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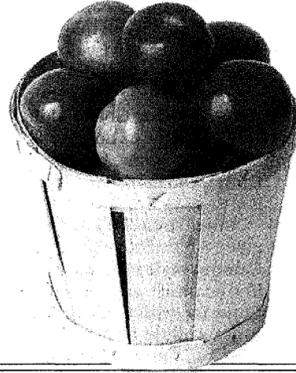
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Free Expo Friday

Health screenings, demonstrations, expert speakers and a meet and greet with the star of *Ethel Merman's Broadway* at the Gem Theatre are all part of the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Newspapers* Senior Health & Living Expo, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

The free event will feature more than 40 exhibitors offering resources, demonstrations and information on health, finance, housing and more at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Building H, Farmington Hills. Patrons will be shuttled by a classic red trolley from the parking lot to Building H and parking is free.

Penny lane

The Canton Goodfellows will host a "Pennies from Heaven" fund-raiser on "Make a Difference Day," Saturday, Oct. 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Summit.

The group hopes to collect as many pennies as possible to help fund Goodfellow programs.

"We would like to show how a simple penny, when you add it to lots of other pennies, can really make a big difference," said Canton Goodfellows President Nancy Spencer. "This event is in honor of my dad, Clarence Conat, who has continued to send me 'pennies from heaven' since he died in 1975. I know he'd be happy we are helping the neediest children in our community."

Pennies can also be dropped off at St. Thomas a'Becket Church in Canton during regular office hours.

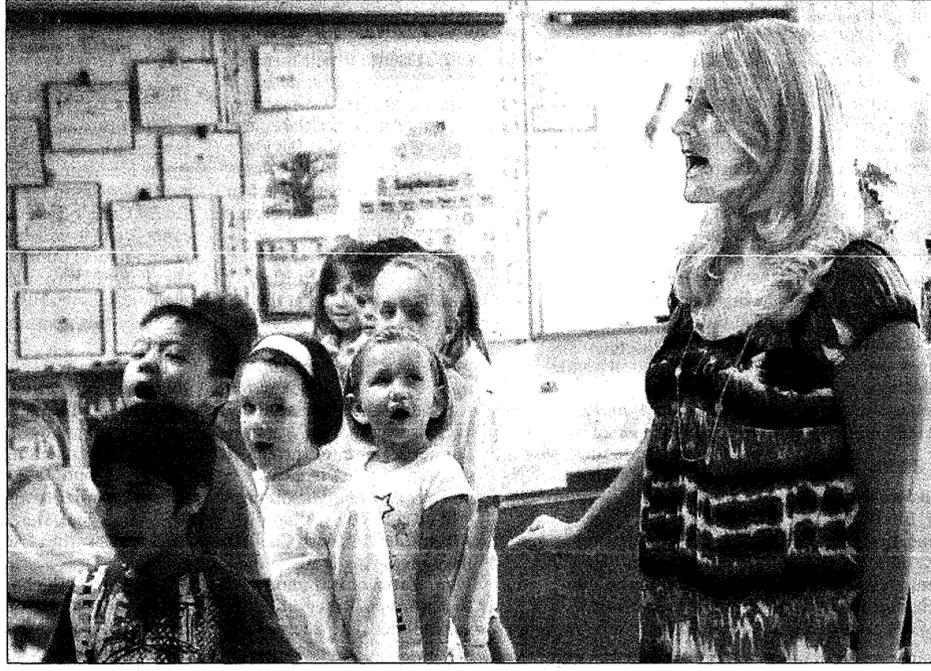
'Humane' honor

Canton Township will be recognizing the Humane Society of Huron Valley in conjunction with a proclamation to celebrate "National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week," Nov. 1-7.

HSHV will be given the award Tuesday, Oct. 27 during the regularly scheduled township meeting at 7 p.m. Guests and HSHV supporters are welcome to attend.

"We are honored that Canton is celebrating this event and HSHV in particular," said Tanya Hilgendorf, HSHV Executive Director. "Animal shelters serve their communities in many ways, perhaps most importantly: animal shelters provide a tangible example of humane ethics and compassion for all living creatures. Canton Township is filled with many wonderful animal lovers and we are glad to be their community animal shelter where homeless, lost and abused animals are taken."

For more information, visit www.hshv.org or call (734) 662-5585.



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Bentley Elementary School first-grade teacher and author Cheryl Zuzo has her kids line up for the walk to art class.

Kid power

Teacher hopes book helps students 'do their best'

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As a child, Cheryl Zuzo's daughter, Briella, made life for herself more difficult by expecting nothing less than perfection from herself.

As a mother, Zuzo worked hard to teach Briella and her younger brother, Brent, that perfection wasn't necessary, that "doing your best" was the goal for which to shoot.

As a teacher, Zuzo wants to make sure her students learn the same lesson, and she's using the same tool to teach it: Her first children's book, *Being Bella*.

"My daughter had such a tough time trying to make everything perfect," said Zuzo, a first-grade teacher at Bentley Elementary. "I tried to tell her you don't have to be perfect, just do your best. Everyone has a different 'best.' It's about being who you are, and being proud of it."

Zuzo created the book around her own children, though she made Brent the older brother in the book "so Bella would have someone to guide her." In the book, Bella learns lessons about "just doing your best" on simple things such as tying a shoe, writing the letter 'K' or making her bed from her parents, her brother and a teacher.

Now back in the classroom after taking a hiatus to raise her children, Zuzo uses the book as a tool to teach those same lessons to her own students. She complements the book with stories about how she struggled to write as a student herself.



First-grade teacher Cheryl Zuzo hopes her first children's book, 'Being Bella,' empowers children.

"It's eye-opening for them," said Zuzo, who wrote the outline in one draft, but admits the book went through "about 20 revisions" before ending up in print. "They think, 'She wasn't very good in first grade, and now she has a book, so maybe I can do it.' They can do anything."

Published by Ferne Press, an imprint of Northville-based Nelson Marketing and Publishing, *Being Bella* was illustrated by Canton artist Megan Wellman, who has illustrated many Ferne Press productions. Zuzo said Wellman knew exactly how the book, and its lead character, should look.

"Megan takes exactly what you say and turns it into exactly what you want," Zuzo said. "The first time I saw her sketches, I cried.

She really brought it to life."

That part was possible because of Zuzo's own enthusiasm for the story, according to Wellman.

"I have a step-daughter, and I felt it was very relatable for her," Wellman said. "Children are always striving for approval. *Bella* reinforced that trying your hardest and doing your own personal best is what you should strive for, rather than perfection."

"Cheryl was very animated about the look of her book and its characters. They were easy and fun to bring to life," she added. "I think the book has a great positive message that we can all take something from."

Zuzo, who has bachelor's and master's degrees from Eastern Michigan University, has 23 "kids" now, and she lets them know in a variety of ways that they "are awesome." She uses music, books and even some comedy to teach them. Students end most days doing Elvis Presley impersonations.

"You can't end a day badly when you've got 23 kids wiggling their lips at you and saying, 'Thank you, thank you very much,'" she said, laughing.

There's a lot of laughter mixed with the lessons in her classroom. Zuzo said she hopes her style helps kids realize they can do anything they set out to do.

"I didn't feel very empowered when I was 6 ... I had a dream to write a book that empowered kids," she said. "Making a difference in the world is good. Hopefully (the book) will do that."

Ex-funeral home operators charged

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The owners of a former Livonia funeral home been charged in connection with a pre-paid funeral fraud scheme.

Christopher and Nancy Ziomek of Canton, who once owned the Ziomek Funeral Home on Wayne Road, were arraigned Wednesday in 16th District Court in Livonia.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said Christopher and Nancy Ziomek have been charged with two counts of embezzlement greater than \$50,000 but less than \$100,000, a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison; three counts of embezzlement by an agent or trustee greater than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000, a felony punishable by up to five years in prison; and funeral contracts-conversion, a felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

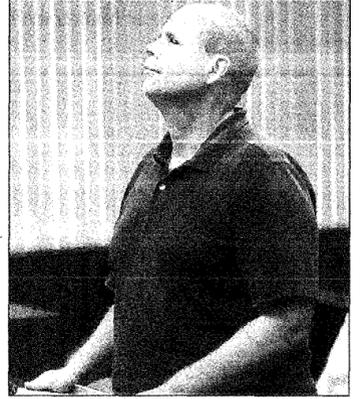
Worthy said at a press conference Wednesday that an investigation by Detective Dean Langley of the Livonia Police Department revealed that more than 60 complainants in Wayne County were duped out of money for pre-paid funeral contracts.

Worthy said the defendants obtained more than \$230,000 from unwitting victims between 1998 and 2007.

"It is alleged that the money was placed in a Ziomek funeral home account and later spent by the Ziomeks for their own personal use," Worthy said.

Langley first received a complaint in November 2007. A man had purchased

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Christopher Ziomek stands before Livonia's 16th District Court Judge Sean P. Kavanagh on felony charges of embezzlement. Ziomek and his wife, also arraigned, are both 54 years old and reside in Canton.

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Board OKs abatements to grow jobs

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Despite a sour economy, Canton officials Tuesday relished steps they took to help four local companies expand and eventually hire more workers.

"That's extremely positive for the community," township Economic Development Manager Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz said. "It's just such good news."

Consider why:
• Grupo Antolin Wayne on Michigan Avenue is planning a nearly \$1.3 million investment after getting more work to make Ford F-150 headliners. The company now has about 100 employees and potentially could hire 50 more within two years.

• Danotek Motion Technologies on Haggerty,

which researches, tests and manufactures wind-powered electrical generators and components for electric and hybrid vehicles, is investing \$5 million and could see its workforce swell from 51 to as many as 200 employees within the next five years.

• Durcon, Inc., a company on Ronda Drive that makes products such as specialty sinks and laboratory work surfaces, could see a slight expansion of its 115-member workforce by investing \$120,000 in new equipment for a new "green line" of products using post-consumer recycled glass.

• Sysco, a company that sells, markets and distributes food products to schools, restaurants and other locations, could eventually hire more workers after local, county and state officials

spearheaded efforts to add a turn lane and resurface Van Born Road near the facility.

During a Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday, three of the companies — Grupo, Danotek and Durcon — received tax abatements allowing them to expand while getting a 50-percent tax break on personal property — or new equipment — they plan to install to accommodate the changes.

Sysco's expansion, meanwhile, received a boost as the township board — overseeing state and county dollars — approved a \$797,635 contract to hire Sole Construction, Inc. Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Paas has said officials hope to start the Van Born Road improvements this fall.

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Corriveau coffee

State Representative Marc Corriveau is hosting a coffee hour 5:30-6:30 p.m. Nov. 30 at Parthenon Coney Island, 39910 Ford Road, in Canton. For more information, call (734) 981-0200.

First Step program

Judith Barr, Associate Director of First Step, will present a program on domestic violence on Oct. 29, 2-3 p.m. at the Canton Public Library. First Step is a local resource offering free services to individuals affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and First Step believes that prevention and awareness are key components to ending violence in our communities.

This program will be held in the library's Purple Room. It is free, no registration is required. For more information, visit www.firststep-mi.org or www.cantonpl.org.

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road in Canton.

Cabaret night

Come to the cabaret! The Spotlight Players' version, that is. For one night only, the group is taking The Biltmore Studio at The Village Theater and transforming it into an intimate night club.

Six vocalists will take you on a musical journey through some of Broadway's great shows, including numbers from Anything Goes, Fiddler on the Roof, The Sound of Music, Company, Hello, Dolly!, Oklahoma and Kiss Me Kate.

"Come to the Cabaret" takes place 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. Cabaret-style seats are limited so purchase tickets now! Come tap your toes to classic tunes while enjoying a beverage from the cash bar and finger food from the concession stand.

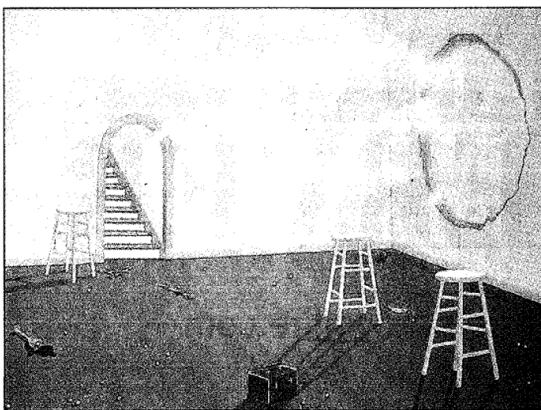
The performance takes place at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. The Village Theater has free parking is handicap accessible.

Tickets are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.canton-mi.org/village-theater or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door. Box office opens one hour prior to show-time. Tickets are \$15.

For more information about Spotlight Players or Spotlight on Youth productions call at (734) 480-4945 or visit www.spotlightplayersmi.org.

St. Michael openings

Registrations are being accepted at St. Michael Christian School in Canton for the 2009-2010 school year. There are openings in 3 and 4 year old preschool classes, as well as young fives and kindergarten.



Art exhibit

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is currently exhibiting artwork from the 17th annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition 2009, bringing together works of some of the best artists throughout southeast Michigan. The exhibit contains works in a variety of media, including: paintings, sculptures; mixed media; charcoal drawings; pastels, ceramics; and photography. This year's winners include Best of Show, Darcy Scott's water media 'Cloudy' (above). The exhibit will run until Oct. 25. The public is encouraged to view this free exhibit Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; during public performances at the theater; and by appointment by calling (734) 394-5308.

Their academic program is taught by qualified and credentialed teachers and they support the development of the whole child in a small class size setting.

The school is located at 7000 Sheldon Road inside of St. Michael Lutheran Church. For more information, call (734) 459-9720.

A is for Amarone

Vintner's Canton Winery, winner of 19 medals in WineMaker Magazine Competition, will be hosting an "A is for Amarone" dinner

on Sweetest Day Saturday, Oct. 17, and Oct. 24 at the Vintner's Canton Winery, 8515 N. Lilley Rd., Canton.

Guests will be treated to the opening of the 2008 Amarone - a double Gold Medal Winning wine. The "Amarone Dinner" celebrates the conclusion of five years of awards and great wine. The dinner will be catered by A Family Affair Catering with Chef BJ Page preparing foods of the Veneto area of Italy, home to Amarone. Reservations are limited to 34 guests each night. The dinner features

Gold Medal winning wines with each course including Vintner's Gold Medal Pinot Grigio, Gold Medal Amarone and Gold Medal Bello Bacio, cherry chocolate dessert wine.

The \$30 cost includes dinner, wine, tax and gratuity.

Reservation deadline is Oct. 13 for the Oct. 17 event, and Oct. 20 for the Oct. 24 dinner. Reservations by phone with credit card or stop by the winery in Canton. Vintner's Canton is located on Lilley between Joy and Warren. Winery hours are Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., or call (734) 354-9463.

Breast cancer fund-raiser

Sue Turner and two of her dearest friends will be walking in the Michigan 3-day to raise money for Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Research. The event is one in which they will walk a total of 60 miles over the course of three days, training hundreds of miles to get ready for this weekend-long event.

The three wanted to do their part in fighting against the disease. They've created a cookbook for people to enjoy and also at the same time contribute to a great cause. In order to accomplish their goal, they gathered recipes from friends and family.

"The title of the book just seemed to fall into place ... '3 Friends, 3 Reasons (for walking the 3day), 3 Hearts,'" Turner said. "Our team name for the walk is 'BE BOLD.' 'BE BOLD' is a statement of power. BE BOLD to fight for what you believe in; BE BOLD to go beyond your comfort zone..... the list is endless."

The book consists of 400 wonderful recipes. Including the trio's signature cookie "Be Bold! Chocolate Peanut Butter Bites."

Each book is \$15. Additional shipping charges may apply for non-local buyers.

For more information, contact Turner at turnercrow@comcast.net or (734) 812-2937.

Girls want to scrap

Canton Newcomers will be hosting "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun," a two-day crop, as their fall fund-raiser.

This fun-filled event will feature amazing "make and takes," as well as exciting raffles and door prizes. You can look forward to working with a talented and spirited group of scrappers.

Space is still available, contact Laura Malone on (734) 945-0749, or visit www.cantonnewcomers.org. Ticket cost is 2-days for \$50 or 1-day for \$30, meals and drinks are included. The crop will be held on Friday, Oct. 23, from noon to midnight and Saturday, Oct. 24, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

AAUW meeting

The Plymouth/Canton branch of the American Association of University Women hosts its monthly meeting Oct. 15, at 6:30 p.m., held at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Rd. Plymouth (just north of North Territorial Rd.)

The meeting will feature a light dinner (\$10 per person) followed by a presentation of "Lily Ledbetter - A Fair Act Play." Increasing awareness of pay inequities is one of the goals of AAUW.

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

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A story in the Oct. 11 Observer incorrectly identified where the Italian-American Club of Livonia held its recent anniversary party. It was held at the club's banquet and conference center.

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Strong finals performance nets band second at regional

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

Heavy breathing and a pounding heart weren't just the results of swift marching and the expert musical exertions of the 18 top high school marching bands from four states performing at the Bands of America Regional Championships at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium Saturday.

They were also the clever sound effects eerily resonating throughout the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's competition program, "Beneath the Surface," that netted the hometown team the AAAA championship with a caption for Outstanding General Effect after preliminary competition along with second place among the top 10 finalist bands.

"We're very thrilled," said a pleased David Armbruster, director of bands at P-CEP. "Despite the weather we dealt with this week, the kids had a great run."

The 170-member P-CMB captured second place after a stellar finals performance in the unseasonably frigid evening with a score of 82.55, a mere half point below first-place Lawrence Central from Indiana with an 83.05.

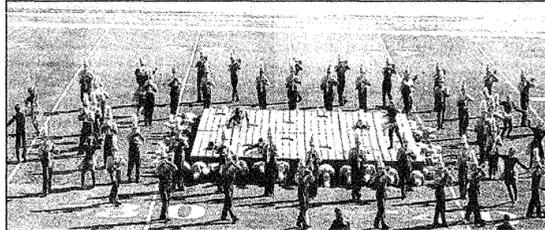
After prelims earlier in the day, P-CMB bested Lawrence Central by 0.2 points to capture the AAAA crown. Other Michigan bands making the top 10 were Muskegon's Reeths-Puffer, third, 78.75; West Bloomfield, fourth, 76.9; Walled Lake Central, sixth, 72.95; and Lake Orion, ninth, 71.75.

"It's great to be doing so well," said first-year-marcher and trombonist Brian Desjarlais, a Canton freshman. "It's cool to be in this band because of its long history of achievement."

Plymouth senior Caroline Williams, one of the three drum majors, was pleased with her band's performance.



A Bands of America official joins Kayla Ragland, Jill Black, Caroline Williams, Katrina Maynes and Kaitlyn Tracy after presenting the P-CMB with the second-place Regional Championship trophy Saturday.



The color guard members emerge from beneath the surface of the platform to the echoing sounds of a beating heart at the beginning of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's competition program, "Beneath the Surface," with theme loosely based on the work of Edgar Allan Poe.

ON THEIR OWN FIELD

The award-winning Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band will be performing their show in exhibition as hosts of the Great Lakes Invitational on Oct. 17 on the home gridiron. Nineteen bands will perform and the public is invited. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and children/students 18 years and under at the gate, and \$2 for P-CEP students with a valid student ID.

"During warm-ups, I was caught off guard by how well we sounded," she said. "The sound quality has progressed so much and I'm so proud of

all the members."

But wait - there's more! The show isn't even finished yet. There's nearly a minute still to be added.

"We're going to add a little bit more to the closer, clean some things, tweak and start adding a lot more of the effects that they have and a whole surprise ending," Armbruster said.

"We have a lot to do, but we have enough time to do it, so we should be in good shape in the end," said Jenifer Leseth, color guard director since 2003. "I think we have the potential to make this one of the best shows Plymouth has done in a long time and to be very memorable. It's going to be one of the shows people talk about."

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two pre-paid funeral contracts. "He later discovered that at the time the money was given to Christopher Ziomek, the funeral home did not have a pre-paid funeral and cemetery sales registration with the state of Michigan," Worthy said. "In fact, the prepaid funeral and cemetery sales registration had been suspended and/or expired since May 31, 1999."

Customers who had purchased the contracts were unable to obtain refunds, Langley said.

