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Music mania

Hundreds of spectators crowded into Kellogg Park once again Friday as Soul Academy kicked off the 2009 Music in the Air concert series, presented by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority.

The concert was the first in the annual series, which take place Fridays at 7 p.m. in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Blue Cross Blue Shield returns as the major sponsor, and individual weekly sponsorships are still available. For more information or to sponsor a concert, call the DDA at (734) 455-1453.

The rest of the schedule:

- June 5 - Redhill
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- June 19 - Trilogy Band
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- July 31 - Gia Warner
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- Aug. 14 - The Kris K Band
- Aug. 21 - Randy Brock Group
- Aug. 28 - Mass Transit
- Sept. 4 - Lady Sunshine and the X Band

Breakfast banter



Patterson



Corriveau

Friday's "Good Morning, Plymouth" community breakfast will be served along with talks with state Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, and state Sen. Bruce Patterson.

With a slew of important economic and budget issues facing the state, diners will hear from representatives of both sides of Michigan's Legislature. In addition to the discussion (and the food) there will be a question-and-answer session at the end.

The breakfast takes place 7:30-9 a.m. Friday, June 5, at the Hilton Garden Inn, located at 14600 Sheldon.

For more information, call the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-1540.

Blood drive

Lou LaRiche Chevrolet sponsors a blood drive 1:30-7 p.m. Thursday, June 11. The dealership is located at 40875 Plymouth Road in Plymouth.

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Bankrupt Metaldyne plans sell-off

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Blaming slumping sales, tight credit and marketplace uncertainty, Plymouth Township-based Metaldyne Corp. on Wednesday filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

Metaldyne manufactures parts for automobile engines, transmissions and chassis, and counts the Big Three and major foreign automakers among its customers. The company employs more than 4,400 people at facilities around the world, including 174 people in Plymouth Township, the site of its corporate headquarters and a testing laboratory. Sales revenue was approximately \$1.57 billion last year.

In connection with the bankruptcy, two investment firms, RHJ

International and The Carlyle Group, have made separate offers to buy parts of Metaldyne. The company is open to other offers. The sale process will be overseen by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, where the Chapter 11 was filed.

"Selling operations ... is the best way to preserve as many jobs as possible (and) best serve our customers and will allow certain of our operations to emerge from bankruptcy in a matter of months," Thomas A. Amato, the company's chairman and chief executive, said in a press release.

Company spokeswoman Marge Sorge on Thursday said "there's no way of knowing" whether bankruptcy will mean job losses in the short term, given the possibility that parts of the

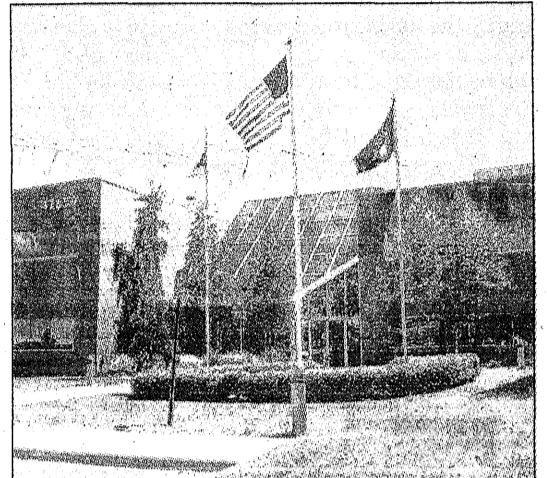
company will be sold. The RHJ and Carlyle offers do not encompass all of Metaldyne's facilities.

Township Treasurer Ron Edwards said the township will be hurt financially by Metaldyne's shakeup.

Metaldyne has three facilities in the township but has consolidated operations into two and is in the process of further consolidating into one, on Halyard Drive, Sorge said. Edwards said the empty buildings will mean a reduction in property values that will cut into tax collections. "It just going to keep spiraling down, and we're going to have to make adjustments," he said.

Metaldyne paid about \$420,000 in property taxes last year, Edwards

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Metaldyne, located in Plymouth Township, has filed for bankruptcy protection.

Plant party

Smith students craft their own garden

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There are some students at Smith Elementary who'd never had a chance to plant anything in their young lives.

That changed this week as the students, under the leadership of the school's garden committee chair Manda Mustaine, began transforming the courtyard into a native garden complete with a rain garden.

The work was accomplished through a variety of grants, including two \$500 grants from the Friends of the Rouge, who helped with the planting this week.

"We wanted to transform the courtyard into a habitat and an outdoor classroom," Mustaine said. "We wanted a place where kids could come out and learn."

Friends of the Rouge donated \$500 worth of engineering services and \$500 worth of native plants to the project. More recently, the district's Educational



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Ben Walters (right) watches Blake Kemerling plant his sunflower seed in the Smith garden.

Excellence Foundation gave them a grant for \$775 for indoor planters and raised outdoor planters.

A \$5,000 "Toolbox for Education" grant from Lowe's and some \$1,500 the school raised selling brick pavers rounded the \$8,000 cost of the project.

As part of Ford's Better World Volunteer Day May 15, a dozen Ford employees — all of whom have children attending Smith — removed sod and stumps, added compost and wood chips and installed a rain barrel. Plymouth Rock & Supply donated a bird bath.

"Given the economic conditions in southeast Michigan, this project has been a bright spot," said Mustaine, herself a Ford employee. "Corporate and community businesses/

foundations have lent their support to establish a school garden and outdoor classroom that will benefit the students, staff and community for many years to come."

Getting the project off the ground has been a heart-warming experience for Mustaine and the students.

"Kids don't spend as much time outdoors as they used to," said Mustaine, who has a first-grader at Smith now and another child who enters kindergarten in the fall. "For some of these kids, it's the first time they've ever planted anything, and some of them are fifth-graders."

"To have the kids out here and being hands-on is invaluable," she added. "It's good to see kids get excited."

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Popular program faces ax

BY BRAD KADRICH
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Parents, teachers and students involved in the Farrand Elementary Multi-Age program — a 15-year-old program that pairs third-, fourth- and fifth-grade children in a sort of student-mentor relationship in one classroom — believe the program has been a successful one that falls in the "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" category.

But administrators, district officials and others who aren't involved in it — including the key building official charged with the program's fate — think it may be a program whose time has come — and gone.

Those opposing views are at the crux of the debate over the program's fate, which is about to be decided by Farrand Principal Dana Jones, who is reportedly set to phase the program out.

"The multi-age education began 15 years ago (when) curricular standards were very different in Michigan," Jones told a group of parents gathered last week for an informational meeting at the school. "If I liked dinosaurs and I wanted to teach a unit about dinosaurs, I could teach about dinosaurs and nobody cared. People now care what we teach every day — the state cares, the district cares, the principal cares. We're accountable for that."

The multi-age program, run

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Just a few days ago the Smith garden was just worn grass.

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Helping hand

Lauren Craig helps R.J. Kelly adjust his mortarboard cap just before the 2009 Plymouth Christian Academy graduation ceremony begins. For the list of graduates and more photos, please turn to Page A4 (and to our Web site, www.hometownlife.com).

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Hike for Hope

The New Hope Center for Grief Support hosts a Hike for Hope Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Maybury State Park (Eight Mile entrance, one mile west of Beck Road, car fee of \$6), 20145 Beck Road in Northville, a fun-filled family time walking or running and remembering loved ones.

A registration fee of \$15 per person or \$25 per family will be charged prior to the event and \$20 per person or \$30 per family the day of the event; donations from sponsors can be obtained by walkers. Registration is from 9-9:45 a.m. The hike will be followed by a "Time of Remembrance," complimentary pre-race "fueling" of fruit, bagels, and juices.

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach center located in Northville. The non-profit agency provides

grief support services for adults, children, and teens through groups, seminars and other resources. All groups offered by New Hope Center are provided free of charge and the agency relies on individual and community support for its funding.

For more information about Hike for Hope or to participate, volunteer, or be a business sponsor, please call the New Hope office at (248) 348-0115 or visit www.newhope-center.net

Tiger trip

The Plymouth Historical Museum is selling tickets to the Detroit Tigers vs. Kansas City Royals baseball game at Comerica Park on Monday, July 6. The tickets are in the upper deck behind the first-base dugout.

A luxury coach will pick up fans at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, at 5 p.m., with a 5:15 p.m. departure for the ballpark. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. The coach will leave for Plymouth shortly after the game ends. The \$40 ticket price includes one upper deck



PHOTO BY DAVID L. MALHALAB

Greatest generation

Walter Moore, 89 of Canton, poses with his daughter, Laura Sommerville of Plymouth, and Army Reserve and Navy Reserve escorts prior to him posing with over 1,500 members of Michigan's "greatest generation" of World War II vets at historic Willow Run Airport Thursday. They were brought together by the Yankee Air Museum and Visionalist Entertainment Productions for an historic photo of the largest gathering of World War II vets.

seat and a round-trip luxury coach ride to the ballpark and back from the Museum. If July 6 doesn't work, the museum also has tickets and a luxury coach reserved for the Tigers vs. Cleveland Indians game Tuesday, Sept. 1.

The Museum's hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday,

Saturday, and Sunday. There may be someone in the administrative office on Mondays, but call (734) 455-8940 before coming to the Museum on that day. Tickets can also be purchased through PayPal from the Museum's website at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html>.

Arbitrator dismisses grievance over job cuts

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township officials were within their management rights in December when they cut the work hours of seven employees, according to a professional arbitrator.

Arbitrator William Daniel's decision, which township officials learned of on Tuesday, dismisses a grievance filed by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, which represented the workers at the time of the cutbacks.

Citing budgetary pressures, the township Board of Trustees voted 4-3 in December to cut the hours of seven employees, mostly clerical workers, from full time to 30 hours a week, meaning the workers lost benefits as well as pay. The cutbacks were among the steps officials took to deal with an expected revenue shortfall. Local union president Kathy Pumphrey didn't return calls seeking comment.

The union's grievance charged

the township had violated its contract, as the contract described the jobs as full time, and that the move was arbitrary and capricious.

"It's sad that anybody's having to do this," said township Supervisor Richard Reaume of the cutbacks. But some of the affected workers would have lost their jobs had there been layoffs instead, he added.

"The township did not create these conditions and labor didn't create these conditions," Reaume said of the economy.

The supervisor said there is no timetable for restoring the seven employees to full-time status.

"Right now, the economy in the state of Michigan is worsening every day," and revenue from the state to local communities is being reduced, Reaume said.

Employee union representatives could not be reached Friday. The seven affected workers, and 20 others who kept full-time hours, are now represented by the administrative division of the Police Officers Association of Michigan.

METALDYNE

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expects that to drop by about a third. Edwards said some of Metaldyne's equipment has been removed, which will mean a reduction in personal property tax collections as well.

Edwards expects to see more auto supplier bankruptcies.

"This is just beginning," he said. "We have so many auto suppliers in Plymouth Township... they're not going to be a part of this."

Auto supplier Visteon Corp., based in Van Buren Township, filed for bankruptcy on Thursday. Chrysler L.L.C. is already in bankruptcy, and a General Motors Corp. bankruptcy was all but cer-

tain on Friday.

The Metaldyne bankruptcy comes after a major cost-cutting effort that included hundreds of layoffs at facilities in the township last year. Sarge said two U.S. plants, one in Middleville, Mich., and another in Niles, Ill., had already been scheduled to close at the end of August, affecting a total of 144 workers.

Metaldyne's bankruptcy filing does not include its entities or operations outside the U.S., nor does it include its parent company, Asahi Tec Corp. of Japan.

Asahi Tec, which purchased Metaldyne in 2007 and helped bring down its debt, is essentially cutting the company loose, but bidder RHJ International is a majority shareholder in Asahi Tec.

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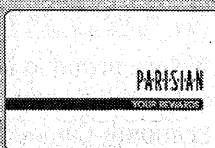
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PROGRAM

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in two Farrand classrooms, puts third-, fourth- and fifth-graders in the same class, learning units from each grade together. The older students mentor the younger students. Students work in teams, with hands-on projects and other group learning experiences.

The program used to include a first- and second-grade element, but it was discontinued in the wake of No Child Left Behind legislation.

SPEAKING UP

While the program also has its drawbacks — putting younger students in with older students, for example — parents have been vociferous in their support of it, especially since word of Jones' decision leaked out.

"There is a wealth of difference between ages," acknowledged Leigh Oberson Schwartz, who has had three children go through the program and a fourth who is a fourth-grader now. "But you honestly don't have that because when you walk in you can't really tell who's a third-grader and who's a fifth-grader."

"They start out as third-graders, and then those kids become the fourth-graders who help the third-graders, and then become the fifth-graders who help everyone," Schwartz added. "It's an especially good program, especially for kids who wouldn't have the confidence to lead or they're shy."

Jones, finishing up her second year as Farrand's principal, said she understands the popularity of the program. But she and other district officials are saying the state's more rigorous curriculum standards make it difficult to continue the multi-age program.

TOUGHER STANDARDS

At a recent meeting of Farrand parents and district administrators, Jones said the district has made "enormous effort" to align the state's content standards to district curriculum.

"The multi-age program sort of dismantles that again," Jones told parents. "That's fine, but that also then impacts the rest of the building when we try to ... work together to support dif-

ferent things going on in the building.

"It takes a huge effort on the part of multi-age teachers to make that work," Jones added. "While they're willing to do that at this point, I think part of my role is to make sure they aren't being overtaxed in that area because we might need to rely on them for something else, such as supporting a split or a combination class, or being a mentor to another teacher."

Parents are also upset because they felt they weren't consulted about the decision to cut the program before it was made. Word of the decision — which district officials say still hasn't been officially made — leaked out last month, and parents have streamed to Board of Education meetings in droves to complain ever since.

They claim Jones had already made the decision and that the recent meeting was set only after word leaked. District officials said that wasn't true.

"Three weeks ago, (Jones) wasn't prepared to share any information yet, so the information about the whole topic and whether we were going to keep it had not been shared," said George Belvitch, the district's director of elementary education. "It will be (Jones') job to make that decision based on work she's done with her staff and all the research she's done. No final decision has been made."

