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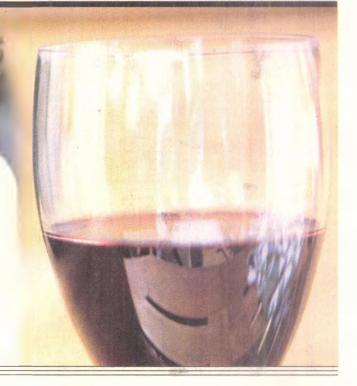
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No Mom2Mom

The Plymouth Salvation Army's Mom 2 Mom sale, originally scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 11, has been cancelled.

Salvation Army officials said they reluctantly had to make the decision due to a lack of rented tables.

For more information, call the Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464

Library closed

The Plymouth District Library will be closed on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11-12, for the Plymouth Fall Festival. Library users can search/place holds/renew materials online anytime at: plymouthlibrary.org.

For more information, call the library, (734) 453-0750.

Color blind

The Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion sponsors a discussion with essayist, author and educator Tim Wise, author of Color-blind: The Rise of Post-Racial Politics and the Retreat from Racial Equity, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, in the Vista TEch Center presentation room 550 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

If an under-privileged or disadvantaged group exists, then there must be a privileged or advantaged group that also exists. As part of the Michigan Roundtable's public education effort, Wise will discuss how structures and institutions have been put in place and reinforced by people of privilege in order to marginalize the other. The message is quite clear: Acknowledge your privilege and take responsibility to eradicate it.

Admission is free to the public, but pre-registration is necessary. Registration is available online at www.miroundtable.org or by contacting Tanaya Parker by phone at (313) 870-1500.



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Language arts teacher Ryan Ballard begins getting to know his sixth-grade class at Central Middle School.

Back to school special

Kids aren't the only nervous ones as classes resume



New Central Middle School teacher Lakeisha Love passes out class schedules to Julian Thornton and the rest of her sixth-grade class.

BY BRAD KADRICH

A teacher once told Ryan Ballard if educators aren't nervous the first day of school for their entire career, they should

As he herded students into his very first classroom Tuesday, the butterflies in his stomach were telling Ballard — a new language arts teacher at Central Middle School — he may have a nice, long career.

"I was definitely nervous, but I was excited at the same time," said Ballard. "I was excited and ready to help the kids as much as possible.

It's a far cry from where Ballard wanted to end up when he was coming out of high school. With a desire to be a sports broadcaster, Ballard got his bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Michigan-Flint, then went to broadcast school at Specs Howard.

But with student loans to pay, Ballard accepted an offer for an office job in Chicago. It didn't take long, though, to realize that wasn't where he wanted to be.

"I was sitting in an office making 60 cold calls a day to people who didn't want to talk to me," said Ballard, who'd always been encouraged toward a teaching career by family members who saw how good he was with kids. "I love being around kids, I love helping kids."

He spent last year student-teaching at Bentley Elementary (fifth grade) and Pioneer Middle School (language arts), and was one of some 5,000 applicants for teaching jobs in Plymouth-Canton. The 26-year-old from Flushing, who now makes his home in Ann Arbor, said last year's experience helped cement his desire to teach here.

"I knew from day one, after meeting all the people in the

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Fall fest food service club meal ticket

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's Fall Festival gives local service organizations a chance to flex their fund-raising muscles and support a variety of causes, while providing visitors with home-cooked meals away from home.

The festival, which starts at noon Friday, is a collection of events, activities and fund-raisers sponsored by churches, athletic boosters, neighborhood groups, cultural groups and

But its three major meals in downtown Plymouth (Taste Fest is Friday in Old Village) are each sponsored by a service club and have together become the festival's signature events. They've also become vital sources of revenue for the work promoted by the clubs.

"Everything we take in goes back into the community in one way or another," said Michael Richardson, chairman of the Rotary Club of Plymouth's barbecue committee.

The Rotary, which annually serves more than 10,000 barbecued chicken dinners, is preparing for its 55th barbecue, scheduled to run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Kellogg Park, with a takeout location at West Middle School.

The festival actually grew out of an annual Rotary picnic from the 1950s.

Beneficiaries of barbecue proceeds include the Rotary's ramp-building program for people in wheelchairs, its fund for academic and vocational scholarships, the Salvation Army and Rotary International programs, such as the one providing safe drinking water sources in Honduras.

'That's why I'm in Rotary and that's why I have no hesitation working four or five days this week to make it a success," Richardson said.

Some 650 to 700 volunteers, working two- and three-hour shifts, will help out during the barbecue, Richardson said. Volunteers include

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The Kiwanis pancake breakfast is 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at The Gathering, next to the Penn Theatre and across Penniman from Kellogg Park.

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District: Change doesn't signal drug attitude shift

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Despite a concern it'll look like the district is softening its position on drugs in the schools, Plymouth-Canton administrators started school Tuesday with a new Code of Conduct that gives the district more discretion in handling drug offenses.

Revisions to the code — a copy of which each student signs when school starts back off in some instances from the "zero tolerance" policy, though that remains the district's obvious attitude toward drugs.

The new policy gives administrators "some leeway" to handle controlled substance offenses they deem less serious. The changes, district officials said, remove some ambiguity in the policy.

"There was some contradictory language in the old handbook," said Bob Hayes, the district's director of student services. "The (old) code said

two different things in two different places. It was hazy."

The former code listed suspension as a possible penalty for distribution of banned substances, while in another place listing expulsion as the consequence. And the zero tolerance policy left no room for determining degrees of a possible offense.

For instance, Hayes pointed out, a student who provided another student with an aspi-

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Senior Fest picnic

The annual Senior Fest Picnic takes place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, at Waterford Bend Park, located at 6 Mile and Northville Road in Northville.

Tickets must be purchased by Sept. 10 and cost \$7 for Plymouth Community Council on Aging members, \$9 for non-members and guests. The price includes a box lunch from Lee's Famous Chicken, entertainment, prizes and vendors. Tickets are available at the PCCA office, 201 S. Main in Plymouth. Free transportation can be arranged by calling (734) 459-8888.

Titanic tea

On Sunday, Sept. 26, Fashion Historian Pam Yockey will present fashions from the 1910 decade during "A Titanic Tea" at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Beginning at 2 p.m., a Victorian-style tea will be served complete with scones, tea sandwiches, and other fare. The tea that will be served is the Museum's signature blend, "Mary's Blend," a tantalizing cherry and almond black tea in honor of Mary Todd Lincoln. This tea is also available for purchase only in the Museum's store.

Be sure to arrive at the Museum early (doors open at 1 p.m.) so you can take a step back in time in the special exhibit "Margaret's 1910," in honor of Margaret Dunning's 100th birthday. Ticket are \$20 for Plymouth **Historical Society members**

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For more information, call 734-455-8940 or e-mail secretary@plymouthhistory.org.

Barn dance

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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. Major Sponsors include Karl's Cabin Restaurant & Bar, The Store in Salem, All-American Storage, Edith's Market and In Memory of Barbara J. Rohraff. Additional sponsors are: Country General Store and Salem Hills Golf Club.

Garden club meets

The Plymouth Garden Club meets Monday, Sept. 13 at 12:30 p.m. at the Garden Club Park, located at the corner of Forest and Sutherland.

This is a potluck luncheon. Please bring a dish to pass, your own place setting and a lawn chair. Beverages and dessert will be provided. In

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case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held at the Plymouth District Library. All are welcome.

For more information, visit the website at www.sites. Google.com/site/plymouthgardenclub

Call for crafters

The Delta Kappa Gamma **Education Society hosts its** annual juried handmade-only Craft Show on Saturday Oct. 16, at West Middle School in Plymouth from 9 a.m. to 4

The event draws some 1,500 customers and features food and drawings.

For information on how to take part, call or e-mail Judy Stone at JBSTONE 716@ comcast.net or Alice Chrenko, (248) 348-9610 or dachrenko@hotmail.com

AAUW meeting

The Plymouth/Canton branch of the American Association of University Women will host its monthly meeting on Sept. 16, at 6 p.m., at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon (just north of N. Territorial) in Plymouth.

The meeting will feature Lisa Noel, the branch's college delegate to this years' NCCWSL Leadership Conference. Noel will share information about the conference and describe its effects upon her life and future plans. AAUW is dedicated to advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. AAUW membership is open to all.

For more information, contact Esther Nelson at enelson1c@att.net or (734) 981-4938.

Chiefettes variety

The Canton Chiefettes Pom Pon teams present "Fame-A Variety Show" 1:30 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, in the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School.

Tickets are on sale now for \$6 and are available from Chiefette team members and parents or can be purchased for \$8 at the door on show day. For more information visit our website www.cantonchiefettes.com

Christmas auditions

Central City Dance in

tions for its annual Christmas Spectacular Broadway Show on Sunday, Sept. 12.

Performers from all over southeast Michigan are welcome to try out. Auditions will

- Dancers: 11-11:45 a.m. ages 6-8; noon-12:45 p.m. ages 9-12; 1:30-2:30 p.m. ages 13 to adult.
- Singers: 2:45-3:30 p.m. for all ages.

• Gymnasts: 1-1:30 p.m. all

Sponsored by Central City Dance in Canton for the last five years, the show includes more than 300 costumes in eight scenes and 100 performers showcasing some of the most talented dancers, singers, and gymnasts from area dance studios, community theaters, and colleges throughout southeast Michigan.

This year there are five shows, Dec. 16th-19th at Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Additional information regarding the audition process can be found on the studio's website: www. CentralCityDance.com

Quilt art

Contemporary quilt art begins the fall season of exhibitions at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. "Confluence" is the aptly named title of Marilyn Prucka's September exhibit. The artist uses the Raisin River in Monroe for her inspiration. Her quilt work expresses the texture, light and color of the river and its immediate surroundings.

A luncheon and fiberart presentation by Marilyn Prucka will be held at the PCAC on Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 11:45 a.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by contacting the Arts Council at (734) 416-4278. "Not Afraid to Dye" is the theme of the presentation about fiberart, creativity and process.

Marilyn Prucka holds an MFA in Textiles from Eastern Michigan University and a BA in printmaking. She has been a guest lecturer at Wayne State University and teaches fiber and printmaking workshops.

An artist reception will also be held on Friday, Sept. 24 from 6-8 p.m. The public is invited. The exhibit continues through Sept. 30 and can

be viewed Monday through Thursday from 9-5. The Arts Council is located at 774 N. Sheldon Rd. in Plymouth. Call (734) 416-4278 for additional information.

Ensemble auditions

The Vocal Arts Ensemble of Michigan announces auditions for new members, all voices: Soprano, Mezzo Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Baritone or Bass. All must have the ability to read music and embrace music of the a capella choral tradition both sacred and secular. Musical periods include the Renaissance to current musical experiences both costumed and in traditional concert attire.

Auditions will be held at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12. Weekly rehearsals are on Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at Orchard United Methodist Church.

For more information, contact Charles Whitmore, Director, at (313) 254-1821 or e-mail chuckwhitmore1@live.com.

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 e-mail pcmom@ hotmail.com.

Montessori openings

Plymouth-Canton Montessori School is continuing fall enrollment throughout August. Preschool, kindergarten and extended day kindergarten programs are available for children between 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.

Preschool openings

Plymouth Christian Preschool, a division of Plymouth Christian Academy, has openings for 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds, and young 5-yearolds for the 2010-2011 school year. Check the school's website for information about preschool, kindergarten, elementary, or secondary programs, and call the school office to request a tour of the facilities.

Plymouth Christian Academy is located in Canton on Joy Road between Lilley Road and Morton Taylor/Main Street. For more information, check the website at www. plymouthchristian.org or call (734) 459-3505.

New Morning openings Full-day kindergarten, halfday 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 finger-play 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.

Class reunions

• The Plymouth High School Class of 1970 holds its 30-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Plymouth Elks Club. Cost is \$25 per person.

For more information visit www.plymouthclassof1970. com or Cathwage@med.umich. edu or call Cathy Wagenschutz at (734) 453-7939. • The Plymouth High School

Class of 1955 holds its reunion 5-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth.

Cost is \$45 per person. For more information, contact

Terry West at twest@rosemoving.com or call (248) 473-8988.

Host families

AYUSA International is a non-profit high school foreign exchange student organization which welcome teenagers from more than 65 countries worldwide and provides a host family placement and ongoing supervision for 5- and 10month academic programs.

These young people look forward to a warm bond of friendship with host families and a rewarding cultural exchange. Host families are asked to provide meals and a bedroom either shared or private. Students pay for all other personal expenses while in the

For more information, call Sue McGrath, (313) 278-8424.





Get ready to chow down at Fall Festival DRUGS

• The Kiwanis pancake breakfast is 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at The Gathering, next to the Penn Theatre and across Penniman from Kellogg Park.

Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door. Children 5 and under are free. The menu includes pancakes, sausage and coffee.

• The A.M. Rotary all-youcan-eat spaghetti dinner is 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at

Kellogg Park, rain or shine. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$9 at the door, \$4 for children 12 and under. Children under

On the menu are spaghetti with marinara sauce, optional meatballs, tossed salad, bread, a 16-ounce water and a cookie, plus coffee and tea. There will be a tent at the park in which visitors can enjoy their dinners, or dinners

can be packaged for takeout. In case of bad weather, there will be drive-up to-go service at Ann Arbor Trail and Union

• The Rotary Club chicken barbecue is 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday (or until the 10,500 dinners are sold out) at Kellogg Park, with a takeout location at West Middle School. The menu will have barbecued chicken, corn on

the cob, a roll, soft drink and a cookie.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.

For a list of where tickets can be purchased in advance for any of the meals, visit the Website www.plymouthfallfestival.com.

Tickets will also be available, during Fall Festival hours, in a ticket booth at Main and Penniman streets.

rin to battle a headache faced expulsion, while the student who asked for the aspirin faced a four-day suspension. Expulsion is the same penalty facing a student caught with a pound of marijuana to sell or distribute.

It's all a matter of degree, according to Hayes.

"Is distributing drugs in school appropriate? Of course not," he said. "It's wrong, and it should be punished, (but) expelling someone for providing an aspirin is overkill. There are degrees."

Trustee Dianne Gonzalez, who raised a concern about the changes at the Board of Education's last meeting, wants to make sure the district isn't softening its stance on

"My main concern is for student safety," Gonzalez said. "We are a zero tolerance district with regard to drugs. I think the policy is becoming more ambiguous, based on the changes. The consequences should be clear. We have so many administrators dealing with children. ... There should be consistency."

To more fully explain the policy, administrators will make a presentation on the Code of Conduct at the Sept. 14 Board of Education meeting.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the meeting room at the E.J. McClendon Education Center on Harvey.

The Code of Conduct also appears to be working, as the incidents of alcohol, tobacco and other drug offenses on the high school campus has dropped the last three years (data for 2009-10 is not yet available). In 2008-09, there were 107 incidents, compared to 149 in 2006-07, a drop of nearly 30 percent. Over the same period of time, controlled substance offenses have dropped by nearly half (27-13) at the middle school

"It's something we need to constantly be aware of and we keep an eye on it," Hayes said. "But do we have a huge drug problem? No, we do not."

Canton Township Police agree. Officer Sara Boritzki, assigned as one of the department's School Resource Officers, said there doesn't seem to be a rampant drug problem in Plymouth-Canton. She said the highest number of actual offenses involve prescription drugs.

"We do have issues, just because of our size here," Boritzki said of some 6,000 students who attend the high school complex. "Other districts seem to have a bigger problem than we do."

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club members, family members and local high school students in need of community service hours.

"It's just a pleasure to sit back and watch everything come together," Richardson

Saturday's spaghetti dinner is put together by the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., a smaller, newer group. It's the fifth year for the dinner, and 50 to 60 volunteers help out, including the 32 club mem-

"With the club itself, it's all hands on deck," said Kate Rosevear, co-chair, with Tim Patino, of the dinner commit-

This year's spaghetti dinner is 4-8 p.m. in Kellogg Park. The dinner is typically attended by about 1,000 people a

"It makes the community aware of what we're doing, so it's an awareness-raiser," said Rosevear, a club past president and one of the founders of the spaghetti dinner. "It's a chance for the Rotary to kind of rub elbows with each other, come together as a group."

Much of the dinner's pro-



Sunday's Rotary Chicken Barbecue is the mainstay of Plymouth's Fall Festival.

ceeds will go to the Miracle League of Plymouth, which is raising money to build a baseball field for use by children with physical limitations and other handicaps. Groundbreaking, behind Central Middle School, is scheduled for next spring.

Saturday's pancake breakfast, 7-11:30 a.m. at The Gathering, next to the Penn Theatre, is sponsored by the Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation, which represents two local Kiwanis clubs. The pancake breakfast

serves between 2,600 and 3,000 people a year, said Jim Grutza, the chairman this year. The money raised goes toward Kiwanis college scholarships, a local anti-hunger initiative, community events such as the Fourth of July Fireworks and the Plymouth Ice Festival and groups such as the Salvation Army and the United Way, Grutza said.

"It's import that, especially

business people, give back to the community that's supporting them," Grutza said when asked about his involvement. "It's something I believe in, it's something I do. I don't even think twice about it."