"Based on our investigation, we have been unable to show that the funds were properly escrowed with a third-party agent," Langley said. "The monies should be placed into a fund or insurance so that later down the road if people wanted refunds, the money would be there. The money should have been documented, but we've been unable to locate the funds so far."

Langley worked with state auditors from the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth Bureau of Commercial Services.



Nancy Ziomek signs her acknowledgment of rights during her arraignment on felony charges of embezzlement.

"They sorted through the evidence obtained in the search warrant," Langley said. Investigators examined the paperwork for the business, Langley said.

Residents who purchase funeral contracts can take precautions by asking for a statement of their money, Langley said. "They are supposed to receive something once a year," Langley said. "If the money is escrowed properly, (the funeral home) should be able to provide written documentation of where the money is."

Langley said the customers who lost money trusted the funeral home operators. "Unfortunately, the red flags didn't come up until the very end," Langley said.

Langley received a few com-

plaints from relatives of the funeral home's customers who had died without any account or escrow left by the funeral home for the customer's funeral.

"Most of the complaints came from people who wanted refunds and couldn't get them," Langley said.

Theresa Harp of Westland, who attended the arraignment, said the Ziomeks took \$6,000 five or six years ago from her mother, Florence Muto of Westland, now 92. Muto became suspicious when the sign for the funeral home, which later closed, was taken down. Harp said Christopher Ziomek told her mother they were building a new facility.

"I think it's the same as though they had held a gun to her head and said give us \$6,000," Harp said. "They took complete advantage of us."

A preliminary exam is set for Oct. 27. Bond was set at \$20,000, or 10 percent, for each defendant. Not-guilty pleas were entered on their behalf.

Worthy said anyone who has paid Christopher and Nancy Ziomek for pre-paid funeral contracts should contact the Livonia Police Department at (734) 466-2470.

BOARD

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Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy described himself as "excited" by the latest economic news and said local officials are striving to attract new businesses and - perhaps more importantly - retain companies that can grow and

prosper.

"We're seeing some evidence of that," LaJoy said.

Trustee Pat Williams seemed to sum up the sentiment of his colleagues when he referred to the latest success stories of some local companies.

"Keep growing, keep growing and keep growing," he said.

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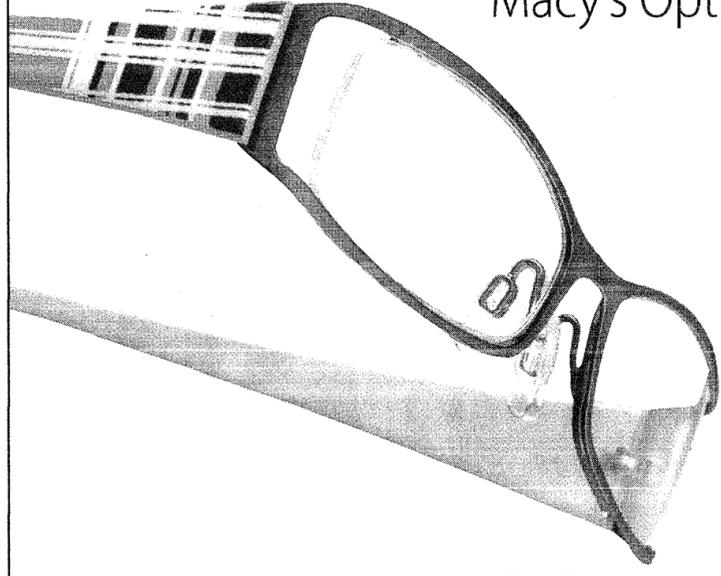


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Police score big for First Step

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton and Detroit police played a charity soccer game Saturday and raised \$1,700 for domestic violence shelters.

Canton police used the confines of the High Velocity Sports Center on Michigan Avenue in Canton to edge Detroit, 6-4.

"I would have to give it the home field advantage, but both teams played really well," Canton police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said.

The real winners, as some 30 police officers showed up for the event, were shelters that help victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Organizers have said the money raised will benefit First Step, which serves western Wayne County, and the YWCA of Metropolitan Detroit's

Interim House.

"Any money we can give to a cause like that is worth it," Gajeski said.

He estimated about 100 spectators watched the game. Admission was \$5, but money also was raised by raffling off prizes including passes to local restaurants and a gift package to the MGM Grand Casino in Detroit.

Three players from the Detroit Ignition soccer team served as referee and coaches, and cheerleaders from Canton High School and Plymouth High School helped fire up the crowd.

The game came in the wake of a sobering reminder that even police can become caught up in domestic violence. Although the soccer match already had been organized, it was played after Detroit homicide investiga-

tor Edward Gordon Williams II gunned down his wife, Detroit police officer Patricia Williams, outside the Canton Public Library on Sept. 22. He then shot and killed himself.

Gajeski said Saturday's soccer game wasn't overshadowed by the shootings. Rather, he said the police officers tried to focus on the positive efforts to help domestic violence shelters.

"It was a pretty good game," Gajeski said.

Theresa Bizoe, associate director for First Step, has commended police for organizing the game. She said domestic violence shelters have had to seek alternative fund-raising methods as a sour economy has taken a toll on donations.

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Masked gunman escapes with Domino's dough

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A masked gunman escaped Friday night during an armed robbery Canton police said happened inside the Domino's Pizza at Cherry Hill and Sheldon.

The holdup occurred shortly before 10 p.m. — five hours after a separate incident in which township police captured two of three suspects accused of beating a man and robbing him in a laundry room of an apartment building near Joy and Sheldon, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said.

During the Domino's robbery, a black male wearing dark clothes and a mask walked in brandishing a sil-

ver handgun, pointed it at a female manager, grabbed her and moved her toward the cash register, Gajeski said.

No shots were fired, and no one was injured, he said.

The lone suspect took money from the pizzeria and fled in what Gajeski described as a black BMW.

Anyone who has information about the incident is urged to call Canton police at (734) 394-5400. Anonymous tips for a possible cash reward also may be made to Crime Stoppers of Michigan at (800) SPEAK-UP.

Earlier, three suspects are accused of beating and robbing a man who was going to visit a friend at Lincolnshire Apartments near Joy and Sheldon, Gajeski said.

The incident was described as a strong-armed robbery rather than a holdup involving a weapon. The suspects took the victim to a laundry room, where he told police he was assaulted and robbed, Gajeski said.

"An officer was flagged down by a victim who said he had been robbed inside the building," Gajeski said.

One suspect was caught at the scene, and another was captured in the area of Warren and Sheldon, Gajeski said.

A third suspect remained at large on Tuesday, he said, and anyone who has information is asked to call police or Crime Stoppers.

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Driver exposes himself to woman on Michigan

A woman told police she was driving west on Michigan Avenue near Beck when a man in a vehicle next to her honked his horn and exposed himself to her. She said he then nodded at her.

The woman said the incident happened about 5:15 p.m. Oct. 6.

The woman described the man as being in his late 20s or early 30s with a heavy build, scraggly facial hair and dirty blond or reddish hair. She said he was driving a navy blue pickup, possibly a Chevrolet model.

The woman told police she reached for her cell phone to call and report the man, but he changed lanes and then started driving east on Michigan Avenue.

Montessori theft

A construction site manager for a new Montessori school being built on Haggerty south of Ford told police someone entered the site sometime between Friday and Monday, cut the electrical supply line from the basement area to the lift on the main floor, and stole approximately 10 hanging lights from the basement.

Fob folly

A woman told police she had some odd events happening at her house between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday on Haverhill, west of Ridge and north of Warren.

She said she parked her Chevy pickup in the driveway, entered the house, put her purse and car keys on the

CRIME WATCH



counter, let her dog out a rear doorwall and went upstairs to do some housework. She said she forgot to lock the door.

When she went downstairs again, she noticed the key fob was missing from her key ring. She went out to the vehicle and noticed the key fob was in the grass near the driver's side of her truck. She also said she noticed one of her daughter's necklaces near the key fob.

The woman said nothing appeared to be missing from the house.

Window damage

A woman reported the rear window of her vehicle was damaged while she was parked at the Kohl's Department Store, at Michigan Avenue and Beck Road, between 3-4 p.m.

Sunday. She didn't know who might have caused the damage.

Possible abuse

Police are investigating reports that two children may have been abused at a residence on Old Michigan, southeast of Haggerty and Michigan Avenue. One child, who reportedly has attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, had a swollen face after she was slapped, a state child protective services worker told police. As a result, the child didn't attend school.

The mother reportedly suffers from depression and screams at the children, according to police reports. The father is currently in jail.

— Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports

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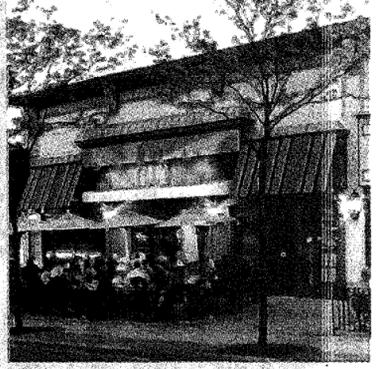
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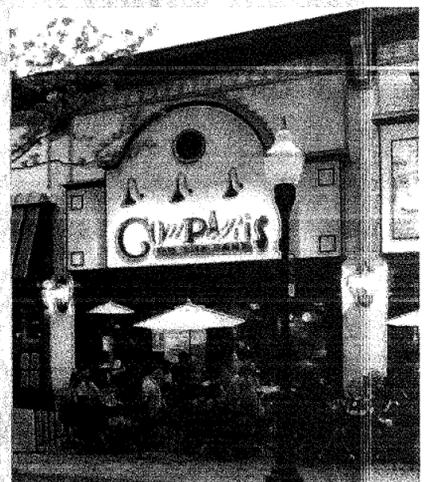
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Vietnam-born author to speak at Penn in Plymouth

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bich Minh Nguyen, author of *Stealing Buddha's Dinner*, is traveling the state discussing her book. The book, which tells of Nguyen growing up as a Vietnamese refugee in 1970s and 1980s Grand Rapids, is this year's Great Michigan Read selection from the Michigan Humanities Council.

"The author tour starts this week," said Sue Patterson, adult services librarian at the Plymouth District Library and a member of this year's book selection committee. "She started in Grand Rapids on Tuesday."

Nguyen, born in 1974 in Saigon, was slated for later Michigan stops in Traverse City, Midland and Lansing. With the humanities council and Plymouth District Library,



Nguyen

the author will speak 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth. Nguyen will also sign copies of her book.

"I think it's wonderful," Plymouth resident Patterson said of the appearance, the only one of Nguyen's in southeast Michigan. "I think it's a wonderful opportunity for us to show off Plymouth."

The Friends of the Plymouth District Library are involved with the Michigan Humanities Council presentation, focusing on Nguyen's memoir published in 2007. There's no registration required for the Oct. 17 program and seating is first-come first-served for the 405-seat Penn Theatre.

Nguyen left Vietnam with her

father, grandmother, uncle and sister as Saigon fell. They ended up in Grand Rapids through a church-sponsored relocation program. She writes movingly of efforts to fit in to a new culture, described often in terms of the Burger King, Dairy Cone and other foods available.

Nguyen tells of her efforts to fit in to Grand Rapids in the 1980s "before diversity and multicultural awareness trickled into western Michigan. Before ethnic was cool. Before Thai restaurants became staples in every town. When I think of Grand Rapids I remember city signs covered in images of rippling flags, proclaiming 'An All-American City.' ... As a kid, I couldn't figure out what 'All-American' was supposed to mean. Was it a promise, a threat, a warning?"

Her first name is pronounced "Bit" but classmates used the phonetic

spelling as a swear word, and teased Nguyen and sister Anh about their background. Their father married a Mexican-American woman in Grand Rapids who gave birth to son Vinh.

The author, who now lives in Chicago and West Lafayette, Ind., attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, earning a bachelor's degree in English and a master of fine arts degree in creative writing. She teaches at Purdue University in Indiana as an associate professor in the English department, and is married to novelist Porter Shreve.

Stealing Buddha's Dinner won the PEN/Jerard Fund Award. It's the Contemporary Books discussion book for November at the Plymouth library, as well as the January Brown Bags group book. The Plymouth library will also host a Vietnam veterans panel discussion 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct.

28, at the library, 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. Registration is requested for the panel discussion at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4. The panel features members of Chapter 528 Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America.

"We'll have other related programs," said Patterson, including those focusing on history and culture of Vietnam.

"We're hoping to draw obviously from the surrounding communities," the librarian said of the Oct. 17 author visit, which is free. Doors will open at the Penn about a half hour before the program starts. Questions should be directed to the library, as the Penn isn't staffed at all times.

For more on Nguyen's visit, see <http://www.michiganhumanities.org/programs/tgmr>.

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PCA hosts folk concert

The BaseLine Folk Society will host another coffee house-style open-microphone concert at its new Plymouth home beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday.

The Society, musicians who promote and enjoy folk and traditional music of all varieties, recently relocated from Northville to the Plymouth Community Arts Council building on Sheldon Road at Junction, also known as the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts.

The headline act Saturday is songwriter Mike Brock, who sings and plays guitar. The open-mic segment will feature up to eight performers; musicians can sign up for open mic on a first-come basis between 6:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Scott Ludwig will be the host.

BaseLine events are 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month through May. Admission is \$5 a person; year-long memberships, good for the entire season, are \$25 for individuals and \$50 for families.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is at 774 North Sheldon, south of M-14. For more information on BaseLine, contact Mike Mullen via e-mail at mjmmullen@yahoo.com or call him at (248) 347-6881.

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Trail friends meet to talk about projects

In over a year since its grand opening, the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail has become a popular destination for outdoor enthusiasts.

In an effort to meet the residential demand for more outdoor recreational opportunities, the trail system is currently undergoing an expansion as five wooden pedestrian bridges are under construction with an estimated completion date of Nov.30. These additions will extend the existing trail from Haggerty Road to Sheldon Road.

At present, the trail measures approximately two miles and is actively used by walkers, joggers, bikers, cross country skiers and nature lovers. Once completed, this new connection to the existing I-275 path will increase the trail to four miles of compacted crushed stone paved main trails with access to even more miles of additional single track hiking and mountain biking trails.

The next planned expansion is scheduled for spring 2010 when two additional wooden pedestrian bridges will extend the trail from Sheldon Road to Canton Center Road.

Local residents interested in helping to support, maintain, improve and champion the Lower Rouge River trail system can attend the next meeting of the Friends of Canton Trails, scheduled on Thursday, Nov. 12, in the Canton Administrative Building in Room "A" on the Lower

Level. Future meetings will be held the second Thursday of each month.

Prospective group projects include the planning of the grand reopening of the Trail system slated for River Day 2010 on June 5. In addition, this volunteer group will coordinate events and fund-raisers at the trail, including: charity runs; clean up days such as Arbor Day and Make A Difference Day; River Trail canoeing and kayaking; and general trail upkeep. The group is also in need of a webmaster with experience posting photos and utilizing Gmail.

For more information on the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail system or to find out how to become part of the steering committee, call (734) 394-5310 or visit Cantonfun.org

Design awards

Canton's Committee for Community Excellence held an appreciation ceremony recently to recognize winners of the 2009 Design Excellence Awards.

At the event, more than 50 awards were given out to Canton residents and business owners for Landscape Design, Architectural Design and Environmental Design.

Landscape Design Awards are based on quality of design, use of plant materials, year-round appeal, and creativity. Winners in this category included; The Canton Library, Fellows Creek Golf Club, L. George's Coney Island, Belle Tire, the subdivision entryway at Morgan Creek, and the single-family homes of 41 Canton residents.



The top honor at Canton's recent design excellence awards ceremony went to the new Center for Advanced Medicine and Surgery: St. Joseph Mercy Health Center.

The Environmental Excellence Award is based on projects which preserved or enhanced natural features, used native vegetation, and created natural habitats. This year's award went to King and MacGregor for their work on the drainage ditch in front of Canton Crossings.

Architectural Design Awards are based on building design, quality of building materials and quality of site design including landscaping, lighting and other site design amenities. Winners in this category included; Potbelly, the Bartlett-Travis House, and Canton Corners Strip Mall.

The top honor of the night went to the new Center for Advanced

Medicine and Surgery: St. Joseph Mercy Health Center. Canton Trustee Melissa McLaughlin presented the Medallion Award to representatives from St. Joseph Mercy Health Center, HKS Architect and Grissom, Metz, Andriese Landscape Architects. The Medallion Award recognizes a development for excellence from the planning stage through construction and completion of the project.

This year marked the seventh year the CCE has held the awards program to promote a pleasant, aesthetic environment of the Canton community by creating, participating, and supporting activities that foster a sense of community pride.

To view a slide show of all the 2009 winners visit www.canton-mi.org

Online learning

The online classroom is changing. What was once primarily accessed by young adults, online learning is fast becoming the way to make a job market transition and even graduate from high school.

As online classes become larger and more diverse, it's imperative for community colleges and universities to continue improving these courses.

"Best Practices in Online Education" can help educators meet these expectations. The eighth annual Symposium for Excellence in Online Learning runs 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6 at Macomb Community College University Center, Center Campus, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, MI 48038.

The Symposium includes a faculty panel about engaging online students and will feature speaker Matt Roush, WWJ-Newsradio 950's technology editor, Great Lakes IT Report. Kevin Krason, president and founder of Biznet.com; Karen Kelley from Cisco Systems and Bruce Umpstead, Director, Office of Educational Technology and Data Coordination, Michigan Department of Education, will also be featured speakers.

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Use common sense in fight against H1N1

Pandemic is a scary word. It brings to mind disturbing images of illness and death. It is a word that demands attention.

And the Center for Disease Control recently released an update on the H1N1 virus that should make even skeptical parents take notice. Among the findings:

- Another 19 children died from the new H1N1 virus last week around the country, pushing to 76 the number of fatalities this year among those under 18.

- Thirty-seven states now report widespread H1N1 outbreaks. At this time, Michigan is not one of the those states but others in the Midwest including Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Minnesota are on the list. CDC officials consider

The best way to prevent the spread of the virus is frequent, thorough hand washing. ... It is helpful to tell young children to sing happy birthday while washing their hands. When the song is over, they can stop washing.

any reports of widespread influenza activity in September and October very unusual.

So what is a parent to do?

The first step is to get informed. Read about the dangers of the H1N1 virus so recognizing early warning signs of danger is possible. Information on vaccinations and prevention strategies is also available at these three reliable sites:

www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu
www.pandemicflu.gov

www.aap.org/advocacy/releases/may09swine-fluqanda.htm

The third site on the list is the H1N1 page of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

It is a dependable resource for parents who want to verify information from a source independent from the government.

For people who would rather talk to someone on the telephone, call the 24-Hour Wayne County Seasonal Flu/H1N1 Information Line at (734) 727-7163.

Local officials have been planning for the flu season for months and they are erring on the side of caution. Much of the prevention effort will be focused on schools as children are more susceptible to the virus, which is more easily spread where large groups of people congregate in close quarters.

School officials are stressing the importance of good hygiene and common sense. A sick child must be kept out of school no matter what test or activity is coming up. Teachers will find a way to get the homework to them, and students will have time to catch up when they come back to school. One child with H1N1 who coughs and sneezes his way through a day could be responsible for many others getting sick it is imperative that sick children stay home from school.

That means parents have to think ahead and come up with a childcare plan now. Medical experts advise keeping a sick child out of school for 24 hours after any fever is gone. That could be a few days or longer so parents need to have a childcare plan in case the flu strikes.

The best way to prevent the spread of the virus is frequent, thorough hand washing. Experts advise washing hands with warm running water and soap (antibacterial soap is fine but not necessary) for at least 20 seconds. It is helpful to tell young children to sing happy birthday while washing their hands. When the song is over, they can stop washing.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools has done enough work in this area - they had a case of their own last year - that Wayne County officials used Discovery Middle School to kick off their hand-washing informational campaign.

The district is also under consideration to be one of the locations when the county sets up its regional shot clinics. There's more information about H1N1 on the district's Web site at www.pccs.k12.mi.us

The good news is that the vast majority of H1N1 cases are mild.

The bad news is that the H1N1 flu can be very serious and cases are already being reported in Michigan.

Thank goodness local officials have spent a great deal of time planning for the flu season, but all that effort won't do much good if families don't follow the guidelines.