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

At the meeting, Jones told parents she'd heard "parent involvement" as an argument in favor of the multi-age program. While acknowledging parent involvement is a good thing, Jones argued the huge parent turnout in the multi-age classrooms can be a detriment.

"I love that we have a lot of parents who want to be involved here, but it presents a problem when it's all concentrated in a couple of classrooms," she told parents at the meeting. "We have teachers who've worked here a long time who've never had an average amount of parent support in their classrooms. It would be one thing if we were taking a couple of really involved parents from Bird and a couple from Isbister, but we're not. They're all coming from Farrand and that creates an imbalance in the rest of the building. I know the (other)

teachers in this building would love to have the opportunity to work with more parents."

To parents, that logic seems contrary to the position most of society takes on parent involvement in their children's lives, including school.

"This isn't about a better way to teach," Schwartz said. "The other classrooms don't get the support, so let's break that up and try to spread it around."

SENSE OF SADNESS

All that back-and-forth aside, one person said to see the end of the program — if indeed it is cut — is the woman who's been teaching it throughout its existence.

Isabel Sand has been teaching in the multi-age program for 15 years, and calls it her "philosophy." She called it "sad" to have to make a change in something she really believes in.

The reason for its success, Sand believes, is the continuity the program brings. Students know each other, they're comfortable with their teachers, and families are often in it together.

Sand said she's currently got four groups of brother-sister combinations, and many current students have had older siblings who've been in the program.

"It's like a continuum of learning," Sand said. "You really get to know the families, and that's a plus. We do a lot of project-based thing kids have learned

about before they even get to the class."

It also helps the students in the program — some 56 of them — work together, and work to their own strengths.

"The way we present things is a continuum of how you're going to be challenged," Sande said. "Kids might be mentors in one area, and in another area they might be getting help from someone else. There's a nice feeling of working together."

BEST INTERESTS

If the program is discontinued, Belvitch said, it will be phased out so that students currently in the program will be able to finish it. And if it is discontinued, he added, it will be because district administrators feel that would be in the best overall interest of the school.

"The program has served many children well over the years," Belvitch said. "Now, with the rigors of the curriculum and the requirements of the standards we are required to teach and all the grade-level content expectations, it's difficult to maintain a program such as that exactly as it has been over the last 15 years."

"The bottom line is (Jones) is looking at this, as any principal should do, and looking at making a good decision that is best for the entire school," Belvitch added.

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PTO sets up security after couple accused of stealing

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Kimberly Smith Robert Smith

The Fiegel Elementary PTO has new security systems in place to keep its board members accountable.

The changes come after its former treasurer and her husband were charged earlier this month with embezzling more than \$14,000 in PTO funds.

"We are now requiring two signatures to sign checks and the checkbook will stay at school," said John Nichols, PTO vice president. "Three people will count the cash and put it in the school safe before depositing it at the bank. And the checkbook will be displayed at every PTO meeting for anyone to look at it."

Kimberly and Robert Smith of Canton waived their preliminary exam in 35th District Court in Plymouth Friday. Both are charged

with embezzlement of funds greater than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000. Robert Smith is also charged with receiving and concealing stolen property greater than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000. Both crimes are felonies that carry a penalty of five years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine, or three times the amount embezzled or concealed, whichever is greater.

A \$5,000 personal bond has been continued for the Smiths. Their next arraignment is June 12 in Wayne County Circuit Court.

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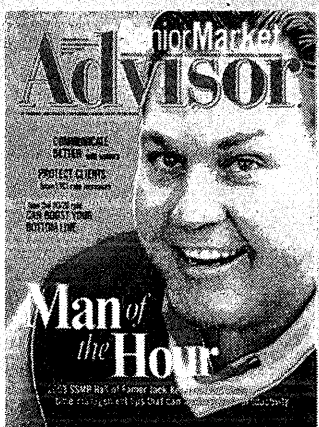
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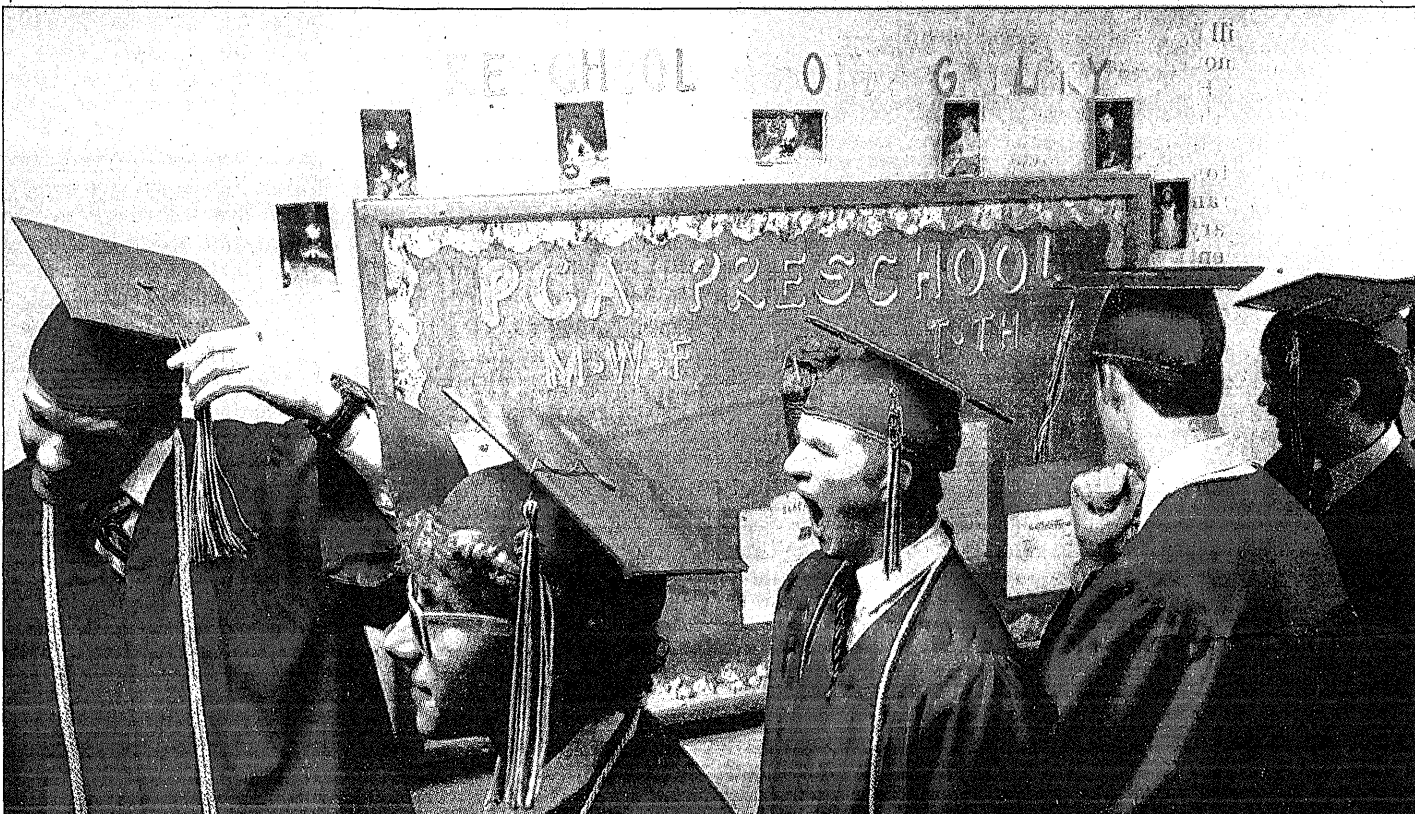
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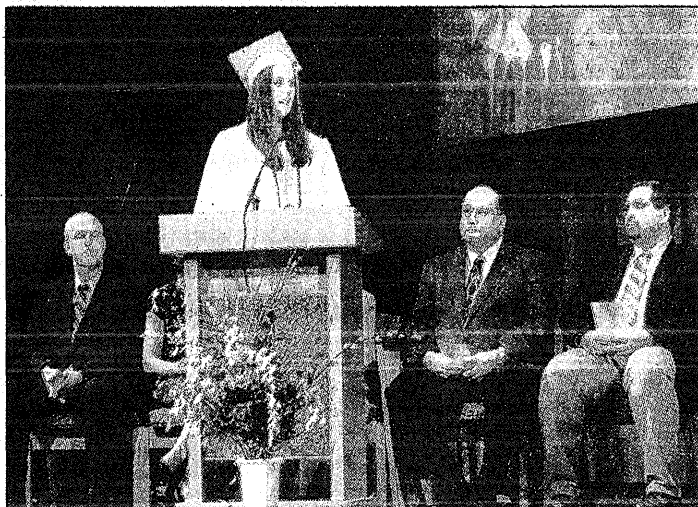
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Caleb Middleton leads the gathering in prayer.



Salutatorian Megan Greve talks to her fellow graduates.



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The following students were graduated from Plymouth Christian Academy during commencement ceremonies Thursday:

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EEF seeks sponsors for annual golf outing

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Normally, Educational Excellence Foundation director Carol Kody knows in February how many sponsors she has for the foundation's annual golf outing and how much they are each going to donate.

This year, Kody new one immutable fact: Four months before the outing, the foundation's biggest fund-raiser was some \$23,000 behind.

The lack of sponsorships has left the foundation scrambling to raise the

money it needs to get behind the programs it supports.

"This event usually raises so much money," Kody said. "But this year we've seen so many sponsors either backing out completely or dropping to a lower sponsorship level."

The event will be played June 17 at Plymouth Township's Fox Hills. Proceeds from the outing will be used to support Plymouth-Canton's Summer Academy Program, which allows elementary and middle school students who are struggling academically to attend summer school, and

the foundation's classroom enhancement grants.

According to Kody, the foundation hands out some \$30,000 to \$35,000 in grants each year. She said while there are many other organizations who do good works, the EEF is the "only one where money affects students K-12."

"Some 10,000 to 15,000

students are impacted every year," Kody said. "There are many groups like PTOs and booster clubs, who benefit. We do really well; we're just not a high-profile foundation."

Some 98 golfers have registered for the outing, and Kody said they need 130 golfers to help make the outing profitable.

The foundation is also looking for sponsors for everything from hole signs to the beverage cart (\$500).

The breakfast can be sponsored for \$500, while the foundation is also looking for someone to sponsor the lunch (for \$1,500). Platinum (\$8,000), Gold (\$3,500) and Silver (\$1,000) sponsorships are also avail-

able.

Golfers can play for \$165 each or \$660 for a foursome.

"We're looking for people who want to support education," Kody said.

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Colleges scheduled to attend include Davenport Online Learning, University of Phoenix-Michigan, Central Michigan University Extended, Eastern Michigan University, Wayne State University, Henry Ford Community College, Schoolcraft College, Madonna University, Lawrence Technological University, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Walsh College Troy, Concordia University, Washtenaw Community College, ITT Technical

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No registration is necessary. Call (734) 397-0999 for more information. The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

Comcast scholar

The Comcast Foundation has recognized the outstanding community service and academic achievements of senior Katharine Rener of Plymouth High School in Canton with a \$1,000 college scholarship.

The 2009 Comcast "Leaders and Achievers" Scholarship Program, one of the Comcast Foundation's signature community investment programs, honors students who have demonstrated leadership skills, academic achievement and a commitment to community service. The Comcast Foundation was founded in 1999 to provide charitable support to its local communities and to empower

and enrich lives.

A resident of Plymouth, Rener plans to attend Madonna University.

Fellowship award

Canton resident Kelly J. Eddy, a teacher at Livonia Churchill High School, has been awarded a James Madison Fellowship by the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation of Washington, D.C. in its 18th annual fellowship competition. A total of 55 fellowships were awarded in 2009. James Madison Fellowships support further study of American history by college graduates who aspire to become teachers of American history, American government, and social studies in the nation's secondary schools, as well as by experienced secondary school teachers of the same subjects.

Eddy was selected in competition with applicants from each of the 50 states, the District of

Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the nation's island and trust territories. The fellowship requires its recipient to teach American history or social studies in a secondary school for at least one year for each year of fellowship support. The award recognizes promising and distinguished teachers, to strengthen their knowledge of the origins and development of American constitutional government, and thus to expose the nation's secondary school students to accurate knowledge of the nation's constitutional heritage.

Scholarship winner



Wheatley

Kathryn Wheatley, a Canton resident and student at Michigan State University, was one of 32 Michigan college students to receive a \$4,000

Michigan Accountancy Foundation (MAF) Fifth/Graduate Year Scholarship. The MAF is a non-profit organization that promotes excellence in accounting education.

Bentley scholarship



Conklin

Canton's Jeannette Conklin is this year's Bentley Elementary Scholarship recipient. Conklin, who will be attending Michigan State University



Hare tops tortoise

What better way to demonstrate math and science concepts such as speed and distance than using the classic Aesop's fairy tale of "The Tortoise and the Hare?" Hannah Krawczyk and other elementary students at New Morning School used their class pet, O'Hare the rabbit, and student pet Spike the tortoise, to conduct their very own race-day experiment. The activity integrated math, science and literature lessons in a fun, hands-on environment. The entire elementary class read Aesop's classic fairy tale "The Tortoise and the Hare". During science class, the kids classified the animals into herbivore and carnivore categories, and recorded similarities and differences in characteristics such as fur versus scales. Race preparation included measuring and marking race distances. Students also timed each race and charted the results. Upper elementary students used their math prowess to figure out the average race times and to calculate speed. Unlike Aesop's fairy tale, at New Morning School the rabbit won every time.

in the fall and plans to enter the school's nursing program, will receive \$300.

Tutor Time honor

Tutor Time Child Care/Learning Center - located at 951 North Canton Center Drive - has achieved National Early Childhood Program Accreditation. They are one of only four early education and child care providers throughout the state of Michigan to have

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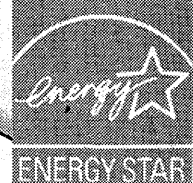
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Buying a home: Check details on credit, deduction

Q: Dear Rick: I'm in the process of buying my first house and my Realtor mentioned one of the advantages of buying a house now is a substantial write-off on taxes this year. My sister bought a house last year and told me the problem with the extra deduction is you have to pay it back. Can you help me sort this out?