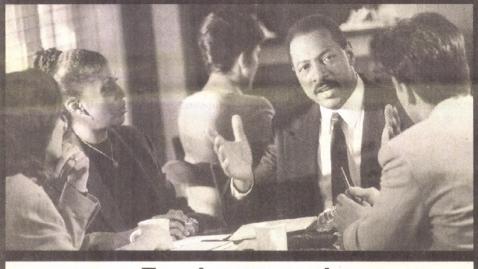
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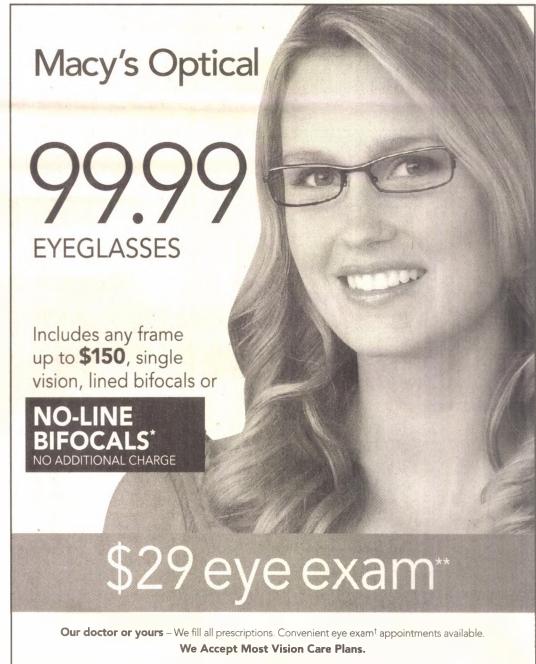
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Church thrift shop going strong after 60 years Cautionary signs stolen from

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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Plymouth's Presbyterian Thrift Shop is marking 60 years of good bargains in support of good causes.

The shop, run by the 175year-old First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, has been in five different locations since opening above a bakery on Penniman in 1950. Now on Mill Street in Old Village, the shop has special store hours and special sales planned for this weekend in honor of its 60th anniversary.

Shop managers and 31-year church members Ted and Lynne Porter said the thrift shop is an important ministry for their church, providing low-cost goods to bargainhunters, raising money for a variety of charities and organizations, and offering social opportunities for the roughly 60 volunteers who work there and the many customers who visit regularly. There are no paid employees.

The shop, which carries clothing, kitchenware, small pieces of furniture, books (paperbacks for 25 cents), compact discs, jewelry (most pieces 50 cents), shoes, electronics, purses and more, has flourished since moving to its current location in late 2008, Ted Porter said. The new shop has more space, more parking and better visibility, he said, and is displaying merchandise in a more attractive, professional-looking way, with mannequins for clothing, a slotted wall on which to hang paintings and prints, and glass cabinets for jewelry and collectibles

A sour economy has played a role in increasing shop traffic. "Times are tough and we

have more people coming to our store just to live within their budgets," Ted Porter said.

In 2008, approximately \$20,000 was raised for a variety of organizations, including the Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity of



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Emogene Rogers likes that she can find nearly new items at the thrift store.

Western Wayne County, the United Way, First Step and the Hope Medical Clinic. This year, Porter said, the shop is on track to raise \$35,000 or

The Porters like to keep the offerings fresh and turn merchandise over quickly, which is important, they said, in order to keep regulars coming back. Donations come from individuals (receipts are given for taxdeduction purposes) as well as from garage-sale leftovers and consignment shop merchanowners aren't interested in retrieving it:

But roughly two-thirds of the donations, Ted Porter said, are passed on to the Salvation Army, leaving the shop to carry the best. "We're very selective," he said.

Lila Vincent, a retired nurse, has been volunteering at the thrift shop since 1965, except for a 15-year gap when her hospital work hours prevented her from doing so. Now a shop substitute, she said the shop is in better

the Porters and "great volunteers" for the success.

"It has just turned into a very wonderful shop," Vincent said. "Ted and Lynne have just done a wonderful job.

A Farmington Hills woman, who gave her name only as Arlene, said Tuesday that she's visited the shop roughly twice a week for the last 10 years during her trips to Plymouth.

"I like the town of Plymouth and I always stop in here," she said. "Everybody's so friendly."

Arlene said she shops for nothing in particular, but is on the lookout for household items around which she can

decorate a room.

"I buy everything. It depends on what catches my eye," she

Hours at the Presbyterian Thrift Shop, 746 North Mill, are seasonal; currently they are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. For this weekend's anniversary celebration, the hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Summer merchandise, mostly clothing, and some select items throughout the store, will be discounted 60 percent this weekend

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porch of house

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two signs cautioning drivers to be watchful for children playing were reported stolen from the porch of a house on Crabtree Lane in Plymouth Township on Sunday.

The high-visibility signs, each with a child's figure and the words "Slow, Child at Play," were taken between the morning of Sept. 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday, the complainant told police, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report.

Vandalism

Three tires on a Ford Econoline van were slashed late Saturday or early Sunday, police report. The van was sitting in a driveway on Jackson Drive in the township when the vandalism occurred, a police report said. The incident occurred between 11:30 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday, the complainant told police.

Bike stolen

A motor-assisted bicycle was reported stolen Saturday from outside a house on Clemons Drive in the township, police report. The theft occurred between 6 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Sunday, the complainant told police. The bike, with an electric motor, had been chained to a mailbox and advertised for sale, the complainant said. How the bike was removed from the mailbox was not reported.

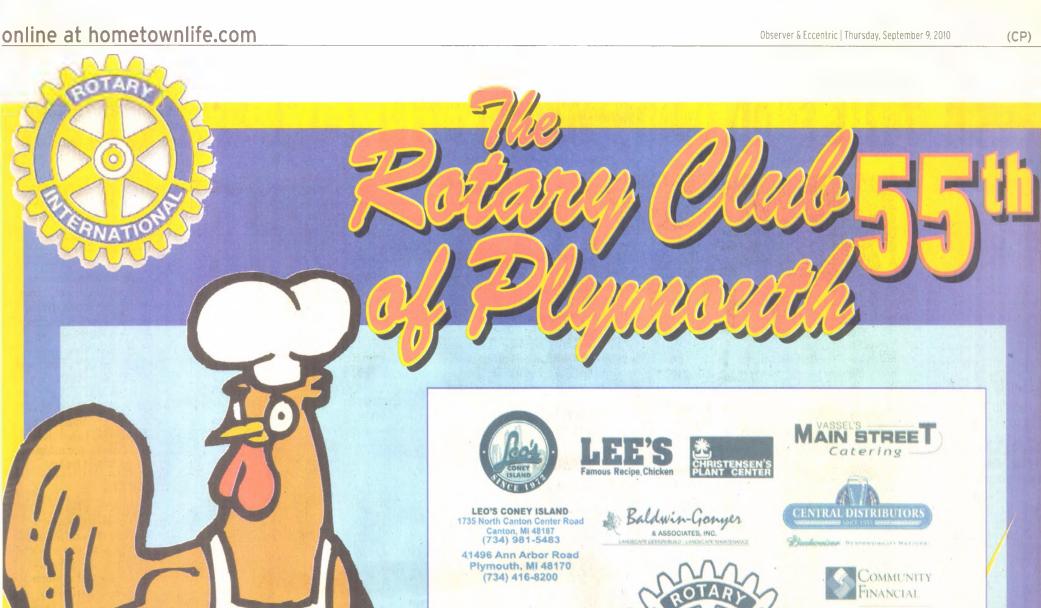
Theft from car

An i-Pod and a skateboard were reported stolen Aug. 29 from a 2002 Ford Taurus parked outside a house on Green Valley Road in the township, police report. The car had been sitting in the driveway of the victim's house, a police report said. The theft occurred between 9 p.m. on Aug. 28 and 9 a.m. the next day, the victim told police. It was not reported whether the car had been locked.



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Last first day brings mixed feelings

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tuesday was a day of firsts and lasts as schools opened in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

For some 19,000 students, it was the first day of school. For four building principals, it was the last first day of their careers.

The four — Marcia Moore at Allen Elementary, Lynn Haire at Miller Elementary, Sue Kelty at Bird Elementary and Amy Potts at East Middle School — have all announced their retirements. Potts leaves in December, the others retire when the school year ends in June.

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The day produced mixed emotions. Moore, who has spent the last 10 years of her 40-year career at Allen, said she approached the day with the same attitude she's used every other year. People like her daughter made mention of it — Aww, Mom, it's your last first day" — but Moore said it's no different.

"The fact it's the last year isn't even on my mind," said Moore, who has taught in the Plymouth-Canton system for 35 years. "Your mindset has to be in the here and now. You can't address each day as if it was the last day. I couldn't do my job if that's how I thought."

Potts, the principal at East Middle School the last three years, decided she'd leave at Christmas to give herself options for a potential out-of-state opportunity. She said it didn't even hit her until she was on her way to work that it would be her last first day.

"We've been so darned busy I haven't even had time to reflect on my decision," said Potts, who has been an educator for 27 years. "Just getting started, we had some unpre-

dictable glitches. It wasn't the smooth start we'd hoped for, but my staff has been awesome. I like what I'm doing, so for me it's kind of mixed feelings."

Haire, who has been the principal at Miller for 11 years, said she's "a little bit sad" about it being her last year, but it's having no impact on how she's going to approach the year.

"You balance (the sadness) by saying, 'It's going to be the best year ever," said Haire, an educator for some 34 years. "That's going to be my focus, making it the best year I can."

Kelty had "mixed feelings" on the first day, but her focus for the year

will be on the children. As she does every summer, Kelty made home visits to her kindergarteners and, armed with a new school motto — "Every Child. Every Chance. Every Day." — she's diving into "my favorite time of the year" with gusto.

"The first day of school is always an exciting time," said Kelty, an educator for 37 years, the last four at Bird. "It's sort of sad because it's my last first day ... on the other hand, it's a celebration because a new year is beginning and we're off to a great start."

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district, and getting to know the students, that Plymouth-Canton was where I wanted to get a teaching job," said Ballard, who earned his master's degree in elementary education from U-M in Ann Arbor in June. "I was thrilled, to say the least."

Ballard was one of some 90 new teachers hired into the district after a large number of veteran teachers took advantage of a new state retirement plan earlier this year. He was among some 5,000 applications administrators received for their various openings.

According to Ray Bihun, the district's executive director of human resources, an estimated 800-1,000 applications flooded in for a single elementary school position alone.

Bihun pointed out the district had to fill the footsteps of some 90 teachers, all of whom had at least 30 years of experience. No one thinks replacing some 2,700 years of experience will be easy, but Bihun thinks the district got a good start.

"It was one of the best talent pools I've ever seen," Bihun said. "We got some brand-new teachers, and we got some really experienced teachers. These are some of the most talented teachers I've seen."

One of the new teachers is Lakeisha Love, also a new language arts teacher at Central Middle School. Love, who lives in Ypsilanti, taught for a few months at West Village Academy, a charter school in Detroit where she took over a classroom that had been manned by three other teachers last year.

When she welcomed her students Tuesday morning, she was doing it in her own classroom for the first time. Love, whose mother and great-aunt are also teachers, admitted she was "a little nervous" before class started Tuesday.

"I used to get into trouble for finishing my work early and helping other kids," Love said of her own academic experience. "I really liked school, and my friends didn't, so I'd say, 'How can I help you?' I really like to help kids."



Ryan Ballard watches as a cafeteria full of brand-new sixth-grade students meet their new teachers and head for class. Ballard is a first-year teacher, one of some 90 new teachers hired this year.



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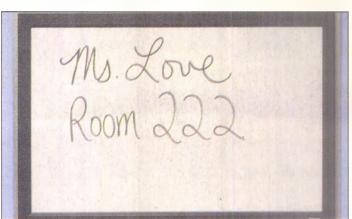
Maya Powell and her mom, Amy Powell, are both working. Maya works on her first kindergarten project and Mom fills out forms.



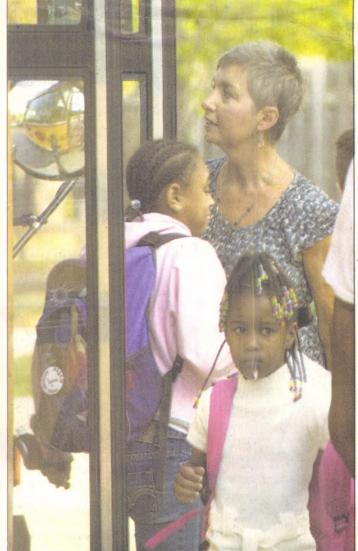
Kindergarten teacher Heather Scott-Kearney talks with her new class at Allen Elementary School.



New teacher Lakeisha Love assures the new middle school students that she, too, is new to the building, and they will all learn together.



Central Middle School teacher Lakeisha Love got her first very own classroom, Room 222 at Central Middle School.



Principal Marcia Moore welcomes the last bus of the morning at Allen Elementary School.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What's the best thing you did this summer?

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"I went to my grandma's house. We played a game called Candyland." Benjamin Deems, 6



"We went to my grandma and grandpa's. We slept over at our cousin's house."
Carly Johnson, 6



"I got my hair done, and then I got it pressed." Trinity McCartha, 6



"Go to my grandma and grandpa's cottage. We went to my Uncle Jack's campsite."

Dennis Rennells, 6



"Probably going to my cousin's cottage. It was very chilly."
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indicate that our learning center replaces the classroom. What we do is address the basic skills that the students need in order to better handle classroom subjects.'

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comic Opera Guild hosting auditions

The Comic Opera Guild holds auditions for its upcoming season from 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, on the second Floor of The University of Michigan Music School, 1100 Baits, Ann Arbor and Friday, Sept. 17, 7-10 p.m., at the Plymouth Community Arts Council Building, 774 Sheldon in Plymouth.

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The featured show of the group's 38th season is Offenbach's Grand Duchess of Gerolstein, a hilarious operetta that has fun at the expense of the military. This production will be the Michigan premiere of the show, which is guite popular in Europe, but relatively unknown here due to the lack of a good translation, Guild officials said. The Guild will perform its own translation, which modifies the show especially for American audi-

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ences.

The Guild's artistic director, Thomas Petiet, is hoping to attract people who are not familiar with performing in an operetta.

"Most people think they can sing in a musical," he said, "but not an operetta because it sounds like 'opera.' Yet operettas are all about fun in music, and while the main leads are likely to be classically trained, most of the others are singing actors. Chorus members need to be able to learn music, sing in tune, dance a bit, and mainly add spirit to the pro-. duction."

The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein opens in the Lydia Mendelssohn Theater in Ann

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Arbor, Feb. 24-26, and close in show. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton April 2-3.

The Guild will also be auditioning for its Fall Concerts, which will be performed by a company of about 16 singers. Since 2003, the company has performed rare shows by composers such as Victor Herbert, Jerome Kern and John Philip Sousa in concert, and recorded them for distribution around the world. Many of the shows were recorded for the first time and are sought after by theater lovers and music

libraries. People should prepare a song, with sheet music for our accompanist. For chorus, if a singer does not have sheet music, we will simply vocalize them. All auditionees will read dialog, as there are a number of acting assignments in each

Auditions will be in half ' hour sessions; officials prefer people sign up for a specific time by calling (734) 973-3264 or by e-mailing the Guild at constu@comcast.net.

Bone marrow drive

The NMDP's North Central Region will participate in Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity's National Donor Day at Eastern Michigan University. The Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity is officially back at EMU in 2010, with over twenty Undergraduate members volunteering and working with a combined total of over one hundred total volunteers comprised of the Delta Sigma Phi Chapter at University of Michigan-Dearborn as well as other organizations from both EMU and UM-D's campuses. The drive provides local community members the opportunity to join others across the country who want to give the gift of life by joining the "Be The Match" registry, which is operated by the National Marrow Donor Program.

The local drive takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22.

Volunteers will be helping inform and register people, located at four of the busiest locations on the EMU campus with directional signage posted as well. The goal is to help more than 200 people join the registry.

Thousands of patients with life-threatening diseases need transplants and do not find a donor in their family. We are encouraging local residents to come to the drive to learn how they could help save a life," said Tarita Gibson from the North Central Region Donor Center in Detroit.

Each year, thousands of patients are diagnosed with such as leukemia. For a chance to survive, these patients need healthy marrow and blood cells to help their bodies make



Artists in Birmingham

Plymouth artists Heidi Macintyre (painting) and Donna Williams (ceramics) will be featured in Common Ground's 36th annual Birmingham Street Art Fair, formerly known as Art in the Park, taking place Sept. 25-26. This year the art fair moves to an all-new location and becomes part of the vibrant street scene in downtown Birmingham, with artists booths lining Old Woodward south of Maple Road joining with Birmingham stores and restaurants. For more information about Common Ground's 36th annual Birmingham Street Art Fair go to www.theguild.org or call (734) 662-3382.

new, healthy marrow.

The first step to becoming a donor is to join the "Be The Match" registry. Anyone age 18-60 who meets the health guidelines can join. Volunteers should be committed to helping any patient in need. To join, volunteers complete a short health questionnaire and sign a form stating that they understand what it means to be listed on the marrow registry. Then, a cheek swab sample is taken to determine the tissue type to be matched against patients who need a donor. This information is added to the "Be The Match" registry.

For more information about marrow and blood cell donation, contact the North Central Region donor center in Detroit at (313) 833-2624 or life-threatening blood diseases the NMDP at 1-800-471-4627.

Grants training

The Community Foundation of Plymouth invites nonprofit

organizations serving the greater Plymouth area to an informational session scheduled for 10-11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 20 at the Plymouth District Library's Dunning

CFP will introduce its grantmaking program, application requirements, and a brief tutorial on how to apply for grant funding through an online application: www.communitygrants.org. All nonprofits serving the greater Plymouth area who are interested in applying for grant funding from CFP are encouraged to

To RSVP, contact Tammee Fensch via e-mail at tfensch@ aaacf.org or call (734) 663-0401. The fall deadline for grant applications to the Community Foundation of Plymouth is Wednesday, Oct. 6. For more information on how to apply, visit www. cfplymouth.org.

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Meet the candidates | County to sell tax-foreclosed properties online

The Observer, in an effort to allow readers to become as informed as possible before the November general election, will try to let readers know where they can meet and greet candidates for public office in local elections.