COMMUNITY VOICE

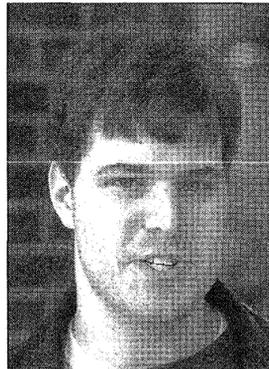
What do you think of Canton's plans to build a dog park? Do you think you will use it?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"Yes, I think it's a great idea. My dog (a black lab mix named Ore) will love that."

Jennifer Blazejewski
Canton



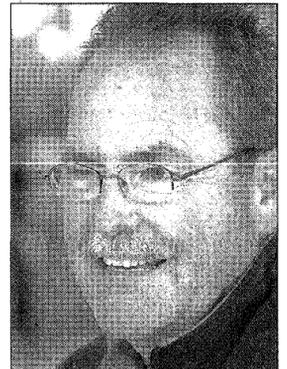
"I probably won't use it. I usually just walk the dog - my mom's dog - around the neighborhood."

Dave Ebersole
Canton



"It would be something I would check out (with her cairn terrier/schnauzer Rascal) as long as there are designated areas for small and large dogs." (Local officials have said there will be separate areas.)

Debbie Piotrowski
Canton



"Personally I probably won't use it. I would be concerned about the diseases a dog might catch from other dogs."

John Anderson
Canton

LETTERS

Vote for leadership

As past presidents of the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters, and active members of the educational community, we have had the pleasure of working with Judy Mardigian, Barry Simescu and John Jackson on a number of music and non-related music issues.

As dedicated members of our district's Board of Education, their pro-active, common-sense approach has delivered the leadership we've needed during what has been very challenging times in our district. And, moving forward, this is just the type of approach and leadership we need to lead us through the difficult financial times that lie ahead.

Their years of the experience on the Board of Education, combined with their years of involvement within the community, are needed now more than ever. What sets them apart? Well, for one thing, they're not afraid to hold people accountable, beginning with themselves. Together, their solutions-driven management of the serious issues has enabled the Board to thoroughly study every point in route to key decision-making. When you examine their tenure on the board, you'll uncover a track record of accomplishment and steadfast commitment in service to our school district. As our district continues to move forward, we need people on the school board - like Judy, Barry and John - who are abundantly familiar with the key issues. We know their commitment to making tough choices and smart decisions will continue to be directly focused on what is best for our students.

If you ever have the privilege of speaking with any of them, you will quickly note how proudly they speak of the artists, the athletes, the scholars, the musicians, the cheerleaders, the alternative education students, the special education students, the gifted, etc.

We strongly urge you to vote Nov. 3 for Judy Mardigian, Barry Simescu and John Jackson.

Gerry Olexey
Plymouth
Mark Stamper
Plymouth
Scott Ragland
Canton

Ban texting/driving

I am a parent of a 19-year-old and a 14-year-old. I think texting should be banned while driving. I have this talk all the time with my 19-year-old daughter in college.

The thought of getting in an accident and possibly killing someone or themselves, can not be worth it. That phone message can not be that important it can't wait until you get to your destination. Those kids need to ask themselves, will it be worth sitting in jail for and living with that, the rest of their life, just because they couldn't keep their eyes on the road?

Kids think, it won't happen to them, because they are careful. It takes a split second to look down and look up and there is a car stopped in front of you or you go into the next lane.

It drives me crazy when someone comes in my lane, or sits at a green light because

they are looking down. It's hard enough to talk on the phone, let alone type on the phone. It scares the heck out of me. I worry about people running into me and I sure hope they don't take my life, my husbands, my kids, or my dogs life. It is a serious problem.

I would hate to see any teenager have to spend time in jail because they were on the phone, or typing and seriously hurt someone. Keep everyone alive and type before or after you drive! Pretty good slogan, huh?

Tracey Kukielka
Canton

Chili thanks

The 14th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off on Sunday, Oct. 4, was a sizzling success! The partly sunny skies and just a little bit of rain didn't stop it from being a GREAT CHILI DAY!

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

Financial sponsors include MotorCity Harley Davidson in Farmington Hills, Dick Scott's Indian Motorcycle Detroit in Canton, Renewal by Andersen Windows & Doors, Community Financial Credit Union. Media sponsors; The Observer & Eccentric Newspaper, WCSX 94.7 Classic Rock.

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Many big thanks to all the restaurants who participated in the Restaurant Chili Challenge including this year's winners in the Best Judged category; The Picnic Basket Market and People's Choice category; The Omelette & Waffle Cafe.

Other participating restaurants include 1999 Tavern, Busch's Market Place Compari's On The Park, Doyle's Tavern, E.G. Nicks, Famous Dave's, Fox Hills, Liberty Street Brewing Co., Nico & Vali Italian Eatery, The Penn Grill & Bar, Plaka Mediterranean Grill, Rusty Bucket, Sean O'Callaghan's, Zapata's Mexican Kitchen.

The great entertainment at the event "The Men In Black" Band, Michelle Whitlow who sang the National Anthem, our five dance teams: Tollgate MotorCity Cloggers, Center Stage Dance Co, Synergy Dance Academy, Dance Beat and Mambo Marci Salsa Madness Dancers, Accordion Richard and Silver Fox Flutes.

Arnie Cohl for taking over the Chili "Bike Show," Sharyn Hughes (Great Brownies), Glennis Morrell and all The Motor City Road Captains, Bike Show Judges Scott Wilson and Chris Higgins, The Ballot counters, Sheri Austin, Jan Swanson, Larry Carrington, Bharti Washington, Chad Campbell, Cheryl Campbell, Vic Campbell and L.C. Carrington. The "Great Chili Ride" participants. Buck LeBlanc for Chili Ride

Support. Our Chili Photographer, Jill Andra Young Photography, The A.M. Rotary, Penrickton Center for Blind Children, The Canton Chiefs Baseball Team, The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, Horton Plumbing, Slow Speed Exhibition put on by The Motor City Road Captains.

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Michael Sage, Dean Jabara, Tom Risi, Janice Mulholland, Nicki Allen and Delta. Judge's tent coordinators Kyle & Michelle Horn, Amanda Nguyen and to all the other volunteers who came out for the charity...Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County.

Still more ... All 40 Chili Judges who hopefully had no indigestion afterwards, Chief Judge Chilmeister, Ken Horn, Chief Chili Scorekeeper Matt Wilhite, all 46 chili and salsa cooks and all 15,000 who came to enjoy this great charitable event!

THANK YOU from the bottom of my Chili Pot!

Annette Horn
Great Lakes Regional Chili, Inc. Chairman

Bud-ville

Our esteemed elected officials in Lansing are trying to find ways to fix our state's budget deficit.

They propose new taxes on bottled water, physician services, tobacco products, and increasing liquor sales hours (i.e. more heavily intoxicated drivers and at earlier Sunday hours!).

They also want to decrease K-12 education funding by \$165-\$218/pupil, and reduce revenue sharing for police/firefighters, etc.

Since 2004, Lansing has increased the "sin" tax on Michigan cigarettes 60 percent (\$1.25/pack - \$2/pack). That's good, if people want to smoke, let them pay more.

But can someone explain to me why the tax on beer has not increased in the last 43 years? The current tax on a 12-ounce can of beer is 2 cents. That's right folks, a whopping 12 cents/six pack (vs. \$2/pack of cigarettes!).

There's a "beer" fox in the Lansing henhouse. I vote that we rename Lansing "Bud-ville"!

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Play at Laurel Park

Laurel Park Place will open its new children's play area "Play in the Park" with a ribbon cutting ceremony 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 16 presented by Mall Management and the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. The first 100 children will receive a free "Play in the Park" tote filled with valuable savings from retailers at Laurel Park Place along with gifts, candy, tokens, coloring books, buttons and more. The first 100 also will be invited to lend their hand print and name to a tile that will be permanently placed on a memory wall near the family restrooms. The play area is located in the Food Court. Visit www.laurelparkplace.com.

Bra-vo Annual Sale

Bra-vo Intimates in downtown Royal Oak is staging its biggest bra sale of the year through Oct. 17. Buy two bras for yourself and take 50 percent off your third bra of lesser or equal value. Buy three bottoms and get one free. Bra-vo has the season's hottest purples and reds, as well as black and gold combos. The store also carries a large selection of T-shirt bras, basic bras and sports bras. Call (248) 582-7286.

Key to the Cure

Saks Fifth Avenue at Somerset Collection kicks off its annual Key to the Cure Shopping Weekend with a special event Thursday, Oct. 15 to benefit the Josephine Ford Cancer Center and the Francee & Benson Ford Jr. Breast Care & Wellness Center at Henry Ford Health System. "Girls Night Out," 5:30 to 9 p.m., will feature cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, makeup artists, psychics, DJ entertainment, gifts and prizes. Tickets are \$55 or \$75 with a special gift. Both include a \$50 Saks Fifth Avenue gift card, redeemable Oct. 15 in Cosmetics & Fragrances at Saks. Call (313) 874-6734 or visit henryford.com/giving. To learn more about Saks Fifth Avenue's Key to the Cure shopping weekend Oct. 15-18, when Saks will donate two percent of sales up to \$250,000 to local and national women's cancer charities, visit www.saks.com. Somerset Collection is located on Big Beaver at Coolidge in Troy.

New Gallery Opens

State of Mind Gallery will celebrate its grand opening in Twelve Oaks Mall with a party 5-9 p.m. Oct. 16. The gallery is a co-operative effort between 35 Michigan artists, under the guidance of Ro Lambert, and will be open in the mall next to Macy's through Jan. 31. Photography, paintings, glass, metal, fibers, pottery, aromatherapy and jewelry are featured at all price points. Artwork by children from local schools will be featured, as will work that benefits Arts League of Michigan. Participating artists will staff the store, and all will attend the grand opening party. The Arts League of Michigan's Jazz Quartet will perform.

"2009 has been a difficult year for the artists at the art fairs. The economy has hit us hard, too," said Jennifer and Joe Rutherford of Plymouth, participating in the gallery representing their business Upon a Wall. "We are all working hard to make the gallery an amazing experience for the Twelve Oaks shoppers."

Macy's Shop for a Cause

On Saturday, Oct. 17, Macy's will host "Shop For A Cause," a national charity shopping day that has raised more than \$28 million for charity since its launch in 2006. Customers purchase \$5 tickets either in-store or through local charities who have signed up to participate. In turn, when guests shop Oct. 17 in store or online at www.macys.com, they'll get exclusive all-day savings on a wide assortment of merchandise and an extra-special offer for selected departments. Locally, shoppers can purchase a \$5 ticket from Gleaners by contacting Omari Taylor at (313) 866-453-2637 ext. 272. Gleaners receives 100 percent of the ticket receipts when shoppers purchase their card from the agency.



This Second Verse leather cuff, created by Marlaina Stone of Royal Oak, will debut at the Turning Burdens Into Blessings luncheon Oct. 18. Sales will benefit The Pink Fund.

clothing, Marlaina Stone jewelry and eyewear from Clavenna Vision, Optik and Optimeyes of South Lyon. Keynote speakers are Dr. Daniel Sherbert, a plastic surgeon specializing in breast reconstruction; and Dr. Jen Green, a naturopath specializing in cancer. Contact Susan@ThePinkFund.org to inquire about free tickets, available on a first come, first served basis. General admission is \$45; \$40 for all breast cancer survivors. All proceeds benefit Michigan breast cancer patients who are in active treatment and have lost their stream of income. Visit www.thepinkfund.org.

Scouting Used Clothes

The Great Frame Up in Birmingham is collecting new and lightly used men, woman, kids clothing, baby items, toys and toiletries for the Pontiac Rescue Mission through Oct. 20. The collection is part of the efforts of Garrett Wolf, a member of Boy Scout Troop 192 earning his Eagle Scout rank. Great Frame Up Owner Jill Haury and her husband have been mentors to Wolf's troop for eight years and offered to host a collection box. Drop off donations at The Great Frame Up, 215 Peabody St., Birmingham or call (248) 540-2555.

Costume Rentals

Looking for an extra special costume this Halloween? Try The Parade Company. Thousands of adult-sized costumes from America's Thanksgiving Parade are available for rent year round and include a creative line-up of everything from pirates



The Parade Company rents adult costumes like this Native American dress for \$35-\$65.

to toy soldiers to princesses. Costume rental prices range from \$35-\$65, adult sizes only. All proceeds benefit The Parade Company. For more information or to reserve your costume, contact the costuming department at The Parade Company at (313) 432-7835. To view costume rentals, visit www.theparade.org. Founded in 1984, The Parade Company is a not-for-profit organization governed by the Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation whose board of directors is comprised of key civic and corporate leaders in the greater Detroit region. The Parade Company is celebrating 83 years of Parade tradition in Detroit.

Pink Fund Luncheon

Breast Cancer Survivors diagnosed since January, 2009 who have lost their stream of income and would like to attend the Pink Fund's Turning Burdens Into Blessings Luncheon, may be eligible for a free ticket. The luncheon, noon-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18 at Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 W. 13 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, features a fashion show with Doncaster

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INTERNATIONAL CREDIT UNION WEEK

"Invest in America" Spreads its Wings

The economic meltdown of 2008 began to take hold right in the middle of the presidential election. The phrase "from Wall Street to Main Street" was revived by the candidates to contrast what was needed to be done to get America moving again. No business exemplifies Main Street more than a credit union. So when "Invest in America" was born in December 2008, it struck the right chord with credit union members. The program initially offered credit union discounts on GM and Chrysler vehicles. A month later when the program went nationwide, the success was almost instantaneous. The traffic to www.lovemycreditunion.org skyrocketed. As sales now approach 200,000 and with Ford offering a leasing product in select markets, one thing is certain: "Invest in America" appeals to credit union members' sense of wanting to buy American. As UCorp CEO David Adams sees it, the "Invest in America" program's broad appeal is that it offers discounts, but it also helps local economies by keeping Americans working.

"Credit unions are always looking for ways to serve their members' borrowing needs and to help our national economy," said Adams. "Invest in America" is a unique program that provides both. We've already seen the domestic auto makers bring back workers because of an increased demand. "Invest in America" is designed to promote U.S.-based companies that will help ensure more jobs for American workers.

Most states utilize their natural resources as a means of driving tourists to spend their hard-earned dollars closer to home. This has also led to an increase in the number of people camping and using recreational vehicles. Credit unions have traditionally provided their members

with various types of vehicle loans, so offering an "Invest in America" discount on Thor Industries recreational vehicles, the world's largest RV manufacturer, was a natural. Thor is offering between \$300 and \$1,000 discounts on any of the seven brands it offers. Those brands are Airstream, Breckenridge, CrossRoads, Damon Motor Coach, Dutchmen, Four Winds and Komfort. Thor Industries President Dicky Regal saw the value in joining "Invest in America" right away.

"Partnering with "Invest in America" and UCorp made perfect sense for Thor's RV companies," said Regal, based in New York City. "Invest in America" has already demonstrated the potential power of the program through its successful automotive programs, and its reach among the nation's credit unions and their members allowed Thor to bring the top selling RV brands in America to millions of savvy credit union members. We look forward to a very successful program with "Invest in America."

Allied Van Lines Inc. and its agent Carey Moving and Storage joined "Invest in America" in August, as well. Through the partnership, credit union members receive up to 60 percent off interstate (state-to-state) moves and significant savings on intrastate (local) full-service moves and storage. The program offers a host of other services like lifting peak season restrictions, enhanced transit times, expedited claims settlements and complementary pairs and sets valuation protection - ensuring that if part of a furniture set is broken, Allied will replace the whole set subject to Allied's tariff

and the terms and conditions of Full Value Protection. This partnership also allows credit unions to assist members with their move and make sure they stay in the credit union system even if the move takes them out of state.

The umbrella under "Invest in America" now includes Sprint, GM, Chrysler, Thor Industries, Allied Van Lines, Inc. and Ford. By partnering with Thor Industries or Sprint or the Big 3 Automakers, America's credit unions are not only saving money for their members but also providing a great example of what a credit union is all about - providing solutions for its members. Through "Invest in America," credit union members have saved more than \$160 million on new vehicles and mobile services through Sprint. This is money, given the current economy, which is greatly needed by families.

"Invest in America" will continue to add partners throughout the fall and winter. UCorp is looking at American-based companies that provide high-quality products that match up with the values of credit unions. A true example of what "Main Street" can do for the U.S. economy.

Michigan Credit Unions Lead the Country in Financial Education

Sound money management skills are a big part of a safe and successful financial future. Part of the credit union mission is to educate people of all ages on the basics of saving, budgeting and

borrowing so that consumers are well prepared for each stage of their lives.

There is no better time to learn these lessons than during early development, which is why credit unions have made a large investment in classroom outreach. According to data from the National Youth Involvement Board, Michigan credit unions reached more than 47,000 students with 1,800 financial education presentations over the past year, capping a complete decade that Michigan has led the country in school involvement. Some of these were cooperative efforts through the Michigan Credit Union League's "Financial Literacy Legislative Challenge," in which lawmakers partnered with credit unions to teach students about important financial topics.

Michigan credit unions also have more than 350 student-run branches at the elementary, middle and high school level that give youth and young adults hands-on experience with financial transactions. Students are able to open savings

accounts and manage the branch's operations themselves, not only learning good money management habits but also putting their own skills to practice. Giving young people this experience can instill lifelong financial values and a basic understanding of how banking works.

Credit unions take part in financial education outreach year-round, but also celebrate April as Financial Literacy Month. Working closely with the Federal Reserve initiative "Money Smart Week," credit unions offer a flurry of classes, seminars and classroom presentations during the third full week in April, and work to raise awareness of the importance of financial literacy to lawmakers and the public.

Through seminars and one-on-one counseling, credit unions work closely with adults on a number of important topics vital for financial well-being. Credit unions often partner with other nonprofit organizations to offer expertise and assistance to as many consumers as

possible - including unbanked populations in underserved areas. Most recently, the Michigan Credit Union League and several partners created www.RightAtHomeAnswers.org so that credit unions can work with members on the home buying process and how to avoid foreclosure when times are tight.

Financial education goes hand-in-hand with the credit union philosophy of "People Helping People." Credit unions exist not only to provide a trustworthy depository institution that is member-owned, but also to help consumers avoid the financial pitfalls that have many Americans deep in debt or facing the potential loss of their home or vehicle.

By working to educate their members and other Michigan residents, credit unions are helping to arm consumers with the money management skills they need in a tough economy; from college to a first home to retirement. For financial education resources, visit www.lovemycreditunion.org.

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Rocks nip 'Cats in preview

BY TIM SMITH
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Go ahead and call Monday night's varsity boys soccer tussle between Plymouth and Salem a precursor to the districts.

Next Monday will be the same teams, same field, same time as this week's matchup — a 2-1 Salem victory thanks to a late goal by senior midfielder Alex Tramel.

"That (the districts) will be next Monday, right here, exactly the same routine,"

BOYS SOCCER Salem head coach Ed McCarthy said. "And that one will count 10 times more than this one will."

Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich noted that "we'll know each other pretty good."

"It's always hard to beat a school four times in the same year and that's what we're going to have to do," McCarthy said. "Each one becomes a little more difficult."

Tramel scored on a perfectly placed low shot inside the left post past Plymouth junior goalkeeper Kyle Brindza with just 2:17 remaining on the clock at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity turf field.

Trading first-half goals were Plymouth's Andrew Yoder and Salem's Dan Martin. The game was a crossover between second-place teams in the KLA A South and Central divisions.

It looked like the PCEP rivals were headed to overtime before Tramel scored. Senior midfielder Evan Antich fed a pass to Tramel, who had to outmuscle Wildcats senior defender Joseph Bockstanz about 20 yards from Plymouth's goal.

PERFECT SHOT

Tramel gained control and sent his shot past the onrushing Brindza into the net.

"Evan Antich played it to me, so it was a good ball by him," Tramel said. "And I just saw that open corner in the pocket and I just threaded it through."

He laughed when he said he just did what "we've been trained to do for how many weeks and months. It wasn't the best shot, but it got there."

"Both teams played well tonight. It was a very good game," Neschich said. "We had

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Plugging along near the front of the line at Saturday's Wayne County Cross Country meet are Plymouth's Joseph Porcari (No. 231), Livonia Stevenson's Adam Chludzinski and Plymouth's Warren Buzzard (No. 218). The Wildcats won the boys race.

