.m., check-in; noon, lunch at clubhouse; 1 p.m., shotgun start; 5:30 p.m., cocktails and raffles; 6 p.m., dinner and awards.

For more information, contact Alan Pinon (734-432-5556, apinon@madonna.edu) or Ann Cleary (734-432-5421, acleary@madonna.edu).

Volleyball on tap

The YMCA Girls Volleyball leagues are forming for girls ages 9-12. The session will run from Sept. 13 to Oct. 29 and is a great opportunity for girls to learn the fundamental skills of volleyball in a safe and fun environment.

The program cost is \$71 for program members or \$103 for community members. Memberships are \$39 for individuals and \$59 for families.

All participants need a YMCA Youth Sports Reversible Jersey, \$15. Programs are filled on a first come-first serve basis, so hurry in. The registration deadline is September 13. For more information, please contact the YMCA at 734-453-2904 or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Whalers making waves

After a trial run in 2009-10, the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers will return to WSDP-FM (88.1) "The Escape" as their radio home for the upcoming season.

"The Escape" — an award-winning radio station located at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park — will begin covering the Whalers this year with a special broadcast during Plymouth's first preseason game against Windsor at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, during "The Clash at the Coliseum" in Chelsea.

The station will resume its broadcast schedule with coverage of the Whalers' season opener, set for Thursday, Sept. 13, in Windsor.

Pete Krupsky remains Whalers play-by-play voice, with Sean Baligian providing analysis of home broadcasts.

Salem girls lacrosse recruits sought

There will be a pre-registration and information meeting to determine if there is enough interest in having the first Salem Girls Varsity Lacrosse Team in 2011. The meeting will be held 7 p.m. Wedneday, Sept. 15 in the library at Salem High School. Parents and students are encouraged to attend.

Salem returns the least amount of players from the now-defunct Plymouth-Canton-Salem United team, which was comprised of players from the three schools at PCEP. There are about 70 returning players from the United squad, with only a dozen or so from Salem.

Former United head coach Dave Medley (who coached the team from 2006-09) said "this is a wonderful opportunity to be a part of Salem's rich athletic history, and for girls to experience the fastest growing sport in the country."

Lacrosse also provides girls with a chance to play at the

collegiate level. Nicole Rotell (Plymouth) and Chelsea Olson (Canton) are currently playing at Indiana Tech University, for example.

"The outstate universities have discovered the lacrosse talent in Michigan and have turned many of their recruitment efforts to focus on the Michigan kids," Medley said. "As of late we are seeing the in-state universities adopting lacrosse as a varsity sport trying to keep the talent home."





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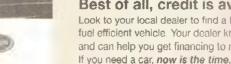
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Beautiful blooms

Residents show how their gardens grow

BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER

Diane Shay found an entire family living in her backyard garden this summer.

"I went out to pull weeds from my flower garden and was delighted to find these five baby bunnies huddled under one of my plants," she wrote in an email to the Observer. "This is by far the best thing growing in my garden this year.

'The bunnies were under a plant called Cushion Spurge which gets bright yellow flowers in early spring and is about a foot tall. It is between my bleeding heart and the tall garden phlox which is about two feet tall with white flowers. I also have several large hostas for the babies to hide under.

"I have a large yard and love my flower gardens."

The apple trees on her property, along with a stream at the

back of her lot also attract deer. Shay, of Farmington Hills, was among several readers who shared flower garden photos with the Observer after we asked for a little insight into this

year's growing season. We also heard from Chris Wolschon of Redford who says "constant watering" produces the best blooms.

Dianne Kean of Redford Township photographed a few of her many sunflowers with "Old Glory" flying in the background.

These sunflowers come up year after year and I only use



A single black-eyed Susan from Chris Wolschon's Redford garden looks elegant against a black background.

the Jerry Baker methods of soil enhancements," she noted, in an

Olivia Wren of Livonia advised gardeners to "water every day and fertilize once a week," for the best results.

"Never plant on a sunny, hot day," e-mailed Tom Przebienda, also of Livonia. "It's too hard on the plant/roots to take and you do much better on a cool or cloudy day."

Val and Elaine Templeton of Garden City mix and match flowers, vegetable and shrubs in the same area for season after season of beautiful blooms and tasty produce. Their photo shows a circular planting spaced filled with a mix of plants.

Stacy Karafotis, also of Garden City, suggested planting lillies and Michigan native plants for summer-long garden



Diane Shay of Farmington Hills discovered bunnies in her flower garden in early July.



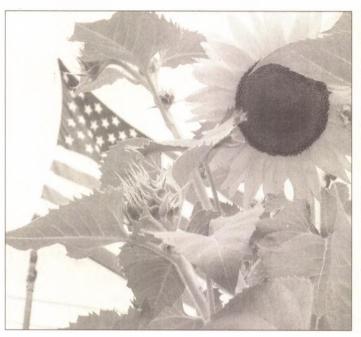
Tom Przebienda's green thumb creates a lush environment in his Livonia back yard.



midsummer garden in Garden City.



A healthy mound of impatiens grows in front of Olivia Wren's home in



Dianne Kean photographed this patriotic scene of the American flag and a sunflower growing in her Redford Township garden.



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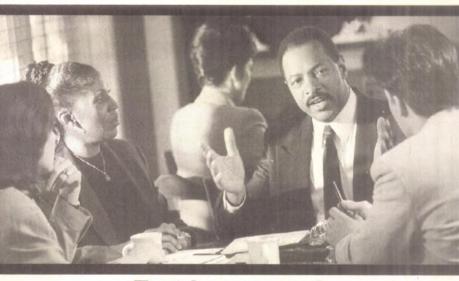








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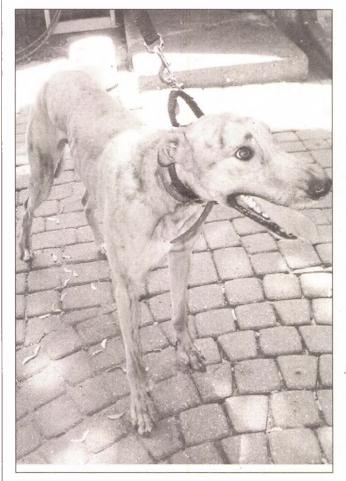
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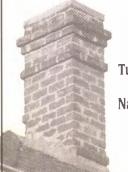
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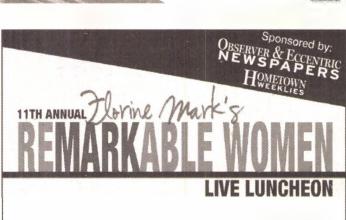
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Travel club plans open house Wednesday

Nomads, America's only private air travel club, will host an open house at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, in the Nomads' private terminal located at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Nomads is offering a limitedtime 45 percent discount on initiation fees for new members as it celebrates its 45th anniversary this year.

