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Toys for tots

Officials at BLS Property Management announced the Plymouth-based company will serve as a drop-off location for residents wishing to donate to the annual Toys for Tots cam-

BLS Property Management is located in the Fair Woods West Office Plaza at the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty (on the west side in the back), and is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Anyone is welcome to drop off

For more information, call Kathy Gallentine at (734) 927-

Turkey time

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

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

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

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

The sale will take place over the next two Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 19-20 and Nov. 26-27. Since the Canton Lions Club is an all-volunteer organization, 100 percent of donations go directly to benefit people in the local community who are sight- or hearing-impaired.

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

Hero salute

The Plymouth Community United Way and the Plymouth Whalers hockey team will host a "Salute to Our Heroes" on Nov. 20.

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

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

Chinese carmaker eyes Plymouth facility

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A major Chinese automaker is eyeing a Plymouth Township site for a new research and design center as it prepares to break into the global market.

ChangAn Automotive, based in Chongqing, China, is considering a former Dow Corning building on Halyard near M-14 along with several other locations in the U.S., said township Supervisor Richard Reaume on Wednesday. The company, also called Chana, is expected to apply for state

and local tax incentives if it comes to Michigan. It would hire 100 engineers, and 150 total employees, at the facility.

Reaume on Wednesday was attending a meeting with representatives of ChangAn, Wayne County and the state at which details were being discussed.

"If they come to Michigan, they're coming to Plymouth," Reaume said. But the township is in contention with other states, he added.

County Executive Robert Ficano spoke about the plan Tuesday while in China on a trade mission. It is Ficano's sixth trip to China on the county's

behalf; ChangAn was also courted in

The former Dow Corning building, with one other occupant, totals about 40,000 square feet; Reaume said ChangAn would occupy about 17,000 square feet and have space to expand

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

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

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

A location in Plymouth Township would put ChangAn close to the headquarters of one of its major clients, Ford Motor Co., with which it has a joint venture.

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THE BUS STOPS HERE

Company production of

William Inge's "Bus Stop"

What: Park Players Theater

Players get stranded at 'Bus Stop'

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

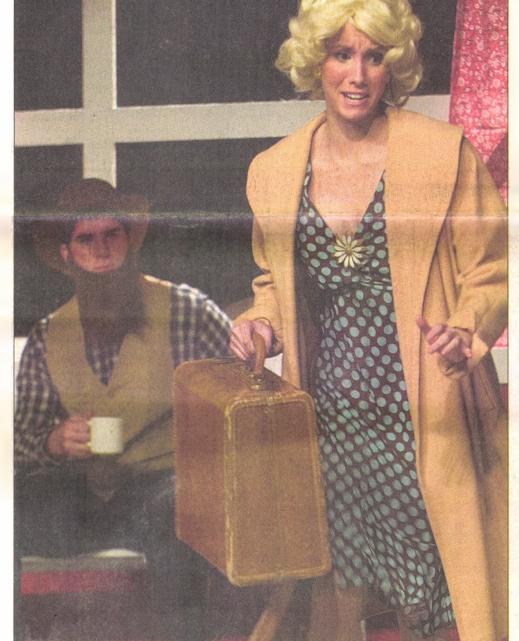
"It's been a long time ... it feels great to be back doing it again," said Bird, taking his first directorial turn at Plymouth-Canton. "It's letting me work with the kids on a whole different level. I get to work with the kids on a much more intimate level."

Bus Stop tackles the relationships that develop between passengers stranded by a snowstorm at a Kansas diner. Passengers include Cherie, a nightclub chanteuse being pursued by a 20-yearold cowboy, and Dr. Lyman, a scholar dealing with problems with alcohol and younger women. They interact with the bus driver, the town sheriff, the diner's proprietor and a waitress.

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

"It really provides the kids the opportunity to develop full, real characters," Bird said. "It's about how different

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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

When: 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday Where: Gloria Logan Auditorium, Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road in Canton How much: Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Brandon Waldenmayer plays Dr. Gerald Lyman.

Church project sends message of love, hope



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kim Summerhill packs gift boxes.

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

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

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Operation Christmas Child is an annual holiday

program that reaches out to Third World and developing countries around the globe, providing millions of poor children with everyday items they often lack: toothpaste and soap, pencils and notebooks. small toys and candies. NorthRidge sponsors a major effort among its members, and is also a collection point for dozens of area organizations

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Cruise raffle

Just in time for a warm weather getaway, New Hope Center, a non-profit grief support organization in Northville, is offering a cruise raffle (for two) on Celebrity Cruise Lines.

Approximate value is \$1,500. Tickets are being sold now through Dec. 3, when the drawing will be held at their "New Hope for the New Year Event." The winner does not need to be present to win. Tickets are \$30 each or two for \$50 and can be purchased by going to www. newhopecenter.net.

Download the cruise raffle form, fill it out and send it in. There are two cruise options, both based on availability. Option #1 is Jan. 22-29 on the Eclipse with ports in Grand Cayman, Cozumel, Costa Maya and Roatan. Option #2 is a certificate for a cruise of equal value with the offer expiring May 30, 2011. Both are inside staterooms, but the winner can upgrade to an Oceanyiew.

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Christmas carols

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The Plymouth Historical Museum presents an "Old World Christmas Carols Show," performed by Simply Dickens, on Monday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. The show highlights the carols that were well known long ago during the Christmas Season but are rarely heard by modern ears, along with a few of the more familiar tunes. There are also comedic holiday skits performed by group members. Simply Dickens is a period-dressed quartet of trained vocalists and musicians that specializes in the music of the 18th and 19th cen-

Tickets to the show are \$10 per person/\$25 per family in advance or \$15 per person/\$30 per family at the door and can be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum or on the Museum's website www.plymouthhistory. org using PayPal. Museum doors will open at 6 PM; the show starts at 7 PM. Come early to explore the Museum's new special exhibit "Santa Magic."

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth.

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The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters host their annual fund-raising event, this year to raise funds for the band's trip to New York for the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in 2011.

The annual PCMB Holiday Arts & Crafts Ensemble is a juried art and craft exhibition hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. Exhibitors include makers of handcrafted jewelry, season holiday gifts, floral arrangements, purses, wood crafts, glass works, clothing & linens, paintings, painted glass ornaments, and more. In addition to more than 120 exhibits, there will be food, baked goods, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admission

The show takes place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck, in Canton. All the proceeds from this one-day event go towards the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth Canton Educational Park.

For more information, call (734) 414-7654.

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Home party

Our Lady of Good Counsel will host a Home Party Extravaganza and Craft Show on Friday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Social Hall, below the church, which is located at 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth



Tune time

Harmony 4 Fun, a barbershop-style ladies quartet, will perform holiday music at the Plymouth Historical Museum Sunday, Nov. 21. The group's entertainment will follow a Victorian-style tea complete with scones, tea sandwiches, and other fare. The tea that will be served is the Museum's own 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 in the Museum's store. Tickets for FestiviTea are \$25 for Plymouth Historical Society members and \$30 for non-members, and can be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum during open hours, or on the website at http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html using PayPal. Ticket holders who come early that day are also invited to enjoy the Museum's new special exhibit, "Santa Magic." The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, a block north of downtown Plymouth. For further information, call (734) 455-8940.

Township, just west of Beck. Food will be available for purchase and a raffle will be held. Admission is \$2 per person. All are welcome.

PCA auction

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

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

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

Lunch and learn

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts "Lunch & Learn While Dining With Doctors" 1-3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

The panel of doctors will include Ear Nose Throat, Anesthesia, General Surgery, Podiatry, Ophthalmology, Urology, Gastroenterology, Gynecology and Orthopedic. The Dearborn Surgery Center has teamed up with the Plymouth Community Council on Aging to bring health care education to the community. This is a completely free event which will include a catered lunch.

Seats are limited, call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236, to reserve a seat.

AAUW meets

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

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

Light refreshments will be served.

AAUW is dedicated to advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. AAUW membership is open to all. For more information, contact Esther Nelson at enelson1c@att.net or (734) 981-4938.

Chair exercise

Chair Exercise is now offered at the Plymouth Community Cultural Center on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. This is a drop-in program, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Council on Aging. Cost is \$1.50 for each session.

Enjoy the benefits of toning, stretching and cardiovascular workouts and a healthier life. The class instructor is Nicole M. Freeman, owner of "FIT 4 U." Everyone is Welcome to participate, just show up.

The Plymouth Cultural Center is located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

Jazz @ the Elks

Jazz @ The Elks takes place the fourth Tuesday of the month from 7-10:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road just west of Haggerty, in Plymouth.

These events are designed to keep the uniquely American tradition of Jazz alive in southeast Michigan. A \$5 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres and live jazz in a beautiful club setting.

On Tuesday, Nov. 23, the renowned John Trudell Jazz Quartet features Chuck Shermetaro on keyboard, Bill Cairo on drums, Ray Tini on bass and John Trudell on trumpet and flugelhorn. This a popular group so come early for best seating.



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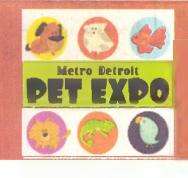
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Group still hopes to save schools chief

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

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

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

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

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

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

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

But with student achievement high and the district budget, at least for the moment, balanced, the Concerned PCCS District Residents Group is concerned the decision to let Fiegel go is not in the best interests of the

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

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

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

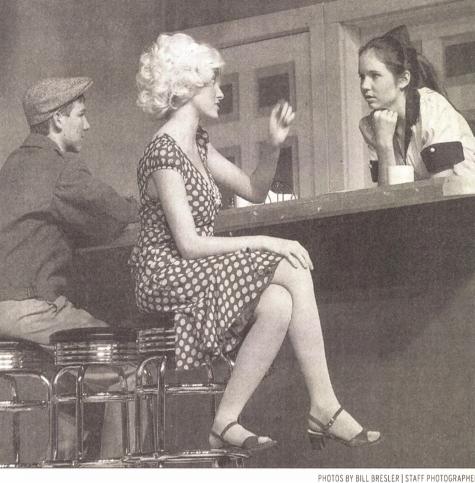
Instead, he said, efforts could be turned toward finding solid candidates to oppose incumbent board members in the November 2011 election. Terms being served by Jackson, Gonzalez, Sneideman and Eggenberger will be up for grabs.

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

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

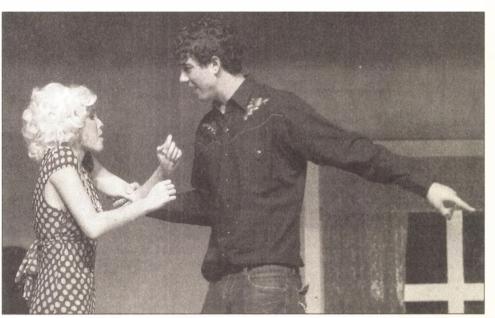
"There's no question I appreciate the support," Fiegel said. "When you're feeling like folks are questioning the job you're doing, it's nice to know others feel positive about you."

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



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

BUS STOP

people interpret what love is. I love the way the relationships grow."

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

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

Shroat said she loves the lesson Cheri learns - whether she actually loves Bo - but said playing the upbeat, bubbly Cherie was challenging.
"She's upbeat and bubbly, and she

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

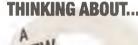
Salem High School junior Brandon Waldenmayer tackles the role of Dr. Gerald Lyman, who brings his own set of idiosyncrasies to the diner. To get a better handle on the character Waldenmayer, whose credits include The Laramie Project and The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, researched the symptoms/effects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

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

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

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

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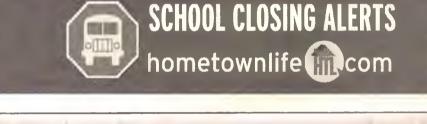
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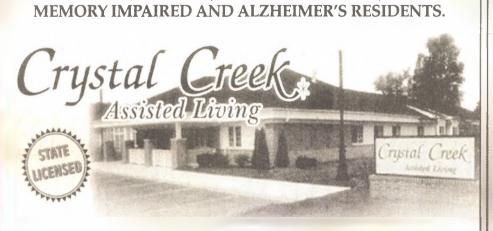
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'Proud Marine' remembered as inspiration

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BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

He was 83.

"He was just as much a loving family man as he was a proud Marine," Mr. Volker's wife of 32 years, Judy, said. "Everyone who met him loved him. He was a great husband, dad and grandfather."

Mr. Volker died shortly after 8 p.m. Sunday from complications of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease for the baseball legend who died from it.

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

Mr. Volker, a Canton resident formerly of Livonia. was a veteran who served in the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marines during World War II and just after it ended. A native of New Jersey, he moved to Michigan in 1960, worked in the food service industry and joined the Marine Corps League.

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

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

Mr. Volker was a state



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

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

"That was quite an honor," she said.

Mr. Volker started the Canton Young Marines in 2004 for children who could join as young as 8 years old and remain through high school. They participate in drills, attend patriotic parades, visit veterans hospitals, perform community service projects and, just a few weeks ago, joined the Volker family and raised \$5,000 for ALS during an event in Kensington Park.