Slavens coffee

State Rep. Dian Slavens, (D-Canton), invites residents to join her for a cup of coffee and conversation at one of her upcoming coffee hours in September. Slavens is the incumbent running in the 21st State House

Slavens will host coffee hours

· Monday, Sept. 13, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Canton Big Boy, 45250 Ford Road in Canton.

• Monday, Sept. 20, from 11 a.m. to noon at Mike's Red Apple Restaurant, 60 Main St. in Belleville.

Slavens hosts regular coffee hours and town hall meetings throughout Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township. Businesses or organizations interested in hosting an event with Slavens, or who want more information, can call her office toll-free at (888) 347-8021 or send e-mail to DianSlavens@ house.mi.gov. Residents also can sign up for Slavens' e-newsletter and take her brief community

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Joan Wadsworth, Democratic

survey by visiting her website at



candidate for the Michigan House of Representatives 20th District seat, will host two more informal Community Conversations with voters in Northville, Plymouth, Canton, and Wayne during September.

At an ice cream social in Wayne on Sept. 14 and a coffee in Plymouth on September 21, Wadsworth wants a conversation with voters about her vision for revitalizing Michigan. She will share her plans for creating jobs, strengthening education, and supporting community services. Wadsworth also will be available to discuss any other issues on the minds of voters and answer questions.

The two Community

Conversations will take place: • At an Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Wayne Activity and Banquet Center, 35000 Sims Avenue, Wayne

• At a Coffee Hour on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth. Those interested in attend-

ing one of the Community Conversations are welcome to come for the entire hour or they can stop by any time during the hour to meet Wadsworth and get answers to questions about her plans for Michigan and her experience.

Coffee with Heise

Candidate for the open 20th state House seat, Kurt Heise, announced that he will hold a "Coffee with the Candidate" event in Northville on Sept.

"In order to effectively represent the citizens of Western Wayne County, it is important that I hear where they stand on the important issues that are facing our district and state. I invite area residents to come out for a cup of coffee and discussion on how we can work together for Michigan's future," said Heise.

Heise will meet with people 8-9:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, at the Senate Coney Island, 39430 Dun Rovin Dr., in Northville for coffee and conversation with residents of the 20th State House District.

The district covers the portions of Northville and Plymouth south of 8 Mile road, Canton Township east of I-275, and the entire City of Wayne.

Those interested may learn more about the campaign at www.heise4us.com.

The Wayne County Treasurer will auction 13,000 properties — including movein homes, fixer-uppers and

vacant land — online starting Sept. 17. It's the county's first time using the Internet to sell tax-

foreclosed properties, according to officials. The online preview and auction (bidding takes place

Sept. 17-23 at www.bid4assets. com/wayne), is the largest ever for Wayne County, which has hired Bid4Assets.com, an online real estate auction site.

To preview properties, go to

www.bid4assets.com/wayne. County officials hope that by getting the properties back on the tax rolls, they will be taken care of (lawns mowed, homes and vacant land main-

hoods will thrive. Preview traffic is reported to be heavy.

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fic like this before," said Matt Baker, CEO of Bid4Assets. com. "This is the highest traffic for any auction in the company's 11-year history."

A county press release stated the decision to use the online auction service is a "result of the sheer number of properties, demands placed on the treasurer's office staff, the need to provide other essential services and the opportunity to maximize revenue from the sales that will be dispersed to the county's taxing municipalities."

All bidders must register with Bid4Assets.com and submit a \$1,000 deposit and \$25 processing fee, a total of \$1,025, in the form of a Cashier's Check or bank wire in U.S. funds, to Bid4Assets, Inc. prior to Sept. 10.

See Bid4Assets.com Web site at www.bid4assets.com/

"I've never seen website traf- wayne for deposit instructions. Potential auction bidders without a computer should contact Bid4Assets at 1-877-4-ASSETS for more information on how to register and bid.

Special procedures are in place to accommodate these bidders and will require completion of an Offline Bid Form. No auction activities will take place at the office of the Wayne County Treasurer.

For additional information on the auction and to view the properties, visit: www.bid4assets.com/wayne.

The Term and Conditions of Sale and a list of the properties offered are available online at the Wayne County Treasurer's website: www. treasurer.waynecounty.com.

Bid4Assets, Inc. (www.bid4assets. com) was founded in 1999. It is a privately held company located in Silver Spring, Md.

Ficano to discuss economic development, jobs

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano will discuss economic development and jobs in western Wayne at the fall program kick-off barbecue of the Northville Democratic Club on Saturday at a private home, 399 Rayson, in Northville.

Club President Scott Craig said Ficano, a graduate of Livonia Public Schools, Michigan State University and U of D Detroit Law School,



his sixth trade mission to China, coming up in November. One of Ficano's earlier missions

will outline

aided in the recent acquisition of Nexteer Automotive by Tempo, keeping thousands of jobs in Saginaw.

Nexteer has an engineering center in Milford and a customer service center in Dearborn.

The barbecue, with more than 100 people in attendance, is being held at the Northville home of Tom and Janet Hess at 4 p.m. Suggested contribution is \$25, with food and refreshments served. Anyone interested in attending may RSVP at (734) 420-2133.

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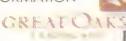
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OUR VIEWS



Girl Scouts from Troop 199 at Hoben Elementary and Boy Scouts from Troop 781 at Our Lady Of Good Counsel volunteered to carry and sort donations during the Salvation Army's Back to School Blitz. The Salvation Army, which serves Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville, depends heavily on volunteer service.

Get connected

Plenty of volunteer opportunities await

Volunteerism. It can be the difference between keeping the Plymouth community bustling with events that attract people from surrounding communities — or not.

It could have meant the difference this past weekend in communities like Royal Oak, which hosted the Arts Beats and Eats festival; or downtown Detroit, home to the long-standing international jazz festival; or to Hamtramck, where Polish culture was celebrated all weekend on Jos. Campau and surrounding streets.

All of these Labor Day weekend festivities could not have happened without volunteers. And, a lot of revenue wouldn't have poured into these cities without

As the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, the Old Village community and others continue to offer events throughout the calendar year, we continue to encourage people to get involved, volunteer at least a little time or talent to the events — whether it's the upcoming Fall Festival, Art in the Park, the Plymouth Ice Festival or the myriad of other special events that make this town what it is, it's worth the investment.

Students in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are required to put in a certain number of community service hours, in order to graduate from high school. Parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents who also volunteer - just because they'd like to be involved and help to pull off these events - set an excellent example for students.

Being a part of a community means more than simply waving hello from your porch, or strolling through town on a nice evening. It's more than buying your gasoline at the corner station and choosing local businesses for your other purchases. It's more than paying attention to local government and it's more than attending special events. It's about being involved, being connected and being contributors.

Volunteerism, in the current tough economic times, has risen. According to the United States Department of Labor, the number of volunteers and the volunteer rate nationwide rose over the year ended in September 2009, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. About 63.4 million people, or 26.8 percent of the population, volunteered through or for an organization at least once between September 2008 and September 2009. In 2008, the volunteer rate was 26.4 percent.

There are several outstanding volunteers in the Plymouth community, and we don't want to imply that they're not doing great things.

We're encouraging more people to step up and help

COMMUNITY VOICE

How do you feel about the open carrying of pistols in Michigan? Adults can wear holstered pistols in public places (but not in vehicles), as opposed to concealed pistols, which require minimal training and a special permit? We asked this question outside the U.S. Postal Service station on Penniman in downtown Plymouth.



"I'm in favor of concealed carry. It's like a fire extinguisher around the house. ... I think open carry, it just causes a little more stress."

Hunter Moore



"I wouldn't be comfortable with that at all."

Keith Mallett



"I'm aware of the issue. I think it's frightening for people today to see someone walking around carrying a gun. ... I just don't think it's necessary for people to express their (Second) Amendment rights in that way."

Marcia Sayles Plymouth Township



"Not a good idea especially in terms of (an example for) children. ... I don't think that this is something (people) should be doing."

Sherri Garrett Plymouth

LETTERS

One for Edwards

It's about time someone speaks up for Ron Edwards and the fine job he's done for the past 14 years.

Ron was elected in 1996 one year after my family moved to Plymouth Township. He has been a positive part of our leadership team ever since. The best testimony of his abilities was revealed in the August 2009 issue of Money Magazine. That issue recognized Plymouth Township as the 28th most desirable place to live in America. I found that amazing while our state was at the literal bottom.

I don't mean to suggest that Mr. Edwards is solely responsible for the township's stability. We have been blessed with tremendous leadership teams. Supervisors such as Kathy McCarthy, Steve Mann, and (currently) Richard Reaume have all been committed to the best interest of those who reside here. There has been a deliberate and conscious effort to operate with fiscal responsibility while keeping taxes low. It is completely wrong not to recognize Ron's role in making that happen.

Any time you take the lead in reducing expense you open yourself up to criticism. There have been hard decisions made the past few years that have unfortunately affected employees of our township. This, however, is no more unfortunate than the rest of us who have been ill-affected by the economy.

This latest incident with Joe Bridgman and his claim of an assault is ridiculous and sophomoric. Mr. Bridgman needs to move on and accept the simple fact that not all personalities meld well together. This cannot prevent his ability to work for the best interest of those he

If other municipalities are interested in Ron's services, it's because he's darn good!

Matt Adams Plymouth Township

Big House nostalgia

This past Saturday was a very nostalgic time

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for my family and me with the re-dedication of the Michigan Football Stadium in Ann Arbor. My father, Bob Stewart, was privileged to play for Ohio Wesleyan against the University of Michigan in the first football game that was played in "The Big House" on Oct. 1, 1927.

The football team for Ohio Wesleyan University took the train to Ann Arbor for this dedication game in the "Big House" against the University of Michigan. The starting fullback for Ohio Wesleyan University was Bob Stewart. He had played on an undefeated high school football team in Coshocton, Ohio, and was timed in the 100-yard dash at 10.2 seconds.

When Ohio Wesleyan got the ball on offense, they handed the football off to their fullback, Bob Stewart. He ran up the middle and got knocked down. Later, in that game, the U-M team broke my father's nose. Bob Stewart leaned down to the ground, picked up a little mud, and put it into his nostrils to stop the bleeding. Stewart finished the game, but the University of Michigan had won their opening game in the "Big House" 33-0.

A few years later, my Dad moved to

Wyandotte, Mich. In 1934, Bob Stewart started to attend the Wyandotte Kiwanis Club every Tuesday noon. This was the beginning of an international, perfect-attendance record for a service club, set by my father, which was 65 years and six months (same club, same time and same day).

On Sept. 18, 2010, my Dad would have celebrated his 101st birthday. He would have loved to have been there for the re-dedication of "The Big House" Sept. 4, 2010.

> John Stewart Plymouth

Better off with GOP

Since we've had recent history of Republicans leading Congress (1995 to 2006) and Democrats in control (2007 to present), it is easy to compare results of the two parties,

 The average unemployment rate during Republican control was under 5.0 percent, and was about 4.6 percent when they ceded control to the Democrats. Under Democrat control, it has now more than doubled.

 The federal deficit averaged \$200 billion per year under the Republicans. It is now averaging \$1.2 trillion per year under the

 Housing values increased about 3 percent per year under the Republicans, and decreased about 9 percent per year under Democrat

 The stock market increased by an average of 16 percent per year during the Republican years; it decreased about 5 percent per year under the Democrats.

Maybe some of the Democrats she's concerned about are worried about their jobs, homes and 401(k)s and are waking up to this realization: A Republican-led Congress is a much better steward of the U.S. economy than a Democrat-led Congress.

> **Rick Engelland** Northville

Open-carry a nonissue at AB&E; Plymouth should hope for same

fficials in Royal Oak are breathing easier this week after the open carrying of firearms during the city's

Ford Arts, Beats & Eats festival turned out to be, in the words of the police chief, "a nonissue." I'll try to

avoid any cheap dodging-thebullet metaphors here. Matt Jachman AB&E, and

Royal Oak's first turn as its host, after the annual festival moved from Pontiac, were the focus last month of an effort by opencarry advocates to make a statement about their right to walk

around in public, without a special permit, wearing a holstered pistol. That's different from legally carrying a concealed pistol, which requires a minimum of training, a background check and a license.

The open-carry right was apparently not widely understood (state law is silent on the matter, though Michigan has an extensive list of places, such as schools and banks, where guns explicitly cannot be carried, and businesses can set their own rules) until activists descended on Royal Oak and pressured the council there to repeal its noguns-at-the-festival rule.

"We didn't see anyone carrying," said Christopher Jahnke, the city's police chief, in Tuesday's Detroit Free Press. "It's been a nonissue."

An open-carry fan on michiganopencarry.org agreed with Jahnke — albeit from a different perspective. Using the handle Small Arms Collect, he (or, less likely, she) expressed disappointment at not being noticed at AB&E.

"Of all the thousands of people there I don't think hardly anyone even noticed that I was carrying, I got no comments, no questions, nothing, I might have gotten a couple of glances, but I'm not sure, it really speaks volumes for the lack of situational awareness for most people," wrote the poster, who also declared the festival "unevent-

ful, overcrowded and boring." Folks in Plymouth and fans of the city's many festivals may think they've been overlooked by the open-carry advocates, but they'd be wrong.

Police Lt. Al Cox, Plymouth's acting police chief, said open carry at festivals is something his department has dealt with for the past few years.

"We've gotten to the point where we kind of expect it at a lot of our festivals," Cox said recently.

Typically, Cox said, a festival goer who isn't familiar with the practice of open carry, and alarmed at the sight of a fellow attendee strapped with a pistol, will report same to police. But unless the person with the gun is brandishing it or threatening to use it, there isn't much officers can do.

"It's perfectly legal," Cox said.

"There's nothing illegal about it." No one could accuse Cox of being anti-Second Amendment,

but he has strong opinions about open carry, pronouncing it "a ridiculous thing." "Sometimes what is legal and

what is smart are two different things," he said.

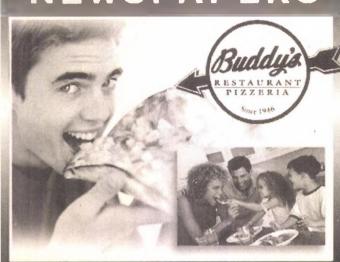
Cox prefers the concealedcarry approach. The training required by the permit process brings with it at least a minimal assurance that the person with the pistol has been through the basics, Cox said, whereas open carry has no minimum standard. And people who are openly wearing pistols, he said, could make themselves targets of those bent on committing crimes, while concealed-carry adds the element of uncertainty that could work against a would-be criminal.

Personally, I cannot see what open-carry folks are preparing to defend themselves against, short of stumbling upon another O.K. Corral, which is unlikely.

I've been robbed twice at gunpoint — I spent my reckless youth in Detroit — and am under no illusions that, if I had had been wearing a pistol, concealed or unconcealed, I would have been successfully able to resist an armed mugger at close quarters who already had the drop on me.

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Life insurance is a poor excuse for investing money

to a young man in his late 20s about the stock market and investing in general.

He said he owned a variety of stocks, but had no clue about the companies. He said the only reason he bought the stocks was that he got a tip from a friend who said they



Rick Bloom

would double within six months.

He has owned the stocks more than a year. When I asked how the stocks had performed, let's just say that as opposed to doubling in value, they went in the opposite direction. I explained that he didn't make an investment, he took a gamble. I explained that the only way to be a successful investor is to have a game plan, focus on a goal and never rely

As long as I have been involved in the financial world, people have bought investments based on some sort of hot tip. I have yet to see any of these hot tips pay off. In fact, when I get a hot tip, my general reaction is to ignore it. Consequently, my recommendation to anyone who receives a hot tip is ignore it.

The young man also mentioned that another friend is encouraging him to establish an investment program. The program is basically a life insurance policy. He asked my opinion. He said his friend sells life insurance and is pushing him in this direction. I suggested that he needs new friends.

For years, I've seen sales-Detroit (the original Buddy's), people push life insurance as an investment vehicle. They provide all sorts of projec-Warren. Carry-out locations are Bloomfield Township and Royal tions showing how much you can withdraw tax-free if you

hile waiting for a plane hold the policy for so many last weekend. I talked years. They make it seem as if this option is a no-brainer.

> I believe that insurance is not an investment but, rather, a means of covering risk. Insurance and insurance-type vehicles are not the best way to establish an investment program. As far as I am concerned, it's one of the worst ways, if for no other reason than, when you buy an insurance policy, you are paying a significant cost for the life insurance. In addition, the investment alternatives within most insurance policies have higher costs and fees. Despite the favorable projections, which never come true, insurance policies are not good investment vehicles.

> That doesn't mean you shouldn't purchase insurance. If you have family members who are financially

dependent upon you, you need life insurance to protect your loved ones upon your death. Your focus should be on what type of policy offers the best protection. For the majority of situations, I recommend term insurance. It is the most cost-effective type of life insurance, the easiest to understand and you can shop policies around and

receive competitive bids. My recommendation to the young man at the airport was there are many different types of investment vehicles that provide much greater flexibility and, most important, put more money in his pocket than life insurance. They include vehicles such as his company's 401(k) plan and investing any additional money into a Roth IRA.

I recognize that the stock market has been erratic at best and that some of the

guaranteed returns countered by some insurance companies seem attractive, however, the devil is in the details. When you dig deep into the option to use insurance policies as investments, you soon realize that they are more about insurance than they are about invest-

As I got ready to board my plane, I told the young man to remember the story about the tortoise and the hare. When it comes to investing, the only way to achieve success is to have a game plan and to be patient.

Good luck!

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Wildcats breeze to 3-0 win

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's boys soccer team didn't get the kind of "W" it wanted Tuesday night.

The Chiefs instead got the wind and the pesky Plymouth Wildcats, who won 3-0 on a breezy evening at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity soccer field.