When Nomads was founded in

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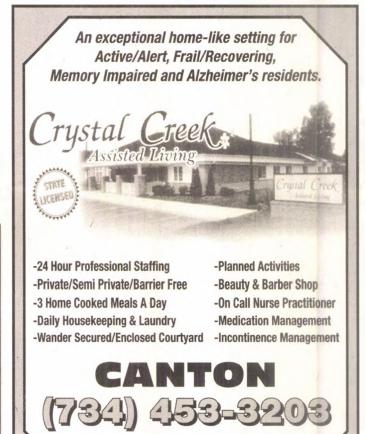
It was founded as a nonprofit organization by a group of Detroit-area businessmen who loved traveling, with charter members purchasing an Eastern Airlines DC-7. By 1971, membership grew to more than 400 people and the club purchased

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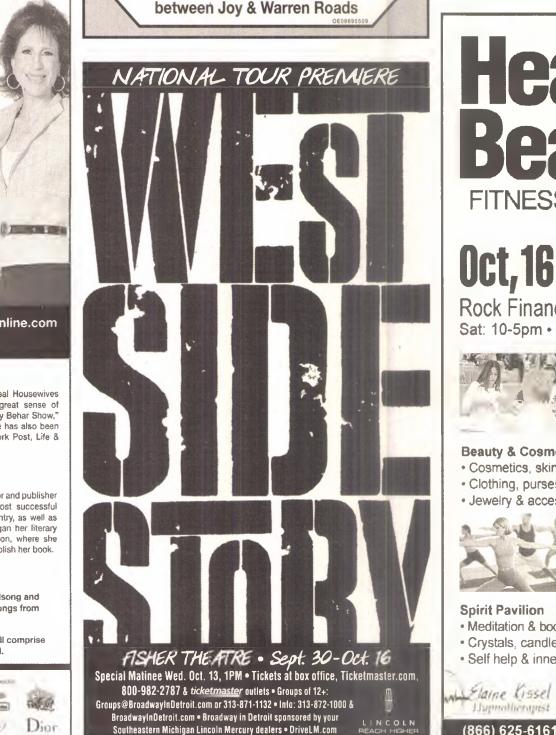
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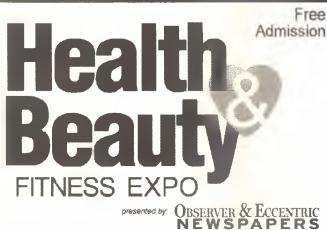
caused bone pain from the time man began walking on this planet. However, the diagnosis is new as realization of its existence was delayed until the development in the last 15 years of skeletal MRI.

Neither X-rays, CT scanning, nor ultrasound cannot undercover bone edema but MRI shows its presence readily. As a result of improved imaging, physicians are finding that bone edema is not rare but may account for 10-15% of bone pain in adults over age fifty. The cause of bone edema is unknown, though injury to the bone with disruption of its blood supply plays a role.

Bone edema presents as pain near a knee, shoulder, hip or ankle. The pain is present day and night, but worse with activity and walking. The patient usually cannot cite an accident preceding the pain; the discomfort seems to come on spontaneously It is difficult for a physician to diagnose bone edema on the first visit. The usual

approach is to obtain x-rays looking for arthritis or a fracture and then order a CT scan looking for a small fracture that x-ray missed. Only after these imaging studies fail does the physician turn to MRI. That procedure reveals the bone edema as an irregular patch of white against a background of dark normal bone. Treatment of bone edema is time plus medication for pain. No drug or orthopedic

procedure exists that can speed healing. The patient can be assured that the pain will resolve and the bone will heal. The time required is long; usually months and possibly nearly a year will pass before the pain disappears.



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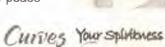
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SEPT. 2-15

Detroit Lutheran Singers Time/Date: Auditions by appointment only; rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m., Mondays, beginning Sept. 13 Location: Westminster Church, on west Outer Drive, east of Greenfield in Detroit

Details: The group plans auditions and will begin preparing for its fall concerts

Contact: To schedule an audition.

call (248) 644-1091 or e-mail to rightlady@comcast.net **Grief Share**

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, August 29, 2010

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m., Sundays, beginning Sept. 12 **Location**: Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This 13-week seminar features practical suggestions and reassurance through video interviews with counselors, grief experts and others who have experienced the loss of a loved one. "The Effects of Grief," "Your Family and Grief," and "Stuck in Grief" are just three of the topics that will be dis-

cussed. Workbooks will be provided. There is no charge for the program, but a \$15 donation is suggested to help cover costs. Picnic

a.m. worship, followed by picnic, Sunday, Sept. 12

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Bible class, 11

Location: Livonia Church of Christ,

15431 Merriman, Livonia Details: Bounce House for the kids and other children's activities as well as lots of food Contact: (734) 427-8743

Prayer service

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9

Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia Details: Unity World Day of Prayer involves people of all faiths joining in prayer for the health and wellbeing of the world, as well as for one another.

Contact: (734) 421-1760: www.unityoflivonia.org

Rediscovering Catholicism Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., Mondays, Sept. 13-Oct. 18 Location: St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia **Details**: Discussion of Matthew Kelly's book, "Rediscovering Catholicism." Participants will follow the author's study guide of questions for reflection, as the group reads selected passages of the book. A limited number of free books are available. Participants

can pick one up from the church

office when they register for the

discussion group.

Contact: Register by calling Nancy at (734) 591-9164, or e-mail to nnaujokas@hotmail.com

Schedule change Time/Date: Sunday morning

Eucharist is at 8:30 a.m. (nonsinging) and 10:30 a.m. (singing). Sunday School for adults and children is 9:30 a.m.

Location: Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, Livonia **Details**: The church resumes its regular worship schedule on Sept. 13. A new priest, the Rev. Wayne

Knockel, will start the regular service schedule.

Contact: (734) 591 - 0211 Sunday school

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. worship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday school, Sunday, Sept. 12

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, just west of Newburgh in Westland

Details: Music, crafts, games and fun kicks off the new season. of Sunday school. Activities are designed for kids age 3 through fifth grade, but Sunday school is offered to individuals of all ages who are curious about God and Jesus' teachings; no prior experience necessary. An additional activity is designed for young adults and adults

Contact: (734) 722-1735

SEPT. 16-30

Drug, alcohol talk Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept.