Karen and Steve Braun's two sons, Jason and Joshua, joined Canton Young Marines. Just before his 20th birthday, Jason Braun next week will formally finish his Marine boot camp at Parris Island, S.C., and 18-year-old Joshua Braun, a Schoolcraft College student, leaves in January for the same training.

Joshua Braun recalled Mr. Volker with admiration.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CRIME WATCH

Shoplifting arrest

Two young men suspected of shoplifting were arrested on the afternoon of Nov. 11 at the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road east of Haggerty.

One suspect, a 20-year-old Howell man, was seen leaving the checkout area with four shirts, valued at about \$10 each, for which he had not paid, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. The second, a 16-year-old township boy, was concealing a package of candy, the report indicated.

Both were detained by store security guards, and police were called.

The teen was released to a guardian without charges, while the 20-year old was cited for thirddegree retail fraud, given a court date, then released, police said.

Vehicle break-ins

Two vehicles were burglarized Sunday while parked at Plymouth Township Park, on Ann Arbor Trail east of Beck. A window had been smashed out on each vehicle, police

An i-Phone was reported stolen from a Ford Escape in one burglary, which occurred between 10 a.m. and 3:45 p.m., a police report

In the second burglary, a purse, with a checkbook, jewelry and credit cards among the things in it, was reported stolen from a 2007 Dodge Caravan. That incident occurred between 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., a police report said.

Auto-theft try

Someone apparently tried to steal a 2001 Toyota Rav4 from outside a house on Clemons Drive in the township on the night of Nov. 11 or early the next day.

The vehicle, parked in the driveway, was found Friday morning with its ignition damaged, a police report said.

Wheels stripped

A 2010 Ford Fusion parked in the driveway of a house on Chandler Drive was stripped of its wheels and tires early on Nov. 10.

The car had been left on landscape blocks taken from the front yard, police said. The theft occurred between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m.

In addition, the owner's manual was reported stolen from the car.

Vandalism

A 2010 Ford Taurus was scratched on the driver's side on Nov. 11 while it was parked at Bally's Total Fitness on Ann Arbor Road east of Haggerty.

The vandalism occurred between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., a police report said. Police said the car had deep scratches to both doors on the driver's side

By Matt Jachman

FIRE RUNS

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

• Tuesday, Nov. 16 - Vehicle accident on westbound M-14 at Schoolcraft; emergency runs on Haggerty, on Old Pond Circle, on West Hills Drive, on Plymouth Oaks, on Bettyhill and at Ann Arbor Trail and Evergreen.

• Monday, Nov. 15 — Residential rescue runs on Ross, on Deer, on Northville Road and on Haggerty; rescue run on Lilley; rescue run at a public building on Joy Road; investigation on Rockledge.

• Sunday, Nov. 14 — Rescue runs on Glenview and on Tavistock.

• Saturday, Nov. 13 — Special wash-down on M-14; open burn violation on Gold Arbor; residential rescue run on Manton.

• Friday, Nov. 12 - Residential rescue runs on Old Pond Circle. on Ann Arbor Road, on Ross, on Shadywood and on Francis; rescue run on Ann Arbor Road; grass fire on Amhurst; special run on Northville Road; fire on Penniman.

• Thursday, Nov. 11 — Residential rescue runs on Dewey and on Rose, rescue run on Church west of Main, vehicle accident on I-275 south of Ann Arbor Road; special run on Northville Road; rescue run on Hines Drive.

• Wednesday, Nov. 10 — Commercial rescue runs on Lilley and on Ann Arbor Road; residential rescue runs on South Drive, on Powell, on Pinehurst and on Sheldon; rescue run at Hines Drive and Riverside; vehicle accident with wash-down on Main south of Ann Arbor Road; rescue run at a public building on Mill.

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 churches, service groups, scouting groups, schools whose members donate filled shoeboxes.

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

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

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

"Our kids are blessed and

have so much in the U.S.," said Dage. "These children have absolutely nothing."

Dage and her family filled about 100 shoe boxes last year, and Operation Christmas Child's tracking system told her they went to Ukraine, Madagascar and Bolivia. She shops year round for the gifts. "The Dollar Tree is best," she

Dawn Young of Taylor, also a NorthRidge member and volunteer, was on that same Honduras trip, and returned the following year. She's been on missions to other countries,

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

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

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

said Young.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Church still collecting gifts for needy children

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township is continuing to collect donations for Operation Christmas Child, which ships shoeboxes full of simple gifts to poor children around the world.

NorthRidge members will be making their own donations and will also be collecting filled shoeboxes from other churches, plus scouting groups, schools and service organizations whose members are making donations. Individual donations are welcome; the overall goal is 9,500 filled shoeboxes.

The remaining collection hours at NorthRidge are 1-3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, and 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday.

Volunteers Patricia Dage and Dawn Young offered these guidelines for donors:

 Boxes should be standard shoeboxes or sturdy plastic boxes, with lids, of a shoebox size (six-quart capacity). They can be wrapped for Christmas, but the lids must be wrapped sepa-

· Gifts to go in the boxes should be new. Suggestions include small toys (balls, dolls, plush toys, toy cars), pens, pencils, paper, notebooks erasers, hard candy, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs and girls' hair ties. No

toys with a violent theme, such as toy guns or soldiers, no chocolate (likely to melt) and no liquids (a spilling hazard).

• Each box should be marked for a girl or a boy, even if the toys, clothing or other items inside are not gender-specific. Also, pick an age-appropriate category for each box: 2-4;

 A personal letter to the recipient and a family photo can be included. Recipients sometimes write back.

• A donation of at least \$7 per box is requested to help defray shipping costs. A check, made out to Samaritan's Purse (with "OCC" on the memo line) can be enclosed, or online donations can be made at www. samaritanspurse.org. The website also includes detailed instructions and a label for the shoeboxes that can be downloaded and

The website also includes instructions on how to track a donation to the country to which it's delivered.

Samaritan's Purse has a goal of 8.2 million filled shoeboxes this year, 5.5 million from the

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"People my age remember going to Hudson's

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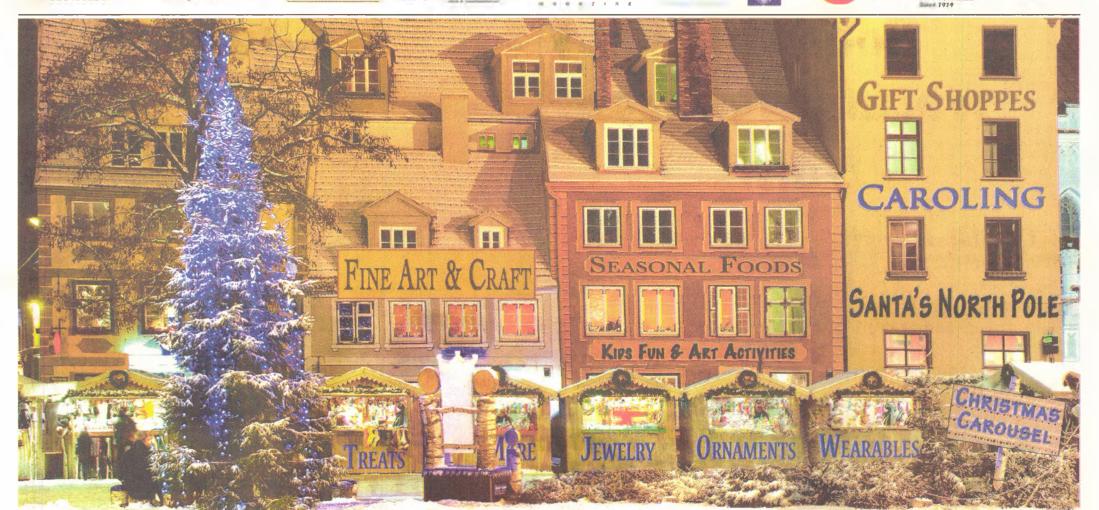












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Making sweet music

Challenging show narrowly misses national finals

BY DIANE HANSON CORRESPONDENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Frazier summed it up: "Well done PCMB."



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



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



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



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



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

Specialty store emphasizes Michigan-made food

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A new specialty grocer in Plymouth is celebrating Michigan-made foods, from tortilla chips to granola bars to buffalo meat, as a healthy way to support the state's farmers and boost its economy.

Garry Kuneman of Redford Township opened Meat Local, on Ann Arbor Road east of Sheldon, quietly in July, but last weekend hosted about 150 people during a three-day grand opening. Meat Local has a big focus on meat products - and 95 percent of its meats are from animals raised on Michigan farms, Kuneman said. The store carries beef, turkey, chicken, buffalo, pork, fish, lamb and other meats.

But Kuneman is stocking a variety of other foods as well, and is in the process of obtaining more. Meat Local has Michigan peanut butters, snacks, eggs, dairy products, spring water, in-season produce, pastas, sauces, jams and jellies, desserts and more.

"I'm trying to find more and more local Michigan food items," Kuneman said on Tuesday.

He started out about seven years ago delivering mostly Michigan meat, dairy products and eggs, and visiting area farmers markets, with a business called Natural Local Food Express. He gradually broadened his selection, and opening a retail outlet seemed like a logical step; not having one was limiting, Kuneman

"There are so many people who said they wish they could get my products seven days a week," rather than periodically at farmers markets, Kuneman said. "I developed a pretty good customer base."

He chose Plymouth, Kuneman said, because of a cultural sensibility that seems similar to that in Ann Arbor, where such stores are successful, and because no other local



Meat Local, on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, grew out of Natural Local Food Express, which home-delivers food and sets up booths at area farmers markets

stores were doing exactly the same thing.

Kuneman's son Blaine, who is working on a master's degree at Eastern Michigan University, sometimes helps out at the store, and daughter Derian helps with the farmers markets. Another daughter, Kendal, works on the business Web site (naturallocalfd.com).

Kuneman touts the health benefits of the Michiganproduced meat; the animals aren't raised on factory farms, he said, but on local farms, and the ruminants, such as cows and buffalo, are grassfed instead of grain-fed. Meat Local also carries many organic and gluten-free products.

Kuneman said he has been influenced in his food selections by the documentary film Food Inc., by Robert Kenner, and the book The Omnivore's Dilemma, by Michael Pollan.

He also touts the environmental plus of the smaller "carbon footprint" that comes from transporting Michigan products for shorter distances versus having items trucked in from all over the country or the world.

"You're not going to see grapes here in the middle of the winter from Chile," he said.

Kuneman works with a Plymouth caterer, Janet Hammons, supplying the meats she uses in pot pies, sauces and pasties he then sells at his store.

He developed business ties with many Michigan farmers and food producers as he met them at farmers markets over the years, and started carrying their goods through Natural Local Food Express. He goes out of his way to accommodate small-scale suppliers around the state, making some pickups himself instead of demanding deliveries, or meeting them halfway.

One plus for him in working with small farms, he said, is that he can often get the owner on the phone right away, rather than getting lost in a corporate voice-mail maze.

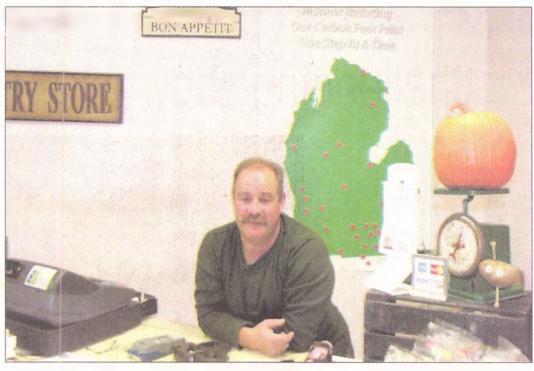
Kuneman has great admiration for Michigan farmers.

"The real heroes, as far as I'm concerned, are the farmers," he said. "They are hardworking people."

Kuneman is trying to obtain a state license that would allow him to sell Michigan-made beer and wine.

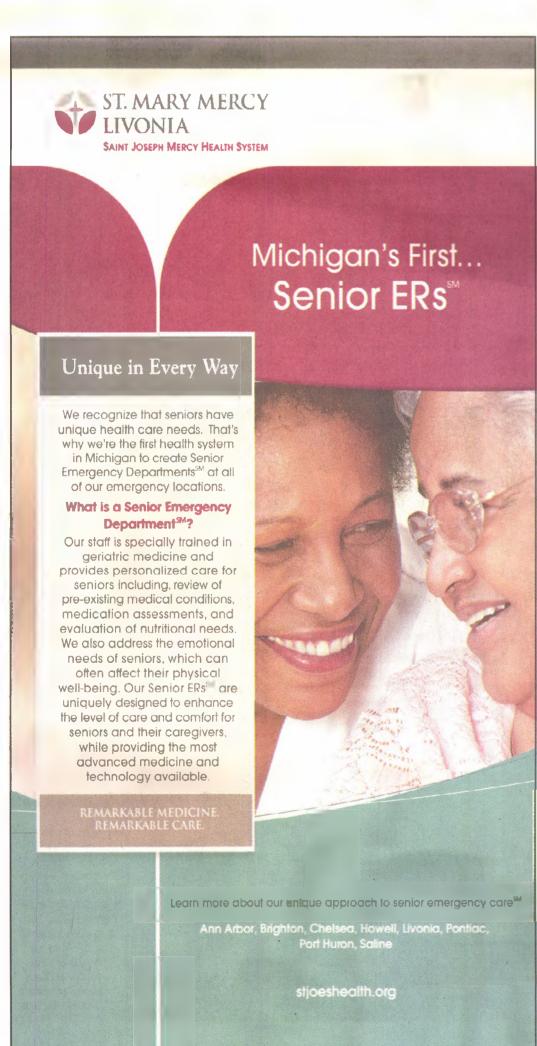
Meat Local is at 1192 Ann Arbor Road. Plymouth, next to Fitness Things. The hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. The phone number is (248) 231-6533.