First-half goals by sophomore Josh Priebe and senior Derek Austin got the Wildcats (4-1-2) on their way and junior goalkeeper Rene Mejia held off a late offensive surge for the

> **BOYS SOCCER** Mejia made his

first varsity start a perfect one, giving senior Kyle Brindza a night off. With less than a minute left in regulation, Mejia slid out toward the right side of the box to deny Canton forward Bobby Budlong.

Mejia then snared a last-second header attempt off a corner kick to keep Canton (4-2-1) off the scoresheet.

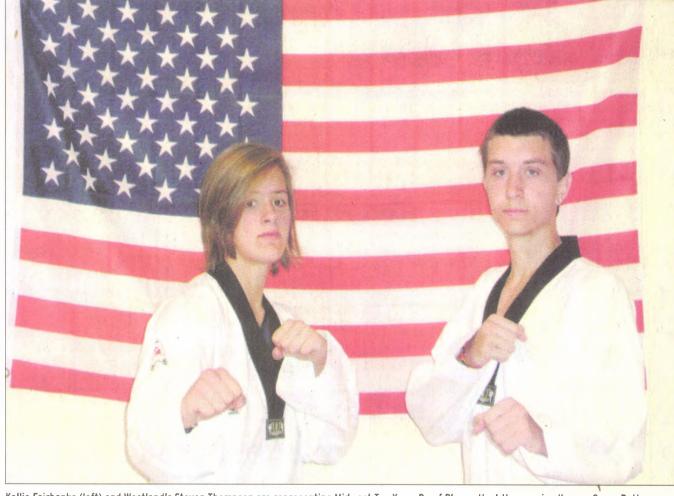
"It was pretty scary, but my defense held them off," Mejia said. "We've got Steve Jahn and Mike Ambrose ... they're all really good."

As for the final save, "I had it all the way," Mejia continued. "It was coming straight at me, all I had to do was cradle it. It was all good."

EXTRA CREDIT

Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said Mejia "had a heck of a game tonight," and also gave an assist to Brindza for working with the youngster - especially on making long

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Kellie Fairbanks (left) and Westland's Steven Thompson are representing Midwest Tae Kwon Do of Plymouth at the ongoing Korean Open. Both qualified by winning bronze medals at the U.S. nationals held in July.

Kicking it in Korea

Midwest Tae Kwon Do students competing at Korean Open

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Steven Thompson and Kellie Fairbanks of Plymouth's Midwest Tae Kwon Do have proudly gone global.

Both 17-year-olds are in South Korea, competing this week at the Korean Open Tae Kwon Do tournament, having been selected to the United States contingent based on their bronze-medal performances at nationals in July.

"It's a great thing for them," said their instructor, Midwest Master Russell Gale. "It's the last opportunity for Steven and Kellie both to compete at the junior level, from this point on they're competing in the adult division (ages 18-32).'

'I love it, I've been doing it ever since I was a little kid. I like the excitement of it, I can't even explain it.'

STEVEN THOMPSON, Midwest TKD

After flying from Detroit to Los Angeles on Aug. 29, the two martial arts aficionados met up with the rest of the U.S. team (20 juniors, five adults) for the trip's second leg, a 15hour red-eye flight to Seoul, South

Following what is certainly a spellbinding mix of competition and culture, the teens will return this weekend — undoubtedly with plenty of memories

to share about training at the legendary

WORLD-WIND TOUR

Go ahead then and call it the trip of a lifetime for Thompson — a senior at Westland John Glenn — and Fairbanks. who commutes from the Jackson, Mich., area twice a week to train at Midwest Tae Kwon (Ann Arbor Trail).

"I'm having a blast with Tae Kwon Do, so anything that I have to do involving another country is great for me," said Thompson, during a training session at Midwest just days before leaving. "... I'm looking forward to meeting new people, going to another country.

"Korea is the founder of Tae Kwon Do, and we're going to be at the Kukkiwon, which is like the headquarters."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A large contingent of upperclassmen make Plymouth one of the KLAA teams to watch in 2009. Danielle Risi (right), shown in this file photo, is one of several key seniors for the Wildcats.

Plymouth could be top 'Cats

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth is stacked as the 2010 prep volleyball season tips off, much to the chagrin of other KLAA South foes such as Canton.

"Last year, Churchill was our archrival but now it's Plymouth," said Kristen Muir, co-captain of the Chiefs. It's easy to see what she means,

because Muir's team will have to

deal with an extremely balanced and gifted Plymouth squad — which features a blend of strong returnees and promising youngsters. Wildcats' coach Kelly McCausland

can't wait to see if it all translates to improvement on last year's third place record of 26-13-1. "With our well-conditioned vet-

erans and an abundance of talented newcomers," McCausland noted, "we are excited to get competition under way."

Plymouth starts the KLAA schedule 7 p.m. Wednesday at Salem. Five seniors who were top players

VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW - PART 3

in '09 will help make the Wildcats a dangerous opponent.

Co-captain Kayla Bridge is slated to start at outside hitter, as will Danielle Risi.

"She (Bridge) will be one of our starting outsides who brings leadership on and off the court." McCausland said. "She is an astute hitter who can read the court well."

Meanwhile, Risi is aggressive and powerful, but the coach likes that her defensive game has improved. "We are looking for her to contribute

all around." Another senior captain is libero Mariah Tesarz, her second year at the position.

"She (Tesarz) is our vocal leader and will be expected to run our backcourt defense."

Two other key seniors are middle hitter Alex Roberts and defensive specialist Laura Schmid.

The ability of Roberts to block and score up front is one of the reasons the Wildcats are so tough.

"Alex has really been connecting with our setter so far, so we will be looking for her to run a quicker offense," McCausland continued. "Her blocking has also improved, so she will be a dominant force at the

Schmid is expected to contribute as a primary passer and defender, on the right side.

VERSATILITY HELPS

McCausland also has a pair of returning juniors, utility players Jessica Scott and Lindsay Stemberger. Both had strong seasons as sophomores and can more than adequately handle several posi-

Scott will be used at right-side hitter, middle hitter and setter.

"Jess is coming off of a remarkable sophomore season where she contributed as a middle and a right-side attacker," McCausland said. "This season she will be called upon to be

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SIDELINES

PCA kickers prevail A second-half goal by Chris

Scagnetti lifted Plymouth Christian to a 2-1 victory over Summit Academy in a varsity boys soccer match. Dan Ross also scored for the

Eagles, about 25 minutes into the nonconference contest. Summit's lone tally was an

own goal knocked in by a PCA player.

Plymouth Christian improved to 5-1-1 overall and 2-1-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference entering the Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett Tournament this weekend.

Captain's Corner

Once again, the Observer will spotlight captains of prep sports teams, particularly those with a strong take on the importance of leadership.

If coaches would like to suggest someone to be highlighted (one per team, please), send an e-mail to sports editor Tim Smith, tsmith@hometownlife.com

MU golfers fourth

The Madonna University men's golf team placed fourth overall in the 12-team Lou Collins Memorial Tournament held last Friday and Saturday at Bedford Valley Country Club in Battle Creek.

Host Olivet College won the team title with a two-day total of 306-299-605

Rounding out the top five were Trine University (Ind.), 302-307-609; Wheaton College (III.), 306-303-609; Madonna, 311-303-614; and Calvin College, 312-303-615.

MU's top finished was Jimmy Uelmen, who tied for third with a 74-75-149. He was followed by NAIA National runner-up Brett Quitiquit, tied for 14th (78-74-152); Vince Carango, tied for 24th (79-77-156); Livonia Franklin's Austin Stillman, tied for 31st (80-77-157); Tyler Skiba, tied for 57th (83-80-163).

Alumni soccer Sept. 11

Salem and Canton boys soccer alumni are all invited to play in the annual Alumni Game, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the varsity soccer field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The alums will compete immediately following the varsity match between the 2010 Rocks and Chiefs slated for 6:30 p.m. Interested alumni can call Salem coach Ed McCarthy (248) 561-2846 or Canton coach George Tomasso (734) 481-2290.

Blazers earn tie

In a Catholic League girls lacrosse match Tuesday, host Livonia Ladywood and Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart fought to a 1-1 draw.

After a scoreless first half, Kylie Birney scored for the Blazers, while senior Kylie Mezwa countered for Sacred Heart.

Ladywood junior goalie Mackenzie Holme made just one save, while the Gazelles' Natasha Aubrey made two stops.

Ladywood is now 1-1-1 overall and in the Catholic League, while Sacred Heart is 3-0-1 and 2-0-1.



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But when the whistle blows to start competition, that's all he'll be focused on.

"I love it, I've been doing it ever since I was a little kid," Thompson said. "I like the excitement of it, I can't even explain it."

He said the magnitude of going to the Korean Open was finally starting to sink in, "but there's so much to accomplish. You still have the Olympics and Worlds and Pan-Ams."

Fairbanks is making a rapid rise in the sport, reaching international competition after just two years of compet-

ing.
"I'm really excited," Fairbanks said. "It's going to be an extremely long trip, but I'm really excited and really pumped because I get to represent the United States.".

The trip will be a challenge for her from a dietary standpoint, however.

"I'm gluten intolerant, so that will be interesting," said Kellie, with a grin. "I'll be eating lean meats, vegetables and rice, so that should be OK."

GREAT DISCOVERY

She started to make major strides as soon as she discovered Gale and Midwest Tae Kwon Do.

"This is the best school, by far, in the area," Fairbanks said. "I was with a school in Jackson and I was working with a guy in Grand Blanc for a while.

"Once I found out about this place, and started com-



Plymouth's Midwest Tae Kwon Do studio collected 10 medals at the recent United States National Championships in Orlando, Fla. Pictured are as follows: (front row, from left) Madison Lilla, Karen Jiang, and Sam Gaines; (back row, from left) Jennifer Palmer, Katie Whitehill, Noah Whitehill, Kyle Kelley, Grant Slomkowski, Selena Perez, Marshall Gaines, and Steven Thompson. Not pictured are Caleigh Lin, Kellie Fairbanks, Gabe McDowell, Kaylyn Thompson and Chris Dykes.

ing here, the instruction and level of athletes here is much higher."

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It didn't take long for her to sharpen her technique to the point where she earned a bronze medal at nationals in Orlando, Fla.

Asked about why she thought she scored so well at nationals, Fairbanks explained that it's due to honing "the technique that Master Gale has been working with me on, just following his directions and the amount of practice

we've put in." Meanwhile, Gale had plenty of praise for Thompson and Fairbanks, who took home two of 10 medals Midwest Tae Kwon Do athletes won at nationals — a high-profile competition in its own right, with nearly 4,000 participants.

"My whole team has done fantastic with Kellie and Steven taking the lead," Gale said. "It's been a great run for all of them. I'm very proud of

In fact, Gale said this year's hardware haul was bigger than that of the previous years combined.

"Steven has worked a long time to get to where he's at and Kellie's worked with us for six months," Gale said. "It's a great accomplishment for her to get to this level so quickly. This is actually her first jump into something of this magnitude.'

What a jump it's become, stretching halfway around the world.

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Plymouth martial arts studio enjoying success

Midwest Tae Kwon Do's Steven Thompson and Kellie Fairbanks — who are representing the United States this week at the Korean Open aren't the only success stories coming from the Plymouth

school. Master Russell Gale and Master Tanya Panizzo, whose school includes students who commute from as far away as Jackson, reported that Midwest Tae Kwon Do had an outstanding team performance in July at the U.S. National Championships in Florida.

Ten medals were collected at the Orlando event, more than the previous three years combined, Gale said.

In addition to Thompson and Fairbanks, the team includes the following members: Chris Dykes, Marshall Gaines, Sam Gaines, Karen Jiang, Kyle Kelley, Madison Lilla, Caleigh Lin, Gabe McDowell, Jennifer Palmer, Selena Perez, Grant Slombowski, Kaylyn Thompson, Katie Whitehill and Noah Whitehill.

Thompson (from Westland)

and Fairbanks qualified for the Korean Open by earning bronze medals U.S. National Championships. They were held in July.

They were then selected by 2000 Olympic coach, Yong In Cheon to represent the USA at the Korean Open held in Seoul, South Korea.

Gale said Thompson and Fairbanks are now enjoying nearly two weeks of travel and competition. They are training at two universities as well as the Kukkiwon (world headquarters for all of Tae Kwon Do).

Spits down Plymouth soccer in preseason contest

Import Alex Khokhlachev scored a hat trick to lead Windsor to a 6-2 victory over Plymouth in an OHL preseason game played Monday afternoon at Windsor Family Credit Union Centre.

Khokhlachev - selected 23rd overall by Windsor in the 2010 CHL Import Draft - scored all of his goals in the first period and Michel Whaley added another as the Spits jumped to a 4-1 lead after 20 minutes.

The lone Plymouth goal in the first period came from the Whalers' Import selection, Rickard Rakell (taken 41st in the 2010 CHL Import Draft), at 13:51 of the period, from Mitchell Heard and Austin

It was a lost weekend for the

Madonna University women's

The 21st-ranked Crusaders

were swept in all four matches

during Embry-Riddle (Fla.)

a total of 101 kills as Tatiana

ishes with 24 each.

16 and 12, respectively.

Lewis & Clark State (Id.) ral-

lied from an 0-2 deficit made

it eight in a row with a with a

22-25, 25-27, 27-25, 25-22, 15-

with 31 digs.

12 win over MU.

volleyball team.

The teams traded a goal aside in the second period. Plymouth defenseman Chris Albertini cut the Windsor lead to 4-2, finishing off a 2-on-1 rush with Stefan Noesen at 5:53. Peter Neal also drew an assist on the play. Nick Ebert replied for Windsor at 17:53 and the Spitfires led, 5-2, after 40 minutes.

Derek Lanoue completed the scoring at 12:38 of the third period for Windsor.

Windsor outshot Plymouth, 32-31. Matt Mahalak started in goal for Plymouth and stopped 18-of-22 shots in 27:07 of work. Scott Wedgewood played the rest of the way, stopping 8-of-10 shots.

Setters Kim Fong and Naomi

assists, respectively, for No. 15-

Hernandez had 33 and 22

Altman led MU with a

match-best 24 kills, while

ranked Lewis & Clark.

kicks from the goal area. "Kyle has coached him up as much as any of us," Neschich noted.

According to Canton head coach George Tomasso, his team did not play up to the standards set in recent shutout victories over tough opponents such as Novi, Walled Lake Western and Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"We started off pretty good, beat some quality teams and came in a little overconfident tonight and Plymouth did a good job to finish their opportunities," Tomasso said. "Now, we're working hard to climb our way out of the hole we just dug ourselves in."

Neschich said strong breezes did have an impact on some of the action, including Austin's goal against Canton goalkeeper Brandon Laabs.

"On the second goal the wind held it up, gave it a nice bend and kind of threw their goalie off," Neschich recalled.

That 2-0 lead held up for most of the second half. But senior co-captain Nick Russ tacked on an insurance goal with about eight minutes remaining.

Russ dribbled the ball up the right side of the pitch, cut in front of Laabs and ripped a high drive under the crossbar from about 15 yards out.

Although Tomasso wasn't happy about seeing three goals against, he did like how his offense created scoring chances. "We just need to finish them a little better."

Canton will face KLAA South rival Wayne Memorial at 4 p.m. Thursday before hooking up with Salem at 6:30 p.m. Saturday before the annual Canton-Salem alumni game.

Meanwhile, Plymouth played Livonia Churchill Wednesday and will next host Wayne Memorial at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Salem defeated

Also Tuesday at PCEP, on the varsity turf field, visiting Novi earned a 4-1 victory over Salem in a KLAA Central matchup.

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a versatile player who may contribute as a setter as well."

Just as versatile is Stemberger, who last year helped out at the libero position. But this season, after work on improving her power game, she will also see playing time at outside hitter.

"She is an incredible 'spot on' passer and can read the opponent's offense well," the coach added. "In the offseason she has improved her outside attack, so we are looking for her to contribute as an attacker."

But Plymouth will feature three excellent newcomers, who all should make the Wildcats even tougher and deeper.

Sophomores Madelyn Betts (starting right-side hitter), Emilee Beyer (middle/outside hitter) and freshman Shayla Smalls (setter, outside hitter) are called "some amazing young talent" by McCausland.

Betts can block and hammer the ball home from behind and also is capable of helping out at

Beyer was able to gain experience starting during the districts, and probably will start in the middle. "She has a long reach that allows her to hit from just about any position."

STEPPING IN

According to McCausland, "our most unexpected asset" probably is Smalls, filling the void left by longtime starter Katie Salo's graduation.

"We lost a four-year starting setter last season (Salo) so when Shayla walked into the gym this summer, she immediately gained our attention after she set her first ball," McCausland said. "... She has the finesse, game sense and athletic ability that will bring this squad to the next level."

The first test for Smalls and the rest of the Wildcats is Saturday, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Invitational.

KLAA play then opens with games Sept. 14 and 16 against Livonia Churchill and Salem.

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Labor Day Tournament to fall Dempsey and Fricke added 3-5 on the year and extend the 12 each. Prieditis had 28 digs, program's longest losing streak while Fricke added 18. to five matches (dating back to In Friday's opening day of the tournament presented by On Saturday, Desiree the National Guard in Daytona Luevano had 17 kills and Beach, MU fell to host Embry-Whitney Bryant added 14 as Riddle, 3-0, and Oklahoma Wayland Baptist (Tex) defeated Baptist, 3-1. MU in five games, 19-25, 25-MU returns to action Friday 16, 25-18, 13-25, 15-13. and Saturday it hosts the Julie Wayland Baptist (4-3) had Martin Memorial Classic.