'Park' place

Plymouth boys win county meet; Canton, Salem finish 2-3

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Call it the three-headed cross country monster, if you happen to be from a school outside of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

But things are beautiful inside "the Park" as Plymouth, Canton and Salem's varsity boys teams claimed the top three places, respectively, at Saturday's Wayne County Cross Country Championship.

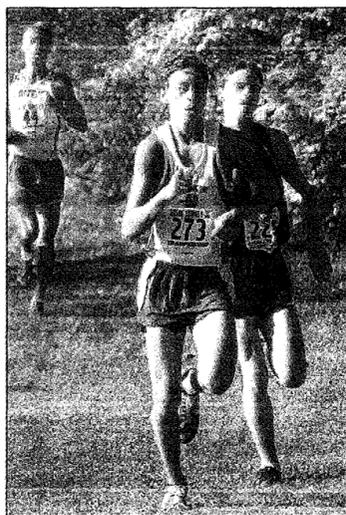
The Wildcats nailed down the top spot at Willow Metropark in New Boston with 37 points.

Helping in that regard was having three of the top five individual finishers: junior Joseph Porcari (second, 16:25.95 seconds); senior Warren Buzzard (fourth, 16:40.61) and senior Matthew Neumann (fifth, 16:41.86). Taking eighth with a time of 16:44.53 was sophomore Derek Gielarowski.

"I think it's good. It shows that even with everyone split up the way they are, we still have a good showing," said Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz, whose team also won the county meet in 2008. "We have a lot of talent out here."

Of the top 35 runners who won medals, 14 were from one of the Plymouth-Canton teams.

The parade of PCEP runners — nine out of the first 10 — at the front of the line certainly got Canton head coach Bill



All three Plymouth-Canton teams were strong Saturday, as demonstrated by Salem's Mike Charara (No. 273), Plymouth's Matthew Neumann (No. 228) and Canton's Zack Spreitzer (No. 44).

Boyd's attention.

"If you take off this Carlson kid (overall winner Mike Darnell, 15:58.43), who wasn't part of a complete team," Boyd said, "the first nine spots go to

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Plymouth, Salem and Canton kids. So that's pretty impressive what they're doing at the Park and what the runners are doing right now."

The Chiefs were on Plymouth's collective heels with a total of 41 points. Leading Canton's charge were seniors Zack Spreitzer (sixth, 16:43.19), Keith Zech (seventh, 16:43.72), Paul Rakovitis (ninth, 16:47.16) and freshman Miles Felton (10th, 16:53.83).

Meet host Salem also had a very good day, with a tally of 146 points, enough to edge Livonia Churchill (153) for third place. Rocks senior Mike Charara finished the 5K run with a time of 16:31.86, good enough to place third.

"We had a couple guys in the top 35, which we were hoping for, and then to watch the Plymouth and Canton guys come in real close was nice to see, especially in a county race with 33 teams," Salem head coach Geoff Baker said. "We did very nice, we're improving and that's what we always want to be doing."

In addition to Charara, Salem junior Jimmy Daniels (29th, 17:38.78) and freshman Steven McEvilly (32nd, 17:41.19) earned medals.

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Keeping up with each other during Saturday's Wayne County meet are Salem's Victoria Tripp and Canton's Bianca Kubicki.

Salem girls finish strong second

BY TIM SMITH
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Solid individual performances didn't quite garner the Wayne County Cross Country Championship for host Salem's varsity girls team.

But how does finishing second out of 33 teams sound, not to mention all seven Salem girls winning individual medals?

Following the awards ceremony at New Boston's Willow Metropark, Rocks' head coach Dave Gerlach was elated with how his squad performed at the meet. Salem finished with 74 points — trailing first-place Grosse Pointe South (43) and nipping Sara Kroll-led Livonia Churchill (76).

"All year we've been working on our packing and our pacing and today we came in second place due to the fact we really packed them in," Gerlach said. "To be able to come in second in a meet with 33 teams is a tremendous feat."

Other Observerland schools were bunched together in the top-10 team standings: Livonia Franklin, fifth, 157; Canton, sixth, 172; Plymouth, seventh, 201; Livonia Stevenson, eighth, 204; Livonia Ladywood, 10th, 388.

Kroll finished first overall with a time of 17:25.17 seconds, the second consecutive year she won the county race. This year's mark broke her 2008 time by 36 seconds.

The top Salem performer was junior Victoria Tripp, who finished sixth with a time of 19:05.90.

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Canton junior Bianca Kubicki took seventh (19:07.15). Both made the county first team awarded to the top seven runners.

Salem senior Jordyn Moore earned a second team medal after finishing 13th with a time of 19:44.67.

On the third team (places 15-21) were Salem freshmen Shannon Flynn (15th, 19:49.02), Adelaida Jepperson (19th, 20:10.53) and junior Kara Booms (21st, 10:16.88).

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park medalists for the fourth and fifth teams (places 22-28 and 29-35, respectively) included Plymouth junior Britta Swanson (23rd, 10:18.10), Plymouth senior Paula Green (27th, 20:29.34), Canton sophomore Emily Southern (30th, 20:34.05), Salem sophomore Kelly Kerwin (32nd, 20:35.06) and Salem senior Autumn Burin (33rd, 20:35.67).

According to Gerlach, that all seven of his runners won medals underscored how well the Rocks ran as a pack.

"I was thrilled with a second-place finish," Gerlach said. "Our team today, we didn't have one real outstanding performance. But we just had seven really good races and for them to do this on a day like today was great."

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SIDELINES

Salem girls top Central

Saturday's fine showing at the Wayne County meet by Salem's varsity girls cross country team wasn't the only achievement this week for the Rocks.

Salem clinched the KLA A Central Division championship with Tuesday's 15-50 victory over South Lyon East at Island Lake Recreation Area.

The Rocks featured a virtual seven-way tie for first place, all at 21 minutes, 30 seconds. Those runners were Jordyn Moore, Victoria Tripp, Kara Booms, Ade Jepperson, Kelly Kerwin, Shannon Flynn and Autumn Burin.

Emily Bizon of South Lyon East took eighth place with a time of 21:39.

The Rocks next will run Thursday, Oct. 22, in the Kensington Conference Championship at Kensington Metropark.

Zhang makes state meet

Plymouth High School is sending a member of its varsity boys tennis team to the Division 1 state meet for the first time in its history.

Sophomore Aaron Zhang, who plays at No. 1 singles for the Tom Kimball-coached Wildcats, made the cut at the recent regionals. He defeated the second-seeded player, from Ann Arbor Pioneer, to qualify. The state meet is Friday and Saturday.

YMCA leagues, classes

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering plenty of leagues and instructional classes this fall and winter, as detailed below:

- YMCA Fall and Winter Basketball leagues are forming for children ages 4-11. The fall session will take place from Nov. 2 through Dec. 18, with the winter session slated from Jan. 19 to March 26, 2010.

- There will be one practice and one game (Friday nights) per week. The cost is \$73 for program members or \$105 for community members who register by the Oct. 22 deadline. All participants need a YMCA Youth Sports Reversible Jersey (\$15). Programs are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so hurry in.

- There is something for everyone this fall at the Plymouth YMCA. Registration is ongoing for Girls Volleyball Clinics (for ages 8-10 and 10-12), Basketball Clinics (for ages 6-7 and 8-9), Sports Sampler Class (for ages 3-5) and Little Dragons Martial Arts (for ages 4-7).

For more information on YMCA leagues and programs, check out www.ymcadetroit.org or call the office at (734) 453-2904.

Cool happenings

Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena continues to be a busy place. Open skating sessions through Nov. 7 will take place from noon to 1:20 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays with the fees as follows: adults, \$5; kids (under age 16) and senior citizens (over 55), \$4. Skate rental is \$2. For more information, contact the Open Skate Line (734) 455-6620 or go to www.ci.plymouth.mi.us for any up-to-date changes.

College volleyball

After slipping down all the way to No. 18 in the latest NAIA rankings this week, the Madonna University volleyball team rolled to a 25-19, 25-6, 25-18 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win Tuesday night over visiting Siena Heights. The Crusaders (24-3, 8-1 WHAC, got a team-high) 12 kills from senior Mary McGinnis and nine kills from Katie Czarniecki.

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our chances and so did they. It was a back and forth game. And it (the winner) was a good shot."

McCarthy said Tramel's goal "is as big of a goal as you can get with a couple minutes left" against a rival opponent.

"I thought Tramel was good all night and kind of deserved maybe a goal earlier," McCarthy said. "But he saved the best for last and that was a great finish and a great move on a very good defender."

Setting the stage for the winner were two aggressive moves by Salem senior goalkeeper Sasa Miskovic with about 10 minutes to play.

Both times, Miskovic ranged far out off his line to get to the ball first. On the second play, he slid and booted the ball far away from the Salem end.

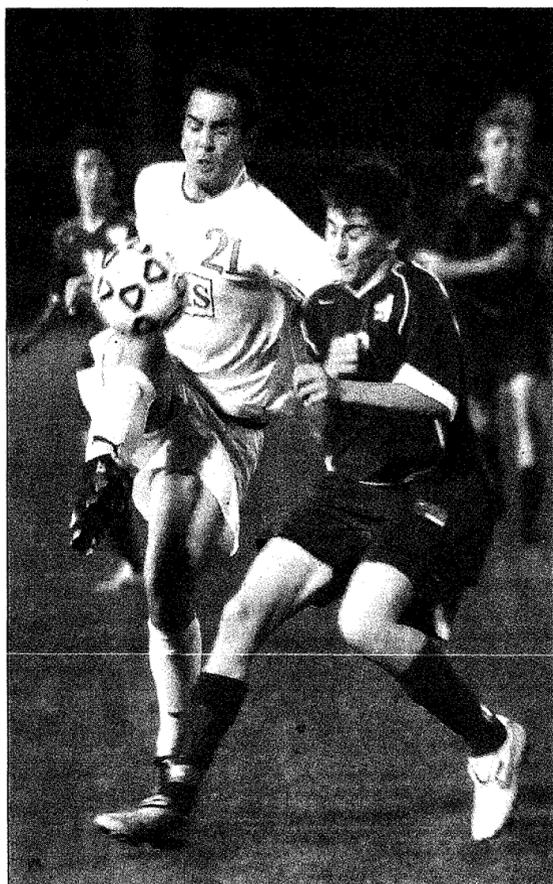
Salem improved to 11-4-4 overall with the victory, heading into a KLAAs crossover Wednesday against either Brighton or Walled Lake Northern. The Wildcats (10-6-2) also play an association crossover before the rematch set for 7 p.m. next Monday.

According to McCarthy, it was good to get the victory. But he expects Plymouth to be even tougher next week.

"They'll continue making adjustments and they have some very good players," he said. "So every time we see them, they create more opportunities and make things more difficult on us."

Canton falls short

Also at PCEP Monday, Novi



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Canton's can-do spirit

Canton senior forward Jon Allen maintains focus on the ball despite the nearby presence of a Novi player during Monday night's KLAAs crossover varsity boys soccer contest. The Chiefs were defeated, 2-0.

scored two second-half goals to defeat Canton 2-0 in a KLAAs crossover matchup of third-place teams.

The Chiefs dropped to 9-8-2 overall with the loss.

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Return home is sweet for victorious Whalers

BY TIM SMITH
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There was no letdown for the Plymouth Whalers Saturday night in their first home game after a long road trip.

Featuring a slightly revamped lineup and instructions from head coach Mike Vellucci to be more proactive on the power play, the Whalers (6-4-0-0) showed no mercy against Sudbury (4-4-0-1) in a 9-2 rout.

Speedy center and hot prospect Tyler Seguin scored three goals and assisted on two more to lead the Compuware Arena barrage against Wolves' goalkeepers Alain Valiquette and Andrew Loverock.

But the night was also memorable because left wing Mitchell Heard scored his first Ontario Hockey League goal, along with collecting an assist on one of Seguin's tallies.

It was a 2-1 game just 59 seconds into the middle stanza when Heard retrieved a centering pass from winger AJ Jenks (2 assists) and got a shot off that Valiquette stopped.

The puck then bounced off the goalie into the air and Heard used his best baseball swing to bat it into the cage to give Plymouth a two-goal lead.

"Words can't describe it, I was so happy out there," said Heard about the goal. "I just love it, it was awesome. Coach always tells me go hard to the net and good things happen. There you go, a prime example."

Heard got Vellucci's attention with his play throughout

the game.

"He had a great game," Vellucci said. "He has a lot of skill, great hands, great knowledge of the game. He just has to get stronger, he's just a 16, 17-year-old kid."

Vellucci was looking for more to-the-net determination following Friday's 2-1 loss at London, so he moved forward Joe Gaynor (2 assists) up onto Seguin's line (along with hard-nosed winger Myles McCauley).

"Last night we scored one goal and didn't get many chances," he explained. "So tonight I thought I'd create something different."

"I put Gaynor on that line. He's worked hard, he's so reliable defensively I thought he'd give us some stability to that line."

POWER SURGE

For all that, Sudbury struck first when center John McFarland scored an unassisted shorthanded goal against Plymouth netminder Matt Hackett (32 saves) at the 6:22 mark.

The Whalers regrouped and scored two power play goals before the period ended to go up for good. They finished with four for the night.

At 13:42, Seguin feathered a pass to big defenseman Leo Jenner at the right point and his one-timer cleanly beat Valiquette.

McCauley (2 goals, 1 assist) subsequently tipped in another point shot, by defenseman Michal Jordan.

"I've been harping on them quite a bit about those seam

passes that are open and I want to make sure we start shooting the puck more," Vellucci said. "We were looking for the perfect play instead of shooting it quicker, and the first two goals were off of shots in traffic."

The Whalers didn't take their skates off the gas after that, outgunning Sudbury 18-11 in the middle frame and 48-34 for the night.

The Heard marker early in the second kept the momentum going Plymouth's way and at 5:28 left wing Tyler J. Brown (Westland) snapped a shot from the right circle that hit the post and went in for another power play goal.

Seguin thrilled the home fans at 7:43 to chase Valiquette. He swiped the puck from defenseman Justin Sefton in the Sudbury zone and then went top shelf over the goalie's glove.

Plymouth completed the shellacking with four third-period goals, including Seguin's 13th and 14th (most in the OHL) and single markers from McCauley and center Garrett Meurs (1 goal, 2 assists) on a wraparound with 1:25 to play.

Sudbury finally scored a second goal at 11:52 of the third when Kristott Kontos jabbed the puck in from the right post.

The Whalers will look to build on the lopsided victory when they play home games Friday and Saturday against Ottawa and Windsor. Both games will start at 7:05 p.m.

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WALT DMOCH

Myles McCauley (No. 13, left) continues the goal barrage for Plymouth Saturday night against Sudbury. McCauley bangs the puck past Wolves goalkeeper Andrew Loverock to make it 6-1. The Whalers rolled to a 9-2 victory at Compuware Arena.

Chiefs spike Patriots in three games

Canton continued to hammer opponents Tuesday night with a 3-0 KLAAs South volleyball triumph over Livonia Franklin.

The Chiefs (20-5, 6-1) earned 25-7, 25-16, 25-16 wins and were sparked by setter Traci Breitmeyer serving 12 points in a row in the opener.

"Everyone on the team was a contributor," said Chiefs head coach Mary Kryska.

If Breitmeyer was the key to Game 1, she said it was overall team hitting in the middle game.

Canton finished strong in the third game to finish off Franklin (6-17-2, 1-6).

"Our serve receive went without any errors and our communication was very well overall," Kryska said.

The Chiefs collected 31 kills for the match, led by Jordan Kieley (11) and Kristen Muir (6).

Breitmeyer contributed 16 assists, 14 digs and three aces. Muir's four aces were also key.

Plymouth loses in five

Despite outstanding performances from sophomores

Jessica Scott (12 kills, 100-percent serving, 6 blocks) and Lindsey Stemberger (100-percent serving, 8 digs), visiting Plymouth lost a tough five-game volleyball match to KLAAs South rival Westland John Glenn.

After losing 17-25 in Game 1, the Wildcats bounced back with 25-12 and 26-24 wins to take the edge. But the Rockets would not be denied, taking 25-13 and 15-13 triumphs in the final two games.

Plymouth's record dropped to 17-7-1 overall and 4-3 in the KLAAs South.

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Runners from 33 Wayne County varsity girls cross country teams kick off Saturday's race at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

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Boyd and Baker concurred that there is built-in motivation for the PCEP teams to want to outdo each other.

"I think the better Plymouth gets, the better we get, no question," Boyd said. "The Plymouth team, year after year they put out a high-caliber, real quality team and our kids use them as the benchmark."

Baker noted that "the kids always want to race well against each other. We come out here and they do the rest."

Following are PCEP medalists from the Wayne County meet:

Plymouth — Porcari, Buzzard, Neumann, Gielarowski and James Maciag (23rd, 17:27.48).

Canton — Spreitzer, Zech, Rakovitis, Felton, Mitch Clinton (14th, 17:00.36) and Bradon Conley (18th, 17:05.12).

Salem — Charara, Daniels and McEvilly.

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Competition heats up at the county meet. From left are Livonia Churchill's Quinn Osgood, Canton's Mitch Clinton, Livonia Stevenson's Matthew Williams and Canton's Paul Rakovitis (No. 42) and Miles Felton.

Record-breaking encore for Churchill's Kroll

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Record-breaking Sara Kroll is topping herself these days, which isn't an easy thing to do.

The Livonia Churchill senior placed first overall in the girls 5K varsity run at Saturday's Wayne County Cross Country Championship at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

Kroll's time of 17-minutes, 25.17-seconds easily outdistanced runner-up Hannah Meier of Grosse Pointe South (18:01.81) and third-place finisher Megan McPherson of Livonia Franklin (18:26.65).

But Kroll won the county race for the second consecutive year and beat her 2008 time by 36 seconds.

"How did I do it?" said Kroll, repeating a question. "By going out much harder and focusing on my pace, by running my own race."

It says a lot about Kroll that she would rather talk about

how the team did as a whole. Churchill finished third with 76 points, just two points behind runner-up Salem. Grosse Pointe South won the meet with 43 points.

"I thought our team did really well today," Kroll said. "... a lot of girls went out there and six of our seven girls won medals so I think it shows good things for the future."

Runners who placed in the top 35 were awarded medals. First-team recipients (places 1-7) included Kroll, McPherson, Salem's Victoria Tripp (6th) and Canton's Bianca Kubicki (7th).

Chargers' head coach Sue Tatro said it was good to see some of her runners earn personal bests, but she couldn't go for long without talking about Kroll — who set her own PR by nine seconds.

"She's the whole package as an athlete," Tatro said. "She's a hard-worker, talented, competitive, aggressive, everything. She's a coach's dream."

Kroll just looked at the county triumph as the next step toward her ultimate goal of winning the state meet.

"It gives me a lot of confidence going into the end of the

season and a lot of the bigger meets," Kroll said. "So I have huge goals for myself — state champion being one of them."

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BOYS/GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

WAYNE COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP
Oct. 10 at Willow Metropark

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 37 points; 2. Canton, 41; 3. Salem, 146; 4. Livonia Churchill, 153; 5. Dearborn Divine Child, 186; 6. Belleville, 199; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 206; 8. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 251; 9. Livonia Franklin, 266; 10. Detroit Renaissance, 270; (other Observerland teams) 14. Redford Union, 378; 18. Westland John Glenn, 510; 22. Garden City, 644; 23. Lutheran Westland, 681; 24. Wayne Memorial, 687.

Individual winner: Mike Darnell (Gibraltar Carlson), 15 minutes, 58.43 seconds (5K).

Plymouth finishers: 2. Joseph Porcari, 16:21.95; 4. Warren Buzzard, 16:40.61; 5. Matthew Neumann, 16:41.86; 8. Derek Gielarowski, 16:44.53; 23. James Maciag, 17:27.48; 39. James Eiben, 17:56.78; 43. Stephen Balaze, 18:04.21.

Canton finishers: 6. Zack Spreitzer, 16:43.19; 7. Keith Zech, 16:43.72; 9. Paul Rakovitis, 16:47.16; 10. Miles Felton, 16:53.69; 14. Mitch Clinton, 17:00.36; 18. Bradon Conley, 17:05.12; 53. Steven Betts, 18:13.99.

Salem finishers: 3. Mike Charara, 16:31.86; 29. Jimmy Daniels, 17:38.78; 32. Steven McEvilly, 17:41.19; 42. Robert Cowing, 17:59.36; 47. Thomas Patterson, 18:08.35; 59. Matthew Krupansky, 18:22.81; 96. Alex Creekmore, 19:00.62.