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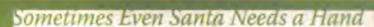


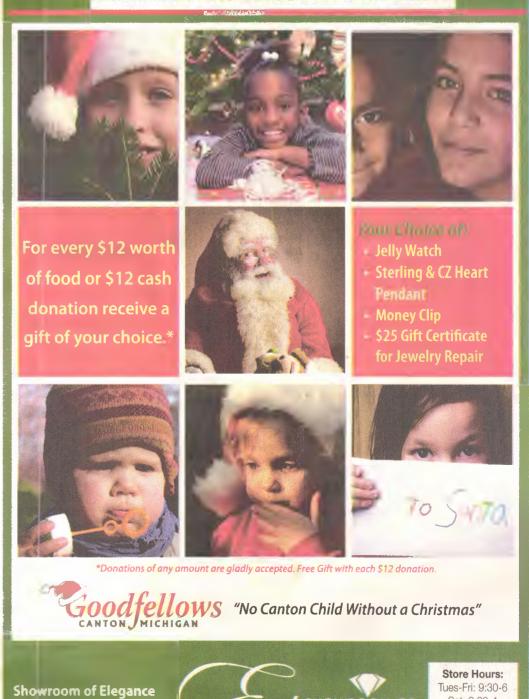
Garry Kuneman at his new store, Meat Local, in Plymouth. Stars on the map in the background show the locations of the farms and producers from which Kuneman buys food for his store.





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Canton mortgage brokerage goes solar

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

Nathoo expects his average utility costs to drop immediately by 25 percent - from \$400 a month to \$300 — after he brought in his friend Michael Greeb, sales director for United States Solar & Wind of Plymouth, to spearhead a 20,000watt photovoltaic solar energy system for his business.

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

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

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

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

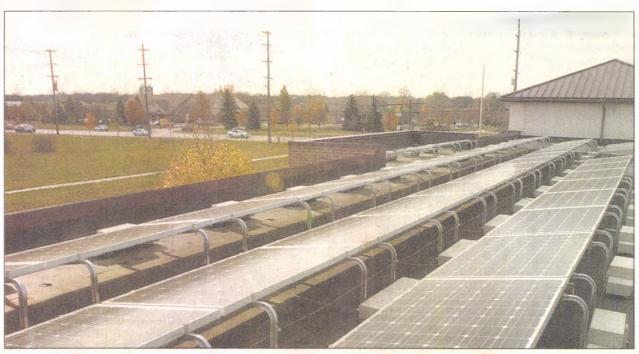
"It's a good trend to follow," Nathoo said.

As Greeb explained it, the roughly 2,000-square-foot AmeriPlus office isn't actually heated by the solar



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



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



Aadil Nathoo, president and founder of AmeriPlus Financial in Canton, said the move to solar energy is "a step in the right

energy system and, in fact, remains on DTE's grid. The solar panels essentially capture photons from the sun and use inverters mounted on exterior walls to convert the direct current to an alternating current. Then, the energy is converted into electricity for DTE, which monitors the amount generated and slashes Nathoo's utility bills accordingly.

Nathoo predicts his utility savings to grow to nearly \$5,000 a year within five years, after ownership of the solar energy system is transferred to him. Over the 20-year lifetime of the system, he is expected to save more than \$87,000.

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

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

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

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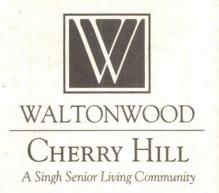
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Be prudent with your holiday spending

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

It used to be that the unofficial beginning of the holiday shopping season was the day after Thanksgiving, which has now become known as Black Friday. However, retailers are now pushing

Money Matters

Rick Bloom

up the start with all sorts of pre-Black Friday sales. Unfortunately, the holiday season has become a buzz word for buy, buy and buy some more. In today's tough

economic times I cannot stress enough how important it is for all of us to be fiscally responsible as we head into the holiday season.

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

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

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

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

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

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

well into the future. I recognize that kids and teenagers may not be thrilled cation account, however, that alone should not be the stan-

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

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Good luck!

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

Basic training grad

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

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

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

Assault school grad

Private First Class Trent Shelton of Plymouth has

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

Air Assault School is a 10-day course of instruction that teaches Air Assault techniques. It's also one of the most physically challenging ten days in the Army. Throughout the course, students focus on a grueling obstacle course, physical fitness, and sling load operations. Completion of Air Assault School is dependent on students passing a 12-mile foot march in under 3 hours,

with a 35 pound rucksack. Shelton is currently assigned as a rifleman and radiotelephone operator to Alpha Company, First Battalion 125th Infantry Regiment out of Detroit. He will spend the next year training up for a future deployment to Afghanistan with the First Battalion 125th Infantry and the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

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

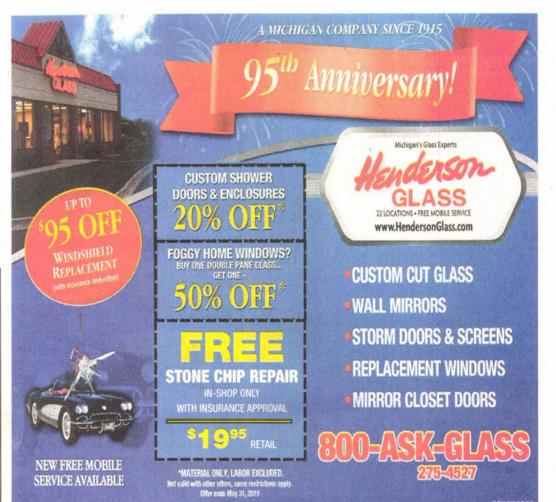
Combat grad

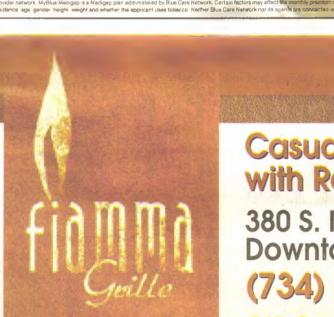
Army National Guard Spec. Denis R. Montilla has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton,

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

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







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OUR VIEWS



Well done

Wildcats' victory continues district's year of success

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• The district's robotics team continues to excel.

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY VOICE

What are you thankful for?

We asked this question outside the U.S. Postal Service station on Penniman in downtown Plymouth.



"First of all, I'm thankful for my family. I have a large, supportive and wonderful family. We're all going to be together for Thanksgiving."

Marvin Stempien Plymouth Township



"For all the grace that God gave us."

Terry Jesena Superior Township



"My family and my health. I just had a grandson." **Greg Epacs** Westland



Julie Beinke Canton Township

LETTERS

Chili thanks

The 15th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off was a sizzling success! The sunny skies and 83-degree temps made it a GREAT HOT/CHILI DAY!

Sanctioned by The International Chili Society, events like this are successful because of the time, effort and financial support from many individuals and businesses. As cook-off chairperson and president of Great Lakes Regional Chili Inc., I would like to thank those supporters.

Financial sponsors include Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles in Canton, Big Dog Motorcycles, Renewal by Andersen Windows & Doors, Community Financial Credit Union, Colonial Heating & Cooling, Allstate Insurance-Cheryl Bowker Agency, MotorCity Harley Davidson in Farmington Hills, Caviston Insurance Agency, Inc, Majic Windows. Media sponsors included The Observer & Eccentric Newspaper, WCSX 94.7 Classic Rock, 93.1 Doug FM and 101 WRIF.

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Many big thanks to the 17 restaurants who participated in the Restaurant Chili Challenge including this year's winners in the Best Judged category; The Picnic Basket Market and People's Choice category; The Penn Grill. Other participating restaurants include: 1999 Tavern, Compari's On The Park, Doyle's Tavern, E.G. Nicks, Ironwood Grill, Liberty Street Brewing Co., Nico & Vali Italian Eatery, Plymouth ROC, Red Olive Family Restaurant, Sean O'Callaghan's, Stingers Bar & Grill, The Courthouse Grille, The Omelette & Waffle Cafe, The Rusty Bucket, Zapata's Mexican Kitchen.

The entertainment at the event was great: "Steve King and the Dittilies" Band; Taylor

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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Abbey, who sang the national anthem, our five dance teams: MotorCity & Country Note Cloggers, Center Stage Dance Co, Synergy Dance Academy, Dance Beat and Step N Line Dancers, and Silver Fox Flutes.

The Battle of the Businesses contestants: Barefoot Productions, Kilwin's Fudge, Plymouth Popcorn Company and Sun & Snow. Congratulations to Barefoot Productions on their win! This can only get bigger next year!

Bharti Washington, Skinny Larry and their team for running the Chili "Bike Show." Glennis Morrell and all The Motor City Harley Road Captains: Al Tawse, Kurt Seifert, Gregg Goulette and so many more. The Bike Show Ballot counters, The "Great Chili Ride" participants. Buck LeBlanc for Chili Ride Support. Our Chili photographer, Jill Andra-Young Photography, the A.M. Rotary, Penrickton Center for Blind Children, The Canton Chiefs Baseball Team, Slow Speed Exhibition participants who did not get to "Show their stuff" due to the overwhelm-

ing number of bikes that showed up. Other support provided by: Charter One Bank, Mirto & Co. Consultants, The Huron Valley Humane Society for running "The Hottest Dog in the Coolest City" contest. Fox TV2 News, WDIV4 and WXYZ 7 News for all the great TV coverage. WJR Radio "Come To the Table," PNC Bank, The Christian Motorcycle Association Riders, Brackney Chiropractic, Abate of Michigan, Army of the Lord, Kidz Art Zone, 97.1 Talk Radio, Kathy at J & J Concession, Jiffy Mixes, Bearclaw Coffee Co., Mercurio Foods, Biggby Coffee, Doll's Cookie Basket, Plymouth Cycle & Speed, Body Sin-Sations, American Laser Centers, Plymouth Patch website, Operation Injured Soldiers Foundation, Dare Devil DuRags, Animal Cancer & Imaging Center and Cool Carts to Go.

Michael Sage, Dean Jabara, Tom Risi, Alice Dent, Tasha Maycock, Deb Madonna, Robert Bilkie ... GREAT BIG Thanks!! Judge's tent coordinators Kyle & Michelle Horn, Restaurant Coordinator, Ticket Booth coordinator, Sponsor/Vendor coordinator, The National Honor Society students and to all the other volunteers who came out for the charities: Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County, The Miracle League of Plymouth and Humane Society of Huron Valley.

Thanks also to the Plymouth Police Department, Police Chief Al Cox, the Wayne County Sheriff Reserves and Canton and Northville officers.

Still more: All 55 Chili Judges who did a terrific job once again, Chief Judge Chilimeister, Ken Horn, Chief Scorekeeper Matt Wilhite and Israel Jaramillo, all 58 chili and salsa competitors and all the thousands of supporters who came to enjoy this great charitable event!

Thank you from the bottom of my Chili Pot! See you next year.

Annette Horn

Great Lakes Regional Chili Inc. chair & president

GUEST COLUMN

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

ver since Gov. John Engler asked me in 2002 to serve on the Michigan Film Advisory Commission, my position has been unequivocal that there would be no meaningful film

production in this state unless we gave production companies a reason to come here in the form of an incentive. My message since day one has been simple: "If We Build It, They Will Come.



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

In 2007, before this legislation was

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

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

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

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

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

Who of these young people will be the next Bob Shaye, founder of New Line Cinema, who gave the world movies like Lord of the Rings, or Bill Mechanic, former chief of Fox Studios Worldwide whose credits include Titanic and Braveheart, or Jerry Bruckheimer, who brought us Pirates of the Caribbean and CSI. or Bobby Kotick, the CEO of Activision/ Blizzard who gave us Guitar Hero, or even Larry Page, the co-founder of Google? We educated all of these individuals in Michigan and lost them. How many jobs did they create, and how many tax dollars went with them? We simply cannot afford to export our creative class any longer.