Tough time for Madonna

Lady Ocelots stand 6-3 Gonzalez and Kate Trejos fin-The Schoolcraft College Four MU players reached women's volleyball team went double figures in kills with 3-2 in last weekend's Owens Karie Altman and Megan **Technical Community College**

Fricke getting 18 apiece. Liz (Ohio) Tournament. On Friday, Schoolcraft split Dempsey (Livonia Franklin) and Nastija Baranovska added a pair of matches defeating host Owens, 25-18, 25-18, 25-Setter Eva Prieditis had a 13, before falling to Sinclair

(Ohio) CC, 25-22, 25-12-, 21match-high 67 assist-to-kills, while Amanda Koszela added 25, 16-25, 6-15. 37 digs. Dempsey also finished In Saturday's opener, host Earlier in the day, unbeaten

Kisshwaukee (Ill.) defeated the Lady Ocelots, 25-23, 25-15, Schoolcraft rebounded with wins over Vincennes (Ind.), 25-23, 25-26, 25-18, 25-22, and

Genessee (N.Y.) CC, 25-12, 25-

Five Warrior players reached 22, 25-18. double figures in kills led The Lady Ocelots are 6-3 by Deddiy Alaimaleata's 14. overall.

> **SPORTS ROUNDUP** at PCEP. There are about 70

Meeting: Salem girls lax

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 at 7 p.m. Wednesday, 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 composed of players from the three schools

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.



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LENNOX



Although Canton's Paul Rakovitis (No. 42) graduated, the 2010 Chiefs should still be plenty good with returnees such as Mitch Clinton (No. 27, second from left) and Miles Felton (No. 31), shown from the 2009 Wayne County Invitational. Also pictured are Livonia Churchill's Quinn Osgood (far left) and Livonia Stevenson's Matt Williams (No. 205).

Chiefs to trot out proven cast

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Some of the best runners in Canton cross country history are history, graduating after stellar prep careers. You can list Zack Spreitzer, Keith Zech and Paul Rakovitis as just a few of those losses.

But for Chiefs head coach Bill Boyd, plenty of excellent talent remains as the program looks to catch the next wave of

"Canton returns one of its best runners in school history (Miles Felton) and two other runners who have broken 17:10," Boyd noted. "If the team can fill out its top five, stay healthy and find some depth, they could compete for the (KLAA South) division and a

CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW

Valuable Runner with a personal best of 16 minutes, 23 seconds and again capturing all-region honors.

"Miles holds the records for fastest sophomore and fastest freshman in school history," Boyd said. "After only two years, he is already one of the best runners the school has ever seen.'

Helping Felton out as the Chiefs try to make their mark in 2010 are junior Mitch Clinton (2009 PR of 16:48) and junior Bradon Conley (PR of 17:05 in '09).

Seniors Jim Hodgeson and Keegan Sullivan (18:09) provide additional experience for Canton, with other juniors

Kids stepping right in for Wildcats

Boyd said Pepper and Cox are track runners with promise. Meanwhile, Cox led the Chiefs in mileage over the summer months.

Promising sophomore Andrew Stephens could make strides on an impressive debut, which featured a personal best of 17:52 and team rookie of the year honors.

Sophomores Owen Ash, Jay Drennan, Josh Joy, Keith Olsen and Steven Winther will look to move up the ladder after running for the Canton JV in '09.

Ten other athletes new to the program include juniors Jeff Molchan, Jackson Lytle, sophomores Brendan Noble, James Hildreth and freshmen Tom Walkinshaw, Grant Mast, Justin Kolbicz, Joseph Yager, Jack Chaney and Mace Gatzek.

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OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT Sept. 4 at Fox Creek Golf Course Sept. 5 at Whispering Willows GC FINAL RESULTS

Championship flight (low gross): 1. Jim Omietanski, 77-70-147 (won playoff; \$400 gift certificate); 2. Chris Kiehler, 71-76-147 (\$200 gift card); 2. Matt Lee, 80-68-148 (\$160 gift card); 4. Andrew Rousos, 72-77-149 (\$120 gift card); 5. Kirk Osler, 79-71-150; 6. Tommy Lucko, 76-75-151; 7. (tie) Thomas Morris, 79-73-152; Dave Reeese, 80-72-152; Ben Proben, 74-78-152; 10. (tie) Kenny Klee, 77-76-153; Bruce West, 79-74-153; 12. Raz Boghikian, 76-79-155; 13. (tie) Adam Powers, 79-77-156; Adam Giordano, 79-77-156; Don Breen, 79-77-156; Jimmy Johnson, 80-76-156; 17. Dan Higham, 80-79-159; 18. (tie) Riley Butcher, 84-76-160; Matt Robinson, 81-79-160; 20. Jim McComb, 86-77-163; 21. (tie) Daniel Tacker, 84-81-165; Kevin Thomas, 81-84-165; 23. (tie) Jason Pelc, 87-81-168; Evan Varnas, 80-86-168; 25. Ron Ambrose 84-85-169; 26. Kevin Robinson, 83-87-170; 27. Leon Kashawlic, 85-87-172; 28. Michael Palmer, 84-90-174; 29. Doug Harmala, 92-88-180; 30. Nicholas Griswold, 94-87-181; 31. David DeLano, 76-withdrew; 32. Walter Bills, 89-withdrew; 33. Steve Butcher, withdrew. Low net: 1. (tie) Osler and Johnson, 140 each (\$165 gift cards each); 3. (tie) Proben and Breen, 142 (\$95 gift cards each); 5. Higham, 143 (\$75).

First flight (low gross): 1. Tim Proben, 78-80-158 (\$165 gift card); 2. Kyle Thom, 76-86-162 (won 3-way playoff; \$125 gift card); 3. (tie) Dan Omietanski, 79-83-162; Nick Proben 81-81-162; 5. Peter Mianowski, 84-80-164; 6. (tie) Bryan Boyd, 83-82<mark>-165; Henry Russe</mark>ll, 88-79-165; 8. (tie) Stephen Connolly, 87-80-167 Zoz Compagnari, 86-81-167; 10. Kevin Moreno, 86-83-169; 11. Matt O'Neill, 85-91-176; 12. Alex

Estes, withdrew. Low net: 1. Compagnari, 141 Senior Division (low gross): 1, James

Mlynarczyk, 74-74-148 (\$200 pift card): 2. Paul Rvs, 77-73-150 (\$160 gift card); 3. Bill Himm, 79-76-155: 4. Larry Stephens, 80-77-157: 5. (tie) J.B. Brown, 77-85-162; Mark Johnson, 80-82-162; 7. (tie) Sam Williams, 85-79-164; Tom Wheeler, 80-84-164; 9. Matt Rybinski, 85-80-165; 10. (tie) Doug Fox, 85-81-166; Greg Wirth, 85-81-166; 12. (tie) Greg Meyer, 83-85-168; Larry Parker, 81-87-168; 14. Lew Jefferies, 89-80-169; 15. Gordy Harrison, 88-83-171; 16. (tie) Shane Goodhall, 90-87-177; Vince Hogrebe, 89-88-177; 18. John Smith. 89-93-182; 19. (tie) Mike Keller, 90-93-183; Jack Walsh, 94-99-193; 21. Roger Pattee, 99-97-196; 22. Rick Wheeler, 79-withdrew; 23. Kevin Brown, 91-withdrew. Low net: 1. Fox and Park, 138 each (\$130 gift card each): 3, Stephens, 139 (\$100 gift card); 4. T. Wheeler (\$90 gift card).

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

MONROE TOURNAMENT Aug. 27 at Monroe H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 22 points: 1 Livonia Franklin, 19: 3, Plymouth: 4, Monroe: 5 Brownstown Woodhaven: 6. Carleton Airport. Franklin 1sts: Stephen Payne (No. 1 singles); Christian Woods (No. 2 singles); Joe Bastas-Quentin Palais (No. 3 doubles); 2nds: Chase Semonick-

Jacob Liberati (No. 4 doubles); Chris Sitarski-Jake Turchan (No. 5 doubles); 3rds: Brandon Kozyn (No. 3 singles); Tim Crouson (No. 4 singles). MONROE INVITATIONAL

Aug. 20 at Monroe H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Franklin 19 points; 2. Brownstown Woodhaven, 15; 3. Riverview Gabriel Richard; 4. Temperance Bedford; 5. Monroe; 6. Carleton Airport. Franklin 1sts: Stephen Payne (No. 1 singles); Christian Woods (No. 2 singles); Brandon Kozyn (No. 3 singles); Chase Semonick-Jacob Liberati (No. 4 doubles); Chris Sitarski-Jake Turchan (No.

5 doubles); 2nds: Tim Crouson (No. 4 singles);

John Vetula-Tyler Kaldobsky (No. 1 doubles).

DUAL MATCH RESULTS CANTON 7, LIVONIA CHURCHILL 2 No. 1 singles: Ryan Hanz (Canton) defeated Akshay Moorthy, 6-7, 6-3, 6-2; No. 2: Adam

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Payne (Canton) def. Matt Cezat, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; No. 3: Jalen Woods (LC) def. Varun Bandri, 6-1, 6-3; No. 4: Rishabh Aruikar (LC) def. Jordan Anderson, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Jimmy LaFontaine-Austin Pavne (Canton) def. Mike Houghan-Joe Mulka, 7-6, 2-6, 7-5; No. 2: Rocky Willette-Josh Wendel (Canton) def: Abe Alhabeil-Alex Zuccarini, 4-6, 7 6, 6-3; No. 3: Ashwin Kumar-Alan Halim (Canton) def. Ryan McPherson-Eric Stromberg, 6-3, 6-4; No. 4: Luke Freeman-James Dodge (Canton) def. Kyle Appel-Mikey Inglis, 6-7, 6-3, 6-1; No. 5: Nirmal Pathak-Steve Price (Canton) def. Brian Baumgartner-Kenny Denstaedt, 6-4, 7-5.

Churchill's dual match record: 2-2 overall, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 8, WAYNE MEMORIAL 1

Aug. 31 at Franklin No. 1 singles: Stephen Payne (LF) defeated

Brandon Harnos, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Christian Woods (LF) def. Zach Williamson, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Brandon Kozyn (LF) def. Zach Lankton, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Tim Crouson (LF) def. Michael Battaglia, 6-2, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: John Vetula-Tyler Kaldobsky (LF) def. Abhishek Roy-Stephen Gush, 6-3, 6-1; No. 2: Jarret Williamson-Sebastian Torres

Campos (WM) def. Brian Haupt-Connor Benson, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1; No. 3: Joe Bastas-Quentin Palais (LF) def. Michael Toms-Corey Robbins, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Chase Semonick-Jacob Liberati (LF) def. Shane Schooley-Cody Huffaker, 6-0, 6-3; No. 5: Jake Turchan-Chris Sitarski (LF) def. Antonio Heberling-Sam Herber, 2-6, 6-1, 6-1,

Dual match records: Franklin, 2-1 overall, 1-0 KLAA South; Wayne, 1-2 overall, 0-1 KLAA

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 8, ROYAL OAK O Aug. 25 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Stephen Payne (LF) defeated Jessie Friedman, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Christian Woods (LF) def. Dominic Notarantonia, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Brandon Kozyn (LF) def. Matt Lutz, 7-5, 6-3; No. 4: Tim Crouson (LF) def. Mac Lewis, 6-3, 6-4. No. 1 doubles: 1 John Vetula-Tyler

Kaldobsky (LF) def. Evan Manidok, 6-1, 6-3; No. 2: Kevin Madison-Zak Pasikowski (RO) def. Connor Benson-Brian Haupt, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3; No. 3: Joe Batas-Quentin Palais (LF) def. Chad Bateman-Shea Norling, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Chase Semonich-Jacob Liberati (LF) won by default No. 5: Jake Turchan-Chris Sitarski (LF) won

Franklin's dual match record: 1-1 overall

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including Kurt Kowalski and spot in the state meet." Alex Krul (JV last year) plus Felton excelled for the third straight year in 2009, earnnewcomers Mitch Pepper and ing kudos as the team Most Zach Cox expected to help the tsmith@hometownlife.com

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's girls cross country team has a different look than last year's, due to the graduation of three top run-

In fact, out of 29 girls on the team (which includes the junior varsity), 12 are newcom-

But with several of those promising youngsters ready to step in, Wildcats head coach Mary Kerwin is looking forward to what 2010 might bring

"Although we are a young team, we show a lot of



Traitses

We have had some girls step up to help fill the gaps left from ast year. "The girls

Kerwin said.

have done all

that I have asked them to do. ... If we keep working hard every day and run smart during races we will surprise some teams by the end of October.

The Wildcats will be led by senior captains Britta Swanson, Jess Graham and Adrienne White as well as

junior Nicole Traitses — the team's top runner and a 2009 state qualifier.

But Kerwin also is pleased to see freshman Brianna Lax quickly make her mark; she is slotted as one of the frontrun-

Other girls who the coach expects to help the cause are Sophie Roberts, Marina DeBiasi, Elyse Gryniewicz, Julie Hahn, Constadina Manettas, Mandy McSween and Jordyn Strahm.

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Depth sparking Lady Ocelots

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Just three games into the season, the depth of talent found up-and-down the Schoolcraft women's soccer roster is already paying dividends.

The Lady Ocelots ran their

early-season record to 3-1 Monday with an impressive 2-0 triumph over nationallyranked Iowa Western. That victory came on the

heels of another solid performancne three days earlier in which the Lady Ocelots jumped all over Jackson Community College, 5-0.

"They were both nice wins for us because we have a few injuries now and it says a lot about some of the players who came off the bench," Schoolcraft head coach Deepak Shivraman said. "I'm really proud of the way we played both games. For us to get a win against a quality team like Iowa Western, which is ranked in the top 10 in the NJCAA, and then to get the victory over Jackson, which is a rival, will certainly help us down the road."

In the win over Iowa Western, sophomore Jen Giegler accounted for all the scoring by knocking in a pair of first-half goals.

Sophomore goalkeeper Sam Suter, with solid help defensively from freshmen Sierra Cano, Kim Vaillancourt and Jessica Lyon made the lead

"I thought all three girls - Sierra, Jessica and Kim - did a a great job of keeping Iowa Western's players at bay," Shivraman said. "And Sam played very well again in goal.

The triumph over Jackson CC featured five different Lady Ocelots boot home a goal.

Giegler staked the Lady Ocelots to an early lead in the game and teammates Rene Boudreau (Livonia Stevenson), Shannon Merritt (Livonia Stevenson), Adrianna Guerrero and Lindsay McMullen (Livonia Churchill) chipped in with one apiece to provide the comfortable margin of victory.

"We came out and played very strong," Shivraman said. "Jackson is a rival and you never know about those kinds of games. We played with a little more focus and offensively things are clicking and the gorls are doing a nice job of working together."

Suter registered the shutout in goal in the first half and freshman Stacey Briebe matche that effort in the second half.

"Both these wins were important to us and I just think we're in a better position than what we were," Shivraman said. "It's just a combination of everything clicking for us right now.' ROBERTS WESLEYAN 2,

MADONNA 1: In Rochester, N.Y., a pair of first-half goals held up Saturday as host Roberts Wesleyan (4-2) downed Madonna University (0-3-1) in a women's match. The Crusaders outshot

Roberts Wesleyan, 19-12, and held an 11-7 edge in shots on goal, but could not get the equalizer following a penalty kick by senior Ellen O'Rear (Madison Heights Bishop Foley) got the Crusaders on the board in the 37th minute.

Roberts Wesleyan scored in the game's third minute on an Erika Luedke goal off a pass from Kelsey Medeiros. The Raiders made it 2-0 in

the 33rd minute when Mandi Hochheimer scored to make it 2-0. O'Rear's first goal of the season made it 2-1 and the Crusaders forced Amanda

Prestigiacomo to make four

saves in the second half, but

could not tally the equalizer, Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville) made five saves

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND GREENWAY PLAN

PROPOSED ACTION: A public hearing will be regarding the proposed 2010 Charter Township of Plymouth Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan.

PURPOSE: To receive final comments from the public regarding the proposed plan.

DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, September 22, 2010

TIME OF HEARING: 4:00 PM to 7:30 P.M.

PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, has completed a review of the Township's Recreation and Open Space Plan adopted by the community in 2005. The purpose of the review was to update the Recreation and Open Space Plan to make sure the new plan (2010 Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan) reflects the needs of the community for the next five years, and establishes a method for implementing the plan. Your input has been requested throughout this process. The intent of this public hearing is to receive any final comments you may have before the plan is considered for adoption by the Township Board. To assist you in this matter you can find a "Draft" copy of the 2010 Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan online at the Township's web site http://www.plymouthtwp.org/. In addition, a hard copy can be found at the following locations: Plymouth District Library, the Township Clerk's office, Township Treasurer's office, Township Building Department and the Township Community Development Department. You will have an opportunity to present us with your comments or recommendations at the meeting or, if you wish, you may provide us with your written comments or recommendations by sending them to:

> Ms. Jana Pritchard Division of Public Services 9955 North Haggerty Road Plymouth, MI 48170 e-mail: jpritchard@plymouthtwp.org

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Ms. Pritchard at the Division of Public Services at (734) 354-3258.

James D. Anulewicz Director of Public Services

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Omietanski wins playoff, O&E crown

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jim Omietanski entered Sunday's final round of the Observer & Eccentric Men's Golf Open seven shots off the lead.

Doing the math, the Livonia Stevenson boys golf coach had a figure dancing in his head to get back into contention after settling for a 77 in Saturday's opening round at Livonia's Fox Creek Golf Course.

"The only way I thought I'd have a chance is to shoot between 70 and 68 and they'd shot somewhat higher and post some high numbers," Omietanski said. "I felt if I shot even-par, I could get first or second."