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

A: Both your sister and your Realtor are correct. The important thing to keep in mind is that we are talking about two different tax years.

Last year, if you were a first-time homebuyer and you purchased a home between April 9, 2008, and Dec. 31, 2008, you were eligible to take a credit up to \$7,500 on your 2008 tax return.

A credit is worth more than a deduction. A credit is a dollar-for-dollar reduction off your taxes while a deduction reduces your taxable income. For example, let's assume that before taking advantage of the credit your tax liability was \$10,000. If you had a \$7,500 tax credit, your new liability would only be \$2,500. On the other hand, the tax savings would be substantially lower with a deduction. If your tax bracket was 33 percent, the direct reduction in taxes would be \$2,500 and you would still have a \$7,500 liability (\$10,000 x 33 percent = \$2,500; \$10,000 - \$2,500 = \$7,500 in tax liability).

In 2008, the tax law was different for first-time homebuyers. The credit received in 2008 eventually must be paid back. Beginning in 2010, the tax credit must be paid back in 15 equal yearly installments. Therefore, your sister is correct. In her situation, because she is required to pay back the credit, it is not worth as much.

However, your situation is different because 2009 is a different tax year and tax laws constantly change. In 2009, first-time homeowners are eligible for a 10 percent of the home purchase price with a maximum of \$8,000. Therefore, if you purchase an \$80,000 home (\$80,000 x 10 percent = \$8,000) you can, dollar-for-dollar, reduce your taxes by \$8,000.

Unlike the 2008 first-time homeowner credit, the 2009

credit does not have to be repaid as long as you live in the home for at least three years. It is important to understand that not all taxpayers are eligible for the 2009 credit. There are income limitations. The 10 percent credit phases out as income rises.

In 2009, if you are single, the first-time homeowner tax credit begins to phase out at \$75,000 while for a married couple, the

phase out does not begin until \$150,000.

What is interesting about the new first-time homeowner tax credit is that you can actually claim the credit on your 2008 tax return. As long as you purchased the home between Jan. 1, 2009, and Nov. 30, 2009, you have the option to claim the credit on either your 2008 or 2009 tax return. If you have already filed your 2008 tax

return, you can actually file an amendment to that return.

The advantage of claiming the credit on your 2008 vs. your 2009 tax return is you get your money sooner than waiting to file your 2009 tax return.

The 2009 first-time homebuyer tax credit is a real savings and something that homeowners should factor into the equation. However, don't make the mistake of overextending. Even

though the tax credit is a real savings, don't factor that savings into the equation when deciding how much you can afford for a new home. Look at the tax credit as a one-time bonus to be used for unexpected costs as opposed to purchasing a more expensive home.

This is an excellent opportunity for all first-time homebuyers to achieve part of the American dream — homeown-

ership. Don't make the mistake many Americans frequently make and that is to end up not owning their house but rather, allowing their house to own them.

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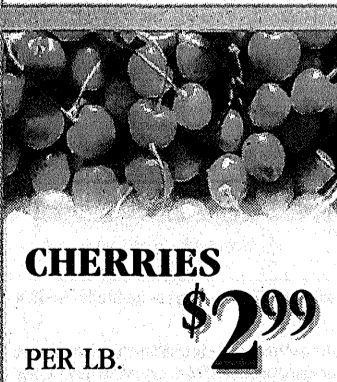
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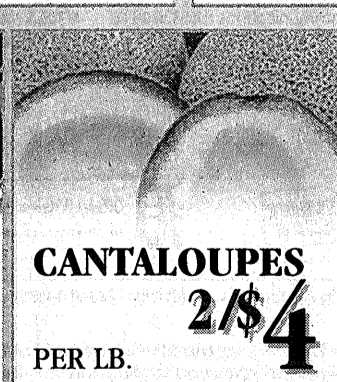
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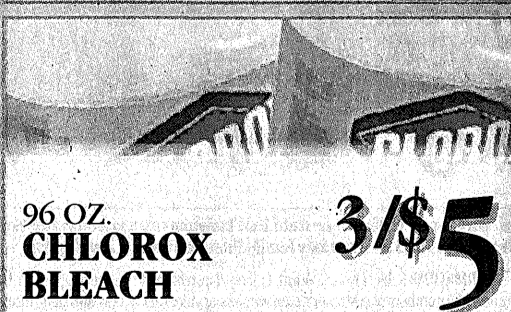
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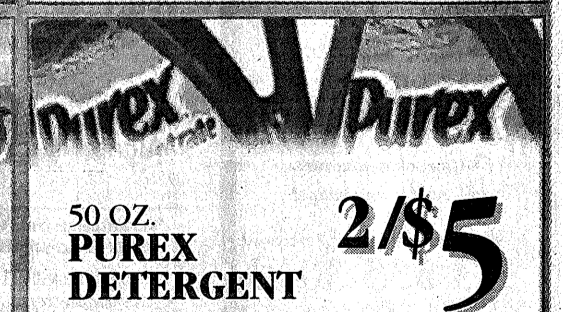
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Saved by Cottrell: Chiefs survive, 1-0

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP SOCCER

Even if Canton mid-fielder Alyssa Cottrell goes on to play four years of collegiate soccer and 10 years in the Women's Professional Soccer league, she may never pull off another play as spectacular as the one she executed with 13 seconds left in Thursday night's Division 1 District semifinal contest against Plymouth.

With the Chiefs clinging to a 1-0 lead and the clock ticking down toward

0:00, the Wildcats lofted a high, arching crossing pass that slipped in and out of the grasp of Chief goal-keeper Sam McPartlin 12 yards from the net. Plymouth's Jessica Heck controlled the loose ball seven yards in front of the goal crease, teed it up and unleashed a laser that appeared headed to the back of the net — that is, until Cottrell came out of nowhere, stuck out her left foot and re-directed the game-tying shot out of

harm's way.

Following the game-saving play, Cottrell was mobbed by her ecstatic teammates as the clock wound down.

"I'm still shaking," said a smiling Cottrell, moments after her one-in-a-million save. "They made the high cross and I was caught in. Our goalie got sucked out and I was like, 'Oh crap!' I saw Melanie Pickert, our center-back, go back, so I thought I'd better get back, too. I stuck my leg out and the ball went right where my foot was. I still can't believe it."

The 1-0 triumph earned the Chiefs a berth in Saturday's District title game against Livonia Stevenson, which nipped Salem, 1-0, in a double-overtime shoot-out earlier Thursday night.

"All year we've been focusing on getting back to back up the keeper in case she gets hit or has to go out and play a shot," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "Alyssa Cottrell basically saved the game for us. That save was unreal. It was the most dynamic, freakish, unbe-

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GAME WRAPS

Plymouth YMCA's Father's Day Run

The 30th Annual Plymouth YMCA's Father's Day Run will be held Sunday, June 21, at the "Gathering" in downtown Plymouth.

The festivities will begin at 7:30 a.m. with the kids' trot for 3- and 4-year-olds; and the kids' job for kids between the ages of 5 and 7.

The one-mile walk/run will start at 8 a.m. followed by the 5-K walk/run at 8:30 a.m. The 10-K will commence at 8:45 a.m.

Serious runners are encouraged to enter the MDG Triple Race — the one-mile, 5-K and 10-K events — which is sponsored by Morse Dental Group.

To register on-line, visit www.active.com. A printable registration form can be found at www.ymcadetroit.org.

The event is endorsed by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports. Those who enter the race automatically qualify for the lottery of 300 selected runners to participate in the Mackinac Bridge Labor Day Run.

All proceeds help fund the Plymouth YMCA's Strong Kids Scholarship Campaign. Race photos can be found at www.plymouthpictures.com.

If you'd like to volunteer, contact Cindy Morency at (734) 453-2904.

Canton Chiefs Baseball Camp

The 2009 Canton Chiefs Baseball Camp will be held June 15-18 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. Friday, June 19, will serve as a rain date if needed.

The camp, which is for kids between the ages of 7 and 14, will be held at the Canton varsity baseball field. Participants will receive a T-shirt and lunch each day.

Campers will be instructed in all phases of the game — throwing, fielding, hitting, pitching and base running — by members of the varsity coaching staff and players.

The registration fee is \$120. For more information, contact Diane Galanty at (734) 765-1255.

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The trio are pictured above when they played for the Canton Reds travel baseball team in eighth grade.

Friends for life

Longtime buddies share passion for competition, laughter



Ed Wright

If smiles were dollar bills, longtime best friends Dan Stoney, Ronnie Goble and Joe Posler would be millionaires.

The trio, who have been buddies since middle school (Stoney and Posler have been tight since they shared a first-grade classroom at Smith Elementary School in Plymouth), live life to the fullest — whether they're playing video games at one of their homes, competing in a sporting event or cracking the books at the library.

They seize each day with an enthusiasm that is nothing short of inspiring and they share an unbreakable common bond that has been welded by sports, laughter

and a relentless desire to succeed.

A fork in the road

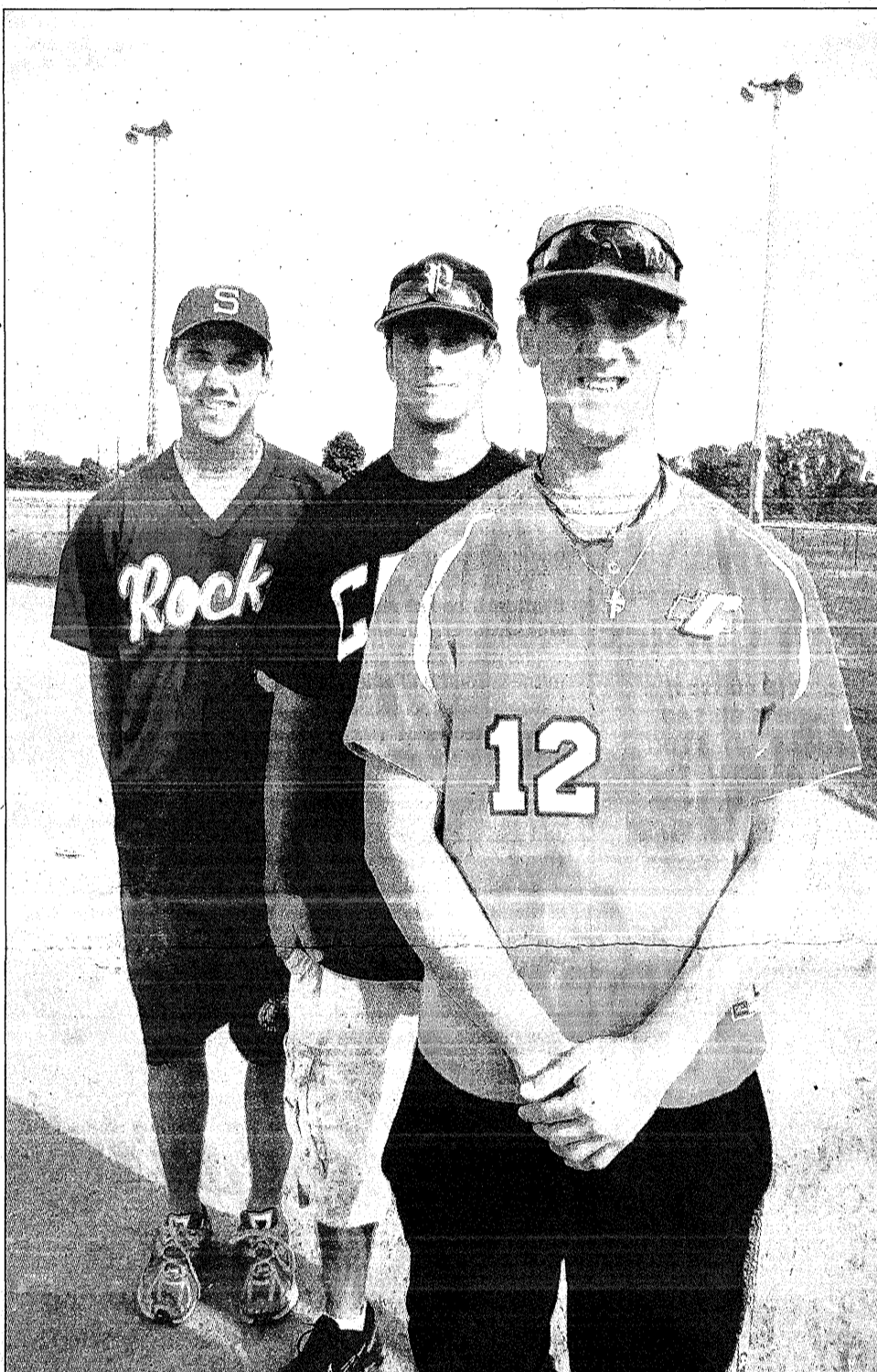
In August of 2005, the three amigos' solid friendship was tested when — *what are the odds?* — they each drew a different PCEP school — Posler was off to Salem, Goble to Plymouth and Stoney to Canton.

But just because you wear different colors than your best friends doesn't mean your friendship has to wear thin.

"We see each other as much as we ever did," said Stoney, smiling, as the other two nodded in agreement during a Memorial Day afternoon interview at McClumpha Park, one of their pre-high school baseball launching pads.

High achievement is contagious among this trio of friends. They've

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Longtime best buddies (from left) Joe Posler, Ronnie Goble and Dan Stoney didn't let the fact they went to three different high schools get in the way of their friendship.



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The Canton's boys track-and-field team's captains this spring are (standing from left) Josh Hurst, Ryan Randall, Sherif Hassanien and (kneeling) Eddie Koelzer.

Chiefs on right track thanks to A-1 captains

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The food is fantastic and the camaraderie is even better at the Canton boys track-and-field team's annual season-ending picnic at McClumpha Park each spring.

But the highlight of the festivities is the naming of the following year's captains — a time-honored ritual that draws the attention of all attendees.

Last spring, the honorees — who were selected by a vote of their teammates and coaches — were seniors Sherif Hassanien, Josh Hurst, Ryan Randall and Eddie Koelzer, a fantastic foursome who have more than lived up to the awesome responsibilities that were thrust upon them.