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

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

Poverty forum: 'Needs are great'

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI CORRESPONDENT

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

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

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

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

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

Racism plays a role in poverty, he said illustrating that



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

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

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

TREMENDOUS NEED

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

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

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

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

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

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

REDFORD REACTS

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

Redford also developed the Partnership for Building ing."
Reaching students is necesa Better Redford, she said, marking the first time the township supervisor and the superintendents from South

Redford and Redford Union schools collaborated to address the needs of students and families. 'We have committed our

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

work to drawing on all of our

everyone's needs. There are times when it is heartbreak-

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

Detroit, 79.1 percent. Metzger's report used information from a variety of sources including the U.S. Bureau of Census, United Way for Southeast Michigan, SEMCOG, Michigan Department of Community Health, Michigan Department of Human Services, Michigan Department of

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

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

Starfish executive director. 'We find a lot of families are isolated," Kalass said.

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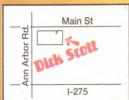
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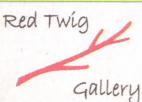
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'Cats cash in their chip (shot)

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

STAYING COMPOSED

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

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

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

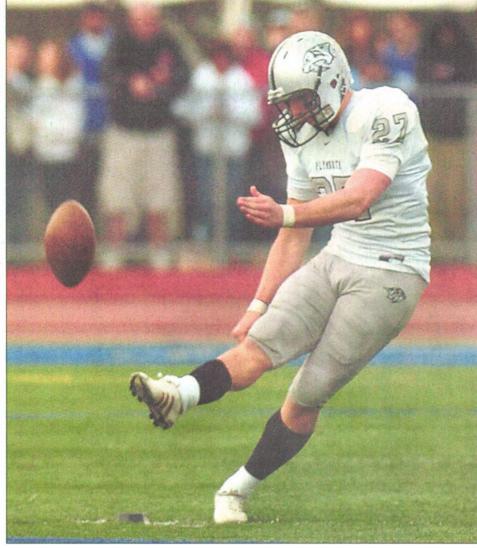
According to Sawchuk, a poised job by junior quarterback Shaun Austin to pilot two scoring drives in the fourth quarter proved just as vital — as did a defense that gave up just 174 yards all day.

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

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

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

Please see CHIP SHOT, B2



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

WHAT'S NEXT?

What could the Plymouth Wildcats possibly have up their sleeve after two riveting upsets over then-No. 1 ranked Canton and always dangerous Novi-Detroit Catholic Central? Plymouth edged the Shamrocks 9-7 in Saturday's Division 1 regional football final, a win that has many prep gridiron fans in the area salivating over what could happen next. That next chapter in the Wildcats' amazing story arrives Saturday when they face 11-1 Rockford at Lansing Everett in the D1 semifinals. It will be the first-ever meeting between the teams



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

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

KELLY BLACKNEY, PCA coach

Eagles fly into Final 4

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

PCA (29-9-2) now will face a to-be-determined opponent at 3:45 p.m. Friday in the Class D semifinals at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena. A win then would move the team into the final, set for 10 a.m. Saturday.

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

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

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

A large, boisterous
Deckerville crowd gave the
Eagles some service-line jitters. But for the most part,
PCA shrugged all of that off
— despite a so-so effort in
Game 2 where the Eagles
made too many unforced
errors for Blackney's liking.

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

VOLLEYBALL QUARTERS

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

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

EARLY STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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BOYS HOCKEY PREVIEW PT. 1

Talent, depth key for veteran Chiefs

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

ALL SYSTEMS GO

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

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

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

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

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

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

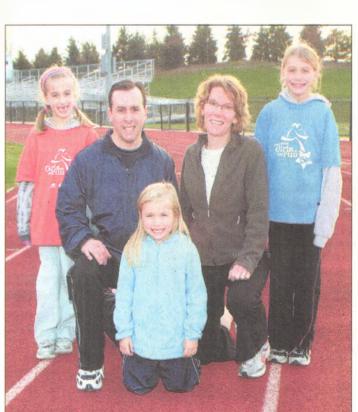
"Girls on the Run offers a great opportunity for parents to participate in a sport with their daughters instead of watching them compete from the sidelines," said Jeff Boismier. "You can do it together — run together to practice and run side by side in the race."

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

pate at Maybury.

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

THEY LIKED IT Emma and Sara, age 10



JOHN KEMSK

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

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

JEFF BOISMIER, Plymouth

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

Elementary, complete with coaches.

Cali Rose is too young to join Emma and Sara, but "after watching both her sisters do Girls on the Run, she may be the next to sign up when she's old enough," said Jeff.

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

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

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

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

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

LIFE LESSONS

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

Please see **GIRLS**, **B3**

more sparkplug Nate Emminger.

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

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ONE LAST SCARE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GETTING IT BACK

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

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

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

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

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

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

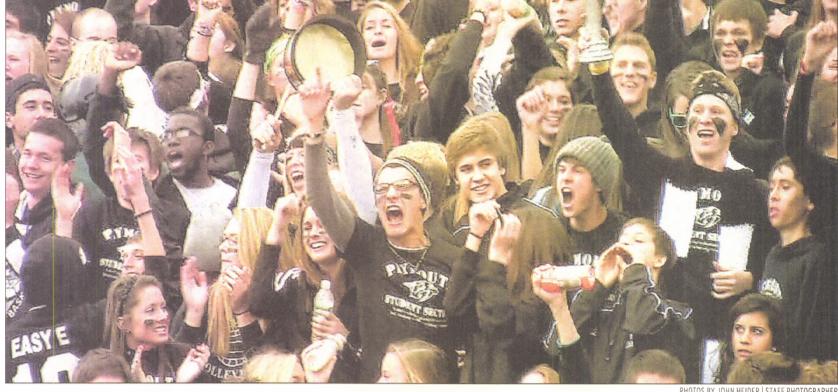
"It gives you so much reassurance," Beyer added. "When I was lining up for the (winning) field goal I was really confident it was going to go in. He's the best kicker in the state and one of the best in the nation, it helps a lot."

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

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

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

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

Both ends of the spectrum



Shamrock fans support their team from the stands.

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

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

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

The raw emotions ran the gamut for the two wellrespected programs. But for one, it was all over for

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



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



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



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

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

PCEP runners dominate All-Observer boys cross country team

FIRST-TEAM

Joe Porcari, Sr., Plymouth: Porcari's brilliant high school career culminated with a 27th-place showing at the Division 1 state meet, good for All-State kudos.

The senior also finished second at the Wayne County, KLAA and regional meets and won all five dual meets for the KLAA South winning Wildcats (5-0 in the division).

He became the first Wildcat to earn All-State honors in back-toback seasons, registered a personal best of 15 minutes, 50 seconds (good for second in school history) and has a 4.0 grade-point average

"Joe is an outstanding runner and a great guy to be around," said Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz. "He sets goals for himself and does whatever it takes to meet those goals. He is a true front runner both on and off the course and will be hard to replace next year."

Miles Felton, Jr., Canton: Felton shared team MVP honors (with Mitch Clinton) and for good reason The fleet junior ran 15:59 at the D1 state meet (for 39th place) to "shatter" the Canton school record, said Chiefs' head coach Bill Boyd.

"He has the freshman record, the sophomore record and he was closing in on the junior record," Boyd said. "And then all of a sudden he just blew right through that and got right to the school record.

"He's already setting real high goals for next year. He wants to be All-State (reserved for the top-30 at state meet) and that's the only thing that's really eluded him at this point.'

KLAA rivals might not like hearing that Felton already is raising his standards for 2011. "He's saying he wants to come in

for next season in a little bit better shape and he's fired up about continuing his success and improving on it," Boyd said.

Felton again earned first-team All-KLAA and All-Region honors and tied Canton's record for the Wayne County Invitational at Willow Metropark with a time of 16:43.65. He also was named to the All-County team.

Derek Gielarowski, Jr., Plymouth: With Porcari's final season in the books, the Wildcats will be leaning on Gielarowski in 2011 and he appears more than ready to handle the task with a personal best of 16:18 (fifth in school history).

Gielarowski picked up where he left off in 2009, with consistency one of his strong points.

Top efforts included finishing fourth at the Wayne County Invitational, sixth at the KLAA meet, 10th at the regionals and 93rd at the D1 state meet

"Derek has been to the state meet

the past three years and has been a big part of getting the team to states each of those years," Mikosz said. "He has accomplished so much and is only a junior.

"I look forward to seeing what he is able to do his senior year.'

Steve McEvilly, Soph., Salem: Led by the swift sophomore, Salem's boys cross country team is gaining momentum that could really pay off in the 2011 and 2012 seasons. "Steve has led our resurgence

in terms of quality and number of runners," said Salem assistant coach Steve Aspinall. "He is one of 16 sophomores on the team and is a great recruiter for us.

"Steve is one of our hardest workers and we plan on two more years of improvement and development turning him into a great runner."

McEvilly did much more than recruit, of course. He was the No. 1 runner for the Rocks and is on his way toward becoming an all-state runner, with a personal best of 16:24.2 at the Division 1 state championships, good for 97th overall.

Other top performances included placing seventh at the KLAA Championships and ninth at the regional championships. He also holds the school's sophomore school record and is No. 16 all-time.

Nimatha Herath, Jr., Farmington: Herath ran his best time of 16:34 in the D-1 regional at Huron Meadows, finishing 25th and moving into 10th place on Farmington's all-time, 5k list. Herath just missed being all-county by one place, taking 31st in the Oakland County meet at Kensington Metropark with a 17:13 time. He was seventh in the last OAA White jamboree and made all-division. Herath was fourth in the city meet and 11th at the Spartan Invitational in East Lansing at 16:46.

"Nimantha's racing instincts and his smooth running form help to give him an edge," coach Charlie Stamboulian said. "He thrives in good competition. He has set his sights on having a good track season and an even better senior year."

Kevin Pitt, Sr., Farmington: Pitt ran a lifetime best of 16:37 in the D-1 regional at Huron Meadows and finished in 26th place. Pitt's time moved him into a tie with Dave Dunneback for 11th on Farmington's all-time, 5k list. Pitt was All-OAA White Division with a sixth-place time of 17:05 at Oxford Hills Golf Course. He was third in the city meet and 42nd in the county meet with a 17:33 time at Kensington

Metropark. "Kevin wrote down some



Joseph Porcari **Plymouth**

Nimantha

Farmington

Herath

Canton



Miles Felton Canton



Derek



Gielarowski **Plymouth**





Kevin Pitt Farmington



Canton



Salem





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Drew Lindman Farmington



Plymouth coach

goals before the season started," Stamboulian said. "Because he set the bar so high and worked so diligently to improve, I'm very proud of him. He's a first-class teammate and leader. He will be truly missed."

Mitch Clinton, Jr., Canton: The team co-MVP (with Felton) was a state qualifier with a time of 16:44 at the league meet at Huron Meadows and earned selection to the firstteam All-KLAA and All-Region squads.

The three-sport athlete (he also plays basketball and baseball) caught up pretty quickly with other teammates thanks to hard work and running in tandem with close friend

"He doesn't get in much running until June," Boyd said. "But he still manages to be one of the top runners in the area and one of the top runners in the history of Canton.

Clinton already is out running to fine-tune for 2011, when the Chiefs will be looking to return to the state meet as a team, Boyd noted. "He says the sky's the limit," Boyd

said. "He's going to set really high

Another highlight for Clinton was the Wayne County Invite, where he

placed ninth overall with a time of 16:48.51 and earned selection to the All-County team.

Michael Karizat, Soph., Salem: The sophomore came out of nowhere for the Rocks to excel in his first year, Aspinall said.

Karizat's personal best of 16:45.9 earned him 11th place at the KLAA Championships and he already is ranked No. 5 on Salem's all-time sophomore list and 31st all-time

"As Michael develops into a runner and runs more races, he will continue to improve and get faster," said Aspinall, who coaches the Rocks with Geoff Baker. "He was probably overshadowed all year by Steve McEvilly and senior Andy Rabe, but Michael quietly had a fantastic season."

Bradon Conley, Jr., Canton: The junior finished 16th at regionals, missing by one spot a trip to the D1 state meet with teammates Felton and Clinton.

"We had three of the top-16 guys and they're all coming back next year," Boyd said. "I'd be stunned if all three weren't at the state meet next

2010 ALL-OBSERVER **BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**

FIRST TEAM

Joe Porcari, Sr., Plymouth

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Drew Lindman, Soph., Farmington

SECOND TEAM

Jimmy Maciag, Jr., Plymouth

Joe Urso, Sr., Liv. Stevenson

Tom Windle, Sr., Liv. Churchill

Liam Cardenas, Fr., Plymouth

Ryan Wise, Jr., Liv. Churchill

Adam Chludzinski, Sr., Liv, Stevenson

John Lynch, Jr., Liv. Stevenson

Austin Jones, Sr., Liv. Franklin

Andy Rabe, Sr., Salem

David Hong, Sr., Farmington

Keegan Sullivan, Sr., Canton

Brandon Dalton, Soph., Plymouth

COACH OF YEAR

Jon Mikosz, Plymouth

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Stephen Charnley, Cody

Stevenson: Ryan Petrul; John Glenn:

Jason Suarez, Ruben Maya: Lutheran

Westland: Jacob Fairbairn: Canton:

Jeff Molchan, Tom Walkinshaw, Andrew

Stephens; Plymouth: Zane Berlanga,

Nick Eiben, Justin Heck; Salem: Jimmy

Daniels, Jeremy Droulillard; Farmington:

Matt Lukas, Joe Blair: North Farmington:

Travis Hebden, Ben Wright, Jordan Russell

Plymouth Christian: Jimmy Parks, Trevor

Conley, whose personal best was a

time of 16:50 at the league meet, was

selected to the All-KLAA team and

also earned a spot on the All-County

time of 17:07.87 at the Wayne County

For the second consecutive year,

squad after finishing 20th with a

Conley won the Chiefs' "Hardest

Worker Award" as voted by team-

"The kid came over as a sopho-

more from the football team and just

Boyd said. "... He's always out there,

he never misses a practice or takes

Matt Williams, Sr., Liv. Stevenson:

The senior ran under 17 minutes in

three of his last five races including

losing his shoe with a mile to go - in

Williams also ran 16:58.7 at the

Kensington Conference meet (21st)

and was eighth in Wayne County

a personal best 16:40.9 - despite

the Division 1 regional at Huron

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Meadows.