Omietanski, a material handling supervisor at Ford Motor Company, rallied on Sunday at Livonia's Whispering Willows G.C. with a 70 and captured his third O&E crown in a sudden death playoff over Chris Kiehler of South Lyon.

Kiehler, a 1996 Livonia Churchill High grad and former O&E champ (1998), led the field with a 71 on Saturday, but settled for a 76 on Sunday after three-putting the final hole where he took a bogey on the par-4, No. 18.

"The only holes I three-putted were No. 17 and 18," said Kiehler, also a Ford Motor Co. engineer. "On No. 18 I thought I had a good putt."

In the playoff, Omietanski landed his drive safely just off the left side of the fairway on the par-4, 451-yard No. 10 hole.

Meanwhile, the 32-year-old Kiehler launched his drive well to the left of the fairway and into a cluster of trees where he was forced to lav up from about 80

"It was not a good swing, a little quick,



The winners of the Observer & Eccentric Men's Golf Open were (from left) Tim Proben, First Flight; Jim Omietanski, Championship Flight; and James Mylnarczyk, Senior Division.

that's what happened," Kiehler said. Omietanski's approach shot landed pinhigh on the green from approximately 25 feet out where he two-putted for par.

Meanwhile, Kiehler's 15-footer to save par slid just to the left as he settled for bogey, giving Omietanski his first O&E crown since 2006.

"Today I only hit one bad tee shot," said Omietanski, who won his first O&E title in 2005. "I kept the ball in play and only missed five greens. I putted real well. I made the putts I had to make and I hit my irons as good as I've hit them all year."

Kiehler simply could not continue his momentum following a 71 on Saturday.

"I did not hit the ball good today," Kiehler said. "I hit it good yesterday. I thought the course today was fair. Yesterday it was tougher, but things went well."

Kiehler, a regular on the Michigan Publinx circuit at Canton's Fellows Creek, Complete O&E golf tournament results, B3.

had taken two weeks off prior to the O&E. "I played a lot this summer," he said. "I had a 14-day break, but I was hungry to play golf. I played another round Saturday at Walnut Creek (Country Club)."

Meanwhile, Omietanski noted his 77 on Saturday at Fox Creek was a bit out of character.

"Saturday my score was higher than normal," he said. "I was 5-over on the par-3s. I took three penalty strokes - two unplayables along the fence - and on No. 14 - where I was in the weeds and tried to

Just prior to the O&E, Omietanski participated in the 2010 Golf.com World Amateur Handicap Championship in Myrtle Beach, S.C., a tournament that attracted 3,071 golfers in 68 different

In four days of stroke play, Omietanski shot rounds of 73-73-77-78 in the Senior Men division (ages 50-59) for handicaps 0.6-to-4.6 where he finished seventh in

"I played nine rounds, some really nice courses," Omietanski said. "The finals of the championship round were at the TPC of Myrtle Beach.

After finishing with an 80 on Saturday, the low round of the tournament went to Matt Lee, who fired a 31 on the front nine Sunday and wound up with 68 despite taking a double-bogey 7 on the par-5, No. 16. Lee finished third with a 148 total, while Andrew Rousos placed fourth with a 72-77-149.

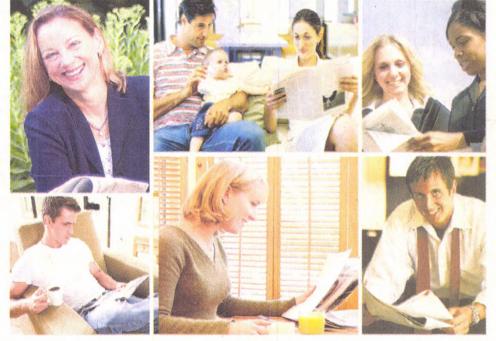
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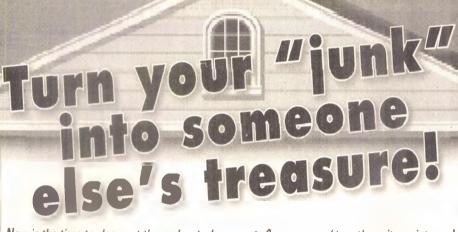
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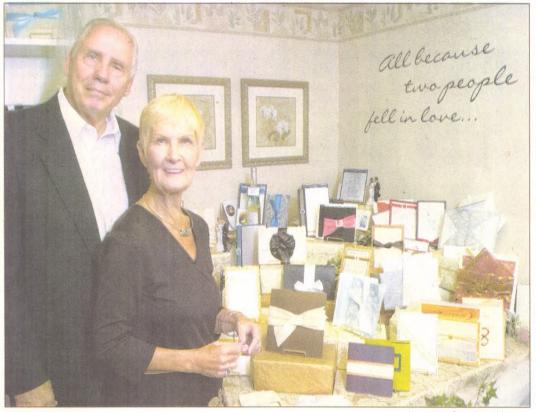
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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Karen Kellems Bailey, owner of Custom Creations and Invitations, gives a lot of credit to husband Bob Bailey.

Invitations with a homemade touch

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

Custom Creations: We design unique and original custom wedding invitations (and also any other special occasion ... anniversaries, baby showers/announcements, special parties, graduations, etc.), where every one is made by hand. They are made to specifically reflect the style and personality of the couple. We work within client's budgets to give them something unique and different and something their guests will want to tuck away with their memories of this special day. I have a selection of over 3,000 handmade papers from all over the world. Our prices begin at \$4 per invitation, which is a basic (but unique) style and includes the reception card, response card and envelopes. The price from there is dependent upon the papers and designs and embellishments chosen ... we can do all the bells and whistles a client wishes to make it uniquely theirs ... there is no maximum price ... that is up to whatever the client wishes for their custom design. Observer: How did you first decide

to open your business? Custom Creations: Well I like to say that if you want to make God laugh ... just tell Him your plans! I did just that ... and absolutely nothing I planned came to fruition. My life did drastically change, but not in the way I thought it would. When my husband and I got married 10 years ago, we planned to travel a lot ... we both had good jobs and loved to travel. Immediately after our wedding, I had a number of health issues arise and ultimately had to leave my job. My family and friends told me I was creative and that I should try something in that area. I have always loved the beauty and symbolism of weddings and decided to try my hand at wedding invitations. More recently, I tried the larger bridal shows, such as the Novi Bridal Expo at Rock Financial. Observer: Why did you choose

Canton? **Custom Creations: Canton** has flourished in the last few vears and has a very diverse culture. My designs have no limit and my creativity has never been stumped, so I like to think I can create something unique and different for anyone's taste. That makes for a good mutually satisfying experience

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Business opened when?: It began to flourish 5-6 years ago when we moved to Canton. I previously worked out of my home office in Farmington Hills for 2-3 years until I outgrew that space. Number of Employees: 4-5 part-time independent contractors, two calligraphers, and my husband, who is invaluable to me

Hours of operation: 7 days a week, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Your business specialty: Unique custom-designed wedding invitations; every invitation is made by hand, including unique wedding programs, beautiful custom seating charts and easels, wine bottle collars, escort cards, favor tags, table number cards, memorial tributes, and so much more. I have privileged access to over 3,000 handmade papers from all

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for everyone. I have gotten to say that I have been so to know other businesses owners in the area and we are successful in promoting one another and in open networking, which I think is the best way to run a business. We all need to help one another.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Custom Creations: Again, what I do is custom and different. I design specifically for the couple. I have over 3,000 handmade papers from all over the world. My personality is outgoing, very friendly, extremely creative, adaptable and I think what's important to my clients is that I listen to what they want and what they hope to convey to their guests about the wedding with their unique invitations. Then I make their dream invitation a reality that sets the stage for the wonderful event to follow.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Custom Creations: I started out by just offering wedding invitations. Over the years my creativity and scope of design ability has drastically evolved and I am now able to offer many more items and unique ideas to the bride/client. I am basically one-stop shopping when it comes to invitations and stationery type items. People seem to like that fact that when they come to me, I will do everything they need for their wedding (including referring them to other vendors for their other needs) right down to a unique style of wrap-around addressing that I recently created where I also offer addressing of all their envelopes in a unique fashion. Observer: How has the recent

economy affected your business? Custom Creations: I have

fortunate. I do have clients who are on smaller budgets and I still design something unique and different for them. I offer more options and smaller prices to fit their budget. I'm kind of known for giving little extras that I don't charge people for ... I just want to make it so special and I tend to add in a few freebies and surprises along the way, which sometimes elicits squeals of delight. That always makes my day. I know how expensive weddings can be so I try to be as reasonable as I can. Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Custom Creations: Remember you are there to provide a service. Be happy and thankful that you are doing something you enjoy. Let the client know you are there for them and will do your utmost to give them a product that is memorable and unique. Make your part of their wedding something they will remember as a very positive experience. Referrals and word of mouth are the sincerest form of flattery - make them want to refer you to others. It will come back to you ... even if it's just in your own personal satisfaction!

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

Custom Creations: I continue to create new and unique designs and stay on top of current colors and trends ... although I have to admit "I pretty much do my own thing." I hope to expand my horizons and be able to offer even more to my clients, including expanding my line of other special occasion invitations. I hope to continue making clients happy with my creativity for many years to come.

CHAMBER CHAT

Scarecrows reservations

The Chamber is now taking reservations for Scarecrows in the Park. The cost is \$35 and includes a bale of straw and a sturdy pole to "build" your scarecrow on. Decorating begins on Friday, Sept. 24. To reserve a scarecrow call the Chamber at (734) 453-1540 or e-mail teri@plymouthmich. org. The number is limited to 25, so get one early.

Brandon speaks

University of Michigan athletic director and former Domino's Pizza CEO David Brandon will be our featured speaker at our Good Morning Plymouth Community Breakfast on Sept. 29. He will discuss the state of the U-M athletic programs and also relay interesting lessons from his successful business career.

The breakfast will be at Plymouth Manor starting at 7 a.m. Brandon will be speaking promptly at 7:30 a.m. and the event will conclude at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$13 per person. Cancellations must be received 48 hours prior to the event, since the Chamber is liable for all meals. Plymouth Manor is located at 345 N.

To RSVP for the breakfast, e-mail teri@plymouthmich. org or call (734) 453-1540. RSVP as soon as possible since the chamber can only take 200 reservations from members. This event is co-hosted with the Plymouth AM Rotary and sponsored by TDS Metrocom.

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Ladies Night

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts downtown Plymouth's annual Ladies Night Out Thursday, Sept. 16, from 5-9 p.m. This event is a night for ladies to

enjoy an evening on the town

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Fall fun returns to annual Plymouth festival

Cars, crafts, food and carnival fun will take center stage in downtown Plymouth this weekend, Sept. 10-12, for the 55th annual Plymouth Community Fall Festival.

The festival will run noon to 11 p.m. Friday; 7 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday; and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday.

What started as a community picnic and chicken barbecue during the 1950s has evolved into a food and fun fest that not only offers barbecue, but breakfast, lunch and spaghetti dinner as well.

Taste Fest kicks off the weekend activities from 6-8 p.m. Friday, at Station 885, 885 Starkweather. Advance tickets are \$15 and available at Station 885 or the Chamber of Commerce Office, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail. They'll be available until 5 p.m. Friday at the ticket booth at Main and Penniman. Ticket-holders will have a chance to sample foods from more than 30 restaurants. Beverages will be available for purchase. The Wile E. Coyote Band will perform at the Taste Fest Stage.

The Kiwanis Club will serve its annual pancake breakfast



Youngsters take a train ride at the carnival during Plymouth Community Fall Festival.

from 7-11:30 a.m. Saturday, under the Gathering, across from Kellogg park. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the

door. Children, 5 and under eat for free. Get tickets from Jim Grutza at (734) 216-2858. Or buy them at the festival at the ticket booth at Main and Penniman.

Can't decide between spaghetti or chicken? Try both. AM Rotary Club will serve pasta from 4-8 p.m., Saturday, at the northeast corner of Kellogg Park. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$9 at the door; \$4 for kids, 1-12. Children under 2 eat for free. Call Rotary past-president Kate Rosevear at (734) 455-5810 for tickets or more information. Spaghetti is carry out or eat in.

The Rotary Club's Annual Chicken BBQ runs 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday in Kellogg Park and includes a half chicken, corn-on-the-cob, roll with butter, pop and a cookie for \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Advance tickets are available at Horton Plumbing, 1382

W. Main, Plymouth. Rotary ticket booths will be located at Ann Arbor Trail and Main or Penniman and Main.

After eating your way through the festival, try walking off the calories through the festival craft show on Union Street, between Ann Arbor Trail and Roe. Hours are noon-dusk, Friday, 9 a.m.dusk Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Take a spin on a carnival ride or browse through antique cars on display Saturday-Sunday.

The Kellogg Park entertainment stage will offer music all weekend, starting with Parker Welling on Friday, The Randy Brock Group and The Crutches on Saturday, and Double Cross Band on Sunday. Other entertainment includes an Optimist Club pet show, dance performances, and martial arts demonstra-



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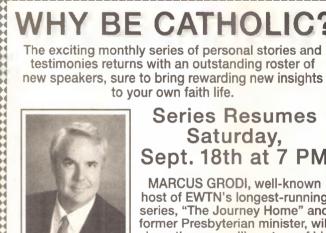
Carnival games offer chances to win prizes at the Plymouth Community Fall



Families enjoy a pancake breakfast served by the Kiwanis Club.







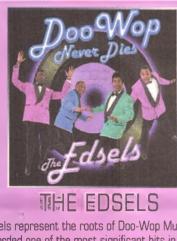
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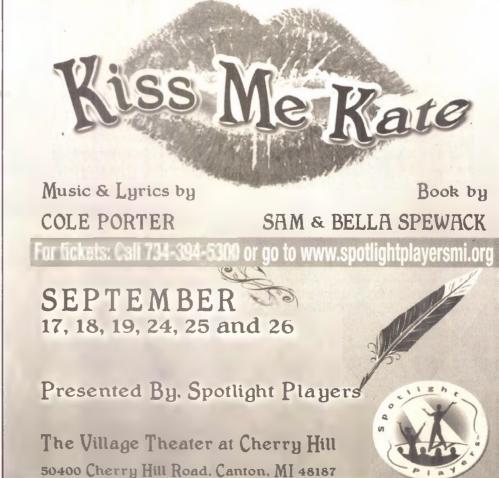
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Luncheon program is to 'dye' for

BY SHARON DARGAY

Look at a Marilyn Prucka quilt and you almost can see river eddies and ordered corn rows in the dyed, embroidered and burned patterns.

Take a whiff during the dye process and you can smell the land-scape that inspires her work.

scape that inspires her work.

"The batting underneath is dyed with walnut hulls from walnut

"The batting underneath is dyed with walnut hulls from walnut trees that grow along the river. When you boil the hulls ... it smells so earthy and wonderful," said Prucka, explaining the coloring process used on three quilts in her mudflats series.

Three pieces from the series, as well as 14 other quilts are on display this month at Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC). An artist reception for the exhibit will be held 6-8 p.m., Sept. 24 at the PCAC's JoAnne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 Sheldon, Plymouth. Prucka also is the guest speaker at the Council's Art Lunch, 11:45 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 15. The program includes a gourmet box lunch and Prucka's presentation, "Not Afraid to Dye," about her fiber art, creativity and process. Tickets for the luncheon are \$15.

Pat Adams, a member of the lunch committee who also handles exhibits, said PCAC offered two previous luncheons, one in December 2009 and one in May.

"They used to do them in the olden days here and then they got away from it," Adams said. "And the exhibits went away. We restarted those a year ago. There was a lot of interest in the luncheon and speakers and we decided to re-start them."

She said the first two luncheons sold out, drawing more than 50 participants. Monthly exhibits have included a variety of art styles and media

"We're trying to offer different kinds of art. We go from watercolor to oil to woodcut to pastels. We haven't done a quilt exhibit since January," Adams said, adding that Prucka's work was recommended for display.

INSPIRED BY WATER

Prucka was volunteering as a docent at the Riverside Art Center in Ypsilanti when a PCAC member asked her to speak at Art Lunch. Prucka agreed to waive her usual speaker's fee in exchange for a quilt exhibit at the center.

"I'm tweaking it a bit," she said Tuesday, while hanging a few additional pieces for the show. "My inspiration has always been from the Raisin River. My studio is on the river. I take inspiration from the landscape. My studio is in a very rural area. I have a huge field across the road."

The Monroe artist combines river and land in many of her works, include a series of mini quilts called "River Meets Land."

She uses a variety of methods, including dye, bleaching, painting, needlework and a technique that burns cotton fabric to produce her images.

A former hospital emergency room nurse, Prucka, took community college art classes before studying printmaking at the University of Toledo, where she earned a bachelor's degree. She switched to fiber arts for her master's degree at Eastern Michigan University.

"During course work on printmaking, a friend urged me to take an elective class called dyes and fibers. It totally changed my life." Prucka said she works on art every day, whether weaving, quilt-

"It's something I love to do and I do it every day. I crave it," she said.



Fiber art by Marilyn Prucka is on display through September at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Westland theater offers youth classes

Inspire Theatre will register children and teens Saturday, Sept. 11, for its new Inspire School of Theatre Arts.

Registration for children, 7-16, runs 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 33445 Warren Road, Westland.

Students will learn about work on stage as well as behind the scenes. Study topics will include stage directions, finding your voice, understanding how to act, and working with others. Cost is \$20 weekly. A \$50 discount is available for full payment at registration.

Inspire Theatre began in 2005 and has produced such plays as the Wizard of Oz, Father of the Bride, It's a Wonderful Life, and many original productions, most written by Inspire Theatre founder Len Fisher. Fisher, who majored in theatre at Youngstown State and holds a degree from North Central University, has been involved in theatre most of his adult life. He has acted, produced, written, and directed more than 50 productions and has directed children and adults both professionally and on the community level.