"This is a great group of captains," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "They've really lived up to their leadership roles, both on the track and with the way they've helped make the rest of the team better."

Koelzer is a four-year member of the track team and three-sport athlete, who has also earned letters in swimming and football. A standout pole vaulter, Koelzer said the feeling of being named captain was as prominent as any medal he's won the past four years.

"It means a lot to be a captain because it shows that the younger guys look up to you," said Koelzer, who barely missed qualifying for the state meet at the Division 1 Regional meet two weeks ago. "When you're a captain, you have to be a role model; you have to do the right thing because everybody else is looking at you for leadership. I really like that part of being a captain."

Koelzer said there's a lot about track and field that he's going to miss now that his stellar career has ended.

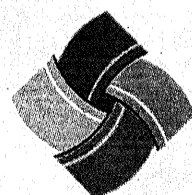
"The biggest thing I'm going to miss are the people

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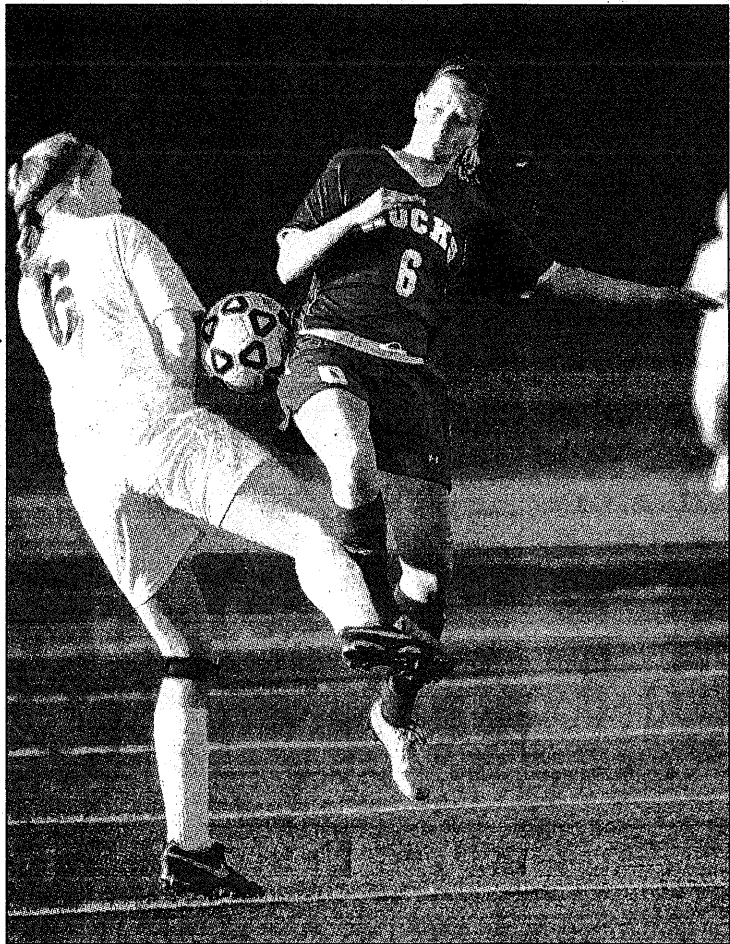
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Salem kickers' stellar performance falls just short

Livonia Stevenson's Brittany Hoots (left) and Salem's Emily Lundh battle for a 50-50 ball during the two team's game earlier this season. The Spartans won Thursday night's Division 1 District semifinal match, 1-0, in a shoot-out.



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BY ED WRIGHT
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That "ding, ding, ding" sound that could be heard echoing across the Northville High School soccer field early Thursday evening wasn't cell phones going off.

It was the Salem girls soccer team blasting shots off the goal posts during its Division 1 District semi-final contest against KLAACentral Division rival Livonia Stevenson.

The series of near-misses eventually came back to haunt the Rocks, who fell 1-0 to the Spartans in a thrilling double-overtime shoot-out match that was short on goals but long on tension.

"We played a lot of top-10 teams this year — in fact, I'd put our schedule up against any other team's — and that's what helps you get prepared for games like tonight's," said Stevenson coach Chris Pinta, whose squad took a 9-10 mark into Saturday's District final against Canton. "After they hit the post a couple of times, I told my girls that it's just not their night tonight and we have to take advantage of it."

The Spartans ultimately capi-

talized on the Rocks' misfortune and a stellar defensive effort when they outscored the Rocks 4-3 in the five-player shootout. Joelle Williamson, Krista Kane, Alexandria Harbowy and Taleen Mergian converted shoot-out kicks for the winners while Lauren Booth, Katelyn Krause and Mackenzie Rogers found the back of the net for Salem.

"The other day at practice, I asked the team who *didn't* want to take PK's if it came down to a shoot-out," Pinta said. "Only two girls raised their hands. Tonight when I asked them, only eight wanted to take the shots. That's a pressure-packed situation and it's not for everybody. The girls who took the shots tonight did a great job."

Salem's Emily Lundh nearly scored twice in regulation. The first time — eight minutes into the second half — she controlled a pass from Lindsey Newton before firing a shot from point-blank range that Stevenson goal-keeper Tara Johnston squeezed on the doorstep of the goal.

With 13 minutes to play, Lundh's hard shot from 15 yards away rolled just wide left.

"I thought Stevenson played well tonight, but I thought we took it to them," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "When you hit the post three times like we did tonight, you're getting good shots. Things just didn't go our way."

"This is the most enjoyable season I've ever had at Salem. This team was like a family. I told them how proud I was of their effort. They let it all on the field."

Both teams' keepers sparked, as the scored indicated. Johnston went high to deny Lundh with 3:23 left in the first overtime.

Salem keeper Tracey Whalen's biggest stop came with 28:39 left in regulation when she tipped a Spartan penalty kick just above the cross-bar.

"I thought Renee Boudreau worked hard up top," said Pinta, when asked who stood out for his team. "She's a hard worker and she tackles hard."

"Ashley Welch and Taleen Mergian — our two center backs — played really well, too. And Tara Johnston deserves a lot of credit, too. She saved the game with the save in the first overtime."

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lievable, incredible play on the field tonight. The Plymouth girl ripped that shot."

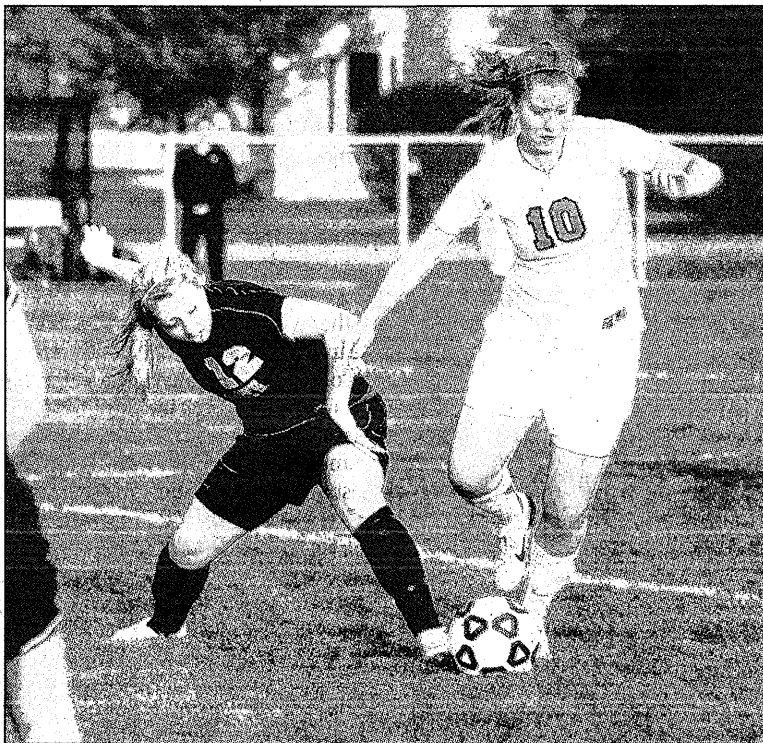
The disheartening loss capped a stellar season for the Wildcats, who finished with a school-best 12-4-1 mark.

"I thought we played a little tentatively until late in the game, but late in the game the girls really stepped up," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "We had a great scoring chance at the end, but the Canton girl made a great play."

"We had the best season so far at Plymouth, so I'm very proud of this team. Our seniors really went out with a bang."

The game's lone goal came with 12:34 left in the second half when Canton defender Lauren Peeler scorched a rebound shot past Wildcat keeper Marissa Williams and into the back of the net following a Chief corner kick.

"We knew Marissa is a fantastic keeper and that she owns her box very well," said Tomasso. "We knew if we were going to score we were going to have to play to one of the posts. All night long, every time we played the ball to the middle, she came up with the save."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"She was getting every corner kick and every cross. At halftime, we told the girls we have to play the ball to the near or far post because she was making unbelievable saves

all night. Finally, we played the ball to the near post and Lauren was able to flip it in."

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U14 Blue: Columbian Strikers 1, SASA Hurricanes 0
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U15 Elite: CSC Celtic Black 2, Elite FC Blue 0
U15 Black: SCOR Potter 4, HVSC Gold, 0
U15 White:

Pass Impact 3, ROYSA Renegades 0
U16 Black: Vardar South 3, CW3 Extreme Red 2
U16 White: CSC Celtic Green 4, GRCJ Black 2
U16 Green: WWSL Wolves 3, Flying Kick 2
U16/17 Elite: Michigan Wolves 1, Georgetown Rangers 0
U17 Black: Carpathia Kickers 2, CSC Celtic White 1
U17 White: GRCJ Silver 2, Dexter Lightning 1
U18 Elite: Vardar West 1, CSC Celtic Black 0
U18 Black: GCKA Team Magic 2, PSC Reign 0
U19 Black: Flying Kick 3, Phoenix HSI Navy 0

GIRLS DIVISIONS

U8 Yellow: CSC Blue Jays 1, Downriver Rush Blue 0
U9 Black: Novi Jaguars 2, CSC Celtic Black 1
U9 White: Phoenix Orange 2, GSSC 0
U9 Green: KKS Roadrunners 2, LSSC Black 0
U9 Blue: CSC Celtic White 2, Mesag Magic 1
U9 Yellow: CSC Sharks 2, CSC Pirates 1
U10 Black: CSC Celtic Black 2, CSC Celtic White 0
U10 White: Waza Blue 2, Michigan Rush 1
U10 Green: LASSO Red 3, SCOR Streekstra 1
U10 Blue: Bloomfield Force White 2, SOCS Storm 1
U10 Red: AA United Gold 2, Michigan Tigers B 1
U10 Yellow: CSC T-Birds 1, CSC Blast 0
U11 Black: CSC Celtic Black 6, CSC Celtic White 0
U11 White: CW3 Extreme Red 4, SCOR 0
U11 Green: CSC White 4, Dexter Shockwave 3
U11 Blue: PSC Reign White 3, AA United Dragons 0
U11 Red: CSC Celtic Green 2, DHSC Strikers 1
U12 Black: AA United Royal 2, SOCS Storm 1
U12 White: SASA Black 4, Howell Revolution 1
U12 Green: Rush Central 2, MSL Mustangs 1
U12 Blue: LYMCA 6, CSC Celtic Green 2
U12 Red: Phoenix White 6, Waza Green 2
U12 Yellow: CSC Knights 4, CSC Hurricanes 0
U13 Elite: MESA Panthers 5, GPSA Breakers 0
U13 Black: Force Shamrocks 2, Phoenix Orange 1
U13 White: NMSC Lady Crew 0, CSC Celtic Black 0
U13 Blue: ROYSA Renegades 1, GRCJ 0
U13 Red: Pennine United 2, PSC Reign Green 1
U13 Yellow: CSC Bombers 2, LASSO Warriors 1
U14/15 Elite: Mich. Hawks Black 3, Mich. Football Club 1
U14 Black: CSC Celtic Green 4, CW3 Extreme Red 1
U14 White: CSC Celtic 95 White 2, LYMCA 1
U14 Green: MESA Lightning 3, CW3 2
U14 Blue: Howell Revolution 4, MIREV Blast 1

Elite local lacrosse players lauded

CAPTAINS

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BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton won the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park boys lacrosse bragging rights this spring with victories over cross-campus rivals Plymouth and Salem.

The Chiefs' dominance was reflected by the All-PCEP boys lacrosse team, which includes six Chiefs on the first team. Four Wildcats made the squad while Salem was represented by one player.

Following is the first team as voted on by local coaches:

MATT RODGERS, Canton, Soph., Attack: The 10th-grader scored a team-high 43 goals while notching 17 assists. He also scooped up 31 ground balls.

"Matt is a tremendous attack player with great stick skills," said Canton coach Kevin Riley. "He's been our team leader in goals the past two seasons and he holds the school record for most goals in a season."

PAT SMIATACZ, Plymouth, Jr., Attack: Smiatacz led the up-and-coming Wildcats with 30 goals and 34 assists. He also registered 38 ground balls.

"Pat was our leading scorer and most dangerous attackman," said Plymouth coach Mike Costello. "He sees the field very well and can distribute the ball. He can also dodge and shoot, which makes him a triple threat. He rides aggressively and runs down other defensemen. He never quits."

RYAN RENAULT, Plymouth, Jr., Attack: The junior enjoyed a stellar season, racking up 31 goals and 26 assists with 47 ground balls to his credit.

"Ryan was our right-hand finisher on man-up," said Costello. "He sees the field and finds our cutting mid-fielders. He has a hard shot and good stick skills and was the lead attackman on our fast break. He has quick hands."

JACOB UNDERWOOD, Canton, Jr., Mid-field: The Chiefs' top mid-fielder could dish the ball (team-high 26 assists) and score (33 goals). He notched 51 ground balls.

"Jake is an all-around terrific lacrosse player," said Riley. "He led the team in assists and was third in goals. He was an offensive leader on the team."

CONNOR MARTIN, Plymouth, Sr., Mid-field: An outstanding football



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Canton and Plymouth dominated the 2009 All-PCEP boys lacrosse team. Pictured are (kneeling from left) Pat Smiatacz, Matt Rodgers, Ben Burkman, (standing from left) Bryan Davison, Ryan Dunleavy, Ryan Renault, Connor Martin, Jake Underwood and Sean Walsh.