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Paolo Guarano, Cody Larsen; Harrison:

Rossler; Franklin: Bobby Wilson;

He also took runner-up honors in the Walled Lake Western Invitational and was 16th at the Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard meet.

"Matt had an outstanding season," Stevenson coach Chris Inch said. "He was our number one or two man six of last eight meets. Matt was just starting to figure out how to run a competitive 5K. As good as Matt is at cross country, he is an even better track athlete. I look for him to finish out his high school career with some impressive times in the 800 (meters) and 1,600 this track season."

Drew Lindman, Soph., Farmington: Lindman ran a lifetime best of 16:43 and finished 35th in the D-1 regional at Huron Meadows. Lindman earned All-OAA White honors with an 11th-place finish and 17:23 time at Oxford Hills, and he was the 11th sophomore (41st overall) in the county meet with a 17:32 time, Lindman, who was second in the city meet, is 17th on the team's all-time, 5k list, and coach Stamboulian expects he'll move up considerably with two years remain-

"Drew comes from a running family that has instilled high moral values and toughness into his head," Stamboulian said. "He works very hard and earns everything that comes to him. He has all the qualities you look for in a distance run-

ner. The future is bright for him." **COACH OF THE YEAR**

Jon Mikosz, Plymouth: An amazing run of success. literally, continues to be the Wildcats' varsity boys cross country program, with Mikosz

Plymouth sported another record of 5-0 in dual meets this season, the third consecutive year to do so making the team's record 15-0 since the start of the 2008 season.

In addition to featuring many topshelf athletes, the Wildcats continue to get it done as a team. They won the Wayne County meet for a third consecutive season and now have a three-year streak qualifying for the Division 1 state meet.

Mikosz is the Observer Coach of the Year for the third straight time, too, although he insists "it also helps to have a great assistant coach" in Justin Haiduk.

He added that his team excels with unquenchable desires to win and having strong support from parents also makes his job a worthwhile

"It's a great feeling, to know that what you are doing is working." Mikosz said. "We have a great group of guys that want to win and excel every year and our parent support is unbelievable."

GIRLS

"These are skills that the girls will carry through their teenage years and on into adulthood," said Ashleigh Schiffler, council director for Girls of the Run of Greater Detroit. "When these lessons are combined with the sense of personal strength and accomplishment that the girls gain through the running portion of the program, they become visibly more confident."

But these are still girls in elementary school.

So they are allowed to be who they are, "young, vibrant, silly, full-of-spirit girls who can be present in the now instead of always preparing for the future," Schiffler said. Together with GOTR teammates and coaches, they take on seri-

ous topics for discussion and get to goof off, too. Meanwhile, the race itself almost serves as a graduation of sorts

— with girls perhaps tossing their water bottles into the air instead of tasseled caps.

"It is truly inspirational to watch the girls finish the event," Schiffler said. "You can visibly see that they believe so much in their inner strength and their ability to conquer their dreams."

For more information about Girls on the Run, go to www.gotrdetroit.org.

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

Steelers strong in playoffs

In the first round of WSJFL football playoffs on Nov. 7, the Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior varsity and freshman teams each defeated the Westland Meteors, by respective scores of 49-33 and 33-19. Both games were hosted by the Redford Rangers.

In the junior varsity contest, Alex Nicholson and Cameron Stella each scored three touchdowns enabling the Steelers to advance to the Superbowl against the Ypsilanti Braves. Helping the cause with onside kick recoveries were Cory Burnette and Jacob Miller, while Spencer Zwarka added a huge quarterback sack.

Not to be outdone, the freshman Steelers continued going down its winning path, remaining unbeaten with a big assist going to Ian Gozdor for his game-saving tackle to stop a Westland drive inside the 5yard line.

included offensive line work by Nick Prevo, a TD run by Rashawn Allen and an extra point reception by Danny

The Steelers advanced to take on the Canton Lions in the Superbowl, with sights on a perfect 10-0 record.

Canton Lions won the recent "Black & Blue Bowl" against the Plymouth-Canton Steelers.

did win 8-0 in the Oct. 31 game, the Lions captured the trophy because both their junior varsity and freshman teams won (28-12, 29-12, respectively). The Black & Blue Bowl goes to the team that wins the day's 2-out-of-

Other strong performances

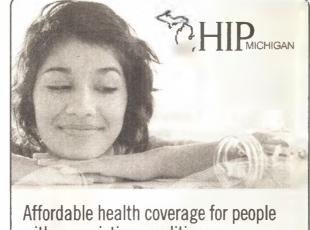
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PCS Penguins senior defenseman and co-captain Sarah Coleman (left) checks Bloomfield Knighthawk players during Tuesday's season opener at Canton Arctic Edge.

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Penguins look to stay hot in '10-11

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Several key players from last season's Division 2 championship have graduated. But losing Jordyn Moore, Kara Bongiovanni and Shauna Siebert isn't expected to ice the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins in 2010-11.

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

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

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

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

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

GIRLS HOCKEY PREVIEW

Cranbrook Kingswood.

IT STARTS WITH DEFENSE

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

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

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

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

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

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

Backing up McAdoo will be freshman

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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HOCKEY

Canton's top two lines are almost interchangeable.

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

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

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

"You can throw any three guys out and they understand and can work pretty well together," the coach said. "... All four lines, from top-to-bottom, are moving the puck real well, forechecking real hard and they're working together."

FOR THE DEFENSE

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

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

Other blueliners include senior Trevor Moore and junior Zak McArdle.

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

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

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

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Bad bounces hurt Whalers

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

When Vellucci was reminded that the point shot by

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

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

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

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

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

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

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Metro Dance has seen in increase in the demand for adult dance and fitness classes and ballroom lessons for all ages. The studio has increased staff and class offerings to meet the demand.

Metro Dance offers steps for everyone

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

products you feature? Metro Dance: Metro Dance Company is a Plymouth dance studio offering year-round ballet, tap, jazz, modern, cecchetti, lyrical, pom, pointe, hip hop, ballroom, pilates and yoga classes for students of all ages and skill levels. We have competitive, recital and technique classes and private lessons can be scheduled our customers' schedules. The studio also offers lessons for brides and grooms looking to learn the basics of ballroom dance and/or to have their first dance choreographed. Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?

Metro Dance: The studio opened in 1997 and was purchased by the current owner in 2006.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Metro Dance: Plymouth is a friendly family-orientated area with a thriving downtown business community. Local businesses are always helpful and looking for ways to work together.

Observer: What makes your business

unique? Metro Dance: Metro Dance Company offers a class for everyone. Younger dancers can

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Number of employees: 9

Hours of operation: Office hours 4-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 4:30-8 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Private lessons and ballroom choreography classes can be scheduled at any time around the customer's schedule.

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technique dance classes in a variety of styles and skill levels and adult dancers have their choice of monthly, 8-week and drop in dance and fitness classes. Couples can take group or private ballroom lessons to learn the basics of salsa, swing, waltz, tango, etc.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Metro Dance: Over the past 2 years, the studio has seen in increase in the demand for adult dance and fitness classes and ballroom lessons for all ages. The studio has increased staff and class offerings to meet the demand.

CHAMBER CHAT

After hours

Liberty Street Brewing Co. hosts a "Beerful" and fun final After Hours of 2010 for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce 5-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18.

Experience original beer right from the vat and great networking at the November After Hours. Before the holiday season gets super busy this is great way over a glass of beer or root beer to connect with many of our new and longtime active members.

Anyone interested in attending should contact Teri at teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540. Liberty Street Brewing Co. is a fully working microbrewery that creates special new ales every month and is located in Old Village at 149 W. Liberty St.

There is no fee to attend this event.

Santa's house

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts the Santa House in Kellogg Park starting with the popular grand opening the day after Thanksgiving when Santa arrives on a fire truck.

Members can bring 200 coupons to the chamber that will be distributed in "goodie bags" during the holiday season to families who come to visit with Santa.

In order to participate, coupons must be delivered to the Chamber (850 West Ann Arbor Trail) by Tuesday, Nov.

If you have any questions, email teri@plymouthmich.org or call 734-453-1540.

Board nominations

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is now



arrival in Plymouth 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26.

accepting nominations from the general membership for our Board of Directors.

Nominations will be submitted to our nominations committee who will give recommendations to our Board and then the names will be

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Foundation director

Yatooma's Foundation For The Kids, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing guidance and stability to families with chil-



dren who have suddenly lost a parent, has named Pam Wong executive director. Most

recently, Wong advised clients as principal in Connecting the

Dots, LLC. She also has held leadership positions with such organizations as the Michigan Department of Education and Ascension Health.

Said Norman Yatooma. founder and president of Yatooma's Foundation For The Kids, "Pam's history of dedication to the community and active leadership in organizations designed to better people's lives, as well as her

passion for our mission, make her a valuable asset in our ability to help more families in our region suffering the loss of a parent."

An active member of the volunteer community, Wong has been recognized for her dedication to helping others. She was honored as Volunteer of the Year by the American Heart Association and named Horizon Award Winner for outstanding community service and leadership by the Human Rights Council, City of Detroit. She currently volunteers with the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council and serves on the Advisory Committee for Starr Commonwealth.

Wong earned her Masters of **Business Administration from** the Richard DeVos Graduate School of Management at Northwood University and her Bachelor of Arts with honors from Michigan State University. She currently resides in Plymouth.

Top advisers

Edward Jones financial advisers gave the highest satisfaction ratings in six of the eight study factors which placed the firm 193 points ahead of the industry average.

"Because this honor is based upon input from our own financial advisers, we could not be more proud," said Edward Jones Managing Partner, Jim Weddle. "The findings demon-

strate that our proactive work has kept us focused on our clients' needs first and foremost during turbulent times."

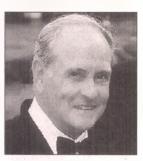
Edward Jones also ranked highest in the 2007 study and tied for the highest ranking in 2008. The study was not conducted in 2009.

The three Plymouth community Edward Jones financial advisors are: Tom Whited, John Birchler, and Sherrie Webb-Zucker.

Edward Jones provides financial services for individual investors in the United States and, through its affiliate, in Canada. Every aspect of the firm's business, from the types of investment options offered to the location of branch offices, is designed to cater to individual investors in the communities in which they live and work. The firm's 12,000-plus financial advisors work directly with nearly seven million clients to understand their personal goals — from college savings to retirement — and create long-term investment solutions that emphasize a well-balanced portfolio and a buy-and-hold

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JAMES RICHARD COLLINS 74, of Polson, MT, and formerly of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away at his Polson home on Wednesday, November 10, 2010. James was born on August 20, 1936 in Boston, MA, a son of the late John and Elizabeth Collins. He attended Boston College

High School, graduating in 1954, and later went on to receive his BA in Finance from Boston College in Chestnut Hill, MA, graduating in 1958. James then enlisted in the US Army that same year and served until his honorable discharge in 1962. Jim worked for General Motors and Honeywell in Boston and Michigan during his career. Jim's faith was very important to him and was a devout, lifelong member of the Catholic Church. He enjoyed sports, especially coaching youth hockey and baseball. Jim energetically and loyally followed the Boston Red Sox, Bruins, Celtics, New England Patriots, and the Boston College Eagles, in particular their outstanding men's hockey program. He was an avid reader, an amateur historian; particularly in American and Irish history. Easy with a conversation and a smile and generous with his friendly and energetic spirit, Jim was an adored friend to many. He also doted on his three kitties. Jim was always fun loving and above all else cherished his wife, children, and grandchildren. Besides his parents, Jim is also preceded in death by a son, James Richard Collins, Jr. Those left with cherished memories are his loving wife, Jean Collins of Polson, MT; a daughter, Mary (Brian) Collins Kelly of Whitefish, MT; three sons, Kevin (Christine) Collins of Chicago, IL, John Collins, of Essex, MT, and Michael (Dina) Collins also of Chicago, IL; a sister, Mary "Reanie" King of Arlington, MA; a brother, John (Carol) Collins of Falmouth, MA. Additionally, Jim leaves behind 7 very dear grandchildren, 7 nieces and nephews and a multitude of grandnieces and nephews. Visitation for Jim's friends and family will begin on Wednesday, November 17, 2010, from 5 - 7 PM at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Polson. A vigil service will begin at 7 PM that evening. Mass of Christian Burial will

to the family online at:
www.groganfuneralhome.com. The staff of Grogan Funeral Home, Polson, MT, considers it a privilege to care for the Collins family.

be celebrated on Thursday, November

18 at 10:30 AM with Father James

Connor presiding. Interment with mili-

tary rites will follow at Lakeview Cemetery, Polson, MT. In lieu of flow-ers, Jim's family has requested that

expressions of sympathy be made in

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either the Whitefish Christian

Academy Scholarship Fund, 820 Ashar Avenue, Whitefish, MT 59937, or to the St. Jude Children's Research

Hospital by visiting www.stjude.org.