Location: St. Joseph Parish multipurpose room, 830 S. Lafavette, South Lyon

Details: Alcohol and drug discussion is designed for abusers, family members, anyone interested in the topic. Theresa Lilly, author of "Addiction of a Loved One," and James Balmer, president of Dawn Farms in Ypsilanti, are the speakers. There will be time for questions and answers and refreshments will be served

Contact: (248) 349-3127

ONGOING

AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays

Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade

Contact: (248) 426-0096 Classes/study

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh

Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

Livonia Unity Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30

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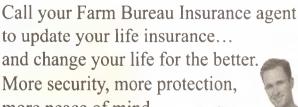
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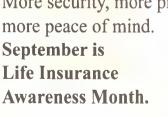


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REUNION CALENDAR

Submit announcement at least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Got an old class photo? Send it along with your announcement in jpg

Belleville High School Class of 1971

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

Birmingham Groves High School Class of 1975

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

Reunion, on Facebook Birmingham Seaholm Class of 1970

40-year reunion, 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 18 at The Community House, in Birmingham. Visit www.seaholmclassof70reunion.com for information and to register contact information.

Dearborn Lowrey High School Classes of 1949-51

A joint reunion of all three classes will be held Sept. 26 at the Warren Valley Golf Club in Dearborn Heights. Call Peggy Webster at (313) 383-4699, Bob Rock at (313) 274-8370 or Shirley Vonn at (313) 291-6069. Or e-mail to yankeesouthern@ hotmail.com.

Detroit Cody Class of 1965

Looking for graduates from the January and June classes for a September reunion. For more information call Tim Dunning at (248) 879-2148 or e-mail to timdunning@ wowway.com or call Chris Snopkoski Nashlen at (734) 261-3116.

Detroit Mackenzie Class of 1962

Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

Class of 1960

50th reunion will be held 0ct. 16 at The Marriott in Livonia. For more information contact: Tim Yarde at (248) 573-7147 or Russ and Judy (Mackinder) Sarns at (734) 464-7166.

Detroit Pershing Class of 1960

50th reunion festivities in September will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508

Farmington High School Class of 1970

Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the group on Facebook by searching Farmington High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dblehn@aol.com

Garden City High School

Classes of 1950s and 1960s Reunion events planned for Sept. 17-19. Call Donna at (734) 427-0535 or e-mail to odponte@wowway.com

Class of 1960

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

Garden City West Class of 1970

40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ included for \$50 per person. Classmates from the classes of 1968-1972 also invited to attend. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

Livona Bentley Class of 1961

Planning a 50th class reunion for 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail to dbruner@twmi.rr.com or call Don Bruner at (734) 524-0979 to register and for more information.

Plymouth Canton, Salem Class of 1980

Joint 30th reunion with golf outing Sept. 3 and evening gathering, Sept. 4. For more information and to register on its website visit http://home.comcast.net/ ~1980cantonsalem/site/ Contact the reunion committee at 1980cantonsalem@comcast.net.

Plymouth High School Classes of 1970 and 1969

Saturday, Sept. 11, at Rock Bar & Grill, 844 Penniman, Plymouth. The mini-reunion follows the Class of 1970's reunion at the Elks Lodge. The class of 1969 can attend the event as early as 8 p.m.

Redford High School

Class of 1960

Reunion Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Radisson Hotel Livonia. For more information call Nancy Foster Lightbody at (734) 425-3099 or email to nlaopie@gmail.com.

Redford Thurston

Class of 1970 40th reunion, 6 p.m., with dinner buffet starting at 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Radisson Hotel, 17123 Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. \$30 per person. E-mail to Robin Dascenzo Sindici at treasuresoldandnew@sbcglobal.net if interested in attending. Booked rooms also are available at \$79 per night; suites for \$149. Anyone interested in a room reservation must call (734) 464-1300 by Sept. 22 and identify themselves as a member of the Thurston High School 40th reunion group.

Redford Union Class of 1975

Reunion runs 5-11 p.m., Friday, Nov. 26, at Embassy Suites Livonia. Cost is \$50 per person; ticket deadline is Oct. 1. Make checks payable to Joanne Piasecki and send to Reunion Redford Union 1975, P.O. Box 530213, Livonia, MI 48153. Questions? Contact RU75Reunion @ amail.com or Reunion Redford Union 1975 on Facebook

Rosary High School Class of 1966

Planning 45th reunion in July of 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail Pam at Taffttoo@aol.com

Royal Oak High Class of January 1950

6 p.m., Oct. 16, at Red Run Golf Club, 2036 Rochester Road, north of 12 Mile, Royal Oak. \$50.00 per person. \$50 per person; choice of entree. Make checks payable to Class of January 1950 Reunion and mail to Margaret (Hobbs) Monroe, 3045 Helen Court, Royal Oak, MI 48073. For more information call Monroe at (248) 435-3306 or Roy Leet at (248) 737-2845. Guests welcome: deadline for tickets is Sept. 30.

St. Hyacinth

All school Saint Hyacinth Grade School and Commercial High School plan a reunion, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the school's closing, at 11 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 19 at St. Hyacinth Church, 3151 Farnsworth, Detroit. Mass at 11 a.m., school open house, snacks and refreshment. For

more information, call the rectory at (313) 922-1507.

Warren Fitzgerald Class of 1968

6 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, at DeCarlo's Banquet Center, 10 Mile and Mound, Warren. Buffet dinner, cash bar, Tickets are \$35, Contact Ken Rix at (586) 781-4552, kenrix@ameritech. net, or Bill Ziemba at (248) 689-6216, billziemba1968@aol.com.

Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1985

25-year class reunion, Saturday Oct. 9, at the Livonia Marriott; contact Steve Johnson at (734) 635-0369 or Tanya (Ibrahim) Williams at (734) 223-5558.

Class of 1975

35th reunion, Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Livonia Marriott. RSVP and buy tickets at www.jghsclass75.com. For more information call Loren Zeidman at (248) 877-0909 or e-mail to I_zeidman@americancredit1.com

Class of 1985

25-year Reunion, 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., Sept. 25 at Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia. Contact Tracy Dunsmore at tracy1420@wideopenwest.com or (734)748-8904 for more information.

Senior community donates backpacks

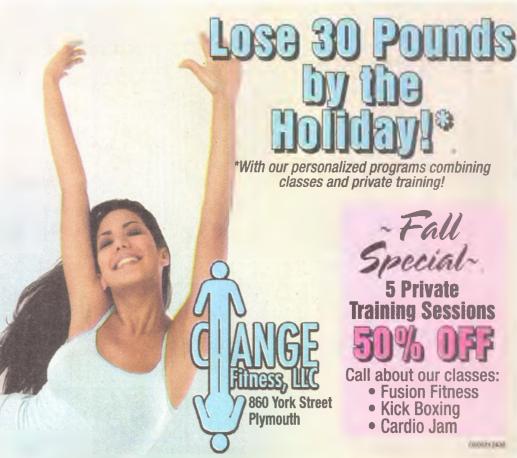
Botsford Commons Senior Community will donate 200 fully stocked backpacks Thursday, Sept. 2, to students at Botsford Elementary School

The giveaway is part of Botsford Commons' "Backpacks for Botsford" program.