Churchill finishers: 16. Thomas Windle, 17:01.97; 22. Quinn Osgood, 17:26.78; 28. Ryan Wise, 17:37.36; 45. Mark Freyberg, 18:07.04; 49. Samuel Yurgil, 18:11.41; Stephen Charnley, 18:19.56; 71. Ryan Keeling, 18:36.92.

Stevenson finishers: 21. Joseph Urso, 17:26.20; 27. Matthew Williams, 17:35.76; 48. John Lynch, 18:10.07; 56. Ryan Petru, 18:18.70; 84. Colin Andridge, 18:49.84; 90. Adam Chludzinski, 18:57.27.

Franklin finishers: 31. Niklas Gherardini, 17:40.62; 34. Robert Wilson, 17:42.61; 60. Joseph Steckel, 18:24.22; 68. Ryan Derry, 18:33.15; 85. Michael Witt, 18:50.98; 111. Bryan Schultz, 19:31.66; 113. John Ferreira, 19:37.60.

Redford Union finishers: 24. Justin Faur, 17:31.68; 36. Zachary VandenToorn, 17:45.58; 97. Kyle Engel, 19:01.73; 119. Derrick Peterson, 19:48.04; 120. Jeffery Livingston, 19:48.73; 138. Wade Natho, 20:23.94.

John Glenn finishers: 64. Jason Suarez, 18:27.74; 82. Ruben Maya, 18:48.27; 104. Ryan Boes, 19:20.97; 141. Michael Dalton, 20:26.91; 153. Kevin Wacker, 21:02.75; 154. Christopher Jones, 21:04.79; 175. Steven Shak, 21:47.84.

Garden City finishers: 106. Alex Boyd, 19:23.76; 118. Andrew Chambo, 19:45.78; 150. Kyle Watts, 20:54.92; 157. Simon Outlaw, 21:20.63; 164. Matt Wilson, 21:45.13; 167. Moises Cruz, 22:00.34; 170. Josh Chambo, 22:40.25.

Lutheran Westland finishers: 116. Daniel Bunge, 19:41.78; 144. Jeremy Kohtz, 20:39.36; 148. Caleb Kempf, 20:47.03; 165. Peter Sillanpaa, 21:47.02; 168. Phillip Welte, 22:09.02; 171. Christopher Kovacs, 23:23.76; 172. Eric Smith, 23:52.22.

Wayne Memorial finishers: 93. Tyler

Gendron, 18:59.07; 151. Ryan Stamper, 20:56.58; 158. Brandon Tykoski, 21:26.93; 173. Kyle McKagus, 24:11.46; 177. Dionte Burton, 26:17.54.

Plymouth Christian finishers: 149. Robert Fergan, 20:47.55; 163. Jimmy Parks, 21:44.30.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Grosse Pointe South, 43 points; 2. Salem, 74; 3. Livonia Churchill, 76; 4. Dearborn Divine Child, 119; 5. Livonia Franklin, 157; 6. Canton, 172; 7. Plymouth, 201; 8. Livonia Stevenson, 204; 9. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 254; 10. Livonia Ladywood, 388; (other Observerland teams) 14. Westland John Glenn, 448; 19. Garden City, 479; 23. Redford Union, 647.

Individual winner: Sara Kroll (Churchill), 17 minutes, 25.17 seconds (5K).

Salem finishers: 6. Victoria Tripp, 19:05.90; 13. Jordyn Moore, 19:44.67; 15. Shannon Flynn, 19:49.02; 19. Adelaide Jepperson, 20:10.53; 21. Kara Booms, 20:16.88; 32. Kelly Kerwin, 20:35.06; 33. Autumn Burin, 20:35.67.

Churchill finishers: 1. Sara Kroll, 17:25.17; 9. Kerigan Riley, 19:31.21; 16. Sydney Anderson, 19:54.26; 22. Amanda Southwell, 20:17.53; 28. Katie Rash, 20:30.95; 29. Bethany Pilat, 20:32.44; 53. Sarah Bauman, 21:32.29.

Franklin finishers: 3. Megan McPherson, 18:26.65; 25. Tiffany Lambie, 20:21.85; 36. Brittany Dilley, 20:43.23; 38. Megan Wickens, 20:53.82; 55. Leslie Gomez, 21:36.83; 63. Jane Modes, 21:58.24.

Canton finishers: 7. Bianca Kubicki, 19:07.15; 30. Emily Southern, 20:34.59; 40. Katie Grimes, 20:59.79; 58. Ellen Grimes, 21:48.46; 66. Rachael Brunk, 22:01.04; 97. Melanie Kulczyk, 22:49.22.

Plymouth finishers: 23. Britta Swanson, 20:18.10; 27. Paula Green, 20:29.34; 44. Nicole Traitses, 21:13.01; 51. Julie Hahn, 21:26.88; 56. Julie Forster, 21:41.34; 79. Consadina Manettas, 22:23.59; 107. Kelly Hahn, 23:09.26.

Stevenson finishers: 26. Julie Capeneka, 20:26.80; 34. Victoria Saterian, 20:40.80; 41. Taylor Cieslak, 21:00.46; 49. Kelly Glynn, 21:23.50; 54. Kelly Hall, 21:34.58; 71. Kelsey O'Keefe, 22:07.92; 72. Allison Gudeman, 22:08.62.

Ladywood finishers: 57. DeYana Walker, 21:42.32; 69. Megan Talty, 22:06.73; 81. Erica Mucci, 22:24.33; 88. Rebecca Babon, 22:31.30; 96. Shannon Scarlett, 22:48.13; 102. Alexandra Darr, 22:59.85; 112. Catherine Wojtanowski, 23:18.95.

John Glenn finishers: 83. Abbey Wright, 22:25.80; 118. Courtney MacQuarrie, 23:31.43; 131. Evi Cenilli, 24:05.14; 137. Cassie Sanders, 24:13.91; 157. Audra Flores, 25:21.37.

Garden City finishers: 42. Mariah Carver, 21:07.38; 95. Rachel Szczembara, 22:43.73; 103. Bobbi Beveridge, 23:02.39; 122. Breanna Mize, 23:42.52; 125. Bailey Terrell, 23:44.85; 140. Alyse Madej, 24:22.79; 154. Sydney Borlace, 25:11.65.

Redford Union finishers: 82. Brianna Semon, 22:24.78; 108. Victoria Silversides, 23:10.86; 153. Melissa Scott, 25:10.38; 162. Angela Mancini, 26:08.06; 163. Samantha Calamia, 26:22.83.

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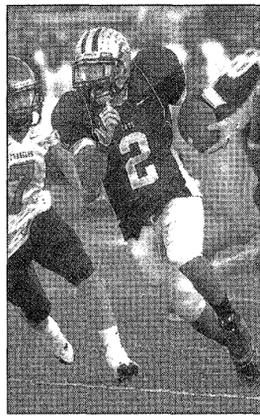
Week 8
Friday, Oct. 16
 Dearborn Fordson (7-0, 4-0) at Redford Union (4-3, 4-1), 7 p.m.
 Dearborn (4-3, 1-2) at Redford Thurston (6-1, 5-0), 7 p.m.
 Garden City (0-7, 0-3) at Romulus (0-7, 0-3), 7 p.m.
 North Farmington (2-5, 1-5) at Berkley (4-3, 2-3), 7 p.m.
 Farmington (4-3, 3-3) at Troy Athens (2-5, 1-5), 7 p.m.
 Clarkston (7-0, 4-0) at Farmington Harrison (5-2, 4-2), 7 p.m.
 Livonia Clarenceville (3-4, 2-1) at Hamtramck (0-7, 0-2), 7 p.m.
 South Lyon East (0-7, 0-5) at Livonia Churchill (1-6, 0-5), 7 p.m.
 Northville (5-2, 4-1) at Westland John Glenn (6-1, 4-1), 7 p.m.
 Salem (2-5, 2-3) at Livonia Franklin (3-4, 2-3), 7 p.m.
 South Lyon (1-6, 1-4) at Wayne (3-4, 1-4), 7 p.m.
 Livonia Stevenson (5-2, 5-0) at Canton (7-0, 5-0), 7 p.m.
 Novi (3-4, 3-2) at Plymouth (5-2, 3-2), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 17
 Lutheran Westland (3-4, 3-2) at Detroit University Prep (3-3), 1 p.m.
Last week
Overall

Brad Emons
 Fordson
 Dearborn
 Romulus
 Berkley
 Athens
 Clarkston
 Clarenceville
 Churchill
 Glenn
 Franklin
 South Lyon
 Canton
 Plymouth
 Prep
8-4 (.667)
64-26 (.711)

Dan O'Meara
 Fordson
 Dearborn
 Romulus
 Berkley
 Farmington
 Clarkston
 Clarkston
 Clarenceville
 Churchill
 Glenn
 Franklin
 Wayne
 Canton
 Plymouth
 Prep
8-4 (.667)
68-22 (.756)

Tim Smith
 Fordson
 Thurston
 Romulus
 Berkley
 Farmington
 Clarkston
 Clarkston
 Clarenceville
 Churchill
 Glenn
 Franklin
 Wayne
 Canton
 Plymouth
 Prep
8-4 (.667)
61-29 (.678)

Jim Toth
 Fordson
 Thurston
 Romulus
 Berkley
 Farmington
 Clarkston
 Clarkston
 Clarenceville
 Churchill
 Glenn
 Franklin
 Wayne
 Canton
 Plymouth
 Lutheran
9-3 (.750)
70-20 (.778)



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Going for No. 6

Plymouth running back Jernarian Caldwell (No. 2) and his Wildcats teammates need one more victory to qualify for the state football playoffs. Their first try for the all-important sixth win is Friday against Novi in a KLAAs crossover. Elsewhere on the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park campus Friday night, Canton (already in the playoffs) and Livonia Stevenson will be squaring off for the KLAAs championship. Both the Plymouth and Canton games begin at 7 p.m.



Another win for Plymouth netters

Plymouth's varsity boys tennis team continued its solid play Monday with a 7-2 victory against visiting Walled Lake Central. That win gave the Wildcats a record of 7-2 overall.
 No. 1 singles player Aaron Zhang and No. 2 singles player Matt Dwan each won by 6-0, 6-0 scores over their respective opponents Glenn Miller and Ryan Hulteen.
 Plymouth senior Pat Bailey got past Central's Matt Saperstein at No. 3 singles by a 7-5, 6-3 score. The Vikings bounced back at No. 4 as Dave Arnold won 6-4, 6-1 over Plymouth's Ian Fleming.
 In doubles action, the Wildcats claimed all but the No. 3 flight.
 Seniors Andy Mitchell and Pat Onoro claimed a 6-0, 6-4 win at No. 1 doubles over Karl Bodecker and Jake LaPointe. Plymouth's No. 2 doubles duo

BOYS TENNIS
 Monday in a KLAAs crossover match.
 Salem swept through the singles flights.
 At No. 1, junior Brock Foster won 6-1, 6-0 over Mark Byron. No. 2 singles player Brett Foster, also a junior, defeated Ben Johnson, 6-1, 6-1 and No. 3 singles player John Kang earned a 7-5 win over Grant Comly.
 The host Rocks made it four in a row in singles play when No. 4 Andy Steinman got past Erik Seifert, 6-1, 6-4.
 In doubles action, Salem took No. 1, 3 and 4.
 Josh Perrin-Jacob Scott (No. 1 doubles) won 6-1, 6-0 over Mason Bierer-Nick Wilson.
 No. 3 doubles tandem Greg Selewski-Elliott Stout registered a 6-0, 4-6, 6-3 win for the Rocks and Vishnu Rajandran-Karl Allan at No. 4 won 5-7, 6-3, 6-3.

Awesome Avalanche

The Canton Soccer Club's Avalanche U9 boys team captured first place in their division at last weekend's Telcom Soccer Tournament in Canton. Celebrating their victory are: (front row, from left) Nicholas Schweikhart, Kristopher Leach, Kevin Hao, Christian Leach; (second row, from left) Cameron Kight, Jordan Forney, Tyler Avram, David McGrath, Patrick McDougall, Nick Avram, David Kight; (back row, from left) coaches Daniel Kight and Brian Kight.



Big year for 13U Cardinals

What a season it was for the Canton Cardinals 13-Under travel baseball team. The Cardinals finished with a record of 35-22-2 and finished first in the KVBSA Open Division (South). Other season highlights included winning the Sportsmanship Trophy at the Sandy Koufax 13U AABC World Series in Battle Creek, where the Cards were one of 20 teams from around the country. The squad also placed third at the AABC State Championship. Earlier in the season, the Cardinals, under head coach Dale Ebeling and assistants Dale Thornbury, Bob Raymo and Mike Driscoll, were the runners-up at the Northville Early Bird Tournament. Members of the team (listed alphabetically) were Matt Busch, Matt Carravallah, Jack Driscoll, Demetrius Dunlap, Derek Eberling, Nick Hazergian, Mike Hoover, Jake Raymo, Austin Silletti, Conner Stella, Conner Thornbury and Tommy Walkinshaw.

Steelers strike 'Gold' in 3 of 4 games

The Plymouth Canton Steelers varsity squad dropped a hard-hitting loss Sunday to the Rochester Redskins, 57-33.
 The offense was led by Bilal Murtaza, who demonstrated strong offensive blocking, opening huge holes for players like Stephan Cook, who made a huge statement in Sunday's game.
 Nick Poet sparked the offense with his tough O-line play. Meanwhile, Jacob Boucher proved to be a wrecking ball for the Steelers' defense with key stops against Rochester.
 Justin Sydlowski elevated his play on defense by disrupting the Redskins' offense throughout the game, while Zachary Griffith played strong on the line, making key plays that stopped their offensive running game.
 The Plymouth Canton Steelers JV squad won a hard-fought defensive game, shutting out the Rochester Redskins 7-0. Benny Phillips was the solid foundation at center for the Steeler offen-

sive line, setting up a 50-yard QB sneak by Gregory "Gooch" Williams for the only TD of the game.
 Jacob Marsh's second catch of the game was in the end zone for the Steeler's extra point conversion.
 Noseguard Benny "NASCAR" Smyth and defensive tackle Nate "Gozie" Gozdor helped seal off the run up the middle, while Alex Nicholson applied pressure to the Rochester QB and running backs for several outstanding tackles in the backfield.
 The freshmen Steelers blanked the Redskins 32-0, sparked by Vinnie Convertino (defensive secondary), Brynn Lynn (hard-hitting play on the D-line) and Christian Pearson (several big stops at tackle).
 Offensively, Aaron Garbarino anchored the "Gold" offense from center, while tight ends Nicholas Saker and Chase Willis both were excellent in the blocking department.
 The junior freshmen Steelers ran through, around

and over the Rochester Redskins on the way to six touchdowns.
 Quarterback Jake Cain scored on runs of 40 and 25 yards, Carson Miller ran in for a 41 yard TD (in addition to ripping off several great drive-sustaining runs) and Logan Walkley scored on electrifying runs of 45, 60 and 44 yards. Working hard in the trenches, the Steelers were led by Nicholas Downs, Drew Poet, Kurt Roulin and Jonathan Simpson.
 Defensively, Seth Trozszak sparked the Steelers with his tenacity and full-out pursuit. Trozszak caused a fumble, had several tackles for losses and wreaked havoc on the Redskins all game long.
 Benjamin Bennett had a 50-yard interception return (to go along with his beautiful 20-yard first down reception on a pass from Cain). Zachary Sweet continued to put in solid performances; his consistency at linebacker is a main factor in the Steelers stinginess in the middle of the field against the run.

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Market mania

Fall harvest is in full swing at Canton Farmers Market, located at the Bartlett-Travis house, now known as Preservation Park on Ridge Road. With the season comes a great variety of seasonal produce, distinctive edibles and specialty products all from local vendors. With only a couple of weeks left of the Market, there's still time to enjoy the bounty of the season. Pumpkins and gourds of all shapes and sizes, and apple cider are currently available every Sunday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. now until Oct. 25. The market will also feature a variety of squash, including: acorn, spaghetti, butternut and more. Returning popular vendors include: Sansonetti Gourmet Foods featuring sauces, mustards and more; Bobilin Honey; Bizzy Lizzy Bakery with nutritious breakfast cookies and muffins; Pasta e Pasta featuring spinach ricotta and pumpkin ravioli, dried pasta and frozen pastas and sauce; and Sunbears Just Bones with a variety of dog treats. Become a fan on Facebook by searching for Canton Farmers Market or visit us at cantonfun.org.

Book signing

The Canton Borders book store hosts a book signing Oct. 17 for author Zina Kramer.

Kramer, author of "Hugging Grandma," will sign books and do a reading Saturday, Oct. 17, 2-4 p.m. "Hugging Grandma" provides a positive example of how one child copes with a grandmother who has Alzheimer's. Hugging Grandma is a lovely and comforting story that acknowledges what the child has lost while teaching positive ways to cope with the new situation.

Kodiak anniversary

Kodiak Creative, a Farmington-based boutique-style communications firm providing copywriting, public relations and Internet marketing services, is celebrating one year in business. With tremendous financial growth and repeat business, Kodiak Creative has many reasons to celebrate.

To date, Kodiak Creative's services have been retained by clients such as Greko Printing of Plymouth, Hoben Elementary School in Canton, Joseph Smulsky, D.D.S., of Canton/Hartland, Karl Sponsler of Canton and Kick the Moon, Northville.

"I couldn't be happier with the growth of my business this first year," said owner Wendy Ventura. "By providing qual-



Ventura

ity services at reasonable rates, I've been able to help a lot of people and businesses meet their business objectives for 2009. I'm looking forward to making an even larger impact in 2010." Kodiak Creative has been providing copywriting, public relations and Internet marketing services to businesses in southeastern Michigan since 2008. For more information, visit us online at www.kodiakcreative.com or call (734) 819-0988.

Food for good causes

Hiller's Markets is changing it up again. Two new dishes will appear in the prepared foods cases at all seven Hiller's grocery stores, including its Plymouth location, offering shoppers good food for good causes.

Tony Fayne's Buffalo Chili and Samira Cholagh's potato chop, kibbie and eggplant salad will be available at Hiller's through Oct. 19, with 100 percent of profits from sales of Buffalo Chili benefitting the Agree Foundation at Temple Israel, giving birthday parties to children of battered and homeless mothers. One hundred percent of profits from sales of potato chop, kibbie and eggplant salad will go

to the Chaldean Foundation's Adopt a Refugee Family Program, helping Iraqi refugees resettle safely in America.

The following schedule indicates the individuals, dishes and their causes remaining in the program's initial launch. All sales of these dishes will send money to their respective charities. Jim Hiller is considering extending the program through the new year, in an effort to bring back the first few dishes and send more donations to worthy causes.

- Oct. 20-Nov. 2: Lisa Diggs' corn and smoked white-fish fritters and Danialle Karmanos' tuna pasta; Causes: Gleaners Food Bank and DKWIO
- Nov. 3-Nov. 16: Janice Cherkasky's diabetic apricot salad and Jeff Loeb's pasta; Causes: Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and Hiller ALS Center at WSU
- Nov. 17-Nov. 30: Deena Lisak's corned beef and cabbage and macaroni and cheese; Cause: the Achievement Center at the Multiple Sclerosis Society
- Dec. 1-14: Robbie Timmons' turkey meatloaf and Paula Tutman's DISH TO COME; Cause: CANTER and Children's ToothFairy Foundation
- Dec. 15-Jan. 1, 2010: Joy Cantor's pasta with Thai peanut sauce and tofu; Cause: SASHA Farm

No decrease, but no hike, in 2010 Social Security

When it comes to Social Security there has always been a healthy dose of rumor and misinformation (when it will run out of money, new taxes or income test to determine eligibility). There is no end to the speculation.

At recent library talks, I've been asked by senior citizens whether Social Security benefits will be reduced next year. After doing some research, I determined it is just a rumor. Social Security benefits are not going to be reduced next year; however, it appears that in 2010 there will not be a cost-of-living adjustment. What this means is that the benefit you receive this year will not be increased in 2010.

On average over the last 20-30 years, Social Security recipients have received a 2- to 3-percent increase per year in benefits. These increases are based upon a formula that has been around for awhile. According to that formula, benefits will not increase nor decrease in 2010.