Messages of condolence may be sent



MARY AGNES LAING

Age 94. Beloved wife of the late

Harold Laing. Loving mother of

Shirley (Lawrence) Applin. Preceded

in death by her dear son James. Proud

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6. Memorial Service was held November 20, 2010 at Holy Trinity

THOMAS A. COTNER

Age 61. Passed away sud-

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

made to EEF. Please note "Tom

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LUMLEY FLORENCE S. "FLOSSIE"

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

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LEXIE HYDE LEE

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

with the family through www.mcleanfuneral.com McLean Funeral Directors of Belmont is serving the family of Mrs. Lee.

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

DOROTHY G. WALKER

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



IRENE M. WALSH

Age 93, November 15, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Casmer Walsh. Loving mother of Richard and Michael Walsh and Barbara Walsh Trapp. Dear grandmother of Denis, Kevin, Melissa, Cristina, Katie and James. Great-grandmother of six. Irene was a past devoted volunteer at Garden City Hospital Gift Shop. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, Friday at Age 83, of Westland, MI, passed at 10 AM. Memorial contributions away November 15, 2010. may be directed to Easter Seals. Please share a memory at:

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Longtime rockers bring message of hope to listeners

BY SHARON DARGAY **O&E STAFF WRITER**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SWEET CRYSTAL

Upcoming gig: 11 p.m., Friday, Nov. 19, Plymouth Roc, 1020 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth; (734) 459-4190 CD Release: 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, The Token Lounge, 28949 Joy, Westland. Tickets are \$10 at the door; \$3 from every ticket/CD sale till benefit Detroit Rescue Mission. Guest host is WCSX "Doc of Rock" Doug Podell;

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

"That's what I sing about. It's not about 'Jesus saves you,' but more or less it's 'man, I was lost and now I'm found.' People are looking for that encouragement. It's a message of hope. It works well in bars and clubs. People there are looking for something."

Although Wieser lives in Dexter and Blatter is in White Lake, band members grew up in the West Bloomfield and Southfield areas and formed the group after high school. They toured extensively in the 1970s, opening for such acts as Rare Earth, Foghat and Nazareth.

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

The trio continued to play live shows and work as fulltime musicians until about 15 years ago. Speck is an information technology manager at a film studio; Blatter works for a company that builds high-end guitars and sound systems; Wieser is retired from the auto industry.

NEW GIGS

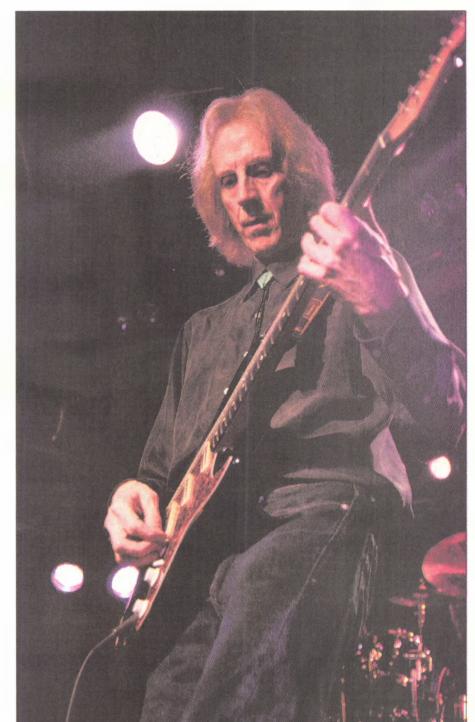
For a few years, they dabbled in recording for commercial endeavors and film. Four years ago they were asked to play for the Michigan Vet Fest, a benefit for military veterans, in Dearborn.

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

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

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

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



Bill Blatter of White Lake was in high school when he and bandmates Bill Wieser and Marq Speck formed Sweet Crystal.







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Art & Ideas Time/Date: Saturdays, 1-7 p.m., Nov. 20 through Jan. 29, 2011

Location: 15095 Northville Road, Plymouth Township, between eastbound and westbound 5 Mile intersections

Details: "Time Tells All" holidayseason art exhibition, a multi-artist retrospective of 2010 exhibitions. Artwork on display through Jan. 29,

Contact: (734) 420-0775 or visit www.artandideasgallery.com **Detroit Artist Market**

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, through Dec. 23 Location: 4719 Woodward Ave.,

Details: Annual Art for the Holiday Show includes jewelry, glass, metal, ceramic, photography, accessories, paintings, drawings, sculpture, books, cards, framed prints and more for sale. Admission to the preview party are \$10 for Detroit Artist Market members and \$20 for non-members

Contact: (313) 832-8540

Northville Art House Time/Date: Through Dec. 3 Location: 215 W. Cady in downtown Northville

Details: 6th Annual Northville Holiday Art market with hand-crafted work in pottery, fiber, jewelry and painting for sale by local artists Contact: (248) 344-Q497

The Gallery@VT Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Nov. 29 Location: 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton Details: Acrylic works by Brian

Contact: (734) 394-5300

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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 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, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays Location: 36071 Plymouth Road,

Livonia Details: Daniel Dugar, Nov. 17-20;

Chrissy Burns, Nov. 24-27; Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle Time/Date: Lisa Landry, Nov. 18-20; Dave Landau, Nov. 26-27; Paul Mecurio, Dec. 2-4; O'Brien & Valdez, Dec. 9-11; David Dyer, Dec. 16-18; Dan Grueter, Dec. 30-31 Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.com-

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Time/Date: Graham Colton, Nov.



Mazowsze performs Dec. 4 at Music Hall for the Performing Arts in Detroit.

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Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor Contact: (734) 763-8587; www. theark.org

Baseline Folk Society Time/Date: Third Saturday of the

month; the next performance is 7

p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth Details: Eight "Open-Mic" performances plus a featured group perform. Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m. Susan Hoy "and Friends" are the featured guests this month. Hosted by Doug McClennen. Individual membership is \$25 and includes monthly concerts from September through May, Otherwise, admission to each concert is \$5 at the door. Family memberships are \$50 and include monthly concerts Contact: (248) 719-3464 or mimmullen@yahoo.com

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

Location: Music Hall, 350 Madison

Ave., Detroit Details: Raga Bop Trio; tickets are \$30 in advance or \$40 the night of

Contact: www.ticketmaster.com;

(313) 887-8500

Trinity House Theatre

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

DANCE

Music Hall

Time/Date: 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 4 Location: 350 Madison, Detroit Details: Polish Folk dance sensation Mazowsze will perform "Christmas Time in Warsaw." The ensemble of more than 85 dancers, musicians, and singers evoke the musical traditions of more than 39 regions in Poland with choreography, musical arrangements and an assortment of handmade costumes. Tickets are \$30-\$50

Contact: Ticketmaster.com, Ticketmaster Outlets or charge by phone at (800) 745-3000

FAMILY

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.dia.

Detroit Zoo Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily 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. Nov. 18 Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Nanny McPhee Returns;"

Coming up: "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps " 7 n.m. and 9:30 n.m.

4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21. "Flipped" runs 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 26-27 and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28 Contact: (734) 453-0870. www.penntheatre.com

Redford Theatre

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Nov. 19 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Nov. 20 Location: 17360 Lahser, Detroit Details: "The Philadelphia Story," tickets \$4

Contact: www.redfordtheatre.com

MUSEUMS

Charles H. Wright

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, through Jan. 2, 2011

Location: 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit

Details: Developed by the Smithsonian to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Harlem's Apollo Theater, this multimedia exhibition draws on wide-ranging materials, including historic photographs, film, recordings, and artist interviews, the exhibit includes one-of-a-kind artifacts, like James Brown's cape and jumpsuit, Michael Jackson's fedora, Louis Armstrong's trumpet, Ella Fitzgerald's dress, Duke Ellington's score for "Black and Tan Fantasy," LL Cool J's jacket and hat, and much more. Admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted

Contact: (313) 494-5800

Cranbrook

Time/Date: 2 p.m., Thursday-Sunday Location: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Docent-guided public tours of Saarinen House, a rare integration of art, architecture, design and nature, depart from Cranbrook Institute of Science front desk. The tours are about 90 minutes long and take place rain or shine.

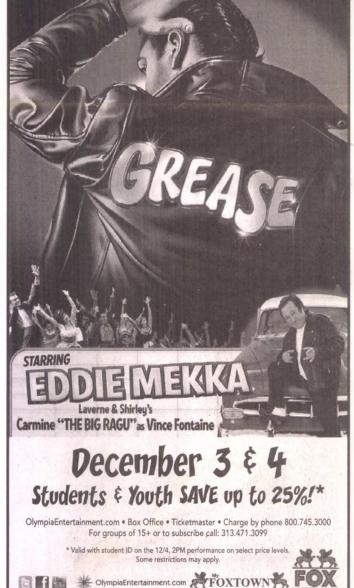
Contact: (248) 645-3200 for house tours; http://science.cranbrook.edu

Plymouth Historical Museum

Time/Date: Museum hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday; exhibit open through Jan. 5, 2011

Location: 155 S. Main, just north of downtown Plymouth Details: "Santa Magic" holiday exhibit of Santa Claus figurines;

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The cast of "Fonts" will bring its family-friendly musical to St. Timothy Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

Musical set for holiday weekend

TLC Productions will bring back the original musical, *Fonts*, for a one-day performance, Saturday, Nov. 27, at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, in Livonia.

Fonts, penned by Tim Chanko, Linda Pohl and Christopher Tremblay, sold out when it was staged earlier this year at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

In the one-act play, the characters explore cyberspace, interact with other fonts and learn there is a lot more to life than they originally thought.

"This show takes things from everyday life and personifies them in a fun, creative

and entertaining way. You'll never look at fonts the same way," Tremblay stated. Fonts is "family-friendly" and nonreligious. Playgoers don't need to know about computers or fonts to enjoy the show. There is no charge, although a donation of \$10 for adults or a free will offering in support of the actors and local theater will be accepted.

St. Timothy is located at 16700 Newburgh, just south of Six Mile. Call (734) 464-8844 or go to sttimothypcusa.org for more information. To learn more about *Fonts* and the cast, go to fontsamusical. wordpress.com/.

Artists sell work at Livonia holiday shop

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) will open its "Holiday Art Shoppe" Dec. 10, at its facility in the New Five Village Shopping Center, 37653 Five Mile, at Newburgh.

VAAL artists will showcase and sell their works at the holiday market through Dec. 18. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon-6 p.m. Sunday.

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While we "wake up" your nerves we will support their need for fuel and activation.

I don't have the space to go into more details here- that is why every new patient receives my latest Peripheral Neuropathy DVD. The DVD explains everything and will answer all of your questions concerning my Peripheral Neuropathy Treatment Program.

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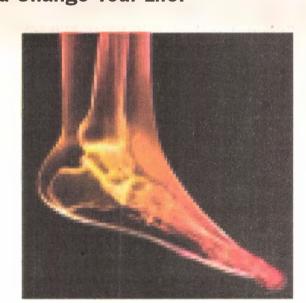
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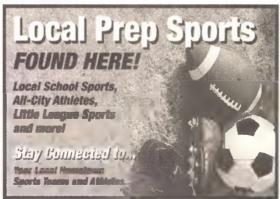
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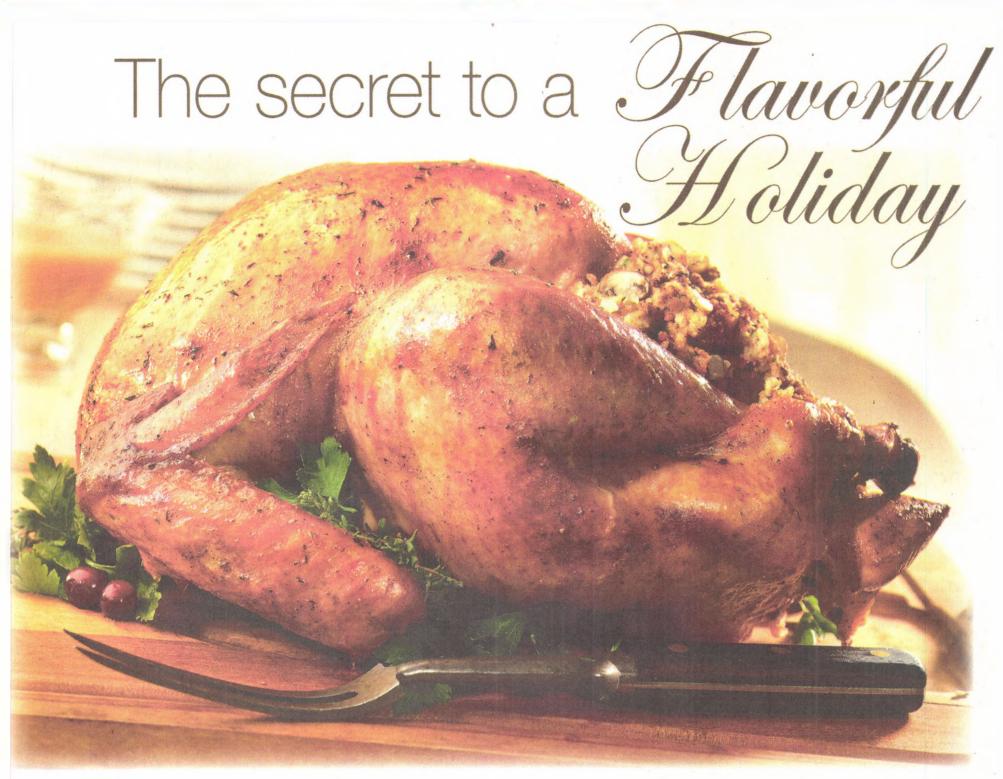
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Roast Turkey with Mushroom Stuffing

he secret to creating a crowdpleasing holiday spread is combining a healthy helping of tradition with a pinch of creative new recipes that showcase beloved holiday flavors.