Most Inspire Theatre productions have included children but the classes are the theater's first venture solely for children.

Classes will begin Saturday Sept. 18 and run for 10 weeks, concluding with a Christmas production, Charlie Brown's Christmas.

Inspire Theatre will offer classes for homeschoolers on Tuesdays beginning Sept. 21. Registration will run 1-3 p.m., Tuesday Sept. 14.

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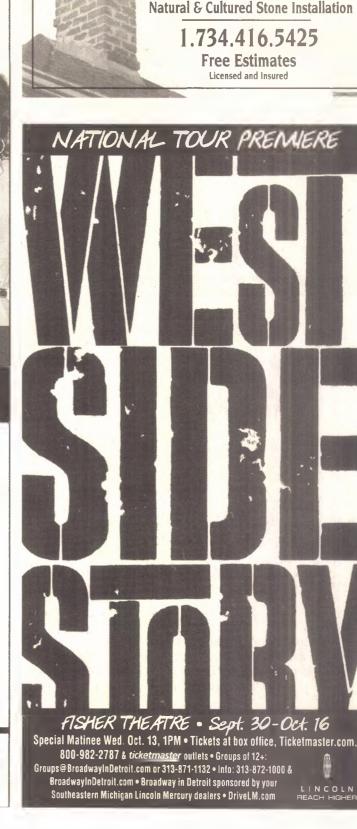






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Art & Ideas Time/Date: Through Sept. 18 Location: 15095 Northville Road, south of Five Mile, Plymouth Details: "Social Realism" photography by Thomas McMillen-Oakley, Shage Kalaj, and Julia DeClerck

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Time/Date: Through Sept. 9 **Location**: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills Details: Photography by Jennifer Berkemeier

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Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays Contact: (248) 327-0575; www. gocomedy.net

JD's House of Comedy Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Curtis Fuller and his quintet open the Jazz Cafe season Sept. 17 at Music Hall in Detroit.

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www. ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic: 8 p.m. Tuesdays.

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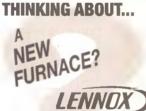
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Details: Chad Daniels, Sept. 8-11; Marc Ryan, Sept. 15-18; Doug Williams, Sept. 22-25; Ira Proctor, Sept. 29-Oct. 2

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Contact: (734) 763-8587; www. theark.org

Barn Theatre Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Sept. 25 Location: 32332 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Jill Jack; tickets are \$19 for adults; \$17 for seniors and students

Contact: (248) 473-1856

Detroit Institute of Arts Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m. Location: 5200 Woodward Ave Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.

Jazz Cafe Time/Date: 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.,

Sept. 17-18 Location: Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

Details: Curtis Fuller and his quintet kick off the new season of Jazz Cafe: tickets \$30

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Time/Dates: The Ultimate Retro Party with The Mega 80 s, Sept. 10, 18 and 25; Lewd Society & Lucky Brown, Sept. 11; Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise with Jamie McCarthy and Alyssa Simmons, Sept. 17; Stan Ridgeway, Sept. 21; Michelle Shocked, Sept. 24; Rick Emmett, Sept. 26; Bettie Serveert, Sept. 30

Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale

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Time/Date: 8 p.m. Oct. 7-9 Location: 350 Madison, Detroit Details: "The Merchants of

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Jill Jack will perform Sept. 25 at the Barn Theatre in Farmington Hills.

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Time/Date: 8 p.m., Sept. 11 Location: On the campus of Detroit Country Day School, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills **Details**: The Romeros, the "Royal Family of Guitar;" tickets \$75 Contact: (248) 855-6070 or www. ComeHearCMSD.org

Trinity House Theatre

Time/Date: Cairn to Cairn, Sept. 10; Stewart Francke, Sept. 11; Matt The Electrician, Sept. 16; Pat Terry and John Austin, Sept. 18; Martyn Joseph, Sept. 23; Nobody's Darlin', Sept. 24; Kevin Meisel, Oct. 1; Jason Dennie and John Latini, Oct. 2; Madcat and Kane and Maxwell Street, Oct. 8; Rob Lute with Jo Serrapere, Oct. 9; Dana Cooper with Daphne Willis, Oct. 15; Daniel Martin Moore and Ric Hordinski, Oct. 21; David Nefesh with Delta Twins, Oct. 23; Roy Bookbinder,

Oct. 29; Gaslight Square with Joel Palmer, Annie and Rod Capps, Jim Bizer and others, Oct. 30 Location: 38840 West Six Mile.

Contact: (734) 464-6302, www. trinityhouse.org

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

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

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

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

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

Detroit Zoo

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free

Contact: (248) 541-5717

FILM

Penn Theatre Time/Date: 7 p.m., Sept. 9 Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Knight and Day," \$3 admission

Coming up: 'The Sorcerer's Apprentice," 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Sept. 10-11, 5 p.m. and 7:05 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 12 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16 Contact: (734) 453-0870. www. penntheatre.com

Redford Theatre Time/Date: Sept. 10-11 Location: 17360 Lahser, Detroit Details: "African Queen" Coming up: "The Godfather." Sept. 24-25; \$4

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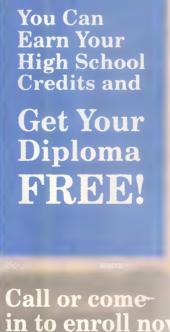
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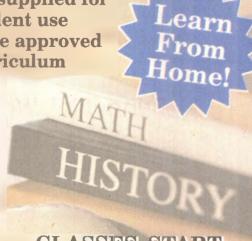
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Jews mark Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur or Day of Atonement

BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER

Members of the metro area Jewish community will gather together today, Sept. 9 to celebrate Rosh Hashana, the beginning of the new year and start of High Holy Days that end Sept. 18 with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.

According to the Jewish Community Relations Council in Bloomfield Hills, worshippers will pray for peace in Israel and Jerusalem, security for the Jewish State, successful peace negotiations to bring Israelis and Palestinians together and a diminished threat of terrorism from such groups such as Hamas and Hezbollah.

But at Congregation Bet Chaverim in Canton, members will hear a message that resonates closer to home.

"The central message of High Holy Days is personal responsibility," said Rabbi Peter Gluck. "I will talk on how each of us needs to take better care of ourselves and families and to make small changes we are capable of making. I can't make international peace, but I can do better with family, friends, the work place.

"For me, the message (of High Holy Days) is that while there are global issues going on, that many people feel are beyond control, let us remember that our personal lives are what God asks us to take care of."

That includes eating better, exercising, avoiding excess, being responsible, being kind to others, organizing the day to accomplish important tasks, responding to others with love rather than anger, maintaining a positive outlook and giving thanks.

"Peace can come, but it starts with our own homes and friends and then we let that ripple out to the world," Gluck said. "If you look at the theme of Yom Kippur, the whole point is to start with yourself and assume personal responsibility in the part of

the world you live in, in every day life. If everyone did that you wouldn't have to worry about the world. The message is that in the flow of events, to show consideration and kindness and not just talk about

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COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

Bet Chaverim's relationship with Cherry Hill United Methodist Church is a living example of peaceful coexistence, mutual respect and

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Families and congregations, like Bet Chaverim. build a sukkah — a hut or booth - made of boards and covered by a roof of branches and leaves at the holiday. The improvised structure is a reminder of the temporary dwellings used by the Israelites during their wandering through the desert.

Bet Chaverim will invite Cherry Hill United Methodist Church to help decorate the sukkah and give thanks

"We celebrate together as mutually caring communities. We have different pathways to God but the common values are there," Gluck said.

"It's a wonderful example of what can be when people take charge and relate and are responsible and live what they are teaching."

Rosh Hashana morning service at Bet Chaverim is 10 a.m. Sept. 9; Yom Kippur services are 7 p.m. Sept. 17 and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sept. 18. The Sukkot celebration is Sept. 26. It's located at 321 Ridge Road



Members of Congregation Bet Chaverim in Canton celebrate Sukkoh. The harvest holiday follows the High Holy Days, which start with Rosh Hashana and end with Yom Kippur.



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SEPT. 9-15

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

Contact: To schedule an audition, call (248) 644-1091 or e-mail to rightlady@comcast.net

Grief Share

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 discussed. Workbooks will be provided. There is no charge for the program,

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help cover costs.

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Bible class, 11 a.m. worship, followed by picnic, Sunday, Sept. 12

but a \$15 donation is suggested to

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., silent prayer vigil; 7-8 p.m., prayer service: 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,

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

Contact: (734) 722-1735

SEPT. 16-30

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to noon, Sunday, Sept. 19 Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland Details: All you can eat pancake and French toast breakfast includes ham, suasage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, tea, coffee, milk, juice; \$3 adults; \$1.50 children, ages 2-10.

Contact: (734) 425-4421 Drug, alcohol talk

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 30

Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's

Location: St. Joseph Parish multipurpose room, 830 S. Lafayette,

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

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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

roads, Livonia **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

Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions

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Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m.,

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville Contact: (734) 846-4615 for information

Nicole's Revival

Time/Date: 9 a.m., Monday-Friday Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture reading Contact: (313) 531-1234 Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday Location: 26701 Joy Details: Wednesday study/discus-

sion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor

Larry Hoxey Contact: (313) 274-3820 **Ward Presbyterian** Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six

Mile, Northville Details: Learner's Bible study is

Contact: (248) 374-5920 Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday

Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need

Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

Crafters wanted

First United Methodist Church Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 0ct. 23 Location: Eight Mile and Taft in Northville

Details: 3rd Annual Community Bizarre Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at the church. A great opportunity for local entrepreneurs and artists to showcase their talents and products to hundreds of local customers. Booking now Contact: For details and to reserve a place, e-mail to Pat Breslin at fumcbazaar@gmail.com. Learn more about Village Banking at www. FINCA.org

Riverside Park Church of God Time/Date: Oct. 22-23 Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia **Details**: Applications are being accepted for the annual fall craft show. Rental spaces are 8- by 5-feet and can be reserved for one day at a cost of \$20 or two days for \$30. Tables an additional \$5 Contact: (734) 464-0990: download an application at www.riversideparkchurch.org

St. John's Episcopal Church Time/Date: Oct. 9 Location: 555 South Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Looking for crafters and vendors to participate in a fall craft

Contact: (734) 721-5023 St. Thomas a'Becket Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4 **Location**: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Accepting applications for handmade crafts only for 20th annual Christmas Craft Show Contact: craftshow@abecket.org or (734) 844-1232 Fellowship dinner

St. James Presbyterian Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford **Details**: Cost is \$8 and includes dinner heverage and dessert. The

Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals **Contact**: (313) 268-7780. The church

phone number is (313) 534-7730 Food Bank New Hope Church

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill,

Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

Moms Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia Details: Mothers of Preschoolers.

Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners **Contact**: Angle at (248) 427-1020

Dunning Park Bible Chapel Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays Location: 24800 West Chicago

Road, Redford **Details**: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope

Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767 Prayer

Nardin Park United Methodist Church Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills **Details**: Participate in an open

time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests Contact: (248) 476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church

Details: Music, singing, prayer **Contact**: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

St. Michael's Church of Livonia Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday

Location: Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia Details: Parish prayer and **Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction** service follows. (734) 261-1455

Senior citizens Riverside Park Church of God Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., third Thursdays

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia Details: Senior adults, age 50 and over, enjoy social interaction and food Contact: (734) 464-0990

Singles First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville **Details**: Single Place Ministry meets; cost is \$5

Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org Steve's Family Restaurant Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia **Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others who are ready to help cope or become involved in the other social activities offered by Widowed Friends.

Contact: (313) 534-0399 Ward Evangelical Presbyterian

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., Sunday **Location**: 40000 Six Mile, Northville **Details:** Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation

Contact: (248) 374-5920

Song Circle Congregation Beth Ahm Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m., every Shabbat Location: 5075 W. Maple, West

Bloomfield **Details:** Sing zemirot (traditional Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew. Contact: (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net.

Support **Detroit World Outreach** Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Location: 23800 W. Chicago,

Redford; room 202 **Details**: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling

Contact: (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244 Farmington Hills Baptist Church Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: (248) 433-1011 **Merriman Road Baptist Church** Time/Date: 1-3 p.m., second and fourth Thursday Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden

City Details: Metro Fibro-Myalgia support group meets; no dues, but donations are accepted

Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.

com; or call Lucy with questions at

(734) 462-1768 Riverside Park Church of God Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia **Details**: Riverside Park Adult Day Ministry offers an adult daytime care program with a specialty in dementia care Contact: (734) 367-4220; www.riv-

ersideparkchurch.org St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon

Saturday morning Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and use if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.

Contact: (734) 421-8451. St. John's Episcopal Church Time/Date: 10 a.m., the first and third Friday

Location: 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth **Details**: St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets. Respite care is provided. The group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association

Contact: Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m., Thursday **Location**: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members to lose weight and keep it off Contact: Margaret at (734) 838-

0322 Unity of Livonia Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

Contact: (313) 387-9797. www. oa.org



RICHARD R. ARONSON

Age 84, of Livonia, passed away September 6, 2010. He was born July 26, 1926 in Detroit to Carl and Anna (Martenson) Aronson. On April 17, 1982 he married Sherry Ellison and they were very devoted to one another. He was a Teacher with Riverview Public Schools for 32 years and also was an adjunct facility member at Eastern Michigan University. Richard was a member of the Wayne County Reading Assoc., the Michigan Reading Assoc., the International Reading Assoc., and the Scholarship Fund for Children. He enjoyed gardening and loved roses. He was an avid reader and would read anything. He is survived by his beloved wife Sherry; his children, Karl R. Aronson, Jane A. (Chris) Flieller, and Charlotte J. Aronson; and his brother Carl (Mary Kay) Aronson. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Kris M. Aronson, his son David J. Aronson, and his sister Lenore Bly. Visitation will be held Friday, September 10 from 2-8pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. The funeral service will be held Saturday, September 11 at 11am with visitation beginning at 10am at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Contributions would be appreciated to Cooper Upper Elementary 28550 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, MI 48185 attn: Sherry Aronson or In Tandem Theatre 628



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MARY S. (Kwik) CHMIELEWSKI

Age 91. Devoted wife of the late Edward Loving mother of Mark Chmielewski, Kathleen (John) Liadis and Christine (James) Abbey. Proud grandmother of Dr. Angela and Andrea Chmielewski, Stephen and Nicholas Liadis, Eric (Ann) and Jeremy Abbey and greatgrandmother of Owen and Brendan Abbey. Dear sister of Clara (Kwik) Holoday. Mary was a devout Roman Catholic and a founding parishioner of Our Lady of Loretto Church, 60 year resident of Redford Township and an exemplary wife, mother and homemaker. Her life was centered around her church, home, family and education. She loved to bake, craft and garden. Mary was recently recognized for her life time achievements by a proclamation on the floor of the US Congress on her 90th birthday. Visiting Thursday 3-8 pm Rosary 7 pm at Charles R. Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly (btw 6-7 Mile). Instate Friday 9:30 am until a 10 am Mass at Our Lady of Loretto Church. Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

MARTIN J. EWALD

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Age 78, of Traverse City, died Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010, at Munson Medical Center. A memorial service will be held Friday, Sept. 10, at 11 a.m., at St. Francis Catholic Church in Traverse City, with visitation one hour prior. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family.
Condolences may be offered at: www.CovellFuneralHomes.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to: Covell Funeral Home

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CAROL F. GUREGIAN Age 84, died September 2, 2010.

Beloved wife of Lionel for 60 years;

dear mother of Sally Guregian of Northbrook, IL (Robert Witte), Mary Guregian Jenkins of Hingham, MA (Michael) and Elaine Guregian of Akron, OH (Dale Dong); devoted grandmother of Danielle, Alex, Zoë, Chris and Quinn. Born November 11, 1925, one of six children of Florence and Rex B. House, she is survived by her only brother, Walter House, of Webberville (Meredith). Carol was preceded in death by her sisters, Marianna Malkowski, Elda Oliver, Marjorie Taylor and Joan Guregian. Salutatorian of her high school class, Carol earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University), majoring in math, and a master's degree in education from Wayne State University. Carol's farm upbringing in Fowlerville instilled in her a love of nature that she brought to her work as a math and science teacher at Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth and as a photographer. A born teacher with a bright and inquisitive mind, she also taught algebra and biology at Lowrey High School in Dearborn and preschool at Plymouth Cooperative Nursery and Stone School Nursery in Ann Arbor. Carol was deeply compassionate, with an eye and ear for beauty that she expressed in many art forms. Her curiosity and zest for life continued unabated during the six years she lived with pseudomyxoma peritonei, a rare form of cancer. She found peace in the flower gardens she cultivated with Lionel, and she treasured her volunteer work, especially her long affiliation as a board member of the Methodist Children's Home Society. Visitation from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Dixboro United Methodist Church. Memorial tributes may be made to the Methodist Children's Home Society, 26645 W. 6 Mile Rd., Redford, MI 48240-9988.

MARY HARRINGTON LLOYD (Nee Engel)

Died September 4, 2010 at age 79. The beloved wife of 32 years to Ken Lloyd and daughter of Andy and Dorothy Engel of Manchester, Michigan, Mary is survived by her husband Ken, son Doug Harrington (Sue), daughter Anne Hollaway (Gordon), Pam Dase (Brad), Leslie Williams, and grandchildren Tom, Liz, Andy, Lesley, Lauren, Jill, Jessie, Jonathon, Johanna, Katie, Denny and Zack. Mary was a graduate of Michigan State (BS) and Wayne State (MS) Universities and taught for over 30 years in South Redford at Thurston High School and Marshall Jr. High. Traveling to many parts of the world filled her retirement years, and she maintained an active schedule of volunteering, gardening, baking, bridge, and writing letters to friends and acquaintances. A memorial service will be held for Mary at Emanuel United Church of Christ in Manchester, Michigan on Saturday, September 11 at 11:00am with a luncheon following. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to Emanuel United Church of Christ or The Salvation Army.