"We started gathering and filling backpacks for students who needed them two years ago," stated Sherry Hamilton, a volunteer at the Farmington Hills senior living community. "We realized there was more we could do. This year, we've grown, collecting more materials from both individuals and corporations.'

The project is just the latest good deed of the "Botsford Buddies" program, through which Botsford Commons residents support local schools, including reading to elementary students, a mentoring program and other donations.

Botsford Commons Senior Community is a nonprofit corporation providing housing and service options for seniors. Located on a 30-acre campus in Farmington Hills, the Community offers a full continuum of care for the area's senior population including short stay rehabilitation services, privately owned condominiums, and rental options for senior apartments and assisted living suites.



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homeowners are unaware that a recall even exists on their major home appliances. I have stressed the importance of filling out and mailing the registration card that comes with the appliance. Many of these products are being repaired down the road and the homeowner is paying the repair costs when they could have had it fixed at no charge under



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

notice. A few days ago I was made aware of a new service that is available to American consumers and I thought I would pass it on to you.

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ApplianceRecallCheck.com has made the statement that there are 195 million recalled appliances operating in homes across America. That is a staggering amount of potential fires ready to burst into damage and tragedy. You can go to

www.ApplianceRecallCheck. com and enter the model and serial number of your appliances and within two days you will receive information on recalls of any of your appliances. I strongly suggest that everyone do this and please let me know if you find out that this free service possibly saved your life.

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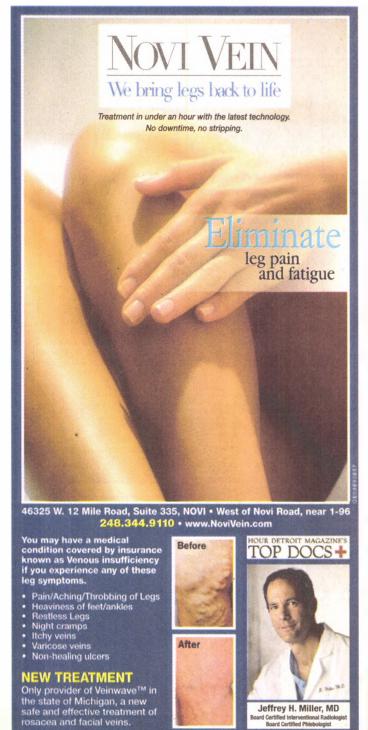
In the world of major appliances there comes a story from the west side of the State of Michigan. For almost 100 years Benton Harbor has been the world headquarters for the Whirlpool Corporation and today Whirlpool has grown to play a key role in the appliance

industry. Some 10 years ago Whirlpool informed the communities of Benton Harbor and St. Joe that it was difficult to hire and retain employees who were not happy with the atmosphere in their neighborhoods. Racial strife and riots were disturbing any picture of a tranquil area and Whirlpool made a serious threat to remove their headquarters to another part of the country. As tough as it is for Michigan these days I'm pleased to report that Whirlpool has decided to remain in Michigan and is going to build a new world headquarters complex in downtown Benton Harbor and that there is healing going on in the twin cities of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph.

SYSTEM CHECK In Michigan we are about to turn the calendar page to September and say goodbye to a very beautiful summer of high temperatures and adequate rains and continued green grass. Keep in mind

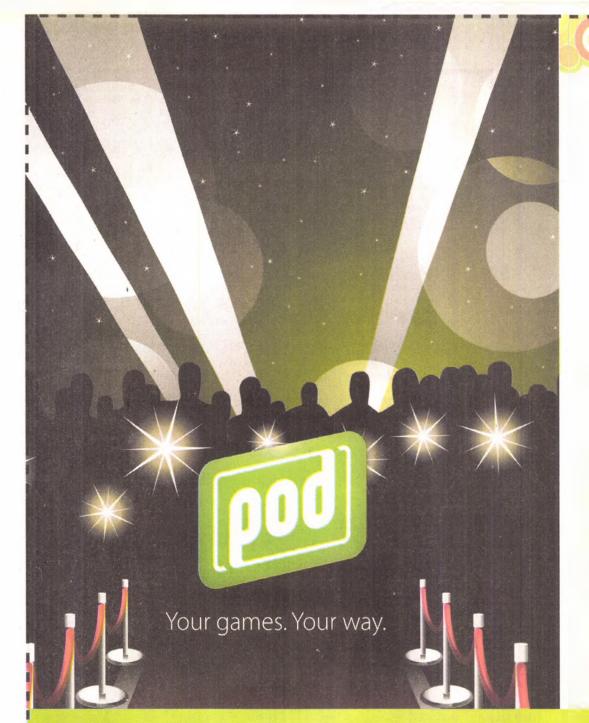
that this summer placed quite a work load on your central air conditioning system and the fall season may be a good time to have a thorough check of the system to get it ready for next year. Filters need to be replaced or cleaned and motors oiled and condensers cleaned. When you do need service don't just pick up the phone and call someone who has a nice advertisement. Check them out with neighbors and call the Better Business Bureau to make sure that your dealing with someone is reputable and worthy of your business. An aware consumer is much more difficult to rip-off compared to a confused consumer who is known as an easy target. Stay tuned.

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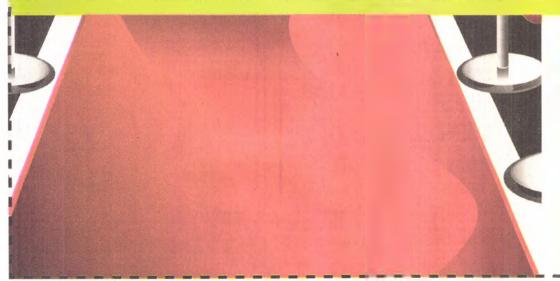
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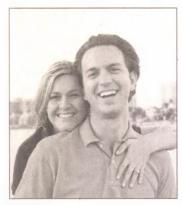






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MILESTONES



Butler-Tobin

Dominick Joseph Jendrusik was born July 25, 2010 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces and measured

Dominick joins parents Joe and Marisol Jendrusik and big brother, Anthony, at home in Westland.

20 1/2 inches.