Basil, thyme and black pepper provide the perfect kiss of flavor to Roast Turkey with Mushroom Stuffing. Basting the bird with an infusion of these three, along with Swanson Chicken stock and lemon juice ensures that the meat will be moist and juicy, and the outside of the bird will roast to a beautiful golden brown.

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

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

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

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

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



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

3½ cups Swanson Chicken Stock

3 tablespoons lemon juice 1 teaspoon dried basil leaves, crushed

1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

1 stalk celery, coarsely chopped (about ½ cup)

1 small onion, coarsely chopped (about ¼ cup) ½ cup sliced mushrooms (about 1½ ounces)

4 cups Pepperidge Farm Herb Seasoned Stuffing

1 turkey (12 to 14 pounds) Vegetable cooking spray

1. Stir 1³/₄ cups stock, lemon juice, basil, thyme and /8 teaspoon black pepper in a small

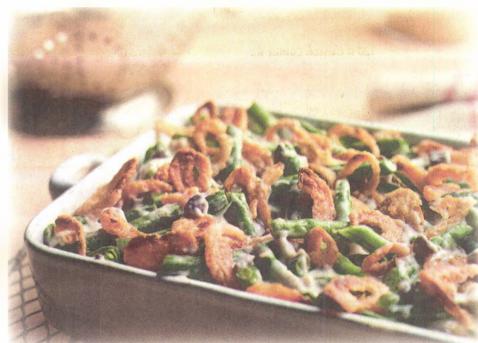
2. Heat the remaining stock, remaining black pepper, celery, onion and mushrooms in a 4-quart saucepan over medium-high heat to a boil. Reduce the heat to low. Cover and cook for 5 minutes or until the vegetables are tender. Remove the saucepan from the heat. Add the stuffing to the saucepan and mix lightly.

3. Remove the package of giblets and neck from the turkey cavity. Rinse the turkey with cold water and pat dry with a paper towel. Spoon the stuffing lightly into the neck and body cavities * Fold any loose skin over the stuffing. Tie the ends of the drumsticks together.

4. Place the turkey, breast side up, on a rack in shallow roasting pan. Spray the turkey with the cooking spray. Brush with the stock mixture. Insert a meat thermometer into the thickest part of the meat, not touching the

5. Roast at 325°F for 3/2 to 4 hours or until the thermometer reads 180°F., the drumstick moves easily and the stuffing reaches 165°F. Baste occasionally with the stock mixture. Begin checking for doneness after 3 hours of roasting time. Let the turkey stand for 10 minutes before slicing.

*Bake any remaining stuffing in a covered casserole with the turkey for 30 minutes or until the stuffing is hot.



Green Bean Casserole

ULTIMATE MASHED POTATOES

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

3½ cups Swanson Chicken

Broth (Regular, Natural Goodness or Certified Organic)

5 large potatoes, cut into 1-

inch pieces (about 7½ cups)

½ cup light cream

½ cup sour cream ¼ cup chopped fresh chives

2 tablespoons butter 3 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled (reserve some for

garnish) Generous dash ground black

pepper 1. Heat the broth and potatoes in a 3-quart saucepan over medium-

high heat to a boil. 2. Reduce the heat to medium. Cover and cook for 10 minutes or until the potatoes are tender. Drain,

reserving the broth. 3. Mash the potatoes with 4 cup broth, light cream, sour cream, chives, butter, bacon and black pepper. Add the additional broth, if needed, until desired consistency. Garnish with the remaining bacon.

GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE

Prep: 10 minutes Bake: 30 minutes Makes: 12 servings (about 3/4

cup each) 2 cans (10³/₄ ounces each) Campbell's Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup (Regular, 98%

Fat Free or Healthy Request) 1 cup milk

2 teaspoons soy sauce ¼ teaspoon ground black

pepper

8 cups cooked cut green beans 2²/₃ cups French's French Fried

1. Stir the soup, milk, soy sauce, black pepper, beans and 1/3 cups onions in a 3-

quart casserole. 2. Bake at 350°F for 25 minutes or until the bean mixture is hot and bubbling. Stir the bean mixture. Sprinkle with the

remaining onions. 3. Bake for 5 minutes or until the onions are golden brown.

TOASTED CORN & SAGE HARVEST RISOTTO

Prep: 15 minutes Cook: 35 minutes Makes: 6 servings (about 11/4

cups each) 1 tablespoon olive oil

1 cup fresh or drained canned whole kernel corn

1 large orange or red pepper, chopped (about 1 cup)

1 medium onion, chopped (about ½ cup)

1³/₄ cups uncooked regular long-grain white rice

4 cups Swanson Chicken Broth (Regular, Natural Goodness or Certified Organic)

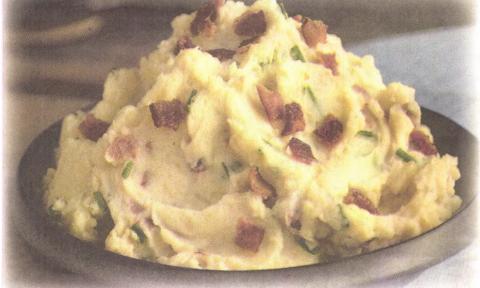
1 teaspoon ground sage 1 can (10³/₄ ounces) Campbell's Condensed Cream of Celery Soup (Regular or 98% Fat Free)

¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese 1. Heat the oil in a 4-

quart saucepan over medium heat. Add the corn, pepper and onion and cook for 5 minutes or until the vegetables are lightly browned.

2. Add the rice to the saucepan and cook and stir for 30 seconds. Stir in the broth and sage and heat to a boil. Reduce the heat to low. Cover and cook for 20 minutes or until the rice is

3. Stir in the soup. Cook for 2 minutes or until the rice mixture is hot. Sprinkle with the cheese.



Ultimate Mashed Potatoes

Take a break from the kitchen and eat out on Thanksgiving

Don't want to cook a big bird and all the trimmings this Thanksgiving Day?

Many local restaurants will be open on the holiday, serving turkey feasts or buffets. Here's a sampling:

BEAVER CREEK TACKLE AND BEER

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

COURTHOUSE GRILLE

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

DEADWOOD BAR AND GRILL

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

GINOPOLIS ON THE GRILL

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

G. SUBU'S LEATHER BOTTLE

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

GIULIO'S CUCINA ITALIANA

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

HOURS: Mon.-Thurs.....11am - 10 pm

Friday.....11am - Midnight

Saturday......10 am - Midnight

Sunday.....Noon - 8 pm



THE GOLDEN FOX

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

HAWTHORNE VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

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

HERC'S PRIME BEEF AND SEAFOOD

The restaurant will serve both traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinners, ham dinners or a combination of both from noon to 9 p.m. The menu includes soup or salad bar, potato or vegetable, rolls and dessert. The cost for adults is \$12.95; children 12 and under pay \$7.95. The restaurant is located at 36685 Plymouth Road, Livonia. For reservations call (734) 425-1830.

MAMA MIA!

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

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

1 UNDER

1 Under, 35780 Five Mile Road, Livonia (just east of Levan) offers three seatings (11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.) for its Thanksgiving buffet feast. Asiago-stuffed chicken breast, parmesanencrusted white fish, stuffed pork tenderloin, along with turkey and ham carving stations. Sides include mashed potatoes and sweet mashed potatoes, corn bread stuffing, butternut squash ravioli, seafood bar, fresh fruit, cheese, vegetables, cranberry and orange relish, assorted salads, pastries and desserts, chicken fingers, tater tots, mini corn dogs, pop, coffee and tea. Cost is \$18.99 for adults, \$7.99 for children and \$14.99 for senior citizens (tax and gratuity not included). Space is limited. For reservations, call (734) 464-5555. Kids ages 6 and under eat free.

STATION 885

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

THOMAS' FAMILY DINING

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

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Weatherization help boosts comfort levels in winter months

Adequate home insulation can keep your home from being drafty this winter and keep heating costs down. For those who meet income guidelines, there is help available with home weatherization.

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency handles weatherization for residents in Wayne County, said Mary Wilson, director of Weatherization. FIP, SDA and SSI recipients automatically qualify. The program serves: Belleville, Plymouth city and Township, Canton, Redford, Dearborn Heights, Romulus, Garden City, Sumpter, Huron, Taylor, Inkster, Van Buren, Livonia, Wayne, Northville city and Township, and Westland.

To apply, call (734) 727-7297. Income guidelines on a three-month basis are: \$5,958 for a family of one; \$7,791 for a family of two; \$9,624 for a family of three; \$11,457 for a family of four; \$13,291 for a family of five; \$15,124 for a family of six; \$16,635 for a family of seven; \$18,505 for a family of eight; \$20,375 for a family of nine; \$22,245 for a family of 10; and \$1,870 for each additional family member

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS Q. What is the Weatherization Assistance

Program? A. The low-income home weatherization assistance program is administered statewide by the Department of Human Services (DHS). Eligible low-income households receive free energy conservation Services. DHS contracts with agencies throughout Michigan to provide these services. There are five Local Weatherization Operators (LWO's) to serve different parts of Wayne County.

Q. Who is eligible for these weatherization

A. Any low-income homeowner or renter may be eligible if they meet current federal poverty income guidelines.

Q. What is the cost to me for this service? A. The service is provided free of charge to those who qualify. FIP and SSI recipients are automatically

qualified for the program. Q. If I rent, do I need to have permission



before services can be performed?

A. Yes. Before any weatherization services can be provided, the landlord or manager of the rental building must sign a landlord agreement. Q. What steps are involved in having my home weatherized?

A. An application of eligibility is filled out; a pre-inspection of the home is completed by a certified inspector, work is performed by a licensed contractor and a certified post inspector will inspect the completed work on the home. Q. What determines the weatherization measures that will be installed on my

A. The measures to be installed depend upon what the pre-inspector finds already existing in your home, what measures are determined to be most cost-effective and the amount of funds available to complete the measures. State and federal rules limit the amount of dollars per home. Therefore, the amount of dollars spent and the type of measures in stalled may vary between households. Q. Can I tell the pre-inspector which weatherization measures I want?

A. No. The state has done extensive research on which measures save the most energy and therefore, the agency cannot allow program participants to pick and choose measures. To receive the

weatherization services, you must allow the agency to follow state set guidelines.

Q. I live in a mobile home. What kind of measures will be installed?

A. Mobile home measures may include: cold air infiltration, i.e. weather stripping of leaky doors, tightening up drafty windows, floor insulation, storm windows and health and safety measures. Q. How do I know if I am getting quality

materials and work? A. State and federal rules require that all materials used must meet or exceed specific quality standards. HDS also sends field staff to all parts of the state to check on workmanship, material quality and to provide training and technical assistance. Q. What results can I expect from the

weatherization completed on my home? A. Studies show a 15 to 30 percent reduction of fuel costs. However, your results may be higher or lower depending upon your personal habits, changes in household occupants and/ or extreme weather conditions. You can expect your home to feel more comfortable and less drafty, and that the job will be performed in a professional manner.

Q. If I am determined eligible, how long before my home is weatherized?

A. The length of time may vary from a week to one year. Since funds are limited, not all eligible clients can be served immediately. Other factors also influence the length of you wait, since there are state and federal priority groups, including senior citizens, handicapped and public assistance recipients.

Q. How do I apply for weatherization?

A. Call the Local Weatherization Operator for your area: Wayne County Weatherization - Serving the 18 western Wayne County Communities including Taylor (734) 727-7297; Downriver Community Conference - Serving the Downriver Communities (734) 362-3475; City of Dearborn - Serving Dearborn residents only (313) 943-2180; Wayne Metro CSA - Serving Highland Park, Hamtramck, Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe (313) 843-2550; City of Detroit, DHS - Serving the city of Detroit (313) 852-5634.