ALL-PCEP LACROSSE TEAM

player in the fall, Martin has sparked on lacrosse fields as well the past four years at Plymouth. He scored 33 goals and 23 assists with an amazing 156 ground balls. A team captain, Martin will attend Michigan State University in the fall.

"Connor should be on the first or second team All-State team next month," predicted Costello. "He played on man-up and man-down teams and was our career leader in ground balls. He's a complete player who played the best against our toughest opponents."

DYLAN HATCHER, Salem, Soph., Mid-field: Hatcher was the Rocks' top mid-fielder. His statistics were not available at press time.

BRIAN DAVISON, Canton, Sr., Long-stick midfielder: Davison led the Chiefs with 77 ground balls. He also recorded 25 defensive take-aways.

"Brian was our most athletic and fastest player on the team," said Riley. "He's a second-year player who picked up the sport easily."

DAKOTA DARK-BIRD, Canton, Jr., Defense: A stand-out football player for the Chiefs in the fall, Dark-Bird led the Canton defenders with six points and 50 ground balls.

"Dakota is big, fast and not afraid to challenge any offense," said Riley.

BEN BURKMAN, Plymouth, Soph., Defense: An All-State nominee as a sophomore, Burkman registered 58 ground balls and one goal.

"Ben always drew our opponents' best attackman," said Costello. "He shut down many players during the season with great stick checks. His training over the summer developed his footwork and stickwork."

RYAN DUNLEAVY, Canton, Jr., Defense: The junior amassed 46 ground balls, 13 take-aways and one assist.

"Ryan is a solid defender and a defensive leader on the team," said Riley.

SEAN WALSH, Canton, Jr., Goalie: Walsh racked up 188 saves and a .675 save percentage.

"Sean is a first-year varsity player who played very well throughout the season," Riley said.

BOYS LACROSSE

2009 ALL-PCEP BOYS LACROSSE TEAMS FIRST TEAM

Matt Rodgers, Canton, Soph., Attack
Pat Smiatacz, Plymouth, Jr., Attack
Ryan Renault, Plymouth, Jr., Attack
Jacob Underwood, Canton, Jr., Mid-field
Connor Martin, Plymouth, Sr., Mid-field
Dylan Hatcher, Salem, Soph., Mid-field
Brian Davison, Canton, Sr., Long-stick Mid
Dakota Dark-Bird, Canton, Jr., Defense
Ben Burkman, Plymouth, Soph., Defense
Ryan Dunleavy, Canton, Jr., Defense
Sean Walsh, Canton, Jr., Goalie

SECOND TEAM

Jason Avedestan, Canton, Jr., Attack
Brad Finch, Plymouth, Soph., Attack
Garrett Berg, Salem, Soph., Attack
Danny Norris, Plymouth, Sr., Mid-field
Norm Freda, Plymouth, Sr., Mid-field
Jordan Emery, Canton, Sr., Mid-field
Ethan Christensen, Plymouth, Soph., LSM
Sam Pearce, Plymouth, Fr., Defense
Blake Abbey, Salem, Jr., Defense
Joe Williams, Salem, Jr., Defense
Mike Justus, Plymouth, Soph., Goalie

HONORABLE MENTION: Canton:

Jordan Smith, Soph., Mid-field; Alex Losielle, Sr., LSM; Plymouth: Phil Flesch, Fr., Attack; Alex Miller, Soph., Defense; Salem: Gator Gravin, Soph., Goalie; Adam Kaye, Sr., Attack.

I've gotten to know through pole-vaulting," he said. "Most of the high school pole vaulters in this area — at the Park, in Livonia and Northville — we've become good friends because we go to a lot of the same camps and we see each other at meets. It's cool because we're not rooting against the other guys when we face them in a meet, we're just trying to get our own PR's (personal records). I'm going to miss it."

Randall has speed to burn — an asset he used for the Chiefs' football team in the fall. A 4.0 student who is headed to the University of Michigan to study engineering, Randall's favorite events are the 200-meter dash and the relays. His best time in the 200 is a sizzling 23 seconds flat.

"I wasn't real fast my freshman year," Randall said. "I started running more with guys on the team and the more I ran, the quicker I got."

Like Koelzer, Randall treasures his captaincy.

"The best thing about being a captain is the feeling that your teammates respect you," he said. "It's an honor that I try to live up to by working hard every practice and every meet."

Hassanien is also a three-sport threat. He put his extraordinary speed to good use on the soccer pitch in the fall and he was one of the best perimeter shooters in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association this past basketball season.

He will run track at Eastern Michigan University next year.

"Being a captain in track is different than other sports because it's almost like you're another coach out there," said Hassanien, who qualified for Saturday's Division I state meet in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles. "I like working with the young kids, trying to make them better like the captains helped me when I was younger."

Hassanien loves track and field, but he admitted it can wear you down toward the end of the season. "This time of year you get a lot of aches and pains," he said. "But you learn to run through it."

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Former Chief Scero named All-American

A trio of Madonna University softball players, led by sophomore pitcher Jess Irwin, earned All-American honors Wednesday by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

Irwin, the 2008 and 2009 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Year, was joined junior second baseman Brittney Scero (Canton) and junior first baseman Cat Sidor (Livonia Churchill), each of whom earned honorable mention and All-American Scholar Athlete honors respectively.

Irwin led the nation with 33 wins this year and became just the fourth pitcher in NAIA history to pass the 400 strikeout mark with her 400th against McKendree (Ill.) in the Crusaders' opening game win May 14 at the NAIA National Championship.

The Monroe native broke her own single-season punch-out mark in addition to setting the all-time Madonna and WHAC record this season with 423 and now has 698 career Ks, ranking in the top-15 all-time in NAIA history.

She fired four no hitters this season — raising her career total to six — and added a perfect game against Cornerstone

on April 11.

Scero made her first appearance on an All-WHAC team this season after leading the loop with a school-record 79 base hits. The Crusaders' lead-off hitter posted a .383 average to go along with six doubles, six triples and three homers, including a pair of inside-the-park efforts. She also had 28 RBI and reached base at a .450 rate, all while facing off-season shoulder surgery.

Sidor is making her first appearance on the scholar-athlete squad after earlier being named to the Academic All-WHAC team.

The math major, who is enrolled in the College of Education, has been named to the All-WHAC first-team the last three seasons and posted a .315 average in 2009 with a team best 48 RBI.

To earn the All-American Scholar Athlete award, a student-athlete must have a cumulative grade point average above 3.5 and be a junior or senior academically.

The Crusaders captured both the WHAC regular season and tournament titles advancing to the NAIA Nationals for the second time in program history while posing a school-record 53 wins.

FRIENDS

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earned 19 varsity letters, own a combined grade-point average in excess of 3.5 and each will take his athletic skills to the next level beginning in the fall.

Collision course

Stoney and Goble's friendship nearly turned violent — at least for a split second — last October during a first-round Division I playoff football game at the PCEP stadium. After Stoney — who was one of the top punter/kickers in the area — firmly tucked the ball away and took off on a fake punt against the Wildcats, Goble — an NCAA Division I-caliber linebacker who seeks and destroys like a nuclear submarine — locked in on his pal's No. 75 jersey and closed hard before...

"Just before I was about to make contact," Goble remembered, a huge smile creasing his face, "Mike Rose tackled him. That's the closest we ever came on a football field."

"Which is a good thing," Stoney added, smiling.

Hoop encounter

Big-time contributors to their respective schools' basketball programs, Stoney and Posler crossed paths when the Rocks and Chiefs met on the hard-wood. One particular meeting produced a humorous outcome for the friends.

"I remember our freshman year, Dan and I were joking around when play had stopped at the free throw line," Posler recalled, interrupted momentarily by a big grin. "His coach saw it and pulled him out of the game."

"I don't remember that," Stoney interjected, "but it

probably happened."

All three laughed.

Diamond memories

Posler, Goble and Stoney have made significant contributions to their respective schools' baseball programs. This year alone, Posler is 7-1 on the mound with a batting average of .457; Goble and Stoney are both hitting over .400 with four home runs a piece.

"Why do you get so many at-bats?" Goble asked Posler, admiring his 100-plus plate appearances. "I have 82!"

"I swing at everything," Posler said, smiling.

"Joe either strikes out or gets a hit," added Stoney.

The threesome's paths have crossed a number of times on local baseball fields the past four years.

"I think I've struck out every time I've faced Joe," said Goble, sparking laughter from all three. "I get psyched out."

"I remember the only time Ronnie ever pitched it was against us," Posler said. "He didn't get anybody out." (more laughter)

In an ironic twist of fate, two of the three friends' high school athletic careers ended during Saturday's District baseball tournament at Plymouth. And the odds are better than good that the surviving team's success was bolstered by one of the three amigos.

And this much is certain: Once the first pitch of the first Regional game is thrown, whichever one of the three is still playing will have two very supportive fans in the stands in the stands wearing red, blue or black baseball caps.

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And they will be cheering loudly.

Because, after all, that's what friends are for.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

Z 09-02 101 S. Union Non-Use Variance Requested
Off-Site Sign - located at 188 N. Main
Zoned: PUD
Applicant: Daisy Square, LLC

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:
Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206
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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Plymouth, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED 2009-2010 OPERATING BUDGETS

PUBLIC ACT NO. 43 OF 1963 REQUIRES SCHOOLS DISTRICTS TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGETS. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD:

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.
E.J. McLENDON EDUCATION CENTER
454 SOUTH HARVEY STREET, PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

The purpose of this hearing is to review the proposed operating budgets, receive testimony, and comply with the formal legal requirements prior to adopting the 2009-2010 Operating Budgets.

Copies of the proposed 2009-2010 budgets are available for public inspection in the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services at 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, Michigan.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

THOMAS WYSOCKI, SECRETARY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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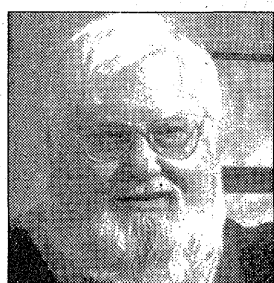
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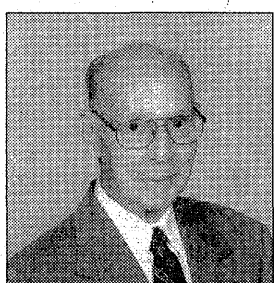
ARCHIE KATSIKAS

Age 80, May 28, 2009. Loving husband of Kanella. Dear father of Mary (Angelo) Zervos and Demetri (Amy) Katsikas. Beloved grandfather of Michael, Aris, Rena and Demetri Zervos and Ella and Ava Katsikas. Archie immigrated from Greece in 1956 and was the proprietor of several restaurants, most recently Archie's Coney Island in Livonia. Visitation Monday 4-9 p.m. with Trisagion at 7:30 p.m. at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. In state Tuesday 9:30 a.m. at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 39851 Five Mile, Plymouth until his funeral service at 10 a.m. Burial at Glen Eden, Livonia. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the church in his honor. Please visit www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



RICHARD GEORGE THOMAS

July 17, 1948- May 24, 2009. A native of Detroit, MI, keyboard artist for Forest Greene and the Rangers, Richard Thomas attended Bloomfield High School and Eastern Michigan University where he served as a resident advisor. Following university, Mr. Thomas established a local landscaping business before being hired by Surgeonics, Ltd. and transferred to Mount Kisco, New York. Mr. Thomas eventually bought the company and served as its president and CEO moving the business Glens Falls, New York where he was active in the local Chamber of Commerce and the PTA. Returning to his native Michigan, Mr. Thomas designed kitchens for local hardware businesses. An avid genealogist, Mr. Thomas maintained contact with a widely scattered family. He is survived by his former wife, Eileen Thomas, his three children, Philip Thomas of New York City, Tara and Alana Thomas of Glens Falls NY, his mother Ellen Thomas of Rochester Hills, MI, brother, Dr. James P. Thomas, sister, Mrs. Susan Knudsen, also of Rochester and George D. Thomas of Washington, DC as well as their spouses, aunts, uncles, cousins and four nieces and nephews. The family requests donations to the American Diabetes Association in lieu of flowers.

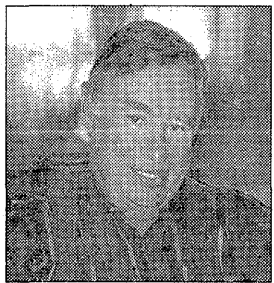


LAURENCE S. RATHBUN

Age 94, passed away peacefully on February 22, 2009 at Munson Hospital in Traverse City, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Flint, MI on January 13, 1915 to Eulia and Otis Rathbun, Larry graduated from Flint Northern High School in 1932 and Michigan State College (now University) in 1936. Larry married Helen Cooper in 1941 and following WWII, they resided in Birmingham until 1980 when they retired to Frankfort, MI and fulfilled a longtime dream of designing and building a home (named "Camelot") on the shores of Crystal Lake. He resided there until very recently. During WWII, Larry served first as a glider pilot and later in Italy with the Quartermaster Corp. outside of the war years, Larry owned several companies including an oil drilling and distributing company in Gladwin, a heating contracting firm in Birmingham and a manufacturing company in Pontiac. Larry loved to design and invent things and his companies held several patents and trademarks. Larry was a member of the Methodist Church, Kiwanis Club, Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, and both the Birmingham and Benzie County Historical Societies. An avid antique collector, Larry enjoyed traveling often returning home with something unique, plus the full history behind it. He was also quite an accomplished story teller. His experiences growing up in an early auto industry family in Flint, wildcat drilling in Northern Michigan, being an Army Captain during WWII, then participating in the massive housing boom following it, all created many legendary tales. They'll all be long remembered by his family and greatly missed. Larry was preceded in death by his first wife, Helen in 1996 and his second wife, Betty in 2008. He is survived by his daughter, Dianne (Dick) Munt of Frankfort and son Kent of Royal Oak and several nieces and nephews. Larry's family would like to extend a special thanks to his caregivers, Deb Johnson, Cheryl Love, Pati Conrad and Jane Chavalala for all the loving care they gave to him in recent years. Funeral services will be held on Monday, June 8, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at the Frankfort United Methodist Church in Frankfort (537 Crystal Ave) with Rev. Greg Culver officiating. A graveside service will be held afterwards at the Crystal Lake Twp. Cemetery - North. A visitation will also be held at the Jowett Family Funeral Home at 803 Forest Ave in Frankfort on Sunday, June 7 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The family suggests that contributions to Larry's memory be directed to either the Salvation Army (1215 E. Fulton St. Grand Rapids, MI 49503) or the Frankfort United Methodist Church (537 Crystal Ave., Frankfort, MI 49635). In the latter case, please designate the donation to either the handbells or to the general operating fund. This funeral service was arranged by the Jowett Family Funeral Home of Frankfort and Benzonia.