Many people are under the mistaken belief that the



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

cost-of-living adjustment is something the government determines based upon some cryptic formula. The cost-of-living adjustment - based upon the consumer price index for urban wage earners between the third quarter of the current and the third quarter of the previous year - and the formula are set in law.

In other words, the cost-of-living adjustment for 2010 is based upon the consumer price index for urban wage earners in the third quarter of 2008 through the third quarter of 2009. During that time period the official measure of cost-of-living did not increase but rather decreased - hence, no adjustment.

I recognize that many people are confused that their cost-of-living increased over the last year and yet the cost-of-living adjustment went down. Unfortunately, the way

the government computes cost of living and the way you and I compute it is quite different. The government, in computing cost-of-living adjustments, looks at a basket of goods and compares those at different points in time. This is different in how you and I compute our increased cost of living.

Even though the formula works against seniors this year, let's not forget that in 2009 it worked to their benefit.

Between the third quarter of 2008 and the third quarter of 2009 we saw a substantial spike in oil prices. Because the price of oil increased dramatically and because it is a key component in the cost of living formula, in 2009 seniors received a 5.8 percent increase in benefits.

Over the last year we have seen falling energy prices. This is one reason there will not be a cost-of-living adjustment this year.

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CHAMBER CHAT

Chamber fund-raisers

Join us at Rose's Restaurant Oct. 29-31, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. for a Texas Hold'em fund-raiser to be held in a private, smoke-free environment. There will be a full service bar, late night menu and a midnight pizza buffet in the lounge.

"This is a great way to support the Canton Chamber of Commerce and have fun while doing it," said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

For more information on this event, go to www.cantonchamber.com click on forms & flyers and go to Rose's Restaurant Fundraiser and get all the details.

• Also on Oct. 27, from 5-9 p.m., you can turn your pasta into cash for the Canton Chamber by printing the flier on the Chamber Web site and presenting it to your server at Rose's Restaurant. The Canton Chamber of Commerce will receive 15 percent of net purchases made that evening.

Networking luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its November Networking Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Nov. 4, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

The cost for lunch is \$20 (advance member registration) \$30 (Non-member) and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

November's Luncheon will feature guest speaker Lisa Dancok, Senior Vice President of Marketing and Communications of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). Dancok is responsible for the corporate marketing and communications functions, including advertising, events, and business marketing research, entrepreneur strategy and Web development/graphics.

"We are thrilled to have Ms. Dancok speak at our chamber luncheon," said Dianne Cojei, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce.

November's Luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Community Financial and Oakwood

Healthcare System. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at 734-453-4040.

Maps/directories

The Canton Chamber of Commerce Community Maps and 2009 Chamber Directories are available at the Canton Chamber office.

The Canton Chamber Map includes a map of Canton with all streets and points of interest on one side and a Wayne County Map on the other side. The 2009 Directory includes information about the Canton Community as well as phone listings for State and Local Governmental Departments.

The Canton Chamber Directory also includes a member Buyer's Guide, Membership Directory, information on Chamber Membership and a complete listing of Chamber Community Events.

Photo gallery

The Canton Chamber of Commerce has added a new and exciting feature to the Chamber Web site at www.cantonchamber.com

"We now have a Photo Gallery, that covers all of our Chamber Events," said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. We have photos from all of our 2009 Ribbon Cuttings as well as our Luncheons, After Hours, Networking Coffees, Auction, Consumer Expos and much more.

The Chamber Web site offers a complete Directory listing of our members by category and/or by company name. We also offer easy access to other Web sites including Shop Canton, Canton Township, Canton DDA, Leisure Services, S.C.O.R.E. and much more. The Chamber Web site offers coupons and discounts for members, residents and visitors. Looking for a place to hold a meeting? Looking for a good place to eat? The Canton chamber Web site has it all ... just go to www.cantonchamber.com.

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OCT. 15-21

Anniversary celebration

11 a.m. and 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 18 and Sunday, Oct. 25, celebrating God's Grace Ministries five-year church anniversary. Theme is "Continuing The Good Fight." The church is located at 26941 Plymouth Road, Redford. (313) 937-5900

Auction fund-raiser

The Servant Church of St. Alexander presents a silent auction with appetizers, 1 p.m., followed by a family-style dinner at 4 p.m. and live auction at 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 18, at Vladimirs, 28125 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Tickets, \$45 per person. Proceeds will benefit the

church's outreach activities, which include a weekly food pantry that feeds approximately 50 families and a youth mission that assists families in rebuilding homes.

Church Women United

Annual Gathering of "Area 2" is Saturday, Oct. 17 at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth Road and W. Chicago Road, in Redford. Registration runs 9-9:30 a.m. Hospitality, devotions, program and lunch cost \$10. After-lunch activities include shopping at Greater Gifts (SERRV) and browsing Church Women United displays until 2 p.m. The Rev. Jeffrey Maxwell, pastor of Farmington First UMC will be the guest speaker. Liturgical dancers will enhance his presentation, titled "We Dance with God." Reserve by Oct. 2 with Betty Thomas at (313) 561-4792.

Concert

The Detroit Lutheran Singers will perform at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 18 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$10; seniors and students, 12 and over, pay \$7.

ENDOW for girls

Girl Genius, a one-day ENDOW retreat for girls runs 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday,



Members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra will play Oct. 27 at Antioch Lutheran Church, in Farmington Hills.

Oct. 17, at St. Aidan church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Cost is \$30 for girls, adults are admitted for free, and includes lunch and snack. (248)

477-2555

Food pantry

Reserve a pick up time for the monthly food pantry Oct. 17, at Trinity Church, 10101 Ann Arbor Road, just west of Beck, in Plymouth. Reserve in advance by calling (734) 459-9557 between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 12-14.

Reservations deadline

Call Sally Stein at (734) 421-5945 by Sunday, Oct. 18, to reserve a place at the Congregation Beit Kodesh 50th Anniversary Celebration. It's happening at 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 25, at the synagogue, 31380 Seven Mile, Livonia. Includes luncheon and entertainment.

Rummage sale

9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 16 AND 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 17, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. \$2 bag sale on Saturday. Proceeds from this sale, along with funding from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, will benefit the Wayne County Family Center. (734) 464-0211

OCT. 22-28

Anniversary celebration

11 a.m. and 4 p.m., Sunday Oct. 25, celebrating God's Grace Ministries five-year church anniversary. Theme is "Continuing The Good Fight." The church is located at 26941 Plymouth Road, Redford; (313) 937-5900. A church anniversary prayer breakfast is set for 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 24, at Tapestry Banquet Hall, 24549 Evergreen, Southfield. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$45 per couple. Children pay \$15.

Coat distribution

Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia, is collecting new and used winter coats and apparel, including gloves, hats, scarves, boots, snowsuits, sweatshirts, and sweaters. Drop off items 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday through Friday. An afterhours box also is available under the church's front canopy. Items will be distributed on Oct. 24. All clothing will be free. People also may bring their old items and exchange them for new ones on that day. (248) 476-8222

Concerts

■ The Concordia University Chicago Concert Choir, Kapelle, will sing at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 23, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The program will be a celebration of Reformation and All Saints, including pieces by Richard Hillert, Vincent Persichetti, Carl Schalk and others. Admission is free although a free will offering will be taken. (734) 522-6830

■ Pro Mozart Society of Greater Detroit presents a chamber recital featuring Detroit Symphony Orchestra musicians 8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Antioch Lutheran Church, 13 Mile and Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. They will perform "Piano Quartets" by Mozart and Fauré; as well as the "Auld Lang Syne Variations" by Franz Waxman. A reception to meet the artists will take place following the concert. Concert tickets are \$25; students pay \$5. Send checks, payable to the Pro Mozart Society, to: 37099 Sandalwood, Farmington Hills, MI 48331. Tickets will be held at the door. For more information call (248) 788-2479 or (248) 683-9626, or log on to www.promozartdetroit.org.

Craft show

2nd Annual Community Bizarre Bazaar Craft Show, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24, at First United Methodist Church of Northville, Eight Mile and Taft. More than 50 artisans will sell their works. Baked goods, breakfast, lunch, coffee, beverages will be on sale and tickets will be available for a drawing. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and under. All church proceeds support Village Banking, which provides micro loans to families living in abject poverty throughout the world (www.villagebanking.org) For vendor list and more details: www.fumcnorthville.org

Movie night

7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 23, at North Congregational Church, 36520 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. The adult movie night, "Movies for the Mind,"

features thought-provoking films, followed by a stimulating discussion. The Golden Globe-nominated film, "The Big Fish," starring Ewan McGregor, Albert Finney, Billy Crudup, and Jessica Lange, will be the first film shown in the series. Free, but the church requests reservations at (248) 848-1750.

Special needs dance

Reservations deadline for Emmanuel Lutheran Church's "Harvest Costume Dance" for adults with special needs is Oct. 23. The church will host the dance 6:30-8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia. Spend an evening of music, fun, and friendship and we dance the night away. Prize for best costume. There is no charge for this event. Refreshments will be served. Space is limited. RSVP to Judy Cook at Emmanuel at (248) 442-0307, or e-mail at judy@emmanuel-livonia.org.

Widowed Mass

Widowed men and women may celebrate Mass, stay for refreshments, fellowship and meet new friends in a safe setting Sunday, Oct. 25 at St. Columban Church, 1775 Melton, (1/4 mile north of 14 Mile, between Woodward and Coolidge. Check-in begins at 2 p.m., Mass at 2:30 p.m. Offered by Widowed Friends, a peer support group. For more information call Justine (734) 455-6939.

OCT. 29-NOV. 4

Breakfast and Mass

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

Craft show

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

Dancing

Ballroom dance lessons will be held from 6-7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 1, 8, 15 and 22 at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. Learn Swing and Rumba. A dance party will be held from 7-9:30 p.m., Nov. 22. Light refreshments will be served. Cost for each lesson is \$6 and the dance is \$6. Combined cost for the dance and lesson on Nov. 22 is \$10. Pay at the door in fellowship hall. All proceeds will go to various committees within the church. (734) 422-0494.

Tea and fashions

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

Women's expo

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

ONGOING

AWANA

Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers an AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Drop children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 426-0096.

Classes/study

■ Antioch Preschool, an academic program complemented by Christian education, is enrolling 3- and 4-year-

old children for the 2009-2010 school year. A new toddler class is offered Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. Extended stay enrichment for 3's and 4's is offered Wednesdays - children bring their lunch and enjoy literacy activities until 3 p.m. Antioch Lutheran Church is located at 13 Mile and Farmington Road in Farmington Hills. For information contact Sharon Dettler, preschool director, at (248) 626-7906, Ext. 28, or e-mail to antiochpreschool@sbcbglobal.net.

■ New Life Community Church, 42200 Tyler, Belleville, offers a jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays, a reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays. (734) 846-4615

■ Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is designed to reduce stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

■ Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening.

For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472.

Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

■ Scripture studies, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

■ Learner's Bible study, 7 p.m., Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

■ Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions - at Livonia Unity, 28660 Five Mile. Classes include: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m. Call (810) 813-4073 for more information or send e-mail to gary@energeticarts.org.

■ Bible talks, 4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

■ Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia invites adults with developmental disabilities and special needs to attend a new Open Arms Bible class the second Monday of the month at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The class, which runs from 7-8 p.m., will include songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

■ Tuesday Ladies Bible Study from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5. Call (248) 348-7600.

■ A study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith, at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy. A group at 10:30 a.m., Thursday examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey. (313) 274-3820.

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank gives free clothing to those in need, 10 a.m.-noon, fourth Saturday of each month, at the church, 41920 Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley roads. Donations of clean clothing that is in good repair also are accepted. The clothing bank can't accept under garments or household items. (734) 404-2480

Concerts

■ Rush Hour concert series continues every Tuesday with gathering and refreshments at 5 p.m., concert 5:30-6 p.m., featuring performances by local and national jazz artists at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit. Free. Visit www.metroumc.org.

Fellowship dinner

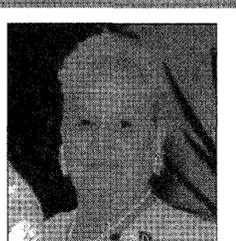
Dinners are at 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

Films

10 a.m. Wednesday Kids Matinees and 4 p.m., Saturday family movie, at Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia. Guitar Praise game precedes the film on Saturday. Children in second grade or younger can play prior to the film; those in third grade and up can play after the movie. Pizza will also be served following the movie. All events are free. (248) 476-8222

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MARY S. ARBOUR
October 10, 2009 age 63 of Belleville, formerly of Plymouth. Beloved wife of Robert J. Dear mother of Robert D. (Erin), David S. (Kimberly). Loving grandmother of Quinn & Devyn. Daughter of the late Dr. Lee & Jeanne Feldkamp. Sister of Lee A. (Robin) Feldkamp, Robert (Kitty) Feldkamp, Joan (John) Thomas, Gerald (Linda) Feldkamp, Gregory (Diane) Feldkamp, Douglas (Laurie) Feldkamp, Jeannette (John) Schwab & James (Barbara) Feldkamp. Funeral was held at the UHt Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, Wed., 11:30AM. Family received friends Mon. 5-9PM & Tues. 12-9PM. Family requests memorials to American Stroke Association. Please visit and sign a tribute at: www.uhtfh.com

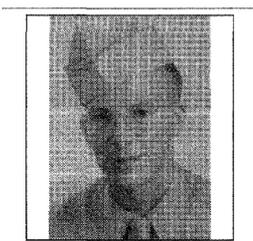


DORIS (Dottie) MENARD (Thornhill)

Age 86. Born on August 2, 1923 in Pawtucket, RI. Preceded in death by her husband, Walter. Beloved mother of Doris Smith (predeceased), and Walter Jr. (Mary). Grandmother of Charles Smith (Clare), Michael Smith, and Renee DeCamp (Tim) currently residing in Illinois; Melissa Menard (Morgan Gilette) in California, Molly Menard-Meeks (Bill) of Plymouth. Great-grandmother of Meredith & Devin Smith, Christopher & Michael Smith, Logan & Sara DeCamp, and Garrett Meeks. Memorial service to be held at Our Lady of Good Council located at 47650 North Territorial in Plymouth at a time to be determined. Memorial contributions can be made to: Community Foundation of Plymouth, 301 N. Main Street, Suite 300, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

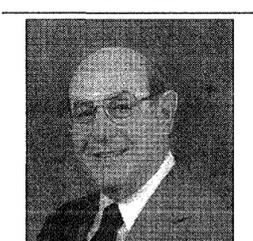
PEARL CATHERINE STACER

Age 73, passed away on October 9, 2009 at home. She was born February 16, 1936 in Ruth, Michigan to Anthony & Charlotte (Clor) Seidl. She has lived in Gladwin County since 1999, previously residing in Livonia, Michigan. Pearl was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Edenville. She married Leonard Stacer on February 19, 1966 in Detroit. He survives her along with their children: son: Brad Stacer of Livonia; Daug: Rhonda Stacer of Westland; son: David Stacer of Hoboken, New Jersey; son: Craig Stacer of Chicago; two grandchildren: Jacob and Zachary. Pearl is also survived by her mother: Charlotte Seidl of Warren; brothers: Gerald Seidl of St. Clair Shores and Richard Seidl of Warren; sisters: Marie Szlag of Madison Hgts and Sally Cooney of Angola, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her father: Anthony and a sister: Donna Seidl. Funeral services took place on Tuesday at St. Anne Catholic Church in Edenville. Visitation was at Hall-Kokotovich Funeral Home 440 E. Cedar Ave., Gladwin, Michigan. She will be laid to rest in Dale Cemetery Beaverton, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association. hall-kokotovichfuneralhome.com



WALLACE M BARRINGER

March 7, 1926-Oct. 11, 2009. WWII combat veteran. Survived by his wife Marion, three daughters, two sons, seven grandchildren, two nephews, one niece and other family. Preceded in death by a son, Robert Hedquist. Visitation 2-4 & 6-9pm Thursday with Funeral 10am Friday at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery. www.mccabefuneralhome.com



ALEX BERZSENYI

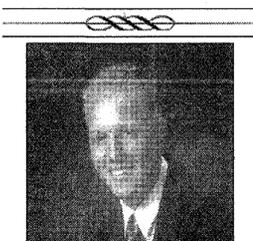
Age 92, October 13, 2009. Beloved husband of the late Edith Berzsenyi. Loving father of Thomas (Deborah) Berzsenyi and Karen (Gabriel) Kaptur. Dear grandfather of Jordan and Hunter Berzsenyi, Steven, John and James Kaptur. Dear brother of Irene Walsh and the late Katherine Komjathy and Daniel Berzsenyi. Funeral Service at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Friday at 11AM. Visitation Thursday 1-9PM. Memorials to the U.S.O. Share a memory of Alex at www.rgrharris.com

GENE MEADOWS

Age 79, of Hartland, formerly of Plymouth, died Sunday, October 11, 2009. Born March 27, 1930 in Detroit, the son of Arthur and Julia (Frazier) Meadows. Gene was a graduate of Henry Ford Trade School and the owner/operator of Art Jewelers in Plymouth. He was a member of the Plymouth Lions Club, Livingston County Wood Workers Guild and loved spending time on his tractor. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, whom he married on April 16, 1955 in Plymouth. Loving father to Robert of Hartland and James (Karen) of Plymouth. Grandfather of Ashley and James, brother of Glenn (Jean) of Georgia, Phyllis of Fowlerville and Arthur (Janice) of Florida. Visitation was Tuesday 3-8PM with funeral Wednesday 10AM from MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell. Memorial Contributions suggested to Plymouth Lions Foundation. Please visit online guestbook at: www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

CLAUDE W. ROCKER

Age 97. A life long resident of Plymouth died October 9, 2009. Beloved husband of the late Charlotte. Loving father of Claudia Schweikert, William (Sharon) and David (Susan) Rocker. Also survived by 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Visitation at 10:00 AM prior to 11:00 AM memorial service Friday October 16, 2009 at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street, Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth Rock Lodge #47 or First Presbyterian Church.



SEAN KNOPF DEROCHE

Suddenly, October 12, 2009, age 33 of Plymouth. Loved son of Fred DeRoche and Jeanne Knopf-De Roche. Very special brother of Kate DeRoche. Funeral Saturday 1 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Visitation Friday 3-9 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. Foundation-Sean DeRoche Scholarship. To share memories please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

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Contemporary abolitionist speaks at local church

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Twenty seven million people worldwide are enslaved, according to the California-based Not For Sale, a national campaign dedicated to ending human bondage.

Half of the victims of human trafficking are children.

And according to the group's Web site "restaurants and fields, construction sites and brothels, suburbs and cities" are home to slaves both in the United States and abroad.

Some may even live in your own backyard.