Proud grandparents are Emilio and Lupe Herrera of Westland and Don and Sue Jendrusik of Livonia.



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Dominick Joseph Jendrusik

DOMINICK JOSEPH JENDRUSIK

ANNA MARIA MAUTI

Anna Maria Mauti was born June 19, 2010, at Sinai Grace Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

Proud parents are Daniel and Taryn Mauti of Dearborn Heights. Grandparents are John and Colleen Webberly of Livonia, John and Dolores Mauti of Livonia, James Scane of Brighton and Denise Lee of Rochester

Great-grandparents are Delphine Whitesock of Livonia, Pierina Mauti of Dearborn, John Gillespie of Youngstown, Ohio, John and Joan Giba of Youngstown, Ohio, and Vincent and Joan Webberly of Bloomfield.

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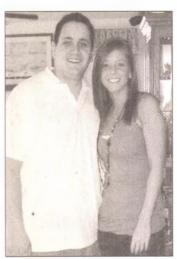
SEPTEMBER WEDDING

Ashley Elizabeth Butler and Matthew Tobin announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Laurie Anne Butler of Farmington, is a graduate of Farmington High School and Western Michigan University. She is employed by the St. Petersburg Times.

Her fiance, son of Matthew Sr. and Donna Tobin of Spring Lake, is a graduate of Spring Lake High School and Western Michigan University.

A September 2010 wedding is planned in Saugatuck.



Trosell-Dennett

TROSELL-DENNETT

Lauren Trosell and Ryan Dennett announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Michael and Joann Trosell of Livonia, graduated in 2005 from Livonia Stevenson High School and in 2009 from Henry Ford Community College. She is a physical therapist assistant and is employed by Heartland HeathCareCenter in Dearborn Heights.

Her fiance, son of James and Loretta Dennett of Allen Park, graduated in 2005 from Livonia Stevenson High School and in 2010 from Schoocraft Community College Fire Academy.

A September 2010 wedding is planned at Crystal Gardens in Southgate.



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SCHWEIGER-KRUEGER

Jennifer Schweiger and Garth Krueger announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Michelle (Mark) Heppner of Canton and Keith Schweiger of Ira, is a 1995 graduate of Anchor Bay High School. She graduated in 2001 from Northwood University and is employed in customer marketing and sales at ESPN in

Chicago, Ill. Her fiance, son of Grant and Kathleen Krueger of North Royalton, Ohio, is a 1999 graduate of North Royalton High School. He graduated in 2003 from Northwood University and is employed as a district sales manager at American Honda Motor Co. in Chicago,

A September 2010 wedding is planned in Plymouth.

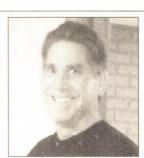


LORA JEAN BINGHAM

August 25, 2010. Dear daughter of Michael and Marilyn. Beloved sister of Marla (Martin) Connelly and Kevin (April). Loving aunt of Meredith and Nathaniel. Memorial Visitation Thursday 2pm until a 7pm Memorial Service at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill). In lieu of flowers family suggests donations to Angela Hospice or America Cancer Society. www.santeiufuneralhome.com

DONALD SCOTT CHAPMAN

1954-2010, Passed away in KY in July. Survived by two children Robert and Martel and siblings Rick, Gary, Marilyn, Lorrie, and Paul. Family and friends will gather at the Covered Pavilion at Shiawassee Park in Farmington on Sunday 8/29 at 2:30 pm for service and picnic to celebrate his music and life. Guests are asked to bring a dish to share.



STEPHEN EDWARD DINSMORE

Age 51, of Lapeer (formerly of Waterford), died Thursday, August 26, Visitation 5-9 Saturday and 12-4/6-9 Sunday, with a scripture service 7pm Sunday at the funeral home. Funeral Mass will be held 10AM Monday, August 30, 2010 at Immaculate Concention Lapeer. Stephen was born June 17, 1959 in Dearborn, MI to Roger and Yolanda (Lombi) Dinsmore. He graduated from Bentley High School, class of 1977. He married Melinda Parsch on May 16, 1987 at Immaculate Conception Church in Lapeer. Stephen loved spending time with his family and watching his girls sporting events. Stephen is survived by his wife, Melinda Dinsmore of Lapeer, daughters: Genevieve (Derrick Brown) Dinsmore of Lapeer, and Kari and Lisa Dinsmore both of Lapeer, parents, Roger & Yolanda Dinsmore of Livonia, and his siblings: Brian (Raeann) Dinsmore of Livonia, Cindy Kasenow of Livonia, Dan (Ann) Dinsmore of Howell, Patty (Dale) Blakeslee of Lansing, and Richard (Linda) Dinsmore of South Lyon. Stephen is also survived by his mother-in-law, Shirley Parsch of Lapeer and the entire extended Parsch Family whom he loved dearly. In lieu of flowers, memorials contributions may be made to the Family for the girl's college funds. MUIR BROTHERS FUNERAL

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H. ROWENA (Renee) **HERRING**

Passed away peacefully on August 23, 2010, under the care of Angela Hospice. She was born Sept. 12, 1930 in Manitoba, Canada, graduated from the School of Nursing at Victoria Hospital, London, Ontario as a registered nurse. She became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1959. After working as an RN and then staying home to raise her children, in 1978 she began her second career of nearly 20 years in the Administrative Office of West Bloomfield Schools. An active volunteer, she enjoyed helping at Botsford General Hospital and the Farmington Library. Renee enjoyed golfing, bowling, and playing bridge with her many friends. She is survived by her hus-band, John, son David (Lu-in) Herring of Pittsburgh, PA, daughter Shelley (Dorne) Yeager of Maple City, MI, and grandchildren An-Li and Maia Herring, Torin and Codi Yeager. A Memorial Service will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, Sept. 11th at the First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Ave., Farmington,

MI 48335. www.Thayer-Rock.com







EDWARD GEORGE JOHNSON, IV

Age 61, August 24, 2010, of Farmington Hills. Ed is a retired Supervisor from Lear Corp. He is survived by his beloved wife Elaine; his loving mother, Shirl Hamer; step-children, Lisa (Mark) Fetters and Joe Zielinski; grandchildren, Corbin, Turner and McKenna; sisters, Jackie Rosa and Linda Childress; uncle of Tracy, Richard and Natalie. Ed is preceded in death by his father, Edward III; and his brother, Les. Committal service, Monday, August 30th, 12:30 PM at Great Lakes National Cemetery 4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Memorial tributes suggested to Karmanos Cancer Institute. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home,