Q. Who funds these weatherization program services?

A. The federal government contributes to the operation of the weatherization program. While funding levels vary from year to year, there has been a weatherization program in Michigan since late 1974. Each year about 4,000 eligible homeowners and renters benefit from the program. In addition to these direct services, the weatherization program provides jobs, stimulates the state economy and conserves scarce energy resources.

OAKLAND COUNTY

The Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency has weatherization assistance available for Oakland County residents. Low-income older adults can secure energy-saving improvements for their home to ensure comfortable, health, safe and energy-efficient living conditions at a great savings.

Its Central Office is at 196 Caesar E. Chavez, P.O. Box 430598, Pontiac MI 48343-0598. Phone: (248) 209-2600; e-mail: info@olhsa.org; website: www.olhsa.org.

The OLHSA South Office is at 345 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale MI 48220. Phone: (248) 542-5860; e-mail: info@olhsa.org; website: www.olhsa.

26320 Southwestern Hwy

Mull litigation option carefully

Q: I am involved in a distressed condominium in Naples, which was damaged during the last hurricane, and I am wondering whether, in fact, anything can be done with the insurance company that refuses to fix our project. Our association is contemplating a lawsuit but is thinking about arbitration. What do you think?

A: While Florida laws are somewhat different from those here in Michigan, I do not believe that arbitration, unless mandatorily required, is the best avenue for your association given the fact that there are still negative feelings about developers, particularly in this state of economy. While you may have to go through mandatory mediation before commencing litigation or certainly during it, that is a more preferable way of resolving your issue. While litigation



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expensive and drawn out, it is expensive for both parties which many community associations fail to

recognize. It is obviously important for the association to have the right experts in terms of engineers and architects and an experienced community association attorney who not only can draft condominium documents, but understands the vagaries of litigation.

Q: I have a condominium in Bonita Springs and I am wondering whether the Gulf spill is going to have an impact on the marketability of our units.

A: In speaking with Realtors in Naples in late 2010, it appears that the oil spill has not in any way impacted the beaches along the Southwest Gulf Coast, and, I do not believe, therefore, that it would in any way impact on the marketability of your unit. To the extent that there is any perception of same, I believe that there is documentation to support your position that it is not valid. You should, of course, retain a real estate expert who has that expertise and is in a position, if necessary, to respond to any inquiries from prospective purchasers

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 2-6, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
45458 Augusta Dr	\$315,000
6955 Becky Dr	\$144,000
348 Buckingham Rd	\$150,000
2012 Crowndale Ln	\$320,000
44803 Danbury Rd	\$265,000
41856 Glen Arbor St	\$240,000
46465 Killarney Cir	\$177,000
1382 Liberty St N	\$400,000
42820 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$55,000
46954 Mornington Rd	\$310,000
45551 Muirfield Ct	\$320,000
6820 Tiffany Cir	\$256,000
Garden City	
32631 Alvin St	\$93,000

28613 Balmoral St	\$79,000
28507 Cambridge St	\$110.000
171 Cardwell St	\$69.000
28467 Florence St	\$50,000
6874 Gilman St	\$64,000
32962 Hennepin St	\$95,000
221 Ross St	\$88,000
6745 Schaller St	\$90.000
29764 Sheridan St	\$70,000
Livonia	
37943 Amrhein Rd	\$138,000
32430 Barkley St	\$136,000
32741 Barkley St	\$140,000
20439 Beatrice St	\$55,000
27529 Buckingham St	\$120,000
17278 Deering St	\$113,000
39335 Donald St	\$150,000
9324 Eastwind Dr	\$130,000
32807 Fargo St	\$20,000
19005 Flamingo Blvd	\$80,000
9448 Harrison St	\$82,000
9027 Houghton St	\$132,000
11790 Hunters Park Ct	\$40,000
37107 Kingsburn Dr	\$322,000
35985 Leon St	\$127,000

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49617 S Glacier	
17405 Victor Dr	
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	Plymouth
522 Ann St	
967 Palmer St	
8850 S Main St	
	Redford
9360 Appleton	
19940 Centralia	
26245 Clarita	
26286 Dow	
11774 Farley	
12059 Farley	
15069 Fenton	
9620 Kinloch	
18266 Macarthur	
11400 Marion	
18330 Poinciana	
15517 Pomona Dr	
12950 Salem	

16400 Mulberry Way

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9097 Virgil	\$59,000
11776 Virgil	\$40,000
9082 Winston	\$59,000
Westland	47
34510 Algonquin St	\$105,000
30874 Burlington St	\$51,000
38452 Chestnut Ln	\$79,000
32663 Fairchild St	\$45,000
8423 Gilman St	\$75,000
31289 Grandview Ave	\$69,000
31637 Hazelwood St	\$74,000
35247 Hazelwood St	\$30,000
6151 Herbert St	\$59,000
31041 Hiveley St	\$60,000
6325 Hunter Pointe St	\$86,000
8254 Melvin Ave	\$57,000
1842 N Carlson St	\$43,000
473 N Hix Rd	\$110,000
408 N John Hix St	\$65,000
1159 Sharon St	\$63,000
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34142 Cortland Ave Farmington Hills

29604 Highmeadow Rd

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18950 Hampshire St

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747 Banbury Ct 313 River Wood Trl

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35846 Old Homestead Dr 21415 Purdue Ave

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16221 Beechwood Ave	\$182,000
15784 Birwood Ave	\$90,000
16281 Buckingham Ave	\$87,000
16948 Georgina St	\$154,000
18427 Warwick St	\$273,000
31805 Westlady Dr	\$165,000
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1412 Bennaville Ave	\$83,000
540 Berwyn St	\$663,000
845 Fairfax St	\$855,000
1941 Graefield Rd	\$40,000
1959 Haynes St	\$126,000
2666 Pembroke Rd	\$210,000
145 S Glenhurst Dr	\$759,000
883 Smith Ave	\$545,000
1211 Stanley Blvd	\$260,000
1390 Willow Ln	\$477,000
35300 Woodward Ave	\$88,000
Bloomfield	Hills
170 E Hickory Grove Rd	\$190,000
706 Westview Rd	\$306,000
216 Woodwind Dr	\$580,000
Bloomfield To	wnship
733 Briar Hill Ln	\$230,000
3870 Carriage Ln	\$750,000
2958 Chestnut Run Dr	\$500,000
5745 Crabtree Rd	\$226,000
230 Devon Rd	\$470,000
2577 Endsleigh Dr	\$590,000
3850 Far Hill Dr	\$217,000
2741 Farmingdale Dr	\$171,000
2464 Heronwood Dr	\$860,000

pirmingnam		747 Banbury Ct	\$220,000
Bennaville Ave	\$83,000	313 River Wood Trl	\$242,000
Berwyn St	\$663,000	629 Village Ln	\$103,000
Fairfax St	\$855,000	Novi	
Graefield Rd	\$40,000	43100 12 Oaks Crescent Dr	\$125,000
Haynes St	\$126,000	24396 Bramblewood Dr	\$210,000
Pembroke Rd	\$210,000	1250 E Lake.Dr	\$380,000
Glenhurst Dr	\$759,000	1312 E Lake Dr	\$675,000
Smith Ave	\$545,000	135 Eubank St	\$164,000
Stanley Blvd	\$260,000	41622 Kenilworth Ln	\$123,000
Willow Ln	\$477,000	40281 Ladene Ln	\$170,000
00 Woodward Ave	\$88,000	24501 Olde Orchard St	\$65,000
Bloomfield Hil		22176 Pondview	\$95,000
Hickory Grove Rd	\$190,000	25593 Portico Ln	\$115,000
Westview Rd	\$306,000	40590 Rock Hill St	\$161,000
Noodwind Dr	\$580,000	41670 Tera Ln	\$118,000
Bloomfield Town		23561 Valley Starr	\$155,000
Briar Hill Ln	\$230,000	43700 W Nine Mile Rd	\$135,000
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3 Chestnut Run Dr	\$500,000	54055 Birchwood Dr	\$30,000
Crabtree Rd	\$226,000	54310 Birchwood Dr	\$30,000
Devon Rd	\$470,000	61025 Greenwood Dr	\$40,000
' Endsleigh Dr	\$590,000	61276 Greenwood Dr	\$48,000
) Far Hill Dr	\$217,000	135 Harvard Ave	\$100,000
Farmingdale Dr	\$171,000	832 Wood Run	\$219,000
4 Heronwood Dr	\$860,000	Southfield	
Meadow Wood Ln	\$251,000	22341 Avon Ln	\$88,000
7 Norwood Rd	\$588,000	28101 Brentwood St	\$35,000
5 Oakland Dr	\$390,000	22638 Chatsford Circuit St	
Robinhood Cir	\$214,000	21310 Constitution St	\$80,000
) W Hickory Grove Rd	\$290,000	28055 Fairfax St	\$13,000
Woodedge Dr	\$285,000	28530 Lahser Rd	\$80,000
Commerce Town		29590 Meadowlane Dr	\$97,000
Baltuscol Dr	\$183,000	19742 Melrose Ave	\$33,000
9 Farrant St	\$297,000	28461 Selkirk St	\$30,000
Greenlawn Ave	\$45,000	23251 Twining Dr	\$110,000
7 Philip	\$290,000	White Lake	
Farmington		8625 Jamestown Dr	\$330,000

Career Seminar

· A Real Estate Career Seminar will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laiello@ kw.com.

Renovation

Six months after the start of a vigorous renovation effort, the offices of Weichert, Realtors - Cass Realty have been completely upgraded and modernized, offering much more space and comfort for potential home buyers and sellers. The client and agentfriendly environment at 23400 Michigan Ave., Suite 180, "gives us a fresh start to go with our bright outlook for the coming year in real estate," said broker/

owner Ron LaCasse. Realtor Anna Cinnamon, who worked hand in hand with LaCasse on the metamorphosis, also announced the relaunch of the company's career seminars. Beginning Dec. 7 and every Tuesday thereafter at 7 p.m., the office will be open to anyone, new or experienced, who is seeking a career with a

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client-centric company known for its support to agents. "It's a great time to get into real estate," Cinnamon said. "There is always plenty to do, and savvy consumers know that the well-trained, knowledgeable Realtor is their best friend."

The agency offers a set of Weichert systems and tools at no charge to agents. These include in-person training for new agents, mentoring, oneon-one coaching for experienced agents, support during transactions, an Internet leads system direct to agents, and marketing support.

Clients and agents share the spotlight at newly renovated Weichert office. For more information, the Weichert office can be reached at (313) 357-3800. The company's Web address is www.WeichertCass.

Partnership

Stokas Realty Advisors and Bieri Company announced their newly formed partnership as Stokas Bieri Real Estate (SBRE). Detroit X-Team Partner, Stokas Realty Advisors Principal Jim Stokas and Bieri Co. President Jim Bieri made the announcement.

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combined success and industry experience, Stokas Bieri Real Estate was created as a full-service retail real estate company that can provide a broader base of retail clients with all the services they need under one roof. SBRE specializes in site selection for retailers nationwide and offers additional services, including project leasing, disposition of excess properties, restructuring, market analysis and legal services. SBRE's client roster includes such local big box, mid box and specialty retailers as SVS Vision Art Van, IKEA, Marshalls, Petco, Office Depot, TJ Maxx, Yankee Candle, AJ Wright, Home Goods, Emagine Theatres, Jos A Bank, Fire & Ice, Bob Evans, and Helzberg Diamonds, as well as, The Shoppes at Detroits' Gateway Park (Woodward and Eight Mile) and General Motors

Renaissance Center. With offices in Southfield and Detroit, Stokas Bieri Real Estate is committed to Michigan and the Northern Ohio region, and will seek opportunities to assist land owners and developers toward developing larger retail centers with big box and specialty

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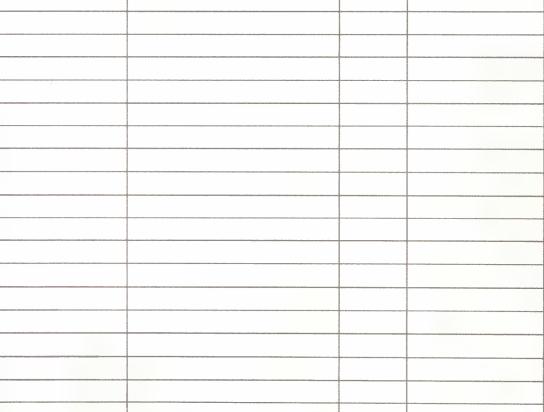


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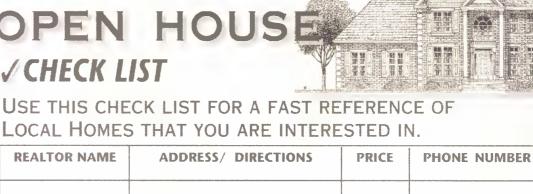
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