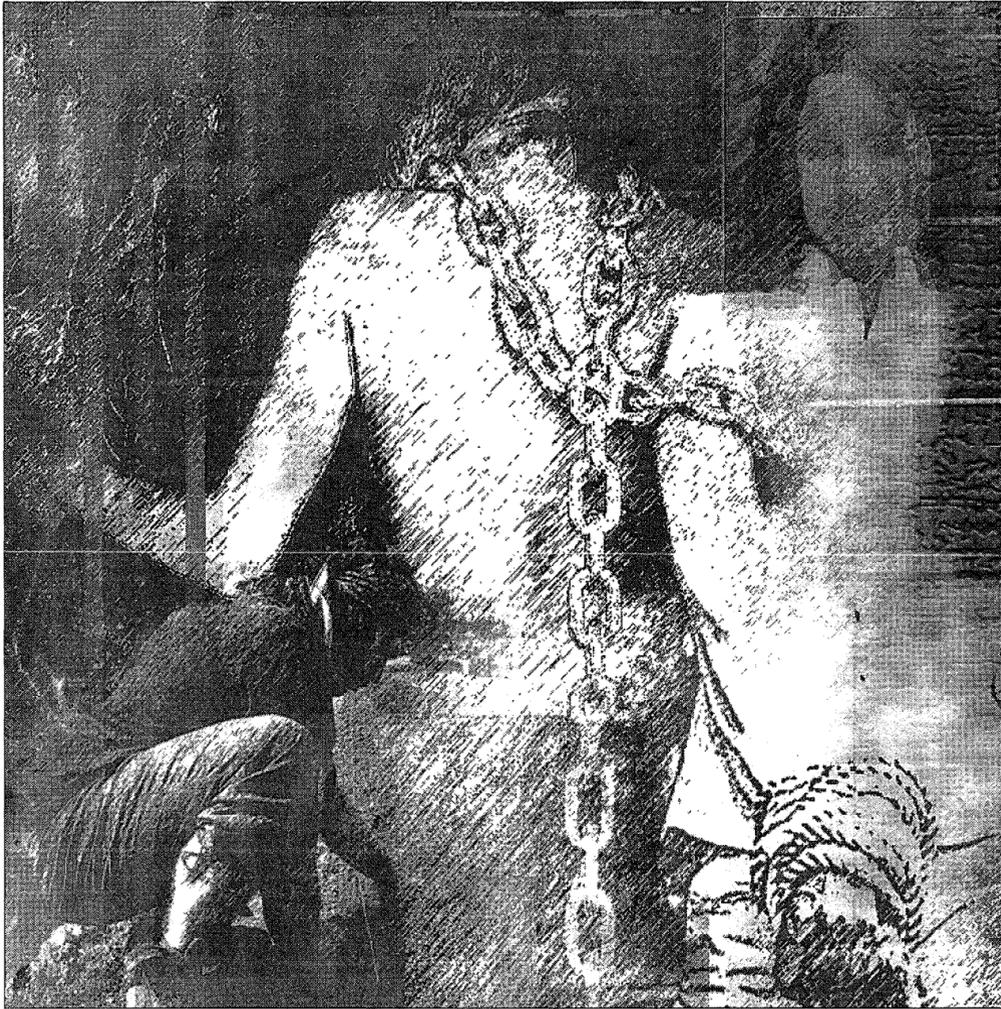
The Rev. Chris Momany wants to find them, free them and end the ages old practice that equates human beings with property.

"Human trafficking implies the manipulation of people in order to move them in and out of countries, and a lot of contemporary slavery fits this description. Yet the real issue is as old as ancient slavery — considering and holding people as property," Rev. Momany said.

"It happens in almost every part of the world, including the U.S. and Michigan. It takes different forms in different parts of the world, but it is not just something that happens in the other lands. Much of "trafficking" takes the form of sexual abuse and forced prostitution, but it also presents as debt bondage and forcing people — especially children — into civil wars around the world. Women and children are its primary victims."

ABOLITIONIST ROOTS

Rev. Momany, chaplain at Adrian University and Regional Coordinator for Not For Sale, will talk about the modern day abolitionist movement and its fight to end slavery at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 21, at Newburg United Methodist Church, located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. His presentation is a part



of the church's year-long 175th anniversary celebration and one of two programs this month that recognize Newburg's abolitionist heritage. A discussion this week focused on

the Underground Railroad and the church's founding pastor, Marcus Swift, who was an abolitionist.

Rev. Momany's talk is open to the public. He hopes listeners will take

the message to heart.

"I hope the Newburg folk will consider that this is happening in our state, as well as abroad, and I don't mean in some inner city," he said. "I

have a pastor friend who lives in a trendy lake-country resort area who protected two women held in house-keeping operations for hotels."

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

He'll have information on hand about pending legislation so listeners can take action by contacting their representatives and other political leaders. They also can become activists, learning to recognize forced labor, by joining the Not For Sale campaign. The group's Web site includes a slavery map that allows users to report and track incidents. It also offers specific suggestions for faith, business, student and other activities. It suggests that faith communities join an abolitionist church network, financially support an anti-slavery cause and start a related Bible study group.

"Not For Sale has helped to raise awareness, because this is such a strange and shocking reality," Rev. Momany said. "But we go beyond awareness, too. We sponsor after-care programs around the world that help people get back on their feet once they are free from abusers. We also work on legislative initiatives. The State of Michigan has anti-trafficking legislation ready for introduction in the House if we can get beyond obsession with budget."

David Batstone, a university professor, founded Not For Sale in 2006, after writing a book, *Not For Sale: The Return of the Global Slave Trade and How We Can Fight It*. The Campaign has more than 40 state and region directors in the U.S. and Canada who help inform and mobilize grassroots "Smart Activists" to abolish slavery in their own backyards.

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To contact Newburg United Methodist Church call (734) 422-0149.

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Halloween fun starts with classic horror at Redford Theatre

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Larry, Moe and Curly meet The Mummy. Can it get much spookier — or sillier — on Halloween?

The Redford Theatre will run a three Stooges Festival of six films Halloween weekend. The fun will start at 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30 and repeat at 2 and 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31, at the theater, 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit. The films include *We Want Our Mummy* (1939), *Spook Louder* (1943), *If A Body Meets A Body* (1945), *Mummies Dummies* (1948), *The Ghost Talks* (1949), and *Who Done It*, (1949).

"Everyone is just hooting and hollering and it's not just guys. It's a lot of women. My wife is a huge Stooges fan," said Edward Seward of Southfield, a member of the Motor City Theatre Organ Society, which owns and operates the Redford Theatre.

"It's all fun."
The fun starts this weekend with a costume contest and screening of two classic horror films, *Werewolf of London* and *House of Dracula* and continues Oct. 23-24 with silent films, *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* and the Stan Laurel parody short subject *Dr. Pyckle and Mr. Pryde*. Tickets for shows are \$5.

The costume contest will start at 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 16 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 17. Seward said audience members may celebrate the season in costume at any of the shows this month, but prizes will be awarded only this weekend.

Tony O'Brien of Livonia will play the organ this weekend and for the silent films Oct. 23-24.

"Tony is nationally known," Seward noted. The screening on Friday, Oct. 16 features guest host Wolfman Mac of MyTV20's Chiller Drive-In. Treasures from Paul's Basement also will be on hand both Oct. 16 and 17 with classic horror movie posters, photos and other collectibles.

"He's in tune with what we're doing — old-fashioned horror," Seward said.

For more about classic films at the Redford Theatre, call (248) 521-5834 or visit redford-theatre.com

Check out these other Halloween activities:
Haunted

Farmington — The Haunted Winery runs 7:30 p.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday and 7-10 p.m., Thursday and Sunday, Oct. 16-18, 23-25 and 29-31, at 31505 Grand River Ave. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, 52 inches and under. (248) 477-8833

Western Wayne — Haunted Hideaways presents two local tours:

- Beyond the Veil Tombstone Tour will visit several local cemeteries on Oct. 18, 25 and 31. Tickets are \$30. The Tombstone Tour leaves promptly at 1 p.m. from 39293 Plymouth Road, between Eckles and Newburgh, Livonia.
- Michigan Ghost Tour explore haunted



See the "Werewolf of London" at the Redford Theatre Friday-Saturday, Oct. 16-17.



Tony O'Brien of Livonia will play organ for Redford Theatre's classic horror films this weekend, Oct. 16-17 and next weekend, Oct. 23-24.

areas in Livonia, Garden City, Canton, Westland and Plymouth where participants will conduct two mini investigations at alleged haunted locations. Tickets are \$30. Dates still available are Oct. 22, 23 and 29. Visit www.hauntedhideaways.com

Westland — Sponsored by VFW, Haunted Halls, offers lots of spooky attractions, dusk to midnight, Friday and Saturday and dusk to 10 p.m., Sunday, at 6440 Hix, between Ford and Warren Roads. Admission is \$15. (734) 536-2651

Westland — Sponsored by the Westland Jaycees, the House of the Devil is open 7-10

p.m., weekdays and beginning at 7 p.m. weekends through Oct. 30, at 1645 Wayne Road. \$10 adults, \$5 age 12 and under. Friendly monster day, noon to 4 p.m., Oct. 18. (734) 226-0400

Hayride

Kensington Metropark — "Pick Your Pumpkin Hayrides," 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday this month, at the farm center in the park. Groups must register at least 10 days in advance for these group hayrides by calling the park office at (800) 477-3178. The park is located off I-96 in Milford.

Parties

Farmington Hills — 8 p.m.-midnight, Friday, Oct. 30, at the historic Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Live dance music, a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, and a costume contest. Tickets are \$30 each or \$50 per couple. The All Hallow's Eve Party is for ages 21 and over only. Call (248) 473-1848 for more information or to charge tickets by phone.

Garden City — The annual Family Halloween Party starts at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at Garden City Middle School, 1851 Radcliff just south of Ford Road. Features costume contest, games, face painting and a special appearance by Ronald McDonald. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Admission is \$5. Adults admitted free. (734) 422-4448.

Kensington Metropark — "Fun on the Farm Halloween Party," 10 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 22,

at the farm center in the park. (248) 684-8632. Advance registration is not required, but there will be a fee for participating.

Pumpkins

Livonia — St. Matthew's Pumpkin Patch is open noon-6 p.m., Sunday-Friday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, through Oct. 31, at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt. Buy pumpkins of all sizes, gourds, cornstalks and bales of straw. Proceeds support programs at the church. (734) 422-6038.

Livonia — Pumpkin Fest runs daily through Oct. 31 at The Wilson Barn, located at West Chicago and Middlebelt Roads. Buy pumpkins, corn stalks. Crafters inside and outside around the Barn, cider and doughnuts, hot dogs and more from 11 a.m.-8 p.m., weekends. The Haunted Barn is open 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Oct. 16-17-18-23-24-25-29-30. Children's Friendly Halloween Story Book Readings will take place at 2 p.m., Oct. 25 on the porch in the Family Picnic Area. For more information contact Jane at (734) 558-5506, Ricky at (734) 358-1733 or visit the Barn's web site www.wilsonbarn.com

Show

Westland — Science Spook-tacular "Fire & Ice Halloween Show," 6:15 p.m. or 7:45 p.m., Friday, Oct. 23, at the Melvin G. Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland. \$5. (734) 266-9444.

Trick or Treat

Livonia — Mt. Hope Congregational Church will host a "Trunk or Treat" 3-5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 18, in its parking lot at 30330 Schoolcraft. Children in costume will collect candy from decorated cars in the parking lot. There will be games and other activities. Every child will receive a prize. (734) 425-7280

Northville — Children, preschool through third grade, can trick or treat around Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold, Northville and visit a not-so-spooky house on site, 5:20 p.m., 5:40 p.m., 6 p.m., 6:20 p.m., 6:40 p.m., and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18. Cost is \$7 per child. Tickets available at the parks and recreation office at 700 W. Baseline. Tickets will not be available for purchase on the day of the event.

Royal Oak — Zoo Boo runs 6-8 p.m., Oct. 16-18, 23-25, and 29-31 at The Detroit Zoo, located on Ten Mile (I-696 service drive) and Woodward. Elaborate pumpkin displays will line the treat trail, where greeters will pass out goodies to costume-clad children at 13 treat stations along the route. A trail of eerie fog and mysterious sounds will lead through a spooky graveyard to the Haunted Reptile House. Features Halloween-themed games, prizes, arts and crafts, a hay maze and a musical revue. Tickets are \$6 per person ages 2 and up. Buy advance tickets at www.detroitzoo.org or at booth #1 at the front of the zoo. (248) 541-5717

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Apple lovers can thank Mother Nature for cool weather last summer.

"Right now, we have almost all of the different varieties on our tables. We have six to seven out right now... Jonagolds and Cortlands, Empire, Jonamacs, Jonathan," said Terry Koetting, a teacher and group tour leader at Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill.

"Because it was such a cold summer everything ripened all at once. We grow 15 different varieties. A few of the earlier varieties have ripened and are gone."

Michigan is one of the largest producers of apples in the country, according to the Michigan Apple Committee, with 7.5 million trees in production and 950 family-operated farms covering 37,500 acres in Michigan's Lower Peninsula. It's the third largest producer of apples nationwide, with about 60 percent of its crop processed into other products. The state is the largest supplier of apple slices used in pies. And Michigan apples are a main source for applesauce, fresh-cut slices and apple cider.

Small family farmers, like Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill, are most prevalent in the Michigan apple industry. And longtime favorite varieties, such as Red Delicious, Golden Delicious and Gala, dominate their orchards.

Sandy Detlefs, who along with her husband, owns the historic Parshallville Grist Mill in Hartland Township, encourages her customers to sample some of the antique varieties she sells. A local doctor who grows apples as a hobby, keeps the mill supplied with a varied, constantly changing collection.

"These are the grandparents and great-grandparents of the apples everybody knows today," she said. "We have different varieties every week."

Some of the varieties offered this season include Spartan, Gideon, Akane, Spitzenburg, Gravenstein, Wealthy, Braeburn and Roxbury Russet, which is thought to be the oldest named variety in America.

"I don't think there's a better apple anywhere than those grown in Michigan," Detlefs said.

"The Michigan Apple Committee, a non-profit organization that promotes the state's apple-growing industry, conducted a series of focus groups between November last year and February this year to get a better grip on consumer taste preferences.

Two stood out. Jonagold, a sweet, firm and juicy apple used fresh or in baking, and Honeycrisp, a newer variety and all-around favorite.

FAVORITE VARIETY

"We do have the Honeycrisps," said Koetting said. "They are brand new across the country. They were developed at the University of Minnesota. To me they are the best, the sweetest, the crispiest... everything you'd want in an apple."

Michigan growers began replacing older varieties with Honeycrisp in 1991. According to the Michigan Apple Committee, the variety usually sells out by the end of October, but more plantings and a bumper crop this year have combined to boost overall production and extend the supply.

"Running out of this variety has been the one and only complaint we've heard about the Honeycrisp," said Denise Donohue, executive director of the Michigan Apple Committee. She's optimistic that the Honeycrisp will be available through December.

But Koetting said Honeycrisp season will likely end in a few weeks at Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill. When it does, customers will be able to buy other varieties.

"There are so many that are good multipurpose. A lot of people like to blend their apples for sauce and pies," she noted.

Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill, 10685 Warren Road, Plymouth is open 9 a.m.-7 p.m., daily through October and 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Nov. 1-2. U-pick pumpkins are available on weekends and the mill sells cider and doughnuts, apples, pies, jams, jellies and honey. Visit the petting farm, take a wagon ride and listen to live music on weekends this month. The mill's Ann Arbor Road store, located between Napier and Gotfredson, in Plymouth, will be open 10 a.m.-6 p.m., through Nov. 26. (734) 455-2290 Fax: (734) 455-2362

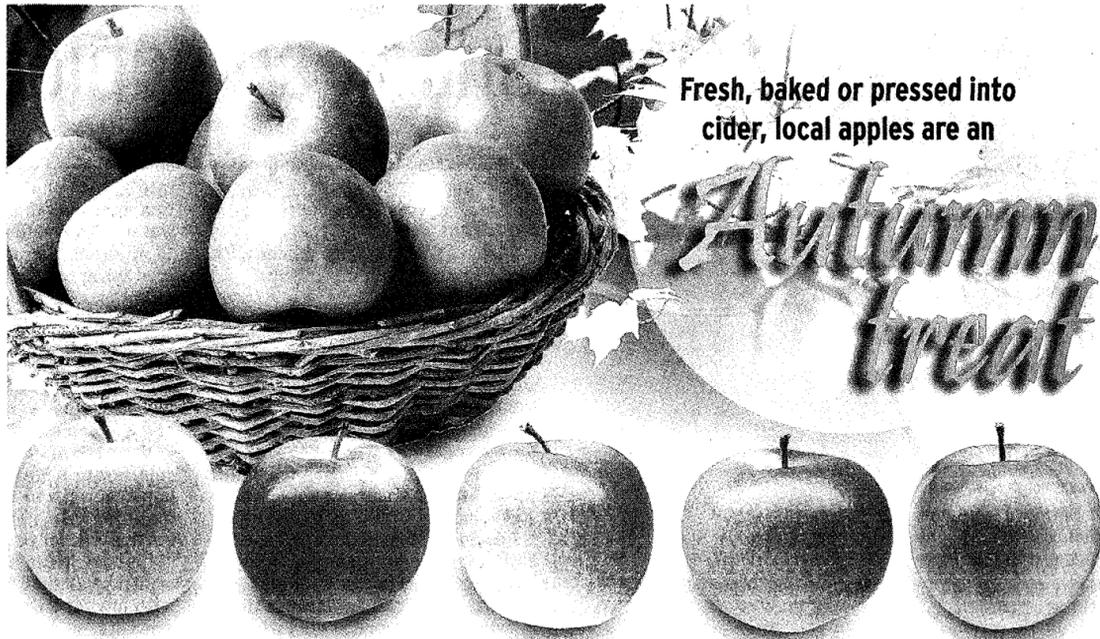
OTHER APPLE SOURCES

■ Franklin Cider Mill, 7450 Franklin Road, Franklin is open 7 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Monday-Friday and 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Saturday-Sunday. Unpasteurized cider is made with Honeycrisp apples. Michigan-grown apples and Hickory farm cheese and beef products are sold. Horse-drawn buggy rides. (248) 626-8261

■ Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill, 714, Baseline Road, Northville is open through Nov. 24. Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. daily until November, when the mill closes at 7 p.m. Buy cider, doughnuts, apples, and fudge. Crafters sell their works on weekends. (248) 349-3181

■ Historic Parshallville Grist Mill, 8507 Parshallville Road, Hartland Township offers unpasteurized cider, doughnuts, apple pies and caramel apples. Michigan-made items, specialty jams, old-fashioned candies and gifts are available in the gift shop. (810) 629-9079

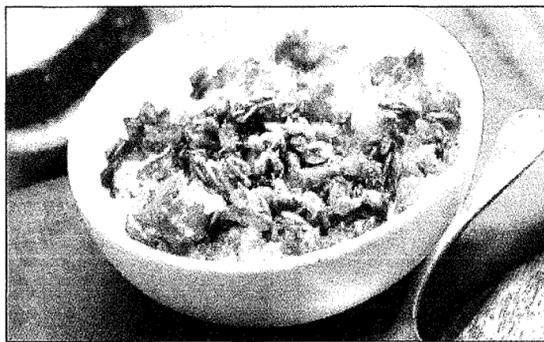
■ Ostbaum Orchards, 9252 Currie, Salem, is open 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday through October. Buy apples, baked goods, cherry concentrate, jack-o-lanterns, cider, Indian corn and more. Ostbaum Orchards also sells at Plymouth Farmer's Market, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturdays, in downtown Plymouth. (734) 560-2840
The Livingston County Daily Press & Argus contributed to this story.



Fresh, baked or pressed into cider, local apples are an

Autumn treat

Fuji	Ida Red	Jonagold	Braeburn	Northern Spy
Sweet, tart and an incredibly good keeper. Fuji stays crisp for weeks. Season begins in late October.	Tart, firm and juicy. Eat fresh or use in sauces, pies and desserts. Season begins in mid October.	Crisp and juicy with shades of tart and sweet in each apple. Usually large and aromatic. Good fresh or in baking. Season begins in early October.	Mildly sweet and crispy, best eaten fresh or baked; season begins in late October.	Tart, acidic properties that cook up well in applesauce, pie and other dishes. A hard apple that ripens late and stores well. Season begins early October.



Wake up to the wonderful smell of cinnamon and apples with this Easy Apple Breakfast Cobbler.

EASY APPLE BREAKFAST COBBLER

Courtesy of the Michigan Apple Committee

- 4 medium-sized Michigan apples - try Cortland, Gala, Ida Red, Jonathan, Northern Spy or Rome apples - cored, peeled and sliced
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon butter or trans fat free margarine, melted
- 2 cups low fat granola cereal

Place apples in a crock pot and stir in honey and cinnamon. Top apple mixture with granola and drizzle with butter. Cover and cook on low 7-9 hours or on high 2-3 hours. Serve warm and top with low fat milk or vanilla yogurt if desired. Makes 4 servings. Nutrition information per serving (with margarine): 395 Calories; 7g Fat; 83g Carbohydrate; 5g Protein; 175mg Sodium; 0mg Cholesterol; 8g Fiber

TUNA APPLE PITAS

Courtesy of the Michigan Apple Committee

- 1 large or 2 small Michigan apples cored and chopped fine
- 2 small celery ribs, sliced
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
- 1 (12 ounces) can albacore tuna in water, drained
- 1/2 teaspoon dill weed
- 1/2 cup reduced fat salad dressing or mayonnaise

- 3 wheat pita bread (approximately 6 1/2-inch diameter), cut in half
- Lettuce leaves

Place chopped apple, celery, lemon juice and onion in a medium bowl. Mix well. Add flaked tuna, dill weed and salad dressing. Mix thoroughly. Place lettuce leaf in each + of a pita pocket. Fill with tuna apple mixture and serve. Makes 6 servings. Nutrition facts per serving: 173 Calories; 8g Fat; 11g Carbohydrate; 14g Protein; 396mg Sodium; 30mg Cholesterol; 1.5g Fiber

CIDER GLAZED CHICKEN WITH EASY APPLE RAISIN STUFFING

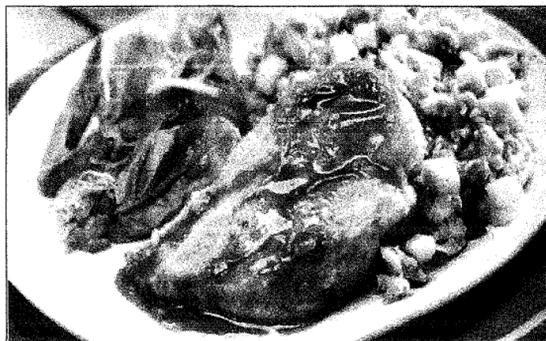
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- 1 1/2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 4 (6 ounces each), boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 cup apple cider or juice
- 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar

Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Combine flour, salt and allspice in a resealable plastic bag. Add the chicken; seal and shake bag to coat chicken evenly.