Downtown Farmington, 248-474-5200. heeney-sundquist.com

JOSEPH A. KOVATCH

Age 69, passed away, August 26th, 2010. He was born on March 27th, 1941, in Detroit, son of the late Joseph and Elizabeth Kovatch. In June of 1987, Joseph was united in marriage to his beloved wife Mary He worked at the Ford-Rouge steel plant for 38 years prior to his retirement. Joe enjoyed fishing and was an avid hunter. He is survived by: his beloved wife Mary, his children, Joe (Sharon), Jeff (Katina), Vicki (Phillip) Stanny, Sherry (Rich) Franz, his adorng grandchildren, Krystine, Shannon, John, Joey, Max, Ashley, Andrew, Alex and Cooper. He is also survived by his sisters, Joanne Richardson and Diane Mahaney. Visitation was held on Sunday, August 29th at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A liturgy of the Word funeral service was held on Monday, August 30th. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Online Guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

GUNTHER LUCAS

Born August 29, 1923, Beloved Husband of Roselle, Father of Steven and Mark and Daughter-In-Law Susan, Grandfather of Branden and Evan, passed away unexpectedly, August 22, 2010. He will be missed dearly by his family and everyone who knew him and loved him. Private services were held.

BEVERLY W. MARSHALL

4/13/27 to 8/20/10. Wife of William E. Marshall. Survived by Sandy Paaso, Bill Marshall, Larry Marshall, Linda Kruger, Ed Marshall, 14 grand-kids and 16 great-grandkids.



SHIRLEY J. MCKEON

Age 81 of Plymouth, August 21, 2010. eloved wife of James. Dear mother of Marcie (Ron) Foster, James (Carol), Jean (Charles) Martin, Rebecca McLelland, Karen Holstad, and Janet (Bruce) Lillie. Loving grandmother of fifteen, and great-grandmother of two. She was an English Teacher at West Middle School in Plymouth for 17 years. She was a long-time member of the Mayflower Society, an active member of AAUW (American Association of University Women), and President of Colwell Corporation for over 20 years. Funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Visitation was held at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Educational Excellence Foundation. 454 South Harvey, Plymouth MI 48170; or the Alzheimer's Association.

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THOMAS BRADLEY MILLER

Age 82. August 20, 2010. Beloved husband of Joan for 60 years; dear father of Michael and his wife Monika Mertz, Donald and his wife Jane, Clifford, Valerie McCloskey, and John; dearest grandfather of Amber, Maxwell, Adam, Burie and Jacob. A memorial service was held at Roseland Park Cemetery. Arrangements by Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne. In lieu of flowers the family asks for memorial contributions to the Kidney Foundation of Michigan: 800 482-1455

CHRISTOPHER MORSE

Age 43, an award-winning chef, of Chicago, Illinois, passed away August 21, 2010. Partner of Pamela Swisher. Surrogate father of Matthew, Stephanie, Michael, and John. Son of Donald E. Morse (Hungary) and Elaine Morse (Birmingham, MI). Brother of Sean Morse and Uncle of Christopher Matthew and Catherine Grace Morse (Troy, MI). Private services. Memorial contributions may be made to: Chef Christopher Morse Scholarship Fund, Kendall College Charitable Trust, 900 N. North Branch, Chicago 60642. Information: Heritage Cremations, Ltd. 800-936-1414.



MARGIE MCGAGH

47, formerly of Birmingham, MI, died of a rare form of cancer, rhab-domyosarcoma, on August 11, 2010, Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital in California. A memorial service was held on August 19 in Beverly Hills, CA. Margie grew up in Birmingham and was the daughter of William G. McGagh, former Vice President and Treasurer of Chrysler Corporation, currently of Los Angeles, CA, and the late Sarah McQuigg McGagh, graduate of Kingswood School Cranbrook and a leader of environmental causes in the Detroit area. She is survived by her husband, Randy Piotroski, and their three children, Justin, Zak and Kira; her sister, Sallie McGagh Delaney, also a graduate of Kingswood School Cranbrook, her husband, Brian, and their three children, Sophia, Evan and Aidan; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Memorial contributions may be sent to either Best for Babes Foundation (a breastfeeding advocacy organization), P.O. Box 454, Little Silver, NJ 07739 www.bestforbabes.org

Attachment Parenting International, P.O. Box 4615, Alpharetta, GA 30023 - www.attachmentparenting.org.



WILLIAM C. "Bill" ROWE

Age 73. August 24, 2010. Retired from Ford Motor Company. Beloved husband of Carol for 46 years. Loving father of Christie (Jon) Hansard and Jennifer (Rod) Coleman. Cherished grandfather of Max. Alex. Elizabeth illiam, Joseph and Andrew. Dear brother of Janet (David) Smith and Stuart (Ann) Rowe. Funeral Monday 11 AM (in state 10:30 AM) at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Ave, Farmington, MI 48335 Visitation Sunday 1-5 PM at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33603 Grand River Ave. (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.), Downtown Farmington. In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorials to the Fibrous Dysplasia Foundation, 15 Browns Ct., S. E., Washington DC, 20003 or the Salem United Church of Christ

Building Fund. www.thayer-rock.com



DOROTHY MARY TROSKO Long time resident of Farmington Hills, Michigan. She was a well-

respected, loved English teacher at Stevenson High School in Livonia, Mi. Born August 26, 1939 in Muskegon, Michigan, died February 23, 2010 after being afflicted with the terminal disease, ALS. Dorothy was the last child of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew (Christina) Trosko, of Muskegon Heights, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her parents and her oldest sister, Helen Winkel and Helen's husband, Royden. She is survived by her older sister, Emma Schoolmaster, of Grand Rapids, Mi., her older brothers, Julius Trosko of Farmington Hills and James E. Trosko and his wife, Kay Dowell, and their son, Philip. In addition, she was closest, during her childhood, with Connie Schoolmaster Owston, currently of Neskowin, Oregon. How does one take a measure of a person like Dorothy? After growing up with her brother, "Jimmy' almost as fraternal twins, enjoying the wonders of the outdoor life in the Muskegon area, including the multiple trips to her sister Emma's cottage, where Dorothy, Connie, and Jimmy would spend much of their childhood hiking the shores of Lake Michigan. She was attracted to the life of the mind and reading. She devoted her whole life to all around her. She sacrificed much of her personal life to caring for both her elder parents; first, living with them while her father was failing, and later, with her failing mother, until both died. Dorothy graduated with honors from Muskegon Heights High School, and then went on to get a B.A. degree at Western Michigan University and later a Masters degree at the University of Michigan. Her influence as an English teacher even reached as far as Kyoto, Japan. She served as a powerful role model to her students. One could never measure the positive influence she had on her students. While all her energies seemed to go into making others happy, she had her two dogs, the late Mc Duff and her current dog, Barney, who seemed to have returned her love in a totally unconditional, loving way. She loved to travel, internationally, and she had a passion for collecting various artistic artifacts.