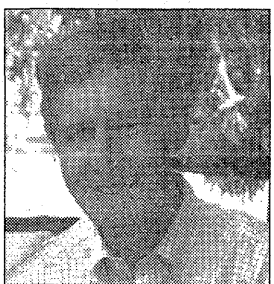
DALE GRIM

Of Port Charlotte, FL, formerly of Garden City, passed away 5-26-09 at the age of 67. Dale will be missed by his wife of 39 years, Sandy Grim. He was a devoted father to Vicki Hempel, Terri (Wayne) Golden-Hart, Cliff (Dawn) Golden, Lynette (Dwayne) Childress, and Bethany Grim. He leaves behind 12 grandchildren.



JOHN H. POTTER

May 26, 2009, age 80. Beloved husband of Margaret for 13 years, and the late Doris for 26 years. Loving father of Janet Obeginski, Tom (Barbie) Potter, Linda (Mike) Rosenkranz and Cathy (Mike) Ruffield. Brother of Harriett (Larry) Stoddard. Stepfather, grandfather and great-grandfather of many. Visitation, Mon June 1, 2009 4-8pm. Funeral Tues, June 2, 2009 11:00am at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



MICHAEL HENRY HORTON

Age 55, of Perrysburg, and formerly of Plymouth, MI. Passed away Friday, May 22, 2009 at his home. He was born on May 24, 1953 in Detroit, MI to Sam and Karen (Plummer) Horton and was a 1971 graduate of Plymouth High School. Mike was a 1975 graduate of Michigan State University, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology. He married his high school sweetheart, Robin Faber on June 14, 1975. Mike was currently employed as President of Buckeye Hydraulics, Inc. of Grand Rapids, OH and was a member of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. He served on the Board of Directors for the Fort Meigs YMCA and in his spare time enjoyed cycling, running and yard work. He is survived by his loving wife Robin; daughter, Erin (Ross) Headley of Green Bay, WI; son, Matthew Horton of Chicago, IL; a grandchild due this week; mother, Karen Horton of Plymouth, MI; brothers, Curtis, Jeffrey (Jackie) and John (Lupita) Horton; sister, Kathleen Horton; father and mother-in-law, Alan and Marilyn Faber; brother-in-law, Alan (Pamela) Faber; sister-in-law, Karen Pennini; and fourteen nieces and nephews. Memorial Services will be held on Saturday, July 11, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 871 East Boundary St., Perrysburg, OH 43551 with The Rev. Kenneth Pepin officiating. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Fort Meigs YMCA, 13415 Eckel Junction Rd., Perrysburg, OH 43551 or the American Brain Tumor Association, 2720 River Road, Des Plaines, IL 60018. Arrangements are being handled by the Witzler-Shank Funeral Home, Perrysburg, OH (419-874-3133). Condolences may be made directly to the family by visiting www.witzlershank.com.



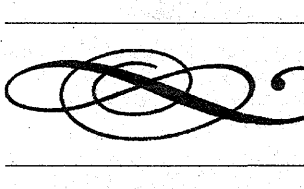
TIMOTHY G. PETRIE

May 28, 1958 to May 16, 2009, leaves behind 2 wonderful children, Maxwell and Austin, his mother, Dorothy and brother Joel. Also survived by Kimberly Petrie-Truxell. Memorial service to be held Friday June 5 at 7PM at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville Township.



RUTH ELIZABETH JESSUP

1963-2009. Ruth, age 45, died on April 30th, of complications after an extended illness. She graduated from Seaholm High School in 1981 and the University of Michigan in 1985, where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Ruth pursued a career in the film industry, first locally and eventually in Hollywood, where she met her husband Ira. Together they formed the Ira Belgrade Management Company, which specializes in discovering and managing young talent. Ruth enjoyed spending time with her family and Hearing Ear dog, skiing, snorkeling, working on her screenplay and appreciating a good joke. Throughout her illness she never lost her sense of humor or zest for life. Ruth is survived by her devoted husband of fourteen years, Ira, their two year old son, Izzy, her parents Richard and Involut Jessup of Bloomfield Hills, her brothers Richard "Byrd" (Hildegard) Jessup and Randall (Patricia) Jessup, her sister, Katie Jessup, five nephews and a niece. A celebration of her life will be held on June 7, in Los Angeles, where she resided. In Michigan, a service honoring Ruth's memory, will be held on Saturday, June 13, at 11 o'clock, in Bloomfield Hills.



WARREN RICHARD SMITH

Age 77, of Cave Creek, AZ, died Monday, May 25 at the Hospice of the Valley in Scottsdale, AZ. Born in Detroit and raised in Minneapolis, Smith was a talented advertising executive who held positions at Campbell-Ewald, General Motors, and Fruehauf, among other companies, before retiring and moving from suburban Detroit to Arizona in 1996. Known to all as "Dick," Smith will be remembered as a quick-witted, irreverent man who held strong opinions and wasn't shy about expressing them. An avid cook, he enjoyed preparing elaborate feasts for his children and grandchildren. He loved the desert landscape, especially the many unusual birds it attracts, and doted upon his rescue dogs. Over the years, his enthusiasms ranged from creating watercolor paintings to writing cookbooks and screenplays. He was preceded in death by his wife Jane in 1975, and his grandson Kyle in 1988. He is survived by his son Kevin and daughter-in-law Nancy of Pacific Palisades, CA; daughters Tracey and Lauren of Oxford, MI; son Tobin and daughter-in-law Nancy of Bloomfield Hills, MI; daughter Dana of Austin, TX; seven grandchildren; and his long-time companion, Geri Williams, of Cave Creek, AZ. A private memorial service will be held. Donations honoring Smith's memory may be made to the charity of donor's choice.

WILLIAM L. SIMMONS

Age 81, formerly of Farmington Hills. He leaves behind daughters Terry Worscheck (Cork), Brenda Sayers (Steve), Patty Pope (Tim); grandchildren Jennifer Huff (Duane), Sandy Dymowski (EJ), Bill Sayers, Dan Sayers, and Eric Pope; great-grandchildren Zach and Amanda Huff and Jessica, Kyle, and Sam Dymowski. A Memorial Service will be at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington Hills on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. (248-474-6170). Donations may be made to your local PBS station.

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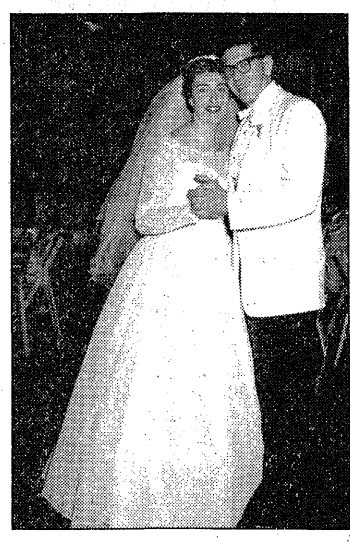
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MILESTONES



Robert and Nancy Bulmer



Robert and Nancy Bulmer on their wedding day.

Robert and Nancy Bulmer will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary June 6.

The Canton couple married in 1959 at Divinity Lutheran Church in Detroit.

The Bulmers have four children, David (Debbie) Bulmer of Plymouth, Julie (Roy) Sutherland of Westland, Douglas (Darlene) Bulmer of Ottawa Lake, and Robert Jr., of Canton.

Grandchildren are Kristina (Jim) Bowles, Justin Bulmer, Amy (Tony) LePere, Kelly Sutherland, Melissa Bulmer, Abby Bulmer and Holly Sutherland. Great-grandchildren are Amber and Brandon Bowles.

Their children plan a celebration for them at Antonio's Italian Cucina in Canton for family and friends.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

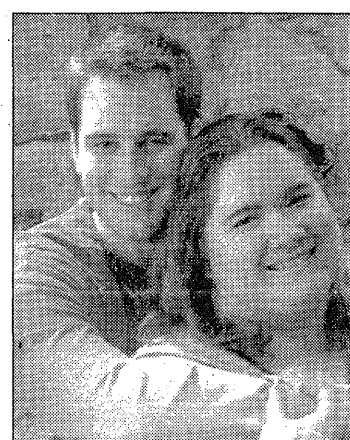
SHERMAN-GNAGEY

Emily Sherman of Canton and Kyle Gnagey of Plymouth plan to marry in June 2009.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Wes and Marcia Sherman of Canton. She is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and owns Ever After productions, Canton's resident youth theater company.

Her fiancé, son of Laurel Thomas Gnagey of Plymouth and Jeff Gnagey of Northville, is a recent graduate of the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University.

The couple will reside in New York City after they wed.



Sherman-Gnagey

GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Classes at Madonna

Madonna University's Office of Continuing Education and Professional Studies is offering two garden classes this month:

■ **Healing Garden -** Amazing Herbs will show you how to spice up your life and save money by learning to grow your own herb garden. The class will focus on which plants are great for salads and favorite dishes, as well as which herbs make for sweet-smelling potpourris, oils and sprays. Class meets 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, June 13. Cost is \$24.

■ **The User Friendly Garden** is ideal for gerontology students or anyone working with the



Learn about dahlias at Goldner Walsh.

elderly. Participants will learn simple and inexpensive ways to adapt a garden to someone

with disabilities and/or age-related changes in physical abilities. Class meets 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, June 27. Cost is \$24.

Both classes meet in room 1003 in the academic building on the Madonna University Livonia campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, at Levant. (734) 432-5804 or visit <http://www.madonna.edu/pages/officecontinuinged.cfm>.

Learn about dahlias

Wilson Garner, President of the Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society and long time local grower and exhibitor of prize winning dahlias, will give a slide presentation and lecture at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 6, at Goldner Walsh, 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free. (248) 332-6430.

Happenings in my world

As a writer of this column for some 20 years I have shared many aspects of my personal life, my business life and certainly opened your eyes as to what goes on in the appliance industry. I have never taken it lightly that I have the extreme privilege of being able to serve the public in this fashion. I have received several communications detailing the upcoming close of different newspapers in surrounding communities and the main question asked of me is, "where will I be able to read your column?"

I will continue to write until I am informed otherwise.

On the subject of understanding, if you happen to know Mr. McCotter in Washington, could you please ask him why he hasn't responded to Joe Gagnon's e-mail requesting his assistance in helping consumers become aware of all recalls on major home appliances? I'm still patiently waiting!

I recently spoke with Cathy Cannivet in Naples, Fla. about her ongoing battle with General Electric. She told me there was a recent story on Cleveland television about microwave ovens catching

fire and causing a lot of harm. She informed me that there is a class action suit being filed against GE very soon. In a short period of three years Kathy has become a well known consumer advocate across the state of Florida. It all started when she discovered manufacturing defects on her refrigerator and found that these same defects existed in thousands of her neighbors refrigerators. A class action suit evolved and it ended up costing GE a ton of money. This one person along with a good friend set up her kitchen office and they designed their own web site (www.bringgoodthingstolife.org) and have a never ending story of defects with GE appliances.

I am in awe of this lady who would not let herself be taken to the cleaners. She has reversed the field of play. Maybe this is the reason why General Electric is on the open market trying to sell their appliance division. With her around they might have to file for bankruptcy.

NEW BUSINESS

As of this coming July 1 there will be a new kid on the block servicing major appliances. He's called the Appliance Doctor Service Company based in Livonia with two of the best technicians in the country. My sons, Mark and Andrew, will be doing the hard work while I watch the computer. I can't

imagine myself taking calls from unsatisfied customers or should I say, "I'd better not."

A lady has received a brand new expensive kitchen range at no cost from the Whirlpool Corporation. Her stove had a defective control board which needed replacing. The problem was that Whirlpool couldn't locate the part and offered her an initial offer of a \$50 credit on a new range. She persisted and they bent and now Whirlpool has another happy customer. It's called building brand loyalty.

Thanks to the Ladies Clubs at the Presbyterian Church in Northville and the Lutheran in Livonia for allowing me to do an appliance seminar with your groups. Remember ladies: no more than eight level teaspoons of powdered detergent in your dishwashers and make sure to turn on the hot water faucet at the sink and let it run for a minute before you use the dishwasher. Make sure you do this every time. Remember the warm weather is here now and you need to clean the condenser on the refrigerator to make sure it cools properly, runs efficiently and lasts longer. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.com

Churches offer help to the unemployed

I'm going to miss the people I've come to know as a feature writer for the *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers over the last 19 years. Friday was my last day as I am among the 44 people who received layoff notices.

When we were told seven weeks ago I initially cried over the news but once the tears

stopped I began asking myself where do I go from here to find a job?

Early that Monday I had visited the Very Rev. Timothy Barna to interview him about the new cupolas atop St.

Michael the Archangel Russian Orthodox Church in Redford. He gave me a good piece of advice. Tell everyone you come into contact that you've lost your job. In today's market networking is key to finding employment.

I started with my family. My cousin had just been told he was being laid off from 3M. A co-worker suggested he come to the Career Transitions series at his church, Cornerstones Evangelical Presbyterian in Brighton. We decided to go to

the evening classes along with my cousin's wife who was losing her job at Chase Bank.

Cindy Karns became involved when she heard the church was starting the ministry three years ago. She was job hunting at the time and looking to brush up her search skills. As program administrator she oversees the eight weeks on resume writing, interviewing strategies, networking and marketing yourself, and entrepreneurship. For information, call Karns at (517) 552-7265 or visit cornerstone-forlife.com/ctsm. The current session concludes in two weeks but returns in September.