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Wine expert entertains, educates at Schoolcraft culinary event

BY BILL EMERICK OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lee Hershey is into wine. He teaches a class about wine. He has experience as a retail consultant for wholesalers, wine shops and restaurants. He hosts wine-tasting events at homes and businesses. He reads about wine, writes about wine and extols the virtues of the drink at every occasion.

Mostly, though, he just wants to get people to taste the ancient fermented-grape beverage. Most anyone who does, Hershey feels, will be hooked.

Hershey, 74, will be conducting a wine-tasting seminar at the 19th annual Culinary Extravaganza, a food and beverage event to benefit the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Program. The event, scheduled for 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, is at the college's VisTaTech Center.

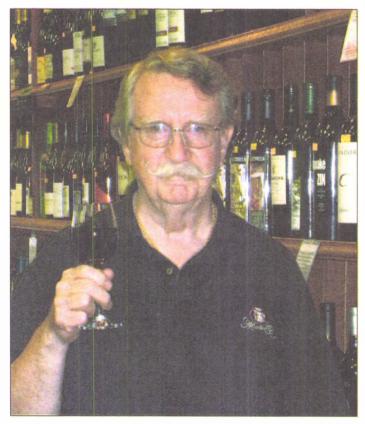
More than 50 vendors, featuring the area's leading restaurants and pastry shops, will be on hand to offers samples of food and beverages, including wine and distilled spirits. Tickets are \$50, \$20 of which is tax-deductible.

Hershey's role at the Extravaganza is the same one he's pursued for the last 35 years - entertaining and educating about the wide world of wine. "I'm kind of like this conduit for wine," he said in describing his avocation.

For the past 23 years, Hershey has taught classes on wine at Schoolcraft College as part of the school's personal enrichment program. His fall schedule includes Wines of the Southern Hemisphere and The Heart of Great Lakes Wines, both five-week courses that introduce students to the history and significance of the wine-making tradition in those regions — as well as plenty of tasting.

PASSION FOR WINE

Hershey has also been involved in various consulting positions, including with the famed Beaulieu Vineyard in Rutherford, Calif., located in the legendary Napa Valley. He's spent time as a sommelier at the Bay Harbor Yacht Club near Petoskey and most recently was instrumental in building the wine collection



Lee Hershey teaches wine classes at Schoolcraft College and will conduct a tasting seminar the the annual Culinary Extravagnza.

at The Grapevine restaurant in Novi.

It's his passion for wine, though, that's evident after even a short conversation about his beverage of choice. Hershey looks forward to his seminar at the Extravaganza as a way to widen the cult of devotees.

"It introduces people to me and, if you like my presentation, you may take my wine class," he said. "That benefits the school, it benefits me and it may benefit them in the end. We never know what you learn, but we all learn a little bit from each event."

Hershey will be offering samples of some of the half-dozen wholesalers and vintners expected at the Extravaganza, including Black Star Farms from Michigan's Leelanau Peninsula, J&J Importers and Ann Arbor Beverage. The idea is to give patrons a taste of different varietals and vintages in the hope they'll later hunt for something they enjoyed.

"You're tasting it, you're not really guzzling it," he said, "just like you're not going to eat 50 meals. If you pour a wine and you like it and want it, you'll go to a retailer and ask for it later.

"People can come and eat and drink and have a good

time and learn a lot."

'ENJOYABLE AND APPROACHABLE'

The seminar is just a small taste — pun intended — of what Hershey offers in his ongoing enrichment classes at Schoolcraft. He's seen a bit of a dropoff in enrollment in light of the state's economic woes, but he also said up to 45 percent of students take the class more than once, some as many as 35-40 times. Ages range from 21 (minimum) to as old as 80. And women outnumber men by a large margin.

drinking beer," he said, chuck-

Even so, there's no one demographic that dominates his students.

"Every imaginable (type of) soul on the planet has taken my classes," he said. "You name it — all kinds of folks have taken the classes."

Once they've enrolled, it's Hershey's job to see that they put aside any misconceptions that abound about wine and wine drinkers.

"The problem with people getting involved (with wine) is the amount of pretension in the world," he said. "A Frenchman or an Italian

Lee Hershey will conduct his wine seminar and tasting at the 19th annual Culinary Extravganza, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at the VisTaTech Center on the campus of Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. Tickets are \$50 and can be obtained by calling (734) 462-4518 or going online at www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation.

Hershey is also teaching two classes this fall as part of Schoolcraft's personal enrichment program. Wines of the Southern Hemisphere starts Sept. 20 and The Heart of Great Lakes Wines starts Nov. 8. Each meets 7-9 p.m. Mondays for five weeks and costs \$169 (\$135.20 for seniors). To enroll, call (734) 462-4448 or go online at www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd

thinks of wine like we think of groceries — you know, pick up a loaf of bread, a salad and a bottle of wine. In this country, there's a standoffish attitude about alcohol, I think from in the prohibition days.

"There's an aura that's been created and people are intimidated. It's hard to get people into (wine) because of this attitude. In a class like mine, we try to show people it's fun and something they can enjoy. It's very enjoyable and approachable. That's the biggest hurdle to getting people into the wine world.

Hershey's seen a lot of trends in his years in the industry, but the current economic downturn has actually contributed to some positive aspects in his mind.

The economy is such that you don't have a lot of enthusiasm for getting into wine like it once was," he said. "People are very cautious and becoming better wine buyers. We're putting pressure on wine makers to produce better wines. It doesn't matter if it's cheap — if it's no good, you won't buy a second bottle. If it's garbage, it's garbage.

A lot of retailers essarily know their market. If you've got a stack of \$4.99 bottles of wine, you're going to end up marrying them," he added with a laugh.

"The sale of \$25-\$30 bottles of wine haven't changed that much. The people who spend \$40 on a bottle of wine with dinner haven't been affected by this economy. They never moved like a forest fire, but they haven't been hurt."

Hershey still attends several dozen trade tastings a year and estimates he tries up to 5,000 different wines each year. He doesn't have a favorite ("My favorite wine is the one someone else pays for"), but he will offer this allegory.

"If I was stranded on an island and a voice from above said you can have only wine one for the rest of time, but you can have as much as you want for the rest of your life, for me it would be a red Burgundy from France," he

It might not be the same for everyone, but Hershey would like to help his students find out for themselves — one glass at a time.

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A SPIRITED VENDOR

If wine is not your beverage of choice, fear not. Attendees of the Culinary Extravaganza at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center can also partake in a "flavored martini" promotion courtesy of McCormick Distillery. According to Joe David, McCormick's area manager for the Midwest, the company will offer tastings of its 360 vodka line of "eco-friendly" products. This is the third year McCormick has participated in the Extravaganza, but David said the variety will be larger this year thanks to new flavors introduced this summer.

The 360 brand of vodka features locally sourced grain for the company's distillery in Kansas City, Kan., and recycled and biodegradable packaging. David said the vodka is distilled four times and filtered five times. "It's a very clean-tasting product," he said. McCormick will serve half-ounce tastings either chilled or on the rocks of eight different flavors of vodka: double chocolate, cola, Mandarin orange, bing cherry, Madagascar vanilla, sorrento lemon, Concord grape and Georgia peach.

"The way we infuse these products is so that they taste just like the flavor right out of the bottle," David said, "Unlike some flavored vodkas, we added residual sugars. We tried to collect the essence of the flavors."

David said the martinis were very popular at last year's Extravaganza: "We ran out of olives," he said.

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This four-bedroom Cape Cod is at 838 Haggerty in Canton, and is listed at \$369,000. It's of brick with a three-car attached garage.



This four-bedroom colonial, listed at \$314,900, is at 47143 Woodlong Drive in Canton. It's of brick/wood with a finished basement and a two-car attached



This four-bedroom colonial, listed at \$349,900, is at 6406 Connaught Court in Canton. It's of brick with a finished basement and a three-car attached

Sales of homes \$300,000-plus show improvement

Fourth of a four-part series.

BY JULIE BROWN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

You've heard a lot about declining home values, and may think only a superstar athlete could afford a \$500,000 home in Canton, Plymouth, Livonia or Farmington Hills. That isn't necessarily the case.

The higher end up to \$500,000 also has homes in our area: "I think there's some out there at that," said Realtor Bart Patterson, vice president and general manager of RE/ MAX Classic, with offices in Canton, Farmington Hills, Novi and Milford. "There's definitely an improvement." Inventory of high-end local homes has dropped in recent months.

He agreed some buyers are still in the \$300,000-\$500,000 range. "There are people still transferring that would be looking," Patterson said. He found 50 such properties in Farmington Hills as he

Those ranged from 2,000 to as large as 6,000 square feet, the largest one a contemporary with five bedrooms, 31/2 baths on a short sale. "You can see there are lots of options," Patterson said.

In addition to transferring businesspeople, there are still professionals like lawyers and doctors with income allowing them to buy more expensive homes, Patterson said.

An analysis of sales data for May 8 to Aug. 8 of this year was done by Realcomp II Ltd. of Farmington Hills, the state's largest Multiple Listing Service. The analysis of residential and condo sales was done by marketing manager Fran Green.

For homes/condos priced at \$300,000 to \$399,999, data showed: seven Plymouth homes on the market, two sold in the past three months; 23



This home, listed at \$300,000, is at 31045 Sudbury St. in Farmington Hills. The three-bedroom colonial features a finished basement and a two-car direct access garage. It's of aluminum.

Plymouth Township homes on the market, 17 sold in that time; 30 Canton homes on the market, 32 sold in that time; nine Livonia homes on the market, nine sold in that time; and 36 Farmington Hills homes on the market, 11 sold in that time. There were no homes in that range sold or on the market in Redford, Westland, Garden City or

Farmington.

For homes/condos priced at \$400,000 to \$499,999, Realcomp II data showed: one home on the market in Plymouth, five sold in the past three months; 12 Plymouth Township homes on the market, five sold in that time; 11 Canton homes on the market, six sold in that time; three Livonia homes on the market,

16355 W 12 Mile Rd

2847 Arlund Way Rd

none sold; and 15 Farmington Hills homes on the market, one sold. There were no homes in that range on the market or sold in Redford, Westland, Garden City or Farmington.

Dale E. Smith, executive vice president of the Farmingtonbased Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, sees some \$500,000 range homes closer to Birmingham, as well as some in Canton. There's still a good supply, he said, although there had been even more.

"Those homes are kind of the forgotten ones nobody's talking about," Smith said of high-end homes, noting dollarwise their value's been hard hit. At lower prices and more modest dwellings, homes are selling more in western Wayne County and the Farmington area.

"The number of sales has picked up," Smith said. "We're not continuing to find it spiraling downward. So that's a good sign."

Smith said local Realtors have seen that improvement "mini-trend" in the last two or three months. "It's kind of an encouraging sign," he said.

He noted the recent tax credit extension for buyers boosted sales on thousands of homes that otherwise would have gone back on the market. That expired at the end of June and that evening Congress extended it to Sept. 30 for sales already in prog-

Without the extension, Smith said, some 8,000 Michigan home sales would have halted, most of them in metro Detroit.

"That would have added to the burden we're already under," Smith said. Major players in the market remain banks and foreclosures, less so government's Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

"They're still in the background and not much of a player in all of this," Smith

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 24-28, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton			
1625 Aberdeen St	\$169,000		
7334 Admiralty Dr	\$234,000		
41642 Haggerty Woods Ct	\$130,000		
42008 Hanford Rd	\$181,000		
42537 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$39,000		
45226 Lothrop Rd	\$245,000		
170 Madison Ct	\$330,000		
1627 Morrison Blvd	\$177,000		
1780 N Morton Taylor Rd	\$173,000		
45635 N Stonewood Rd	\$150,000		
238 Nassau Ct	\$150,000		
46213 Polo Dr	\$220,000		
42902 Saxony Rd	\$165,000		
43338 Stonington Ct	\$180,000		
6591 Weatherfield Way	\$240,000		
2068 Woodbine Dr	\$210,000		
Garden City			
30855 Barton St	\$77,000		

28824 Elmwood St	
30952 Elmwood St	
29924 Florence St	
30940 Hennepin St	
32171 James St	
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14221 Arden St	LIVO
14223 Berwick St	
14123 Blue Skies St	
8905 Danzig St	
9562 Deering St	
17312 Deering St	
18501 Deering St	
9847 Denne St	
28473 Elmira St	
34419 Fargo St	
18363 Foch St	
19783 Gary Ln	
30539 Hathaway St	
18818 Hillcrest St	
14166 Hubbell St	
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34472 Marina Ct	\$157,000
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34233 Shawnee St	\$106,000
2420 Stieber St	\$13,000
27663 Trailbrooke Cir	\$57,000

Translating document could prevent lawsuit

Q: Our manager recently inquired as to whether hearing notices which were to be sent to Spanish-speaking-only owners had to be translated. The question is whether or not they have to be translated.

A: This is a difficult question, although, my gut reaction would be that the board or management



Robert Meisner

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company, having actual knowledge that the notice would not be understood, should attempt to translate it into Spanish. However, I am not aware of any case law or statutory requirement but it is always possible that someone might claim that failing to translate it might be some sort of discriminatory conduct.

Q: The association attorney who claims he represents hundreds of community associations is trying to get our documents reviewed to limit the liability of the Association for repairs to our units and to make the co-owner more responsible for aspects of the condominium development. Do you think that is a good

A: It all depends upon the circumstances of the project. There has been a movement over the last 15 to 20 years to site condominiums which has placed more responsibility on the co-owner to maintain not only the interior, but also the exterior, of the unit. On the other hand, I note that some associations have attempted to get out of the business of maintaining the exterior of the condominium which was one of the salient sales points in condominium development 15 to 25 years ago. Be careful that the attorney for the association is not trying to convince the board to get a new set of documents unnecessarily just to try to keep the assessments down for the association, in a sense to low ball the assessments to perspective s while making it more difficult for the comaintain the condominium project.

Meisner is a lawyer and the author of um Operation: Getting Started & Staying on rack, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 pping and handling. He also wrote Condo urvival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a um, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and or more information, call (248) 644-4433 or ner@meisner-associates.com. This column pe construed as legal advice.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 24-28, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	
15 Cross St	\$5,000
2629 Konrad Ct	\$116,000
Beverly Hills	
17869 Dunblaine Ave	\$243,000
19916 Sunnyslope Dr	\$409,000
20072 Wellesley St	\$396,000
Birmingham	
955 Forest Ave	\$250,000
550 Henrietta St	\$721,000
1221 Latham St	\$250,000
2535 Manchester Rd	\$399,000
2366 Northiawn Blvd	\$505,000
2684 Pembroke Rd	\$188.000
971 Pierce St	\$1,120,000
256 Rayine Rd	\$1,120,000
663 W Frank St	\$190,000
Bloomfield Hills	\$190,000
660 Woodland St	\$285,000
2467 Yorkshire Rd	\$138,000
40740 Woodward Ave	\$90,000
Bloomfield Township	4000 000
6420 Apple Grove Ln	\$200,000
1312 Ashover-Dr	\$165,000
136 Bloomfield Blvd	\$105,000
3460 Bradway Blvd	\$435,000
3350 Burning Bush Rd	\$500,000
4584 Covered Bridge Rd	\$250,000
618 Deauville Ln	\$328,000
1996 Devonshire Rd	\$78,000
559 Fox Hills Dr N	\$55,000
416 Fox Hills Dr S	\$49,000
3211 Greentree Rd	\$220,000
4851 Haddington Dr	\$234,000
3054 Heron Pointe Dr	\$490,000
1997 Klingensmith Rd	\$56,000
650 Lahser Rd	\$240,000
2952 Masefield Dr	\$318,000
3675 Middlebury Ln	\$178,000
3641 Quail Hollow Dr	\$215,000
788 Robinhood Cir	\$207,000
2798 Turtle Shores Dr	\$950,000
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3774 Wabeek Road	\$312,000
Clarkston	¢127.000
5470 Chanto Dr	\$127,000
8151 Fawn Valley Dr	\$185,000
8889 Minne Wanna Rd	\$180,000

6612 Park Valley Dr	\$320,000
5812 Pine Breeze Dr	\$285,000
6275 Pine Knob Rd	\$135,000
5945 S Main St	\$55,000
6927 Tappon Dr	\$65,000
Commerce Township	
4635 Alban St	\$118,000
486 Charlevoix St	\$167,000
4792 Driftwood Dr	\$295,000
8401 Hummingbird	\$248,000
Farmington	
23845 Gill Rd	\$174,000
Farmington Hills	
32838 Cadillac St	\$300,000
25054 Castlereigh Dr	\$127,000
30780 Country Ridge Cir	\$260,000
28875 Eton GIn	\$218,000
30317 Glenmuer St	\$113,000
28230 Greening St	\$72,000
22199 Harsdale Dr	\$293,000
38940 Holsworth Ct	\$160,000
38157 Lantern Hill Ct	\$328,000
21319 Mulberry Ct	\$180,000
30594 Orchard Lake Rd	\$50,000
29416 Pendleton Club Dr	\$55,000
23030 Purdue Ave	\$55,000
30478 Scotshire Ct	\$183,000
24950 Toddy Ln	\$185,000
22456 Vacri Ln	\$280,000
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28418 W Eight Mile Rd	\$27,000
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3088 High Pointe Ridge Rd	\$45,000
923 Pine Tree Rd W	\$182,000
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27397 Goldengate Dr W	\$110,000
18260 Wiltshire Blvd	\$79,000
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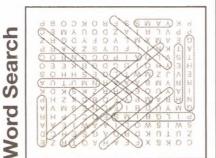
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