A memorial service was be held on August 28th at Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home, 17000 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154. The family wishes that, in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the ALS Foundation, to the Karmanos Hospice or to the Stem Cell Research Laboratory of the College of Human Medicine, Dept. of Pediatrics and Human Development, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mi, 48824.

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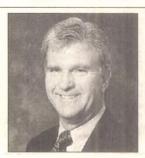
CATHERINE VANDUSEN

August 24, 2010, age 82 of Bloomfield Hills. Wife of the late John P. Dear mother of Judy Campbell, Tom (Cindy), Tim (Jane), Mary DeVor (Mike), Jim (Sandra), Suzanne Barnes (Rick) and Steve (Laurie) Grandmother of Matthew, Max, John Nick, Jimmy, Joe, Andy, Erin, Patrick, Brian, Katie, Brad, Melissa, Bobby Jack, Megan, Ryan and Sarah. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Sunday 3-8p.m. Scripture service 7p.m. Funeral Mass Monday 9:30a.m. at St. Regis Church, 3695 Lincoln (at Lahser), Bloomfield Hills. Memorial tributes to Brother Rice High School or Marian High School. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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BRADLEY K. WEAGE

August 23, 2010, age 55, at Atlanta, GA. Beloved son of Caroline J Weage. Dear brother of Steven J (Nora) Weage. Uncle of Valarie Weage. A memorial service will be planned later. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

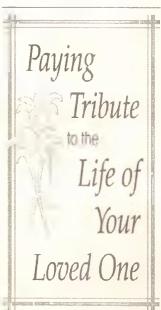


LEONARD WAYNE WESSELS

life into the next one on August 22 2010. He was born in Ferndale. Michigan and was a life long resident of Pleasant Ridge. Leonard attended the University of Michigan receiving a bachelor's degree in science. He furthered his education by attending Wayne State University where he earned a master's degree in mortuary He took over Wessels Funeral Home from his father in 1970 and operated a successful business until it was sold in 1988.

Leonard was known for his civic participation especially in Pleasant Ridge. He joined the Planning Commission in 1988 and served for six years. He was then elected as a Pleasant Ridge City Commissioner and served in that capacity until 2002. Leonard held a deep regard for individual freedom of thought and action. He was a man of magnanimity and true courage. He was noted for his gentle personality and the ability to seek balance in even the most diffi-cult situations whether professional or personal. Leonard set an inimitable example for his children and everyone who knew him. He was a man who cherished his family above all things. He stood shoulder to shoulder with his children through the successes and failures of everyday life. Their friends were his friends, and his door was always open to anyone who cared to visit. Unconditional love, support and generosity were his daily watchwords. He will be sadly missed by his children, Michael Wessels, Katherine Wessels - Chick, William Wessels, Meg Wessels and their spouses. Becky Wessels, Craig Chick and Rachel Wessels. Sister, Marquita Wessels Jenson of Tucson, Arizona Beloved grandchildren Drew, Evan, Eloise and Harry. Family members, Sally and John Witham, Stephen and Sue Witham and family. Most importantly, his ever-faithful companion, Sadie the dog.

Memorial services will be held on Friday, October 29 at 11:00 am at Memorial Park in Pleasant Ridge with a reception following at Four Ridge



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Donors needed to bolster blood supply, Red Cross says

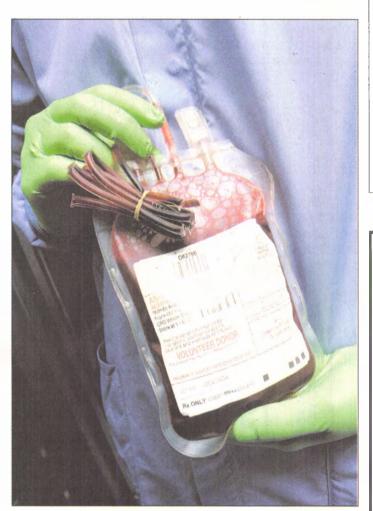
The American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region issued an urgent call for blood donors this month.

The Red Cross closely monitors national and local blood supplies to ensure donations are keeping pace with hospital need for blood products in order to meet ongoing and emergency patient care.

"There is a critical need for blood donors now," said Diane E. Ward, CEO for the Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region of the Red Cross. "This summer we have had a particularly difficult time recruiting enough blood donors to meet the requirements of our community's hospitals and the patients they serve."

Donors with all blood types are needed, but especially those with type O negative. Red Cross officials say type O negative donors can make the difference between an adequate blood supply and a shortage. That's because type O negative blood can be transfused to patients with any blood type, and is most readily given to patients in emergency and trauma situations.

Every day, more than 39,000 pints of blood are needed for patients in the United States. In Southeastern Michigan, 900 donors are needed each day. Blood is used for the treatment of cancer patients, people with blood disorders, premature babies, transplant



recipients, trauma victims and more. Each whole blood donation can help save up to three

"We urge people to make and keep an appointment to donate blood now," said Ward. "Chances are, someone is counting on you right now for their very life."

To schedule an appoint-

ment to donate (800) RED CROSS (733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org for more information. Individuals who are 17 years old, meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

AD/HD conference features educator

The 11th Michael Golds Memorial AD/HD Conference will feature Sandra Reif as keynote speaker on Friday, Sept. 24, at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge cam-

Reif is a national educator and author and will present "Unlocking the Secrets for School Success of Students with

The conference will offer three breakout sessions with 14 presenters. Reif also will present a session on "Management

and Instructional Strategies for Reaching and Teaching Students with AD/HD or LD."

Registration is from 8-8:30 a.m. at the college, located on Orchard Lake Road south of I-696, in Farmington Hills. The conference ends at 4:15 p.m.

There will be CEU credits available for educators and social workers. Some of the other topics covered will be on fine tuning AD/HD meds for adults and an update on meds for children and adolescents; dealing with defiant teens:

social success skills for children and teens; AD/HD and co-morbidities; defeating the demons of distraction; parenting AD/ HD young adults with skills for real life; video game and Internet addictions; and more.