Place oil in pan. Add chicken, and cook 4-5 minutes. Turn chicken over and add apple cider and vinegar to pan; cook 5 minutes or until chicken is done. Remove chicken from pan and drizzle with cider glaze.

Makes 4 servings. Nutrition facts per serving: 208 Calories; 5.5g Fat; 6g Carbohydrate; 35g Protein; 638mg Sodium; 90mg Cholesterol; 0g Fiber



Cider Glazed Chicken with Easy Apple Raisin Stuffing is an easy dinner your whole family will enjoy.

EASY APPLE RAISIN STUFFING

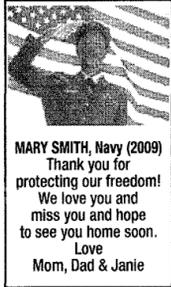
- 1 large Michigan apple - try Cortland, Empire, Gala, Ida Red, Jonagold, Jonathan, Paula Red or Rome - cored, and cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1 box whole wheat, chicken stuffing mix

Prepare stuffing mix according to package directions but add apple pieces and raisins to boiling water just before adding stuffing mix.

Makes 5 servings. Nutrition facts per serving: 178 Calories; 1.5g Fat; 39g Carbohydrate; 4g Protein; 431mg Sodium; 1mg Cholesterol; 2.5g Fiber

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MARY SMITH, Navy (2009)
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SWEETIE-LICIOUS MICHIGAN APPLE & CHERRY CRISP

Courtesy of the Michigan Apple Committee

- 4½ cups of peeled Michigan Cortland or Ida Red apples sliced very thin
- 1 cup of frozen Michigan tart cherries
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- ¼ cup flour
- 1 tablespoon butter melted
- 1 teaspoon of lime juice
- ½ teaspoon of real almond extract

Crumb Topping

- 1½ cups flour
- 1½ cups sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1½ sticks of softened real butter

Mix dry ingredients first. Combine flour mixture with butter with hands or pastry blender until crumbly.

Mix apples, cherries, sugars, flour, butter, lime juice and almond together. Pour fruit mixture into a buttered 10 inch pie plate or a 9- by 9-inch baking dish. Sprinkle all of the crumb topping on fruit mixture covering fruit completely. Bake for 30-45 minutes in a preheated 375 degree oven. Or until knife slides easily through center fruit and crisp is light brown and bubbly.

Sneak an apple into every meal

The Michigan Apple Committee offers these tips for spicing up foods with apple:

BREAKFAST

Spread Michigan Apple slices with peanut butter then dip in your favorite cereal.

Add a chopped Michigan Apple to a box of quick bread mix.

Top a bowl of cooked whole oats with 1/2 Michigan apple, diced; 1 tablespoon chopped pecans; 1 tablespoon raisins and 2 tablespoons brown sugar.

Top whole grain French toast with unsweetened Michigan applesauce and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar.

Add ½ cup Michigan applesauce and ½ teaspoon cinnamon to your pancake batter before cooking.

Warm Michigan applesauce in the microwave and spread on a whole wheat toasted English muffin; add a sprinkle of cinnamon.

LUNCH AND DINNER

For a quick microwave applesauce, core and chop six Michigan apples into ½ inch chunks. Place apples in a microwavable bowl with ¼ cup water. Cover and cook on high for 15 minutes. Stir and cook uncovered for approximately five more minutes. Mash apples and stir in 1-2 tablespoons sugar and ½ teaspoon cinnamon.

Mix up a quick fruit salad with 1 chopped Michigan apple, a small can of drained mandarin oranges and a sliced banana.

Mix 1 (16 ounce) bag of prepared coleslaw mix with 1 large Michigan apple, cored and finely diced; ¼ teaspoon celery seed and 1/2 cup bottled low fat coleslaw dressing.

Toss Michigan apple slices into a crunchy salad of mixed greens. Top with low fat balsamic vinaigrette dressing.

For a quick ginger-apple sauce for pork or chicken, combine 1 cup apple cider with ½ cup reduced-sodium chicken broth in a small saucepan.

Bring to a boil and simmer uncovered for 15-20 minutes. Combine 4 tablespoons cold water with 1 tablespoon cornstarch. Slowly add mixture into broth using a whisk. Cook for two more minutes. Remove from heat and stir in 1 tablespoons apple cider vinegar, 1 teaspoon butter and ¼ teaspoon ground ginger.

SNACKS

Add a finely chopped Michigan apple to a jar of prepared salsa. Serve with whole grain tortilla chips.

Top your scoop of low fat vanilla ice cream or frozen yogurt with Michigan apple slices and 1-2 tablespoons of caramel topping or just a dash of cinnamon.

Serve Michigan apple wedges with 2 tablespoons of peanut butter or vanilla yogurt.

Make an apple parfait by layering chopped Michigan apples; plain or vanilla yogurt and low fat cinnamon granola in a tall glass.

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Real estate pros know safety matters

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

When Realtor Phyllis Pulty shows a home, she's conscious of jewelry she chooses.

"You don't wear anything too flashy," said Novi resident Pulty, with Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel in Northville. She's been in the field since 1991, so the recent Realtor Safety Week tips weren't new to her.

"Just be aware of your surroundings," Pulty said, citing real estate openings as an area for special alertness.

It's best to meet clients at the office, but distances sometimes prevent that. "They (clients) have to be preapproved. It's a gut feeling, I guess, from experience," Pulty said.

She carries a large flashlight which comes in handy at vacant properties where electricity's been turned off. "And it lights up everything," she said, adding it could double as a formidable weapon in an emergency.

Livonia resident Ruth Martin's an associate broker with Remerica Hometown One in Plymouth Township, and has been licensed 30 years. "Don't meet people at a house that you don't know," said Martin.

"Try to enter every room first," she said. "I try to know my clients."

Some real estate pros use a system in which they leave a message along the lines of "Get the folder for" a certain property, a call to make in an emergency back to the office. "It means 'I need help,'" Martin said.

The recent Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors newsletter included these safety tips for



showing properties, information useful to workers in many other fields as well:

- Be sure to use the lockbox property-key procedure that has been established to improve safety.
- Preview the property and don't go into a neighborhood that you perceive as unsafe. Be familiar with the area so you know the location of the nearest police station. Drive there immediately

if you feel you are in danger.

- Try and call the office once an hour to let people know where you are.
- At the beginning of the showing, mention to the client that you have another appointment to show the house within a short time.
- Prepare a scenario so that you can leave, or encourage someone who makes you uncomfortable to leave.

Examples: Your cell phone or beeper went off and you have to call your office, you left some important information in your car, or another agent with buyers is on his way.

• In showing a property, always leave the front door unlocked for a quick exit while you and the client are inside. As you enter each room, stand near the door.

• It is better to not display purses while at a property. Lock your purse in the car trunk before you arrive. Carry only non-valuable business items (except for your cell phone), and do not appear to be carrying large sums of money.

• Park at the curb in the front of the property rather than in the driveway. You will attract much more attention running and screaming to the curb area. It is much easier to escape in your vehicle if you don't have to back out of a driveway. Another vehicle could purposefully or accidentally trap you.

The Realtor group also notes you can ask prospects or new clients to complete a Prospect Identification Form (a sample is online at www.REALTOR.org/Safety), preferably in the presence of a colleague. Getting the client's car make and license number is also recommended, and can be done discreetly.

Some Realtors photocopy a driver's license and retain the copy at the office. Clients can be told it will be shredded when no longer needed.

It's a good idea to check county property records to confirm ownership of a property before going on a listing appointment. Also recommended is limiting release of personal/family information.

Banks can be tough to handle

Q: I am a developer which is fed up with my lending institution that is making it impossible for me to sell condominium units. Even though I owe money to it, it seems that they are being unreasonable in allowing me to proceed. Do you have any suggestions?

A: Most Michigan developers who are dealing with certain banks have



Robert Meisner

had extreme difficulty in getting them to be in any way reasonable. The banks that had such liberal lending practices

in the past are now being, in some instances, overzealous in terms of their tactics. Banks don't seem to understand that the developers need some flexibility in an effort to work out arrangements to extricate themselves from the condominium project in a reasonable and financially successful manner, which will eventually inure to the benefit of the lending institution. A means of dealing with these recalcitrant banks is to counter sue for interference with their business operations in the sense that they are making it next to impossible to conduct business notwithstanding various rights which they have in the mortgage documents. Many of these banks are tired of paying the legal fees, and if the developers have a legal basis to pursue the bank for interference with their contractual relationships, etc., it may buy them some leverage.

Q: I have a neighbor who has a hot tub on their deck that is driving me crazy. The restrictions of the condominium indicate that there cannot be any exterior motorized attachment on the deck. The board refuses to take any action. What can I do?

A: Better get a good lawyer to write the board and tell them to enforce their documents. You, of course, have a right to pursue the neighbor directly, but you may not have as good an opportunity to recoup your attorney fees and costs as would the board depending upon the documents. If it is a condominium, more than likely the association can pursue the co-owner for attorney fees and costs in enforcing the deed restrictions, but you may not have that singular right. If the board refuses to take action, you may wish to bring a derivative lawsuit against the association in its behalf against the co-owner and/or sue the co-owner neighbor directly. But in any event, you need a knowledgeable and aggressive community association attorney.

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

HOMES SOLD - OAKLAND

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of July 6-10, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	
3058 Carly Ct	\$35,000
242 Jotham Ave	\$59,000
2380 Oaknoll St	\$70,000
Birmingham	
676 Dewey St	\$645,000
447 Hanna St	\$410,000
1748 Pierce St	\$400,000
176 Suffield Ave	\$300,000
1544 Taunton Rd	\$224,000
Bloomfield Hills	
1330 Conge Dr	\$520,000
Bloomfield Township	
1754 Alexander Dr	\$275,000
6601 Cathedral Dr	\$210,000
100 Devon Rd	\$360,000
1550 Groton Rd	\$1,295,000
4113 Telegraph Rd	\$60,000
Clarkston	
4906 Algonquin Blvd	\$100,000
8207 Deerwood Rd	\$200,000
9690 Forest Ridge Dr	\$279,000
9924 Kingston Rdg	\$23,000
9080 Morning Mist Dr	\$370,000
9752 Rattalee Lake Rd	\$220,000
5719 Shannon Ln	\$128,000
Commerce Township	
5699 Strawberry Cir	\$360,000
Davidsburg	
10505 King Rd	\$155,000
5456 Leddys Ln	\$35,000
Farmington	
32070 Grand River Ave	\$35,000
33212 Oakland Ave	\$145,000
Farmington Hills	
29151 Augusta	\$325,000
28423 Heatherwine Rd	\$188,000
34559 Button Ct	\$245,000
28423 Cumberland Dr	\$134,000
39354 Heatherbrook Dr	\$175,000
35665 Knight Dr	\$283,000
35725 Lone Pine Ln	\$183,000
30640 Shiawassee Rd	\$19,000
33711 W Nine Mile Rd	\$45,000
33319 Walnut Ln	\$142,000
Lake Orion	
2665 Cedar Key Dr	\$199,000
3012 Holben Ct	\$200,000
Lathrup Village	
18160 Ramsgate Dr	\$45,000
19348 Sunnybrook Ave	\$102,000
19208 W 11 Mile Rd	\$95,000
Milford	
616 Sweetbriar	\$67,000
Northville	
21271 Eastfarm Ln	\$270,000
Novi	
25772 Cody Ln	\$405,000
50673 Drakes Bay Dr	\$731,000
21894 Dunnabeck Ct	\$287,000
22040 Edgewater	\$103,000
26981 Maxwell Ct	\$340,000
24664 Nepavine	\$486,000
24508 Olde Orchard St	\$52,000
24625 Olde Orchard St	\$65,000
24470 Roma Ridge Dr	\$243,000
24516 Simmons Dr	\$185,000

Oakland Township	
2873 E Clarkston Rd	\$305,000
4777 Fawn Hill Ct	\$536,000
4220 Holly Ln	\$348,000
3594 Inverness Dr	\$273,000
458 Oakbridge Dr	\$275,000
3432 Tremonte Cir N	\$80,000
Oxford	
618 Akram	\$140,000
Rochester	
778 Caribou Ct	\$268,000
603 Ludlow Ave	\$200,000
Rochester Hills	
1600 Arbor Creek Dr	\$390,000
859 Majestic	\$470,000
430 Maplehill Rd	\$85,000
149 Rose Briar Dr	\$198,000
2140 S Rochester Rd	\$55,000
219 Shagbark Dr	\$221,000
1661 Snowden Cir	\$278,000
2705 Stonebury Dr	\$170,000
3225 Summit Ridge Dr	\$335,000
1400 Sycamore Dr	\$154,000
305 Willow Grove Ln	\$85,000
South Lyon	
1314 Coach House Ln	\$308,000
1349 Drury Ln	\$275,000
1361 Drury Ln	\$297,000
867 Westhills Dr	\$200,000
Southfield	
29606 Briarbank Ct	\$68,000
20101 Covington Pkwy	\$77,000
28578 Fairfax St	\$73,000
23160 Morningside St	\$160,000
17160 New Jersey St	\$130,000
28585 Selkirk St	\$26,000
29732 Westbrook Pkwy	\$64,000
Troy	
2121 E Maple Rd	\$44,000
1907 Kirkton Dr	\$49,000
5744 N Adams Rd	\$465,000
2917 Roundtree Dr	\$56,000
2835 Tewksbury Dr	\$170,000
55 Vermont Dr	\$65,000
Walled Lake	
205 Neptune Dr	\$60,000
Waterford	
7035 Banks	\$22,000
332 Beverly Estates Dr	\$235,000
3860 Cass Elizabeth Rd	\$80,000
1400 Irwin Dr	\$68,000
2970 Lansdowne Rd	\$116,000
1786 Manse Rd	\$61,000
3750 Newport Way Dr	\$525,000
136 Pleasant Manor Dr	\$170,000
153 S Tilden Ave	\$77,000
770 Sheryl Dr	\$54,000
7020 Villa Dr	\$38,000
4055 Wenonah Ln	\$63,000
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6637 Andiron Ct	\$85,000
3068 Bloomfield Shr	\$220,000
6362 Greer Rd	\$83,000
2388 Island View Dr	\$152,000
2478 Ivanhoe Dr	\$80,000
5808 Kingsfield Dr	\$170,000
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7895 Locklin	\$745,000
3875 Lone Pine Rd	\$40,000
4534 Middledale Rd S	\$294,000
6179 Mission Dr	\$235,000
4420 Westover Dr	\$50,000
4337 Whitebirch Dr	\$198,000
White Lake	
9050 Gale Rd	\$127,000
665 Oxbow Lake Rd	\$52,000

HOMES SOLD - WAYNE

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Canton	
7470 Andover Dr	\$370,000
494 Delaford Ct	\$300,000
49167 Hawksbury Rd	\$147,000
3988 Hunters Cir E	\$80,000
43678 Lotus Dr	\$135,000
46794 Mornington Rd	\$245,000
4750 Napier Rd	\$450,000
45669 Radnor Rd	\$255,000
41390 Southwind Dr	\$53,000
Livonia	
32421 Seven Mile Rd	\$160,000
15524 Deering St	\$45,000
15441 Ellen Dr	\$145,000
10011 Garvett St	\$105,000
14900 Harrison St	\$210,000
35993 Hees St	\$130,000
18874 Loveland St	\$90,000
28129 N Clements Cir	\$109,000

29825 Westfield St	\$119,000
Northville	
16477 Brook Trout Ln	\$420,000
15668 Crystal Downs E	\$620,000
44337 Cypress Point Dr	\$458,000
46655 Merion Cir	\$451,000
48687 Stoneridge Dr	\$562,000
Plymouth	
13054 Haverhill Dr	\$327,000
640 Ross St	\$147,000
48021 Saint Andrews Sq	\$205,000
8922 Woodlore South Dr	\$375,000
Redford	
13590 Garfield	\$39,000
25024 Lyndon	\$90,000
17174 Norborne	\$81,000
26094 Westfield	\$41,000
Westland	
32723 Bertram Dr	\$129,000
30008 Gladys Ave	\$108,000
32251 Hazelwood St	\$100,000
34424 Hazelwood St	\$140,000
34553 Hazelwood St	\$116,000
7624 Manor Cir	\$94,000
1425 S Crown St	\$81,000
34314 Tonquish Trl	\$90,000

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Foreclosure tours

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Career seminar

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BIA

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a Fair Housing for Maintenance Personnel seminar on Friday, Oct. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Kathleen Mabie of Ann Arbor-based Success on Site will provide fair housing information as it applies to maintenance personnel including housekeeping, grounds, vendors and part-time staff.

Topics to be covered include communication from maintenance to management, documentation, etiquette, service request procedures, emergencies, and team building.

Registration fees are \$45 or PMC members, \$55 for AAM or Building Industry of Michigan members, and \$65 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a Fair Housing Is Good Business seminar on Friday, Oct. 16, from 1-4 p.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Kathleen Mabie of Ann Arbor-based Success on Site will provide fair housing information for effective property management practices. Leaders and mentors must show the way for all property management staff.

Topics to be covered include how to work more effectively, consistent outstanding service, implementing policies and procedures for keeping good records, and communication for the entire team.

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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council presents a seminar on "New Codes: Are You Ready?" on Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 6-8:30 p.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Don Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction will provide information on new building codes that deal with sprinklers, lead paint certification, dual licenses for corporations, energy and more.

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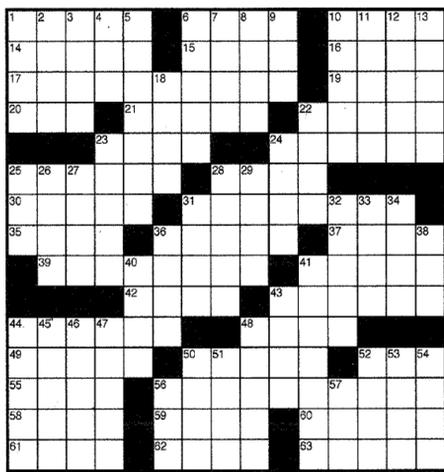
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 - Rathskeller fare
 - Minotaur's island
 - "The — of the Lake"
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 - Hideous giant
 - Got ripe
 - Darts about
 - Holm and Fleming
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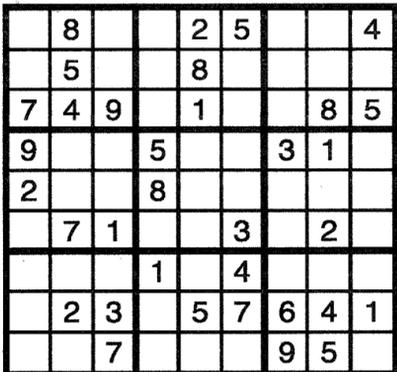


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- 53 Granite or quartz**
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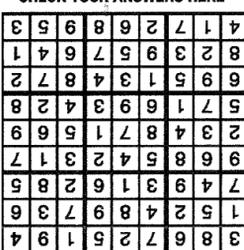
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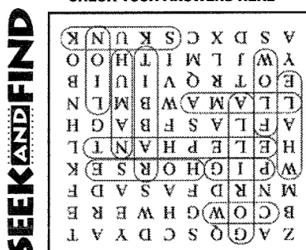
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