Karns regularly visits church programs in the area looking for ideas to grow the classes at Cornerstone.

"At the time 5 percent of the congregation was out of jobs. It's probably 10 or 12 now," said Karns. "We want to continue to get the word out there about our series. We're part of a network of churches. It's all word of mouth."

While NorthRidge and Our Lady of Good Counsel churches offer support groups, Cornerstone presents a series of weekly classes. Karns calls on volunteers from the church to present information on the areas they know about - human resources, sales, entrepreneur-

ship. In the last six weeks we've heard the latest about what skills might transfer to another field and how to write functional and chronological resumes. All of the help at area churches is available at no charge.

"We saw a need not only in our church but the community as well," said Karns. "We went through a year of growing pains. We have about 13 or 14 resource leaders who teach various sessions in teams. The need has gotten so much greater in the past three years because of the economy. A lot of other churches have adapted some kind of ministry, some is job search, support. We actually go into skill teaching."

Curt MacRay is just getting the GET TO WORKshop off the ground at Mt. Hope Congregational Church in Livonia. Beginning June 11, he leads three weekly sessions from 6:30-8:30 p.m. To register, call (734) 775-2500 or e-

mail cmac@humantransitions.com. His blog with helpful hints can be found at www.examiner.com/x-1-186-Detroit-Job-Search-Examiner.

MacRay held the first workshops starting at the end of March after pastor Steve Schafer expressed his concern about church members who lost their jobs.

"I closed my leasing equipment company and I've been through a lot of what these people are going through," said MacRay, a Livonia resident. "The group will determine the direction. We're going to talk about the psychology of job loss, networking, resume preparation, job boards online, how to post resumes online, interviewing techniques and processes, and branding which is something kind of new to people about building your reputation."

The workshops are free at this time but MacRay is hoping corporations and municipalities

see the wisdom in presenting the sessions for employees being laid off.

"Everybody was rooting for each other when we got an e-mail that one man had landed a job," said MacRay. I tell them, your job is to get a job. Don't lay in bed until noon. Get your attitude back and get moving."

For those still looking and running out of resources Mt. Hope and other churches in the area are trying to help in a variety of ways. While covering religion I learned about food pantries at Trinity Church in Plymouth and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Livonia. Mt. Hope is selling a box of food that assists in feeding a family of 4 for a week or a senior citizen for almost a month for \$30 through Angel Food Ministries. For help, contact your local church or municipality. Mt. Hope can be reached at (734) 425-7280 or visit www.angelfoodministries.com. Call (734) 459-0715 about the Trinity Food Pantry. A weekly drop-in

Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at St. Andrew's, 16360 Hubbard.

"More and more it seems every day people are losing their jobs," said Schafer. "There's a lot of depression, what are we going to do now? We wanted to help anybody out there who needs the help."

The most important thing to remember is there are people who care if you only reach out. I plan to do everything I can to invest in my future by contacting everyone I know and sending out resumes. Never give up. I know I'm very blessed even without a job. I have my sister Gwen, brother Gary, my dog Clancy, family and friends, and my health. Who could ask for more? Of course if you hear of any job leads, please contact me.

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Linda Chomin

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NEIGHBORS

Festival to celebrate arts abilities

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

The excitement grows as Jody Conradi-Stark and Connie Lott walk toward the DiPonio room where 120 performers are scheduled to take the stage in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College Friday-Saturday, June 5-6, for a celebration of arts-ability. The southeast region committee of VSA arts of Michigan has been planning the festival for months so the women have seen the space before but this time the dream is closer to becoming reality.

For nearly 20 years the nonprofit organization has made it possible for children and adults with disabilities to perform on stage like people without challenges.

The students especially look forward to the annual festival where they not only have the opportunity to sing for an audience but spend the day with friends. Once they leave the stage there are hands-on art activities and lunch.

The performers are there simply to have fun. While that's part of the reason for the festival, the committee knows the real reason they volunteer time to make the event a success. VSA arts enables children and adults with disabilities to experience and grow through the arts. The nonprofit was started more than 25 years ago by Jean Kennedy Smith to provide activities similar to Special Olympics but in the arts.

In the past, local malls have provided the backdrop for the southeast region celebration until this year when the committee formed a partnership with the college. The concept for the event is to bring the performers and the public together to show children and adults with disabilities are just like everyone else. The orga-



Jodi Conradi-Stark (left), Jim Ryan, Linda Ann Chomin, and Connie Lott met recently to discuss the VSA arts of Michigan festival June 5-6, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Ryan, the college's executive director of development and governmental relations, has been working with the members of the Southeast Region Committee which presents the annual celebration featuring the talents of children and adults with disabilities.

nization was originally known as Very Special Arts but was changed to show that everyone has the ability to enjoy their creative side.

"We want to hold the festival in a community venue to show the importance of the arts for everyone," said Stark, committee president and owner of Creative Arts Therapies.

Throughout the year the children and adults participate in music and dance therapy classes. For years the committee awarded mini grants to make the opportunities possible.

"You can see the pride, the self-esteem the arts create in them," said Stark.

"The arts translates into job skills, confidence," added Lott who is the mother of an adult daughter with disabilities.

Jim Ryan couldn't agree more. As executive director

of development and governmental relations at Schoolcraft College, he's been working with the committee to bring the festival to the VisTaTech Center on campus. Ryan is the former superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and knows first hand about the special needs of students with disabilities.

"We have this gorgeous facility," said Ryan. "VisTaTech stands for Vision, Talent and Technology. VSA is going to fulfill a couple of those at least. We are a public community college and like the public using this facility and partnering with organizations.

"We hope to have performers broadcast on a large overhead screen for kids deserve a chance to celebrate skills. The festival breaks down the barriers. The things they do I would never dream of try-

ing. It's important to celebrate diversity."

Everyone is working together to make the festival special for the children and adults from Pontiac, Northville, Lincoln Park, Birmingham, and Warren.

The college's music department is loaning the use of a piano so performers like Raymond Wells of Plymouth can show off their talent. The cafeteria is providing a special rate on a meal for performers. Now all that's needed is an audience.

For the first time this year the festival not only spotlights performers but encourages them, as well as the public, to take part in workshops on drumming, art and dance. The VSA arts of MI 2009 Emerging Artists Touring Exhibit will also be featured along with an art table for

everyone to make gifts for Father's Day.

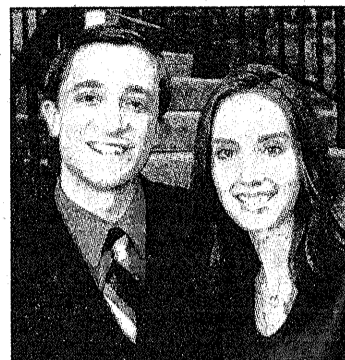
Lora Frankel, VSA arts of Michigan executive director, is grateful for a \$6,000 grant from the CVS/Pharmacy Caremark All Kids Can Charitable Trust for making the workshops possible. The grant is part of a 5-year commitment through the national VSA organization to sponsor an art exhibit, residency programs in schools, and special events like the festival. Locally district managers are in charge of the CVS volunteers who will set up chairs and the touring art exhibit, help with hands-on art activities and workshops, and pass out T-shirts to the performers.

"CVS is getting employees involved and we're using part of the money to bring in Kevin Collins, Molly Landis, Daniel Cascardo and Cindy Babcock for the workshops," said Frankel. "Kevin Collins, a professional musician from Flint, is going to get everybody drumming. He brings African drums and percussion instruments, a whole van load of instruments. At least 15 people can participate at once. Molly Landis, a visual artist and art therapist from Pontiac, is wonderful with kids and going to get them involved in an art project, and Daniel Cascardo from Royal Oak is going to engage people in doing a group mural. Cindy is a dance therapist and is going to get everyone moving. It's open to the public. I think it's going to be great."

Hours for the VSA arts of Michigan-Southeast 2009 Festival are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, June 5, and 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 6, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia.

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Act one of The Green Show will take place Sept. 18-21, at Maxwell's Art & Treasures in Garden City. Paton is seeking artists interested in creating unique works of art from all types of trash and disposable items. In addition, she is looking for functional objects made from materials that typically end up in the trash to display.

The Green Show act one will be the first of two shows. The second show will be more comprehensive and will take place at Madonna University in Livonia January of 2010. For those interested in educating the public about the harm that's being done to the planet and the solutions, contact Paton. She is also looking for speakers for both events. There are no entry fees for the Act One portion of The Green Show. For information or an entry form, send e-mail to nancypaton@yahoo.com or call (734) 233-7878.

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Morning glory signals possible drug abuse

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Kathy Schutt thought nothing of it when her son brought home a morning glory plant from a drug rehab program. The Westland mother knew her 14-year old had been experimenting with marijuana and huffing, but never dreamed a flower could be a sign he was still having problems with substance abuse. Then Tyler tried hanging himself from a belt in his bedroom.

Schutt isn't sure if he ever ingested the seeds, but wants parents to be aware the hallucinogen could be resurfacing. Hippies in the 1960s and '70s used the substance along with LSD, a drug similar to LSA (lysergic Acid Amide), to get high.

Schutt learned about the seeds when her 17-year-old daughter found a hand written note with growing instructions after Tyler's attempted suicide. They went on the Internet and were stunned by the availability of morning glory seeds and paraphernalia. She now knows that Heavenly Blues, Pearly Gates and Flying Saucers are more than pretty flowers.

"Parents need to be aware of it," said Schutt. "This scares me. I wouldn't feel right if I didn't do something."

Westland Police Sergeant Thad Nelson hadn't heard of morning glory seeds until his work in the detective bureau brought him into contact with Schutt. Since then he's noticed the ease with which anyone is able to buy the substance. He recently walked into a store where a large display of flower seeds were priced for under a dollar. Even so he's more concerned about the availability of household items.

"Spray paint cans, anything with aerosol is big," said Nelson. "Try to be aware as much as possible. It's hard being a parent. I'm a parent of two younger kids. They have to be involved in their kid's life, get to know their friends. Communication is huge. Ask where they're going. It's not being nosy but being involved."

Schutt hadn't noticed the buy one, get one free hair spray she bought was missing until searching Tyler's room afterwards. Like

Nelson, Westland Youth Officer Daniel Serrano doesn't think morning glory is a problem yet.

"We don't come across a whole lot of it," said Serrano, youth officer at John Glenn High School. "At this age marijuana is going to be the No. 1 drug of choice followed by prescription medication - Xanax called footballs, anything with codeine, Tylenol 3, Prozac, prescribed to parents and parents aren't controlling access and they're bringing them to school or using themselves. Parents need to be responsible with controlled substances even if your kid isn't using friends can come over."

Dr. Jedd Roe agrees with Serrano about parents vigilance over their children. While Roe hasn't seen any cases related to morning glory seeds in the Emergency Medicine Department at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, he has encountered the substance in other areas of the country where he worked before coming to Beaumont.

"At Beaumont we haven't seen any, but it's well known in the emergency community. It's unusual but we're more likely to see cocaine and heroine," said Roe, chairman of the emergency medicine department at Beaumont, Royal Oak. "It's a hallucinogen and they use it for the same reason as LSD or mushrooms. Parents should be following through on general drug surveillance of the children, behaviors not the norm. Typically kids aren't going to use morning glory in isolation. There's a pattern of other experimentation. We had jimson weed about a year ago in Royal Oak, two or three cases. It's a risk taking type of behavior similar to morning glory seed."

Like Westland Police Officer Serrano, Dr. Lydia Baltarowich is concerned about adolescents and teens abusing prescription medications from their parents' medicine cabinet. As a consulting medical toxicologist at DMC, Henry Ford Hospital and the regional Poison Control Center at Children's Hospital of Michigan, Baltarowich receives calls for everything from drug abuse to suicide attempts on the 24-hour hotline for the public and physicians at (800) 222-1222. While

she's familiar with morning glory seeds she hasn't seen any cases in the ER at Henry Ford Hospital where she's been a physician for the last 27 years.

"Prescription medications have been the big thing, alcohol," said Baltarowich. "Ecstasy came about the mid '90s and plateaued. In the early '80s and '90s we didn't see as much of abuse by adolescents. Ecstasy was not as available so teens wouldn't get into them. It's alcohol, marijuana and prescription medication which includes pain killers, opioids, sedatives. They're starting to use Ambien, Ritalin drugs for ADHD. Amphetamine look alikes are widely available. They take their sibling's medication."

Baltarowich encourages parents not to wait to talk to their children about drug abuse.

"The known abuse of morning glory seeds is well known although it's rare people come to ER with it. The Poison Control Center has only had one or two calls," said Baltarowich. "But there are a lot of low cost substances in teen and adolescents cause they don't have money to buy heroin and cocaine. Seeds are one of them. Jimson weed seeds are much more common. They get a delirium from that. They inhale inhalants, glue, paint, gasoline, hydrocarbon solvents, sniff and just die all of a sudden. They go for low cost things they

find around the house."

Parents should be on the alert for any symptoms from ingesting the seeds. Packaged seed may be coated with chemicals to control insect damage and spoilage so there are other health risks as well.

"Parents should look for a mild hallucinogenic attack, panic attacks or they get scared," said Baltarowich. "If they look like they're seeing things or talking to themselves that can happen with LSD or LSA, distorted colors but also distortion of sense. Synesthesia refers to the term of confusion or reversal of senses. They may hear what they're supposed to see, may see the music and might have residual effects for up to 24 hours. They sometimes do at parties but sometimes do it alone. If a teen is using some type of drugs, the school work drops, they're inattentive or loners sitting alone in rooms or always out with friends."

Schutt knew something was wrong when Tyler had a fight with his hockey coach. He had been playing the game for 6 years. One Sunday morning she woke him for practice and noticed the blown attic insulation all over the closet. She climbed up later and found marijuana, a lighter and flashlight. Until that time, the pediatrician had suspected depression and prescribed Prozac and evaluation by a psychologist. Friday,

March 6, she was told Tyler could return to school. Schutt's father found him smoking marijuana. She searched Tyler's bedroom and found the substance along with pills. She got rid of the morning glory plant but didn't find any seeds. Today, Tyler is still in Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. He is out of a sedated coma but has been diagnosed with mild to moderate brain damage, and

spasticity which requires medication from a pump to control.