The conference includes lunch and cost is \$60 if registered by Sept. 10; \$75 after that

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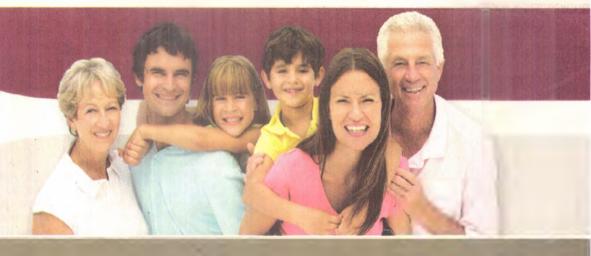
This study (UM/IRB# HUM00021096) is conducted over the course of about 3 months and will require 8 visits to the Chronic Pain and Fatigue Research Center (CPFRC), located in Dominos Farms.

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For more information, please contact Ginny at: 1-734-998-7110 or vleone@umich.edu







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16 Careers With **Hefty Salaries** Anthony Balderrama, CareerBuilder writer

Income is all relative, not only when you compare your income to someone else's, but also when you compare it to the different stages of your career. Ideally, your salary as you near retirement is higher than what you earned during your teenage or college years. Your view of what constitutes a high salary also evolves over time.

Common first jobs are parttime or temporary summer gigs that put some cash in your pocket and let you start saving up for a car. At that age, you're just happy to have money you can call your own. You might earn a little more in college, or you might earn less if you're an unpaid intern. When you decide to take a job that's a step toward the career you want, you get serious about salary requirements and benefits. You're more likely to shop around so you know what you should be earning and can negotiate your

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many of these jobs are in health care, and the biggest moneymakers require an M.D. Health care is growing and will continue to grow for the foreseeable future, so the

combination of demand,

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we're not even near the fictitious income levels of TV characters. Your favorite TV cop or journalist might have a normal job, but a salary of \$41,231 doesn't allow you to live in a sprawling (and smartly furnished) condo in

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To give you a glimpse of which workers are earning the biggest bucks, here's a list of the highest-paying medical professions today:

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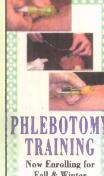
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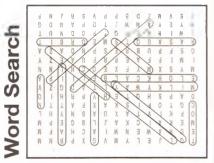
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The biggest knock on SUVs has always been that they're not good for the environment; they use up too much gas and they pollute the air more than standard cars. Even so, some drivers want the extra room and towing capacity they can only get with an SUV, even if it means shelling out a little (or a lot) more on gas than the average car owner.

Gasoline/electric hybrid vehicles have been around for a few years now, the most famous being the Toyota Prius. The hybrid trend has started to seep over to the SUV market, and Ford started taking advantage a few years ago with the Escape Hybrid. Now Ford has the Limited as part of the hybrid line-up. It was added last year.

The Escape Hybrid Limited comes as either a front-wheel or all-wheel drive model and Ford claims it's the cleanest and most fuel-efficient SUV in the world. It's a full hybrid, meaning it automatically switches between pure electric, pure gasoline, or whatever combination of the two it needs to operate at its most efficient. The Escape Hybrid runs 99.4 percent cleaner, on average, than an unregulated vehicle, according to Ford, and it meets Super Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle and Advanced Technology Partial Zero Emissions Vehicle standards. This will have more impact when we have a third party, someone independent, verityfing claims such as this one.

It's powered by a new 2.5-liter I-4 gasoline engine designed to run on the Atkinson combustion cycle, and a 70-k Watt electric traction motor, plus a

generator motor to start the engine, recharge the batteries and regulate how the two engines blend together in the transaxle.

A new engine processor helps regulate the switch between the gasoline and the electric modes. On its own, the gasoline engine produces 153 horsepower; combined, the two engines produce 177

There's a 330-volt nickel-metal-hydride battery pack located and sealed at the rear load floor to store electrical energy. The engines are mated to a special electronically controlled continuously variable automatic transmission.

Acceleration is fair, but you make up for that by some stunning fuel economy numbers: 34 city/31 highway miles per gallon (29/27 for the AWD version). That's not a misprint.

Unlike with conventional engines, hybrids actually get better mileage numbers in city-type, stop-and-go driving, where the electric engine can do the lion's share of the work. On the highway, the gasoline engine takes over; even so, 30 miles per gallon is pretty impressive for

The ride itself is hushed, particularly when stopped in traffic. The gas engine cuts out while driving under 25 mph, and while sitting at a light, you'd swear the engine was turned off. While moving, the Escape Hybrid still provides a good ride. The front suspension is a MacPherson strut system with coil springs and stabilizer bar. The rear system is fully independent with lateral links and stabilizer bar.



On the outside, the Escape Hybrid is a tough-looking SUV.

Handling is a mixed bag. I found the power-assisted steering system a bit on the "light" side, but it takes very little effort to effectively steer. The turning circle is a big, though, so maneuvering in tight spaces can be a problem. The hybrid's braking system also has been upgraded from last year, with a new brake pedal sensor. The anti-lock braking system is very good.

Inside, the Limited version of the Escape Hybrid comes with leathertrimmed seats. The seats can be heated. They are comfortable, and provide good support. The driver's seat is poweradjustable. The Hybrid Limited comes with dual-zone automatic climate control, cruise control, power windows, rear window defroster, and tilt steering wheel.

There's a nice top-of-dash display center that gives you the date, the time, radio settings and climate control information. You can follow the performance of the hybrid system with a gauge system that shows when the vehicle is running on battery power, the levels of battery charging taking place.

The standard audio system is an AM/ FM/satellite/CD system that includes an auxiliary input jack for your mp3 player. You can get the optional navigation system. Ford does a nice job with its navigation systems - this one is easy to read and use. Ford's "Sync" system is also included; it's a voice-activation system for the audio system and your Bluetoothenabled cell phone, for hands-free yakking. A power moonroof with shade is also standard on the Limited.

One of the reasons one buys an SUV is for room, and there is plenty in the

Escape Hybrid. The rear seats fold down in a 60/40 configuration and if you fold the seats down, you'll get more than 65 cubic feet of cargo space.

Ford includes its Safety Canopy side curtain airbag system on the Escape Hybrid. Also included are seat-mounted side airbags, dual-stage driver and passenger airbags and a tire-pressure monitoring system.

On the outside, the Escape Hybrid is a tough-looking SÚV. It looks like it's ready to chew up the road. It comes with 16inch wheels, a roof rack, power outside mirrors and fog lamps. It's also badged with special insignia to tell the world you're driving a hybrid.

So how much does all this environmental consciousness cost? The base price for the front-wheel drive Ford Escape Hybrid Limited is a about \$32,000. Add the navigation system and destination charge, and you're at about \$35,000. That's in the right price range for a midsize SUV, particularly when you realize you're going to be saving some money at the gas pump.

If you just have to have an SUV but you'd like to "green up" a bit, make sure you take a look at the Ford Escape Hybrid

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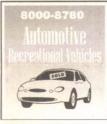
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