"He has an infection in the tube that feeds him. He's lost 35 pounds since he's been there. He has a tracheotomy so he can't talk. Doctors say he'll probably be coming home mid to late June," said Schutt.

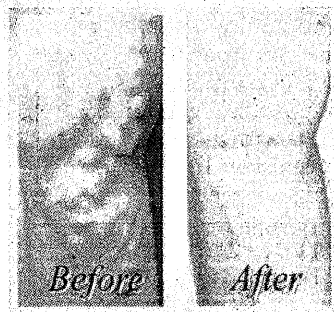
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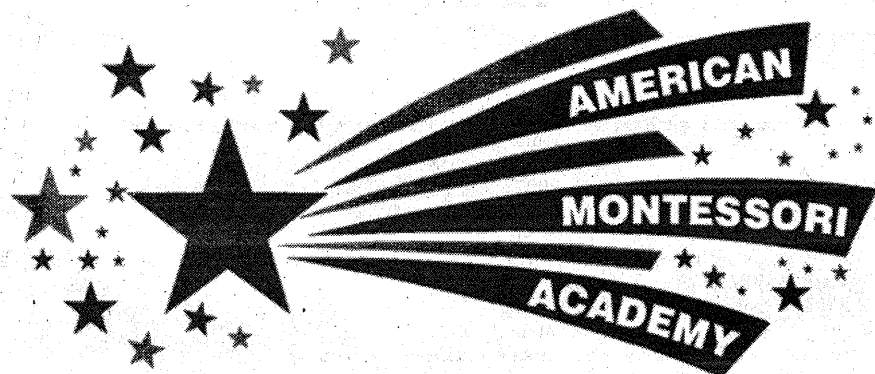
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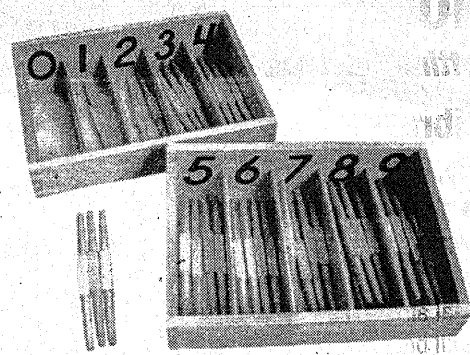
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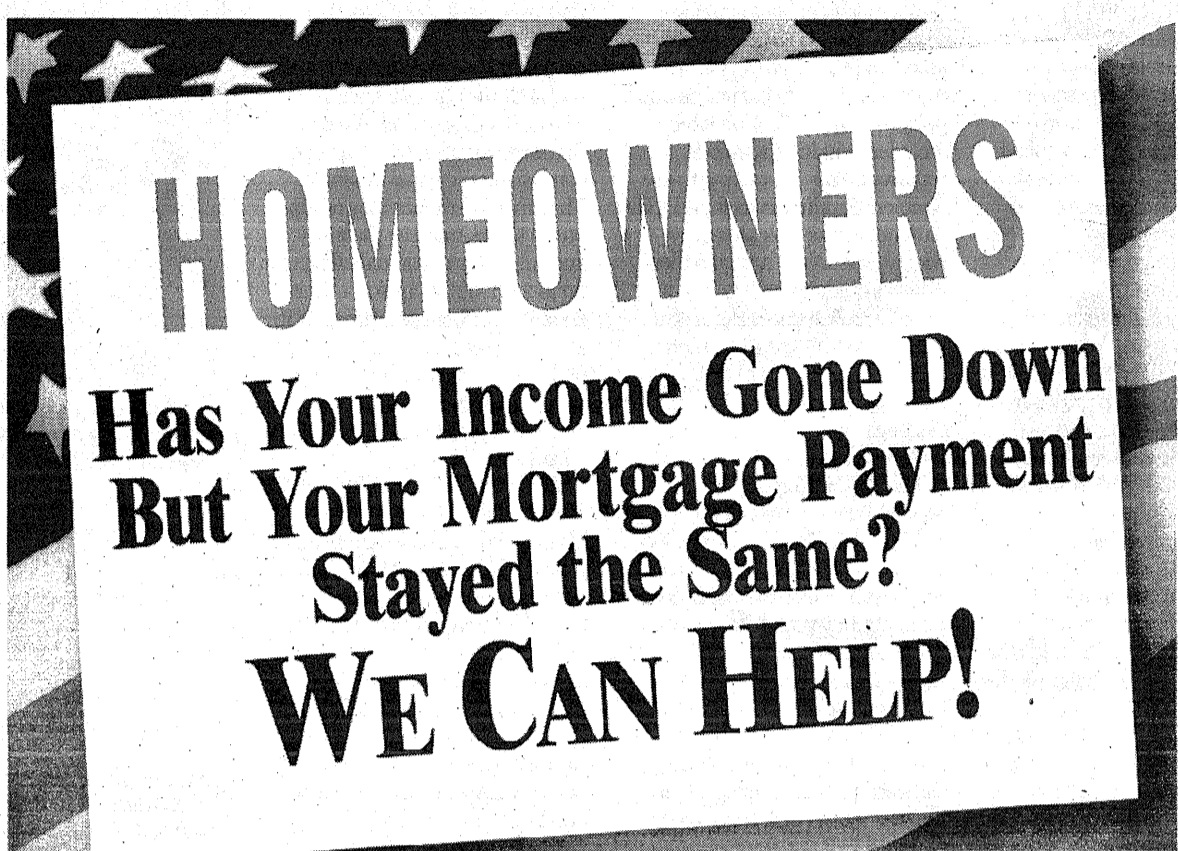
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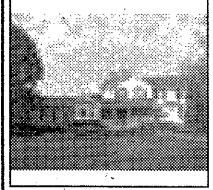
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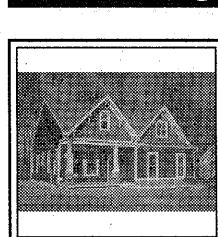
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- Vampire
 - Silent
 - Circle portion
 - Psyched up
 - Watermelon shape
 - Coq au
 - Not broad
 - Area
 - Handled roughly
 - And, to Fritz
 - Dart
 - Record
 - Humerus neighbor
 - Sound
 - Earth, in com-bos
 - To date
 - Beehive St.
 - Pen part
 - Cease
 - San Juan loc.
 - Grassy field
 - Easy toss
 - Red Sea peninsula

- DOWN**
- Censor
 - Famous Khan
 - Stohtlike
 - Wooden peg
 - Harmful ray
 - Stain or scar
 - Roquefort hue
 - Greedy
 - Big carnival city
 - News channel
 - Potatoes au
 - Cry of pain

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS SUB SALE
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Thurs.-Sat., June 4-6, 9am-5pm. S. off Ford Road, btwn Canton Center & Beck.

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June 4-6, 9-4pm. S. of Ford, N. of Saitz, W. of Lilley, E. of Morton Taylor.

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Subdivision Garage Sale. June 4-6, 9am-4pm. Meadowbrook Subdivision off Canton Center Rd., btwn Ford & Cherry Hill.

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CANTON Willow Homes Sub Garage Sale - N of Ford Rd., Btwn Liley & Morton Taylor.
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FARMINGTON HILLS - Antiques Galore!
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FERNDALE 469 Channing St., corner of Hilton & Channing. June 6-7, 9am-3pm. Boys clothing & toys, household items & misc.

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Cadillac SRX: Best American-made Luxury Crossover

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The new SRX is Cadillac's offering to the popular crossover SUV segment. Crossovers are car-based as opposed to truck-based. So with the SRX you get the roomy cabin, elevated driving position and confident power of an SUV, without the awkward driving dynamics typically associated with them.

Cadillac didn't reinvent the wheel when it designed the SRX a few years back. Instead it based it on the same platform of its CTS luxury sport sedan. This was a smart move, because the sharp-edged styling and precise handling of the CTS has translated perfectly to the SRX.

The SRX, assembled in Lansing, has earned an award-winning reputation for its crisp design, outstanding performance, practical functionality and value, as evidenced by being named a Car and Driver Best Luxury SUV a few times.

Despite its high accolades, Cadillac enhanced the SRX's interior two years ago with a new instrument panel, hand-wrapped upper trim, console, center stack, door trim, wood trim, analog clock and steering wheel.

The cockpit has soft tactile surfaces, new flush-mounted switches and controls, and classy, not tacky, use of wood-grain and chrome trim. The SRX's spaciousness is complemented by a streamlined center console and the addition of a new storage compartment on the passenger side of the instrument panel.

The SRX's instrument panel and door trim were built using Cadillac's "cut-and-sew" interior process that combines advanced technology with the hand-rendered expertise of expert craftsmen. The SRX's cockpit is hand-built, in the same way the limited-production STS-V and XLR-V models are.

On the exterior, the SRX has a large profile. Besides giving the SRX a bold stance, its long wheelbase, which is the longest in its class, help

provides superior ride quality and dynamic stability. A near 50-50 weight distribution, low center of gravity and stability control system help the SRX deliver a fine balance between sports-car performance and refined ride quality.

The SRX is offered in two trim levels, which are separated by what's under the hood: V6 or V8. The V6, at just over \$37K, includes 17-inch alloy wheels, leather seating, OnStar telematics, a Bose audio system with CD player and XM satellite radio, dual-zone automatic climate control, an auto-dimming rearview mirror, full power features and rear park assist.

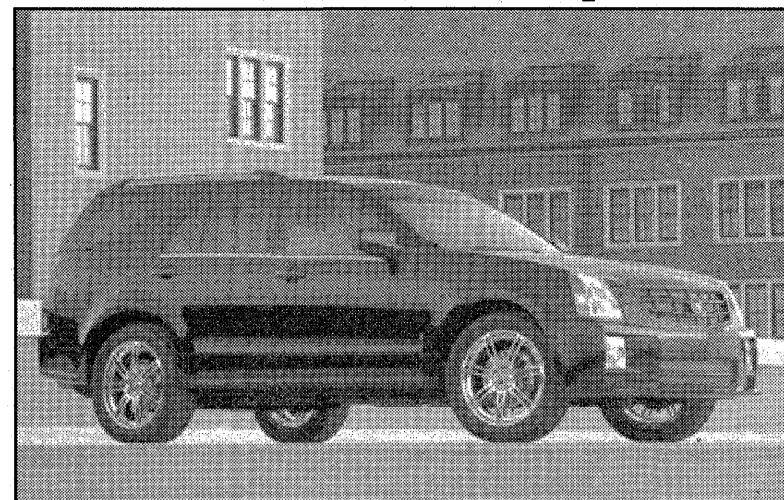
With the V8 for around \$44K you'll also get 18-inch alloys, xenon HID headlights, a tire-pressure monitor, heated front seats, power-adjustable pedals, real wood accents, a power front-passenger seat and a six-disc CD changer. Most of the V8's features are optional on the V6.

Stand-alone options for both models include a Magnetic Ride Control suspension, a third-row seat, a separate rear air-conditioning system, an extra-large Ultra View sunroof, a DVD rear entertainment system, surround-sound audio and a navigation system. The Sport Package adds larger 18- or 20-inch wheels, unique front and rear ends and a limited-slip differential.

On a sunny day, if you want the wind in your hair while seating in the second row, an optional Ultra View sunroof is available. It spans both front rows, allowing nearly all passengers to experience open-air driving.

Also available is UltraView Plus, a vented glass panel that extends over the available third-row seating, and turns the SRX into a greenhouse on wheels.

The V6 SRX comes with a 5-speed automatic transmission and the V8 SRX has a 6-speed automatic. Both versions are available in a rear-wheel



The Cadillac SRX offers a luxurious interior that befits the Cadillac moniker. So if you want the prestigious driving experience of the Escalade, but don't want to be robbed at the pump, the SRX is for you.

or all-wheel-drive.

The technologically advanced interior of SRX boasts a voice recognition system that is programmed to understand around 40 commands, enabling drivers to switch between audio controls and map views without taking their hands from the wheel. While the system doesn't support destination entry via voice command, it does let you "voice tag" destinations that have been manually entered on the map.

The cabin may be sleek, but the steering wheel doesn't telescope, and its manual-tilt function adjusts in wide increments rather than a precise range. It may be small, in retrospect, but those are the types of things a discerning luxury-car buyer wants.

Standard safety features on the SRX include anti-lock disc brakes, stability control and front-seat side air bags as well as side curtain airbags for the first two rows.

In National Highway Traffic Safety Administration crash tests, the SRX scored four out of five stars for driver and front-passenger protection in frontal impacts. Side-impact tests resulted in a perfect five-star rating for front and rear passengers. In Insurance Institute for Highway Safety front-offset crash tests, the SRX scored "good," the highest rating possible.

Another standard safety feature, though underrated, is the fearview mirror, which is auto-dimming with an eight-point compass. Its ultrasonic rear parking feature will let you know if you are close to backing into another object. This is most useful when you are backing into a tight parking place.

The SRX is not only a good people hauler, but also a good luggage hauler. There's plenty of room in the second row, though the optional power third-row seat should be reserved for kids. But with the third seat folded flat into the floor, 32 cubic feet of capacity behind the second-row seats is freed up. And with the

second-row down, too, you'll have 70 cubic feet available.

In addition to numerous storage areas, an optional rear cargo management system, available as an alternative to the third-row seat, offers three cargo compartments and includes a removable storage bin. It's perfect for stowing anything from emergency kits to sports equipment to DVDs or CDs for a long drive. For still more cargo packing, large side storage bins along the rear cargo area are standard.

Although the SRX is a big vehicle, weighing around 4,500 pounds, it blends a smooth ride and sporty handling of a regular-sized car. For an even more superior ride the optional Magnetic Suspension system is available. This system uses shock absorbers that are filled with a special fluid that changes its flow when subjected to a magnetic force. The result is a computerized, real-time adjustable suspension in which the shocks can switch from their softest to firmest settings in the time it takes the Cadillac to cover 1 inch of the road at 60 mph.

If you want the capability of an SUV and the luxury that is synonymous with the Cadillac name, get the new SRX. It is one of the best all-around American luxury vehicles there is.

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